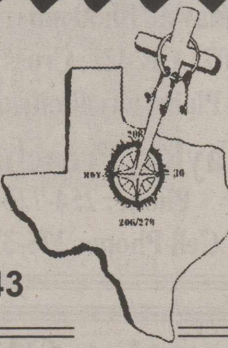


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CPHS Homecoming Set for September 7th-8th

Every three years Cross Plains High School Ex-Students come back to visit with old friends and visit their old home town. 2018 is Homecoming Year and the Cross Plains Ex-Student Association is busy planning out all of the Homecoming Activities.

Here's the schedule:
Tuesday, September 4th - 6 p.m. - Community Hot Dog Supper at the Senior Center Parking Lot. Free hot dogs, introduction of the football players, cheerleaders and band members.
Friday, September 7th - 7:30 p.m. Pep Rally and Tailgate Party at Treadway Park. State qualifiers from 2015 to 2018

will be honored. Get together with your class and plan out your tailgate area!

Saturday, September 8th - Coffee and Registration, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the High School Library



Business Meeting, 11:00-11:30 a.m., in the Auditorium. Classes sectioned by decades. Recognition of Coming Home King and Queen Nominees

Lunch, 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria, sponsored by the Band Boosters.

Parade, 2 p.m., Downtown Cross Plains. Coming Home King and Queen will be honored. Start planning your float now.

Class Meetings, 3 p.m.
PTO Homecoming Bash, 4-7 p.m. Practice Field
Football Game, 7 p.m.
Cross Plains Buffaloes face off against the Ranger Bulldogs. Come cheer the Buffaloes on to victory.

After Game Coffee, 9 p.m., Cross Plains Public Library.
After Game Dance, 9 p.m.-12:00 a.m., at Treadway Park.
Homecoming Invitations with the full schedule are available at Texas Heritage Bank, the Senior Center and the Cross Plains Review. If you are in charge of mailing the invitations to your classmates, please contact Dannes, Tucker or Connie Kirkham, to pick up your forms.

Keep updated on Homecoming through the Cross Plains Ex-Student's Association's facebook page: facebook.com/crossplainsexes.

Cottonwood Musical on Friday, August 24th

The Cottonwood Country Musical will be held August 24, 2018 at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The menu is stew, cornbread, crackers, desserts, and coffee, tea, or sodas.

The proceeds from the musical meal are used for the maintenance of the building.

The serving will begin at 5 p.m.

There is no charge for the musical program. The music begins at 5:30 p.m.

The musical is to be an entertaining one with musicians who perform regularly as well as some musicians that haven't performed at Cottonwood scheduled. We are fortunate to have a talented group that come to perform.

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

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

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

CPISD Ready for School to Start on Tuesday, August 28th

Tuesday is the big day at CPISD as the students return to class for the start of the school year.

The roster of teachers and staff for the upcoming year: Superintendent - Phil Mitchell
Superintendent Secretary - Lurene McNutt

High School Teachers and Staff:
Dade Cosby-High School Principal
Krisi Reed-PEIMS Coordinator/HS Secretary
Brandi Purvis-HS Counselor
Michelle Allen-JH Science/Coach
Mykia Anderson-JH Math/Coach
Rhonda Atchley-JH/Freshman English
Janna Austin-HS English
Jeanette Barron-Technology Director/Teacher
Shawn Bullock-History/JH Health/JH/HS PE
Keeka Byrd-Art/FCCLA
Jim Cook-District Resource Officer
Stefanie Forbus-Elementary/Spanish
Kenneth Franke-HS Math
Elvan Goode-Ag/Coach
Evelyn Harris-HS Library Aide

Stephanie Kelley-Sped Aide
JoJo Morgan-Special Ed/Coach
Marc Morgan-Ag/Coach
Ashley Moses-Sped/Cheer Sponsor/Yearbook
Gary Moses-JH History/Writing/Coach
Richard Murrow-Band Director
Dustin Neighbors-HS Science/Math
Daniel Purvis-Athletic Director/Govt./Econ.
Kim Thomas-Sped Aide
Tracy Tipton-History/Coach
LeaJean Wilkerson-HS Science

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Leslie Lawrence - Elementary Principal
Amber Kleiber - Secretary
April Cowan - Pre K
Deanna Golsen - Kindergarten
Janice Phillips - Kindergarten
Cynthia Beggs - 1st Grade
Charlese Harris - 1st Grade
Jamie Apple - 2nd Grade
Stephanie Garrett - 2nd Grade
Casie Morgan - 3rd Grade
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JoJo Morgan - PE
Richard Murrow - Band/Music
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Beverly Pope - Aide
Annette Tillery - Aide
Shawna Tollett - Aide
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Tiffani Parker - Custodian
CPISD Staff:
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Maintenance - Clarence
Tennis, Supervisor
Bus - Homer Parson, Bud Dillard, Mitchell Atchley, Marc Morgan, Shawn Bullock, Rebecca Smoot, Randall Hunsaker



Amanda Roberts and her 4-H show lamb Jerry. 4-H Kids are getting their goats, lambs, heifers, steer and other animals. They will walk, brush, feed and care for them throughout the coming months.

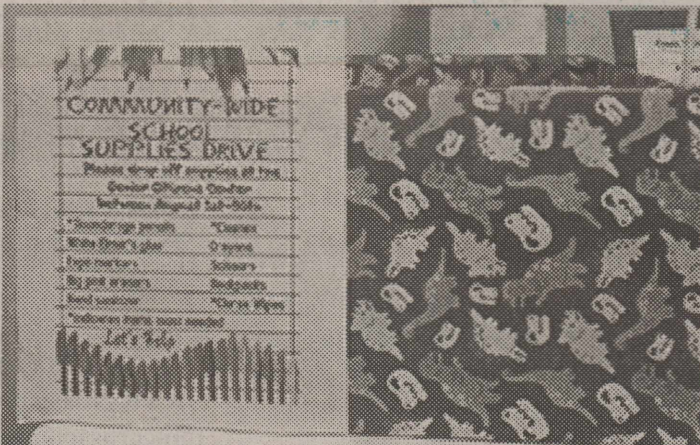
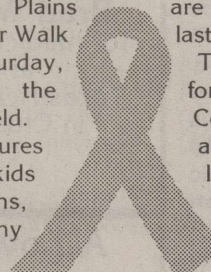
Colors of Hope Theme for Cancer Walk

The Cross Plains Community Cancer Walk will be held on Saturday, October 13th at the CPISD Football Field.

The event features live music, kids games, food booths, bingo, and many other fun events.

The event ends with a memory walk. The lights and names of loved ones

are read as walkers take the last walk around the track. The event raises money for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund, an organization that helps local cancer patients with transportation cost to and from treatments and doctors appointments. This year's theme is "Colors of Hope".



School Supplies Are Needed

Grab your pencils, scissors and glue. A Community-Wide School Supplies Drive is going on through August 30th.

The drive will help out local Cross Plains I.S.D. students whose parents can't afford school supplies and teachers who need extra supplies for their classrooms.

The most needed items are Ticonderoga pencils, kleenex and Clorox wipes, along with white Elmer's Glue, Expo Markers, big pink erasers, hand sanitizer, crayons, scissors and backpacks.

You can drop the items off in the collection boxes at the First Baptist Church, the

Senior Center (inside the First Baptist Church), The First United Methodist Church or ResourceCare.

Email Class Meetings to the Cross Plains Review

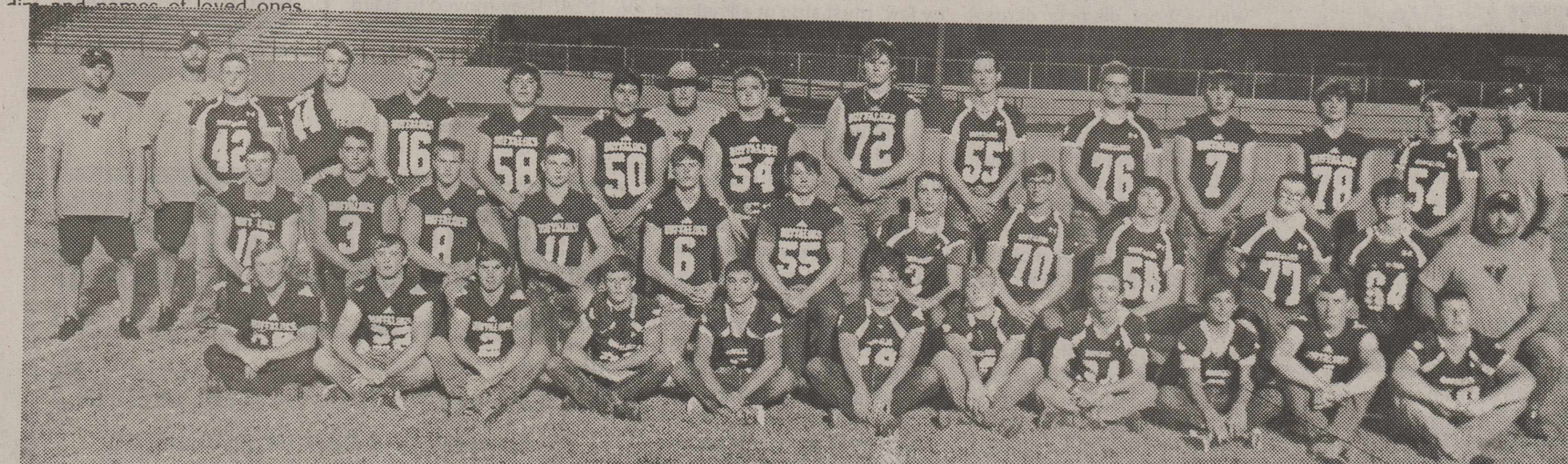
Where is your class meeting for Homecoming?

Email your class meetings to the Cross Plains Review and post them on the crossplainsexes facebook page.

School Starts on Tuesday, August 28th

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Ready for the Game - The Buffaloes gather for a group photo at Friday night's Meet the Buffaloes. The team is ready for Thursday night's scrimmage at Goldthwaite and for the season opener here against Menard on Friday, August 31st. Back row, left to right: Coach Gary Moses, Coach Elvan Goode, Kaydence Smoot, Trent Pottter, Cody McWilliams, Samuel Cowan, Brian Morales, Coach Tracy Tipton, Jacob Collier, Tripp Thomas, Ketch Thomas, Moses Simmons, Lane Parker, Logan Proctor, Wade Byrd, Athletic Director Daniel Purvis; Middle row: Cedar Jones, Caleb Hernandez, Ty Tipton, Corey Proctor, Theron Allen, Paxton Byrd, Beau Barker, Jason McPherson, Austin Rankin, Anthony Fidler, Johnathan Wheeler, Coach Chad Barron. Front row: Brian Curry, Sterling Switzer, Cason Allen, Hunter Johnson, Sam Horan, Sean Hernandez, Strait Loftis, Glen Dunlap, Spade Koenig, Jevon Tillery, Keegan Kane.

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Linda & Ron Aten of Abilene receive Governor's Volunteer Award

AUSTIN - Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott, Honorary Chair of the 35th annual Governor's Volunteer Awards, today announced the 2018 award recipients. The Governor's Volunteer Awards, administered by OneStar Foundation, honors the contributions of individuals, businesses and organizations in Texas that have made a positive impact in their communities or across the state through service and volunteering. Through her Texanthropy Initiative, Mrs. Abbott has made promoting volunteerism and service to others her primary focus as First Lady of Texas.

"There is nothing more powerful than Texans helping Texans," Mrs. Abbott said. "Whether it is through everyday volunteering and giving, or by responding to the most disastrous storm in our state's history, Texans can always be depended on to answer the call to help their neighbors. This year's Governor's Volunteer Award winners are an inspiration to us all."

In addition to the standard Governor's Volunteer Award categories, this year three new categories were added to honor Texas women who have been instrumental in furthering the three key priority areas of the

Governor's Commission for Women, which are advancing economic opportunities for Texas women, addressing the scourge of human and sex trafficking, and engaging Texas businesswomen in Hurricane Harvey rebuilding efforts.

Awardees will be honored in the Fall at an evening reception at the Texas Governor's Mansion.

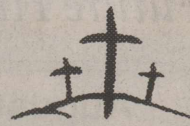
The recipients of the 2018 Governor's Volunteer Awards included:

National Service Make A Difference Award - Senior Corps - Linda And Ron Aten
Linda and Ron Aten began volunteering in the Senior Corps RSVP program in Abilene in 2001 and have since accumulated over 11,000 hours of volunteer service. Together they have served through 36 different agencies; however, it is the AARP Tax Aide Program where their major volunteer service is focused. Ron has been a tax counselor since 2006 and Linda has served as the District Coordinator since 2011. In 2017, the Abilene District prepared over 1,500 tax returns at no cost and gave back to community residents over \$460,000 in earned income credit and \$223,584 in tax refunds.

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9:30

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DPS reminds drivers of traffic dangers associated with new school year

AUSTIN - As the new school year begins, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) cautions Texans to slow down in school zones, and to be aware of children walking to and from school or waiting for buses. Drivers should be especially alert and careful around school buses - which make frequent stops - and always follow traffic laws regarding school buses and school zones. The start of the school year also generates an increase in overall traffic in many areas, and drivers should take extra precautions.

"With school districts across Texas returning to classes in the coming weeks, DPS is urging drivers to slow down and be alert in school zones and wherever children are present," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Motorists who disregard the law and illegally pass stopped school buses put our schoolchildren in harm's way - and that reckless and irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated by DPS."

The moments when students are entering or exiting the bus can be one of the most dangerous times during a child's trip on a school bus. Accordingly, DPS reminds drivers to reduce speed and be aware that children may unexpectedly step into a roadway without checking for oncoming traffic.

State law requires that drivers stop when a bus is stopped and operating a visual signal - either red flashing lights or a stop sign.

Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. Approaching drivers do not have to stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal if the roadway is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not considered separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.

Drivers who illegally pass school buses face fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense. For individuals convicted of this offense more than once, the law allows the individual's driver license to be suspended for up to six months. (A ticket for illegally passing a school bus cannot be dismissed through defensive driving.) Additionally, this offense could potentially include criminal charges if they cause serious bodily injury to another.

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Obituary

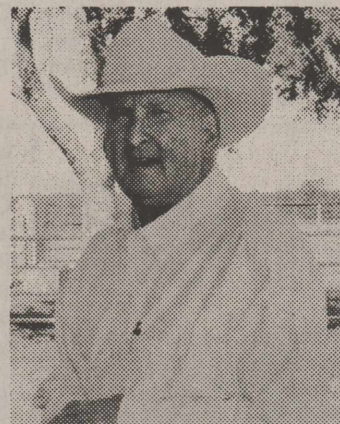
Sherman Lee (Pete) Traylor

Sherman Lee (Pete) Traylor, 62 died Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Coleman Medical Center in Coleman, TX, following a short illness. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 4th, at 2:00 pm, at North Coleman Baptist Church for family and friends. Service was officiated by Rev. Jeff Dean. Private burial was later at Cross Plains Cemetery.

Sherman (Pete) Traylor was born on December 14, 1955 in Coleman, TX (Coleman County) USA. He married Brenda Lou Carey on September 16, 1978.

He is survived by his spouse Brenda Lou Traylor, as well as a sister, Ethey Rose Traylor Neal, brother Lee Hiram Traylor, brother Dalton Elwood Traylor and wife, Cyndi. He is also survived by his 4 nephews, 2 nieces, several great-nephews and great nieces. Also survived by an aunt (his mom's sister), Edna Bobbie Thomas, and 1 aunt and 2 uncles on his dad's side, and several cousins.

Preceded in death by his parents, Dalton Eugene Traylor and mother, Garnalee McWhirter Marshall.



ROBERT P. HARLE

Robert P. Harle

Robert Pearce (Rob) Harle, DVM, 70, passed away August 17, 2018, at his home in Callahan County. He was surrounded by family and friends during his final days.

Dr. Harle was born October 29, 1947, in Houston TX to Joe Pearce and Mary Elizabeth Mills Harle. He developed his love of horses and the outdoors from adventures chasing cattle with his maternal grandfather H.O. Mills at the Mills family camp property on the Neches River in East Texas. Rob's father purchased property in East Texas near Huntsville which became the Harle Family Pine Tree Farm. There Rob had horses and cows and spent lots of time riding and working cattle. These early adventures led to his two passions of veterinary medicine and hunting excursions throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Rob graduated from Memorial H.S. in Houston in 1966 and attended Texas Tech University from 1966 to 1969 when he was accepted into Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1972 he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, his Texas veterinary license, and he took his first job with a clinic in Martindale, TX, near San Marcos.

In 1973, Rob met Veronica Rose (Nicki) Stallman in San Marcos and the couple married on June 29, 1974. They moved to Baird on Dec. 29th of that year. His dream to own and operate his own veterinary clinic is what led them to Callahan County. Early in 1975 construction

began on Callahan County Veterinary Clinic located on I-20 at Clyde. He conducted a general practice for both large and small animals until selling the practice to his partner in 2009. Since then he has run a ranch practice from his home office between Baird and Clyde. While living in Baird the couple had 3 sons; JW, Kirt, and Lee. They joined First Presbyterian Church of Baird where Rob was a leader in the church serving as elder and Sunday school teacher. In 1981 the Harles built a home in the country with more than 100 adjoining acres so that he could develop a small cow/calf operation in addition to his veterinary practice. Rob's community and professional involvement included two terms on the Baird ISD school board, president of the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation, vice president of the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse, and board member for the Callahan-Shackleford County Farm Bureau. He was an active member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Texas Equine Veterinary Association, and the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practitioners for which he served a term as statewide president. He also supported Texas Tech University through the Texas Tech Alumni Association and Masked Rider Endowment Fund. Rob was a highly respected and great man who honored God with his life. He was a devoted husband and father, was always ready to help and encourage a friend and served his community all while smiling and being a consistently calm and levelheaded leader in whatever the task was before him. He will be truly missed by many.

Survivors include his wife Nicki of Baird; his son JW and wife Bonnie and grandchildren Bree, Pearce, Witt, and Tessa of New Braunfels; his son Kirt and wife D'Neal and grandchildren Jarrett, Elli, and Gracie of

Tuscola; his son Lee of Bastrop; his father Joe Pearce Harle of Abilene; and his sister Mary Lu Harle of Anchorage. He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Elizabeth Harle.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held Friday, Aug. 24th at 6:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Baird Pavilion, 140 E. 4th Street. Casual attire is encouraged for those attending.

The family requests in lieu of flowers to consider memorial gifts to First Presbyterian Church of Baird, PO Box 757, Baird 79504, or to the Texas Tech Masked Rider Endowment Fund, Attn: Center for Campus Life, P. O. Box 45014, Lubbock, TX, 79409.

Arrangements for the memorial service are entrusted to Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

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Celebrating August Birthdays at the Senior Center - Linda Ring, Gene Dillard, Carie Wheeler and Helen Parson. They'll each receive a special birthday cake. Meals on Wheels participants and seniors who eat lunch at the Senior Center also receive a cupcake. Cakes and cupcakes are provided by Barr Fabrication who sponsors the Senior Birthdays.

Cross Plains Community Calendar

~ August ~
August 23 - Thursday, Football Scrimmage vs. Goldthwaite there, 5:30 p.m.
August 28 - Tuesday, School Starts
August 30 - Thursday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Meeting, 7 p.m.
August 31 - Friday, First Varsity Football Game vs. Menard, here, 7 p.m.
August 31 - Friday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Family Fun Night "Clinic"
 ~ September ~
September 1 - Saturday, CPVFD Brisket, Hamburger and Hot Dog Cookout, Lowe's Market.
September 1 - Saturday, 4-H Open Enrollment
September 1 - Saturday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Makeup Playday
September 2 - Sunday, 5D Barrel Race, Turkey Creek Rodeo Arena
September 3 - Monday, Labor Day, School's out.
September 4 - Tuesday, Community Hot Dog Supper, Senior Center Parking Lot, 6 p.m.
September 7 - Friday, Homecoming Pep Rally and Tailgate Party, Treadway Park 7:30 p.m.
September 8 - Saturday, Homecoming Parade, 2 p.m. downtown
September 8 - Saturday, Homecoming Football Game, vs. Ranger, 7 p.m. Coffee and Dance afterward.
September 10 - Monday, 4-H Meeting, First Baptist Church
September 15 - Saturday, Ranch Rodeo, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Arena; Rodeo Dance
September 23 - Sunday, 5D Barrel Race, Turkey Creek Rodeo Arena
September 27 - Thursday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Meeting, 7 p.m.
 ~ October ~
October 6 - Saturday, Community Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce
October 8 - Monday, Columbus Day Celebrated, School's out.
October 13 - Saturday, Cancer Walk

Chamber Chatter

The kids go back to school next week. Are you ready to start packing lunches? Be sure to stop into Lowe's and get stocked up for not only lunch, but after school snacks.

Celebrate the first day of school with a sundae or ice cream cone. Dairy Queen has them in all sizes. Moms, either stop in with the kids after school, or stop in at lunch and enjoy the quiet.

Are you ready for Homecoming? Junkin Daze has new shirts designed and printed just for homecoming.

The 4-H and FFA kids are starting to get their animals. Lawrence Farm and Ranch can meet all your feeding and equipment needs. Feel free to stop in and ask them any questions.

By now you've gone through the kids' clothes, gotten the kids off to college... what to do with all those items that need a new home. The Community-Wide Garage Sale is Saturday, October 6th, it's a great time to help those items find a new home.

Homecoming is just a few weeks away and so is the parade. Call your old classmates, get your club together, promote your business, and put together an entry.

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Senior Citizens Center Activities

August 27th - August 31st

Monday-20th Exercise 11:00
 Tuesday-21st Exercise 11:00
 Wednesday-22nd Exercise 11:00
 Thursday-23rd Exercise 11:00
 Friday-24th Exercise 11:00

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

August 27th-August 31st

Monday 27th-Butter Beans & Ham, Spinach, Cornbread & Dessert
 Thursday 30th-Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread Dessert

Tuesday 28th-Enchilada Casserole, Hominy, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pinto Beans, Chips, Salsa, Dessert
 Friday 31st-Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Corn Garlic Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 29th-Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips, Jeilio, Cookie

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizens Center

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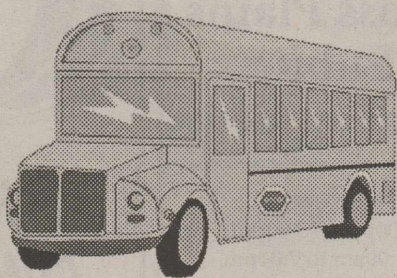
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 29 rope weapon
 30 ocean's surface level (abbr.)
 31 star of TX-based film "Hud"
 33 output of Arlington GM plant
 34 TX-based communications co. before it became Verizon they're served at a TX Scottish Festival
 36 TX Nolan's rookie is valuable

37 TX appoints a new laureate every two years
 38 TX Barney is this type of dinosaur
 40 TXism: "let's go" hole in a rug (dance hard)
 41 TXism: "nuff"
 42 ex-Cowboy RB, Garrison

43 steaks or chops
 44 TX Keyes of 1939 film "Gone With the Wind" (init.)
 45 steel
 47 seat of Kendall County
 48 Orbison in Wink, TX: "Boy Roy"
 49 "bear" south of the border
 50 "Alamo City" letters
 51 ex-Cowboy RB Smith (init.)

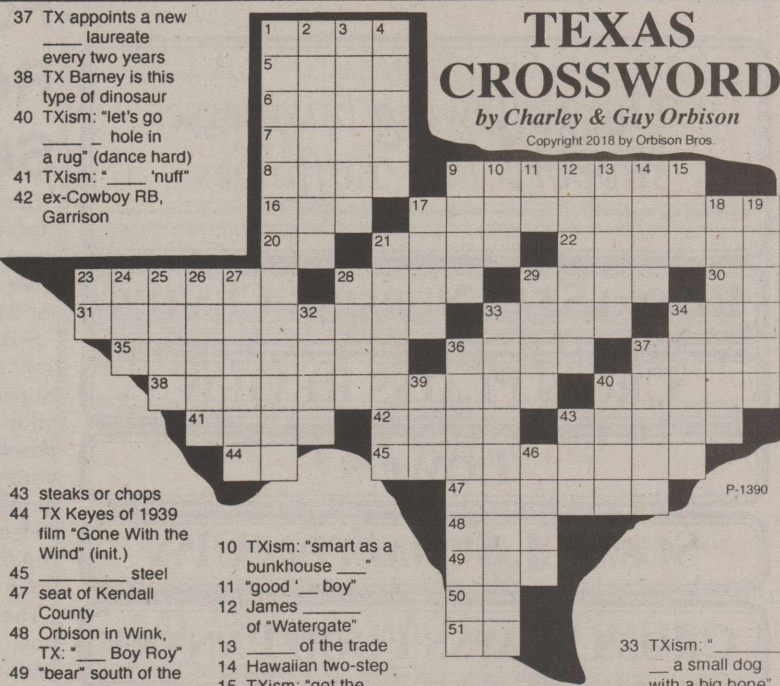
DOWN

1 "Inks" near Buchanan Dam
 2 TXism: "fast as oil from"
 3 UNT & TWU town
 4 French artist
 9 Muenster event: German

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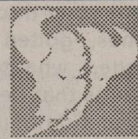
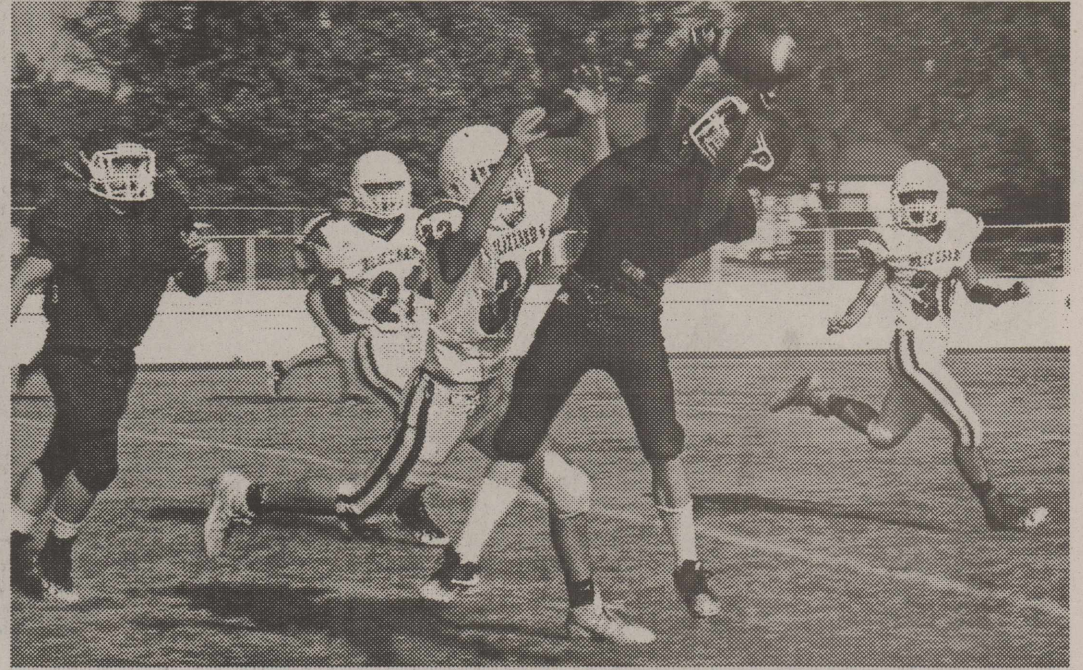
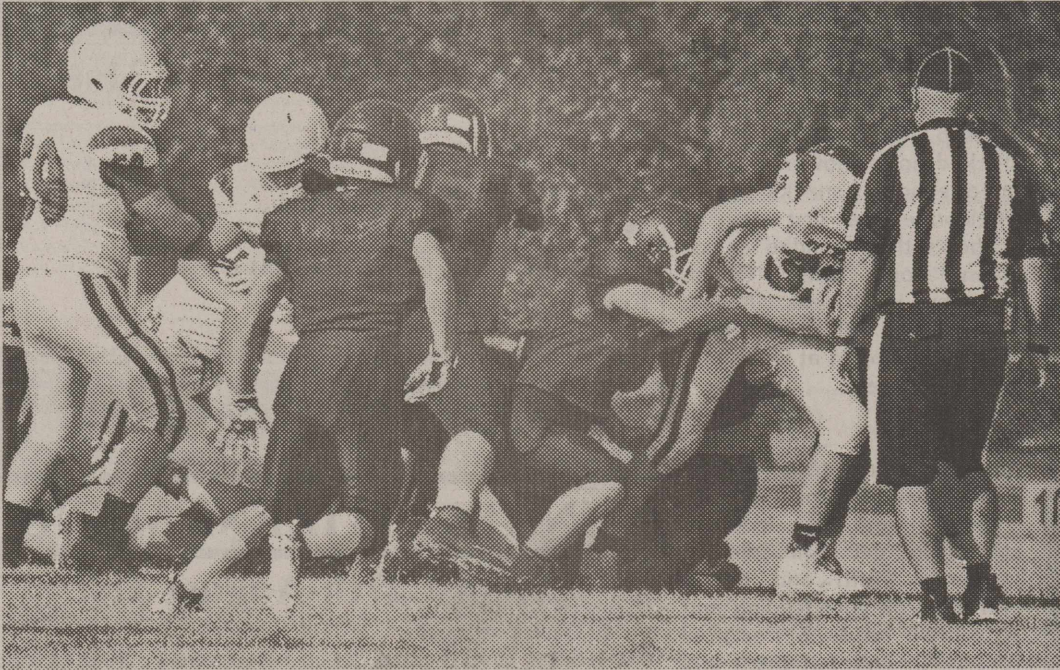
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10 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse"
 11 "good" boy
 12 James of "Watergate"
 13 of the trade
 14 Hawaiian two-step
 15 TXism: "got the short" of the stick
 17 Chirish guitar
 18 TX wine samplers
 19 oldest mission in TX (in El Paso)
 21 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of an ear"
 23 news wrangler (abbr.)
 24 ex-Cowboy Staub fought here
 25 LBJ sang with his dog, Yuki
 26 TXism: "his cards close to his vest" (careful)
 27 TXism: "ain't square with all the facts"
 28 TXism: "camps out in the" (religious)
 29 dancer "Candy" who worked for Dallas' Jack Ruby
 32 TXism: "shed" (bar)
 33 TXism: "a small dog with a big bone"
 34 Hill Country critters
 36 TXism for "jail" reconstruction governor Elisha
 37 TXism: "I myself down"
 39 TXism: "The Kings"
 40 TX Roy Orbison early band: "The Kings"
 43 gymnast Retton coached by Houston's Karolyi (init.)
 46 infamous Roman emperor

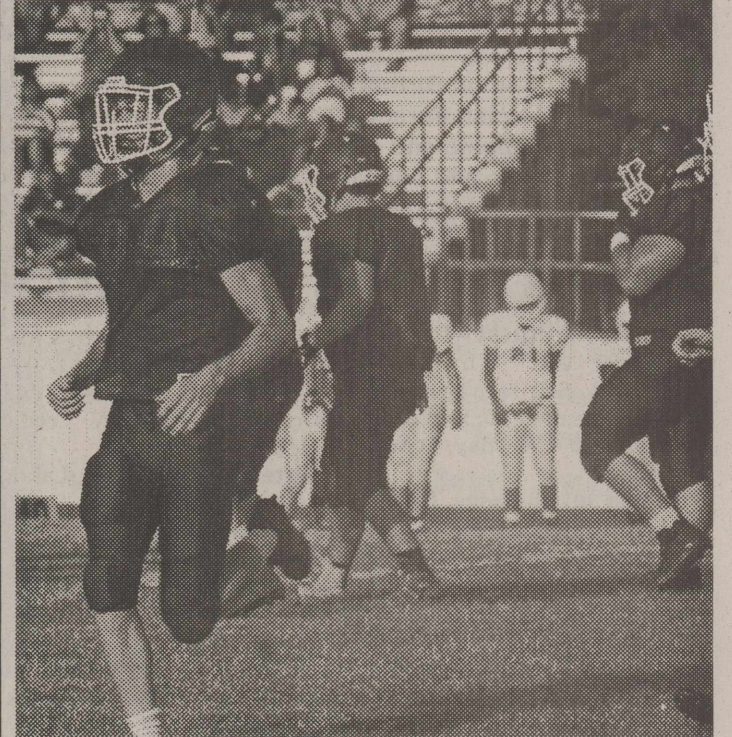
Scrimmage and Ice Cream: Meet the



CPHS Varsity Football Schedule

August 23	Goldthwaite there - Scrimmage
August 31	Menard here
September 8	Ranger here Homecoming (Saturday)
September 14	TCLA there, 7:30 p.m.
September 21	Christoval there, 7:30 p.m.
September 28	Plains at Snyder
October 5	BYE
October 12	Haskell there - District Game
October 19	Baird here - District Game
October 26	Albany there - District Game
November 2	Hamlin there - District Game
November 9	Roscoe here - District Game

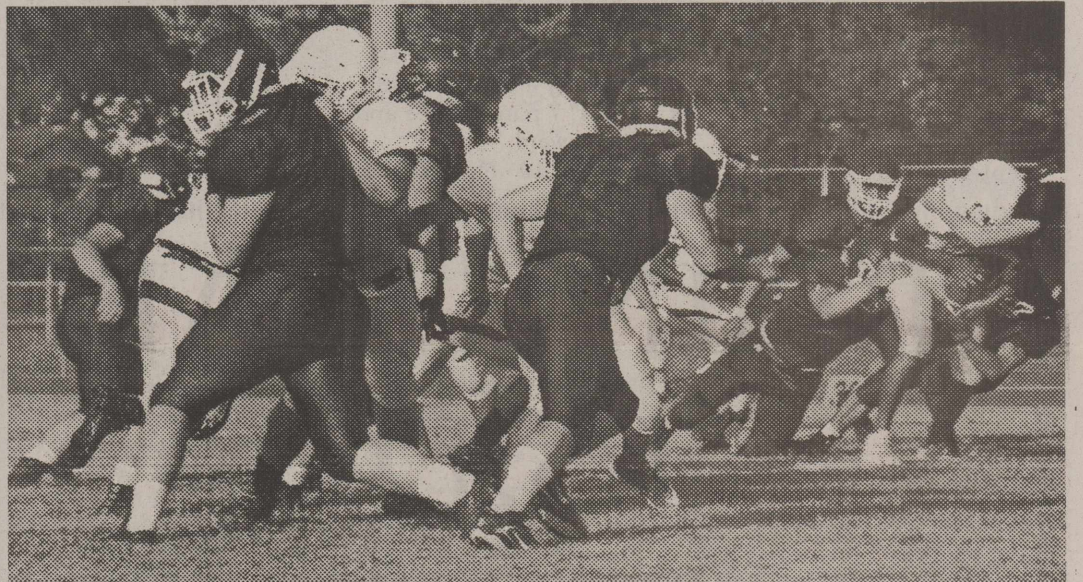
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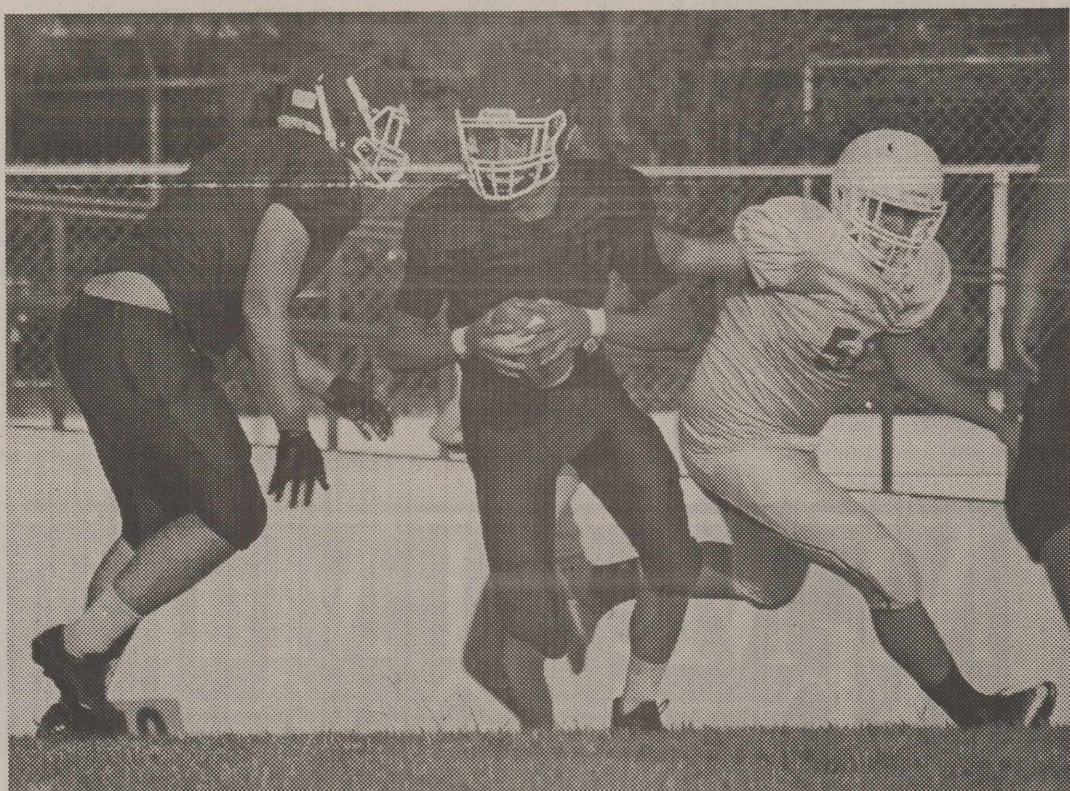
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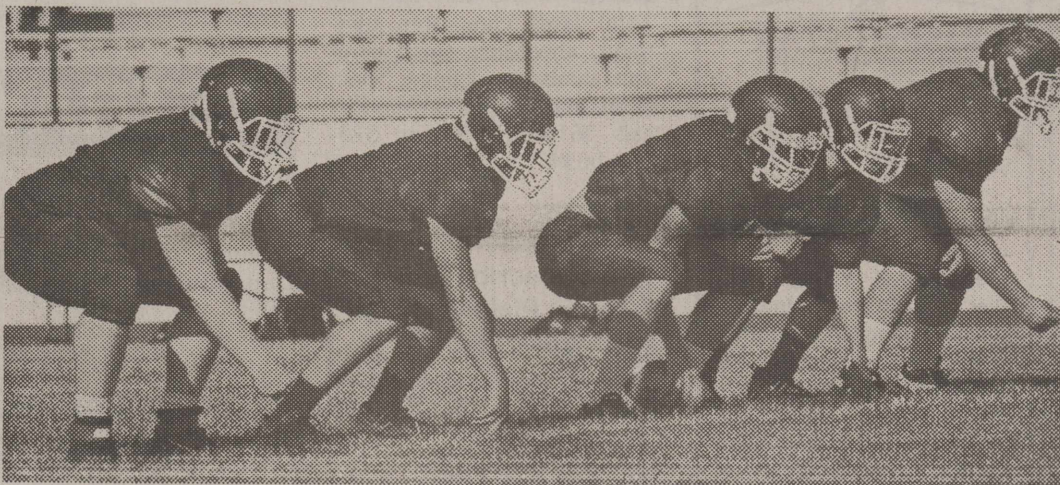
Buffaloes, Cheerleaders, Coaches, Band



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August 27-31, 2018

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R		Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal
A		100% Fruit Juice	100% Fruit Juice	100% Fruit Juice	100% Fruit Juice
K		Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
F		Milk Variety	Milk Variety	Milk Variety	Milk Variety
A					
S					
T					
L		Pizza	Taco Stick	Chicken Nuggets	Beef or Chicken
U		Tomato Cup	w/ Queso	Mac & Cheese	Patty on bun
N		Corn	salsa	Green Beans	Hamburger Garnish
C		Mixed Fruit	Charro Beans	Garden Salad	Oven Fries
H		Milk Variety	Veggie Cup	Strawberries	Baby Carrots
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August 31	Menard here, 5:00 p.m.
September 6	Mason here, 5:00 p.m.
September 13	TCLA here
September 20	Christoval here
September 27	Roby here
October 4	BYE
October 11	Haskell here
October 18	Baird here
October 25	Albany here
November 1	Hamlin here
November 8	Roscoe there

Unless noted, Games start at 6:30.

CPHS Junior High Football Schedule

September 13	TCLA here
September 20	Christoval here
September 27	Roby here
October 4	BYE
October 11	Haskell here
October 18	Baird there
October 25	Albany here
November 1	Hamlin here
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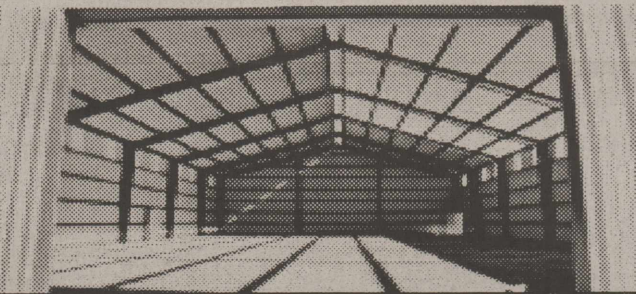
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- 107 Ac-Coleman Co-2 stocked ponds, food plot with hunting blind & feeder, electricity along CR** 270,175
- 114 +/- Ac-Eastland Co-6 water wells, good fencing, electricity on site, Westbound water** Reduced...263,097
- 117 +/- Ac, Eastland Co-Combination property, 1 water well, 1 stock tank, electricity** Reduced...333,450
- 118 Ac-Coleman Co-Combo property, native grasses, wildlife cover, fences good to fair** 297,950
- 121 +/- Ac-Brown Co-Great Combo property, 2 hay fields, 1 pond, wildlife abundant** 344,620
- 165 Ac-Callahan Co-Combo property, 74 acres of winter wheat, 91 ac heavy cover** Reduced...395,175
- 225 +/- Ac-Coleman Co-Hunting, fishing, rolling terrain, 3 ponds, seasonal creeks** 562,500
- 317.85 Ac-Brown Co-5 ponds, 2 with fish, working pens, large pole barn, elevation changes** 1,033,013
- 319 Ac-Brown Co- Good roads, excellent fencing, food plots, electricity & water** Reduced...999,900

HOME WITH ACREAGE

- NEW! 1 +/- Ac-Parker Co-3BR/2B, new carpet, SOLD, barn, horse friendly** 98,550
- 2 +/- Ac-Eastland Co-3BR/2B 1344 sq ft DW, carport, shed, UNDER CONTRACT** 45,000
- 4 Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B, 2897 sq ft, Redwood kitchen cabinets, fruit trees** Reduced...185,000
- 10 +/- Ac-Eastland Co-4BR/2B 2318 sq ft hm, granite counters, tile floors, car port, shop** Reduced...395,000
- 15 +/- Ac-Jones Co-3BR/2B, insulated 30X30 shop, water well, fenced back yard** Reduced...290,000
- 20 +/- Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B custom ranch house, outdoor pool & kitchen** Reduced...699,500
- 70 Ac-Callahan Co- 2014 hill top 3BR/2B custom home, 3304 sq ft, pool outdoor kitchen** 925,000
- 85 +/- Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B, 2yr old metal roof, hunting UNDER CONTRACT** 267,000
- NEW! 71 +/- Ac-Comanche Co-3BR/2B DW, water well UNDER CONTRACT, hunter's paradise** 356,000
- 100 +/- Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B 1800 sq ft rock home, 24 ac heavily wooded, co-op water, 1 well** 372,500
- 102 +/- Ac-Eastland Co-4BR/2B 2966 sq ft main house, large shop with butcher shop** Reduced... 549,000
- 150 Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B custom home, 3304 sq ft, pool, outdoor kitchen** Reduced...1,190,000
- 171 Ac-Eastland Co-High Fenced Game Ranch, 3000 sq ft metal building, 4BR/4B home** 1,390,000

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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF COMPENSATION
OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Local Government Code, the following is a list of proposed annual compensation for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgeted to be paid to Callahan County Elected Officials.

Office	Actual FY 2017-2018	Proposed Salary FY 2018-2019	Amount of Increase
County Judge	\$47,12.89	\$48,534.52	
Longevity	\$1,362.00	\$1,434.00	
State Paid			
Supplement	\$25,200.00	\$25,200.00	\$1,485.63
County Clerk	Salary \$39,291.23	Salary \$40,469.97	
Longevity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,178.74
District Clerk	Salary \$39,291.23	Salary \$40,469.97	
Longevity	\$384.00	\$456.00	\$1,250.74
County Treasurer	Salary \$39,291.23	Salary \$40,469.97	
Longevity	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,178.74
Justice of Peace	Salary \$33,279.97	Salary \$34,278.34	
Place #1	Longevity \$0.00	Longevity \$426.00	\$1,424.37
Justice of the Peace, Salary \$33,279.94	Salary \$34,278.34		
Place #3	Longevity \$1,074.00	Longevity \$1,146.00	
Stipend		\$3,600.00	\$4,670.40
Justice of Peace	Salary \$33,279.94	Salary \$34,278.34	
Place #4	Longevity \$744.00	Longevity \$816.00	\$1,070.40
Tax Assessor			
/Collector	Salary \$39,291.20	Salary \$40,469.97	
Longevity	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,178.77
County Sheriff	Salary \$39,389.84	Salary \$40,571.53	
Longevity	\$0.00	\$426.00	\$1,607.69
Commissioner	Salary \$39,847.36	Salary \$41,042.78	
Precinct #1	Longevity \$1,794.00	Longevity \$1,800.00	\$1,201.42
Commissioner	Salary \$39,847.36	Salary \$41,042.78	
Precinct #2	Longevity \$1,674.00	Longevity \$1,746.00	\$1,267.42
Commissioner	Salary \$39,847.36	Salary \$41,042.78	
Precinct #3	Longevity \$1,188.00	Longevity \$1,260.00	\$1,267.42
Commissioner	Salary \$39,847.36	Salary \$41,042.78	
Precinct #4	Longevity \$1,800.00	Longevity \$1,800.00	\$1,195.42
County Attorney	State Paid	State Paid	
Supplement	\$3,640.00	Supplement \$3,640.00	\$0.00

Signed: Roger Corn, County Judge

Roger Corn

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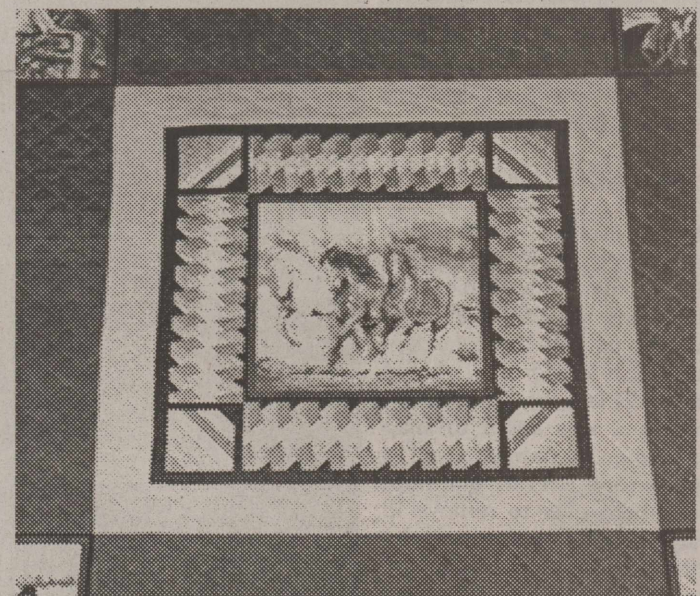
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**First Baptist
Church
Delivers Meals
to Hospice
Patients'
Families**

First Baptist Church of Cross Plains began delivering and serving meals to Hendrick Hospice Care Center in Abilene. The team that delivered said the families of patients there were very appreciative, stating that it was great not having to leave the Care Center, and was wonderful to have a home cooked meal. So many people here in our little town have had friends and loved ones taken care of there, and this is a great way to minister to the families there. The meal, which is the noon meal is delivered the 3rd Saturday of each month. If any churches would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact First Baptist Church at 254-725-7629

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**Cowboy Country Quilt for
Cancer Walk on Display
at Texas Heritage Bank**

The Cross Plains Quilting Club has finished their new quilt for the Cancer Walk. It is currently on display at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains. This years quilt "Cowboy Country" was created and hand quilted by club members. Donation tickets are available at \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Members of the club are Wilma Lawrence, Polly Beeler, Helen Parson, Nora Pointer and Cathy Goode. Ann Beeler embroidered the label to the quilt. Come by the American Legion building on Tuesday's from 9 to 3 and visit with us. If you would like to learn this art, we'd love to teach you.

**THE ARMADILLOS
HAVE EMERGED IN NASHVILLE**

The Outlaw phenomenon produced powerful music and everlasting bonds between Nashville and Texas. Willie and Waylon, Bobby Bare, and Kris Kristofferson demanded and got greater creative freedom and the movement was real—not just a marketing term, but a creative flowering, a confluence of art and revelry, whiskey and poetry.

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If shopping is more your style, there is an event at the fashion show that highlights how good of a bargain shopper you are.

Photography, Gardening, Public Speaking, Clothing and Textiles, Veterinary Science, Dog, Companion Animal, and Community Service are just some of the projects available in 4-H.

The Cross Plains 4-H club is holding its first meeting of the 2018-2019 year on Monday, September 10th, at the First Baptist Church.

The Callahan County 4-H will

be holding a kick off party for the new year and would like to invite everyone to come. This is a phenomenal opportunity to meet members, ask questions, and have a great time.

Important Dates

08/24 Lamb and Goat tag orders and money due
09/01 4-H Enrollment Opens
09/10 4-H Cross Plains Monthly Meeting
09/18 Kickoff Party
09/20 Food and Nutrition Project Meeting



For more information regarding 4H, feel free to call the 4-H extension office 325.854.5835, or stop into Junkin Daze and talk with Terrie Parum.

To Make the Best Better, I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to greater living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Footcare at the Senior Center

With the Senior Center still under construction, Kindred at Home of Eastland moved foot care to the gym at First Baptist Church. These dedicated

Nurses take time out of their busy schedules the third Wednesday of each month to offer foot care at the Senior Center.

They truly have the gift of service.

The next Foot Care is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19th.

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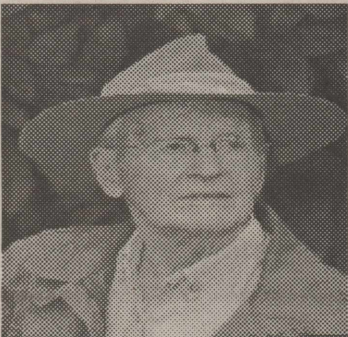
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By John Jefferson

FISH HOOK HAT TRICK

We were fishing for small mouths on Idaho's Snake River, 80 miles upriver, accessible only by airboat, which wouldn't be back for us until the next day. I caught a keeper and wanted pictures. I laid the fish down in grass and was about to snap one, when it flopped, and a leaf landed on its gill flap. Vicky bent over to remove it, and it flopped again, driving a Rat-L-Trap's treble hook under her thumbnail. You may have heard her scream. We had to painfully clip off the other hooks to keep from compounding the crisis. More screaming. Getting the bass off the hook was equally challenging. Every bit of movement caused the hook to tear deeper into the tender tissue.

Then we had to climb over big, uneven rocks to get to the trail back uphill to the lodge. Continuous audibles.

Guests heard her and assembled in the yard. Nobody knew the hook removal trick - or wouldn't admit it. It was up to me. Since it was under her thumbnail, it couldn't be pushed through and clipped, like some hook extractions. I asked for alcohol to sterilize it. They came back with a small, ornate bottle in a purple, felt bag that a fisherman had left there, with maybe two ounces in it. I tried to remember how the trick worked as I poured it in a plastic cup, dribbling it onto her thumbnail, painfully watching it run off her hand onto the ground.

I wrapped eight-pound-test line around the bend of the hook several times and tied it on, so it wouldn't break when yanked upward. I could have formed a loop and slipped it over the bend of the hook, too. Two big guys held her hand flat on the picnic table. I didn't want to just jerk her loose hand upward. I knew this was a one-shot affair. It had to work the first time. Another person gently pushed on the back of the hook's shank to move the barb back a little into the path it had entered. I said a short prayer as another gave a countdown. I was too nervous to count, myself, afraid I might

To remove a fish hook with a barb unable to be pushed through and snipped off, try wrapping or looping line around the bend in the hook and yanking the hook back toward the direction from which the barb had entered. The columnist's wife declined to place the hook where it was originally, so an avocado was used. Even with its thick skin, it worked. Photo by John and Vicky Jefferson.

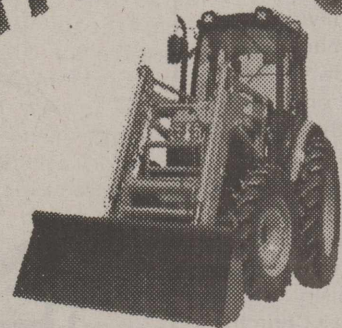
forget what came after "Two". On "THREE!", I gave a mighty heave heavenward, hoping for help from above. There was a little "POP" and an "UNH!" from my patient as the hook instantly popped out.

Everybody cheered. I sank into a chair -- sweating, exhausted. Vicky was receiving Atta-girls from the group for her bravery and she asked for my cup. Embarrassingly, I burped, and handed her the now-empty vessel.

That was something I never want to do again. Hope you never have to, either. You might want to re-read how it's done. It's often the only salvation. Especially when you're isolated from civilization, upstream without a paddle. Or a boat. For another 24 hours. No roads out.

Then we trudged back to the river and continued fishing - carefully removing hooks the rest of the evening. JJ

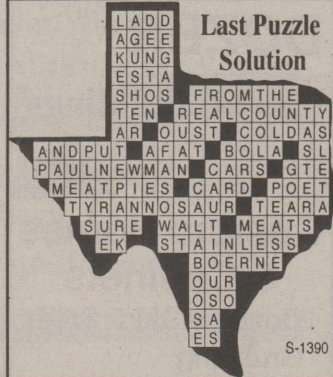
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Callahan County Range Field Day is Tuesday, September 18th

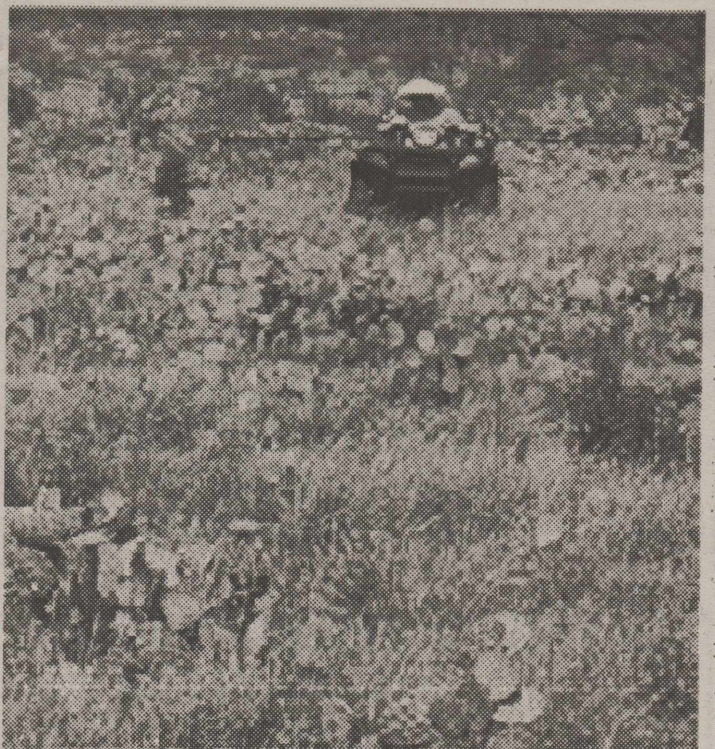
The 2018 Callahan County Range Field Day will be held Tuesday, September 18th on County Road 248, off of State Highway 283 south of Baird.

We will start south of Baird off of Hwy 283 and County Road 248. This is Wayne Yates place with the pivot in the field. We will meet on the back side of the place off of County Road 248. Be looking for signs on directions to the location.

This will be a very educational program that will involve looking at the prickly pear plots/ mesquite control demonstration, basics water development/ cross fencing, use of what size tensile wire on control of feral hogs, and sins of overgrazing.

James Jackson of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Specialist will be presenting the mesquite control and looking at the prickly pear plots. We will move down the road to Hollis's place to discuss about basic water management, cross fencing by Sammy and Matt at the NRCS.

Harold Shipman of Stay-tuff Fence Manufacturing will be talking about low tensile vs high tensile wire. This will be a demonstration done on the Hollis place and discussion



FIELD DAY INCLUDES PRICKLY PEAR PLOT DEMONSTRATION

on excluding wild pigs with fencing.

We will then go to the extension office for lunch and then will continue with Dr Emi Kimura, Texas A&M Extension Agronomist, she will be talking about Sins of Overgrazing.

Please RSVP by September 15th, cost is \$20. We will also be offering 2 CEU. You can call the Extension Office at 325-854-5835 to RSVP or questions about the Range Field Day.



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Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Memorial Ranch Rodeo Set for September 15th

The Turkey Creek Ranch Rodeo is less than a month away. Do you know how Rodeos started?? Ranches and their cowboys would start bragging to each other during roundups about how good they were, who's ranch had the better horses, and then finally deciding to settle it.

Let's do it again!!!! On September 15, the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club will be holding their 9th Annual Memorial Ranch Rodeo. Will Cook Canyon Ranch be able to defend their title as the best overall team or will the runners up from last year, Hitching Post and King Cutting Horses, knock them out of the saddle?

Twelve teams will be competing against each other for Best Overall Team, and the fastest team in each event. Each team will consist of 5 riders, one rider must be a female family member or youth family member (14 years of

age or younger). Ladies, we certainly aren't saying only one per team, let's see a lady's ranch team. Twelve teams mean that 60 riders will compete against each other for the individual titles of Best Hand and Best Horse.

Rodeo is more than just adults; tomorrow's rodeo riders are today's Mutton Busters and Shetland Bronc riders. Mutton Busting is for riders under 7 years of age and weighing less than 60 pounds. The first 20 paid entries (\$20 entry fee) will be accepted and will ride before the Grand Entry. Shetland Bronc riding is split into two divisions. Jr. Shetland Broncs are for those riders under 9 years of age, Sr. Shetland Broncs are for riders between the ages of 10 and 13. The first 10 paid entries in each division will be accepted, \$60 entry fee.

The Ranch Rodeo will be held at the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club arena, Hwy 36, Cross Plains,

Texas. The Grand Entry will begin at 5:30. Mutton Busters, please be checked in by 3:30, your event will be starting at 4 (before the grand entry). General admission will be \$5 for Adults, \$3 for Students K-12, and free for those tykes not yet old enough for Kindergarten. For entry forms and/or more information, please contact Ginger at 817-694-7991 or Josh at 325-669-4509.

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Cottonwood News

Fall sure seems to be just around the corner. The evenings get a slight cool breeze occasionally and some of the oaks have started to faintly change colors. This past couple weeks has brought us some nice rain around the area. I'm not sure of totals in Cottonwood, but the grass is green and growing.

It's been pretty quiet around Cottonwood the past week. Everybody is getting ready for school to start and the kids are soaking up as much sunlight as possible this last free week. Keep in mind the busses will be running through Cottonwood again starting Tuesday, August 28th.

The wild hogs are out in full force again. This past weekend, my dad had his front yard turned upside down and out by a pack of pigs. They rooted holes a foot deep in search of grubs in the freshly watered ground. I've seen them close

to houses, but this is literally at the end of his sidewalk. Had he been home, he could have beat them with a stick. Keep this in mind if leaving pets out at night or if your out late.

CVFC met this past Monday for their monthly meeting. Chief Boyd reported around 30 in attendance to the Open House celebration. Again, a big thank you to everyone who attended and showed support for our volunteers. I have yet to hear any complaints about the day, only how nice it was to visit with neighbors, meet new neighbors, and to see how far our men and women have brought the organization these past 30 years. From a hat being passed around with a dollar in it to 5 trucks, 2 buildings, and every growing membership log. Its come a long way from the days of putting out the Great Squirrel Fire with wet tote sacks.....I'll have more details on that story next week.

CVFC would also like to remind everyone of the workday scheduled for this Saturday. Maintenance on the trucks is never-ending and there is always work to be done on the buildings. The big project this coming Saturday is tune ups and oil changes on all of the pump engines. The roof on the new "in between building" is also on the to do list. Anybody who is willing and able is more than welcome to come give a helping hand. No help is ever turned away.

It's a little short this week, but I just haven't been told about much of anything going on. Ya'll know how to get a hold of me by now, but just to make sure, my phone number is (325) 260-7749 and email is forrest@blakefaut.com. If you just have a story to tell me about your memories of Cottonwood, I'm fine with that. - Forrest Creamer

Hotter-N-Hell Hundred in Wichita Falls

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn,
R-Texas

It was 1982. Wichita Falls still had fresh wounds from "Terrible Tuesday" and its most devastating tornado to date. With the City's 100th anniversary fast-approaching, the Wichita Falls Centennial Publicity Committee was brainstorming ways to honor the city and commemorate the community's resilient spirit.

To celebrate 100 years, Committee member Roby Christie suggested a 100-mile ride. His fellow committee member quickly pointed out that August in Wichita Falls would be "hotter than hell." But instead of putting an end to the idea, that observation inspired the race's name.

The Hotter'n Hell 100, shortened to HH100, would stand for the 100th birthday of the city, the 100-mile ride, and the likely 100 degree weather.

Despite the heat, 1,200 cyclists raced that first year, and 36 years later, the tradition continues to this day with ten times as many. In fact, the Hotter'n Hell 100 is thought to be the largest 100-mile bike ride in the nation, and one of the largest in the world.

The full event, from start to finish, relies on more than 4,000 volunteers. Last year, I counted myself among that batch. After visiting nearby Sheppard Air Force Base, I joined Hotter'n Hell 100 volunteers at Wichita Falls' Multi-Purpose Event Center to help fill race packets.

Hospitable Wichita Falls residents are called upon to

host out-of-town bicyclists, as the influx of more than 12,000 people means hotels, churches, and even the YMCA quickly reach capacity. In step with the ride's numeric theme, about 100 cyclists last year were paired with nearby homes. This year, cyclists are still registering for local accommodations.

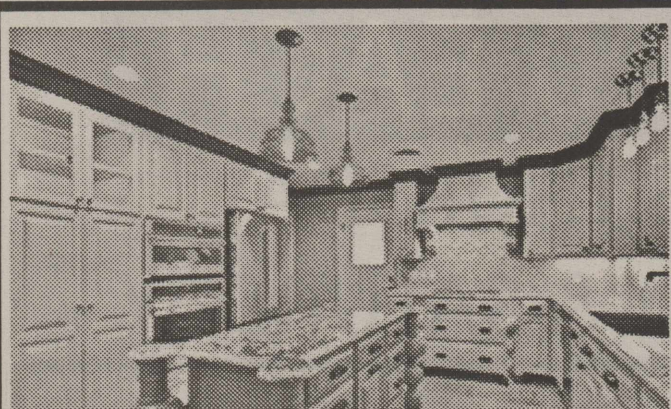
Out-of-town cyclists get a chance to see Wichita Falls and Sheppard Air Force Base on their long Saturday ride, but throughout the four day event, they also get to appreciate Wichita Falls' local color. Area food vendors cater the expos, parties, and rest stops, and hometown musicians play at the Finish Line Village all day long.

Local wildlife is also known to join in on the fun. Previous participants have noted tortoises, roadrunners, bobcats, and coyotes along the route. And last year, recycled "junk" bikes -- metamorphosed into butterflies with 8-foot-long wingspans -- rode along the 10K route, thanks to the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture. Last year's ride also featured the debut of a new trail alongside the area's picturesque falls, the namesake of the city.

Hotter'n Hell 100 and Wichita Falls go together hand in glove; you can't think about one without the other. And in its 37th year, I send my best to the thousands of cyclists and volunteers who work tirelessly on this great tradition. Stay safe, stay hydrated, and if you can, stay cool.

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Callahan County Agricultural Newsletter for July

Karl's Korner

Dry conditions across the state is a topic of discussion. Some are wet with green grass while majority of us are dry. At this time, it seems that you have to be under a rain cloud to receive any moisture. As I drive across the county, you can tell where it has rained or not by looking at the grass. Your neighbor may be green while your land looks like a desert. Some have grass with no water, some have no grass with water, while some have neither. Majority of us are having to make decisions on whether to sale out our cattle, or sale enough to keep us going until it rains. I know one thing, God will provide in his time. Setting in a Web X a couple of weeks ago, they claim that we will have a 70% chance in going into El Nino this Fall/Winter. I sure do hope that does happen if not a little quicker.

PATH TO THE PLATE – WHEAT

Wheat was first planted in the US in 1777. It is a member of the grass family that produces a one-seeded fruit called a kernel. Wheat is one of the cereal grains. Cereal grains the edible seeds of specific plants such as wheats, oats, corn, and rice. There are six different types of wheat planted and harvested. In Texas the primary type produced is Hard Red Winter wheat. It has good characteristics for baking. In fact, it is most commonly used for bread, all-purpose flour, cereal and Asian noodles. Wheat is measured in a term called a bushel.

One bushel = 60lbs of wheat, or 42lbs of wheat flour or 90 loaves of whole wheat bread. Texas is ranked 5th for wheat production in the US. In 2015, there were over 106 million boxes of cereal. We do grow wheat here in Callahan County. Each fall there are several thousand acres of wheat planted. Then in late spring/early summer some of these fields are harvested as grain for food. Whole grain foods provide us with fiber which makes you feel full after you eat, proteins and carbohydrates which give you energy and vitamins and minerals.

New Prickly Pear Applied Research in Callahan County
We started another applied research on Prickly Pear in Callahan County. This research involved broadcasting across an area of Prickly Pear. The location of the research is north of Baird on Hwy 283 heading to Albany. The location is on the west side of the highway about 5 miles outside of Baird. The goal is to which chemical would do the best across an large area at different rates. Chemicals used in this research are Tordon 22K, Surmount, and GF-2969. GF-2969 is an experimental product that will be on the market this fall for use in control of Prickly Pear. The first three plots closest to the highway are Surmount 1%, Tordon 22K 1%, and GF-2969 1%. Behind these three plots are three different rates of GF-2969 at .25%, .5%, and .75%

rates. Go by and check out the Prickly Pear plots. Look for the Agrilife Applied Research and Demstration Sign.

Khaki Weed Is Hard to Control

"Devil Weed", burr weed, or just "that little, flat weed with round, thick leaves that form a carpet of little round stickers"- all describe the little pest called Khaki weed. This weed is all over most of Callahan County yards. If you look along edge of buildings, sidewalks, or area of stress, you will find this weed. If you have this weed in your yard, you will not go barefoot because of the stickers that it produces. If you have dogs with long hair, they will transport them across the yard and even into your house. The stickers are easily transported from one place to another.

Khaki weed is hard to control. Just spraying a broadleaf herbicide (2,4-D) just won't do it alone. Not much research has been done on controlling this weed. In Brown County, they are doing research on what best methods is to control this weed. I recommend using an herbicide that has a mixture of 2,4-D, MCP, MCPA, or Dicamba to help in the control of the weed. Some of these active ingredients may require a pesticide license. Just check your local farm and ranch store or nursery for chemicals containing these active ingredients. Also adding a surfactant is very important to making sure that the chemical sticks to the leaf blade and having good coverage. When using any chemical, make sure to READ THE LABEL.

Another thing to do next year, is to apply a pre-emergent in late winter. Applying a preemergent in late February and March will help in control of the weed. Pre-emergence will not allow the seed to germinate. If you any questions about Khaki weed or any other weed in yard or pasture, give the Extension Office a call at 325-854-5835.

COW TEMPERAMENT IS IMPORTANT

When does a convenience trait become very inconvenient? When a bad-tempered bull or cow blows snot in your back pocket and puts you over a fence, that's when. And that's also

likely when docility goes from the bottom of the list to the top. Even if it's the last thing you think about at decision time, recent work at Texas A&M suggests disposition affects performance at many points in development. Researchers sorted heifers from the same ranch into excitable and calm groups based heifers. Interestingly, cattle in this experiment were fed in the same pens, so performance was comparable between these groups within the same environment.

Excitable heifers were 72 pounds lighter upon feedyard entry, suggesting pre-weaning performance was reduced.

That says herd operators at all stages along the production

chain could realize benefits from selecting for docile cattle.

On the other hand, building on their heavier feedyard entry weights, the calm heifers gained 12% faster during the growing period. That brought with it an 8% greater feed intake, but feed efficiency still favored the calm heifers. No big surprises there, but how these groups behaved during the feeding period offers new insights.

Excitable heifers went to the bunk as often as their calm pen mates, but they were slower to approach the bunk and then spent 3 minutes less time eating. To speculate just a bit, that could be linked to a greater flight response.

While many of the cattle were Bos indicus-influenced, performance and behavior results were consistent across breeds. That tells us the excitable, "fast" calves of each breed represented were slower gaining and less efficient.

In the Texas research, performance results extended beyond the feedyard and into the beef supply chain. Calm heifers had more valuable carcasses because they weighed 24 pounds more; they also had larger ribeyes and 8 percentage points more grading Choice. Tenderness didn't directly contribute to the \$56 carcass value advantage of calm heifers, but they did yield more tender steaks across the aging groups of 1, 7 and 14 days following harvest.

On decision day, we can keep the calm ones with better breeding and performance, but we must keep in mind that the other half probably won't perform as well for anyone on down the supply chain. Whether you keep most, some or none of your heifers as replacements, that's more logic to support culling beyond reproductive failure. Keep whittling off the bottom 10% to 15% of the fast ones that may be slowly eroding profitability and consumer demand for the whole beef community.

Dove Season Is Around the Corner

Dove are some of the most well known game bird in the state. Dove hunting is a gateway into the world of hunting and is enjoyed by thousands of Texans annually. Here in Callahan County, Dove season starts on September 1 and goes to November 4, 2018. It is important for hunters and land managers to understand what dove need to be abundant in our area.

Dove, like any animals, require food, cover, space, and water. Dove tend to feed mainly on hard coated seeds that can be seen on the ground. They do not scratch or dig for their food. Rangeland tends to be the most productive for the birds instead of croplands. The key here is to promote early successional plants, which tend to have the hard seeds that doves are looking for. Early successional plants are plants (usually forbs)

that first grow back after a disturbance such as fire or disking. One strategy is to disc strips over a 3-year period. For example, in year 1, strip disc an area 10-15 feet wide. In year 2, disc an adjacent area and another adjacent area in year 3. In year 4, due to the growth of vegetation it should be time to re-disc the original area.

Many people are interested in the use of food plots to attract dove to their land. However, some wildlife professionals have a saying along the lines of "when you need them, you can't grow them, and when you can grow them, you don't need them." Basically, food plots have the greatest potential benefits when drought conditions cause native vegetation to fall short of the food requirements for residential and migrating doves. Unfortunately, since native vegetation is usually composed of the plants best adapted for the local climate, the chances of planted crops succeeding in drought conditions that caused native plants to die is unlikely. The exception is of course food plots that are irrigated. On the flip side, during normal or abundant rainfall years there may be enough native food sources present that food plots will be unnecessary. One option is to broadcast native forbs such as sunflowers on disked areas to create a native food plot that will be low maintenance.

Water can be a major dove attractant, especially this year with the drought conditions that we are going through in the county. Water should be no more than 4 miles apart and deep enough that it can withstand drought. Water sources within roosting and feeding areas will be more utilized than those they are not close at all. Dove prefer tanks that are clear from vegetation and have exposed shorelines because that allow them to see the predators coming toward them. Using water troughs are another source but it is recommend that they overflow onto the ground. Dove prefer drinking water at ground level.

Having a tall perch or tree near an existing water source will allow dove to survey the area before going for drink.

Dove season is just around the corner, if you have any questions, call the extension office at 325-854-5835.

Hay Testing Probe Available at the Extension Office

If you are curious to what you hay quality is, the Extension Office has a hay testing probe available to pull samples for testing. It is available to local producers. Please call to reserve the probe, which can be checked out for 2 days and then returned to the Extension Office. If you prefer, Karl can come out and pull the samples for you to be sent off to be tested. With many buying hay this year, you may want to know what you are feeding your livestock this year. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions about hay testing.

Up Coming Events
Beef Cattle Short Course August 6-8 College Station
Sheep and Goat Expo August 17-18 San Angelo
Wheat Conference August 23

Abilene Range Field Day September 18 Baird

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Due to the increasing cost of postage and our shrinking postage budget, the Callahan County Extension office is having to make some changes in the way that the Ag. Newsletters are distributed. The newsletter is currently posted on the county website and mailed to producers. However, at some point in the future we will be going to email only. We are asking producers to email the County Extension office at Callahan@ag.tamu.edu with your email addresses.

Sincerely,
Karl Winge
County Extension Agent

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Cross Plains Library Supported the Jeremiah 29:11 Project

Once again, the Cross Plains Public Library partnered with the Jeremiah 29:11 Project to supply their kids with a FREE age-appropriate new book each week. This year we were unable to obtain a grant for the books, so a local ranch donated funds to purchase all the books that were needed. In all, we gave away 370 books at

a value of \$3,239.95! We were able to provide many books in a complete series and the genres included the classics, graphic novels, science fiction, biographies, true stories, sports, and art. Our thanks to our donor for making our participation possible again this year!

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The HERD Scholarship Quilt, won by Debbie Edington, was donated back the HERD Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The quilt will be given away during the CPHS Homecoming on September 8th.

A Second Chance to Win the HERD Scholarship Quilt

Last year, a Cross Plains T-Shirt quilt was raffled off to help start an annual local scholarship. Many former Buffs and Lady Buffs players and coaches donated their "collectible" t-shirts to make this effort possible. This endeavor was the start of something larger that will take great teamwork and communication to make it successful.

The HERD scholarship:

Honoring Education, Recognizing Dreams was initiated by this raffle. Debbie Edington, won the quilt. Has donated this beautiful piece of memorabilia back to the HERD Scholarship fund.

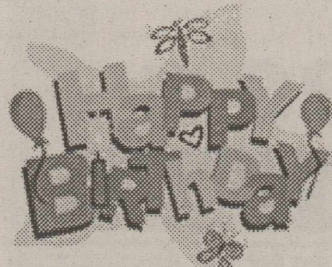
You have a second chance to win the quilt!

Chances for this quilt are being sold through the High School. You can contact Lurene McNutt to purchase your tickets.

Chances are \$1 each or six chances for \$5 dollars. The winner will be drawn at the Homecoming on September 8.

To purchase tickets by mail or to donate to the HERD scholarship, please send your check to:

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Bea Kay (Bell) Jackson
Gil Tabor

August 28

Gary Teasdale
Rex Tackett
Aaron Jason Pope
Billy Dolgener
Wade Odom

Dawn (Strength) Hilburn

Mrs. Freddy Tatom
Kim Gregory
Marrie Maartiin
Marcia Hoover

August 29

Grandy Christense
Susan Coppinger Cohn

August 30

Benjamin Ryan Pope
Giovanny Reyes
Melinda Dixon
Steven Lane Cox
Marty Calaway
James Ross
James Scott

August 26

Kadie Carouth
Shaun Muniain
Mrs. James Hall
Charles Lee
Dee Perry
Bertis Letney
Rocky Callaway
Kevin Shane Singleton
Betty Weiss

August 27

Caley Box
Elisabeth (Cavanaugh) Weide
Micheal Cowan
Monty Champion

D.T. Crockett, Jr.
Laura Holly
Donald Wilson
Carl Bludworth
Allen Barnett
Brian Clare
Kory Hartman
Ryan Glenn Payne

August 31

Jean (Bonner) McWilliams
Vicki (Stover) Strength
Nancy Harp
Billie Jean Barr Guilbeau
Danny Johnson
Terry Jean Vaught Kruger
Marie Harrell
Karen Richey
Rich Holder
Chester Phillips
Renee Byars
Randy Pope
Ernest Jay Hall

September 1

Terri Lynn Webb
Terrah Sky Augustine
Micheal Sadler
Jimmy Perry
Donald Willis
Mack Shepard
Traci Ann Dillard
Zoe Brandon Smith

Free Bus Service for Students Who Attend Rising Star Schools

Rising Star I.S.D. will pick up Cross Plains students that attend Rising Star Schools during the 2018-2019 school year.

The bus will pick students up in the parking lot of the Believer's Fellowship Church located on Highway 36, east of Cross Plains.

Pickup will be at 6:30 a.m. Drop off back at the Believer's Fellowship parking lot will be at 4:30 p.m. TBD.

Bus Transportation is free.

Transfers are being accepted.

Rising Star I.S.D. has received a 2018 T.E.A. District Rating "A" for the second year in a row, and also a 2018 F.I.R.S.T.

Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas "Superior".

For more information, contact Joe Branham, Superintendent at 254-643-1981; Adrian Greenfield, High School Principal, at 254-643-3521; or Barbara Long, Elementary Principal at 254-643-2431.

Oplin Dance Hall Schedule

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Texas Blues Musician Huddie Ledbetter

Many Texas musicians have become legendary figures for not only their great talents as musicians but also for their colorful lives. Huddie Ledbetter, known to his fans as "Leadbelly," was a pioneer blues musician starting in East Texas in the early 1900s, just as rhythm and blues was starting to develop its own musical identity. His own life was one of many tragedies, which he incorporated into his music. Ledbetter's music would far outlast his 1949 death, influencing performers from country to rock for decades afterward.

Huddie William Ledbetter was born in a tiny Louisiana community just northwest of Shreveport. The family moved often, and within a couple of years moved across the state line into Bowie County. He showed a great love of music from an early age, but his music training was sporadic. His first musical gift was an accordion given to him by an uncle. He soon mastered it and picked up other instruments, such as the harmonica, fiddle, and what became his favorite, the 12-string guitar. By the time he was 15, Ledbetter was performing at clubs and parties across the area.

Around 1910, Ledbetter was living in Harrison County when he took to the road to pursue a music career, leaving behind his wife and two children. Though he became increasingly popular with his early blues sound, he often found himself in trouble with the law. Increasing problems with alcohol only compounded his problems. Some time in the late 1910s, he picked up the nickname "Leadbelly," but its origins are uncertain. It was also in the 1910s that he began singing one of his most popular songs, "Good Night, Irene." He went on to write hundreds of songs, some gospel but mostly blues. "Black Betty," "Black Snake Moan," and "Cotton Fields" were among many

songs he wrote and performed by the 1920s. Many of his songs were never recorded or were lost over time.

In 1915, he was jailed in Harrison County on an illegal gun charge but soon escaped. Three years later, he was imprisoned after another fight turned deadly. He was sentenced to 35 years. However, Gov. Pat Neff, who once promised not to pardon any prisoners, pardoned Ledbetter in 1925 after hearing him sing for his release. Ledbetter resumed his performances, but he still had legal problems. He was convicted in 1930 in Louisiana following a knife fight and another conviction in New York in 1939. His time in prison became an inspiration for many of his songs.

He promoted himself as the "King of the 12-String Guitar," but he was only able to begin recording his songs in the 1930s. John Lomax, co-founder of the Texas Folklore Society and a former administrator at the University of Texas, recorded dozens of Ledbetter's songs through a Works Progress Administration program to record oral histories and folk music across the nation. On a tour of the Northeast, Ledbetter found an appreciative circle of musicians in the growing folk music community. He would record several songs with Woody Guthrie.

In the early 1940s, he was a regular radio performer on a nationwide folk music program, hosted by John Lomax's son, Alan. By 1949, Ledbetter had his own radio show in New York, Folk Songs of America. That year, just as his career and life were back on track, he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, a degenerative neuromuscular disorder. The condition progressed rapidly, but he was able to perform one last concert, a memorial concert for John Lomax at the University of Texas that summer. He died quietly in New York City

in December 1949 at the age of 61. His life was one of hard luck and little respect save for fellow musicians and a handful of blues fans who saw brilliance in his performances.

As the years passed, fellow musicians kept his memory alive through his music. Within a few years, his influences became much more pronounced as rock and roll saw its introduction by the mid-1950s and blues reached a new level of artistry. In the 1950s, folk musician Pete Seeger wrote a book on playing guitar that praised Ledbetter's technique. By the 1960s, a flood of popular musicians began recording Ledbetter's songs. "Good Night, Irene" was a favorite of country stars such as Ernest Tubb and Willie Nelson. Tubb's version topped the charts in 1950. Creedence Clearwater Revival made Ledbetter's "Midnight Special" one of their most famous songs when they recorded it in 1969. It was also covered by Gene Autry, Johnny Cash, Nat King Cole, and the Grateful Dead. Ledbetter was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1970.

In 1976, a movie was made about his life called simply "Leadbelly." In 1988, in the centennial year of his birth, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, honored as one of the early major influences. The popular grunge-rock band Nirvana introduced Ledbetter to a new generation with Kurt Cobain's rendition of "Where Did You Sleep Last Night" in a televised performance in 1994. Many of his surviving recordings from the 1940s from the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution were released as albums in the 1990s.

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

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Homecoming Class Meetings Schedule

Class Meetings on Saturday, September 8th.

The classes of 1959, 1962 and 1992 will have their class meetings after the parade at the home of Rolan and Sandra Jones.

The Class of 1960 will meet at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center at 3 p.m.

Class of 1961 will meet at the Home of Alvin and Vondean Hutchins

Classes of 1963, 1964 and 1967 will meet at the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham.

Class of 1965 will hold their Class Meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Jack and Barbara Baum, 100 W. Cypress Street.

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Cross Plains High School Dress Code Highlights

As we approach the new school year, please be advised of the student dress code and potential changes. It is important to abide by the dress code to insure the learning environment is not disrupted due to distractions.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation on this matter. If you would like to see an in depth breakdown of the dress code, please visit our school website, www.crossplainsisd.net, and download the the student handbook.

The District prohibits any clothing or grooming, that in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of/interference with normal school operations.

Hair
Boys

- Should be neat, clean, and well groomed

- Hair should not extend below the eyebrows, in front, or below the top of or side of the ears

- Hair should not extend below the top of the collar of a t-shirt

- No pony tails

- Sideburns may not extended below the ear

- Facial hair - boys should be clean shaven at all times.

Girls

- Should be neat, clean, and well groomed

- Hair should not be worn over the eyebrows

- Unusual or distracting haircuts are not permitted, including disproportionate hair length, which is when length is more than one-inch difference in lengths

- No unnatural hair color is permitted

- Natural hair color or coloring should be predominantly one color

Clothing

-The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing which are:

- Lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene

- Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other substance prohibited under school policy.

- Students will not be allowed to wear pants that are baggy or that sag. In addition, students should not wear clothing that is too tight, revealing or distracting.

- Holes in pants will not be allowed four inches above the knees, if the holes are above

the four inches above the knees the hole will be patched prior to arrival at school.

Accessories

- Students, boys and girls, will not be allowed to wear rings, studs, or gauges in their tongues, eyebrows, noses, or other exposed body parts with the exception of girls wearing earrings. For girls, this will be a maximum of two earrings per ear.

- Other jewelry worn in conjunction with body piercing is not allowed. Spiked jewelry is not allowed. Chains and oversized decorative zippers are not allowed.

- There will be no visible tattoos. Existing tattoos will be covered.

- Caps and hats will not be worn inside buildings.

Cross Plains High School and Junior High Bell and Buffalo Academy Schedule

Cross Plains High School and Junior High for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Normal Bell Schedule

1st Period: 8:00-8:45

HS Breakfast/JH Tutorials: 8:50-9:10

2nd Period: 9:15-10:00

3rd Period: 10:05-10:50

4th Period: 10:55-11:40

5th Period: 11:45-12:30

(Release JH to Lunch at 12:27)

JH & HS Lunch: 12:30-1:15

6th Period: 1:20-2:05

7th Period: 2:10-2:55

8th Period: 3:00-3:45

Buffalo Academy Schedule

3:50-6:00 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

3:50-6:30 Last Thursday of 6 weeks

PTO Homecoming Bash, Saturday, September 8th

The PTO is planning a Homecoming Bash for Saturday, September 8th, from 4 until 7 p.m.

There will be bounce houses, snow cones and food set up on the practice field.

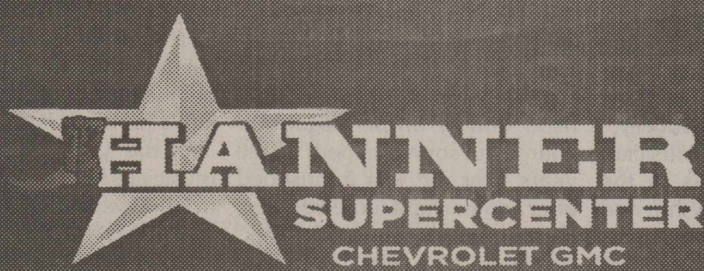
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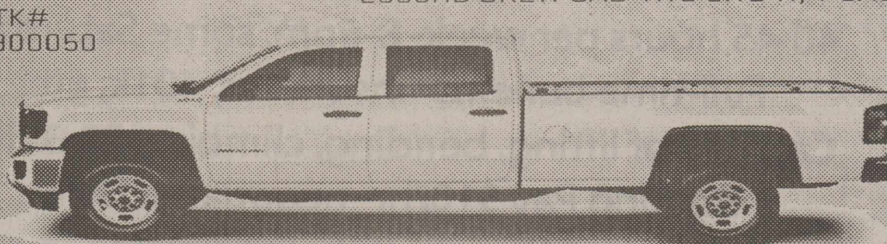
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City Council Minutes

July 10, 2018

This was a Regular Meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were:

Mayor Jerry Cassle, Don Bryant, Randy Strickland, Homer Parson & Gary Moses. Colby Walker was absent.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Teresa Kennedy, Byron McNutt, Frankie Hyles, Don Gosnell, Jarrod Potter, & Chris Rios.

Members of the public meeting with the council were Susan Schaefer, Michelle Kaiser & Sheila Hamlin.

Moses gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

By general consent the police report was approved as presented.

By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented.

By general consent the council approved paid bills.

Under citizen comments Susan Schaefer met with the council to give them an update on the EMS. Susan reported that the EMS is doing well financially and that the note they have for the new ambulance has been paid down to \$30,000.00. She thanked the council for their contribution this year and reported that with the city's donation, fundraisers, county contributions along with the medical private pays, medicare and other income the EMS is doing well, and members are holding strong at this time although they would welcome any new volunteers. Susan thanked the council for their continued support and the council praised the EMS for their service to our community.

Also under citizen comments Michelle Kaiser advised the council that the Library stays really busy, going to the zoo, Frontier Texas, Grace Museum, the Planetarium and many other activities for the kiddos. Ms. Kaiser stated that the

Library appreciated what the City does for the Library and would like to give back to the community. She asked for some suggestions as to what project the kiddos could do for the city. Gosnell suggested that they do a flower bed at the new walking path at the community center. Kaiser is to get with the garden club and discuss the project.

Potter gave the monthly police report. He talked about the possibility of going ahead and placing an ad for a new patrolman to fill the 3rd position available. Discuss was held and Gosnell is to put an ad in several of the surrounding newspapers as well as the TML magazine. Potter will put it on the Copsyn website and have the COG post it on their bulletin board.

Hyles updated the council on several projects the City is involved in. Hyles commented that the 4th of July fireworks were a success from what everyone has said. He has started getting the streets prepared for paving and will begin grinding the streets that needs that done later in the month. He is preparing Mesquite Street next to the Howard museum for paving and discussed the roads around the new museum Ms. Woods is building and how much concrete is being poured. He discussed getting those roads ready to pave but there is a possibility that Ms. Woods might pave those as well. Hyles advised the council that the Railroad commission will be here on the 11th & 12th to do a "DIMP" audit concerning the gas system. He expects that inspection to go well.

Gosnell reported to the council that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met earlier in the month with Waylon Prather and approved a six month permit to place a travel trailer and occupy such at 208 N. Main Street, as they search for a permanent place to live for he and his wife, Brenda Prather, W&B Towing Company. The

committee asked for the council's approval for the permit. By general consent the council approved the six month permit with the understanding that the council considers six months plenty of time to find a permanent residence.

Nuisance Ordinance 2018-002 was read in its entirety. Gary Moses moved to approve the second and final reading of the ordinance. Strickland seconded, and motion carried.

The council looked over the monthly Senior Citizen's Report. The report showed serving a total of 685 congregate meals for the month of June. She also reported that there were 936 home delivered meals served for an average of 119 meals per day. These numbers include 181 meals for the May Senior Citizen Center. There was a total of \$3,329.85 in donations received, \$2,776.00 in Jeremiah 29 billing, \$85.00 in memorials and \$16.52 in fundraisers.

Gosnell advised the council that the CDBG funds that the City was applying for drainage repairs has been reallocated to "Public Housing". She asked the council if they still wanted to apply for the grant to build additional public housing units. Gosnell explained that the city can apply on behalf of our local Public Housing Authority and that she had spoken with both Linda Hoover, HA Director and Connie Kirkham, HA Board Member, and both expressed a real desire to have additional housing should we be funded. The PHA would be the owner and operator of the units once they are built. Grant funds of up to \$2,000,000 can be applied for and the local match would be 1% that could be cash, land, waived fees of utility taps, permits etc. Approximately 11-14 units could be built and at least half of the units plus one must be rented to Low/Moderate income households. The affordability period for multifamily rental developments is 10 years after which the PHA could make the

units available to any income range at any rent levels.

By general consent the council approved Gosnell to issue requests for proposals and qualifications for services related to the 2019-2020 Community Development Funding administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Gosnell also asked the council to consider apply for the Local Parks Small Community Recreation Grant also administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The grant is a matching grant of \$75,000.00. It was noted that the EDC is interested in partnering with the city to obtain the grant and to finish projects already started at Treadway Park and the Community Center Park. By general consent the council approve applying for the Local Small Parks Grant.

Gosnell presented the council with the Callahan County Appraisal District's 2019 Proposed Budget. After review of the budget and with many questions unanswered, the council asked Gosnell to invite the Chief Appraiser, Brad Beam to come to the next meeting to discuss and explain the proposed budget.

Strickland moved to adjourn. Moses seconded, and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Gosnell, Secretary



Buffalo Breakfast Schedule

August 31	First Baptist Church
September 8	First United Methodist Church
September 14	Cross Plains Church of Christ
September 21	Cottonwood Baptist Church (Main Street Poolhouse)
September 28	First Baptist Church
October 5	Bye Week
October 12	First United Methodist Church
October 19	Cross Plains Church of Christ
October 26	Cottonwood Baptist Church (Main Street Poolhouse)
November 2	First United Methodist Church
November 9	First Baptist Church
November 16	Cross Plains Church of Christ playoffs
November 23	Cottonwood Baptist Church (Main Street Poolhouse) playoffs

Buffalo Breakfasts begin at 7:00 a.m.



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NOTICE OF 2018-19 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CALLAHAN COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.582046 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Callahan County. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate. The governing body of Callahan County proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of providing services to the citizens and to meet unfunded mandates from the State.

PROPOSED TAX RATE:	\$0.582046 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE:	\$0.559266 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:	\$0.513726 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE:	\$0.565478 per \$100
DEBT SERVICE RATE:	\$0.016568 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Callahan County from the same properties in both the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 tax year.

The rollback rate is the highest tax rate that Callahan County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Callahan County Tax Assessor/Collector
100 W 4th St, Suite 101, Baird TX 79504
(325) 854-5820
tax.info@callahancounty.org

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate, all to be held in the County Commissioner's Courtroom at 100 W 4th St, Suite 200, Baird TX 79504:

1st Public Hearing: August 27, 2018 at 9:00 am

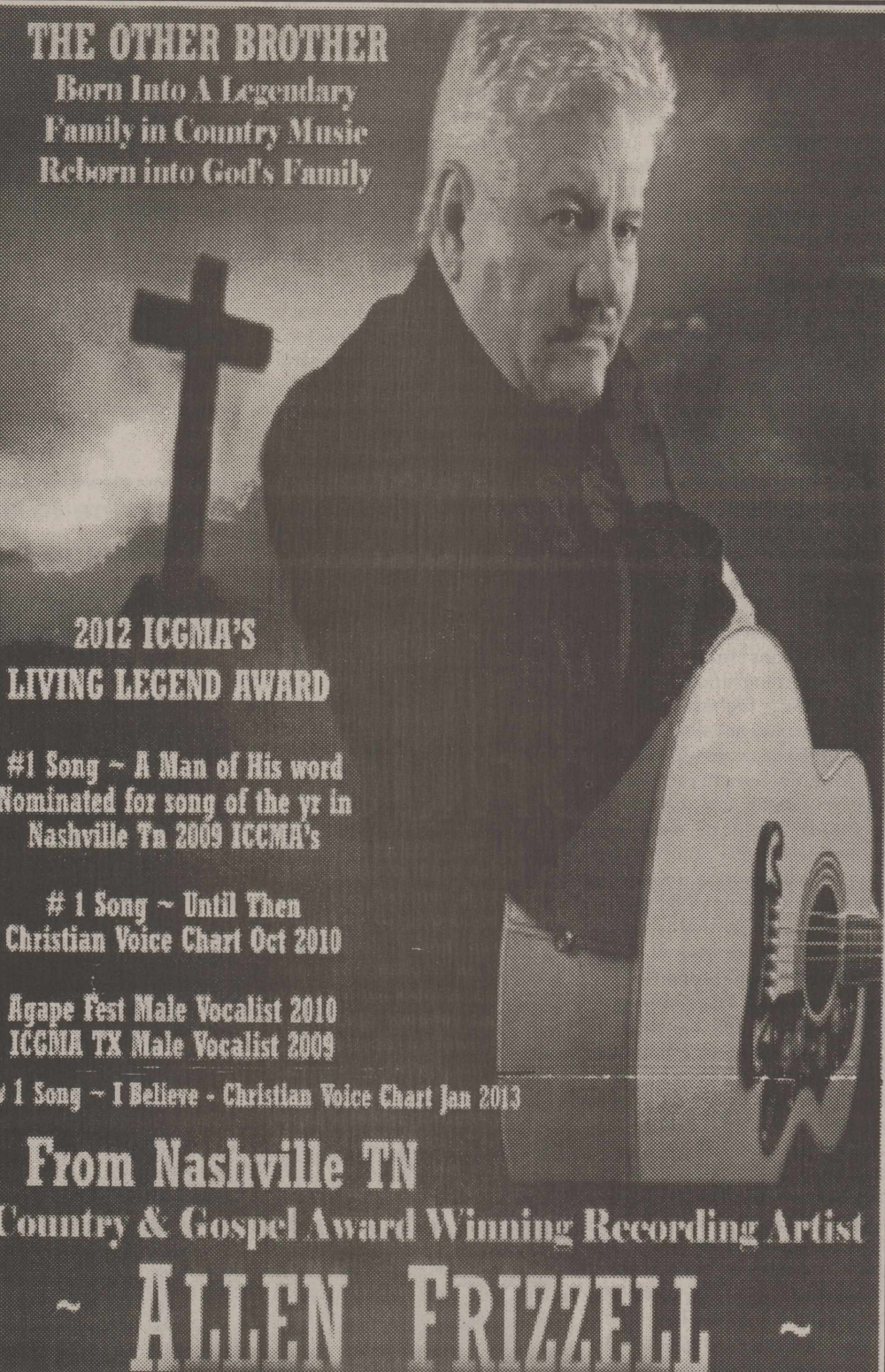
2nd Public Hearing: September 4, 2018 at 9:00 am

Adopt the Budget and adopt the tax rate: September 10, 2018 at 9:30 am

Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the governmental office before the meeting.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2018-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS, REGULATING NUISANCES, JUNK VEHICLES AND ILLEGAL DUMPING; PROVIDING: POPULAR NAME, PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS, PROHIBITIONS, NOTICE, ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES, REPEALER, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, SAVINGS CLAUSE, EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cross Plains seeks to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Cross Plains; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 217, authorizes the City to regulate and abate nuisances; and

WHEREAS, Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 342, authorizes the City to regulate health and safety within the City; and

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 683, authorizes the City to regulate junk vehicles within the City; and

WHEREAS, Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 365, authorizes the City to regulate illegal dumping within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the current ordinances regulating nuisances, junk vehicles and illegal dumping are no longer adequate to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopts this ordinance for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, to enable each resident to enjoy a safe and agreeable environment, to protect the residential environment, and to protect the residential quality of the neighborhoods;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

1.01. Popular Name. This ordinance shall be commonly referred to as the City of Cross Plains' "Health and Safety Ordinance".

1.02. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, environment and general welfare of the citizens of the City through the regulation of nuisances, junk vehicles and illegal dumping.

1.03. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this ordinance:

(a) Administrator. City of Cross Plains Peace Officers, Fire Marshal, Firefighters, Code Enforcement Officers, Environmental Enforcement Officers, Public Health Authority, City Mayor or City Administration, or any of their designees who administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

(b) Fences in Deteriorated Condition. A fence that:

(1) has broke, loose, damaged, removed or missing parts including but not limited to pickets, slats, posts, wood rails, bricks, and panels; or

(2) is braced by guide wires, braces or any other material that may be viewable from any public streets, rights-of-way, alleyways, or property and easements over which the City or general public has dominion and control.

(c) Graffiti. Any unauthorized inscription, word, signature, symbol, design or other marking of any sort that is etched, written, painted, drawn, or applied in any other way to any structure, building, tree, vehicle, or property of any sort or to any portion or element thereof, whether the property is public or private.

(d) Improved Parking Surface. Concrete, asphalt, or any accepted all-weather base material.

(e) Nuisance. Any unlawful act, or omission to perform a duty, or any condition or thing permitted to exist, where such act, omission, condition or thing:

(1) Injures or endangers the comfort, health, safety or welfare of others; or

(2) Offends decency; or

(3) Is offensive to the senses; or

(4) Unlawfully interferes with, obstructs or tends to

obstruct or renders dangerous for passage any public or private street, highway, sidewalk, path, alley, stream, ditch or drainage pathway; or

(5) In any way renders other persons insecure in life or the use of property; or

(6) Interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property, or tends to diminish the quality of the

(f) Vehicle. Shall include but not be limited to cars, trucks, trailers, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, boats or other watercraft or motorcycles.

1.04. Texas Junked Motor Vehicles Provisions Adopted. To prevent the accumulation of abandoned or junked motor vehicles within the City, to eliminate the health and safety hazards associated with said vehicles and to abate the nuisances attributable to such vehicles, the City hereby adopts Chapter 683 of the Texas Transportation Code regarding Junked Motor Vehicles in its entirety herein, and as amended, and it shall serve as the City's ordinance for said vehicles in addition to the provisions in this ordinance.

1.05. Texas Litter Abatement Act Adopted. To prevent the illegal dumping within the City, and to eliminate and abate the health and safety hazards associated with and attributable to such illegal dumping, the City hereby adopts Chapter 365, the Texas Litter Abatement Act, of the Texas Health and Safety Code in its entirety herein, and as amended, and it shall serve as the City's ordinance for illegal dumping in addition to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 2 - PROHIBITIONS

2.01. Prohibited Acts of Conditions Which Constitute a Nuisance. The maintaining, using, placing, depositing, leaving or permitting to be or remain on any public or private property of any of the following items, conditions or actions are hereby declared to be and constitute a nuisance and are therefore prohibited and unlawful; provided, however, this list shall not be deemed or construed to be conclusive, limiting or restrictive:

(a) Noxious weeds and other rank vegetation.

(b) Accumulation of rubbish, trash, refuse, junk and other abandoned materials, metals, lumber, stagnant water or of any object or matter including those items that may cause injury, death or disease to human beings.

(c) Any condition that provides harborage for rats, mice, snakes and other vermin.

(d) Any building or other structure which is in such a dilapidated condition that it is unfit for human habitation or kept in such an unsanitary condition that it is a menace to the health of people residing in the vicinity thereof, or presents a heightened fire hazard in the vicinity where it is located.

(e) All excessive or unauthorized noises and annoying vibrations, including animal noise.

(f) All disagreeable or obnoxious odors and stenches, as well as the conditions, substances or other causes which give rise to the emission or generation of such odors and stenches including dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas, soot or cinders, in unreasonable quantities.

(g) The carcasses of animals or fowl not disposed of within 24 hours after death.

(h) The pollution of any public well or cistern, stream, lake, canal or body of water by sewage, dead animals, industrial wastes or other substances.

(i) Any building, structure or other place or location where any activity which is in violation of local, state or federal law is conducted, performed or maintained.

(j) All appliances intended for indoor use, working or nonworking, used, stored, abandoned or junked anywhere in the public view.

(k) Dead, diseased, or insect harboring trees when such trees constitute a hazard to life or property.

(l) Fences in a deteriorated condition or subject to falling down due to lack of maintenance or damage or that are repaired

with materials that are not comparable to the original.

(m) Graffiti that is visible from public view or any private property other than that on which the same exists.

(n) Excessive accumulation of items intended for use outdoors that are not screened from the public view.

(o) Items on a porch, in a yard, under a carport, or within any area visible from the public view that are not intended for use outdoors or are not made of material that is resistant to damage or deterioration from exposure to outdoors.

(p) Furniture intended for indoor use that is used, stored, abandoned or junked outside, including on a porch, in a yard, or under a carport.

(q) Human waste or wastewater that is deposited, stored, discharged, or exposed in such a way as to be a potential instrument or medium in disease transmission.

(r) Violations of Chapter 683 of the Texas Transportation Code regarding Junked Vehicles, as amended.

(s) Grasses, weeds or brush at a height greater than twelve (12) inches on any lot, tract or parcel of land, including the adjacent parkway and alleys, unless provided for by an exception in this ordinance.

(t) Vehicles in the yard of any residence excluding improved parking surfaces, or areas screened from the public view by an opaque fence.

(u) Violations of Chapter 365 of the Texas Health and Safety Code regarding illegal dumping, as amended.

2.02. Exceptions. Any provision in this ordinance related to grasses, weeds or brush shall not apply to the following areas:

(a) Certain portions of improved and unimproved creeks; drainage channels; detention and retention ponds; borrow ditches; and any other conveyances subject to water drainage that are maintained by the City.

(b) The portion of any lot, tract or parcel of land greater than five acres, which is more than fifty (50) feet from the curb of any street, the edge of pavement, or any traveled portion of a street or roadway.

(c) Cultivated low-water use landscaping.

SECTION 3 - NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT

3.01. Notice to Abate and Service of Notice. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, whenever a nuisance is found to exist, an Administrator shall give ten (10) days written notice by certified mail or hand delivery with signed receipt to the owner or occupant of the property upon which such nuisance exists or to the person causing or maintain the nuisance. If the notice is returned unclaimed by the United States Post Office, official action to abate such nuisance shall be continued to a date not less than ten (10) days from the date of such return.

3.02. Contents of Notice. The notice to abate a nuisance shall contain:

(a) The location of the nuisance, if the same is stationary.

(b) A general description of what constitutes the nuisance.

(c) An order to abate the nuisance within a stated time, which shall be reasonable under the circumstances, or to request a public hearing before the City Council within ten (10) days after service of notice to abate the nuisance. Request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the City Council.

(d) A statement that if the nuisance is not abated as directed and no request for hearing is made within the prescribed time, an Administrator may assess penalties and/or abate such nuisance and assess the cost of abatement against such person.

3.03. Hearing on nuisance. A public hearing must be held prior to the abatement of the nuisance by the City only if such a hearing is requested by the owner or occupant of the property upon which such nuisance exists or by the person causing or maintaining the nuisance. The hearing shall be held before the City

Council. The City Council shall determine at the hearing whether or not a nuisance exists. If a nuisance is found to exist, the City Council may order the abatement of the nuisance and assess any penalties as provided for under this ordinance. Any ruling or order by the City Council at this hearing shall become final unless appealed within ten (10) days to a competent court of law of the State of Texas.

3.04. Abatement. Upon the failure of the person, firm or corporation upon whom notice to abate a nuisance was served pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance to abate the same, or to request a hearing before the City Council, an Administrator may proceed to enter upon the property to abate such nuisance and shall prepare a statement of costs incurred in the abatement thereof. An Administrator may also assess penalties allowed for violations of this ordinance.

3.05. Abatement of an Immediate Danger to Health and Safety. In the event of an immediate danger to the health and safety of the public, an Administrator may go upon the property where the nuisance(s) is found and abate or cause to be abated such nuisance(s), without notice to the property owner. No later than the tenth day after the date the Administrator abates or causes to be abated the nuisance(s) upon the property, the Administrator shall send notice to the property owner in the manner required by Section 3.01. The notice shall contain:

(a) A description of the nuisance(s) that was found on the property;

(b) A statement that the nuisance(s) was abated by the City;

(c) An itemized statement of the costs and fees incurred by the City for work done to abate the nuisance(s); and (d) An explanation of the property owner's right to request a hearing before the City Council concerning the City's abatement of such nuisance(s).

3.06. Assessment of City's expenses; billing. Expenses incurred due to the action taken by the City to correct any violation coming under the nuisance provisions of this ordinance, including administrative costs and penalty charges, shall be assessed against the owners of all outstanding interests in the lot or parcel of land involved.

An itemized bill of such costs will be mailed to each such owner to the address shown in the records of the applicable County Appraisal District.

3.07. City's expenses declared lien. Any and all expenses incurred by the City in the abatement of a nuisance under the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a lien against the property upon which such nuisance existed, which lien shall be filed, proven and collected as provided for by law. Such lien shall be notice to all persons from the time of its recording and shall bear interest at the highest legal rate thereafter until satisfied.

3.08. Exceptions to Notice and/or Enforcement Provisions.

(a) Graffiti. Whenever graffiti is found to exist, the owner will have thirty (30) days after notice under this ordinance to remove all graffiti from the property that is visible from the public view or from any other private property.

(b) High grasses, weeds or brush. When any violation of high grasses, weeds or brush is found to exist, a notice by letter as allowed under this ordinance will be addressed to the owner of the property in question. If the address of the property owner is unknown, then notice may be given by publication one time in a local, daily newspaper of general circulation. The property owner will have ten (10) days from the date of the notice to correct the violation. Annual notice may be given to the property owner anytime during the calendar year and no further notices shall be required for a period of one year from the date of the notice.

(c) High grasses, weeds or brush in excess of twelve inches. In the event that high grasses, weeds or brush is higher than twelve (12) inches the City may go upon the property found in violation of

this ordinance and abate such violation without notice to the property owner. No later than the tenth (10th) day after the City causes the work to be done under this Section, the City shall send notice and a bill to the property owner by mail or personal delivery.

(d) Parking in the yard of a resident. In the event that a vehicle is not parked on an improved surface in a residential yard, as required by this ordinance, a single notice may be given to the property owner and no further notices shall be required for a period of one (1) year from the date of the notice.

SECTION 4 - PENALTIES

4.01. Authority. An Administrator shall have the power to administer and enforce the provisions of this ordinance and assess penalties as may be required as allowed by governing law.

4.02. Penalties. Any person or entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than Forty Dollars (\$40.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that a violation of this ordinance continues after due notice shall constitute a separate offense. Any person or entity in violation of this ordinance, having been assessed a fine for such violation, shall not be relieved of any of the other enforcement provisions of this ordinance such as abatement, assessment of expenses and/or liens.

4.03. Other Remedies. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as a waiver of the City's right to bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of this ordinance, and to seek remedies as allowed by law, including, but not limited to injunctive relief, civil damages, and all other relief allowed by applicable law.

4.04. Criminal Action. A violation of this ordinance shall be a Class C misdemeanor punishable under State law. After expiration of the ten (10) day period given in a notice, the City may issue a misdemeanor citation for any violation of this ordinance, and institute Municipal Court proceedings in connection therewith. Prosecution in Municipal Court is in addition to other remedies provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 5 - REPEALER

All ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

SECTION 6 - CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

If any provision of this ordinance conflicts with any provision in other City ordinances the stricter provision shall prevail.

SECTION 7 - SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any paragraph, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part of provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 8 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal of any ordinance or parts of ordinances effectuated by the enactment of the amendments to this ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provisions of any ordinance at the time of passage of this ordinance.

SECTION 9 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective on the passage and approval of the City Council of the City of Cross Plains, Texas and after publication as may be required by governing law.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 12th day of June, 2018.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage was published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cross Plains, Texas, at 6:00 p.m. on the 14th day of August, 2018; to permit the public to be heard. Such ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by law.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 14th day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:

Debbie Gosnell, City Administrator

Jerry Cassle, Mayor

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Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from August 13th

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on August 13, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nicole Crocker, County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Jan Windham, County Treasurer. Also attending: Terry Joy, Sheriff; Rick Jowers, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Karl Winge, County Extension Agent; Matt Stubbs, Scott Kniffen, and Grady Henderson.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. All commissioners were present.

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

—Under public comment: Tim Mosley mentioned his concern about County Road 248.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to lift the burn ban and to revisit it next week. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to get five more burn ban flags to go at each of the seven fire departments and for the two flags we have to go to Cross Plains Fire Department and Clyde Fire Department. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the sheriff's report and overtime report with 93.5 unapproved hours. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the donation of Dr. Calvo's building to the county, and for the county to request Gerald Johnson, legal counsel, to prepare the transfer deed with no cost to the Calvos. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A&M AgLife Extension Service and Callahan County for information technology services. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion for TxDOT to update the county road inventory. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to concur with TxDOT's 482 certified mileage for the county maintained road mileage. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to sign the county Child Welfare Service Non-Financial Agreement. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the replat of Eula Meadows. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home - Delivered Meal Grant Program Resolution Authorizing County Grant Program Year 2019. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Judge Corn made a motion

Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from August 10th

The Meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on August 10, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nicole Crocker, County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Jan Windham, County Treasurer. Also attending: Steve Odum -

Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from August 13th

The Meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on August 13, 2018, at 9:00 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; and Nicole Crocker, County Clerk. Also attending was Matt Stubbs.

The following items of

business were transacted: Justice of Peace #3; and Scott Kniffen.

—The meeting was called to order at 9:33 A.M. by Judge Corn. All commissioners were present.

—Discussion was held on the 2018-2019 budget. No action was taken.

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

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

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

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

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—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from August 20th

The Meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on August 20, 2018, at 9:00 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nicole Crocker, County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Angie Campbell, Deputy County Treasurer. Also attending: Matt Stubbs, Bette Garner, and

Scott Kniffen. The following items of business were transacted: —The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Judge Corn. All commissioners were present. —Discussion was held on the county clerk Preservation and Restoration Records Archives Plan 2018-2019. No action was taken. —Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 A.M.

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Texas Senators Urge Air Force to Base B-21 bombers at Dyess AFB

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) sent a letter to Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson today urging the Air Force to select Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene as the principal base for the new B-21 Raider long-range strike bomber.

"For 76 years, Dyess AFB has effectively served as a premier bomber base for B-47s and B-52s, and has been the principal base for the B-1 since the aircraft's introduction," they wrote. "We sincerely hope that the B-21 Raider will be the next member of the bomber family to join our community."

A signed copy of the letter is here and full text is below.

The Honorable Heather A. Wilson
Secretary of the Air Force
Department of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Secretary Wilson:
We write in strong support of Dyess Air Force Base (Dyess AFB) near Abilene, Texas being selected as the principal base for the new B-21 Raider long-range strike bomber. For generations, Dyess AFB has served as a training base for our most critical bombing platforms. As the Air Force commences the basing review process, we urge the selection committee to consider several factors that make Dyess AFB the ideal home for the new bomber.

Dyess AFB has the operational capacity, infrastructure, and ranges necessary to provide optimal support for mission training. The 2018 National

Defense Strategy stated, "The Joint Force must be able to strike diverse targets inside adversary air and missile networks." The B-21 Raider was designed to meet this requirement and deliver an unequivocal strategic advantage over our adversaries, making this long-range strike capability a critical asset on the modern battlefield. But building the long-range strike capability requires an installation with extensive training capacity and optimal weather conditions — an installation, in other words, like Dyess AFB.

Located in North-Central Texas, Dyess AFB has been home to the United States' bomber fleet since the 1940's, and has served as the only training base for B-1s since the aircraft became operational in the 1980's. The new B-21 fleet would be able to utilize existing infrastructure and immediately take advantage of the ranges and optimal training conditions that the B-1 has been utilizing for over three decades. The region allows for approximately 350 days of flying weather annually, which provides ample opportunities for year-round pilot training. Additionally, Dyess AFB is in the process of upgrading Military Operations Areas and modernizing technologies that will expand its reputation as the world's premier bombing installation. As the product of close collaboration with Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Combat Command, and the Federal Aviation Administration, the improvements will expand both regional airspace and range

training capabilities, providing an environment in which the B-21 program would thrive. Locally, the Abilene community for generations has maintained a strong tradition of support for service members and their families, and we are confident that it will continue to foster these important relationships in the years ahead. The Air Force annually presents an achievement award to one U.S. community that demonstrates the strongest levels of support for its local military base. Dyess AFB won the award so frequently that the Air Force renamed the award "the Abilene Trophy." Abilene has also been awarded the 2017 Barksdale Trophy, an award bestowed on the community that provides the best support for an Air Force Global Strike Command wing. As the numerous awards suggest, Abilene has embraced the Air Force and Air Force families as a centerpiece of their community since the Service's inception.

For 76 years, Dyess AFB has effectively served as a premier bomber base for B-47s and B-52s, and has been the principal base for the B-1 since the aircraft's introduction. We sincerely hope that the B-21 Raider will be the next member of the bomber family to join our community.

Thank you for your consideration of Dyess AFB as the next home for the B-21 Raider. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our offices.

Sincerely,
Ted Cruz

Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from August 20th

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on August 20, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nicole Crocker, County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Angie Campbell, Deputy County Treasurer. Also attending: Tammy Walker, Tax Assessor Collector; Terry Joy, Sheriff; Rick Jowers, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Karl Winge, County Extension Agent; Matt Stubbs, Scott Kniffen, and Bette Garner.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. All commissioners were present.

—No action was taken on the burn ban. It remains lifted.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion that the disposition of taxes and court fees be waived for the seven interest properties transferred in May 2018 to Clyde EDC. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion for the judge, a commissioner, the sheriff and the chief deputy sheriff to meet with the Shackelford County Commissioners' Court in order to discuss the contract between the Callahan County Jail and Shackelford County

Jail. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—After discussion, no action was taken on the agenda item, Budget and DPS Office.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign the Order of General Election on November 6, 2018. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of .582046. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. A record vote was taken.

Commissioner Harold Hicks - yes

Commissioner Bryan Farmer - yes

Commissioner Tom Windham - yes

Commissioner Erwin Clark - yes

Judge Roger Corn - yes

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to schedule the two proposed tax rate public hearings at 9 A.M. on August 27, 2018 and September 4, 2018. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to vote to set salaries, expenses and allowances of all elected county and precinct officers. Commissioner Clark

seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Clark - yes

Commissioner Bryan Farmer - yes

Commissioner Tom Windham - yes

Commissioner Erwin Clark - yes

Judge Roger Corn - yes

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

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4 Tips for Packing a Healthy School Lunch That's Also Cheap

It won't be long before kids will be heading back to school and for the parents to begin packing their lunches again. Organic food is expensive and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches only work for so long.

But Chef Zipora Einav (www.chefzipora.com), a chef to the celebrities and author of *Recipe for a Delicious Life*, says it is easy to stick to a budget on school lunches if you plan and prepare the meals at home in advance.

"Planning a menu and shopping with a list each week helps to manage your budget because you only buy what is needed rather than going to the store each day," she says. "And if the kids are old enough, let them help you prepare their lunches. That is an excellent time to have discussions with your children about nutrition."

Chef Zipora offers these suggestions for preparing a nutritious brown bag lunch for children throughout the school year:

- For a healthier snack, offer baked vegetable chips or sweet potato fries (rather than buying the packaged chips)
- Make home-baked chicken fingers or bake chicken to create a sandwich on whole wheat bread. Add lettuce.
- Include seasonal fruit such as apples, pears and strawberries.
- Does your child have a favorite vegetable like carrot

sticks or celery? You can include a hummus dip (which is offered plain or comes in several flavors). You can also add whole wheat crackers such as Wheat Thins or Breton.

"Eating healthy does not need to be expensive," Chef Zipora says, "and preparing the foods can be easier than most people think if they just prepare in advance and shop for healthy groceries."

About Chef Zipora Einav
 Chef Zipora Einav (www.chefzipora.com) is an accomplished private chef who has cooked for some of Hollywood's most notable celebrities - Bob Hope, Jack Nicholson, Mariah Carey, Pierce Brosnan, Scarlett Johansson - and for professional athletes, including former National Football League star Donovan McNabb. She is the author of *Recipe for a Delicious Life*, which includes recipes, a classical music CD titled *Music for a Delicious Life*, and her anecdotes and adventures while travelling the world as a private chef. She founded her company, Chef Zipora Enterprise - Comfort Food in Harmony with Your Health™ - to improve people's lives by empowering them to eat well and embrace a healthy lifestyle. The company achieves this through its food, music products, books and edutainment programs.

Sen. Cruz Introduces School Safety Amendment Empowers Local Officials with Resources to Harden Schools, Keep Students Safe

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) today introduced a school safety amendment to the Defense-Labor-HHS appropriations bill, which allows local communities to utilize Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grants for measures that reinforce school safety infrastructure and technology.

"Americans have become all too familiar with the horror of school shootings," Sen. Cruz said. "In the face of evil, horrific, violent attacks on our students, local school boards, teachers, and communities across the county have united to find a solution. By expanding the use of these grants, this amendment empowers our local community leaders and education officials with the resources they need to harden our schools and hire school safety officers to keep our children safe."

The full text of the amendment may be viewed here. The grants may be used to hire school safety officers, in addition to infrastructure or technologies

that:

- Control access to school premises or facilities, through the use of metal detectors or other technology with evidence-based effectiveness;
- Cover and conceal students within the school during crisis situations;
- Install technologies to provide prompt notification to relevant law enforcement and first responders during such a situation;
- Provide school safety reinforcement, including bullet-resistant doors and windows;
- Install any technology or system that would reduce the time needed to disseminate official information to parents regarding the safety of their children during and immediately following a crisis.

In May, Sen. Cruz participated in a school safety roundtable with Gov. Greg Abbott, local law enforcement officials, and the victims and survivors of the Santa Fe High School, Alpine High School, and Sutherland Springs church shootings.

Conserving Groundwater in the Ogallala Aquifer

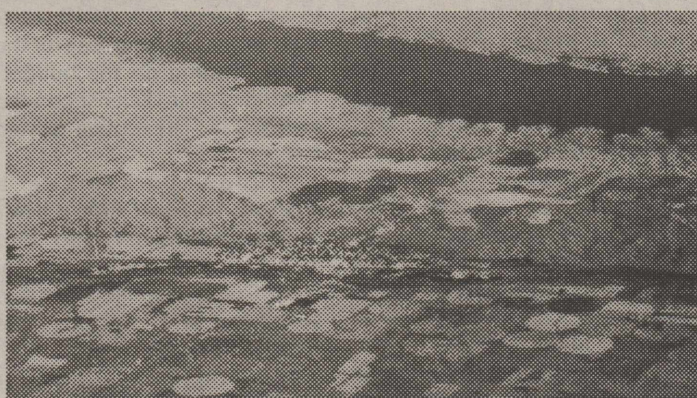
CLAREMONT, Calif. (THE CONVERSATION) - Every summer the U.S. Central Plains go dry, leading farmers to tap into groundwater to irrigate sorghum, soy, cotton, wheat and corn and maintain large herds of cattle and hogs. As the heat rises, anxious irrigators gather to discuss whether and how they should adopt more stringent conservation measures.

They know that if they do not conserve, the Ogallala Aquifer, the source of their prosperity, will go dry. The Ogallala, also known as the High Plains Aquifer, is one of the largest underground freshwater sources in the world. It underlies an estimated 174,000 square miles of the Central Plains and holds as much water as Lake Huron. It irrigates portions of eight states, from Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska in the north to Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas in the south.

But the current drought plaguing the region is unusually strong and persistent, driving farmers to rely more on the aquifer and sharpening the debate over its future. A current assessment by the U.S. Drought Monitor, published by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, shows large swaths of the southern plains experiencing drought ranging from "severe" to "exceptional."

These worrisome prospects form the dramatic backdrop to "Ogallala: Water for a Dry Land," now out in its third edition. In it, my fellow historians John Opie and Kenna Lang Archer and I set current debates over the Ogallala Aquifer in the context of the region's equally conflicted past.

Draining the source
 In the 1880s, farmers in the region asserted that there was a steady movement of water beneath their feet, which they called "underflow," from the Rockies east. Geologist F.N. Dorton of the U.S. Geological Survey located the first outlines of the aquifer near Ogallala, Nebraska.



The Ogallala, also known as the High Plains Aquifer, is one of the largest underground freshwater sources in the world. (Doc Searls, Flickr/Creative Commons)

His discovery nourished the ambitions of farmers and irrigation promoters. One booster, William E. Smythe, visited Garden City, Kansas, and cheered the irrigated future. Pumping underground water, he told his audience, would build "little homes of pleasing architecture. We will surround them with pretty lawns and fringe them with trees and hedges ... in a new Kansas dedicated to industrial independence."

That bucolic vision took decades to realize. Windmills could only pump so much water, which constrained the amount of land farmers could put into production. And the Ogallala's sand and gravel composition slowed the downward flow of surface waters to refill it, even in wet seasons.

This did not matter until farmers started adopting better drilling technology, gas-powered water pumps and high-tech irrigation systems after World War II. These advances turned the Central Plains into the world's breadbasket and meat market, annually generating US\$20 billion worth of foodstuffs.

As more pumps were drilled into the aquifer to capture its flow, some started to come up dry, which led to more drilling and pumping. Between the late 19th century and 2005, the U.S. Geological Survey estimates irrigation depleted the aquifer by 253 million acre-feet - about 9 percent of its total volume. And the pace is accelerating. Analyzing federal data, The Denver Post found that the

aquifer shrank twice as fast from 2011 through 2017 as it had over the previous 60 years. The current drought is only adding to these woes. University of California-Irvine hydrologist Jay Famiglietti has identified the Ogallala region and California's Central Valley as the two most overheated and water-starved areas in the United States.

Relying on technological fixes

This is not the first time that humans have pushed ecosystems on the Central Plains to the breaking point. Starting in the late 19th century, settler-colonists plowed up native grasses that protected the soil. When a series of intense droughts struck in the 1930s, dried-out topsoil was primed to erode in the infamous Dust Bowl. Howling windstorms widely known as "black blizzards" blotted out the sun, blowing away exposed soil and displacing much of the human population.

Farmers who hung on through World War II placed their hope in highly engineered solutions, such as high-powered pumps and center-pivot irrigation systems. These innovations, along with ongoing experiments to determine the most profitable kind of crops to grow and animals to raise, profoundly altered global food systems and the lives and livelihoods of Plains farmers.

Today some advocates support a similar fix for farmers' water needs: The so-called Great Canal of Kansas, which would pump vast quantities of water from the Missouri River in

the east over 360 miles west to the most arid Kansas counties. However, this project could cost up to \$20 billion to build and require annual energy outlays of \$500 million. It is unlikely to be constructed, and would be a Band-aid solution if it were.

The end of irrigation?
 In my view, Plains farmers cannot afford to continue pushing land and water resources beyond their limits - especially in light of climate change's cumulative impact on the Central Plains. For example, a recent study posits that as droughts bake the land, lack of moisture in the soil actually spikes temperatures. And as the air heats up, it further desiccates the soil.

This vicious cycle will accelerate the rate of depletion. And once the Ogallala is emptied, it could take 6,000 years to recharge naturally. In the words of Brent Rogers, a director of Kansas Groundwater Management District 4, there are "too many straws in too small of a cup."

Some far-sighted farmers are responding to these interlocking challenges. Even as they pursue efficiencies in irrigation, many are shifting from water-intensive crops like cotton to wheat. Still others, notably in west Texas, are converting back to non-irrigated dryland agriculture - a recognition of the stark limitations of irrigation dependency. Farmers who are depleting other aquifers in Latin America, eastern Europe, the Middle East and Asia could face similar choices.

Whether these initiatives will become widespread, or can sustain agriculture on the Central Plains, is an open question. But should instead farmers and ranchers drain the Ogallala Aquifer in pursuit of quick profits, the region may never recover.

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The Recipe Corner

Bacon Macaroni Salad

Prep/Total Time: 20 minutes + Chilling

Ingredients:

- *2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- * 1 large tomato, finely chopped
- * 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
- * 5 green onions, finely chopped
- * 1-1/4 cups mayonnaise
- * 5 teaspoon white vinegar
- * 1/4 teaspoon salt
- * 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- * 1 pound bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

Directions

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. Transfer to a large bowl; stir in tomato, celery and green onions.
2. In a small bowl, whisk mayonnaise, vinegar, salt and pepper. Pour over macaroni mixture and toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours. Just before serving, stir in bacon.

Why vote? Social Security, That's Why

By Rob Schneider

The next Congress may determine the long-term fate of Social Security.

Social Security is a compact between generations that has worked remarkably well for 83 years. Current workers contribute payroll taxes into the system, and retirees, who paid in throughout their working lives, collect benefits.

Unfortunately, today too many younger workers believe that Social Security won't be there for them. Why do they think that? Because when some members of Congress talk about the budget deficit, they talk about Social Security even though Social Security has never contributed one cent to the federal deficit. Social Security pays for itself, and it has enough money to pay full benefits until 2034. After that, with no changes, Social Security will pay 77 percent of

benefits.

How important is Social Security? It's so important that today without it, 41 percent of Texans who are 65 and older would have incomes below the poverty level. Social Security may become even more important to younger people, few of whom have workplace pensions or significant savings.

The sooner Congress addresses Social Security's long-term solvency, the easier it will be to do. Finding the political will is hard though, and including Social Security in deficit discussions is a political smokescreen.

So, the Congress elected in November could decide to improve the program, keep the status quo, or worse, degrade the system.

If you think Social Security is as important as AARP thinks it is, find out if your candidates are truly committed to preserving the promise of

Social Security. All candidates say they are for Social Security, but don't let them off the hook. Instead, find out if they will support cost-of-living increases that keep up with inflation. Find out if they would raise the retirement age. Find out if they would raise the cap on Social Security payroll taxes above the current \$128,400. Find out if they would work to reduce waits on the phone or at Social Security office so people can get the assistance they need.

Once you have the answers to these questions, you can decide whether a candidate has earned your vote. Then, show up in November and elect a Congress that has the will and commitment to honor the 83-year-old promise of Social Security.

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