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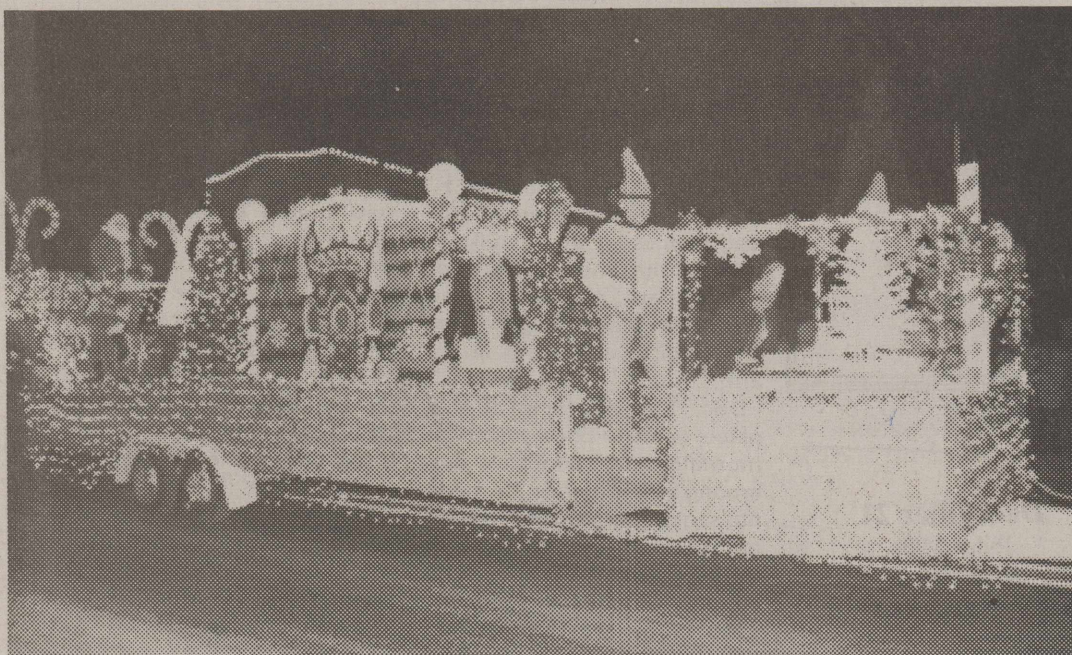


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The City of Cross Plains' Float "Santa's Workshop" took first place in the Christmas Parade. The float, covered in thousands of tiny lights, candy canes, Christmas trees, elves and of course, Santa's Workshop. More photos from the Christmas Parade and the Stew Supper inside.



Santa Arrives in Style on one of CPVFD's Firetrucks. Firefighter Josh Loftis helps Santa Claus off the firetruck so he can make his entrance into the Kiwanis Stew Supper.



Sue Bennett "Miss Sue" shows how to make a hanging tree ornament at the Cross Plains Library's Annual Christmas Ornament making party. More photos inside.

CPISD Band Concert on Thursday, Dec. 14th

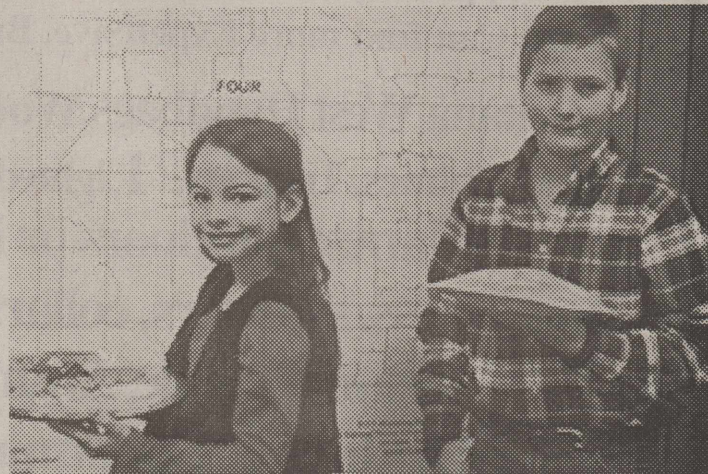
The Annual Cross Plains Schools Band Concert will be held on Thursday, December 14th at the school auditorium. The concert starts at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and hear the band students.

Cross Plains 4-H Members at Commissioners Court Meeting

Cross Plains 4-H Members Jayden Shank and McKenna Podlevsky attended the Callahan County Commissioner's Court Meeting on Monday morning, December 11th.

4-H Members from across the county were at the meeting to show appreciation to the Judge and the Commissioners for what they do for our county.

The students baked cookies to show the "4-H Spirit" and wished the Judge and Commissioners a "Merry Christmas."



McKenna Podlevsky and Jaden Shank deliver cookies to the Commissioner's Court Meeting on Monday

4 His Glory Christmas Cantata at Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 24th

4His Glory will present their annual Christmas Cantata at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 24th at 7 p.m.

The program is titled "The Song Heard 'Round the World", features music and traditions from many countries.

Performance includes candellite and communion.

Bring a friend and enjoy the free performance. Refreshments will be served afterward. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tree Lighting in Burkett

The Burkett Boomers invite everyone to the Burkett Christmas Tree Lighting Tuesday, December 19th, 6:30 p.m. located at The Burkett Christian Life Center.

Cocoa and coffee will be provided. Please bring snacks to share.

We will be crafting "Doves of Please and Remembrance" to decorate our huge 9 foot tree!

We would love to have you join us for a special night of community fellowship. All Residents past and present are welcome.

Goode and Crockett Named to All-Academic State Football Team

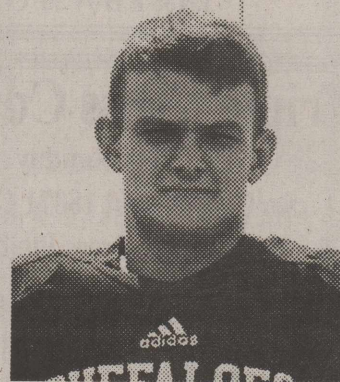
Cross Plains High School Seniors Creed Goode and Joe Crockett have been named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Football Team.

Both Buffaloes are to be congratulated for their performance on the field and in the classroom.

Creed is the son of Elvan and Mariah Goode.

Crockett is the son of Davey and Kim Crockett.

To be nominated for Academic All-State, a student must be: An athlete, a student trainer or manager in good standing with the team; of good moral character; a high school senior; and have an overall grade point average of 92 or above (including courses for grades 9-11 and courses completed from grade 12).

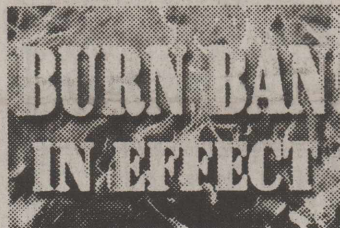


Creed Goode



Joe Crockett

16 Buffaloes Make the All-District Football Team. Details inside.



Christmas Decorating Contest to be Judged on December 15th

Christmas Lights, Christmas Lights Santa's in the air OH what fun it is to see Decorations everywhere

Is your neighbor just gracing the Christmas spirit? Is their yard lit up like Saint Nick's Electric Extravaganza? Have they gone the classic route with minimal lights that accent the homes unique structure? Did they leave the glitz behind and now have a nativity scene gracing their lawn? Why not call and enter them in the Christmas Decorating Contest.

Main Street is alive with lights and creativity. Take a moment to check out all their hard work. So far, a tiny winter village, Christmas trees, reindeer, and

a vintage window have been spotted in business windows. Help make sure that everyone's efforts are recognized and appreciated. Enter them in the Chamber of Commerce Decorating contest. To enter, please send an email to crossplainschamber@yahoo.com, or call 254-725-7251. Be sure to include the individual's or business's name and address in your message.

Judging will be on December 15; the contest is open to all homes and businesses within the Cross Plains city limits. For those of you wondering, the judge will not be from Cross Plains, the Chamber brings in a guest judge from another town.

Angel Tree at Texas Heritage Bank

Names are being added to the Community Angel Tree at Texas Heritage Bank.

If you would like to adopt an angel to buy gifts for, you may do so at the bank. Please return your gifts (unwrapped) to the

bank by Thursday, December 17.

If you are not able to shop, but would like to make a monetary donation, you may also do this at Texas Heritage Bank.

Christmas Coloring Contest Entries Due December 19th

Kids, be sure and turn in your entry in the Barr Fabrication Christmas Coloring Contest!

You can pick up an entry coloring page at the Cross Plains Senior Center or the school or look in last week's Cross Plains Review.

Three winners will be named

in each category: K and under, 1st-3rd grades and 4th-6th grades. Each winner will receive a prize.

Entry deadline is Tuesday, December 19th. Winners will be chosen on Wednesday, December 20th.

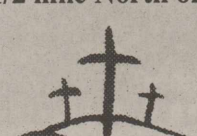
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 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

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 Phone: 254-725-7574
 Sunday School.....10:00am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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Pastor Max Evans
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 Cross Plains, Texas 76443
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Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.
Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
Ladies Class - Wednesday:
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Office: (254-725-6117)
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

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- December 17**
 Gary Rogers
 Shawn Thayer
 Pearl Perry
 Sheri Graham
 Terri Graham
 W.E. Walker
 Kasey L. Maynard
 Harold Hinkle
 Vickie I. Gilmore
 Dillon Heath
 John Paul Cowen II
- December 18**
 Jayln Danee King
 Cindy Chapman
 Dwayne Clark
 Sheral McCorkle
 Daniel W. Ingram
 Johnny Rosson
- December 19**
 Brittany Franke
 Dwayne Wilson
 Ruth Letney
 Weldon McCorkle
 Melissa Parrish
 Mrs. Betty Jones
 Greg McNutt
 David Reed
 Betty Micham
 Regina Curry
 Karen Scott McClure
- December 20**
 Adalynn Pitmann
 Cadence Nadine Nickerson
 Shaela Fulcher
 Robert Ray Simons
 Don Penn
 William Reynolds
 Bonnie Sheppard
 Rocky Champion
 Ted Don Archer
 Peggy Lee Mireless
 Hannah Chambers
 Patricia (Meador) Hopkins
- December 21**
 Rylan Mills
 Allen Woody
 Cranz (Skipper) Nichols Jr.
 Jimmy Crawford
 Carsyn Walker
 Eddie Hendrick
 Beth Meador
 Tommy Phillips, Jr.
 Riley Allen
 Peggy Brock
- December 22**
 James (Bim) Goble
 Cody Ford
 Cody Sliger
 James Illingworth
 Peter Perry
 Mrs. B. Crow
 Gary D. Gilland
 Jerry Walker
 Thurman Furry
 Lindsey Meiron
 Silas James Albrecht
- December 23**
 Bo Barr
 Douglas Dallas
 Kenneth Sowell
 Jason Beauchamp
 Bobby Sipes
 Mrs. Kenneth Thate
 Janet Riser
 Cliff Waddell III
 Barbara (Purvis) Batton
 Laurreta Johnson
 Tommie Neff
 Star (Dobbs) Burleson
 Mrs. Bertha Hoyt
 Lawana Freeman
 Ida Witney
 Brian Haun
 Vanessa(Taff) Mathison
 Sheila Mc Wherson
 Laura Johnson
 Danielle Marion
 Don Baskin

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Love Fund
 has been established at **Texas Heritage Bank** for **Brad Waggoner** to help with medical expenses

Love Fund
 for **Andrew Wheeler**
 has been established at **Texas Heritage Bank**

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday, December 18 - Monday, January 1, 2018
 School will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 14th. Buses will run at 3:10 p.m.
 School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on December 15th. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

 School will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the regular time.

Callahan County Library News

New books at the library are: *The Midnight Line* by Lee Child, *It* by Stephen King, *End Game* by David Baldacci.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon Saturday November 11, 1882 Vol. III, No. 32

Personal
 Mr. J. W. Watts went east last Wednesday en route to Missouri. He went in charge of a train load of cattle which he takes to St. Louis. The cattle were shipped by Mr. Claib Merchant.

We are informed that Mrs. F. W. Pierce had a severe spasm last Wednesday and had it not been for the timely presence of Dr. Shapard, she might have died. She was brought out of it by judicious bleeding in the arm.

Doc. Rust formerly of this place, came to Baird yesterday morning and spent the day among his old friends. He made our sanctum a pleasant visit. He returned again in the evening for his home in Decatur, Wise county. Come again Doc.

Mr. Frank W. Pierce came down from his ranch in Throckmorton county last Thursday evening. He came to see his new daughter, who arrived at Mr. Old's residence Wednesday morning. She is a fine young lady and weighs nine and a half pounds.

Mrs. M. H. Donohoe left by the west bound train last Sunday morning for Los Angeles, where she goes to join her husband. They will spend the winter in that beautiful land. Mr. D. has bought sheep there, but owing to the lateness of the season he will not ship them to Baird until next spring. We hope our friends will spend a very happy

season, and commend them to our California friends.


Capt. W. J. Maltby and his daughter, Miss Mollie, returned last Monday from Austin, Burnett and Lampasas Springs, where they had been on a visit. The Captain reports the fair at Austin not as successful as it should have been for the great state of Texas. The stock and agricultural display he says was not as good as could have been gotten up in the state. We acknowledge a pleasant call from the Captain and Miss Mollie.

Our esteemed friend, Mr. L. F. Smith, of Dallas, passed through last Thursday on the west bound passenger train. He was enroute to Big Spring where he goes upon legal business connected with the crookness lately discovered by the Texas and Pacific Company as having been practiced upon the company by some of its employees. Mr. Smith besides being one of the best lawyers in the State, is one of the pleasantest gentlemen it has ever been our pleasure to meet.

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Science and Industry
 Within the last twenty-five years the steam pressure of locomotives have been increased from 60 pounds to over 160 pounds to the square inch.

With a new apparatus for ascertaining the velocity of railway trains, a train weighing 125 tons and traveling at a speed of forty-five miles an hour has been found to run a few feet more than five miles after steam had been shut off. The track was level and the day calm. - St. Louis Globe


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The City of Cross Plains' Float "Santa's Workshop" delighted the crowd and took home first place in the parade.



Thousands of tiny lights covered the Barr Fabrication Float, that came in second in the parade.

2017 Lighted Christmas Parade Fun for All



Higginbothams antique wagon

Their hands may have been cold and their feet freezing, but the winter weather didn't dampen everyone's enthusiasm for the Christmas Parade.

Presented by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, the parade featured floats, golf carts, vehicles, a marching band - - and of course, Santa Claus!

Santa arrived in style a to of one of Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's firetrucks.

The City of Cross Plains took first place in the parade with their "Santa's Workshop" Float complete with the workshop, toys, candy canes, Christmas trees, elves and thousands of lights.

Coming in second in the parade, was Barr Fabrication's float, also sporting thousands of small white lights. Barr's employees in Santa hats rode in the trailer or walked beside the truck handing out bags of goodies to the children.

The American Legion's patriotic float with red, white and blue lights and Christmas music came in third.

Higginbotham's hitched their antique wagon on top of a trailer and pulled it in the parade.

Jim and Charlene Fleming had a unique take on the popular old pickup carrying home a Christmas tree theme.

The Cross Plains High School marching band entertained the crowd of parade watchers.

Other entries in the parade: Lucky C Ranch, Staghorn Café, Cross Plains EMS, Cross Plains 4-H Club, Trinity Land Ranch, Cross Plains Senior Center and Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

A great parade was had by all - and some are already planning their floats for next year's parade.



Santa greeted the crowd from the top of one of CPVFD's Firetrucks.



Cross Plains Senior Center with Dannes Turner and Ray Decker



The American Legion's Red, White and Blue Lighted Float took third place in the parade.



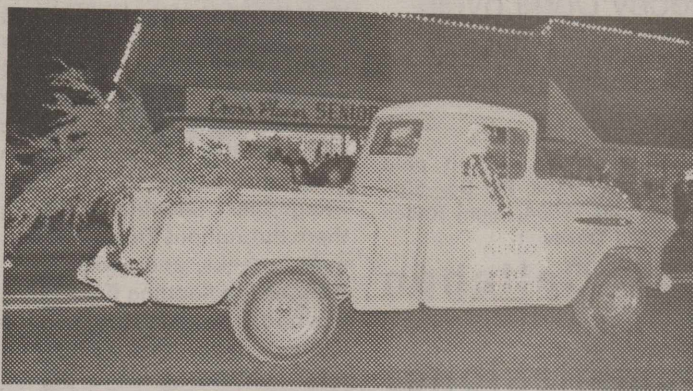
Staghorn Cafe float

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Lucky C Ranch with Rickey and Sandy Carey



Jim and Charlene Flemings old truck with a Christmas tree



Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's newest brush truck



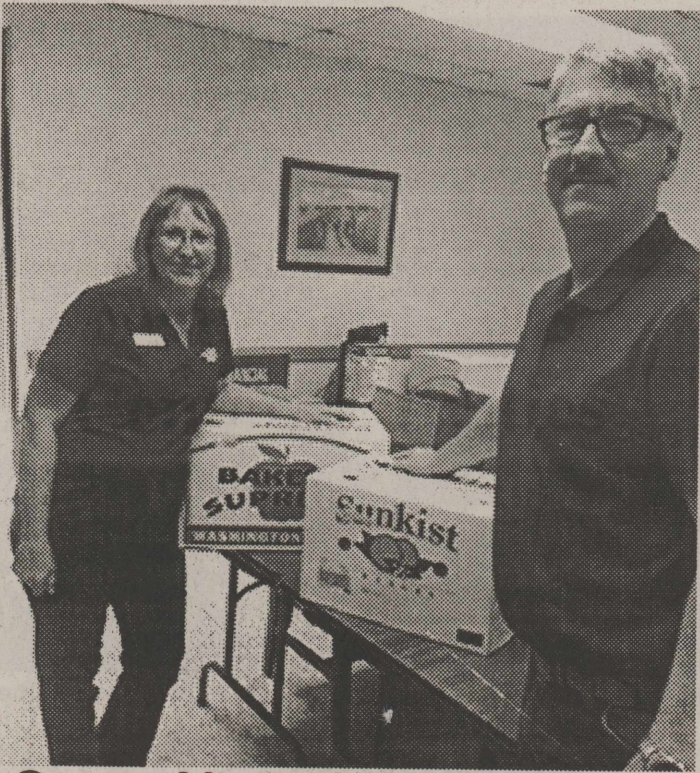
Parade Chairman and Announcer Terrie Parum with Chamber Board Member Amanda Knight



Cross Plains 4-H Winter Wonderland Float



Trinity Land Ranch's parade entry



Santa Visited Rising Star

Santa visited the downtown area this past Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 10:30 am. Pictured here is Chamber Member Betty Williams of First

Financial with Greg Whitten of Rising Star Nursing and Rehab donating a case of Apples and Oranges to the Chamber.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Dec. 18th - Dec. 22th

Monday 18th-Turkey Wraps, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Dessert
Thursday 21th-Swiss Steak, Rice, Carrots, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 19th-Vegetable Soup, 1/2 Pimento Cheese Sand, Crackers, Fruit, Dessert

Friday 12th-Chili Dogs w/ Cheese, Oven Fries, Fruit, Cookie

Wednesday 20th-Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Birthday Cake

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Dec. 18th - Dec. 22th

Monday-18th Exercise 11:00/ Music Jam 6:00
Tuesday-19th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00
Wednesday- 20th Exercise 11:00/Foot Care by Kin-dred at Home
Thursday 21th Exercise at 11:00 /
Friday-21th Exercise 11:00/ Bingo 11:15 with Rising Star Nursing Center

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Cross Plains Community Calendar

December

December 14 - Thursday, CPISD Band Concert, 6 p.m.
December 15 - Friday, Santa visits the Elementary School
December 18-January 1 - Christmas Holidays, School's out.
December 24 - Sunday, Christmas Eve; Cantata at the First Presbyterian Church
December 25 - Monday, Christmas Day
December 31 - Sunday, New Year's Eve.

January

January 1 - Monday, New Year's Day
January 11, 12 and 13 - Thursday - Saturday, Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

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Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

For Callahan County Judge

Gerry Scott Kniffen
Political advertisement paid for by Gerry Scott Kniffen, 4322 FM 604 South, Clyde, Texas 79510, Joanne Kniffen, Treasurer.

Bobby Don Lovell
Pol. Adv. paid for by Bobby Lovell for Callahan County Judge, PO Box 166 Clyde 79510.

Nicki Harle
Political advertisement paid for by Nicki Harle, PO Box 605, Baird, Texas 79504, Ginny Roden Campaign Treasurer.

For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #4

Mike Bright
Political advertisement paid for by Mike Bright, 6644 County Road 453, Baird, Texas 79504.

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

Robert Pritz will assume West Central District regional program leader duties Jan. 1st

SAN ANGELO - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has named Robert Pritz as the new agriculture and natural resources regional program leader for the agency's West Region.

Pritz, currently the AgriLife Extension agent in Taylor County, will be headquartered at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo. He will assume his new duties Jan. 1, following the retirement of his predecessor, Marvin Ensor, who retires Dec. 31 with 37 years of service. Dr. Susan Ballabina, AgriLife Extension executive associate director, College Station, said Pritz will oversee the program planning effort in the West Central District's 23 counties and the Far West District's 23 counties. He will also coordinate with others in similar positions across the state.

"I am extremely excited to have Robert in this position," Ballabina said. "The West Region has outstanding county agents, specialists and programs. I know Robert will continue to look at ways the West Region can build on their programmatic efforts and enhance their partnerships in support of the agency's mission. He will be a valuable member of the agency's central leadership team."



ROBERT PRITZ
...former Callahan County Extension Agent

Ballabina said Pritz will also continue to bring strong programmatic leadership to the region. "Over the years Robert has demonstrated his effectiveness in program development and has implemented highly effective programs in ag and natural resources," she said. "He will provide leadership to regional program development, will work with agents to develop high-impact programs, and will work closely with commodity groups and other partners to advance agency programs."

Pritz earned a master's degree in range science from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, and a bachelor's degree in animal science from Angelo State

University, San Angelo. He has served in his Taylor County role since 2008 and was named the agency's county coordinator in 2013.

Pritz began his AgriLife Extension career as an assistant county agent in Wise County, where he served from 1995-1997. He then transferred to the agriculture and natural resources post in Callahan County before accepting the Taylor County assignment.

Pritz said he is excited to have the opportunity to lead AgriLife Extension programming efforts in the West Region. "I am eager to learn about the great county efforts across the region as well as build relationships with agriculture and AgriLife Extension stakeholders," he said.

Pritz has received many awards and recognitions throughout his career. Some of these include honors bestowed through the National Agricultural County Agents Association and the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association. Within these two groups he has garnered distinguished service and achievement awards. He also earned the Grassroot Award from the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management and the Texas Wheat County Agent Award.

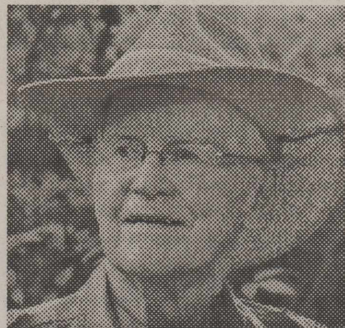
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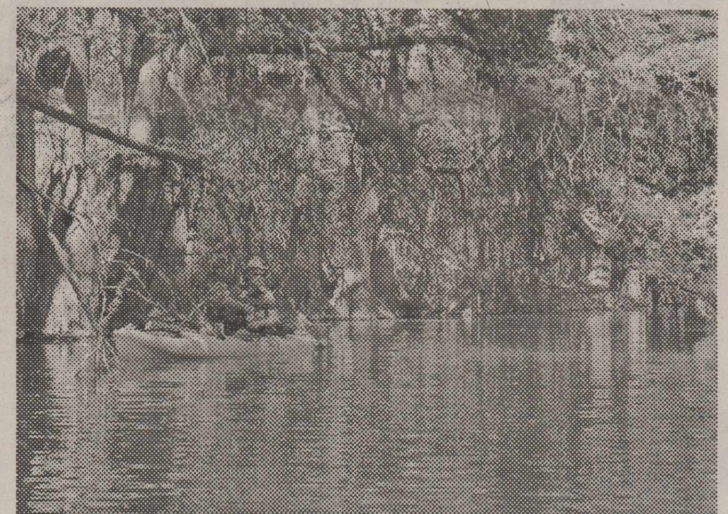
FINE FALL FISHING

I fall for fall. There's a feeling about it that demands being out in Nature. It's our best season, and this fall has been terrific. So has the fishing. While northern anglers are scouring their garages for ice augers or snow shovels in anticipation of that White Christmas we only see on TV, folks who know anything about fishing are limiting out. Some of the best fishing of the year occurs in the fall.

Reports from practically every part of Texas are telling of generous catches of bass, crappie, catfish, and one friend even hauled in a 41-pound smallmouth buffalo while crappie fishing. For East Texas friends, let me say he was fishing for "white perch." Having grown up at the edge of the Big Thicket, I thought for years that this crappie I had only read about was a separate species from our beloved white perch. They're one and the same. Call them what you will.

Regardless, people are catching them throughout Texas in lakes, rivers, creeks, and even ponds. After all the flooding East Texas has had, it wouldn't surprise me if one or more would come from neighborhood goldfish ponds. The best baits are minnows, shad and very small jigs - about 1/16th ounce or smaller.

Black crappie are darker than white crappie due to black speckles on their sides. White crappie get darker during the spring spawn. Right now, they usually have broken, dark, vertical bars on their sides. At one time, it was said that black crappie were found only in clear lakes in East Texas, but I've also caught them in Central Texas. White crappie are considered more of a statewide fish. This time of year, both white and black are usually in water 12 feet



Mild days in the fall are ideal for fishing Texas' lakes and streams. Enjoy it before the weather makes it uncomfortable.
Photo by Vicky Jefferson.

deep or more, and often around brush piles. Most consider both crappie the best eating freshwater fish in Texas!

All bass species are also biting like mosquitoes right now, too - largemouths, smallmouths, Guadalupe in the Hill Country, white (sand) bass and stripers. That's what fall fishing is like. Most bass are caught on lures - both topwater baits and worms or other plastics - anything that resembles a crawfish. Minnows and shad also produce strikes. Two friends reported catching 89 largemouths and Guadalupe one morning in late November on Lake Travis. All were released.

It's a beautiful time to be out. Oh, it'll get cold this week,

but it will pass, and then the weather will be conducive to being outside, again. This is a good time to just drive through the countryside and admire the colors. Texas doesn't have the striking fall colors New England has, but driving through East and North Texas, you'll see some hardwoods changing colors. We drove through the Hill Country last weekend and it looked like the Spanish oaks were about a week away from turning.

Take your wife or girlfriend along and promise her a stop at an antique shop. Texas has almost as many of them as it has hungry fish.

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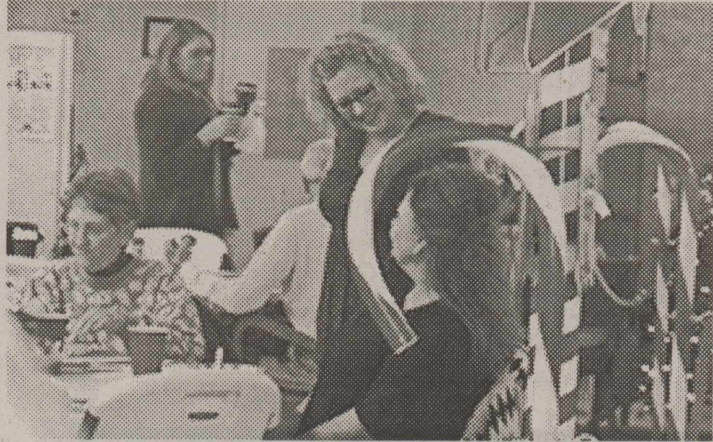


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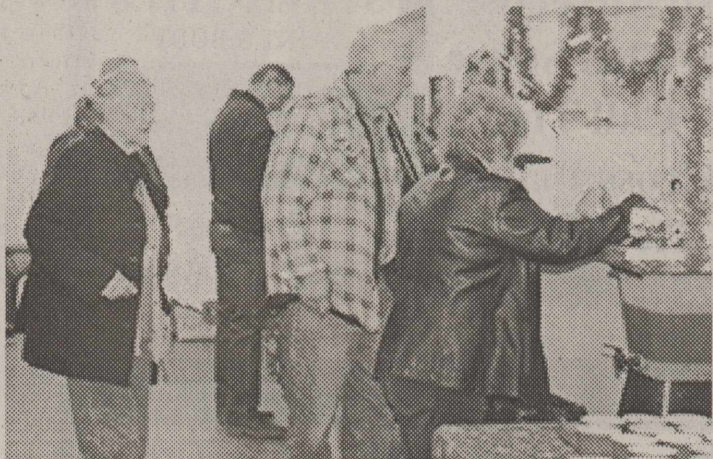
Arlene Stephenson, Mindy Estes and Andra Sanders visit



Herman and Naomi Weaver



The long line waiting to see Santa



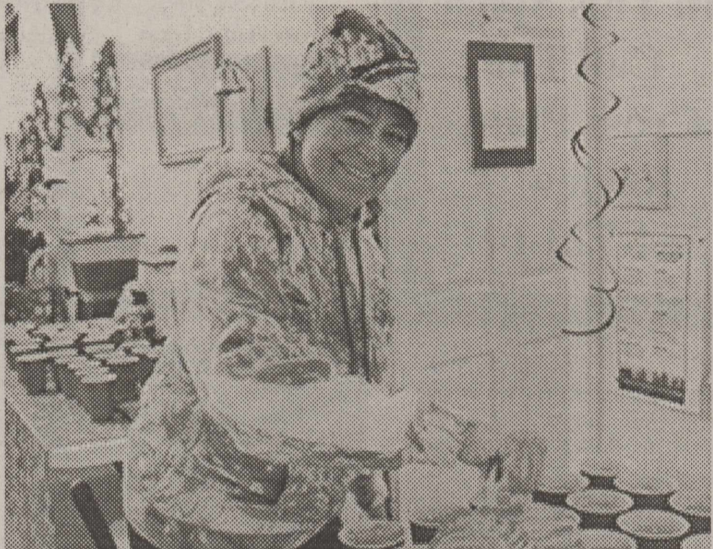
Lining up for stew



Arnie Smith keeping watch over the stew



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Cross Plains' 2017 retail sales up 12% from 2016

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2017 are just over twelve 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, December 6th.

Cross Plains' 2017 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$254,442.67, which is 12.53 percent higher than the \$226,108.24 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2016.

The payment to the city for December 2017 was \$21,614.99, which is 9.46 percent higher than the \$19,746.73 payment made to the city in December 2016.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today, Wednesday, December 6th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$695.2 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 10.8 percent more than in December 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

Hegar sent Texas cities \$443.5 million in December 2017, which is higher by 8.7 percent compared to December 2016 and higher by 3.5 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$41.7 million in December 2017 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 14.6 percent compared to December 2016 and higher by 6.6 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$161.2 million in December 2017 sales tax allocations, which is 12.4 percent higher than December 2016 and higher by 3.6 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$48.7 million in December 2017 allocations, which is 23.0 percent higher than December 2016 and higher by 12.8 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$692.5 million in December 2017, which is 10.8 percent higher than December 2016 and higher by 4.3 percent year-to-date.

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

For details of December sales

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2016	2017
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$226,108.24	\$254,442.67
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$19,746.73	\$21,614.99

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 8.67 percent higher than the 2016 payments. The city has received \$309,690.89 in 2017, while the 2016 tax payments to the city totaled \$284,962.87.

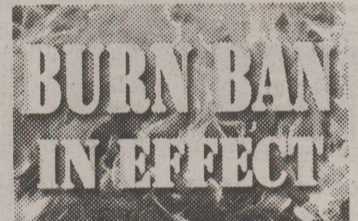
Baird's monthly payment for December 2017 was \$22,579.09, which is 5.08 percent higher than the \$21,486.86 payment made to Baird in December 2016.

—The 2017 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 9.86 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2016. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$713,139.95 in 2017. The 2016 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$791,157.15.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for December 2017 was \$52,391.93, which is 7.56 percent higher than the \$48,708.60 payment made to the city in December 2016.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2017 payments to the town totaled \$7,669.12, which is lower by 0.54 percent from the 2016 payments to the city in the amount of \$7,711.28.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of December 2017 was \$457.46, which is 15.01 percent lower than the \$544.71



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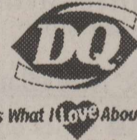
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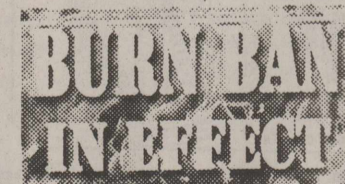
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Texas Governor Joseph Sayers

Adversity, it is said, is the truest test of character. When times are flush and problems scarce, few will have to find a way to rise to the occasion when the occasion has risen for them. Gov. Joseph Sayers was a man who faced many crises in his life and faced even greater crises as governor as the state weathered a number of natural disasters. Even in the face of disaster, Sayers found ways to pave a path forward for Texas.

Joseph Draper Sayers was born in Granada, in northern Mississippi, in 1841. It was a family of farmers, as most families were at that time. Tragedy befell the family while he was still young. His mother died in 1851; and as a result, his distraught father moved him and his younger brother to Texas to start over. Eventually, the family settled in the Bastrop area, and the two brothers both attended the Bastrop Military Institute.

When the Civil War erupted, he and his brother both enlisted in the Confederate army. As it turned out, Sayers would become one of the last Civil War veterans to serve as Texas governor. He served in the 5th Texas Cavalry and was noted for his bravery in actions in New Mexico and Louisiana. The war put his life in danger often, but he pressed on in the face of steadily advancing Union armies. He was twice wounded in combat and rose to the rank of major before the Confederate surrender in 1865.

After returning to Bastrop, Sayers decided not to live a life of bitterness and regret but instead chose to give back to the community and build a future. Though Sayers never attended college himself, he nevertheless continued his own education and worked to bring opportunities to others. He opened a school in Bastrop and began studying law at night. Within a year, he gained admission to the state bar and began practicing law.

In 1872, Sayers was elected to the state senate and steadily moved up the political ladder. He would go on to serve as chairman of the State Democratic Committee; and in 1878, he was elected lieutenant governor. He was elected to the first of seven terms in Congress in 1884, eventually rising to chair the House Appropriations Committee for

the 1893-1894 term, one of the most coveted and respected positions in Congress. In 1898, he was elected as the state's twenty-second governor.

In the spring of 1899, Texas faced major flooding as spring rains relentlessly soaked the state. The Brazos River overflowed its banks, causing many people to flee for their lives. Sayers stepped forward immediately to make sure state authorities helped those in danger and later helped those rebuild. In 1900, Galveston was devastated by the deadliest hurricane in American history when more than 6,000 people died. Sayers immediately dispatched food, medicine, and state personnel to the devastated city to help survivors in the face of impending starvation, disease, and riots. Impressed with his response to these disasters and management of the state, voters re-elected Sayers in 1900.

He advocated a number of reforms as governor, most concentrating on anti-trust laws. He worked to ban railroad rebates to preferred customers, insisting customers be treated equally. Labor unions were exempted

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In 1903, with his second term at an end, Sayers quietly stepped down and resumed his law practice in Bastrop. He remained committed to serving the public in his later years. He served on the board of regents for the University of Texas as well as a number of other state boards. He met the many challenges of his times, helping the state overcome deadly disasters and bringing the state into a new age. Sayers died quietly in 1929.

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- NEW! 19+/-Ac-Comanche Co- 3BR/2B brick, 1820 sq ft. 2 stock tanks 40X48 metal shop..... 345,000
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- NEW! 39+/-Ac-Callahan Co- 3BR/2B **UNDER CONTRACT** trees & grasses..... 215,000
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- 434 Ac-Coleman Co-2BR/1B SW, 5 ponds, 2 food plots, 1 stocked lake..... 1,090,000
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Blood drive in Cross Plains December 21, First Baptist Church

Give someone the gift of life this holiday season. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church on Thursday, December 21 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. The need for blood never takes a holiday and blood shortages occur most often during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt or a hat. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2880. For the latest news and updates follow us at facebook.com/meekbloodcenter.

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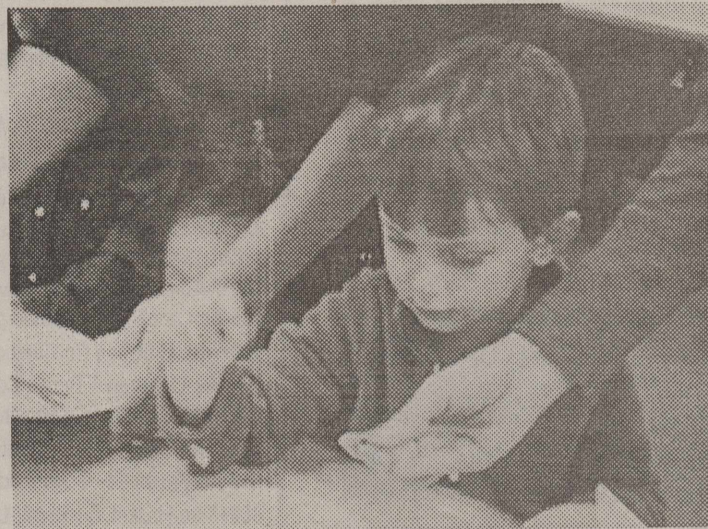
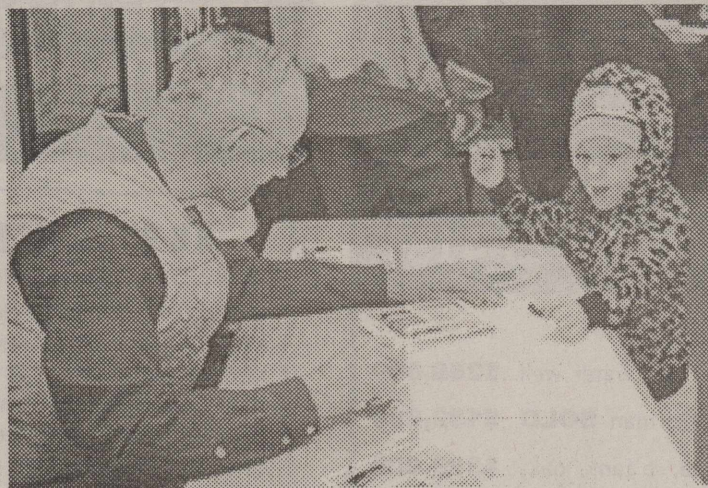
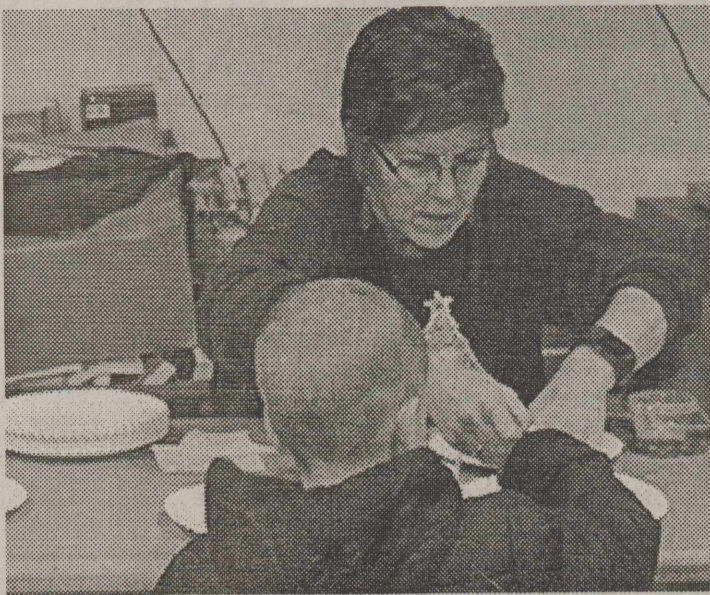
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- Los Saenz, TX
- perennial TX flower
- legendary A&M coach Bible
- TXism: "so many you couldn't stir with a stick"
- gun group (abbr.)
- TX Swayze 1990 film with Demi
- brandin' irons the hide of cows
- TXism: "he's getting too briches"
- old CBS western: "the Texas Rangers" state of TX Bush summer home in Kennebunkport
- lite entree (2 wds.)
- TXism: "within ear (near)
- "Leathernecks" motto: "Fidels"
- started UNT jazz program
- Galveston landmark: "Palace"
- Baird H.S. class
- company that got control of LTV missiles in 1992
- TXism: "plain as the top line eye chart"
- in Smith County on highway 135
- TXism: "split the blanket"
- throw some leather on a horse again
- 2,000 lbs.
- irritate persistently
- hunts
- TXism: "so dry the Baptists sprinkling"
- precedes vision or scope
- TX-based Pizza
- book by TX O.A. Phillips: "___ Bum"
- TXism: "___ slinging drunk"
- Abilene FM, "The Ticket"
- expression of triumph
- Rangers traded this Robb to the Marlins in 1993
- TXism: "___ at the TX Capitol: "Goddess Liberty"
- TXism: "he's still got his garters" (able)
- Johnson Space Center transport
- this Sylvester started with TX Janine Turner in "Cajunanger" (1993)
- ghost sounds
- TXism: "shoots from the"
- parental warning: "get"
- blanketlike coats south of the border
- U.S.S. Texas, e.g.
- TX rodeo star Mahan (init.)
- TXism: "slippery as an"
- shoed horse
- seat of Kleberg County
- TX Blue Bell choice
- hot tubs
- wallet stuffers
- TX Lynda Bird wed this Robb (init.)
- this TX Oveta won the Distinguished Service Medal (init.)
- Yemen's chief port
- Sean Connery starred in this first James Bond film (1962)
- Aransas Pass October festival: "Shrimpo"
- oil mover finished in 1977: "pipelime"
- legendary TX pitcher Ryan who had 7 no-hitters
- this "Texas" singer recorded "Deck of Cards" (init.)

Making Christmas Ornaments at the Library



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NOTICE OF MEETING---BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on December 13, 2017, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2017 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

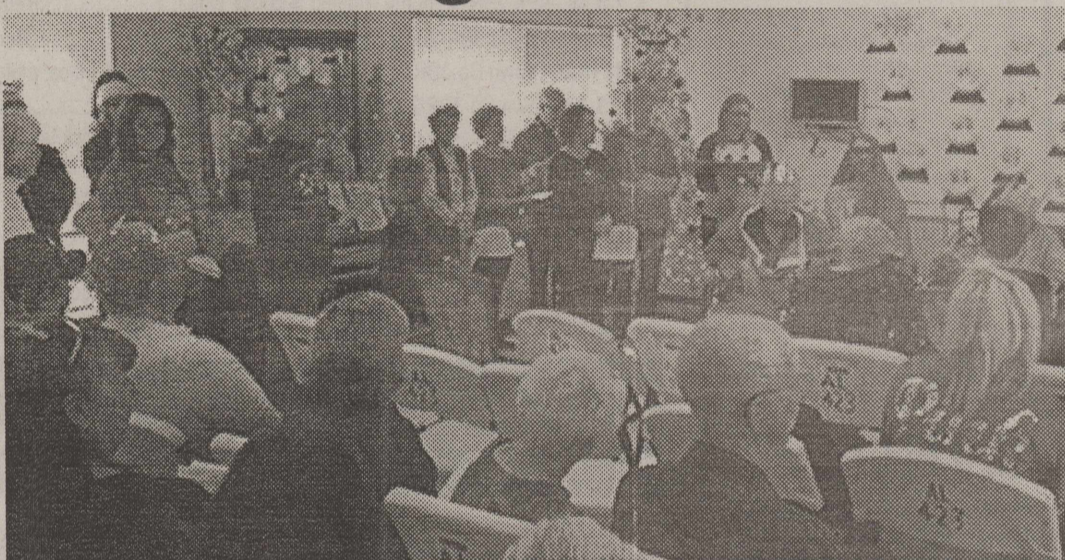
1. Open Forum
2. New Business
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - B. Review Bills/Finance Report
 - C. Consider Contract with Architect Firm - Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper for New Band Hall
 - D. Consider Bids for Bus Shed
 - E. Renew our Contract with Comanche County Special Services Cooperative
 - F. Cast Votes for Callahan County Board of Directors
 - G. Consider Callahan County Tax Office Request to Get Properties Back on the Tax Roll
3. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Christmas Band Concert - Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. Christmas Dinner - Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.
 - C. Superintendent's Annual Appraisal at January Board Meeting
 - D. Disciplinary Decisions
 - E. Staffing Concerns
 - F. Insurance
 - G. Two Heating Units' Heat Exchanger Out
4. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 8, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

A Christmas Story Performed at Rising Star Nursing Center

Rising Star Nursing and Rehab held its annual Resident Christmas Play, "A Christmas Story", about the birth of baby Jesus Sunday, December 10, to a packed house. Pictured below are scenes from the play directed by Barbara Gainer. Also included is the Cross Plains Methodist Church Choir which graciously performed the music for the play. Find more photos on the Rising Star Nursing Center Facebook page.



From the Cross Plains Review - Letters to Santa 1953

From the Cross Plains Review... 64 years ago, December 1953.

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a punching bag, football shoulder pads and a Mickey Mouse watch.
Love,
Jack Webb Baum

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a doll that walks, china dishes, nurse kit and baton. Will have you a coke and cake.
Thanks very much,
Starr Alexander
P.S. Don't forget Jim and Danny Mike



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Cross Plains Chamber Reminds You to Get Your Car Ready for Winter

Winter is coming, Winter is coming... Forget the British!!! Paul Revere would be getting out the horse blankets. And while your horses are under the hood of your car or truck, it doesn't mean they might not appreciate some TLC.

The Chamber of Commerce wants to remind you to stop in and see Anthony's Automotive or Hutton Auto Repair to have them give your car or truck a once over. Winter weather can wreak havoc on your engine, and tires. With the

weather being 75 on Sunday and dropping into the 30's this week, it might be a good time to have your battery checked, fluid levels topped off, brakes, and tires checked.

Besides having the vehicle checked out, it might not be a bad idea to stock up on winter essentials... De-icing spray, gloves, and non-clumping cat litter (it's hard get traction in the snow). Higginbotham Brothers and Lowes, both have what you need. Be safe and be warm.

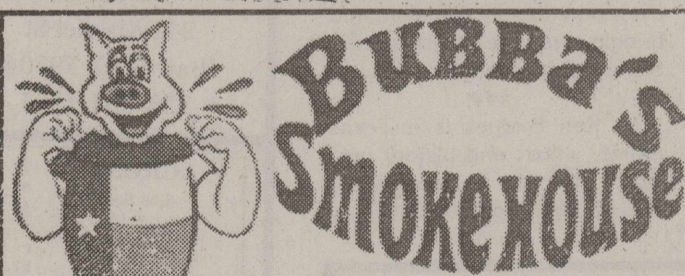
State's only Appellate Museum now open in Eastland

EASTLAND--The definitely one-of-a-kind Austin McCloud Appellate Court Museum is attracting visitors from near and far. It's the only one in Texas--and believed to be in the nation--that historically explains the important appeal portion of the judicial system.

Located in the restored two-story building that originally housed the first county courthouse in the square in Eastland, it is the creation of the 11th Court where Chief Justice Austin McCloud served from

1971 to 1996 and volunteers who recognized that there was a lot of local (Santa Claus Bank Robbery, etc.) of Eastland County and Texas legal history to be shared here. Visitor-friendly displays explain the history and appeals process.

The Museum is open with no entry fee Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and for special groups by contacting Curator Sherry Williamson who is also Chief Clerk of the 11th Court of Appeals, at (325) 254-2638.



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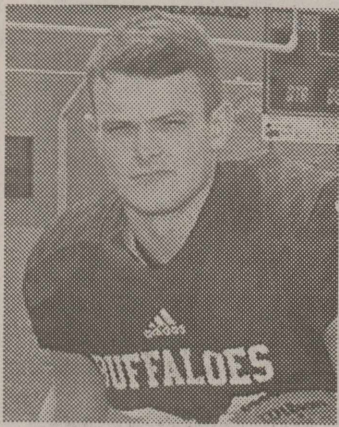


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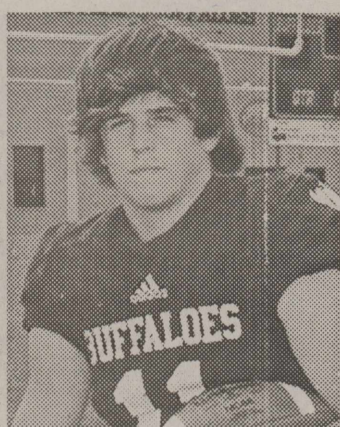
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Creed Goode



Lane Patteson

16 Buffaloes Named All District in Football

16 Buffaloes were named to the All-District Football Roster for their performance in the 2017 Football Season.

Caleb Hernandez was named New Corner of the Year.

Joe Crockett was named 1st Team Utility Player.

1st Team Offense: Running Back - Creed Goode; Wide Receiver - Kaden Petree; Offensive Line - James Rhyne.

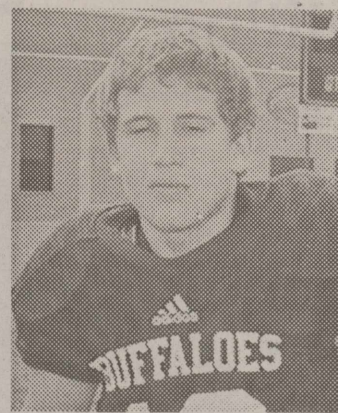
1st team Defense: Inside Linebacker - Kaiden Petree; Corner - Jevon Tillery; Safety - Lane Patteson; Outside Linebacker - Creed Goode; Defensive End - Tripp Thomas; Defensive Tackle - Aaron Willis.

2nd Team Offense: Tight End - Ty Tipton; Offensive Line - Jacob Collier.

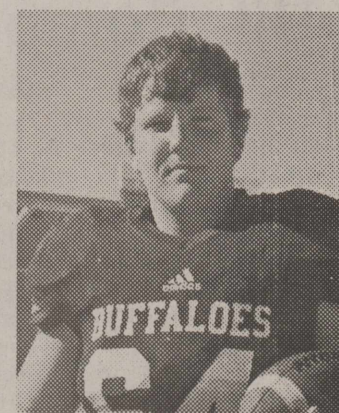
2nd Team Defense: Safety - Theron Allen; Corner - Sterling Switzer; Defensive Tackle - Jacob Collier; Defensive End - Trent Potter.

Honorable Mention: Ty Tipson - OLB; Jevon Tillery - WR; James Rhyne - DL; Aaron Willis - OL; Sterling Switzer - WR; Trent Potter - OL; Tripp Thomas - OL.

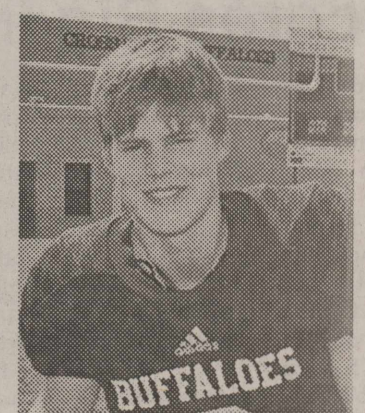
Academic All District: Caleb Hernandez, Theron Allen, Joe Crockett, Creed Goode, Brian Morales, Trent Potter, Larson Walker.



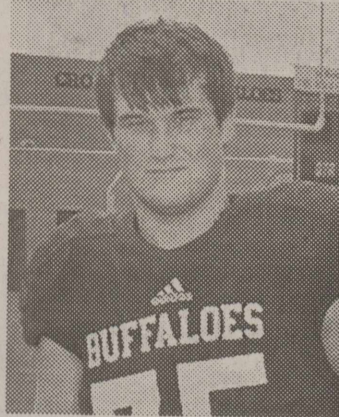
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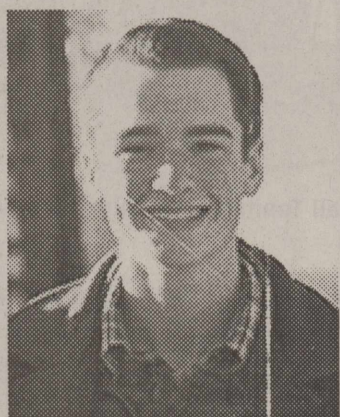
James Rhyne



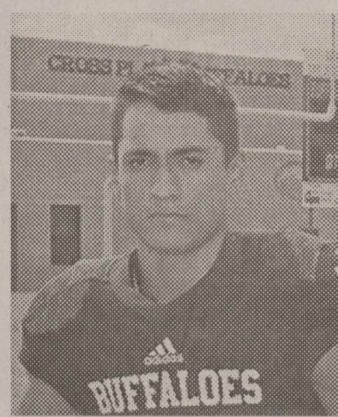
Theron Allen



Aaron Willis



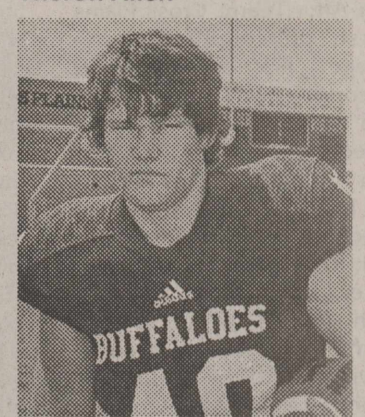
Larson Walker



Caleb Hernandez



Jevon Tillery

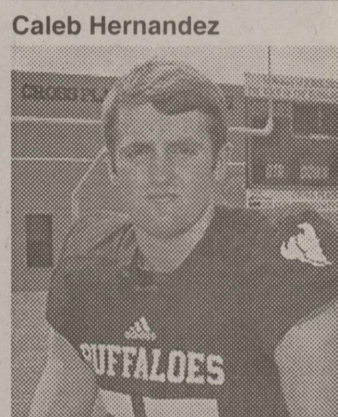
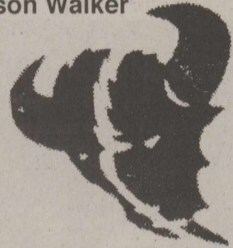


Tripp Thomas

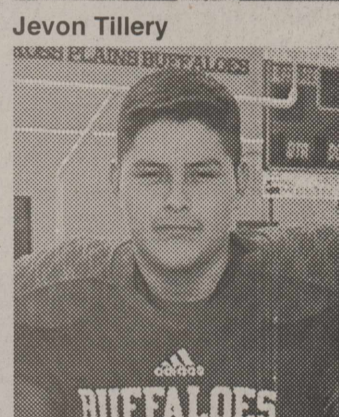
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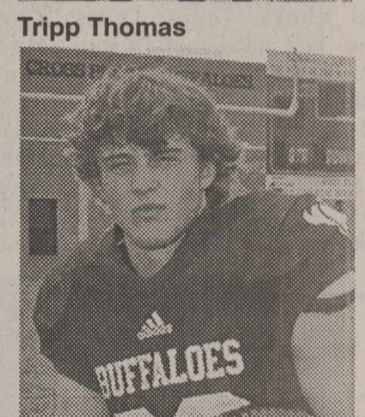
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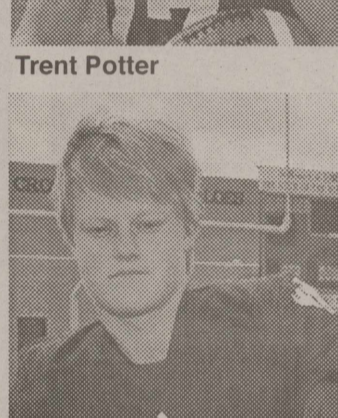
Trent Potter



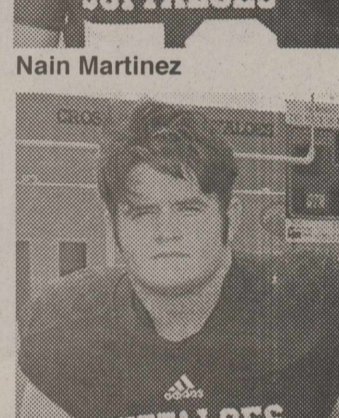
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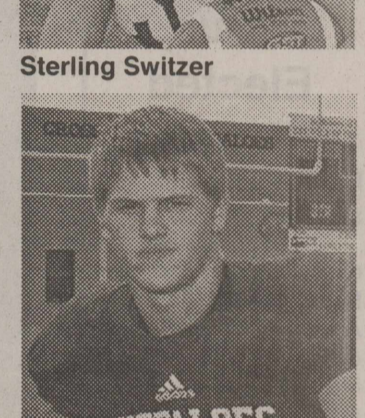
Sterling Switzer



Kaiden Petree



Jacob Collier



Ty Tipton



Cross Plains High School Lady Buffs placed third in the Zephyr Tournament last Thursday - Saturday.

Cross Plains Lady Buffs Varsity Roster 2017-2018

#	Name	Class
3	Kenzie Kleiber	Junior
5	Jacy Bien	Junior
11	Shana Yates	Senior
12	Jackilann Shepard	Junior
14	River Bradley	Freshman
20	Macee Steigleder	Sophomore
21	Destinee Cooper	Sophomore
22	Katy Jo Morgan	Senior
32	Hanna Fortune	Junior
34	Brooke Lynn Bell	Junior

Head Coach: Mykia Anderson
Assistant Coaches: Michelle Allen and JoJo Morgan
Manager: Ashley Anderson
Athletic Director: Daniel Purvis

Cross Plains High School Exam Schedule

Wednesday, December 13th
3 p.m. Early Release
Afternoon Modified Bell Schedule - Regular Classes
1:08-1:43 6th period
1:47-2:22 7th period
2:26-3:00 8th period
3:15-5:45 Buffalo Academy

Thursday, December 14th
3 p.m. Early Release
Exam Schedule
8:00-9:15 8th Period Regular Class/Study Period
9:20-10:35 3rd Period Exam
10:40-12:00 5th Period Exam
12:00-12:45 Lunch (no tutorials)

12:00 JH Eats, HS Stays at Picnic Tables
12:20 HS Eats, JH Stays at Picnic Tables
12:50-1:55 6th Period Exam
2:00-3:00 1st Period Exam
3:15-5:00 Buffalo Academy

Friday, December 15th
1 p.m. Early Release
Exam Schedule
8:00-9:15 2nd Period Exam
9:10-10:15 4th Period Exam
10:20-11:25 7th Period Exam
11:30-12:35 8th Period Exam (Dismiss JH for lunch at 12:30)
12:35-1:00 JH/HS Lunch (no tutorials)

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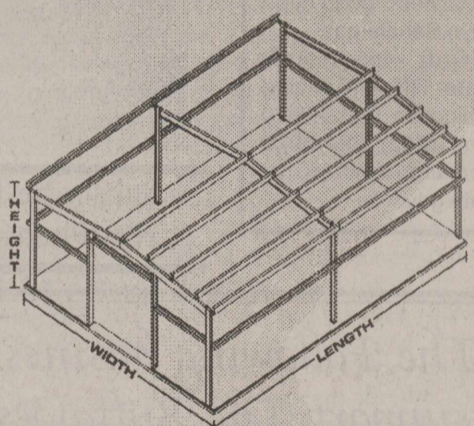
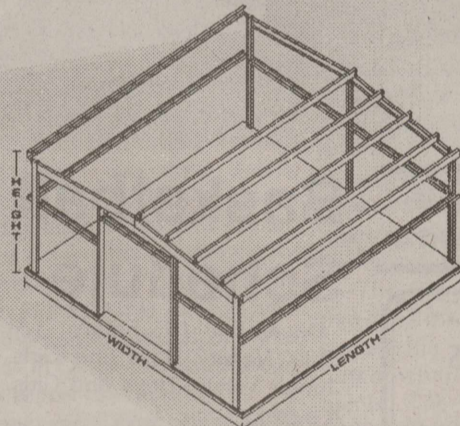
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Cross Plains Lady Buffs JV Roster 2017-2018

Kenzie Chesshir
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Micha Barron
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Amber Fidler
Sarah Kanady
Kinlee Mathews
Taylor Wyatt
Lexi Thompson

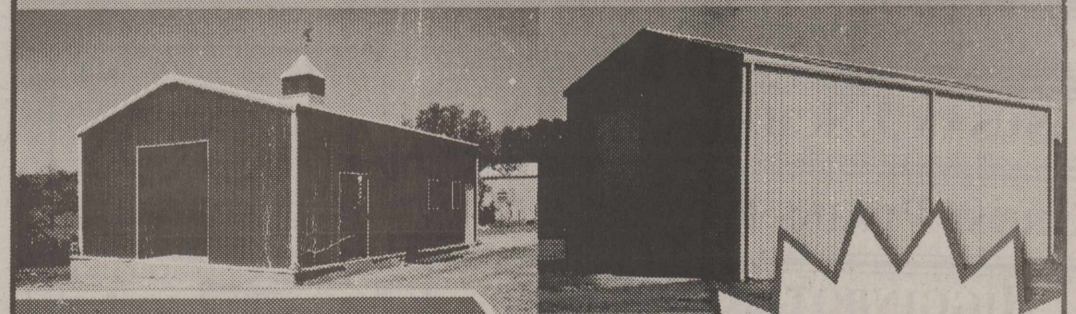
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Cross Plains Elementary School Scores Big in UIL Competition

Cross Plains Elementary School took Second Place in the Elementary UIL Competition with 614.5 points, falling only to Eula Elementary with 636.5 points. Others in the competition: May, 451 points; Santa Anna, 349.5 points; Baird, 337 points; Rising Star, 285 points; and Panther Creek, 158.5 points.

Cross Plains lead the individual scoring with 516.5 points.

4th Art: Team: Cross Plains - first; Individual: Addison Daliege - first; Jaci McDaniel - second.

5th Art: Individual: Graydon Albrecht - first.

6th Art: Team: Cross Plains - first; Individual: Celeste Ingram - second; Theron Albrecht - third; Reye Dean - fourth; Alex Parker - fifth.

6th Grade Calc Apps: Team: Cross Plains - second; Individual: Abigail Mauricio - second; Asher Moses - fourth.

2nd Chess: Team: Cross Plains - first; Individual: Dustyn Lee - first; Harper Dillard - fourth.

3rd Chess: Team: Cross Plains - third; Individual: Zach Chance - first; Riley Ball - fifth.

6th Chess: Team: Cross Plains - third (tie); Individual: Alex

Parker - first.

2nd Creative Writing: Jensen Hull - second; Jack Bogue - fifth; Haylee Johnson - sixth.

5th Dictionary: Team: Cross Plains - third (tie).

6th Dictionary: Team: Cross Plains - first; Individual: Celeste Ingram - second; Alex Parker - third; Abigail Mauricio - fourth.

6th Improv Speaking: Cadence Nickerson - first; Addison Long - fourth.

5th Maps: Team: Cross Plains - third; Individual: Stryker Dillard - fifth.

6th Maps: Abigail Mauricio - fourth.

6th Math: Team: Cross Plains - third.

3rd Music Memory: Team: Cross Plains - second; Individual: Claire Moses - second.

4th Music Memory: Team: Cross Plains - second; Individual: Rhianna Lee - first; Peyton Gilliam - sixth.

5th Music Memory: Team: Cross Plains - first; Individual: Hannah Shipman - first; Alayna Chance - second; Jaci McDaniel - fourth; Gracie Strickland - sixth.

6th Music Memory: Team: Cross Plains - second; Individual: Abigail Mauricio - first; Reya Dean - fifth.

4th Number Sense: Jaci McDaniel - sixth.

6th Number Sense: Team: Cross Plains - third; Individual: Alex Parker - third.

2nd Story Telling: Harper Dillard - first; Hannah Johnson - fifth.

3rd Oral Reading: Kendall Purvis - first; Langly Potter - second; Haylee Gregory - fifth.

4th Oral Reading: Jaci McDaniel - fourth; Cullen Ellis - fifth.

5th Oral Reading: Kade Purvis - fourth.

6th Oral Reading: Abigail Mauricio - sixth.

3rd Ready Write: Langly Potter - sixth.

4th Ready Write: Hannah Shipman - third.

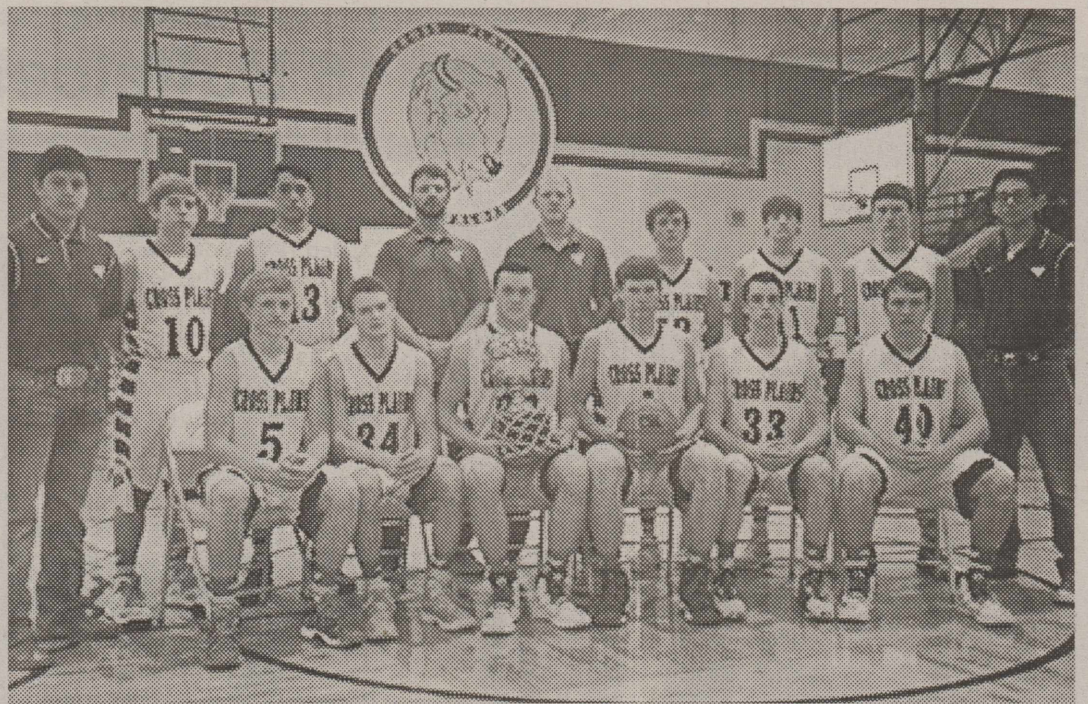
5th Ready Write: Katie Sutton - sixth.

6th Ready Write: Alex Parker - second; Addison Long - third.

5th Social Studies: Kade Purvis - sixth.

3rd Spelling: Team: Cross Plains - first; Individual: McKenna Podlevsky - first; Claire Moses - fourth.

4th Spelling: Team: Cross Plains - first; Individual: Addison Daliege - first; Cullen Ellis - third.



Cross Plains Buffaloes Basketball Team placed third at the Aspermont Tournament last Thursday-Saturday.

Buffaloes Place Third at Aspermont Tourney



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Cross Plains Buffaloes Junior High Roster 2017-2018

JH White

#	Name
0	Haydon Shipman
1	Gus Nickerson
11	Ryan Hopkins
13	Derek Dunlap
14	Trampas Mackey
20	Jacoby Gilliam
21	Logan McDaniel
32	Braxton Funderburk
34	Brennon Funderburk
35	Adrien Canales
40	Billy Jones
44	Cody Parr

JH Purple

#	Name
2	Spake Koenig
3	Ryan Reed
4	Beau Barker
5	Tate Tipton
10	Noah Moses
12	Cason Allen
15	Tanner Mackey
22	Jonathan Wheeler
23	Briceton Randol

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Basketball Schedule

December 15, Friday - At Eula, Varsity Boys and Girls, Junior Varsity Boys and Girls, 4 p.m.

December 18, Monday - Haskell here. Junior High Girls 7 and 8, 5:30 p.m.

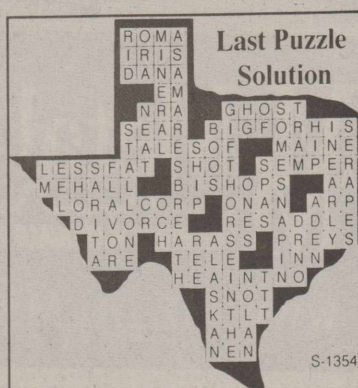
December 19, Tuesday - At Baird, Varsity Boys and Girls, Junior Varsity Boys and Girls, 4 p.m.

December 28-29, Thursday - Friday - Albany Tournament, Varsity Boys and Girls, Junior Varsity Girls.

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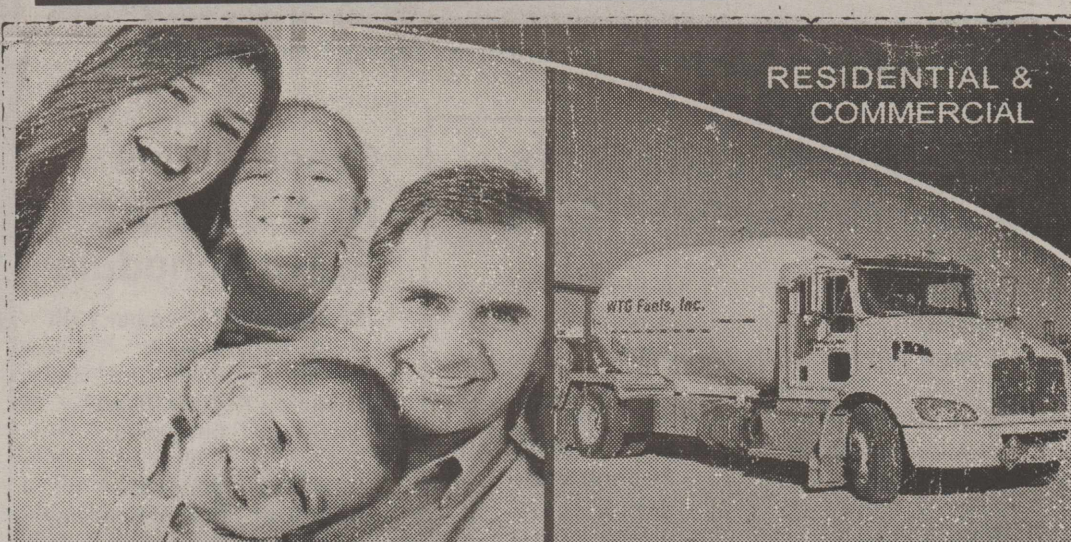
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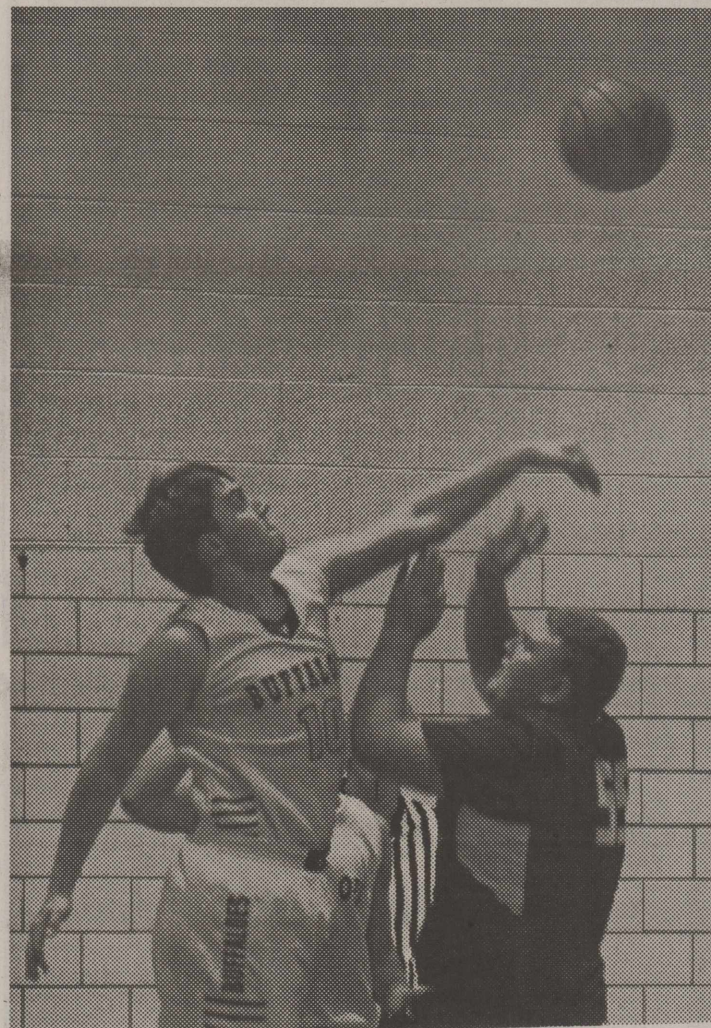
Junior Varsity Buffaloes Played in Albany Tournament

Junior Varsity Buffaloes played in the Albany Tournament last Thursday-Saturday. They won 3 of the 4 games in the tournament.

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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Henry Bennett, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Dylan Klett, DWI.
Cody Bruton, failure to identify.
Dylan Duncan, assault.
Arturo Gomez, terroristic threat.
Mark Anthony Allen, DWI.
Parker William Yost, DWI.

Marriage Licenses

Arthur Walter Pietrucha and Kelly Ann Shcumacher, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court James Eidson, presiding

Civil Minutes

Bruce B. Gray vs. Zachary A. Trant and Laura D. Trant, injury or damage: motor vehicle.
PCA Acquisitions V, LLC assignee of Synchrony Bank vs. Jennifer Garza, contracts: debt.

Shayla D. Smith and Ronald C. Smith, divorce.
Deliah Kay Hosick and Corey Robert Hosick, divorce.
Shanana Leigh Springer and Lindsay Kate Springer, divorce.

Citibank, NA vs. Michael W. Cooley, contracts: debt.
Citibank, NA vs. Tamerin Cooley, contracts: debt.
Citibank, NA vs. Becky Spohn, contracts: debt.
Jefferson Capital System, LLC vs. Shawn Hensler, contracts: debt.

Jerry Randall Hix and Lauri Jo Hix, divorce.

David and Carla Welch vs. Joel Wayne Griffin Jr., real property: partition.

Diana Lorraine Newman and Frank Aaron Newman, divorce.

Kara Dawn Barnett and Christopher Ray Barnett, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. Volkswagen Jetta, petition/seizure/forfeiture.

Gary Tindall vs. Joseph Rex Samford, injury or damage: motor vehicle.

Kelya Manet Shipley and Sean Randall Shipley, divorce.

No change for Callahan County schools in realignment

By Al Pickett
Special Writer

The University Interscholastic League's announcement Wednesday of the enrollment numbers of each classification brought no change for the four high schools in Callahan County.

Clyde turned in an enrollment of 404, meaning the Bulldogs' football team will continue to compete in Class 3A Division I in football. In fact, Clyde's numbers are right in the middle of the Class 3A Division I numbers, which include 106 schools ranging in enrollment from 335 to 504. The classifications are not broken up for other sports besides football, so Clyde will

be among 232 Class 3A schools playing basketball.

With an enrollment of 110, Cross Plains will remain in Class 2A Division II, just barely above the cut-off number of 105 as the bottom of Class 2A.

Baird turned in an enrollment of 88, which puts it in Class 1A, which is six-man football. But Baird will continue to opt to play 11-man football and will compete in Class 2A Division II in football. The Bears will be in Class 1A in all other sports.

Eula has an enrollment of 103, just under the cutoff line for Class 2A, so the Pirates will continue to compete in Class 1A. Eula, of course, doesn't field a football team.

The biggest news coming

out of West Texas was the announcement that Abilene Wylie will move up to Class 5A for the first time in school history. Wylie has an enrollment of 1,164, making it the fourth smallest 5A school in the state. That is just 14 students above the 4A-5A cutoff line of 1,150.

The biennial UIL reclassification and realignment will go into effect in the fall of 2018. The UIL only released the numbers of the classification splits on Wednesday. The districts for football and basketball will be announced on Feb. 1, with the rest of the sports to follow in seasonal order.

From the Cross Plains Review - Letters to Santa 1936

From the Cross Plains Review... 81 years ago, December 1936.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some fire-works, also a baseball, bat and glove. Some fruit, candy and some nuts. Please don't forget the other good children.

Your friend,
Noah Sealy Johnson

Dear Santa:
I want you to bring me a doll and a typewriter, plenty nuts, candy apples and oranges.

I am 8 years old.

With love,
Bobbie Lou Wooten

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a bicycle and a french harp.
Robert Lee Grider

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Pearl Bunnell's Quick Energy Treats to Jimmie Lee Payne's Marinated Carrots and Fannie Bowden's Mexican Chicken Casserole; the book contains them all, plus a whole lot of other delicious recipes.

The \$15.00 books can be purchased at the Methodist Church or by contacting any church member. Books can also be mailed to out-of-town if requested.



Callahan County Burn Ban now in effect

Callahan County has reinstated the Countywide Burn Ban effective immediately.

County Judge Roger Corn said the Burn Ban was reinstated Monday, November 27th and will be in effect until county commissioners determine when to lift it.

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Cross Plains Junior High Named UIL Academic Champions

Cross Plains Junior High repeated as UIL District Academic Champions on Thursday, December 7 at Eula.

The team point totals were as follows:

Cross Plains	482
Eula	387.3
Santa Anna	312
May	281.3
Baird	264
Panther Creek	229.5
Rising Star	199.8

Seventh Grade Individual Winners

Sara Bien - 2nd Place Art, 3rd Place Listening, 4th Place Oral Reading, 5th Place Calculator, 5th Place Impromptu Speaking
Zane Fleming - 4th Place Art
Hailey Mauricio -- 3rd Place Art

Logan McDaniel - 2nd Place Maps, Graphs, & Charts, 2nd Place Science, 3rd Place Spelling, 5th Place Social Studies

Hannah McKinney - 1st Place Oral Reading, 1st Place Ready

Writing, 3rd Place Impromptu Speaking, 6th Place Listening
Ryan Reed - 3rd Place Maps, Graphs, and Charts, 3rd Place Chess

Abbigale Shepard - 1st Place Impromptu Speaking, 4th Place Maps, Graphs, and Charts, 5th Place Science, 6th Place Editorial Writing

Haydon Shipman - 2nd Place Math, 3rd Place Number Sense
Eighth Grade Individual Winners

Beau Barker - 1st Place Science, 1st Place Number Sense, 1st Place Math, 2nd Place Maps, Graphs, and Charts, 6th Place Calculator

Treydie Bilbrey - 5th Place Art
Meagan Kelley - 2nd Place Art
Spade Koeing - 2nd Place Impromptu Speaking

Kiley Morgan - 1st Place Oral Reading

Alaina Potter - 5th Place Oral Reading

Ashton Powell - 3rd Place Art
Callie Sutton - 2nd Place

Number Sense, 3rd Place Maps, Graphs, and Charts, 6th Place Ready Writing
Bailey Wells - 1st Place Art, 2nd Place Ready Writing, 3rd Place Listening, 6th Place Spelling

Jonathan Wheeler - 4th Place Calculator

Team Winners
7th Maps, Graphs, and Charts - 1st Place Team

8th Art - 1st Place Team
7th Art - 2nd Place Team

8th Chess - 2nd Place Team
8th Maps, Graphs, and Charts - 2nd Place Team

7th Math - 2nd Place Team
8th Math - 2nd Place Team

8th Number Sense - 2nd Place Team

7th Calculator - 3rd Place Team

8th Calculator - 3rd Place Team

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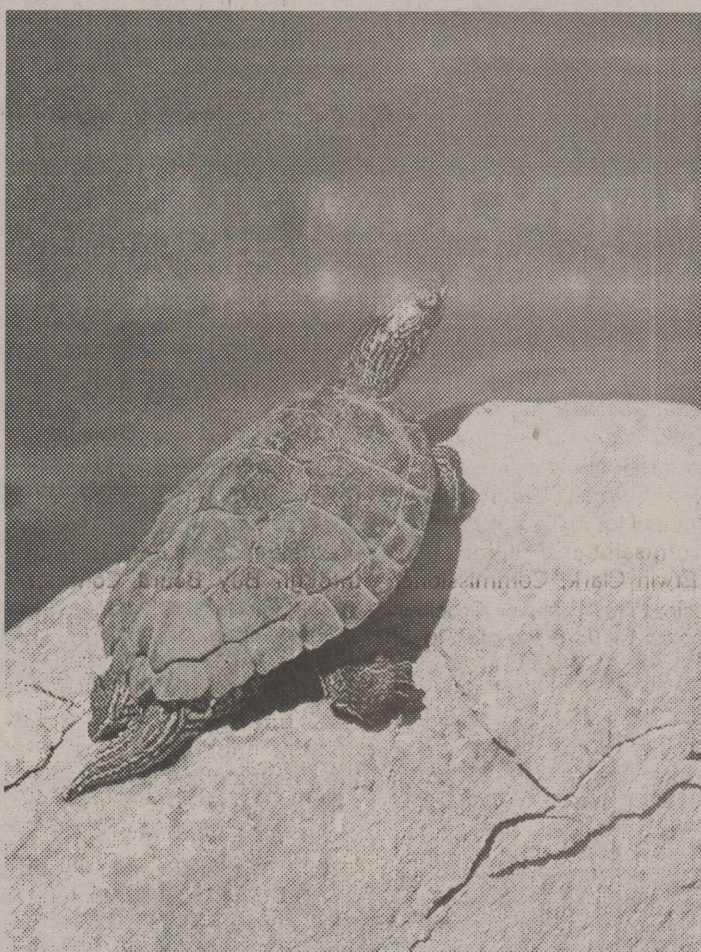
Texas Map Turtle

The Concho Valley is home to eight species of aquatic turtles, and in my opinion none of these are as endearing as the diminutive representative of the map turtle family, the Texas Map Turtle.

Texas Map Turtles (*Graptemys versa*) are one of five map turtle varieties that occur in Texas, and one of two species that is found in this state and in this state alone. Their distribution is strictly limited to the Colorado, Concho, and Llano river systems of the Hill Country and Edwards Plateau. They can also be found in the lakes and tributaries associated with said rivers. It rarely, if ever is encountered on land.

Like other members in the map turtle family, this species can be quite colorful and attractive. The carapace, or top shell, is bright green in younger animals, fading to an olive color as the animal matures. There is an intricate pattern of yellow, or more typically, orange markings on each scale of the carapace, and just like the background coloration, these lines fade as the animal ages. The scutes along the vertebral area of the carapace are raised into a keel, and this is more prominent in the juveniles than in the older adults. The bottom shell, or plastron, is yellowish and unpatterned save for dark markings on the seams that connect the plastron scales together. The neck and head are green littered with bright orange lines. Typical specimens have a large, orange "J" shaped pattern that runs vertically behind each eye, and this is one of the diagnostic characters that can be utilized to differentiate this from other species of aquatic turtles. The legs and tail are also green and are marked with orange lines similar to the neck and head.

This native turtle is one of the smallest, if not the smallest, basking aquatic turtle that is found within the borders of this state. Sexually mature adults ranging in carapace size from three inches to seven inches in length. Females are the larger



Texas Map Turtle of this species changes (Graptemys versa) grow older, with young animals being primarily carnivorous, feeding mainly on insects and small fish while mature individuals are herbivores, feeding on plant material.

sex, attaining lengths of up to seven inches, while the males are much smaller, only attaining a carapace length of about three and one half inches. Mature males also can be distinguished from the females by the presence of elongated nails on the front legs.

Mating in this species can happen in either the spring or the autumn, and begins with males stroking the females along her head with his elongated nails in a bizarre, yet romantic courtship. After mating, the female will lay her small clutch of no more than six (usually two or three) eggs in mid-spring. Large, healthy females may lay up to four clutches of eggs annually. Unlike most other aquatic turtles, this species typically does not travel great distances from

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

From the Cross Plains Review - Letters to Santa 1980

From the Cross Plains Review... 37 years ago, December 1980.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy and would like for you to bring me a Jeep with a CB, a pickup with trailer and two horses and an airplane.

Love,
Matt Reed
Age 3 1/2

Dear Santa Claus, I love you. Please bring Nathaniel a truck. Please give me a baton and a baby doll that has a rash and Barbie dolls and bus. I have been a good girl.

Rhonda Swift
Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a new plant. I hope everyone has a nice Christmas. And home everyone remembers - it's Jesus's birthday.

Carlie Albrecht
Kindergarten

From the Cross Plains Review - Letters to Santa 1984

From the Cross Plains Review... 33 years ago, December 1984.

Dear Santa, I would like a blond haired Cabbage Patch Kid. I would also like some clothes for my Cabbage Patch Kid (the one Santa is going to bring me), some Barbie clothes and a Barbie swimming pool.

Love,
Whitney Kirkham
Mrs. Wilson's 1st Grade

Dear Santa I would like to have a Cabbage Patch with some clothes and a stroller for him. I am growing fast so I better order some clothes for me and my sister. Don't forget about all the other boys and girls that don't have time to write.

Love you a bunch!
Love
Misty Strickland

Dear Santa Clause, I have been a pretty good boy this year. This is what I would like for Christmas. Green Bay Packers football suit, train set, Castle Gray Skull, Montgomery Moose and batting tee.

Please remember all of my friends and my baby brother and sisters.
I love you, Santa
Donnie Dillard Jr.

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. I would like a Cabbage Patch Doll and colors and coloring books. Please do not forget my brother and sister and all the other boys and girls. I have been a good girl.

Rickie Jo Potter

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Christmas Eve Service at Methodist Church

The Methodist Church invites the community to their annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Beginning at 6:00, the service will include special scriptures, readings and music; all designed to bring the hustle and bustle of preparations to an end as we enter into a time of reflection and appreciation of the true meaning of God's gift of salvation and resurrection to us. In the Sanctuary decorated

with beautiful poinsettias and the Chrismon tree, the service will end with the traditional passing of the light from the Christ Candle to individuals with the soft sounds of "Silent Night" in the background.

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Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

Saturday, December the 9th at 1:56 p.m. an emergency 911 call came into Callahan County Dispatch concerning an out of control grass fire at 6151 County Road 254. Clyde Volunteer Fire Department was immediately paged out. Baird and Eula Volunteer Fire Departments were also paged out. The House of Yahweh also sent out volunteers and equipment. Callahan County Deputy Chris Levens was first on the scene. As I was approaching the area I could see a huge white cloud of billowing smoke in the sky south of Clyde.

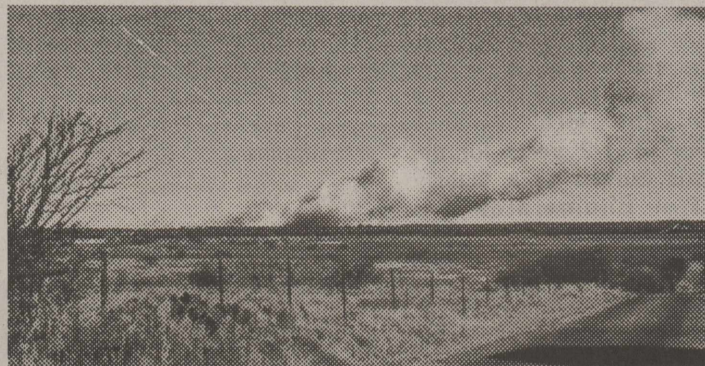
The thick grass was very dry and the wind was from the north. The fire traveled very rapidly moving south. A house, in the path of the fire, was saved due to the rapid response of the volunteer firemen. Under the leadership of Clyde Volunteer Fireman Incident Commander Billy Dezern the Callahan County volunteer fire fighters stopped this fire at County Road 252. The fire was stopped in approximately one hour and twenty minutes from the time it was called into 911 dispatch. The moving of this much fire fighting equipment, trucks and water and fully equipped fire fighters into the field and on the scene and have this fire under control in such a short time is highly commendable of our volunteer firemen.

The fire was started by an individual who was welding on a fence. After discussing how this fire started with the Incident Commander and on behalf of the Volunteer firemen, who many times risk their lives fighting fire, and on behalf of the Callahan County citizens an investigation by the Sheriff's Department is ongoing to determine if charges will be filed.

Thenextday, Sundaythe10th, at 2:41 p.m. an emergency 911 call came into Callahan County Dispatch reporting a house fire at 10306 County Road 236 south of Eula. Deputy Chris Levens was again first on the scene. The Eula Volunteer Fire Department rapidly responded, assisted by the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department. The House of Yahweh Volunteer Fire Department was also at the scene to assist. The Incident Commander of this fire was Eula Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Dawson. There were concerns that this fire might



INCIDENT COMMANDER CHARLIE DAWSON, SECOND FROM RIGHT, TALKING TO DEPUTY CHRIS LEVENS, AT RIGHT



SATURDAY'S GRASS FIRE FROM A DISTANCE BILLOWING SMOKE



CALLAHAN COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS SPRAY WATER ON A SHED DURING SATURDAY'S LARGE GRASS FIRE SOUTH OF CLYDE



CALLAHAN COUNTY FIREMEN ATTEMPT TO CONTAIN THIS STORAGE BUILDING FIRE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH SOUTH OF CLYDE



PICTURE OF DRUG BUST PARAPHERNALIA & MARIJUANA THAT OCCURRED EARLY MONDAY MORNING ON HIGHWAY 36

spread but the wind was not blowing and neighbors had their garden hoses watering down the dead grass around their property. By 6:36 p.m. the Callahan County Volunteer Firemen had this fire under control. Incident Commander Charlie Dawson said that there will be an investigation to determine the cause of the fire.

If you see a Callahan County Volunteer Fireman, shake their hand and tell them to keep up the good work. Remember that the burn ban is on. "NO BURNING." If you make a living welding or work with metal that has to be cut you must have a spotter available and access to water while working.

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DRUG CASE

Monday morning at 4:30 a.m. Callahan County Chief Deputy Rick Jowers observed a vehicle swerving from lane to lane and speeding east bound on Highway 36. After following and observing the vehicle he pulled it over in Cross Plains near the Food Plaza. He could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. He conducted a search of the vehicle and found drug paraphernalia and marijuana, a meth pipe, a marijuana grinder with marijuana in the grinder. The driver was headed to Cross Plains but has now been detained by way of the Callahan County Jail.

Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from December 11th

The Meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on December 11, 2017, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nicole Crocker, County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Jan Windham, County Treasurer. Also attending the meeting were: Terry Joy, Sheriff; Rick Jowers, Chief Deputy Sheriff's Office; Tammy Walker, Tax Assessor Collector; Karl Wing, Ag Extension Agent; Billy Hughes, Nicki Harle, Jack Dunn, Sam Goldsmith, 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.

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

—Under public comment there was none.

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

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the sheriff's overtime report with 11.5 unapproved hours. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to postpone discussion about the sheriff's office space and storage space until the next meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to approve the Fruitland Subdivision plat. Commissioner Clark seconded

the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the Callahan County Ag Extension Agent's report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to purchase a 2018 140K motor grader for precinct #2 from Warren CAT through Buy Board Contract and Financing with American National Leasing Company. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the sheriff's office end of lease #2147 on the 2015 Chevrolet pickup and the purchase of a new Chevrolet pickup financed with American National Leasing Company. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to approve a new bank account for FEMA reimbursements. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the Callahan County Historical Commission's request to add \$10,000 to the Historical Commission's CD from the its money market account at First Bank Texas. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the budget adjustments. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to sign a deed without warranty over to Oplin Church of Christ. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Sam Goldsmith presented the IT project update on the radio and tower improvements

to the commissioners' court. No action taken.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve a R56 grounding audit at Belle Plains radio tower and jail radio equipment by Texas Communications. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to apply for the Texas Historical Commission THCPP Grant Round X for a planning grant and an emergency grant for the courthouse building exterior. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—No action was taken on the order prohibiting or restricting certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the 2018 Holiday list. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to not trim the courthouse trees. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the auditor's report. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

Republican filing closes with three more candidates announcing

Candidate filing ended Monday, December 11th with three more candidates announcing for public office, including two announcing for the Clyde Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 position.

Callahan County Republican County Chairwoman Angela Campbell reported incumbent Clyde Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 Tom Rumfield, 61, filed for re-election on Monday, December 11th. Rumfield resides at 19260 FM 604 South, Clyde.

He will be challenged by Renea McGowen Ortiz, 45, who also filed for the Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 seat on Monday, December 11th. Ortiz resides at 8004 County Road 254, Clyde. She has lived in the state all her life and in Callahan County one year, one month.

Also filing for the District Clerk position is Sharon Owens, 67, who is the former District Clerk. Owens announced her intention to run for District Clerk on Monday, December 11th. She lists her occupation as retired. Owens resides at 6218 County Road 252, Clyde. She has lived in the state all her life and in Callahan County 45 years, 7 months.

A total of 17 candidates have filed for a place on the ballot in the Republican Primary Election, according to Republican County Chairwoman Campbell.

Campbell reported the 17 candidates have filed as of Monday, December 11th for eight positions up for election

in the Republican Primary Election.

Those who have announced their candidacy previously in the Republican Primary Election include:

Incumbent Nicole Darnell Crocker, 27, has announced for re-election to her County Clerk position.

Incumbent Bryan Farmer, 61, announced his re-election bid for the County Commissioner Precinct #2 (Eula) place on Monday, November 13th.

Incumbent Erwin Clark, 55, announced for re-election to the County Commissioner Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) seat on Monday, November 13th.

Frankie W. Hyles, 54, who filed for the County Commissioner Precinct #4 place on Tuesday, November 14th.

Rickey Carouth, 63, filed for the County Commissioner Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) position on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Mike Bright, 67, filed for the County Commissioner #4 office on Thursday, November 30th.

Nicki Harle, 69, announced for the vacant County Judge position on the Republican ticket on Monday, November 13th.

Incumbent Jan Windham, 60, announced her re-election as the County Treasurer on Monday, November 13th.

Molly Matties, 23, announced her candidacy for District Clerk position on Monday, November 13th.

Incumbent Steve Odom, 69, announced his re-election bid to the Justice of the Peace Precinct #3 (Baird) position on Monday, November 13th.

Incumbent Burlie W. Taylor, 82, announced his re-election candidacy for Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) on Monday, November 13th.

David Welch, 48, will challenge Taylor for the Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) position. Welch filed for the JP place on Monday, November 13th.

Bobby Don Lovell, 52, filed for the position of Callahan County Judge on Friday, November 24th.

Gerry Scott Kniffen, 63, filed for the positions of Callahan County Judge on Monday, November 27th.

Filing for the Republican and Democratic Primary Election began on Monday, November 13th and concluded on Monday, December 11th.

Among the Callahan County offices to be decided in the March primary elections as well as in the General Election in November 2018 include: County Judge, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Treasurer, County Commissioner Precinct #2 (Eula), County Commissioner Precinct #4 (Cross Plains), Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 (Clyde), Justice of the Peace Precinct #3 (Baird), and Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 (Cross Plains).

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Cross Plains Public Library Writing Contest

The Cross Plains Public Library is accepting entries for our annual writing contest. This contest is open to all students attending or eligible to attend the Cross Plains Public Schools. Poetry, essay and short stories are allowed. Entries will be accepted from grades K-12th; home schooled students may pick up the guidelines and entry form at the library. Parents/guardians of home schooled children are responsible for inquiries to the awards assembly date and time. The library will not contact the home

schooled recipients.

Entries are to be submitted to the library no later than February 28, 2018. Entries will be "blind judged" with ribbons award to the top three entries for grades K-6th and gift cards will be awarded to the top three entries for grades 7th-12th.

The overall winner will receive a Tablet with 2nd and 3rd place to receive gift cards.

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



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Sharon Owens files for Callahan Co. District Clerk

I am Sharon Owens, filing for the office of Callahan County District Clerk as a Republican Candidate.

I am 67 years of age, married to Dale Owens for 49 years. We have 3 children, ranging from ages 41 to 48. We have lived in the county 45 years and raised our family in the Clyde area.

I retired from the position of Callahan County District Clerk in 2015. My work history includes: 16 years as the District Clerk of Callahan County; 4 years at the Callahan County Tax Office; 5 years in the banking business with the First Bank of Texas; 5 years with a local insurance agency; 1 1/2 years for the Census Bureau as a Quality control Enumerator and

Field Operations Supervisor. I enjoyed working with the public and being of assistance whenever I could.

For the last 31-1/2 years I have held positions which involve public contact and found I really liked serving the general public.

In closing, with my experience in the Callahan County District Clerk's office, I will be able to step into the job with very little need for training. Thus having no down time, saving the taxpayer's dollars. I know how to make the office run efficiently and effectively. I've done it before and I will do it again. I ask you for your vote and support.



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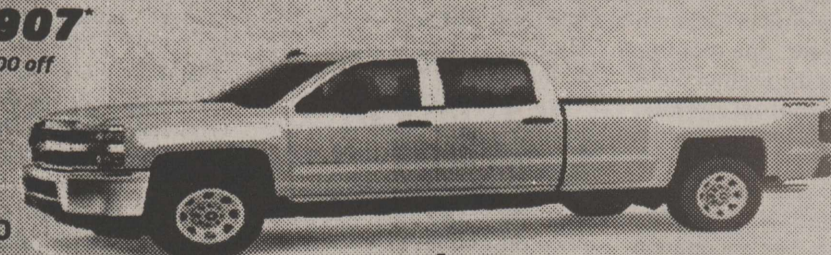
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