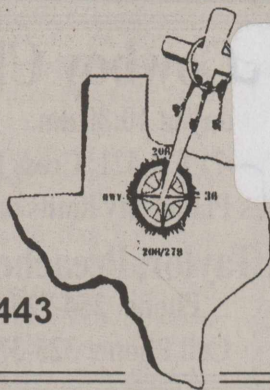


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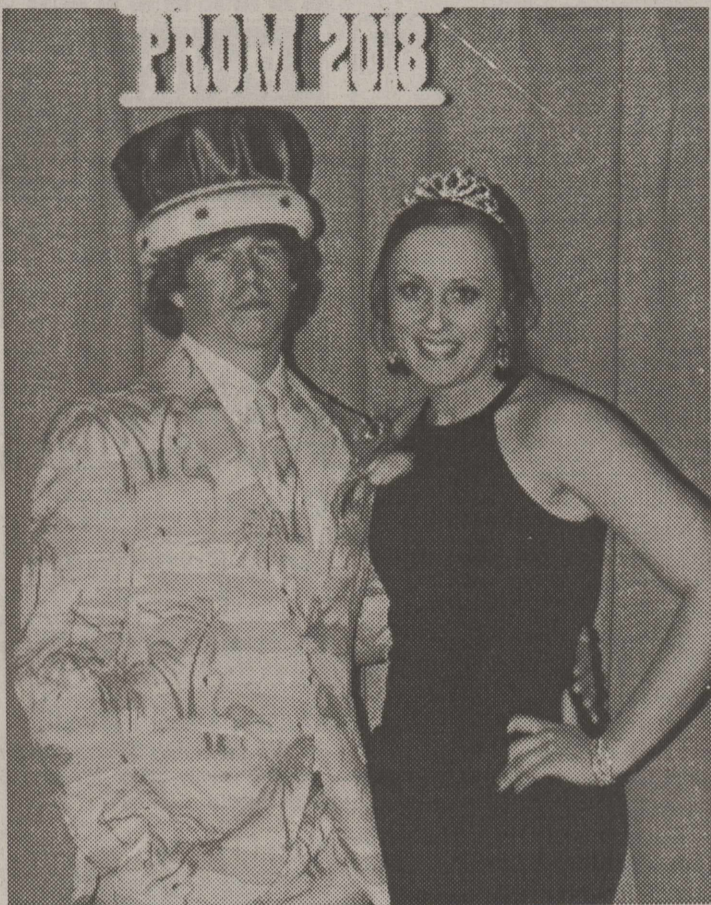


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2018 CPHS Prom King Lane Patteson and Queen Katy Jo Morgan were crowned Saturday night at the prom. More prom photos inside.

Sign Up for T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Baseball and Softball

Sign-ups for t-ball, machine pitch, baseball, and softball have already started! Please go online to sign your child up today.

The website to sign your child up is crossplainsyouthsports.com.

For questions please contact: Matt Reed 325-660-4162, Gary Moses 325-370-6678 or Tony Beggs 325-642-0786.

Early voting gets underway Tuesday at three locations in Callahan County

Early voting for the Republican and Democratic Primary Elections scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th will begin on Tuesday, February 20th through Friday, February 23rd and again Monday, February 26th through Friday, March 2nd at three early voting locations throughout Callahan County.

Countywide polling locations for early voting will be held at the Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 office at 208 Oak Street in Clyde, the Callahan County

Courthouse Basement located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird, and the Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 office located at 424 South Main Street in Cross Plains.

Voters throughout Callahan County can vote at any of the early voting locations.

The early voting hours will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

An Extended early voting hours will also be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20th and

Tuesday, February 27th.

On Election Day Tuesday, March 6th, voting hours will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Countywide voting poll locations include: Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 office at 208 Oak Street in Clyde, the Eula School located at 6040 FM 603 in Eula, the Callahan County Courthouse Basement located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird, and the Cross Plains Community Center located at 108 Beech in Cross Plains.

Cottonwood Country Musical

It's that time again, folks! The Cottonwood Country Musical will be held on February 23rd at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas.

The kitchen opens at 5 p.m. Chili, or beans, cornbread or crackers, sandwiches, chips, desserts, sodas, tea & coffee will be for sale in the kitchen.

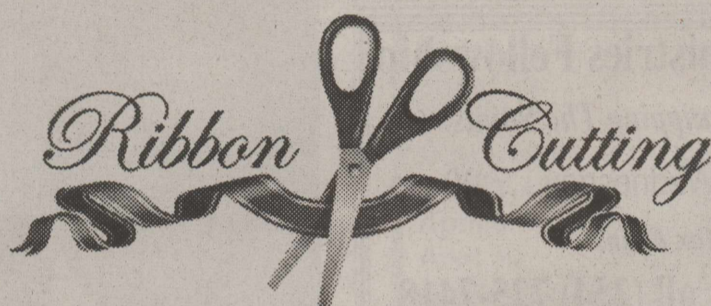
The proceeds from the meal go to the care and maintenance of the community center.

The musicians will begin playing good country music at 5:30 p.m.

The Cottonwood Country Musicals are held at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas the fourth Friday night of each month.

Cottonwood, Texas is located in Callahan County on County Road 444 just off FM 1079 and FM 880.

For any additional information, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.



Ribbon Cutting at Bullock's Beer Barn on February 19th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce welcomes Shawn and Kristin Bullock of Bullock's Backwoods Beer Barn and would like to invite you to come out to the ribbon cutting on February 19th.

This is a great opportunity

to meet local business owners, and welcome a new business into the Cross Plains Community.

Join the Chamber at noon on the Monday the 19th for the ribbon cutting and refreshments.

Valentine's Day Challenge is on February 14th

The Valentine's Day Chamber Challenge starts today... do you have your walking shoes on and your appetite ready?

David Estes challenged the members of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce to participate in a Valentine's Day appreciation celebration. He and Texas Heritage Bank set the bar high with their Chocolate Fountain and assortment of delectable delights.

Patsy's Flowers and Gifts accepted the challenge with Dee and Teri promising samples of their decadent Alamo coffees.

The warm and wonderful seniors are handing out hugs and kisses at the Senior Center.

Pink lemonade and a kissing booth can be found at Higginbotham Brothers. Be sure to tell Andy what a great job he did building it.

Since you are probably suffering from a sugar high now... stop into Sparks Insurance to enter the drawing for one of two gift baskets.

Donna Ames, from Donna's Southern Roots Hair Salon is excited to participate as well, and is holding a drawing for a basket of hair products and sweets.

Have you worked up your appetite again? Junkin Daze and Roberts & Dalege Insurance have punch and cookies just waiting for you. Now that you are all refreshed, Susan Schaefer CPA has set up a Valentine's Day photo booth, be sure and take advantage of it. What an easy way to update your family photo.

What a great idea David had... Wonder what the chamber will think of next.

American Legion Auxiliary Meeting, Thursday, February 22

The American Legion and the Auxiliary will have their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building

in Cross Plains.

All veterans and prospective members and their families are invited to attend.

Hannah Crockett Takes First Place at Powerlifting Meet



Hannah Crockett received First Place at the Clyde Powerlifting Meet in her weight class with a total of 700 lbs. She also won Best Overall Lifter. Hannah continues to increase her weight totals at each meet and hopes to make it to Regionals. She is shown here with her dad, Davy Crockett (top photo) and powerlifting (above).

Chamber Chatter

Congratulations to Susan Schaefer CPA on the 31st anniversary of opening her Cross Plains office. Be sure to check out her Chamber Spotlight article.

If you see Anthony or Darla from Anthony's Automotive, be sure to congratulate them on building their new shop. The chamber can't wait until the new shop is open and the ribbon cutting scheduled.

Speaking of ribbon cuttings... be sure to join the chamber at noon on February 19th for the ribbon cutting at Bullock's Backwoods Beer Barn. Join the chamber in wishing them all the best.

While Sharing is Caring, please be stingy with your Flu and Flu like symptoms. If you are under the weather, stay home, read a good book, or catch up on Netflix. Just a reminder, your toothbrush can give re-infect you. While you are fighting the flu, rinse it with alcohol, then replace the toothbrush once you are better. Mother Nature is playing games with the weather again. Ever wonder if she is just picking up domino tiles to see that the temperatures will be? Be sure your faucets are still wrapped and be sure to keep both a t-shirt and a jacket in the car.

Your business can help promote Cross Plains, and the Chamber can help promote your business. To join the chamber call 254-725-7251, send an email to crossplainschamber@yahoo.com, or look for us on Facebook.

Cross Plains VFD Needs Your Help

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department needs your help!

Many people may not realize that equipment like the "Jaws of Life" and the air tanks and breathing apparatus that the firemen use in house and structure fires need to be inspected and re-certified each year.

This inspection on the life-saving equipment, plus major repairs to the firetrucks, has cost the Fire Department over \$10,000, just in the past month or so.

This expenditure, plus insurance and other current expenses have left the department in a financial crunch.

Over the past year, the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department responded to 69

calls, many of those were grass fires that the department was able to contain and keep the damage to a minimum.

Some of the calls were for automobile wrecks, where the "Jaws of Life" and other instruments were used to extricate people from their vehicle.

Other calls were for structure fires and automobile fires.

CPVFD has been there on call, ready to roll and put out the fire and work the wreck.

Now, CPVFD needs you help. If you've been thinking about making a donation to help out local fire department, now is the time.

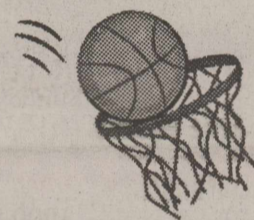
Please send your tax-deductible donation to: CPVFD, P. O. Box 399, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Game Night at the Senior Center, Tuesday February 20th

Tuesday, February 20th 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.



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9:30

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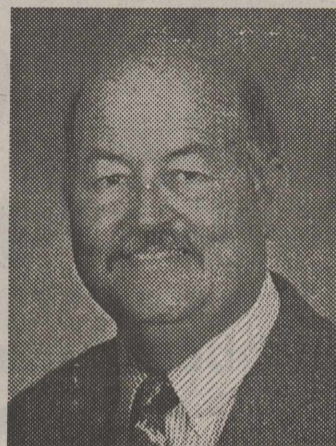
Sunday School.....10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm

Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

OBITUARIES



JERRY N. BARRON

Jerry N. Barron

Jerry N. Barron, age 67, entered into heaven early Saturday morning, February 10, 2018, at Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene, Texas. Jerry's life was celebrated at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at the First Baptist Church of Baird with Pastors Mark Hewitt and Truman Johnson officiating. Interment followed in Rocky Creek Cemetery near Brownwood at 4:30 p.m. with military honors. Services were under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird. Visitation with the family took place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home.

Jerry was born in Midland, Texas, along with his twin brother Terry, on December 29, 1950. His parents Elbert B. Barron and Barbara Jo Barron Cutbirth, both preceded him in death. Jerry lived most of his life in Baird, Texas, graduating from Baird High School in 1969. He attended Cisco Junior College and obtained an Associate Degree. Jerry served his country honorably in the U. S. Army from January of 1970 until January of 1972. His tour of duty took him to the Vietnam conflict.

Following his release from the army, Jerry married his high school sweetheart, Linda Cason, on May 11, 1973, in the First Baptist Church of Baird. He had resumed working for the First National Bank of Baird where he started with janitorial duties during his senior year in high school. After 33 years

in service to the bank, Jerry retired from FNB in April, of 2002 as Vice President. He was a life-long member of First Baptist Church where he served on many committees over the years. He became a Deacon in September of 2006. Jerry had been a member of the Baird Lions Club, Baird Bear Booster Club for many years, the Baird Volunteer Fire Department and received a Howard Farmer Citizenship Award in 2002. He loved the outdoors, enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, golfing, and just primarily being with his family in whatever activity they choose to do.

Jerry was a very loving and supportive husband, father, and "Goggy". He unselfishly gave assistance, advice, and friendship to family, friends, and his banking customers. He was a trusted businessman who would go out of the way to help his community.

Jerry is survived by his wife,

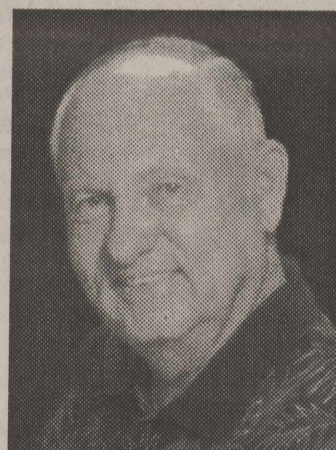
Linda, of Baird; daughter Renea and husband Brian Stearns of Brownwood, Texas; son Ben and wife Julie Barron of Lewiston, Idaho; 2 brothers, Terry Barron and wife Barbara, and Butch Barron and wife Sharon, all of Baird; 2 sisters, Kay Neinast and husband Mark of Baird, and Judy Vallie and husband Frank of Denver City, Texas; his beloved grandchildren Nolan and Nate Stearns and Stella Raye Barron; his mother-in-law Dorothy Cason of Baird; 2 sisters-in-law, Billie Jo Hammett and husband Rick of Midland, Texas, and Beverly Cason of Baird; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family, along with a host of good friends.

The family suggests memorials in Jerry's honor to the First Baptist Church of Baird, or to the donor's charity of choice.

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LEE ROY OLIVER

Lee Roy Oliver

Lee Roy Oliver, age 83, of Abilene, formerly of Clyde, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at Hendrick Hospice of Abilene. He was born April 15, 1934, in Jones County, TX to William Norman Oliver and Annie Lee (Burge) Oliver. He was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Lee Roy married Nola May (Roberts) Oliver on May 17, 1952, in Frederick, OK. He worked as a service manager for C & W Leasing in Abilene for over 35 years and worked for the Hartman Brothers Garage in Abilene. He also owned and operated the Baggage House Restaurant in Baird. Lee Roy was an avid sports fan and was extremely supportive of his kids sporting activities. He never missed an event. He coached the Little League, Pony League, and Colt League for many years and could be found fishing and hunting during his spare time. Lee Roy adored his family. He loved to travel and take the family on vacations every year. He was a loving husband, father, granddad, great-granddad, and brother. His memory will live on in many hearts and he will be dearly missed.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife: Nola Oliver of Abilene, TX; three sons: Rodney Oliver and wife Lori of Buffalo Gap, TX, Lee Oliver and wife Kathy of Clyde, TX, and Rick and wife Missy of Baird, TX; one brother: J.C. Oliver and wife Judy of Abilene; one sister: Norma Oliver Miles of Abilene, TX; grandchildren: Tanner Oliver and wife Jenell,

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Taryn Vincent and husband Adam, Jared Oliver and wife Jenny, Lindsey Oliver, Cutter Oliver and wife Nicki, and Justin Oliver and wife Agnes; great-grandchildren: Zelie Oliver, Lucy Oliver, Austyn Vincent, Rylan Oliver and Reid Oliver; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of great friends.

His parents and one daughter: Debbie Oliver-Creamier preceded him in death.

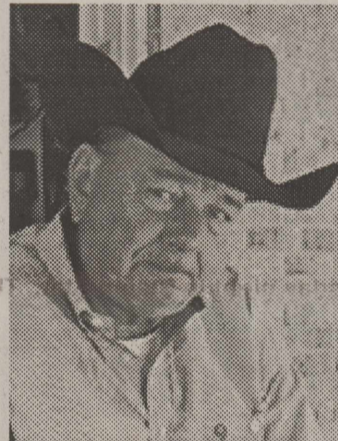
A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am, February 17, 2018, at Parker Funeral Home Chapel in Baird. Brother David Peterson will officiate services.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lee Roy's memory can be made to Hendrick Hospice of Abilene or charity of choice.

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Jerry Lee Belew

Jerry Lee Belew

Jerry Lee Belew, born April 6, 1950 in Gorman, TX, passed away on February 7, 2018, in New Braunfels, TX at the age of 67. He lived in Clovis NM for many years where he was a car salesman and racehorse owner. He was proud to retire owning his own car dealership business in 2015. He was passionate about racehorses and was in the racehorse business for 11 years. He loved spending time with his kids and grandkids, which to them he was An Amazing Jerry Pa.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents Hubert Morris and Celia Lee Belew, and brother Buddy Belew. He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years Cindy Lu Belew; children, Trampas Belew and Amy, Roper Belew and Jessica, Cutter Belew and Lorene, Gwindolyn Roberts, and Joni Eichholtz and Lance; grandchildren, Devin Roberts and Sarah, Calie Roberts, Kaylynn Grace Belew, Brice Belew, Cole Corder, Knox Belew, Paige Eichholtz, Teagan Belew, Brecken Belew, and one great-grandchild Lilah Roberts.

The best way to describe Jerry was bigger than life. He never met a stranger. It didn't matter where you were he could and did talk to any and everyone. By the time he left he had made a new friend. He made such an impact on so many peoples life and he taught all his children and grandchildren what a gentleman really is.

Services will be on Saturday, February 17, 2018, 10:00am at the Schertz Funeral Home and followed by burial services at Hill Country Memorial Gardens. You are invited to sign the electronic guestbook at www.schertzfuneralhome.com

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Political Calendar

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

For Callahan County Judge

Gerry Scott Kniffen

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

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Nicki Harle

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For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #4

Mike Bright

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

Rickey Carouth

Political advertisement paid for by Rickey Carouth, Treasurer, 22344 FM 2707, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Erwin Clark

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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.

For Callahan County Justice of the Peace Precinct #4

Burlie Taylor

Political advertisement paid for by Burlie Taylor, 16469 FM 880, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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Cross Plains ISD News

Welcome to Cross Plains ISD's new weekly column to help give you information about the events happening at Cross Plains ISD. This is one way we can help improve the lines of communication between home and school. We hope that this weekly article will give the Cross Plains community a clearer idea of the wonderful events occurring on our campuses and announce the campus goals for our future.

Monday evening this week the Kindergarten through 4th grade students were invited to our yearly Math & Literacy Night. The Cross Plains PTO moms helped decorate and prepare the halls with all types of sea creatures and ship decor. There were nine different pirate themed activities in classrooms that were both fun and educational for the students and parents. The activities included counting treasure, reading pirate books, and creating pirate hats and paper hooks. There were pirate ship snacks and pirate flag drawings for the students as well. Over 130 parents and students came to the event.

Please take note that next Monday, February 19 is a school holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, February 20.

In order to improve communication with our elementary parents, there was a meeting on January 24 in the

school cafeteria with parents, members of the community, and school administration. The objective of the meeting was to discuss some of the difficult issues facing our school. One concern discussed in the meeting included security for the Elementary building.

One of the issues discussed involve the pick-up line on the north side of the Auditorium. This pick up line is a safety measure for the students protection. Once the storm shelter/gym is built, the building will also be utilized as the location for the parents to pick-up students. Students would be able to stay out of the weather while waiting for their ride.

There is not going to be a fence placed around the buildings. Right now the plan for new band hall is to have it placed between the High School campus and the Elementary campus. Eventually the plan is to have a central door to enter the school, where you must be buzzed in, keeping the facility secure.

There has been some questions about our resource officer's certification. Just to clarify, he is a certified law officer commissioned by the Cross Plains Police Department. These are some questions and concerns that we are hearing from some people in the community. If you have any questions about the happenings and events at

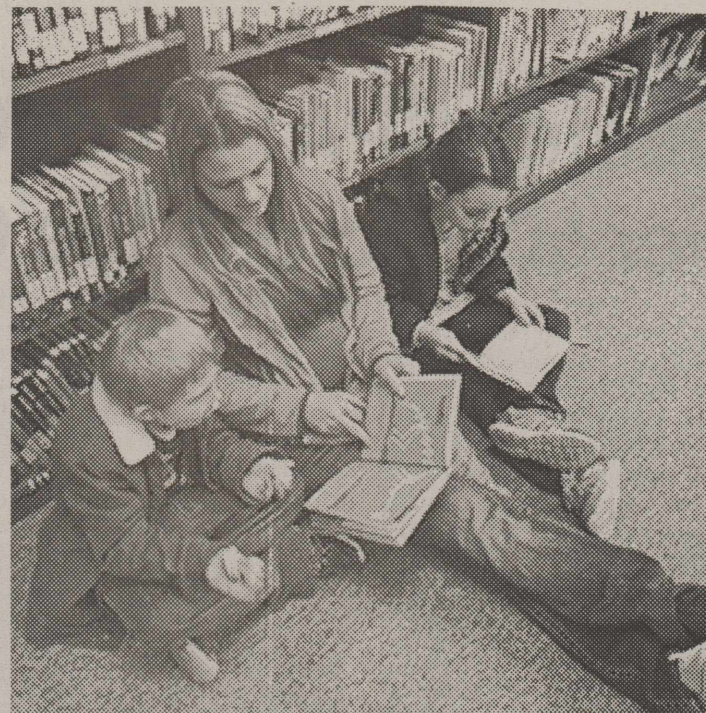
CPISD, please call the school and we will do our best to answer them.

Congratulations to Ashley Anderson, a Junior member of the CPHS Buffalo Band. She is advancing to state after her Division I performance at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest last Saturday in Stephenville.

Congratulations also to the playoff-bound Cross Plains Buffaloes! Depending on the outcome of Tuesday night's games, the Buffaloes will be either the second or third place team out of District 15-A. This weekend, probably Friday night, we will play either a practice game or, if necessary, a seeding game against May to determine who will be the second and third seed for the playoffs. The first playoff game will be our bi-district game, which will be early next week (probably Tuesday) against a yet to be determined opponent. Stay up to date with the Cross Plains Review and the Cross Plains Athletics Facebook Page.

These are just some of the accomplishments and events that our community's students have been involved in this past week. We thank the Cross Plains community for the support that you give to our students and to our district!

Leslie Lawrence
Principal
Cross Plains Elementary
254-725-6123



Reading is Fun - Kelsey Smith reads to McKenna Podlevsky and Kolton Rickman. Cross Plains ISD students and their parents enjoyed reading and activities at Math and Literacy night at the school on Monday night.



Pirate Monty Richards reads to Kolton Rickman in Melissa Richards' room on the Pirate-themed Math and Literacy Night on Monday night.



Freshmen 9B Buffaloes ended the Basketball Season last week. This team played a solid season and it will be exciting to see how they do next year.

Buffaloes Basketball



Varsity Buffaloes Played Tuesday night in Rising Star. The team has a potential seeding game on Friday.



Junior Varsity Buffaloes finished up their season on Tuesday night with a game against Gorman.

Cross Plains Public Library News

Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm
Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Closed Friday

February 5-9, 2018

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ASAP 25

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If elected I look forward to working for the citizens by: representing you with conservative values, insuring equal application of the law with integrity and respect, carrying out the duties of the office without prejudice.

I am asking for your vote on March 6th. I will strive to provide the service of the office in the most courteous and efficient way possible.

Pol. Ad. Pd by Brenda Welch, Treasurer, 14656 PR 436, Cross Plains, Texas

Chamber Spotlight

Susan Schaefer CPA: From One Client to Over 500 Across the Country

Thirty-one years ago, Susan Schaefer, a certified public accountant since 1984, opened her office with one client. Today she serves over 500 clients; some from as far away as California and Tennessee.

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Susan has a wonderful team assisting her. Rickie Brown, office manager, has been with Susan for twelve years.

Joyce Osteen the Staff Accountant/Secretary joined the team six years ago and is a previous owner of a retail business.

Starla Neighbors, a certified paralegal with a background in banking, became a member of the team six years ago.

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She served six years on the Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees and is currently a board member for the Cross Plains Cancer Fund, and

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Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting minutes told

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on February 5, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nancy Charlton, Deputy County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Jan Windham, County Treasurer.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion for the approved bills and pay the approved payroll. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion for the Sale of Election supplies to Shackelford County. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion for the Buy Truck through Buy Board - Precinct 3. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to take bids on 2016 International Truck - Precinct 3. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—No action was taken on the discussion - Consider Time Clock System.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned into execution session at 9:48 AM. Commissioner Court came out of Executive Session at 10:02 AM.

—The Judge called the regular session back to order at 10:07 AM. A motion was made by Commissioner Farmer to hire Julie Deel for the position of Callahan County Librarian. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Commissioner Windham made a motion to hire Bruce Bell for the position of Callahan County Veterans Service Officer. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motions carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

CPHS Track Schedule		
High School		
February 22	Thursday	Dublin
March 1	Thursday	Cross Plains
March 8	Thursday	DeLeon
March 17	Saturday	Hamlin
March 24	Saturday	Springtown
March 29	Thursday	Albany
April 4	Wednesday	May (District)
April 19	Thursday	May (Area)
April 27-28	Fri-Sat	San Angelo (Regionals)
May 11-12	Fri-Sat	Austin (State)
Junior High		
February 23	Friday	Dublin
March 2	Friday	Cross Plains
March 9	Friday	DeLeon
March 19	Monday	May
March 26	Monday	May (District)

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Feb. 19th -Feb. 23rd

Monday-19th Exercise 11:00/Music Jam 6:00pm

Tuesday-20th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00

Wednesday-21st Exercise 11:00/Foot Care by Kindred at Home of Eastland

Thursday-22nd Exercise 11:00/Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 and 1:05

Friday 23rd Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15 Rising Star Nursing Center

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Tuesday 20th- Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Corn Chips, Dessert	Friday 23rd- Ham, Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Bread Dessert
Wednesday 21st- Lasagna, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Garlic Bread, Birthday Cake	

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Barney Bear Taking a Break at Junkin Daze

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Taking a break from shopping; she visited the library to check out the new books, made a deposit at Texas Heritage Bank, and then sat down to a scrumptious pie a Jeans Feed Barn.

Barney was busy too... reserving roses at Patsy's Flower's and Gifts, then to Lowe's Market for a box of chocolates. And knowing that Beverly loves a good Merlot, Barney took a trip through Bullock's Backwoods Beer Barn.

Starting to run short in time, he took quick spin through Junkin Daze for a cute sign and buffalo bag, then finished out his shopping with a nice set of spurs from Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply.

Some of the Cross Plains Chamber Members were kind enough to donate to the winning gift basket. Bullock's Backwoods Beer Barn provided a nice bottle of wine (or non-alcoholic beverage), Patsy's Flowers and Gifts gave a wonderful scented candle and box of chocolates, a member of the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club donated a \$25 gift certificate to Staghorn Café, and a Valentine's Day "Love You More" sign was co-donated by Junkin Daze and Roberts & Daliege Insurance.

The Library has donated a book for the winners reading pleasure (and remember you don't have to share chocolates with a book).

Now for what you have all been waiting for... the winner of this years Valentine's Day Bear Hunt is Shyler Tillery. Congratulations to Shyler on her good luck. We hope she enjoys the prizes!

Be sure to stop into all the businesses that participated in the Bear Hunt and the Chamber Challenge.



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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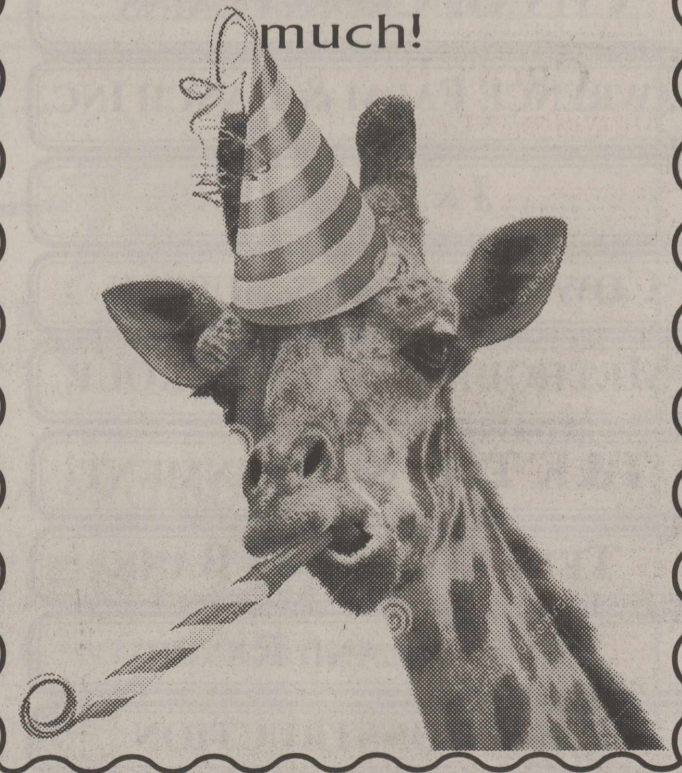
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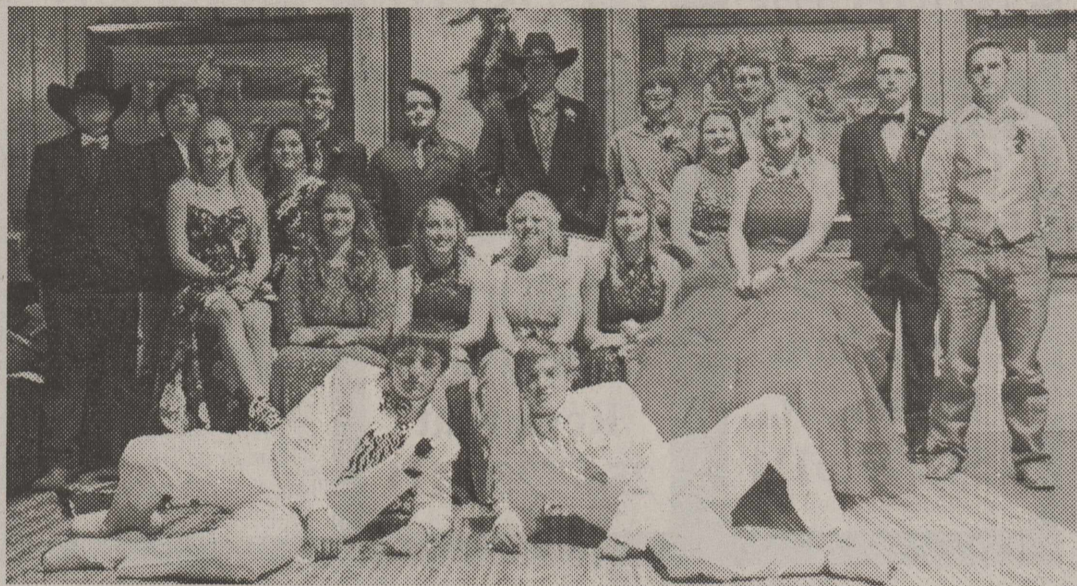
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The Lady Buffs ended their Basketball Season on Tuesday, February 6th, with a game against Santa Anna.



CPHS Buffaloes Baseball Schedule

February 10	SCR	TLC Here	12:00
February 17	SCR	TLC There	12:00
February 24	VAR	Ranger There	1:00
March 1-3	VAR	Gorman Tournament	
March 1-3	JV	Eula Tournament	
March 8-9	VAR	Graford Tournament	
March 15	JV,VAR	DeLeon* There	12:00
March 16	JV, VAR	May* Here	12:00
March 20	JV, VAR	Goldthwaite* Here	5:00
March 23	VAR	Winters* There	5:00
March 26	JV	Goldthwaite* There	TBA
March 27	VAR	Gorman* Here	5:00
March 30	VAR	San Saba* There	12:00
April 3	VAR	Miles* Here	5:00
April 6	JV, VAR	DeLeon* Here	4:30
April 9	JV, VAR	May* There	5:00
April 16	JV		
April 17	VAR	Winters* Here	5:00
April 20	VAR	Gorman* There	5:00
April 24	JV,VAR	San Saba Here	5:00
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February 28	Wed	Albany Dual Meet	2:00
March 9	Fri	Santa Anna Tournament	
March 23	Thurs	Abilene Tournament	
March 27	Tues	Coleman Dual Meet	4:00
April 2 or 3		District Tennis	

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The 1918 Flu epidemic in Texas

"I had a little bird/ It's name was Enza/ I opened a window/ And in-flu-enza." It was a bizarre rhyme repeated by children as a game all over the country in late 1918 and into 1919. In an apocalyptic time of warfare, terror, and famine, now came the pestilence. The Spanish Flu outbreak became the worst epidemic in history, with an estimated 50 million dead worldwide, including more than 500,000 Americans. Texas would not be spared this disease as thousands were infected.

Influenza has haunted humanity for centuries. The famed Greek physician Hippocrates observed it around 400 BC. By the early 1700s, Italian doctors were referring to it as "influenza di freddo," or "influence of the cold" as they did not quite understand the causes of the flu (which can be contracted in warm weather as well). Symptoms of flu arrive sharply about four days after the initial infection. Symptoms include high fever, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. Symptoms can be very mild in some cases. Sneezing is rare and coughs are more common with the flu, the opposite of the common cold. Flu patients can develop bronchitis and pneumonia.

Where the 1918-19 pandemic came from has been a subject of some contention, though many pathologists have concluded it originated in Asia. It came to be called the Spanish Flu when Spanish King Alfonso XIII contracted it in 1918, and absent any wartime censorship there, his condition was followed by newspapers everywhere. As World War I raged, soldiers in close-knit camps contracted the sickness and quickly spread it from one unit to another and then to their home countries as troops went home. Because of the incubation period, patients never knew they were infected until symptoms appeared several days later. And by then, they had infected many others.

The first American appearance was at Fort Riley, Kansas, in March 1918. Soldiers suddenly started showing up at the infirmary in large numbers, with more than 400 falling ill before midday. The first outbreak faded but came back that August.

More than 4,500 people died in Philadelphia in one week that autumn, with another 3,000 perishing in Chicago. Many people died within twelve hours of the first symptoms appearing. Some communities passed laws prohibiting spitting on the sidewalk in response to the epidemic as well as imposing strict curfews and shutting down schools and churches.

In September, hundreds of cases suddenly appeared at Camp Logan, just outside Hous-

ton. By October, Dallas leaders were working with army officials to quarantine troops at Camp Bowie outside Fort Worth. More than a thousand cases had been reported in Dallas, with Parkland Hospital overflowing with flu patients. The Buckner Orphans' Home in Dallas reported 200 cases. Cities worked quickly to try to contain the epidemic with a variety of quarantines.

El Paso reported 131 deaths in one week in October. Camp MacArthur, near Waco, was hit hard, with more than 900 cases. More than 200 soldiers died. Nearly 500 civilians died in Waco itself. Schools, churches, and theaters closed across the state. Local doctors and county health boards attempted to educate the public as quickly as possible about flu prevention and possible treatments. San Antonio ultimately reported more than 12,300 cases with nearly 900 deaths though there were likely tens of thousands of other cases that went unreported. More than 800 died in Dallas. Estimates put the death toll at more than 20,000 in Texas, including 1,800 troops.

The first flu vaccine was approved for use in the United States in 1945. Tamiflu and zanamavir were developed in the early 1990s as effective treatments for flu patients. By the time the Spanish Flu reappeared in 2009, referred to as "swine flu" or type H1N1, mass vaccinations and effective public health campaigns prevented a repeat of the 1919 disaster.

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Flu outbreaks occur each year, usually from September through April, typically peaking in February. More than two thousand different strains exist, and scientists attempt to adjust the annual flu shot to closely match the strains which seem to be the most prevalent.

The 2017-18 flu outbreak of type H3N2 has created a much more severe outbreak than in previous years but still far from the Spanish Flu outbreak. Hospitalizations and deaths are up sharply, but vaccinations are still available and still the best way to prevent infection. Information is widely available from the Centers for Disease Control (cdc.gov), the Texas Department of State Health Services (http://dshs.texas.gov/flu/), and family doctors.

Though the flu is a serious disease, it is treatable and preventable. The majority of patients recover within a few days. Panic is always the true enemy in an epidemic. And with any illness, awareness and quick action mark the beginning of a cure.

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- 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.Reduced.\$180,000

Featured Property of the Week:

70 Acres and Home, 17648 CR265, Clyde-Wonderful 2014 3BR/2.5B custom built Ranch Style home, additional acreage available, featuring a beautiful pool, outdoor kitchen including propane grill. Nothing has been spared, gourmet kitchen, granite counter tops, 2 islands, stainless steel appliances, double ovens, drawer warmer, ice maker, hand scraped Hickory wood floors in living area, rock fireplace with windows showing the beautiful views of hills. Hunt, fish or graze on this rolling terrain with 3 ponds, 40X50 insulated and heated shop, inside storm shelter with 1/2 bath, greenhouse and chicken coup.....\$925,000

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Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from February 12th

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on February 12, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nicole Crocker, County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Jan Windham, County Treasurer. Also attending the commissioners' court meeting were: Terry Joy, Sheriff; Rick Jowers, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Keri Goodwin, City of Baird; Nicki Harle, and Bobby Lovell.

The following items of business were transacted:
—The meeting was called to order at 9:31 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

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

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

—Judge Corn made a motion to accept the sheriff's report and overtime report with 20.5 unapproved hours. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept a \$100 donation to the sheriff's department forfeiture fund from

Pat Baldrige. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—No action was taken on agenda item Baird T&P Depot and Transportation Museum Committee.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve budget adjustment #6. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion for the sale of election supplies to Taylor County. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to postpone moving the bank accounts for the county clerk's and district clerk's offices. Additionally, the motion approved transferring the bank accounts of the justice of peaces' offices to the treasurer's office combined with changing the signature cards on these accounts to the treasurer and auditor. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—No action was taken on agenda item cleaning company for courthouse.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to postpone discussion about the hot water heater until we get estimate. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Clark made a motion to hire Garbo's Locksmith Service for the new

north doors. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to continue using Watson Electrical as the courthouse electricians. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the computer equipment for the veteran's office out of the IT budget. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

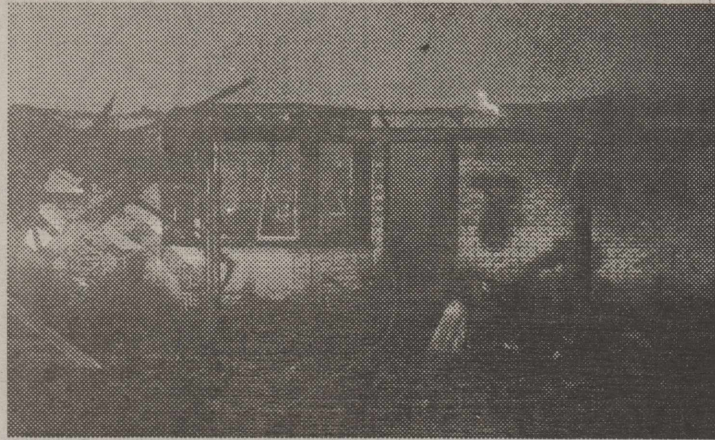
—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the auditor's report. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 A.M.

Sheriff's Corner



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Fire destroys residence on CR 251 Friday night

By Sheriff Terry Joy

Friday, February 9, 2018 at 6:31 p.m. Callahan County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call reporting a structure fire at 5312 County Road 251, fully engulfed in flames, and with animals inside. Eula and Clyde Volunteer Fire Departments quickly responded. Baird Volunteer Fire Department also was called to assist. The Potosi Volunteer Fire Department

came as well. There were many volunteer firemen braving the heat, smoke, and flames, risking their lives and health to extinguish this rapid burning fire.

The Incident commander of this major fire incident was Clyde Volunteer Fireman and Assistant Clyde Fire Chief Troy Barr. Some of the firemen were overcome by smoke and Citizens EMS was called out to assist those with

excessive smoke inhalation. Law enforcement responded to the fire scene to direct traffic and keep onlookers away from the work area and out of harm's way.

Right after this structure fire was reported another fire was called in to Callahan County Dispatch. This time it was a grass fire in the Putnam area. The Putnam Volunteer Fire Department quickly responded and extinguished this fire.

Callahan County is fortunate to have many dedicated men and women volunteer fire fighters. They are to be commended for their volunteer service to the Callahan County Community.

IN THE CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING MONDAY MORNING IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO LEAVE THE BURN BAN ON. "NO BURNING."

Methodist Church offers Cookbook

"A Taste of Heaven...130 Years of Feeding the Spirit" what a wonderful Christmas gift. Members of the United Methodist Church have compiled a collection of recipes that go back to a few great-grandmothers up through adaptations of current mixes and microwaves. From Cracktastic Crackers and Hummus to Pizza Waffles; from Rosalea Bonner's Party Punch and Vera

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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From the Cross Plains Review... 28 years ago, February 15, 1990.

Lady Buffs are in Bi-District play. On the team: Stephanie Walker, Pam Helms, Tina Evans, Terri Abernathy, Angie Purvis, Brenda Franke, Sherry Williams, Carie Renfro and Jennifer Wheeler.

Eight Grade Basketball team is the District Champs. On

the team: Billy Walker, Josh Harrell, Coby Childers, Kelly Barclay, Tim Yates, Kevin Switzer, Rodney Rudloff, Chad Coker and Jason Fleming. Terry Taylor was the coach.

Ray's Tire Shop has re-opened at the corner of Avenue E and 6th Street. Montgomery Automotive has moved to a new location at the Corner of Avenue F and West Highway 36.

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Elect Molly Matties for District Clerk

I'm Molly Matties and I am running for District Clerk of Callahan County. I have had the pleasure of meeting so many of you when going door to door, participating in public forums, and attending community wide events. In case we have not yet met, I wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself.

I am a Christ follower, Active Citizen, Loving Family member, and proud Republican. I grew up and currently reside in Eula, Texas. I've always been interested in public service as a way to give back to the communities that have given me so much. I have been reminded as I meet so many of you how much I enjoy getting to know new people and listening to your concerns, hopes, and passions.

I believe this race represents a clear difference between the future and the past. The district clerk's office has had countless improvements made to it since the current District Clerk, Amber Tinsley, took office in 2015. I commit to continue that progress and culture of service. I promise you, if elected, to serve in the following ways.

1. I will follow the Law and apply it the same to everyone.
2. I will always treat You kindly & fairly.
3. I will keep the same office hours as the rest of the staff and be available to you.
4. I will continue to offer the same services that Amber Tinsley has implemented such as:
 - * Accepting Debit & Credit Cards for payments to the office.
 - * Cross training staff to allow any staff member to process a Passport Application so that you are taken care of in a timely manner.
 - * Continue to use technology to comply with the State of Texas and be more efficient.
 - * Work with the Commissioners' Court to keep them informed as to the office's needs so that I can bring the best possible customer service to you the citizens.

Prior to 2015 the State of Texas mandated the electronic filing of court cases. That process started in 2015 and continues to grow in scope. This new process is required and is not optional to the county. I have become educated with the court process and electronic records keeping in my current position while working as the Court Administrator for County Judge Roger Corn. I know that the skillset I have, both in growing up with and understanding technology, along with classes I have taken, and the training I have received in my current position will serve you well if you elect me as your next District Clerk.

In closing I want to address a concern that has been raised to me. That is of the question of my age. I will be 24 years old July 20th.

I am aware that some citizens have raised concerns as to my age. I assure you that if you take time to get to know me, this will not concern you at all. I have a very strong work ethic. I obtained my concealed handgun license at age 21. I joined the NRA and became a home owner in Callahan County at age 22. I am now almost 24 years old and I know for a fact I can do this job well and serve you in trustworthy manner. If for some reason my age is a concern, I would ask that you consider the following.

We have brave men and women fighting for our freedom and serve our Country that enlisted in the armed forces at 18 years of age. We have school teachers who are teaching our children, who are America's future, who are younger than myself. We have nurses that are younger than me assisting anyone who needs care. We have brave Police Officers, Firefighters, and EMT's who are also my age or younger who we rely on for our safety every day.

Before serving in the County Judge's Office I was a Jailer and Dispatcher for Callahan County, under Sheriff Terry Joy. When someone called the Sheriff's Office, or more critically 9-1-1, and needed help I was their only lifeline. When in those positions I helped people through some of the toughest moments of their lives, and I am proud to have provided them with compassionate and skilled service.

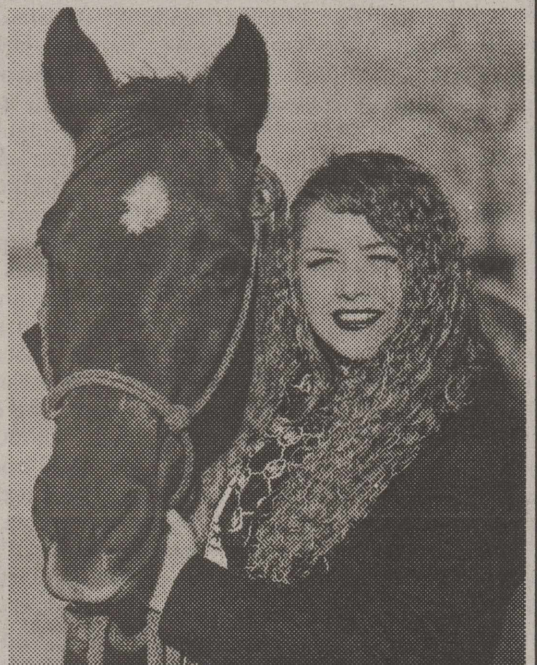
By running for District Clerk I am trying to make a positive difference in the future of Callahan County. I don't want anything but the absolute best for the citizens of Callahan County.

Just like I answered the call and served those who needed help before, I'm asking you to allow me the same opportunity to serve you as your District Clerk.

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Whitney Henderson was Connie Kirkham's guest speaker at the Kiwanis Meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. Whitney is a Marketer for Encompass Home Health. She gave an informative talk on the benefits of home health/therapy! Making life/health better... at home!

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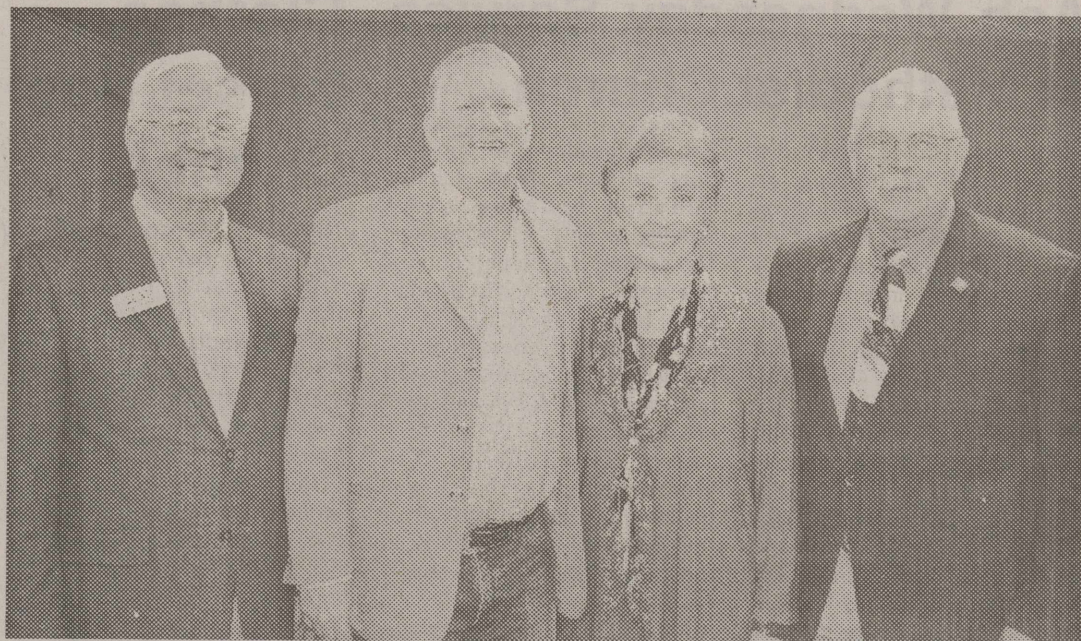
Cisco, Texas (January 31, 2018) - Paying for college can be a daunting task. From Scholarships to Grants, and FAFSA to private student loans, there are a number of resources available to help students pay for college, but navigating those options and finding the right fit for you can be a huge undertaking!

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Linda Sellers, Director of Financial Aid for Cisco College, and the rest of her staff will be visiting many more area high schools throughout the Big Country this Spring semester to help students complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA. During these visits, the Financial Aid staff will also be available to help dual credit students determine if they are eligible to receive grant funds to cover the cost of courses taken through Cisco College.

For more information about financial aid at Cisco College, or to see if you can arrange for a visit to your school, visit <https://www.cisco.edu/tuition-financial-aid/>, or contact the Financial Aid Office at (254) 442-5153.



COUNTY JUDGE CANDIDATES--The three Republican Primary Election candidates for Callahan County Judge held a Candidate Forum on Monday, February 5th at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce building located at 106 Cedar Street. Moderator for the forum was Bruce Campbell, pictured at the far left. Candidates for the Republican Primary for Callahan County Judge include from second from the left, Bobby Lovell, Nicki Harle, and Gerry Scott Kniffen.

County Judge candidates hold election forum in Clyde, Baird

The three candidates for County Judge in the upcoming the Republican Primary Election held a candidate forum and a meet and greet in Clyde and Baird last week.

The candidate forum in Clyde, sponsored by the Clyde Chamber of Commerce, was held on Monday, February 5th, while the meet and greet with the three County Judge candidates was held on Thursday, February 8th at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Baird.

At the Clyde candidate forum, Bruce Campbell, with Fox 15 in Abilene, served as moderator for the event, in which over 60 voters attended.

Each candidate was given up to four minutes to provide their opening statement.

During the question and

answer portion of the forum, questions were submitted ahead of the forum.

The first question to each candidate was "what are the most important qualities the County Judge candidate should possess." Each candidate was given two minutes to respond.

The next question "what training or experience qualifies you to be County Judge." Candidates were given one minute to answer.

The third question for each candidate was "how do you resolve to maintain county properties with the least impact on taxes." Each candidate was given two minutes to respond.

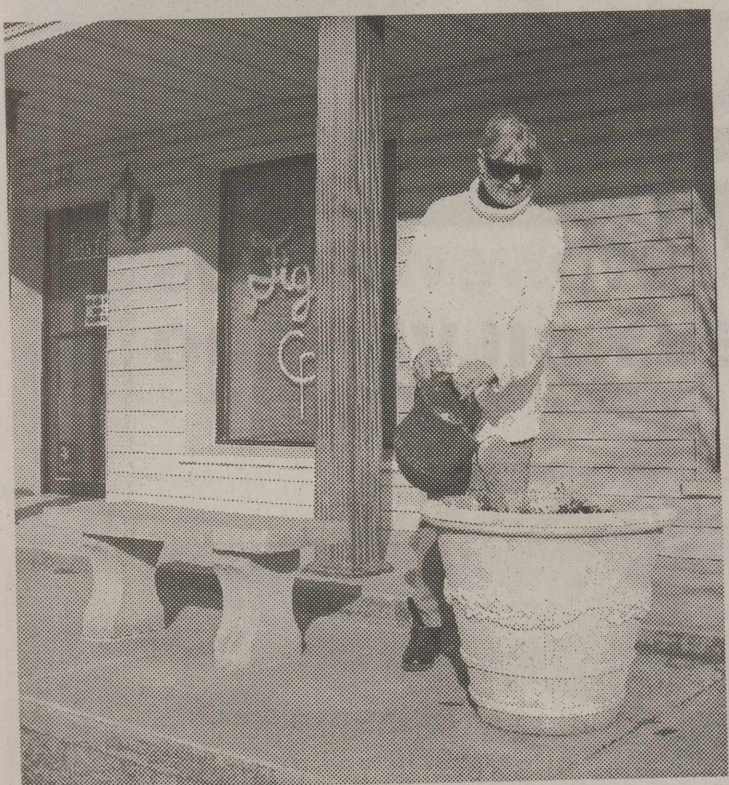
The next question, "the County Jail came close to ceasing operation recently and what are your thoughts on the County Jail." Each of

the candidates was given two minutes to respond and all three candidates stated Callahan County should maintain and operate a County Jail.

The next question pertained to "what are your ideas on funding volunteer fire departments in Callahan County." Each candidate was given two minutes to respond and all three candidates stated Callahan County should provide more subsidies to all the county volunteer fire departments.

The final question was "what do you want to accomplish while in the office of County Judge."

At the conclusion of the forum, other candidates who attended the event was given the microphone to state who they are and what position they are seeking and election to.



Spring must be on the way. Diana Miller was spotted earlier this week in near freezing weather planting flowers in large pots that are freezing up and down the sidewalks on Main Street. True dedication and optimism.

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Ash Wednesday Service at Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church will be holding an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 6:00 p.m. The public is warmly invited to share in this service where we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins before our loving God. We recognize life as a precious gift from God and re-turn our lives towards Jesus Christ. We may make resolutions and commit to change our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ. In an Ash Wednesday service, usually the minister will make the sign of the cross on a person's forehead with ashes. The sign of the cross reminds us of the resurrection of Christ.

In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on

Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.

Also, at 12:00 on Ash Wednesday, the church will be having a short service of the Burning of the Palms in the prayer garden, if weather permits. Otherwise the service will be held in the Sanctuary. The dried palms to be burned were used on Palm Sunday last year which celebrated the glorious entry of Jesus into Jerusalem prior to his crucifixion. The ashes from this meaningful service will be used for making the cross on the foreheads during the evening service.

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The Clothes Closet is also caring small kitchen appliances and other household items too.

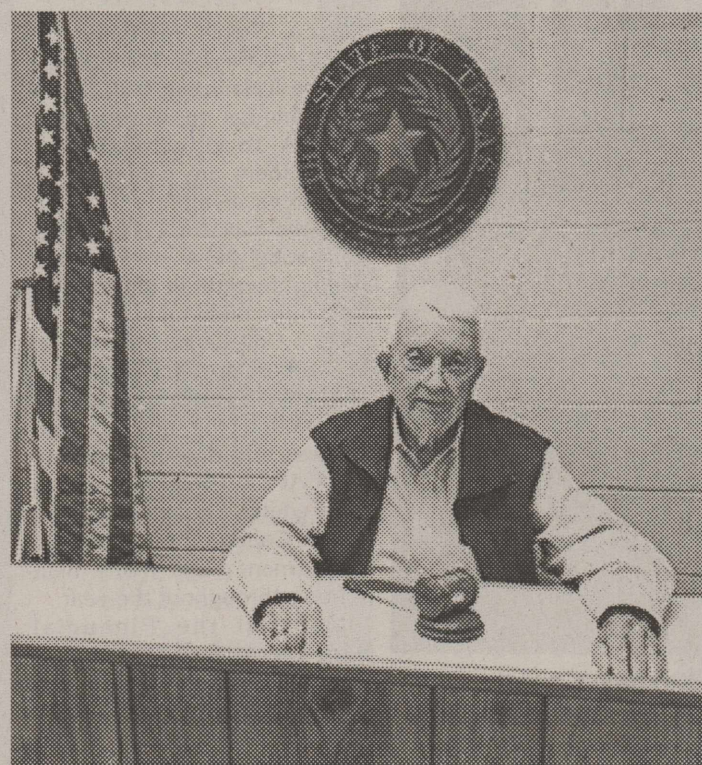
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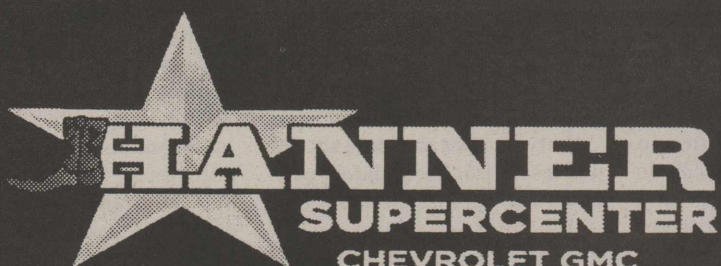
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Burlie W. Taylor candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4



My name is Burlie W. Taylor and I have filed for re-election on the Republican ticket for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 4. I have been the JP for Precinct 4 since July 2007. I have a BBA in Accounting from Texas Tech University and 25 hours towards my Associates degree in Criminology from Cisco Junior College. I have resided in Callahan County since 2001. It would be an honor for me to be re-elected and serve another term as your Justice of Peace. Thank you for reading this and I respectfully ask for your vote.

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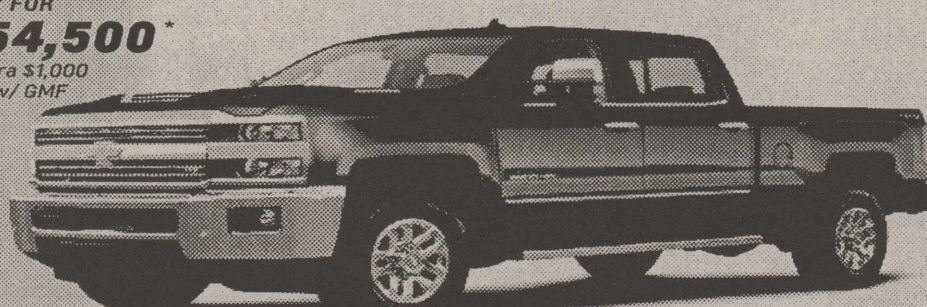
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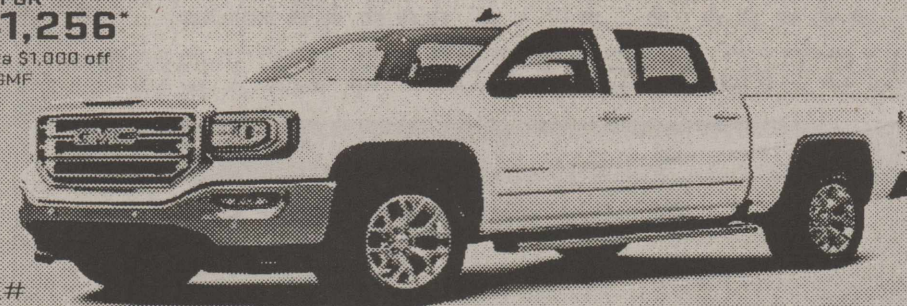
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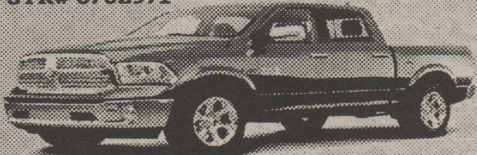
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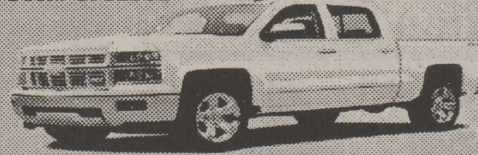
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ASAP After School Program Kids Enjoy Valentines Party and Valentine Cards

The ASAP kids had a fun time making Valentine cards for the Senior Citizens at the Cross Plains Public Library's After School Program on Wednesday, February 7th.

After finishing their Valentine's Cards, the kids enjoyed a Valentine Party complete with punch, cookies, cup cakes, and special treats to take home.

Next month, the Garden Club will present the program for the ASAP kids on Wednesday, March 7th. The kids will "Celebrate the Earth".

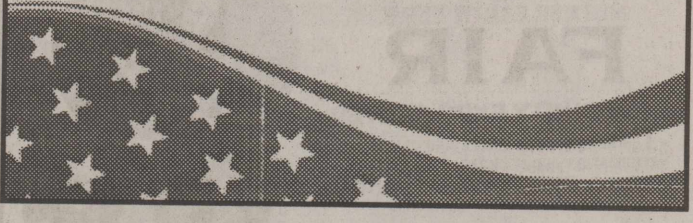


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Spring Break and Early Outs at Cross Plains Schools

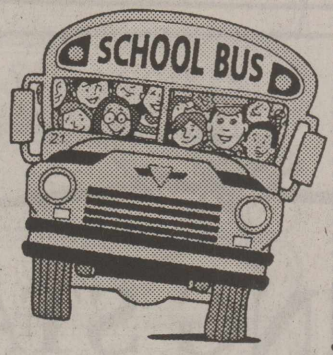
Early Out at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9th Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

Spring Break will be March 12th-16th

Return to Classes on Monday, March 19th at regular time.

There will be no school on Tuesday, March 20th. We are hosting the District Academic Meet. School will begin at regular time on Wednesday, March 21st.

In Celebration of Easter, school will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29th. There will be no school on Friday, March 30th and Monday, April 2nd. School will begin at regular time on Monday, April 3rd.




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

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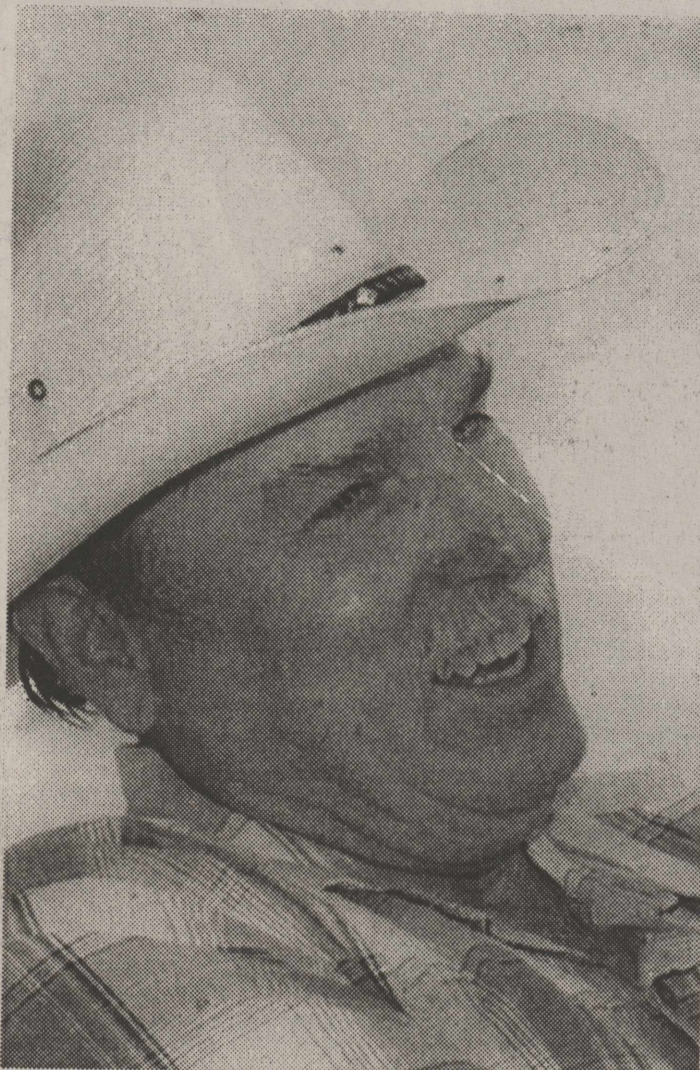
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Lifelong Cross Plains resident and current appointed County Commissioner of Precinct 4; Erwin Clack has formally announced his candidacy for Callahan County Commissioner Precinct 4



ERWIN CLACK
Candidate for Callahan County Commissioner Precinct 4

Born in Baird, Erwin has lived in Cross Plains since 1962. After graduating from Cross Plains High School he began working

for Cross Plains Oilfield Supply where he excelled in sales and delivery of oilfield equipment. In 1987, Erwin began his career

for Precinct 4 under then County Commissioner Franzel Odom. Clark has over 30 years of experience, in road construction, heavy equipment, planning, procurement of materials, and a vast knowledge of county ordinances. This knowledge coupled with past opportunities under Commissioner Joe Ingram, Charlie Grider, Doris Grider, and Cliff Kirkham have given him the experience to lead his precinct and ability to serve the residents of Callahan County.

Aside from his career with Callahan County, Erwin has over 20 years' experience providing his own welding and farm services for many in the area. His impeccable work ethic and knowledge gained as a county employee add to his belief that public safety, transportation, and economic development are important issues and demand commitment. With his wife Donna Clark, the couple have raised two children and have several grandchildren who also reside in the county. "Living and raising my family here; I have vested in these issues and will continue to proactively work with our citizens best interests in mind".

Erwin asks for support and vote for March 6th 2018 election and is eager to listen to your thoughts, concern, and expectations of your County government.

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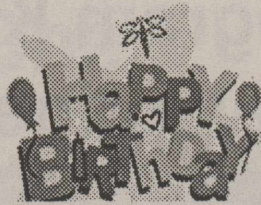
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Cross Plains Community Calendar



- February 18**
 Vicki Goble Williams
 Christy Raynel Jones
 Micheal Havner
 Joe Atwood Watson
 Sherri Neal Riney
 Joe Anderson
 Donnel Lutgens
 Lamar Gregg
 Mrs. W. E. Thompson
 Joe Simpson
 Shayla Hicks
 Edna Stell Wilson
 Margie Wright
 Sara Wells

- February 19**
 William S. Stroop
 Earl Baker
 Mrs. Lloyd Boyle
 Mrs. George Chapman
 Steve Furry
 Denise Holmans

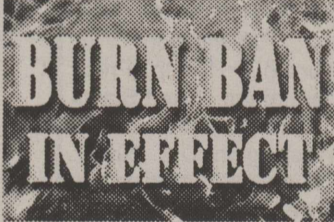
- February 20**
 Patty Pennell Heffley
 Randy Hartman
 Lee E. Morris Jr.
 Deborah (Allen) Thomas
 Candi Taylor
 Renee Atchley
 Zachary Dotson

- February 21**
 Parker Creamer
 J.B. Perry
 Sharon Archer Merry
 Sunny Westerman
 Cliff Waddell
 Glenda Evans Strom
 Mikayla Ann Hilburn
 Katrina Mireles

- February 22**
 Jason Neely
 Cheril Alken
 Nona Belote
 Bobby Nell Brown
 Bubba McConal
 Nancy Chessir Rogers
 Johnathan R. Hopkins

- February 23**
 Mike Ingram
 Davis Plumlee
 Ronald Holmans
 Patsy Ruth Day

- February 24**
 Mrs. Marilyn Mitchell
 Fredda Jean Wilson
 Gayla (Albrecht) Creamer
 James Payne
 Josh Thayer
 Jerry Biehl
 Mary Hubbard
 Karen Hubbard
 Karen Archer
 Richard Clark
 Authur Larkin



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- ~ February ~
 February 14 - Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. First United Methodist Church, Burning of the Ashes, 12 p.m.; Ash Wednesday Service, 6 p.m.
 February 14 - Wednesday Valentine's Day
 February 19 - Monday, President's Day Holiday - School's out.
 February 19 - Monday, Chamber Ribbon Cutting at Bullock's Beer Barn.
 ~ March ~
 March 7 - Wednesday, ASAP Program at the Library, Celebrate Earth with the Garden Club. 4 p.m.
 March 9 - Friday, School's out at 1 p.m.
 March 9 - Friday, Cross Plains Elementary My School Color Run, 2 p.m.
 March 10 - Saturday, CPVFD Hamburger Cookout
 March 12-16 - Spring Break - School's out
 March 20 - Tuesday, School's out, District Academic Meet
 March 29 - Thursday, Maundy Thursday Service, First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.
 March 29 - Thursday, School's out at 1 p.m.
 March 30 - Friday, Easter Holiday - School's out
 March 30 - Good Friday Service, First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.
 ~ April ~
 April 1 - Sunday, Easter; Sunrise Service, First United Methodist Church, 7 a.m.
 April 2 - Monday, Easter Holiday - School's out
 April 4 - Wednesday, ASAP Program at the Library, "Bug Day...all about Bugs". 4 p.m.
 April 13 - Friday, Cross Plains Garden Club Plant Sale, Library Park, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 April 16 - Monday - CPISD Student Holiday

Ranch Sorting March 3, TCRC Playday Dates

The weather is warming up, have you started legging up your horses? The First Ranch Sorting is March 3rd, and everyone is excited. If you've never sorted but are curious to see what it is or if you would like to do it, come on out and join us. Club members would love to meet you and answer your questions. This is also a great way to season younger horses. Bring them out and let them get familiar with the noise and confusion. March will be a busy month starting off with a ranch Sorting on the 3rd, and a roping (exact date TBD) happening as well. The dates for the 2018 Playdays have been finalized and are June 9th, June 23rd, July 3rd, July 28th, and August 11th. The club offers free playday clinics on June 8th, and July 13, with a clinic/fun day on August 10th. The next club meeting is February 25, at 7:00 pm, be sure to stop in and meet the club. Turkey Creek Rodeo Club promotes a family environment and friendly competition, the club welcomes youth riders, green horses, or anyone who just wants come watch. Check out the club's Facebook page for more information, or contact Ginger at 817-694-7991

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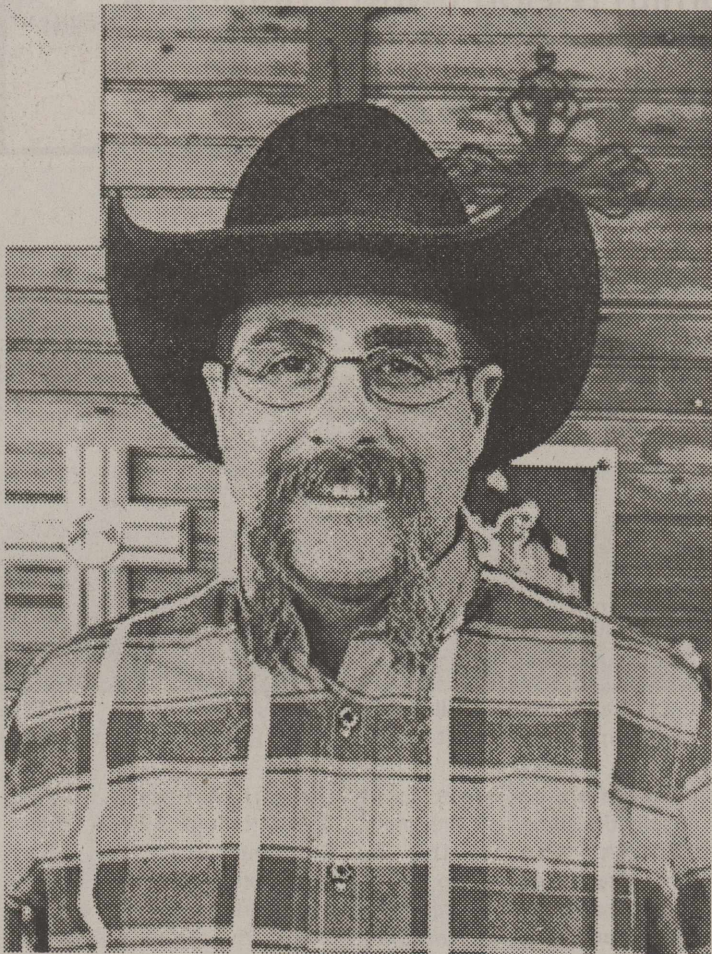
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Frankie Hyles is candidate for Callahan County Commissioner Precinct 4



Frankie Hyles
Candidate for Callahan County Commissioner

Frankie Hyles, a member of the Cross Plains community for 25 years, is running for County Commissioner in Precinct 4. Right out of high school, Frankie was self employed working in construction, septic work, and dirt work, as well as working

for the Highway Department in road maintenance. For 11 years, Frankie has been an employee of the City of Cross Plains, serving as the Utility Superintendent for the last six of those years. As a utility superintendent he is in

charge of street, water, and sewer maintenance. This has allowed him to strengthen his management experience, along with overseeing and successfully utilizing a budget and dividing it in the most accurate and rewarding way possible for the community. While Frankie has played a major role in the maintenance of our community he has also been involved in other organizations to help better the community for our citizens. The Callahan County Livestock Show Association voted Frankie as Stock Show President for 15 consecutive years. After Frankie stepped down from President, he has served as the Swine Superintendent for the last two years. During that time Frankie worked with the people to make many improvements to the facilities as well as making sure the show ran as smoothly as possible. Along with Stock Show President, Frankie has also served as the School Board President for CPISD. Frankie believes that part of being Commissioner means listening openly to the concerns of all our community members with the goal of building a better county, one that thrives economically and strives to be the best it can be. Frankie Hyles respectfully asks for your vote. Early voting will be February 20, and the primary election will be on March 6.

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Powerlifters - The CPHS Powerlifting Team: Back row Isabel Dean and Hannah Crockett; Front row: Logan Proctor, Jacob Collier, Coach Justin Willis, Tye Tipton and Aaron Willis. The team is coached by Gary Moses and Justin Willis.

Letter to the Editor

I would like the county judge, commissioner, other open position applicants to state what their proposed stances are on the following:

1. What is his/her plans to improve county rural roads?
2. What is his/her plans for transparency on county government spending?
3. What is his/her plans on county employees in funding their own retirements-401k's or other retirement vehicle?
4. How does he/she plan to save taxpayer dollars yet still provide good services to all county residents?

Any and all shared information on their running platform that these individuals provide will help voters wisely chose the best candidate for the job.

Thank you, concerned voter,
Sherri Maxwell 7838 CR 452,
Cross Plains, TX 76443

CPHS Lady Buffs Softball Schedule

February 17	Sa	Cisco Here	4:30
February 20	Tu	Comanche There	4:30
February 23-24		Coleman Tournament	
February 27	Tu	Eastland There	5:00
March 1-3	Th-Sa	Eula Tournament	
March 6	Tu	San Saba* There	4:00
March 8	Th	DeLeon* Here	4:00
March 13	Tu	Gorman* Here	5:00
March 16	F	Santa Anna* Here	5:00
March 19	M	Eula Here	5:00
March 23	F	May* There	5:00
March 27	Tu	Goldwaite* Here	5:00
March 30	F	San Saba* Here	5:00
April 3	Tu	DeLeon* There	5:00
April 6	F	Gorman* There	5:00
April 10	Tu	Santa Anna* There	5:00
April 13	F	Trent There	4:30
April 17	Tu	May Here	5:00
April 20	F	Goldthwaite* There	5:00

*District Game

Head Coach - JoJo Morgan
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Superintendent - Phil Mitchell
Principal - Brad Jones

Callahan Divide SWCD tree order

Callahan Divide SWCD still has a few trees left. Orders will be taken through the 16th of February. Please call 325-854-1049 ex 4 to check availability.

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Cross Plains' 2018 retail sales up 12% from 2017

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2018 are just over twelve percent higher than 2017, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

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

Cross Plains' 2018 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$44,633.70, which is 12.61 percent higher than the \$39,633.80 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2017.

The payment to the city for February 2018 was \$24,494.37, which is 19.66 percent ahead of the payment of \$20,468.99 in February 2017.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$911.9 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 6.2 percent more than in February 2017. These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2017 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

Hegar sent Texas cities \$592.9 million in February 2018, which is higher by 5.1 percent compared to February 2017 and higher by 6.5 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$53.7 million in February 2018 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 12.4 percent compared to February 2017 and higher by 13.5 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$203.5 million in February 2018 sales tax allocations, which is 5.0 percent higher than February 2017 and higher by 6.5 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$61.9 million in February 2018 allocations, which is 16.4 percent higher than February 2017 and higher by 17.9 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$911.9 million in February 2018, which is 6.2 percent higher than February 2017 and higher by 7.6 percent year-to-date.

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

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2017	2018
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$39,633.80	\$44,633.70
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$20,468.99	\$24,494.37

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

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

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2018 started the year 9.82 percent higher than the 2017 payments. The city has received \$49,087.63 in 2018, while the 2017 tax payments to the city totaled \$44,697.82.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2018 was \$26,157.96, which is 0.61 percent lower than the February 2017 payment of \$26,321.15.

—The 2018 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 3.74 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2017. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$135,430.04 in 2018. The 2017 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$130,541.91.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2018 was \$86,270.66, which is 1.37 percent higher than the payment of \$85,102.91 made in February 2017.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2018 payments to the town totaled \$1,306.54, which is lower by 15.38 percent from the 2017 payments to the city in the amount of \$1,544.07.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2018 was \$587.49, which is 18.90 per-

cent lower than the February 2017 payment of \$724.45.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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