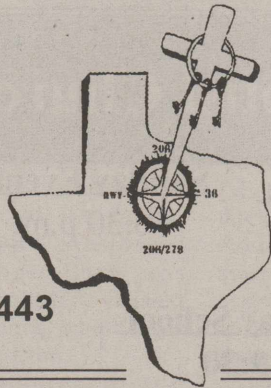


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Wreck Closed Highway 206 for most of the day on Friday - Cross Plains VFD worked an 18 wheeler wreck with a CNG leak that stopped traffic from Hwy 279 at the Brownwood Split to FM 2707, a six mile stretch. After being closed for 10 hours, the road reopened late in the day.

## Cold Weather Blankets Area with Below Freezing Temperatures and Icy Roads

Mother Nature paid a holiday visit to the Big Country area bring cold temperatures that residents in this area haven't seen in over thirty years. Abilene registered 9 degrees on New Year's Day morning, the coldest New Year's Day temperature since 1927. Residents wrapped pipes, dripped faucets, brought pets inside, make pots of chili and braced for the cold weather.

Sunday morning services at the First United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church were canceled, along with the New Year's Eve Celebration at the Senior Center. Residents that ventured out on the roads found slick, icy conditions on all the roadways. Several wrecks from people driving too fast for the weather conditions kept the Cross Plains

Volunteer Fire Department and other first responders busy. On Friday morning, CPVFD worked an 18-wheeler wreck with a CNG leak on Highway 206. Fire departments from Coleman County also responded to the scene. The leak caused the road to be shut down from the Highway 279 Brownwood split to FM 2707 for 10 hours.

## 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!

## Valentine Party at the ASAP After School Program, February 7th

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, February 7th, is

"Valentine Party. Programs for the remaining months: March 7: Celebrate Earth with the Garden Club April 4: Bug Day...all about Bugs Schedule is subject to change.

## 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.

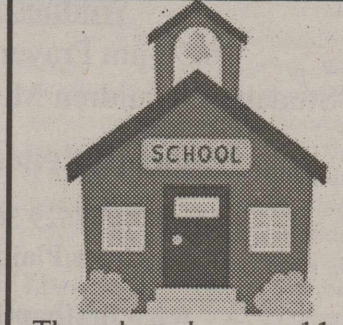
The LTC class will be held in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church in Clyde. It will last from 8 AM to about 4 PM. The class will be limited to 15 participants and the cost of the class is \$50 per participant. The qualification will take place on the 13th, weather permitting. For more information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

## Game Night at the Senior Center, Tuesday January 16th

Tuesday, January 16th 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.

## Scranton Musical

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.



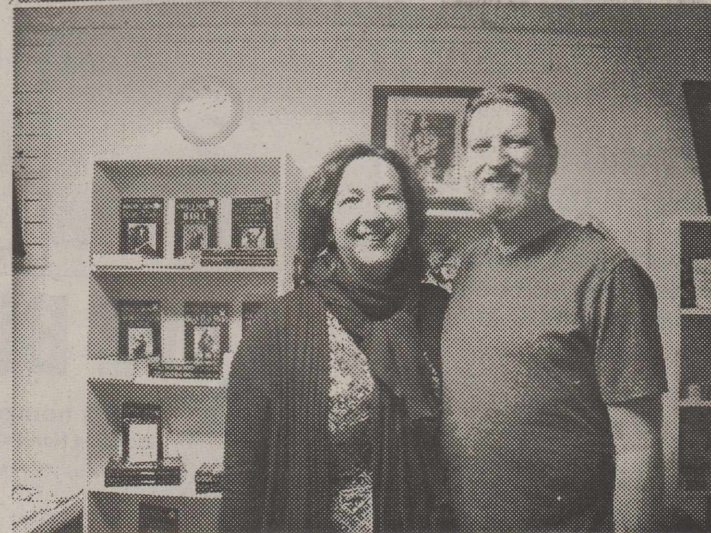
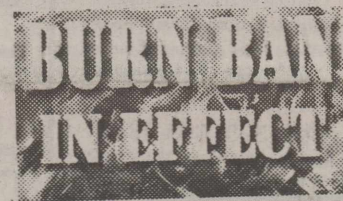
Thursday, January 11, 2018 Early Out at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

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

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

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## Alain, J.D., PH.D and Penny Harvey of Houston visit the Museum

Alain Harvey, a high school Physics professor, and his wife, Penny Harvey, who teaches French in Houston school system, were on holiday break from work and decided on a road trip which led them to the Robert E. Howard Museum on Thursday afternoon. Alain has been a long time scholar of Howard's work and was delighted to visit Cross Plains and verify things he had previously only read about.

## Tips for protecting home and pets in cold weather

It looks like Mother Nature is going to give a reprieve from her freezing temperatures. This is a great time to make a list of fixes or changes you need to make before she's at it again. The Chamber would like to remind everyone that you can take care of all your winterizing needs or fixes right in town. Higginbotham Brothers has faucet covers, heat tape, polyfoam pipe wrap, and even thermostatically controlled plugs (no more walking out to the pump house, it will turn your heating device on as soon as temperatures drop to 35 or below). Loves and Higginbotham's both have supplies to handle any plumbing repairs that are needed now that things are thawing out. The chamber has heard from two individuals who opted to try tank de-icers for their water troughs. Both stated that they couldn't believe how great they worked, and how nice it was not to be breaking through the ice for the livestock. Lawrence Brothers Farm and Ranch Supply has them in stock, stop in and pick one up before the next freeze. Just a reminder, older horses and pets need and appreciate extra care in cold weather. Blanketing, extra bedding, an extra evening feeding all can help them stay warm and healthy during cold weather. Pet aren't the only ones needing pampering during the winter weather. The constant temperature changes from going in and out wreak havoc on skin. Patsy's Flowers and Gift has a nice selection of handmade goat milk hand and body Lotions. Be sure to pop in and see what they have. Stay safe and stay warm.

## The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group Annual Meeting

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group cordially invites all Cottonwood area residents to the Group's annual meeting to be held on Monday, January 15th, 2018 at the Cottonwood Community Center. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Items to be decided on are, the elections of officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer and one board members, (all attending are

eligible to vote) and discussions regarding progress the Group has made in the past year and plans for the coming year. There will also be time made for public comments. So please make plans to attend, as the Group appreciates your kind ongoing support.

Sincerely Roy Boyd President/ Chief

## Callahan County Livestock Show, January 11th-13th

The Callahan County Junior Livestock Show will be held Thursday through Saturday, January 11th-13th at the Callahan County Livestock Show Arena on Hwy 206 north of Cross Plains. Show Schedule: Thursday, January 11th Breeding Goats - 5 p.m. Market Goats - Immediately after Breeding Goats Market Sheep - Immediately after Market Goats Friday, January 12th Breeding Swine - 8 a.m. Market Swine - Immediately after Breeding Swine Poultry - Immediately after Market Swine Rabbits - Immediately after Poultry

Saturday, January 13th Beef Heifer - 9:30 a.m. Market Steer - Immediately after Beef Heifer Arrival times: Gates will open at 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 10th for swine only. Lambs and Goats: Thursday, January 11th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Swine: Thursday, January 11th, must be in place by 1:00 p.m.; weigh in 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Poultry and Rabbits: Friday, January 12th, weigh in 12:00-1 p.m. Steers and Heifers: Friday, January 12th, weigh in 4:00-6:00 p.m. Entry fees need to be paid at time of the weigh in. No exceptions.



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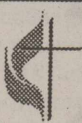
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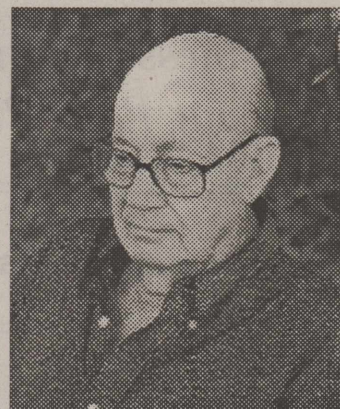
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## Obituaries



JOY W. BROWN

### Joy W. Brown

Joy W. Brown, age 92, of Clyde, TX, passed away on Friday, December 29, 2017 in Abilene, Texas. He was born August 6, 1925 on the Scott Place in the Belle Plaine community in Callahan County to H. W. and Maude (Williams) Brown.

Services for Joy were held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at the Clyde Church of Christ with interment following in Admiral Cemetery. David Peterson and Ryan Brown officiated.

Joy first served in the US Army Air Force and reenlisted in the Air National Guard, being discharged in 1947. On November 28, 1948, Joy married the love of his life, Martha Bentley, in Cottonwood, Texas. They recently celebrated 69 years of marriage. During their marriage they lived in Cisco, Crane, and Jal, New Mexico, where Joy worked as an instrument technician for El Paso Natural Gas Company for 35 years. He did troubleshooting over Western Texas and the New Mexico areas. After retiring he operated the Texaco service station in Jal for over 10 years. He and Martha retired to Clyde, Texas, in 1990. They were members of the Clyde Church of Christ where Joy served as an elder.

Joy was a practical jokester, an avid coffee drinker, and never, ever, complained about anything. He loved Halloween as much as his kids, and was notorious for frightening the neighbor children!

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Martha, of Abilene; his sister, Nell Sowell of Clyde, TX; his children, Don Brown (Vickie) of Austin, TX, Kay Lehman of Paducah, TX, Ann St. Clair (Sam) of Abilene, TX, Sharon Burress of Spencer, OK, and Gary Brown of Clyde, TX; 12 grandchildren, Larissa Brown, Jeremy Brown, Melissa Parry, Bryan Lehman, Juliana Felts, Cassie Buckner, Skyla Giles, Saybra O'Brien, Jennifer

Gonzales, Jillian Trout, Garin Brown, and Ryan Brown; a number of great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandson and 7 brothers and sisters.

Memorial donations in Joy's memory can be made to the Tribute Program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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### Reverend Billy Leonard Reed

**Reverend Billy Leonard Reed, 84**, passed away on Wednesday December 27, 2017 in Cross Plains, TX. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. The family will have a graveside service on Friday, January 5 at 2:00 PM at the Cuba Cemetery in Canton, Illinois.

Billy was born on May 3, 1933 in Canton, Illinois to the late Leslie Alvin and Wilma Hilton-Reed. He married Patricia Barlow in Canton, Illinois on December 28, 1950. After Patricia's passing he married Sharon Watson on August 3, 1981 and gained 3 more children - Leland Watson, Terry Watson, and Shari Watson. Bill began preaching as a Nazarene preacher and then became an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church in 1963. Bill enjoyed raising Chihuahuas, flying his piper cub plane, and preaching. He also enjoyed traveling and visiting ghost towns. He loved watching John Wayne movies, reading books, and loved history.

Survivors include his children Billy Reed Jr and wife Gail, Cassandra Urbanski, James Reed, Timothy Reed and wife Leanne, David Reed and wife Vicki, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother Robert, two sisters Shelly & Luella, first wife Patricia, 2nd wife Sharon, son Matthew, and great grandson Dominick.



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Elementary GT students: Graydon Albrecht, Theron Albrecht, Haylee Johnson, Trace Johnson, Kade Purvis, Stryker Dillard and McKenna Podlevsky (not pictured) donated gifts and cash for the angel tree at Texas Heritage Bank. These students realized the benefit of helping others and put a plan in motion to do their part. The group took out a loan, found recipes and planned a shopping list, and bought groceries. They then worked in teams to bake delicious homemade cookies which they sold in a matter of minutes to hungry students. From the money they took in, they first repaid the loan, then they went shopping around Cross Plains to get a number of special gifts for their angel. The leftover money was donated to help with other angel tree expenses. We are certainly proud of these students and their hard work and generosity. Even at such a young age they add to our caring community.

## Cross Plains Community Calendar

~ January ~

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 15 - Monday - Martin Luther King Day.

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

~ February ~

February 7 - Wednesday, ASAP Program at the Library, Valentine's Party. 4 p.m.

February 12 - President's Day Holiday - School's out.

February 13 - Tuesday, Fat Tuesday

February 14 - Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

February 14 - Wednesday Valentine's Day

~ March ~

March 12-16 - Spring Break - School's out

## Texas State Library receives \$1 million appropriation to high speed Internet to rural communities through public libraries

Austin, TX- The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) will receive a special legislative appropriation of one million dollars to bring high-speed internet connections to Texas communities via public libraries. The funds will allow TSLAC to facilitate local public library access to federal discounts that will make broadband connections affordable. The request was funded as part of the agency's 2018-2019 legislative appropriation.

"We are very happy to have earned broad bipartisan support for this effort," said TSLAC Director and Librarian Mark Smith. "Libraries are uniquely positioned to serve as digital safety nets for their communities, helping Texans access the online resources they need for work, school, and personal enrichment," said Smith.

Using the appropriation, TSLAC will assist public libraries in navigating the difficult

application process to obtain federal E-rate discounts for high-speed internet, potentially lowering the cost by as much as 90 percent.

Currently, only 6 percent of Texas public libraries have internet connections at speeds recommended by the Federal Communications Commission. Approximately 60% of public libraries in the U.S. are the only source of free internet in their community. Students, jobseekers, small business owners, entrepreneurs, and many others rely on public libraries as a vital link to online information.

"Thanks to the help from the Texas Legislature, we intend to increase the number of libraries offering broadband," said Smith.

The project will begin in September 2017, and information on how libraries and their communities can be found at [tsl.texas.gov/broadband](http://tsl.texas.gov/broadband).

## The Texas History Minute

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### Texas musician/songwriter Roy Orbison

The voice of Roy Orbison is unmistakable. From a start in small-town West Texas as rock and roll was born, he worked with some of the biggest names in music and became national treasure himself.

Roy Kelton Orbison was born in Vernon in 1936. His mother was a nurse, and his father was a mechanic and oil field worker. The Great Depression, however, had hit the family hard. Unable to find work in the area, the family moved to Fort Worth.

Two events would steer his life toward music. As a youngster in Fort Worth, he saw country music legend Ernest Tubbs give an outdoor concert from the back of a flatbed truck, beginning a love affair with music. For his sixth birthday, his father gave Orbison a guitar. Within months, he had become an expert guitarist and decided that music would be his career.

Shortly afterward, the family moved back to Vernon and then to the oil fields of the West Texas community of Wink. By 1944, Orbison was performing on a local radio program and soon began his own show. As a teenager, he formed the Wink Westerners, which became a popular local act. After briefly attending North Texas State College in Denton (the modern University of North Texas), he soon reunited the band and moved to Odessa. The popular band soon had a TV show in neighboring Midland.

In 1956, the group earned a contract with Sun Records, where they recorded their cover of "Ooby Dooby." The single was a hit. Orbison soon took to songwriting in the day and performing at night. One of his popular early songs was "Claudette," which he wrote for his future wife. In the late 1950s, he toured briefly with Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash.

In 1960 and 1961, Orbison recorded four Top Ten hits, two of which would define his career, "Only the Lonely" and "Crying." Orbison built a steady following while in Britain where his early albums sold well. He toured for a time with The Beatles before they became a hit in America.

Contrary to popular misconception, Orbison was not blind. Like several other members of his family, he had very poor eyesight for which he wore thick glasses. The darkened glasses that became almost synonymous with him were prescription sunglasses. In the early 1960s, he wore the sunglasses on stage for one performance and decided

to keep wearing them.

The peak of his early success came in 1964. "Oh, Pretty Woman," became his most popular hit ever, topping the charts for several weeks. Reportedly, he wrote the song in less than an hour after a humorous conversation with his wife.

In the late 1960s, he was devastated by a series of horrible tragedies. In 1966, his wife died. In 1968, while he was on tour in England, two of his three sons died in a fire. He later remarried, had two more sons, and tried to rebuild his life.

Orbison's popularity faded in the late 1960s and into the 1970s. New musical styles in rock and country both crowded out the style that he had mastered in the early 1960s. Orbison's albums sold very poorly during the 1970s, save for a 1975 greatest hits album that topped the charts in England. He was dogged by health problems and had bypass surgery in 1978.

His career started to recover in 1980 when he recorded "That Lovin' You Feelin' Again," with Emmylou Harris. He won his first Grammy Award for the duet. As his popularity climbed again, he formed the Traveling Wilburys with old friends Bob Dylan, George Harrison, and Tom Petty in 1987. Audiences began rediscovering Orbison's

music and a new generation of fans emerged.

In 1987, Orbison was inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. He cut an immensely successful album with the band called simply Traveling Wilburys Volume I. He completed one more solo album in late 1988, *Mystery Girl*. He had an active touring and recording schedule. The strain started to affect his health again.

After a concert on December 4, 1988, he paused to spend time with his family. He died of a heart attack two days later at the age of 52.

His fame only grew in the years after his death. In 1989, studios released "You Got It." Recorded several months before his death, the upbeat tune mixed well with Orbison's soulful voice and became a Top Ten hit. He won another Grammy in 1989 for his performances with the Traveling Wilburys. His most famous song, "Oh, Pretty Woman" won a new generation of fans with its appearance in the popular 1990 film *Pretty Woman*. For a time after his passing, he had two Top Five albums on the charts, a feat worthy of a legend.

###  
Dr. Ken Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at [drkenbridges@gmail.com](mailto:drkenbridges@gmail.com).

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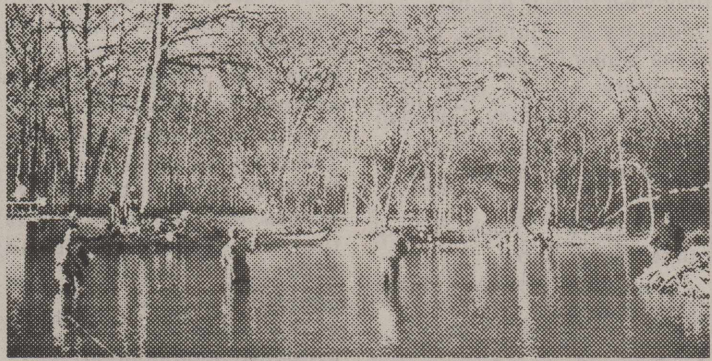
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A winter sun warms trout fisherman in the Canyon Dam tailrace on the Guadalupe River. The stretch of water below Canyon dam and the next 10 miles have been stocked several times this winter with catchable-size trout by TPWD, and with trophy-size trout three times by the Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Photo by John Jefferson.

### WINTER SUN

There's nothing as welcome as winter sun. As the attached photo shows, it even brings trout fishermen out to stand in thigh-deep ice water in the Canyon Dam tailrace in the Guadalupe River, north and a little west of New Braunfels.

Water coming out of the bottom of Canyon Lake is frigid. That first afternoon trout were stocked in the Guadalupe in 1966, most of us that came there to try to catch a rainbow trout had no idea how cold the water was. The fact that Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) thought it was cold enough for trout - normally found in cold streams in the Rockies - went entirely over our heads. We were unprepared.

When I strung my fifth trout and stumbled up the river bank, my legs were blue, but not just because I was wearing jeans. They offered little protection from the cold.

The Lone Star Beer CEO was a trout fisherman, too. Lone Star had leftover trout from a boat show and requested permission to release them into the Guadalupe. Canyon Dam had been completed earlier, chilling the river, and TPW biologists had been looking for a cold-water fish.

The trout were it. Permission granted. Nowadays, TPW annually stocks that stretch of river - and over 150 other sites. Many trout are stocked in Neighborhood Fishin' lakes, Community Fishing Lakes, and other public waters throughout Texas. Stocking of 305,525 catchable size trout will continue through February. To find a stocking site near you and when stocking will occur, check [https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fishmanagement/stocking/trout\\_stocking.phtml](https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fishmanagement/stocking/trout_stocking.phtml).

Some bank fishing is possible. Wading is practical in some places. Excellent tips on trout

fishing by my friend, TPWD Inland Fisheries biologist, Marcos De Jesus, are included at the site, above. This is an easy and effective way of introducing kids to fishing. Trout anglers will need the \$5 Freshwater Fishing Stamp, which is included in all freshwater license packages. Anglers under 17 years of age are not required to have a license nor purchase a stamp.

If you are after larger trout, the Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited (GRTU) has stocked a 9.5 mile stretch of the Guadalupe River with trout up to 20 inches long. Special regulations apply to this part of the river. For details, see page 37 in the TPW Outdoor Annual, available free where licenses are sold.

There are several guides that

work the trout fishery by boat. They use inflatable rafts that are comfortable to fish from, and can be hoisted through the rocks. Gruene Outfitters (830-625-4440) in Gruene keeps a list of river guides, as does Living Waters Fly Fishing (512-828-3474) in Round Rock. Most cater to fly fishers, but also welcome spinning gear users.

If you want to learn more about trout and fly fishing, GRTU is conducting its annual TroutFest Feb. 16-18 at Lazy L&L Campgrounds on River Road, west of New Braunfels. Learning has never been as much fun!

Maybe you'll catch some trout -- and a little winter sun, too.

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## 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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## Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from Dec. 28th

The Meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on Thursday, December 28, 2017, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; 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; Angie Campbell, Deputy County Treasurer; Sam Goldsmith, Goldsmith Solutions; Dana Compton, Komatsu Architecture, Inc; and Randy Hughes, Mid-Continental Restoration.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. Commissioner Hicks was absent.

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

—Under public comment there was none.

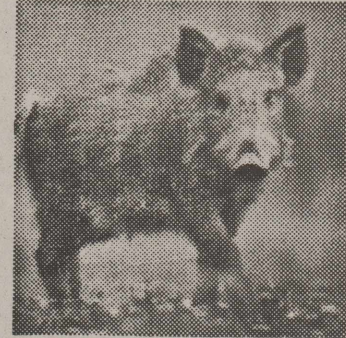
—No action was taken on the burn ban. The burn ban remains in effect.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the sheriff's overtime report with 20.75 unapproved hours. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Karl Winge, Callahan

## Predator Control of Feral Hogs

Many landowners have seen some form of damage from feral hogs in past several years or even in the last couple of days. With many farmers harvesting wheat at this time, they are especially seeing the effects of feral hogs. As wheat has gone into the final stages, this becomes prime food source for the hogs. This creates many losses in production of wheat and especially losses in money to farmers and ranchers.



So far this year has been the most productive in trapping of hogs. The Callahan County Predator Control Association uses funds or grants to help in the control of feral hogs. At this time, the Association has four traps that are baited and set. From January to May of this year, 1018 feral hogs have been trapped. Currently the association is sending a helicopter in the air to also help in the control of feral hogs. At this rate, the association may double on the capture of feral hogs than in 2016. Feral hogs continue to be a growing concern with in Callahan County and across the State of Texas. The association has turned in a number over five thousand feral hogs trapped or hunted

by aerial in last six years. This does not include the number for this year. The association also helps in the control of coyotes. Coyotes are a predator that kills farmers and ranchers livestock. This also creates loss of money for farmers and ranchers. The association through trapping and aerial hunts have caught or killed over 1082 coyotes in the past six years. As to date, the association has trapped or aerial hunt over 7200 feral hogs and coyotes. This is over half the population of Callahan County. The association will continue to work with farmers and ranchers to help in the control of predators with in Callahan County. If there are any questions, come by the Callahan Extension office or give the office a call at 325-854-5835.

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County Extension Agent, gave the court his yearend report. Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to close the polling locations at Oplin and Putnam. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—John Thompson, the Hart Intercivic representative, presented new election equipment to the court, and a contract in which to purchase the Hart Intercivic Verity system. Judge Corn made a motion to sign the contract to purchase the Verity system. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Judge Corn made a motion to set the 2018 regular commissioner court dates at the 2nd and 4th Monday every month along with the additional payroll meetings. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Clark as judge pro-term for 2018. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

—After discussion about the courthouse cleaning service, Tammy Walker, Tax Assessor Collector, is going to try and contact the cleaning service again.

—Judge Corn read a

retirement letter from Sonia Walker, County Librarian, effective December 27, 2017. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept Sonia Walker's letter of retirement. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Judge Corn made a motion to approve the cost estimate from CCM Construction Services for \$5,130 for the THCPP Grant Round X. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign the resolution of support for the preservation of the historic 1929 Callahan County Courthouse. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay the approved bills and pay the approved payroll with the addition of \$20,058.80 pay to KBL Restoration, LLC for final HVAC payment. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Member

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "cold as an outhouse" in January  
5 San Antonio Christian AM  
6 TX Tanya's "Cowboy-Lovin' Night"  
7 Friday night objective (abbr.)  
8 affirmative vote in the TX legislature  
9 TXism: "letting" (fight)  
15 this Gallegos was in "The Champ" with Randall "Tex" Cobb  
16 in the Valley: Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Rey  
18 seasoning herb  
20 Alain of film "Texas Across the River"  
22 Caribbean country  
27 country where TX Rangers recruit: Puerto Rico  
28 capsule viewable at the Johnson Space Center  
29 Hardy's sidekick  
30 those who run away to get "hitched up"  
32 Rice won "College Bowl" in 1966  
33 these "play" on the range  
36 TXism: "you can bet the farm" (certain)  
37 young man  
38 TXism: "so many you couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ with a stick"  
39 TXism for "food"  
41 grew larger

- 44 Oatmeal Festival race: \_\_\_\_\_-Thon organ. for some TX teachers (abbr.)  
46 TXism: "it's \_\_\_\_\_ bout"  
47 TXism: "he'd have to study up to be a half \_\_\_\_\_"  
48 TX Byron learned golf by "\_\_\_\_\_ error"  
51 in Lamb County on U.S. 70  
52 TXism: "black gold"  
53 this Lanier was Houston mayor. 1992-98 (init.)  
54 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ pilot" (preacher)  
DOWN  
1 some TXns do this in NM or CO  
2 Fort Worth Kay Granger's time in Wash. (abbr.)  
3 Van \_\_\_\_\_ TX  
4 "T" & "A" of NAFTA  
8 "putting on" (snooly)  
9 TXism: "he could put \_\_\_\_\_ on a mule's back" (good roper)  
10 long-time Dallas sportswriter. Sherrard (init.)

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- 11 TX-born Steve Martin 1991 film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Story"  
12 Nacogdoches: "The \_\_\_\_\_ in Texas"  
13 in San Patricio County on U.S. 77  
14 pastrami shop  
15 what UT coach Darrell Royal called the "Alumni Line"  
16 IX-based Humble Oil had this name before Exxon  
17 TXism: "country mile"  
18 TXism: "it's good for what \_\_\_\_\_ you"  
21 Duncanville pitcher David who was drafted by Rockies
- 22 Cowboy Lilly (init.)  
23 Friona H.S. class  
24 Attila the \_\_\_\_\_  
25 Denton's TWU was once College of Industrial  
26 TXism: "Sunday go to \_\_\_\_\_ clothes"  
28 Glen Campbell was a Texas Ranger in 1969 film "True \_\_\_\_\_"

- 31 Okie town  
34 killer whale  
35 the first pay for Texas Rangers: \$125 \_\_\_\_\_ day  
37 ex-Cowboy Leon. "The Big Cat"  
40 TXism: "never \_\_\_\_\_ eyes on it"  
42 Houston has large \_\_\_\_\_ space  
43 extras in TX Ginger's "Follow the Fleet"  
49 candy in England  
50 TXism: "bend elbow" (drink)



## The Recipe Corner

### Cheeseburger Soup

Prep Time: 45 Minutes Cook Time: 10 Minutes

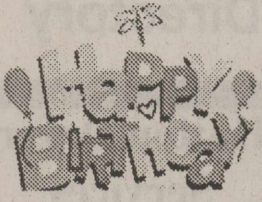
### Ingredients:

- \* 1/2 pound ground beef
- \* 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- \* 3/4 cup chopped onion
- \* 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- \* 3/4 cup diced celery
- \* 1 teaspoon dried basil
- \* 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- \* 1-3/4 pounds (about 4 cups) cubed peeled potatoes
- \* 3 cups chicken broth
- \* 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- \* 1 package (16 ounces) Velveeta process cheese, cubed
- \* 1-1/2 cups whole milk
- \* 3/4 teaspoon salt
- \* 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- \* 1/4 cup sour cream



### Directions

1. In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook and crumble beef until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In same saucepan, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Saute onion, carrots, celery, basil and parsley until tender, about 10 minutes. Add potatoes, beef and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-12 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Add flour; cook and stir until bubbly, 3-5 minutes. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Stir in cheese, milk, salt and pepper; cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat; blend in sour cream. Yield: 8 servings (2-1/4 quarts).



**Birthdays Continued**

Kim Koenig  
Joe Gardner

**January 10**

Karan Wise  
Ricky Wayne Waddell  
Ellen Brown  
Lila Payne  
Eddie Eddington  
J.T. Isbell

**January 11**

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Staci LeAnn (Weiss) Mayo  
Terry Dewbre  
Barbara Johnson  
W.A. Watson  
Benjamin Worley  
Mrs. Charley Havens  
Jeff Brown  
Jayde Lee Peters

**January 12**

Fred Flippen  
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Mike Walters  
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Angie Sanders

**January 13**

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Sylvia Graham  
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Crissa Teasdale  
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Edith Adkins  
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Randy Dillard  
Cecilia Smoot  
John Terrell Gardner

**January 7**  
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Deloras Stover  
Karen (Ringhoffer) Combs  
Bobby Oliver  
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Betty Strength  
Bridgette Allen  
Shae Connelly

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Claude Boyd  
Johnny Nunn  
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Jimmy Hargrove  
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Allen Bland  
Jay Staggs  
Mrs. Eugene Strickland

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Carol Parsons  
Charles Williams  
Alvie Hutchins  
Karen (Dunn) Dooley  
Ronny Nunn  
Patrick Sadler  
Cathy Meroney  
Teri Brown

**Cross Plains ISD School Board Minutes**

December 18, 2017

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Porcious Potter, Davy Crockett, Michael Cowan, and Roy Richey. John McWilliams and Bryan Bennett were absent.

The following administrators

and guests were also in attendance: Supt Phil Mitchell, and guest Cam Guley.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Crockett that we approve audit.

For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Shepard that we adjourn.

For 5/Against 0

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Jan. 8th -Jan. 12th

**Monday 8th**-Fried Fish, Potato Salad, pinto beans, Bread, Dessert

**Tuesday 9th**-Ham/Cabbage Soup, Pickled Beets, Cornbread, Dessert

**Wednesday 10th**-Spaghetti with meat Sauce, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Dessert

**Thursday 11th**-Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes with gravy, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert

**Friday 12th**-Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Onions and Pickles, Ranch Style Beans, Chips, Dessert

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**Thursday 11th** Exercise at 11:00

**Friday-12th** Exercise 11:00/ Bingo 11:15 with Ray

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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.

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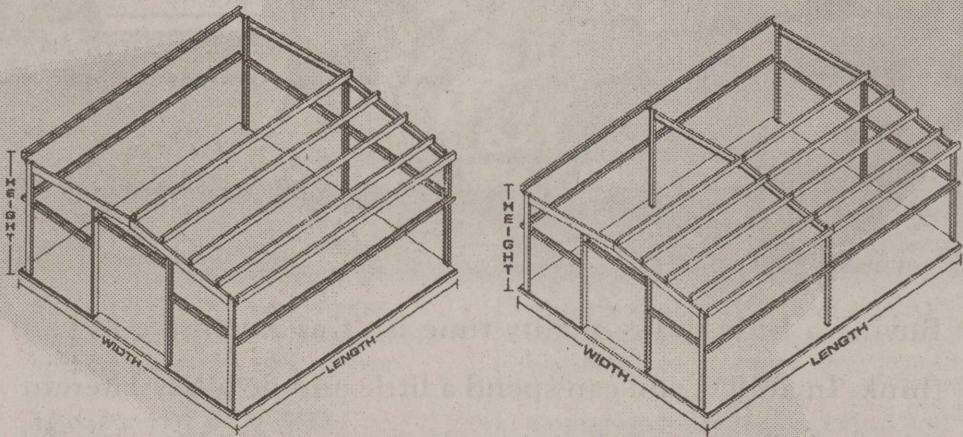
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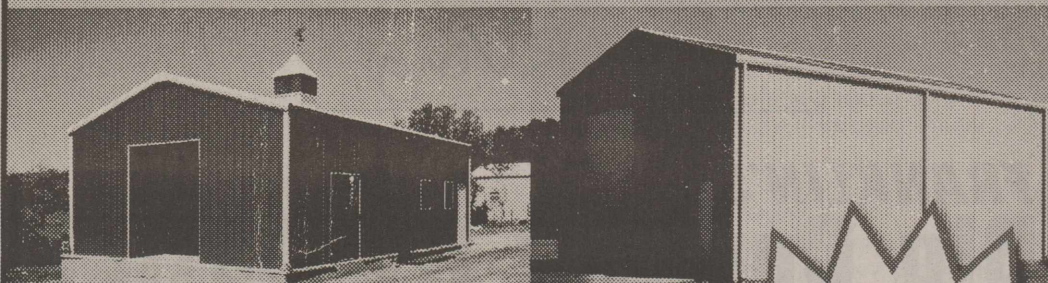
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- 219 FM3363, Olden-2BR/1B, updates, large rooms, large treed lot...**Reduced**...\$37,500
- 520 Pine St, Ranger-3BR/2B, new flooring, C/H/A, fenced back yard...\$44,500
- 210 S Miller St, RS-2BR/1 2 lots, **UNDER CONTRACT** shop, 2 wells...**Reduced**\$45,500
- 401 NE 4th St, CP-2BR/2B, 1040 sq ft, patio, car port, large treed lot...\$68,900
- 4100 Lake Shore Dr, May-2BR/2B SW, 2 car carport, nice chain link fence...\$75,000
- 200 SE 1st, CP-3BR/1.5B 1428 sq ft, 1 car garage, privacy fence...**Reduced**...\$79,900
- 316 N Main St, CP-1BR/1B home and 2-1BR/1B apartments...\$82,000
- 105 N Brewster, RS-2BR/2B, 1794 sq ft, metal roof...**Reduced**...\$85,000
- 2426 Glendale Dr, Ab-3BR/2B, new **UNDER CONTRACT**...**Reduced**...\$99,900
- 316 N Ave C, CP-3BR/2B brick, screened patio, man cave...**Reduced**...\$97,000
- 341 NW 4th, CP-3BR/2B, 2897 sq ft, redwood kitchen cabinets...\$199,000
- 402 S Dixie, Eastland-4BR/3B 2 story, 3435 sq ft, covered porch...\$323,000

## Commercial Property

- 700 N Ave A, CP- 7,767 sq ft brick building, C/H/A, **SOLD** formerly a nursing home, needs some TLC...**Reduced**...\$7,500
- 1706 W Commerce, Eastland-Commercial building taken down to the studs, your imagination is your only limit...\$50,000
- 217 N Main, CP-3 offices, roof recently replaced, currently retail...\$72,000
- 118 S Main, RS-Starlight Cafe', 2700 sq ft...\$85,000
- 205 S Main, RS-6000 sq ft metal bldg, HVAC **SOLD**...\$80,000
- 404 I-20 E, Cisco-3.8+Acres, I-20 frontage, commercial lot...**Reduced**...\$180,000
- 1801 Hwy 206, Cisco-3.7 acres, Commercial, 4 offices, supply room, workshop...\$200,000
- 3703 Hwy 377 S, Brownwood-5.562 acres, 1100 sq ft, lobby & 2 offices, 2400 sq ft warehouse...\$295,000

## Featured Property of the Week:

5 Acres & Home, 12464 CR415, Cross Plans-2BR/2B 1881 sq ft Brick home, hardwood and tile flooring, 1 car garage, 3 individual horse runs along the county road with water and shelter for each, 6 metal barns, 2 cisterns, pipe working pens...\$150,000

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Mike Lang, State Representative District #60, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0656.

Dawn Buckingham, Texas Senate District #24, P.O. Box 12068 Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711 or call (512) 463-0124.

Washington  
Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000. Phone: (202) 456-1111.

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John Cornyn, U.S. Senator 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-2934. Fax (202) 224-2934. For email access, go to <http://Cornyn.Senate.gov>

Ted Cruz, 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone (202) 224-5922. For email go to <http://Cruz.senate.gov>.

## Applications being accepted for Taylor County Master Gardener class

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

12 sessions will be held from February 15 to April 24. Most classes are on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Three (3) Tuesday evening and two (2) Saturday classes will be conducted.

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

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

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

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

A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Gardener program.

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

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

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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.

## Basketball Schedule

January 4 - Thursday - At Baird, Junior High Boys Purple and White, Junior High Girls, 5 p.m.

January 4-6, Thursday - Friday, Knox City Tournament. Junior Varsity Boys

January 5 - Friday - Eastland JV here - JV Girls, 4 p.m.

January 5 - Friday - Panther Creek here - 9B Girls, Varsity Girls and Boys, 5 p.m.

January 8 - Monday - Santa Anna here - Junior High Girls 8, Junior High Boys Purple, 6 p.m.

January 8 - Monday - TLCA Abilene here - Junior High Girls 7, Junior High Boys White, 4 p.m.

January 9 - Tuesday - At May, JV Boys and Girls, Varsity Boys and Girls, 4 p.m.

January 12 - Friday - Santa Anna here - Varsity Girls and Boys, 5 p.m.

January 15 - Monday - At May, Junior High Girls 7 and 8, Junior High Boys, Purple and White, 5 p.m.

January 16 - Tuesday - Anson here - JV Boys, Varsity Boys, 5 p.m.

January 18 & 20 - Thursday and Saturday - Lingleville JH Tournament, JH Boys Purple

January 19 - Friday - Stephenville JVGB here, JV Girls, 5 p.m.

January 19 - Friday - Rising Star here, Varsity Girls and Boys, 6:30 p.m.

January 20 - Saturday - Cross Plains 7th Girls Tournament, Junior High Girls 7

January 22 - Monday - At Eula, 9B Girls, JH Girls 7 and 8, JH Boys Purple, 5 p.m.

January 23 - Tuesday - Eula here, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys, 4 p.m.

January 25 & 27 - Thursday and Saturday - Zephyr Tournament, JH Boys White, JH Girls 8

January 26 - Baird here - Friday, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys, 4 p.m.

January 29 - At Albany - 9B Girls

January 30 - Tuesday - At Panther Creek, JV Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys.

## Callahan County Library News

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

Our Michigan friend, Mr. A. M. Watkins, returned last Thursday noon from Grass Lake, Michigan, bringing with him a triple decked car load - 240 head of fine full blood Merino ewes. They are picked sheep out of the best Michigan flocks, and are another valuable acquisition to Callahan county's blooded sheep. Mr. Watkins will remain here for several months. We are glad to welcome him back to Callahan, and are satisfied that after this he could never remain away long at one time.

Mr. H. Benson who came to Baird early in the summer with two other gentlemen from Indiana, was so highly pleased with the outlook of our section that he has sold out his property north and will come to Baird and make his future home here. He came here last week in company with Mr. Colby, who also became smitten with our county and will come here to settle, as will a number of others of their acquaintance, we welcome all such and hope they will meet with a full realization of their most sanguine expectations.

Nicholson & Stephenson shipped from this place five car loads - 100 head of top cattle

- for St. Louis. They were the pick of Abner & Pointer's herd. They paid \$35.00 per head for the pick of several hundred head, and they are daisies. These cattle have been in litigation for several years and in consequence, no beeves have been sold from the stock for some time and many of the beeves are four, five and six years old and are well loaded down with "old tallow." No doubt they will bring a top price in market.

Maj. Perry informs us that a few days since while at Abilene he saw three wagon loads of cotton come to that market from Coleman county. The owner failed to find a buyer in the town and so they were compelled to ship it themselves, which they did at a cost of \$2.00 freight per bale to Dallas. Parties bringing their cotton to Baird can beat this arrangement. Here they will find competition among buyers, and if they do not choose to sell to our cotton buyers they can have it shipped and freight commission, insurance and drayage will cost them but \$ 1.72 per bale to Dallas. Abilene may vainly boast of controlling about ninety-nine one-hundredths of the wool trade of the state of Texas, but Baird will hold the cotton trade of this section for sure.

Personal  
Mr. Dick Petty and wife left

on last Tuesday night's train for Dallas.

Among the passengers going east last Monday night we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Keating. Jim Edwards took the east bound passenger train last night for Pilot Point.

We noticed on the train last Saturday night going east, our deputy postmaster, also, Mrs. Ed. Prentiss.

Mrs. Ed. Seay and little Dick, left yesterday on a visit to her mother, Mrs. C. W. Merchant, of Abilene. Miss Margie, the little daughter of W. H. Parvin, returned last Wednesday night on the belated train, from an extended visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. G. K. Elkins and family were here yesterday. They are from Coleman and are moving to Colorado. They went on the delayed train.

Mrs. Webb, mother of B. R. and A. G. Webb, left last Thursday night for Thorp Springs and Palestine, where she intends spending the winter.

Mr. John Laird left last Tuesday night on the train for Mineral Wells, where he expects to remain for a while in order to recuperate his health.

Mr. B. V. Conlson who is traveling in the interest of that staunch journal, the Dallas Herald, was in town last Tuesday and took in the races. Ben has many friends in this place who are always glad to see him.

## 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.

Molly Matties  
Political advertisement paid for by Molly Matties, 10740 County Road 226, 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.

## Cross Plains Public Library News

### Library Hours

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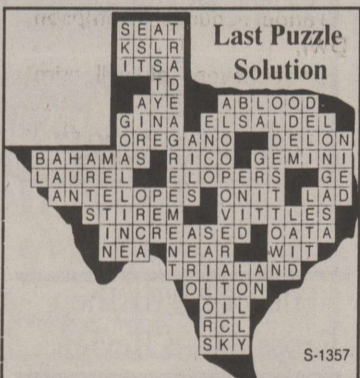
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## DPS Recognizes Heroes, Exceptional Achievements

On Thursday, the Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw presented two Purple Hearts, one Lifesaving Award, two Director's Awards, and a Unit Citation. Additionally, the Texas Rangers were recognized by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and a long-time Mounted Driver License employee was remembered.

"The awards we presented today epitomize Texas at its finest," said Director McCraw. "Each of the award recipients performed admirably with bravery and dedication in varying situations, and we couldn't be more proud of the efforts by these outstanding men and women."

The following awards were presented:

- Trooper James Glaze, Texas Highway Patrol-Plano, received a Life Saving Award and Dallas Police Department Officer Penelope Bernal and Dallas Police Department Cpl. Charles Jeffers each received a Director's Award. On July 2, 2017, Trooper Glaze received a call from the North Texas Tollway Authority regarding a vehicle traveling northbound in the southbound lanes in Dallas. Glaze responded to the area and located a motorcycle rider with a severe, life-threatening leg injury. Cpl. Jeffers was applying a leather belt as a tourniquet to stop the profuse bleeding. Trooper Glaze immediately began assisting. As Cpl. Jeffers tired from the exertion of keeping enough pressure to control the bleeding, Officer Bernal took over from her fellow officer while Trooper Glaze utilized Officer Bernal's tourniquet, after the original

tourniquet broke. Dallas Fire-Rescue personnel arrived on scene shortly after Trooper Glaze successfully applied the second tourniquet and took over rescue efforts. The trauma surgeon that treated the victim indicated the application of the leather belt and subsequent tourniquets were instrumental in saving the victim's life until he was transported to a higher level of care.

- Former Trooper Emory King Jr. received a Purple Heart. On October 20, 2014, Trooper King was completing an inspection on a truck tractor/semi-trailer on the improved shoulder of State Highway 288 near the city of Angleton (Brazoria County). After completing the roadside inspection, Trooper King returned to his patrol unit to type the inspection report, but his patrol unit was struck from behind by a separate truck pulling a loaded flatbed semi-trailer. The collision crushed King's patrol unit, pinning him inside. Trooper King was extracted from the patrol unit and subsequently transported by life-flight to a hospital in Houston. Due to his extensive injuries, Trooper King has had to undergo extensive rehabilitation and is still impacted by injuries sustained in the wreck. Trooper King resigned from the department in October 2015.

- Trooper Danny Shaw Jr., Highway Patrol -Terrell, received a Purple Heart. On Nov. 25, 2016, Trooper Shaw was deployed to the Rio Grande Valley in support of border operations. Trooper Shaw, and other state and federal officers, were patrolling the border in Starr County when gunfire was reported on the Mexican side

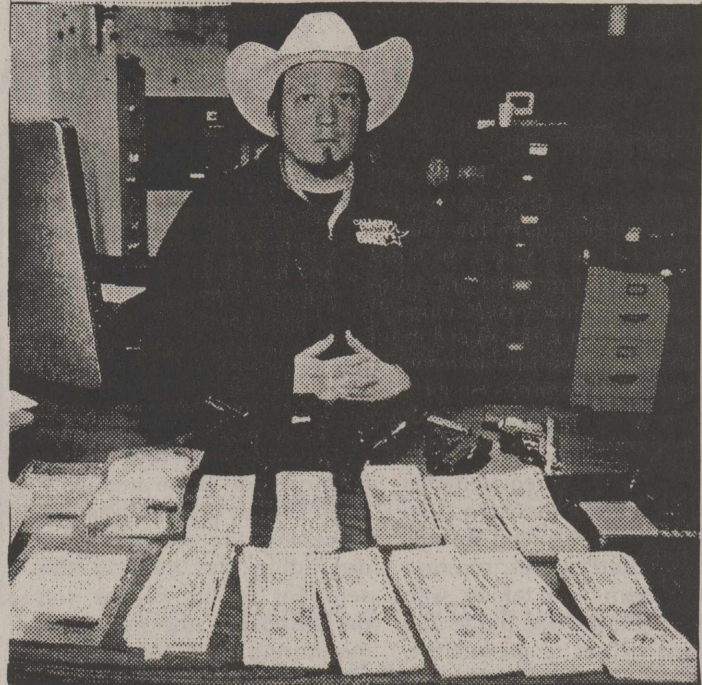
of the border. The gunfire was suspected to be an exchange of gunfire between the Mexican military and three individuals attempting to illegally gain entry into the U.S. Trooper Shaw responded to the area with the intent of monitoring and preventing the violence from crossing into the U.S. While monitoring the situation, an unknown person from the Mexican side of the border fired upon the Texas-based officers. Trooper Shaw was struck in the right hip, causing significant injuries, which he is still recovering from.

- The Intelligence and Counterterrorism-Texas Ranger Analytical Support Unit, of Austin, received a Unit Citation. Since January of 2011, the Texas Ranger Analytical Support Unit has dedicated itself to supporting the Texas Ranger Division, including the Missing Persons Clearinghouse and the Unidentified Persons and DNA Unit. In 2016, the Unit conducted 4,655 analytical assists, resulting in identifying three missing persons, eight unidentified located persons, and 33 suspects. The unit supports the department's efforts regarding high-risk missing juveniles and attempted abductions throughout the state. The Unit has also developed a great working relationship with the U.S. Department of State to help identify and locate missing persons and fugitives. During the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the unit supported efforts by state and local agencies locating next of kin or children separated from their families. Analyst Supervisor Heidi Prather; and Crime Analysts Teresa Becker, Susan

Burroughs, Courtney Fowler, Camila Plaisted, Melanie Schramm, and Lance Fuller were recognized as part of the Unit Citation.

- Texas Ranger Nick Hanna, Company E Odessa, and the Texas Ranger Division each received a Certificate of Recognition from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Sergeant Terry Jacklin of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police presented the awards at the PSC meeting for assistance in developing cases in Canada based on the 2008 Texas Rangers investigation of the Fundamentalist Group of Latter Day Saints, known as the FLDS, in Schleicher County, Texas. During the investigation, it was discovered underage girls were transported from Canada to locations in the U.S. for the purpose of "spiritual marriages" with much older men, resulting in the sexual assault of girls as young as 12-years-old. Ranger Hanna, the case agent and evidence custodian for the FLDS cases in Texas, assisted RCMP Agents developing cases in Canada. To date, this evidence has helped the RCMP bring several FLDS members to trial, resulting in criminal convictions for the transportation of underage girls across international lines for the purpose of sexual abuse.

Also at the PSC meeting, there was a Texas Flag Presentation in honor of Barbara Ann Jenkins, Driver License Division -Austin, who was months away from 50 years of service with DPS when she passed away on Sept. 14, 2017. A certificate signed by Governor Greg Abbott and a flag, which has been flown over the State Capitol, were presented to Jenkins' family.



Callahan County Sheriff's Department Deputy Zac Mazey shows drugs, money and guns he confiscates in New Year arrest.

## Sheriff's Corner by Sheriff Terry Joy

### 2017 Goes out with crashes & Bangs!/2018 In with seizure of Drugs, Money, Guns & Vehicle

**IN CALLAHAN COUNTY THE OLD YEAR GOES OUT WITH BANGS AND CRASHES!**

The old year, 2017, goes out with bangs and crashes in Callahan County, but the New Year 2018 came in much calmer.

December 31st, 2017, from 6:45 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. there were a total of 70 traffic accidents in Callahan County. If my math is correct that is an average of one accident reported through Callahan County 911 Dispatch every 3 minutes and 21 seconds.

Today, everyone has a cell phone and with each of the 70 accidents there were numerous 911 calls made to dispatch from the traveling public, about each accident. This is not counting all the other incoming calls. Extra dispatch help had to be called in to handle the calls. All Callahan County Deputies were constantly busy from one end of I-20, entering Callahan County to the other end, leaving Callahan and from one end of Highway 36 entering until the end of 36 leaving Callahan County.

At one time during the accident peak there were as many as six DPS Troopers working within Callahan County. I want to take this time to thank all the DPS Troopers who worked vehicle accidents within Callahan County. I want to thank all the Callahan County First Responders, Citizens EMS, Cross Plains EMS the different groups of Callahan County Volunteer Firemen and The Texas Highway Department. A very special thank you to all Callahan County Dispatch/Jailers and Callahan County Deputies. Thanks to all Callahan County Sheriff's Deputies for making every call under very dangerous driving conditions and not having one fleet accident.

**BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR, 2018, WITH SEIZURES OF DRUGS, MONEY, GUNS AND A VEHICLE.**

The New Year, 2018, came in with money, drugs, guns and a vehicle seizure. Pictured above at a desk at the Callahan County Sheriff's Office is Callahan County Deputy Zac Mazey with \$13,063.00 in cash, meth, marijuana, dangerous drug pills, grinder, meth pipes, baggies and digital drug scales; also five handguns: one 25 automatic, two 380's, one 9mm and one 22 caliber.

Monday, January 1st, 2018 at approximately 10:30 p.m. Callahan County Deputy Zac Mazey was on routine patrol when he observed a black 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe stopped on the shoulder of I-20 at mile marker 304 eastbound with a flat tire and occupied by a female.

Officer Mazey stopped to assist the female with changing her tire. What the officer found was much more than a flat tire.

Deputy Mazey was in danger for only a few seconds, but the officer noticed that the female was acting strangely and kept putting her hand down where he could not see it. The officer quickly moved her out of the way and found a 22 caliber automatic pistol, fully loaded with one round in the chamber, located next to where the female was reaching.

The officer found out she was wanted on a parole violation for felon in possession of a firearm. He also could smell the odor of marijuana. He put her under arrest and had her vehicle towed to the jail and she was placed in the Callahan County jail. Chief Deputy Rick Jowers, Deputy Jacob Stennett and I were called to assist in inventorying the evidence and counting the money.

#### Marriage Licenses

Brian Andrew Reiling of Abilene and Micaela Noel Carrillo of Baird.  
Tyler Shane Thackerson and Rachel M. Villarreal, both of Baird.

42nd District Court  
James Eidson, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Alyssa Rochelle Stegner and Yanpeng Lane, divorce.  
Sandra Robles Brizendine and Forest Leroy Brizendine, divorce.  
LVNV Funding LLC assignee of Credit One Bank NA vs. Lesa Bowen, contracts debt.  
Marion Lee Masters and Donna Gail Masters, divorce.  
J H Portfolio Debt Equities, LLC assignee of Citibank NA (Citi Diamond Preferred Card) vs. Ruby Trout, contracts: debt.  
Zachary Glen Curtis Patterson and Haley Monique Patterson, divorce.  
Celeste Ann Self and David Sheridan Self, divorce.  
Ally Financial Inc. vs. Kevin Crowe, contracts debt.  
Jennifer Marie Reynolds and William Thomas Reynolds, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Michael Atkins and Taliatha Atkins, divorce granted.  
Wells Fargo Financial National Bank vs. Robert J. Little, Jr., order of non-suit without prejudice granted.

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## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Richaes Browning, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Justin Burnett, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.  
Thomas Goodman, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Jared Lance Johnson, harassment.

Adrian Nicole Lockwood, DWI.  
Luis Olmos - DelGadillo, DWI.

Charles Rogge, DWI.  
Ashton Beauchamp, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.  
Zachary Hooker, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Zachary Hooker, deadly conduct.

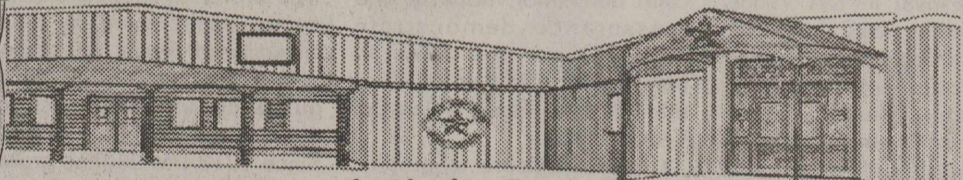
Michael Stultz, violate protective order.  
Richard Clark, criminal simulation.

Arturo Gomez, assault.  
Billy Harris, cruelty to animals.  
Michael Anthony Marin, DWI.

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## Net Wrap vs Twine Bales

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Two of the biggest factors in the production and quality of hay are weather and timing. We can't change the weather and you can't always control the timing. But how you package your bales of hay are up to you. This choice not only affects productivity in the field, also the nutritional quality of your bales when you feed them. When it comes to hay, it's about potential storage losses, herd health, feed value, weight gains, meat/milk production, and fuel and labor cost.

When comes to making a decision based on equipment and material cost, twine win easily, no doubt. But twine-wrapped bales can cost in other ways. When comparing operating speed, saving fuel cost, and time, net-wrapped is the way to go. Net-wrapped hay only takes two to four rotations on twine. A study was conducted by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) shows bale production increased an average of 32 percent per bale when wrapped by net was applied instead of twine. That allows more time to get hay baled and save on fuel. Also this help on the wear and tear of your equipment. The

biggest cost reduction probably happens during the handling and storage. In another study by ASABE study, storage and handling losses were reduced by as much as 65 percent when net-wrap was applied instead of twine. The reason is that net-wrapped bales hold their shape, one that is tighter bales, more uniform and stable in all storage conditions. Net-wrap increases the protection of the hay, helping shed the moisture away.

Twine-wrapped hay bales can also get the job done. You need to make sure that you store your hay on well drained soils to help in water damage. Twine bales stand a better chance of being stored in well drained soils or under a barn or a shed. I have learned that when it comes to net-wrapped bales, they always holds together when transporting or moving from one location to another. Many farmers have used twine for many of years but are changing over to net because of those reasons.

There's no right or wrong answer when it comes to choosing net vs twine. The key is to understanding your cost, time in labor and fuel, and your commitment to minimize hay loss.

## John Graves scenic riverway: Legislation, teamwork help to preserve scenic beauty

A little more than a decade ago, a portion of the Brazos River once prized for its scenic beauty came under threat. The rising popularity of stone facades on homes and businesses and construction, in general, had led to an upsurge in rock, sand and gravel mining operations in the upper portion of the Brazos River basin. As these operations expanded, stormwater permit requirements were ignored, resulting in slugs of muddied water moving downstream and taking with it the habitat that made the Brazos River a beautiful, welcoming home for fish and wildlife.

Concerned local citizens brought the situation to the attention of the state, and in 2005 the John Graves Scenic Riverway was created to protect and maintain this scenic section of the Brazos River.

Stretching from Possum Kingdom Lake to within a few miles of Lake Granbury, the John Graves Scenic Riverway was named for the author whose celebrated book, "Goodbye to a River" focused on his love of the Brazos and reflection on possible changes in the late 1950s.

With the passage of Senate Bill 1354, authored by Senator Craig Estes during the 79th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature not only honored the author who made the Brazos famous with his tribute to the river, it created a collaborative effort between several state agencies that would ensure water quality. For more than 12 years, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Brazos River Authority and the Texas Parks and Wildlife

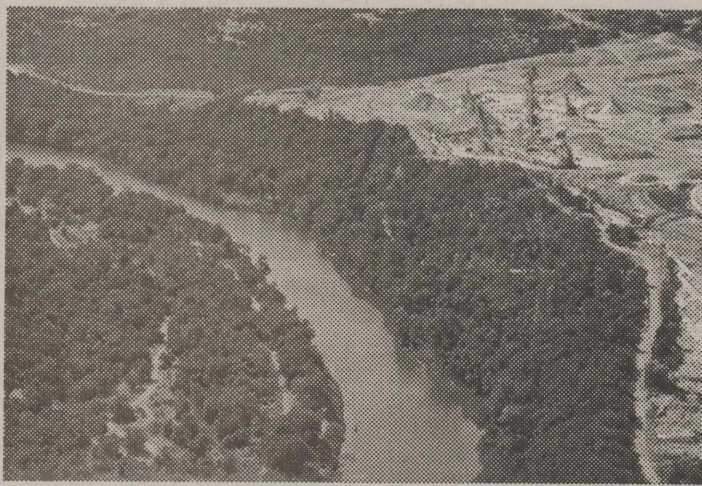
Department have preserved the area's allure through tightened permitting requirements, continued monitoring and water quality testing.

Individuals and environmental groups such as the Brazos River Coalition and Friends of the Brazos were instrumental in bringing concerns to state agencies and lawmakers. They were outspoken in their support for protection of the area of the John Graves Scenic Riverway.

Keeping the quarries from degrading the river in this segment of the Brazos was the purpose of the legislation. Monitoring activities include having representatives of the BRA, TPWD and TCEQ to inspect the river via helicopter flyover and by airboat. Additionally, the BRA samples water quality in this stretch at two sites monthly and another four sites biannually.

"It's a gorgeous stretch of river," said Tiffany Morgan, environmental and compliance manager for the BRA, adding that some of the quarries operating in the area have been operating in the best manner possible all along, while others were not.

The permitting component of the John Graves Scenic Riverway legislation also created a pilot program that brought greater regulatory oversight to the rock, sand and gravel mining operators in this area. To continue operating, the facilities must apply for either a general permit or individual permit based on the size and type of operation. The permit program also allowed for "enhanced enforcement authority and penalties" as well as "cost recovery if the state is required to take action



MINING ALONG THE BRAZOS RIVER

to correct problems resulting from improper operation of quarries," according to a TCEQ report to the legislature in 2012.

Among the requirements established by the TCEQ:

Quarries located in a designated water quality protection area more than one mile from a water body must obtain a general permit.

Quarries within one mile of a water body or within the 100-year floodplain of a water body must obtain an individual permit.

New quarry operations or the expansion of existing operations located between 200 feet and 1,500 feet of a water body are prohibited, or else they must satisfy several requirements related to protecting the environment.

Any permit issued is required to meet effluent limits set by the TCEQ and provide financial assurances and a plan for restoration if an unauthorized discharge is made.

"Before the legislative action, there were some quarries that were observed dumping spoils in the river," Morgan said. "With

the passing of the bill in 2005, several of the larger operations that were not in compliance closed. There were smaller operations that with permitting and increased education, began to comply, and other quarries that were doing as well as they could all along."

The focus was on wastewater and stormwater discharges from quarries and required extensive inspections and samples to be taken from the riverway.

"Overall, the intent of the bill has brought about positive results. It closed up a hole in the regulations and resulted in positive changes," Morgan said.

In addition to collaborating with the BRA, the TCEQ also worked with the TPWD to identify new mines that are not permitted, both at surface level and from the air.

More information on the monitoring efforts along the riverway is available at [https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm\\_exec/pubs/sfr/087\\_08.pdf](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm_exec/pubs/sfr/087_08.pdf).

## 4 ways parents should comfort their kids after a tragedy

In an ever-dangerous world reported on by round-the-clock media, the emotional effects of major tragic events transcend local boundaries. They trouble the national psyche, bringing sadness, anger, fear and anxiety throughout the country, and they can make a particularly heavy impact on children and teens.

Two of the five deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history occurred in a recent five-week span – the killing rampage on Nov. 5 at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, that left 26 dead, which followed the murder of 58 at the Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas. Such horrific news, for which there are no easy answers, often prompts questions from kids to their parents. Parenting experts say that while these tragedies are difficult to explain, it is vital that parents be especially tuned in to their kids and help them through a period that can be confusing, scary and traumatic.

"All parents want to protect their children from pain, including emotional pain," says Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio ([www.greengateleadership.com](http://www.greengateleadership.com)), a family therapist and author of Simple Habits of Exceptional (But Not Perfect) Parents.

"These crimes frighten and confuse all of us, regardless of age and whether or not the latest one happened near where we live. We want our kids to know that we're right there with them, and that we'll help them get through the mess of feelings they must be having."

Dolan-Del Vecchio gives four tips to help parents comfort their kids in the wake of national tragedies:

- Listen. Children need a sounding board for their questions. "It would be great if there were magic words to take away their upset feelings, but there are none," Dolan-

## Next Market at Clyde is February 10th

Market at Clyde is a local craft market that has deep roots in community culture and support. Close to a decade ago Phil of Happy Trails Furniture Store on I-20 opened his parking lot and invited local farmers, gardeners, crafters, home cooks, artist and artisans to sell their merchandise on a Saturday morning. Vendors returned to Phil's parking lot Saturdays that summer and sold their creations. The next summer some of those same vendors moved to North First Street under the pecan trees and the Clyde Farmers Market was born. For several summers North First was active with vendors selling their merchandise under the trees. As the weather became colder in the fall Karen and Kat, owners of the little coffee shop Uncommon Grounds, invited vendors to set up in their shop. Soon the number of vendors out grew that area. At that time a few vendors pulled together and approached the city to use the Old Firehouse on North First Street as a location for Market at Clyde. The city donated three free months to the vendors to get the market started. After three months vendors came together to collect money to pay the rent for the Old Firehouse. During that time some vendors came together to form a board and Market at Clyde became a registered

non-profit organization. Market at Clyde continued at The Old Firehouse until July of 2017 when it was moved to the Clyde Chamber Building.

Market at Clyde has seen changes in its evolution. Many of those changes were made in order to comply with local, state and federal regulations. Throughout its history the board has attempted to remain true to the roots planted by the first vendors. Everything sold at Market at Clyde is created by the vendor or a family member that sells the merchandise. In maintaining this tradition Market at Clyde fills a niche that none of the other events in the area fill.

Market at Clyde has always had its sales on the second Saturday of each month. In 2018 that will change. The calendar for 2018 is a sale for February, April, May, June, August, November and December. This change will enable vendors more time to build inventory. It will also allow those planning the event to advertise and market each event more effectively.

If you would like to know more about Market at Clyde visit the Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas. If you are interested in becoming a vendor email [themarketatclyde@gmail.com](mailto:themarketatclyde@gmail.com) or call 325-518-3939.

## UIL to use Spalding balls at state, regional competitions

AUSTIN, TX—The University Interscholastic League is proud to announce a multi-year partnership with Spalding as

the official ball provider of the UIL beginning in the 2017-18 school year. Spalding will provide athletic balls for all UIL state and regional tournaments.

"We are excited to partner with Spalding and bring high quality products with a proven history of excellence to the athletes of Texas," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt.

"Spalding is very excited to be back working with the UIL," stated John Salay, Spalding Director of Sales. "Our partnership with the UIL and their member schools is important to our team business and we are especially pleased to be able to include gymnasium equipment support into our agreement," added Salay.

The goal of the UIL is to provide quality equipment to student-athletes at state and regional tournaments. For more information on Spalding as the "official" ball provider of the UIL and their gymnasium equipment offerings please visit the UIL website at: [uiltexas.org](http://uiltexas.org).

**About the UIL**  
The University Interscholastic League was created by The University of Texas at Austin to provide leadership and guidance to public school debate and athletic teachers. Since 1910 the UIL has grown into the largest inter-school organization of its kind in the world. The UIL continues to operate as part of the University of Texas, under the auspices of the Vice President for Diversity & Community Engagement.

The UIL exists to provide educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests. Representing quality educational competitions administered by school people on an equitable basis. [www.uiltexas.org](http://www.uiltexas.org)

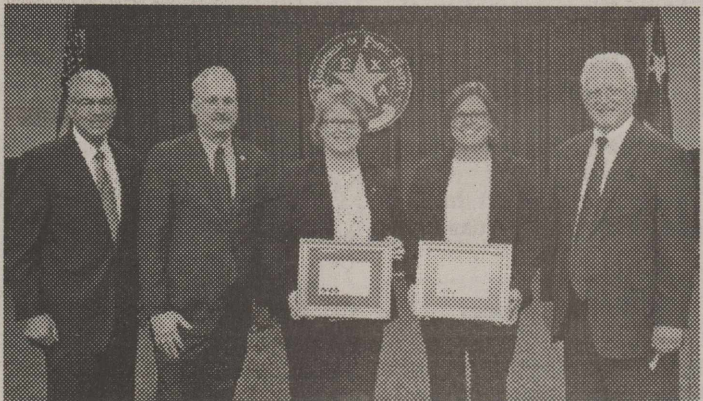
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## DPS recognized for innovative effort in Sexual Predator Case

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today received the FBI's Biometric Identification Award for the efforts of two DPS Crime Lab employees who were instrumental in solving a child pornography case. At a ceremony in Austin today, William G. McKinsey, the FBI (Criminal Justice Information Services) CJIS Division's Biometric Services Section Chief, presented the award to Jenny Hall and Meghan Blackburn, both of the Austin Crime Lab. DPS Director Steven McCraw, DPS Law Enforcement Support Assistant Director Mike Lesko as well as family, friends and colleagues of the awardees were present for the ceremony.

"This case perfectly demonstrates the continued importance of fingerprint evidence and the innovative forensic work being accomplished at DPS crime laboratories," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Sexual predators who prey on children are among the most heinous of criminals, and we are proud that our DPS crime lab experts were part of the criminal justice effort that put this deplorable criminal behind bars."

In July 2015, the Texas Office of Attorney General submitted a digital photograph of an unknown suspect exploiting a child to the DPS Crime Lab



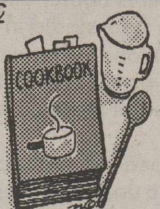
in Austin. The only evidence of the suspect in the photo were fingers on one hand. Hall, the Latent Automated Fingerprint Identification System Supervisor, and Blackburn, the Latent Prints Supervisor, combined efforts to use the photograph to match the fingerprints to a suspect, which ultimately led to an arrest by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in August of 2015. The suspect, Robert Harold Bossick Jr., was later convicted in federal court in Georgia on two counts of child pornography and sentenced to 50 years.

This case marked the first time DPS Crime Lab latent print examiners successfully used an evidentiary photo of a finger to obtain a fingerprint match. Typically, a scale or ruler is included in an evidentiary photo, allowing the examiner to determine the actual size

of the fingerprint. However, in this case, there was no scale present in the photo. With some outside-the-box thinking and after conducting some research, the examiners were able to extrapolate the estimated size of the fingerprint.

The fingerprint was searched against the Texas database, but no potential matches were returned. However, because Texas DPS supports national standards and biometric interoperability, a search was electronically launched against the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) database, resulting in the match.

The CJIS Division of the FBI developed the award program to recognize outstanding law enforcement officers or agencies for their diligent efforts in solving major cases through use of the FBI's NGI System.



## The Recipe Corner

### Tasty Italian Vegetable Soup

Prep/Total Time: 25 Minutes

#### Ingredients:

- \* 1 pound bulk Italian sausage
- \* 1 medium onion, sliced
- \* 1-1/2 cups water
- \* 1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- \* 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- \* 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) beef broth
- \* 2 medium zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- \* 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- \* Grated Parmesan cheese



#### Directions

1. In a large saucepan, cook sausage and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the water, beans, tomatoes, broth, zucchini and basil.
2. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes or until the zucchini is tender. Garnish with cheese. Yield: 6-8 servings (2 quarts).

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