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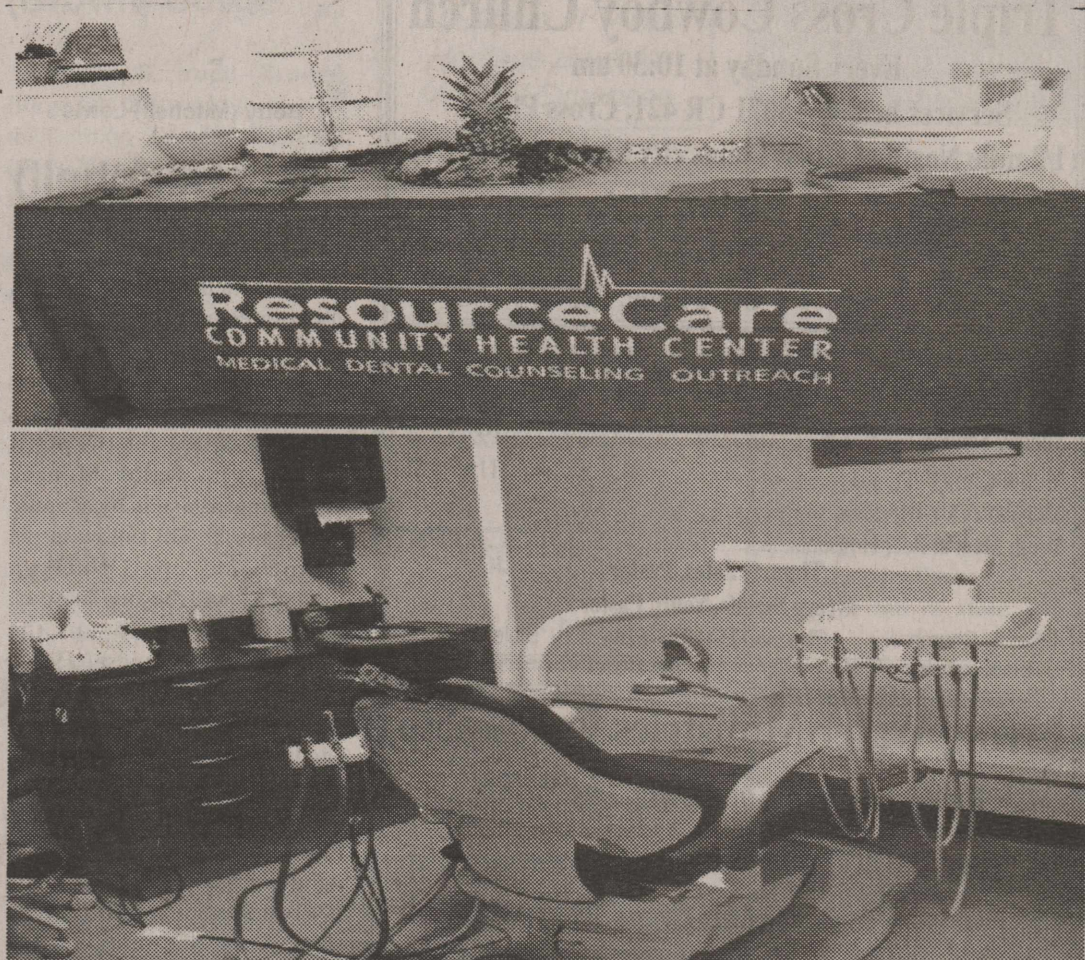
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Chamber of Commerce pictured with the Staff of ResourceCare Community Health Center Dental Clinic.

Ribbon Cutting for ResourceCare Community Health Dental Clinic

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for new business Resource Care Community Health Center Dental Clinic. Now open in Cross Plains, located at 200 N Main. A few of the services offered: Restorative Endodontics, Prosthodontics Teeth Whitening, and Patient Education. Dental Clinic Phone: 254-725-7330.



ResourceCare Dental Held Open House

ResourceCare Community Health Center has been serving the communities in Stephens, Shackelford, and Callahan counties since 1994. They currently have clinics in five different locations- Albany, Baird, Breckenridge, Clyde, and Cross Plains. On January 5th they opened their fourth dental clinic in Cross Plains.

They held an open house on January 28, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 and welcomed the community.

Their goal is to provide children and adults with high quality dental services with the convenience of staying in their local communities. They provide emergency care,

ongoing treatment, and education for patients that will help them to achieve good oral health.

What sets them apart is their focus on education concerning preventive measures patients can take that will reduce the risk of oral diseases including cavities. They don't just treat the problems; they want to help their patients to be more aware of how to prevent them.

ResourceCare remodeled their former medical clinic location at 200 N Main Street to include all new

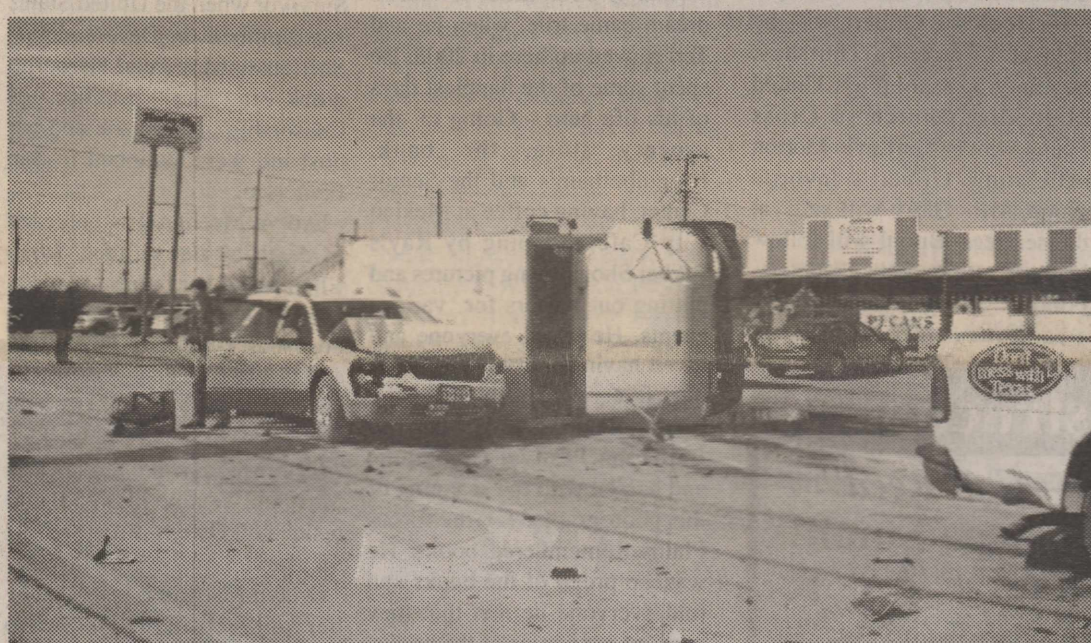
state of the art dental equipment including digital x-rays and electronic charting.

Services Offered:

- Restorative Endodontics
- Prosthodontics Teeth Whitening
- Nitrous Oxide
- Preventative Care
- Patient Education

They accept most private insurance, Medicaid, and CHIPS and same day appointments are available. Dr.

Karen Key, DDS and Laura Herring, RDH will be seeing patients on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can call the dental office which is open Monday through Friday at 254-725-7330 and speak to Amy Potter about making an appointment.



Roll Over at the four way stop Hwy 206 and Hwy 36

Roll Over in Cross Plains

On Monday, February 2, 2015 at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon, Bobby Hinkle's 2005 Ford was stuck by a Brinks Security truck. The Brinks Security truck was driven by Eric Williams out of Houston he was passing through Cross Plains.

According to Cross Plains Chief of Police Don Gosnell who was on the scene of the accident, Williams was

traveling west on Hwy. 36 when he failed to stop at the stop sign. Williams realizing his error, slammed on the brakes causing the over sized vehicle to slide and spin sideways striking Bobby Hinkle's vehicle. Ms. Hinkle was stopped at the four way stop on Hwy. 36 facing east. Cross Plains Chief of Police, Don Gosnell stated that there were many witnesses to the accident and

after evaluating the scene, Williams was found to be at fault. Both Bobby Hinkle and Eric Williams were both transported by ambulance to Hendricks Medical Center. Williams suffered a concussion and has been released. Bobby Hinkle suffered facial lacerations, and a broken foot which needed surgical repair. She is still currently at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.

Chris Kyle Day

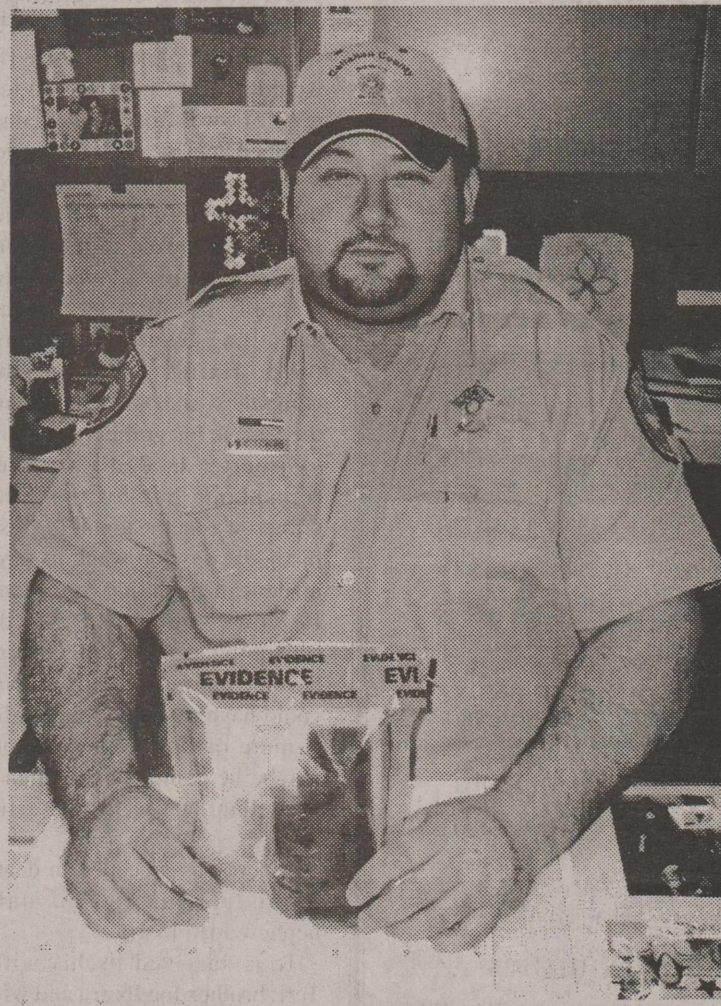
February 2nd

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today proclaimed February 2nd Chris Kyle Day in honor of Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle, a native Texan and Navy SEAL who served four tours in Iraq and is recognized as the most lethal sniper in United States military history. Governor Abbott's proclamation reads in part as follows:

"By proclaiming today, February 2, 2015, as Chris Kyle Day, I recognize (as Chief Petty Officer Kyle would insist) that he is the face of a larger force for freedom that has made this country the bravest, strongest and freest in the history of the world.

Kyle is one of the legions of valiant warriors who made the ultimate commitment to our country: they put their lives on the line for a cause greater than themselves. They faced risks few Americans can comprehend, but all Americans should honor.

So many Texans like Kyle have served with unmatched honor, bravery and heroism, and a grateful country is better because of them."



PICTURED ABOVE IS CHRIS LEVINS, Callahan County's newest deputy. Chris is shown with methamphetamine found in a vehicle. The person driving the vehicle will be subject to charges of evading arrest and possession of methamphetamine.

Mardi Gras Party at the Senior Center

Cross Plains and New Orleans are approximately 700 miles apart, but we can still enjoy the Cajun cooking and sounds of jazz and blues. The Cross Plains Senior Center will host a Mardi Gras Party, **Thursday, February 19, 2015 5:30 - 7:30 pm.** The cost for the evening

will only be \$12.50/person which includes Shrimp Boil (shrimp, sausage, corn on cob, potatoes, onions and anything else that sounds good), drink, dessert, and music. Masks and beads will be complete the Mardi Gras experience, Texas Style!

Sheriff's Corner

by Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy

Around 3:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, a tan 2006 Chevy Colorado pickup was observed driving erratically and with no lights, in Callahan County near the road side park west of Clyde on 1-20.

The vehicle fled from a Clyde Police Officer into Taylor County. Taylor County Deputies picked up the pursuit and chased the vehicle back into Callahan County.

Callahan County Sheriff's Deputies Chris Levins, Jacob Stennett and Larry Lemons continued pursuit. The driver of the vehicle was finally stopped about 5 miles west of Cross Plains on Highway 36.

The driver was removed from his vehicle and taken to the Callahan County Jail. The jail was already at capacity from

other arrests during the same night, some of which involved meth.

Callahan County Deputies searched the vehicle of the person who ran from them and other law enforcement officers. They found this person to be in possession of methamphetamine drugs, drug paraphernalia and scales for weighing illegal drugs.

The Sheriff's Department compliments the efforts, support, and cooperation of the Clyde Police Department and the Taylor County Sheriff's Department in the arrest.

"Our intent is to discourage drug users and dealers from bringing their drugs into or through Callahan County. We will use our resources to the best of our ability to stop such actions.



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Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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OBITUARIES



Betty (Mitchell) Lewis

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Betty (Mitchell) Lewis, age 80, of Cross Plains passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2015 in Baird. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, February 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with Kathy Monroe officiating assisted by Ronnie White; burial will follow in the Cottonwood Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home from 6 to 7 p.m.

Betty was born to L.P. and Gladys (Thompson) Mitchell on October 9, 1934 in Cottonwood, Texas slightly northwest of Cross Plains. She moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1941 and graduated from high school there. She moved back to Cross Plains in 1966 and worked for the Callahan County Tax Office for over 32 years. She was very involved in community activities, she was a member of Project Pride, Kiwanis, served on the City Council, worked 8 years as an EMT on the ambulance service. She also played the piano and organ at the Baptist, Methodist and the Presbyterian churches for over 30 years.

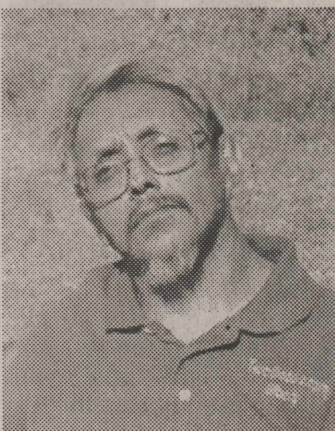
Survivors include sons: Danny Lewis and wife, Brenda of Baird,

Jerry Lewis and wife, Sharon of Midland; Robert Lewis and wife, Ramona of Mansfield; daughter, Debbie Merryman and husband, David of Cross Plains; sister Donnie McKillip and 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



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Gilbert Ibarra

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Gilbert Ibarra, 58, passed away on Friday, January 30, 2015, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene with his loving wife Teri Brown holding his hand. He also was holding a pocket knife that belonged to his father, Jos Ibarra, who passed away in October 2014.

Services for Gilbert will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains, with Pastor Kevin Morton officiating. Gilbert's favorite group, 4His Glory will sing at the services. Burial will follow in the Cottonwood Cemetery. Following the graveside service, a barbeque dinner of Gilbert's

favorites - brisket, sausage and ribs cooked by Joe Terstegge - will be served at the Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Gilbert's life.

Pallbearers will be: Rickey Carouth, Josh Loftis, Bryon McNutt, Chris Thompson, J. D. Huddleston and Les Cowan, all members of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

Honorary pallbearers are: Rolan Jones, Bruce Newbauer, Jim Grindstaff, Fred St. Peter, Ray Dodd, Donnie Dillard and Allen Barnett.

Gilbert was born November 9, 1956, in Waelder, a small town near Gonzales, Texas to Jos and Marciana Lozano Ibarra. The family moved to Houston when Gilbert was a child.

Gilbert graduated from the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Houston in 1975. As a trumpet player he played in many big bands and Tejano bands traveling across Texas. He played on several recordings.

In 1992, Gilbert met Teri, the love of his life, while working in the produce department at Kroger Grocery in Houston. Soon, he started coming up to the Cottonwood/Cross Plains area with Teri to visit and to fix things at Teri's mom and dad's place. Gilbert loved it up here. Some folks dream of a ski lodge or a cabin by a lake, Gilbert dreamed of living in Cottonwood or Cross Plains. He loved going to Higginbotham's and going to the grocery store and just loved how friendly everyone was.

Finally, over time, Gilbert's dream came true, when he and Teri moved up here in 2008. He spent some of the happiest days of his life here - Going to the grocery store, the bank, Higginbotham's and the Senior Center, having coffee at Mexico City Cafe, stopping by Ray's Barber Shop, taking pictures and putting out posters for various events. He loved everyone and loved having everyone pick on him. Everyone was his friend.

Gilbert was part of the Barbarian Festival Committee and helped with the scanning of the photographs for the Cross Plains Remembered books. He was so proud of the books and told everyone he met that they need to get copies of the books. Years before, he'd helped with the Cottonwood Cookbook. He was equally proud of the cookbook, too.

Gilbert was a member of the Callahan County Firefighters Association and attended their monthly meetings. While he wasn't healthy enough to be a firefighter, Gilbert wanted to do everything he could to help the local departments.

Gilbert loved small towns. He and Teri traveled throughout south central and southeastern Texas eating barbeque and photographing old buildings, cemeteries and firetrucks. He was a good photographer. He would go out of his way to tell people he was from Cross Plains.

Gilbert kept his spirit even after he became bedridden. He never thought of himself as an invalid. He always looked to the future and had plans of things he wanted to do. He loved gardening, working with his tools, fixing things on the computers, and putting around the yard in his golf cart.

Gilbert needed a liver transplant, but by the time Gilbert was at the top of the list, his body was too weak to have made it through the transplant. If you would like to do something as tribute to Gilbert, become an organ donor. A liver could have saved Gilbert's life; if more organs were available maybe he could have gotten a transplant while he was still strong.

Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents and his only nephew Jojo Ibarra.

He is survived by his wife, Teri; brother Joe Ibarra and wife Irma; sister Linda Trapp and husband Jerry; and sister Lisa Morales and husband Rudy; three nieces: Tammie Mercado,

her husband Hector and their sons Christian, Jacob and Matthew; Nova Morales and Emma Trapp; daughter, Crystal Ibarra; mother-in-law Beverly Brown, close friends Joe and Deana Terstegge, special friends Raul Sanchez and Kristen O'Shields, and his devoted cats.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department or the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.



Evelyn Faye Purvis Young Meehan

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God called home His good and faithful servant Evelyn Meehan on Sunday, February 1, 2015. Mrs. Meehan was 97 years old; born in Cottonwood, Texas, on June 14, 1917 (Flag Day), where she was reared and educated.

She was a Pearl Harbor Survivor when the United States was bombed on Dec. 7, 1941. She remained in Pearl Harbor to work in the "Office of Censorship" before she and her husband were stationed in San Francisco.

Evelyn Meehan was preceded in death by her mother, Sarah Ellen Reed; her father Lafayette Monroe Purvis, and her husbands, Gordon Phillip Young and George Meehan. She is the only surviving sibling of eight brothers.

Mrs. Meehan moved to San Marcos, Texas, in 1953 and resided on Owens Street the last 35 years.

Evelyn Meehan is survived by her only child, Don Phillip Young, and his wife Sharon from Katy, Texas; granddaughter, Crispin Faye Young, who resides in Hood River, Oregon, and 13 nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Pennington Funeral Home.

The Celebration Service will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, San Marcos, TX. Pastor Mark Newton, Evelyn's former pastor, and presently Director of Church Engagement at Baylor University, will officiate the celebration service.

The graveside service will be at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, February 7th at Cottonwood Cemetery in Cottonwood, Texas.

The family's gratitude goes to the nurses and staff of Memorial Hermann Hospital in Katy, Texas, where Mrs. Meehan passed away Sunday morning, and to Grace Care Center, Katy, Texas, for their wonderful care and service prior to her short stay in the hospital. Donations can be made to the Cancer Society or Heart Fund.

Funeral services are under the direction of Pennington Funeral Home, San Marcos, Texas. Obituary and guestbook online at www.penningtonfuneralhome.com



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6:30 p.m - Prayer/Worship

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Obituaries



Isaac "Ike" Moea Neal
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Isaac (Ike) Moea Neal, age 92, of Cross Plains, Texas passed away on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Homestead Nursing Center in Baird. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31st at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie White officiating. Interment with Masonic rites followed in Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham's Funeral Home of Cross Plains. Visitation took place from 6-8pm, Friday, January 30, 2015, at the funeral home.

Ike was born on December 17, 1922, in Sunnybrook, Kentucky; he was the son of Lucy and Omar Neal and the eldest of eight children. Ike attended school at Forbis, Tennessee; he then attended York Agriculture Institute in Jamestown, Tennessee, where he graduated at age 16. He then attended Tennessee Tech in 1939, enrolled in Air Force ROTC where he served as an instructor for four years and graduated in 1946. He attended the University of Texas School of Pharmacy from 1947 to 1950.

Ike is a veteran and served in WWII from 1942-1945. He was a medic who served in the 9th Air Force; he set up medical mobile

hospitals in France, Italy, Germany, and England. He was in charge of securing medical supplies for medical units by flying back and forth to and from London, England. He received numerous awards for his performance and service during WW II.

Ike married Velise (Penny) Burch Neal on November 17, 1945 who preceded him on May 5, 1995, in Abilene, Texas. After graduating from pharmacy school, he worked in drug stores in Hillsboro, Dublin, and Cross Plains. He bought the drug store in Cross Plains in 1954 and changed its name to Neal Drug. Ike and Penny served together in Neal Drug caring for the community for many years. He owned and operated Neal Drug until it closed in December of 2000; he served as pharmacist and owner of Neal Drug for 46 years. Ike was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner.



Ike assisted with the church services at Eastside Baptist Chapel in Cross Plains; he was a member of the First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School and served as a greeter/usher for many years.

Ike married Sue Halsell on August 24, 1996, at the Methodist Church in Cross Plains. They had 18 wonderful years together; they traveled to Japan, and attended family reunions in Indiana. They also traveled all over Texas attending pharmacy seminars and Mary Kay conventions.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Neal of Cross Plains. Two daughters: Jan and her husband Edward Bradford of Lorena;

Sherri and her husband Larry Riney of Tuscola. One son: Ricky and his wife Jennifer Neal of De Soto. One sister: Anna Mae Dollar of Eaton, Indiana. One brother: Dennis and wife Judy Neal of Dunkirk, Indiana. Eight Grandchildren: Ferrah, Edward D., Velissa, D'Neal, Jeremy, Zach, Steven, and Rachel and ten great-grandchildren. Ike is also survived by Sue's five children: Allen and his wife Jeannine Taylor of Cross Plains; Louann and her husband Rick Rau of Fort Stockton; Diana and her husband Kent Levisay of Stephenville; Amanda Taylor of Dallas, and David and his wife Jennifer Taylor of Lubbock. Nine grandchildren: Sabrina, Kris, Krista, Whitt, Taylor, Logan, Ashley, Grant, Brooke and 3 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers and 1 sister, 2 infant children, and wife Penny Neal.



The family would like to express their appreciation to Homestead Nursing Center for the love and great care the entire staff extended to Ike Neal. Memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church 301 N Main Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443; Cross Plains Library 149 N Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443; Homestead Nursing Center (Activity Fund), 224 East 6th Street, Baird, TX 79504.

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Earlene Gertrude (Brown) Burge

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Earlene Gertrude (Brown) Burge left this world to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 03, 2015 in Brownwood, Texas. Earlene passed away at her home; surrounded by her loving family. She will be sorely missed.

Earlene was born in April 1927, in Pioneer, Texas to Jess and Agnes Brown. She lived most of her youth in Pioneer and enjoyed spending her time with her many brothers, sisters and cousins. Earlene was a graduate of Pioneer High School. Earlene was especially close to her cousin, Mildred (Hester) Taylor, with whom she shared many precious moments.

Earlene made her home in different areas of the U.S. following her husband RJ Burge wherever work would take them. Earlene was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Earlene was a devout Christian; worshipping throughout her elder years at the Rising Star and Cross Plains Church of Christ. Earlene had a passion for people and for quilting and shared her many stories and life experiences with her dear friends of the

Pioneer Quilting Club. Visitation will be held at Davis Morris Funeral Home on Thursday, February 5, 2015 from 5pm to 7pm. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 10am at the Fourth and Stewart Church of Christ, 3201 4th St. with Michael Light officiating. Burial will follow at the Pioneer Cemetery.

Love Fund

A Love Fund has been opened for **Jesse Markham** at **Texas Heritage Bank** for **Medical Expenses**.

Love Fund

Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for **Teri Brown** in Memory of **Gilbert Ibarra**

Love Fund

A Love Fund has been opened for **Rickey Thomas** at **Texas Heritage Bank** for **medical Expenses!**

Chamber of Commerce

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce has now moved our future meetings to every third Thursday of the month

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Love Fund

Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank For **Owen Turner** son of **Joseph and Allison Turner** and grandson of **Greg and Dannes Turner**

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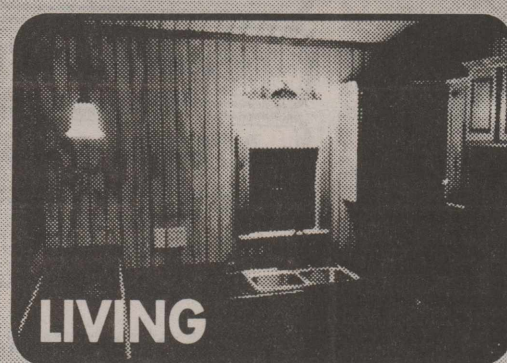
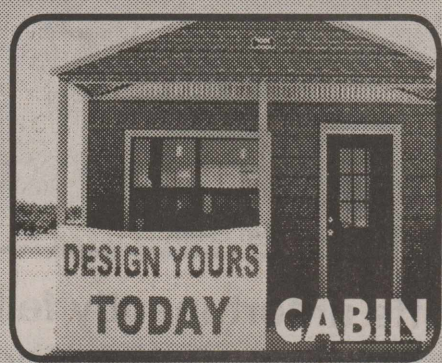
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Varsity Lady Buffs -Jurnee Thomas, Taryn Estes, Allanta Wheeler



Varsity Lady Buffs - Shelbi McWilliams

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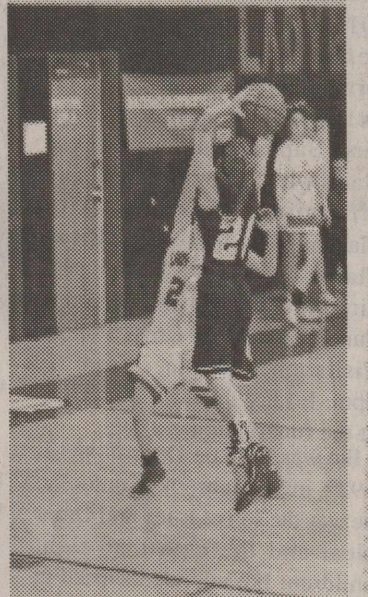


Varsity Lady Buffs- Jurnee Thomas & Taryn Estes

JV Lady Buffs Defeat the Bears

On Friday, January 30, 2015, the Cross Plains Junior Varsity girls traveled to Baird to play against the Baird Bears. The girls played to the best of their abilities and their hard work paid off, winning the game and defeating the bears with a score of 35-24. Teagan Fortune, Chloe Alford and Kaitlyn Potter all scored 8 points each to help the Lady Buffs to victory.

The girls are practicing hard in order to get ready to once again defeat the Rising Star Wildcats on Tuesday, February 3, 2015.



Varsity Lady Buff- Rebekah Crockett

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Varsity Lady Buffs 42-39 over May Tigers
Girls are now 6-0 in their Conference

Lady Buffs beat May

On Tuesday night, January 27, 2015, the Cross Plains Lady Buffs traveled to May, and competed against the Lady Tigers Varsity Girls.

The Lady Buffs played an exciting game at the Tigers gym pulling out a large win with a score of 42 to 39. Leading scorers were Jurnee Thomas with 13, Taryn Estes with 9, Hannah Cowan with 4, Kelli Bennett, Kenzie Halsel, Allanta Wheeler, Grace Goode all with 3 points each, Shelby McWilliams, and Rebekah Crockett with 2 points each.

The Lady Buffs are 6-0, and are preparing hard for their next game Friday night, January 30, 2015 against the Baird Lady Bears.



#5 Varsity Lady Buff - Kenzie Halsel



Varsity Lady Buffs- Kelli Bennett, Taryn Estes

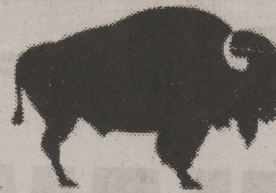
JV Lady Buffs unfortunately fell with a final score of 16-32 to the May Tigers

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RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

SUSAN J. SCHAEFER, CPA

Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes eighteenth in Class A TABC poll



The Cross Plains High School Lady Buffaloes are currently ranked eighteenth in the state in Girls Class A of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

The poll was released Monday, February 2nd. The Girls Class A poll follows:

1. Nazareth (24-2)
2. Lipan (25-3)
3. Strawn (28-3)
4. Roscoe Highland (20-5)
5. Follett (20-5)
6. Valley (23-3)
7. Garden City (22-4)
8. Petersburg (23-1)
9. Saltillo (21-6)
10. Coolidge (24-2)
11. Chireno (20-5)
12. Dodd City (24-3)
13. Ira (20-8)
14. Leggett (17-7)
15. Menard (20-8)
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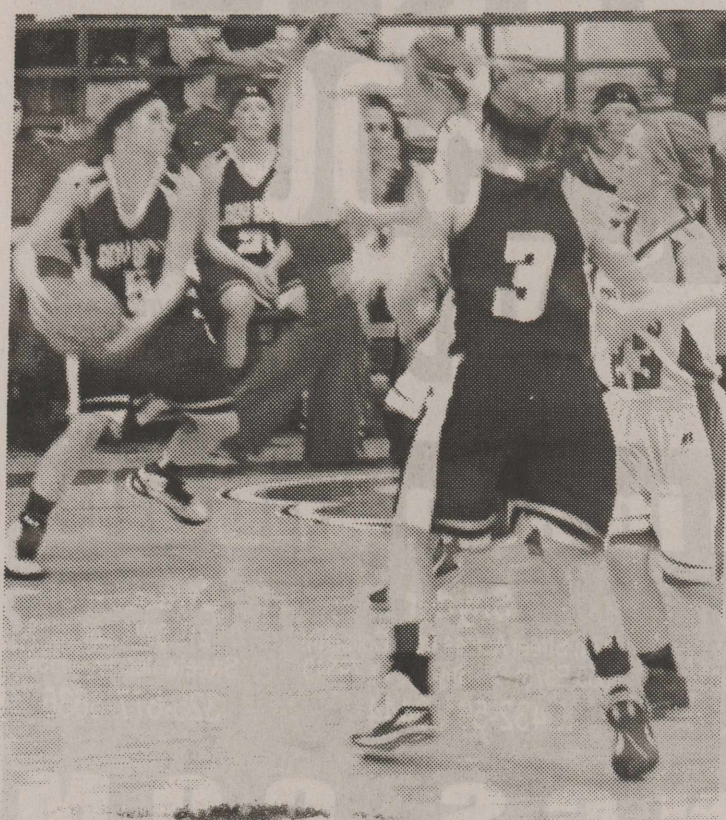
NOTICE OF MEETING—BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Special Meeting (Board Training) of the Board of Trustees of Cross Plains ISD will be held on February 4, 2015, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Cross Plains High School.

The subjects to be discussed are listed below. The Board will be in policy training. No formal action will be taken on these subjects.

Issues relating to Board governance policies
Recommendations for possible policy revisions

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on Friday, January 30, 2015



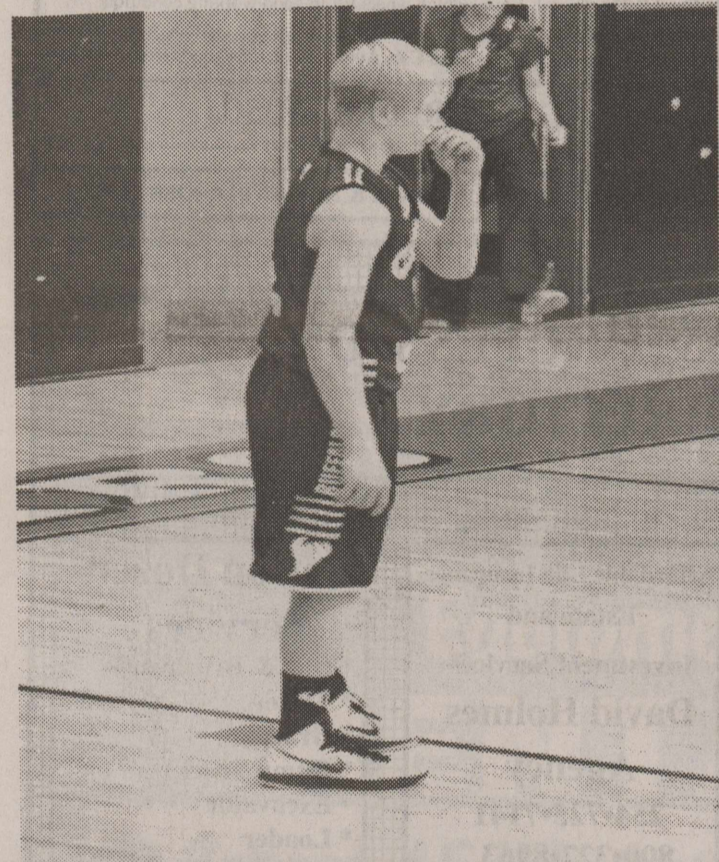
Varsity Lady Buffs # 3 Kelli Sue and # 5 Kenzie Halsel

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Basketball



Varsity Buff # 11 Korbin McLean



Varsity Buff- Kaiden Petree

The Following businesses support The Buffaloes



Varsity Buff - James Briggs



Varsity Buffs- #3 Korbin McLean, # 11 James Briggs, #22 Holden Senclair

Varsity Buffaloes worked hard but lost 20-50 to May Tigers

Varsity Boys fall to the Baird Bears

On Tuesday, January 30, 2015, the Cross Plains Varsity boys traveled to Baird to play against the Bears. The boys played a tough game but ultimately fell short, ending the game with a score of 64-43. The high scorers were Rylan Laminack with 13 points, Korbin McLean with 12 points and Holden Senclair and Phoenix Sanders with 5 points each.

The boys are practicing hard in order to get ready for this week's game against Rising Star and to end up with a win.

JV Boys Defeated by Baird Bears

On Tuesday, January 30, 2015, the Cross Plains Junior Varsity boys traveled to Baird to play against the Bears. The boys played a tough game but ultimately fell short, ending the game with a score of 41-30.

The high scorers were Sean Armer with 7 points, Joe Crockett and Larson Walker with 6 points each and Joe Revoir with 5 points.

The boys are practicing hard in order to get ready for next week's game against Rising Star and to end up with a win.



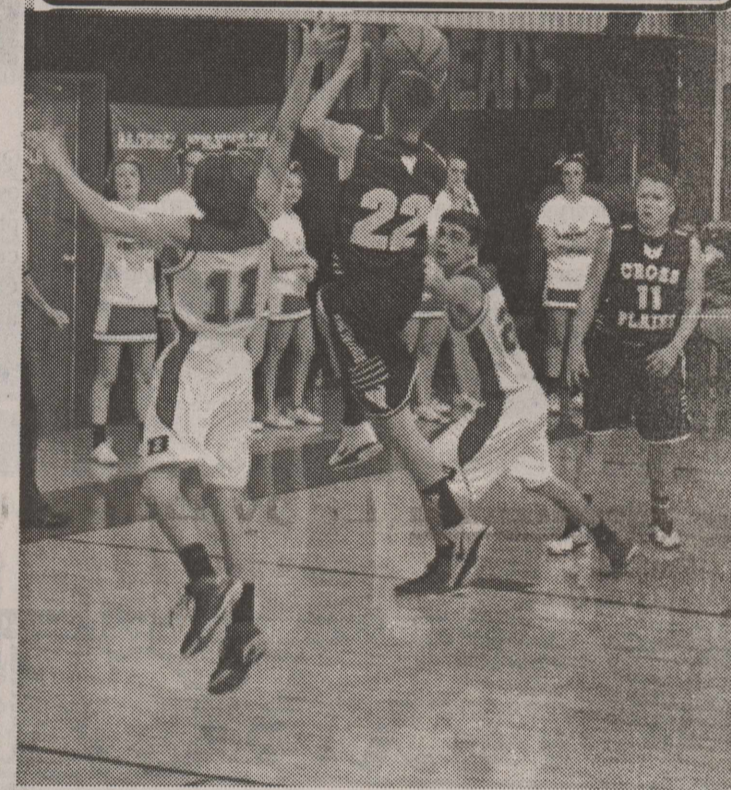
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Brady Invitational UIL Results

Results for the UIL meet held in Brady, TX on January 23rd are as follows:

Informative Speaking
Kersey Wyatt 3rd place
Holden Senclair 4th place

Persuasive Speaking
Dakota Willis 5th place

Cross Plains Review

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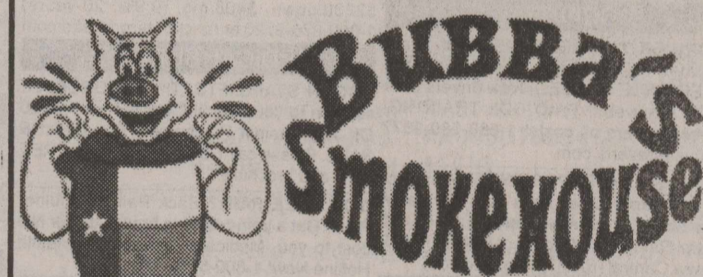
Feb. 5, 2015



School Board Trustees filed application.

Incumbent Michael Cowen and Incumbent Davy Crockett filed to run in the up coming election for school board trustee for 3 year terms. Final dead line to file is from January 27, 2015 and ending on May 5, 2015. From 8 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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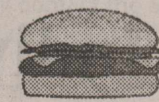
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	MONDAY 9	TUESDAY 10	WEDNESDAY 11	THURSDAY 12	FRIDAY 13
B	Apple Strudel	Biscuit	Cinnamon Pastry	Pancake Wrap	Breakfast Burrito
R	Cheese stick	Sausage	Yogurt	Yogurt	Cereal
E	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Fruit
A	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Juice
K	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Milk
F	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	
A					
S					
T					
L	Pizza	Chicken Strips	Taco Salad	Chicken & Broccoli	Fish or chicken
U	Garden salad	Gravy	Salsa	Penne	Cornbread
N	Seasoned Corn	Green Beans	Pinto beans	Garden salad	Coleslaw
C	Mixed Fruit	Mashed potatoes	Snowball Salad	Baby carrots	Black eyed peas
H	Milk	Roll	Milk	Apple slices	Baby carrots
		Pineapples Tidbits		Brownie Cookie	Orange smiles
		Milk		Milk	Milk

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The City of Cross Plains is accepting sealed bids for the demolition of three structures. For a complete listing of addresses and photos of each structure, please contact the City Hall at 254-725-6114 or by email at deb@crossplains.org. Bids will be accepted until 4:00p.m. March 3, 2015. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. c51

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03 Mustang V6, Auto, runs good, (White)	\$3,950
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2014-15 prices will close Feb. 28th. This deadline extends to July 31st for children younger than 1. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1st, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2015-16 academic year.

Cross Plains Review 7 Feb. 5, 2015

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Featured Property of the Week: 545.11 Acres, RS-Beautiful land w/ approx. 200 ac of tree cover & rest in coastal/improved grasses, 2BR-2B rock home, greenhouse, barn & equipment sheds, chutes, good fencing, fully furnished bunkhouse, 10 tanks, 5 water wells...\$1,750,000

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Prohibition
Mr. McIntosh, who is traveling over the state in the interest of prohibition, delivered a lecture at the school house last Tuesday night. His speech was delivered in a clear and forcible manner, and was replete with indisputable facts concerning the immense proportions which the whiskey traffic has assumed throughout the country, which he had compiled from the most reliable statistics, both state and national. He drew a vivid, but true, picture of the life of a drunkard, stating that while he blushed to admit that he spoke from experience, having drunk to the dregs from the cup of degradation and misery that inevitably follows the unquenchable thirst for strong drink, he had seen wither he was drifting before it was too late and would devote the rest of his life to the cause of

temperance and prohibition. He stated that the only safeguard to society from this the most degrading and hellish of all vices to which man is addicted, was to place it beyond his reach by enacting stringent laws for its banishment from the land and electing only those to office who were in sympathy with prohibition, and who would fearlessly do their duty. While he stated, our country was now plunged in the depths of destitution and woe, which was directly traceable to the effects of the whiskey traffic, it would require only a few years of state and national prohibition to make our country blossom as the rose, and the bloodcurdling shrieks and groans of the wives and widows of the drunkard, of the children made orphans by the flowing bowl, of the mother, whose heart-strings had well-nigh been snapped asunder as she for the first time saw her son come reeling home in a beastly state of intoxication, would soon be numbered with the things of the past, and there would spring from the heart of the nation a universal prayer of thankfulness.

District Court
The following is the proceedings of the District Court during the second week.

State of Texas vs. Ike Johnson, assault with intent to rob, continued by defendant.

State of Texas vs. Frank Mason, theft, verdict of jury, guilty and punishment assessed at two years in the penitentiary. Notice of appeal given in open court.

John Borgman vs. T&P RR Co. suit for damages, continued by plaintiff.

T.J. Walls vs. T&P RR Co., suit for damages, continued by plaintiff.

Schnider & Davis vs. A.L. Miller, trial right of property, dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Cottonwood has lost several former residents and friends in the past week or so. We will miss Nelda, Betty, Dorothy, Faye and Gilbert. Our love and prayers go out to their families at this difficult time.

Nelda Woody Wilcoxon passed away on Wednesday, January 28, and was buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery last Saturday. She was the daughter of Frank and Emma (Bennett) Woody and the widow of Edwin Eugene Wilcoxon. She is survived by her children Thaila Robertson, Rhonda Crawford, and Marvin Wilcoxon; her sisters Dorothy Woody and Minnie Woody; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Betty Mitchell Lewis passed away on Sunday, February 1. Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. At the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, with burial following in the Cottonwood Cemetery. We all knew Betty from the Tax Office. She was, at one time, the pianist at the First Baptist Church and the First Methodist Church and really did a beautiful job playing the piano.

Dorothy Thompson Ramey of San Antonio passed away. Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Cottonwood Cemetery. Dorothy was a member of the Cottonwood Historical Association; her late husband Grady served as president of the organization at one time. Dorothy attended school in Cottonwood and was on the basketball team in the late 1930s. Evelyn (Faye) Purvis Meehan passed away. Graveside services are Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Old Cottonwood Cemetery in the

Purvis family plot. Faye was also a 1930s Cottonwood basketball star. She was a sister to John, Richard, Golden, Hugh, Gene and Bobbie Jo Purvis, and was well-known in the Cottonwood area.

My son-in-law, Gilbert Ibarra, passed away on Friday, January 30. His services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains, with burial following in the Cottonwood Cemetery. He'll be buried one space down from my husband, Wayne. Following the burial, a brisket lunch will be served at the church. Joe Terstegge is cooking Gilbert's favorites for the dinner: brisket, ribs and sausage. Everyone is invited to the lunch. We will miss Gilbert's smile, his sense of humor and his ability to make everyone laugh.

We had warm sunny, spring-like weather and now it's turning cold. The Cottonwood area received about 2 inches of rain and the temperatures dropped down into the 20s. The sunset was beautiful Monday evening—a coral orange flame color over the mountains that lit up the entire sky. Did you happen to see it?

Family visiting in the home of Dena Nickerson for Super Bowl Sunday were: Glynn Nickerson and Olga of Boerne; Connie Potter, Portious and Kara Potter and family, Rickie Jo and Gerald Brown and family, all of Cross Plains; Bill and Annette Nickerson of Cottonwood; Kevin and Jessica Nickerson and family of Cross Plains, and Jennifer Nickerson and children of Cross Plains

Narcotics & Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are under way every Wednesday & Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. located at 108 N. Main in Cross Plains, Tx. in the

Senior Citizen Center building phone number is 254-270-0162.

"We are a people in the grip of a continuing and progressive illness who's ends are always the same: jails, institutions and death. We are addicts that understand and are willing to go the lengths to help you. There is no charge for the meetings as we are a non profit organization. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

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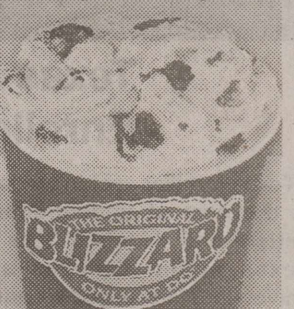
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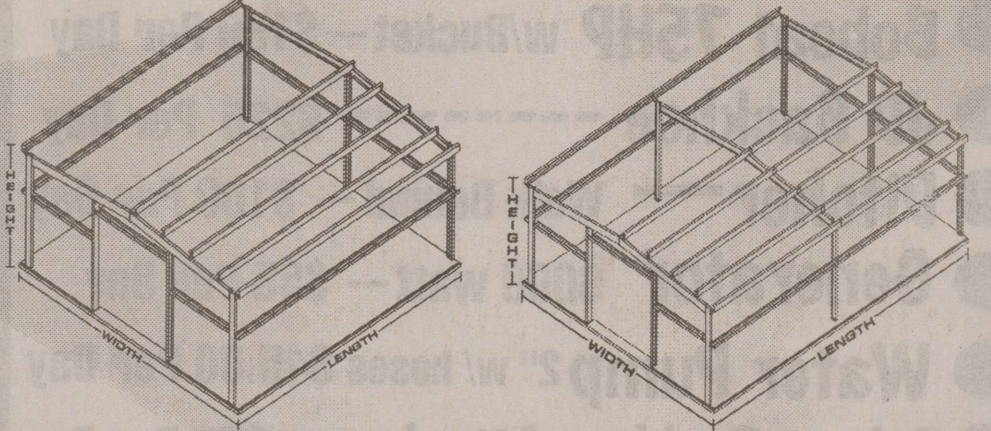
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Words can never express our thanks for the outpouring of love for our family during the loss of our mom, Betty Beggs. We appreciate and will treasure each act of kindness.

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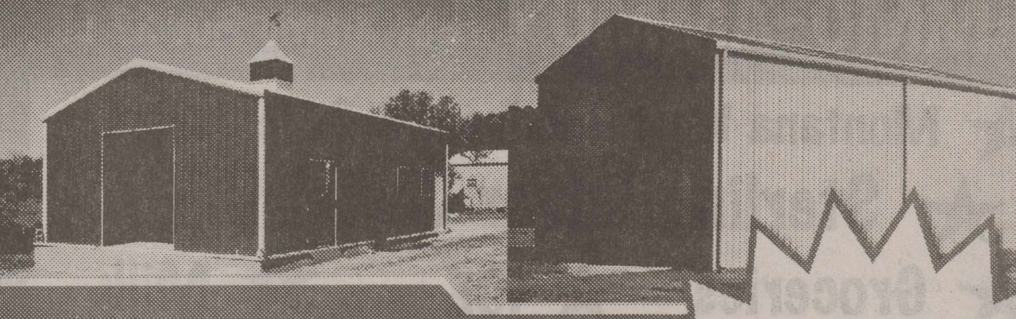
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Phil & Carolyn Williams and Rob & Nicki Harle met with State Representative Jim Keffer in his Capitol office.

Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conference in Austin

Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau was represented at the Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conference last week in Austin by Board President Phil Williams, Vice President Sam Snyder and board member Rob Harle. The conference provided information and status on legislative issues such as taxes, water, eminent domain, endangered species, transportation and land use regulation. Conference

speakers also gave insights on the outlook for livestock, row crops and weather. Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar and numerous State Representatives and State Senators spoke at the Conference. Retiring Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke and wife, Binnie, were honored at an appreciation Dinner for their twelve years of service. Attendees spent the final day

of the conference at the Capitol being recognized in the Texas House Chamber and visiting Representatives and Senators to deliver Farm Bureau position on issues. Representative Jim Keffer's HD 60 includes Callahan and Shackelford Counties, Senator Troy Fraser's SD 24 includes Callahan County and Senator Charles Perry's SD 28 includes Shackelford County.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jose A. Salcedo, Jr., motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Terry K. Walker, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Richard Glenn Thomas and Rose Gloria Judkins, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Danny Joe Sherman and Lara Lynn Sherman, divorce.
Jackie Devin Joy and Kayla Nicole Joy, divorce.
Cynthia Rae Collins and David Samuel Collins, divorce.
Bruce Glasgow Greaver and Kathy Ann Greaver, divorce.
Daniel Brady Martin and Ashley Leanna Martin, divorce.

Civil Minutes

The State of Texas vs. 1994 Ford pickup, default judgment granted.

Criminal Indictments

Tommy Foster, possession of

a controlled substance.

Thomas G. Bowden, possession of a controlled substance.

Stephen A. Mendez, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Jacob A. Goad, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$294 court costs.

Kelby G. Cauthen, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$399 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Ernest L. Chance, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 7 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$459 court costs.

Jose A. Salcedo, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Timothy A. Houlihan, plea of guilty to debit card abuse, 6 months in jail, \$329 court costs.

Rebecca B. Connally, plea of guilty to DWI, 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$459 court costs.

Robert E. Lee, plea of guilty to injury to a child, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$344 court costs.

Preston F. Posuk, plea of guilty to sexual assault, 6 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$344 court costs.

Scranton Musical

The musical is Saturday, February 7th at the community center. The kitchen starts serving at 5:00.

Buddy and Ruby Johnson are the hosts and will be serving soup and cornbread. The special is \$5.00 and includes your choice of drink. Sandwiches and homemade pies will also be available. Music begins at 5:30 and Buddy, emcee, will once again have a full line up of musicians for your enjoyment.

Saturday is predicted to be beautiful weather; we look forward to seeing you.

Linedance

classes offered in Abilene

Want to linedance? Come join the Texas Tornadoes Linedance Club as we kick off our spring beginner classes.

No experience needed! Classes start Tuesday, February 3rd and February 10th from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Wylie Early Childhood Center Cafeteria located at 6249 Buffalo Gap Road and the corner of Antilley in Abilene. February 10th will be the last night we will accept beginners. Classes are \$10 a month and will continue every Tuesday through April.

For more info, contact Poette Wadley at 325-370-4369.

Library Notes

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Wildland fire response courses offered at academy in Brownwood Feb. 11th-15th

BROWNWOOD, Texas — Emergency responders are invited to hone their wildland firefighting skills at the 14th annual Central Texas Wildfire Academy, February 11th-15th. The academy at Camp Bowie, in Brownwood, Texas, features wildland firefighting training for paid and volunteer departments, safety and fire operations courses in the wildland urban interface. Courses are customized to meet the needs of the fire departments in the region.

"The courses offered at this year's Central Texas Wildfire Academy are nationally recognized courses that will assist firefighters who are interested in learning wildfire operations to better protect and serve their communities," said Texas A&M Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface Specialist Matthew Lanier. "This academy is a great training opportunity for firefighters with diverse backgrounds and experiences to come together and grow their knowledge about wildfire op-

erations." The tuition cost to attend the academy is \$40 to \$100, depending on the course. Grant reimbursements are available to qualified volunteer fire departments through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, a grant program funded by the state and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. Grant applications and payment must be received prior to the start of the academy.

Dam Volunteer Fire Department will provide breakfast and lunch at an additional cost and water will be available each day at the station for participants.

For more information about meals and lodging or to register, go to the Texas Interagency Coordination Center website at <http://ticc.tamu.edu/Training/training.htm> or contact Charles Tice at 936-545-7184.

The Central Texas Wildfire Academy is sponsored by the Dam Volunteer Fire Department and Texas A&M Forest Service.

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Texas ends 2014 with another month of job growth, Unemployment rate falls to 4.6 percent in December, lowest since May 2008

AUSTIN — Texas employers added jobs in impressive fashion in 2014 with the increase of 457,900 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs over the year. December was the fifth straight month of record-breaking annual job growth for the Lone Star State. Over the month, the state gained 45,700 jobs, marking 51 straight months of employment growth.

In addition, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent in December down from 4.9 percent in November, and down from 6.0 percent a year ago. This was the lowest Texas unemployment rate since May 2008.

"Texas finished 2014 on a positive note adding 457,900 jobs over the year, its fifth straight month of record-setting annual job growth," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Every major industry added jobs over the year, benefiting from a strong business climate and a growing, competitive and high quality Texas workforce." Seven of 11 major industries saw an increase in jobs in Texas

in December. Those increases included 14,800 positions in Professional and Business Services, 6,800 jobs in Education and Health Services and 5,100. Construction jobs added.

"The state's steady job growth is great news for Texas workers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "We continue to work with our local Workforce Solutions partners to strive for an environment where there is a good-paying job for every Texan who wants one. Many great opportunities can be found on WorkInTexas.com. We encourage employers and job seekers to use this valuable resource."

Mining and Logging employment rebounded in December, adding 4,900 jobs after a loss of 2,400 positions in November. This was the second largest monthly gain for the year for the industry, which saw an 11.5 percent annual growth rate over the year with the addition of 33,900 positions. Job gains were also seen in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities industry with 5,900 positions

added in December.

"Texas' private-sector employers added 420,200 jobs over the year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "This growth continues to position our state as one of the best places in the world to live, work and do business."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest December unemployment rate in the state at 2.1 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 2.6 percent and the Amarillo, MSA ranked third at 2.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from Commissioner Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at: <http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2014/press-releases-2014.html#pressReleaseAudio>. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit www.tracer2.com.



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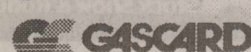
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Thanks to a Heart Transplant, a Texas COTA Family will celebrate a very special Valentine's Day this year!

February 2, 2015 — February is the month to celebrate love and hearts. For the Osterman family of Dallas, Texas, February truly is a month to celebrate hearts and selfless gifts from the heart. Three-year-old Ethan is alive, growing and able to celebrate Valentine's Day this year because of the heart donation he received just after his first birthday.

Ethan David Osterman was born on February 17, 2012 to his adoring parents, Lauren and Jake — and with a full team of specialists in the room at Children's Medical Center of Dallas. That is because even before Ethan made his appearance, both Lauren and Jake knew this little boy was going to face an uphill battle to survive. In utero, Ethan was diagnosed with a rare congenital heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). Also while in utero, Lauren and Jake named their yet unborn baby Ethan because the name means strong, safe and long-lived.

On February 25th at just eight days old, baby Ethan had his first open heart surgery. After this surgery, Ethan was kept on paralyzing medication and monitored while his chest remained open for approximately 48 hours. When he woke, he was given a breathing apparatus and a feeding tube via his tiny nose. For the next several weeks, Ethan had many complications and challenges to overcome, but he did so and his parents soon learned he was a strong, brave and resilient baby boy.

On March 29th, finally out of the hospital and in his own home, Ethan smiled for the first time at Lauren and Jake. It definitely was a sign that Ethan was well-named.

In June 2012, Ethan returned to the hospital for his second heart surgery. Once again, he amazed his medical team and was able to return home one week after the surgery. Ethan was beating the odds. His next hurdle was learning how to eat so his feeding tube could be removed. Ethan had not

eaten via mouth since he was born; therefore, he had lost the natural ability to do so. Due to a variety of factors including Ethan's need to learn to eat, Lauren decided not to return to work and to stay home full time to take care of Ethan.

Over the months that followed, Ethan continued to make developmental strides. He took a family vacation to Florida and he was able to celebrate, and enjoy, his first Halloween. As Lauren remembers, "Life was good!"

However in January 2013, Ethan's only working heart ventricle began to struggle. He was again admitted to Children's Medical Center and his team of specialists tried to figure out how to help his heart function more effectively. Additional tests and procedures were performed so his doctor could get a precise idea of what was happening to his heart. Ethan stayed strong, but there was one particular procedure that bothered him. Upon regaining consciousness from the procedure, Ethan was very distressed and suffered a cardiac arrest.

Undoubtedly, Ethan's heart was growing weaker and weaker. The Ostermans were told Ethan was in heart failure. A heart transplant was his only hope for survival and he was placed on the waiting list. Upon hearing this news, Lauren reached out to the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) for support and guidance.

COTA uniquely understands that parents who have a child or young adult facing a life-saving transplant have enough to deal with, so COTA's model shifts the responsibility for fundraising to a community team of volunteers. A COTA fundraising specialist arrived in Dallas in mid-March to meet with a large group of the Osterman's friends and work colleagues. Under the leadership of Community Coordinator Michelle Snedden, the COTA in honor of Ethan O team (#HeartForceEthan) exploded with fundraising events for transplant-related expenses, and awareness-raising opportunities regarding

the shortage of organ donors. While this team of dedicated volunteers started working to organize COTA fundraisers, Lauren and Jake were struggling knowing that Ethan's health was worsening. Then the unimaginable happened. Ethan contracted a serious virus, which forced his team of doctors to remove him from the transplant-eligible list.

Lauren and Jake remember, "While waiting for a heart, Ethan's health was so poor he was taken off the transplant list. We made our peace and said goodbye to him. Our family members and COTA volunteers began praying for him and Ethan improved enough to be re-listed. Within hours of being re-listed (after four months of waiting) we got the call."

On April 20, 2013, Ethan fought past the worst of the virus enough that his doctors decided to put him back on the transplant list, and eight hours later Ethan was in surgery receiving his new heart. Members of Team #HeartForceEthan were in the waiting room on April 21st when the doctor delivered the news: Ethan's transplant was a success. According to COTA Community Coordinator Michelle, "We're not sure if we've ever seen so many tears of joy in one room at one time! In the months that followed, this amazing team of COTA volunteers raised \$50,000 for COTA in honor of Ethan; and Lauren and Jake are extremely grateful for all of their efforts and their support."

When your child is in heart failure and awaiting a transplant, every aspect of life becomes infinitely more difficult. Finding COTA, and starting to work with this amazing organization, eliminated a huge stressor and gave us hope. COTA allowed us to focus on what mattered most "our son's health," said Lauren and Jake.

Within days of the COTA for Ethan O team reaching its goal, and Ethan's post-transplant return home, Lauren posted this message on Ethan's COTA website homepage:

"First of all, THANK YOU ALL so, so much for everything you've done in honor of Ethan. Every contribution, little encouraging comments, favor and prayer have meant the world to us and given us the strength and determination to tackle Ethan's issues. They have not only made our journey bearable, but made it so rich in friendship and in love. And it is impossible to deny that your many prayers were heard. They were the reason for the happy ending to this chapter in Ethan's life story, and they are proof that God works miracles."

The outpouring of support for us has moved us to our cores. It's unbelievably humbling to hear from people we have never met, from entire communities and from those we haven't heard from in years. WOW y'all! We knew you wanted to do something to help, but what you've done is unbelievable.

And this brings us to Ethan's unbelievable COTA team. They are extraordinary, selfless people with extraordinary talents. They have taught us so much about the meaning of true friendship and we long for a way to repay them for the countless hours spent on our behalves.

Ethan is doing wonderful these days. We think he might have said his first word today. It was a very profound and exciting word "shoe". We will be sure to keep you posted from time to time about other firsts. As we have said so many times before, we look forward to the day we can tell Ethan about the time when he needed and got a new heart, for which communities around the world rallied in support. Every parent wants their child to be special, and because of you all, we feel that Ethan is exactly that. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

This Valentine's Day, Ethan will be eating his favorite foods and doing his favorite things, which include playing with trains and running around outdoors. Lauren and Jake will likely be remembering their son's heart donor angel with love.

Farm & Ranch Wildlife Expo set in Abilene

The Texas Farm & Ranch Wildlife Expo will be held on Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 17th and February 18th at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

Admission to the Farm & Ranch Expo is free. Hours of the Expo are from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17th and from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18th.

Activities scheduled during the Expo include the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meet-

ing, the Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon, Town & Country Women's Fair, Wildlife & Ranch Management Seminars, Continuing Education Units (CEU's), and new this year—Craig Cameron Horse Clinics, and the Texas Farm Bureau Mobile Learning Trailer.

The Expo is a program of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce & Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Taylor County. The Expo is sponsored by Lawrence Hall of Abilene.

Town & Country Women's Fair is February 17th in Abilene

The Town & Country Women's Fair will be held Tuesday, February 17th in conjunction with the Texas Farm & Ranch Wildlife Expo at the Taylor County Expo Center Display Building.

The Women's Fair schedule follows:

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Registration
9:00-9:45 a.m. Gardening with Herbs, presented by the Big Country Master Gardeners
9:45-10:00 a.m. Break, door prizes, view vendor exhibits
10:00-10:45 a.m. Fresh Cooking; Herbs, Olive Oils and Vinegars presented by Jason Beard, Cordell's and Jason Adams, Vagabond Pizza
10:45-11:00 a.m. Sponsor Break

11:00-11:45 a.m. Long Tern Care Solutions presented by W.O. Elmore, Ladyman Law Office

11:45-1:00 p.m. Lunch, served by Taylor County Texas Extension Education Association, Accessory Show presented by Compass Trading
1:00-1:45 p.m. T-Shirt Quilting presented by Shirley Long, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, retired

1:45-2:00 p.m. Closing remarks, door prizes.

The Texas Farm & Ranch Wildlife Expo is a program presented by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Taylor County.

Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Tickets are now on sale

Tickets for the annual Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet can now be purchased by going online to bigcountryhalloffame.org. VIP Tables of 10 are \$750 and include the VIP reception with the inductees. Individual non-reserved seating tickets for the banquet only are \$50. The Banquet will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 4th, in the Conference Center at the Abilene Civic Center.

Being inducted this year are: James Blackwood, Colt McCoy,

Leanne Scott, Tom Stanton, and Phil Swenson. The posthumous inductee is Jim Taylor. The Legacy inductees are the Dr. Frank Payne Family of Breckenridge. The Legends to be recognized are Lew Jenkins and Fay Langford.

For more information about the inductees and the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame can be found at www.bigcountryhalloffame.org. Tickets can also be purchased by call 325-668-3685.

Seniors and Students

Would you like to spend a few minutes each week helping students become better readers?

Melissa Richards will be bringing her third graders to the Senior Center twice a day every Thursday. This will give these students a chance to im-

prove their skills by reading to an adult.

Join us each Thursday at 9:45-10:30 and/or 12:30-1:15 at the Senior Center. We are never too old to help someone or build a relationship.

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Donations Needed

The Clothes Closet, "Kingdom's Door" Needs Boy's and Girl's clothing all sizes (jackets, coats, socks) are appreciated. Call Edith at First Baptist Church 725-7629 for drop off information.

Weight Warriors Journey onward in 2015

Cross plains Weight Warriors is continuing their journey into the new year.

We are a group of like minded individuals who are going in the same direction with healthy eating, exercising, and learning new ways with food and recipes. We all are struggling every day to be the healthiest we can be.

Everyone is welcome to come join our fun and energetic meetings. There is no charge and no membership requirements except to donate to our local food pantry. Our food pantry is always in need of non perishable items.

We have a celebration bracelet that is passed every week to the one who has lost the most that week. We also do a door prize drawing weekly and if you stay for the meeting you have the opportunity to win a bag of goodies donated by the previous week winner!

Come — bring a friend and find out how group support might just be the little boost you need to succeed in the weight loss department. Scales are provided if you choose to weigh in.

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Driver's License Office in Baird is open again

The Driver's License Office in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN again. The Baird office will be open on the first, third and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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Grand Ole Oplin February Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. Starting the month off on Feb. 6th MUDDY CREEK will be here playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes, on Feb. 13th MIDNIGHT BLUE will be joining us playing all your country favorites, on Feb. 20th MIDNIGHT BLUE will return to play some more of your country favorites, and on Feb. 27th MUDDY CREEK will be back to entertain us all. The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted

by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 694 S. and F.M. 2926. Our dance begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our community center functions. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin!



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Project Pride launches membership drive

It's time once again to re-join memberships in Project Pride or to join for the first time and discover the scope of the organization, both locally and beyond the city limits. The group makes a real impact on the community, collaborating with the library, sorority, garden club, school, cancer walk and Higginbothams on many projects. And there's a place for everybody, whether you can attend monthly meetings to share your input, be actively involved in activities or to just support the cause.

Project Pride is proud to be the premiere good will ambassador for the major tourist attraction in Cross Plains. The membership roll routinely lists folks from numerous states and a couple of foreign countries in addition to many cities in Texas. Visitors to

the Robert E. Howard Museum throughout the year represent a fascinating collection of professions, interests and addresses. Attendance at the annual Robert E. Howard Days in June draws an even bigger gathering of visitors from even farther away.

And all these people take dead aim on Cross Plains. And Project Pride members get to be involved with all of them!

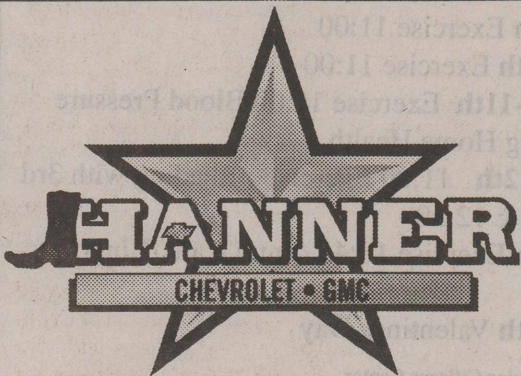
This group was organized in the mid-80's for the purpose of making the community a cleaner, more attractive place to live and to preserve and document the history of the Cross Plains area. A strong membership base has always been essential for maintaining the non-profit status of the organization as well as for the

maintenance and operation of the Museum.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church and usually last about an hour. Plenty of space and plenty of parking, so come on out and join the fun.

Annual dues are only \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. A new category this year encourages business and/or organizations to join for \$10.00. Such groups will receive special recognition for their support. Checks payable to Project Pride may be mailed to PO Box 534 or you may pay via PayPal at Projpride@yahoo.com

For more information, please contact Arlene Stephenson, 725-4993 or Era Lee Hanke, 725-6562.




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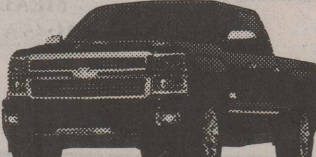
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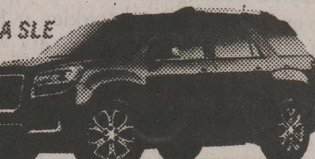
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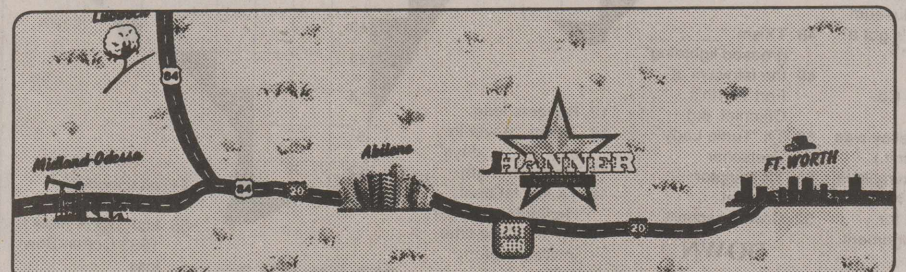


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J.W. & L.D. Honored on their birthday

Friday January 23, 2015 was a fun day at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center. Two of our own were honored with a birthday party. J.W. Fore 95 years young and L.D. Holcombe 89 years young. Both being Veterans who served our country in WWII. The Cross Plains American Legion was in attendance. to Post the Colors, Bobby J. McCowen played the National Anthem on his harmonica. The two honorees were served lunch, cake and ice cream in honor of their "day". Both were presented cards of "celebration" and "thanks" in honor of their birthdays and their service to our nation and us. About 35 people were in attendance. If you see J.W., L.D. or other veterans remember to say **Thanks** for as we all know - Freedom is not free!

John William Fore (J.W.) was born on January 23, 1920 to John Franklin and Eula (Ellis) Fore in Pioneer, Texas. He attended all his school years there and graduated in 1937. As a boy J.W. played football, basketball and ran track. J.W. confides that he was better at basketball and track, as he never was a heavyweight. J.W. and several other students helped build the Pioneer Community Center which now houses the Pioneer Quilting Club. This building project was to teach students building skills and good work ethics. Shortly after graduation, J.W. joined the U.S. Army. He went to Camp Campbell in Kentucky for training and then from there to maneuvers at Camp Barkley in Abilene, Texas. He was shipped out of Camp Shanks in New York on a troop ship called the "Tasker H. Bliss" and landed in England. They stayed there two weeks and crossed the English Channel into France. Then they started the campaign. The troops fought from England into

France, across Germany and into Austria, to the Bavarian Alps were J.W. and his division were when the war ended in 1946.

J.W.'s division liberated several German concentration camps and witnesses the atrocities against the Jews, and captured American soldiers. The 12th Armored Division was assigned under General Patton's Command. They were known as the Mystery Division.

Upon returning home in 1946, J.W. went to work for the gasoline refinery plant Rudco Oil and Gas in Pioneer. Long time friend Roy Stambaugh worked there also after his service in the army. After working for Rudco for 20 years, he operated the mobil gas station on the corner of highway 36 in Cross Plains for 20 years.

Lifetime Pioneer friend Bob Dean and J.W. rode Harley Davidson motorcycles to the Gulf of Mexico and stopped and stopped with their front ties in the ocean. On another adventure J.W., Bob, Tommie Burl Conlee and Dean Tyler rode their motorcycles into New Mexico and toured the Carlsbad Caverns.

J.W. was the best man at Bob and Nelda (Purvis) Dean's wedding and Johnnie Mae Meador was maid of honor. That was the starting point of there dating and they married April 13, 1951. J.W. is in Good health. He still walks with no and visits Johnnie Mae who resides in a nursing facility. He has lived a long fruitful life of service to our country. He quoted to me "It's been a long path".

L.D. Holcombe
Enlisted / Age 17 / Single / Army / 102 Ozark Division / 3rd Army / Technician / Basic Camp Livingston / France / Belgium / Germany
L.D. Holcombe remembers:
I don't mind telling you, first in my mind was to serve in the U.S.

Service. I had to go. I left home at 15 and joined the Army at age 17. I was a private when I went overseas and got a 10% raise -PFC- known as a "Doggie" in World War II. We carried a full field pack that weighed about 150lbs. Carried a 9 lb., 30-caliber rifle, M-17 clips (7 bullets per clip). The 102 Ozark Division made two trips across. First with General Richardson, we zig-zagged so we wouldn't be hit and it took 14 days to reach France. I saw the white cliffs of Dover. We up through Belgium on a railroad car called the 40 + 8's. The whole platoon was packed in the railroad car. and so crowded that we had to stand, holding our rifles up to the ceiling. We could not move, just stand, going 5 miles an hour through Belgium up to France. Replacements were up there in sight of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.

We stayed in one-man pup tents. British were on other side and we got to look across at one another. Saw Andy Murphy who was known as the best dressed soldier of World War II. Saw Dwight David Eisenhower who was General of the European Theater. Two other divisions, the 10th and the 12th were close to Berlin. General Dwight David Eisenhower was with them. The 3rd Armored division- General Patton- went out to all the fields outside of Berlin and took the tanks. The tanks protected the rifleman. Patton was a 3 star General and he took all our tanks except four. Patton was the tallest man in the Platoon., 6 feet. Very few leaders were that tall in a squad of men. Patton was called "blood and guts" our blood and his guts. He wanted to die on the battle field. I was him in frankfurt Germany. where I was a guard. When he walked in, he was the biggest man I had ever seen. We crossed three rivers, the Rhine,

Ruer, and Elbb. Most of the time I was on foot or on or driving a truck. When we finished up, we met Russians on the Elbb River going up to Germany. They were carrying Audie Murphy out to the Hospital in France because he was hit twice. We were going in when he was going back to the States. Only time I got to see Audie, the most decorated soldier in World War II.

The 102 Ozark Division the division I was in went in to horrors in France to the front lines- Battle of the Bulge. Other divisions of the U.S. went all the way. Rhine river bottom, pine woods we went though all that in Germany then Czechoslovakia. That reminds me can you spell Czechoslovakia? I followed my brother to school when I was 4 years old and he had this speller and called me a dummy, but he said you are not stupid and taught me to spell Czechoslovakia.

L.D. Holcombe remembers we had four men in a foxhole. it was a tight fit, but you had your back protected. We captured a German tank and tied it to a 2-1/2 ton Dodge truck and pulled it into headquarters. I have a photo of it he recalls.

It was terrible what the Germans did to the Jews. They burned all there books churches, (left one Catholic church in Germany). Went to Flossman up in the Mountains and got Jews released there. They had been captured and held in Concentration camps. We walked in snow up to our neck. The guards (a part of the super human race) were about 6'4" to 5' and weighed 240-250 lbs.

I took a P-38 (looks like a German Luger) off a German and another one off another soldier. I could hit good with a P- 38, but not with a Luger. I love a pistol.

Medals received: T-5 guard medal/ Ozark Division each for 6 month (5) 2 1/2 years total. Good conduct medals, France Germany, and Belgium 3 battles: Battle of the Bulge/ River Bottom Battle/ 3 beaches. Most of my men in my out fit didn't make it back. I was one of the oldest there. in Normandy where 19 and 20 year olds were slaughtered.

Three honorable discharges: Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944 with reenlistment 90 days. So came back to the States before going back to Germany/Technician Fifth grade, Company C, 405 infantry, Wieden Germany Feb. 1946 with reenlistment furlough /Technician fifth grade regular Army, September 8, 1947/ Statewide, September 9, 1947.

Hospitalizations: Broke leg/ France Frozen Feet and legs/ consumption.

Came to Atwell Community in 1976. Lived in Callahan County on Route 4 just after the schools consolidated. My wife, Dorothy Juanice Halcombe died in 1996 and is buried in the a Atwell Cemetery. Currently Live in Cross Plains.

Annual TET Reunion at Taylor Co. Fairgrounds in Abilene on Feb. 7th

The 28th annual "TET" Reunion, honoring all veterans, will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds Display Building in Abilene, Texas.

Doors will open at 12:00 noon and opening ceremonies will begin approximately 1:00 p.m.

In addition to numerous vendors and representatives from local veterans' organizations, they will always have their unique version of the "Bob Hope USO Tour" along with a meal prepared by the members and volunteers.

What started as a small group

of Vietnam veterans gathering to reminisce and tell stories has grown to become the largest TET reunion in the United States. They encourage and welcome veterans of all ages (not just Vietnam era) and have had attendees from as far away as Alaska.

If you are able to attend, remember to use the west gate of the fairgrounds (across from the Shotwell Stadium) as the other gates will not provide access to the building.

For more information call 325-690-0750, 325-672-4003, or 325-676-2291.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Feb 9th - Feb. 14th

Monday-9th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-10th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-11th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check/Girling Home Health

Thursday -12th 11:00 Exercise - Reading with 3rd graders 9:45 & 12:30

Friday -13th Exercise 10:45 / Intra Care /Bingo 11:15

Saturday 14th Valentines Day

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Feb. 9th - Feb. 13th

Monday 9th - Hamburger Steak w/ gravy, Potatoes, English Peas, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 10th - Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 11th - King Ranch Casserole, Mexican Corn Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

Thursday 12th- Chili Dogs, (onion, cheese, relish) Fruit cup, cookie

Friday 13th - Mexican Chicken Casserole, Honey, Lettuce, Tomato Salad, Chips, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center



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ACROSS

1 Hereford is "town without a tooth"

5 this Astaire danced with TX Ginger

6 TX actors goal

7 TXism: "___ to" (intend)

8 Texan who wrote "This Ole House"

18 Darby of "True Grit"

19 TXism: "gets up with the chickens" (2 wds)

21 old Oilers slogan: "Luv ___ Blue"

22 transactions at a TX horse track

23 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in a ___ of wits" (dumb)

24 ___ the Republic Museum

29 TXism: "he's got a short ___ (temper)

30 in Grayson Co. on hwy. 5

31 this TX Shelley was Olive Oyl (init.)

32 Martina Navratilova & TX Judy Nelson's agreement for living arrangement ex-Ranger

34 "Amazing Emu" pitcher Jim

35 Curly & Larry's pal

36 TXism: "she could charm ___ of a tree"

37 Young of Houston-made "Witness to the Execution" (94)

38 TXism: "tee ninety"

39 New Guinea ___ turtle has been bred at TX zoos

41 Mineola has "Great Pumpkin ___ Out"

42 skinny Gulf fish

43 TXism: "skinny as ___"

44 collects the leaves

45 dir: to Waco from Austin

46 ___Busch has a brewery in Houston

48 TXism: "___ greased lightning"

49 the fairways at Fort Worth's Colonial, e.g.

50 TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher

51 TX sculptor Elisabet

52 Cowboy scores

DOWN

1 TXism: "movin' to (dance fast)"

2 "Dream Team" beat this country for '92 gold medal

3 TX-produced gas

4 swelling malady

9 Lubbock's former Air Force Base

10 this TX Sharon was Manson victim

11 there's 40 of 'em in a work week (abbr.)

12 Rangers leag.

13 TXism: "never in all ___ days"

14 manly strength

15 TX low fat beef: Heritage ___ Beef

16 TX Ted Cruz time in Washington (abbr.)

17 book about 32-across: "Love Match: Navratilova"

20 TXism for liquor

22 TXism: "a fly in the ___ milk" (problem)

24 TX Rangers used this Colt's pistol (init.)

25 TXism: "worn ___ frazzle"

26 founder of TX Belo corp. (init.)

27 TXism: "___ a little cane" (celebrate)

28 TCU's Davey who won Heisman in 1938

29 TX has unique flora and ___

30 TXism: "cash on the barrel"

33 TXism: "___ the mark"

34 punished by pirates

35 Irish QB in A&M's 1993 Cotton Bowl loss

37 TXism for "miser"

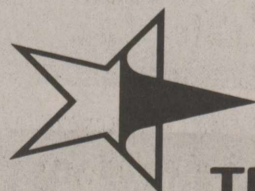
38 TXism: "that ___ the cake!"

40 Chester, TX named for this 21st US president (init.)

41 "house" south of the border

44 TX Didrickson's nickname came from this "Babe" written exams at TX universities

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One Hour Can Save Lives



Do you have an hour a week you could volunteer to help others? The Cross Plains Senior Center delivers meals to homebound Monday-Friday and are needing volunteers and substitute volunteers. If you would like to deliver or willing to be a substitute if needed, please call the Center. 725-6521

Callahan County Historical Commission News

On January 29, 2015 the Callahan County Historical Commission met at the Baird, Texas Courthouse for the first meeting of the new year. New Officers for the commission were presented: Felix Manion, Chairman Judy Luter, Vice-Chairman, Beverly Ross, Secretary and Elnora Scott, Reporter.

A long time, faithful member of the Historical Commission, Jamie Lee Turner, was moved to Emeritus Status. A certificate will be awarded to her for her long service and support in helping to preserve the history of our country.

One of the main projects of the commission is to erect County Markers for several suggested sites in the county. In November, 2014 the Historical Commission placed a County Marker at the site of the Callahan County Airport north of Baird on Hwy 283. The erection of the marker for the

Higginbotham Bros. Store in Cross Plains is planned for this month. Bob Robinson, who designed and constructed the markers, gave a report on a few changes that needed to be made to the markers.

Plans for the Historical Commission fund-raiser were discussed. On Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains, noted author the renown historian, Donald S. Frazier, will present the program, "The Comanche Empire". Information concerning reservations for the meal and program will be placed in the three Callahan County Newspapers at a later date.

Attending the meeting were members, Feliz Manion, Judy Luter, Bob and Cookie Robinson, Dana Voights, Lee Abernathy, Paula Windham, and Elnora Scott

Article submitted by Elnora Pursell Scott.

Health Tidbit: Heart Attack

Since heart attacks are more common in the winter, I thought I would share a few things about them. They are more common in cold weather because cold is a vasoconstrictor, which increases blood pressure and puts more strain on the heart.

A heart attack happens when the blood flow that brings oxygen to the heart muscle is severely reduced or cut off completely. The loss of oxygen causes damage or death to that part of the heart. Arteries leading to the heart become blocked off by plaque buildup.

Warning signs of a heart attack:

- Chest discomfort that lasts more than a few minutes or goes and comes back. This discomfort can be pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.

- Discomfort in other parts of the upper body. In one or both arms, neck, jaw, back, or stomach.

- Shortness of breath.

- May break out in a cold sweat, nausea, or lightheadedness.

Preventing a heart attack:

- Maintain a healthy diet-vegetables, fruits, whole grain and high fiber foods, fish, lean

protein, and fat free or low fat dairy.

- Stopping smoking will greatly reduce the risk of a heart attack.

- Reduce cholesterol. If diet and exercise aren't enough, you may need a cholesterol lowering medicine.

- Lower your high blood pressure by lowering salt intake, be active, and take your medicine.

- Be active. A moderate amount of activity is better than none. The best amount is 30 minutes of exercise at least 5 times a week.

- Manage your diabetes. Diabetics are 2-4 times more likely to have a heart attack.

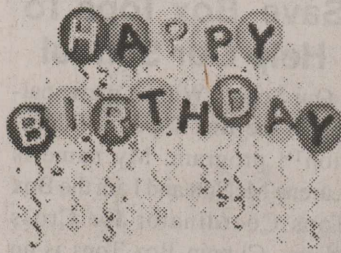
- Limit alcohol. Alcohol raises blood pressure and can produce irregular heartbeats. 1-2 drinks a day is considered moderate for men and 1 drink a day is moderate for women.

For more information on heart attacks, visit The American Heart Association.

Minutes matter!

If you think you are having a heart attack, call 911.

Buffy Tounget, RN
Callahan County
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February 10

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Joshua Christensen

February 13

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Jan Taylor
Pam Phillips

February 14

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Joseph DeWayne Turner
Dan Notgrass
Alberto Jimenez
Jim McCoy
Paige Marie Wilson
Steven Reynolds

A Big Thanks from Jean Alexander

What a "happy" day! Being 90 years old and even the rain couldn't dampen it.

To all of you who attended the celebration, (those who sent cards, flowers, and made phone calls) made it a very, very special day. A day that will be remembered the rest of my life. I am so blessed to know all of you.

Words can't express what this celebration has meant to me. A great big "thanks" and a great big "hug" to all of you.

Thanks for the use of the Senior Citizen Center. Thank you Tim for the beautiful decorations. Thanks, Linda and Wilma, for the family picture display and video.

My family--I appreciate you so much for making my 90th Birthday Celebration so special.



Texas Launches Toll-Free Number to Help Older Texans and People with Disabilities

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is launching a toll-free number to help qualifying Texans connect with long-term care services.

The telephone number is 1-855-937-2372. It has been set up to help older adults (60 and up) who currently receive Medicaid and/or Medicare, people of all ages with disabilities, and caregivers.

The growing population of aging Texans, in addition to the approximately four in 10 Texans who have some type of disability, has created demand for the new number. According to the 2010 census, Texas has the third largest aging population (65 and older) in the United States. More than 3 million Texans are over the age of 65, and that number is expected to more

than double to 7.5 million by 2040.

The new number streamlines the process for those seeking information about long-term care services, which include personal care, nursing care, help around the house, and help for caregivers.

"Texans who take advantage of the new number will speak with a trained professional who can help identify their needs and put them in touch with service providers in their area," said Jon Weizenbaum, DADS commissioner. "We think this approach will help Texans receive the services they are eligible for much more efficiently."

When Texans call the number, they will be routed to a representative at the nearest Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) based on the ZIP code

they enter. ADRCs provide information and help connect individuals to state and federal benefits. They are linked to hundreds of service providers statewide and can help Texans enroll for services if requested. ADRC representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and this service is free.

Additionally, the new number will help existing Medicare/Medicaid recipients ensure they are receiving all the long-term care services they are eligible for.

Unlike the Texas 2-1-1 number, which provides broad referral services for all Texans seeking assistance, this new toll-free number is dedicated to older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers who need long-term care services.



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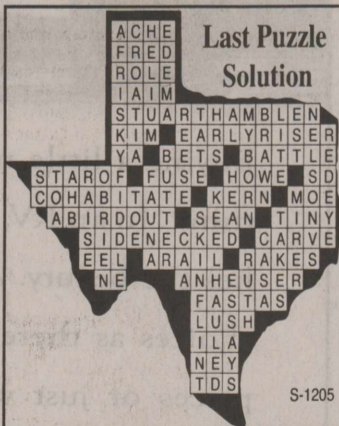
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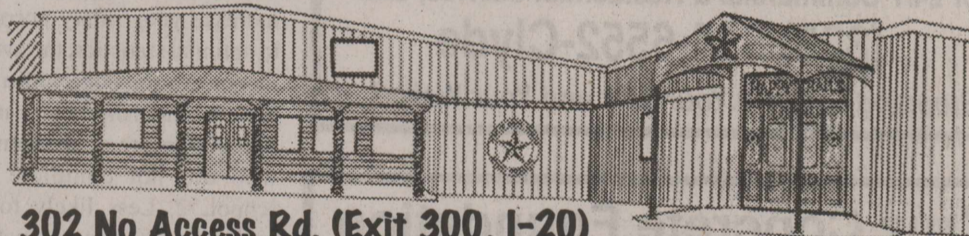
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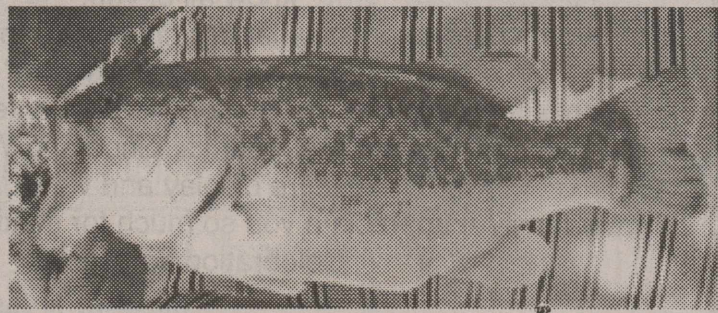
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Largemouth Bass

Fishing is a huge industry, not only here in Texas, but nationwide. Some people are interested in sport-fishing, while others may just be casual participants engaged in a hobby. Go to any retail store that sells fishing equipment, and one will note the vast array of tackle available. And of course, each individual has his or her own personal favorites that are just as varied as the fishermen themselves. But there is one thing that the average fisherman and the resolute fisherman will agree upon, and that is the thrill of "hooking" the largest member of the bass family, the Largemouth Bass.

The Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) is one of four species of the genus that inhabit the state of Texas, and is by far the one with the largest distribution. It is a moderate to large sized species of freshwater fish that occurs in just about every lake, pond, creek, and river in the great state of Texas. Outside of the state, it can be found in nearly every state; it is so common in the southeast that it is actually the state freshwater fish of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee. It has been introduced in many areas of the western United States and Canada, as well as regions on the opposite side of the planet. This practice is becoming increasingly frowned upon however, due to the negative impacts that these introductions have on the native fish.

This commonly seen member of the black bass and sunfish family can be mellifluously attractive in coloration. Most specimens are 2-toned; in the upper area, known as the dorsal region, it is olive to dark green with numerous murky blotches while in the lower area, known as the lateral region, tends to be lighter. These two areas are usually separated by a black stripe that may or may not be complete. However, in some adult specimens, there is no stripe and the entire side may be completely uniform olive to olive green. As the common name implies, the



Largemouth Bass
(*Micropterus salmoides*)

most distinguishing morphological characteristic that it possesses is the large mouth (the mouth actually extends behind the edge of the eyes).

Built like other members of this genus, the Largemouth Bass is substantially larger than its closest relatives. Adults may reach up to thirty-eight inches in total length, although most average just over a foot or so. The world record specimen was just over twenty-two pounds! Juveniles have a more streamlined outline, and begin their aquatic life as small as one-eighth of one inch in length.

Largemouth Bass are extremely opportunistic carnivores, feeding on a variety of small invertebrate as well as vertebrate prey items. Smaller specimens obviously prefer to feed on smaller items such as microscopic organisms like water fleas while the adults will not hesitate to feed on much larger prey such as smaller fish, frogs, aquatic snakes, and turtles. Some adults have been brazen enough to have known to feed

upon waterfowl, small mammals, and even baby alligators. Needless to say, the adult Largemouth Bass is typically the apex predator of the freshwater habitat in which it occurs. It is a swift hunter and relies on a suction style of acquiring its food. It will suck up a large amount of water rapidly into its mouth, and in doing so, its prey will too be pulled in. The access water goes harmlessly through the gills, while the prey item will be swallowed and digested.

As stated earlier, this species of fish is acutely sought after by both professional and amateur fisherman alike, primarily due to its propensity of leaping vigorously out of the water once hooked in an attempt to become disengaged. Over recent years, the notion of "catch-and-release" has become quite popular, and this species appears to thrive even after such an encounter.

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

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I hope you're excited for everything we can do this year with Box Tops! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at lmcnutt@cplains.esc14.net or 254-725-6122, ext. 223. I'm here to make our school's Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year. Thanks for your help!

Cross Plains Senior Center...the Heart of the Community

The main function of the Cross Plains Senior Center is to serve the needs of our seniors. While it is the hub for our seniors to dine, socialize, play a game of pool or watch their favorite game show; this center also accommodates and supports our schools, non profit organizations, reunions and anyone who needs a place to host an activity.

Dannes, Vivian, Carie, Sissy and Gene provide an average of 80 luncheon meals each weekday which includes the delivery of meals to the home's of those in need. They ensure everyone is made to feel welcome and have astute knowledge of individuals dietary needs and restrictions. During the summer months Vivian and Carie increase the output of the

kitchen by providing hot meals for the Jeremiah 29 project children.

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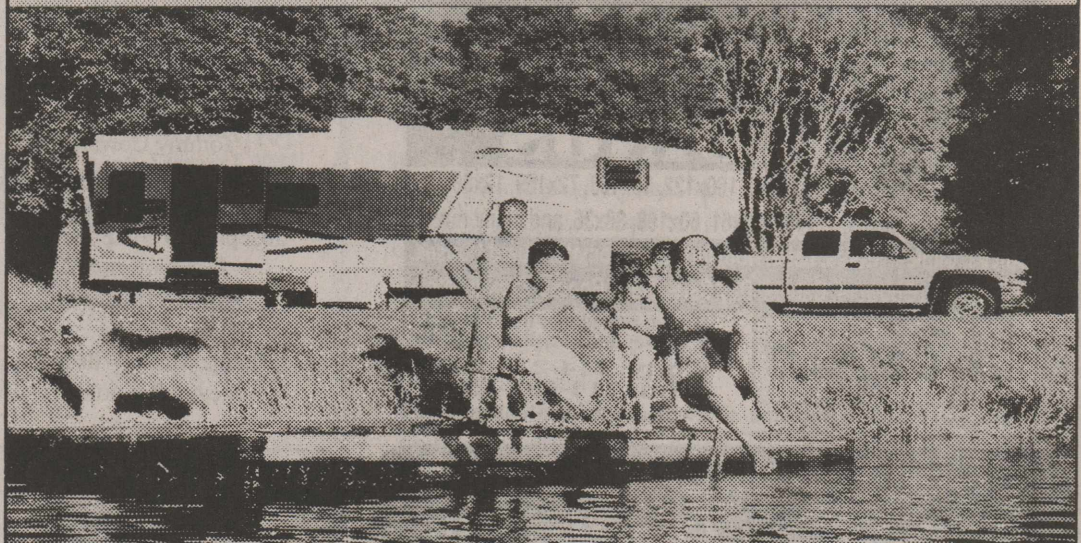
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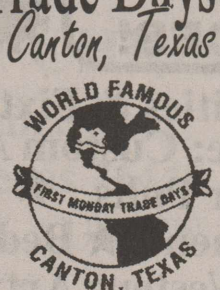
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