

# Waiting For Santa

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## 3rd Grade Cont.

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing well and your ready to drop off some presents. How is Mrs Claus? I hope she's doing good Now lets get to the point. I have half bad and I'm sorry. But, if I deserve a present I would like a call of duty World War II game, Assasin's Creed orgin, Megs Nerf gun, and a big toy car that I can drive. Thank you Santa. And have a nice Christmas.

P.S. Ill have a drink and some cookies for you!  
Love, Jeffery Yates

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing? I hope he is alright. I have been a little bad this year Can you forgive me Santa?

Please remember kids in the hospital, also service men and women and the ophans because they need presents too. For Christmas I want a camera and a Chrome Book .

I will continue doing my chores eating my veggies. Please remember my sister Katelyn Gregory.

P.S. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for all of your reindeer.

Love, Haylee Gregory



Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clause doing? Has she made you very tired. Are you ready to get to work?

Please remember the peoplehow are in the hospital that dont get to spend Christmas at home this year.

Santa I've tried to be nice to my sister so, I hope you will get me a few things foor Christmas. Can I please have a I nintendo switch, chrome book, Hover Board and a full instint camera.

Love, Anson

P.S. I forget to tell you that I will leave some cookies. Also I have a dog and he will just bark not bite.

Dear Santa,  
I hop you have had a relaxing break and you're ready to get right back to work.

How is Rudolph doing? Santa, please remember our kid in the hospitals because they won't be able to spend Christmas at home.

Santa, I have been bad because I have been yelling at my parents lately, so if you think I deserve a gift then all I want is some Breyer horses and also a black Breyer horse please.

Love, Virginia Allen

P.S. I will leave treats for the reindeer at house on the porch.

Dear Santa,  
What is coal made of? How are you doing? Please don't forget the orphans because they dont have a home. I tried to be good this year and do you think I deserve a present. Hear is what I want. I want a Hover board, GTA5 fore xbox 360, a go-kart, a new phone, and a air nerf gun. LOVE KEVIN!!!!

P.S. I will Leave you milk and cookies.

Letter to GOD  
Thank you GOD for everthing, family, friends, and fun. But most of all for Jesus, My Savior and your son. Thank you for him being born. It is really important for me that he is alive.

Love, Tori Bradley

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## Christmas Dinner Blessings

By Geneva Nelson

As we bow our heads to pray, there is something, I must say. Are your hearts and thoughts cleared...to the one we hold so dear? Have they gone to santa and his sleigh or are they with the Savior, on the way? As we silently say AMEN have we truely thanked the lam....for the greatest gift on this earth....a breathing Saviors birth!



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Dear Santa, Tell Rudolph that I love him, Santa do not forget the children in the hospitals, and don't forget the people who fought for us. I'm sorry that I have been bad this year but could you still bring me something? I would like a Breyer horse, a Schlich horse, chrome book, and a dragon toy.  
Love, Kylie Davis

Dear Santa, I hope that you are ready for Christmas. are the elves are doing good? Santa, don't forget the kids in the hospital because they don't open presents! I apologize for getting onto Dayson. Santa this is what i want for Christmas is some Row Blocks.  
Love Jeremy Santos

Dear Santa, Do the elves eat you coolies? Dont forget the orphans because they need help, I have been good because I'm doing my homework and my chore. What I really want this year is a chrome book, dictionary and Slime kit and dont forget my cousins, please.  
Love, Delanee Vasquez

Dear Santa, I hope that Rudolph is okay and the other reindeer aren't calling him names and not letting him join in on the reindeer games.

Santa plese don't forget the orphans everywhere because spme of them haven't even got a present in the whole world. Also Santa I realy apologize for being mean to my mom and hitting my brothers with a nerf gun.

Santa get ready it's time for me to say what I would like for Christmas is an elf from your own shop to watch one. bicycle, project mcq purse, minion gun, and a pojec mcq mckeyla's ultimate lair kit.  
Love, Claire

P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies

Dear Santa, I hope you like my reindeer pellets. Prancer better be sharing or he'll floating like a baloon.

Please Santa go and visit the kids in the orphanage because they probaly never got to open a present. if you want I will.

Santa, I've done all my chores but one. I'm sorry for sassing and hurting my sisters but I really haven't done anything to my brother. I hope I've been good enough for presents.

Santa, what I want is a Butle, some paint, and canvis, lots of cand, and a american girl doll. Thank you for everything.  
Love, Langly

P.S. I'll make you chocolate dizziled cookies whith extra chocolate milk.

Dear Santa, Santa, how's Rufolph? Please don't forget the servicemenand women this year, because they can't get to hace Christmas with their families. I have been good and if you let me have some presents this year here is what I want. I want a air soft gun, A Hot wheels set, and a nerf gun. And don't forget my family.  
Love, Chance

P.S. I will leve you milk and cookies

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? Is Rudolph ready to fly?

When you are delivering presents dont forget the people in the orpahage.

Iv'e tried hard in School. For Christmas I would like, Call of Duty, WW II, Mortal combat, watch Dogs 5, assassions. Creed Syndicate and my Dads dream car for him.

P.S. Cookies and on coffee table.  
Love, Major McCreedy

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Santa, please don't forget the kids in the hospital because they probablydon't get to see ttheir family this year for Christmas.

Santa, I hope you think I've been working hard and doing my chores at home, so I think I deserve to open at leaset one present.

Santa, what I want for Christmas is books to read. a doctor kit, art supplies and stuffed animals.

Love, McKenna Podlevsky  
P.S. Have a safe trip.

Dear Santa, Hi Santa, I hope every thig is going good at the North Pole. What would you like me to leave you when you come to my house?

Please remember to bring presents to kids in the hospital.

I think I have been a good girl this yeat and I help mom , I feed lombs and I go to church.

For Christmas this year I would like a Karaoke machine, lego friends and american doll-stuff. Hope you don't catch a cold!  
Love, Kyndall Purvis

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**Season's Greetings**

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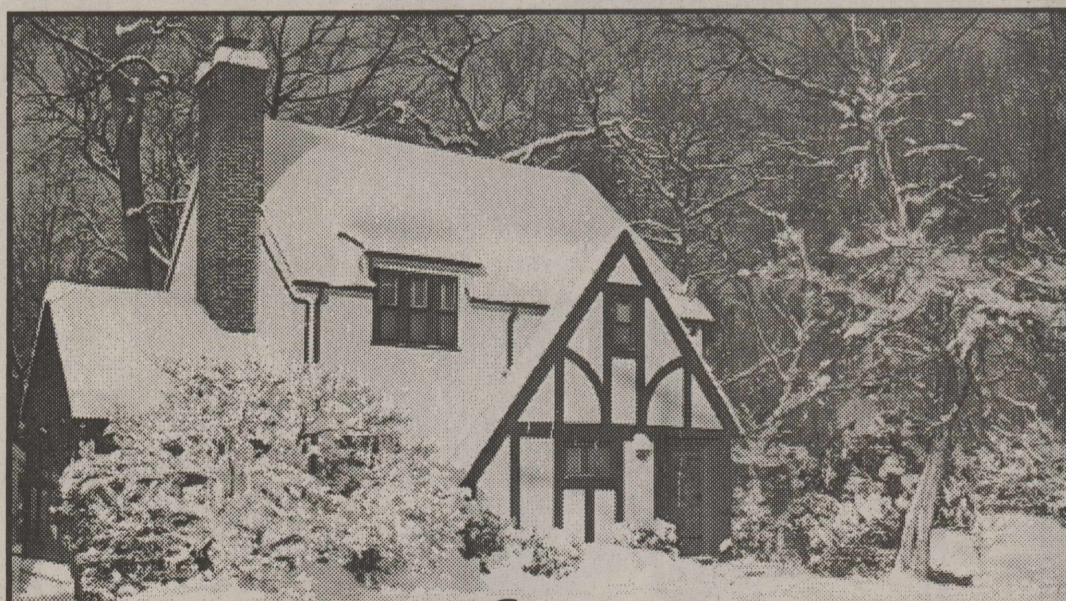
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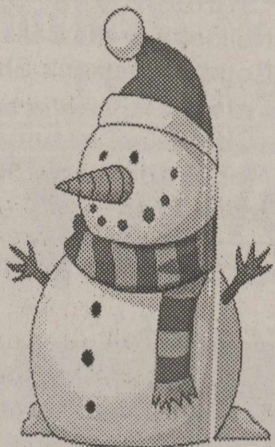
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## 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a relaxing vacation.  
Santa, Please remember kids in hospitals. I hope you think I have been good this year. I want a nerf gun, robot, Nerf bullets.  
Love, Isaiah Cody

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing I hope your elf are working hard with the presents. Santa do not forget to give the hospital kids presents too.  
Santa, I am sorry for being bad to my mom because she works so hard. I was going to ask if you could put me on the good list.  
What I want for Christmas is Slime Kits, a phone, and a Barbie Doll house.  
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,  
How are you? so lets get to the point. I have been half bad and I dont deserve christmas or presents this year. I deserve my family because thats what its all about right.  
Well there's always next year. It's almost time for me to stop, but I just want one thing amd thats my mom's love, so bye.  
Love,  
LJ Eppard

P.S. Ill leave you some Honey Buns and milk.

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a good time on your break. I hope Mrs. Claus made you a lot of cookies for your trip to places.  
Please don't forget the service men an wome, Homless, and the ophans. Santa I need to apolage because i've been mean to my brothers. I will act and try to be good. I will work hard at school and do my chores. Santa can I have this year a Chrome bak,art, american girl doll, skinny girl jeans, an a Iphone, for my mom a ring, dad new clothes and my brothers new clothes to.  
Merry Christmas  
Love, Jayden Phillips

Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to be good this year and I hope you don't forget the service men and women. Doe's Mrs. Claus make you cookies everyday?  
I will be healthy and I will do my chores and nest year I will be extra good for you if you will bring me some presents. What I really want for Christmas is a Baby aivedoll and please give my sister a kitchen set.  
P.S. I hope you give me a present.  
Love, Autumn

P.S. I hope you give me a present.

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Dear Santa,  
I hope Rudoph is okay and get all the reindeer ready even Rudolph to fly high in the sky.  
Please don't forget the ophans that didn't open a presnet before and don't have parnets.  
Santa have I been good or not? I help my mom and dad at home.  
For Christmas I want a skate board, playstation 4, Plants vs. zombie garden warfar, and a BB gun.  
Love, Jhustin Constan

Dear Santa,  
I hope the other reindeers are not picking on Rudolph and if they are about to get a lesson from me. If I could ever find the North Pole. By the wayhow is Mrs Clause I hope she is O.K. I cant wait for Christmas Eve. I hope I've been good enough to get some presentss from you. I'm sorry if I've been rude to Tami. When I get home I will tell her I'm sorry for being rude to her, and you know that I love her so much.  
Now I will tell you wait I want for Christmas Eve I wait a tablet, brown bear, toy computer, pink jacket, a picture of you.  
Love, Chloe Cox

P.s. Dont forget your milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a wonderful break, but you have to get ready to work now. Oh, how is Rudolph and the other reindeer? Did they have a good nap?  
Santa, dont forget to remember orpahns, kids in hosp[ital]s, and service men and women that can not spend Christmas Day with their family. Santa, I have been good along with my family, and if you think my family and I deserve something here is what I want .  
I only want two things for me. One thing I want is a Chrome book and the other os a Dicionary. For my mom, a ring and for my sister a toy kitchen, and for my aunt a silver necklace, and for my grand,a a phone.  
Merry Christmas,  
Arleth Sanchez

P.S, I'll leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,  
I hope that Rudolph is fine for the danerous trips. Dont forget the Servicemen and women because they aren't going home for Christmas and bring them home.  
Santa i've really been good this year. I want a xbox and a black ops game.  
Love, Samuel

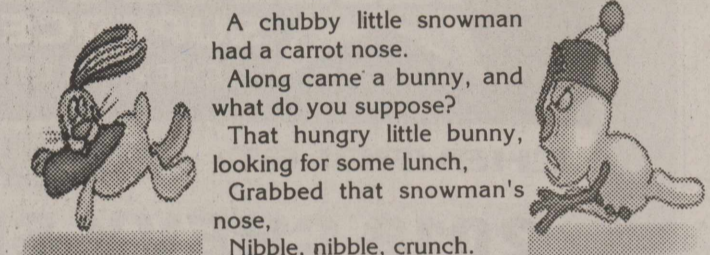
Dear Santa,  
Santa do your reindeer like cattots. and I won't to remember all the kids in the hospital. I have been good to I am ready to say my gifts. I went a Butter and elf and a dog and a stffed animal and some shoes.  
Love, Abby Jones

P.S. I a, going to leave carrots and milk and cookies

Dear Santa  
How is Rudolph doing? Have the elves been good Santa please remember the service men and women. Santa, I'm sorry I don't deserve any presents, but if you think I do, I would like a phone and a dog.  
Yours truly,  
Alex Cumbee

Dear Santa,  
Are you ready Santa. for all the presents and letters you'll get?  
Santa, please remember the orphans who need a present.  
Santa I want an electric scooter, chrome book and a bike.  
Love, Zach Cody  
P.S I will leave you milk and cookies.

## A Chubby Snowman



A chubby little snowman had a carrot nose. Along came a bunny, and what do you suppose? That hungry little bunny, looking for some lunch, Grabbed that snowman's nose.  
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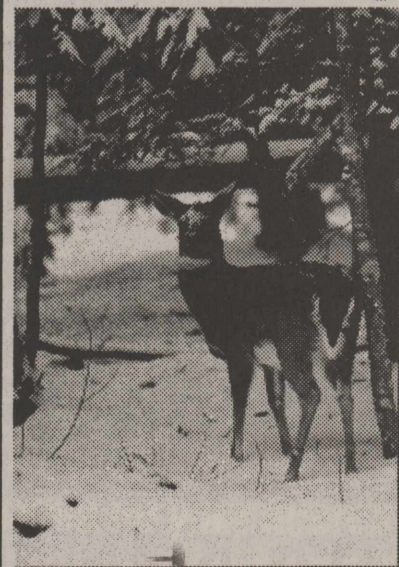
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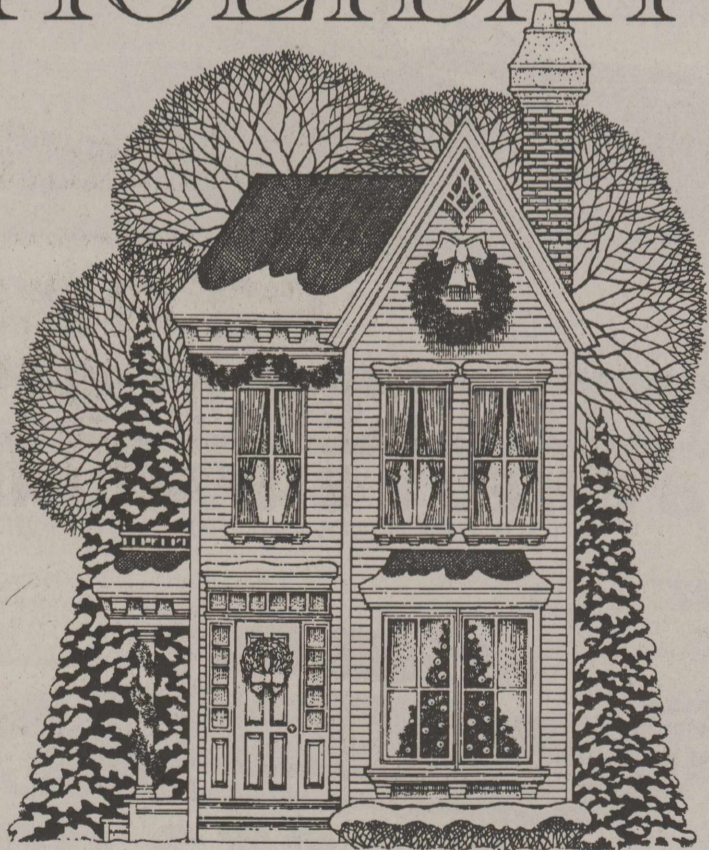
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# Texas Historical Commission news briefs

## TEXAS HISTORIC COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROGRAM OFFERS TENTH ROUND OF GRANTS

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is accepting applications for "Round X" of its award-winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP). The program received a \$20.2 million appropriation from the 85th Texas Legislature for the 2017-2018 biennium.

"The courthouse program positively impacts communities across the state in a variety of ways—revitalizing historic downtowns, bolstering pride through the restoration of a treasured landmark, and creating safer, more functional buildings to serve its citizens," said THC Architecture Division Director Sharon Fleming.

The THCPP provides partial matching grants for the restoration of historic county courthouses. While restoring the courthouse's original

architectural integrity is an important goal of the program, providing and updating handicapped accessibility, security, mechanical, communication, electrical, and plumbing systems are crucial to its continued performance as a courthouse. The program awards three types of grants: planning grants for the production of architectural plans and specifications; construction grants for restorations and rehabilitations; and emergency grants to address critical issues endangering a historic courthouse or its occupants, including damage caused by natural disasters.

The THCPP grant application procedures and forms are available on the THC's website at [thc.texas.gov/thcpp](http://thc.texas.gov/thcpp), along with a timeline for submitting applications, construction plans and specifications, and new preservation master plans. Completed grant application materials are due by close of

business February 5, 2018. Grant recipients and awards will be announced by the THC at its quarterly meeting in late April 2018.

Since its creation in 1999, the program has attracted more than 131 participants and awarded more than \$270 million to counties to fully restore 67 courthouses and provide smaller grants to assist with emergency and planning projects. In addition to providing safe and functional buildings, restoration of historic courthouses benefits the state and local economies. Courthouse preservation projects have created more than 10,650 jobs in Texas and generated more than \$555 million. Restored courthouses reinvigorate historic downtowns and promote heritage tourism, a \$7.3 billion industry in Texas. The THC also provides ongoing support and training to county staff for maintenance and upkeep of their restored courthouses through the Texas Courthouse Stewardship

Program. For more information about THCPP, contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512-463-6094.

## TAKE A TEXAS ROADTRIP WITH TWO NEW MOBILE APP TOURS

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) launched two new mobile app tours, "German Texans: Land, Freedom, Community" and "Texas: Forged in Revolution."

The newest mobile app tours explore nearly 200 years of German cultural heritage, rediscover the widely known stories of Texas' most distinctive era, and introduce users to lesser-known heroes of the Texas Revolution, all from the convenience of a mobile device. The tours feature a rich blend of images, videos, maps, and useful visitor information for exploring Texas' independence-related sites and the many cultural contributions of German Texans.

Texas Time Travel Tours is a mobile application that

provides statewide tours of Texas' historic and cultural sites and locations. Upon initial release in 2015, Texas Time Travel Tours contained seven mobile tours. The growing popularity of these tours led to the development of these two new tours

The mobile app tours are part of the Texas Heritage Trails Program, a regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies, and foster community leadership through historic preservation. For more information, or to download the free app, visit [TexasHistoryApp.com](http://TexasHistoryApp.com)



Thursday, January 11, 2018 Early Out at 1:00 p.m.  
Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

Friday, January 12, 2018  
Student and Staff Holiday For the Callahan County Livestock Show

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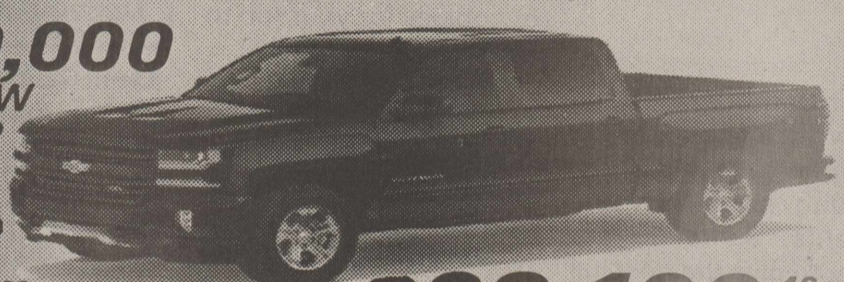
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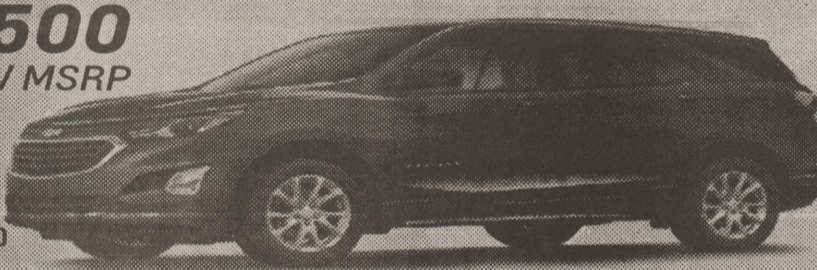
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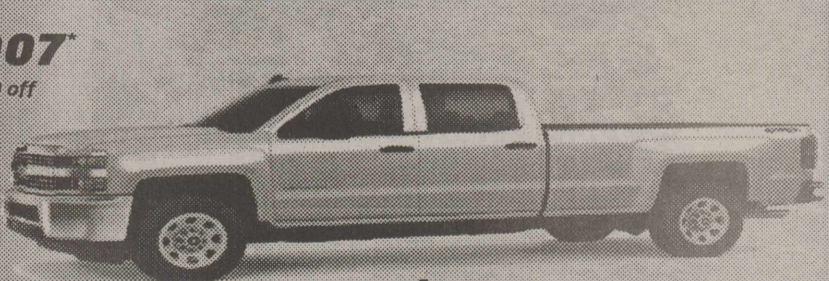
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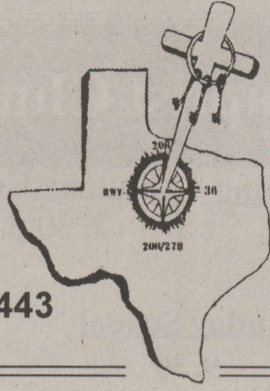
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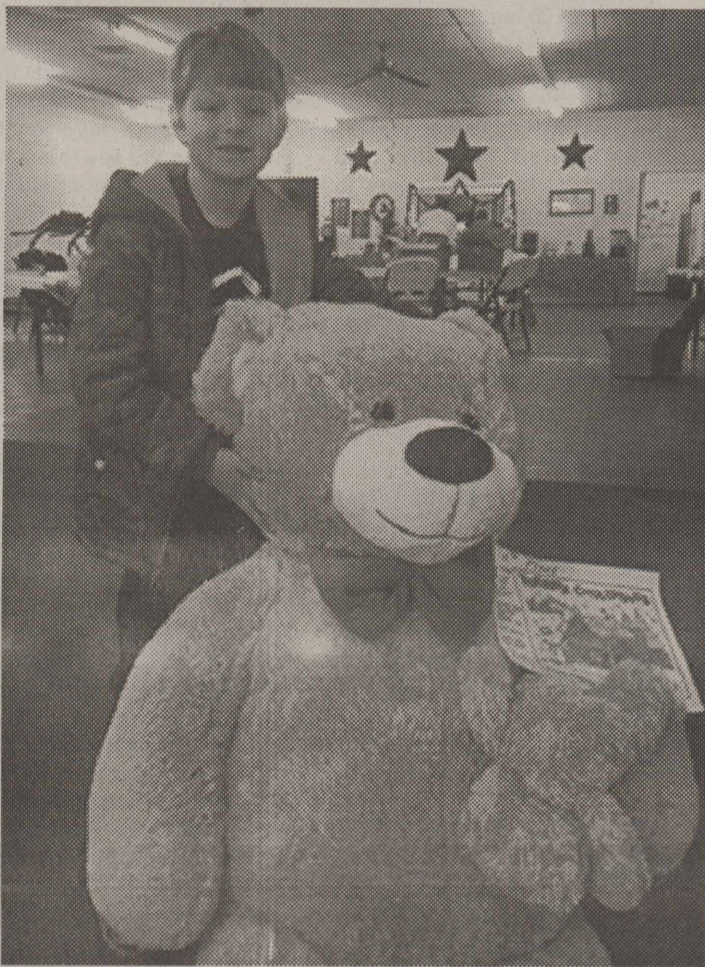
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## Happy New Year 2018

### Hope The New Year Brings Nothing But Good News!

We are happy to report that the new year is almost here, and we'd like to deliver our best wishes for a joyous Happy New Year to all our readers.



Hunter Nichols with his prize in the Barr Fabrication Coloring Contest -- a giant bear. Hunter won the 2nd and under division. More winners inside.

### Many Winners in Barr Fabrication Coloring Contest

Primary and Elementary students enjoyed coloring the Christmas scene for Barr Fabrication's Christmas Coloring Contest.

Cross Plains has so many budding artists that the judges had a hard time determining the winners and had many ties for second and third places!

First Place in the Second Grade and under category was won by Hunter Nichols.

Second Place in the Second and under category: Peyton;

Third Place: tie between: Wesley, Reana, Brody, Mikki, Easton, Cayley and Riley.

First Place in the Third Grade category was won by Claire Moses.

Second Place in the Third Grade category: tie between Virginia, Tori and Isaiah. Third Place: tie between Kylie, Zach, Arleth, Anson, Delainey and Matt.

First Plains in the Fourth to Sixth grades category was won by Addison Delage.

### Bubba's Smokehouse Serving Free Black-eyed Peas

Bubba's Smoke House will be serving up free Black-eyed peas this coming New Years Day, January 1, 2018.

Be sure to stop by and get some and maybe they will bring you some good luck for the up coming New Year.

Do you know why black-eyed peas are lucky on New

Year's Day? As with most superstitions, there are several answers to the question. Typically, the belief that black-eyed peas are a lucky New Year's meal is especially popular in the south, so it has to do with our history, right? Maybe.

### New Year's Eve Party at the Senior Center Sunday Night, 7:30 p.m.

While the Senior Center is normal closed on Sundays, this Sunday, December 31st, the Center will be open and ready to party at their Annual New Year's Eve Party.

The party will feature music, good friends, fellowship, along with Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Cabbage, and Sparkling Grape Juice. Bring your favorite snack or finger foods and celebrate the New Year.



Happy New Year  
Party starts at 7:30 p.m. and ends ???  
Come out and visit and have some fun!

### Game Night at the Senior Center, Tuesday January 2nd

Tuesday, January 2nd is Game Night at the Cross Plains Senior Center.

The fun starts at 6 p.m. Enjoy dominoes, 42, board games or try your hand at shooting pool. Bring a covered dish or snack for a pot luck dinner.

Game night is the first and third Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come out to the Senior Center.



### Dance at Senior Center on Monday, January 8th

Come dance the night away at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Monday, January 8th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Music and entertainmen provided by Margie Hartsfield, who has performed at the dances in the past several months. Everyone has had such a good time.

Snacks and beverage provided. Dinner is pot luck. Only \$5 admission. Everyone



55 and older is invited to come and have a good time!

### What is a Super Hero? ASAP After School Program, January 3rd

The ASAP program is full swing at the library. The program is held the first Wednesday in each month and continues through Spring.

All programs are from 4pm - 5pm.

January's program, on Wednesday, January 3, is "What is a Super Hero... Do

they wear capes?"

Programs for the remaining months:

February 7: Valentine's Party

March 7: Celebrate Earth with the Garden Club

April 4: Bug Day...all about Bugs

Schedule is subject to change.

## Cross Plains Fire Storm Remembered, Twelve Years Ago This Week

December 27, 2005 -- A day that will ever define Cross Plains' history into two parts "before the fire" and "since the fire".

It was a windy morning. The wind was blowing about 30 miles an hour with gusts coming in a lot stronger.

About 12:45 a fire call came in of a grass fire on Highway 36. In just a short time that grass fire became a wildfire and a raging inferno that ripped through Cross Plains.

The fire was everywhere - west side of town, near the school, north side of town, out 36 east, and in other parts of town - as the strong winds spread the fire storm.

Fire departments came from surrounding communities to render aid and try to help contain the fire. 29 departments were in Cross Plains that day: Cottonwood, Rising Star, Sipe Springs, Coleman, Brady, Lawn, Oplin, DeLeon, Stamford, Putnam, Burkett,

Gorman, Dublin, Comanche, Santa Anna, May, Potosi, Anson, Merkel, Dyess AFT, Abilene Airport, Stephenville, Brownwood, Lake Brownwood, Early and Abilene.

30 hours later, by 6 p.m. on the 28th the fire was reported contained. After the loss of 116 homes, the First United Methodist Church, one business and two of our residents.

Ms. Mattie Faye Wilson and Ms. Maudie Shepard both perished in the fire.

The First Baptist Church Family Life Center became the disaster headquarters. The local churches prepared food and fed the volunteers and works and prisoners who had come to help with the cleanup.

The First United Methodist Church, whose building was destroyed in the fire, held services on Sunday morning in the parking lot.

People came from all over to help. Donations poured in from across the country. School

children in other towns took up collections for Cross Plains. Mattresses and clothing and food came by the truckloads.

People came together, people helped each other; neighbors cared for neighbors. Cross Plains rebuilt. Our caring community became even stronger.

A year later, in 2006, close to the anniversary of the fire, Cross Plains had made an amazing comeback. While some citizens left and some moved a few miles out to the country, many rebuilt.

Texas Forest Service noted on the first anniversary that, "As the initial shock of the devastation set in just days after the fire, some people had predicted the town could never rebuild. But that never crossed the minds of the city officials and volunteers who fumed at the thought and vowed even more vehemently to rebuild."

Photos from the fire inside



Thursday, January 11, 2018 Early Out at 1:00 p.m.  
Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

Friday, January 12, 2018  
Student and Staff Holiday For the Callahan County Livestock Show

Classes will resume on Monday January 15th at regular time.

### Texas License to Carry Class will be offered in Clyde January 13th

The Texas License to Carry Class (LTC) will be offered in Clyde January 13, 2018. Scott Kniffen, retired Chief of Police, will be the instructor.

Kniffen served with several different law enforcement agencies throughout his 40 year career and spent the last 21 years of his career as a Chief of Police. In addition to being a LTC instructor, he is also a National Rifle Association (NRA) pistol and home firearms safety instructor.

The LTC class will be held in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church in Clyde. It will last from 8 AM to about 4 PM. The class will be limited to 15 participants and the cost of the class is \$50 per participant. The qualification will take place on the 13th, weather permitting.

For more information or if you are interested in participating in this class you can contact Kniffen at scottkniffen@gmail.com or by phone at 817-899-5263.


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 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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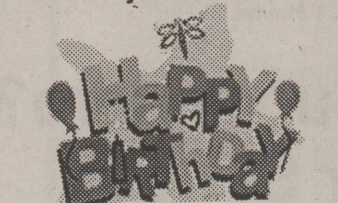
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 Kimberly (Ratliff) Stover  
 Royce Lawrence  
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 Austin Walker  
 Seth Wyatt  
 Kathy Denny  
 Johnny Combs  
 Shirley Emmons  
 Mrs. Norman Farr  
 Danielle Webster  
 George Randall Dickey  
 Vickie (Hickman) Walker

- January 1**  
 John Bagley  
 Henry Wellmaker  
 Joyce Williams

- January 2**  
 Tami Hall  
 Lessa Higginbotham  
 Jimmy Harris  
 Patsy Letney  
 Cheryl Fleming  
 Linda Reed  
 Camron Cobb

- January 3**  
 Sandy (Bailey) Low  
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 has been established at  
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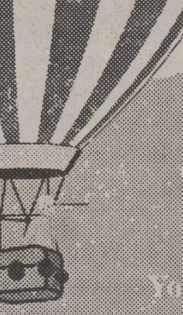
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 Jane Womack

- January 4**  
 Shana (Bagley) Hinyard  
 Myrna Mitchell  
 Jim Forbes  
 Armando Sifuentes  
 Danny Myrick  
 Micheal Chase Childers  
 Nicholas Meador  
 Troy Stone  
 George Hoover  
 Brian Odom  
 Ronald Allen Steele  
 Kayla (Cupit) Rogers  
 Lowell Clark  
 Douglas Bowden  
 Michell Munson

- January 5**  
 Sawyer James Hamilton  
 Peggy Hilburn  
 Donald Rhodes  
 Ronald Rhodes  
 Clara Smith  
 Tye A. Flippin  
 Vernon H. Simpson  
 Debbie Sheppard

- January 6**  
 Brenna Michelle Kleiber  
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 Betsy (Bowden) Kington  
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# Obituaries



**Patsy Ann Watson**

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Patsy Ann Watson passed away in her home on December 14, 2017 in Cisco, Texas. She was 69.

Patsy was born on February 1, 1948 in Cisco, Texas to her parents, W.B and Edith Dillard.

She married Donald Lee Watson on July 10th, 1992. Patsy worked as a nurses aid the majority of her life.

She retired in 2002 and devoted her reaming years to spending time with her family.

Patsy is survived by her husband Donald Watson; two children, daughter Tracy Stutzman, son Christopher Rios; four stepsons, Donald Joe Watson, Richard Watson, David Watson and Daryl Watson; ten grandchildren Brandi Robison, Matt Patterson, Brandon Patterson, Dusty Watson, Angel Watson, Lindsey Watson, Alyssa Watson, Troy Watson, Chris Watson, and Samantha Rose; seventeen great grandchildren; three siblings, Gene Dillard, Margaret Clark, and Barbara Dillard.

Patsy is preceded in death by her parents, W.B. and Edith Dillard, and sister Betty Edwards.

Graveside service was held on December 18th, 2017. The Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts.

**Fay Marie Melton-Simons**

Fay Marie Melton-Simons, 78, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, December 26, 2017 in Abilene, Texas.

Funeral Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, December 28 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains, Texas. Burial will follow the service at Cross Plains Memorial Park in Cross Plains. The family will have a time of visitation on Wednesday, December 27 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the Funeral Home.

Fay was born on January 17, 1939 in Dallas, Texas to the late Joe Chester and Eula Fay Worley-Melton. She married Homer Simons in 1954. They made their home in Cross Plains, and were happily married for 57 years. Fay worked with Homer in every venture he tried. Having a plumbing business for years, she loved working on the ranch with their cattle, naming every animal. Already having a backhoe and dump trucks for the oil field work, fay became a certified-on site sewer installer, which she and Homer did until he passes away in 2011. Fay was also the full-time pastor at for 30 years at the Revival Center, lovingly known as the "The Pink Church".

Fay is survived by her three step-children, Burlie Simons and wife, Brenda of Putnam, TX; Brandy Pence and David Lynn Simons and wife, Bobbie of Valley Mills, TX; precious grandchildren, great grandchildren; six brothers, Ray Worley and wife, La Neal, David Worley and wife, Vicki of Cross Plains, TX; Rick Worley and wife, Tammy of Abilene, TX; Dennis Worley of Cross Plains, TX; Joe and Eugene Melton; 5 sisters, Clara Fay, Letha Marie; Pollie Sue, Rosealee, and Ruby Dail.

Fay was also preceded in death by her brother, Ernest Earl Worley.

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**Does God Exist?**  
**6:30-7:30**  
**Tuesday Night,**  
**January 2nd**  
**Cross Plains**  
**Community Center**  
**Can God's existence be know?**  
**How did the universe begin?**  
 This FREE event is being hosted by Kenneth Reiter, pastor of First Baptist Church.  
**All are welcome to come.**

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# Barr Fabrication Coloring Contest - Some of the Winners with their Prizes



Sandra Barr and Francie Clark deliver prizes and choose the winners of the coloring contest sponsored by Barr Fabrication. There were 39 entries and all participants received light up Christmas necklaces and bags of goodies.



Anson Long with his prize. Anson was a third place winner in the Third Grade Category



Mikki and Addison Daliege with their prizes. Addison won first place in the 4-6th grade division and Mikki tied for third place in the 2nd grade and under division



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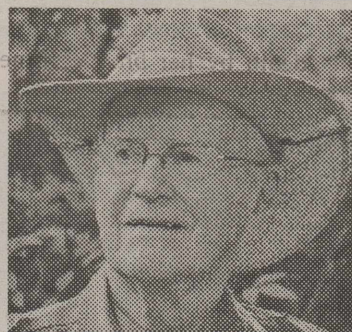
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### EVER PHEASANTS

If you've never seen a pheasant in Texas or didn't even know they exist here, you're probably in the majority. Most wild pheasants keep to themselves in 34 counties in the Panhandle and the Rolling Plains.

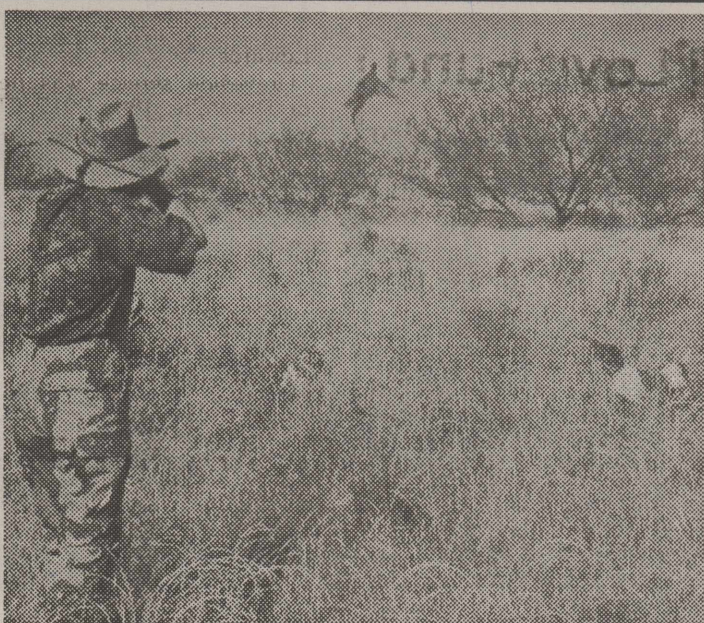
But there are enough to be classified as a game bird, and there's a hunting season for them. It's going on right now and ends on December 31. It opened on December 2. The bag limit is three cock pheasants a day, and six in possession after opening day.

They don't get a lot of publicity, and you don't see them strapped to the fender of southbound pickup trucks or lying in the bed of one parked at a truck stop. But they do try to beat a speeding vehicle now and then when crossing roadways. Every licensed driver in my family killed one before I ever got to shoot one. I hear they make quite a "SMACK" when they lose the race.

They weren't native to Texas - or America. They were first imported into Oregon in 1881, but they got to Texas as fast as they could. Having short legs and no interest in flying long distances, they didn't arrive here until the 1930s. Some were reported on the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in 1933, but most migrants came across the border from Oklahoma around 1939. By 1950, they were found in 17 Panhandle counties.

One intrigue about pheasant hunting is following dogs - yours, or ones belonging to someone else. It bridges the biological gap between man and dog. You're both hunting, and relying upon each other.

Cliff Woerner, a friend living at Marshall Ford, is one of those who sees his dog as an indispensable partner in pheasant hunting. Cliff's Chesapeake Bay retriever, Dixie, has reached retirement age in dog years. Consequently,



A Panhandle pheasant rises from thick cover after being flushed by dogs. Photo by John Jefferson.

Cliff took a pass on hunting, this year. "I'd rather not hunt if I can't hunt with my dog," he told me, wistfully. I understand. Been there. It's not the same.

Woerner has hunted the showy, fast-flying ringnecks in the best places in America: both Dakotas, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. "I prefer hunting in snow and watching my dog work birds in it," he said. "Chessies have a double coat that keeps them warm better than Labs' coats." Other popular pheasant hunting breeds include Boykin spaniels, Brittannies, English retrievers, and the pointers. Cliff says his next dog will be a Boykin since it will do everything a Chessie will

do, but can live inside, since Boykins don't shed.

When asked to compare Panhandle hunting with out-of-state hunting, he readily admits favoring the states that have abundant birds. "The limits are the same, but you get in more shooting since there are more birds." According to Robert Perez, TPWD's upland bird program leader, the drought in 2012-2013 caused a population crash that Texas ringnecks haven't yet fully recovered from.

There are still enough to hunt, though, and, to many Texans, the Panhandle beats driving to Nebraska in the winter.

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### Library Hours

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Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Closed Friday

December 18-22, 2017

Patrons 54

Books Checked 51

Programs  
GED 0  
Lap/Lapsit 0

Copies 3

Internet

WiFi 3

Computer 17

Reference 12

### Donations

Charles Rodenberger  
Ruth York  
Jack and Barbara Baum

### Living Tributes

Margaret Lovell, in honor of Gary, Jan and Rhonda Bond and Steve and Jody Lovell

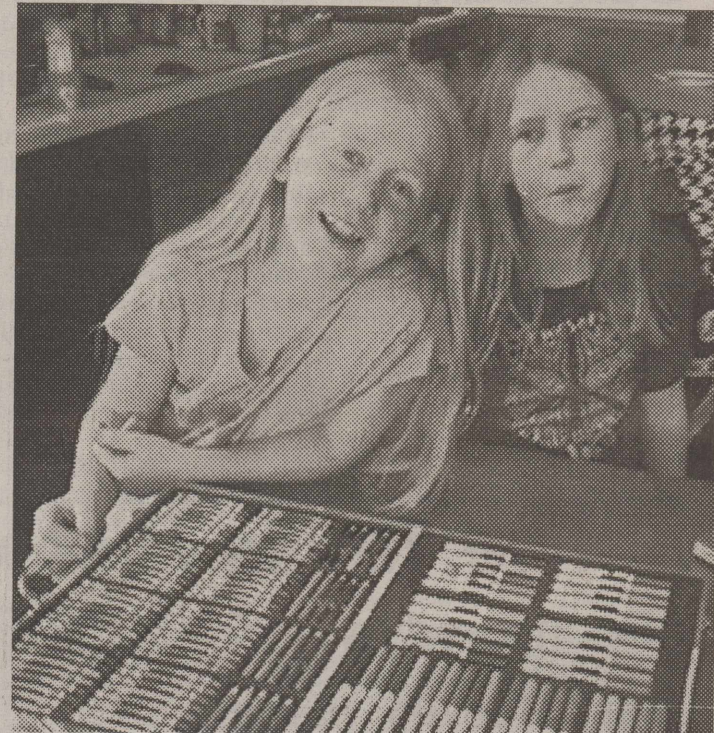
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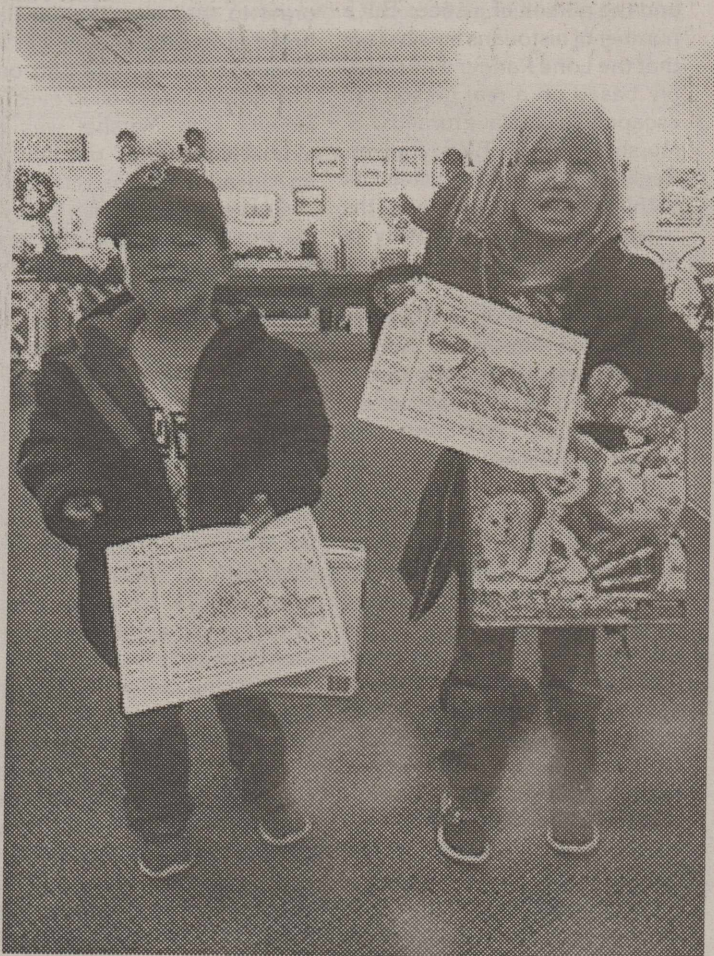
Jody Collier

### Volunteers

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Brandi Daliege  
Sue Bennett  
Amber Wooten  
Helen Parson  
Sheila Hamlin  
Jan Bond  
Ginny Hoskins  
Steve Knotts  
Linda Burns  
Lavonne Childress



Virginia Allen and Kylie Davis with the Art Set that Virginia won. Virginia came was a 2nd place winner and Kylie a third place winner in the 3rd grade division of the contest.

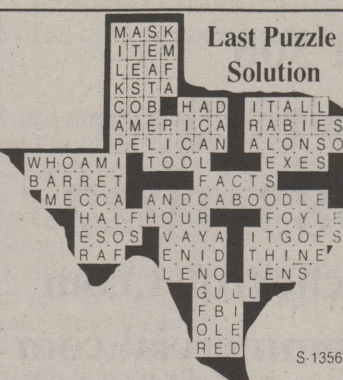
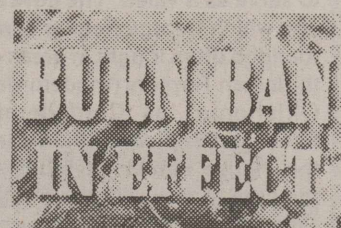


Wesley and Reana Routh with their prizes.

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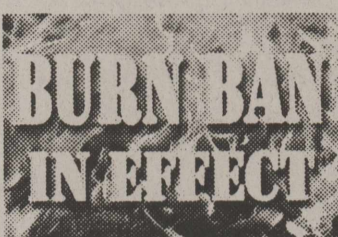
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CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. WEEKLY MENU January 1-5, 2018					
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	<b>Holiday</b>	Cinnamon roll Sausage Fruit 100% fruit juice Milk Variety	Breakfast Pizza Fruit 100% fruit juice Milk Variety	PBJ Sandwich Cereal Fruit 100% fruit juice Milk Variety	Pita Pocket Breakfast Cereal Fruit 100% fruit juice Milk Variety
L U N C H		Country Fried Steak Gravy Mashed potatoes Okra Roll Peaches Milk Variety	Meat & Cheese Chalupas Salsa Refried Beans Garden Salad Rosy Applesauce Milk Variety	Fish or Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Coleslaw Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk Variety	Beef or Chicken Patty on bun Hamburger Garnish Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli Bites Mixed fruit Crispy Cereal Treat Milk Variety



## 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.

## Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar Announces Tax Amnesty Program

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today announced a temporary tax amnesty program giving certain delinquent taxpayers a chance to make their accounts compliant with state tax law without incurring penalties and interest on tax due.

The Texas Tax Amnesty Program will run from May 1 to June 29, 2018. The program applies to periods prior to Jan. 1, 2018, and only includes liabilities that have not been previously reported to the Comptroller.

Passed by the Texas Legislature in 2017, Senate Bill 1 requires the Comptroller of Public Accounts to establish a tax amnesty program to encourage voluntary reporting by:

- delinquent taxpayers who do not have a Texas Sales and Use Tax Permit, or are not registered for a tax or fee administered by the Comptroller's office; and

- taxpayers who have a permit, but may have underreported or owe additional taxes or fees.

"Our tax amnesty program is the perfect opportunity for taxpayers to get in compliance," Hegar said. "Maybe you forgot to get a sales tax permit or you inadvertently underreported taxes owed. If you qualify, there are no excuses necessary. You can participate in the coming tax amnesty program and make things right with the state of Texas and with your fellow taxpayers."

The Texas Tax Amnesty Program does not apply to periods currently under audit review, IFTA taxes, PUC Gross Receipts assessments, Local Motor Vehicle Tax and Unclaimed Property payments. Check out the tax amnesty page on the Comptroller's website for more details.

## 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.

### For Callahan County District Clerk

Sharon Owens  
Political advertisement paid for by Sharon Owens, 6218 County Road 252, Clyde, Texas 79510.

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.



Ethan Jones and Creed Goode, representing the Cross Plains FFA, delivered fruit to the Senior Center. Thank you Marc Morgan and Cross Plains ISD for teaching students the importance of sharing!

## Protect Your Home and Animal in Cold Weather

Mother Nature can't make up her mind! But once she does, you can bet she will bring winter in with a vengeance.

The Chamber of Commerce wants to remind you that your house and property need the same TLC your car does.

Protecting your waterlines and water troughs is easier than you think.

Higginbotham Brothers has easy to use foam insulation that will fit over your pipes, rolls of insulation to help insulate the walls, and cans of spray foam to help fill in those drafty holes in your pump house.

Hanging a 100-watt bulb in the pump house will help prevent the pipes from freezing. But, if you wake up on Sunday morning to discover that Mother Nature went to town on your

plumbing, don't worry, Lowe's has you covered. Carrying PVC glue, fittings, and PVC, they can help you with those emergency repairs.

Your animals will appreciate your taking the time to winterize the barn too. Bedding down dog houses and chicken coups with pine shavings will help keep them warm and comfortable.

Lawrence Farm and Ranch carries shavings and water trough heaters. Keeping the water trough from freezing not only saves time in the morning (no more chopping ice), but helps to keep your livestock hydrated.

Stay safe and stay warm, but until Mother Nature decides what the weather will be... keep a jacket and a t-shirt in the car.

## The Texas History Minute Sponsored by: HANNER CHEVROLET

### Bass Reeves—Inspiration for the Lone Ranger

For generations, the Lone Ranger has charged the imaginations of millions around the world with tales of western adventure and the pursuit of justice. But a number of historians now believe that the Lone Ranger was possibly based on a real person, an escaped Texas slave turned U.S. Marshal named Bass Reeves. Regardless of any possible link to the Lone Ranger stories of the twentieth century, the story of Reeves is as remarkable as any western legend.

Reeves was born in Crawford County, in Northwest Arkansas, around 1838. His family was owned by the prosperous and politically well-connected family of William Reeves, an early Arkansas legislator. While Bass Reeves was still young, the family left Arkansas for Texas. They settled in Grayson County, not far from Sherman, around 1846. George Reeves, the son of William Reeves, would grow up and serve as Grayson County Tax Collector by 1848 and county sheriff by 1850 and would play an important role in the future lawman's life.

Bass Reeves eventually became the property of the younger son and adopted the last named of Reeves, neither of which was unusual among slaves and slave-owning families at the time. When the Civil War began, his owner took Reeves with him to serve as a valet. The cavalry unit which George Reeves commanded often fought in areas of the Indian Territory (modern-day Oklahoma) as Confederate forces attempted to convince the Native American tribes of the area to side with the South.

At one point, Reeves saw his chance to escape. Several biographers suggest that an argument over a card game erupted into a huge fight between George and Bass Reeves in which Bass got the better of him and decided his days as a slave were over. He escaped, disappearing into the deep expanses of the Indian Territory. He came to live with the different Native American tribes, learning their languages and cultures and gaining their respect.

After the Civil War, Reeves became a farmer and father of ten, briefly returning to Arkansas as a free man and a landowner. In 1875, Judge Isaac Parker, the notorious "hanging judge," became the federal judge based in Fort Smith, Arkansas, oversee-

ing the Indian Territory. Parker named James F. Fagan as U. S. Marshal and ordered him to start hiring deputies to bring law and order to the area. Fagan had heard of Reeves and his gift for language and sought him out. The appointment of Reeves as Deputy U.S. Marshal was an almost-unheard of position for an African-American at the time.

Reeves energetically took on the responsibilities of the position. He went to extraordinary lengths to capture fugitives, including using his expert tracking skills over long distances and wearing a variety of disguises. His skills as a horseman allowed him to outride virtually anyone. He routinely enlisted the help of Native Americans to help track outlaws. He became known for his sense of honor and fair treatment of victims and the accused alike. He was generous to the needy, sometimes giving them money.

In his long career, he brought more than three thousand criminals to justice. He found himself in shootouts with several suspects but was never wounded himself. Judge Parker often praised Reeves and his skills. In 1893, Reeves returned to Texas to serve as U. S. Marshal for the

federal district court in Paris. He never learned to read, but he was able to memorize warrants read to him and could almost always track down suspects with his dogged determination and respect for the law. After 32 years as a federal law officer, he stepped down.

Reeves served for two more years with the Muskogee Police Department in Oklahoma before retiring in 1909 at age 70. His health in decline, he passed away in January 1910. He was widely celebrated across the West before his death and in the years afterward. Stories sprang up and expanded based on his legendary exploits, apparently inspiring the Lone Ranger stories, though other lawmen may have been responsible. The Lone Ranger first appeared on radio in 1933 in Detroit, Michigan, just a generation after his death, followed by the popular TV series that ran from 1949 to 1957 as well as several movies and comic books. Today, a statue in Fort Smith commemorates the amazing life of Reeves.

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# Callahan County Library News

From the Past  
Callahan County Clarendon  
Saturday November 18,  
1882 Vol. III, No. 33

Mr. R. M. Turner has sold his drug store at Belle Plain to Mr. J. M. Green, who we learn will continue business at that place.

The little infant of Mr. Stewart, the restaurant man, died last Sunday and was buried on Monday. It was eight days old.

Our friend H. C. Brown was in town yesterday. He goes to Abilene to take charge of the depot at that place. Good for Brown.

Quite a number of changes have taken place in the railroad yard force in Baird recently. Two changes have taken place in the position of yard-master.

We have received a dozen calls from parties wanting to secure houses within a week past. There is not an empty residence or vacant store in town.

Messrs. Wright & Seay have 45,000 pounds of wool on hand. They are awaiting the arrival of their press. As soon as it comes they will bale and ship to Boston.

The passenger train did not arrive from the East yesterday till 2:30 in the afternoon. The delay was occasioned by a wheel dropping off the baggage car near Mineola.

We will take wood, butter, eggs, vegetables, chickens, meat, lard or anything produced on the ranch or farm for subscription to the Clarendon. Bring along your produce.

Messrs. McKamie & Ross have erected a large shed north of the section of land west of town, which they have fenced. They have also built a house near the shed for the shepherd.

We very much regret to learn of the death of the little five-year-old son (Henry) of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Power of Belle Plain, which occurred last Monday morning. Our friends have our deepest sympathies.

Major Perry went to Buffalo Gap this week. He informs us that Judge Porter has been arrested upon two charges, one of which was for embezzlement of public funds while serving in the capacity of Justice of the Peace of Abilene.

Mr. Heap Perry, of Indiana, shipped Wednesday night eight car loads of fine beeves which he takes through to Chicago. This is Mr. Benson's second shipment from Baird. We hope to see the gentleman among us again soon and trust that he will strike even a better market than he did the first time.

A pony horse race and two foot races were the principal features of the day here last Tuesday. Considerable money changed hands. Edward's sorrel pony was the winner, coming out about twenty feet ahead. Bets had been freely offered on the bay pony; but the sorrel had few backers and the result when the sorrel won a fair victory was a surprise to everybody.

Owing to the unusually large amount of freight along the Texas & Pacific Railroad awaiting shipment and scarcity of engine here has had a pilot attached and placed upon the road. Now the switching must be done by the road engines, greatly to the annoyance of the train men. The amount of freight, stock and baggage, as well as passengers, on the road is something immense.

Mr. Wm. Carmichael, Mr. W. C. Powell's brother-in-law, who recently moved from Maryland to Callahan, has taken possession of his new home, the Parish farm, about three miles east of Baird. He has a large family, nearly all of whom were ailing when they came here, but all are now well and hearty - the first time in years that some member of the family has not been sick. They are all highly pleased with their new home and could not be induced to return to Maryland.

## From the Cross Plains Review - 72 Years Ago January 4, 1946

From the Cross Plains Review... 72 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, unthoughtfully 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.



Celebrating December Birthdays - Lou Brooks, Linda Wilson, Marsha Ossowski, Betty Ann Wyatt, and Bobby Jack McCowen, were at the Senior Center for their birthday party and received a cake and present from Barr Fabrication.

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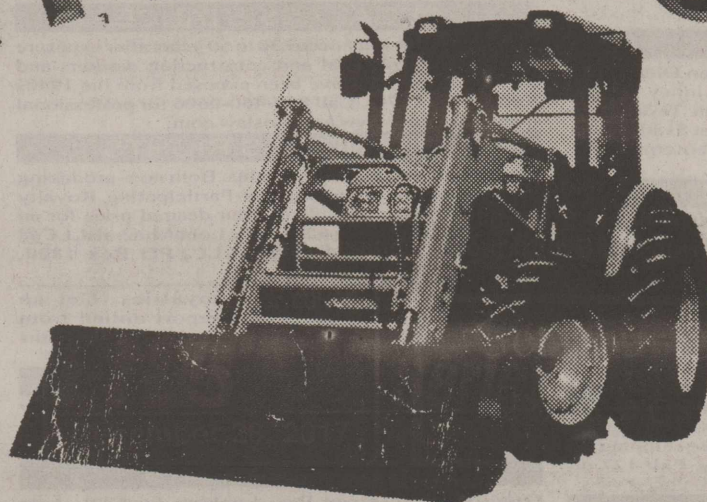
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Stress is manifest in many forms of poor health or bad lifestyle habits during the holidays, when people typically put a long list of errands, shopping, baking and parties ahead of being good to their own bodies. They might get sick as a result – or expedite a path to long-term health problems.

"Stress is often more pronounced during the holiday season, and the effects it can have on our health are widespread and potentially very damaging," says Dr. Sanda Moldovan (beverlyhillsdentalhealth.com), a board-certified periodontist and nutritionist with practices in Beverly Hills and Manhattan, and author of the upcoming book HEAL UP!: How to Repair, Rebuild and

Renew Naturally. "The holidays are such a hectic time, and people need to slow down a bit, realize how susceptible they are to all kinds of problems, and what they can do to avoid them."

Moldovan lists different ways stress materializes and how to avoid or lessen the associated problems:

- Teeth grinding. Also called bruxism, this can cause cracks in the teeth that can lead to tooth loss. Teeth grinding also causes wear, which can collapse the bite and cause pain in the jaw. Cutting back on certain foods and drinks that contain caffeine – colas, coffee, sweets – can help stop teeth grinding. For persistent grinders, two things that help, Moldovan says, are a custom-made mouth guard and mouth yoga. "Take the time to stretch your jaw muscles in the morning," Moldovan says. "Five minutes go a long way."

Open your mouth wide and massage the sides of your jaw."

• Migraines: Migraine sufferers really have to watch it during the holidays, Moldovan says. Triggers include processed and fried meats, too much caffeine or alcohol, and chocolate. "Lack of sleep and lessened physical activity are also culprits," Moldovan says. "Six to eight hours of quality sleep is recommended to help prevent headaches, but so many people run themselves ragged until late during the holidays. And too many people stop exercising. Being sedentary invites problems."

• Overeating/poor nutrition. Stress often manifests in folks stuffing themselves, relying on comfort foods or holiday junk. "It's easy to say, 'Well, everyone overeats during the holidays and consumes lots of sugar,'" Moldovan says. "But that doesn't have to be you. Don't let the holidays be a food free-for-all. Overindulging adds to stress and can bring all sorts of health issues." Among them: obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and dental woes such as periodontitis, cavities and oral ulcer. "People are overfed and undermoulished and this wrecks havoc on their bodies inside and out," Moldovan says. "It also leads to accelerated aging and a lesser-performing immune system."

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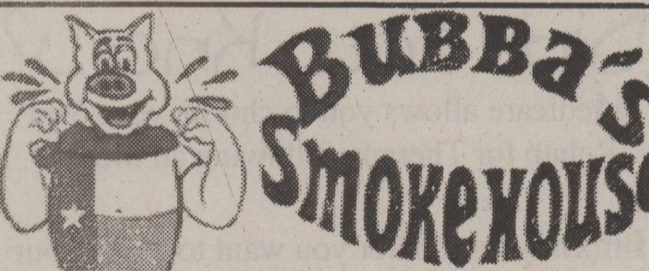


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- 368 +/- Ac-Haskell Co-Rural **SOLD** pens, wildlife, open fields for..... 390,000
- 654 Ac-Brown Co-Little of everything, varied soils & terrain, 15 Ac Lake, 5 ponds..... 1,631,730

## HOME WITH ACREAGE

- 1.7 Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B, updated kitchen, fire place, garage, carport, 2 wells ..... Reduced..... 199,000
- NEW! 4 Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B, **UNDER CONTRACT** 3 car garage..... 199,000
- NEW! 5 Ac-Callahan Co-2BR/2B hardwood & tile, 2 cisterns, 6 metal barns, working pens ..... 150,000
- 7.5 Ac-Nice 2BR/1B home w/guest **SOLD** water..... Reduced..... 165,000
- 10 Ac-Eastland-3BR/2B, 2 living are **SOLD** rage, shop..... Reduced..... 259,900
- 12 +/- Ac-Brown Co-3BR/2B brick home, asphalt circle drive, office, metal shop..... Reduced..... 275,000
- 15 Ac-Brown Co-3BR/2B, 20 **SOLD** shed, views ..... 299,000
- NEW! 19 +/- Ac-Comanche Co- 3BR/2B brick, 1820 sq ft, 2 stock tanks 40X48 metal shop ..... 345,000
- 22.314 Ac-Brown Co-4BR/3.5B, 6030 sq ft, workshop, 1 tank, energy efficient..... Reduced ..... 598,000
- NEW! 39 +/- Ac-Callahan Co- 3BR/ **SOLD** trees & grasses..... 215,000
- NEW! 70 Ac-Callahan Co- 2014 hilltop 3BR/2B custom home, 3304 sq ft, pool outdoor kitchen ..... 925,000
- 150 Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B custom home, 3304 sq ft, pool, outdoor kitchen..... Reduced 1,275,000
- 434 Ac-Coleman Co-2BR/1B SW, 5 ponds, 2 food plots, 1 stocked lake..... 1,090,000
- 665 +/- Ac-Brown Co-Nice 3BR/2B, **UNDER CONTRACT** t shop, 15 ac lake..... Reduced 1,662,500

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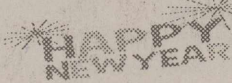
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## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Dec. 31st -Jan. 5th

Monday 1st-Center Closed

Thursday 4th-BBQ Sausage, Baked Beans, Spinach, Bread, Dessert



Tuesday 2nd-Salisbury Steak, potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert

Friday 5th-Cheeseburger with Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Fruit, Dessert

Wednesday 3rd-Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Dessert

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. 31st -Jan. 5th

Sunday-31st-New Years Eve Party 7:30 p.m.



Monday-1st Center Closed - Happy New Year

Tuesday-2nd Exercise 11:00- Game Night 6:00

Wednesday- 3rd Exercise 11:00

Thursday 4th Exercise at 11:00/ Manicures by Kindred at Home of Eastland

Friday-5th Exercise 11:00/ Bingo 11:15 Rising Star Nursing Center

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.



## The Recipe Corner

Beef & Spinach Lo Mein  
Prep/Total Time: 30 Minutes

### Ingredients:

- \* 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- \* 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- \* 1 tablespoon water
- \* 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- \* 2 garlic cloves, minced
- \* 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- \* 1 pound beef top round steak, thinly sliced
- \* 6 ounces uncooked spaghetti
- \* 4 teaspoons canola oil, divided
- \* 1 can (8 ounces) sliced water chestnuts, drained
- \* 2 green onions, sliced
- \* 1 package (10 ounces) fresh spinach, coarsely chopped
- \* 1 red chili pepper, seeded and thinly sliced

### Directions

1. In a small bowl, mix the first six ingredients. Remove 1/4 cup mixture to a large bowl; add beef and toss to coat. Marinate at room temperature 10 minutes.
2. Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat 1-1/2 teaspoons canola oil. Add half of the beef mixture; stir-fry 1-2 minutes or until no longer pink. Remove from pan. Repeat with an additional 1-1/2 teaspoons oil and remaining beef mixture.
3. Stir-fry water chestnuts and green onions in remaining canola oil 30 seconds. Stir in spinach and remaining hoisin mixture; cook until spinach is wilted. Return beef to pan; heat through.
4. Drain spaghetti; add to beef mixture and toss to combine. Sprinkle with chili pepper. Yield: 5 servings.



## DPS welcomes 97 new Highway Patrol Troopers

AUSTIN - Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw today was joined by members of the Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) as the department commissioned 97 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers. Major General John F. Nichols, the Adjutant General of Texas, was the keynote speaker during the recruit graduation ceremony held in Austin.

"This class of Texas State Troopers represents the best of our country: men and women of different backgrounds from Texas and beyond, all with a shared commitment to public service," said Major General Nichols, who oversees the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard and Texas State Guard. "Texans can rest easy knowing there are brave men and women like those graduating today who work to keep our communities safe every day. The Texas Military Department is fortunate to call the Department of Public Safety one of our closest partners, and I am proud to serve alongside today's graduates to protect and serve the people of Texas."

"Each of you has worked tremendously hard to get where you are today, and your perseverance and accomplishments have been nothing less than remarkable," said PSC Chairman Steven P. Mach. "We are confident you will make us all proud as you walk out these doors to begin your new career serving and protecting our state as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper."

The D-2017 class, which is the department's 162nd recruit school, included 18 women, 16 former peace officers and 36 military veterans. The oldest graduate was 42-years-old and the youngest was 21-years-old. The class suspended training for a week to assist disaster relief operations in downtown Houston during Hurricane

Harvey. They also raised money for school supplies for an Austin elementary school and law enforcement families who had a loved one killed or injured. There were recruits who moved to Texas to join the Academy from 11 different states, and this is believed to be the highest number of women graduates in one class in the department's history.

"You now represent DPS and the State of Texas in all that you say and do, so let the department's core values - integrity, excellence, accountability and teamwork - always be your guide," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Thank you for answering the call to serve and protect your state. Today you step into the important role as our state's newest public protectors, and we are extremely proud of each of you."

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

The Troopers began the 24-week training academy in July. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

On Jan. 1, 2018, DPS will begin accepting applications for recruit classes scheduled to begin in 2019. The application deadline is March 14, 2018, for the class beginning Jan. 6, 2019. Are you up to the challenge? To apply or for more information about joining the legion of brave and outstanding officers at the Texas Department of Public Safety, visit [www.joindps.com](http://www.joindps.com).

## From the Cross Plains Review - 68 Years Ago January 1, 1950

From the Cross Plains Review... 68 years ago, January 1, 1950.

Claude Foster will seek reelection as Road Commissioner. Eleven new students enrolled in Cross Plains Grammar School this week: Patricia Lawler, James Lawler, Stanley Lawler, Martha Robinson, Betty Wyatt, Billie Clyde Ray, Benny Ray, Billie Helen McMillan, Nelda Tennison, Mary Louise McNutt and Sue McNutt.

An electric scoreboard will be installed in the gym next week. Bishop Chevrolet has the 1950 Chevrolet Stateline De Luxe 4-Door Sedan with PowerGlide Automatic Transmission on display in their showroom.

On sale at Happy Howell's Red and White Food Store: Bacon 35 cents/pound; Flour, 25 lbs, \$1.71; Coffee 65 cents/can; Roast Beef, 47 cents/pound; Imperial Sugar, 10 lbs, 85 cents; Honey, 5 lbs, 77 cents; Oxydol Duz, large size pkg, 20 cents.

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### ACROSS

1 a trademark of the Lone Ranger  
5 short piece in the Clyde Journal  
6 TXism: "shaking like a..."  
7 Coleman AM  
8 corn core  
9 TXism: "if a hog... wings he'd be an eagle"  
12 TX Larry Hagman 1972 TV film: "Getting Away From..."  
17 Denton's Phyllis George was "Miss Texas" and "Miss Texas"

49 TX Linda Ellerbee book: "And So..." (1986)  
50 Churchill's flyers (abbr.)  
51 Okie town  
52 "To... ownself be true"  
53 former NBC talk host, Jay  
54 spectacles part

23 Alvarez de Pineda was first to map TX coastline  
24 TX Charley Pride's "Then..."  
28 hammer or saw  
29 TX George Stralt's "All My... Live in Texas"  
30 Alamo commander William...  
31 TXism: "his... are elastic" (liar)  
35 holiest Islamic city  
36 TXism: "the whole kit..."  
42 thirty minutes (2 wds.)  
44 TX Ginger's Oscar role: "Kitty..."  
46 TX Vikki Carr tune: "...Hombres"  
47 TXism: "...con dios" (go with God)

55 bold bird in Galveston  
57 TX judge William Sessions was director of this agcy. (1987-93)  
58 TX Stuart Hamblen wrote "This... House" (1954)  
59 TXism: "about as clear as... River mud" (confusing)

### DOWN

1 Dublin, TX motto: "...Planet Erath"  
2 TXism: "...grave" (fell)  
3 it must be worn in TX cars (2 wds.)  
4 TX FM: "Klassical Music For Austin"  
9 in Hamilton County on U.S. 281

10 TXism: "noisy as... mamma"  
11 TX "Hoss" Blocker 12 retirement acct.  
13 old TV western: "Texas Rangers"  
14 TXism: "brains in..." (computer)  
15 TXism: "hook... and sinker"  
16 TXism: "use... as earrings on a sow"  
18 Grande  
20 TXism: "...dry the Baptists are sprinkling"  
23 this Bonney was Billy the Kid (init.)  
24 TXism: "...on the hoof" (hog)

25 City, TX  
26 county between Baylor and Clay  
27 TXism: "...es su casa"  
32 Vega H.S. class  
33 C&W Clint (init.)  
34 TXism: "scared me plumb... death"  
36 TX Willis: "...ha, take it away, Leon"  
37 TX Larry McMurry book, e.g.

38 ex-Cowboy RB from TX, Thomas  
39 TXism: "tall... the pack" (leader)  
40 this TX Ted pitched for the White Sox  
41 Gen. Robert...  
43 Sinatra of "Four for Texas" (init.)  
45 former Cowboy RB Emmitt (init.)  
48 TXism: "miltched to run in harness" (married)  
49 TXism: "...warm your gullet" (nice)  
56 TXism: "told a windy"

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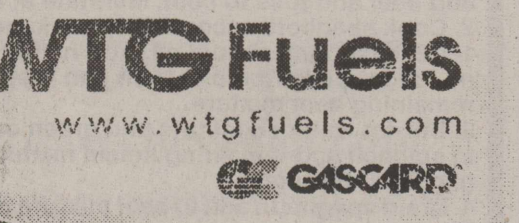
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## Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Annual Dinner & Membership Meeting

January 9, 2018  
6:30 PM  
Rodeo Grounds Club House

- Meal furnished by CCSP Officers
- Monthly Meeting to follow
- Election of officers:
  - President
  - 1st Vice President
  - 2nd Vice President (Arena Boss)
  - 1-3 year Term Board of Director
  - Secretary/Treasure

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# Cross Plains Fire Remembered



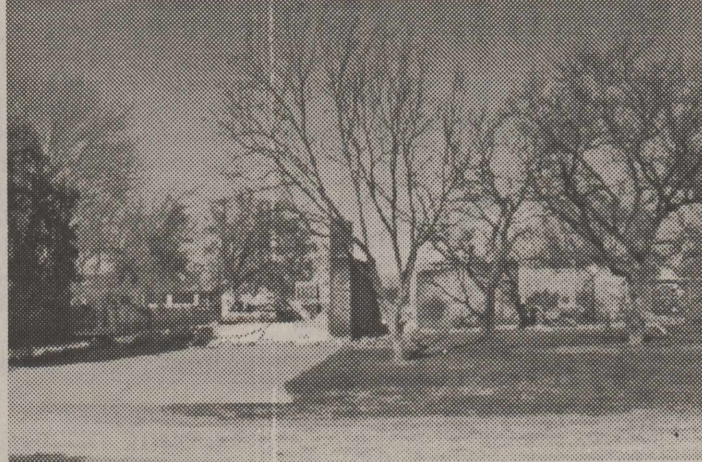
The remains of the McClure residence



The First United Methodist Church, December 27, 2005.



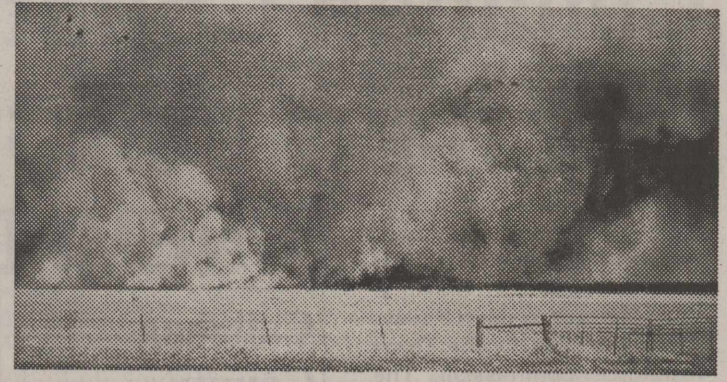
The massive cleanup after the fire.



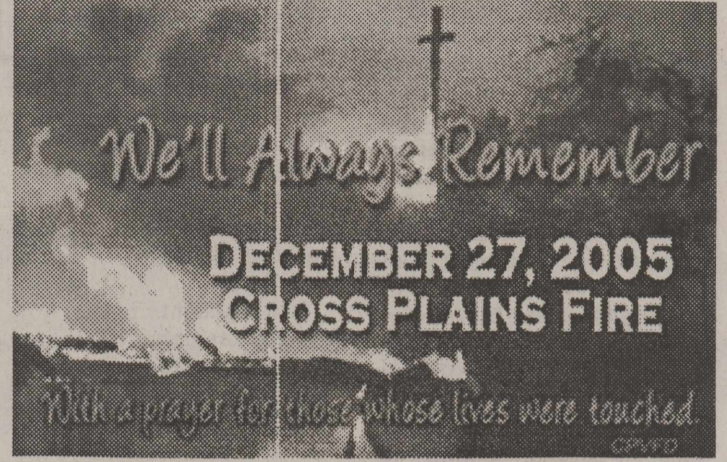
116 homes were lost in the fire. Residents struggled to find mementoes among the ashes.



The First United Methodist Church held services in the parking lot the Sunday after the fire.



Covering the horizon, the fire storm burns wildly.



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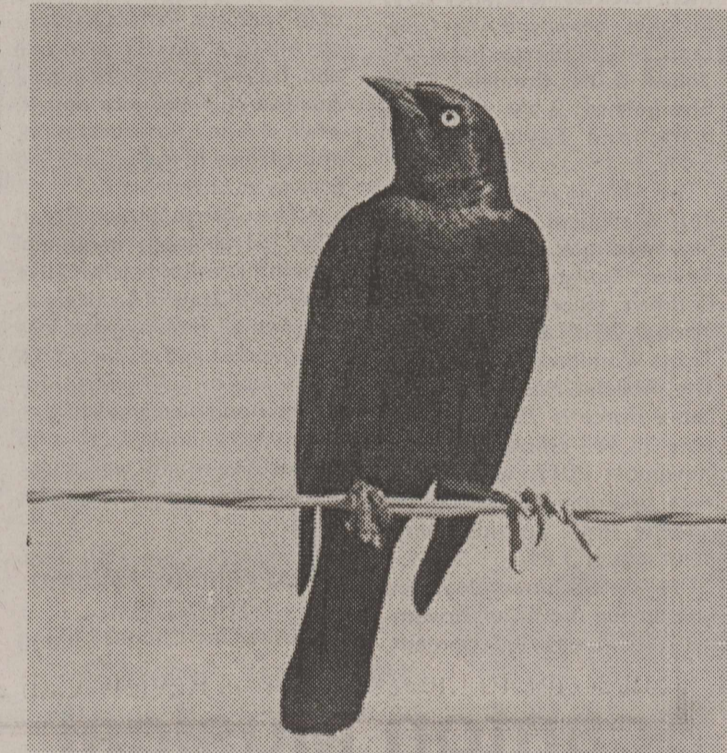


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## Brewer's Blackbird



Brewer's Blackbird  
(Euphagus cyanocephalus)

## Cross Plains Community Calendar

December

December 31 - Sunday, New Year's Eve. New Year's Eve Part at the Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.

January

January 1 - Monday, New Year's Day

January 2 - Tuesday, Students return to School after Winter Holidays.

January 2 - Game Night at the Senior Center. 6 p.m.

January 3 - Wednesday, ASAP Program at the Library. "What is a Super Hero... do they wear capes?" 4 p.m.

January 8 - Monday, Dance at the Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.

January 11, 12 and 13 - Thursday - Saturday, Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

January 12 - Thursday, Early Out

January 13 - Friday, School out for Stock Show

January 16 - Game Night at the Senior Center. 6 p.m.

## From the Cross Plains Review - 26 Years Ago January 2, 1992

From the Cross Plains Review... 26 years ago, January 2, 1992.

PK's Friday Night Special is Fresh Water Catfish with all the trimmings. Large \$5.95, Small, \$4.95. 260 East 14th Street. Jean Wilson, owner.

Food Plaza's Weekly Deli Special is the Chicken Strip Dinner for \$2.69.

Churches Directory: Old Time Gospel Mission, Michael Ingram, Pastor; Pioneer Pentecostal Church, Ruby McCowen, Pastor; First Baptist Church, Michael Hale, Pastor, Rob Sarles, Music/Youth; Church of Christ; United Presbyterian Church, Jasper McClellan, Pastor; Believer's Fellowship, Bob Wallace, Pastor; United Pentecostal Church, Phillip R. Schaefer, Pastor; Temple Baptist Church, Rodney Mulane, Pastor.

On Christmas Day, Mrs. Rufus Renfro had her mother, Mrs. Ethel Anderson, family, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sowell, Matt, Mandi and Malysa; Mr. and Mrs. Rod Renfro, Jamie and Sara; Carie and Sonya Renfro and Robbie Wheeler.

## Texas Comptroller's Office Unveils New Unclaimed Property Website

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans to search for their unclaimed money this holiday season with the Unclaimed Property Division's new and improved website, ClaimitTexas.org.

"I am proud of our unclaimed property program, which has returned about \$800 million to its rightful owners since I've been Comptroller," Hegar said. "The newly redesigned website makes it even easier for users to search for unclaimed property, and I encourage everyone to go online, take a look around and see if there is money waiting for you or your loved ones."

New features include:

- an enhanced search function for more comprehensive self-service searches;
- the ability to upload claim documentation directly to ClaimitTexas.org; and
- better mobile features that make it easier to search on smartphones and tablets.

Since the program's inception in 1962, the state has returned more than \$2 billion in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. In fiscal 2017, the agency paid a record \$281 million in claims. You can search ClaimitTexas.org to see if you have unclaimed property or call 800-321-2274 (CASH).

## 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.

## Texas License to Carry Class will be offered in Clyde January 13th

The Texas License to Carry Class (LTC) will be offered in Clyde January 13, 2018. Scott Kniffen, retired Chief of Police, will be the instructor.

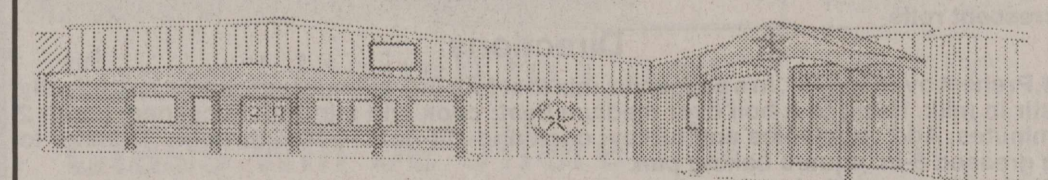
Kniffen served with several different law enforcement agencies throughout his 40 year career and spent the last 21 years of his career as a Chief of Police. In addition to being a LTC instructor, he is also a National Rifle Association (NRA) pistol and home firearms safety instructor.

The LTC class will be held in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church in Clyde. It will last from 8 AM to about 4 PM. The class will be limited to 15 participants and the cost of the class is \$50 per participant. The qualification will take place on the 13th, weather permitting.

For more information or if you are interested in participating in this class you can contact Kniffen at scottkniffen@gmail.com or by phone at 817-899-5263.

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# Callahan County's jobless rate rises to 3.3% in November

The unemployment rate in Callahan County rose two-tenths of one percent to 3.3% in November 2017, according to jobless figures released Friday, December 22nd by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in November 2016 was 4.0 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.1% in October, 2017. Callahan County's labor force in November was reported at 5,722. Callahan County had 5,531 employed in November, while 191 or 3.3% were unemployed. October's total labor force in Callahan County was 5,649, while 5,475 were employed and 174 or 3.1% were unemployed in the County in October.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.9% in September, 3.5% in August, July 3.8%, June 4.0%, May 4.0%, 3.8% in April, 3.8% in March, 3.8% in February, 3.8% in January 2017, and 4.5% in December 2016, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for November 2017 include: Brown, 3.4%; Coleman, 4.0%; Eastland, 4.0%; Jones, 5.0%; Runnels, 3.5%; Shackelford, 2.5%; Stephens, 3.9%; and Taylor County, 3.1%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.2% in November, 2017, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 75,010. There were 72,583 employed during November 2017, while 2,427 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.2%.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of November, 2017 was 3.7 percent.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Oct.	Nov.
	3.1%	3.3%

The total Texas labor force was 13,501,846 in November 2017. The total number of Texans employed is 13,002,576. The total number of unemployed Texans was 499,270 in November 2017.

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

Twelve out of 26 areas expanded in employment in November for a combined increase of 41,400 jobs. Twenty-four areas grew over the year, while two contracted.

- The Dallas-Plano-Irving area led all areas over the month in employment growth with a gain of 14,400 jobs.

- The Austin-Round Rock MSA led all areas percentage-wise over the month with gains of 0.7 percent. Per not seasonally adjusted data, Professional and Business Services led in Austin with 3,600 jobs added, while Trade, Transportation, and Utilities made up half the growth in Abilene.

- The College Station-Bryan MSA led all areas in annual growth for the third consecutive month with a rate of 4.1 percent.

- Annual employment loss was greatest in the Waco MSA with a loss of 1,300 jobs. Professional and Business Services contracted annually for the fifth consecutive month with a loss of 800 jobs since November 2016.

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Gartner Inc Chooses Irving

over Florida

Dallas Morning News  
IRVING, TX—Gartner Inc., a technology research firm, will be awarded up to \$3.9 million from the state's Texas Enterprise Fund for the company's agreement to expand its operations in Irving, Governor Greg Abbott's office announced. The Stamford, Connecticut-based company is expected to invest more than \$12 million in the area over the next several years, and it agreed to hire 800 new workers as part of its deal with the state.

"The city of Irving and the entire state of Texas continues to develop into booming technology hubs because of cutting-edge companies like Gartner," said Governor Abbott. Irving's City Council agreed to pay the company, which employs more than 13,000 people around the world, up to \$400,000 in August, if the firm meets minimum hiring and investment requirements and stays in its location on Connection Drive for eight years.

### CARDONE Industries Breaks Ground

Valley Morning Star  
HARLINGEN, TX—The City of Harlingen and CARDONE Industries Inc. announced that CARDONE has started construction of a new distribution center in the city's industrial park. The state-of-the-art facility, one of the largest in South Texas at 900,000 square feet, will primarily remanufacture aftermarket automotive parts. The expansion is expected to bring 515 jobs to the city in the first year. "CARDONE Industries has been a top-performing business

in the Harlingen Industrial Park for more than 10 years, and we are excited to have the opportunity to continue working with them on this expansion," said Harlingen Mayor Chris Boswell. The new facility should be completed by December 2018.

### Job Losses

#### Keller Warehouse Lays Off Workers

Dallas Morning News  
FORT WORTH, TX—About 690 people who work at a Tarrant County warehouse that supplies groceries to Kroger stores in North Texas are scheduled to be laid off. Some of the displaced workers could be rehired by a new contractor selected by Kroger to run the warehouse. SouthStar LLC said Kroger is the only customer of the facility in Keller. The supermarket chain terminated its contract with SouthStar, according to SouthStar's letter to the Texas Workforce Commission notifying the state of the job losses.

#### Luminant Closing Power Plant

Austin Business Journal  
AUSTIN, TX—The shutdown of a power plant in Milam County and of the mine in Bastrop County that supplied it with coal, both on Austin's rural periphery, will result in as many as 390 layoffs. Luminant Generation Co. LLC said earlier this fall it would shut down the two-unit Sandow Power Plant in Rockdale, about 60 miles northeast of downtown Austin. The company said in a letter to the state that layoffs at Sandow could total up to 135, effective January 13.

It also said in the letter that it would close on the same day the Three Oakes Mine in Elgin, about 40 miles east of downtown Austin, affecting up to 255 jobs. The layoffs are expected to be permanent, but there will be reclamation and environmental activities at the mine in Bastrop County.

## Give the gift of safe travel this Holiday Season

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers that by staying sober and following basic traffic laws, they can give their fellow motorists the gift of safe travels this season.

In an effort to increase safety on Texas roadways, DPS Troopers will conduct traffic patrols throughout the holiday weekends of Dec. 24 - 27 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 1, looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other dangerous drivers. Many local law enforcement agencies will also increase enforcement efforts over the holidays.

"The holidays are here, and as everyone begins to celebrate this special time of year, we are also asking Texans to be responsible and safe," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We trust the majority of Texans will heed our guidance to be extra careful and patient on the roadways, but there will always be those who disregard the safety of others by driving impaired or engaging in other reckless behavior. DPS, and police agencies across the state, will do our part to deter and take enforcement action against dangerous drivers over the holidays."

During the six-day Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS Troopers issued more than 72,000 citations and warnings for a variety of violations, including speeding, no insurance and seat belt/child safety seat usage. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 439 DWI arrests, 289 fugitive arrests and 229 felony arrests.

Remember to protect those working on the side of the

road this holiday by following the law: SLOW DOWN or MOVE OVER for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- \* Do not drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol.

- \* Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

- \* Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits using a portable wireless device to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.

- \* Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.

- \* Don't drive fatigued - allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

- \* Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

- \* If you see a road hazard or something suspicious during the holidays, report it to the nearest law enforcement agency.

Before your trip begins, make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and always double check to make sure all cargo is secure.

Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. In the event of inclement weather, use extra caution on roadways. For road conditions in Texas, visit <https://drivetexas.org>.

## Scranton Musical

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The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Scranton Community Center.

The kitchen will be hosted by Thelma (Sis) Sellers of Scranton. Serving begins at 5:00 with the menu special for \$5.00, which includes your choice of drink with free refills. In addition to the Special, sandwiches for \$1.50 and homemade pie slices for \$1.00 will also be available. All proceeds of the kitchen go to the continuous upkeep of the Community Center.

Donations for current needs are gladly accepted - a new sound system had to be purchased last month for the continuation of music. Volunteer help to host the kitchen is also needed. Information about each of these needs is available at the musical from any of the volunteers.

Buddy and Ruby Johnson continue to line up great musicians to entertain folks until about 10:00. We look forward to you joining us for a pleasant evening of good food, entertainment, and fellowship. See you Saturday.

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## The Recipe Corner

### Crescent Turkey Casserole

Prep/Total Time: 30 Minutes

**Ingredients:**

- \* 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- \* 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- \* 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules
- \* 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- \* 3/4 cup 2% milk
- \* 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables (about 10 ounces), thawed
- \* 1-1/2 cups cubed cooked turkey breast
- \* 1 tube (4 ounces) refrigerated crescent rolls

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 375°. In a saucepan, mix first four ingredients until smooth; gradually stir in milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Add vegetables and turkey; cook and stir until heated through. Transfer to a greased 8-in. square baking pan.
2. Unroll crescent dough and separate into eight triangles; arrange over turkey mixture. Bake until heated through and topping is golden brown, 15-20 minutes. Yield: 4 servings.

## From the Cross Plains Review - 40 Years Ago January 4, 1978

From the Cross Plains Review... 40 years ago, January 4, 1978.

Financial arrangements have been completed for a new building to house the Vocational Agriculture Department that will be built on the Cross Plains School campus.

Both Boys and Girls Basketball teams lost to Rising Star last Friday night. Vivian Franke led the Girl's scoring with 24 points. Other scorers were Sandy Bailey, Kim Strahan, Dona Long and Cheryl Merrill. For the boys, Alan Rhodes scored 15 points; Danny Lewis, 10 points.

Allan Barnett's dog "Husky", a black and white border collie, is missing.

Baby boy is born to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Foster on Thursday. He has been named Michael Blake. The Foster's have another son, Kyle, age 4.

Cross Plains Junior High Mighty Mites Basketball Team beat Rising Star last Friday night. Top scorers: Richard Clark, John Long and Greg Hutchins. Junior High Girls lost. Kim Hedrick was the leading scorer, along with Paula Allen.

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