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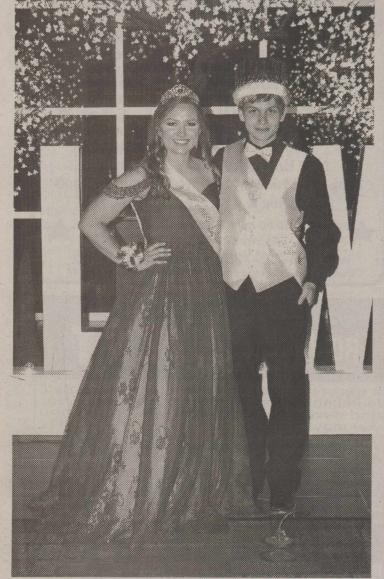
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Prom Queen and King, Hannah Cowan and Ryan Carey were crowned Saturday night at the Cross Plains High School Prom. More prom photos inside.





The Buffaloes are the Bi-District Champs! The Buffaloes swept the Eula Pirates in a double header on Friday evening, winning both games, 9-1 and 12-8. They will play against against Ira in Merkel this Saturday, May 13th at 5

Athletic Banquet

Tuesday, May 16th

Awards

Ceremony Thursday,

May 18th,

Graduation

6:30 p.m, Gym

Friday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m., Gym

Sendoff for Track Team, **Baseball and Softball** Wednesday at 2:10 p.m.

Line Main Street and Cheer on our Sports Teams!

Join us for a short send off Wednesday May 10th, starting at 2:10 in the parking lot behind the school.

The State Track Team, Buffalo Baseball and Lady Buffs Softball will all be recognized.



Then the Lady Buffs will be escorted through town as they head to ACU to play Gorman in the Regional Semifinals at 6:00 p.m.

Line Main Street between 2:20 and 2:30 p.m. to cheer on the Lady Buffs.

Barbarian Festival Booths Available Now

The 19th Annual Barbarian & crafts booths, games, rides, Festival will be held on food, beverages, antique and Saturday, June 10th under the classic car and truck show, tractor show, inflatable bounce obstacle course and lots of family fun! You can be a part of the Barbarian Festival. Booths are available for \$50.00 for an approximately 12'x12' space --- or only \$35.00, if you register early, and have your registration forms and check or money order received by May 15! You can sell arts & crafts, trinkets and other items, take donations for your organization, bring rides and games, sell food, beverages, snocones, etc. Come out and join in the fun! Sign up now and reserve your place at the Barbarian Festival! Get more information on booth space by calling Diana Miller at 254-725-9418. Get the Vendor Registration form on line and all the details on line at the Barbarian Festival's website barbarianfestival.net . The Barbarian Festival, now in its 19th year, is held the second Saturday in June in conjunction with Robert Howard Days, a celebration of Robert Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian. Howard lived most of this life in Cross Plains.



Cross Plains High School Athletes Creed Goode and Holden Senclair with Coach Dade Cosby. Goode and Senclair, the Buffaloes Track Team and the Lady Buffs 4x400 Relay Team will compete at state this week. Photos from the Regional meet inside.



McKenna Podlevsky portrayed children's book writer and illustrator Beatrix Potter at the Cross Plains Elementary Gifted and Talent's program "Night of the Notable" last Tuesday night. Photos of the "notables" inside.

Beer and Wine To Be Sold in Cross Plains, Three City Councilmen Elected

will be able do something they haven't been able to do since the 1940s: purchase beer and wine in Cross Plains.

premise consumption of beer or reverting the town's "wet" and wine" passed with 92 for status. and 67 against.

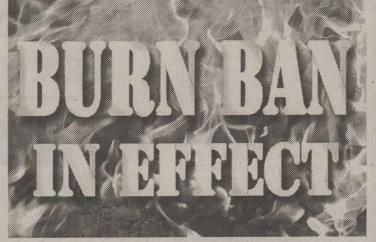
Randy Strickland, Gary Moses, and Colby Walker were reelected. Walker received 120 in the city. votes, Strickland, 114 votes and Moses, 110 votes.

Soon Cross Plains residents and James Nichols 29 votes. Cross Plains was "wet" during the 1930s and 1940s. Past issues of the Cross Plains Review show liquor elections Saturday's vote on "sale of off every few years approving

In May 1941, residents voted City Council incumbents against the sale of alcohol, with June 11, 1941, being the last day beer and wine could be sold

The city's "dry" status was maintained through several Josh Randol received 34 votes elections in subsequent years.

shade trees at Treadway Park in Cross Plains. This year's festival features live music, arts



Callahan County Commissioners voted Monday morning, May 8th, to reinstate the Burn Ban for Callahan County.

Countywide Burn Ban now in effect

reinstated the Countywide Burn and will be in effect until county Ban effective immediately. County Judge Roger Corn

said the Burn Ban was

Callahan County has reinstated Monday, May 8th commissioners determine when to lift it.



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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Marriage Licenses

Quentin Marsalis Hawkins of Lufkin and Ashlee Young Garcia of Abilene.

Jason Brian Frazier and Leslie Ann Aguilar, both of Clyde.

Frank Briseno of Baird and Catherine Josephine Maeder of Lubbock.

42nd District Court James Eidson, presiding

Civil Minutes

Ashley Nicole Dickson and Jeffery Wayne Dickson, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Daisy Beck, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$354 court costs. Ashley Caddell, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 5 year probation,

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\$1200 fine, \$354 court costs Jennifer N. Herod, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 10 months in jail, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs.

Freddy L. Fortune, judgment revoking probation granted. Jared W. Scoggins, judgment

revoking probation granted.

Brenda Harrison, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 14 months in jail, \$339 court costs.

Inez J. Leal, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$140 restitution. Rachel Donaho, plea of guilty

to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 9 months in jail, \$309 court costs.



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Higginbottom

Lee Roy

Lee Roy Higginbottom, 79, of Abilene and formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2017 in Abilene.

Lee Roy Higginbottom

Visitation will be held Sunday. May 7 from 3 to 5 PM at Higginbotham Funeral Home, Cross Plains, TX. A graveside service will be held Monday, May 8 at 10 AM at Carbon Cemetery.

Lee Roy was born on February 27, 1938 in Gorman, TX., and was preceded in death by his parents Lesta Higginbottom and Thelma Creager Higginbottom. Lee Roy married Lela Ann Mangum on January 23, 1962 in Eola, TX. He worked in construction for many years both road and building construction before following his true passion as an animal and snake dealer. He worked with many species of animals but his specialty was rattlesnakes. Lee Roy was well known in this industry and was featured on several programs on Animal Planet. He crafted merchandise such as necklaces, purses, wallets and many other items. Lee Roy was known to have quietly and without attention help many people in need. He loved to fish and will be dearly missed by friends and family.

Lee Roy is survived by his wife, Ann of Abilene; 2 daughters, Leesa Annette Pyles of Post, Janna Lynette Lasly of Abilene; grandchildren, Sean Brandon Higginbottom, Nici Higginbottom, Reese Allen Lasly, Colton Stamey; great grandchildren, Lexi Williams, Ayden Young, Addy Jones, Lilly Lasly, Abby Lasly, Zoey Lasly, Ty Lasly, Kohle Lasly and Imerald Anthony





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SMALL BUSINESS YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR--Matt Smith, at right, was presented with the 2017 Small Business Young Entrepreneur of the Year award during the Salute to Small Business Awards sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce during a luncheon on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Abilene Convention Center. Pictured with Matt, is his wife, Kyera (Tabor) Smith, and their oldest daughter Kaysalynn. Kyera is a 2001 graduate of Clyde High School. The couple have four children, Kaysalynn, 7, Matt, age 5, Gabriel, age 3, Iam, age two and another child, another boy, expected in August

3 Abilene business honored have ties to Callahan County

with ties to Callahan County, were recognized on Tuesday, May 2nd during the Salute to Small Business Awards at the Abilene Convention Center.

Organized by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce by America's Small Business Development Center-Texas Tech University, the luncheon featured a number

help us help the people." Matt Smith, owner of Fat Matt's Roofing was honored on Saturday. The business has as the Small Business Young been opened for three years. Entrepreneur of the Year. The award is given to a business leader under the age of 40 who has taken a risk, started a new

Three Abilene businesses, And we use the sandwiches to Hours are from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. weekdays and from 5:00 p.m. until Midnight

Bridget McDowell and Mindy Howard are a mother/daughter team working together to make The Mill a great addition to venture, or expanded into a Abilene. Bridget has worked difficult area. Matt's wife, Kyera in public finance for over 28 years and lives in Abilene with



SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHAMPION AWARD .- Denise Coulter, center, and Tim Coulter, owners of eight Subway stores in the Big Country were presented with the SBDC Champion Award during the Salute to Small Business Awards sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce during a luncheon on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Abilene Convention Center. The Coulters opened their first Subway store in Cross Plains in March 1996.



of awards handed to Abilene businesses honoring young entrepreneurship, familyowned businesses, community investment and new business. More than 150 nominations were received for the awards presented at the event.

The SBDC Champion Award, which honors a family-owned business, went to Subway, owned by Tim and Denise Coulter. The couple has eight sandwich shops, with more than 70 employees.

The couple ate at a Subway restaurant in San Angelo when it first opened and thought it was a "fabulous concept," Denise Coulter said.

They opened their first Subway location in Cross Plains in March 1996, and have since added Subway locations in Cisco, Clyde and five locations in Abilene.

"It's just really fun to work with your family," she said. "I got to work with my mom and my dad. And probably my best memory is my dad and I working on the store in Cisco, we did our own construction.... You think we're in the sandwich business, but we're in the people business.

TAMALE

High School graduate.

The winner must be an astute businessperson, capable of thinking outside of the box, and with a business oriented toward the future.

(Tabor) Smith, is a 2001 Clyde

In a video presentation, Smith said that the business started after his home was hit by a hailstorm. Similar work for friends and family grew into a full-time business.

Smith said that his business started on faith and was supported by family - and an "amazing" team of employees. As for the Fat Matt name, Smith – who isn't fat – said that the name had its genesis when he was selling modular homes. People didn't care much for

calling just plain Matt or Mr. Smith, he said. "But they'd ask for Fat Matt!"

he said. Abilene business, The Mill, owned Mindy Howard, was also a finalist for the Small Business Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Howard, and her mother,

Bridget McDowell, opened The Mill wine bar and event center located at 239 Locust in Abilene, is open from Tuesday through Saturday evenings.

her husband, Gerry, whom was the general contractor of the refurbished flour Mill.

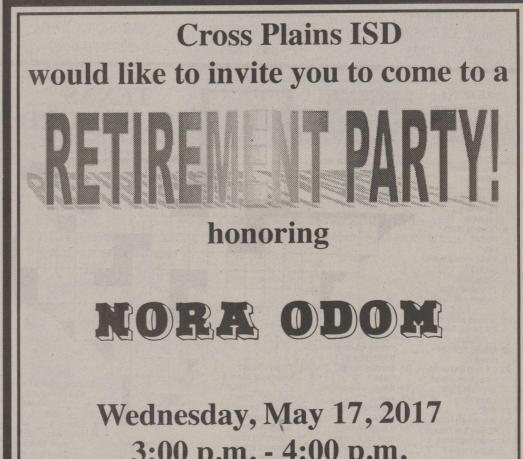
Mindy, who graduated from Baird High School in 2002, graduated with a Biomedical Science degree from Texas A&M before moving back to the Big Country. Her husband, Blake, who graduated from Clyde High School in 2002, is a Texas A & M engineering araduate, has recently joined Manager.

The Warehouse, and up to 450 people for the entire center.

Howard said The Mill has now expanded their food items, by adding a food truck, which is parked most days in front of the building.

She said one of their big events, Steak Night, is held every Thursday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a \$20 which includes a 10 ounce rib-eye steak cooked bar-b-que style, along with a roll, baked potato casserole and green beans.

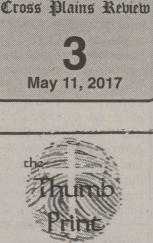
FINALIST FOR SMALL BUSINESS YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR -- Mindy Howard, owner of The Mill wine bar and events center in Abilene, was a finalist for the Small Business Young The Mill as the Operations Entrepreneur of the Year Award during the Salute to Small Business Awards sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce during a luncheon on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Abilene Convention Howard said the event center Center, The Mill is owned by Mindy and her mother, Bridget McDowell. Mindy is a 2002 graduate of rental space can vary from 10- Baird High School, while Mindy's husband, Matt, at right, is a 2002 graduate of Clyde High School. 15 for the Outdoor Silo, 180 for The couple are pictured with their three children, Easton, age 2, and twins, Eli and Emmy, age 4.



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Members of the American Legion #423 presented the Cross Plains Public Library's After School Adventure Program (ASAP) for the month of May. In recognition of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, James Dixon explained to the attending children why we observe and honor the ultimate sacrifices of the many American armed forces personnel. Reminding us of the history and involvement of American military's dedication to keeping us safe and free. Watching a very emotional documentary with patriotic music left us with appreciation of the loyalty, commitment, and love of those who served and died for our great nation.

District 7 4-H Photography Contest

The District 74-HPhotography Contest was held in San Angelo. Entries from 23-area counties participated in this annual event. The objective of the 4-H Photography project is to develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness. It also encourages 4-Hmemberstouse photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives. The District 7 contest provides a photography project showcase opportunity for those 4-H members participating.

Callahan County had several individuals participate in this years contest, below are the results:

Animals Domestic	
Jolie Hutton	Blu
Class Champ	
Gracelyn Ivy	Blu
Mikayla Kinslow	Re
Animals Wildlife	
Ryli Hollis	Blu
Austin Barcomb	Red
Jordan Barcomb	Red
Catch All	
Abigail Holloway	Blu
Jolie Hutton	Blu
Jordan Barcomb	Red

Dominant Color Gracelyn lvy Red **Austin Barcomb** Red White **Ryli Holis Elements of Design Ryli Hollis** Blue **Class** Champ Jayden Shank Blue

Gracelyn lvy Red Food Red Jayden Shank Red Shyla Lewis White Mikayla Kinslow Marine/Aquatic Blue Gracelyn lvy Jordan Barcomb Red **Ryli Hollis** Red Nature and Landscape Mikayla Kinslow Red **Ryli Hollis** Red Gracelyn lvy Red **Night Photography** White **Ryli Hollis** People **Ryli Hollis** Blue Jordan Barcomb Red Mikayla Kinslow Red Plant/Flora Blue

Gracelyn lvy Shyla Lewis **Jolie Hutton**

Red

Red

Blue

Theme **Rvli Hollis**

Cross Plains Community Calendar ~~ May ~~

May 14 - Mother's Day May 19 - Friday, Last day of School Classes; Graduation May 26-29 - Memorial Day Weekend, Fire Department, EMS and Caring Citizens stand at 4-Way Stop.

May 29 - Monday, Memorial Day observed

~~ June ~~

June 8 - Thursday, Barbarian Festival Parade, 6 p.m.; Senior Center Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m. June 9 & 10 - Friday and Saturday, Robert E. Howard Days June 10 - Saturday, Turkey

Creek Rodeo Club Playday June 10 - Saturday, Barbarian Festival, Treadway Park, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. June 18 - Father's Day June 24 - Saturday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday

Last Puzzle Solution

Paul Herman to be Guest of Honor at REH Days

area is a major researcher in the REH movement, but he may be better known in Cross Plains for driving his Corvette in our local parades and for presenting the \$1000 scholarship from the Robert E. Howard Foundation to a graduating senior. When Herman lived in Plano, it was an easy drive out for his mighty machine. Stopping in a local drive-way for a hand washing job before moving to the parade route was a breeze. But he now lives way down south and is still looking to fire up his current vette and heading north just in time to be in the Barbarian Festival parade that kicks of the and compiled and published annual week-end of the REH Days and the Barbarian Festival in the park

Herman will be the guest of honor for the Howard Days celebration on June 9-10, and as such, will be sharing his many years of finding and retrieving facts, pictures and memorabilia relating to the local writer. At the Friday evening dinner, he will be delving into his own "Mildly Adventurous Life" as it and handled more than \$24M

Paul Herman of the Houston copy of a Lancer Conan when a teenager in the mid-70s, and the epiphany truly changed his life. Paul's fandom went from Conan to REH's other works when he met Glenn Lord in the early-80s. 40 years of fandom later, he has delved into a multitude of aspects of fandom and beyond. He published his first REH collection, The Complete Yellow Jacket, in 1999.

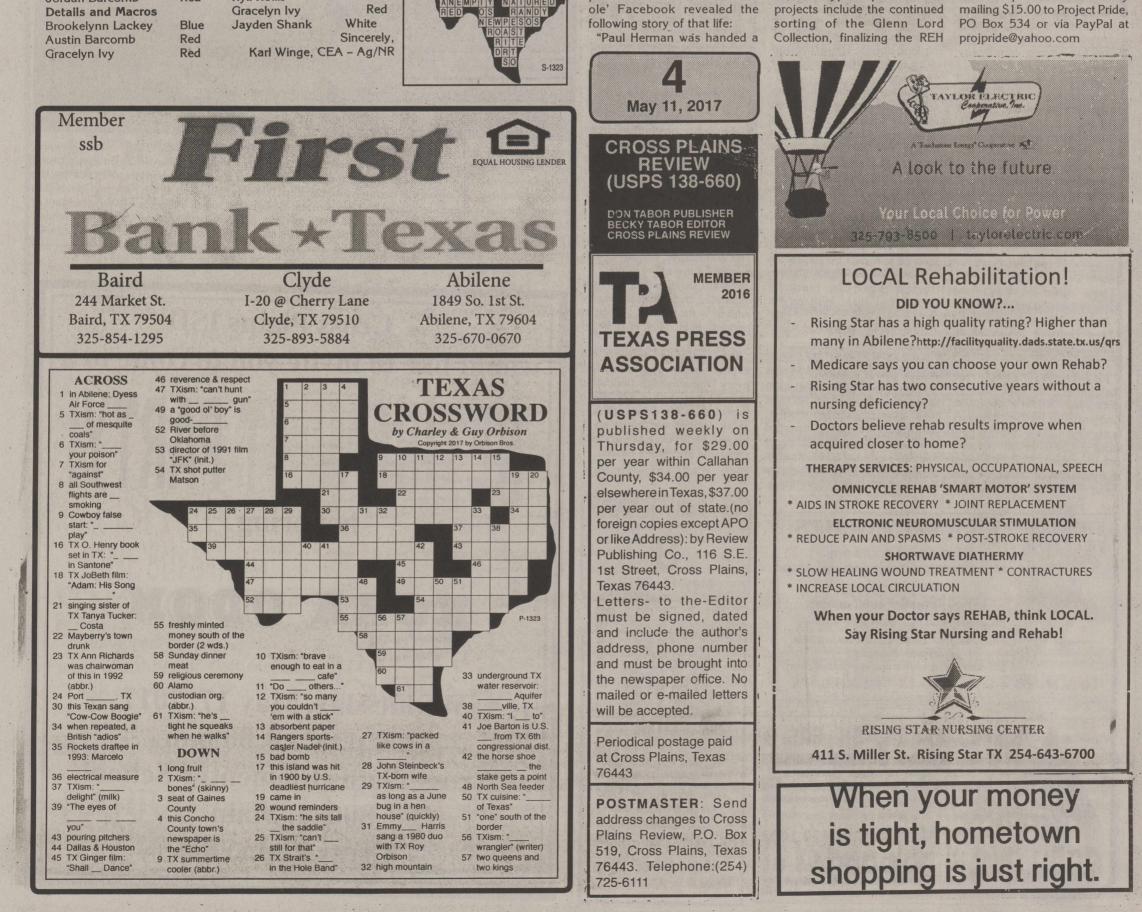
"Since then he has edited more than 30 volumes of REH material for publication, done original research tracking down rare or lost items, been a speaker at numerous events, the current REH bibliography, The Neverending Hunt, as well as starting its online brethren, Howardworks

"Paul has more lists, spreadsheets and scans than any person really needs. Paul is a founding member of the Board of the Robert E. Howard Foundation, has won numerous awards, occasionally experts on copyright matters, pertains to his research. Good in REH typescripts. Current

Typescript Index, preparation of two more REH Foundation Press volumes for publication, and titles projects for both the prose and poetry.

"In his spare time, Paul is an Intellectual Property attorney of 25 years, that following almost a decade of traveling the world as an oilfield chemist. His experience includes three kidnapping attempts, two explosions, and having a rattlesnake thrown at him, which isn't nearly as funny as it sounds. Paul has also driven fast cars on numerous tracks on three continents, and perhaps went off more tracks than he has managed to stay on. His 700hp faithful steed is never far from hand. And the important part of his life, Paul's wife of more than 30 years (and faithful research assistant), Denna, continues to tolerate his little hobby. The two grown boys just shrug. Who knew the wheezy little poor kid from the inner city could change so much? Bob knew.'

Tickets for the Friday, June 9 dinner catered by the Staghorn can be purchased now by



You Can Be A Part of the Barbarian Festival

Barbarian Festival! On the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt second Saturday in June over a thousand local and area residents gather at Treadway Park for the Barbarian Festival, and enjoy arts and crafts, jewelry, candles and other kinds of booths, kids games, pony rides, a variety of food, live music and lots of fun. This year's festival is on Saturday, June 10th.

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

in print advertising. You can also donate items

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

Those businesses that have already signed up to sponsor the festival are: 36 West Motel. AAA Stowaway Storage, Barr Fabrication, Bear Branch Ranch, Brenda's This and That Thrifty Shop, Caddo Peak Ranch, Circle R Boutique, City of Cross Plains, Complete Home Maintenance, Connie' Cuts & Curls, Cook's Fish Barn, Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Cross Plains EDC, Cross Plains Review, First United Methodist Church, Hanner Chevrolet Supercenter, Hardwick's, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Higginbothamis/True Value,

J & L Sales, J & S Ag Fabrication/Boss Hawg, Jean's Feedbarn, Larson's Pharmacy,

Lawrence Farm & Ranch. Liveoak Real Estate, Lowe's Market, Meghann's Market, Mexico City Cafe, MicroMold Plastics Inc, PF&E Food Plaza, Parker Custom Ironworks, Parts Plus, Patsy's Flowers, Pawstively Stylish Grooming, Reed Construction/Box R Outfitters, ResourceCare, Rising Star Nursing Center.

Robert E. Howard Foundation, Rodenberger Family, Rusty & Shelly Burke, Salamander's Tees & More, Snippits, Sparks Insurance, Staghorn Cafe, Subway, SuperClean CarWash, Susan Schaefer CPA, Texas Heritage Bank, Texas Legacy Insurance, Trinity Ranch Land, Turner Landscape, Wildlife Nutrition Center, Wine and Coffee Sign Co.

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

Plans being finalized for **Robert E. Howard Days** Project Pride members are work in the world of REH. Paul's teamed up to develop the truly

busy putting the final touches on all the myriad of details for the June 9-10 REH Days. Sixty people have already registered with about 140 expected to attend the two days of total immersion into all things Howard. This year's panel discussions and seminars will focus on the more recent discoveries made related to Howard's life and writings.

Paul Herman of Richmond TX has been named Guest of Honor for the event and, as such, will lead one panel and participate in others. The first panel on Friday will feature Herman as he shares the story of the Original Howard Detective (Glenn Lord) and how he assembled the world's number one collection of Howard typescripts, pulps and memorabilia.

On Saturday, Herman will be joined by Rusty Burke (D.C.) and Patrice Louinet (France) as they discuss all the photos of Howard that have been discovered in the past 12 years. For a long time there were only 29 pictures to work with, but good detective work has provided the movement with many more photos from the life and times of Howard.

Speaking at the Celebration Banquet on Friday evening, Herman will discuss his own "Mildly Adventurous Life" as it relates to his own detective bio can be found in a separate article and it sounds anything but MILDLY adventurous.

Another panel on Friday will find four regular attendees discussing what is necessary for a solid core collection on Howard's works. Jeff Shanks from FL, Lee Breakiron from NJ, Patrice from France and Bobby Derie from TX have all been coming to this annual event for years.

Bob and Rob Roehm, the father-son team of detectives from CA will share the travels they've made in the name of Howard history, genealogy and minutia. Todd Vick, a lone Texan, will join this discussion. The first Glenn Lord Symposium was held last year to give scholars the opportunity to present their papers on Howard studies. It's pretty amazing to see so many college and university professors doing all this analytical research into the literary output of a Cross Plains resident who died 81 years ago. And it's even more amazing to know that Patrice Louinet from France and Dierk Guenther from Japan are in a friendly competition to see who can complete their Doctorate in Howard Studies first.

It was bound to happen sooner or later.....the gaming industry and dedicated Howard resource consultants have community.

authentic and accurate Conan Board Game and the Conan Role-playing Game. These two games will be presented at the Public Library on both Fri. and Sat. afternoons.

All the regular activities for Howard Days are on tap The tours of the Museum and around town, the postal cancellation on Friday. the Celebration Banquet and Silent Auction on Friday and the boxing stories behind the old Ice House on Friday night. One of the more popular late night activities has been the poetry throw down on the front porch of the Howard House. Last year, multi-talented folks lined up to recite verses of Howard's best known poem, "Cimmeria" in French, German. Japanese, Spanish, Italian and English. Will be interesting to see what languages are represented this year.

The fifteen dollar tickets for the Friday night dinner at the community center will be available later. Staghorn will again be catering the meal with their very popular chicken fried steaks.

Hope you will put this awesome event on your calendars and make an effort to meet some of these folks who come from around the world to spend a few days in our little

Tri-County private applicator training

The Tri-county private Agrilife Extension office by May applicators license training will be June 3, 2017.

The training will be held on the Cisco College campus in the Agriculture building. The state of Texas requires those seeking a private applicator license to attend this training before they apply and test for the license. The cost of this training will be \$50 which will cover all materials needed for training.

Please contact your local

24th and pay your \$50 fee or mail a check/money order to Eastland County office to insure materials are reserved for you. Please make checks payable to the Eastland County Ag fund. Address is Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service 102 N Lamar Suite 307 Eastland, TX. 76448. You can call the Callahan Extension office at 325-854-5835 for question or to register for this training.

Barbarian Festival to be Held on Saturday, June 10th

June will be here soon. Plans are being made now for the 19th Annual Barbarian Festival to be held at Treadway Park on Saturday, June 10th.

The festival features live music, an Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show, a Tractor Show, a bounce house for the kids, and lots of food, entertainment and booths.

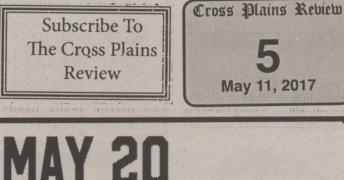
Unbroken" Book-to-Movie **Event on June 1st**

The Cross Plains Public Library a discussion of the two media. will host a book-to-movie event featuring "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand - the TRUE STORY of Louis Zamperini at the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, June 1st at library 5:30p.m. This is event is FREE, including the books thanks to 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 the book at the library. We will be serving a FREE dinner at 5:30 p.m. (We will be pulling our chicken cordon bleu, baby fascinating reading. roasted potatoes and green beans almondine out of the freezer - left from our "Puttin' On the Ritz" brunch) then we will view the movie followed by GET OUTTA THE WHEEL HAMSTER

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Louie Zamperini was an incorrigible youth whose antics shaped his character as an adult. Louie attended the 1936 Berlin Olympics in track & field and joined the army when World War II erupted. He was captured and tortured by the Japanese in a POW camp. His remarkable journey makes for

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This is a good camp where our kids will have fun and meet new people. Please come by and pick up a form at the office if your child is interested.

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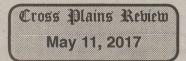
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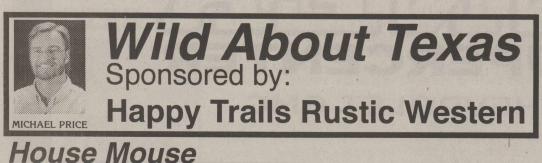
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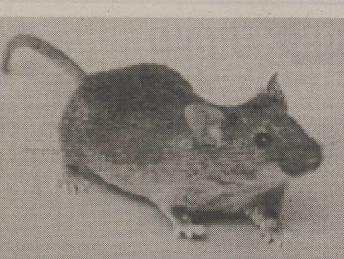




Rick Eudy

Few animals bring on the sense of fear and even hatred more than spiders and/or snakes. However, there is a small, but intrusive rodent that dwells in just about every household in North America that can cause the same human emotions, and that variety of rodent is simply known as the House Mouse.

The aptly named House Mouse (Mus musculus) is a small, timid rodent that inhabits every single eco-region throughout the entire state of Texas, although it is not even native to this continent. In fact, it can be observed in ev-



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Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy Thursday morning, May 4th was a good day for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department and all Callahan County First Responders as well as the citizens of the

county. Jake Hull, who is



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ery state of the continental US. Originally native to Eurasia, this invasive little booger became established first at seaports. then moved westward as North American settlers did. Although it can thrive in just about every habitat niche, it prefers to live, as so fittingly named, not far from human habitations.

The wild version of the House Mouse is quite uncomplicated are almost always the white in its coloring and appearance. Adults are typically sandy brown with a white underbelly. The nose small in stature with adult fethe small ears are round, and the tail is hairless and almost scaly to the touch. The tail is also bi-colored ever-so-slightly with other mammals in the aspect the tail tip being almost black. Being nocturnal (active at night), the eyes are of great benefit to this mammal as the large pupils allow more light in for vision even in the darkest of conditions. This allows them to evade predators such as housecats, raptors, and rearing of the tiny young takes natural homes. even man.

variety of rodent can be colored in a large array of colors reach sexual maturity as early can be reached by email at www. including being all black, all as 1 month in age. white, all golden, all tan, or any

House Mouse (Mus musculus)

the ones with the most color, while the ones used by zoos, color form.

This bashful rodent is fairly $\frac{1}{2}$ is comprised of tail.

of giving live birth to its young. Amazingly, this species has been known to have up to 13 litters annually, with each litter consisting of 6 or more young. The gestation period varies a mere matter of days before The domesticated form of this the young are able and willing to leave the nest. Females may

Like the majority of small

combination of 2 or more of rodents, the primary diet for the these colors. The type most wild House Mouse consists mainly often used in the pet trade are of things like seeds and leaves. However, when given the opportunity it will feed on just about any nature centers, and hobbyists food that is suitable for canines. are either all black or all white. felines, and humans. It can be The ones for laboratory use particularly insufferable around alfalfa barns and intolerable in household kitchens.

Although loathsome to most people, the House Mouse plays is slightly elongated and pointed, males attaining a total length of a vital role in the biological and nearly 8 inches, of which over medicinal communities. Many zoos and hobbyists utilize this The House Mouse is similar to rapidly-producing rodent for commercial food purposes, and laboratories around the world use this rodent for genetic testing and experiments. However, it is an introduced species, and as such, great care must be taken to ensure that this prolific breeder does not from 2 ½ to 3 weeks, and the displace native species from their

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He fullprice71@gmail.com.

the Damage Prevention and Public Relation Representative for the Magellen Midstream Partners L.P. came by the Sheriff's Office. The Magellen Company owns two pipelines that run through Callahan County. On behalf of the company, Mr. Hull presented the county a \$2,000.00 check to be used to purchase a telescopic radio antenna for the Emergency Management Incident Command Trailer. Any money left over may be used to purchase new tires for the trailer as needed; or, other needed equipment for the trailer. The Incident Command Trailer is very beneficial in large prolonged emergency situations. The citizens of Callahan County are fortunate to have so many good men and women who are first responders for law enforcement, fire, and medical situations. Donations like this presented by Jake Hull on behalf of Magellen Midstream Partners L.P. help

perform their duties. Also pictured above is Callahan County Sgt. Chris Levens standing beside the latest Callahan County Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle that

all first responders in acquiring

the proper equipment to better

JAKE HULL, AT LEFT, PRESENTS SHERIFF TERRY JOY, RIGHT, A \$2,000 CHECK ON BEHALF OF MAGELLEN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS L.P.



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was purchased primarily on grants from West Central Texas Council of Governments. It is a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe fully equipped and ready to perform any and all law enforcement duties required. This patrol vehicle will be issued to Callahan County Deputy Sgt. Chris Levens.





ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION Offers Free Education Program in Abilene, Texas

will present a free educational program entitled, "The BASICS: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease," on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at St. James United Methodist Church, in Abilene, Texas.

possible signs of Alzheimer's disease in yourself or someone you love. Or maybe you know someone who has been recently diagnosed. This workshop is intended for anyone who would like to learn more about the disease and related dementias, as well as resources available to Central Texas Chapter serves those living with the diagnosis. more than 9,000 individuals

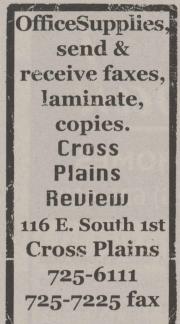
Alzheimer's Association - recommended. For more North Central Texas Chapter information or to register, call Mindy Bannister at 1-800-272-3900 or e-mail mbannister@ alż.org.

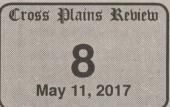
> About the Alzheimer's Association:

The Alzheimer's Association -- North Central Texas is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that covers a 40-county service area. Fort Worth serves as headquarters for the chapter, which has There is no charge to affected by Alzheimer's disease

Abilene, TEXAS - The attend, but reservations are and dementia annually through programs and services made possible by contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations.

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Annual Meeting of the Belle Plaine Cemetery Association

The Belle Plaine Cemetery the Riderless Horse. Association will hold it's annual business meeting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th.

Belle Plaine Cemetery is located 8 miles south of Baird. Take Hwy 283 to CR 470 and turn east. Turn north at CR 473 (first dirt road) and then east into cemetery entrance. We have directional signs to help you find your way.

In order not to interrupt the opening ceremonies, please plan to arrive and be parked by 10:30 a.m.

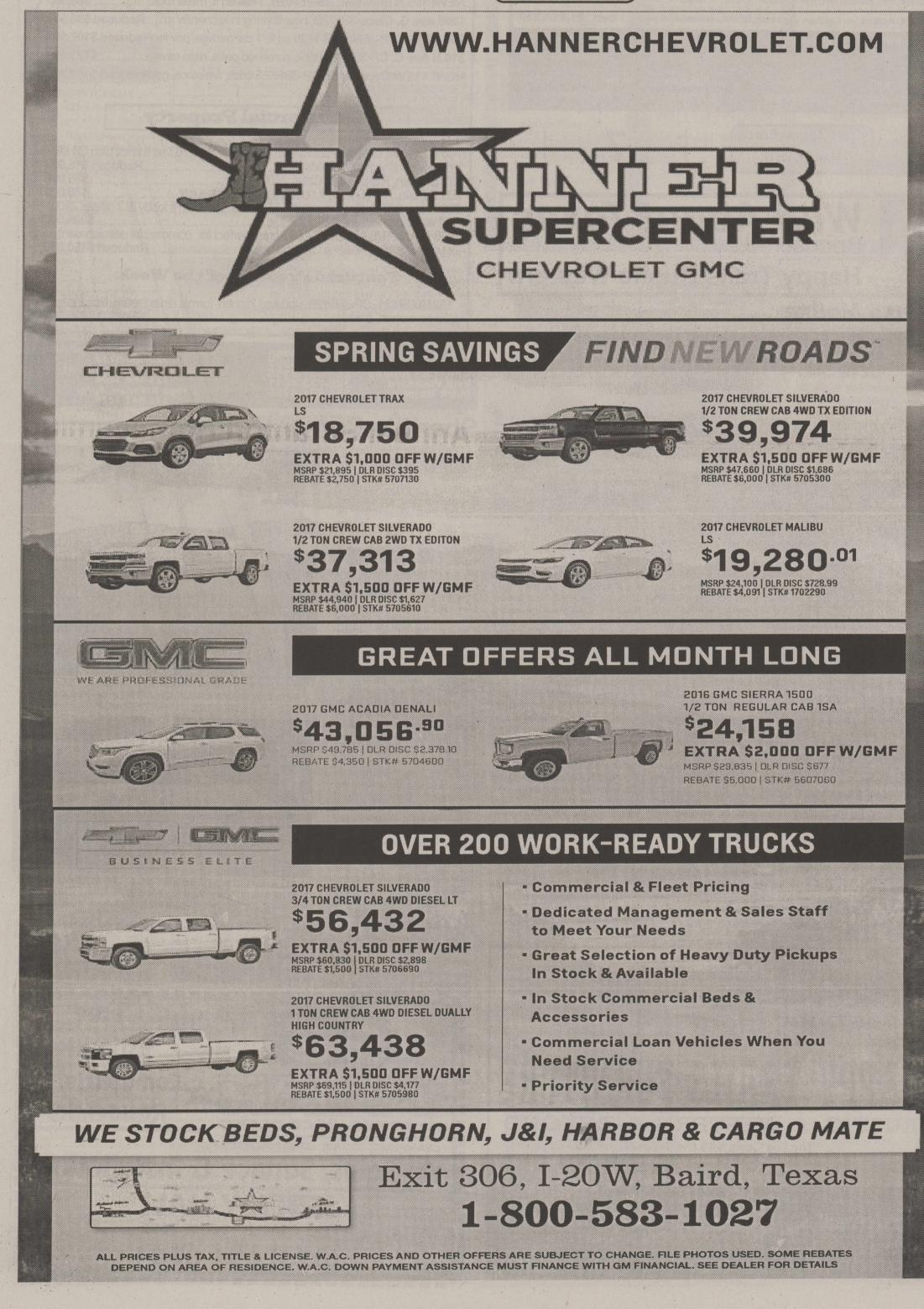
The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the "missing man" fly over by the Formation Flyers. We invite attending veterans to assist in the flagraising ceremonies. Norman West Jr. will play the National Anthem, and Brigadier General John Compere (Ret.) will lead

Our theme this year is

"Callahan County Brands." John Compere, who is also a Callahan County rancher, is our guest speaker and will; present a historical perspective on the early Callahan County family brands as well as the art of branding. As usual, we will have a time set aside to share our own Belle Plaine and "branding" memories.

A potluck dinner will follow the business meeting. Everyone should bring a covered dish to compliment the meat and drinks provided by the Association.

Please mark down May 29th on your calendar. This meeting/ceremony is open to, the public. We look forward to seeing you!



Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting minutes

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on May 8, 2017 A.D. at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present, to wit: Roger Corn, County Judge ; 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 and ex-Officio member of Commissioners' Court. Also Attending the meeting were: Tammy Walker, County Tax Assessor, Tally Windham, Caton Fenz, County Attorney Shane Deel, and Scott Kniffen.

The following items of business were transacted:

-The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

-No public comment during public hearing on intention of Callahan County to designate the Kaiser Creek Reinvestment Zone, establish the boundaries thereof and provide for an effective date pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Public hearing closed 9:33 A.M.

-The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

-Under public comments Doug Campbell asked the Court to reinstate the burn ban. Mr. Campbell said that the vegetation is getting dryer. Mr. Campbell also praised the Sheriff and his staff on the good job that they do. No action was taken.

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reinstate the burn ban. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to accept the Sheriff's report and the overtime report. These reports were given by Sheriff Joy and Chief Deputy Rick Jowers. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept a donation of \$2000.00 from Magellan Pipeline. The donation was presented to the Sheriff at an earlier date by Jake Hull a representative of Magellan Pipeline. The donation is to be used towards the County Emergency Command Center Trailer. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to go with the option for Warren Cat to service the generator on a regular maintenance schedule. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Cary Headstream came before the Court requesting road bore permits from the County to replace gas lines. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to issue the permits and Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-The agenda item to close Bluebird Lane was tabled by a motion made by Judge Corn. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Public Hearing on intention of Callahan County to designate the Kaiser Creek Reinvestment Zone, establish the boundaries thereof and provide for an effective date pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Texas Tax Code. Public hearing closed at 9:33 A.M.

-Commissioner Kirkham moved that the County approve and adopt the Resolution as presented, designating the Kaiser Creek Reinvestment Zone, establishing the boundaries thereof and providing for an effective date. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Windham abstaining.

-James Wester with Underwood Attorneys At Law went through the Tax Abatement Agreement between Callahan County, Texas and KC Wind, LLC draft with the Court. He explained the draft and answered questions. No action was needed

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to purchase a Motor Grader with a trade in for precinct 3. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with Judge Corn abstaining.

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Callahan County Historical Commission roster of appointees. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to have Parson's Roofing look at and assess all of Callahan County roofs for damage. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to appoint Eddie Riley as a County representative on the Citizens EMS Board. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the filming of Deed books in the County Clerk's Office by Data Preservation Solutions. **Commissioner Hicks seconded** the motion. The motion carried 5-0

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Judge Corn read the Letter of Retirement from County Clerk Donna Bell. Judge Corn made a motion to accept, with regrets, the Retirement of Donna Bell. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to appoint Nicole Crocker, on the recommendation of Clerk Donna Bell, as interim County Clerk. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Windhamseconded the motion, in related economic costs. which then carried 5-0. Meeting When the "Click It or Ticket" adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

'Click it or Ticket' campaign saves more than 5,000 lives

ABILENE – This month marks the 15th anniversary of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign urging Texans to buckle up. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that since its inception 15 years ago, our life-saving campaign has resulted in 5,068 fewer traffic fatalities. However, from 2015 to 2016, deaths among people not wearing seat belts increased 9 percent.

"Wearing a seat belt is the single most important step you can take to protect yourself in a crash, and in Texas it's the law," said Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director James Bass. "People make a lot of excuses for not buckling up, but those excuses will not save your life or prevent you from getting a ticket. The fact is, it only takes a few seconds to buckle up and it could mean the difference between life and death."

According to NHTSA, since its inception 15 years ago, the Texas "Click It or Ticket" campaign has not only saved thousands of lives but also prevented more than 86,000 serious injuries and saved Texas more than \$19.3 billion campaign launched in 2002, only 76 percent of Texans used their seat belts. Today, nearly 92 percent buckle up, but 8 percent still don't and the number of people who don't buckle up doubles to 16 percent at night.

In 2016, 994 people died because they weren't wearing seat belts - an increase of 9 percent over the 908 unbelted fatalities recorded in 2015.

Wearing a seat belt helps keep occupants from being ejected in a crash and increases the chances of surviving by 45 percent in a car, and up to 60 percent in a truck. In Texas, the law requires everyone in a vehicle to buckle up or face fines and court costs up to \$200. Children younger than 8 years must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they're taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If they aren't properly restrained, the driver faces fines up to \$250 plus court costs.

Along with TxDOT's annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign effort, police departments in Texas and across the nation will step up their enforcement efforts from May 22 to June 4. To learn more about? "Click It or Ticket," visit texasclickitorticket.com



Former students, family and friends attended the annual Scranton Homecoming at the Scranton Community Center Saturday, May 6th. Scranton Exes president Diane Boland an Antonio was re



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for another term- to head the student alumni group. The Scranton Cemetery

Association met in its annual meeting as part of the day's activities. Jerry Morgan of Cisco was reelected to a five-year term on the cemetery association's board of directors. The financial report indicated the balance of all accounts was \$224,661.75, an increase of approximately 2% compared to the same time last year.

The cemetery has undergone significant improvements in recent years with the addition of new gates and overhead signs at the north and south entrances and construction of a pavilion in the southeast corner of the cemetery.

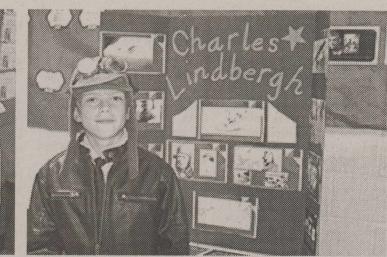
Scranton Exes had a chance to view the partially restored Scranton Post Office building, which has been moved to the community center property. The exterior of the structure has been stripped of old paint, repainted and skirting placed around the foundation.

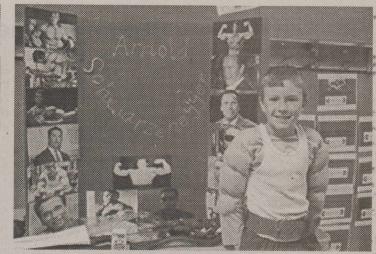


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Kade Purvis as Arnold Swartzeneggar.

Night of the Notables at Cross Plains Elementary

Celebrities turned out last Betsy Ross loved sewing. Tuesday night for the Cross Talented Night of the Notable.

vegetable soup, toast and a potato chips. veggie tray dressed as children's Abbigale Shepard showed us how Beatrix loved rabbits and outfit was a hit. carrots.

questions and told about Charles producer George Lucas. His Lindberg's Trans-Atlantic flight. Star Wars shaped snacks were He told us why Lindberg was a real treat! called "Lucky Lindy".

Reagan, displayed photographs Swartzeneggar. He presented from Reagan's career as an a timeline of Arnold's life and actor, politician and President career. of the United States.

sandwiches and told us how portrayed their character.

Grayton Albrecht showed a Plains Elementary Gifted and timeline on Donald Trump's life and served our president's McKenna Podlevsky served favorite snacks: Coke and

book writer and illustrator scenes from Carrie Fisher's life Beatrix Potter. She shared and films. Her Princess Leia

Trace Johnson donned a Theron Albrecht answered beard for his role as movie

Kade Purvis added some extra Stryker Dillard as Ronald muscles for his role as Arnold

Each "notable" answered Haylee Johnson served questions, served snacks and



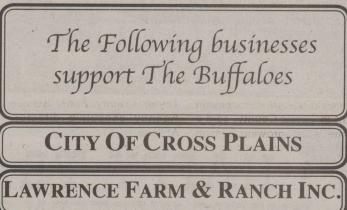
Abbigale Shepard as Carrie Fisher

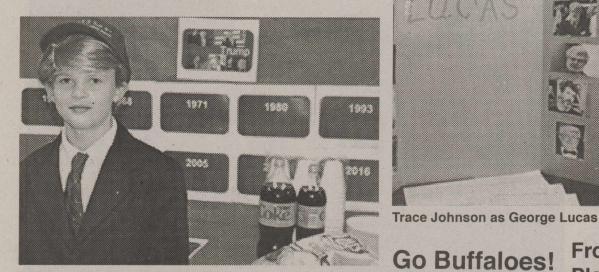


Haylee Johnson as Betsy Ross

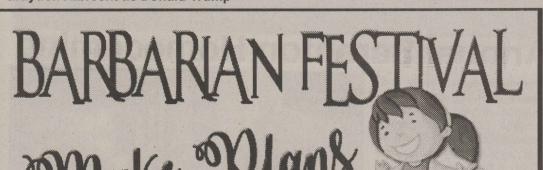


Stryker Dillard as Ronald Reagan





Graydon Albrecht as Donald Trump



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Cross Plains High School came in fourth in the poultry division at the Southwest Texas State University Agriculture

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Dept's FFA Judging Contest. The Poultry team: Ray Conner - coach, Lance Clawson, Alan Hilburn, John Fred McWilliams, Frank Troub. Ray Richey is the team adviser.

Two Buffs Golf Teams finish first and second place in district: On the teams - Alan Hilburn, Conda Odom, David Grider, John Fred McWilliams, Tob Sibley, David Wilson, Chuck Weiss, Bubenick, Darby Nichols and Jesse Sibley.

Dal-Mar Energy has bought the old gas station on Main Street.

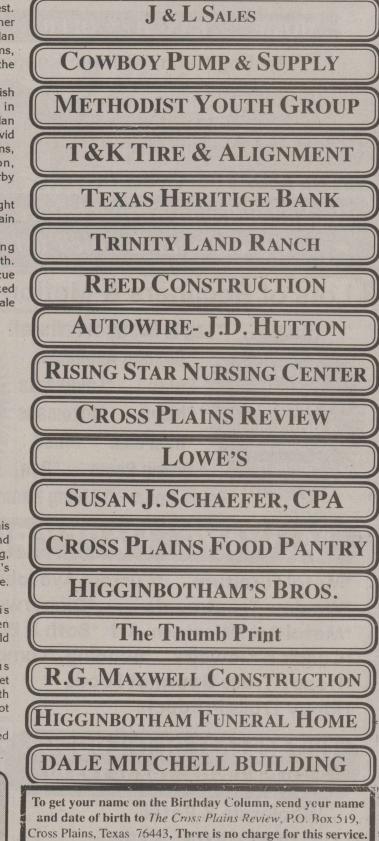
The Cottonwood Spring Festival will be held April 19th. Highlights include a barbecue dinner for \$3.50 a plate, baked goods sale, white elephant sale and a cake auction.

Clothes **Closet Open** Saturday; **Not Taking Donations at This Time**

Stop by the Clothes Closet this Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. and shop for kids summer clothing, as well as ladies and men's clothing. The clothing is free. Everyone is welcome. The Clothes Closet is also carrying small kitchen appliances and other household

items, too. Due to your generous donations, the Clothes Closet and our storage area are both full. At this time, we cannot accept any more donations. The Clothes Closet is located behind the Baptist Church.

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Texas economy adds 9,500 jobs in March

economy expanded in March with the addition of 9,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.0 percent in March, up slightly from 4.9 percent in February.

"Texas employers continue to boost the diverse Texas economy by adding jobs, including 249,000 over the year," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Texans continue to have a range of workforce opportunities created by our innovative Texas employers, and I encourage job seekers and students to explore these opportunities with local workforce boards around the state."

Employment in the Professional and Business Services industry recorded the largest private-industry gain over the month with 13,200 jobs added. Mining and Logging employment grew by 4,800 jobs in March and Construction employment expanded by 4,000 jobs.

"Texas employers continue to keep our state competitive with an overall private-sector annual job growth of 210,500 with 7,000 jobs added in March, said TWC Commissioner Representing Employer Ruth R. Hughs. "When Texas employers prosper, Texans prosper, and we want to ensure they have the resources they a.m. (CDT).

Wheat Field Day

in Taylor County

AUSTIN - The Texas need to start, grow and thrive their businesses right here at, home."

> The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a nonseasonally adjusted rate of 3.5 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan and Austin-Round Rock MSAs with a rate of 3.6 percent. The Lubbock and Midland MSAs each registered a rate of 4.0 percent for March.

> "Texas workers have much to offer and there are resources available to help them find the perfect occupational fit, I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.

An audio download with comments from Chairman Alcantar on the latest labor market data is available on the TWC press release page. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit tracer2.com.

The Texas Labor Market & Career Information Data for April is scheduled to be released on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 9:00

WINE AND GLASS HOLDER MADE BY BOB DEAN

Article by: Danni Louw Bob Dean has been involved in the Market at Clyde since members were ready to give up. Not only was he an encourager,

Bob was born in Ballinger,

After graduating Bob opened a mechanic shop, mainly for tractors. He then moved to Eastland and worked in a was drafted in 1951. He spent two years in the service, after

living in Clyde for 55 years. Bob says he has always liked woodwork. His dad ran a country store, so the first things he had to work with were apple boxes. He started making western style furniture around

work and works mostly with oak, but has worked with some mesquite as well. His home is filled with beautiful bedroom suites, cabinets, desks and tables that he made, either from scratch or pieces he restored. When he builds a piece from scratch, he first draws a little sketch of what is in his head, then builds it trying to match the item to the wood grain as much as possible. Building an item involves using a planer to get the wood to the correct thickness, sand it, saw it into the shapes needed, assembling the pieces using pegs, ensuring the piece is balanced and sturdy and finally finishing the item. Bob says the only thing he does

At his booth at the Market at Clyde one can enjoy his beautiful tables, shelves, miniature rocking chairs as well as the artful smaller items he makes: toy cars and trains from wood, his clever balancing wine bottle holder and a piece that holds a wine bottle and 4 glasses on a dining table.

Outside the Old Firehouse

2017

1955, and has been busy ever since. He enjoys the woodwork far more than the mechanical TRACTOR admire Bob's 1950 McCormick Farmall Cub tractor that he restored meticulously from "a piece of rusted junk", in his own words. Not only did he not enjoy making is a chair!

restore the bodywork, he also rebuilt the engine, and added the most interesting little hood ornament on his tractor. In his free time Bob also enjoys fishing wherever he can get his boat. He likes to fish for bass and crappie. Bob also loves people and enjoys chatting and visiting with just about anyone. His motto is: "Treat people as you would like to be treated", and he lives that in the kind way he goes about his daily life.

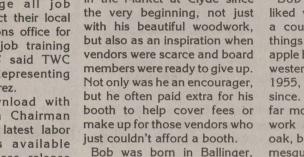
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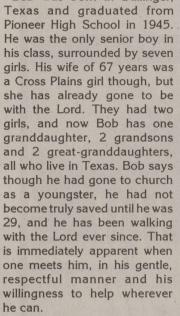
with Bob Dean, so come by his booth at The Market at Clyde to admire his beautiful woodwork, or email themarketatclyde@ gmail.com

ONE OF BOB'S MANY PIECES OF BEAUTIFUL FURNITURE

THE MARKET AT CLYDE, TEXAS presents Meet Our Vendors: Bob Dean

came to Clyde, and he has been





U.S. Department of which he went to work for an

AgriLife Extension, Service will conduct the Multi-County Wheat Tour from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. May 5 at the Taylor County variety test plots. The test plots are located off

Texas Highway 351 on County Road 521, also known as Mesquite Lane.

RobertPritz, AgriLifeExtension agent in Taylor County, said a unique wheat-growing season should make for an exciting and informative tour.

"This season's growing conditions and price outlooks have really forced producers to make some hard decisions," Pritz said. "On the other hand, it has re-emphasized the importance of sound marketing strategies and the implementation of new technology.' The first stop will include the following topics and speakers; - Review of the planted test varieties and an overview of the area's current small grain situation, Daniel Hathcoat, AgriLife Extension program specialist, College Station. - Fertility management and fertility demonstration update, Dr. Jake Mowrer, AgriLife Extension soil nutrient and water resource management specialist, College Station.

ABILENE - The Texas A&M Implement precision farming solutions manager, Munday. The tour will then move to the Taylor County Expo Center -Round Building, 1700 Texas Ford shop for a while until he Highway 36, where the topics and speakers will include:

> Agriculture Farm Service oil company. It was then that he during the market one can also Agency update, Robert Frost, Taylor County Farm Service Agency executive director, Abilene.

- Market situation and commodity outlook, Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension economist, College Station. - Farm policy update, Bill

Thompson, AgriLife Extension looking for new members. economist San Angelo

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enjoy looking at his restored tractor (don't forget to find that hood ornament), and just spend a while in the company of this dear man to enjoy his kindness and goodwill. The Clyde Market is held every second Saturday of the month at the Old Firehouse on North First Street from 10 am to 4 pm. If you are an artist, crafter or home cook and would like a space at Market at Clyde please call 325-518-3939

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- New and developing precision technologies, Dr. Tracey Carrillo, Quality

A Texas Department of becoming a certified member Agriculture representative will make a presentation on laws 'uncertified driver (25 year old and regulations following the and up) it is a great way to give industry-sponsored lunch.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, one each in laws and regulations, you. This is also a great way for general and integrated pest young people who think they management, will be offered. Being that all plots are in in the medical field as a career

Taylor County, lunch will be to test the waters. held in the Round Building at the Taylor County Expo Center. Pritz said the tour and industrysponsored lunch are free and always welcomed. open to the public. For further information and to RSVP by May 3, call Callahan AgriLife Extension Office, 325-854-5835 or Taylor, 325-672-6048.

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* In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, Parmesan cheese and butter. Drain spaghetti, add to egg mixture and toss to coat.

* Place half of the spaghetti mixture in a greased 3-quart baking dish. Top with half of the cottage cheese, meat sauce and mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers

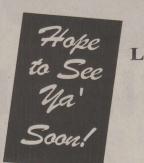
* Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Uncover; bake 20-25 minutes longer on until cheese is melted.

Yield: 10 servings.

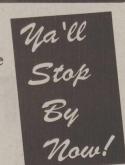
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Cross Plains 4-H Elects Officers for Next Year

The Cross Plains4H held their last meeting of this school year on May 1st. Everyone enjoyed an end of the year pizza party. Officers for the 2017-2018 school year were elected. Results from the election are Jayden Shank for President, Jolie Hutton for Vice President, Shyla Lewis for Secretary/ Treasurer, McKenna Podlevsky for Reporter, Abigail Bisbee for Parliamentarian, Bentley Hall & Rylee Knight for Council Delegates.

We look forward to another great year for 4H.

The results are in from the 2017 District 7 photography contest. Cross Plains had 4 children representing us.

Jolie Hutton received a blue ribbon plus class champion in the domestic animal category. She also received a blue ribbon in the catch all category & a red ribbon in the plant/flora category.

Jayden Shank received a blue ribbon in elements of design, a red ribbon in the food category and a white ribbon in the reflections theme category. Brookelynn Lackey received a blue ribbon in the details and macros category.

Shyla Lewis received a red ribbon in the food category and a red ribbon in plant/flora. Photos will be displayed in the bank as soon as they are returned to us.

We are very proud of all our members and their

accomplishments this year. We will start our sewing group again soon, details to announced. The sewing contest will be held in July. For any questions about 4H

feel free to contact our local leader Terrie Parum at Junkin Daze. -Submitted by 2016-2017

Reporter Jolie Hutton



Ann Gooch, close friend of the late Billie Ruth Loving, and June Ingham, both from Corsicana, Texas were given a tour of the Howard House by Era Lee Hanke. Ann and June were in town attending Cliff and Connie Kirkham's 50th Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, May 6th.



May 15th -May 19th

Monday-15th Exercise 11:00/ Music Jam 6:00 p.m. Tuesday-16th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 p.m. Wednesday-17th Exercise 11:00/Foot Care by Kindred at Home of Eastland

Thursday-18th Exercise 11:00

Friday-19th Kindred at Home of Eastland/ 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

May 15th - May 19th

Monday 15th-Chicken Thursday 18th-Salibury Strips, Potatoes with Gravy, Steak, Potatoes, Lima Spring Blend Vegetables, Beans, Bread, Dessert Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 16th - Pinto Beans Friday 19th- Burrito with with Sausage, Macaroni & Chili and Cheese, Lettuce Cheese, Tomato with Onion & Tomato Salad, Tortilla

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



Callahan County

Texas will have an available school fund of \$900,000 this

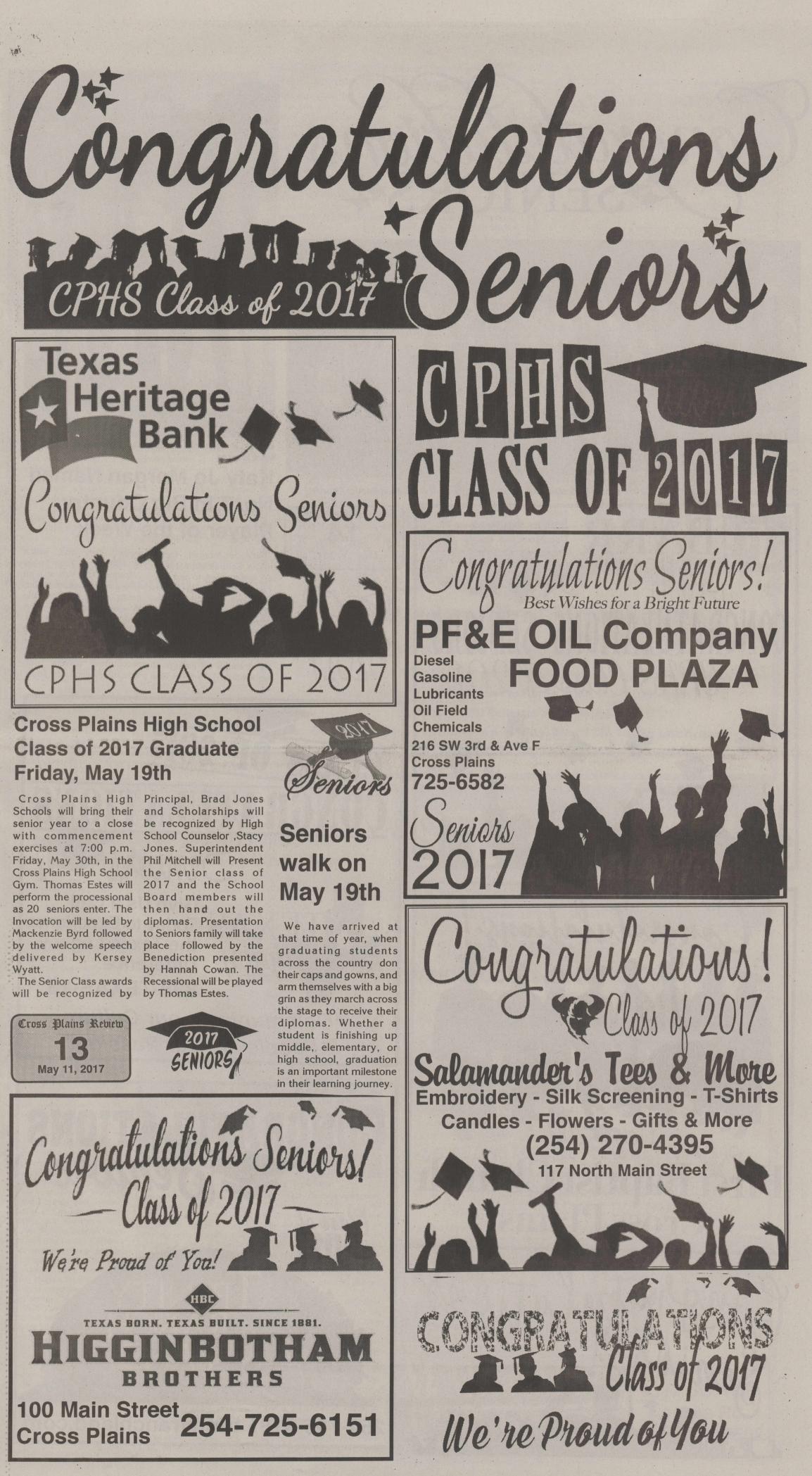
The accounts at the post office at Hearne show a deficit of nearly two thousand dollars. The Gould syndicate has purchased the G. H. & H. railroad between Galveston and

Bryan has raised ten thousand dollars as inducement for the H. N. O. & W. T. railroad to

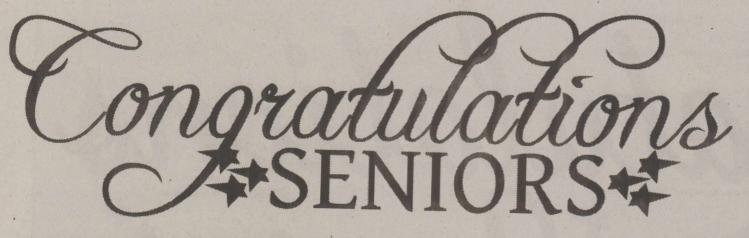
vessels arrived at Galveston, -- 23 were cleared but none for

The apportionment of the school fund amounts to \$3.61.5 per capita - a small amount for

Brownsville, Santiago and Corpus Christi have guarentined









Cross Plains High School Class of 2017 at their Baccalaureate on Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church.





Katy Jo Morgan with her parents, Coaches JoJo and Marc Morgan

Katy Jo Morgan Named No. 7 in Big Country







Project Graduation -Keeping Our Seniors Safe Graduation 2017. Our Seniors

are in for a real treat! Project Graduation is an all night alcohol and tobacco free night for our Senior students and one guest that they choose. The seniors choose the foods, games and music that they would like for the evening. Ping pong, board games, volleyball, dancing, baseball are just a few of the things that everyone

enjoys. Great food - burgers, steaks, hot dogs, ice cream sundaes are served all night.

Project Graduation is held immediately following the Graduation Ceremonies on Friday night, May 19th, at the First United Methodist Church. Gifts will be given away to the

We are excited about Project seniors all night long. So far 294 gifts and \$1725 in cash are ready to be given away.

As the seniors arrive at Project Graduation, their name is placed in the drawing for the prizes. They can come in at any time, but once they leave, they cannot come back (and their name is removed from the drawing).

The goal of Project Graduation is to keep our Seniors safe while they are having fun and winning great prizes.

Family members are invited to come by and meet after graduation but we ask that all family members leave by 11:30

Project Graduation -- Let's Do This.

Submitted by Connie Kirkham.

Buffalo Basketball Camp 2017

Boys and Girls Incoming 2nd through 9th Grades may attend Dates: June 12-15th Cost: \$45 Sessions: 2nd through 5th grade is from 8 am to 11

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am 6th grade through 9th grade is from 12 pm to 4 pm

Early Registration is due June 7th; contact **Coach Cosby or Coach Anderson for** registration forms. Each Basketball Camper will receive a basketball and t-shirt for attending.

Contact Information:

Dade Cosby; phone: (325)340-0239, email: dcoscby@cplains.esc14.net or Mykia Anderson; phone: (325)665-0838 email: manderson@cplains.esc14.net



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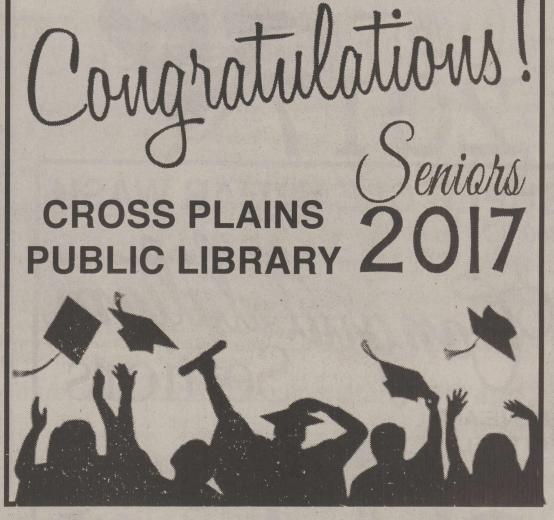
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CLASS OF 2017

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Saturday Night was Prom Night





Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star games coaches announced

* Saturday, June 3rd, in

ABILENE, TEXAS - The Big & Awards Banquet Country Fellowship of Chrisan Athletes is proud to announce Brownwood at the Coliseum -3 the schedule for this year's Big p.m. the 9th Annual All Star Country Chevy Dealer's FCA Women's Basketball Game and All-Star Fes1val to be held this 5 p.m. the 5th Annual All-Star summer in three locaons across Men's Basketball Game, both our area. The All-Star Fesval being presented by Abilene features more than 260 of the Bone and Joint. area's top student athletes and 34 Coaches taking part in the Angelo at Angelo State games.

4 p.m. at The Abilene Civic 1st Community Federal Credit Center -The All-Star Inducon Union. Game times TBD.

* Friday, June 9th, in San

University-the 4th Annual Key dates for this year include: FCA All-Star Softball and * Sunday, May 7th, in Abilene, Baseball games, presented by

* Saturday, June 10th, in Abilene, at noon at the Wylie High School Gym-The 5th Annual FCA All-Star Volleyball game, presented by Abilene Regional Medical Center.

* Saturday, June 10th, in Abilene, at 7 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium-The 18th Annual Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic, presented by the Myrle Greathouse Foundaon.

Coaches for 2017 are: BLUE TEAM—FOOTBALL Greg Proffitt, Head Coach,

Red Team Football

David Jones, Head Coach, Ballinger HS; Chad Barron, Baird HS; Steven Grigsby, Roby HS; M.K. Hamilton, Ranger HS; Blake Sandford, Early HS; Clay

Vaughn, Wylie JH.

South Men's Basketball Bill Brooks, Stephenville HS; Ron Welch, San Saba HS.

South Women's Basketball Alicia Cummings, San Saba HS; Kurt Richarson, Wylie HS. South Volleyball

Pattielu Clark, Dublin HS; Abbey Wartes, Wylie JH; Kaleigh Wright, Colorado City HS.

South Softball Alfonso Chavez, Early HS; April McAdams, Junction HS.

South Baseball Cody Salyers, Cooper HS; Jason Schniers, Wall HS. Cheer Coaches are: Christin McClain, Kelsey Berry, Allison

Keenum, Abilene and Kristin Wade, Brownwood. Special thanks to the Big

Country Chevy Dealers: Jim Stanley, Bruner Auto Group in Brownwood; Mark and Hunter

Seniors at the Prom.

Goldthwaite; Isiah Archer Rule HS; Justin Foss, Clack MS; Mike Fullen, Abilene HS; Lee Lewis, Moran HS; Jason Phillips, Forsan HS.

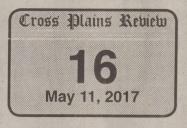
North Men's Basketball Shea Baucom, Roscoe Highland HS; Don Heseman, Abilene HS.

North Women's Basketball Danielle Carey, Clyde HS; Blake Eddleman, Haskell HS.

North Volleyball Laura Carr, Clyde HS; Denise Skinner, Eastland HS; Michele Valez, Craig MS.

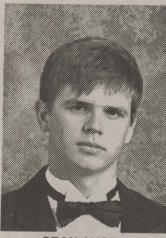
North Softball Liz White, Colorado City HS; Philip Irby, Graham HS. North Baseball Mark Adams, Cisco HS; Kellen Cervetta, Dublin HS.

Hanner, Hanner Chevrolet in Baird; Larry Hall and Gary Grubbs, Lawrence Hall Chevrolet in Abilene; Mitch Hall and John Speer, Lawrence Hall Chevrolet in Anson; Joseph Toliver and Russ Downey, Toliver Brothers in Ballinger, Bailey Toliver in Haskell and Bill Wilson and Rob Miller, Big Country Autoland in Snyder.



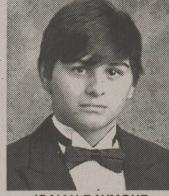






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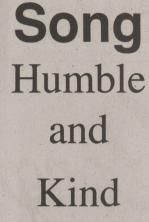


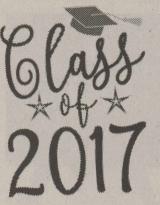
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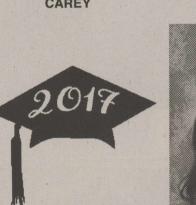






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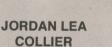
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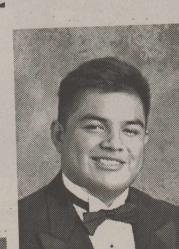




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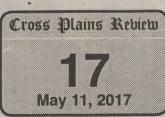






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Lady Buffs Win Regional Quarterfinal **Championship, Defeat Gordon 13-7**

The Lady Buffs captured the Regional Quarterfinal Championship with a two-game sweep of the Gordon Lady Longhorns on Friday evening.

The Lady Buffs were victorious in the first two games of the best of three playoffs, beating Gordon 9-1 and 13-7.

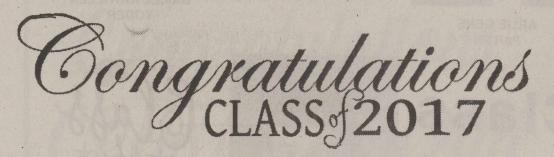
The team will play Gorman at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10th. The game will be played at Abilene Christian University. Admission is Adults \$5 and Students \$3.



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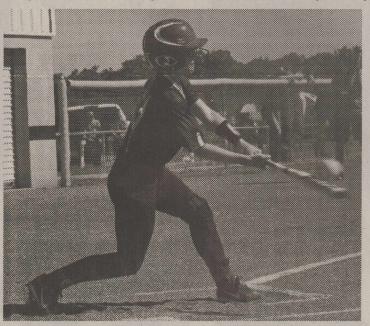








Lady Buffs with the Regional Quarterfinals Championship Trophy.





Cross Plains Lady Buffs **Softball Roster**

00 Katy Jo Morgan 2 Mallory McCready **3 Loralei Woodard**

Buffaloes and Lady Buffs Compete at State Track Meet, May 11th-13th



at the State Track and Field Meet morning. this Thursday to Saturday, May Two running events, the Boys Austin.

will take place on Thursday and will be held on Friday evening. Friday, with the High Jump and Competing from Cross Plains Discus Competitions at 5:00 and High School:

salutes the

The Regional Champion 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Triple Buffaloes and the Lady Buffs Jump, Shot Put, Pole Vault and 1600 Relay Team will compete Long Jump will be on Saturday

11th to 13th, at Mike A. Myers and Girls 3200 Meter Relays will Stadium University of Texas at take place on Thursday evening at 7:00 and 7:20 p.m.

BothGirlsandBoysFieldEvents The remaining running events

Lawrence Farm and Ranch





Buffaloes and Lady Buffs Compete at the State Track Meet in Austin this Thursday through Saturday.

Girls 1600 Relay team - Loralei Woodard, Shana Yates, Grace Goode, Macee Steigleder, Jackilann Shepard

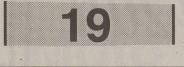
Boys Long Jump - Creed Goode

Boys Pole Vault - Theron Allen Boys High Jump - Holden Senclair and Creed Goode Boys Triple Jump - Kaiden Petree and Holden Senclair Boys 400 Meter Relay - Dobbs McWilliams, Creed Goode, Joe Crockett, Kaiden Petree

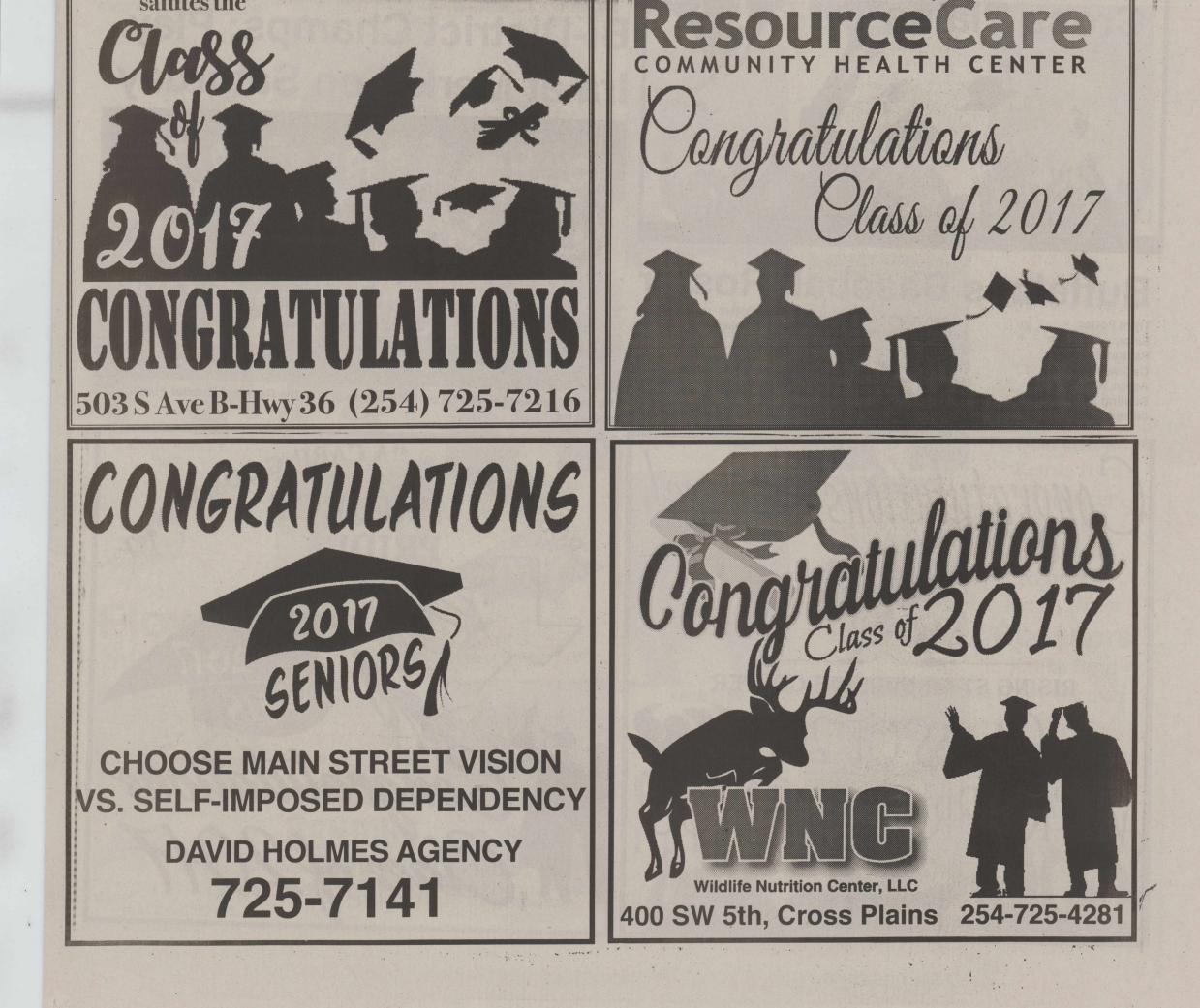
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Boys 1600 Meter Relay -Dobbs McWilliams, Holden Senclair, Kaiden Petree, Creed Goode





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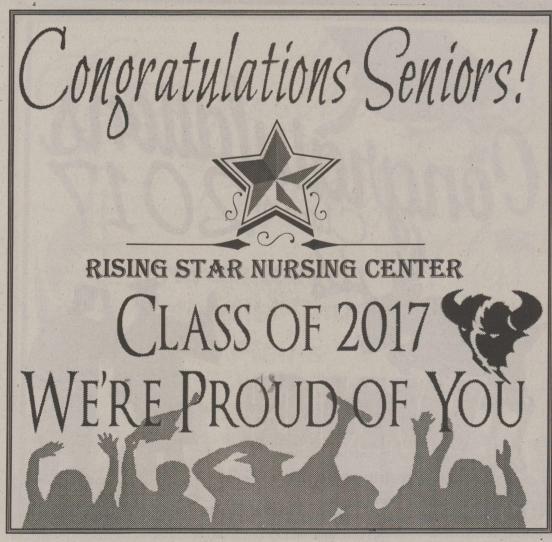


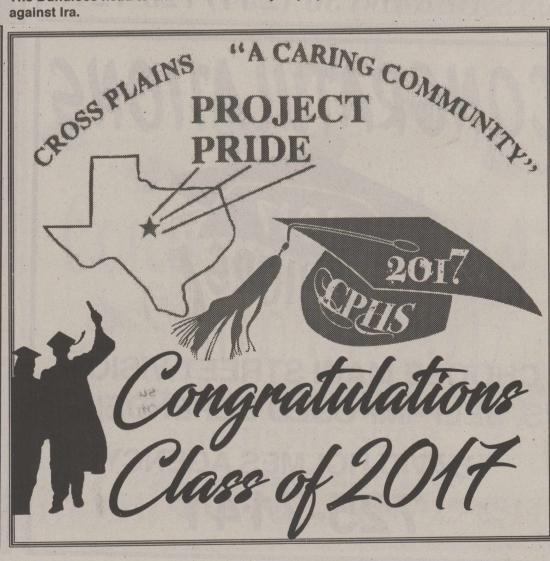
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The Buffaloes head to Merkel on Saturday to play in the Regional Quarter-Finals against Ira.





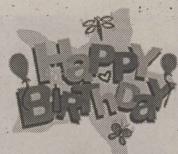


THANK YOU!

The family of Jimmy Don Lee would like to express how thankful they are for the food, flowers, cards, love and kindness shown by family, friends and community during this difficult time.

A special thank you is extended to the Cottonwood Baptist Church for all the food they provided and to The **First Baptist Church for allowing us** to celebrate his life there. A grateful thank you also goes out to Annette Nickerson for the help she gave in planning everything.

> With love, **Robert & Misty Lee** and Wendy Sell



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May 15 Aubrey Ellen Meiron **Ruby Taylor** James Young **Gene Black** Shelly (Key) Pahanish **Corine Archer** Wanda Cowan Wheeler

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May 20 Howard Phillips Richard Wayne Ramsey Stephanie (Walker) Barker Sally Whiteley Keith Lawrence

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Profile of Storyteller J. Frank Dobie

ored tradition across the South and the Southwest. Texas, part of the university for several with its long history of engaging characters and adventures. has produced many tales to tell. Perhaps one of the most respected storytellers was writer and professor J. Frank Dobie. Born James Frank Dobie on September 26, 1888, a love of literature and the open prairie was instilled in him from birth. The family lived on a modest ranch in Live Oak County in South Texas. Dobie was the oldest of six children, and he worked the ranch with his family from a young age. In the evenings, after the day's chores had been completed, his father read to him and the other children from the family Bible while his mother read classic works of literature to them.

In order to finish high school, Dobie moved in with his grandparents in nearby Alice in 1904. After his 1906 graduation, he enrolled at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Armed with an education, life moved quickly for Dobie. After earning his bachelors degree, he began writing for a number of newspapers for a year before accepting a teaching position in 1911. Two years later, he left for Columbia University in New York City to pursue a masters degree in English. He returned to Texas in 1914 and began teaching at the University of Texas.

Dobie enlisted in the army as the United States entered World War I in 1917. After serving in the artillery for two years, he returned to the university in 1919. After his military experiences, he began expressing himself more with the written word and began publishing stories and studies of aspects of folklore in 1919. He joined the Texas Folklore Society to preserve folk tales and stories of the unique culture of the Southwest, rising to secretary of the organization by 1922.

His first major work was a short, clever booklet titled Weather Wisdom of the Texas-Mexican Border in 1923, noting how rain is never a subject far from the thoughts of Texas ranchers and farmers. The tome was filled with stories of how watching different animals can foretell the weather as well as his own stories of growing up in South Texas before closing with the warning, "Be it remembered, all Texans have a saying, 'In dry weather all signs fail." Dobie also played a role in

disappearing. He had been years when students chose the longhorn as the mascot in 1917. However, longhorns had fallen out of favor with ranchers and steadily fewer were being bred. Dobie grew concerned about the deteriorating numbers of the longhorn, and he started writing about them in 1920. He persuaded several ranchers and benefactors to buy a number of longhorns to stock at state parks starting in the 1920s and 1930s. As a result, more attention began to be brought to the iconic creatures, and their reputation as a symbol of Texas and reputation as livestock steadily increased. He wrote on his most famous works, the award-winning Coronado's Children, in 1930. The book amassed tales of treasure-hunters and lost treasures. Ultimately, Dobie would publish more than 20 books in his lifetime.

By 1939, he had a weekly newspaper column in which he not only discussed Texas culture but railed against the political injustices of the day. The state legislature became a frequent target of his barbs. He openly called for integrating the University of Texas in the early 1940s, leading him to clash with numerous state leaders. His fame grew

Great storytelling is an hon-preventing longhorn cattle from to where he was invited to teach American History at Cambridge University during World War II. In 1944, while still overseas, he angrily protested the firing of a fellow UT professor for his liberal views, leading to his own dismissal by 1947.

> Later in his life, a new generation of Texas leaders came to appreciate Dobie's work and influence. On September 14, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Dobie in honor of his long career. The award from a fellow Texan was a great affirmation of his writing and the controversial stands he had taken throughout his life. The ailing Dobie died four days later. A large crowd gathered for his funeral, which was held on the University of Texas campus. Dobie was honored after his death. A number of books have been written about him. A post office in San Antonio was named for him as well as the Dobie Center at the University of Texas. Dobie High School opened in Houston in 1968 as well as other schools named for the famed writer. ###

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DPS Urges Motorists to Use Caution Around Motorcyclists May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

As part of Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers to use extra caution around motorcycles on roads and highways. The special awareness month is observed during the month of May.

"Driving requires your utmost attention and focus, whether you're in a car or on a motorcycle, and it is critical that every driver do their part to help ensure Texas roadways are safe for everyone," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We urge all drivers to use extra caution around motorcyclists. Additionally, in order to better protect themselves on the road, motorcyclists should wear protective gear and always obey all traffic laws."

DPS recommends that all drivers " Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles," which is a motorcycle safety public awareness campaign launched by our partner motorcycle. agency, the Texas Department of Transportation.

Based on the fact that riders are more exposed and can easily be overlooked due to their size, motorcyclists are inherently more vulnerable while on the road. In 2016, 493 people were killed while riding a motorcycle or scooter, accounting for approximately 13 percent of all crash fatalities for the year. In many cases, these fatalities were the result of Cross Plains Review

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crashes between a motorcycle and a car or truck. Collisions with a motorcycle commonly occur at intersections and while changing lanes, and all drivers should use extra caution during these situations.

Drivers and motorcyclists can significantly reduce their chances of being involved in a serious or fatal crash by adhering to basic safety measures, including:

· Perform a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or exiting a lane of traffic, and at intersections.

• Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.

 Allow more following distance - three or four seconds - when behind a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

• Wear protective gear when driving or riding on a

• Never tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

• Never drive while distracted. Motorcyclists must be properly licensed to operate a motorcycleintheStateofTexas. Currently more than one million individuals possess a Texas Class M (motorcycle) license. Proof of successful completion of a DPS-approved basic or intermediate motorcycle operator training course is required for licensing. Licensed motorcyclists can also take a refresher course to reinforce safe riding techniques. Each year the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit trains approximately 38,000 motorcycle operators.

The Motorcycle Safety Unit coordinates training courses at 203 locations around the state for both basic and experienced riders. For more information on motorcycle training or to find a training location in your area, call 1-800-292-5787 or visit www.dps.texas.gov/msb/.



Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Be sure you do something special for your mom, your

aunts, and all the women in outdoor burning or welding. If your life. The Burn Ban is back on! No

Market at Clyde, Saturday, May 13th

Market at Clyde at The Old there with his metal and wood Firehouse on North First is this Saturday, May 13, 10AM-4PM. Your favorite vendors plus some new vendors will be there. This is Mother's Day weekend and the local vendors have kept that in mind with their creations. Remember that everything at Market at Clyde is made by hand so anything you purchase will be one of a kind. Whether your mom loves chocolate, soaps, jewelry or the great outdoors, there will be something for her.

There will several jewelry artist with varying styles and a great price range. There will be everything from the T-Shirt casual jewelry to the most formal. Styles that will suit the simple taste or the blingy or elaborate taste. And each is one of a kind. If you have something specific in mind and do not find it, ask one of these artist and she may be able to make it for you.

One thing that makes Market at Clyde different is the eclectic gathering of crafters. One of our newest vendors will be

items. These include large items like picnic tables, hog traps, deer blinds and so much more. Another new vendor will be there with pet clothing and accessories. They will custom make an outfit for your pet, or they will have many on display for you to chose from. They also have collars and other accessories. They have fitted everything from bunny rabbits to kangaroos. They can surely fit your pet.

Market at Clyde is well known for beautiful wood craft. May will be no exception to that. There will be several wood workers there with everything from fine scroll saw art work, rustic work and fine carpentry work. There will be wall hangings, home décor, and furniture.

Other of your favorite vendors will be there with fine art, soaps, body scrubs, breads, jellies, jams and so much more. Be sure to check the Facebook page, Market at Clyde, Texas and check out the ad in this paper for more information.



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The kids will be out of school soon. The last day is Friday, May 19th, which is also the date of the CPHS High School Graduation. Graduation starts at 7 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium.

The night before Graduation is Awards Night. Also at the High School Gym, the students will receive awards and scholarships that night.

Loralei Woodard, daughter of Erik and Christine Woodard and Grace Goode, daughter of Elvan and Mariah Goode are two of the graduates from Cottonwood. Brandon Waggoner, grandson of Charles Waggoner, is also graduating. Congratulations to all the Graduates!

From the Cross **Plains Review -**71 Years Ago May 9, 1947

From the Cross Plains Review... 71 years ago, May 9, 1947

Maytag Wringer Washers are on sale at Higginbotham's.

Donnel Clark is playing baritone in the Collegiate band at John Tarleton College.

E.K. Coppinger and Donald Strahan are selling used cars. Among their inventory: '35 Chevy 2 door, '34 V-8 2 door, '36 V-8 2 door, '36 Plymouth with 230 Dodge Motor, '34 Olds, 4 door.

Grammar School Exercises will be held Thursday evening, according to Grammar School Principal Hubert Kelley, who will present the diplomas to: Dena Lou Cox, Georgia Dean Ralston, Ervis Gaye Coggin, Velma Brooks, Charles Kunkel, Charles Muse, Ortis D. Stockman, Everett Watson, Fred Hill, Mary Beth Tunnell, Patsy Ruth McMillan, Louis Fortune, Vondal Hutchins, Ted Sessions, Marianne Glenn, Wanda Ingram, Emma Dee Worthy, Rheba Jo Brashear, C. O. Miller, Gene Greenwood, Tom Carpenter, Ann Baum, Bobbie Wood, Billie Joyce



Cross Plains ISD Cafeteria Team -- Thanks to these ladies for a successful 2016-2017 cafeteria audit. From left to right: Debbie Thomas, Lorna Muniain, Tammie Tennison, Stephanie Thompson, and Barbara Barnett.

Western Heritage Classis is May 11th-14th

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RHAA Ranch Horse

showcases cowboy lifestyle at its finest and most authentic, right down to the chuckwagon cook off, where participants are judged not only on the flavor of their grub but also on period eauipment.

The weekend's highlight is the Ranch Rodeo in which some of the largest and most historic ranches in the country compete in various skill categories. Young cowboys and cowgirls can join in on the fun with the Stickhorse Rodeo and Steer Dummy Roping. And "shopportunities" abound at the Heritage Trading Post or Bit & Spur Show. Other weekend events include live music, a parade, chuckwagon cook off and cowboy poetry readings. For schedule and ticket information please visit www.

westernheritageclassic.com. Time Thursday, May 11 7:30 a.m. RHAA Ranch Horse

Competition 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bit & Spur Show 8:00 a.m. WHC Trading Post opens **Competition Semi Finals** 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bit & Spur Show 8:00 a.m. WHC Trading Post opens 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cowboy Poetry & Music 1:00 p.m. Chuckwagon Cookoff-Wagon Authenticity Judging 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Roy Cox Cowdog Demonstration 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Colt Starting Challenge USA 7:00 p.m.

Rhinestone Round Up Derby, The Royal Dukes Band 8:00 p.m.

Ranch Rodeo 9:00 p.m. Friday Night Concert and

Dance Time

Saturday, May 13 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bit & Spur Show 8:00 a.m. WHC Trading Post opens 8:00 a.m. Chuckwagon Cookoff begins 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Demonstration 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Haney Cannon Stickhorse Rodeo & Steer Dummy Roping, 92 Ages 3-12 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. WHC Invitational Ranch Horse ns Sale artt 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cowboy Poetry & Music 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Chuckwagon Cookoff- lunch is served 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Colt Starting Challenge USA & Obstacle Course 115 1:00 p.m. Old Time Fiddler's Contest pai 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. RHAA Ranch Horse **Competition Finals** 0 3:00 p.m. Chuckwagon Cookoff Awards 7 4:00 p.m. Cowboy Matched Horse Races 8:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo 10:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo Champion Awards 100 10:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Saturday Night Concert and Dance hA Time Sunday, May 14 9:00 a.m. Cowboy Church Service

Roy Cox Cowdog

Thanks to our 200-250 family and friends who came out to celebrate our 50th

ABILENE, Texas (April 11, 6:30 p.m. 2017) - The Western Heritage Parade and Street Dance Classic is an internationally recognized event that Friday, May 12 7:30 a.m.





TEXAS U.S. SENATOR TED CRUZ WITH SOME MEMBERS **OF DYESS AIR FORCE BASE IN ABILENE** Sen. Ted Cruz tours **Dyess Air Force Base**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. military, and we are blessed Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) on Thursday visited Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, where he and military leaders discussed the base's ongoing defense missions and the need for a strengthened military. Sen. Cruz was briefed by senior leaders on the capabilities of the 7th Bomb Wing and 317th Airlift Group, toured the base, and received an up-close look at the C-130J and B-1B Lancer. "Texas has a long, proud partnership with our nation's

to have some of the finest. training facilities in the world," Sen. Cruz said. "The safety and security of the American people is dependent on the leadership demonstrated at places like Dyess Air Force Base. I look forward to continuing discussions with Dyess officials as well as statewide defense industry leaders to ensure that we are able to strengthen our, military and keep Texans and our country safe.

Barbecued franks with hot

biscuits butter and honey, and

At the Plains Theater: John

Wayne and Maureen O'Hara in

The Quiet Man, James Stewart

and Janet Leigh in The Naked

Spur and Marjorie Main and

Percy Kilbride in Ma and Pa

On sale at Tom Cox's Farmer's

Market: Coffee, 85 cents a

pound; Banana Squash, 10

cents a pound, New Potatoes,

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Kettle on Vacation.

From the Cross Plains Review -63 Years Ago April 30, 1953

Fried fish.

From the Cross Plains Meat loaf, Ranch Style Review... 63 years ago, April Beans, Turkey and Dressing, 30, 1953.

Construction has started on the new Dairy Bar building located on Highway 36. The business will offer all kinds of soft and hard ice cream, as well as cold drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs and sandwiches. Mrs. Arlie Breeding will have hard of the business when it opens. Anita Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Newton

of Cross Cut, made the Honor Roll at Tarleton State.

Barbara Sue Garrett, daughter 8 cents a pound; Ground Beef, of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Garrett, 2 pounds for 75 cents. has been elected president of the Aglain Literary - Social Club at Texas State College for Women.

On the School lunch menu:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program Impaired Driving prevention program coming to Baird

alcohol misuse, dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends

The Watch UR BAC (pronounced "Watch Your will used to demonstrate the Back,") program team will be at the Railhead Festival conducting educational programs for participants on May 20 from 10-5p.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). teaches Texans about the dangers of alcohol misuse including binge drinking and alcohol poisoning, as well as the

Program teaches about dangers of impaired driving. In 2015, 960 Texans were killed in alcohol-related crashes and tens of thousands were injured. A DWI Driving Simulator effect of alcohol on driving skills. Through a video game atmosphere, drivers experience obstacles and hazards to simulate what might happen if driving impaired. Impaired driving goggles, which distort vision, are worn by the driver during the simulation experience to further duplicate the effect of alcohol on one's vision.





Saturday, May 13th, 2017

Get your sale listed in the Guide!

Listings are \$10.We'll plot your address on the map along with a brief listing of the items for sale, and we'll give you 2 "Citywide Garage Sale" signs.

Guides will be available on Friday, May 12th for \$5 each, and again at 7:00am on Saturday May 13th for donation.

The Market at Clyde presents Meet the Vendors: Larry Davis of "See What I Saw"

Story: Danni Louw Photographs: Danni Louw

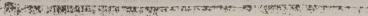
When I asked Larry if he had lived in Clyde all his life, he simply replied: "Not yet!" So started the interview with the witty and humorous Larry Davis whose amazing scroll saw work is sold under the catchy name of "See What I Saw."

Larry is from the Clyde area and is married to Louise Davis. They have been blessed with 3 children and 6 grandchildren and the whole family live in and around Texas. Larry was in the US military - Army and National Guard for 39 years. Larry's older daughter owns "Off the Spool Embroidery" and made him a shirt and cap with his business name, while his son does woodwork too. He says his other daughter has him make stuff for her! Not only is Larry a regular vendor at the Market at Clyde, he was also one of the first board members who worked very hard to get the initial bylaws established.

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Larry and his family attends worship at Cherry Heights Baptist Church, also Inglesia Bautista El Calvario. He leads singing on Sundays and teaches Sunday school. Larry is coordinator for the Callahan area woodworking group. This group meets on the third Monday of each month at Cherry Heights Baptist church, and to woodworkers Larry has this message: "We wood like for you to join us!"

Larry has been doing scroll saw work for 13 years. He says that when he first got his saw, it did not know how to cut the wood, and he had to train it to cut. Larry smiles as he explains that often when people look at his work they say they won't have the patience to do it. He says he did not have the patience at the start either, but doing the work teaches patience. Even the smaller pieces can take over an hour, and he often spreads the work out over days.





LARRY DAVIS AT HIS BOOTH AT THE CLYDE MARKET

Larry says: "A scroller never makes a mistake while we are scrolling, we do make unplanned modifications. After too many modifications, we have a piece of designer firewood." He uses ideas that the Creator gives him when he makes his stuff. At his booth one finds the most interesting and intricate work: wooden puzzles for kids, school pride signs, family name signs, intersecting word art, wooden pendants, crosses, animal figures, framed signs and much more. He will also make custom designs. "If I see any wood around", says Larry, "I'll go and investigate it. My favorite wood to work with is free wood." Part of his scroll saw process therefore is sanding, planning and texturing the wood, as his items are beautifully and meticulously finished. Larry also cuts paper with his

scroll saw. He uses newspaper to make paper dolls or angels that when opened up will reveal a whole string of dolls or angels, and he says his secret is to cut the paper between pieces of wood. He also does demonstration cutting at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo and has won over 40 ribbons

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for his work. pMere words cannot do justice to Larry's work, so come by his booth at The Market at Clyde to enjoy the unique "See What I Saw" items Larry has to offer, and meet his wife Louise who joins him there. The Clyde Market is held every second Saturday of the month at the Old Firehouse on North First Street from 10 am to 4 pm. If you are an artist, crafter or home cook and would like a space at Market at Clyde please call 325-518-3939 or email themarketatclyde@ gmail.com

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WOOD BADGE TROOP-the Clyde participants are: Mrs. Teresa Beard 2nd row far left; Mr. Steven Carroll 3rd row 2nd from right; Mr. James Whitehead 1st row 2nd from left.

Two Clyde Scout leaders complete the Wood Badge training course

Two Clyde Scout leaders, of the instruction included Cubmaster Steven Carroll of Cub Scout Pack 227, and Scoutmaster James Whitehead of Boy Scout Troop 223 both completed the Wood Badge training course Sunday April 30, 2017.

Wood Badge Is the highest level of training offered by the Boy Scouts of America, and consists of six days and four nights. Three days at Camp Tonkawa in Buffalo Gap, and three at Camp Billy Gibbons near Richland Springs. The course was a combination of classroom instruction, outdoor activity, and camping. Key components being planned for 2020.

communication, team building and development, vision development, problem solving, and conflict management. The final part of the program consists of writing a "ticket", a personal vision for the advancement of Scouting, consisting of five goals to be completed within eighteen months. Upon completion of the ticket goals, trainees will be awarded their "wood badge" beads, signifying graduation of the course. The last Wood Badge course offered by the Texas Trails Council was in 2011 and the next course is

Clyde was also represented on the staff of Wood Badge by Mrs. Teresa Beard, Committee Chair of Troop 223. This was the third Wood Badge training course in which she has served as an instructor. All the leaders of Pack 227, and Troop 223 are excited about the Scouting programs they have to offer the youth of Callahan Co.

The Cub Scout program is offered to boys in first through fifth grade, and offers fun activities throughout the

year while teaching citizenship, teamwork, and community service. Cub Scouts generally have three camping opportunities each Whitehead at 325-829-7808.

vear.

The Boy Scout program is offered to boys that have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11, but not yet 18 years old. It is a youth lead program with an emphasis on character development, citizenship, and personal fitness, and offers a camping opportunity every month of the year. The youth leaders plan all the meetings, service projects, and campouts, under the supervision, and guidance of adult leaders. Anyone interested in either of these Scouting programs is encouraged to contact James

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COLLEGE STATION -Potential economic expansion of U.S. produce imports from Mexico could lead to an estimated 7,700 Texas jobs and an economic impact of \$815.2 million to the Lone Star State. Economists with the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University in College Station conducted a study on the economic impacts of increased U.S. imports of fresh produce from Mexico by 2023. The U.S. would add 12,897 jobs and the overall economic impact would be \$1.54 billion.

By Blair Fannin,

b-fannin@tamu.edu



More than 7,700 Texas jobs estimated to be

added from expanded produce imporation

grocery store, consumers prefer something fresher with a more favorable taste."

For more information, visit the Center for North American Studies on the web at http:// cnas.tamu.edu.

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The findings also estimate that by 2023, U.S. fresh produce imports from Mexico via truck will increase to 569,650 truckloads, a 32 percent increase above 2015 levels.

"Most of this growth will occur through Texas ports with imports expected to grow by 42 percent to 298,542 truckloads," said Dr. Luis Ribera, center director and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

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"By 2023, Texas is estimated to account for 52.4 percent of all U.S. produce imports from Mexico as compared to 48.6 percent in 2015. This growth has implications throughout the border economy in general and the Texas economy in particular.'

Texas is a net importer of fruits and vegetables. The Lone Star State has a deficit of 2.4 million pounds of red and orange vegetables, a 336 million pound deficit of beans and peas, and a 2.8 million pound deficit of starchy vegetables, which includes squash, sweet potatoes and potatoes, Ribera said.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research is currently studying enhancements to the South Texas vegetable industry. Ribera said AgriLife Research is working with Texas vegetable growers to investigate changing its mix of annual vegetable production in anticipation of

meeting growth.

Economists with the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University in College Station conducted a study on the economic impacts of increased U.S. imports of fresh produce from Mexico by 2023. The U.S. would add 12,897 jobs and the overall economic impact would be \$1.54 billion. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Rod Santa Ana)

For example, he said South Texas farmers are looking to improve the seasonality of onions and the marketing timeframe for onions produced in the Valley to capture more premiums.

"Mexico is usually first to market with onions and they can take advantage of higher prices," Ribera said. "Texas then comes in with their harvest, but the timing is not at the top of the market. Mexico has also been exporting onions later and later, pushing our production window down."

Ribera said there is a threeto five-year window to see profitable returns on onion crops. One year prices might be breakeven at \$8-\$9 a 50-pound bag, then another year be as high as \$30 per 50-pound bag.

"It just hinges on demand," Ribera said. "What we might see in Texas is a shift in cotton acres or other commodities to capitalize on the need for more produce.'

Ribera said H-E-B, Wal-Mart and Kroger all want year-round produce.

'They want to have certain fruits and vegetables year round to capitalize on consumers' needs," he said.

The seasonality of imports is one focus area of AgriLife Extension's Healthy South Texas initiative, which aims to increase the consumption of vegetables and promote healthier lifestyles among those in South Texas. As the state and nation's population continues to grow, more fruits and vegetables will be needed.

"We are at a crossroads," Ribera said. "Are we going to depend on foreign countries to produce more fruits and vegetables or will we produce more?"

To enjoy produce year round, Ribera said large grocery

retailers have contracts with overseas growers.

"That's why we have oranges at other times than during peak season here," he said.

Tomato production is another area of study, Ribera said. H-E-B has increased their interest in producing a Texas tomato, one that has an attractive appearance with no cuts or blemishes, but also boasts enhanced flavor. AgriLife Research is also conducting project work in this area.

"Tomatoes have to be transported so far and long," Ribera said. "A lot of them are harvested green and remain that way to a certain point once they arrive at the port of entry. By the time it reaches the



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