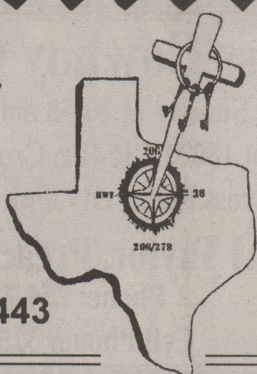


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Motorcycle Stuntman Bryan Jackson will perform at Thursday's Barbarian Festival Parade and will do a stunt show at the Barbarian Festival on Saturday Afternoon

Fish Fry and Parade Thursday, June 7th

The Barbarian Festival Parade will be held on Thursday, June 7th. Motorcycle stunt man Bryan Jackson will be here for the parade and will do a some motorcycle stunts. He will do a stunt show at the Barbarian Festival on Saturday.

Parade starts at 6 p.m. Line up is at 5:30 at the Methodist Church. To get more information on the parade, call Terrie Parum at 325-642-9978. The Senior Center will host a Fish Fry that evening, from 5 until 7 p.m. Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters will be cooking the fish. Sponsored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, the Fish Fry is a major fundraiser for the Senior Center. Dinner runs from 5 until 7 p.m.

KOXE 101.3 to Broadcast Live at Barbarian Festival on Saturday

Rising Star Nursing and Rehab will again sponsor the live radio broadcast by KOXE FM 101.3 of Brownwood at the 20 TH Annual Barbarian Festival this year. Last year's broadcast was such a hit it was brought in for a consecutive year.

Local business sponsors wanting to be interviewed for some free air time need to be at the Festival from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information go to barbarianfestival.net or call Greg at 254-643-6700.

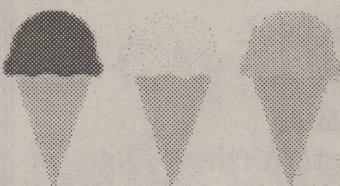
Robert E. Howard Days This Friday and Saturday, June 8th and 9th

The agenda for the annual Robert E. Howard Days to be held June 8 - 9 here in Cross Plains: Friday, 11:00 at the First United Methodist Church will find five of the regular attendees at Howard Days sharing their journeys from "Fan to Pro." Following at 1:30 will be another group of folks discussing the "Clubs of REH." A quick search on the Internet will find a bunch of these that focus on various aspects of the Howard Movement. At 2:30, the program kicks up a few notches as a number of scholars present their essays, dissertations, etc. at the "Third Annual Glenn Lord Symposium." Following these heady presentations will be the 2018 Robert E. Howard Foundation Awards for noticeable contributions to the advancement of Howard

studies via everything from the old fashioned written word through all kinds of digital media, blogs, podcasts, websites and documentaries. After a free morning Saturday for the Howard folks to enjoy the Barbarian Festival, the seriousness gets underway again with the 11:00 panel celebrating 90 years of the Solomon Kane character created by Howard. At 1:30 the group will look at the gaming industry that has naturally developed around Howard's characters. Several of the attendees have served as content resources for these role playing and board games to keep the story lines true to Howard's original versions. The final 2:30 panel will take a look at some of the latest developments and future plans for the whole Robert E. Howard movement. Afterwards, Rusty Burke, Cross Plains historian

Vacation Bible School at Church of Christ June 11th-13th

"Paul's Amazing Journeys" will be the theme for Vacation Bible School at the Cross Plains Church of Christ, Monday through Wednesday, June 11th-13th. Bible School runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be classes for 3 year olds through the 6th grade. Call 254-725-6117 for more information.



Homemade Ice Cream on Friday, June 8th in front of Tim's Floral

The Cross Plains Travel Baseball Team will be selling homemade ice cream this Friday, June 8th starting at 11 a.m. in front of Tim's Floral. Come by and get a couple of cones and help out this local baseball team.

County Burn Ban has Been Lifted

Thanks to the widespread rainfall throughout Callahan County Monday, June 4th, County Judge Roger Corn announced the Countywide Burn Ban has been lifted effective immediately. The Countywide Burn Ban will remain lifted until Callahan County Judge Corn reinstates the Burn Ban.

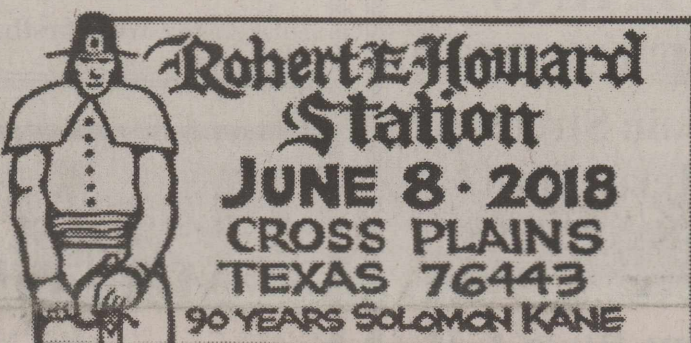
from Washington D.C. will lead a leisurely tour of the former Howard property that is now the location of the Museum. Then comes the grand finale to the awesome event as a group gathers on the front porch of the Museum about sunset to share one of Howard's best known poems in all of the languages represented by the visitors. Looks like there will be verses read in English, French, German, Japanese, Italian, Spanish and Irish this year. All of these panels, etc. are free and open to the public. The only charge for the whole weekend is the 6:30 Friday night dinner at the Baptist Church where \$15.00 will get you a chicken fried steak dinner from The Staghorn. More information is available by calling Arlene at 725-4993 or Era Lee at 725-6562.

Barbarian Festival This Saturday, June 9th Under the Shade at Treadway Park

The Barbarian Festival is this Saturday, June 9th! This year, our 20th Anniversary, you'll see some new things at the festival, as well as some of your old favorites! The festival turns back to the old days, with a Country Fair. Bring your entries with you to the fair in these categories: Needlework/Crossstitch/Embroidery, Sewing/Aprons/Purses/Pillows, Woodworking, Recycled/Repurposed, Yard Art, Photography, Canned Food (Salsa, Jams/Jellies, Pickles), Homegrown Vegetables, Baking/Bread/Cookies, and Crochet and Knitting. Get more information from Terrie at Junkin Daze or call her at 325-642-9978. New this year is a Motorcycle Show, along with the Blessing of the Bikes, by the Christian Motorcycle Association. Motorcycle Stuntman Bryan

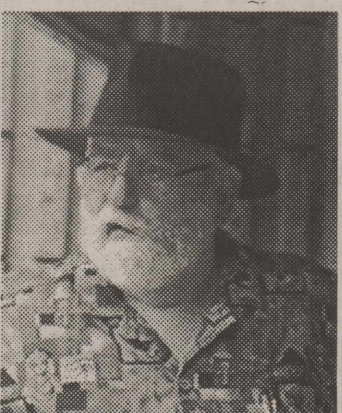
Jackson will present at Stunt Show at the park in the afternoon. The Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show is back. Plan to enter your vehicle. The Kids Area, sponsored by Barr Fabrication, will feature not one - but three inflatables for the kids - including an obstacle course. There will also be kids games with prizes. The Cross Plains High School and Junior High Cheerleaders will be on hand to face paint. Bring your old John Deere or Minneapolis Moline for the Tractor Show. The Texas Tornadoes dance troupe will be back to entertain at the pavilion at 10:30 a.m. The rest of the day is filled with music by many, many local talented musicians from the West Texas Songwriters Championship. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy

the dancers and the music - under the new pavilion at Treadway Park. The weather is forecast to be hot. Dress comfortably. Bring an extra set of clothes, just in case you decide you want to take a turn in the dunking booth (adults, only). Come out and have some fun - and shopping! They're will be jewelry, clothes, bags, handmade items, yard art and home decor. The prize raffle that benefits the scholarship fund will be going on, with prize winners names drawn every few minutes. You can see the many prizes - from coffee cups to a wooden porch swing - at the Senior Center. Many local organizations will be out at the festival, including the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and the Callahan County Sheriff's Office. KOXE Radio from Brownwood will be broadcasting live from the festival, courtesy of Rising Star Nursing and Rehabilitation. The Radio station will also have prizes and t-shirts to give away. Come out and enjoy the music, have lunch, look at the cars, motorcycles and tractors do a little shopping and have some fun!



Special Postal Cancellation for Howard Days

A special cancellation for the annual Robert E. Howard Days will be available at the local Post Office on Friday, June 8 between 9:00 and 4:00 pm. This year's design was created by Bill Cavalier, a professional artist from Michigan City, Indiana. Cavalier has designed numerous postal cancellations, posters and t-shirts to benefit Project Pride. He even designed a coloring page for local school students some years ago. Bill is in the very first group of serious Howard scholarly fans who visited Cross Plains in about 1986 and was instrumental in helping organize the REH Days event as it is known today. He is still the primary liaison with Project Pride in organizing the event. Cavalier is serving as Guest of Honor for this event; an honor some feel is long over



Bill Cavalier due. As the theme of the two-day immersion into everything Howard is "The Fans of REH," Bill is the perfect fit for the title of "the ultimate fan." Post cards showing the Museum are available in the Museum Shop and are perfect to use with the one day cancellation.

Dance at Senior Center on Monday, June 11th

Come dance the night away at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Monday, June 11th, starting at 6:30 p.m. Music and entertainment provided by Margie Hartsfield, who has performed at the dances in the past several months. Snacks and beverage provided. Dinner is potluck. Only \$5 admission. Everyone 55 and older is invited to come and have a good time!

Pioneer Ex-Students Meet Saturday, June 30th

Pioneer Ex-Students meet Saturday, June 30th for their 98th School Reunion at the Senior Citizen Center in Cross Plains. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and snacks. Business meeting at 10:30 am includes a memorial service, Ex-student news, and special recognitions. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the business meeting for a nominal charge.

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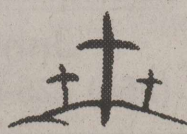
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has been set up for Colton Smothers for expenses at the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains

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for John Willis for Medical Expenses has been established at Texas Heritage Bank

Obituary



"Mike" Dane D. Ratliff Sr

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"Mike" Dane D. Ratliff Sr., 94, of Pioneer, Texas passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 3 at home with his son at his bedside.

Graveside Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, June 6 at Pioneer Cemetery in Pioneer, Texas.

Mike was born on April 2, 1924 in Mullin, Texas to the late Marshall and Mattie Bell Minicia-Ratliff. He was the second child of 10 children. He was a graduate from Cross Plains High School. Mike was an international 3 time legion in the game fowl industry and had over 20,000 friends worldwide. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Mike is survived by his son, Dane and his wife, Iris of Cross Plains, Texas; Drue and her husband, John of Cross Plains, Texas; 3 brothers, Herman Moore of Brownwood, Texas; Larry Elkins of Houston, Texas; J.C. Elkins of Austin, Texas; sister, Helen Dennison of Brownwood, Texas; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



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Red Cross Provides Tips for Managing Extreme Heat as Early Summer Heat Wave Hits North Texas

WICHITA FALLS (May 30, 2018) —As triple-digit temperatures are forecast for North Texas, meteorologists have stated that the end of May and June could be some of the hottest on record. To help keep everyone safe during this late-spring heatwave, the American Red Cross provides heat safety tips to last all summer long.

Annually, thousands of people suffer from heat-related injuries including heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat strokes. Individuals should adhere to weather and heat advisories and make a plan to address heat-related emergencies.

"Given the extreme heat experienced in Texas, heat stress can occur quickly. While outdoors, people should drink plenty of water and take breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas," said Keith Rhodes, chief executive officer, American Red Cross North Texas Region. "Heat waves may also cause power outages. If affected, residents should have a plan to go somewhere else with an air conditioner to avoid the elements until power is restored."

SYMPTOMS OF HEAT RELATED EMERGENCIES

Heat-related symptoms can include:

- Cool, moist, pale or flushed skin
- Heavy sweating
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness or loss of consciousness
- Weakness

WHAT TO DO

If you see someone suffering from heat stress, follow these steps:

If losing consciousness or vomiting, immediately call 9-1-1

- Relocate to an air-conditioned or shaded area
- Slowly drink cool water
- Apply ice or cold towels to head, neck, groin, wrists, ankles and underarms

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State Sales Tax Revenue totaled \$2.76 billion in May

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.76 billion in May, 10.2 percent more than in May 2017.

"Strong growth in sales tax revenue was apparent across all major economic sectors," Hegar said. "While the most rapid growth was in remittances from the construction and oil- and gas-related sectors, significant gains also came from information services, restaurants and retail trade."

Hegar also said state franchise tax revenue for May was \$3.23 billion, 1.4 percent more than in May 2017. Year-to-date franchise tax revenue is up 11.3 percent. As anticipated in the Certification Revenue Estimate, lower refund activity early in the fiscal year contributed to higher than average net franchise tax collections.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2018 was up 10.4 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuel and oil and natural gas production also rose in May 2018:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$424 million, up 11.7 percent from May 2017;
- motor fuel taxes — \$309.9 million, up 1.8 percent from May 2017; and
- oil and natural gas production taxes — \$416.5 million, up 56 percent from May 2017.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch.

Clothes Closet Has Clothes

Stop by Kingdom's Door Clothes Closet this Saturday from 9:00am until 11:00 p.m. and shop, shop, shop.

You will find something for the whole family ladies clothing, men's clothing as well as

children clothing. The clothing is free. Everyone is welcome. The Clothes Closet is also caring small appliances and other household items too. The Clothes Closet is located behind the Baptist Church.

Summer Reading Program Begins June 13th

Plans have been finalized for the Cross Plains Public Library's Summer Reading Program! Sponsors have been donating funds to help our kids visit many great places! Texas Heritage Bank has graciously agreed to pay for the admission cost to each event. The National Honor Society of CPHS donated \$300 and numerous other sponsors donated funds to pay for books, souvenirs and food - ensuring that our kids can have a fun and educational summer. This year will be very different from the past. Each Wednesday's event will start and end at different times to achieve the plans we have made - so check the times listed!!! Also, due to seating limitations, we may not be able to accommodate everyone on the bus for out-of-town excursions. Some parents may prefer to drive their own cars and let the kids ride on the bus. Be sure to sign up the previous week for each event that your child(ren) plan(s) to attend to ensure that your child receives books/souvenirs. SRP is for children ages 5-12, but everyone is welcome. Children 8 & under will need a parent chaperone.

JUNE 13 - our local Fire Station. The kids always enjoy this outing - especially when the firemen turn on the hoses and let them cool off in the Texas heat. Kids will receive a book and souvenir on a first-come, first-served basis. We will leave the library at 2:00 p.m. and return at 3:00 p.m.

JUNE 20 - Tarleton State University's W.K. Gordon Center in Mingus offers a look at the industrial age of Texas. It features a hands-on science tour and scavenger hunt for the children. Lunch will be provided at the venue. Children will receive a book and souvenir on a first-come, first-served basis. We will leave the library at 11:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m.

JUNE 27 - Frontier, Texas! in Abilene is a western heritage center where the children can relive the Old West through the magic of state-of-the-art technology. It features several changing exhibits that bring the frontier to life and lets visitors meet people who played out their lives on the Texas frontier. Lunch, courtesy of the Senior Center, will be served in the library at 11:30 a.m. Children will receive a book and souvenir

on a first-come, first-served basis. We will leave the library at 12:00 p.m. and return at 3:00 p.m.

JULY 11 - Abilene Zoo/Fort Imagination/ Nelson Splash Park. Children will receive several zoo-themed souvenirs and a book on a first-come, first-served basis. We will enjoy the zoo until 12:15 p.m. and then eat an animal-themed lunch at Fort Imagination before continuing to the Splash Pad. Children should bring towels and wear their swimsuits under their clothing. We will leave the library at 10:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m.

JULY 18 - the Grace Children's Museum & Storybook Park. The museum features a fully interactive space focusing on Art and Science Concepts. Storybook Park is home to the largest public collection of storybook characters (24) and the children will get to visit several of them. Children will receive a book and we will have snacks and drinks on the bus. We will leave the library at 1:00 p.m. and return at 4:00p.m.

JULY 25 - a very special program! The Trailblazer Trailer will be parked at the library. This exhibit is for all ages - children

and adults. The Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME)'s Trailblazers are fully loaded science museums-on-wheels. With five hands-on content areas: Aerodynamics, Biotechnology, Energy, Space and Weather, the Trailblazers showcase STEM fields critical to the planet's future and are packed with information about career opportunities for the next generation. SRP will be from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. The trailer will be open to the public from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

AUGUST 1 - the Morgan Jones Planetarium. Children will receive several "out-of-this-world" souvenirs and a book on a first-come, first-served basis. We will leave the library at 1:00 p.m. and return at 4:00 p.m.

AUGUST 8 - the annual Splash in the Park will end our Summer Reading Program. Hot dogs, juice boxes, finger painting, water sprinklers, water slides and more for all the kids. Program begins at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars and bring the kids to join us!

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Some of the Many Prizes in the Barbarian Festival Raffle that benefits the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at the Senior Center, during the Fish Fry on Thursday evening or at the Festival on Saturday.

Raffle to Benefit Scholarship Fund - Get Your Tickets Now

A wooden porch swing, windmill blades wall art, wooden crosses and hair care products are some of the many items donated for the Barbarian Festival Raffle. The raffle benefits the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship that is awarded to one or two Cross Plains High School

graduating seniors each May. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at the Senior Center, during the Fish Fry on Thursday evening and at the Festival. Can't make to the center or the festival? Get your friends to pick up tickets for you. You don't need to be present to win.

Some of the items in the raffle: Wooden Porch Swing, Dragon Fly Wall Art, Windmill Blades Wall Art, and Cowboy Horseshoe rain gauge, donated by Meghann's Market in Eastland. Cowboy Star and three different crosses from the Cowboy Way in Abilene. Rustic Wooden Coatrack from Silver Bear Enterprises in Clyde. Metal oblong galvanized bucket, three insulated tumblers. Coffee and coffee cups and gift certificates from Patsy's Flowers and Gifts. Gift certificates, flat irons and hair care products from Snippets. Gift Certificate from AMA Techtel. Wooden Texas, wooden signs, metal tray, candy dish and insulated wine tumbler cups from Junkin Daze.

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Chamber Chatter

Mother Nature says that summer has arrived, even if the calendar says it doesn't until June 21st. The window at the old Johnson store makes you want to go hit the beach for summer vacation.

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club has their first clinic/practice scheduled on Friday, June 8th. The play day will be Saturday June 9th, stop in and see the kids compete, then hit the Barbarian Festival, for some great food.

The Fourth of July will come early this year. Saturday, June 30th is the day for Fireworks, Bingo, and a Dunking Booth. Know someone who should get dunked? Call the chamber at 254-725-7251, let us know who you want to dunk, and we'll ask them to participate.

The Cross Plains Traveling Baseball team is holding a fund raiser on Friday June 8th. They will be selling homemade Ice Cream next to Circle R. Stop into pick up a scrumptious treat and help them raise money for travel expenses.

Rumor has it that there will be a Dance on September 15th after the Ranch Rodeo. Keep an eye for more information on Turkey Creek Rodeo Club's plans.

The Chamber Office is moving. The office will now be right on Main Street, located in an office in Junkin' Daze.

Father's Day is just around the corner. Doesn't Dad deserve a new fishing pole, yeti cup, or a barbecue grill? Shop local to keep our town healthy... you'll find just what you need.

Your business is an asset to Cross Plains. Let the Cross Plains Chamber be an asset to yours.

Gift certificates from Subway. Decorative Welcome Sign with Arrow from Circle R Boutique.

Gift certificates, hair care products from Donna's Southern Roots Hair Salon. Honey from Swinney Bees. And many other items.

Prizes will be given away through out the day during the Barbarian Festival on Saturday.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

June 11th - June 15th

Monday-11th Exercise 11:00 Dance 6:30

Tuesday-12th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-13th Exercise 11:00/ Blood Pressure Check with Kindred at Home of Eastland

Thursday-14th Exercise 11:00

Friday-15th Exercise 11:00/11:15 Bingo with Kindred 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

June 11th-June 15th

Monday 11th-Chicken Pot Pie, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Crackers, Dessert

Thursday 14th - Butter Beans with Ham, Onion Slices, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert

Tuesday 12th-BBQ Sausage, Mac and Cheese, Carrots, Bread, Dessert

Friday 15th-Fathers Day Meal, Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 13th -Enchilada Casserole, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pinto Beans, Crackers, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Cross Plains Community Calendar

June 7 - Thursday - Barbarian Festival Parade, 6 p.m. Fish Fry at the Senior Center, 5-7 p.m.

June 8 & 9 - Friday & Saturday, Robert E. Howard Days.

June 9 - Saturday, Barbarian Festival, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

June 11 - Monday, Dance at the Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.

June 11-13 - Monday-Wednesday, Vacation Bible School, Cross Plains Church of Christ, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

June 13 - Wednesday, Summer Reading Program, Trip to the Firehouse, 2 p.m.

June 17 - Sunday, Father's Day

June 30 - Saturday, July 4th Celebration, Treadway Park. Bingo, Hotdogs, Live Music, Fireworks

July 4 - Wednesday, Independence Day

August 9 - Thursday, Chamber Banquet

August 11 - Saturday, Taste of the Big Country, presented by the Cross Plains Public Library with Tiffany Harelik, First United Methodist Church

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- TXism: "don't get your shorts in a ___ (cairn down)"
- Goodrich
- old TV show of TX Buck Owens
- US Texas was in this Normandy operation
- irritable
- TXism: "___ in concrete (permanent)"
- "Big Tex's" stompin' ground (2 wds.)
- TXism: "footloose and fancy ___"
- TXism: "running ___" (wife)

DOWN

- room below ground level
- Taylor County seat
- TX Roy Orbison's "Crying," e.g.
- is it a sheep or ___?
- TXism: "busier than a boomtown ___"
- ___ not one Ranger
- belief in God
- billy ___
- cowboys wear 'em with big buckles
- TXism: "joined his shadow ___" (tell)
- veal
- this Young started UT drama club in 1908 (init.)
- TXism: "six of one, half a dozen ___"
- this Wood was 2nd gov. of Texas (init.)
- Röss and Margot met on a blind ___
- TXism: "chew ___ a while"
- TXism: "rug ___" (child)
- a bolo
- TX Trini Lopez's "If I ___ a Hammer"
- "The Mighty ___" doesn't run in TX
- a UT color
- in Patricio County on I-37
- "___ it all out"
- TX ___ step
- TXism: "if it was ___ I couldn't stand it"
- TX "Peter Pan" actress, Martin
- most like a baby's bottom
- wound reminder
- this Hoffman was 1st Texan in the major leagues (init.)
- he won Dem. pres. nom. in Houston in 1928 (init.)
- ready, ___ go!
- TXism: "___ lol won't float"
- TXism: "could ___ lunch" (tougher)
- Brazoria County town near the Gulf
- Slurpee cost in '66
- Center AM radio
- Bob Hayes '64 gold medal: 100m
- Dublin's county
- Cotulla is the seat of La ___ County
- TXism: "she threw a hissey ___"
- Cowtown
- TXism: "don't look a ___ horse in the mouth"
- "B" of TX H.E.B.
- TXism: "that ___ won't hunt"
- winter garment
- corrected the Abilene Reporter-News

Callahan County's April jobless rate drops to 3.4%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped three-tenths of one percent to 3.4% in April 2018, according to jobless figures released Friday, June 1st by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in April 2017 was 3.4 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.4% in April, 2018. Callahan County's labor force in April was reported at 6,018. Callahan County had 5,811 employed in April, while 207 or 3.4% were unemployed. March 2018 total labor force in Callahan County was 6,019, while 5,795 were employed and 224 or 3.7% were unemployed in the County in March.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.7% in February 2018, 3.6% in January 2018, 3.7% in December 2017, 3.6% in November, 3.7% in October 3.9% in September, 3.5% in August, July 3.8%, June 4.0%, and May at 4.0%, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for April 2018 include: Brown, 3.4%; Coleman, 3.7%; Eastland, 3.5%; Jones, 4.7%; Runnels, 3.3%; Shackelford, 2.2%; Stephens, 3.7%; and Taylor County, 3.1%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.2% in April, 2018, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 77,344. There were 74,854 employed during April 2018, while 2,490 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.2%.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of April, 2018 was 3.8 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,860,323 in April 2018. The total number of Texans employed is 13,340,165. The total number

UNEMPLOYMENT

| Callahan County Unemployment | Mar. | Apr. |
|------------------------------|------|------|
| | 3.7% | 3.4% |

of unemployed Texans was 520,158 in April 2018.

Highlights (MSA industry data are not seasonally adjusted)

- Sixteen out of 26 areas expanded in employment in April for a combined increase of 34,300 jobs. Twenty-three areas grew over the year, while three contracted.
- The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA led all areas over the month with an increase of 12,000 jobs.
- The Midland MSA grew the fastest by a wide margin in April with a 2.8 percent gain over the month.
- The Midland MSA also continued to lead all areas with an annual growth rate of 11.6 percent in April. Per not seasonally adjusted data, Mining, Logging, and Construction continued to drive much of this growth with 8,000 jobs added since April 2017.
- Annual employment loss was greatest in the Corpus Christi MSA with a decrease of 2,900 jobs. Leisure and Hospitality continued to shed the most jobs with a loss of 1,800 over the year.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE EMPLOYMENT NEWS Media Update

Steel Company Selects Valley Site
Valley Morning Star
BROWNSVILLE, TX—After decades of effort, Brownsville's quest for a steel mill appears to have finally paid off. Arkansas-based Big River Steel LLC (BRS) has selected Brownsville, according to Port of Brownsville

officials. The Brownsville \$1.6 billion plant, like the Osceola, Arkansas facility, would support approximately 500 full-time jobs with an annual average salary of \$75,000.

The development was reflected in a unanimous vote by the Brownsville Navigation District board, during a special meeting last month, to give BRS the option to lease 800 acres between the Brownsville Ship Channel and S.H. 48 on which to build the facility. "Now all the hard work begins," said Eddie Campirano, port director and CEO. "This kind of sets the wheels in motion. There's still a lot of work to be done. A project like this is not going to be easy," he added.

Officials believe the permitting process and construction could take four years for the project.

Home Depot to Hire 500 in Austin

Austin Business Journal
AUSTIN, TX—Home Depot Inc. hopes to add about 1,000 tech jobs, with as many as half of them being created at its Austin technology center, as part of a \$11.1 billion three-year strategic investment plan. There will also be hiring in Atlanta and Dallas, but a spokesman for Home Depot said its Austin corporate office in Northeast Austin could see up to 500 new jobs.

The Atlanta-based home improvement giant said the hiring push complements its desire to bring more tech to the customer shopping experience, both online and in store, as well as to its supply chain, delivery capabilities and workforce management systems. Home Depot announced it's \$11.1 billion strategic plan in December.

To reach those goals it needs new hires skilled in advanced software engineering, system engineering, UX design and product management, the company said.

Job Losses

Medical Center to Close
Houston Chronicle
HOUSTON, TX—Bay Area Regional Medical Center will close this month and file for bankruptcy. CEO Stephen K. Jones Jr. told employees in an email provided to the Chronicle that the company "was not able to overcome significant hurdles with managed-care companies." An estimated 900 employees will lose their jobs.

The 191-bed hospital, which is owned by locally based Medistar Corp., opened four years ago just a half-mile from the more established Clear Lake Regional Medical Center. A statement on the Bay Area Regional website said the company is working with lenders to wind down the operation.

Energy Company to Cut 300 Jobs

Houston Business Journal
HOUSTON, TX—Shortly after Irving-based Vistra Energy Corp. closed on its acquisition of Houston-based Dynegy Inc., the company has disclosed local job cuts. According to information released by the Texas Workforce Commission, Vistra las to cut 308 jobs at Dynegy's former headquarters in Houston. The cuts were announced April 11 and are expected to become effective June 11, according to information from the TWC.

"These employees were asked by Vistra Energy if they would be interested in relocating to North Texas; many declined," a Vistra spokeswoman told the Houston Business Journal. The company currently occupies about a floor and a half in downtown Houston.

BARBARIAN Festival
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Barbarian Festival T-Shirts commemorate the 20th anniversary of the festival. Started in 1998, the festival has grown each year. The t-shirt was design by Teri Brown and will be available Saturday at the Festival and at Salamander's Tees on Monday.

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Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday on Saturday, June 9th

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club's playdays start this week. There is a clinic Friday night at 6 pm, the clinic is free and a great chance to come out and see if any of the events are for you. Whether you are a novice that doesn't want to go past a walk/trot, or a speed demon that wants to leave it all in the arena, this is the group for you. The playdays are divided into four events; Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, and the horsemanship. For those not familiar with the events here are some brief descriptions. Barrel racing uses the standard 3-barrel clover leaf pattern. The pattern involves either one right turn and two lefts, or one

left and two rights. In pole bending the rider "races" down a row of 6 poles, then turn and weave through the poles, turning around and weaving back, then turning and "racing" home. Goat Tying has versions for the different age groups. Here at the breakdowns from last year. The lead line kids participate in "Sucker Plucking" where they pull a lolly pop off the tail of goat that is being held. Riders that rode on their own (6 and under) step up to goat "slapping", they ride up to the goat, get off their horse, then run up to touch the goat. More advanced riders, 6-9 and 10-13 ride up to the goat, catch the goat, then lay

it down as if to tie it. The 13 and older crowd do a proper goat tying, racing up, jumping off, laying the goat down, and tying it. The Horsemanship class is an opportunity for those riders who don't have speed horses to showcase their horse's ability to listen to their rider. Friday June 8th, the club will be holding a practice/clinic at the arena. The club encourages anyone with even a passing curiosity to stop in and check it out. For more information, check the club out on Facebook, send us an email at turkeycreekrodeoclub@gmail.com, or contact Ginger at 817-694-7991.

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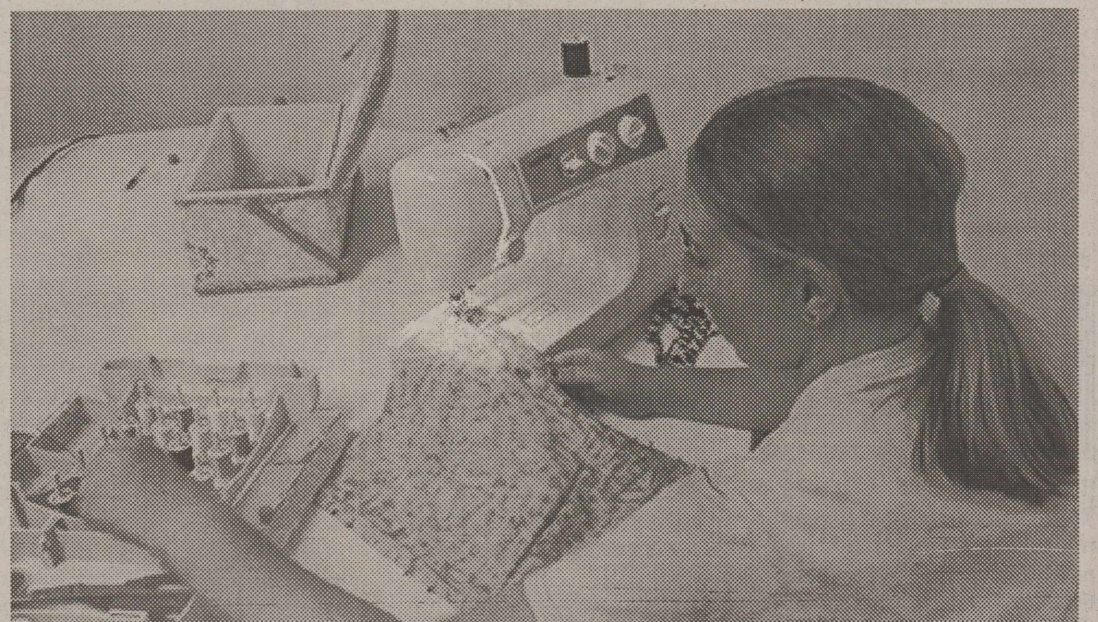
Cross Plains Fellowship of Christian Athletes Competitors with their coaches - from left to right: Katy Jo Morgan with Coaches JoJo and Marc Morgan, Creed Goode with Coach Daniel Purvis, Shana Yates with Coach Michelle Allen and Joe Crockett - from left to right: Tracy Tipton. Katy Jo will compete in softball in San Angelo; Creed in football in Abilene, Shana in basketball in Brownwood and Joe in baseball in San Angelo. All games are on Saturday.

Cross Plains 4-H Elects Officers, Sews Projects

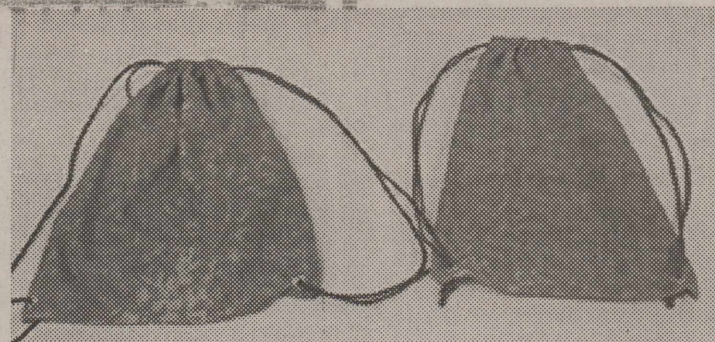
The Cross Plains 4-H club held officer elections on Monday June 5th. Bree Vitek was elected President, Jolie Hutton became Vice President, Abigale Bisbee is the new Secretary/Treasurer, Virginia Allen was elected Reporter, Jayden Shank transitioned into Parliamentarian, and Amanda Night is the club's Council Delegate. Congratulations to the new officers and best wishes to them in the new year. The Sewing group met Monday night, five young ladies attended. There was a nice variety of skill levels. One member was so new to

sewing that she unboxed her brand-new machine at the meeting. On the other end of the spectrum, one member was working on her entry to the Barbarian Festival Country Fair. There are two more sewing classes, and the club would love to have some more members join them. The classes will be on June 18th and June 25th. The 4-H club will be holding a fund raiser at the Barbarian Festival to raise money to send members to the 4-H county camp. Baked good and a few items made by 4H members will be available for purchase.

Be sure to stop into see them. **Upcoming calendar dates.** June: 11th - Validation - Steer & Heifer 4:00 - 6:00 PM, 11th - 14th - State 4-H Roundup, 12th - County Camp registration forms and fee due County T-shirt contest entries due.



Bree Vitek, the new club president, is doing great, especially for her first time sewing.



Abigale Bisbee and Virginia Allen made back packs to be sold at the Barbarian Festival fund raiser booth on Saturday

15th - Record books due by Noon, 18th - 19th-District 74-H Horse Show, 20th - State Fair Swine Validation 4:00 - 5:00 PM, 23rd - Archery Summer Blast, 29th - Completed project completion forms due, 29th-CountySwim Party July: 1st - 5th- 4-H Horizons

Camp, 4th - OFFICE CLOSED, 11th - 13th- County Camp (registration due 6/12), 17th - District 7 Jr./Int. Fashion Show (entries open 6/18-7/2) 19th - District 7 Record Book Judging (record books due 6/15)

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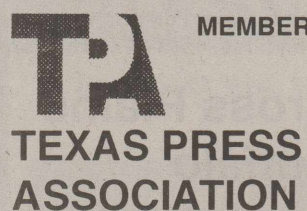
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He came to me as a last resort
He must have sensed - I had a good heart

He stayed thru the summer and then the fall
If I cooked 20 pancakes he would eat them all

If I killed a deer he was always there
And believe you me - he got his share

Winter came on and his eye grew dim
He went to sleep in a cozy den

Bears sleep through the winter That's part of the plan
The reason is hardly known to man

I looked forward to seeing that grizzly that lad
And I thought about all the fun we'd had

But something happened in December
Something I will always remember

A rock slide came down that stormy morning
It came without a bit of warning

I made my escape by the sweat of my hair
But nothing could help that sleeping bear.

By Poet Daniel Earl Mount Sr.

Market at Clyde Saturday

Market at Clyde, a local craft market, will be on Saturday June 9 from 9am-4pm at the Clyde Chamber Building 106 Cedar St.

All merchandise at Market at Clyde is hand crafted, hand made or home cooked. You will be able to shop and visit with the artist, artisans, crafters and home cooks that have created the items that you are shopping for. Don't miss out on this shopping experience. Sample the jams, jellies, lotions, oils, and personal care products in a pleasant shopping environment. Find one of a kind hand crafted wooden items ranging from large to small, sewn items for your home or person, fabric bags, personalized Tee Shirts, jewelry created with fine stones or fun bling. And there is so much more.

To learn more see the ad in this paper. Also go to the Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas to see some of the items. Market at Clyde will also be on KTAB4u TV, channel 32, on Thursday at 4pm. If you are interested in becoming a vendor call 325-528-3939 or email themarketatclyde@gmail.com.

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June 8-9, 2018

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Fri. 11:00 --- "From Fan to Pro"

Fri. 1:30 --- "The Clubs of REH"

Fri. 2:30 --- Glenn Lord Symposium

Fri. 3:30 --- 2017 REH Foundation Awards

Sat. 11:00 --- "90 years of Solomon Kane"

Sat. 1:30 --- "The Games of REH"

Sat. 2:30 --- "What's Up With REH"

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- 210 S Miller St, RS-2BR/1 2 lots, **SOLD** shop, 2 wells...**Reduced...\$45,500**
- 333 S Ave D, CP-2BR/1B 1278 sq ft, 2 car carport, large yard, covered patio...**\$49,500**
- 325 S. Ave A, CP- Good starter home, 2BR/1B, C/H/A, storage buildings, corner lot...**\$59,500**
- 401 NE 4th St, CP-2BR/2B, 1040 sq ft, **SOLD** lot...**Reduced...\$65,000**
- 733 N Ave E, CP-Cute Updated 3BR/2B **UNDER CONTRACT** water heater...**\$69,500**
- 241 N Ave C, CP-2BR/1B, 10 ft ceilings, crown molding, pine floors, claw foot tub...**\$70,000**
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- 314 S Graves, RS-3BR/1.5B 1760 sq ft home, **UNDER CONTRACT** 5 stalls...**\$89,900**
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23rd Annual Fun Shoot-Looking down towards the Concession stand.



23rd Annual Fun Shoot-Air pistol Range.

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports celebrates 23rd Annual Fun Shoot

The 2018 Callahan County Fun shoot was hosted by the Rifle and Pistol Club on Saturday, June 2nd at the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Range. The predicted heat and wind did not deter 80 4-H'ers from making the shooting range their Saturday destination. The weather was hot but there were numerous relatives, friends, and others watching the kids and events of the day. The concession stand was busy all day.

The 4-H'ers had their choice of participation in 4 events which

included: 22 Rifle Silhouette; Light Rifle' 3-Position 22 Rifle; Sporter Air Rifle; Air Pistol Silhouette; Air Rifle Silhouette; 10 Meter Air Pistol; BB Gun; Black Powder Rifle Silhouette; Black Powder Golf Ball; Charcoal Briquettes; Clay Pigeons; and Black Powder Pistol Silhouette. We had an event or several events that would appeal to all who entered. In the Light Rifle 22 event, there were over 50 4-H'ers entered in the popular event.

All our adjoining counties participated in the Fun Shoot.

Counties from as far away as Irion, Fall, Tom Green, Ector, Midland, Coke, Milam and Williamson also sent 4-H'ers. Everyone enjoyed the range facilities, beautiful weather and the competition.

Callahan County 4-H will be hosting the Texas High School Rodeo Association on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Range. Participants can qualify for the National Finals in Shotgun, or 3-Position 22 Rifle. The Finals will be held in Gillette, Wyoming.

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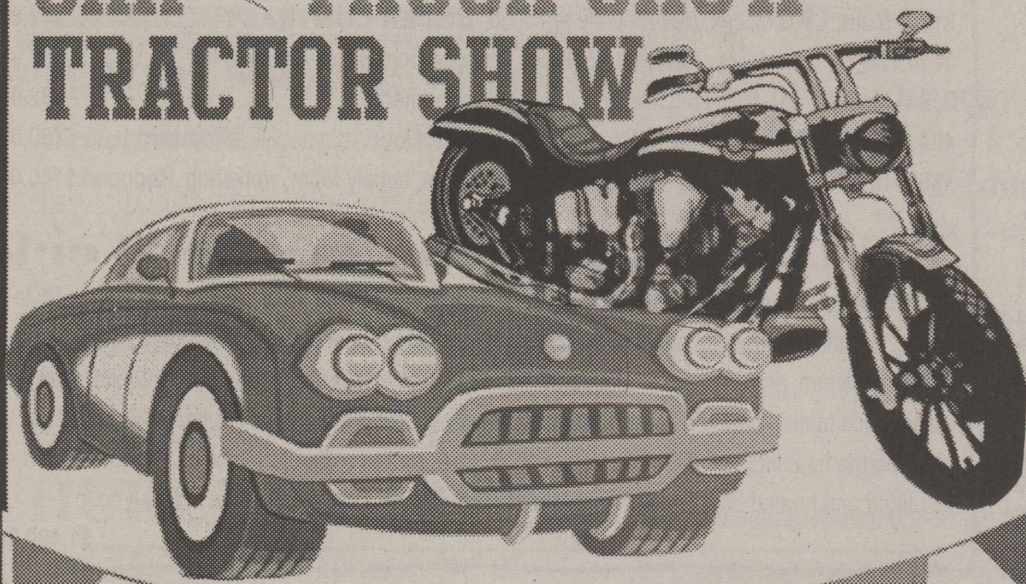
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Cross Plains Garden Club Plants Butterfly Garden at Community Center Park



Getting the Ground Ready

Members of the Cross Plains Garden Club met at the Community Park adjacent to the Cross Plains Community Center recently to plant a butterfly garden. The project was overseen by a neighborhood dog who seemed to approve of the project. The initial planting phase is complete. Additional landscaping will be added soon. We hope that you will come out to enjoy the newly installed walking path as well as our butterfly garden.



Watching as the Garden Club Works



Planting the Plants that will Attract Butterflies

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You Can Be A Part of the Barbarian Festival

This Saturday, June 9th, over a thousand local and area residents will gather at Treadway Park for the Barbarian Festival, and enjoy arts and crafts, jewelry, candles and other kinds of booths, kids games, a variety of food, live music and lots of fun.

This year's festival features a County Fair, a Motorcycle Show, and Blessing of the Bikes by the Christian Motorcycle Association.

The festival takes place each year because of the support from the Cross Plains area and the sponsorship of the festival by local businesses and individuals.

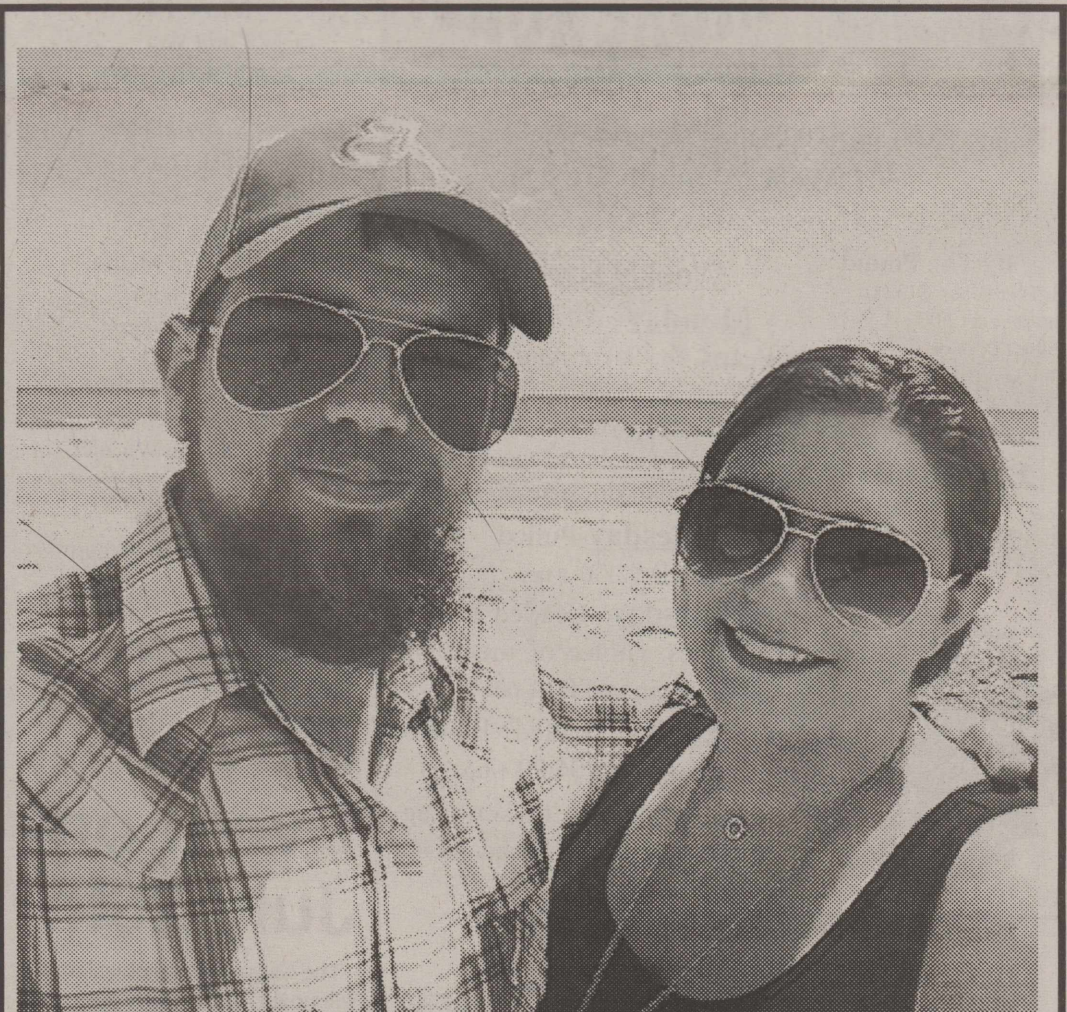
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ROBERTSON~CREAMER

Announcing the engagement and upcoming marriage of Tori Robertson and Nathan Creamer. The wedding is scheduled for August the 18th 2018.

Tori is the daughter of Lissa Robertson of Cisco, and granddaughter of John Schlittler of Cross Plains.

Nathan is the son of Lee and Gayla Creamer of Cottonwood, and grandson of Barbara Worley of Cottonwood.

Tori (2012) and Nathan (2010) are both graduates of Cross Plains High School. Both are 2014 graduates of TSTC.

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Father's Day Challenge - Chamber Businesses Holding Drawing

Father's Day is on it's way, and the Chamber of Commerce has not forgotten. Jamie Robert's Insurance has started off the Father's Day "basket" with a fishing pole and Junkin' Daze has already donated a "Dad's Stache" candy dish. Starting on Wednesday June 8th, several Chamber businesses will be hosting a drawing jar. From June 8th, and the morning of June

15th, feel free to stop into Chamber businesses to enter the drawing. Lowe's, Texas Heritage Bank, Patsy's Flowers and Gifts, Higginbotham's, and Junkin' Daze have all signed up to have a jar at their location. Check the Chamber's Facebook page regularly, we'll be posting more business donations throughout the week.



May 10
Chris Brown
Margaret Price
Baylis Pope
Michael Umbargar
Billy Joe Covington
Mrs. Bill (Sarah) Thomas
Fredrick Canales
Jenny Rebecca (Hinkle) Lawson

May 11
Angel Mangrum
Bowen Clark
Velma Faye Pittman
Kenneth Beeler
Gaylon Williams
Shauna Cowan

May 12
Emma Sue Albrecht
Paul Truair
Carolyn Adams
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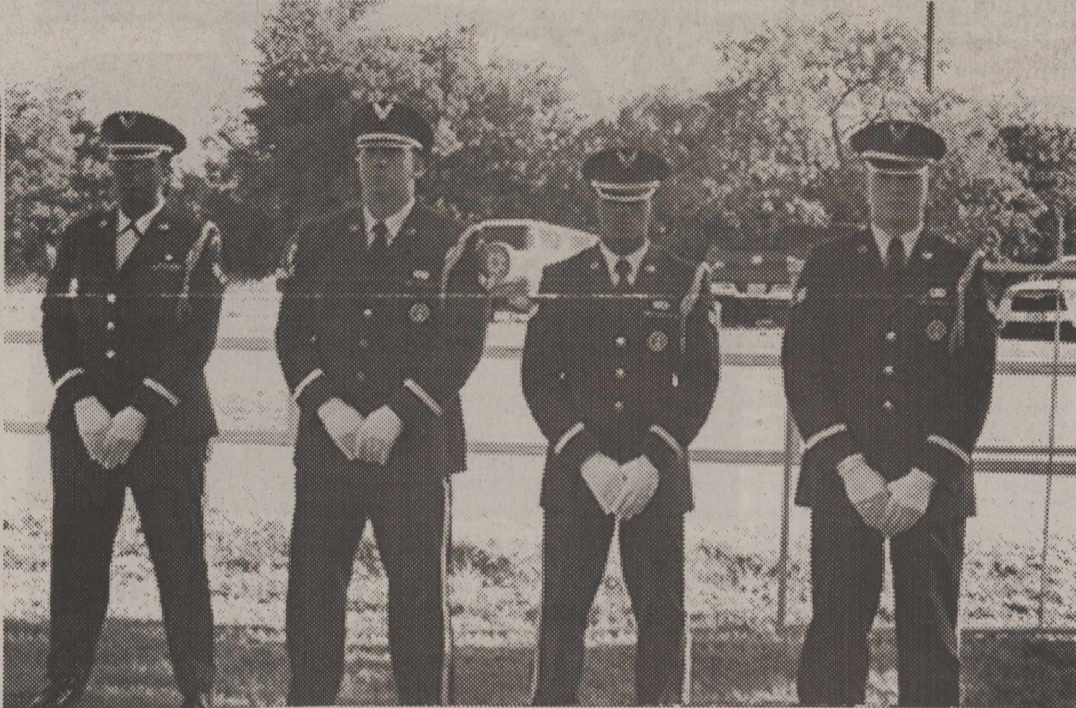
May 13
David Peters
Eddie Elliott
Shana (Strickland) Sanders
Gary Harris
Donnie Joe Pierce
Milton Bynum
Allen Holcomb
Logan Phillips

May 14
Carla Vest
Matthew Burleson
Nathan Strength
Steve Fortune
Chuck Grant

May 15
Aubrey Ellen Meiron
Ruby Taylor
James Young
Gene Black
Shelly (Key) Pahanish
Corine Archer
Wanda Cowan Wheeler

May 16
Shelia Payne Blackburn

Oplin Community Cemetery 22nd Annual Memorial Day



Oplin Community Cemetery celebrated 22nd annual Memorial Day.

We want to thank boy Scout Troop 223 and Dyess Air Force Honor Guard. Thanks to Bro. Dave Douglas for the prayer over the flag. Special thanks to Scott Kniffen for his emotional speech honoring all our fallen heroes.

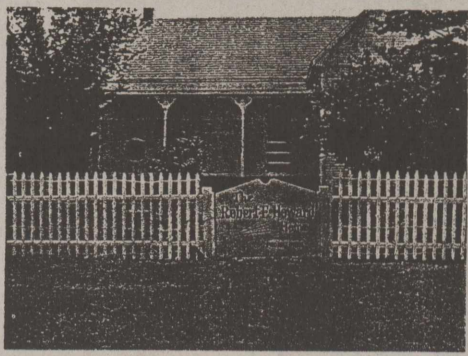
We also wish to thank everyone that attended and help set out the flags. Thanks to the ladies that provided refreshments, and Shirley Landers for organizing.

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PROCLAMATION



ROBERT E. HOWARD

WHEREAS, the City Council realizes the impact Robert E. Howard has had on the effects of tourism for our community and,

WHEREAS, we the City Council of the City of Cross Plains wish to dedicate a day to honor and recognize a man for his contribution to our community,

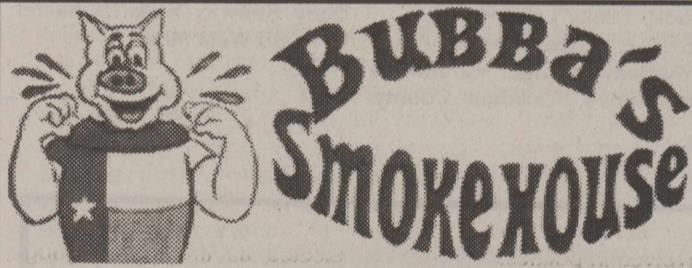
NOW THEREFORE, I Jerry Cassle, Mayor of Cross Plains, Texas do hereby proclaim June 8, 2018, as

ROBERT E. HOWARD DAY

and invite citizens to join in the local commemoration.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Cross Plains to be affixed this the 29th day of May 2018.

Jerry Cassle, Mayor



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- **Wednesday**-Pulled Pork Sandwich \$2.00 + tax
- **Thursday** -Loaded Baked Potatoes, choice of meat, w/ all the fixins \$6.00 + tax
- **Friday**- Loaded Buritto choice of meat \$6.00 + tax
- **Saturday**- Chicken Leg Quarter, 2 sides, bread \$6.00 + tax

Book-to-Movie Event on July 26th

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a book-to-movie event featuring "To Hell and Back" at the Library on Thursday, July 26, at 5:30p.m.

Participants may purchase their own copy of the book or pick up a copy for \$7 at the library.

We will view the movie and then head to Jean's Feed Barn for a Dutch-treat dinner to discuss the book vs. the movie.

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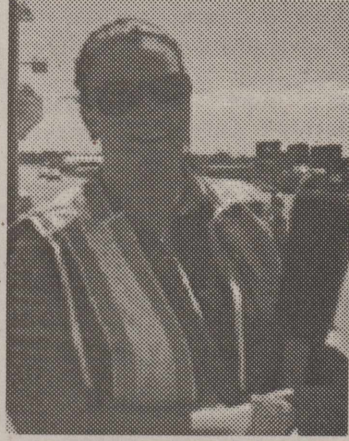
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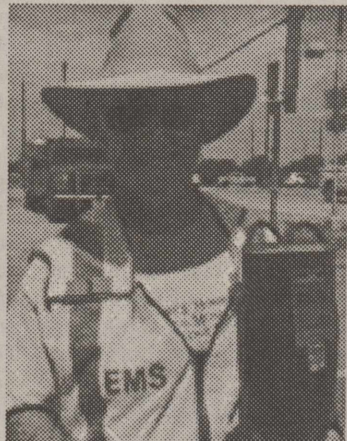
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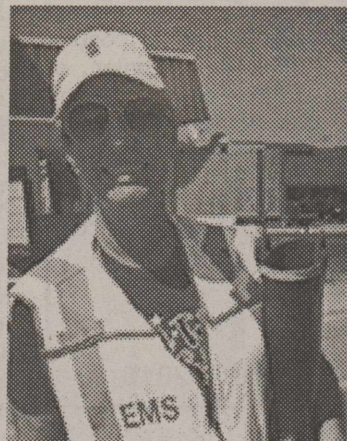
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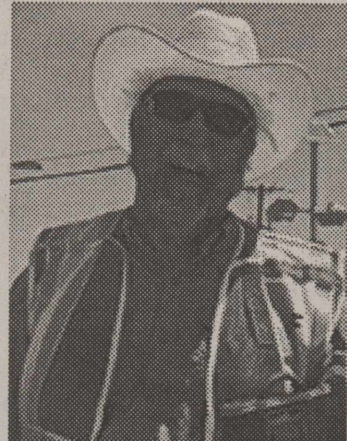
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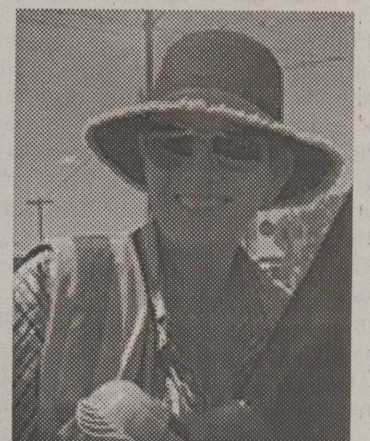
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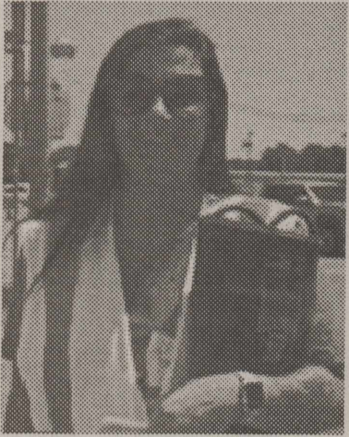
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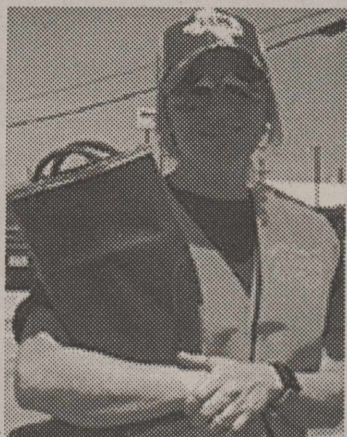
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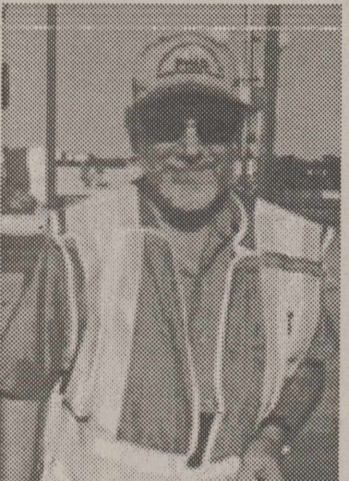
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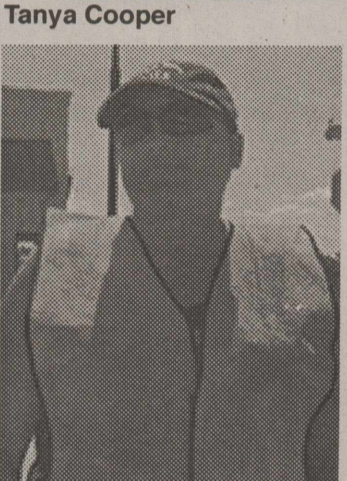
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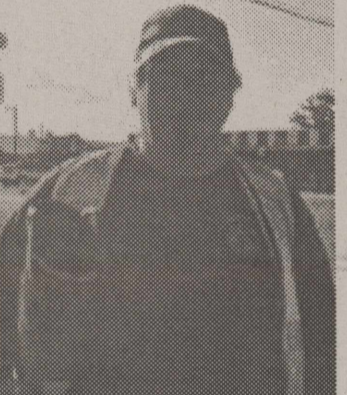
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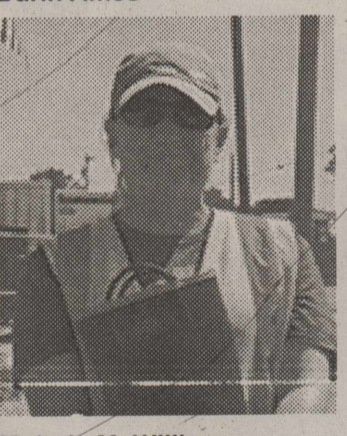
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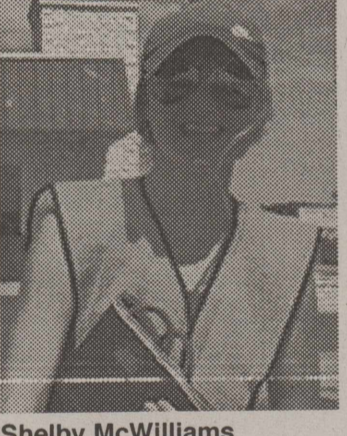
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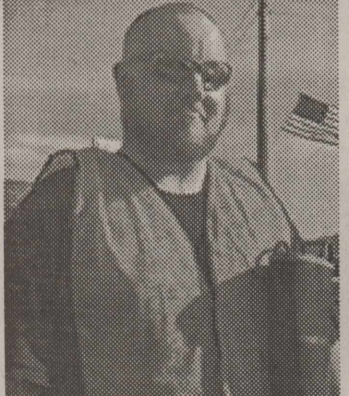
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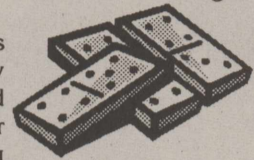
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Game Night at the Senior Center, Tuesday June 19th

Tuesday, June 19th 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.



The Texas History Minute Sponsored by: HANNER CHEVROLET

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American government is founded on the idea of ordinary men serving others. Bob Bobbitt served as a judge, legislator, and state attorney general. He spent a life dedicated to quiet public service. He took opportunities when he found them, but ultimately, he was, as he told many friends and family, an ordinary man looking to be useful.

He was born Robert Lee Bobbitt in January 1888 on a cotton farm near Hillsboro, just north of Waco. His father was a pioneer in the Hill County area, arriving after several moves west from what is now West Virginia to Missouri and eventually into Texas. He grew up on the farm and watched it steadily increase in size and wealth.

As was expected of children growing up on farms, he spent his childhood working the fields. His days were mostly long hours day in boiling heat or freezing cold tending to crops and animals or whatever else was needed, which was the experience of many children of that time. Bobbitt's father hired many people to work the farm over time, but he was still expected to work as hard as any of his father's employees.

As a young man, he enrolled at Carlisle Military Academy in Arlington, which is now the University of Texas at Arlington. He then transferred to North Texas State Normal College in Denton (which is now the University of North Texas). Though his family was one of some means, he worked his way through college taking a serious of odd

jobs. He graduated from North Texas State in 1911. He then attended the University of Texas Law School in Austin, where he earned his law degree in 1915.

Bobbitt married in 1918. The couple later had one son who himself became an attorney. He served briefly in the army during World War I and was honorably discharged in 1919. After his service, he settled in Laredo where he became a partner in a prominent local firm. Bobbitt quickly became active in the Laredo community, organizing civic organizations and getting involved in politics.

In 1922, Bobbitt was elected to the first of three terms in the state legislature. During his time there, the state was still reeling from the fallout from the impeachment of Gov. James E. "Pa" Ferguson in 1917 over kickbacks and mismanagement of state funds. The sordid mess surrounding Ferguson deeply offended Bobbitt's sense of integrity. He led the fight to prevent Ferguson from regaining his ability to again run for political office, though he lost the fight in 1925.

Bobbitt was a respected figure among fellow legislators. He rose to become Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Fellow legislators honored him by electing him the 48th Speaker of the Texas House for the 1927-28 term. Customarily, speakers served only one term at a time in the Texas House, a tradition largely observed until the 1950s.

In 1928, he was elected district attorney for a four-county district

in South Texas. He did not serve long in the position. In 1929, Attorney General Claude Pollard resigned to take a corporate position, and Gov. Dan Moody tapped Bobbitt to become interim attorney general. He ran for a full term in 1930, losing to Jimmy Allred in the Democratic Primary. Though disappointed by the loss, Bobbitt was not the kind of man to hold a grudge for long. He supported Allred in the fall election and in his later run for governor.

Bobbitt did not stay out of the public eye for long. He was soon elected as an appeals judge, moving to San Antonio once elected. In 1937, Gov. Allred appointed Bobbitt as chairman of the Texas Highway Commission. Over the next six years, Bobbitt worked to expand the state's network of highways and modernize as many as possible.

After 1943, he spent most of the remaining years of his life as an attorney in San Antonio, taking an interest in education as a trustee for Texas A&M University at Kingsville and later for the University of North Texas. He rose high in the ranks of Texas politics and emerged scandal-free.

In 1971, his beloved wife of 53 years died in San Antonio. Bobbitt's health declined quickly after that. He died in August 1972 at the age of 84.

Dr. Ken Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges@gmail.com.



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Family Services Center and Cross Plains First United Methodist Church are pleased to announce that Parenting Wisely Classes will be offered at FUMC Cross Plains this summer located on Main Street. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am to 11:30 am from June 5th to July 31st. The classes are evidence based with fun videos. This

program is proven to assist with building respect among family members, reducing family conflict, and increasing parenting skills. The classes cover topics that families have identified as problems such as communication, problem solving, daily routines, and conflicts between siblings. The classes are provided at no cost for qualifying families. Family Services Center is looking for parents/guardians of children

3-12 years of age to begin classes on June 5th. Childcare is available upon request prior to class. Family Services Center and First United Methodist Church are "Building Healthy Families...Together" and bringing awareness to communities on how to strengthen families in our communities. If you are a parent/guardian and would like to take advantage of this

great program please contact Family Services Center at 325-646-5939 or message on Facebook at Family Services Center in Brownwood.

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4H Swim Party June 29th at Albany Pool

4-H is COOL! Jump on in and join us for some fun! Callahan County 4-H will be having a swim party on June 29th 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Albany Pool. Want to learn more about 4-H? Come and talk to current members! Bring a Friend! Outside food and drinks are allowed (no glass bottles or containers) Current Callahan County

members and Adults are free Non 4-H members are only \$2.00 For more information contact the Callahan County Extension office at (325) 854-5835 Individuals who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Callahan County at (325) 854-5835

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Help Beautify the Library Park

The Cross Plains Public Library is seeking donations to purchase and install this beautiful bronze statue of two children reading a book in the library's park. Total costs for the statue, cement pad, donor plaque, and installation are just under \$5,000.00. To date, we have raised/pledged just over \$4,000.00.

Donors of \$50 or more can have their name inscribed on a plaque that will be mounted on the concrete base, or they

can have the name of a loved one inscribed as a memorial or living tribute instead. (A \$100 donation will entitle you to both!)

If you want to donate, you can stop by the library, or mail your check to CPPL, P O Box 333, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Please include your phone number, indicate what name you want listed on the plaque, and whether it is for you, or it is a memorial or living tribute.

School Board Minutes

May 30, 2108

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Porcius Potter, Davy Crockett, Roy Richey, and Bryan Bennett. (Michael Cowan was absent.)

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Phil Mitchell, Elem Principal Leslie Lawrence, and Technology Coordinator Dade Cosby, and Brian Allen.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we appoint Brian Allen to the Board. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Potter that we approve Justice Construction for FEMA safe room/gym contingent upon FEMA approving additional funding for the project. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett to offer Katherine Ziegler a 12-month Probationary Contract to direct Band and

teach Elementary Music. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett to offer Stefanie Forbus a 10-month Probationary Contract to teach H.S. Spanish and act as Elementary Counselor. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett to offer Kenneth Franke a 10-month Probationary Contract to teach H.S. Math. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett to offer LeaJean Wilkerson a 10-month Probationary Contract to teach H.S. Science. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we adjourn. For 6/Against 0

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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Crystal G. Whiddon, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for plea to other case.

Marriage Licenses

Dewight Junior Wilkins II and Angela Marie Ramirez, both of Odessa.

Kyle David Titzer of Abilene and Kara Rebecca Cotton of Clyde.

Duke Edward Wise and Misty Dawn Norton, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
James Edison, presiding

Civil Filings

Jackie Devin Joy and Lory Faye Joy, divorce.

Discover Bank vs. Brad A. Bowden, contracts: debt.

Hanover Insurance Company; as subrogee of Cornerstone Productions vs. D & D Engineering, Inc., damage auto, trailer and contents.

Gregory Chittum vs. State Auto Property and Casualty Insurance Company, contracts:

breach of contract.

Civil Minutes

Breviloba, LLC vs. Helen K. Groves, trustee of the Helen K. Groves revocable trust, dated February 1991, as some may be amended or restated from time to time, Mandalay Associates LP, Forgason family LP, Helen C. Alexander, John D. Alexander, Jr., Henrietta K. Alexander, and Dorothy A. Matz, order of nonsuit without prejudice granted.

Shawnalee Jean Clark and Michael Steven Clark, divorce granted.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Janet Lovett, final default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$4,429.39 from defendant.

Joe Villela Ramos and Shantel Marie Ramos, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Christopher Thomas Holyman, assault, family violence, 10 days in jail, \$424 court costs.

Robert Prickett, plea of guilty to credit card abuse, 2 year probation, \$500 fine, \$344 court costs, \$383.75 restitution.

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Summer is the Perfect Time for New T-Shirts and Clothes

School is out. Time to go hang out at the lake, swim in the tank, go on vacation, and pack up those winter clothes - the ones that we've been keeping handy just in case winter showed up again.

What a perfect opportunity, to go through your summer wardrobe, donate what you don't want, and make room for what you do.

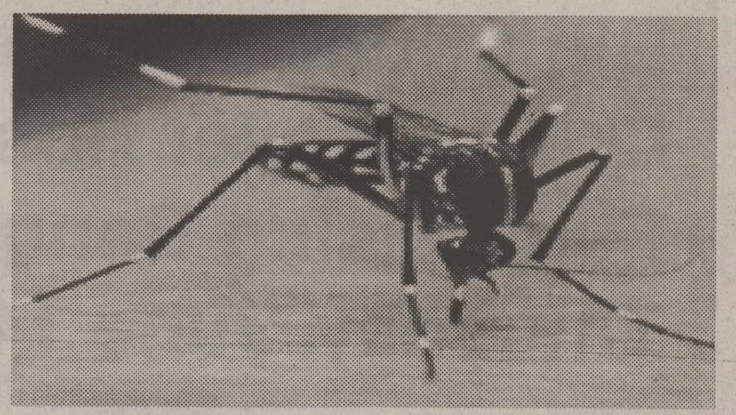
Circle R keeps bringing in new dresses, covers, T-shirts and shorts. While you're looking at their last delivery, don't forget to check out their tanning options. Being the only tanning

salon in town, they could start getting busy.

T-shirts and baseball caps are in stock at Patsy's Flowers and Gifts, they have some excellent patriotic options.

Custom bags and T's are an option at Junkin Daze, only need a couple, not a problem, let Terrie know what your looking for and she can do it. Trips are easier if everyone has their own bag with their name on it.

If you want embroidered initials, check in with Salamander's.



What's Bugging You? Mosquitoes!

According to the World Health Organization, about 725,000 people are killed every year by mosquito-borne diseases. Malaria alone affects 200 million, of which an estimated 600,000 die. Mosquitoes also carry dengue fever, yellow fever and encephalitis. This makes the mosquito one of the deadliest in the world. Karl Winge of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension will be presenting "What Bugging You? Mosquitoes" at Senior Citizens Center in Cross Plains

on June 8th at 12:00 during lunch. "They are a common pest that can ruin a day or an evening outside with family or friends", says Karl. He will be talking about two different types of mosquitoes that make Callahan County their home. He will also be talking about facts, prevention of bites, and control of mosquitoes. If have any question about mosquitoes, you can call the extension office at 325-854-5835.



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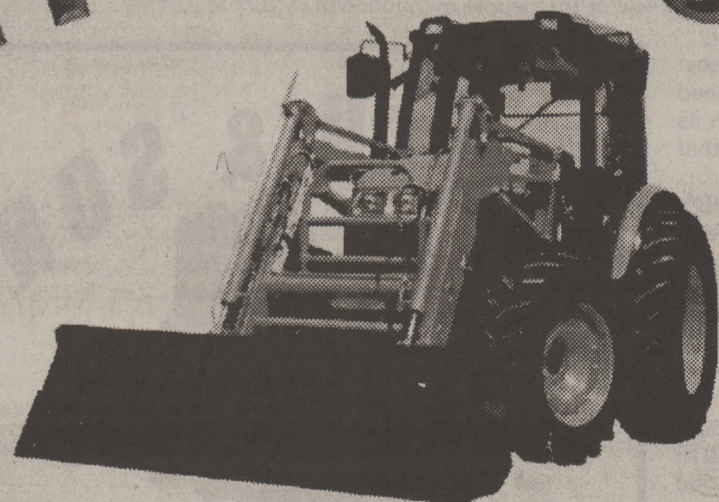


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Big Country Chapter of Quail Forever Host Inaugural Fundraising Banquet Thursday, June 14th

Abilene, TX. – The First Annual Big Country Chapter of Quail Forever fundraising banquet will be held at the Lytle Bend Pavilion on Thursday June 14, 2018 starting at 6:00 pm. Quail Forever, a non-profit habitat conservation organization part of Pheasants Forever, was founded in 2005 in response to the continuing decline of quail populations locally and throughout their natural range. The benefit will have something for everyone to enjoy featuring games, raffles, and live auction with the Texas Trails Council Boy Scouts helping with the event.

Becoming a Quail Forever member and attending the fundraising banquet is for the quail hunter conservationist who wants to make a difference for quail because Quail Forever operates under the unique model of empowering its local chapters with the responsibility of determining how 100% of its locally raised conservation funds will be spent within the state. The chapter's fundraising stays local in chapter control for landowner education & awareness, habitat restoration and rehabilitation, pollinator projects, introducing kids to

shooting sports, getting kids outdoors and more.

EARLY BIRD RATE AVAILABLE: Membership / Dinner tickets are \$55, which includes a great dinner, a year's membership, an annual subscription to the Quail Forever Journal, and QF decal. To take advantage of the Early Bird Rate, tickets must be purchased by Monday, June 11th (2018). Single meal only tickets are \$20 each with a reduced rate for youth; and tickets go up \$5 per ticket at the door. Chapter Sponsorships are in special need and available starting at \$250. Corporate Tables are also available; both include membership and special Quail Forever gifts. Most importantly, attendance and participation will help make a positive impact on quail habitat for this area.

Having people who care about quail and quail habitat is critical to rebuilding populations – which is why Quail Forever is a stand-alone leader for upland wildlife habitat conservation. Since 2005, Quail Forever has established more than 155 chapters in 28 states and has impacted 500,000+ acres nationwide to benefit quail and other wildlife with more than

7,000 completed wildlife habitat projects. Attend this year's event to help the Big Country Quail Forever Chapter in its quest to continue this legacy of work for the Bobwhite Quail in the Big Country area.

Answer the Bobwhite's call and become part of the Quail Forever covey while helping to make a difference. Purchase your tickets today online at <https://pheasantsforeverevents.org/event/3356> or can be purchased locally at the Wild Bill's Pawn at 3117 S. Danville in Abilene. For more information, be a sponsor or to purchase tickets, call Mike Flippin at 325-721-3087 or by email Mike at mk280gmx@yahoo.com.

About Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever

Pheasants Forever, including its quail conservation division, Quail Forever, is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 142,000 members and 730+ local chapters across the United States and Canada. Chapters are empowered to determine how 100 percent of their locally raised conservation funds are spent.

Cottonwood News

Cottonwood is bustling with kids running from yard to yard, swimming pool to swimming pool. This can only mean one thing, summer time is here and the kids are out of school. The roads are quite a bit busier here than when I was a kid, which just seems like last week, but the kids still ride their bicycles around. Keep that in mind if driving through. While we all teach our kids bicycle safety, sometimes they have a tendency to forget. The speed limit through Cottonwood is 30 mph, but we appreciate it when people go slower.

A few of our "kids" have taken the first big leap in life, graduation. Jack Larimore and Strena Cunningham, children of Wes and Vicki Larimore, walked the stage of Cross Plains High School. A lunch reception was held at the Cottonwood Community Center for them the following Saturday. Extended family came in from Houston, Galveston, Dallas, Del Rio, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, friends, and even a great aunt and uncle were able to attend. Everyone had a wonderful time and loved visiting our community and seeing our historical buildings. Jack and Strena felt so blessed and loved to have so many in attendance and wish them well. Congrats, Jack and Strena! Keep us updated with future plans and endeavors.

April Wheeler and her bunch made the long drive to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri to see Archer Wheeler graduate basic training. He received 1st place

over all in his company for his PT scores and was the 3rd fastest runner in the company, as well as being the youngest trainee in Basic. He is now stationed at Ft. Lee in Virginia for 12 weeks of AIT. April reports he looks in good health and is doing really well. Anybody who knows the Wheeler kids know they are all prepared for basic training the day they can walk. Hopefully soon, Archer will be home and we can all congratulate him on his accomplishments.

Another mountain lion sighting! My great aunt Judy and her grandson Layne came home to her house on the Albrecht place last Friday to a large mountain lion laying across her truck. Layne went in to grab his gun and the cat jumped into the back of the truck then down the road to the south. Layne was able to get a shot off, but either missed or nicked it, for Layne's sake we'll go with nicked it. Needless to say, both were pretty shook up. Just another reminder they are here and can become a danger to livestock and even small children.

A few weeks ago, I reported my great grandmother, Granner or Amy Albrecht as some may knew her, wrote a poem and submitted it anonymously to the Cross Plains Review years ago. Some hard work on my great aunts lead to a copy of the poem in my possession. It pertains to the county commissioner elections of 1962 in which apparently there was several candidates running for office. I'm a few weeks late on our local elections, but to some,

this may have applied again. It gave the editor a chuckle so he printed it even though the Review customarily did not print poetry nor anonymous submissions. I'm liable to have my granner visit me in my dreams and give me a scolding for exposing her, but here is her poem.

In commission precinct No. 4,
A lack of interest one can't deplore.

It leadsthefield with candidates galore,

Some are inexperienced; some know the score.

But all grow voluble, as ambitions soar,

With promises fantastic or sound to the core.

Some state specific intentions, details aft and fore,

Some just promise their best and the details ignore.

Some point with pride to records of yore,

At least the campaign won't be a bore.

As time grows short, loud grows the uproar,

As they busily add planks to their platform floor.

So gather up all your election lore,

To pick the right man will be a big chore!

But if you find not one by whom you set store,

Then man, you are hard to please for shore!

But don't give up; just write in one more,

To vote is a privilege as never before!

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LEAVE IT ALONE!

Ya know what time it is? It's fawning time for whitetail does, and the little fawns have already started hitting the ground.

Most of you already know better, but every year, some uninformed person with good intentions will see a fawn bedded down in a patch of weeds without its mother in sight and decides the little guy has been abandoned or forgotten.

Worse, still, that person will either call Animal Rescue or Parks & Wildlife and waste their time OR try to pick up the fawn and carry it to what they think is a safer place.

That's a classic example of two wrongs not making a right. First, in all probability, the fawn was not at all abandoned. Does are better mothers than that. She's usually not far away and either getting a well-needed rest from the stress of motherhood or browsing for sustenance to help provide milk for her newborn. Fawns have a high demand for milk and the mother has carried its baby during the winter when vegetation and browse are in short supply and may not be fit enough to fill the needs of this hungry, little, growing wail.

Fawns begin to nurse almost immediately after birth and need the mother's milk for growth as well as for the antibodies that help protect it from disease.

Data from Alan Cain, TPWD's Whitetail Deer Program Leader, shows Texas has about 4.3 million deer. Roughly 2.4 million of them are does, and 92% of them are bred each year. Most have twin fawns, but younger does often have singles. Triplets are rare – only about 2% incidence. Statistics in 2016 indicated Texas had 960,000 fawns in the population.

If you try to apply percentages to population estimates, it won't compute, since fawn survival plays a huge factor. Cain estimates survival is around 40%. That means better than half the fawns born don't make it past their first



This fawn's mother left it hidden in weeds where its spots would help camouflage it. The mother is usually not far away, although you may not see her. Don't touch or disturb it. Photo by John Jefferson.

birthday. A number of factors are responsible.

It's said that Texas weather is a continuous drought, occasionally interrupted by a severe thunderstorm and a flash flood. Those droughts occur most often during the summer, when a majority of the fawns are being born. And droughts do double damage to fawns. First, they retard all vegetation, including the high weeds that does hide their newborn in, making them more vulnerable to predators like coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, hogs, eagles, domestic dogs ... and a few of the people mentioned in

the third paragraph, above.

If fawns survive those, they are still dependent upon mother's milk, and if momma can't get enough to eat during a drought, they both suffer. Often, one or more of the fawns dies during extreme droughts.

It's a rough life being born a fawn. Nature can be cruel.

Cain expects the fawn crop to be a little lower than average in South Texas, the Rolling Plains and parts of the Cross Timbers, since those areas are somewhat dry.

So, do your part. Leave 'em alone! Don't touch!

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 423 Fundraiser for the Epilepsy Foundation

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 423 is partnering with The Epilepsy Foundation of Texas for a Change for Epilepsy fundraiser.

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Memorial Day Celebrated at Senior Center and at the Cross Plains Area Veteran's Memorial

The American Legion Post 423 and the Auxiliary Unit honored those who died while serving with several Memorial Day events.

First, on Friday, May 25th, a Memorial Day lunch was served at the Senior Center. Past Commander Ron Bell spoke at the luncheon on the importance of Memorial Day and the significance of the poppy.

Flags representing all branches of the service were presented.

On Sunday morning, the American Legion members placed American flags on the graves of all the veterans in the

Cross Plains Cemetery. On Monday morning, a Memorial Day Service was held at the Cross Plains Area Veteran's Memorial at 9 a.m.

At the close of the service, the American Legion travelled to Rising Star for a service at the Rising Star Veteran's Memorial at 10:30 a.m.

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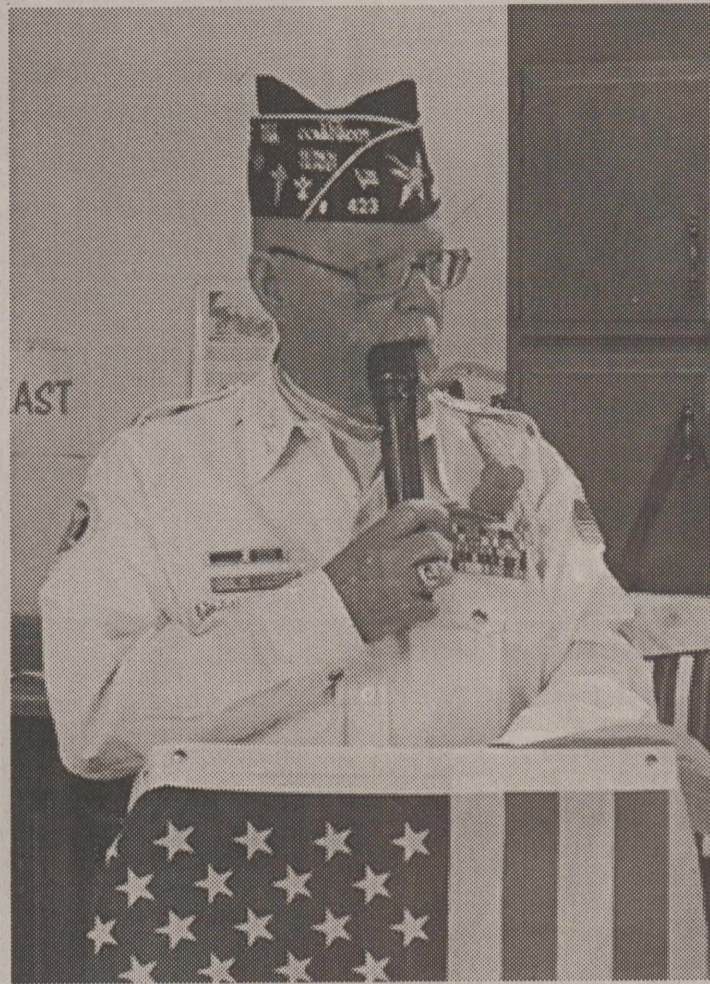
Members of the American Legion Post 423 and the Auxiliary present a flag for each branch of the service in honor of Memorial Day.



Placing flags on the graves at Cross Plains Memorial Park on Sunday Morning



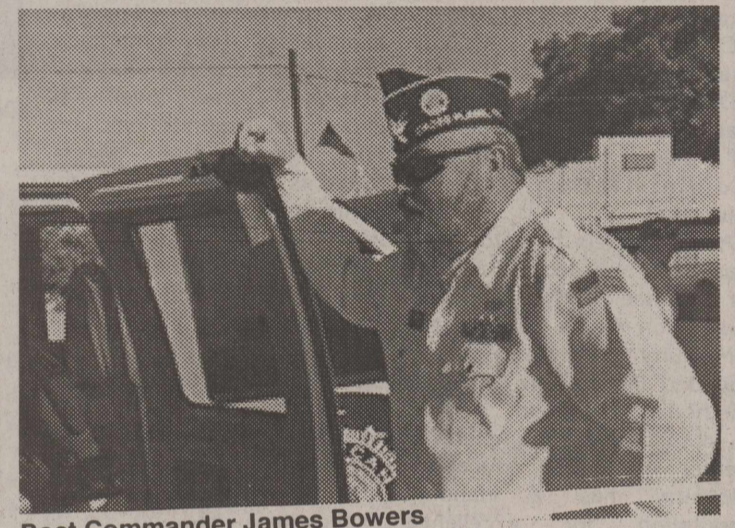
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Past Commander Ron Bell spoke to the Seniors and at



Commander Bell with members of the Auxiliary



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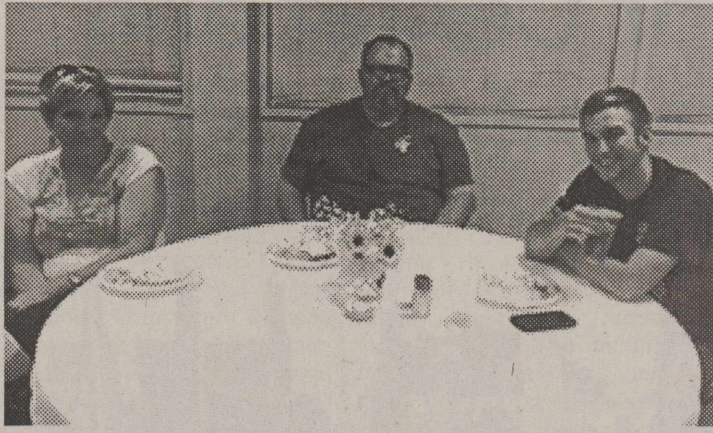
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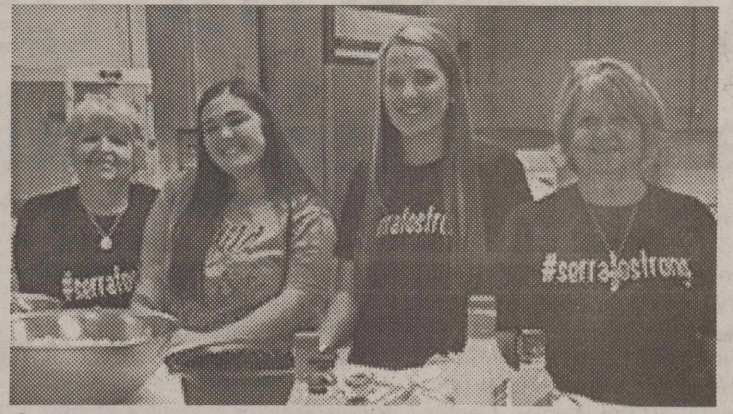
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Vicki, Wes and Jack Larimore



Delany and Travis Ames with their daughter, Arya Grace



Carolyn Morgan, Kelbi Hyles, Ariel Hutchins and Sharolyn Walker

Benefit for Serrato Family Held on Friday Night

A benefit Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction was held on Friday, June 1st for the family of Jocelynn Amerest Serrato, who passed away recently.

The event, organized by Ariel Hutchins, Kelbi Hyles, Connie Kirkham, Sarah Rogers and Cheyenne Sloan, raised \$2,116 for the family.

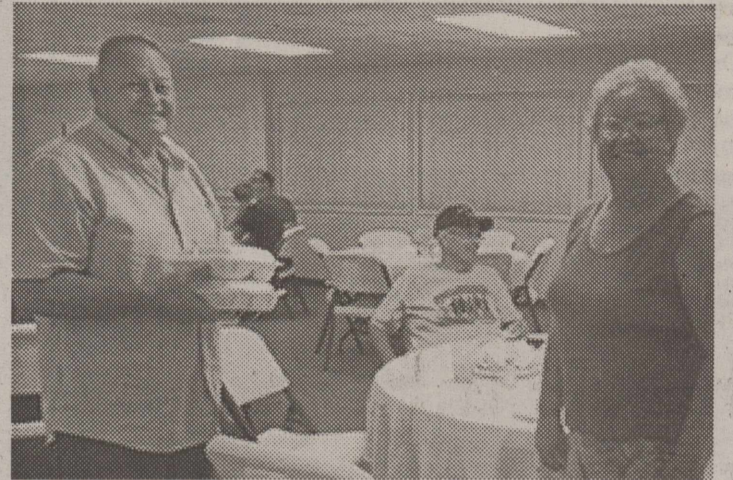
Many cakes and silent

auction items were donated by Higginbothams, Junkin Daze, Lawrence's, Wildlife Nutrition Center, Mindy and David Estes, Connie Kirkham, Gaye Botts, Sam and James Beaty, Michelle Strengh, Christine Woodard and many others.

Donations of food items were also given by many caring Cross Plains citizens.



Stacy Baker and Gaye Botts with Emili Baker



Getting Spaghetti to go - Jim and Joann Porter

Christine Woodard Graduates from McMurry University

Christine Woodard has been awarded degrees at McMurry University's Commencement Saturday, May 12, in Hunt P.E. Center. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Cum Laude.

Other Callahan County graduates are:

Dawn Hambrick of Clyde, TX, has been awarded a Bachelor of Bus Admin Business Administration/General Business.

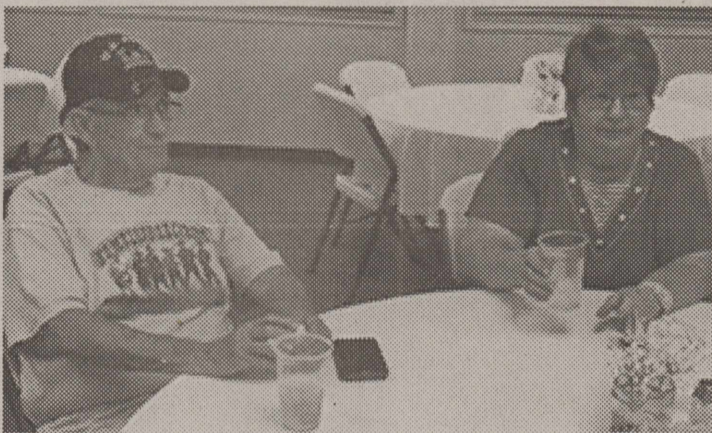
Ann Saunders of Clyde, TX, has been awarded a Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education Magna Cum Laude.

McMurry University was founded in 1923 as a United Methodist institution, and is a vibrant and comprehensive center of higher education. McMurry has a national reputation for excellence and value through the achievements of its faculty, students and graduates. The University enrolls more than 1,000 students and has an average class size of 16.

Offering a diverse academic curriculum, students can choose from 45 majors in the arts, business, education and the sciences as well as our pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, engineering, law, pharmacy, physical therapy and others.

McMurry has over 40 clubs and organizations and 20 intercollegiate sports. Students are engaged with the community and average over 24,000 hours of annual service.

McMurry is guided by our core values: Christian Faith as the foundation of life, Personal Relationships as the catalyst for life, Learning as the journey of life, Excellence as the goal of life, and Service as the measure of life. Our students are equipped to exceed expectations and go on to make their mark in the world, through scholarship, leadership and service.



Dennis Hampton visits with Jewel Newman

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From the Cross Plains Review... 23 years ago, April 13, 1995

Junior High Lady Buffs win District Track Title. On the team: Amber Taff, Stephanie Childress, Mary Jo Nickerson, Vanessa Webb, Nikki Bushnell, Liz McCarty, Laura Ricci, Ann Stephenson, Brandi Richey,

Jodi Payne, Brittany Bennett, Whitney Giles, Jennifer Braim, Jessica Childers, Chandra Heath, Christi Beaty, Mindy Mitchell, Amanda Dillard, LeaJean Wyatt, Jolena Fleming. John Starcher was the coach.

Matt Reed and Tonya Stover are first Runner-Up Mr. and Miss CPHS. Jared Harris and Tamara Hutton are 2nd Runner-Up.

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Alton & Mary Payne's 60th Wedding Anniversary Reception

Alton and Mary Payne are to be honored on their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a reception at the First Baptist Church of Baird on Sunday, June 10th from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. The couple married in 1958 in the First Baptist Church.

The reception is being hosted by their children, Joe and Tracey Payne of San Angelo and Richard and Susan Payne of Abilene.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

Cookoff entries, vendors sought 2018 Festival by the Lake is planned Friday and Saturday, June 29th, 30th

The 2018 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for Friday, June 29th & Saturday, June 30th at the Clyde Lake.

There is no admission fee to the festival area, however the Men of Clyde will be on hand to accept donations to help cover cost of the event.

This is the twelfth year the Festival by the Lake has occurred. Last year's attendance was estimated at over 13,000 and is expected to be exceeded this year, according to Festival chairman Sheree Gray. The festival committee is pleased to report that all measures of safety will be taken with a presence of law enforcement and medical teams in case of need.

FAMILY FUN

Activities for all ages include carnival rides, air castle and maze, gyro-ball ride, bungee cord jump area, bucking mechanical bull, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments and more being planned. The knocker balls (bounce balls) which are inflatable balls two players wear and try to knock each other down, will make their return appearance again this year. That area will be expanded this year.

Exciting display of fireworks set for both nights after dark around 10:00 p.m.

The fireworks on Friday night, June 29th will shot off by Gray Electric.

The fireworks display on Saturday night, June 30th will be

shot off by Richard Sheffield and Chad Sheffield.

Live entertainment scheduled: Friday, June 29th: 5:00-7:00 - Kacey Toliver & Wildfire.

Friday, June 29th: 7:00-9:00 - Guadalupe Pirates.

Friday, June 29th: 9:00-11:00 - Mark McKinney.

Saturday, June 30th: 2:00-4:00 - Michael Knight.

Saturday, June 30th: 5:00-7:00 - AJ Johnson & His Western Riot Band.

Saturday, June 30th: 7:00-9:00 - Daniel Brown & Kind Liars.

Saturday, June 30th: 9:00-11:00 - Bo McDowell.

The City of Clyde also constructed a new \$10,000 roof over the band stage area for this year's concerts.

COOK-OFF COMPETITION on Saturday

Information and registration forms for cook-off teams can be picked up at City Halls in Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains. Categories that require an entry fee include brisket, ribs, chicken, beans & dessert.

A new addition of a hamburger patty caterogy for kids only will also be included this year. That category will be cooked on Friday, June 30th, and will be judged on Friday night.

Another new category of competition again this year, not requiring an entry fee, is "Best Damn Campsite". Cook-off campsites will be judged on how they are decorated to capture the spirit of the event. They will be judged on Friday night,

June 30th.

Cook-off teams meet at 5:00 p.m. Friday for final instructions. Deadline is Friday at 5:00 p.m. FOOD and MERCHANDISE

Vendors offering food and merchandise will be at the festival. A few merchandise vendor spaces are still available for this year. Get information by calling Sheree Gray at 370-9560.

GREAT SPONSORS for a GREAT EVENT

The Festival committee is most appreciative of the support of the following businesses and organizations that make the 2-day event spectacular: City of Clyde, Mister Car Wash, Clyde Economic Development Corporation, Blake Fulenwider Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge, First Bank Texas, Gray Election, Tytan Heating & Cooling, and Clyde's One-Stop.

More contributors include: Winners Circle Trophies, Clyde Auto Supply, Clyde Chamber of Commerce, Citizens EMS, Clyde Farm & Ranch Supply, Clyde Journal, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, First Financial Bank, Key City Septic & Plumbing, and United Supermarkets.

CAMPsites AVAILABLE

For camping information at Clyde Lake contact David at 893-5339 or visit the City of Clyde's website with a link at clydefestivalbythelake.com. Clyde Lake is located 8 miles south of Interstate 20, east of FM 604, at FM 3217. The City's Facebook page is also located on the City of Clyde's website.

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A Taste of the Big Country

The Cross Plains Public Library is hosting a special event featuring author Tiffany Harelik (Jimmy and Patsy's daughter): lunch with a tasting of recipes from her latest book *The Big Country Cookbook*. From Patty's (Rogers) Enchilada Stack to Tiffany's (Harelik) Potluck Grape Salad, *The Big Country Cookbook* has histories and recipes that span over one hundred years and cover sixteen counties. Learn how to make cinnamon waffles, poppy seed sausage rolls, acorn squash mash, quail, enchiladas, and more in this entertaining, one-of-a-kind, travel-oriented cookbook.

The Library Board will be serving twelve dishes from the cookbook, including recipes from local cooks, the Anson Christmas Ball, and Perini's. There will be appetizers, entrees, side dishes,

desserts, bread and beverage. This week we take a closer look at Barbecued Brisket (recipe below) – a favorite of the Texas Cowboy's Christmas Ball in Anson, by Rhonda Weaver. (We will be serving the brisket on sliders)

A 132-year-old winter holiday celebration, the Anson Christmas Ball includes traditional western music, poetry, dancing, listening, refreshments, and fellowship. Held at the Historic Pioneer Hall, both the Hall and the Ball are designated as an official state site and event by the Texas Historical Commission. The ball was memorialized by rancher and poet Larry Chittenden with his famous poem "The Cowboy's Christmas Ball." It was set to music and first performed at the 1946 Ball. The "Cowboy's Christmas Ball at Anson in Jones County" was recognized

in Edna Ferber's memorable novel *Giant*.

1885 Ball rules remain in effect today. Ladies are required to wear dresses on the dance floor. Gentlemen must check in hats, spurs, and guns. No drinking, smoking, spitting, fighting, cussing, or riding horses is allowed in the Hall. [Excerpts from *The Big Country Cookbook*, by Tiffany Harelik.]

"ATaste of the Big Country" will be held at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 11, with a presentation by Tiffany and some local cooks at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Cost is \$10/ adults and \$8/children 12 & under. Tiffany will have her cookbooks for sale and will autograph them.

Come join us for lunch and enjoy "A Taste of the Big Country"!

Barbecued Brisket,
As found in *The Big Country Cookbook* by Tiffany Harelik, reprinted with permission

Ingredients:
1 6-8-pound beef brisket
½ of 3-ounce bottle of liquid smoke
1 teaspoon celery salt
1 teaspoon onion salt
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 cup water
½ cup brown sugar
1 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons flour
Marinate brisket in liquid smoke, celery salt, onion salt, garlic salt and water overnight. Bake, covered, in preheated 250° oven for 5 hours. Cool meat. Blend drippings, brown sugar, ketchup, and flour in a saucepan. Bring dripping mixture to a boil, stirring constantly. Slice brisket and cover in sauce. Bake at 300° for one hour in preheated oven.

Jeremiah 29:11 Project Provides Hot Meal for Kids During the Summer

Jeremiah 29:11 is a non-profit organization that feeds children a hot lunch five days a week for children who need one. On the weekends, the project sends a bag of nutritious food and snacks.

Food is prepared and delivered by volunteers from the Cross Plains Senior Center.

If you are interested in getting your children on the list or have been on the list, please call

Connie Kirkham at either 325-665-0154 or 254-725-6500 or Whitney Henderson at 325-260-9330.

Connie or Whitney make the lists and the routes. Please call them and not the Senior Center.

We do have a form for parents to sign if your child has a special diet or has allergy issues.

Thanks so much.
Whitney and Connie

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Have a Safe and Fun Summer

Summer has arrived and that means a lot of fun, and a bit of danger. The snakes are out and while most aren't dangerous, snake shin guards are a good idea if you are going to be out in the brush. Lawrence Farm and Ranch keeps them on hand; while you're there, you might want to look at a new pair of gloves. Those tractors, metal fencing, and trailers can get hot enough to fry an egg on, so be sure to be careful.

Everyone is breaking out the boats and heading to the lakes. Time to dig out the fishing poles, buy some new lures, and most of all... check everyone's life vests to make sure they fit. The kids have grown over the last year, it's worth the \$20-\$40 to make sure they are safe. Higginbotham Brother's has life vests and floaties for toddlers to adults. While you're there, check out their supply of fishing poles, lures, and bait buckets. They even carry battery operated aerators to make sure

the minnows stay alive on the long drive to the lake.

Dry itchy skin is one of the more unpleasant parts of summer. A trip to Patsy's Flowers and Gifts for some of their wonderful handmade goat's milk lotion is a great idea. With a variety of fragrances, you are certain to find just the right one for you. The best way to keep your skin looking young and feeling comfortable, is to stay hydrated and prevent sunburns. Lowe's has sunscreen in both lotion and spray form. Be sure to stock up on waters, Gatorades, and ice. Staying hydrated is critical for your summer health. When you are out with the children, apply sunscreen often and make sure they drink water each time you do. If you wait until your thirsty to get a drink, you are already playing catch up. The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce wants your summer to be fun and more importantly safe.

Fund Raiser for Texas Sentinels at Clyde Chamber Building Saturday

A fund raiser will be held Saturday, June 9, 9-4, to benefit Texas Sentinels at the Clyde Chamber Building located at 106 Cedar St in Clyde. Market at Clyde and Peddlers Market will be giving a gift basket that includes items donated by the vendors from both of these markets. The basket will be of no less than \$100 value. Donate any amount to Texas Sentinels and be entered into this drawing.

Texas Sentinels is an organization that gives assistance to our wounded Military Veterans. Their primary cause is to provide housing to Veterans that have returned from military service and have challenges providing for their families. Many of the men and women that have returned from military service have set backs due to physical, mental and emotional damage received during the time of their service to our country. When they return to civilian life it is sometimes hard and takes time to step into the roles needed to provide for their families. Some veterans need a hand up from their communities. Adequate housing is often an issue for veterans and their families. Without safe housing often families are broken. It is the goal of Texas Sentinels to assist in this area, as well as providing support in other areas.

One of the things that sets Texas Sentinels apart is that every dollar they raise goes to the cause. This is a grass roots registered non profit organization that is completely run by volunteers. There is no overhead for salaries, office buildings or cooperate expenses. When you donate to this cause your dollar is invested into the life of a veteran and their families.

Thank you to Market at Clyde and Peddlers Market for sponsoring this event. Market at Clyde is a local craft market offering all hand crafted, homemade, or home cooked merchandise. Everything that you see in this market will be created by the artist, artisan, crafter or home cook that you shop with. In another area of the building will be Peddlers Market. This is an event offering direct sale merchandise and high quality resale items. By shopping these markets you will be supporting a worthy cause and experience a fun shopping experience in a fun environment. To learn more about Market at Clyde call Linnie at 325-518-3939 or visit the Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas. To learn more about Peddlers Market call Nan at 325-721-5381 or visit Facebook page peddler Market-Clyde.

County Burn Ban has been lifted

Thanks to the widespread rainfall throughout Callahan County Monday, June 4th, County Judge Roger Corn announced the Countywide Burn Ban has been lifted effective immediately.

The Countywide Burn Ban will remain lifted until Callahan County Judge Corn reinstates the Burn Ban.

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Pilots Honor Memories of Fallen Heroes



Captain Jim Kaiser and Tracy Grogan, one of the original Snowball moms

Pilots Honor Memories of Fallen Heroes

Local pilot, retired Naval Officer, and retired American Airlines Captain Jim Kaiser and his friend Rob Bowen, also a retired American Airlines Captain are on a mission. Their mission is to honor our U.S. military fallen heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the global fight against terrorism since 9/11. It all started over a year ago when Bowen approached Kaiser looking for help in completion of one of his personal "bucket list" items - to fly his Beechcraft Baron B55 twin engine airplane around the perimeter of the lower 48 states.

"I said sure, I'd like to do that," Kaiser said. After thinking about it for a while Kaiser approached Bowen with an alternate proposal. "Instead of just flying around the United States why don't we dedicate each leg to a recent military casualty and tie it in with Snowball Express?" Snowball Express is a charity that Kaiser and his wife, Michelle, are volunteers for that serves the children of our fallen military heroes, surviving spouses, and Gold Star families. Gold Star families are those who have lost a loved one while serving in the military.

Snowball Express started in 2006 after a letter from a soldier, Jess Givens, was published in a California paper. The letter, dated April 22nd, 2003, to his wife Melissa came with an instruction his wife was not to open and read the letter except upon the occasion of his death. Unfortunately, Jess Givens was killed just a short time later, on May 1st of 2003 in Iraq. In the letter, he talked about how much he loved his family and the things he wished they could have done together including taking their kids to Walt Disney World in Florida. After the letter was published a few years later as part of an article on his death, several local residents got together and decided to help fulfill Jess Givens' wishes. They quickly found there were several hundred surviving children and spouses in the same situation so their plans grew quickly. They

ended up taking these several hundred family members to Disneyland.

Today, Snowball Express has over 1400 active Snowball families and this December they will take almost 2,000 Gold Star family members to Walt Disney World for 4 days of no cost entertainment and communal healing. The families are transported for free by American Airlines - the flight crews and other American employees all donate their time. While Snowball Express started with a few concerned people they now have over a thousand volunteers. In January of this year, Snowball Express became a program under the Gary Sinise Foundation. While Gary Sinise is an accomplished actor in both movies and television, he is probably best known as LT Dan in Forrester Gump. He has been a strong supporter of Snowball Express for several years and his foundation is involved with several veterans and first responder programs. If you are interested in what they do and how you can support their programs, please go to www.garysinisefoundation.org.

Kaiser and Bowen pitched the idea to the Snowball Express staff about dedicating each leg by placing a decal on the airplane with the fallen hero's name and repainting the airplane in a patriotic red, white, and blue motif. "One suggestion was proposed that instead of dedicating a leg for just one individual, that we place the names of all of our fallen heroes on the airplane and dedicate our journey to all of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the global war on terrorism. Thus was born the We Remember Tour project," Kaiser said. Getting the airplane repainted and applying a wrap to the airplane with over 7,000 names took months but it was finally completed in late October, 2017 for the airplane's debut at the Alliance Airport airshow in Fort Worth, Texas.

After the Alliance airshow, the airplane was put on display in November at the Skyball 2017 event at DFW airport - a major fund-raising event hosted by

American Airlines and the Fort Worth Air Power Foundation. Funds from Skyball are used to help support veterans' programs including Snowball Express. In December, the airplane made its first appearance with Gold Star families at the Carswell Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth where Gary Sinise and the LT Dan Band put on a concert for the Snowball Express families. "We were not prepared for the emotional impact the airplane had on the families and the families on us," Bowen said. The family members gathered around the airplane 5- and 6-deep, hoping to find their loved one's name on the airplane fuselage which has the names of the fallen generally in chronological order by date of death.

"We knew we had to do a better job of being able to find a hero's name on the airplane, so Michelle took on the task of cataloging every one of the current 7,672 names on the airplane in alphabetical order which indicates what side of the airplane the name is on, which column the name is in numbered from front to back, and how far down the column the name is. What used to take us 5-10 minutes now takes us about 15 seconds," Kaiser said.

The next trip the We Remember Tour airplane took was to Dyess Air Force Base for an airshow on the 12th and 13th of May. "We felt it was important to display the airplane at Dyess because there were 6 names on the airplane of individuals killed in the line of duty in a crash of a Dyess based C-130 aircraft," Bowen said.

The most recent trip was to the Breckenridge (Stephens County) airshow this past Memorial Day weekend. "We felt it was mandatory that we have the airplane on display at Breckenridge during Memorial Day weekend as the airshow performers payed tributes to our fallen military - the real reason for Memorial Day. Almost the entire airshow consisted of warbirds from different conflicts; it was a very patriotic airshow," said Kaiser. In addition to the names on the side of the airplane to honor



Captain Rob Bowen accepts the Star Spangled Ambassador flag from Richard Parks

our military, they also took two special items with them. One, is an honor flag called The Star-Spangled Ambassador. This flag has been carried on over 90 different airplane types, including Air Force One, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels,

heal the wounds of these Gold Star families. "We have had families tell us their children have benefitted more from 4 days of Snowball Express than three years of therapy."

The next scheduled airshow is in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the end of July. This will be the official kickoff of the We

Remember Tour, but in the meantime Kaiser and Bowen are exploring other destinations to honor our nations fallen heroes and the families they left behind. To quote Gary Sinise: "While we can never do enough to show gratitude to our nation's defenders we can always do a little more" Kaiser said.

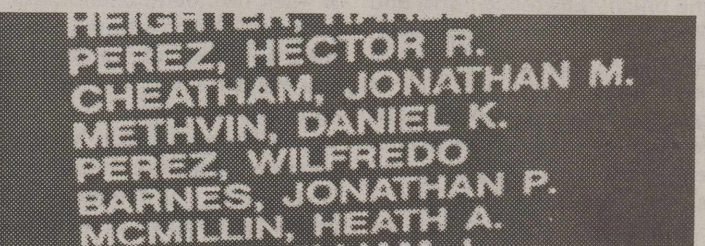


Kylie's Traveling Rock

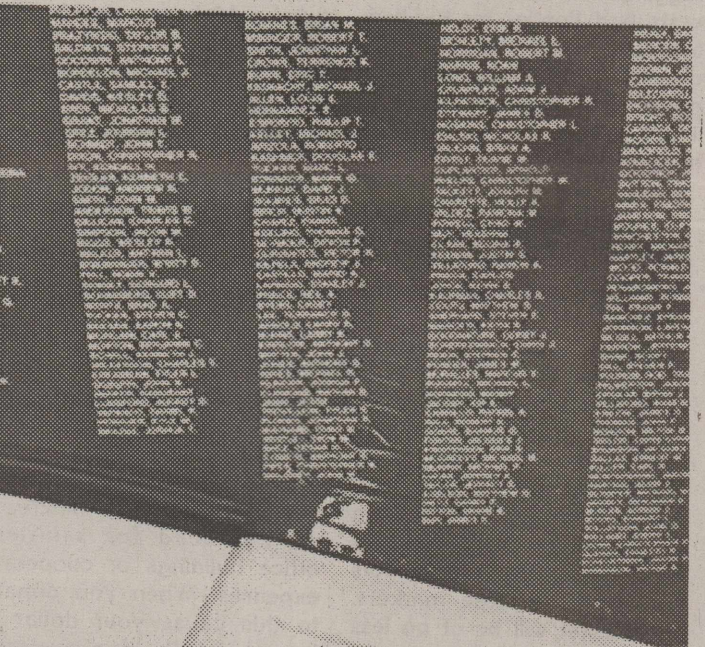
and has flown to every continent in the world. The second item was a traveling rock that was given to the crew by a young girl named Kiley Weaver whose father, Todd Weaver was killed in action in 2010 when she was very young. There is a personal message from Kiley to her father painted on the rock. The pilots are carrying this rock with them on every leg of the tour and documenting its travels for Kiley.

One thing the pilots quickly discovered was that every one of the names has a personal story behind it. They were fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters, friends. "I was talking with a couple at Dyess and they knew one of the pilots in the C-130 accident. They found his name on the airplane and had a story to tell," Bowen said. Some people have a very emotional response when they see a friend or relative's name on the airplane. "I asked one gentleman if I could help him find a name on the airplane. He took a moment to answer then said 'no, there are just too many', "said Kaiser. The number one response from the general public is 'I never realized there were that many'.

"When they see all those names it has a big impact on them," Kaiser said. All the names on the airplane are from the official Department of Defense casualty lists plus some other Gold Star families who were accepted into the Snowball Express program. Kaiser said that while their efforts are to honor our fallen heroes and remind the general public about the sacrifices they have made for all of us, they also want to promote the work that the Gary Sinise Foundation and Snowball Express have done to



"The names on the airplane include a local Cross Plains connection. Sergeant Daniel K. Methvin died 7/26/2003 due to hostile action while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at the age of 22. He was the son of George and Linda Methvin and the grandson of Phyllis Ames Harris."



A portions of the 7,672 names



Snowball Express families at Carlswell Joint Reserve Base

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