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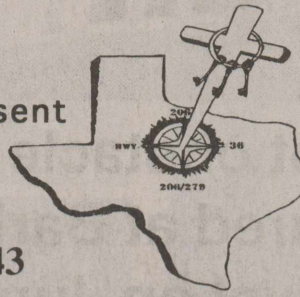
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& Future Hinge on the Cross!

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## 2014 Cross Plains High School Prom



Cross Plains High School teachers enjoying the Prom



Prom King and Queen! Cross Plains High School 2014 Prom King and Queen are Michael Carpenter and Kristin Wright.

### Jeremiah 29 Project

Our summer meal program for 2014 will get underway this next Monday June 2nd. We still need volunteers help to cook 9:30-11:30 and then deliver the meals at 11:30. This can be one volunteer to do both or two volunteers, one to cook one to deliver. For the deliveries there are 6 stops all in the city limits. We will deliver 22 lunches.

Our finances have come in thanks to you being the Caring Community that we are! Now we need volunteers. Could you give 2 to 2 1/2 hours a day to help? we know our children of the community will be blessed by the hot meals we prepare and deliver. My guess is our volunteers will receive the greatest blessings of all." As you've done it to the least of these you've done it to me" Matthew 25:40



Thomas Estes provided the music during the meal at the 2014 Cross Plains High School Prom

### Chamber of Commerce to host banquet July 24th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet speaker this year is Steve Warren, Abilene High head football coach. Steve's hometown is Lockney, TX. He has been married to his wife Carol for 29 years, and has one son Stephen. Steve took the head coaching position at Abilene High in 1996. As head coach Steven led the Eagles to their 1st

District Championship in 44 years. His overall Head Coaching Record is 178 Wins, 72 Losses. The Chamber is excited to welcome Steve as this years banquet speaker.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 24, 2014, 6:30pm at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. More information to come soon.

### CROSS PLAINS VFD AUXILIARY GROUP MEETING JUNE 3rd You're INVITED

Would you like to have fun and help out your local fire department?

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is forming an Auxiliary Group to help the Fire Department with fundraisers and other activities. You are invited to join us and be a part of the Auxiliary. Both men and women of all ages are welcome. Come to our very first meeting on Tuesday, June 3 at 6 p.m. at the CPVFD Firehouse on 2nd street.

What will Auxiliary members do? Plan and help with bake sales, dinners and other fundraisers, organize and help get water and food to the firemen when they're out on a fire, and other activities.

**Texas Heritage Bank**

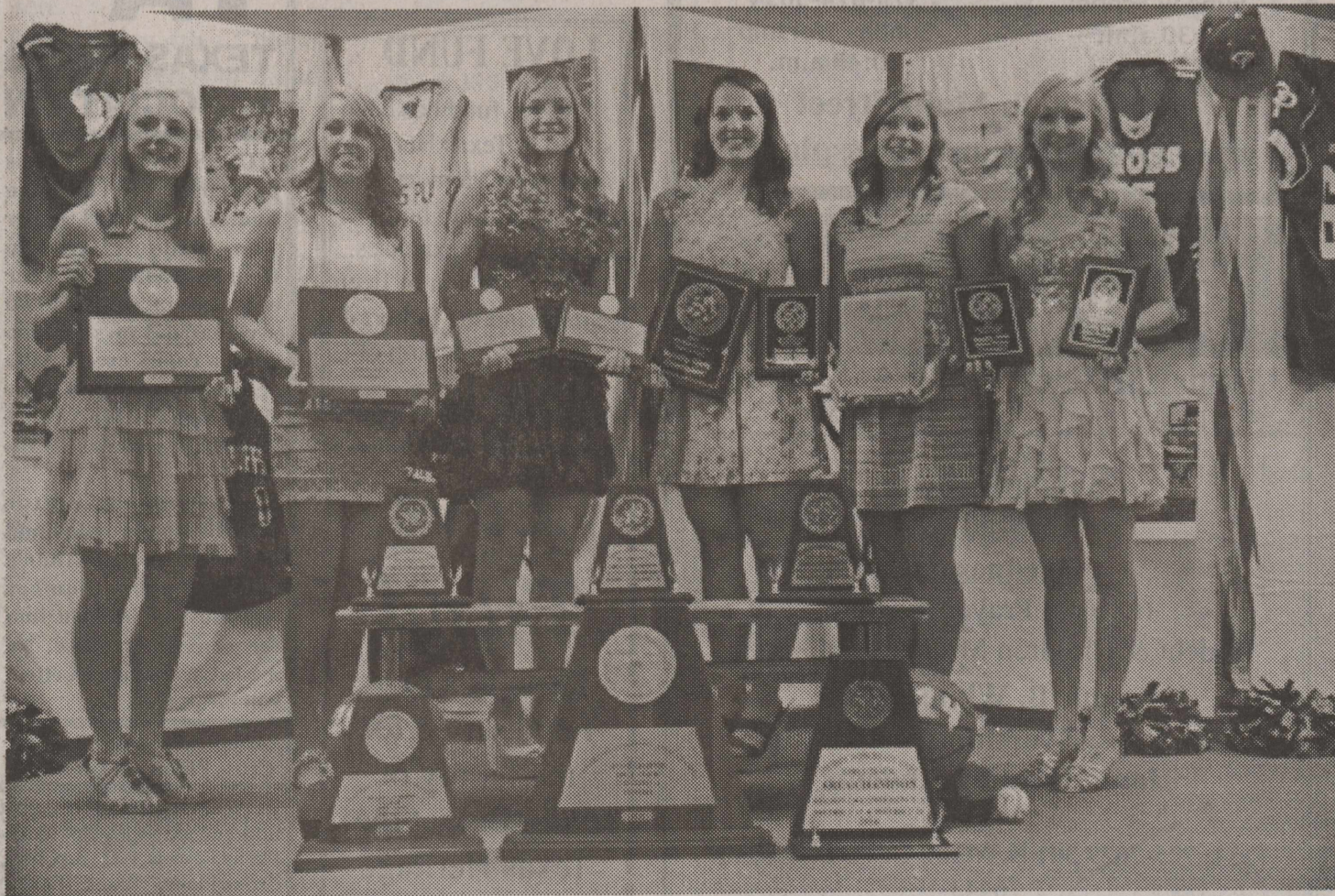
"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"

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presenting "What's Inside"

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State Girls- Shelby McWilliams, Kenzie Halsel, Grace Goode, Ariel Sneed, Allanta Wheeler, Kristin Wright

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### Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School.....10:00am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

### Rowden Baptist Church

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Bible Study...10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities

Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM

Thomas Estes, Pastor  
Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor

Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

## First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM

Music- Connie Swift

Lead Singers: 4His Glory

Pastor Kathy Monroe

208 N. Ave. D

## CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Minister: RICK AUSTIN

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.

Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.

Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.

Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.

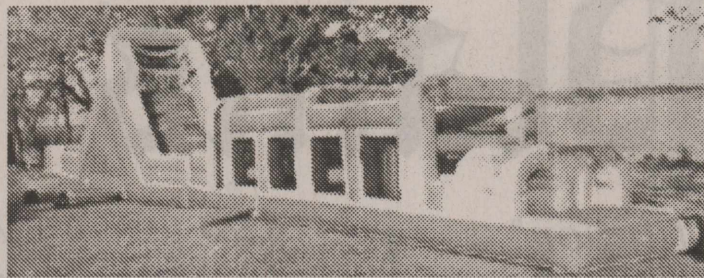
Ladies Class - Wednesday:

10:00A.M. (at the church activity

center on East Hwy 36)

Office: (254-725-6117)

Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859



## 75 foot obstacle course featured at Barbarian Festival on June 14th

Kids can come a bounce, crawl, slide and have fun on a 75 ft inflatable bounce house obstacle course, a new feature at this year's Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 14th. The obstacle course will be supervised by the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, who will also be hosting a variety of kids games at the festival. Kids will also enjoy face painting, pony rides, a hula hoop contest and a shoe pile contest.

The "Barbarian Blast" a 5K Fun Run will be held the morning of the festival. The run begins and ends at the festival grounds. Proceeds will benefit the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund.

The Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show is always a crowd-pleaser! Come and see restored T-birds, Chevy and other fine rides. You might even want to bring your classic car or truck. There's no entry fee and prizes will be awarded to the winners in the Best Car, Best Truck and Best of Show

Categories.

Take a look at the old John Deeres and Farmalls in the Antique Tractors Show. Browse through arts and crafts, candles and jewelry booths. Enjoy lots of food and live music.

Enjoy live music from *Class of '57* Band and *4His Glory* on the stage. The Texas Tornadoes dance group will also perform for the crowd.

There's so much to see and do at this year's festival. Stroll through arts and crafts booths, candles, jewelry, decor items and much more. Enjoy turkey legs, barbeque, funnel cakes, sausage-on-a-stick, pork sandwiches, fried oreo/snickers/cookie dough, corn dogs, fresh-squeezed lemonade, ice cream and many other tasty treats.

Mark your calendar now. You won't want to miss the Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 14th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the shade trees at Treadway Park, on Hwy 36, just west of Cross Plains.

## CARBON CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 8TH-11TH IN CARBON, TX.

Youth camp— grades 7-12

Cost per camper is \$110

On Tuesday night June 10th Special Appearance by "THE POWER TEAM" other events this summer:

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Sunday Worship  
10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street

www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/

## First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School 9:30

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship  
Jared Huntley/Students

(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

www.firstbaptistcp.com

## Cross Plains Public Library Awarded Quilting Grant From Ezra Jack Keats Foundation

The Quilting Fellowship will have the LAP, Lapsit, and ASAP children working this fall with the Cross Plains Quilting Club to produce an intergenerational quilt. All of the materials and supplies needed will be paid for by the migrant, while the quilters have graciously agreed to donate their time to instruct the children in the construction of the quilt. Our little tykes will draw and/or color a block, while the older children can cut out fabric squares and layout the pieces; later, the quilters will sew it together. Once the top is completed and the batting and backing added, the little ones can practice their knot-tying skills

while the older ones use the needles to place the ties. Then the quilting club will bind it and the quilt will be on display in the Children's Discovery Center.

Since 1987, the Foundation, established by the late Caldecott award-winning Children's book author and illustrator, Ezra Jack Keats, has provided more than \$820,000 in support of migrant programs spanning the 50 states and the U.S. Commonwealth.

To learn more about the Ezra Jack Keats Migrant program and to view a complete list of award recipients, visit [www.ezra-jack-keats.org/migrant-program](http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/migrant-program).

## Save the Date!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 24, 20014, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.

Guest Speaker this year will be Steve Warren, Abilene High School head football coach.

There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away.

More information to come soon!

## Countywide Burn Ban lifted

Due to the recent rainfall, Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has lifted the Outdoor Burn Ban in Callahan County effective Thursday, May 8th.

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## Love Fund

Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank

For

Owen Turner  
son of Joseph and Allison Turner and grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner

## Love Fund

A Love Fund has Been Set at Texas Heritage Bank in Memory of Brenda Waggoner to help the family with expenses.

## LOVE FUND

A love fund has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank In Memory of Ricky Smith to help the family with expenses. Ricky is the son of Ileen Smith and the father of Holly Smith both of Cross Plains.

## Love Fund

There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank

## Windmill Raffle

Register to win this 8 ft wooden windmill, donated by Meghann's Market in Eastland. Tickets are available at Texas Heritage Bank and the Cross Plains Senior Center for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Other items in the prize drawing include a bench, a garden cart, gas cards, decor items and gift certificates. Proceeds benefit the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund.

Drawings for the windmill and all other prizes will be held on Saturday, June 14th at the Barbarian Festival. You do not have to be present to win.

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### Book Sale and Bake Sale Hosted by Beta Sigma Phi

Join the members of Beta Sigma Phi sorority as they host the Cross Plains Public Library Book Sale on Saturday, June 7, from 8:00am - 2:00pm. Members will be cooking up some delicious treats to sell too! All books are \$1/bag and there will be other miscellaneous items for sale. All proceeds will benefit Beta Sigma Phi.



The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to welcome new business Sisters Sandwich Shoppe! Located at 401 S. Avenue D Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Phone: (254) 270-0388. They offer a Variety of great sandwiches and don't forget to try their amazing dessert "Jomamma's Sweet Cakes!" Pictured: Daryl Green, Joe & Liz Perry, Dora Warlick.

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### Lowe's Register Tape For Education Program

The Cross Plains Elementary and High School would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the community and businesses of Cross Plains and the surrounding area for all their support of the LOWE'S Register Tapes for Education Program. Your commitment to help us receive free educational equipment was a huge success. Both campuses doubled the amount of receipts this year.

of our receipts. We would like to personally thank *Charlou Cowan* for counting receipts and preparing them for shipping. It made our job a lot easier. There were many that helped with sending in and collecting, and our total count shows that Elementary 107,043 and High School 107,083.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank *Steve Bitsko* at our local LOWE'S Market for supporting Cross Plains I.S.D. in this program. We are looking forward to next year.

Those who donated time made a big difference in the collection

### Senior Citizens Center Activities

June 2nd - 6th

- Monday-2nd Exercise 11:00
- Tuesday-3rd Exercise 11:00 /Game Night 6:00
- Wednesday-4th Exercise 11:00
- Thursday -5th Manicures 10:00 Girling Exercise 11:00
- Friday -6th 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

June 2nd-6th

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Monday 2nd- Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, English Peas, Bread, Dessert         | Thursday 5th - Pinto Beans, & Ham, Spinich, Cornbread, Dessert |
| Tuesday 3rd - Fish Sticks, Mac n Cheese, Pork & Beans, Hushpuppies, Dessert | Friday 6th - BBQ, Sausage, Pinto, Oven Fries, Corn ,Dessert    |
| Wednesday 4th - Cheese-burgers , Let/Tom Salad, Corn, Dessert               |  |
- MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

### Texas Department of State Health Services

Immunization Clinic in Callahan County

For your convenience, please call for appointment, if no answer please leave a message

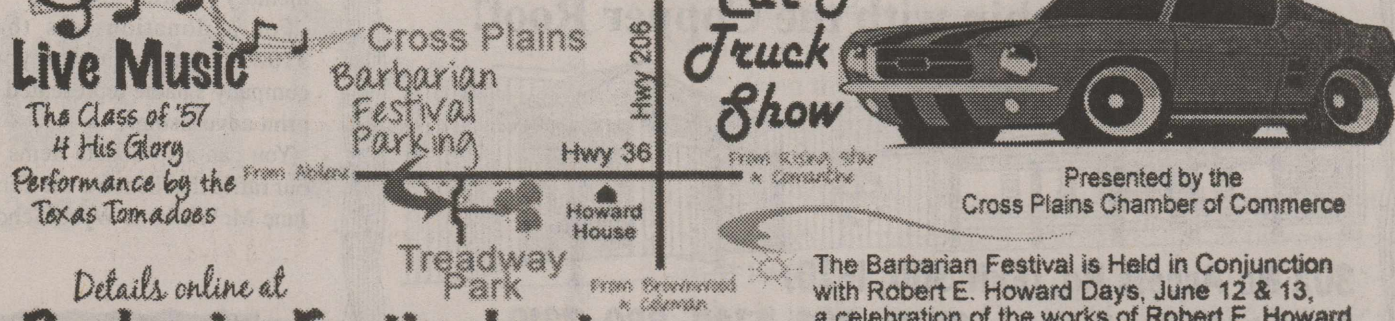
**Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Cross Plains Housing Authority  
233 N. Main  
Time 10-12

Please Bring Child's Immunization Records  
If Medicaid or Medicare apply  
Please bring card  
For More Information call 325/754-4945

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- SHOE PILE
- KIDS GAMES
- 75 FT BOUNCE
- OBSTACLE COURSE
- Antique & Classic Car & Truck Show
- FACE PAINTING



Details online at [BarbarianFestival.net](http://BarbarianFestival.net)

## PARADE THURSDAY JUNE 12 6 PM

Kick-Off Events

STUFFED POTATO SUPPER 5 to 7 PM

CROSS PLAINS SENIOR CENTER

What will you ride in the parade?

- The Barbarian Festival is Brought to You By:
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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 36 West Motel                    | Cross Plains Review            | Parker Custom Ironworks            |
| AAA Stowaway Storage             | Cunningham Ranch               | Parts Plus                         |
| Alon                             | Dairy Queen                    | Ray's Barber Shop                  |
| Azalee Womack                    | First United Methodist Church  | Reed Construction/Box R Outfitters |
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| City of Cross Plains             | Last Shot Boots & Ranch Wear   | Sister's Restaurant                |
| Complete Home Maintenance        | Lawrence Farm & Ranch          | Snippets                           |
| Connie's Cuts & Curls            | Liveoak Land & Real Estate     | Subway                             |
| Cook's Fish Barn                 | Lowe's Market                  | Susan Schaefer CPA                 |
| Cottonwood Historical Assn.      | McCready's Rods and Rides      | Texas Heritage Bank                |
| Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce | Meghann's Market               | Tim's Floral                       |
| Cross Plains EDC                 | Mexico City Cafe               | Trinity Liveoak Real Estate        |
| Cross Plains Grain & Peanut      | MicroMold Plastics Inc         | Turner Landscape                   |

## Cross Plains VFD Auxillary Group will hold first meeting June 3rd

Would you like to help out the Cross Plains VFD?

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be forming an Auxiliary Group to help the Fire Department with fundraisers and other activities. You are invited to join us and be a part of the Auxiliary.

Come to our very first meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the CPVFD Firehouse on

2nd Street.

What will Auxiliary members do? Plan and help with bake sales, dinners and other fundraisers, organize and help get water and food to the firemen when they're out on a fire, and other activities.

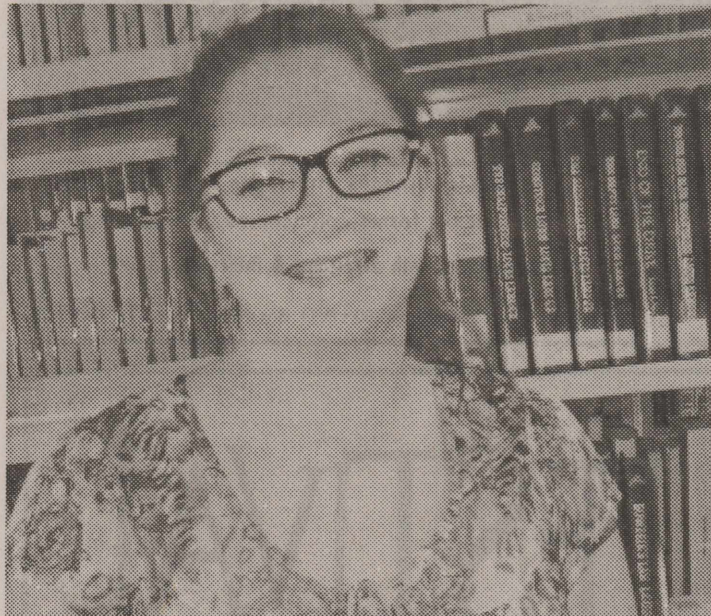
Both men and women of all ages are welcome to come and join us!



Beta Sigma Phi President Michelle Kaiser (left) presents a check to Fire Chief Rickey Carouth (right) for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. Beta Sigma Phi is dispersing proceeds from 2013 to six local organizations.



Barbara, a volunteer at Cooks Children's Hospital Library accepts books from Greg Turner, which were donated in honor of his grandson, Owen Turner from the Cross Plains Public Library. Each donated book is labeled so that each time the book is read, people will know Cross Plains is truly a caring community.



## Welcome Shahala Trammell, Cross Plains Public Library's New Director

The Cross Plains Public Library Board of Directors would like to introduce Shahala Trammell as our new Library Director. Shahala is a 2013 graduate of Cross Plains High School and recently completed one year at Cisco College. Unsure of what she wants to do in the future, Shahala thought that her love of children and books, plus her technical skills, would be beneficial to our library. Although young in age, Shahala has already proven herself to be a quick learner and a valuable asset.

Shahala lives with her parents

in Pioneer and is an only child. She enjoys reading (a good qualification to have!), baking (will she ever come in handy at our fundraisers!), softball, and sewing. Recently she has been teaching herself to crochet (and what better place is there to learn than in our crocheting section of books!) Shahala loves to listen to Christian music and attends the Church of Christ. She looks forward to meeting our patrons and especially our children in the Summer Reading Program.

Be sure to drop in and welcome her!

## Eula Homecoming Reunion set for June 14th

Every two years Exes from Eula Schools return for a homecoming reunion. This year the reunion will be on Saturday, June 14th, at the Eula High School Cafetorium, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Pirates Championship t-shirt, will be available at the reunion for \$10 each.

Displays of school annuals, photographs, clippings, quilts, and other mementoes from past years will be exhibited in the library. A tour of the school buildings will be offered, especially the old rock gym, the only building left from the

school most of us attended.

Following a brief business meeting the Eula Lions Club will serve a barbeque plate.

Many classes have plans to extend their time of fellowship with classmates at local restaurants or homes. Everyone is urged to contact your classmates before the reunion so all classes may have a good turnout.

We look forward to seeing YOU at the Eula Reunion on Saturday, June 14th!

Submitted by: Georgia Yawn,  
Secretary/Treasurer

## Oplin Community Center Homecoming to be held on Saturday, June 7th

The Oplin Community Center wants to invite everyone that now lives in the Oplin community and everyone that has ever lived in the Oplin community to their bi-annual Homecoming to be held on Saturday, June 7th.

The brisket, sausage (cooked by long time community center chefs Butch Woodard and Doug Campbell) and iced tea will be provided by the community center and everyone else is asked to bring

side dishes or desserts. Doors will be open shortly after 10:00 a.m.

Come on out and visit with old friends or make a few new ones, meet the neighbors who have lived near you for years and never had the chance to meet. Visit with folks that grew up in the area that love to share the history of Oplin. So gather the family and come on out to the Oplin Community Center for a day of good friends and a real good meal.

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Closed: Friday - Sunday

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## More sponsors signing up now for the Barbarian Festival- You can be a sponsor

You can be a part of the Barbarian Festival! On the second Saturday in June over a thousand local and area residents gather at Treadway Park for the Barbarian Festival, and enjoy arts and crafts, jewelry, candles and other kinds of booths, kids games, pony rides, a variety of food, live music and lots of fun. This year's festival is coming up soon on Saturday, June 14th.

You, your business or your organization can sponsor the Barbarian Festival. For a donation of \$100.00 or more you will receive your or your company's name or logo represented in print advertising for the festival in local & area newspapers and on the Barbarian Festival t-shirt and website. You will also receive a complimentary t-shirt.

For a donation less than \$100.00, you name or your company's name represented in print advertising.

You can also donate items to our raffle that benefits the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Schol-

arship Funds. We will draw for the items during the festival and your business will be mentioned as donating the item. Donated items will be accepted in lieu of cash for sponsorship.

Those businesses that have already signed up to sponsor the festival are: Hanner Chevrolet, Alon, Parker Custom Ironworks, Lowe's Market, Texas Heritage Bank, Dairy Queen, Caddo Peak Ranch, Mexico City Cafe, Robert Howard Foundation, Rusty & Shelly Burke, Cottonwood Historical Association, First United Methodist Church, Azalee Womack, Bagley Insurance, Ray's Barber Shop, Higginbothams, Trinity Live Oak Real Estate, Cross Plains Parts Plus, Meghan's Market, Last Shot Boots and Ranch Wear, Hutchins Custom Processing, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Sisters Restaurant, Callahan County Sheriff's Dept., ResourceCare, Cooks Fish Barn, Connie's Cuts & Curls, MicroMold Plastics Inc., Snippets, Complete Home

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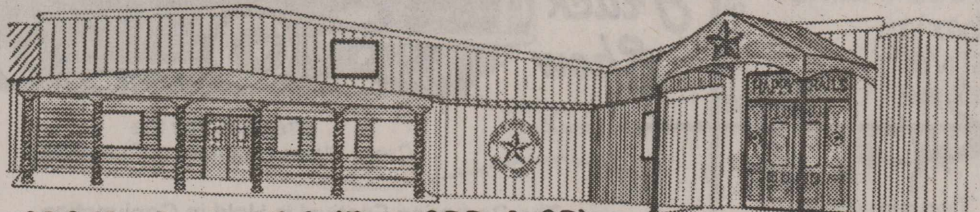
If you've sent in your sponsorship, and we didn't mention you, please accept our apologies, it was in error. Please call and let us know, so we can add you to the sponsor list.

You can mail your sponsorship donations to the Barbarian Festival Committee, P. O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443 before May 10, 2014 or call Don Childers 254-725-6498 for sponsorship information or raffle item pick-up. If you have any questions about the festival contact Susan McNeel Childers 325-669-0329 or Cindy Payne 254-725-6992.

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## Texas Rangers Raffle

Benefiting Owen Turner

1 Chance for \$1.00

Or

6 Chances for \$5.00

Package Includes:

- 4 Texas Rangers tickets- Good for any game besides playoffs (Section 131 in the shade between home plate and Rangers Dugout)
- 1 night stay at the Crown Plaza in Arlington

Drawing will be May 30, 2014 @ Texas Heritage Bank @ 3:00

Mark Norris was the winner of the original raffle.

Thanks for donating the tickets back to re-raffle. ©

## Pioneer Ex- Student Reunion Saturday, June 28th

The Pioneer Ex-student Association will meet Saturday, June 28th at a (New Location), the Senior Citizen Center in Cross Plains on Main Street next to Higgingbotham. Registration for this 94th event begins at 9:30 a.m.

Complimentary coffee and snacks will be served.

Photos of attendees at past reunions and other mementos can be viewed during registration.

The business meeting begin at 10:30 a.m. A memorial ser-

vice will be held for ex-students, friends, and family lost during the past year. Family members will have the opportunity to participate. Lunch will be served about 11:30 a.m. (immediately after the business meeting) for a nominal cost.

Plan now to attend the **Pioneer Ex-Student Reunion on Saturday, June 28th** at the **Senior Citizen Center in Cross Plains**. Bring your family and friends for a time of renewing old acquaintances and sharing recollections of Pioneer School years.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Vote 'YES' on Texas beef checkoff referendum

Dear Editor;

I am writing to encourage all beef producers whether large or small to take advantage of an upcoming opportunity. As producers we have a chance to cast a vote and I encourage a yes vote, at your local agri-life (county agents) office from June 2-6th. A yes vote gives us as producers a chance to affect our state, our nations and our worlds opinion and educate them on all the benefits of our product, beef. An additional dollar added to our current checkoff collection will offset a loss of operating funds due to a reduced cow herd and the reduced buying power of our present checkoff in today's market. Our beef council made up of cattle producers not a

government agency control how our dollars are spent. Our beef council helps us educate the public of the nutritious, safe and delicious product we have to offer. They help stave off those organizations who would like to put us out of business with their misinformation and opinions. A YES vote in June will give us as individuals a unified voice and impact for our product that we could not have on our own. The value of a yes vote will have a positive effect on our bottom line as producers. If you have a question about what is best check it out at [www.texasbeefcheckoff.com](http://www.texasbeefcheckoff.com).

Phil Williams,  
producer Callahan county



The Cross Plains Garden Club presented their \$500 scholarship to graduating senior, Kristin Wright. Presenting the award was Sara Stone and Diana Miller.



The Barbarian Festivals' Terry Jane McWilliams -Wyatt 1st place scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to Cutter Halsel, presented by LeaJean Wilkerson.



The Barbarian Festivals' Terry Jane McWilliams-Wyatt 2nd place scholarship of \$500 is presented to Kristin Wright by LeaJean Wilkerson.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Christopher Kanady, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Melissa H. Shipley, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, insufficient evidence.

Daby G. Brown, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Clayton R. Chennault, judgment nisi granted.

Casey Fillmore, judgment nisi granted.

William A. Johnson, motion to withdraw as surety.

Delores Ann Riggs, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$319 court cost.

Kevin L. Darner, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$264 court costs.

Gene A. McMurtry, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Gene A. McMurtry, order amending condition of probation granted.

Thomas M. Goldsmith, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Kevin Walton, motion to dismiss to theft granted for time served in jail.

#### Marriage Licenses

Avelino Garcia and Yadira Lizeth Becerra-Espinosa, both of Abilene.

### 42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

State of Texas vs. Curtis Pyle, application for writ of habeas corpus.

Emerson Leger Jr. and Malynnda Jaclaine Leger, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Kandyce Brooke Patterson and Zachery Aaron Patterson, divorce granted.

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Sat. 3:30 ~~~ "What's Up With REH?"

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# Callahan County 4 - H Archery end of School Blowout

We would like to announce that we have had another successful Archery shoot at the Callahan County Shooting Sports Complex. The events called End of School Blowout, was a blast for all that attended. The shoot consisted of Modified 600 and Field Archery. Modified 600 is a variation from Olympic style FITA. Shooters would shoot 60 arrows at 3 different distances depending on their age group. Senior (14 to 18) would shoot 18 arrows each at both 60 yards and 50 yards, and 24 arrows at 40 yards, Intermediates (11-13) would shoot 18 arrows each at both 50 yards and 40 yards, and 24 arrows at 30 yards, and Juniors (8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 - 10) would shoot 18 arrows each at both 30 yards and 25 yards and 24 arrows at 20 yards. A perfect score would be 600 points.

The other event was Field Archery where shooters had 14 targets, shooting 4 arrows per target at known distances between 60 yards to as short as 20 feet. A perfect score would be 280. Following 4H rules, Seniors will shoot up too distances not greater than 60 yards, Intermediates will shoot up too distances not greater than 50 yards, and Juniors will shoot up too distances not greater than 30 yards in any given event. There are several different bow classifications that the kids shoot. Compound Bow Aided, Compound Bow Unaided, and Recurve/Longbow.

The participant were comprised from the following 12 counties from Texas and

New Mexico. Brown, Callahan, Comel, Cooke, Ector, Erath, Howard, Limestone, Loving/Winkler, Midland, Shackelford, and Taylor.

**Results**  
Juniors - Compound Aided - Modified 600, 1st Tab Cowan, Midland Co., 518, 2nd Ty Everitt, Shackelford Co., 511, 3rd Cameron Trammell, Cooke Co., 510, 4th Brady Karl, Shackelford Co., 505, Brayden Stoker, Erath Co., 504.

Juniors - Compound Aided - Field Archery, 1st Brady Karl, Shackelford Co., 217, 2nd Brayden Stoker, Erath Co., 214, 3rd Tab Cowan, Midland Co., 213, 4th Brodey Jones, Shackelford Co., 212, 5th Bryson Davis, Shackelford Co., 211.

Intermediate - Compound Aided - Modified 600, 1st Savannah Vanderwier, Pecos Co., 561, 2nd Braden Davis, Shackelford Co., 559, 3rd Jared Paredez, Howard Co., 515, 4th Barrett Kerr, Comel Co., 503, 5th Lorelai Row, Callahan Co., 487.

Intermediate - Compound Aided - Field Archery  
1st Savannah Vanderwier, Pecos Co., 256, 2nd Braden Davis, Shackelford Co., 254, 3rd Jared Paredez, Howard Co., 238, 4th Barrett Kerr,

Comel Co., 221, 5th Ethan Trammell, Cooke Co., 199.

Intermediate - Compound (Un Aided) - Modified 600, 1st Sadie Keith, Callahan Co., 64.

Intermediate - Compound (Un Aided) - Field Archery  
1st Sadie Keith, Callahan Co., 24.

Intermediate - Recurve - Modified 600, 1st Dillon Dugger, Ector Co., 346, 2nd Abby Soto, Taylor Co., 153.

Intermediate - Recurve - Field Archery, 1st Dillon Dugger, Ector Co., 153, 2nd Abby Soto, Taylor Co., 42.

Senior - Compound Aided - Modified 600, 1st Andrew Paredez, Howard Co., 564, 2nd A.J. Gonzales, Howard Co., 547, 3rd Luke Cowan, Midland Co., 544, 4th Cierra Morris, Limestone Co., 534, 5th Brent Glasco, Howard Co., 424.

Senior - Compound Aided - Field Archery, 1st Andrew Paredez, Howard Co., 260, 2nd Luke Cowan, Midland Co. 248, 3rd Kyle Locke, Brown Co., 247, 4th Cierra Morris, Limestone Co., 246, 5th A.J. Gonzales, Howard Co. 237.

Senior - Recurve - Modified 600, 1st Michael Campbell, Callahan Co., 210.

Senior - Recurve - Field Archery, 1st Michael Campbell, Callahan Co., 107,

2nd Jake Prew, Callahan Co., 71.

We will be having another shoot on June 21st. We will be holding Field Archery and 3D Archery at this event.

We would like to give a special thanks to Joe Campbell who provided the catering/concessions for our events. If you are interested in shooting Archery you may contact Mike McCormick at 325-864-6899, Joe Row at 325-280-7516 or the Texas AgriLife Office in Baird at 325-854-5835.

All are invited to come out and watch and enjoy. Hope to see everyone there.

Submitted by Mike McCormick - Callahan County 4-H Archery Coach

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## Cottonwood News By Beverly Brown

We are so thankful for the rain we received. About 5 1/2 inches of rain was reported in Cottonwood over the Memorial Day weekend!

Many residents of Cottonwood remember a Memorial Day Weekend twenty years ago, when a tornado tore through Cottonwood and Cross Plains about 6 p.m. on the Sunday night before Memorial Day. Some homes were destroyed, roofs were torn off, trees were down, debris was scattered, glass was everywhere and we were all happy to be alive. That was May 29, 1994.

Glynn Nickerson and Olga of Boerne were her over the weekend visiting his mother Dena Nickerson and Bill and Annette Nickerson and family. Other family members who visited with Dena Nickerson recently were: Dena Jo and Curtis Hines of Weatherford, Matt and Nicole Nickerson of Abilene and Connie Potter of Cross Plains.

Many Cottonwood residents worked the four-way stop in Cross Plains over Memorial Day

weekend in support of the Cross Plains Fire Department and EMS. Those we spotted were Erik and Christine Woodard, Joe and Kathleen Terstegge, Vicci Draper, Marie Gregory, Roger Hinkle and Roy Boyd.

The kids get out of school this week.

Alyssa Wheeler, daughter of Carrie and Robbie Wheeler of Cottonwood is a member of the 2014 Class of Cross Plains High School. She'll be graduating Friday night. Congratulations Alyssa.

4His Glory, made up of former Cottonwood kids, Mandi and Matt Sowell and Rhonda and Connie Swift, will be performing on the stage at the Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 14th. The band, The Class of '57 will also play at the festival and the Texas Tornadoes dance group will be back again. They were fun to watch last year. Also the hula hoop contest is back. Last year, kids of all ages tried to hula hoop.

Father's Day will be here soon. It's Sunday June 15th. That's the day after the Barbarian Festival.

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**Future Plans:** I plan to go to Cisco College in Abilene for 2 years and then transfer to Hardin Simmons University to get a Business Degree.



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**When: Saturday, June 14th from 4pm - 8pm**

**Cost: \$8 per Plate & \$5 for children under 10 years of age.**



All donations will be appreciated!



*Come out and help make this benefit a success for the Lake Brownwood Bridge Fire Dept. If you would like to help or donate anything, call Bill Richardson at 254- 725-7289*

**Hosted by Grosvenor Community Association**



## 40th Anniversary

*The Daughters of Joe Dell and Denece Hubbard would like to announce the upcoming 40th anniversary of thier parents.*

*They will be hosting a gathering for the occasion at the at the Market Building in Rising Star on May 31st at 6:30 p.m. They would love to have everyone join in celebrating with them!*



## Cross Plains Remembered books available locally or by mail

A limited number of *Cross Plains Remembered* books – Volumes 1, 2 and 3 – are still available. If you haven't purchased a copy, you will want one to see all of the old photographs of people and places in Cross Plains. If you only have Volume 1, now is a good time to go ahead and pick up Volumes 2 and 3.

Volume 1 contains a little bit of everything, including many old street scenes, family histories, school group photos, banking history, church history, photos from the surrounding communities, and much more.

Volume 2 contains many more family histories and photographs, along with more school photos, and photos of Cross Plains and

the surrounding communities and much more.

Volume 3, contains the histories of "Centurian" ranches that have been in business in the Cross Plains area for over 100 years, old homecoming photos, more school photos, photos of Cross Plains and the surrounding communities, a special section of businesses of today, and much more.

Each volume is 254 pages and sells for \$20. Proceeds from the books go to the Barbarian Festival Committee, who compiled the books. You can order a book by sending a check to P. O. Box 741, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Indicate on the check, which volume or volumes you want. Send \$20 per book, plus \$4.50

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You can also pick up the books locally in Cross Plains at Texas Heritage Bank, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Salamander's Apparel, Connie's Cuts and Curls, the Cross Plains Library, the Cross Plains Senior Center and the *Cross Plains Review*.

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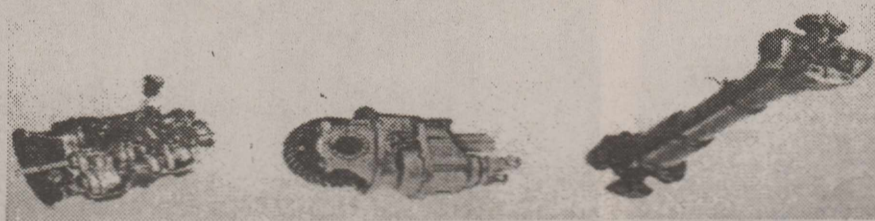
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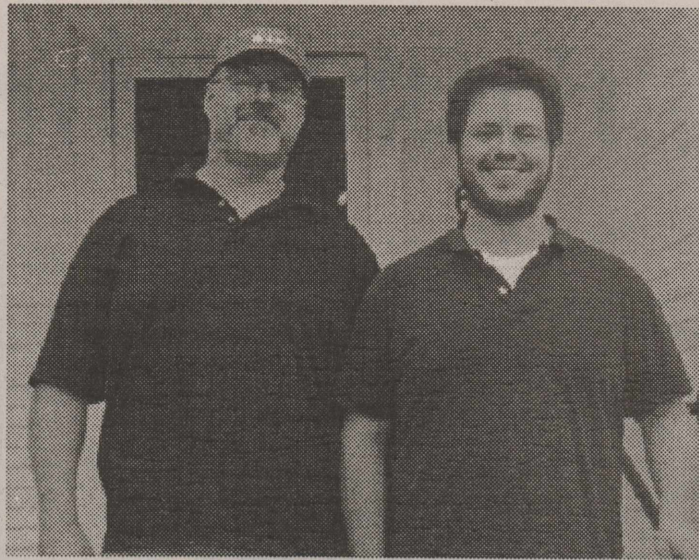
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## Astrophotographer visits Museum

On their way from Coppell to a star party near Ft. Davis, Phil and Mike Easton stopped to visit the REH Museum. Although both were quite familiar with Howard's Conan stories, they were quite fascinated to learn about all the other genres pursued by Howard.

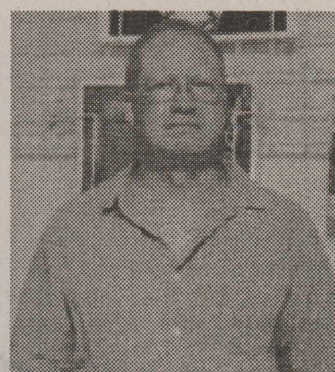
Phil's "real" job is with Dell Computers, where with his PhD in Chemistry, he develops systems that store critical images created by the medical field. As he explained it, the MRI results are stored in the Dell systems where they can be accessed at a later date. He also does 3D art that is utilized by

architects and the clothing industry.

Mike is enrolled at UT Arlington, where he is majoring in business with plans to get into management with some integration system.

Guess the computer wizard gene must run in the family.

But this trip was planned so Phil could pursue another area of expertise, that of photographing stars. As much as we all need rain, they were in hopes that the skies would clear by the time they reached their destination.



## Memorial weekend visitor at Museum

Andrew Wills of Tempe, AZ was passing through town last week on his way to Midlothian, noticed several cars at the Museum and stopped to see if by any chance the Museum was open. It was certainly his lucky day as docents were waiting for a school group to arrive and squeezed a personal tour in ahead of the students.

Howard's fantasy stories are his favorite subject, but he was getting more into the comic westerns. He lucked out in the shop also, as the new supply of merchandise for the upcoming Howard Days was in place and he got first choice.

## Texas Beef Checkoff

### Referendum set for June 2nd-6th

COLLEGE STATION – Texas beef producers can soon vote in the upcoming Texas Beef Checkoff Referendum June 2nd-6th.

Voting will occur at all Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices during regular business hours, said Dr. Susan Ballabina, AgriLife Extension associate director for program development at College Station. Ballabina said the statewide election is being conducted by the Texas Department of Agriculture in accordance with provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code.

"If passed, the producer managed program would be financed through a refundable \$1 per head assessment at each point of sale," Ballabina said.

"The money would be used for promotion, marketing, research and educational efforts of beef and beef products in Texas, the U.S. and/or internationally. Funding decisions would be made by the Beef Promotion and Research Council of Texas whose members would be appointed by the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture

from nominees submitted by the Texas Beef Council."

Ballabina said eligible producers can vote at any AgriLife Extension office regardless of where they live or where their cattle are located. Producers may vote as individuals or as a legal business entity. Youth younger than 16 years old must have a parent or guardian co-sign their ballot. Persons unable to access an AgriLife Extension office during the voting period can request a mail-in ballot from the Texas Department of Agriculture between May 19th and June 2nd.

If passed, Ballabina made the following points concerning the checkoff:

- Assessment collection would begin Oct. 1st.

- A producer who has paid an assessment to the Texas Beef Checkoff may obtain a refund of the amount paid by filing an application for refund with the Beef Promotion and Research Council of Texas within 60 days after the date of payment.

- The Texas Beef Checkoff program differs from the current U.S. Beef Checkoff in two ways, though the Texas

program may complement and extend the U.S. Beef Checkoff efforts. First, the U.S. program requires half the revenue be paid to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, but all the Texas Beef Checkoff assessment would be managed by the Beef Promotion and Research Council of Texas. The second difference is the Texas Beef Checkoff assessment is refundable.

- Individuals are considered "non-producers" and are exempt from the proposed assessment if they own cattle for less than 10 days or serve as a dealer or order buyer in the sales transaction. Non-producers are also ineligible to vote in the referendum.

For additional information on the Texas Beef Checkoff and the referendum, contact Lance Williams, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711 or call 512-463-3285 or visit <http://texasagriculture.gov/>

Sincerely,  
Jerry Warren  
County Extension Agent

## Game Wardens Stress Water Safety

AUSTIN—Since May 9th, at least twelve people have lost their lives on Texas waters in boating or swimming accidents worked by Texas Game Wardens, an unusually high number of fatalities before the Memorial Day weekend. With the big weekend approaching, Texans are heading to lakes, rivers and coastlines to enjoy the water. Game wardens and boater education experts are doing everything they can to make it a safe boating season, but could use a little help.

Last year in Texas, 146 accidents were reported by the U.S. Coast Guard, 31 of which ended with deaths. Statistics show many of these tragedies could have been prevented. Nearly 85 percent of boating accident victims were not wearing life jackets.

"The numbers speak for themselves," said Cody Jones, TPWD Assistant Commander for Marine Enforcement. "Wearing a life jacket increases your chances of surviving on the water and can prevent your trip from turning into a tragedy."

State law requires that a personal flotation device is available for each occupant of the boat, but only children under 13 years of age are mandated by the law to wear one while the boat or paddle craft is underway or drifting.

Despite this law, last year in Texas, more than 700 citations were issued for children not wearing a life jacket.

It is mandatory for anyone

born on or after Sept. 1, 1993 to obtain a boater's education certificate before they can legally operate a vessel with a rating of more than 15 horsepower.

Anyone supervising the operation of a vessel by another must be 18 years of age or older and exempt from the boater education requirement (born before 1993) or have a boater education certificate.

In 2013, 208 citations were issued in Texas to boaters who were intoxicated. And five of the state's boating deaths in 2013 were alcohol-related, highlighting the importance of not drinking while operating a boat.

"If you want to drink before heading out on the water, remember to be responsible and assign a designated driver," said Jones. "Wardens will be patrolling the waters and anyone found operating a boat while intoxicated will face possible arrest and time in jail."

For information about boater education courses, visit: [http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/learning/boater\\_education/internet\\_courses.phtml](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/learning/boater_education/internet_courses.phtml)

Boaters with the online course certificate may receive a discounted rate from their boating insurance provider.

## Happy 4th Birthday Kylie!!

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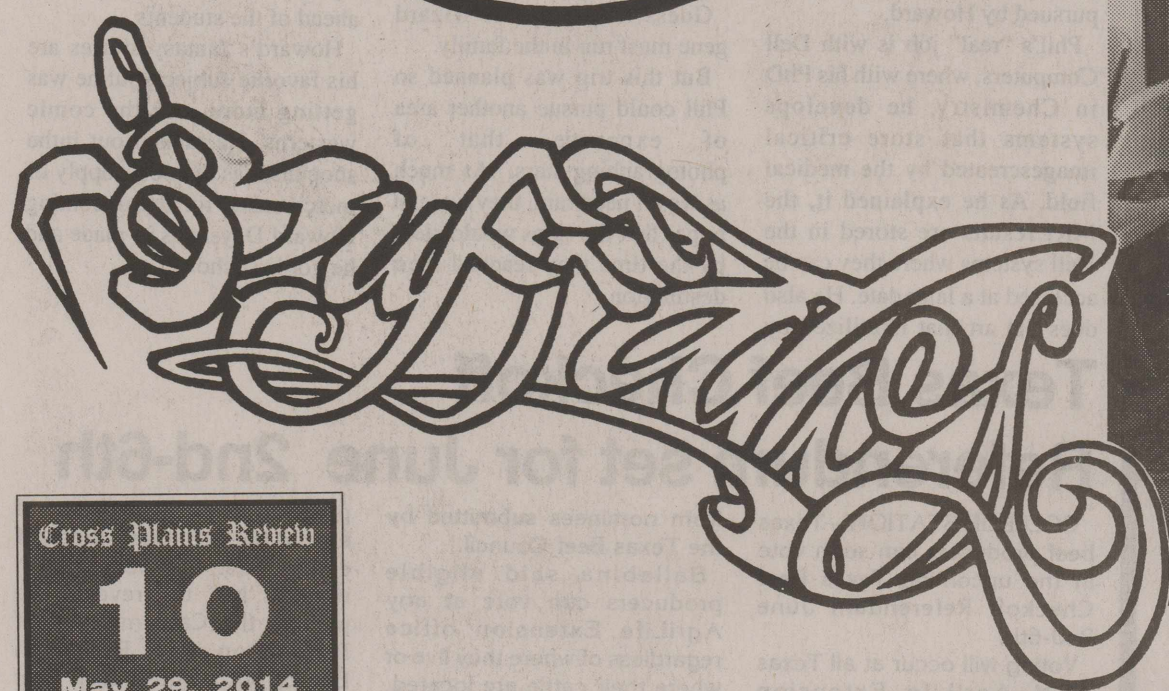
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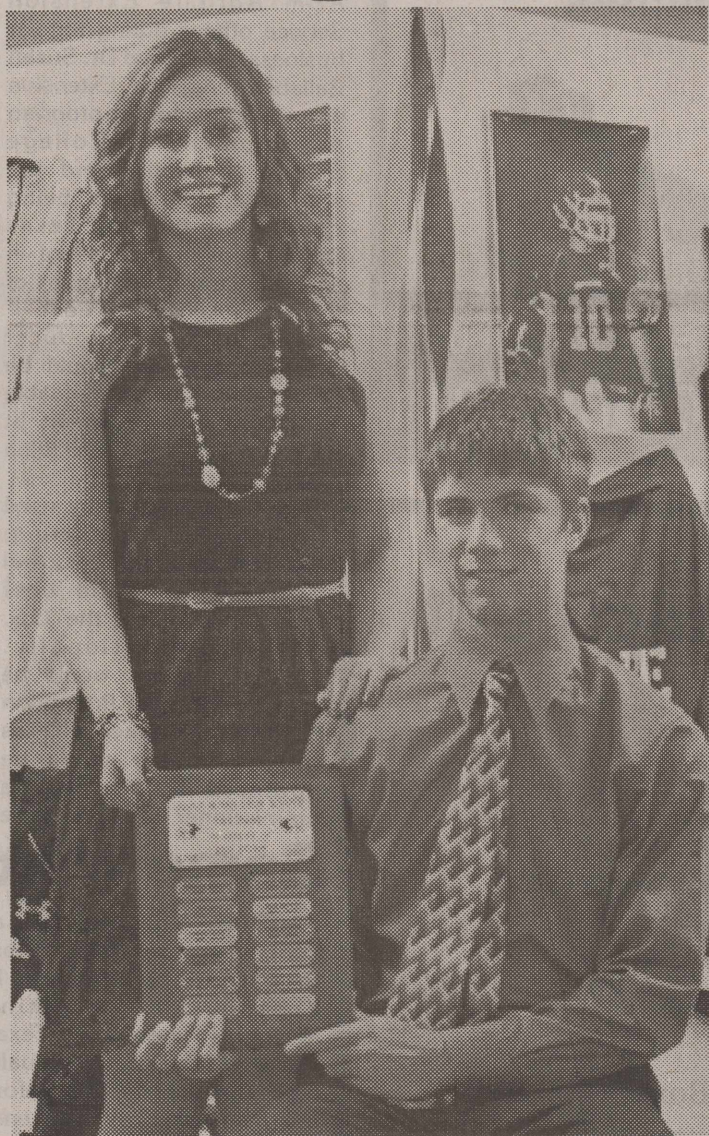
Mrs. Sowell's last Senior class



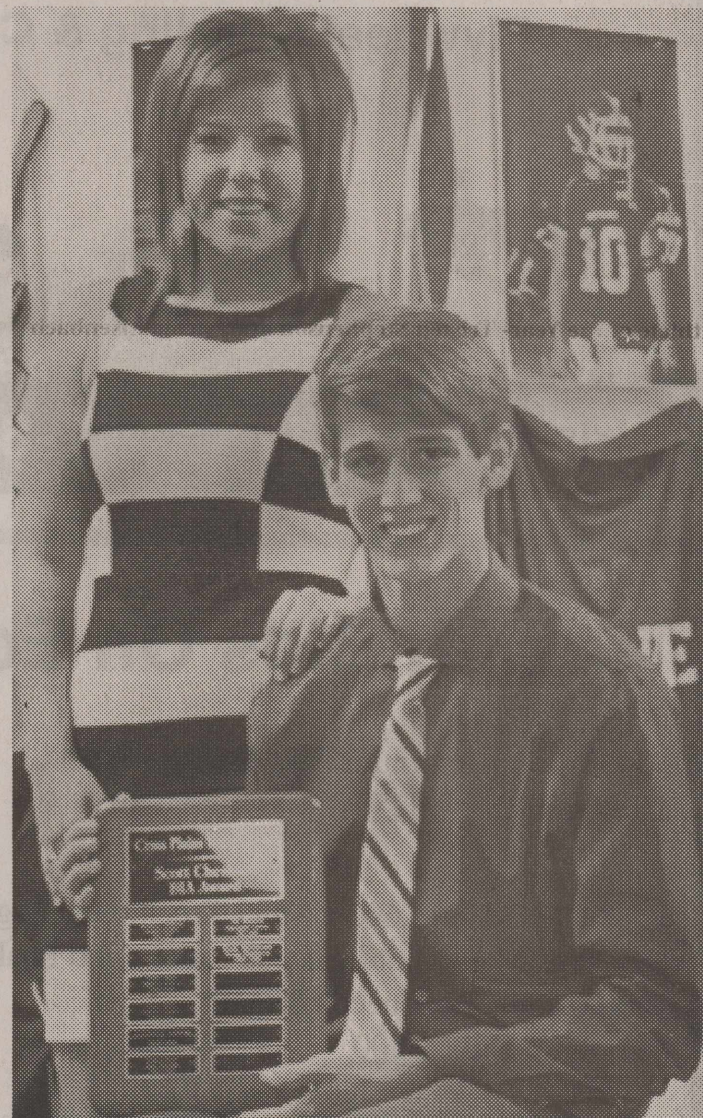
Softball- Rebekah Crockett MVP, Hannah Cowan Newcomer of the Year, Nicole Eisenbach Defensive Player of the year, (Not Pictured) Texas Sanders Offensive Player of the Year.



Always Include Me Award- John Fred and Melody McWilliams.



110% Award- Colton McWilliams and Taryn Estes.



Scott Cheshir Award- Tyler Henderson and Nicole Eisenbach.



Boys Basketball- Colton McWilliams Defensive Player of the Year, Justin Willis most charges, Cutter Halsel most points and MVP, Josh Branch most rebounds, Tyler Henderson most assists and offensive player of the year, Tristen Stephenson most steals.



Girls Basketball- Kristin Wright 3 pt shooter of the year, Taryn Estes most improved of the year, Jurnee Thomas offensive player of the year, Nicole Eisenbach Defensive player of the year and MVP.

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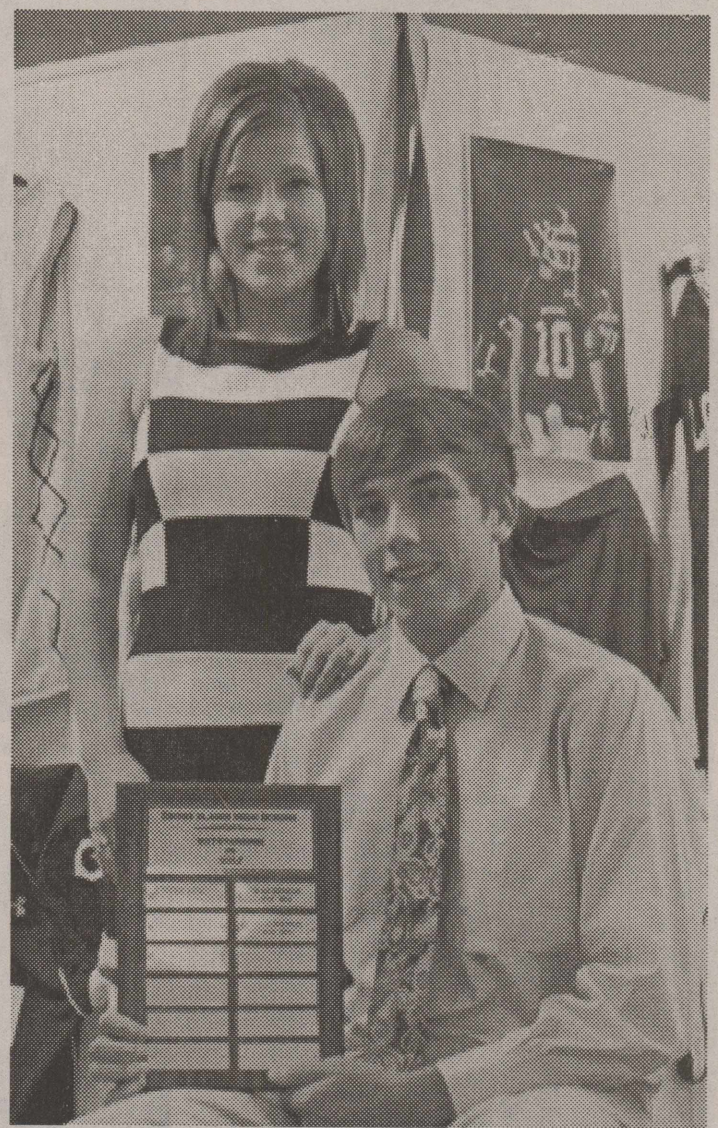
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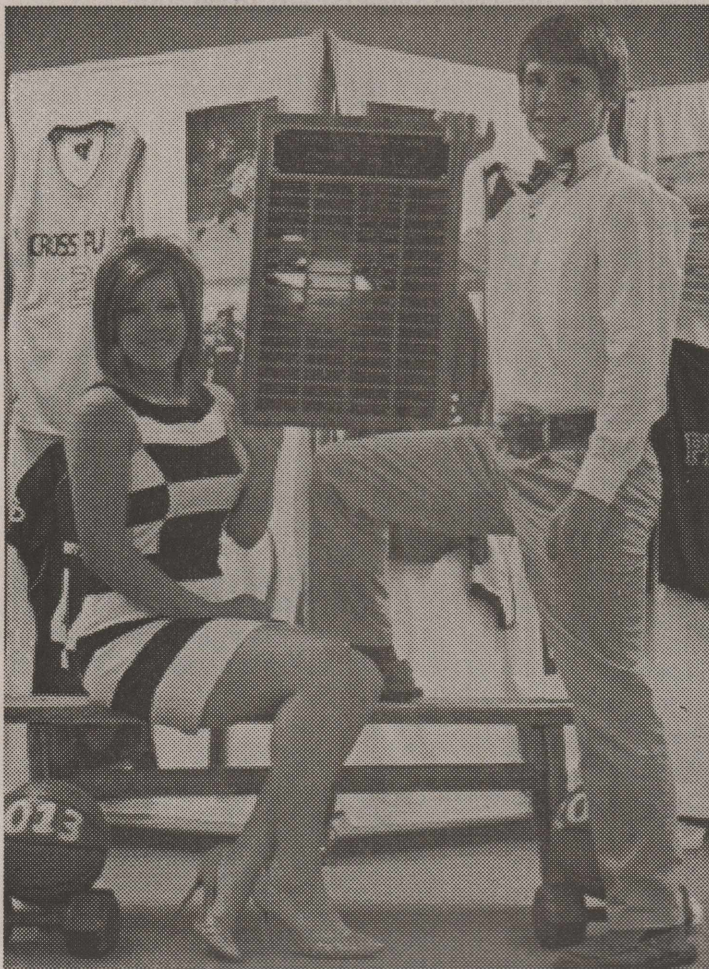
Best in Track- Shelby McWilliams and Colton McWilliams.



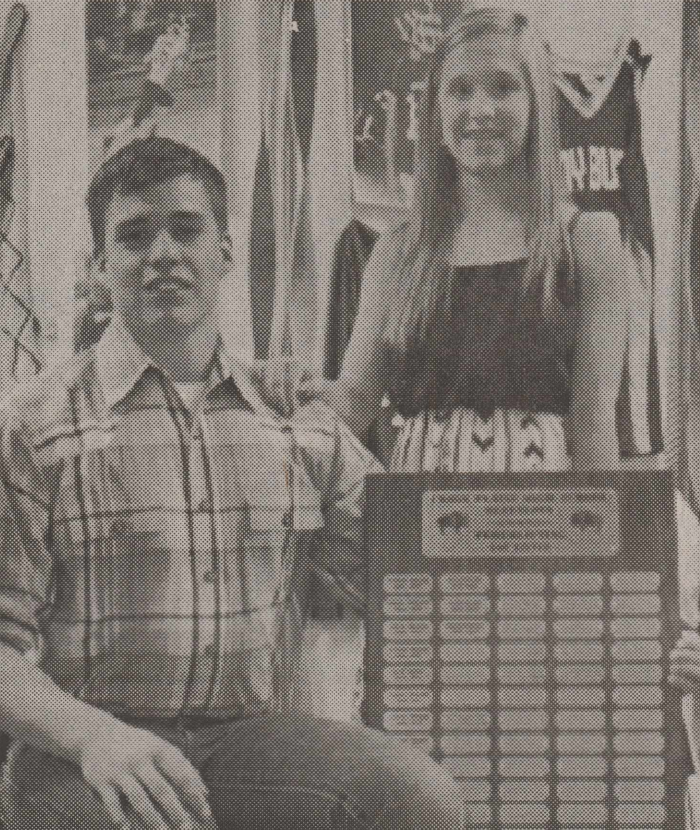
Best in Tennis- Cutter Halsel and Mackenzie Byrd.



Best in Golf- Cutter Halsel and Nicole Eisenbach



Athlete of the Year- Tristen Stephenson and Nicole Eisenbach



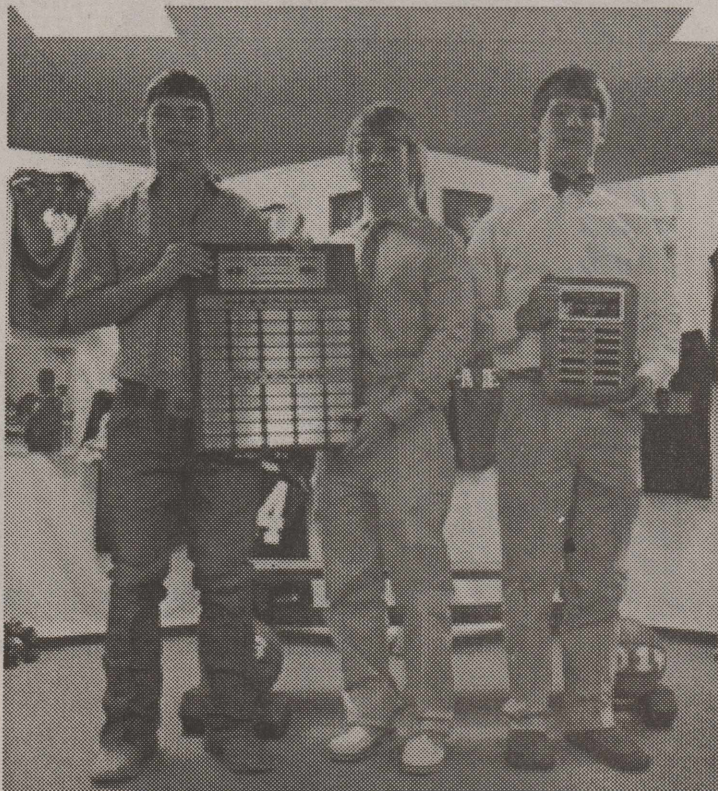
Best in Powerlifting- Dalton Gilliam and Lorelei Woodard.



Texas Sanders -Bernard Sibley award



Best in Cross Country- Shelby McWilliams and Charles Thompson



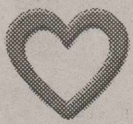
Baseball-Colton Bradley Defensive player of the year , Corbin Mclean Offensive player of the year , Tristin Stephenson MVP



Brayden Kennedy- Bernard Sibley award

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Football- Rylan Laminack offensive player of the year, Tristen Stephenson Defensive player of the year, Justin Willis MVP, Bronc Dillard best blocker.

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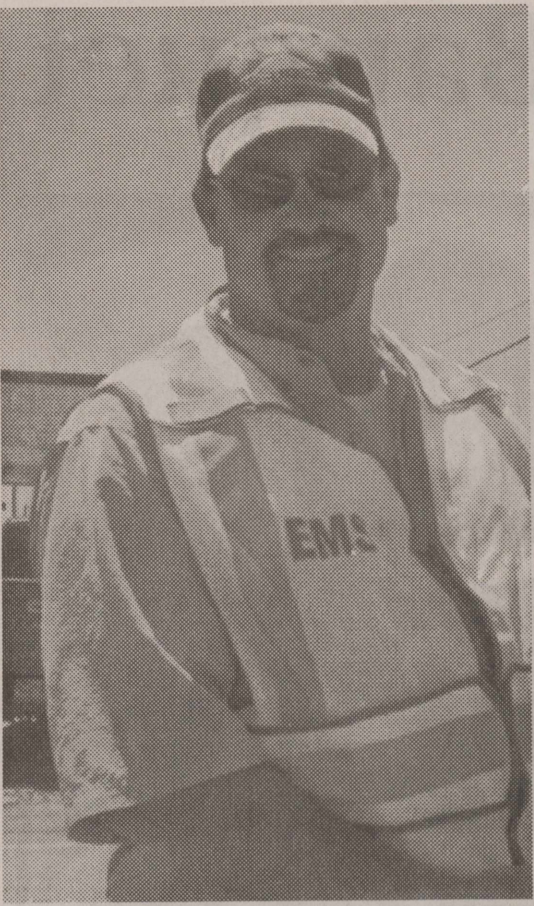
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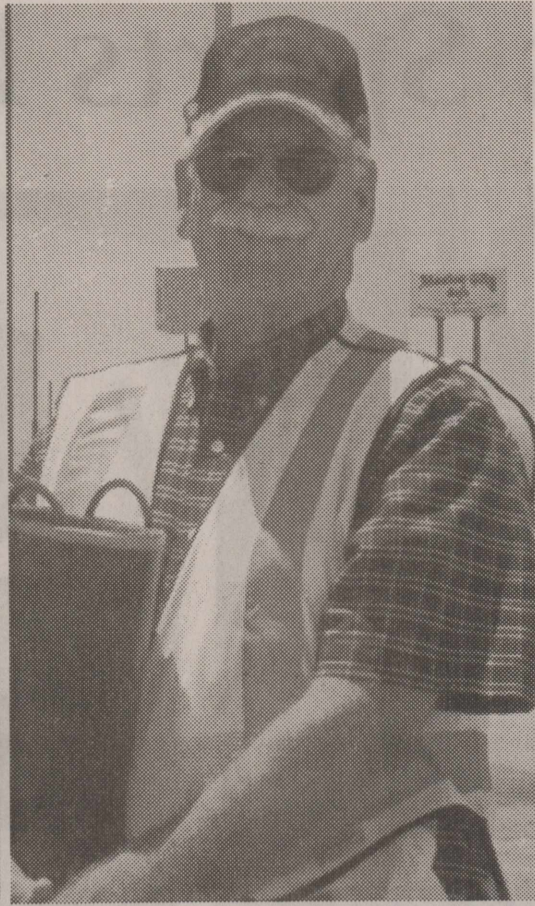
## CPVFD & EMS collect donations

Members of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, the Cross Plains EMS and local volunteers teamed up to raise money at the four way stop over Memorial Day weekend. Rain showers didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the volunteers as they encouraged passing motorists to "fill the boot".

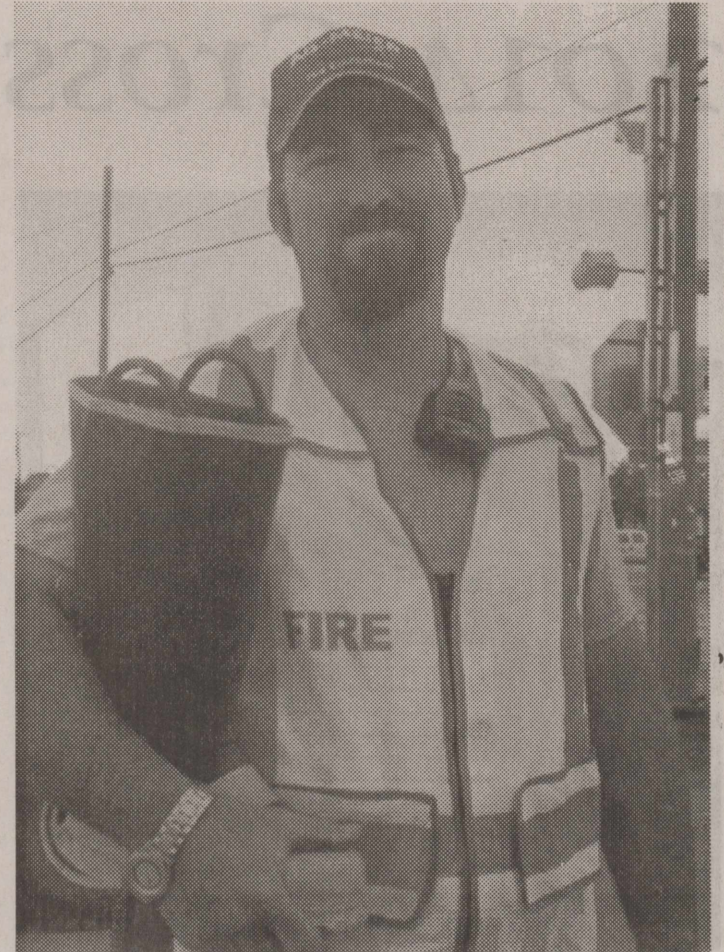
Quite a few of the volunteers worked two or more shifts at the four way stop. We were able to catch many of the volunteers as they greeted motorists. Thanks to all of the volunteers who participated in this annual event.



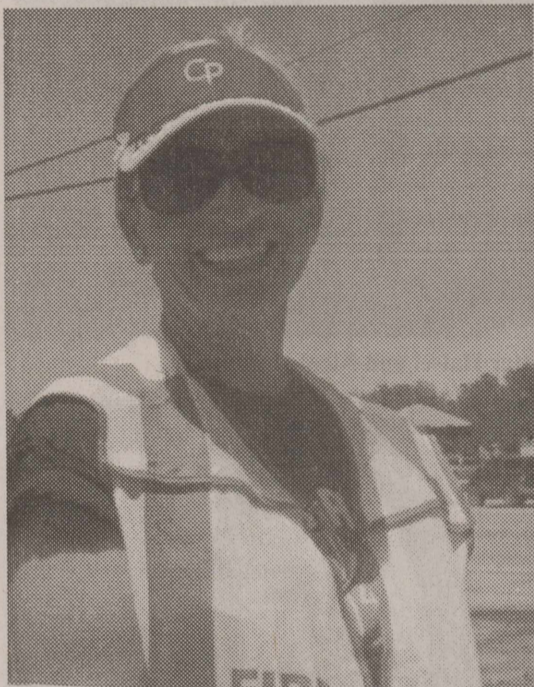
Joe Terstegge- CPVFD



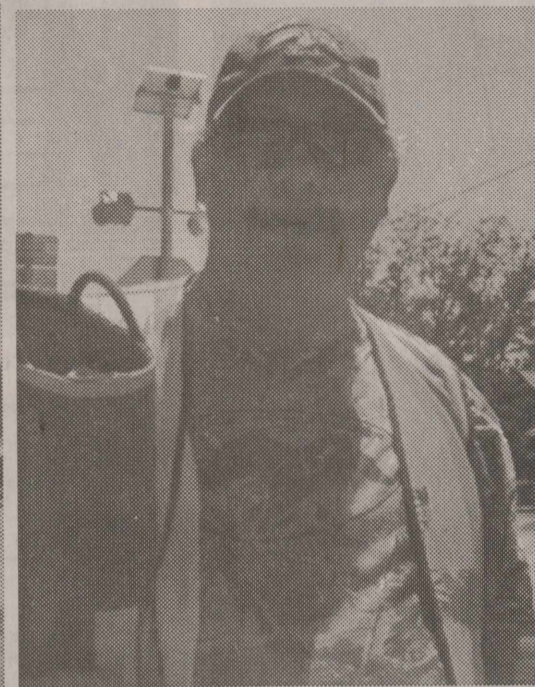
Roy Boyd- Kiwanis Club Volunteer



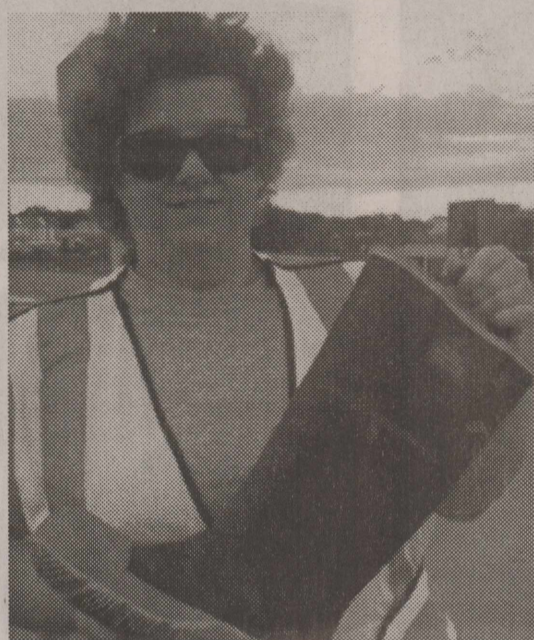
Josh Loftis- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



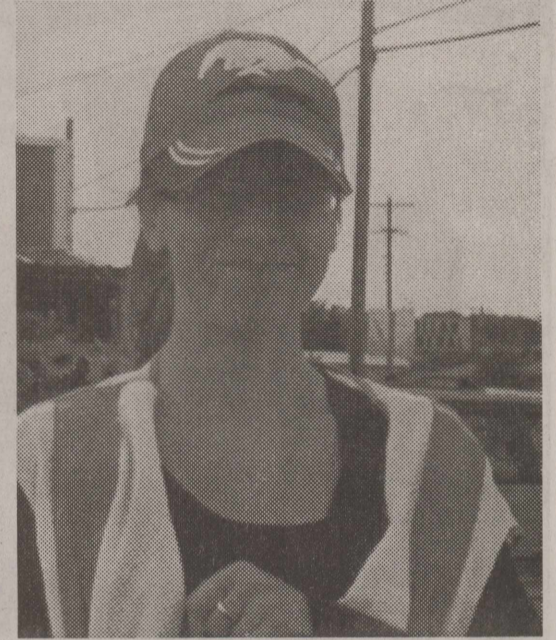
Whitney Henderson Volunteering to help CPVFD & EMS



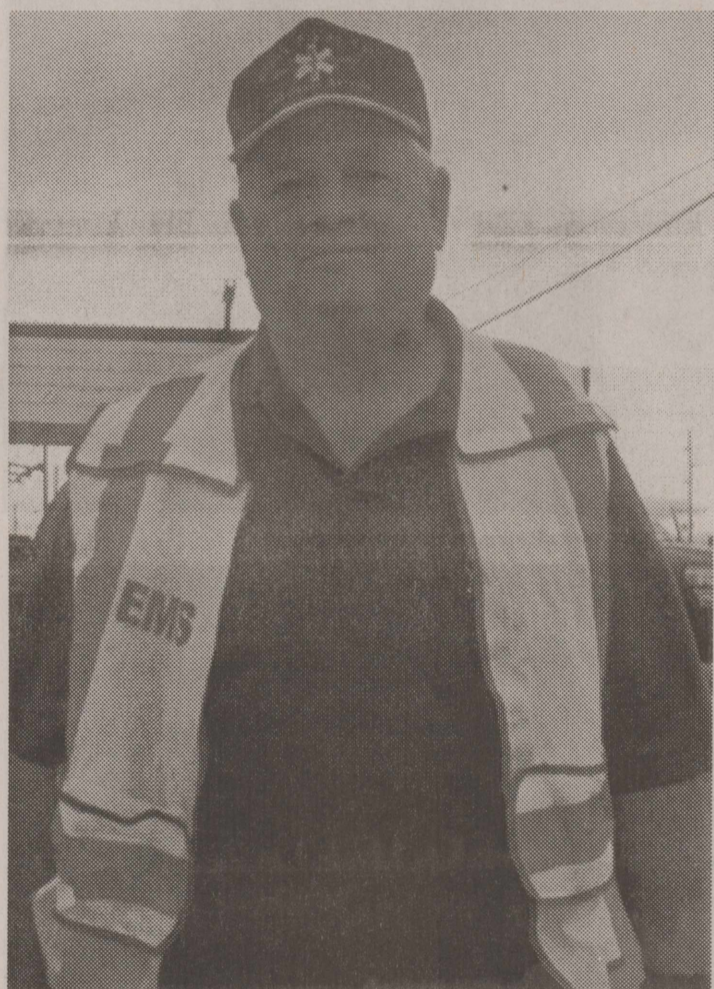
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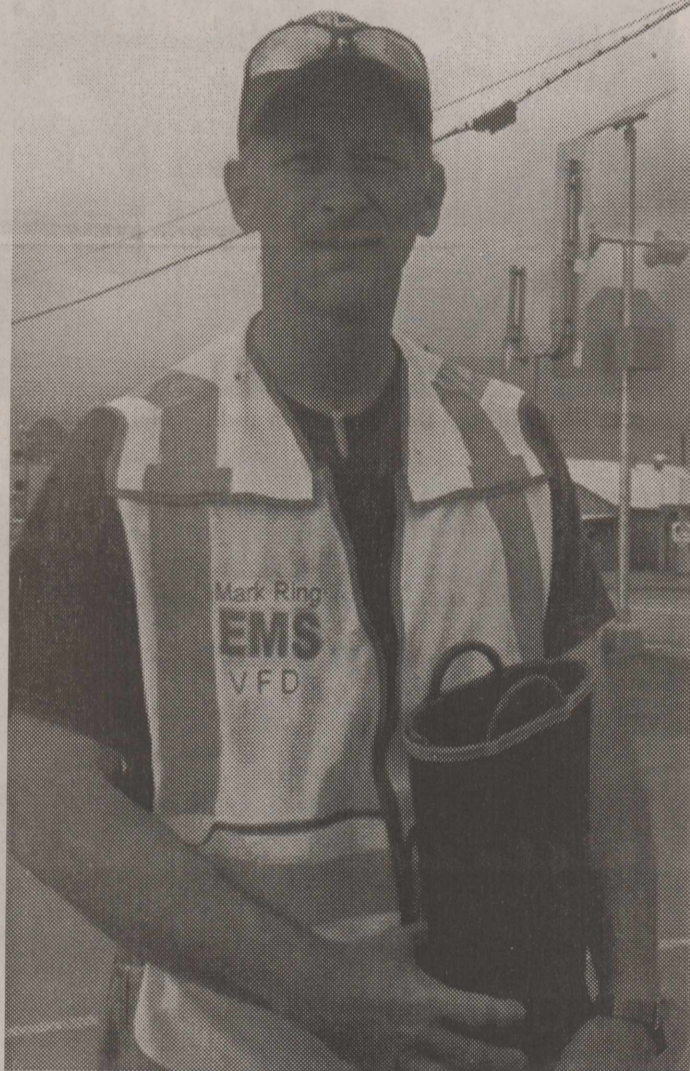
Linda Reed CPVFD



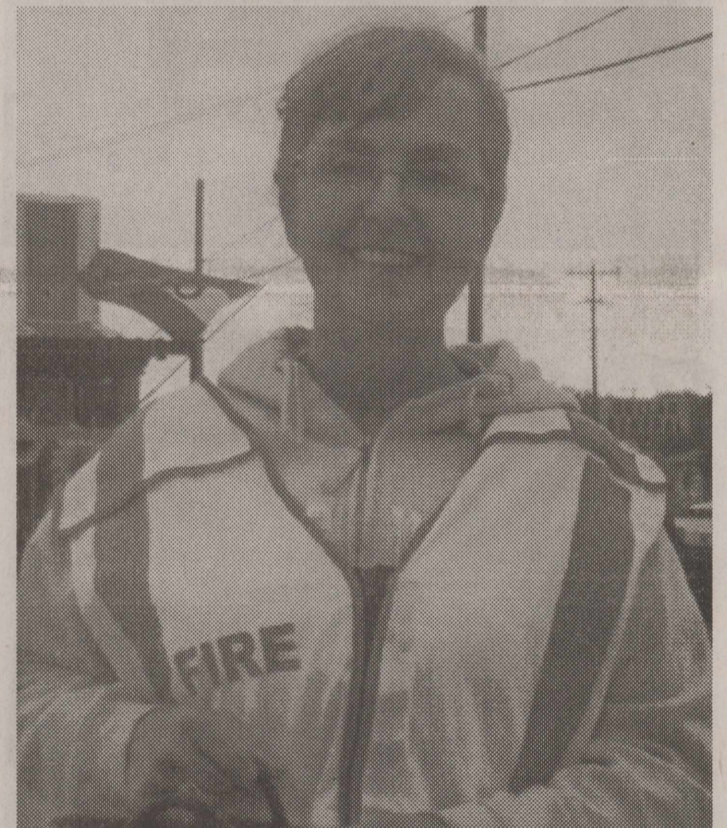
Kathleen Terstegge- CPVFD



Jimmy Long- Cross Plains EMS



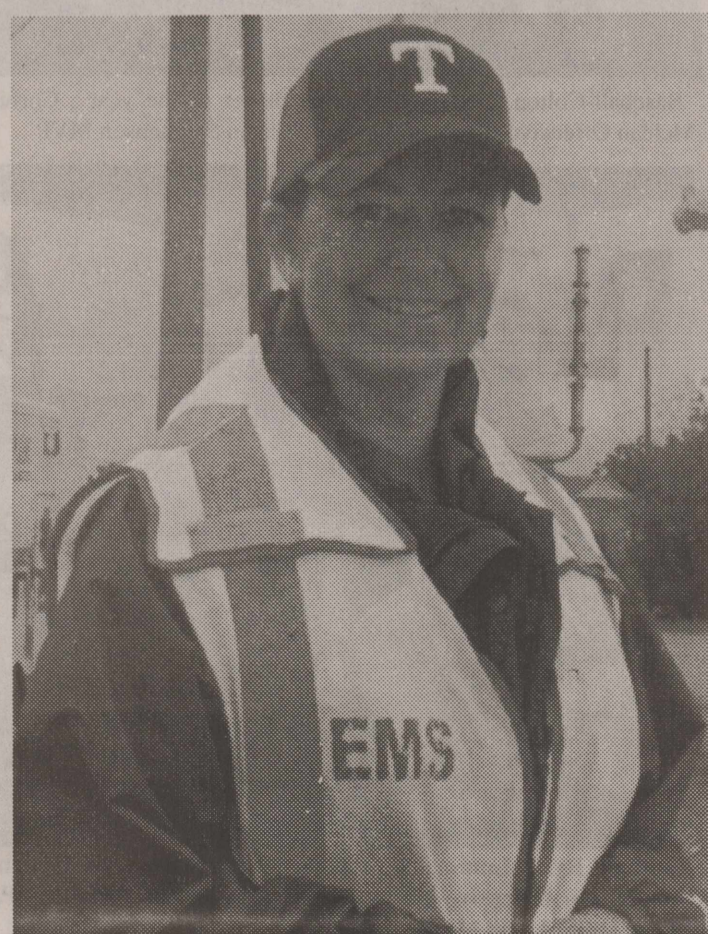
Mark Ring- Cross Plains EMS and Volunteer Fire Department



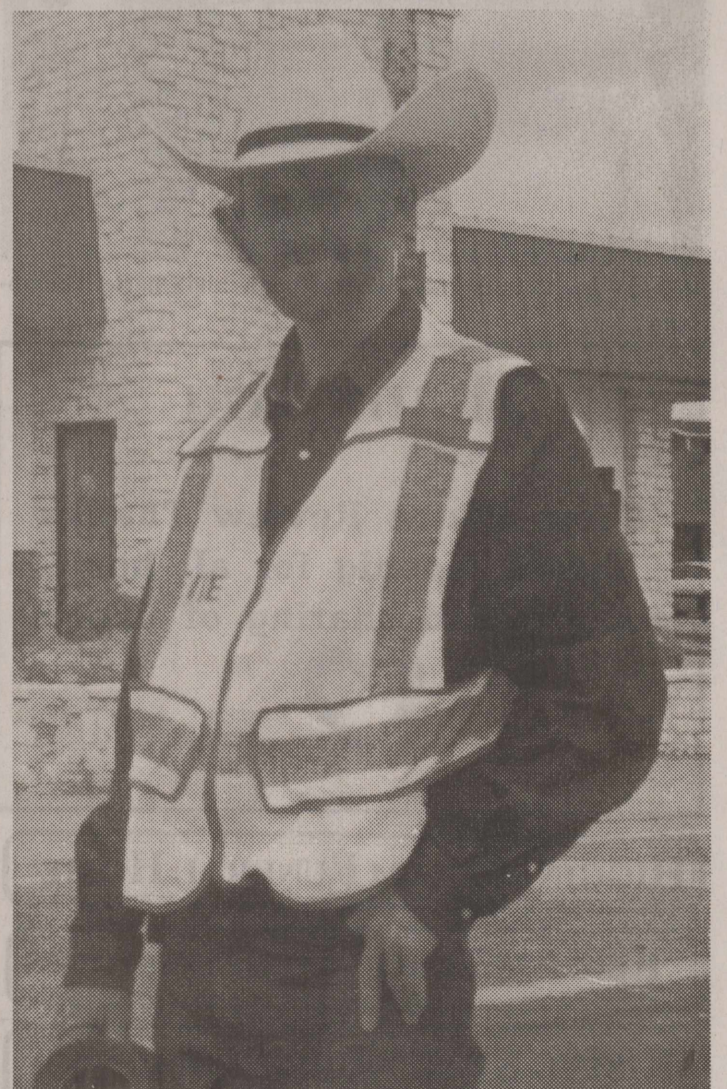
Vicki Draper volunteering to help collect donations!



Neil Belote- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



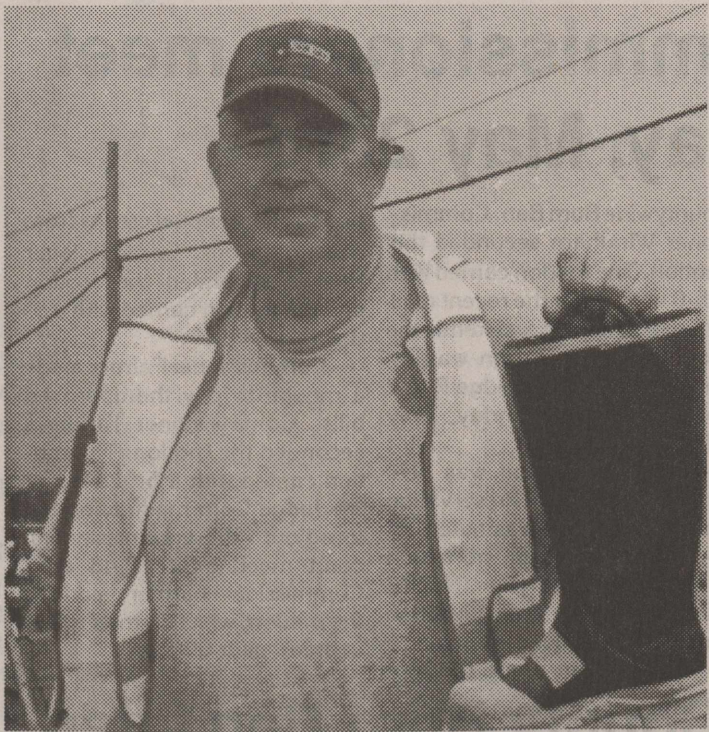
Lee Ann Morton-Kiwanis, helping to raise money for CP VFD and EMS



Byron McNutt- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department

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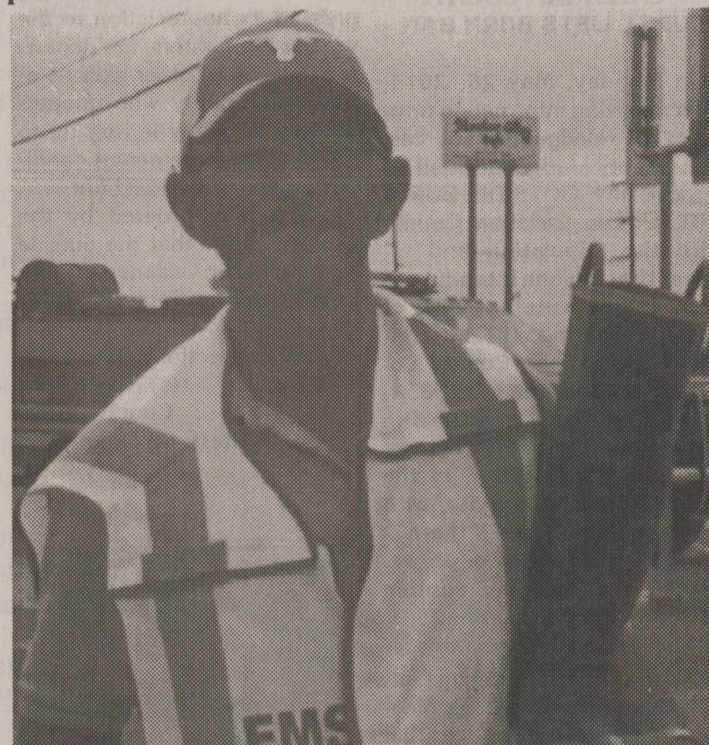
Les Cowan, Rural Fire Chief- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



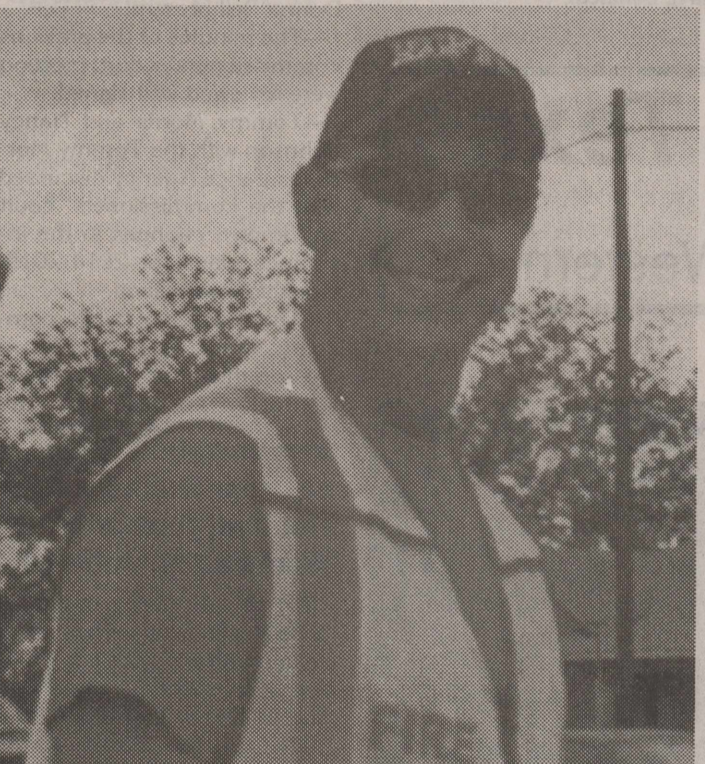
Marie Gregory volunteering to help collect donations for CPVFD and EMS!



Robert Simons- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



Jerry Simons volunteering to help raise money for CPVFD and CP EMS!



J.D. Huddleston- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



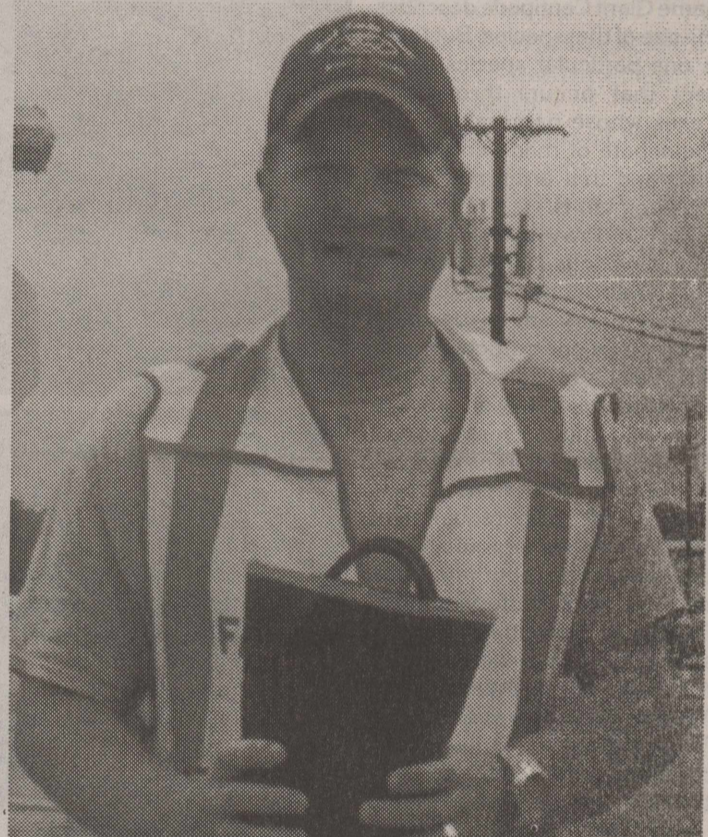
Renetha Thompson- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



Christine Woodard- Cross Plains EMS collecting donations in the rain!



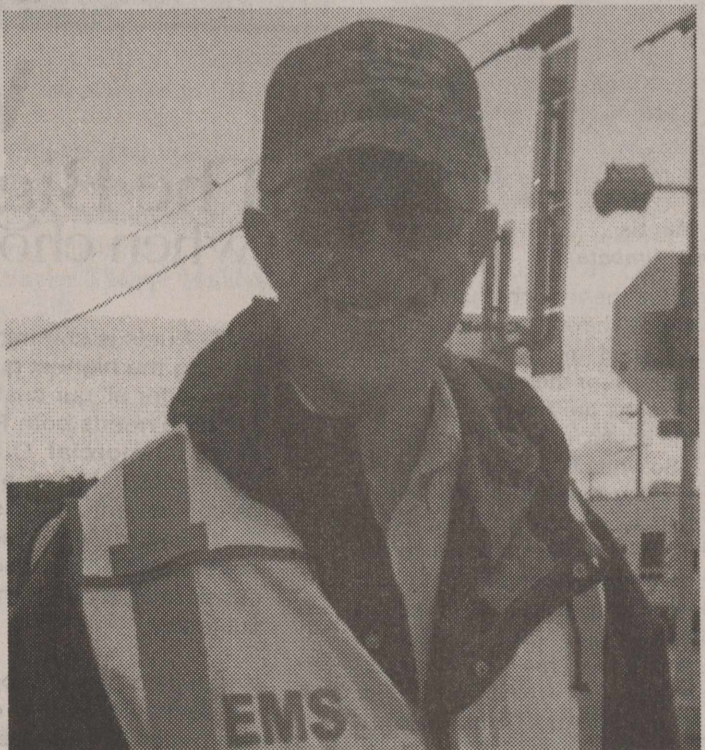
Roger Hinkle - Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



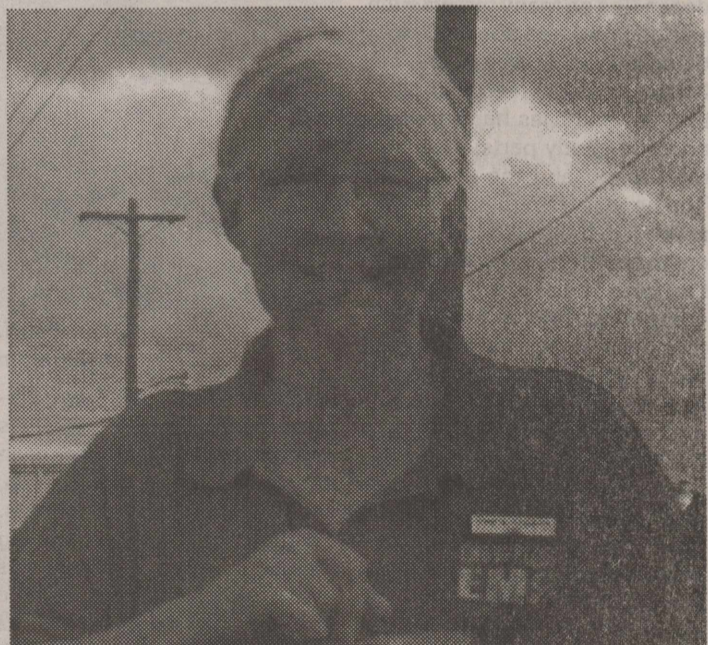
Chris Thompson- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



Justin Simons volunteering to help EMS and CPVFD in collection of donations.



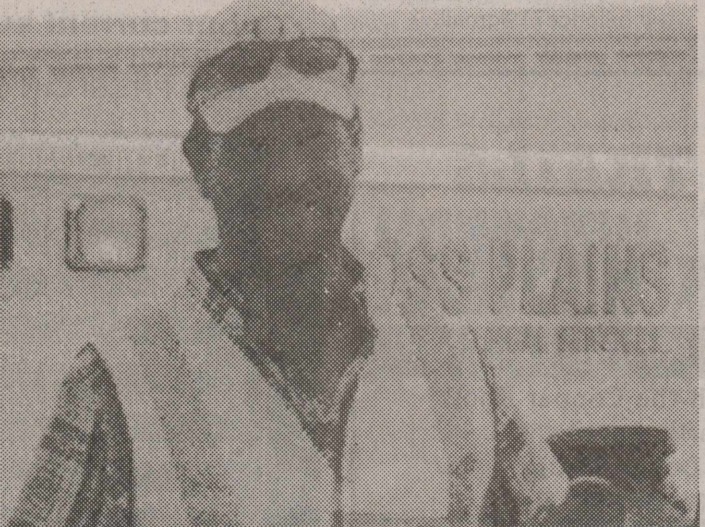
Pastor Kevin Morton- First United Methodist Church/ Kiwanis volunteering to help collect donations.



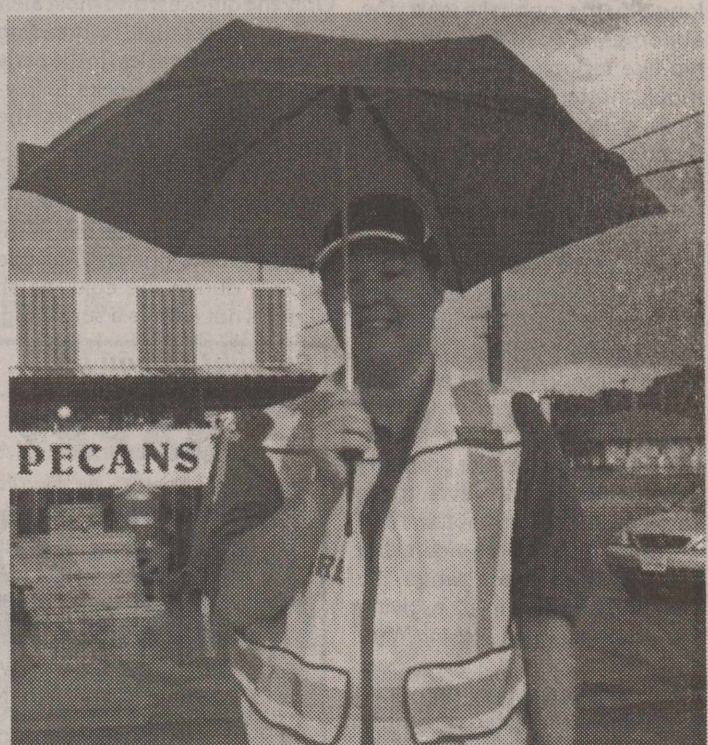
Debbie Childres- CP EMS



David Holmes- Cross Plains EMS



Kyle Foster- Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department



Heather Lee- Cross Plains EMS collecting donations in the rain!

## Project Graduation Calling all Seniors Cash, Gifts and Fun await you!

This Friday night 17 seniors will graduate from Cross Plains High School. Immediately following graduation there will be an all night party for the Seniors and one guest of their choice.

Project Graduation has been enjoyed by Cross Plains High School Seniors since 1989.

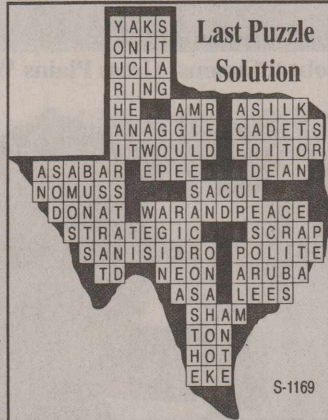
This year we have an estimate of \$ 2,500 in cash gifts and 350 other gifts to be given away. Only Seniors can win, do the math each Senior who stays the night will win at least 21 gifts besides the monetary drawings!

The all night party is a drug, alcohol, smoke free fun night of music, games, good food, music, games, basketball, volleyball,

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ping-pong, movies and did I mention good food? Ice cream sundaes at midnight, breakfast burritos at 6:30 a.m.

All seniors and their guest can show up anytime but once signed in you can not leave and come back. Our event will be at Cross Plains First United Methodist Church. Calling all Seniors cash, gifts & fun are waiting just for you!



## Burkett Activities 2nd Weekend in June

There are lots of activities going on in Burkett the 2nd weekend in June, so mark your calendar!

The Burkett Homecoming and the Annual Memorial Service will be held Sunday, June 8, 2014. The Homecoming will start with lunch at 12:30 at the Christian Community Center. We ask each one to bring food. Paper goods, drinks and bread will be provided. We will have a short meeting after we eat. The Memorial Service will follow at 2:30 at the Cemetery Pavillion with Ernie Neves as our speaker.

The Burkett/Adams Cemetery Board would like to express our thanks and appreciation for all the donation to help in the upkeep of the cemetery. Your continued support allows us to maintain the cemetery and to do some repairs on the markers. Again thank you to all those that have donated.

## County Commissioners meet briefly Friday, May 23rd

Callahan County Commissioners' Court took action on a couple of items during brief meeting Friday, May 23rd at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Among the items included Sheriff Terry Joy presenting the Sheriff's report for April. On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second from Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to accept the Sheriff's report.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, Deputy County Treasurer Jan Windham and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Tommy Morris and Nancy Johnson with the Tommy Morris Insurance Agency discussed with the commissioners' court any known changes in the insurance plans for 2014-2015. No action was taken.

—There was no public comment.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reinstate the

### Immunization Clinic at Cross Plains Housing Authority Wednesday, June 9th

The Texas Department of State Health Services has set up an immunization clinic in Cross Plains on Monday, June 9th. The Clinic will be open from 10-12 at the Cross Plains Housing Authority, 233 N. Main.

For your convenience please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer leave a message. Please bring child's immunization records. If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For more information please call 325-754-4945.

Countywide Burn Ban. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. After the recent rainfall over the past weekend, the Countywide Burn Ban was removed by County Judge Roger Corn effective Monday, May 26th.

—Some discussion was held on the Courthouse Preservation Grant. No action was taken.

—After discussion, no action was taken on the CERTZ (County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone) grant.

—Judge Corn made the mo-

tion to claim capital credits from electric co-ops. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Judge Corn made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

## County Burn Ban lifted

### CALLAHAN COUNTY JUDGE LIFTS BURN BAN

On Monday, May 26, 2014, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, the County Judge decided to remove the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Callahan County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact the Callahan County Co-operative Dispatch (325) 854-1444 and their nearest fire department to notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity, with no fire being started if there is 15 MPH wind speed or above. Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!

The County Judge may rescind the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

In making this announcement,

the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Callahan County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire

It is hereby ordered by the County Judge that the outside burning ban in Callahan County be removed, as of May 26, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
(s) Roger Corn  
County Judge  
Attest: (s) Donna Bell  
County Clerk

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## Praying Mantis

Many animals can be adequately described by their namesake. The name Trans-Pecos Ratsnake tells one where that species can be observed. The name Eastern Bluebird tells one what color the bird is. The name Giant Centipede describes the size of that species. But there is one particular species of insect that occurs throughout Texas whose namesake is still the debate of many entomologists and that arthropod is the Praying Mantis.

The Praying Mantis (*Stagmomantis limbata*) can be observed throughout Texas, and it does not seem to be more common in one particular habitat. They are commonly observed in the dry desert areas of the Chihuahuan Desert of the Trans-Pecos region as often as the lush forested areas of east Texas. The main requirement for this species is actually not the habitat itself, but rather the abundance of the food supply. Outside of Texas this particular species of mantid is common in Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico. Other members of this family (known as Mantidae) can be found worldwide, except in the cold harsher environments.

This amazing insect varies in color from brown to tan to green, depending on many factors such as age, size, and species. Most commonly observed colors are brown, tan, and green. Like other insects, mantises have six legs and three body parts; the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. The head is triangular in shape, much like the multitude of alien creatures from Hollywood culture lore. The eyes are large and compound, and as such, have the appearance of having a small pupil. The thorax is where the legs and wings are attached, and it is long and flexible, and the abdomen (where all of the vital organs are stored), is soft and almost pudgy. There is a distinctive sexual dimorphism, which means males and females are different in appearance. In males the abdomen is narrow and straight while the wings are long. In the opposite sex, the abdomen is quite thick, almost hip-like in look. The wings are much shorter in females, and as such, they are not as quick to flight as the more aerodynamic males are.

What sets this insect apart from others as well as causing the debate on the namesake are the front legs. These forelegs are rather thick and long, and have multiple sharp spikes. When not being utilized, they are folded at two joints per leg in an almost penitent posture of prayer. That is where the namesake probably originated from. However, these forelegs are used to obtain food items by impaling the victim and holding it in place while the mantis feeds at its leisure, giving it the namesake of *Praying Mantis*.

This species is very beneficial to gardeners as it feeds on harmful insects such as aphids, and it has a voracious appetite. Many thousands of egg sacs, known as the ootheca, are sold com-



Praying Mantis  
(*Stagmomantis limbata*)

mercially to gardeners as a biological pest control. Besides other arthropods, it also has been known to feed on small lizards, snakes, and even small rodents.

Mating for the male Praying Mantis is quite a dangerous event. Females are cannibalistic and will feed on the males as soon as copulation is completed. Only the quickest and most alert males are capable of breeding with multiple females. In the early fall, after several weeks following successful copulation, the female will lay the ootheca, which is a hardened encasement for the thousands of eggs. The eggs incubate in the ootheca over the winter months and survival during the cold, harsh winter is not always a sure thing.

Once the nymphs hatch, they already have a voracious appetite, and many feed on their siblings for their first meal. The nymphs are tiny miniatures of the adults, minus the wings.

So whether you know it as the Praying Mantis due to its "folded hands" posture or as the Preying Mantis due to its predatory behavior, remember that it is a beneficial insect to have around and let it do what it does best. Who knows, maybe both namesakes are true. Perhaps it chooses to give thanks before it feeds!

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# Cross Plains Jr High and High School recognized students achievements in Awards Ceremony

## 7th Grade

**Ashley Anderson**- 1st place UIL Maps, Graphs and charts team, Most Outstanding Texas History, Most Outstanding 7th Grade STAAR Class, Most Outstanding 7th Grade Science.

**Cayla Barron**- 3rd place UIL Impromptu speaking.

**Paxton Byrd**- 1st place UIL Maps, Graphs and charts team, 4th place UIL Art, 1st place UIL Dictionary skills team, 2nd place UIL Chess, 2nd place UIL Chess Team, 5th place UIL Spelling, 1st place UIL Spelling team, Most outstanding 7th Grade English Project.

**Gage Connelly**- 6th place UIL Science, 1st place UIL Science Team, 2nd place UIL Chess Team.

**Hannah Crockett**- 1st place UIL Mathematics Team, 2nd place UIL Calculator App. Team, 1st place UIL Art Team, Most Improved Reading Enrichment.

**Shiloh Dodge**- Most Improved Reading/writing.

**Evan Farley**- Most Improved 7th Grade Math.

**Hanna Fortune**- 2nd place UIL Calculator App. Team, 1st place UIL Number Sense Team.

**Samuel Guerrero**- 6th place UIL Calculator App, 2nd place UIL Calculator App. Team, Most Improved Texas History.

**Kenzie Kleiber**- 6th place UIL Spelling, 1st place UIL Spelling Team, 1st place UIL Oral Reading, Most Outstanding Reading/writing.

**Mallory McCready**- 2nd place UIL Listening, Most Outstanding 7th Grade English.

**Brian Morales**- 1st place UIL Modern Oratory, 1st place UIL Social Studies Team, Most Outstanding Reading/Writing, Most Outstanding 7th Grade English Project.

**Kayden Oskins**- Most Improved 7th Grade Science.

**Bryce Petree**- 2nd place UIL Listening Team, Most Improved Reading/Writing, Most Improved 7th Grade English, Most Improved Texas History.

**Trent Potter**- 3rd place UIL Editorial writing, 1st place UIL Maps, Graphs and Charts Team, 5th place UIL Art, 1st place UIL Art Team, 4th place UIL Social Studies, 2nd place UIL Social Studies Team, 4th place UIL Chess, 2nd place UIL Chess Team.

**Hailey Sargent**- Most Improved 7th Grade STAAR Class, Most Improved 7th Grade Science.

**Jackilann Shepard**- 5th place UIL Ready Writing, 2nd place UIL Editorial Writing, 4th place UIL Mathematics, 1st place UIL Mathematics Team, 3rd place UIL Science, 1st place UIL Science Team, 2nd place UIL Art, 1st place UIL Art Team, 1st place UIL Dictionary Skills, 1st place UIL Dictionary Skills Team, 1st place UIL Spelling, 1st place UIL Spelling Team, Most Outstanding 7th Grade English Project, Most Outstanding Reading Enrichment, Most Outstanding Texas History.

**Ky Stout**- 2nd place UIL Social Studies Team, 2nd place UIL Number Sense, 1st place UIL Number Sense Team, 2nd place UIL Listening Team.

**Sterling Switzer**- Most Improved 7th Grade Math.

**Jevon Tillery**- Most Improved 7th Grade English, Most Outstanding 7th Grade Math.

## 8th Grade

**Wesley Alexander**- 1st place UIL Number Sense Team, 2nd Place UIL Art Team.

**Chloe Alford**- 1st place UIL Spelling Team, 2nd Place UIL Spelling.

**Eddie Calvagna**- 1st place UIL Calculator Apps. Team.

**Joseph Crockett**- 5th place UIL Dictionary Skills, 1st place UIL Dictionary Skills Team, 1st place UIL Impromptu Speaking, 2nd place Team UIL Mathematics, Most Improved Career Portals.

**Harley Dodge**- 5th place UIL Oral Reading, Most Outstanding 8th Grade English,

Most Improved Career Portals, Most Outstanding 8th Grade Science.

**Creed Goode**- 1st place UIL Ready Writing, 2nd place UIL Modern Oratory, 5th place UIL Number Sense, 1st place Team UIL Number Sense, 5th place UIL Mathematics, 2nd place Team UIL Mathematics.

**James McMillan**- 1st place Team UIL Listening, Most Outstanding 8th Grade English Project, Most Outstanding 8th Grade Math.

**Dobbs McWilliams**- Most Outstanding US History, Most Outstanding 8th Grade English Project, Most Improved 8th Grade Math, Most Improved 8th Grade Science.

**Katy Morgan**- 1st place UIL Editorial Writing, 2nd place UIL Maps, Graphs and Charts, 1st place Team UIL Maps, Graphs and Charts, 1st place UIL Dictionary Skills, 1st place Team UIL Dictionary Skills, 2nd place UIL Science, 1st place Team UIL Science, 1st place Modern oratory, 5th place UIL Calculator Apps, 1st place Team UIL Calculator Apps, Most Outstanding 8th Grade English, Most Outstanding Career Portals, Most Outstanding 8th Grade Science, Most Outstanding 8th Grade Enrichment.

**Caleb Partin**- Most Improved US History.

**Kaiden Petree**- 1st place Team UIL Spelling.

**Riley Potter**- 2nd place UIL Impromptu Speaking, 2nd place Team UIL Chess.

**James Rhyme**- 6th place UIL Social Studies, Most Improved 8th Grade Math.

**Kelsi Sasser**- Most Improved US History.

**Kayla Stouemire**- 1st place Team UIL Maps, Graphs and Charts, 4th place UIL Dictionary Skills, 1st place Team UIL Science, 2nd place Team UIL Art, 1st place UIL Listening, 1st place Team UIL Listening, 1st place UIL Spelling, 1st place Team UIL Spelling.

**Caleb Townson**- Most Improved 8th Grade Science.

**Larson Walker**- 1st place UIL Maps, Graphs and Charts, 1st place Team UIL Maps, Graphs and Charts, 5th place UIL Ready Writing, 4th place UIL Science, 1st place Team UIL Science, 1st place UIL Number Sense 1st place UIL Art, 2nd place Team UIL Art, 1st place UIL Mathematics, 2nd place Team UIL Mathematics, 1st place UIL Chess, 2nd place Team UIL Chess, 1st place Calculator Apps, 1st place Team UIL Calculator Apps, Most Outstanding History, Most Outstanding 8th Grade English, Most Outstanding 8th Grade English Project, Most Outstanding Career Portals, Most Outstanding 8th Grade Math, Most Outstanding 8th Grade Science, Most Outstanding 8th Grade Enrichment.

**Aaron Willis**- 2nd place UIL Social Studies, 2nd place Team UIL Chess.

**Dakota Willis**- 3rd place UIL Oral Reading, 5th place UIL Listening, 1st place Team UIL Listening, Most Improved 8th Grade English.

**Cory Yates**- Most Improved 8th Grade English.

## 9th Grade

**James Briggs**- Most Improved Principles of Technology

**Mackenzie Byrd**- Most Improved Geometry, Member of Key Club, 3rd place UIL Persuasive Speaking.

**Hannah Cowan**- Most Outstanding Geometry, Most Outstanding English I, Most Outstanding Algebra I, Most Outstanding Biology, Member of Key Club, 5th place UIL Literary Criticism, 1st place Team UIL Literary Criticism, 4th place UIL Poetry Interpretation, Student Council Secretary.

**Ian Dameron**- 3rd place Team UIL Computer Science.

**Grace Goode**- Most Outstanding English I, Member of Key Club, 2nd place UIL Fea-

ture Writing, 5th place UIL News Writing, 2nd place UIL Prose Interpretation.

**Cheyenne Hass**- Most Improved IPC, Most Improved Biology.

**Nain Martinez**- Most Improved Biology.

**A.G. Partin**- Member of Key Club, Student Council Member.

**Brandon Waggoner**- Most Outstanding Principles of Technology, Most Outstanding Biology.

**Loralei Woodard**- Most Outstanding IPC.

**Kersey Wyatt**- Most Improved English I, 4th place UIL Informative Speaking, Student Council Member.

## 10th Grade

**Darrin Ames**- Member of Key Club.

**Kelli Bennett**- Member of Key Club, 1st place UIL Prose Interpretation.

**Rebekah Crockett**- Most Outstanding World History, Most Improved Spanish II, Most Outstanding Chemistry, Most Outstanding Accounting, Most Outstanding Algebra II, Member of Key Club, National Honor Society Member.

**Teagan Fortune**- Most Outstanding World History, Most Outstanding Chemistry, Most Outstanding Geometry, Most Outstanding English II, Member of Key Club, 1st place UIL Ready Writing, National Honor Society Member.

**Ashley Fulcher**- Most Improved Accounty, Most Outstanding Algebra II.

**Kenzie Halse**- Member of Key Club, 1st place UIL Poetry Interpretation, Student Council Member.

**Zachary Gartman**- Most Outstanding BIMM II, 4th place UIL Computer Science, 3rd place Team UIL Computer Science.

**Rylan Laminack**- 1st place Team UIL Current Issues, 2nd place Team UIL Science, Student Council Member.

**Shelby McWilliams**- Most Outstanding Math Models, Most Improved English II, Member of Key Club.

**Evelyn Morales**- Most Improved World History, Most Outstanding Spanish II, Most Improved Geometry, Member of Key Club.

**Billie Pointer**- Most Improved Math Models.

**Kaitlyn Potter**- Member of Key Club.

**Phoenix Sanders**- 5th place UIL Computer Science, 3rd place Team UIL Computer Science, 2nd place Team UIL Science.

**Chance Thompson**- Most Improved World History.

**Zach Thompson**- Most Improved English II.

**Shyler Tillery**- Member of Key Club.

**Inez Salazar**- Member of Key Club.

**Billy Woodard**- Most Outstanding Chemistry, 3rd place Team UIL Computer Science.

**Tyler Wright**- Member of Key Club.

**Seth Wyatt**- Member of Key Club.

## 11th Grade

**Natalie Anderson**- Member of Key Club, 6th place UIL Headline Writing.

**Missy Broeker**- Most Improved US History.

**Taryn Estes**- Most Outstanding Pre-Cal, Treasure of Key Club, 4th place UIL Literary Criticism, 1st place Team UIL Literary Criticism, Student Council Treasurer, National Honor Society Treasurer.

**Megan France**- Member of Key Club, 3rd place UIL Feature Writing, National Honor Society Public Relations.

**Kelbi Hyles**- Member of Key Club, 3rd place UIL Informative Speaking.

**Tucker Isbell**- Most Outstanding US History, Most Improved Spanish III.

**Brenna Kleiber**- Most Outstanding Spanish III, Most Outstanding BIMM I, Member of Key Club, 2nd place UIL Literary Criticism, 1st place Team UIL Literary Criticism, Student Council Member, National Honor Society Member.

**Kaitlyn Koettel**- Most Outstanding BIMM II, Member of Key Club.

**Morgan Manley**- Most Outstanding Physics, Member of Key Club, Student Council Member, National Honor Society V. President.

**Korbin McLean**- Student Council Member.

**Stephen Saltus**- Most Outstanding Spanish III, Most Outstanding Physics, Most Outstanding Pre Cal, 2nd place Team UIL Science, 2nd place Social Studies, 1st place Team UIL Social Studies, National Honor Society Member.

**Ariel Sneed**- Most Improved Algebra II, 3rd place UIL Poetry Interpretation.

**Jurnee Thomas**- Member of Key Club, 4th place UIL Persuasive Speaking, National Honor Society Reporter/Historian.

**Allanta Wheeler**- V. President of Key Club, 5th place UIL Spelling and Vocabulary, Student Council V. President, National Honor Society Secretary.

## 12th Grade

**Lindsey Ames**- Cap and Gown, Member of Key Club, Student Council Member.

**Clifton Blaine**- Cap and Gown.

**Josh Branch**- Cap and Gown.

**Michael Carpenter**- Cap and Gown, Most Outstanding Anatomy, 1st place UIL Current Issues, 1st place Team UIL Current Issues, 2nd place Team UIL Science, National Honor Society Member.

**Wesley Carver**- Cap and Gown, Member of Key Club.

**Nicole Eisenbach**- Cap and Gown, Most Improved English IV, Member of Key Club, Student Council Member.

**Cutter Halse**- Cap and Gown, Member of Key Club, 1st place Team UIL Social Studies, Student Council Member.

**Tyler Henderson**- Cap and Gown, Member of Key Club, National Honor Society Member.

**Jaden Kennedy**- Cap and Gown, Secretary of Key Club.

**Bridgette Mayfield**- Cap and Gown, Most Outstanding English IV, Member of Key Club, 4th place UIL Lincoln Douglas Debate, 1st place UIL Literary Criticism, 1st place Team UIL Literary Criticism, National Honor Society President.

**Colton McWilliams**- Cap and Gown, Most Improved Pre-Cal, 3rd place UIL Current Issues, 1st place Team UIL Current Issues, 1st place UIL News Writing, 1st place UIL Social Studies, 1st place Team UIL Social Studies.

**Texas Sanders**- Cap and Gown, Reporter of Key Club.

**Tristen Stephenson**- Cap and Gown, Most Outstanding Anatomy, Member of Key Club, 1st place Team UIL Current Issues, 2nd place Team UIL Science, National Honor Society Member.

**Emily Thying**- Cap and Gown, Member of Key Club.

**Alyssa Wheeler**- Cap and Gown.

**Justin Willis**- Cap and Gown, Member of Key Club, 1st place Team UIL Social Studies.

**Kristin Wright**- Cap and Gown, President of Key Club, 3rd place UIL Prose Interpretation, Student Council President.

**HEB Selling for Scholarships Pilot Program**

**Kaitlyn Koettel**- \$50 Gift Card.

**Ariel Sneed**- \$50 Gift Card.

**Fall Leadership Conference**

Family and Consumer Sciences Assessments (FCSA)

**Gold Medals**  
**Kaylee Joe Phillips**- Etiquette  
**Shyler Tillery**- Etiquette  
**Inez Salazar**- Etiquette  
**Tucker Isbell**- Etiquette

**Silver Medals**  
**Alyssa Wheeler**- Etiquette  
**James Marrow**- Etiquette

**Bronze Medals**  
**Ariel Sneed**- Hospitality  
**Alex Stout**- Etiquette

**Regional Leadership Conference**

Family and Consumer Sciences Assessments (FCSA)

**Silver Medals**  
**Ashley Box**- Etiquette  
**Alicia Sanchez**- Etiquette

**Star Events**  
**Shyler Tillery**- 6th place in "Focus on Children"  
**Kaitlyn Koettel**- 2nd place in "Job Interview"

**State Leadership Conference**  
**Kaitlyn Koettel**- 5th place in "Job Interview"  
**Shyler Tillery**- in "Focus on Children"

**National Leadership Conference in July Star Events**  
**Shyler Tillery** will compete in "Focus on Children"

**American Citizenship Awards:**

The American Citizenship Award is a national awards program that honors students who consistently exhibit positive, respectful and caring behavior. The Citizenship Award recognizes participation in school and community's strength of character, attitude toward classmates, school, staff and community. Cross Plains High School is proud to honor the following students with the American Citizenship Award: Seniors: This award was presented to: **Michael Carpenter, Cutter Halse, Tyler Henderson, Bridgette Mayfield, Colton McWilliams, Tristen Stephenson, Justin Willis, and Kristin Wright.**

**President's Education Award for Academic Excellence:**

The purpose of this award is to recognize academic success in the classroom and serves to reinforce the message that education is the key to success in life: The Academic Excellence certificates and pins will be awarded to the top 10% of the 8th grade class. Proud to present awards to: **Katy Morgan and Larson Walker.**

**UIL Scholar Awards**

The University Interscholastic League Scholar Award was created to recognize and honor those students who have shown the ability and demonstrated the discipline necessary to perform academically and yet participate in extracurricular activities. This award restates the commitment of the UIL to "Academic Excellence through competition." Proud to present awards to: **Cutter Halse, Tyler Henderson, Colton McWilliams, Tristen Stephenson, and Kristin Wright.**

**State Representative - Jim Keffer District 60: ALL SENIORS**

**Key Club: Officers**

President: **Kristin Wright**  
V. President: **Allanta Wheeler**  
Secretary: **Jaden Kennedy**  
Treasurer: **Taryn Estes**  
Reporter: **Texas Sanders**

**Seniors:**  
**Lindsey Ames, Wesley Carver, Nicole Eisenbach, Cutter Halse, Tyler Henderson, Bridgette Mayfield, Texas Sanders, Tristen Stephenson, Emily Thying, Justin Willis.**

**Juniors:**  
**Natalie Anderson, Megan France, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Kaitlyn Koettel, Morgan Manley, Jurnee Thomas.**

**Sophomores:**  
**Darin Ames, Kelli Bennett, Rebekah Crockett, Teagan Fortune, Kenzie Halse, Rylan Laminack, Kaitlyn Potter, Shelby McWilliams, Evelyn Morales, Inez Salazar, Shyler Tillery, Tyler Wright, Seth Wyatt.**

**Freshman:**  
**Kenzie Byrd, Hannah Cowan, Grace Goode, A.G. Partin, Kersey Wyatt.**

**Scholarships**  
Barbarian Festival Scholarship (In honor of Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Memorial) Presented to:  
**Cutter Halse \$1,000**  
**Kristin Wright \$500**  
Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete presented to:  
**Kristin Wright**  
**Tristen Stephenson**

Masonic Lodge Scholarship presented to:  
**Jaden Kennedy \$1,000**  
**Nicole Eisenbach \$1,000**  
**Colton McWilliams \$1,000**  
RL Barnett Citizen Soldier Award presented to:  
**Alyssa Wheeler \$500**  
**W.G. McCoy Scholarship** presented to:  
**Michael Carpenter \$1,000**  
**Robert E. Howard Scholarship** presented to:  
**Tyler Henderson \$1,000**  
Class of 1961 presented to:  
**Tristen Stephenson \$1,000**  
Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship presented to:  
**Nicole Eisenbach \$500**  
First United Methodist Church Scholarship presented to:

**Colton McWilliams \$500**  
**Cutter Halse \$500**  
**Tristen Stephenson \$500**  
**Lindsey Ames \$500**  
Garden Club Scholarship presented to:  
**Kristin Wright \$500**  
American Legion Scholarship presented to:  
**Kristin Wright \$1,000**  
**Jaden Kennedy \$1,000**  
Cross Plains Band Booster presented to:

**Bridgette Mayfield \$500**  
**Justin Willis \$250**  
Rowden Baptist Church Scholarship presented to:  
**Colton McWilliams \$500**  
Lake Brownwood Lions Club Scholarship presented to:  
**Texas Sanders \$500**  
**Kristin Wright \$500**  
**Nicole Eisenbach \$500**  
PF&E Oil Scholarship presented to:  
**Michael Carpenter \$500**

**National Honor Society Seniors**  
**Michael Carpenter, Tyler Henderson, Tristen Stephenson, Bridgette Mayfield.**

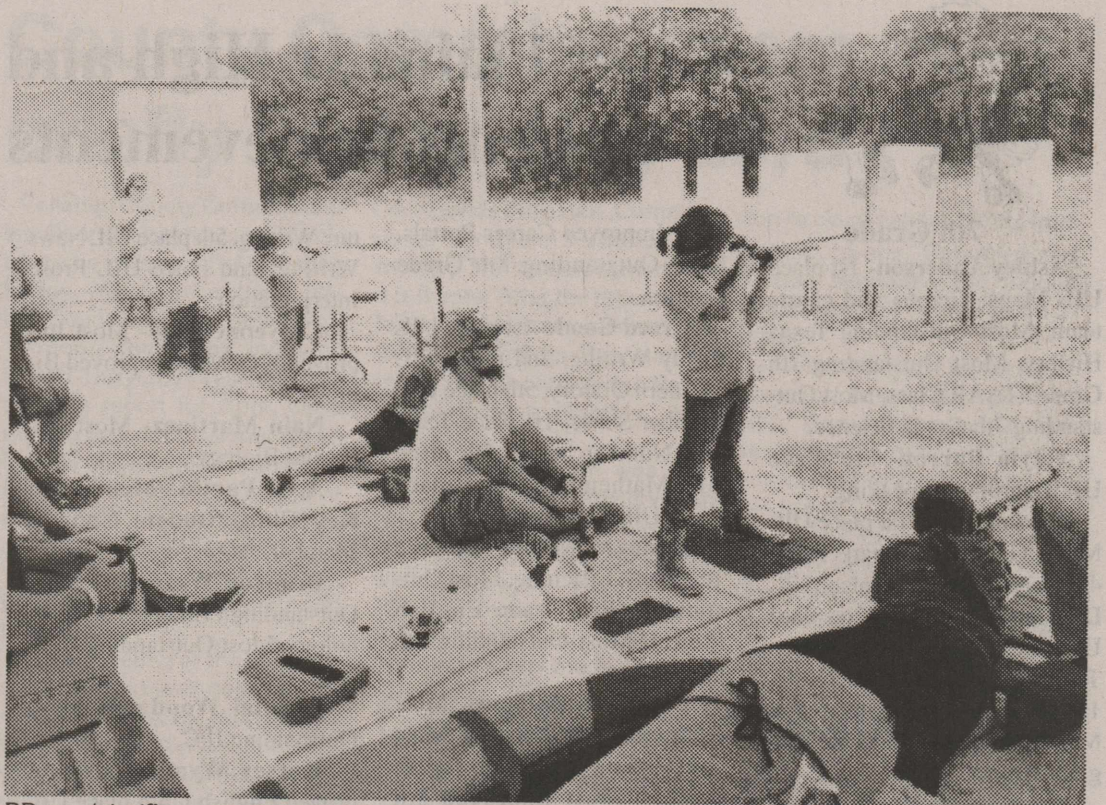
**2013 A.R. Winners**  
**Creed Goode**- 3rd place, wins \$100 with 352.6 points.  
**Paxton Byrd**- 2nd place, wins \$150 with 482.1 points.  
**Jackilann Shepard**- 1st place, wins \$200 with 716.7 points.

**Perfect Attendance Awards 2013-14**  
**Gage Connelly**- 7th Grade  
**Dobbs McWilliams**- 8th Grade  
**Shelby McWilliams**- 10th Grade  
**Colton McWilliams**- 12th Grade

**Top 10 Seniors**  
**Michael Carpenter**  
**Tyler Henderson**  
**Bridgette Mayfield**  
**Tristen Stephenson**  
**Nicole Eisenbach**  
**Cutter Halse**  
**Colton McWilliams**  
**Justin Willis**  
**Texas Sanders**  
**Kristin Wright**



PICTURES OF THE CROWD WATCHING THE ACTION AT THE CALLAHAN COUNTY FUN SHOOT.



BB gun/air rifle competition at the annual Callahan County Fun Shoot!



PICTURES OF THE CROWD AND SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE CALLAHAN COUNTY FUN SHOOT.



THIS GROUP SHOT—is of most of the participants in the Callahan County Fun Shoot. Participants are Braxton Bulla, Brody Bulla, Morgan Fulgham, Raven Ratliff, Hayley McAmund, Maddie Collins, Zachry Corder, Emery Fulgham, Cannon Cutright and Kailey Hart. (Not pictured, but competing in the match) Coltons Greer and P.J. Saunders.

## Weather for Callahan County Fun Shoot...Perfect

There was a large crowd at the Callahan County Shooting Sports Range, watching the approximately ninety competitors at the *Fun Shoot* held Saturday, May 17, 2014. The weather was nearly perfect with, mild temperatures and very little wind. There were competitors from

twenty counties who attended, with several traveling over one hundred fifty miles to attend the *Fun Shoot Match*.

The Callahan County Shooting Sports program will be hosting the Texas High School Rodeo Association on June 7, 2014.

Officials say they expect between forty and fifty competitors from all across Texas to attend this meet.

You are welcome to come and visit the shooting range at anytime and see what a wonderful facility we have here in Callahan County.

## Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for April 2014

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistics April 2014

Burglary: 6  
Animal Calls: 29  
Assist Motorist: 11  
Accidents: 25  
Alarm Calls: 19  
Assault: 5  
Chase: 0  
Civil Matter: 3  
Child Abuse: 0  
Disturbances: 42  
Dog Bite: 3  
House Fire: 3  
Vehicle Fire: 2  
Grass Fire: 26  
Harassment: 5  
Illegal Dumping: 3  
Lift Assist: 7  
Medical Calls: 105  
Mental Subject: 6  
Miscellaneous: 35

Missing Person: 1  
Noise Calls: 5  
Reckless Driver: 21  
Stray Livestock: 30  
Suicide Threat: 2  
Suicide: 0  
Suspicious Activity: 24  
Theft: 24  
Threats: 9  
Traffic Hazard: 3  
Trespass: 4  
Utility: 5  
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle: 1  
Stolen Vehicle: 1  
Vandalism: 7  
Welfare Checks: 18  
Fraud Calls: 0  
Juvenile Calls: 8  
Deaths: 1  
Total Arrests: 46  
911 Calls: 241  
Non-Emergency: 258  
Total Calls 499

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## One Hour Can Save Lives

Do you have an hour a week you could volunteer to help others? The Cross Plains Senior Center delivers meals to homebound Monday-Friday and are needing volunteers for the 2nd and the 4th Monday of each month. If you would like to deliver on Mondays or would be willing to be a substitute if needed, please call the Center. 725-6521

## Carbon Christian Summer Camp set June 8th-11th in Carbon

The Carbon Christian Summer Camp, sponsored by the CrossTimbers Baptist Association will begin on Sunday, June 8th and continue through Wednesday, June 11th at the Carbon Community Baptist Church located at 515 E. Anthracite Street in Carbon, Texas.

### CAMP SCHEDULE

**YOUTH CAMP** (Grades 7-12) June 8 to June 11, 2014 Cost per camp: \$110

Director: Russell Rogers from Trinity Life Baptist Church, Garland, Texas

Russell has been the camp director for the past 5 years and is a very energetic and inspiring speaker

Theme: What is under your tent? Joshua 7:13

Music by: Lance Rogers & Gay Rogers

Recreation Director: football Coach of the Knox City Greyhounds

Tuesday night June 10, 2014 **SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY "THE POWER TEAM" FROM Dallas, Texas.** This is a group of

several world record holders, former NFL football players, and professional wrestlers who have performed the world's greatest exhibitions of power, strength, speed, inspiration, and motivation in every state. They present inspiring messages and a Clear Presentation of the Gospel.

Registration: Sunday June 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Camp ends at noon on Wednesday June 11, 2014

**Children's Day Camp** (Kindergarten - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) June 13, 2014 Cost: \$30

Registration- Friday June 13, 2014 at 9: a.m.

Camp Director: Wendy Forbus Camp ends with family supper at 5:00 p.m.

**Pre-Teen Camp** (grades 4-6) June 18 to June 20, 2014 Cost: \$85

Registration- Wednesday June 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Camp Pastor: Jim Evridge Camp Director: Ashley Hull Camp ends Friday at noon

Call to register: 254-639-2521 from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Camp President: Jody Forbus

## Students from Callahan County - be a Jack Scott Scholar at Howard Payne University!

The **Jack Scott Scholarship** was established in memory of Cross Plains native Jack Scott in tribute to his commitment to education and his desire for students from Callahan County to have the opportunity to earn college degrees. For more information about this special scholarship as well as the **Heart of Texas Scholarship**, which benefits students from several counties in the area including Callahan County, contact HPU's Office of Admission. HPU is a great place to get inspired, get interested and get involved. Find out more today!

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## Largest of \$24,000 in Prizes Bestowed for Education TSHA Announces Fellows, Awards, and Fellowships to Honor Texas History Education, Research, and Writing

DENTON, Texas—The Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) distributed \$24,000 in prizes to recipients of six awards and five research fellowships, and announced new Fellows of the Association during the TSHA Annual Meeting attended by more than 700 historians on March 6-8, 2014, in San Antonio.

Drawing on more than a century of scholarship, the Association proudly calls attention to outstanding education, research, and writing on all aspects of Texas history through the annual awards.

The Board of Directors of TSHA, the longest continually running historical organization in Texas, elected two new Fellows: Cary Wintz, Ph.D. of Texas Southern University and Donald Frazier, Ph.D. of McMurry University. Both have shown exceptional aptitude for historical investigation in their many publications. They join the distinguished ranks of Texas authors who have been named TSHA Fellows that include T. R. Fehrenbach, J. Frank Dobie, Harry H. Ransom, and Walter Prescott Webb. Randolph "Mike" Campbell, Ph.D., Chief Historian of the Association, announced five of the six annual awards.

He began with the Coral Horton Tullis Memorial Prize, awarded to the best book on Texas published in 2013, which went to Jason Mellard of Austin for *Progressive Country*, published by The University of Texas Press.

Honoring the best book on any aspect of pre-1900 Texas history published in 2012-2013, the Kate Broocks Bates Award was bestowed on Rael Coronado, Ph.D., from the University of California, Berkeley for *A World Not to Come: A History of Latino Writing and Print Culture*, published by Harvard University Press.

The Ron Tyler Award for Best Illustrated Book on Texas History and Culture, an award funded by the Summerlee Foundation, was given for a book dealing with Texas history and using special visual applications such as photography and reproduction of historic paintings. The award went to co-authors Jim Parsons and David Bush, both of Houston, for *Fair Park Deco: Art and Architecture of the Texas Centennial Exposition*, published by Texas Christian University Press.

The newest TSHA award, the Al Lowman Memorial Prize, instituted in 2013 to honor the longtime contributions of TSHA Fellow, Al Lowman, honored the best book on Texas county and local history. The first recipient was Ignacio Garcia, Ph.D., of Brigham Young University for *When Mexicans Could Play Ball*, published by The University of Texas Press.

To honor the best article to appear in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* in 2013, the H. Bailey Carroll Award was bestowed on Megan Benson, Ph.D., for "Railroads, Water Rights, and the Long Reach of W.A. East v. Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company (1904)," which appeared in the January 2013 volume of the *Quarterly*.

The Mary Jon and J. P. Bryan Leadership in Education

Award, given to recognize and honor the outstanding history teacher in Texas at the middle school, high school, and college levels, was presented by the award's funder, J. P. Bryan. With the largest monetary prize of the TSHA awards, \$5,000, the Bryan Award had always been given to just one educator annually. This year Bryan announced that the award was being given jointly to Patricia Ritchie of Fort Worth and to Mary Scheer, Ph.D. of Lamar University and that the award prize would expand this year to provide both recipients with the full prize amount.

Campbell continued with announcements of the Association's five research fellowships. The first, the *Catarino and Evangelina Hernandez Research Fellowship in Latino History*, awarded annually for the best research proposal relating to the history of Latinos in Texas, went to David J. Cameron for his research project "*Sacred Resistance: Mexican American Evangelicals in the Brazos Valley of Texas*."

The Fellowship Award Committee received twenty applications for the remaining research scholarships. The Mary M. Hughes Research Fellowship in Texas History for the best research proposal on twentieth-century Texas history was awarded to Thomas Kreneck, Ph.D., former Associate Director for Special Collections & Archives and Lecturer at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, for his project to conduct research for a biography of John J. Herrera, a Houston Attorney, LULAC leader, and twentieth-century American civic activist.

Brandon Aniol, from the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, earned the John H. Jenkins Research Fellowship in Texas History for the best research proposal having to do with Texas history for his project, "*The Theilpepe Brothers and the Socio-Political Art Movement of German-Speaking Immigrants in Texas, 1807-1877*."

The Cecilia Steinfeldt Fellowship for Research in the Arts and Material Culture is awarded for the best research proposal on decorative and fine arts, material culture, preservation,

and architecture in Texas from the seventeenth century to the present. This year, the fellowship went to Charles Lawry, Ph.D. of Champlain College for his research project: "*Razing the House: An Ethnographic Study on Prada Marfa*." Just a year ago, the Steinfeldt committee announced the attainment of their fund-raising goal to permanently endow the fellowship that was established in 1996 to honor Cecilia Steinfeldt.

The Lawrence T. Jones III Research Fellowship in Civil War Texas History, given for the best research proposal having to do with Texas History and the Civil War, was awarded to Matthew Stith, Ph.D., of University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, for his research project: "*The Nature of War: Environment and Civil War in Texas*."

"We are delighted to honor these stellar historians, educa-

tors, and writers whose work continues to enrich the history of the Lone Star State and to inspire others. Announcing each year's new Fellows, and the award and fellowship recipients is one of my greatest pleasures as TSHA's Chief Historian," Campbell concluded.

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Founded as a private, non-profit educational organization on March 2, 1897, and housed at the University of North Texas, the Texas State Historical Association is one of the nation's most dynamic regional history organizations. Reinforced by more than one hundred years of scholarship, its mission is to further the appreciation, understanding, and teaching of the rich and unique history of Texas through research, writing, publication, and educational programs.



MR. AND MRS. BEN BARRON

### Ben Barron and Julie (Decker) Barron wed in Las Vegas

Ben Barron, son of Jerry and Linda Barron of Baird married Julie (Decker) Barron, daughter of John and Bev Decker, on April 20, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The bride's brother Jeffery Decker and the groom's friend Austin Moody were witnesses during the private ceremony.

Ben, formerly of Baird, Texas and Julie, formerly from Lewiston, Idaho, met, fell in love and will continue to reside

in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple will celebrate their marriage on later dates, with receptions in both Texas and Idaho.

Following the June (Texas) and July (Idaho) receptions, the couple will honeymoon in Costa Rica.

Ben is the maternal grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Cason and the paternal grandson of Mrs. Barbara Barron, both of Baird.

### The Fort Griffin Fandangle Celebrates 76th Anniversary

Abilene, TX — The Forts Trail Region was once the wild frontier where explorers and frontiersmen clashed with the land and Native Americans. Nowadays, during the six nights of the last two weekends in June, you can still hear the stagecoach rumble behind its team across pasture land passed by the Butterfield Overland Mail. Cowboys, whose ancestors pushed longhorn herds up the nearby Western Trail, relive that period as they drive cattle through the Fandangle spotlights.

Fandangle is Texas' oldest outdoor musical, attracting people to Albany and the Texas Forts Trail Region from across the Country and abroad for over 76 years. The production reveals covered wagons, buggies, a working steam replica of the first Texas Central Railroad train, galloping prairie fires, a frontier town street, gushing oil derricks, and more than 300 local performers. Fandangle recaptures, with theatrical charm, the look and feel of the old West with singing, dancing, pantomime and pageantry. It fuses past and present as ranch country heritage is unlocked from the dusty trunk of memory, polished bright and transformed into enchanting entertainment.

Performances start at dusk, but the fun begins much earlier. Start your day off right with an authentic Chuck Wagon Breakfast before making your way across the street to pick up or have your Texas Forts Trail Passport stamped at the world famous

Old Jail Art Center. Later, check out the Tracker Organ Concerts, Aztec Theatre, Quilt Exhibition and experience the unique shopping venues downtown. The kids will love a hand mixed drink from the 1919 Soda Fountain and a visit to the Albany Waterpark. The annual Fandangle Parade will take place in downtown Albany at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 21st. For more information on the Fandangle, see [www.fortgriffin-fandangle.com](http://www.fortgriffin-fandangle.com) or call the office at (325) 762-3838. 2014 Fandangle dates are June 19th, 20th, 21st and June 26th, 27th, 28th.

Come hear the stories and explore the places where history was made—and make you own memories! Visit a historic site, tour a museum, or check out the local sites, shops, and eateries. The "trail" is a recommended 650-mile driving loop within a 29-county region of Central West Texas that highlights a Spanish presidio and eight historic frontier forts and the communities and attractions that surround them. Take the trail or explore the region!

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### The Recipe Corner

#### Zesty Beef Stew

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Cook Time: 3 1/2 Hours

#### Ingredients:

- \* 1 pound beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
- \* 1 package (16 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- \* 1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- \* 1 1/2 cups water
- \* 1 can (8 ounces) pizza sauce
- \* 2 tablespoons medium pearl barley
- \* 1 tablespoon dried minced onion
- \* 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- \* 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes



#### Directions

\* In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine all ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours or until meat is tender.

Yield: 6 servings

## Open Ranch Rodeo Cowboy Heritage Church Saturday June 7, 2014

Books open @ 3:00pm Performance Starts @ 6:00pm



- Mugging
- Sorting
- Branding
- Wild Cow Milking

4 member teams (Co-ed Welcomed)

Entry \$200 per team with 50% payout

15 teams maximum

(pre Register for Guaranteed Entry)

#### Contact

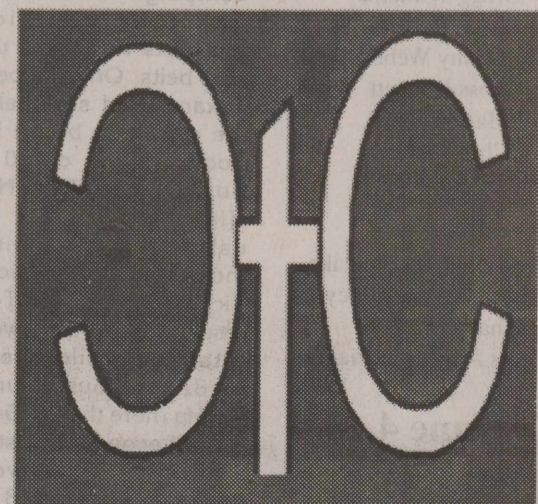
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# Memorial Day Weekend very busy for Texas Game Wardens

AUSTIN - Texas game wardens investigated seven drowning deaths and another four boating-related fatalities over what proved to be one of the state's deadliest Memorial Day weekends.

In addition to handling those tragedies, game wardens issued hundreds of water safety citations and made numerous arrests, including 31 persons for boating while intoxicated, 7 for driving while intoxicated, 14 for public intoxication and 36 on various drug-related offenses.

"Texas game wardens will remember this Memorial Day weekend for years to come," said Lt. Col. Danny Shaw, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Tragically, this

was one of the deadliest three-day holidays in recent memory."

Wardens responded to 21 boating accidents that in addition to four deaths led to two serious injuries.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of all this weekend's victims," Shaw continued. "Game wardens will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to protect Texans on our public water. I would implore all Texans when boating to wear their lifejackets, be aware of their surroundings and return home safely with their families."

Leading up to the weekend, he said, game wardens developed partnerships with many local law enforcement agencies in an attempt to increase water safety awareness as well as facilitating enhanced BWI enforcement.

"We also promoted water safety throughout the weekend on our social media outlets including the official Texas Game Warden Facebook and Twitter pages," said Grahame Jones, TPWD Chief of Special Operations. "reported major events that were subsequently shared by media throughout the state. In the days leading up to Memorial Day and through Monday night, it appears that we directly reached 118,648 Facebook users and 370,490 Twitter viewers, for a total direct reach of more than 489,000 people."

Jones said he was particularly pleased that the news media took an interest in and shared the department's water-related posts.

"Clearly, the partnership between law enforcement and media helped increase water safety awareness," he said. For the first time during a

major holiday weekend, several of the agency's newly created statewide law enforcement teams were deployed to assist local game wardens.

Dive Team: Response and recovery of drowning victim on Lake Lewisville. Dive team conducted an investigation, applied sonar technology to locate the victim and divers made the recovery.

STORM (Statewide Forensics Reconstruction and Mapping Team): Responded to and assisted with investigations involving four boating accidents involving death and serious injury.

CID (Criminal Investigations Division): Responded to and assisting with investigation related to a boating accident.

CIT (Critical Incident Team): Conducted peer support for game wardens involved in a Jasper County boat accident in which a game warden sustained injuries.

Game wardens also responded to seven search and rescue situations and assisted local agencies during severe flash flooding in Val Verde, Lubbock, Archer, Medina, Uvalde and Medina counties.

"The work conducted by our game wardens over the weekend is a testament to their professionalism," said Col. Craig Hunter, TPWD Director of Law Enforcement.

Hunter noted that game wardens focused on ensuring public safety throughout the state's waterways.

"Everyone must play a part in increasing water safety in Texas," he said. "I urge every Texan to wear a life jacket while on our lakes, rivers, and bays and to not consume alcohol while boating in Texas. Your life could well depend on it."

# Texas Comptroller Announces New Level of Transparency Awards For Local Government Entities

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs is kicking off the fifth year of the Leadership Circle Program, which evaluates how local governments provide online access to their expenses and revenue, by announcing a higher level of financial transparency award.

Previously, the highest level of transparency awarded (Gold) went to recipients who posted - among other things - their budget, annual financial report, and check register online. The new Platinum Award level spotlights entities which meet Gold requirements and:

- Post detailed summary information on their government website about current bonded debt and how it will be paid off.
- Provide a link on their government website to the Comptroller's website about transparency in government at [www.texastransparency.org](http://www.texastransparency.org).

- The chief executive (e.g., mayor, county judge, superintendent or executive director) signs a pledge to post, on their government website, information about proposed bond packages and existing debt and provide the Comptroller's office with a link to this information no later than one business day after the

public notice of the bond election.

A list of the first recipients of the new Platinum Award can be found at <http://www.texastransparency.org/LocalGovernment/LeadershipCircle/Platinumlist.php>.

"Since we began the Leadership Circle program in December 2009, an increasing number of local governments have worked hard to open their books to citizens in order to demystify finances," Combs said. "We thought it was important to recognize local entities that take even more steps to give taxpayers easily accessible information they need to help them make informed decisions as well as ask questions of their local elected leaders."

In 2013, 387 government entities were awarded Leadership Circle awards, up 38 percent over the first year of the program and a program record. Of that total, 325 entities were awarded Gold Awards, also a program record.

"We are honored to receive the Platinum Award for financial transparency from the Texas Comptroller's office," said Cochran County Auditor Danny

Wiseley. "We believe in open government and feel it is important for our taxpayers to know how we are spending their money. Opening our books and posting our financial information online is easy and has actually saved us time because we can quickly direct people to our website when they call for information. They are tickled to death the information is out there."

Local governments receiving a platinum, gold, silver or bronze Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle award have opened their books to the public and provide clear, consistent pictures of spending with detailed information on how tax dollars are allocated and spent. Top-ranking entities provide information online in an easily accessible, user-friendly format and set up features that allow taxpayers to easily drill down for more detailed information.

For tips and a step-by-step guide to achieve local government transparency, as well as a complete list of local governments in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle sorted by city, county, special districts, and school and college districts, visit [www.TexasTransparency.org](http://www.TexasTransparency.org).



## May 29

Keegan Lane King  
Kely Ford  
Doug Richard Adams  
Jerry Ramey  
Ben Honca  
Mrs. Glenn Merrill  
Charlotte (Albrecht) Haston  
Chasity Marv

## May 30

Kyler Paul King  
Kevin Haachson  
Mrs. Garmond Parrish  
Maxey Evans  
Henry Edington  
Lynn Rochelle Belew  
Dickie Wayne Chambers  
Michael Hutchins  
Martha Ramirez  
Christina Beaty  
Hallie Ellerbe

## May 31

Kellie (Draper) Cozart  
Vallie Delann Yancey  
Mrs. James Chesshir  
Darla Davis  
Earl E. Hooks  
Mrs. Elmer Biehl  
Karen Ross  
Chancy West  
Douglas Edwin Ege  
Dennis Brown  
Melinda Williams  
Sherry Odom  
David Purdue  
Jennifer Bronson  
Karen (Ross) Miller

## June 1

Kylie Jordan Broadus  
Rita Bates  
Gary Gilmore  
Junior Harding  
Bess Black  
Robert L. Hayes  
Mrs. R.D. Corley  
Karsyn Lynn Bennett-Phillips  
Derek Downs

## June 2

Todd Hogan  
Darrel O. Walker  
Jane Nunn  
Gregg Williams  
Bruce Hubbard  
Donny Webb  
Ross Rowlett  
Mark Coburn  
Clark Coburn

## June 3

Hayden Gabriel Pancake  
Sandra (Weiss) Carey  
Charles Coburn  
Alexis Angel Mauricio

## June 4

Tommy Lynn Porter  
Tommy Mac Connelly  
Wayland Blair  
Kenneth Sowell

# Fish orders being taken now

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Fish Program. Each year the District offers these fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, Texas. Supplies are limited so get your orders in early!!

This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Red Ear, Grass

Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Crappie and Goldfish. In addition we are also offering Red Horse minnows, Fathead and Golden Shiners.

The fish will be delivered to Baird. Each customer will be given an appointment time for pickup to speed up the process and avoid delays. All orders are prepaid by check or money order.

For more information call 325-854-1049 extension #4.

# "Click It Or Ticket" campaign warns Texans to buckle up or pay up

AUSTIN — Motorists who don't buckle up in compliance with state seat belt laws face fines and court costs up to \$200 as stepped up enforcement gets underway this month during the Texas Department of Transportation's 13th annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign, May 19th to June 1st.

"Seat belts save lives," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "That's a fact. Buckling up will keep you from getting a ticket, and more importantly, it could save your life. Whether you're the driver or a passenger, everyone in the vehicle is required by law to wear a seat belt for every trip. The cost of not using one just isn't worth it."

The "Click It or Ticket" campaign is credited with motivating millions of motorists to always use their seat belts. Only 76 percent of Texans used seat belts when the campaign began in 2002. Today, 9 out of 10 Texans buckle up. The National Highway Traffic Safety estimates that since its inception, the "Click It or Ticket" campaign in Texas has resulted in 3,962 fewer traffic fatalities while preventing 66,823 serious injuries and saving more than \$15 billion in related economic costs.

In 2013, there were 943 fatalities and 5,383 serious injuries in Texas resulting from crashes in which drivers or

passengers were not wearing seat belts. Wearing a seat belt increases the chances of surviving a serious crash by 45 percent. In pickup trucks, that number jumps to 60 percent as those vehicles are more likely than cars to roll over in a crash. In roll-over crashes, seat belts help keep occupants from being ejected from the vehicle.

Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to be buckled up, including back seat passengers. Learn more about "Click It or Ticket" by visiting [texasclickitorticket.com](http://texasclickitorticket.com).

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at [MediaRelations@txdot.gov](mailto:MediaRelations@txdot.gov) or (512) 463-8700.

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## MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

April 18, 1842: Texas Revolution patriot Juan Seguin resigns as Mayor of San Antonio... too much fighting.

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# Semester Exam Schedule: May 2014

## Wednesday, May 28th

1st & 8th Period exam: 8:00-9:05 am  
(1st p. test this day for those with 2 academic classes during 1st & 8th)

3rd period exam: 9:10-10:15 am

5-A & 5-B period exam 10:20-11:25 am

7th period exam: 11:30-12:30

Lunch for JH & HS 12:30-1:00

## Thursday, May 29th

All 1st & 8th period students to gym/field with all coaches 8:00-9:05 am  
(8th p. test this day for those with 2 academic classes during 1st & 8th)

2nd Period exam: 9:10-10:15 am

4th period exam: 10:20-11:25 am

6th period exam: 11:30-12:30

Lunch for JH & HS 12:30-1:00

If a student chooses not to eat lunch, they are still required to go to the cafeteria at 12:30 and remain until monitor releases them.

Students who have a valid driver's license on file will be allowed to sign out at 12:30 with a valid note from their parent or guardian - no "phone call permissions" will be granted. If a student is 18 or older, no note is required, yet must have valid license and sign out appropriately. No students will be allowed to leave campus prior to 1:00 pm with anyone other than their parent or guardian who has followed the appropriate sign-out procedure.

## Friday, May 30th

Regular schedule of periods 1 - 5A will be followed with 5B Class meeting the same time as 5A is scheduled (11:35- 12:20).

Lunch will be combined for JH & HS and held from 12:22 until 1:00 pm. The same procedure for signing out will be followed on this day.

Students will be released at 1:00 pm.

## DPS, U.S. Department of State join forces to Fight Crime

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced today that it has partnered with the U.S. Department of State (DoS) to help support criminal justice assistance programs abroad. The program, managed by the DoS Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), is designed to help foreign law enforcement personnel combat criminal networks where they develop and help reduce criminal threats both in the United States and partner countries. DPS Director Steven McCraw and Ambassador William Brownfield, who is the Assistant Secretary for the INL, made the announcement today at a ceremony in Austin, where they signed the Memorandum of Understanding for this partnership.

"Crime today is alarmingly transitory, transnational, organized and covert, and it is not enough for governments to focus solely on protecting

public safety and disrupting crime within their borders - the efforts must be global," said Director McCraw. "DPS is pleased to be partnering with the U.S. State Department today in an effort to help bolster the law enforcement efforts of other nations and work with our world partners to combat criminal activities everywhere."

The U.S. Department of State has partnered with more than 70 state, county and municipal criminal justice agencies across the United States that work with INL to assist with the training and mentorship of foreign law enforcement personnel. The program is intended to ultimately help reduce crime within U.S. borders and beyond by enhancing the ability of other nations to fight crime, administer justice and protect citizens.

For additional information, visit <http://www.state.gov/j/inl/>.

## Tree Identification Book from the Arbor Day Foundation helps people identify tree species in Texas

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, *What Tree Is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

*What Tree Is That?* is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes and textures, so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees in Texas and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. *What Tree Is That?* uses

a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds and bark.

"Our *What Tree Is That?* Pocket guide is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that."

*What Tree Is That?* is also available as an online interactive version at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name, address and \$5 for each guide to *What Tree Is That?*, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

## West Texas Minister's Life Honored with Anonymous Scholarship to HSU

"If I was to choose the one minister I could listen to and enjoy every Sunday it would be the Reverend G. W. Parks," once quipped former Hardin-Simmons University president Dr. J.D. Sandefer.

While George W. Parks died more than 60 years ago, his life is remembered and honored by a newly established scholarship fund at Hardin-Simmons University given by an anonymous donor. The donor specifies that the scholarship should represent a significant percentage of a student's college costs.

Even though Parks did not attend HSU, the donor says the university shares his values. Besides, there is an important family tie. One of Park's grandsons, Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, became president of Hardin-Simmons University from 1966 - 1977. The Skiles Social Sciences Building, completed in 2003, is named in honor of President Skiles.

Parks served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Roscoe for 11 years, but his influence was seen across West Texas as he was called to pastor churches in Scranton, where he served for 18 years, as well as churches in Ovalo, Nimrod, Clyde, Baird, Gorman, Pleasant Hill, Eastland, Carbon, Spade, Paines Chapel, and Hermleigh.

Outside of church, Parks is remembered for his extraordinary values and the significance he placed on education. He was

also an active civic figure, serving as president of the Roscoe Luncheon club, a chamber of commerce organization, and serving 14 years on the Roscoe School Board, 8 of them as president of the board.

Parks was named Outstanding Rural Minister of Texas by the Texas Baptist Convention, and in the early 1950s he was named Outstanding Citizen by the Roscoe Lions Club. HSU's President Sandefer offered Parks the position of Bible Chair more than once, but he declined because, as recalled by the April 7, 1951, obituary in the *Abilene Reporter News*, he wanted "to stay a small town minister."

Born in Whitley County, Kentucky, June 14, 1866, to Gabriel and Agnes Nancy Patrick Parks, he wed Anna Victoria Cain Parks. Married for 63 years, the Parks had four sons and four daughters. Parks retired at the age of 80 from the Baptist church in Hermleigh.

The G.W. Parks Memorial Scholarship may be given to full-time students majoring in any field of study with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average and may be re-awarded as long as criteria can be maintained. Recipients will be selected based on good character, motivation, and a student's desire to make a contribution to his or her community.

The scholarship will be awarded for the first time to students for the fall 2014 semester.

## Dr. Ray Perryman Scheduled to Speak at the West Texas Energy Consortium's Annual Conference in June

ABILENE—Dr. Ray Perryman is scheduled to be the keynote luncheon speaker at the West Texas Energy Consortium's Annual Conference scheduled June 3-4, 2014 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Dr. Perryman is Founder and President of The Perryman Group (TPG), an economic and financial analysis firm headquartered in Waco, Texas. He is widely regarded as one of the world's most influential and innovative economists. His complex modeling systems form a basis for corporate and governmental planning around the globe. His thousands of academic and trade articles and presentations span a wide variety of topics, gaining him international respect and acclaim.

Arleene Loyd, Director of Business Retention and Expansion, for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and Consortium member states, "Not only is Dr. Perryman influential nationally and internationally, he is a genuine down to earth citizen, involved in our community, sharing his time and talents. We are proud he calls Odessa home." During his nearly 30 years of experience, he has been presented citations for his efforts from both the Congress of the United States and the Texas Legislature. Cited by major media as "a world-class scholar" and "the most quoted man in Texas," Ray Perryman is an active partici-

part in the state, national, and world economic scenes. He has been a member of dozens of state, federal, and international task forces, served as editor of both academic and trade journals, and led conferences within the fields of economics, statistics, forecasting, modeling, and simulation. A member of several corporate boards and adviser to numerous governmental leaders, Dr. Perryman has been honored by the Texas Legislature for his "tireless efforts in helping to build a better Texas."

"The conference will bring together common stakeholders and communities to discuss the economic benefits, industry growth and community development taking place in the Cline Shale and Permian Basin region," states Regional Business Coordinator, Katherine Stokes. "We are really excited about the line-up of speakers and industry leaders that will attend our first conference."

Conference tickets can be purchased online at [www.regonline.com/westtexasenergyconsortium](http://www.regonline.com/westtexasenergyconsortium) for the early bird rate of \$50 through May 16, 2014. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor spaces are still available. For details, please visit [www.westtexasenergyconsortium.com/annual-conference](http://www.westtexasenergyconsortium.com/annual-conference) or contact Katherine Stokes at [Katherine.Stokes@workforcesystem.org](mailto:Katherine.Stokes@workforcesystem.org).

## Investing in Conservation Protects our Land and Water

By Traci Bruckner, [tracib@cfra.org](mailto:tracib@cfra.org), Center for Rural Affairs

The Conservation Stewardship Program rewards farmers and ranchers who protect our soil, water and wildlife, providing benefits that extend beyond their farm or ranch gate.

The House Appropriations Committee will be voting on the Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations bill this week that proposes cutting more than 1 million acres from the Conservation Stewardship Program, a reduction of \$109 million in funding.

At a time when more farmers and ranchers need tools and resources to help them protect our land and water, we should be investing more in conservation, not less.

Slashing investments in conservation is like cutting off our nose to spite our face. When we invest in conservation up front, by supporting farmers and ranchers for how they work the land, it is far more effective and it costs much less than cleaning up polluted lakes, streams and rivers later.

## Increase in Marketplace Enrollment Good for Texas

Austin—May 1, 2014) Of the more than eight million people nationwide who signed up for health insurance through state and federal health insurance Marketplaces during the first open enrollment period under the Affordable Care Act, 733,757 live in Texas.

While still just a fraction of the state's population of uninsured that exceeds six million, it is encouraging that so many Texans purchased private coverage through the federally facilitated marketplace. More needs to be done, however, to connect low-wage working families who are excluded from the private insurance market with affordable coverage options.

Texas rejected new federal funds—\$3.6 billion in 2014 alone—to develop a Texas coverage solution for low-wage working families who do not earn enough to qualify for Marketplace coverage. As a result, more than one million Texans will continue to be uninsured and rely on hospital emergency departments and clinics for health care ranging from primary care to critical care.

"Texans work hard for their paychecks, but our federal income tax dollars are going to other states because the state's leadership said no to connecting low-wage working families with health insurance options" said Ted Shaw, THA president/

In Texas, the program is supporting conservation efforts on over 4.5 million acres, investing more than \$31 million to protect our land and water.

Texas voices have a distinct advantage with having four Representatives on the Appropriations Committee (Kay Granger, John Culberson, John Carter and Henry Cueller). Call your Representative, and tell him/her you want to ensure Texas' family farmers and ranchers, the stewards of the great state of Texas, have the tools and resources they need to help them protect our land and water. Investing in conservation now will help protect family farmers and ranchers, who are a vital part of our California legacy, for generations to come.

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Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, nonprofit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

## Praying for Rain

According to Forbes Online Magazine, three years of relentless and severe drought has made large parts of New Mexico, Colorado and Texas drier than they were during the Dust Bowl in the 1930's.

Parts of Texas is about 10% drier now than the 42 months that ended April 30, 1936 and drier than the state's record drought in the 1950's, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Modern irrigation and agricultural systems will prevent a full-blown repeat of the Dust Bowl by holding soil in place. Still, when the wind blows in rain starved Texas these days, dust storms are likely to follow.

The men and women who participate in activities at the Cross Plains Senior Center have

lived through the Dust Bowl and/or the 1950's drought and know the devastation it has on families, whether it be financially, health related, or emotionally.

This same group of seniors also know the power of prayer and believe the promises of the Bible and in 2 Chron. 7:14, God says, "If my people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

Please join Cross Plains Senior Center as we pray for rain, Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. downtown Cross Plains. It would be great if we could line Main Street with the prayers for rain.

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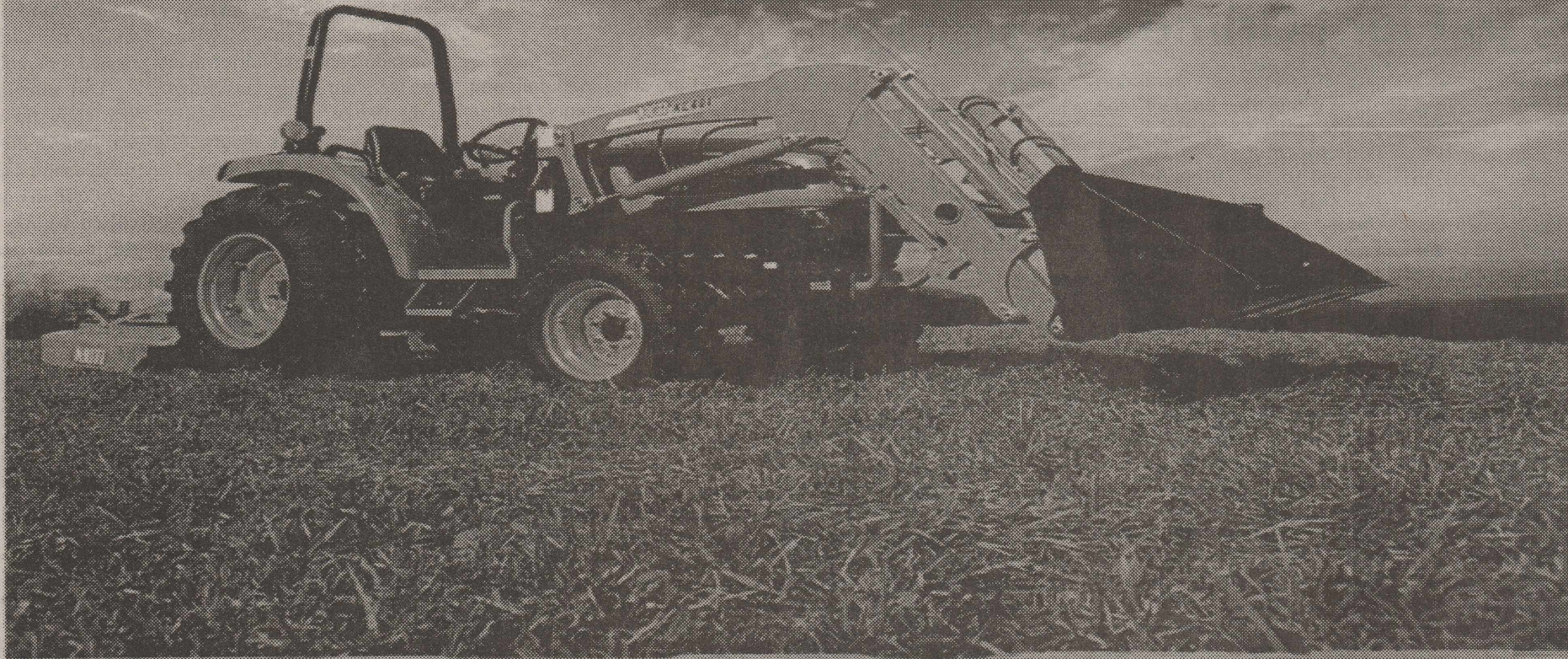
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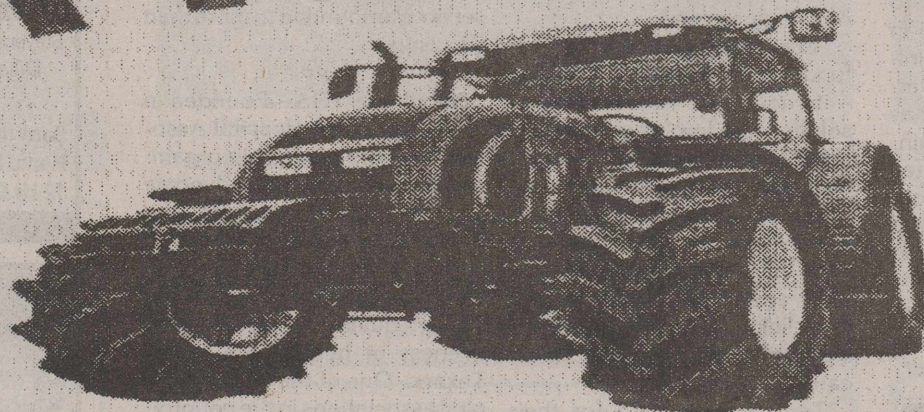
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