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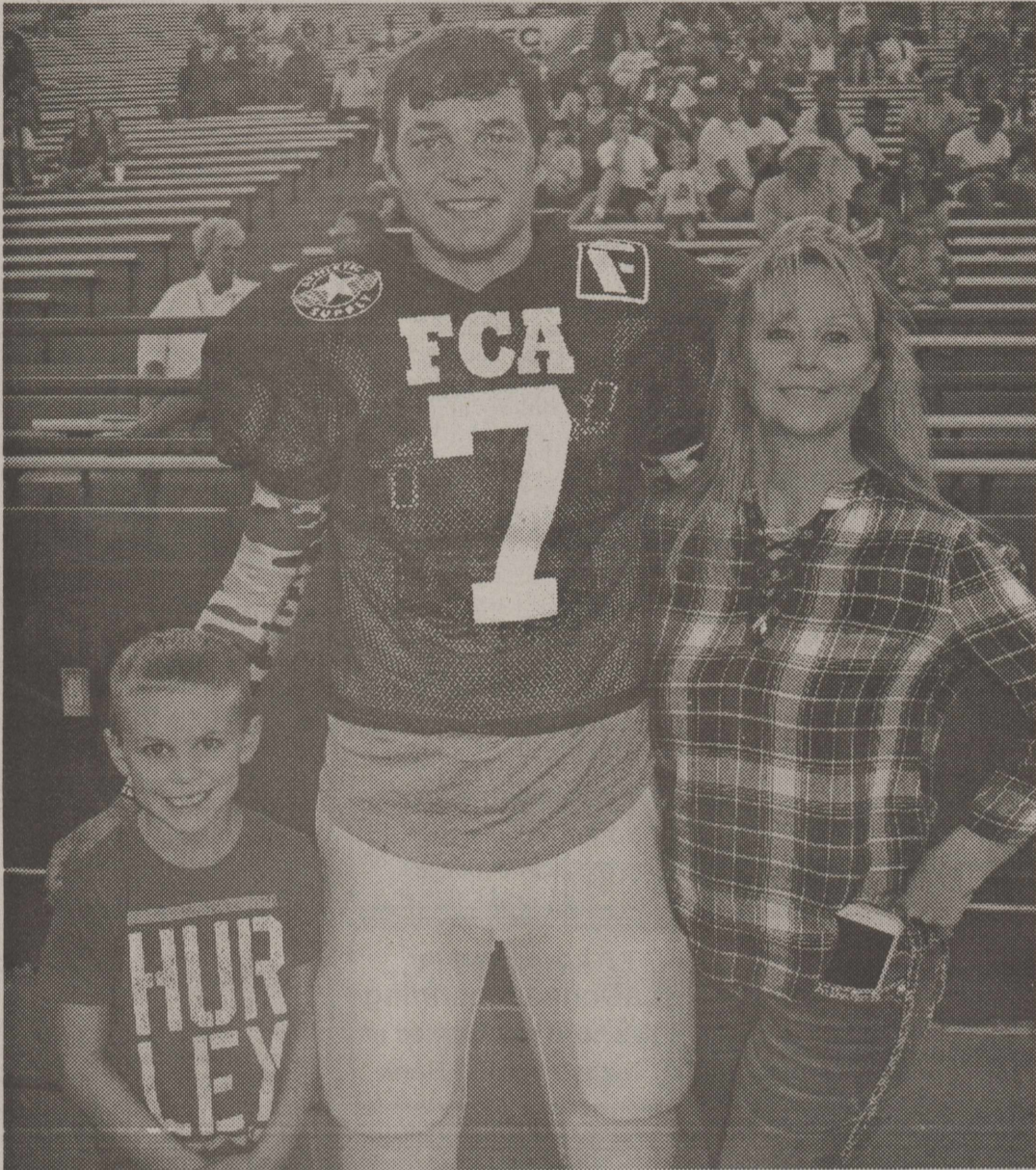
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2017 Cross Plains High School Graduate Holden Senclair, #7 in black, with Cindy Lee Senclair and Wesley Senclair during halftime of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Football Game held Saturday, June 10th at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Cottonwood Baptist Church Vacation Bible School Starts June 19th

Cottonwood Baptist Church to hold Vacation Bible School Monday, June 19th - 23rd.

The theme this year is Maker Fun Factory, Created by God Built for a purpose.

All children up to 6th grade are invited to attend.

VBS is a special event that creates memories that help lock Bible truths in a child's heart and mind for a lifetime.

We look forward to seeing your children this week remember you need to walk your child in the first day for registration. If you have any questions contact Thomas Estes 325-370-2208.

Chamber Banquet Set for July 20th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is set for Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 6:30pm at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. The guest speaker this year will be Karl Winge, Callahan County Extension Agent.



2017 CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HANNAH COWAN, #12 IN BLACK, PLAYED FOR THE SOUTH ALL-STARS DURING THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES ALL-STAR SOFTBALL GAME HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH AT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY IN SAN ANGELO



"Meet the Author" with Carol Kjar on June 20th See details inside



The American Legion Float Won First Prize in the Barbarian Festival Parade. Festival and Parade photos inside



Facepainting was big hit at the Barbarian Festival. More photos from the festival inside

Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 18th

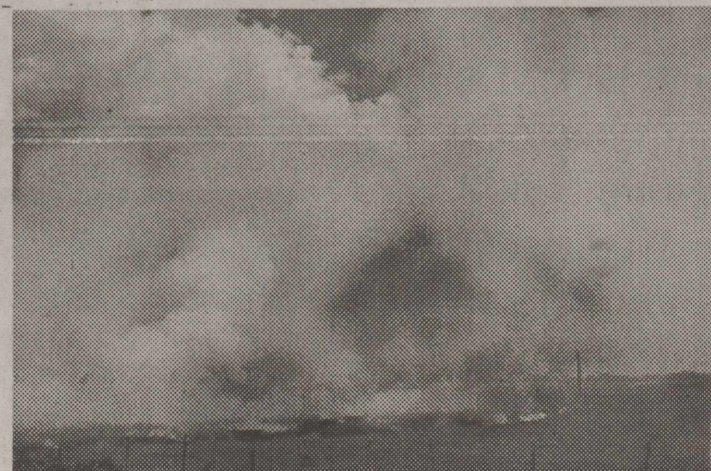
Grass Fire on Highway 36



Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department responded to a grass fire on Highway 36 near CR 414 last Tuesday afternoon. Rising Star VFD, Burkett VFD, Baird VFD, and Lake Coleman VFD came to help with the fire. Two CPVFD firefighters suffered smoke inhalation when the wind changed and they found themselves in front of the fire. One was sent to the hospital and released later that night. A total of 5 acres burned before the fire was extinguished. Additionally, CPVFD worked a car accident on Wednesday evening and another grass fire north of Cross Plains on Monday.



Little Jessa Markham with her best friend beagles was a hit at the Barbarian Festival Parade. Her parents are the owners of the new Vagabonds Cafe food trailer.



The fire spread with the wind changed directions.

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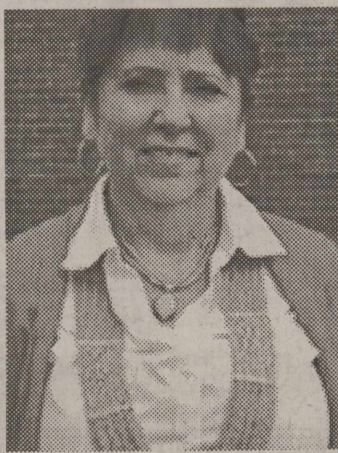
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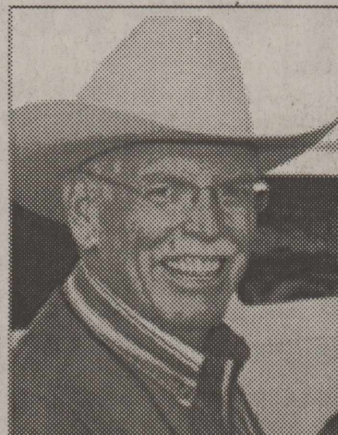


Dana Richardson-Balkum

Dana Richardson-Balkum, 57, of Benbrook, Texas, passed away Saturday, June 10, 2017 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 14 from 6 to 8 PM at Higginbotham Funeral Home, Cross Plains, TX. A graveside service will be held Thursday, June 15 at 10:00 AM at Cross Cut Cemetery in Brown County, Texas. Dana married Sam E. Balkum in November 29, 1992 in Las Vegas, NV. She loved history and was a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Dana was also an active member of the Tarrant County Democratic Women's Club. Dana is survived by her husband, Sam E. Balkum of Benbrook; daughter, Katelyn Colleen Balkum of Plans; father, Louis Richardson and wife, Glenda of Stephenville; mother, Delores Byrd Magee and husband, Larry of Round Rock; sister, Jill Richardson Betts and husband, Lenley of Austin; sister-in-law, Teresa Glasscock and husband, Jim of Zephyr; numerous nieces, nephews and dear family. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, (www.donate.diabetes.org).

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Glenn R. Lawrence

Glenn Rae Lawrence, age 74, of Abilene, Texas, passed away on June 9, 2017, with his family by his side. Visitation was held at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene, on Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A short memorial service and burial followed at the Cross Plains Cemetery on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 10 a.m. Pallbearers included Thomas Hicks, Kevin Barker, Mike Griffith, Deana Bailey, Gary Thayer, and Royce Lawrence. Honorary Pallbearers included Billy John Edwards and Joe Edd Boaz. Glenn was born in Callahan County, Texas to William and Ethel Lawrence on December 7, 1942. He graduated from Cross Plains High School and attended Abilene Christian College. He married Ruthie, his wife and partner of 52 years, on May 14, 1965. Glenn was a loving husband, father, Paw Paw and respected law enforcement officer. He served his country for six years in the Army National Guard, and served his community for over 46 years as an officer with the Abilene Police Department, and an investigator for the Jones County District Attorney's office. He loved spending time with his family, horses and cattle. He was one of the top teamsters in the state of Texas, and was often seen driving his Percheron horses Jerry and Justin with Ruthie by his side. Glenn attended schools at the FBI Academy and served on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Benchmark Committee for the State of Texas. He was a respected expert in the field of forensics long before the popularity of the TV show CSI. He was active in his community, serving as a Scoutmaster for Troop 201, on the Eula School Board, Hamby Water Board,

past president of the Abilene Police Officers Association, and past president of the Texas Draft Horse Association. He was a past president and lifetime member of the Texas Division of the International Association for Identification (forensics). Glenn also served as a volunteer for the Western Heritage Classic and the West Texas Rehab trail rides. Glenn is lovingly remembered by his wife Ruthie, son Tye and his wife Trebie, grandchildren Taylor and Torie, daughter Tamara Raughton and her husband David, and the rest of his family and friends. He was known as a true "gentle man." He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Ethel, and brother James. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1651 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas, 79601, or Cross Plains Senior Center, P.O. Box 144, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443. Memories may be shared and condolences submitted online at: www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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Love Fund
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Everyone Enjoyed the Fish Fry at the Senior Center on Thursday Night

Cross Plains Version of the Little Red Hen

In the classic children's story, the little red hen could not find anyone to help her, but if she was in Cross Plains, the story would go something like this.

One day the Senior Center said "we need to raise money for our programs, let's have a fish fry."

With out being asked, the Chamber of Commerce quickly said, "let's pay for the food" and they delivered a check for \$500.

A sweet, little lady said "let me by the cooking oil", and she did.

A nice family said "let us supply the propane for the cookers", and they did.

Next, the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department said "let us cook the fish" (and the French fries and the hush puppies and the chicken strips) all in the heat of the day, and they did.

Then, volunteers of all ages said "let us help in the kitchen, served the beans and banana pudding and drinks, take

The SENIOR CENTER says
Thank You
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Firefighters from the Cross Plains VFD Cooked the Fish - From left to right: Randy Foster, Randy Montgomery, Blake Foster, Michael Foster, J. D. Huddleston and Joe Terstegge

money, clean off tables, take out trash or whatever is needed" and they did.

Then, people from all around came and said "let us donate money to the Senior Center and eat the fish dinner," and they did.

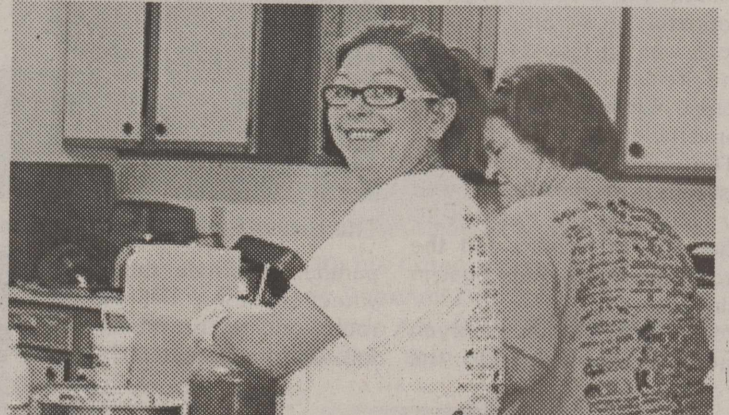
The moral of this story is, in a time when the nation is cutting programs and funding for the elderly, the good folks of Cross Plains and the surrounding areas truly care about the again population. The willingness of everyone to come together

for the common good brings success.

The rest of this story is that no matter what the circumstances might be, if there is a need, the people and organizations around Cross Plains step up to take care of it.



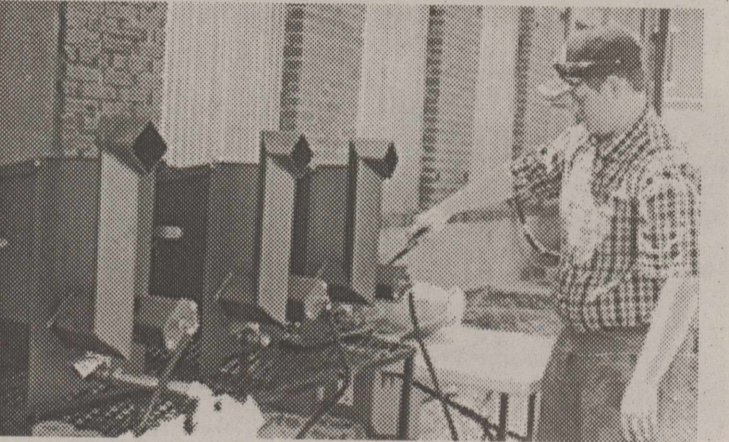
Starting to cook the fish: Randy Montgomery, Joe Terstegge, Michael Foster, Blake Foster and Randy Foster



Carie Wheeler and Leslie Wyatt having fun in the kitchen



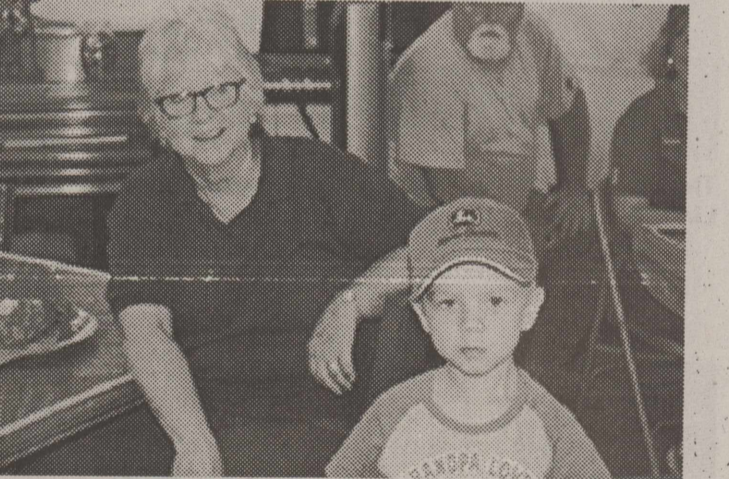
Nora and Larry Pointer with Dierk and Chee Gunther and Lee Anne Morton



Michael Foster lighting the fish cookers.



The Reed Family enjoying dinner



Paula Winfrey and her grandson



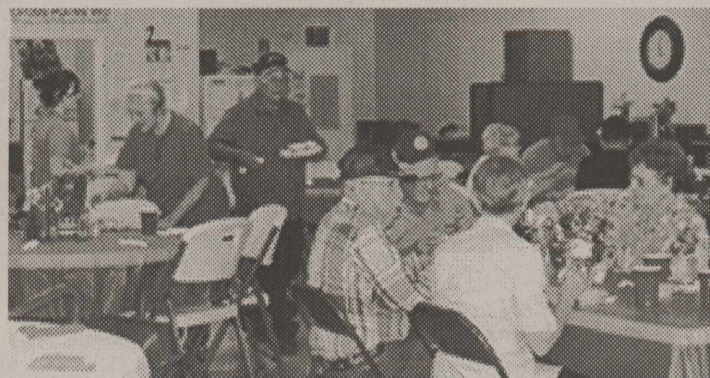
Fred Dill enjoying dinner with friends



Vone Snodgrass and Leslie Wyatt



Don and Debbie Gosnell



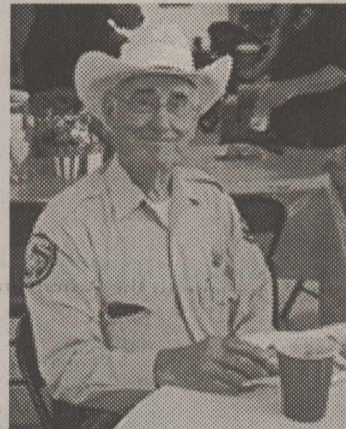
Visiting with friends at the Fish Fry

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Sheriff Terry Joy



Jean McWilliams

From the Cross Plains Review - 31 Years Ago June 11, 1986

From the Cross Plains Review... 31 years ago, June 11, 1986.

Up to 18 Inches Soak Area. Turkey Creek Bridge on the Old Cottonwood plus another smaller bridge, washed out and isolated several families: Mr. and Mrs. Garmond Parrish and Kathy; Ruby Booth; Douglas Ingram; Mr. and Mrs. Carlis Swafford; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Voights, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Golson, Scot and Kala.

Saturday, June 14, The Friends of the Cross Plains Public Library will be hosting an open house and reception. Glenn Lord, Literary Agent to the Howard Estate, will be present during the open house. Some Howard volumes will be presented to the library.

The local 4-H Club met May 19 and elected new officers: President - Carie Renfro; Vice-President - Holi Shults; Treasurer - Kala Kupit; Secretary - Donna Erwin; Assist. Secretary - Tonya Stover; Recreation Leaders - Jennifer Wheeler and Brenda Franke; Reporter - Sonya Renfro; Hospitality Chairman - Tracy Erwin and 4-H Council Delegate - Colby Walker.

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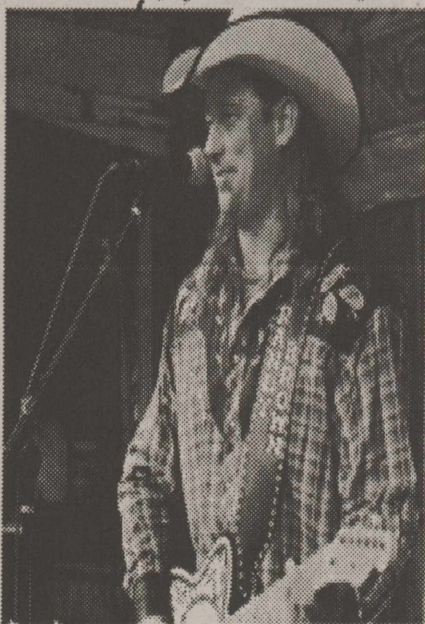


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Over 25 Entries in Festival Parade

Over 25 entries walked, rode, or drove in the Barbarian Festival Parade last Thursday evening.

Vehicles from the Cross Plains Police Department, Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Cross Plains EMS and the Callahan County Sheriff's Department led the parade.

Next in line, after the emergency vehicles, were the Six White Horses from Hardin-Simmons University.

Mozelle Richardson, longtime proprietor of Bryan's Variety Store, was the Grand Marshall. She rode in Wayne and Bonnie White's 2004 Mustang convertible.

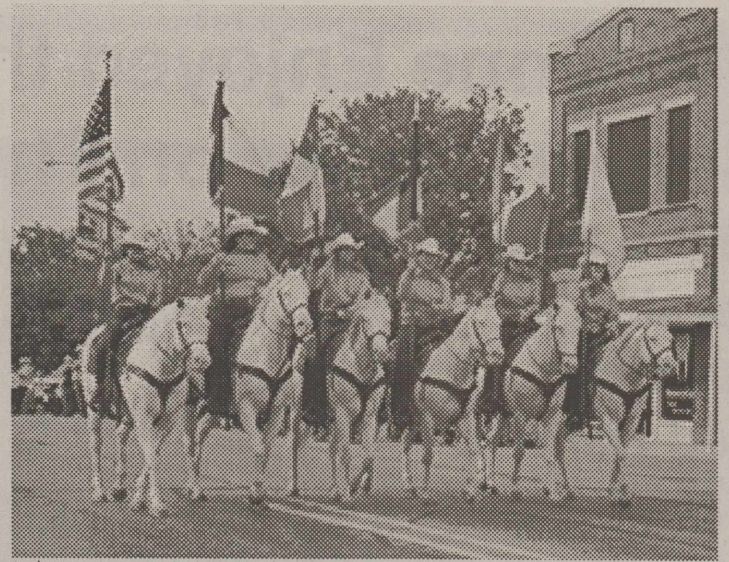
The American Legion took first prize in the parade, followed by Thomas Haynes' 1939 Chevrolet in second and the Cross Plains 4-H Kids float in third place.

Motorcycle stuntman Bryan Jackson, the finale to the



The Cross Plains 4H Float took third place in the parade

parade, performed stunts and wheelies along the parade route, prior to his stunt show following the parade at 7:30.



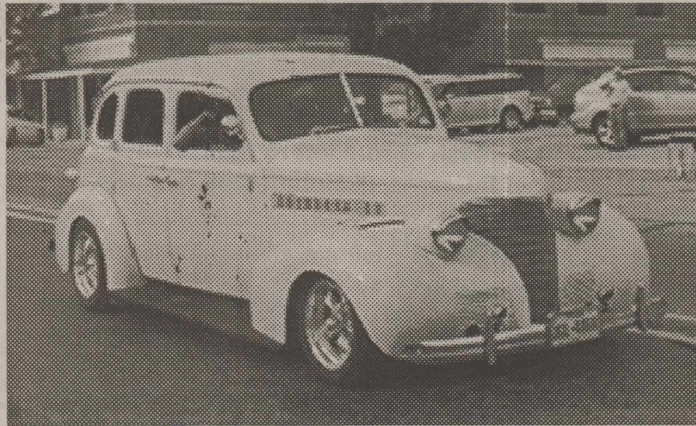
Hardin-Simmons Six White Horses



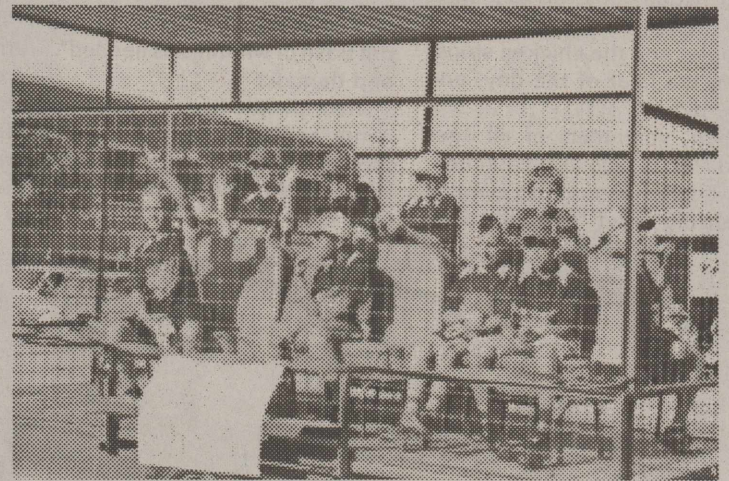
Weight Warriors



Grand Marshall Mozelle Richardson



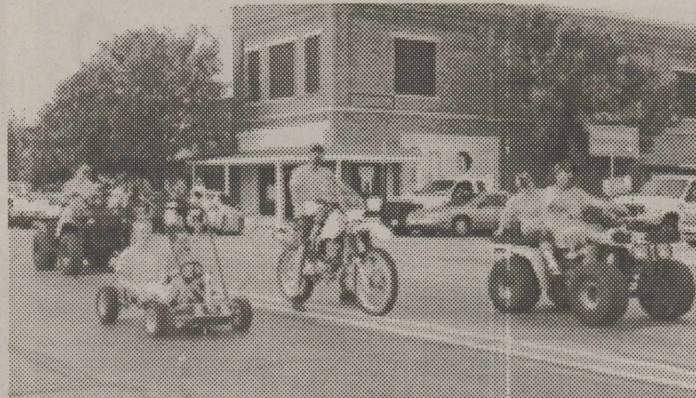
Thomas Haynes' 1939 Chevy, second place



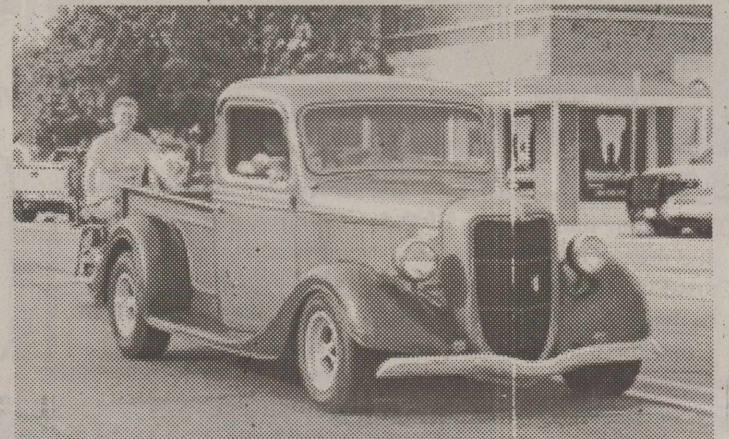
The 10u Buffaloes Baseball Team



Cross Plains' Newest Firetruck - a converted military 5 ton truck



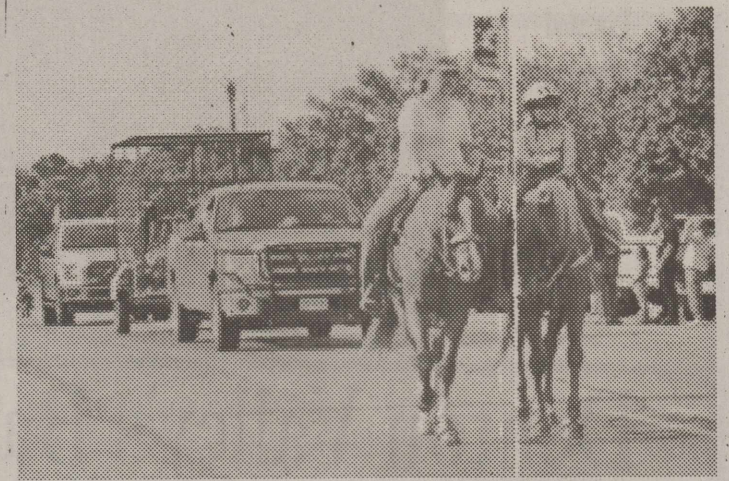
Anthony Automotive - 4 wheelers, go cart and bicycle



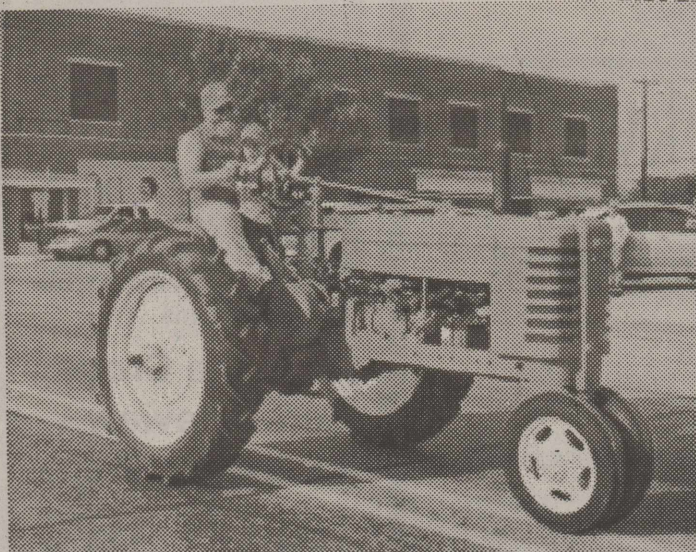
The Senior Center's Parade Golf Cart driven by Fred Dill, Linda Pringle in the passenger seat.




Cliff Kirkham on his restored John Deere



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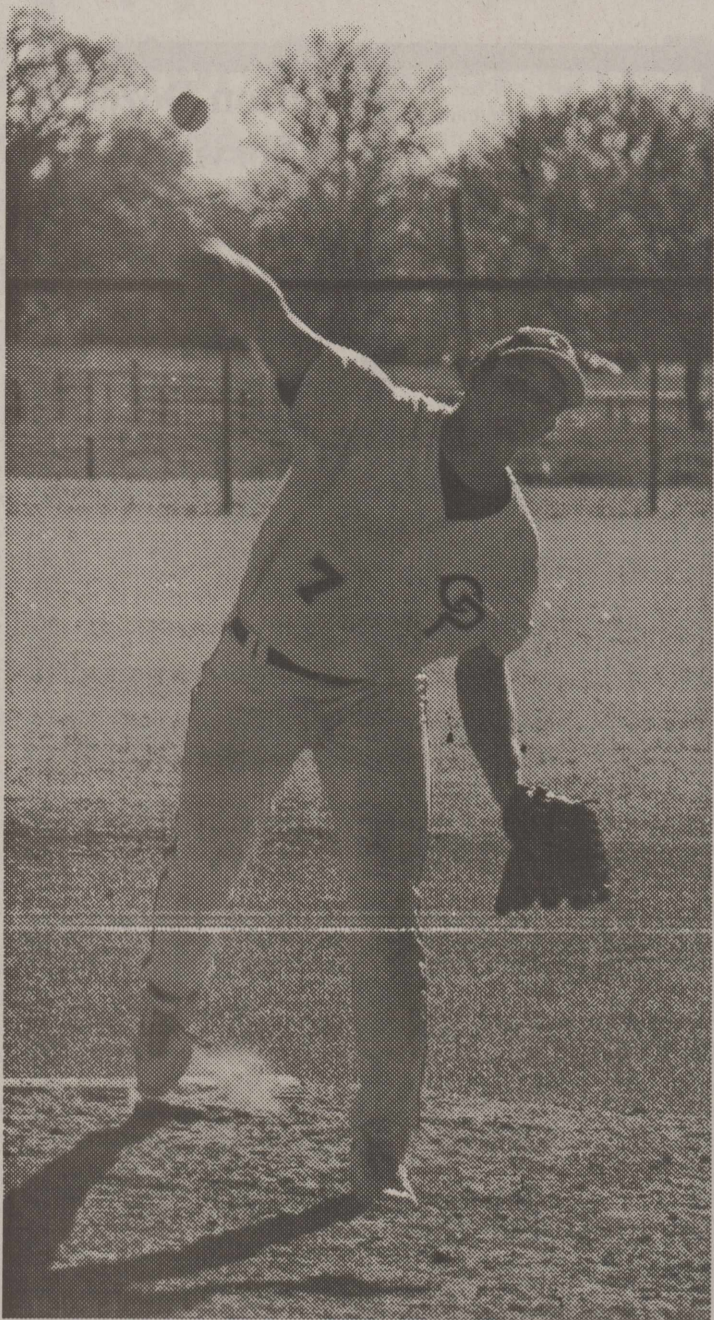


Motorcycle Stuntman Bryan Jackson performed a Stunt Show to a large crowd after the Barbarian Festival Parade and Fish Fry on Thursday night.

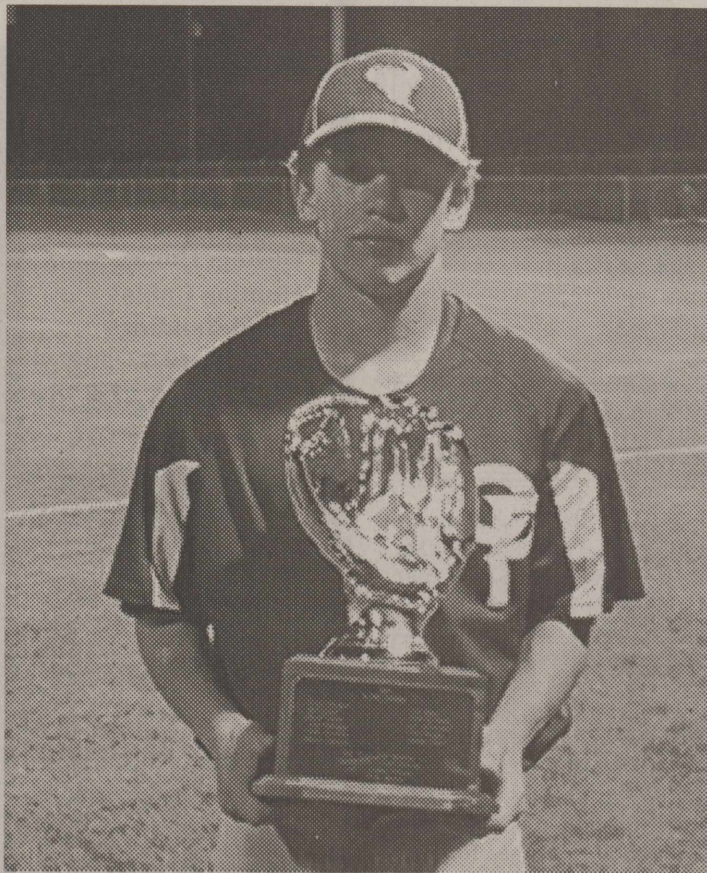
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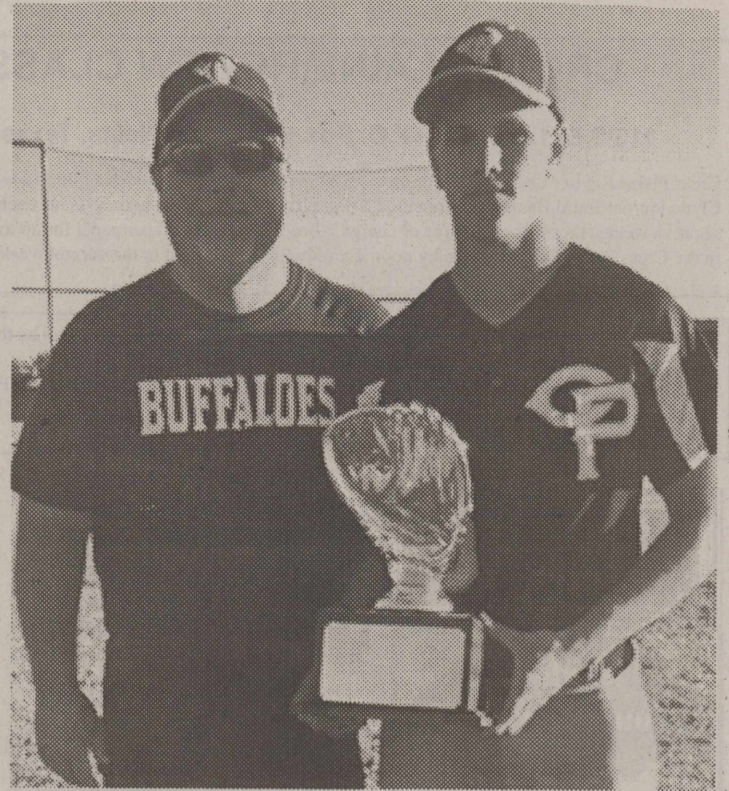
Buffaloes Baseball and All-District Awards



Holden Senclair was named 2017 Buffaloes Baseball MVP and the Class AA - District 7 All District Pitcher. Senclair, a senior, graduated with the Class of 2017 in



Joe Crockett #1 for 2017 District Winners in baseball received district and local honors. He received 1st Team All District Outfielder for the district and he was named 2017 Cross Plains Defensive Player of the Year. He made some spectacular catches and received the game ball from Coach Tipton after a winning catch in the outfield during a playoff game.

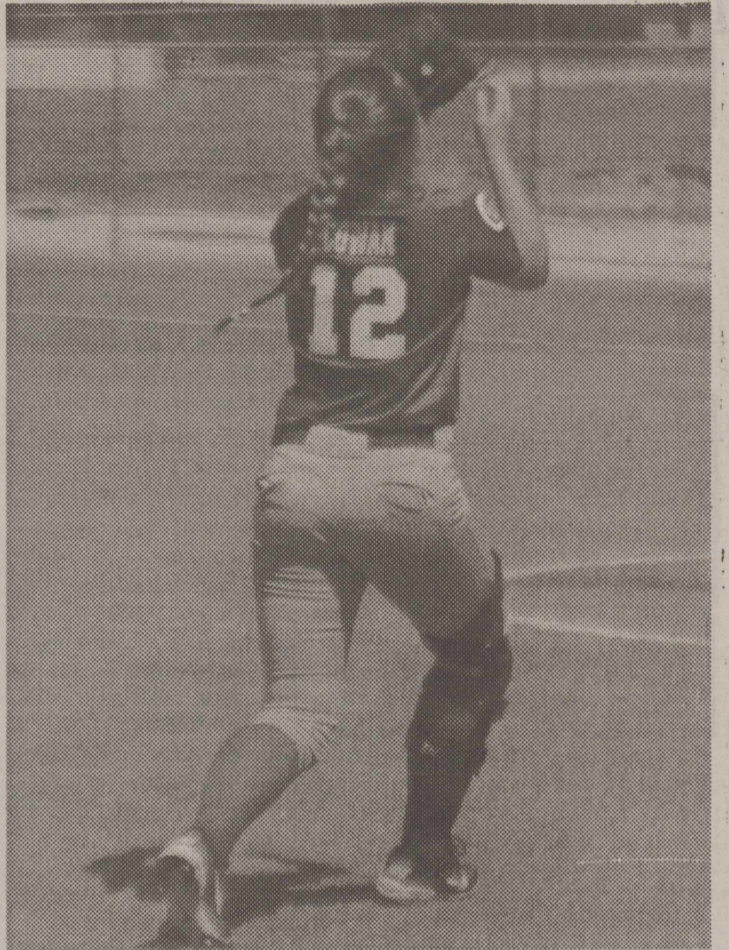


Ty Tipton, shown here with his father, Tracy Tipton, was named the 2017 Buffaloes Baseball Offensive Player of the Year and the 2017 Class AA - District 7 All Star District Newcomer of the Year. Tipton was a sophomore this past year.

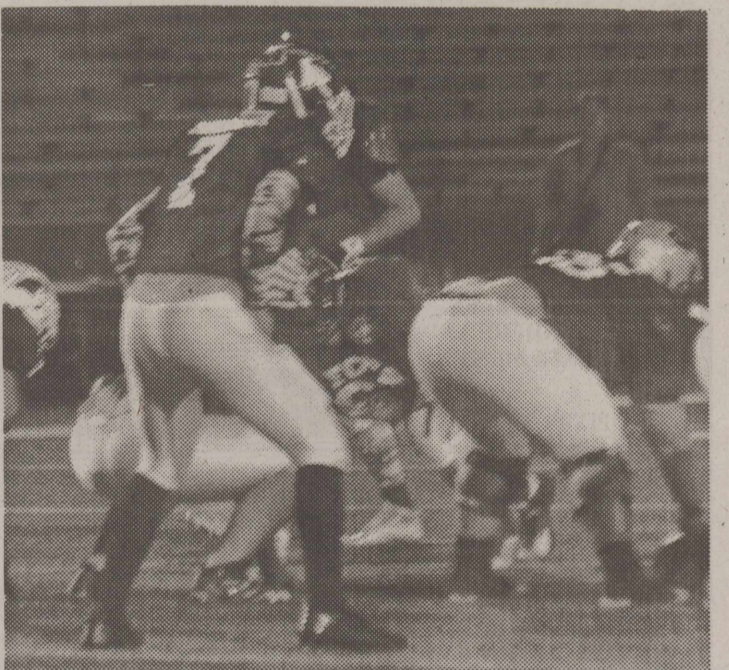


Katy Jo Morgan selected for All-State team

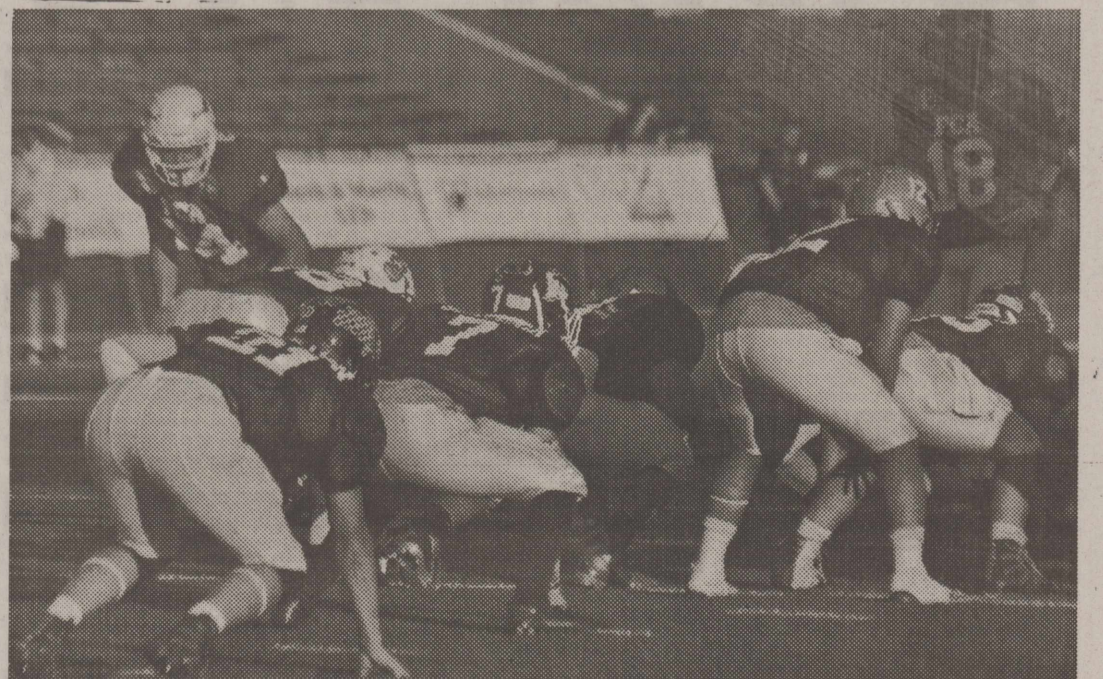
The Texas Girls Coaches Association has selected it's All-State softball honors for the 2017 year. Katy Jo Morgan was selected for the 1A All - State team. Katy Jo was classified as a Junior for the 2017 year. She was a pitcher and a shortstop for the Cross Plains Lady Buff softball team. Congratulations to Katy Jo for receiving this honor.



2017 CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HANNAH COWAN, #12 IN BLACK, CATCHES A POP UP AT THIRD BASE FOR THE SOUTH ALL-STARS DURING THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES ALL-STAR SOFTBALL GAME HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH AT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY IN SAN ANGELO



2017 CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HOLDEN SENCLAIR, #7 IN BLACK, LINES UP FOR THE FCA BLUE ALL-STARS IN THE VICTORY FORMATION AT THE END OF THE FCA ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME PLAYED SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH AT SHOTWELL STADIUM. HOLDEN SCORED THE FIRST TOUCHDOWN OF THE BALLGAME ON A RECOVERED FUMBLE ON A MUFFED PUNT IN THE ENDZONE FOR THE BLUE ALL-STARS. THE BLUE ALL STARS WON THE GAME 14-0.



2017 CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HOLDEN SENCLAIR, #7 IN BLACK, SECOND FROM THE RIGHT, LINES UP AT FULLBACK FOR THE BLUE ALL-STARS DURING THE ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME PLAYED SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH AT SHOTWELL STADIUM IN ABILENE

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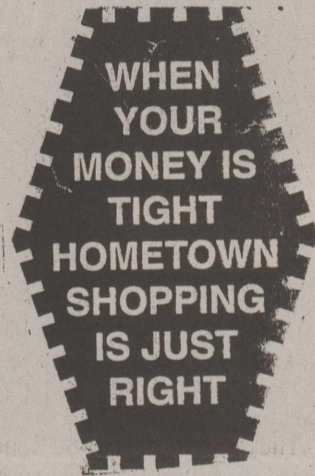
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Eugene McDermott, Co-founder of Texas Instruments & UT-Dallas

The world is changing fast. Some see that as a reason for fear, while others see an opportunity. The most successful men and women are those who seize what life has to offer and charge ahead into the future. Those most worthy of admiration are those who not only become successful themselves but also open a door for the success of others. One of those Texas builders of the future was Eugene McDermott, co-founder of both Texas Instruments and the University of Texas at Dallas.

Eugene McDermott was born in Brooklyn, New York, in February 1899, a time when cars and airplanes were still only dreams and electric lights and telephones were still distant luxuries for others. He had a sharp sense of curiosity, and as a young man, enrolled at Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1919 while still only 20 years old.

In 1923, he started working at Western Electric, an electrical engineering and manufacturing firm that mostly developed telephone wires and components for American Telephone and Telegraph Co. At the same time, McDermott began furthering his own education and earned a masters degree in physics from New York City's Columbia University in 1925.

After graduate school, he soon began working with Western Electric co-worker Clarence Karcher, who had started a new company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Geophysical Research Corporation. Karcher was using seismographs not just to detect earthquakes but as a promising new tool in oil exploration. Along the way, McDermott used his skills to fine-tune their techniques.

In 1930, McDermott partnered with Karcher and E. L. DeGolyer to form Geophysical Services Inc., continuing their seismic oil exploration efforts. McDermott picked up five patents for his devices. With World War II, the company began making equipment for the military, making radars and equipment to detect submarines. In 1946, the company developed its own electronics lab. Though there was still a lot of money to be made in oil exploration, McDermott and his partners realized that the future was in electronics. In 1951, McDermott pulled together a team of partners, including J. Eric Jonsson, the future mayor of Dallas, Cecil Green, an English-born geophysicist, and engineer Patrick Haggerty to re-form the company as Texas Instruments.

As they created electronic products, the company began

developing ways for these products to run faster and new ways to process information. In 1954, TI engineers developed the silicon transistor, a new type of semiconductor. This was followed by Jack Kilby's invention of the integrated circuit for the company in 1958, a breakthrough that heralded the beginning of the computer age. Texas Instruments became a runaway success and pushed for steady improvements in computer technology through the 1960s. While the company rewarded innovation, it also strove for efficiency, weeding out waste. It also moved into consumer products, producing the first hand-held electronic calculator by 1967.

Education became a special passion for McDermott. Green and Jonsson also recognized the critical problem that the lack of locally-available engineers posed for the long-term viability of the company. To create the products and breakthroughs of the future, they needed trained professionals. As a result, the three founded the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1961. Not only would this help ensure a steady supply of future engineers and scientists for Texas Instruments, but it allowed countless students to have the skills to be on the cutting edge of developing science and technology.

The school steadily grew, and the three helped fund a new building for the facility in Rich-

ardson in 1964. In 1969, Texas reorganized the center into a full university as the University of Texas at Dallas.

McDermott remained an active part of the company as a member of the TI Board of Directors until his passing in 1973. Though he left behind a successful, thriving company with Texas Instruments, he left a legacy for education.

The Eugene McDermott Foundation, established in 1955, gives grants for educational and cultural purposes. With more than \$70 million in assets, it has become one of the largest foundations in Texas. One of the UT-Dallas libraries is named for him. In 2000, his wife, Margaret, gave \$32 million to UT-Dallas to establish the Eugene McDermott Scholars Program, which brings together students majoring in engineering, physics, medicine, and the humanities to train not only future minds but help transform them into future leaders. Margaret McDermott has continued generous philanthropy to the university with a new multi-million dollar gift in 2010 to improve and modernize the look of the university and a donation of \$10 million in January 2017 to the honors school at the university. Texas Instruments today is a multi-billion dollar corporation, and UT-Dallas boasts more than 26,000 students.

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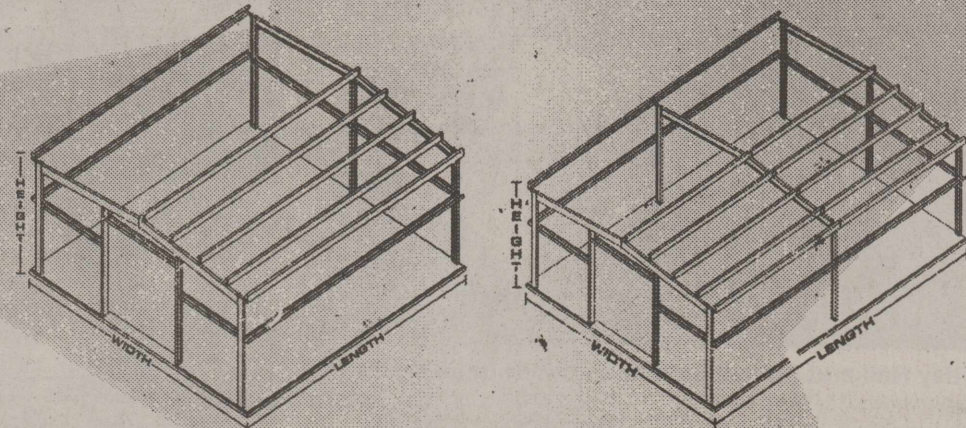
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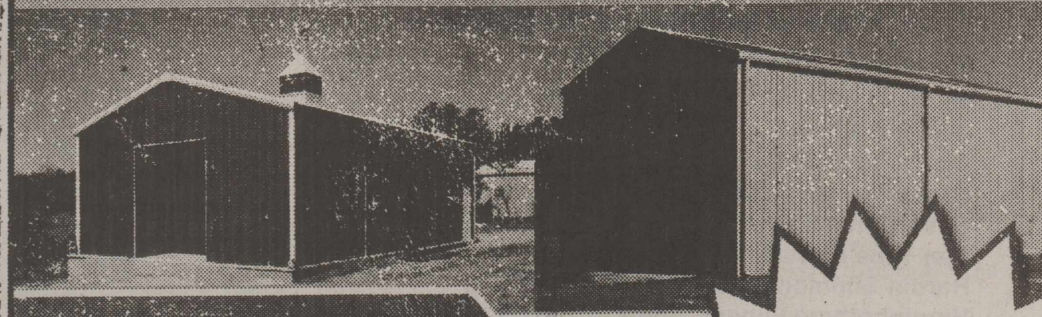
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The Class of '57, Concho Grass and vocalist Crissy Marlett entertained the crowd, along with Magician Jeffrey Jester and the kids in the hula hoop contests.

A stroll through the park showed off the many clothing, jewelry, home decor and other vendors.

Kids jumped, climbed and crawled through the inflatable obstacle course. Smaller children had fun playing on the bounce castle provided by Fun Time Rentals of Cross Plains.

All the kids visited the Garden Club booth to have their face painted.

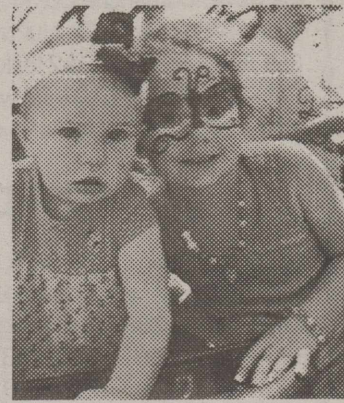
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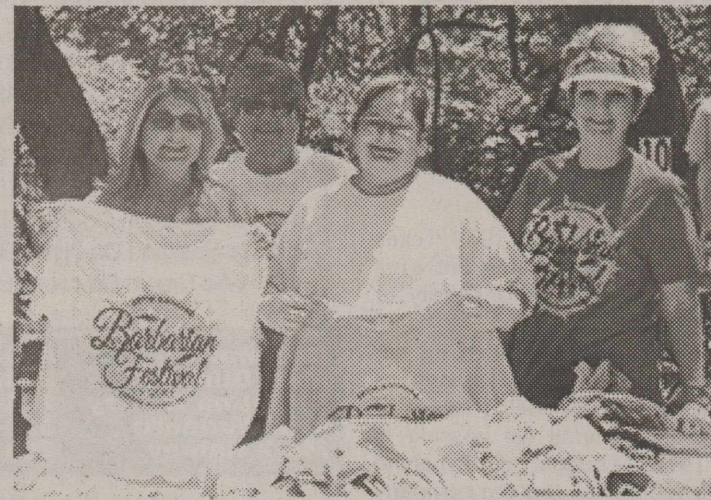
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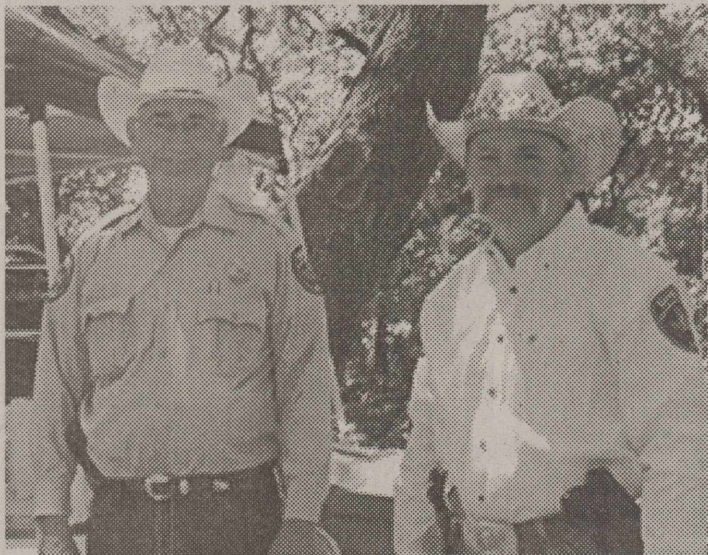
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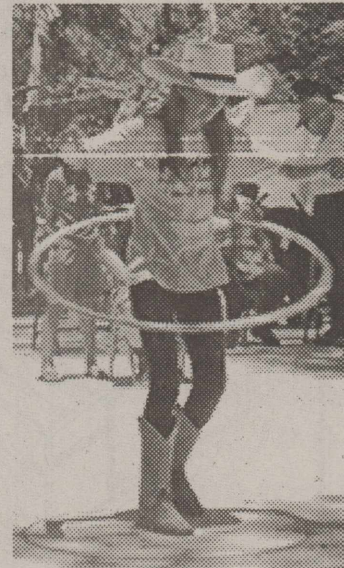
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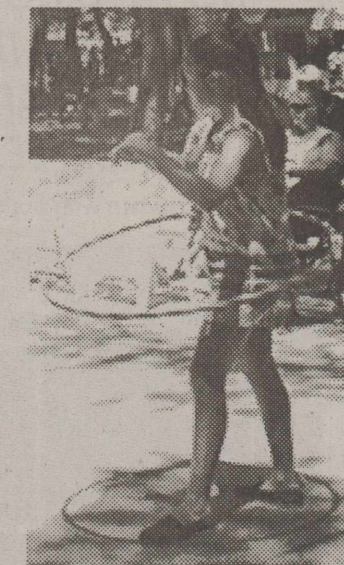
Magician Jeffrey Jester delighted the kids



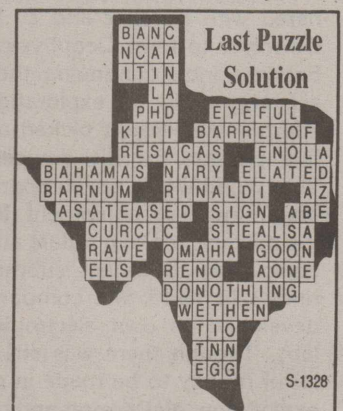
Bentley Hall and Abigail Bisbee on the Bounce Castle slide



The Youngest Group of the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playdate Kids. All the kids were introduced from the stage and tried their hands at hula hooping.



Vocalist Chrissy Marlett



Last Puzzle Solution

Thank You

To everyone who worked so hard to make the Barbarian Festival and Parade a success. We appreciate all of your support.

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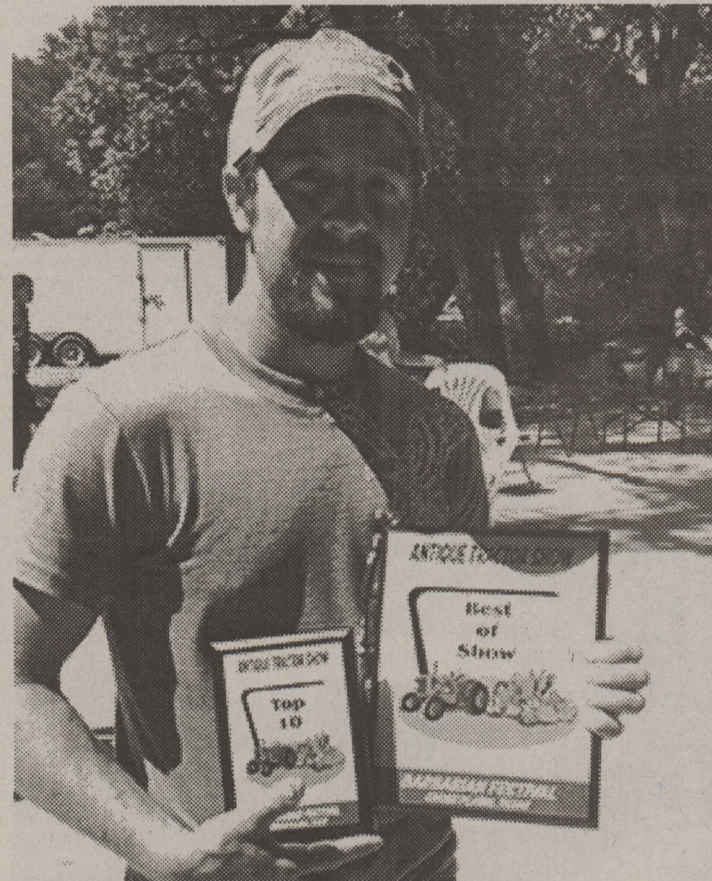
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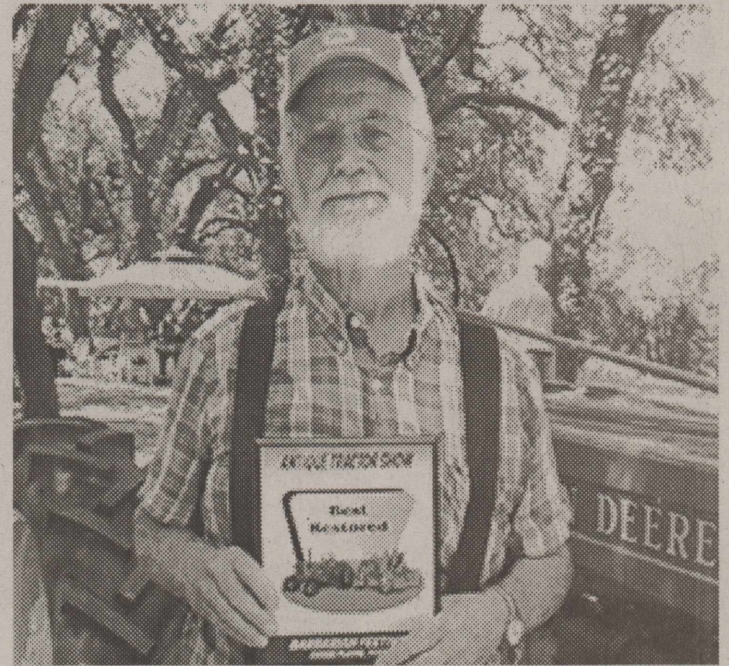
Tractor Show Winners at the Barbarian Festival



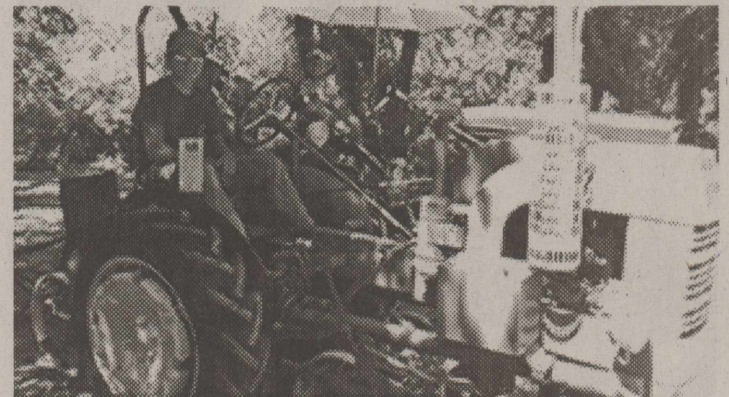
Eddy Morton and Radley Morton on Sheryl's Goble's Tractor.



Best of Show, Jesse Hutton of Rising Star



Best Restored Tractor - 1941 John Deere Model H, Clarence Chambers, Brownwood



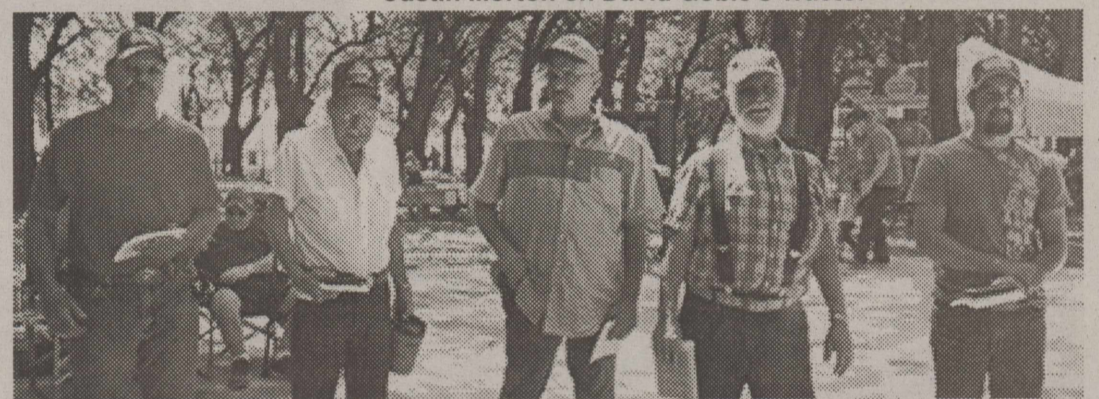
Justin Morton on David Goble's Tractor

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The Antique Tractor Show was a crowd-pleaser at the Barbarian Festival!
 Jesse Hutton of Rising Star won the Best of Show.
 Clarence Chambers of Brownwood received the Best

Restored Tractor award for his 1941 John Deere Model H.
 The Top 5 Tractors were shown by: Jesse Hutton, Clarence Chambers, David Goble and Eddy Martin.

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Antique and Classic Car Show Winners

Everyone loves looking at the Antique and Classic Cars at the Car Show at the Barbarian Festival.

Winners in each division were chosen by independent judges from the many entries.

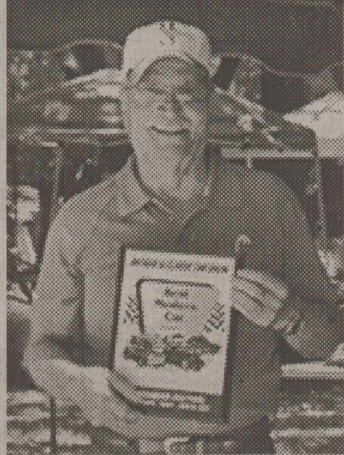
Best Modern Car when to Wayne White for his 2004 Ford Mustang.

Best Modern Truck was awarded to Daniel Purcell for his 1984 Chevrolet Pickup.

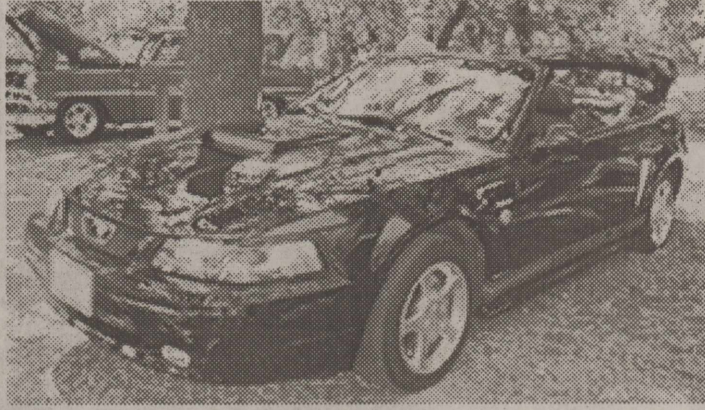
Best Classic Car went to Thomas Haynes for his 1939 Chevy.

Best Classic Truck went to Donnie Barnum for his 1955 Chevrolet Pickup.

The People's Choice Award went to David Goble for his 1956 Ford Thunderbird.



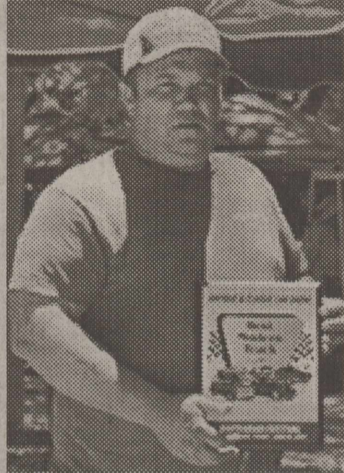
Wayne White, Best Modern Car



Wayne White's 2004 Ford Mustang.



David Goble receiving the People's Choice Award.



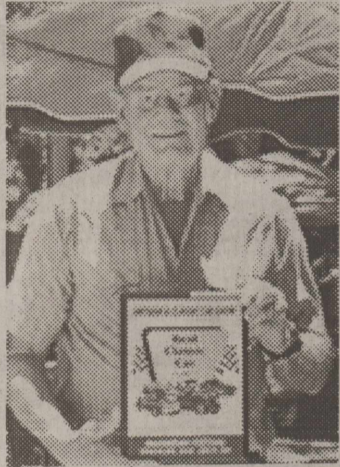
Daniel Purcell, Best Modern Truck



Daniel Purcell's 1984 Chevy Pickup



David Goble's 1956 Thunderbird



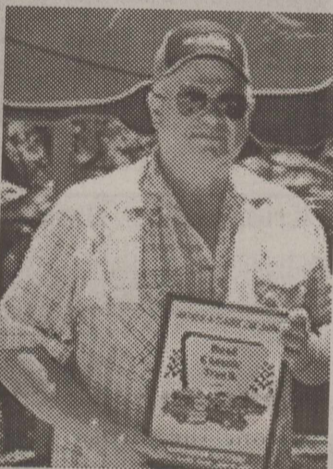
Thomas Haynes, Best Classic Car



Thomas Haynes' 1939 Chevy



Donnie Barnum and his 1955 Chevy Pickup



Donnie Barnum, Best Classic Truck



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- It could be used for the word "bank"
- UH has won lots of golf titles
- TXism: "you can write ___ ink"
- French explorer of TX: S ur de Salle
- degree of many TX professors
- TXism: "got an ___ (saw a lot)"
- Corpus Christi TV
- TXism: "crooked as a ___ snakes"
- former river channels in the Rio Grande Valley
- a Texan flew scout for atomic bomber
- Gay
- a Caribbean site for TX-based Grandy's
- TXism: "___ a soul"
- thrilled
- TX Earle was ___ & Bailey's
- "Tallest Man in the World"
- Italian POW who painted a mural in a Castro County chapel
- this Zaprunder filmed JFK assassination (init.)
- TXism: "mad ___ snake"
- TXism: "never ___ anything in the glow of a neon light"
- "Honest ___"
- Yugoslav Radisav ___ played for the Mavs in 1993
- TXism: "___ little shut-eye" (naps)
- TX Buddy Holly hit: "___ On"
- town in NE and TX
- thug
- words before Paso and Campo
- town in NV and TX
- TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- TXism: "he don't ___ but burn hay" (bad horse)
- TXism: "mad as a ___"
- a King Ranch Kleberg
- a cable network before it was called "Spike"
- TXism: "___ money" (change)
- NYSE symbol for TX-based Burlington Northern, Inc.
- TXism: "play possum"
- TXism: "111 ___ hide to the barn door"
- newspaper in seat of Hemphill County
- pecan and pumpkin
- TXism: "___ ducks on a pond"
- 365 days (abbr.)
- TXism: "let ___ rip!"
- TX Roy Orbison duet with Emmylou: "That Lovin' You ___"
- arm bone
- stolen goods
- TX Robert Benton directed 1979 film
- Kramer
- TXism: "a real ___ burner" (exciting)
- plant once thought to repel itchy pests
- government medical program: Medi ___
- axlike tool
- air gun ammo
- Friona High School class
- there's 24 in a day (abbr.)
- in 1853, King Ranch land cost 2c
- Valley's "Texas Citrus ___"
- ___ wood, TX
- TXism: "___ shuck" (left quickly)
- "Cowpokes" artist Reid
- TXism: "gave me ___ and a dance" (runaround)
- crazy person
- sound made by a "mobile mouse trap"
- Dallas' 1st female mayor, Strauss shower sandal
- TXism: "careless about which horse ___ saddles" (thief)

Cookoff entries, vendors sought 2017 Festival by the Lake is planned Friday and Saturday, June 30th, July 1st

The 2017 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for Friday, June 30th & Saturday, July 1st at the Clyde Lake.

There is no admission fee to the festival area; however the Men of Clyde will be on hand to accept donations to help cover cost of the event.

This is the eleventh year the Festival by the Lake has occurred. Last year's attendance was estimated at over 13,000 and is expected to be exceeded this year, according to Festival chairman Sheree Gray. The festival committee is pleased to report that all measures of safety will be taken with a presence of law enforcement and medical teams in case of need.

FAMILY FUN

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

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

The fireworks on Friday night, June 30th will shot off by Gray Electric.

The fireworks display on Saturday night, July 1st will be shot off by Richard Sheffield and Chad

Sheffield.

Live entertainment scheduled:
Friday, June 30th: 5:00-7:00
- Mexia Creek Band.

Friday, June 30th: 7:00-9:00 -Honkeytonk Soul Sister Serenade.

Friday, June 30th: 9:00-11:00
- Guadalupe Pirates.

Saturday, July 1st: 12:00-2:00
-Santa Fe.

Saturday, July 1st: 2:00-4:00
-Three Shades Blue.

Saturday, July 1st: 5:00-7:00
- Audrey Oliver.

Saturday, July 1st: 7:00-9:00
- Dave Hobbs.

Saturday, July 1st: 9:00-11:30
- Bo McDowell

The City of Clyde also constructed a new \$10,000 roof over the band stage area for this year's concerts.

COOK-OFF COMPETITION on Saturday

Information and registration forms for cook-off teams can be picked up at City Halls in Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains. Categories that require an entry fee include brisket, ribs, chicken, beans & dessert.

A new addition of a hamburger patty category for kids only will also be included this year. That category will be cooked on Friday, June 30th, and will be judged on Friday night.

Another new category of competition again this year, not requiring an entry fee, is "Best Damn Campsite". Cook-off campsites will be judged on how they are decorated to capture the spirit of the event. They will be judged on Friday night,

June 30th.

Cook-off teams meet at 5:00 p.m. Friday for final instructions. Deadline is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

FOOD and MERCHANDISE

Vendors offering food and merchandise will be at the festival. A few merchandise vendor spaces are still available for this year. Get information by calling Sheree Gray at 370-9560.

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The Festival committee is most appreciative of the support of the following businesses and organizations that make the 2-day event spectacular: City of Clyde, Clyde Economic Development Corp., Blake Fulenwider Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep, Edward Jones, First Bank Texas, Gray Electric, Tytan Heating & Cooling and ResourceCare and Mister Car Wash in Abilene.

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CAMPsites AVAILABLE

For camping information at Clyde Lake contact David at 893-5339 or visit the City of Clyde's website with a link at clydefestivalbythelake.com. Clyde Lake is located 8 miles south of Interstate 20, east of FM 604, at FM 3217. The City's Facebook page is also located on the City of Clyde's website.

Cross Plains Remembered Books Available

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rebekah Crockett makes Dean's List

2016 Cross Plains Graduate, Rebekah Jane Crockett, just completed her first year of college at Abilene Christian University. She is studying Education and wants to be a teacher. She has worked hard enough to make the Dean's List for both semesters. Not only has she managed an average of at least a 3.75 her first year of college, but she has had lots of fun as well. She has remained faithful to God and has made lots of life long friends along the way. So proud of you Rebekah.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Angela Carol Osborne, theft by check \$20-\$500.
Martin Cervantes, driving while intoxicated.
Shannon D. Newman, theft.
David L. Tuggle, theft.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Amanda Moore, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
Vincent W. Wallace, motion to resisting arrest granted in the interest of justice.
Vincent W. Wallace, motion to deadly conduct granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses
Justin Barney Rocha and Darla Jean Arp, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
James Eidson, presiding

Civil Filings
Tanya Lee Black and Jerry Don Black, divorce.
Isaiah Raymond Guerrero, an adult, name change.
Jerry Walter Dominy and Sandra Lee Dominy, divorce.
Charles Wayne Bruton and

Glenda Dale Bruton, divorce.
Billy Joe Sharp, Jr. and Heather Dawn Sharp, divorce.
Brooklynn Dawn Pack and Colton Wade Pack, divorce.
James Griffen vs. Jamie Fahnrtrapp, injury or damage, motor vehicle.

Civil Minutes
Texas Heritage Bank vs. Melanie Knight, default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$28,915.81 from defendant.
Alisha Leeann McCullough and John Wallace McCullough, divorce granted.
Maria A. Monroy and Martin Rocha, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes
Teralyn Terry, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 10 months in prison, \$324 court costs.
D'Anthony Mitchell, plea of guilty to forgery, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$320 court costs.
Chasity Rhine, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 6 months in jail, \$324 court costs.
Jeff Honea, plea of guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$299 court costs.

Commissioners appoint Eddie Riley as Citizens EMS County Board Member

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on Monday, June 12, 2017 A.D., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Jan Windham, County Treasurer; and Nicole Crocker, Deputy Clerk. Also attending the meeting were: Rick Jowers, Sheriff's Office; Terry Joy, Sheriff's Office; Scott Kniffen; Ken Hawkins, KBL Restoration; Carl Barnes; Dale Taylor; Billie Sue Barnes; Michelle Beaty, CPA; Terry Phillips, Clyde ISD; Sam Goldsmith, Goldsmith Solution; Allen Espinosa, KC Wind, LLC; and James Wester, Underwood Law Firm, via telephone.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M. by Judge Corn. Commissioners Farmer and Kirkham were absent.

—The minutes from the meetings reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment there was none.

—No action was taken on the burn ban. The burn ban remains lifted.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept the Sheriff's Report and Overtime

Report. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

—There was no action taken on agenda item: Discuss - Consider - Order Regulating the use of certain fireworks-July 4th Firework Season.

—Dale Taylor spoke to the court about the road condition of County Road 115 & 112. No action taken.

—Carl Barnes spoke to the court about closing County Road 468. Commissioner Windham made a motion to table any decision on this item until the June 26, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint Eddie Riley as Citizens EMS County Board Member. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Judge Corn recognized and thanked Callahan County Historical Commission on the Distinguished Service Award.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept a donation of \$100 from 48 Study Club for Callahan County Library. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Michelle Beaty, CPA, presented the 2015-2016 audit

review. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the audit review. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Sam Goldsmith with Goldsmith Solutions presented to the court a Hilliard Contract for copier at jail. Judge Corn made a motion to approve the Hilliard Contract for copier at jail. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Sam Goldsmith and the Court discussed the removal of non-essential signage in front of courthouse. Commissioner Windham made a motion to remove non-essential signage in front of courthouse.

Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Discussion was held on courthouse roof repairs. Judge Corn made a motion to table discussion until the June 26, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Discussion was held on Tax Abatement Agreement with KC Wind, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Allen Espinosa and James Wester answered questions and concerns. Judge Corn made a motion that the County approve the Tax Abatement Agreement with KC Wind, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Government Code, as Presented, and authorize the County Commissioners Court and the County Judge to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement and to take any action and execute any documents necessary to facilitate the matters contemplated by the Tax Abatement Agreement. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0, with Commissioner Windham abstaining.

—Jan Windham presented the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay approved bills. Judge Corn seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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From the Cross Plains Review - 64 Years Ago August 27, 1953

From the Cross Plains Review... 64 years ago, August 8, 1953.

200 Ex-Students attend the Pioneer School Reunion. New officers are: W. T. McClure, Dewitt Underwood and Ace Hickman.

Nettie A. Newton, 94, former Cross Plains Postmistress, was buried at Pioneer.

Schools will open on Monday. Paul Whitton was the superintendent, Hubert M. Kelly the Elementary School Principal.

Garmond Parrish, high school senior, has joined the Naval Reserve Program and reports for training each Thursday night in Abilene.

Frank McGary's Service Station on South Main is being modernized. It will re-open this weekend. Workmen are pouring new concrete driveways and installing new modern gas pumps for the Texaco Company.

Billie Ruth Loving is to receive her master's degree from North Texas State University.

Wilmajean Chapman and Fred Dill say nuptial vows in Church of God in Abilene. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dill.

Your favorite dishes the way you like them - are served at the Night and Day Cafe.

New fabric has arrived at the Piece Goods Department of Higginbothams. Corduroy, Velveteen and Cottons are on sale. Patterns are 25 cents to 50 cents.

Swim at Lake Cisco. Ladies swim free on Thursdays 1 to 10 p.m. Adults 35 cents, children 15 cents.

Cross Plains Hillbilly Picnic Park, every Sunday afternoon. Show starts at 1:30, good entertainment until 7 p.m. \$1.00 per parked car.

The Review offers apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tyler. Their little daughter Debra Sue's name was misspelled in the announcement of her birth in the previous edition of the Review.

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Country Singer/Songwriter Bobby Luster performed at the Dance after the Barbarian Festival. The dance, which benefitted the Cross Plains 4-H and the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club, was sponsored by Sparks Insurance and Barr Fabrication.

From the Cross Plains Review - 21 Years Ago June 6, 1996

From the Cross Plains Review... 21 years ago, June 6, 1996.

New Chamber of Commerce board members are Gene Greenwood, Julene Franke and Tim Dillard. They are in addition to current board members: Steve Mack, Phillip Schaefer, Johnnie Bland, Rolan Jones, Keith Lawrence and Melissa Richards.

Robert E. Howard cancellation was designed by local artist, Carol Greenwood.

Robert E. Howard Weekend begins on June 14 with various activities.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Cottonwood Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School is June 19th-23rd, from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. The program is "Maker Fun Factory.... created by God, Built for a Purpose". All kids up to 6th grade are welcome to come. Parents, please walk your children in on the first day for registration. Call Thomas Estes, if you need some more information about Vacation Bible School 325-370-2208.

Everyone enjoyed the Barbarian Festival Parade, Fish Fry and Barbarian Festival. Bryan and Grace

Bennett handed out water at the Methodist Church booth. Ellen and Greg Steidle and the Cottonwood Baptist Church youth group worked at the festival. Many other Cottonwood folks were out at the festival working booths or enjoying the live music and the festivities.

Because of the rain, the Burn Ban has been lifted. You can burn and weld, but please be careful. If you are planning a control burn, please call the Sheriff's office before you light the match. Their number: 325-854-1444.

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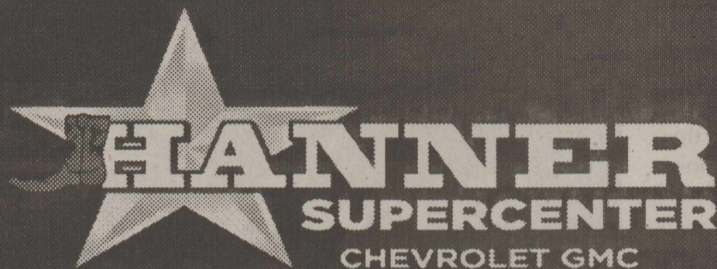
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The Cross Plains Public Library will host "Meet the Author" with Carol Kjar, featuring her new book "Scraps of Wisdom: All I Needed to Know I Learned in Quilting Class" at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20th. We will start off the event with a FREE lunch at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center and then move to the library for a program with Carol. She will answer questions, and autograph copies of her book.

"Scraps of Wisdom" presents twelve quilting rules, tips, hints, and suggestions passed on by a special quilting instructor. Those lucky enough to be her students came away with more than quilting skills because her rules went beyond sewing. Her twelve rules also present life lessons and spiritual instruction,

helping us lead richer lives. Come inside and discover how to cut block pieces accurately, sew them together precisely, and make something beautiful and useful out of fabric. Four simple block patterns are given, along with instructions on how to make them the size you want them to be. Read about the life philosophies that come from quilting and the Bible verses that support them. Quilting is more than a craft. It's a way to face life. - Amazon.com

You must RSVP to the library at 254-725-7722 by June 15th for the free lunch. Reservations are not necessary for the program. Participants may pick up a copy of her book at the library for only \$8. Join us for a fun and educational opportunity!

Governor Abbott signs 2018-19 state budget in law

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today signed the 2018-2019 state budget into law.

In addition to signing the budget, the Governor vetoed approximately \$120 million in spending from the budget.

"I am once again signing a budget that addresses the most pressing challenges faced by our state," said Governor Abbott. "This budget funds a life-saving overhaul of Child Protection Services, continues to fund the state's role in securing our border, and ensures that the workforce of today and tomorrow have the resources they need to keep Texas' economy growing and thriving. Lastly, this budget

restrains state-controlled spending below the growth in the state's estimated population and inflation."

From the Cross Plains Review - 71 Years Ago January 4, 1946

From the Cross Plains Review... 71 years ago, January 4, 1946.

Firemen were called out to the Howard Gary place, one-half mile east of town on the highway, where fire broke out in a peanut hay-filled barn.

Fire Chief V. C. Walker reminds the public that obstruction of fire equipment will no longer be tolerated. It has been the habit of people, as soon as they hear the blast of the fire siren, to rush pell-mell in the direction of the fire, unthoughtedly driving in front of the firetruck and at times passing it.

Schools reopened Dec. 31 after a week of vacation. Two faculty members resigned: Mrs. Mary Beth Saunders, fifth grade, and Mrs. Russell McGowan, high school English. V. V. Monsey has returned from Naval service and has re-opened the Monsey & Son service station located on Hiway 36 across the street from Scott's Floral.

Cross Plains' 2017 retail sales up 5% from 2016

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2017 are just over five percent higher than 2016, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, May 10th.

Cross Plains' 2017 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$95,650.40, which is 5.64 percent higher than the \$90,539.03 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2016.

The payment to the city for May 2017 was \$21,399.15, which is 6.50 percent higher than the \$20,091.81 payment made to the city in May 2016.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$787.8 million in local sales tax allocations for May, 2.6 percent more than in May 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

"The cities of Irving, Round Rock, Dallas, San Antonio and Odessa saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of McAllen and Sugar Land saw noticeable decreases."

Hegar sent Texas cities \$514.7 million in May 2017, which is higher by 1.9 percent compared to May 2016 and higher by 2.4 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$46.5 million in May 2017 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 4.7 percent compared to May 2016 and higher by 1.1 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$175.3 million in May 2017 sales tax allocations, which is 1.7 percent higher than May 2016 and higher by 3.3 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$51.3 million in May 2017 allocations, which is 11.5 percent higher than May 2016 and higher by 10.6 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$787.8 million in May 2017, which is 2.6 percent higher than May 2016 and higher by 3.0 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2016	2017
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$90,539.03	\$95,650.40
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$20,091.81	\$21,399.15

monthly sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

For details of May sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2017 started the year 2.23 percent higher than the 2016 payments. The city has received \$123,013.48 in 2017, while the 2016 tax payments to the city totaled \$120,327.68.

Baird's monthly payment for May 2017 was \$33,709.94, which is 15.40 percent higher than the \$29,211.35 payment made to Baird in May 2016.

—The 2017 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 0.92 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2016. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$301,013.16 in 2017. The 2016 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$298,247.58.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for May 2017 was \$87,790.50, which is 12.57 percent higher than the \$77,981.52 payment made to the city in May 2016.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2017 payments to the town totaled \$3,120.64, which is lower by 6.20 percent from the 2016 payments to the city in the amount of \$3,327.03.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of May 2017 was

\$711.39, which is 8.02 percent higher than the \$658.54 payment made to Putnam in May 2016.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.



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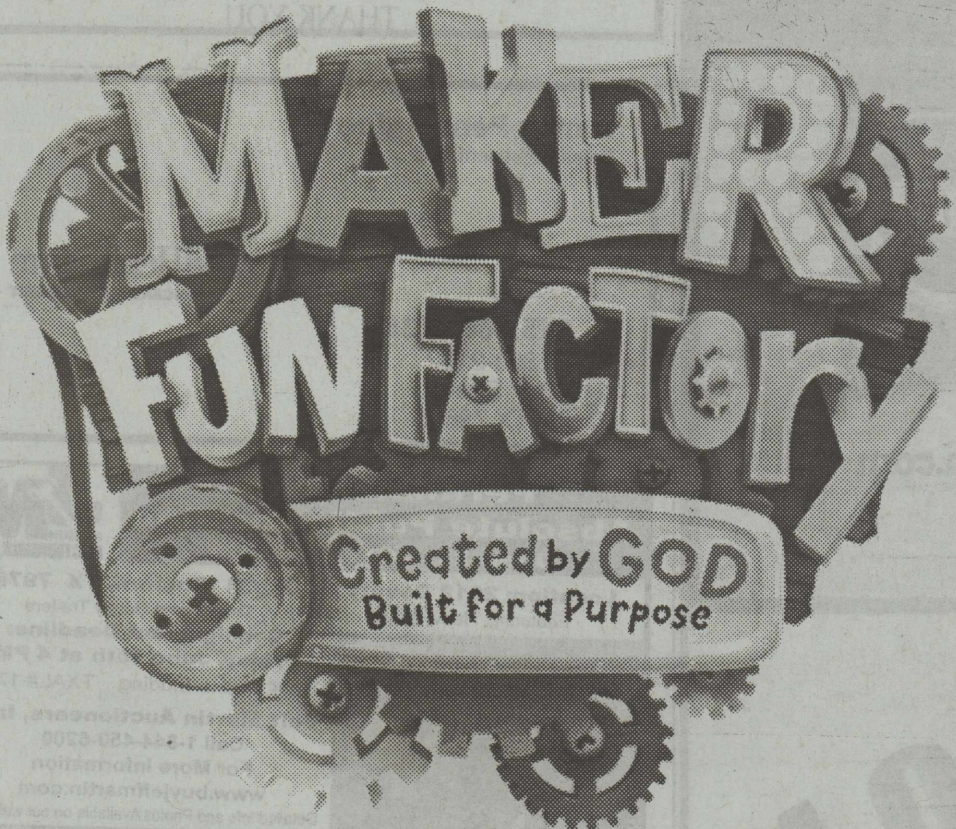
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The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains is proud to announce their affiliation with Stephen Ministries, a not-for-profit Christian Education organization, to the Cross Plains and surrounding communities. Stephen Ministries was founded in 1975 and is a part of over 12,000 congregations.

In its 42 years of service, Stephen Ministries has trained over 600,000 leaders in 170 Christian denominations in all 50 states, 10 Canadian Provinces, and 25 other countries worldwide.

Stephen Ministry is a source of caring one-on-one ministry within our community. The Stephen Minister (SM) is called to, "bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). The SM develops a purely confidential, caring relationship to walk side by side with you through whatever challenges life has given. Whether it is the difficulty of divorce, parenting, illness, hospitalization, unemployment or death a SM listens and walks with you through the difficult time.

Each SM spends time with one community member confidentially to listen, encourage, and care for that person exclusively until the hardship resolves. There are both male and female SM to assure that men can meet with men and women with women. All names and personally

identifiable information is omitted to ensure that confidentiality is kept by strict standards.

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings in the community by allowing Christians to respond to Christ's commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). It provides the community with a team of gifted, talented, trained people to help minister to hurting people. People who would benefit from a

compassionate companion for emotional and spiritual support. Stephen Ministry may be just what you, or someone you know, need in your life at this moment.

For more information, or to connect with a local Stephen Minister, contact the First United Methodist Church 4000 N. Main, church phone 254-725-7377, Lee Anne Morton-Stephen Leader 325-220-1716.

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We Want to Thank Everyone Who Helped with the Fundraiser for LaDonna!!

Special thanks to Joe Terstegge for cooking the brisket. To everyone else who helped furnish and prepare food, who donated items for the silent auction and cake auction, thanks for your generosity!! It takes a Caring Community to demonstrate love, support and prayers, and we live in one!

Thanks and love,
Sharolyn, Carolyn and Connie
LaDonna and Family

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Cross Plains Community Calendar

June
 June 14 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Trip to the Ice House, 1:30 p.m.
 June 18 - Father's Day
 June 21 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Trip to the Fire Department, 1:30 p.m.
 June 24 - Saturday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday
 June 25-28 - Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
 June 28 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Miniature Houses and Furniture, 1:30 p.m.
July
 July 2 - Sunday, Ice Cream Crank-Off, First United Methodist Church. Judging 4 p.m., Eating 5 p.m.
 July 4 - Tuesday, City of Cross Plains and Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July Celebration at Treadway Park.

5:30 p.m. Bingo, Dunking Booth. Fireworks after dark.
 July 5 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Building Bird Houses, 1:30 p.m.
 July 12 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Building a Stamp Collection, 1:30 p.m.
 July 19 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Building a Cupcake, 1:30 p.m.
 July 20 - Thursday, Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet. First Baptist Church Family Life Center. 6:30 p.m.
 July 26 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program
August
 August 2 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Splash in the Park, 1:30 p.m.
 August 29 - Tuesday CPISD School Starts

September
 September 4 - Monday, Labor Day. Schools out. City, county, federal offices, banks and many businesses closed.
Driver's License Office in Baird is now open
 The Driver's License Office on the second floor in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN.
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Summer Reading Program: Trip to the Fire Department, Wednesday, June 21st

The Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Program continues on Wednesday, June 21st with "A Trip to the Ice House".
 Students can have fun every Wednesday afternoon visiting the fire department, learning about miniature house and furniture, building bird houses, cup cakes, stamp collections and signs.
 The Summer Reading Program ends on August 2nd with the very popular "Splash in the Park".
 The remaining summer reading programs:
 June 21st - Trip to the Fire Department
 June 28th - Miniature Houses and Furniture
 July 5 - Building Bird Houses
 July 12th - Building a Stamp Collection
 July 19th - Building a Cup Cake
 July 26th - Building Signs and Posters
 August 2nd - Splash in the Park
 All of the programs start at 1:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

June 19th - June 23rd
Monday-19th- Exercise 11:00/Music Jam 6:00 pm
Tuesday-20th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 pm
Wednesday-21st Exercise 11:00/Foot Care by Kindred at Home of Eastland
Thursday-22nd Exercise 11:00
Friday-23rd 11:15 Bingo with Cisco Nursing Home
 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

June 19th - June 23rd
Monday 19th-Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, Lima Beans, Bread, Dessert
Tuesday 20th -Cheese-burger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion, Pickles
Wednesday 21st-Chicken Fajitas Salad, Chips, , Hot Sauce, Birthday Cake
Thursday 22nd- Salmon Patties, Baked Beans, bread Salad,Hush-puppies, Dessert
Friday 23rd-Ham & Cheese Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, Pea Salad, Chips, Dessert
 MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
 Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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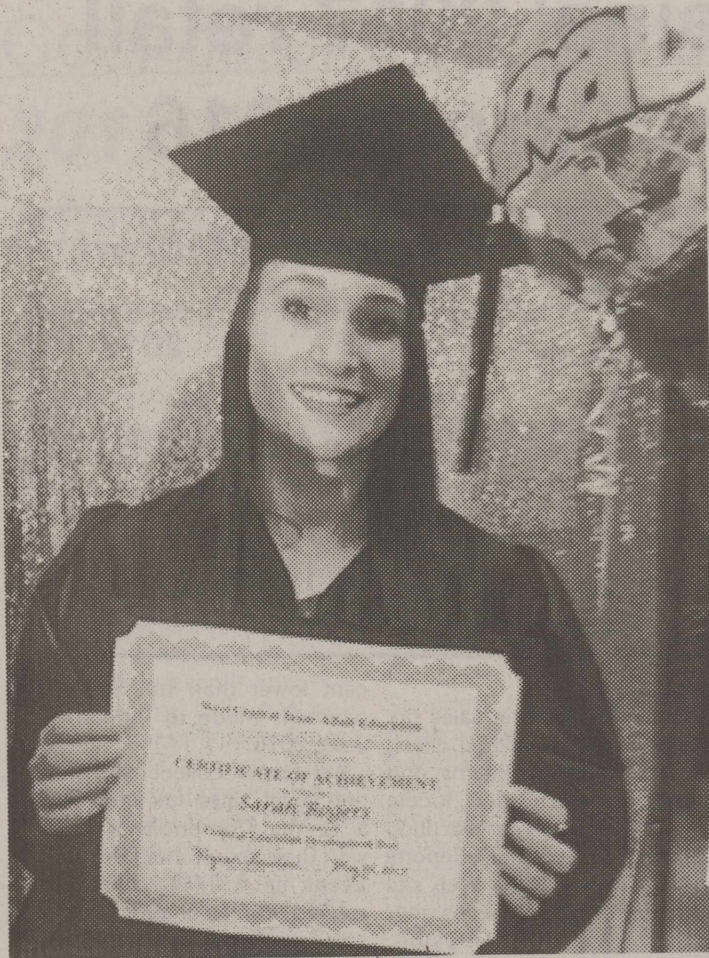


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good life". She has attended orientation for the School of Radiography at Hendrick Medical Center and is applying to Cisco College to complete prerequisites.

So many things can happen to keep students from completing high school. Adult education is an opportunity for second chances. We have free classes at the Cross Plains Library through AISD. In June, ten students will have earned their GED in the few years that the classes have been offered.

Classes will begin again in September. There are five good reasons to get your GED: better jobs and opportunity for promotions, being prepared to apply to college if you want, a sense of accomplishment, higher wages, and setting an example for your children and others. Check us out in the fall.



Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet set for July 20th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 6:30pm at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. The guest speaker this year will be Karl Winge, Callahan County Extension Agent. There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. The banquet will be catered by Mexico City Cafe and the menu includes a Chicken Fried Steak Plate

served with baked potato, dinner salad, green beans, roll, tea, and cake for dessert.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend our banquet. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 with ticket locations TBA!

The Chamber looks forward to seeing you at the Banquet!



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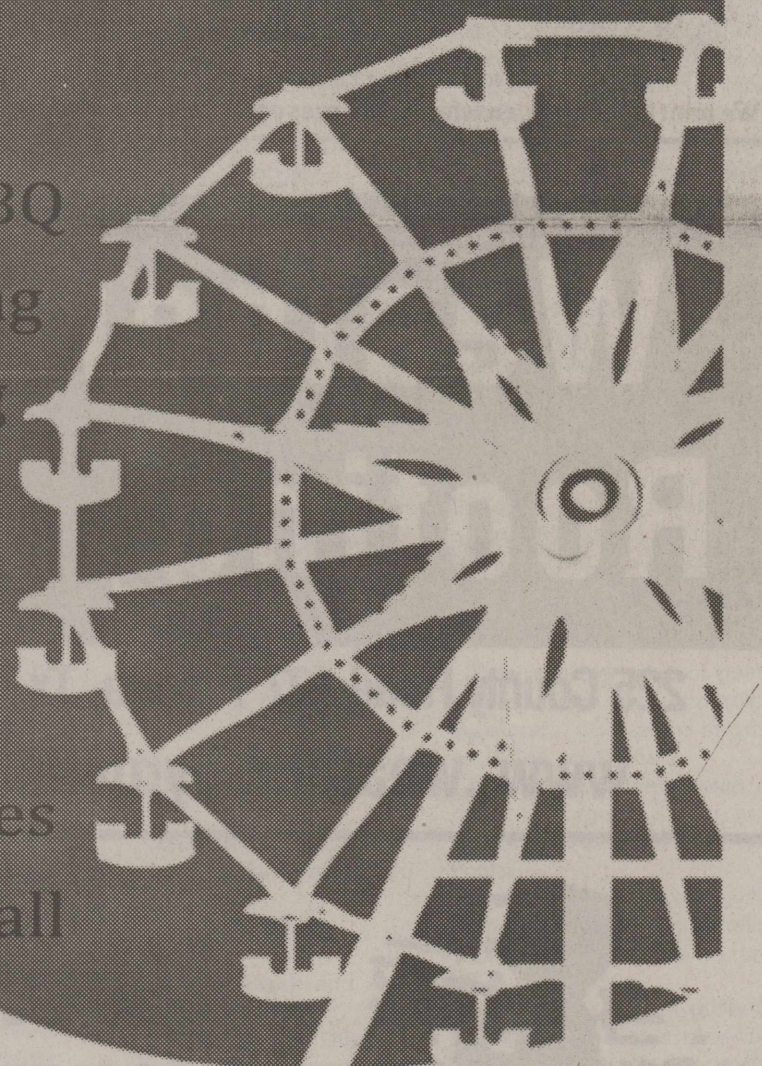
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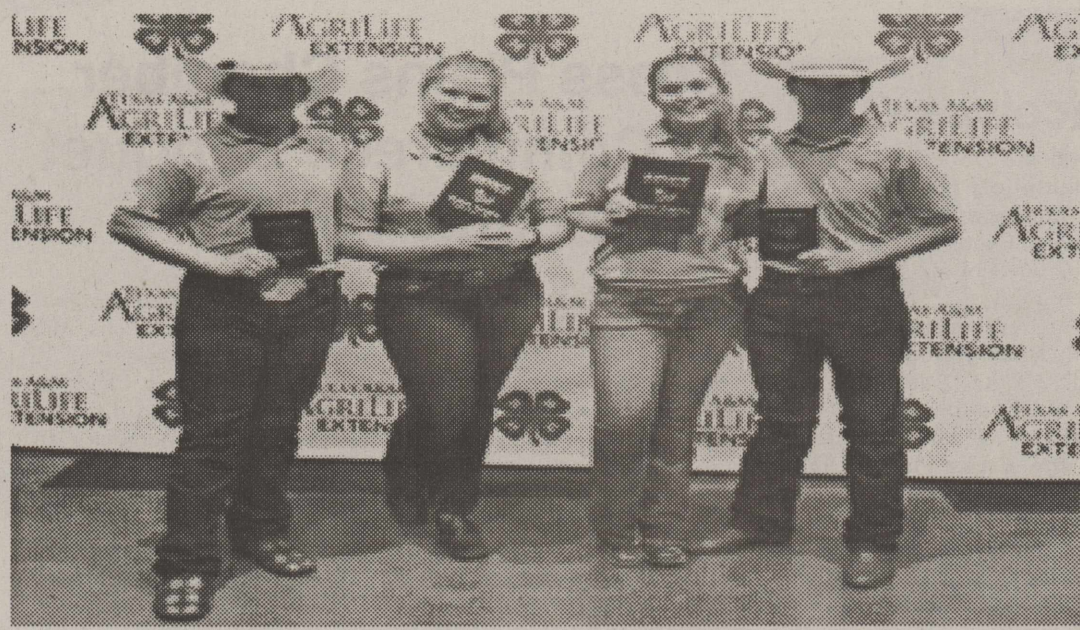
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CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H—Tara Kinslow, Kinley Martin, Devin Burton and Ethan Herod took third place at the State 4-H Roundup.

Callahan County 4-H places 3rd at State Roundup

State 4-H Round Up is held at Texas A&M University in the first week of June. This was Callahan County 4-H's first time to have a team compete at State Round Up in well over 10 years. The team competed against the best in state in the Mohair judging contest. The state mohair contest consisted of the rail and four placing and reason classes. The rail, the kids judged thirty samples based on the fineness of the fleeces. The kids judged four classes. Classes are placed by weight and they give answers to reasons why they placed the classes.

Leading up to State Round Up, Karl had a meeting with kids to discuss about the contest. In the meeting, a goal was set to be in the top 5 as a team, but he believed that they could be in the top three. These kids decided to work hard by having several practices that allowed them to be prepared for the contest. Their dedication to prepare for this contest, allowed

them to reach their goal.

At the first night of the assembly, they got to watch many competitors walk across the stage announcing the top three teams of various contest. Both Tara Kinslow and Kinley Martin came to me and said that they will be walking across the stage tomorrow night.

The next day started early with the contest starting at 8:30 on Wednesday morning. The kids judged 30 fleeces and four classes of Mohair. The contest took around two hours to compete. The awards took place after lunch. On the mohair they called out the top ten for the rail. Tara placed 8th in the rail. On the placing and reasons, both Tara and Devin Burton were called to the front. Devin placed 8th and Tara placed 5th. On the top ten individuals, both Tara and Kinley were called to the front. Kinley placed 10th and Tara placed 8th high individual in the mohair judging. Then they called the top teams starting

with last place to fourth. I thought we had a really good chance after having two in the top 10, but was not for sure on the other teams. Kimble County had four and Kerr County had three and Callahan County had two in the top 10. Nine of the top 10 came from these three counties. After they announced fourth, it was official. Callahan County was in the top three, but we will not know until later that night at the assembly what place. When they did call out Callahan County, the excitement and joy was amazing to watch. Their goal was accomplished. Later that night at the assembly, all three teams walked the stage and then they announced top three. Callahan County came in third place overall as a team. Congratulations to Tara Kinslow, Kinley Martin, Devin Burton and Ethan Herod for coming in third place at the State 4-H Roundup.

Cross Plains' 2017 retail sales up 4% from 2016

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2017 are just over four percent higher than 2016, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, June 7th.

Cross Plains' 2017 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$112,049.52, which is 4.17 percent higher than the \$107,563.17 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2016.

The payment to the city for June 2017 was \$16,399.12, which is 3.67 percent lower than the \$17,024.14 payment made to the city in June 2016.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$640 million in local sales tax allocations for June, 3.6 percent more than in June 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Round Rock, Frisco, San Antonio, Midland and Odessa saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston and Austin saw small decreases."

Hegar sent Texas cities \$415.2 million in June 2017, which is higher by 2.7 percent compared to June 2016 and higher by 2.5 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$38.6 million in June 2017 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 6.6 percent compared to June 2016 and higher by 1.9 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$144.0 million in June 2017 sales tax allocations, which is 2.9 percent higher than June 2016 and higher by 3.3 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$42.2 million in June 2017 allocations, which is 12.5 percent higher than June 2016 and higher by 10.9 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$640.0 million in June 2017, which is 3.6 percent higher than June 2016 and higher by 3.01 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in May by businesses that report tax

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2016	2017
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$107,563.17	\$112,049.52
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$17,024.14	\$16,399.12

monthly. For details of June sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2017 started the year 2.29 percent higher than the 2016 payments. The city has received \$142,384.32 in 2017, while the 2016 tax payments to the city totaled \$139,193.79.

Baird's monthly payment for June 2017 was \$19,370.84, which is 2.67 percent higher than the \$18,866.11 payment made to Baird in June 2016.

—The 2017 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 0.41 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2016. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$348,717.00 in 2017. The 2016 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$347,260.79.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for June 2017 was \$47,703.84, which is 2.67 percent lower than the \$49,013.21 payment made to the city in June 2016.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2017 payments to the town totaled \$3,703.38, which is lower by 7.37 percent from the 2016 payments to the city in the amount of \$3,998.25.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of June 2017 was \$582.74, which is 13.18 per-

cent lower than the \$671.22 payment made to Putnam in June 2016.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.



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The Cross Plains Senior Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social, and educational programs. Our goal is for all Seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

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Callahan County Library news

New at the library are: **Blood on the Water** a William Monk novel by Anne Perry and **Come Sundown** by Nora Roberts.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday August 12, 1882,
Vol. III, No. 19

A Visit to Capt. W. J. Maltby's Farm (continued)

But that dinner, we shall never forget. While we were enjoying that feast we could not but congratulate the happy parties who will succeed in securing the Captains two accomplished daughters to preside over their table. For they certainly understood one of the grand secrets of making happy homes - that of knowing how to prepare a good meal. We come near expressing some of these thoughts; but gentle reader we are married, and you who can sympathize with us, know how it is yourself, especially when some one is near. The Captain informed us that for the past three years there had been but one month in all,

that their table had not been supplied with vegetables from his garden. Yet with all these evidences there are people so prejudiced they still insist that our county is fit for nothing but stock, but for all that those who adopt our plan of mixed productions, farm, stock and garden, thus letting the stock enrich the soil and the soil produce food for the stock, are meeting with encouragement and success.

The day was spent so pleasantly that it was with difficulty we tore ourselves away at a late hour. A pleasant drive of about eleven miles brought us home just in time to avoid and approaching storm.

Over the State
Telephonic communication is now carried on between Dallas and Galveston - the distance being 314 miles. Conversations between parties are said to be clear and distinct. On the night of the 2d. near Lampasas a man accused of being a cattle thief was taken from a house and is thought to be killed, as fire arms were

heard soon after in the direction he was taken. Captain Arrington, of the Rangers, has sent in his resignation, to take effect the first of next month. Arrington was one of the bravest and most daring spirits that ever roamed the western border, and with his heroic band of Texas Rangers, he was a terror to the desperado and wild savage.

Camp Meeting
Belle Plain, Tex., Aug. 7, '82
Editor Clarendon: -- Please announce to the good people of Callahan county that we will begin a camp-meeting at Belle Plain (on the old picnic grounds), on Friday night, August 25th, which will continue several days. Several preachers are expected to be present and the people are invited to attend and camp. Plenty of cistern water will be furnished on the grounds. The good people of Baird are especially solicited to come over and participate in the meeting.
Geo. W. Riley, Pastor, M. E. Church, South



The Cross Plains t-ball and machine pitch baseball teams have recently ended their season and they have all had a very successful one. We would like to thank all of the moms and dads for allowing your child to participate in the baseball games. To all the moms and dads that gave up numerous hours of their day and helped coach the youth baseball players. We would like to thank the coaches and parents that helped run the concession stand during ballgames. We would also like to thank Rick Austin for volunteering his time to come out and umpire the machine pitch baseball teams. Hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer!
Cross Plains Youth Sports Association

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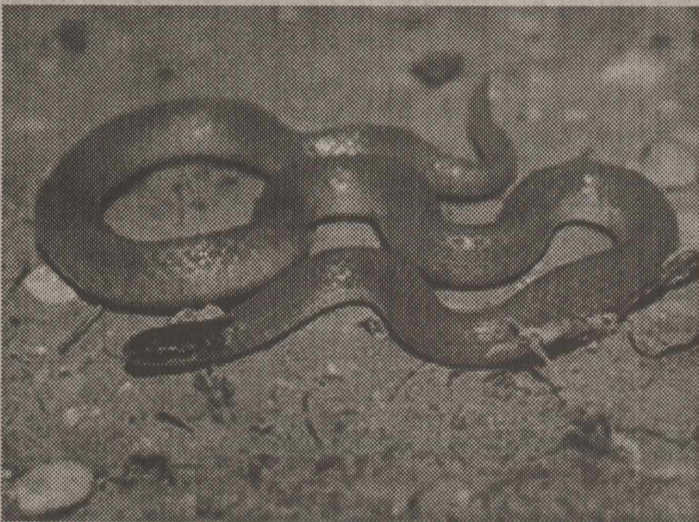
Plains Black-headed Snake

When one thinks of spiders, scorpions, or especially centipedes, those thoughts are usually not synonymous with lunch. However, there is a minute and nondescript species of serpent that resides in this state that does just that, and that species is the Plains Black-headed Snake.

The Plains Black-headed Snake (*Tantilla nigriceps*) is a harmless and rather diminutive serpent, with most adults reaching sexual maturity between 6 and 8 inches in total length. The largest specimen ever recorded was just under 15 inches, making this individual a true "whopper". I have personally observed well upwards of 100 individuals of this species, and I have never seen one even approach the record size.

Like the other members of the genus *Tantilla*, this species is rather unpretentious in appearance. The body coloration varies slightly from tan to light yellowish with no distinctive markings whatsoever. The only marking on the upper side of the snake is the dark, usually black, cap on the top of the head (hence the origin of the common name black-headed snake). This black cap extends past the head scales onto the neck by more than 3 scales, and is always either convex or pointed. This is one of the diagnostic characters utilized to differentiate this species from other, closely related species. The belly is white, and is adorned with a narrow pink or salmon colored stripe running lengthwise down the center of the belly. Due to the dorsal scales being small and smooth, this snake oftentimes will have a glossy sheen appearance.

Plains Black-headed Snakes can be observed throughout most of the southwestern United States, including the western 2/3 of the great state of Texas. Like most other fossorial animals, this species prefers areas with



Plains Black-headed Snake
(*Tantilla nigriceps*)

loose soil in which it can burrow into. It is often observed in grasslands and pasturelands under surface debris such as flat stones, fallen logs, and even dried cow patties. In urban settings it will often reside under decorative flag stones, clay pots, and trash piles. Wherever it occurs, the soil must have a certain amount of moisture to hold the required high humidity that it prefers.

As with almost all other reptiles that reside in temperate climates, they undergo a period of inactivity during the coldest months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. Much akin to most other harmless snakes found in Texas, Plains Black-headed Snakes are egg-laying animals. Mating occurs primarily during the months of March and April, and the 1-3 extremely elongate eggs are laid a month later in areas with sufficient humidity. After an approximate two-month incubation period the delicate babies hatch, and they are between a mere 2 and 3

inches in length, typically mimic the adults in color and pattern and are capable of fending for themselves from the moment they are born.

Plains Black-headed Snakes are primarily fossorial, spending the vast majority of their life underground or beneath surface debris. It is in this habitat where they find their primary prey items of centipedes, spiders, scorpions, and insect larvae. When rainfall is abundant, this species will become surface active, and many are found crossing roadways in these conditions. This species, while rarely encountered (other than by those who are actually looking for it!) is quite common. Interestingly enough, this species is actually rear-fanged and has a mild toxin, but it lacks a sophisticated venom delivery system. The venom is rather weak as well, and is used for obtaining the fierce prey items rather than for defense. Therefore, like the majority of snakes that occur in this state, it is completely harmless to humans.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at ww.fulprice71@gmail.com.

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.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School to be Held June 25-28

First Baptist Church of Cross Plains invites Children to Maker Fun Factory VBS: Created by God, Built for a Purpose. A summer kids' event called Maker Fun Factory VBS will be hosted at Cross Plains First Baptist Church from June 25 to June 28 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Kids at Maker Fun Factory VBS will join a missions effort to fund the digging of effective clean water wells for remote villages in Peru. Maker Fun Factory is for kids entering Kindergarten through 6th grade and will run from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM each day. For more information, call (254) 725-7629. Transportation is available for children, so please contact the church office if your child will require a ride to the church and/or a ride home.

It's that time of year again! Cottonwood Baptist Church VBS

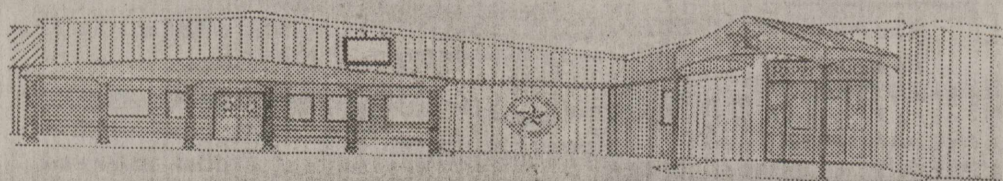
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Friendship and Fun at the Market at Clyde

ARTICLE & PHOTOS:
DANNI LOUW

Friendship and fun is the lasting impression after a visit at the Market at Clyde, held every second Saturday of the month. This was once again apparent this past Saturday, June 10th, as customers not only came to browse the unique creative items produced by local artists, crafters and home cooks, but spent time chatting and visiting at each booth, playing a game of chess or simply sharing friendship and love. Vendors too have formed lasting relationships and are already looking forward to the next event on July 8th, 2017.

Bob Dean's shiny red tractor with a colorful flag was there to welcome visitors to Market at Clyde, and inside the historic Old Firehouse regular and new vendors were showing off the plethora of creativity in this amazing little Texastown. Linnie Branton had jams and jellies for everyone's taste, together with her hats, jewelry and beaten

metal crosses. Danni Louw had her paintings and ever popular magnets. Martie Anderson with her magic sewing machine was embroidering custom orders even before the official start time of 10 am, while across from her Hatton Moore had his wonderful new "minions" created and welded from old propane tanks. Market at Clyde welcomed a new vendor from Abilene, Don Zullo of Ancient Hands Crafts, who had children's books authored by him, as well as handmade banners and tags. Ruby Crim had a new Oatmeal Spearmint Goats Milk Soap, freshly baked zucchini bread as well as her sugar scrubs, shower bombs and jewelry on display. Vicki Davis showcased her award winning jewelry with some new steampunk and chainmail designs, and some young customers enjoyed modeling Vicki's tiaras at her booth. At Tia Matthis' booth there was an amazing display of custom made crosses and decorations;

with each glance one discovered another delightful detail of seashells, sand dollars or other embellishment.

Customers, visitors and vendors participated in the fun event of the day, the "Living Painting". A canvas was set up for adult visitors, with a second canvas for children, and all who wanted to could add to it whatever they liked. There was paint in all the colors of the rainbow with brushes of all shapes and sizes, and all watched with amazement through the day as the canvasses grew like living things. Customers who participated had their names go into a draw. Around 4 pm when the Market drew to a close, a winner for the adult canvas and children's canvas was drawn. The adult canvas was won by Susan McCloud, who was very excited when she came to pick up her prize. The children's canvas was won by Grady. Everyone agreed that this was a successful activity that should

be repeated in future.

Closing time at Saturday's Market at Clyde was somewhat bittersweet, as it was the last event to be held at the Old Firehouse that had been our home for many years, but the exciting news is that Market at Clyde is moving on to a better venue in July. From now on Market at Clyde will be held inside the Clyde Chamber of Commerce building right next to the Old Firehouse. Vendors and customers alike are looking forward to this move because no matter the weather, everyone will be able to enjoy more comfortable surroundings. The Market at Clyde is held every second Saturday of the month 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.

Volunteers Needed for July 4th Festivities

The Chamber is currently busy working on July 4th festivities that will take place Tuesday, July 4th! We are very excited for this event and hope it grows with the upcoming years!

There will be fireworks as always hosted by the generous City of Cross Plains starting at dark!

It went so well last year the chamber will have a dunking booth again, and with that we need individuals that are well known in the community that would be willing to take a 30 minute/hour slot to be dunked!

If you know someone that would be willing, or you yourself would please contact me ASAP. Last year we had teachers, police officers, preachers, and chamber board members!

Salamander's Tees and More will be doing special t-shirts

for the July 4th Celebration. Dunking booth participants will get a t-shirt free.

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

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

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

Don't forget your lawn chairs for a fun filled evening!

"Sully" Book-to-Movie Event on July 20th

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a book-to-movie event featuring "Sully" - the TRUE STORY of Captain Chesley Sullenberger of The Miracle on the Hudson - at the Library on Thursday, July 20th at 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 view the movie and then head to Jean's Feed Barn for a Dutch-treat dinner to discuss the book vs. the movie. If you want to participate, but wish to download the book on your Nook or Kindle, you can be reimbursed with this grant. Just bring your receipt to the library.

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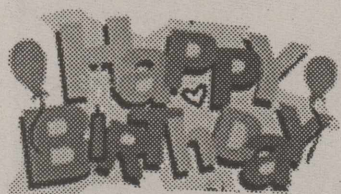
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