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Vehicle Fire in Cross Plains

On Tuesday, January 27th, USPS Rural Mail Carrier, Alvin Hutchins' vehicle caught fire and was destroyed in the parking lot of a local clinic. Mr. Hutchins can be quoted as saying, "I heard a loud bang, like a shotgun blast, and saw smoke coming from under the hood."

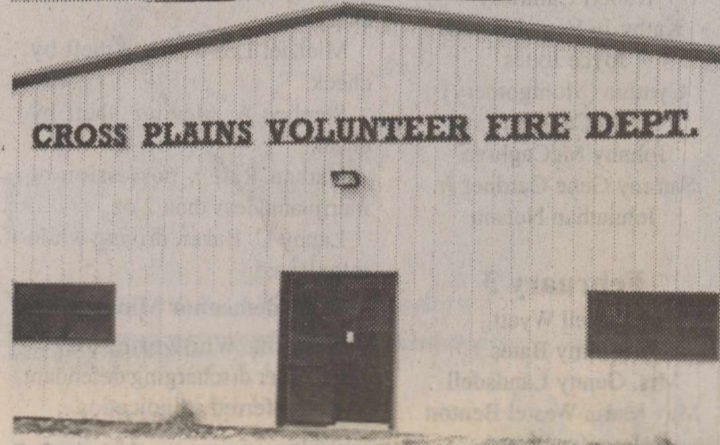
Mr. Hutchins was on his route in Cross Plains when, as he was leaving a local business, his vehicle burst into flames. He immediately jumped out and began

to remove all of the local resident's mail. Mr. Hutchins' was able to save the entire town's mail and remained unharmed during the process.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and Police Department both responded rapidly to the scene to extinguish the fire and to ensure public safety. Thankfully, no one was injured in the incident. We are grateful for both departments for serving our community in every emergency.



January 27th, Fire as seen from Main St. in Cross Plains. More photos inside.



Cross Plains Vol. Fire Dept. Sign Goes Up

The sign is now on the CPVFD's New Firehouse! The Cross Plains VFD is one step closer to completing and moving into the new building. Sign created by J & S Fabrication and installed by Cross Plains Firefighters and crew.

Your donations and support

and helped us get this far. If you'd like to help with the completion of the firehouse, you can send a donation to Cross Plains VFD, P. O. Box 339, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Again, thank you for your support.

Project Pride to meet February 3

Project Pride will hold their monthly meeting next Tues. Feb. 3, 6:00 at the Methodist Church. Board Members for the coming year are Arlene & Tom Stephenson, Tommy & Ann Rone, Larry & Nora Pointer, Era Lee Hanke and Diana Miller.

Everybody is invited to attend the hour long meeting to learn more about what Project Pride does throughout the year besides hosting the Robert E. Howard

Days.

Membership renewals will be mailed this week. If you are not currently a member, we invite you to just send a note with your contact information and the dues \$3.00 person or \$5.00 per couple/family. Business memberships are available to local businesses for \$10.00. Mail to Project Pride, PO Box 534 or PayPay to ProjPride@yahoo.com

Cross Plains VFD Meeting

Cross Plains VFD Auxiliary Group Meeting Feb 3, Your invited.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Group's next meeting is on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 at the firehouse. You are invited to join us and be a part of the Auxiliary that will help the CPVFD with fundraisers and other activities. Both men and women of all ages are welcome.

Auxiliary projects include: Planning and helping with bake sales, dinners and other fundraisers, organizing and getting water and food to the firemen when they're out on a fire.

Joe Terstegge is president of the CPVFD Auxiliary.



Cross Plains Chief of Police, Don Gosnell

CEU Forage Seminar in Cross Plains January 27th

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for January 27th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. 5.5 CEU's will be given: 1 - Laws and Regulations, 1 - IPM, 1.5 - Drift minimization, and 2 - General.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Morgan Russell, Extension Range Specialist, San Angelo, Ralph Porter, Senior Sales Rep. Dow Agro, Abilene, Dr. Charles Allen, Professor & Extension Entomologist, San Angelo, Robert Frost & Sammy Wilson, NRCS & FSA, Baird, Bill Thompson, Extension Economist, San Angelo, Scott Anderson, CEA Brown County, Jerry Warren, CEA Callahan County.

Dr. Russell will discuss "Pasture Management-prescribed burns vs. chemical control of brush & Prickly Pear", Ralph Porter will discuss "Herbicide Impregnated Fertilizers use on Pastures", Dr. Allen will discuss "Livestock Pest Management", Robert Frost & Sammy Wilson will discuss "FSA & NRCS Program Updates", Bill Thompson will discuss "Farm Bill Decisions", Scott Anderson will discuss Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators, and Jerry warren will discuss "Drift Minimization and Calibration".

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$20 to those that pre-register by January 20th, after January 20th there will be a \$25.00 fee to be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

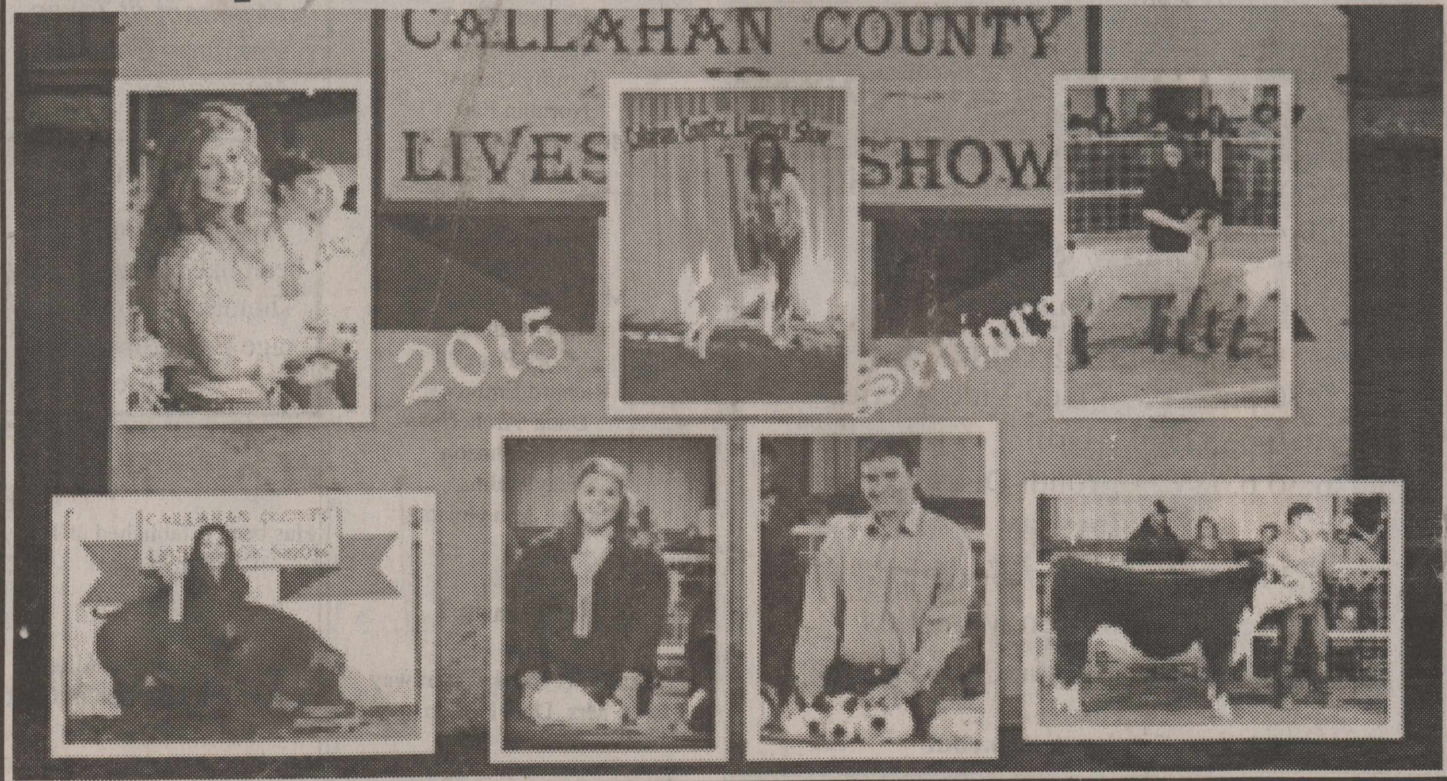
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Jerry Warren, CEA AG/NR
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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Obituaries



Betty R Beggs

Betty R Beggs

Betty R. Beggs, age 91, our beloved mother and grandmother went home to heaven to be with her Lord on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 25th at the First Baptist Church with Ronnie White officiating and assisted by Randy Beggs. Her final resting place will be beside her beloved husband, J.T. and son, Troy Beggs in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery.

Betty began her life in Ranger, Texas on September 22, 1923 to Charlie Russell and Lola Wolfe Russell. She graduated from Ranger High in 1940, completed lab tech training in 1942, attended TCU in 1947, then graduated from Howard Payne University in 2000.

As part of the greatest generation, Betty worked in Corpus Christi as a lab technician and lost her brother in WWII. She later married her high school sweetheart on January 24, 1948. As Betty and J.T. Beggs, they had 4 sons, Rusty, Kim, Rex and Troy. Her lab technician skills landed her jobs at Brownwood, DeLeon, Cisco and other hospitals. She loved the technical skills required in the laboratory.

Her love of travel was infectious, including visits to Hawaii, Acapulco, Mexico City,

New York, Chicago, Hollywood, most of Colorado, most of Texas and a good bit of Europe.

She loved her church and was a member of First Baptist Cross Plains and the Dorcus/ Ruth Sunday School Class. She enjoyed mission work and was active in WMU, she and made several mission trips and even invited an exchange student from Mongolia to stay with her home.

She completed her education with a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science from Howard Payne University on May 6, 2000. She began her degree before J.T. and the boys.

Betty retained a lifelong passion for art, completing early at the age of 11 and continuing to complete art projects on her own or with any grand or great-grandchild that would sit still, until her passing. She was a member of several local art clubs and displayed her works at art shows all over Texas.

She is survived by her 3 sons, Rusty and Reba Beggs, Kim and Mary Beggs, and Rex and Edith Beggs. Grandchildren, Danyl Bottoms, Charissa Beggs-Hilder, David Beggs, Nikki Patterson, Ashley Moses and Tony Beggs; great-grandchildren 14 and 2 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, husband and son, Troy Lincoln Beggs.



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 pm Acts of God Video Series
6:30 p.m. Bible Drill - 1st-6th
6:30 p.m. - Youth Discipleship
Wednesday 6:30 p.m - Prayer/Worship
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Death Notice

Roselyn Marie

Eastland- Roselyn Marie Holmans, 67, passed away on January 21, 2015, after a heroic fight with cancer. Visitation and viewing were at Bakker Funeral home at 411 South Mulberry, Eastland, TX 76448 from 6-8pm on Tuesday January 27th. Graveside services were held at Eastland Cemetery at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 28th with Jody Forbus officiating. Flowers can be sent to Bakker Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.bakkerfuneralhome.com.



February 1

Billy Don Bell
Freddy Johnston
Rusty Reed
Deby Giland
Harold Ingram
Clay Richardson
Dan Byers
Gretchen Wagner
Mrs. Bob Illingworth
Kenny Foster

February 2

Sherri Phillips
Wilburn Newman
Susan Harris
Dale Bishop
Robert Callaway
Kathy Jo Fussel Kerns
Joyce Jones
Cynthia (Montgomery) McCaghren
Johnny McCaghren
Sammy Gene Gardner Jr.
Johnathan Nelson

February 3

Darrell Wyatt
Tommy Bates
Mrs. Genny Landsdell
May Marie Westel Benton
Jennifer Brame

February 4

Daisy King
Mark Walker
Bob Childers
Walter O. Graham Jr.
Vanda Anderson Draper
Mrs. Ronnie Woodson
Linda Joy Sadler
Jimmy Thomas
Chris Duncan
Tommy Bowden
Julena Hyde
James Willis

February 5

Kali (Phillips) Rogers
Carolyn Tunnell Ogden
David Hargrove
Melissa Strickland
Johnny Rouse
Eric Blanton
Eva Stack
Ronnie McNutt
Barbara Lynn Oliver
Ashley French
William Craig Rogers
Randal Golson
Judson Cole

February 6

Deborah Lowitzer
Curtis Ray Shields
Mrs. Ivan Clark
Terry Clearly
Tommy Garrett
Norman Farr
Mrs. Larry McAnally
Mary Lee
Elmer Duncan
Tommy Graham
Billy Evans
Mrs. Jimmy Mobley
Mary Ruth Lee
Cory Pope
Richard Emmons
Dana Archer
Robin Johnson
Gay Helms
Braylee Ann Golson

February 7

Becanna May
Jennifer (Pancake) Caraway
Mrs. Dale Bishop

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Orientation

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will be holding an orientation meeting on February 1st at 3:00 p.m., at the Shooting Range.

All former and new members as well as their parents are encouraged to attend. The Shooting Range is located on FM 18 between Baird and Clyde. For more information please contact the Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Jerry Warren,
CEA-Ag/NR

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Noe R. Villeda, possession of marijuana.

Amanda L. Knight, theft by check.

Michael Lee Massey, theft by check.

Stephen A. Mendez, theft by check.

Nathan Ralph, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Lanny D. Baker, driving while intoxicated.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Watkins Whitworth, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Centergas Fuels, Inc. vs. Randy Tyler and Darlene Tyler, non-competition.

Lonny Earl Broadus and Lisa Raven Broadus, divorce.

Linedance classes offered in Abilene

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

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

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

Love Fund

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

Love Fund

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

Love Fund

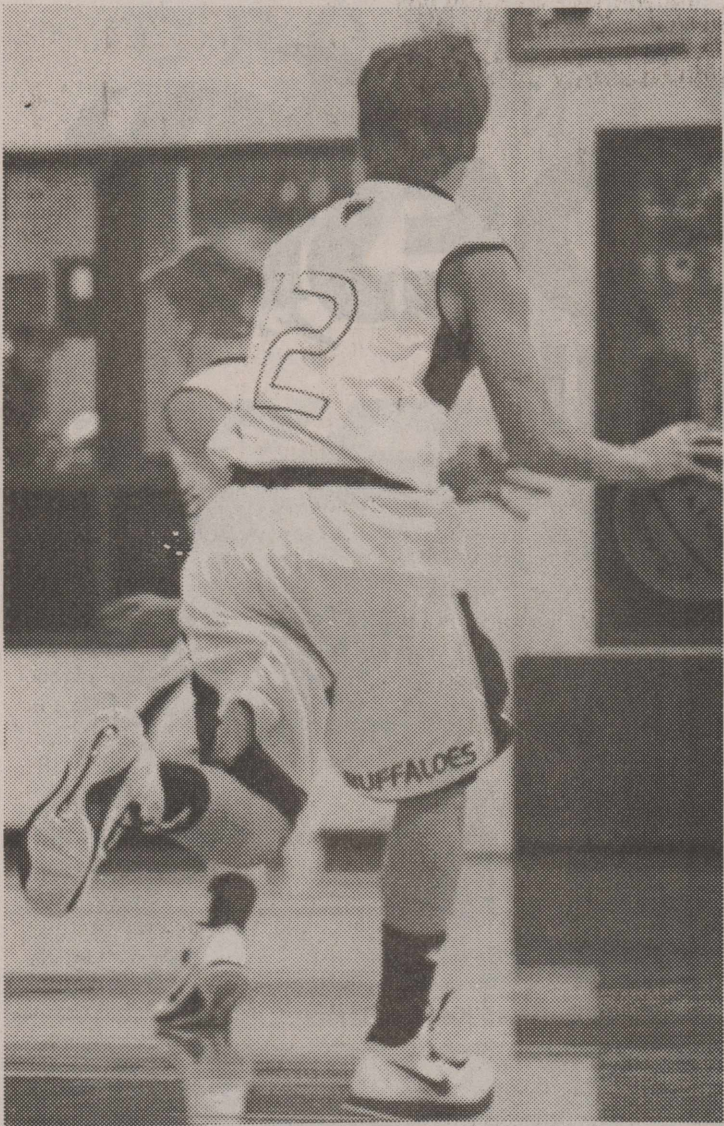
Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank For Owen Turner son of Joseph and Allison Turner and grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner

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BUFFALOES



Basketball



Varsity Buffalo # 12 Dakota Willis



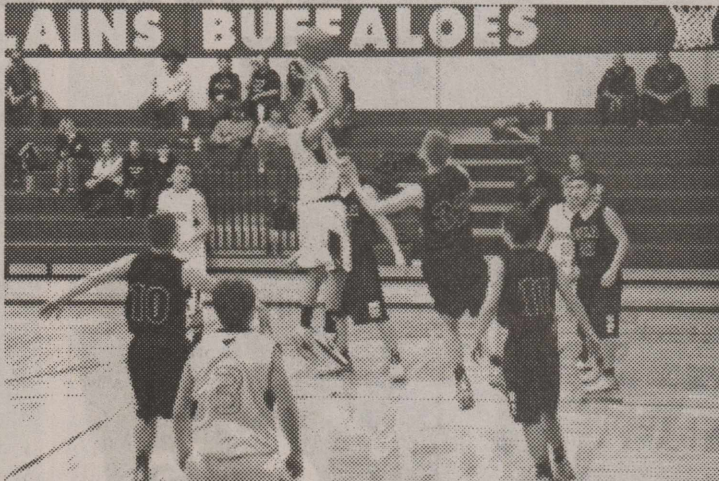
Varsity Buffalo # 14 Phoenix Sanders



JH Buffaloes striving for the ball



JH Buffaloes hard at it



Varsity Buffaloes #22 Creede Goode taking a shot with #3 Korbin McLean



Varsity Buffaloes # 5 Rylan Laminack



JV Buffalo Joe Crockett



JV Buffaloes making a move under the rim



Varsity Buffalo James Briggs

Cross Plains Buffaloes defeated by Eula Pirates

Varsity Boys vs. Eula

On Tuesday, January 21, 2015, the varsity boys battled hard against the Eula Pirates. Though the ending score was 60-33, Eula up, the Buffaloes still worked their hardest out there on the court. Rylan Laminack scored 14 points, Korbin Mclean scored 10, Phoenix Sanders scored 4, Dakota Willis and

Creed Goode both scored 2 points each, and James Briggs scored the awesome 1 point. The Buffs played together as a team all the way to the end. The next game the Buffs play is Friday, January 23, 2015 against Moran in Moran. Let's get ready and support our Cross Plains Buffaloes.



JV Buffalo Logan Phillips



JV Buffaloes #14 Dobbs McWilliams with #2 Logan Phillips and #21 Sean Armer with the ball

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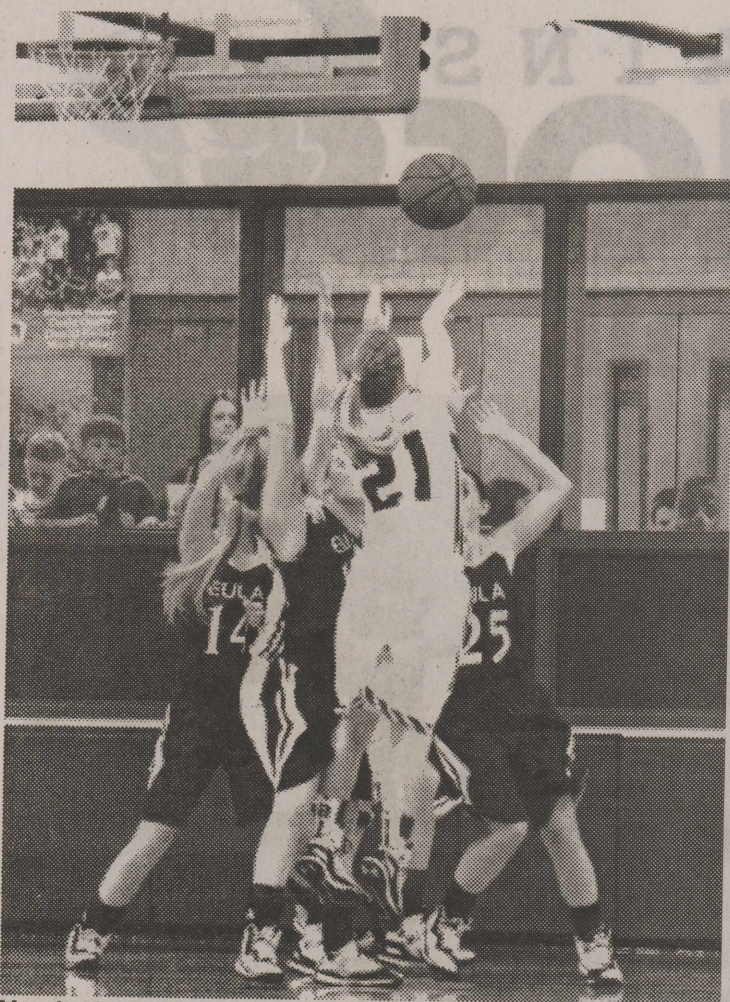
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Basketball



Varsity Lady Buffs #21 Rebekah Crockett



Varsity Lady Buffs #3 Kelli Bennett and #23 Allanta Wheeler



Varsity Lady Buffs #5 Kensie Halsel

Cross Plains Lady Buffs Defeat Eula 50-44

On Tuesday night, January 20, 2015, the Eula Pirates traveled to Cross Plains to compete against the Lady Buffs Varsity. The Lady Buffs played an exciting game that went into overtime with a score 41 to 41. In the four minute overtime Lady Buffs turned up the heat by scoring six points and brought home a large

win of 50-44. Leading scorers were Jurnee Thomas with 22, Kelli Bennett with 11, Taryn Estes with 9, Shelby McWilliams with 3, Allanta Wheeler 3, and Kenzie Halsel with 2. The Lady Buffs are 4-0, and are preparing hard for their next game Tuesday, January 27, 2015 against May.

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Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes nineteenth in Class A TABC poll

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

The poll was released Monday, January 26th. The Girls Class A poll follows:

- 1A
1. Nazareth (22-2)
2. Strawn (27-2)
3. Lipan (23-3)
4. Roscoe Highland (18-5)
5. Follett (17-5)
6. Valley (21-3)
7. Garden City (20-4)
8. Petersburg (21-1)
9. Saltillo (19-5)
10. Coolidge (24-2)
11. Chireno (18-5)
12. Dodd City (22-3)
13. Slidell (20-3)
14. Ira (19-7)
15. Rochelle (24-2)
16. Leggett (16-6)
17. Menard (18-8)
18. Huckabay (16-7)
19. Cross Plains (16-5)
20. Eula (18-7)
21. Richland Springs (20-2)
22. Kennard (17-7)
23. McMullin County (24-2)
24. Anton (16-6)
25. D'Hanis (19-5)

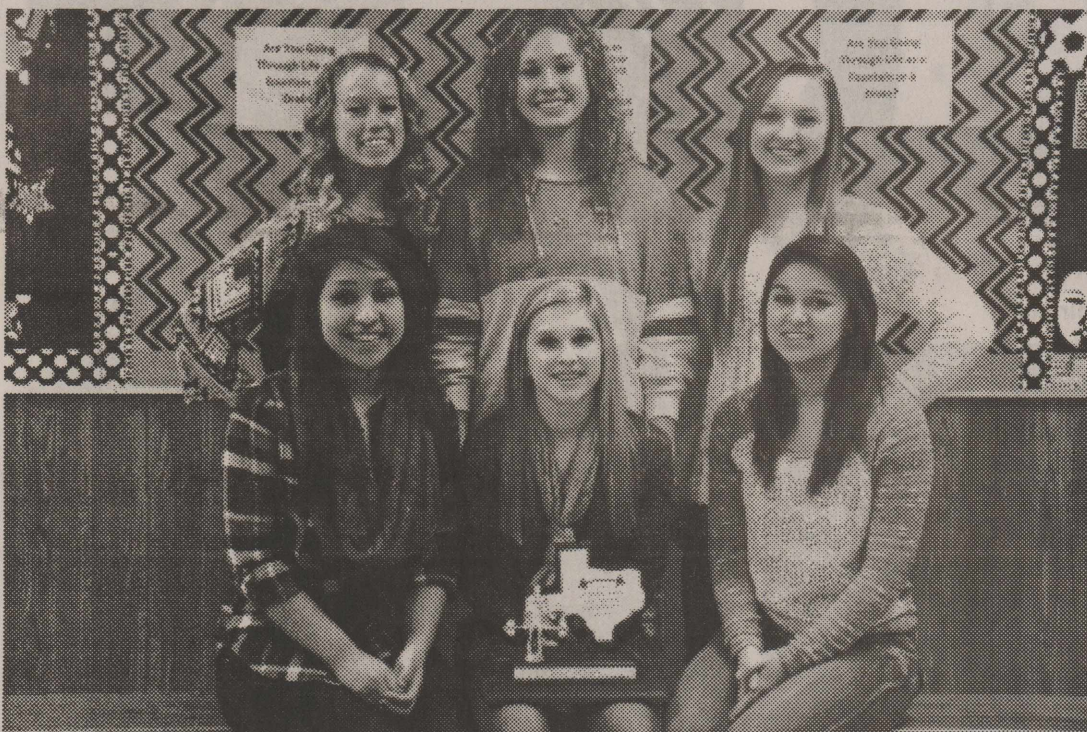


Varsity Lady Buffs #50 Jurnee Thomas and #10 Hannah Cowan



Varsity Lady Buffs #34 Grace Goode

Lady Buffs Power Lifting Team



Dublin Meet January 17th, 2015

Loralei Woodard : 1st place in her weight class. Taryn Estes: 1st place in her weight class Rebekah Crockett: 4th place in her weight class. Inez Salazar: 6th place in her weight class. Hannah Cowan: 7th place in her weight class. The girls placed 3rd overall as a team!

Lone Star Ag Credit's Abilene Office Relocates to Loop 322

ABILENE, Texas — Lone Star Ag Credit has moved its Abilene credit office to Loop 322. The new office is located at 4449 Loop 322, Abilene, Texas 79602. The phone number remains the same: (325) 793-1810.

"We are excited to be able to continue to provide rural lending services to this area in a great new location," said Jason Pettit, credit office president. "We invite everyone to stop in on Feb. 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for an open house." A 1996 ag business graduate of Tarleton State University, Pettit spent nine years specializing in ag lending before joining Lone Star in 2004.

In addition to Pettit, Cindy White and Marta Hanks complete the Lone Star Abilene credit office team. The office supports local causes such as West Texas Rehab through multiple auctions as well as the West Texas Rehab Livestock Show each November. The rural cooperative's Abilene office also contributes to the Taylor County Livestock Show and project shows in Abilene, Albany, Jim Ned and

Wylie, and also is a sponsor of the Abilene Spectacular Cutting Horse Competition, Western Heritage Classic, West Texas Fair and Rodeo, Texas High School Finals Rodeo, and multiple 4-H and Extension programs.

Lone Star Ag Credit is a \$1.35-billion rural lender serving 48 Texas counties. As a cooperative, it shares its earnings with its customer-members through its patronage program. In the past decade, the co-op has distributed more than \$100 million in patronage dividends to stockholders.

Lone Star finances agricultural and recreational real estate, rural homes, farm and ranch equipment, livestock, ag operating expenses and agribusiness firms. Headquartered in Fort Worth, it has credit offices in Abilene, Cleburne, Corsicana, Denton, Fort Worth, Hillsboro, Lampasas, Mount Pleasant, New Boston, Paris, Round Rock, Sherman, Stephenville, Sweetwater, Temple, Waco and Weatherford. It is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System.

Brady Invitational UIL Meet Results

Cross Plains traveled to Brady to compete against Wall, Brady, Bangs, Comanche, Mason, and Water Valley

Social Studies
Stephen Saltus 1st place
5th place team Brenna Kleiber, Billy Woodard, and Stephen Saltus

Science
Stephen Saltus 6th place
2nd place team Stephen Saltus, Larson Walker, and Rylan Laminack

Current Issues and Events
Stephen Saltus 3rd place

Calculator Applications
Larson Walker 4th place

Number Sense
Tibor Vorbeck 3rd place
Phoenix Sanders 4th place
Larson Walker 5th place
2nd place team

Mathematics

Larson Walker 7th place
2nd place team Larson Walker, Phoenix Sanders, and Tibor Vorbeck.

Literary Criticism

Strena Cunningham 1st place
3rd place team Strena Cunningham, Brenna Kleiber, and Brandon Waggoner

Prose Speaking

Kelli Bennett 2nd place
Katy Jo Morgan 6th place
Grace Goode 8th place

Poetry Speaking

Ariel Sneed Hutchins 1st place
Kensie Halsel 4th place
Hannah Cowan 5th place

Donations Needed

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

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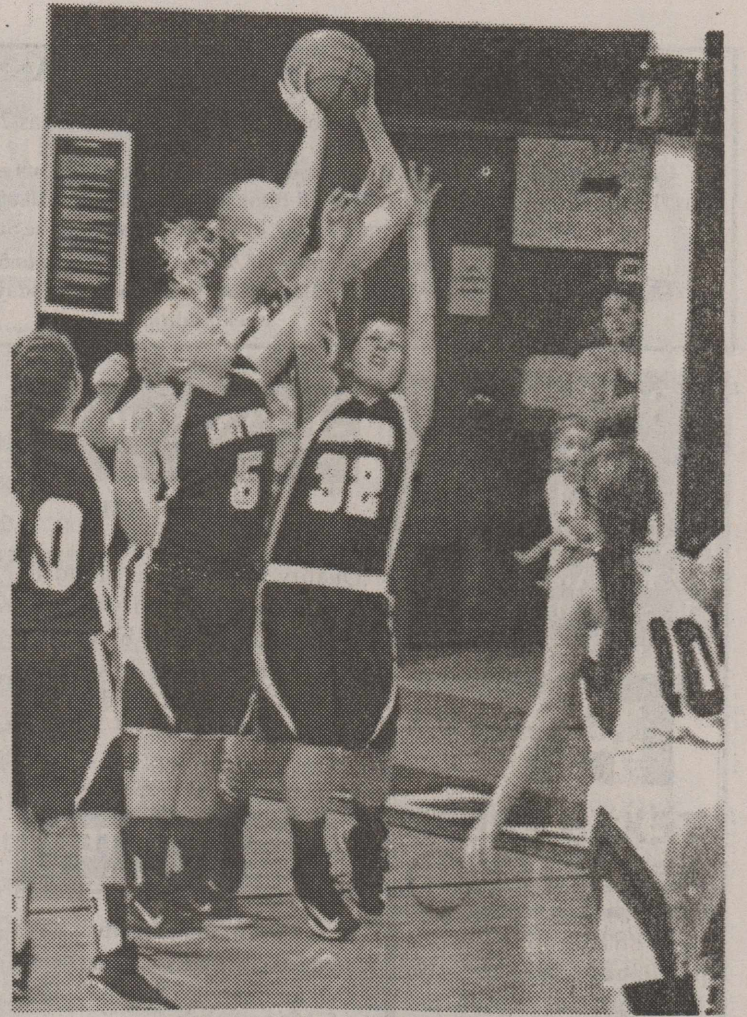
Basketball



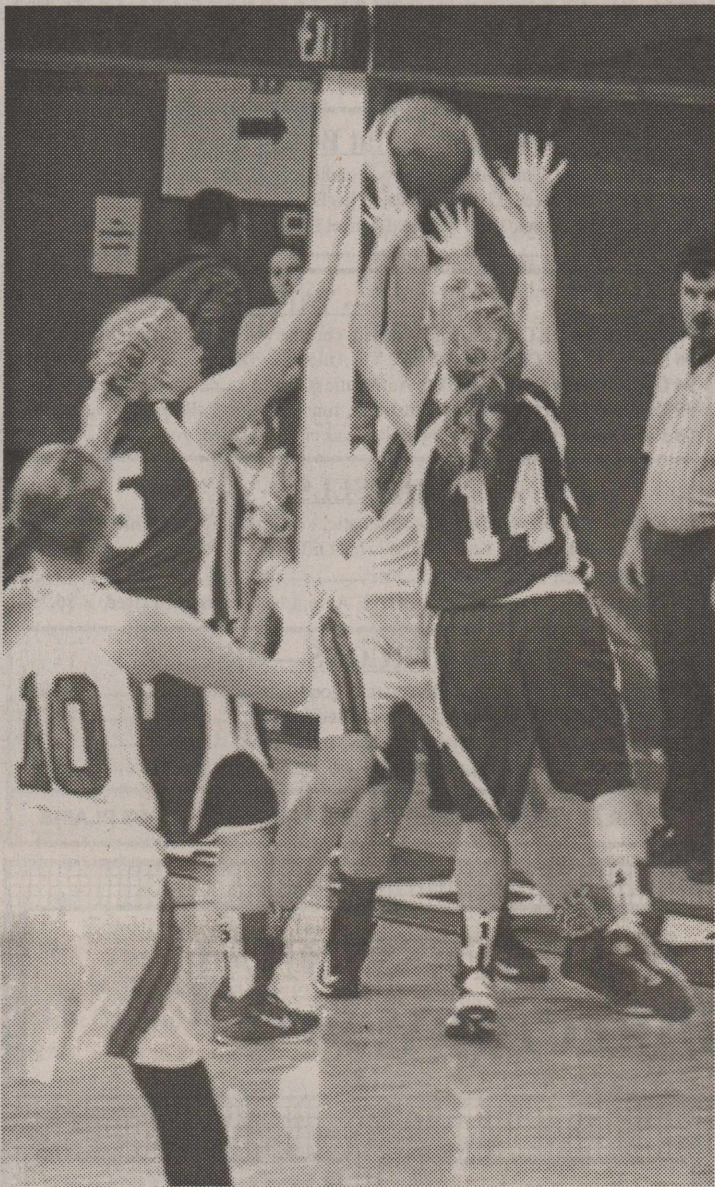
JH Lady Buffs moving in to block at the top of the key



JH Lady Buffs working the Zone



JH Lady Buffs working to block Baird Bears



JH Lady Buffs hot under the rim



JV Lady Buff Morgan Armer



JV Lady Buff Teagan Fortune



JV Lady Buff Kayla Stoudemier



JH Lady Buff set to move



JH Lady Buffs ready to go



JV Lady Buff Chloe Alford

JV Lady Buffs Fall Short Against Eula

On Tuesday, January 20, 2015, the Eula Pirates traveled to Cross Plains to play against the Cross Plains Junior Varsity girls. Shana Yates, made a total of nine points. Chloe Alford, had a total of six points. While Morgan Armer, had a total of four points. The girls played a hard game, but fell short. Leaving the game with a final score of 48-25. The girls are practicing hard to prepare for next week's game against May on Tuesday, January 27th.

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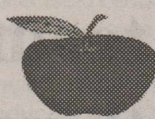


JH Lady Buffs hard at it

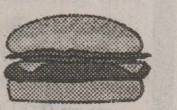
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Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu
February 2 - 6, 2015



	MONDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6
B R E A K F A S T	Chicken-n- Waffles Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	PBJ Sandwich Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	Biscuit Sausage Cereal Fruit Juice	Muffin Yogurt Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Fruit Juice Milk
L U N C H	BBQ Rib Sandwich Baked Potato Chips Broccoli bites Garden Salad Orange Smiles Milk	Salisbury Steak Brown gravy Mashed potatoes Green Beans Roll Diced Peas Milk	Crispy Tacos Spanish rice Garden Salad Charro Beans Salsa Cinnamon Applesauce Milk	Breaded Pork Chop Breadstick Garden Salad Carrot Coins Sliced peaches Chocolate Pudding Milk	Hot Dog Sweet potato fries Cucumber Dippers Fresh grapes Milk

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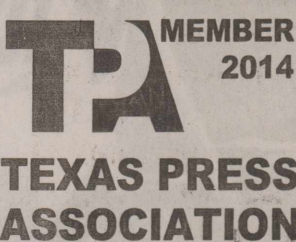
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Land Commissioner George P. Bush expands veteran benefits

Benefits now include low-interest land loans up to \$125,000

Texas veterans are now eligible for low-interest land loans up to \$125,000 - the maximum allowed by law. Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush increased the land loan limit in his first act as chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB). The previous land loan limit was \$100,000.

"Texas veterans have more than earned this benefit," said Bill McLemore, executive director of the VLB. "This will make it easier than ever for veterans to achieve the American Dream they fought and sacrificed so much for through their service."

Texas veteran benefits are already the best in the nation. To qualify for VLB benefits, veterans must be honorably discharged, have served at least 90 days on active duty and live in Texas.

Texas has always taken care of her veterans. In 1836, the Texas General Land Office was formed, in part, to make sure veterans of the Texas Revolution were given land rights they were promised in exchange for their role in liberating Texas. In 1946, the Texas Veterans Land Board was created to do the same for Texas veterans who helped to liberate the world. Today, the Texas Veterans Land Board serves more than 1.7 million Texas veterans of all ages.

The cornerstone of Texas

veteran benefits is the VLB's ability to offer below-market interest rate loans for land and home purchases, as well as for home improvements. The VLB operates eight Texas State Veterans Homes that serve more than a thousand veterans and their families needing long-term, high-quality care. The VLB also provides free burial of veterans with full military honors at Texas State Veterans Cemeteries in Abilene, Corpus Christi, Killeen and Mission.

"No other state can match what the VLB offers: low-cost home, land and home improvement loans; skilled nursing long-term care facilities and cemeteries - all exclusively for Texas veterans or their spouses," McLemore said. "Additionally all of our programs are self-funding, which is good news for Texas taxpayers."

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National Beef Checkoff - A Successful Grassroots Program

By: Richard Thorpe III, First Vice President, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

In 1985, the United States Congress passed the Farm Bill, which in-turn created the Beef Promotion and Research Act. Creation of this Act gave American beef producers the ability to create a mandatory "National Beef Checkoff" program if they so desired.

Producers from all sectors of the beef industry believed investing in the future and increasing demand for their product was essential. Therefore, these producers held a nationwide referendum, which passed overwhelmingly with 79 percent of producers voting in favor of making the Checkoff program mandatory.

When the Checkoff was enacted in 1985, I was just beginning my own cattle operation; nevertheless I knew the program was extremely important for the success of my new business.

Cattle raisers across the country asked for the program to be built on several key principles. They asked that all producers and importers pay the equivalent of one dollar per head each time a beef animal is sold. These funds are collected at the state level by each Qualified State Beef Council.

The Cattlemen's Beef Board, which consists of 103 beef producers, collects 50 cents of each dollar for national programs, and 50 cents is retained by the State Beef Councils. Each Beef Council has producers who sit on the board to determine how much should be invested in local, state and national programs.

Through the Checkoff, we have made great strides in promoting the beef industry. It has given us the resources to better promote high quality U.S. beef, increase demand in foreign countries and create product-enhancement and beef-safety research pro-

grams to address important safety and quality issues. It has allowed us to invest an average of \$4 million annually on beef-safety and product-technology research.

Further, the Checkoff has allowed the beef industry to invest more in important research relating to the nutritional value of beef. This reliable research proves that American cattle raisers produce one of the healthiest and most wholesome food products worldwide. It has also enabled producers to implement a national radio and print advertising campaign to deliver positive beef industry messages to consumers.

Additionally, the program has helped us identify successful management practices through Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) to strengthen consumer confidence in beef, and it has allowed us to introduce new products into the marketplace over the years. In fact, since 1996, more than 2,500 new beef products addressing consumer preferences reached the market.

You might notice that there is a trend with the way the National Beef Checkoff is set up. The program was invented, implemented and is overseen by producers. This bottom-up, grassroots approach is what has made the program a success.

Recently, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary, Tom Vilsack announced that he planned to implement a new Checkoff program under the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996 that would have turned the current program upside down, therefore making it run from a top-down approach.

Sec. Vilsack's proposal was developed by the federal government, and it would have given much more power to the Secretary of Agriculture by allowing the Secretary to appoint board members from the general pub-

lic with no vested interest in the cattle industry, such as groups like the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Additionally, Sec. Vilsack's proposal did not require importers to pay into the Checkoff, and it would have allowed up to 15 percent in administrative and functioning expenses.

Fortunately, in December of 2014, Congress passed an Omnibus Appropriations bill, which explicitly prevents the USDA from using any funds for a Checkoff program under the 1996 Act. Passage of the Omnibus provided enough leverage to make Sec. Vilsack abandon his plan. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) appreciates the efforts of many beef producers who reached out to their federal elected officials to voice their opposition to Sec. Vilsack's proposal.

The bottom line is this - grassroots producers have been the foundation of the National Beef Checkoff program since it was established in 1985. With an \$11.20 return on every dollar invested in the program, there is no denying it has been a tremendous success.

Nobody knows the beef industry better than the cattlemen and women across the country. We must continue investing in the future of our product so we can continue feeding the nation. I believe it is crucial that we always remember the key principles the National Beef Checkoff was founded on so we can make sure it remains a success for many years to come.

Richard Thorpe III is the owner and operator of Mesa T Ranch, headquartered in Winters, Texas. Thorpe currently serves as the First Vice President of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), and he became a TSCRA director in March 2006.

The Recipe Corner

Sausage Lasagna Rolls

Prep Time: 45 minutes Bake Time: 45 minutes

Ingredients:

- *12 lasagna noodles
* 1 pound bulk Italian sausage
* 2 jars (26 ounces each) Ragu Old World Style Traditional spaghetti sauce
* 1 carton (15 ounces) ricotta cheese
* 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided
* 3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
* 1 egg
* 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley or 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
* 2 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary or 3/4 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
* 2 teaspoons lemon juice
* 1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
* 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
* 1 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
* 1/2 teaspoon salt



Directions

- *Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook noodles according to package directions.
* Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce
* In a large bowl, combine ricotta, 1 cup mozzarella, 1/4 cup Parmesan, egg, parsley, rosemary, lemon juice, thyme, lemon peel, pepper and salt. Drain noodles. Spread 2 tablespoons cheese mixture on each noodle; carefully roll up.
* Spread 2/3 cups meat sauce into each of two greased 11x7 inch baking dishes. Place roll-ups seam side down over sauce. Top with remaining meat sauce. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses.

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

John William Fore (J.W.) was born on January 23, 1920 to John Franklin and Eula (Ellis) Fore in Pioneer, Texas. He attended all his school years there and graduated in 1937. As a boy J.W. played football, basketball and ran track. J.W. confides that he was better at basketball and track, as he never was a heavyweight. J.W. and several other students helped build the Pioneer Community Center which now houses the Pioneer Quilting Club. This building project was to teach students building skills and good work ethics. Shortly after graduation, J.W. joined the U.S. Army. He went to Camp Campbell in Kentucky for training and then from there to maneuvers at Camp Barkley in Abilene, Texas. He was shipped out of Camp Shanks in New York on a troop ship called the "Tasker H. Bliss" and landed in England. They stayed there two weeks and crossed the English Channel into France. Then they started the campaign. The troops fought from England into France, across Germany and into Austria, to the Bavarian Alps were J.W. and his division were when the war ended in 1946.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It was terrible what the Germans did to the Jews. They burned all their books churches, (left one Catholic church in Germany). Went to Flossman up in the Mountains and

got Jews released there. They had been captured and held in Concentration camps. We walked in snow up to our neck. The guards (a part of the super human race) were about 6'4" to 5' and weighed 240-250 lbs.

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

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

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

Hospitalizations: Broke leg/ France Frozen Feet and legs/ consumption. Came to Atwell Community in 1976. Lived in Callahan County on Route 4 just after the schools consolidated. My wife, Dorothy Juance Halcombe died in 1996 and is buried in the a Atwell Cemetery. Currently Live in Cross Plains.

DPS Border Security Trends

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature has requested that the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) provide a publicly releasable summary of border incidents and a data report related to historical trends of crime along the Texas-Mexico border as well as current criminal activity in the Operation Strong Safety (OSS) area of operation. To that end, DPS has developed a *Texas Border Security Dashboard* and a *Summary of Significant Border Incidents* — both of which are unclassified and will be updated periodically.

At the direction of Texas leadership, DPS began conducting OSS on June 23, 2014, with partner agencies in a combined local, state, and federal law enforcement effort to combat the Mexican Cartels and other criminal elements operating along the Texas-Mexico border. During OSS, DPS continues to conduct around-the-clock land, air and maritime saturation patrols in coordination with law enforcement partners in the region to deter, detect and disrupt drug and human trafficking, and other related criminal activity. The Texas National Guard, at the direction of Gov. Rick Perry, has also deployed to the border and is supporting the mission of OSS.

"The goal of this data-driven, multi-agency operation in high-threat areas for a sustained period of time is to deny Mexican cartels and their associates the ability to move drugs and people into Texas between the ports of

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of:

Electing three (3) Full term Council Members for two year terms

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

City Hall: 201 S. Main: Cross Plains, Texas

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 27, 2015

and ending on May 5, 2015.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

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(Address)

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(City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2015

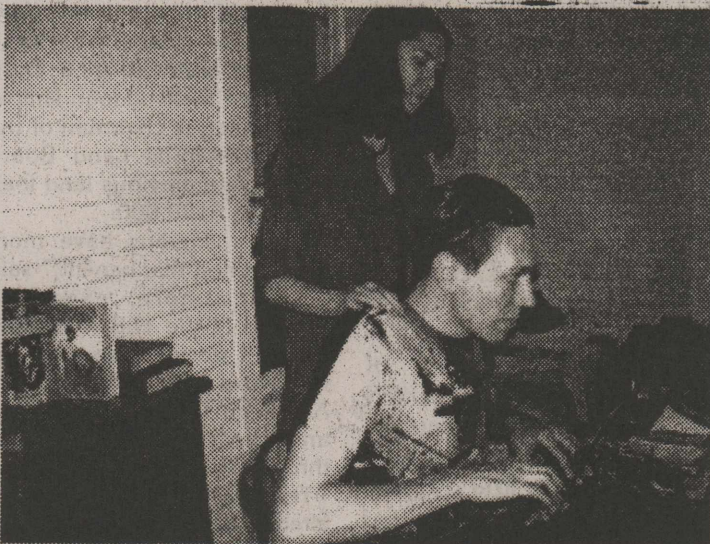
Additional early voting will be held as follows:

Location	Date	Hours
City Hall, 201 S. Main, Cross Plains, Tx	May 4, 2015	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, 201 S. Main, Cross Plains, TX	May 5, 2015	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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BUFFALOS Library Offers Children Programs

Cross Plains Public Library "Learn About..." Program is a structured readiness program for preschool children ages 3-5 every Wednesday Morning from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. November through April. There will also be a Lapsit program available at the same time for children under the age of 3. A parent must accompany the child for this program.



Melayna Morio and Nathan Andren Visit REH Museum

New Year brings Museum visitors

The first visitors of the new year at the REH Museum came from Detroit, MI by way of Houston and Austin, TX. On a brief vacation from the icy regions up north, Nathan Andren and Melayna Morio had made a day trip to Cross Plains from Austin. A pleasant and delicious lunch at Jean's was followed by a visit to the library where the visitors were surprised to see all the Howard resources housed there. From there, it was on to the Museum where they were again totally surprised at the displays that share the whole Howard story.

Owning and operating the Detroit Loves You Bed & Breakfast gives Nathan some time to pursue his Howard hobby. His beautiful B&B is in a stately old home located near the heart of Detroit and attracts many conventioners, family reunions and business retreats.

Melayna is a volunteer coordinator for a hospice program; working mostly with the bereavement part of healing; children's camps, group meetings, one on one counseling, etc. She had gotten involved in the program before she discovered that she could actually get a degree in the hospice field.

The couple launched a new year of visitors with a diverse range of backgrounds and employment. We have never had an owner of a B&B or a hospice coordinator...everyday, a new adventure at the Museum.

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Gifted Education Nominations Requested

Cross Plains ISD conducts a program for students who exhibit above average potential in general intellectual ability and/or specific subject aptitude. This education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum. *The Cross Plains Parent Handbook for Gifted Education* is available to anyone who requests one and can be obtained at a campus office. The District is accepting nominations for this program at this time. Anyone wishing to nominate a student is encouraged

to come by the appropriate campus office and complete the necessary forms.

Nominations for student in grades K-6 will be taken in the Elementary office. **Nominations should be made before February 23, 2015.**

Students who are nominated will go through a screening procedure which requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be given a parent handbook and will be requested to grant permission for this testing.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Our dear, sweet Gilbert is near the end of his journey. He has struggled with liver disease and breathing problems for many years. Gilbert has been coming to Cottonwood and Cross Plains since 1993, when he and Teri would come up from Houston to go to the Cottonwood Musicals, the Historical Assn. Meetings, and to fix things around our place. Gilbert loved this area and for years told Teri that they should get out of the city and move up here.

In 2008 that happened. He has loved every minute of living in the Cross Plains - Cottonwood area. Gilbert helped with many fundraisers and dinners for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group. Please say a prayer for my daughter Teri as she deals with the most difficult challenge of her life.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group had a good turn-

out for their Annual Fish Fry and Musical on Friday night. The Fish Fry's started back in 2009 when the group was raising money to build the firehouse.

New board members for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group are: Carlile Albrecht, Forest Creamer, Dennis Hinkle and Eric Woodard. These gentlemen will join the existing board members: Roger Hinkle, Roy Boyd and Bob Ossowski in steering the organization.

Officers for the Fire Control Group were elected this past Monday night. Roy Boyd was re-elected Chairman of the Board, with Bob Ossowski named Secretary and Sheila Allen named Treasurer. Adrian Allen is the Fire Chief with Roger Hinkle Assistant Fire Chief.

We are proud to have the Fire Control Group in our community and wish them continued success in the coming year.

Master Gardener training class offered in Abilene

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County is now taking applications for its next Master Gardener volunteer training class.

"Master Gardener volunteer training is conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents for adults interested in gardening, horticulture and related topics," said Robert Pritz, CEA.

Pritz, who administers the program, said the majority of classes will be conducted on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. with two Tuesday and two Saturday classes as well. Most classes are conducted at the extension office conference room with some field trips included.

Master Gardener classes will address topics ranging from plant growth and development to plant diseases, insects, soils, basic landscaping and garden design.

Those completing classroom training and passing the final exam will be required to com-

plete a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service within a one-year of training graduation.

Individuals completing the training become certified Master Gardeners, assisting Extension through community education in horticulture.

"Acceptance to the class is based on the person's willingness to volunteer. Master Gardeners support the community by providing information and advice on gardening and landscaping, providing technical assistance and being involved in a variety of horticulture-related community service projects," Pritz said.

Class size is limited to 20 individuals; deadline for application submission is February 1, 2015. The fee for the training is \$150.00 to cover cost of training materials and to offset travel expenses of specialist instructors. This fee is payable upon acceptance into the program.

Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 3.1% in December

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Nov.	Dec.
	3.4%	3.1%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped three-tenths of one percent to 3.1% in December 2014, according to jobless figures released Friday, January 23rd by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in December 2013 was 4.1 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.6% in October, 2014.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.6% in October 2014, 3.9% in September, 4.1% in August, 4.1% in July, 4.1% in June, 3.6% in May, 3.4% in April, 4.0% in March, 4.3% in February, and 4.2% in January 2014 according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for December 2014 include: Brown, 3.5%; Coleman, 3.8%; Eastland, 3.6%; Jones, 3.9%; Runnels, 3.6%; Shackelford, 1.8%; Stephens, 3.5%; and Taylor County, 3.1%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.2% in December, 2014, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 82,700. There were 80,000 employed during December 2014, while 2,700 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.2%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 83,200 in November, 2014. Total employment of 80,200 was reported in November 2014, while 3,000, or 3.6% were unemployed in November 2014.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for December, 2013 was 4.4%. The total workforce was reported at 84,400, with 80,700 employed and 3,700 or 4.4% unemployed in December, 2013.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of December, 2014 was 4.1 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,005,500 in December 2014. The total number of Texans employed is 12,466,800. The total number of unemployed Texans was 538,700 in December 2014.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in November 2014. The state's unemployment rate in December of 2013 was 5.6 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for December, 2014 was 5.4 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of November, 2014 was 5.5%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in December, 2013 was 6.5%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The December unemployment rate fell by five-tenths of a percentage point to 4.1 percent. This was the largest December rate decline since 1987. Texas has not seen a rate this low since April 2008. The drop in the unemployment rate was typical for December due in part to the holiday season. Over the past three months, the rate experienced an average drop of 0.3 percentage points and has fallen 1.7 percentage points since January 2014. The Texas unemployment rate remained below the national unemployment rate of 5.4 percent, which decreased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month.

The Civilian Labor Force decreased by 63,300 individuals over the month to a total of 13,005,500 Texans. This was the fourth month in which the Civilian Labor Force has declined

this year. Over the year, the Texas labor force has shown a growth rate of 1.1 percent, or 141,300 persons.

The number of employed Texans grew by 2,500 people over the month to a total of 12,466,800 individuals. This was the largest number of jobholders recorded since the beginning of the series.

The number of working Texans has expanded by 391,900 individuals since January. The number of Texans seeking work was 538,700 individuals, a decrease of 65,800 persons over the month. This was the lowest number of jobseekers since May 2008. The number of Texans seeking work has declined by 183,800 persons over the year.

The unemployment rate dropped in all 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), with the Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood and the El Paso MSAs each showing a 0.7 percentage point decrease, the largest decline of any MSA. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA had the highest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent, while the Midland MSA had the lowest at 2.1 percent.

The number of individuals continuing to seek unemployment insurance benefits increased in December by 3,400 persons to reach a total of 105,300 Texans. Over the year, the number of people receiving unemployment insurance benefits dropped by 18,700 individuals. Within the MSAs, 13 areas experienced an increase in unemployment claim activity, while 12 declined. The Odessa MSA posted the largest increase in claim activity with a gain of 49.3 percent, while the Wichita Falls MSA had the largest drop in claim activity with a decrease of 9.7 percent.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Manufacturer to Add Jobs, Campus

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Chronicle)—Daikin Industries, a manufacturer of heating, cooling, and refrigerant products, is expanding in the Houston area, spending \$417 million on a new campus and adding 2,800 to its local workforce. The campus, to be built in northwest Harris County, will be home to about 4,000 people. That will include about 800 new jobs, employees transferred from out-of-state facilities and those already working locally for the corporation's Goodman Manufacturing Company.

"This is a big expansion, vote of confidence, in the U.S. market and of Goodman," said Sam Birkman, senior vice president of global supply chain for Goodman. The campus is projected to be up and running by mid-2016. It will consolidate a variety of Houston's Goodman facilities: two manufacturing plants that make furnaces and air-conditioning units for residential and light commercial installations, an engineering center, and a series of logistics buildings.

Manufacturer to Locate Jobs in Central Texas

SAN MARCOS, TX (Austin American-Statesman)—A new economic development incentive agreement is expected to bring at least 350 new jobs to San Marcos over the next 10 years. United Weld Operations, LLC, will be situated in San Marcos. City staff members and the Greater San Marcos Partnership worked with the company to broker the agreement. Company officials will hire 350 full-time employees by

December 2019. Operations are expected to begin in March or April, according to representatives of United Weld Operations.

"The City Council is very excited that the city of San Marcos was able to attract a company that will bring such a large number of new employees to the San Marcos area," said Mayor Daniel Guerrero. The company's facility will be in the former Butler Manufacturing building on north I-35 that has been vacant for about a year. The company will manufacture energy services products.

Distribution Center locates to Alamo Area

SAN ANTONIO, TX (Wright Review: Texas Business Report)—Dollar General Corporation is building a 900,000-square-foot distribution center in San Antonio that is expected to employ 530 people. The center will serve more than 1,000 stores in Texas and the surrounding region. Dollar General will begin hiring people this summer and operations are scheduled to begin in October. The distribution center will be built on 110 acres of land at South Foster Industrial Park located in eastern Bexar County. This will be the 13th facility in the retailer's distribution network. Dollar General Corporation is based in Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

Yard House Opens in Addison

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—California-based Yard House just opened a restaurant and public house that's expected to have 200 people serving as bartenders, servers, hostesses, prep and line cooks, and in front-of-the-house positions. The eatery occupies 13,000 square feet and seats more than 300 guests inside and 96 outside. The site includes a glass-enclosed keg room that contains 5,000 gallons of beer at a time, including 24 Texas brews. The company has more than 50 locations across the nation with Texas locations in Houston and San Antonio.



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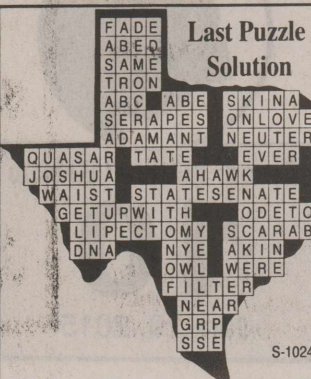
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Senator Perry files bill to preserve 'Rainy Day fund'

LUBBOCK, TX—Today, Tuesday, January 6th, Senator Charles Perry filed SJR 19 requiring that a minimum balance equal to 5% of general revenue must remain in the Economic Stabilization Fund more commonly known as the "Rainy Day Fund" (RDF) at all times.

Under Perry's legislation, the minimum balance for the 2014-15 biennium would have been \$4.81 billion.

"The Rainy Day Fund is primarily funded by revenue from oil and natural gas production," said Senator Charles Perry. "The amount deposited into the fund is much lower at \$50 per barrel than at \$100 per barrel. We need to be cognizant of that and ensure that we have savings in the fund when we truly need it."

Perry has long been an advocate for preserving the RDF, filing the same Constitutional Amendment in the House last Session.

SJR 19 requires a 4/5 vote for any appropriations from the RDF that would cause the balance to fall below the 5% threshold. This procedure would ensure that a higher threshold than the current 2/3rds vote should be met

in order to use the money available in cases of emergency or natural disaster.

This legislation not only ensures we have money in the fund when we need it, but it is a protection of the state's AAA bond rating.

"I am proud of our budget writers for prioritizing the RDF and setting a floor of \$7 billion," continued Perry. "My legislation simply puts in place a floor to ensure that in the future we do not get overzealous in spending from our savings account."

This legislation is the latest in a series of fiscal responsibility bills authored by Perry. In addition to proposing a floor to the RDF, Perry has proposed limiting increases in our budget to population growth plus inflation, enacting zero-based budgeting for state agencies, eliminating diversions from transportation, and phasing out our state's cumbersome franchise tax.

If you have any questions or comments about this bill or any of Senator Perry's legislative agenda, please feel free to contact Travis McCormick at 512-463-0128 or Travis.McCormick@senate.state.tx.us.

Grand Ole Oplin January Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin hopes everyone survived the Holidays and all the nasty weather. Now it's time for an evening of dancing and enjoying both family and friends. Come out on Jan. 30th MUDDY CREEK will be returning playing some more of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by The Grand Ole Oplin Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M.

2926. Admission to our Friday night dances is only \$5.00 per person. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break.

So gather the family and call all of your friends and come out to The Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music and a real good time.

Callahan Co. Library news

A couple of new books at the Callahan County Library are: **Gray Mountain** by John Grisham and **The Escape** by David Baldacci.

Another TexShare Database is: **American Indian Histories and Cultures** is a unique resource that makes available, for the first time, many rare and significant documents from the Edward E. Ayer Collection at the Newberry Library, Chicago; one of the strongest archival collections on American Indian history in the world.

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From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, May 6, 1882
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Letters from Hubbard Timbers Hubbard Timbers, May 2, 1882. Ed. Clarendon—It is with pleasure that I give you a few dots of the doings in these parts.

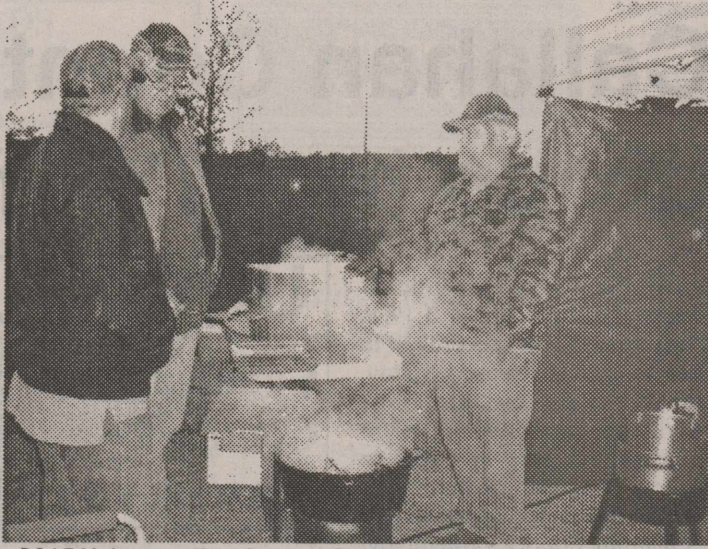
It is quite a pleasant neighborhood add all of our people are imbued with the great principles of brotherly love and neighborly kindness. Although I have become acquainted with but a few of the people I find to be sociable and kind.

I had the pleasure of accepting an invitation to attend a May-Day picnic, yesterday, down on the Pecan Bayou. I enjoyed the occasion very much in common with others. There was plenty of fish and "grub" of all kinds. The following named gentlemen were kind enough to go down on the Bayou the night before and camp

and catch fish for the "fry" before the crowd gathered on the spot. Drew Crutchfield, Jesse Candler, Eddie Paylor, Frank Smith and J.T. Walker. The above gentlemen had good success in capturing a good portion of the finny tribe—about fifth pounds of fine fish were caught. Your correspondent in company with Messrs. Justin Cook and George Wood and their interesting families at a seasonable hour wended our way across the broad expanse of prairie to the Pecan Bayou, there to enjoy a feast upon fish and other good things together with the festivities of the occasion. Arriving there, we found the spot dotted with people. Not long after our arrival your correspondent together with others were busily engaged in preparing the culinary department of our picnic. Promptly at one o'clock dinner was announced and all partook of a bountiful repast prepared by the ladies of the "timber". More than "twelve baskets of fragments" were gathered and filled—the people I mean. The ladies make everything a success they undertake and especially will it be so with such ladies as Mrs. Justin Cook and Mrs. Jno. M. King to assist in its preparation. The picnic was followed up by a pleasant dance at the residence of Mr. John Couch, at night, where the "wee sma'" hours were whiled away to the sound of sweet music and the "trip of the light fantastic toe".

The Hubbard Timbers is not behind the times, for its neighborhood is composed of as good people as are to be found on God's green earth. May they live long to enjoy a full fruition of happiness. More anon.

Believe me, Mr. Editor, your most obedient,
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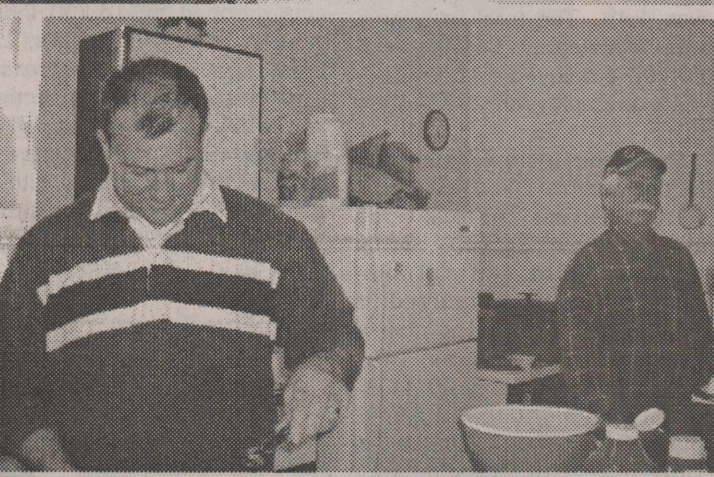
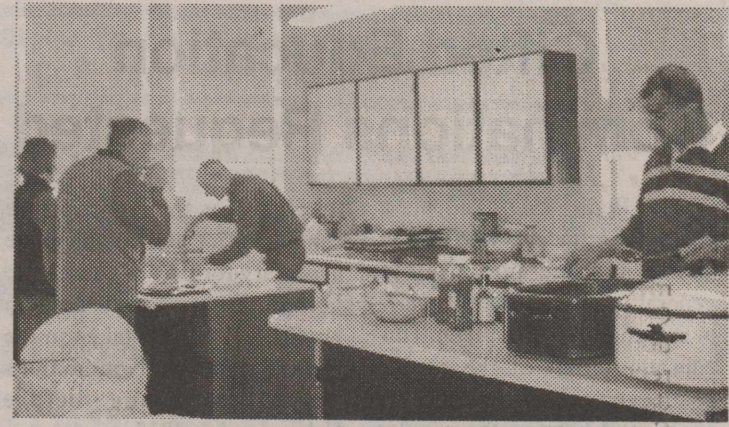
2015 Volunteer Fire Control Group Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser.

Your Support is Appreciated by the CVFCG and the Cottonwood Historical Association for a successful fundraiser

Just like when they are called to a fire, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group went into action at their annual fish fry fundraiser. They did a fantastic job with cooking and serving the meal. Now some of them may have been out of their comfort zone with spoons and spatulas in their hands instead of a fire hose, but one would have never guessed it. One father held his baby son and continued to serve the meal

so his wife and other sons could enjoy eating their food. It was definitely a family and friends time at the Cottonwood Community Center last Friday night with people enjoying the meal and the music.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group and The Cottonwood Historical Association want to thank everyone who came out to support the volunteer fire group and the community.



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

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

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

In addition to numerous vendors and representatives from local veterans' organizations, they will always have their unique version of the "Bob Hope USO

Tour" along with a meal prepared by the members and volunteers.

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

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

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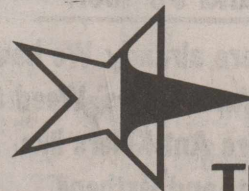
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Official Callahan County Historical Commission list approved by Commissioners

The Callahan County Commissioners approved the official member listing for the Callahan County Historical Commission during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, January 26th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the official member listing for the Callahan County Historical Commission.

Those Historical Commission members include: Lee Abernathy of Abilene, Sheila Barrow of Clyde, Virginia Beaird of Baird, Billy Beaird of Baird, Ex-Officio member Donna Bell of Baird, Bryan Bennett of Cross Plains, Ex-Officio member Roger Corn of Baird, Hubert Donaway of Putnam, Marlene Donaway of Putnam, Judy Luter of Cross Plains, Barbara Manion of Baird, Felix Manion of Baird, Emeritus member Susan McNeel of Cross Plains, Joanne Moomaw of Baird, Ted Moomaw of Baird, Bob Robinson of Cross Plains, Cookie Robinson of Cross Plains, Beverly Ross of Cross Plains, Elnora Scott of Clyde, Dana Voigts of Baird, Paula Windham of Clyde, Emeritus member Allen Wright of San Angelo, and Georgia Yawn of Abilene.

The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:35 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, County Treasurer Jan Windham and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

The minutes of the previous

commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

Under public comments, Judge Corn read a thank you card from the Louise Joy family.

Kim Wilder, Employee Benefits Consultant with the Texas Association of Counties, spoke to the court about health insurance benefits and the new laws affecting such. No action was taken.

Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to accept the appointed public members of the Salary Grievance Committee. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The following three members were appointed: Laya Perham of Baird, Judith Puryear of Baird, David Sessions of Clyde. On standby: John Windham of Baird, Jamie Saunders of Clyde, Velda Lee of Baird, and George Taff of Cross Plains.

Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker discussed with the commissioners' court a mobile home being held in trust for taxes and court costs due. The land the mobile home is sitting on is owned by Bill Faircloth. Mr. Faircloth would like to purchase the mobile home for all the costs and fees due. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept Mr. Faircloth's offer. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to accept the deputations of the following: Willis McMahan and Christopher Levens with the Sheriff's Office; Nancy Charlton, Nicole Crocker, and Sally McGregor with the County Clerk's Office; Susan Sain with the District Clerk's Office; and Dianne Gunter with

the Treasurer's Office.

After discussion, Commissioner Farmer made the motion to accept the Texas Historic Commission Grant for courthouse repairs—windows and electrical. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3-2. Commissioner Hicks and Commissioner Windham voted against the motion.

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

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:57 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioners apply for Criminal Justice Division Assistance grant

Callahan County Commissioners voted to apply for the Criminal Justice Division Assistance Grant during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, January 26th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to apply for the grant, while Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, The Callahan County Commissioners' Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Callahan County that the Criminal Justice Division Assistance Grant be operated for the FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, Callahan County Commissioners' Court agrees to provide reimbursable funding for the said project as required by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Callahan County Commissioners' Court agrees that in the event of loss or mis-

use of the Criminal Justice Division funds, Callahan County Commissioners' Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full.

WHEREAS, Callahan County Commissioners' Court designates Roger Corn, County Judge, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Callahan County Commissioners' Court approves submission of the grant application for the Criminal Justice Division Assistance Grant to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Signed by:
(s) Roger Corn
County Judge

Passed and approved this 26th day of January, 2015

Attest by:
(s) Donna Bell
County Clerk



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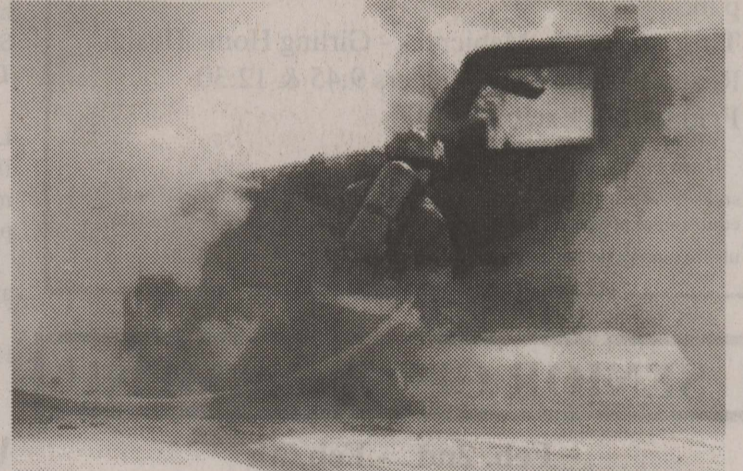
Volunteer Fire Fighter at the scene



CPV Fire Fighter checking for flames



Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Dept Truck at the scene of vehicle fire Tuesday



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CPV Fire Fighter extinguishing fire that had spread into vehicle cabin



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Callahan County Businesses reminded to render taxable property by April 15th

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Callahan County Appraisal District by April 15th, 2015.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property a person owned or controlled on Jan. 1st of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or agri-

culture producer's equipment used for farming, unless specifically requested from the Chief Appraiser.

The Appraisal District may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values as well as field inspections of businesses. You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the district of significant depreciation of your property. For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2015.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2015. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all a 10 percent penalty will be imposed, if a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50 percent penalty is mandated. Property owners

who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request for an extension with the chief appraiser on or before April 15, 2015 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day if it falls on a holiday or weekend.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact business personal property appraiser Susan Childers at the Callahan County Appraisal District, 132 W. 4th St., Baird, TX or by phone at 325/854-5865.

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Notice: More Facts on Cemetery Road Controversy

Thanks to HD Weaver for his letter to editor dated December 11, 2014. Titled "Public Funds Were Wasted in Coverup". His letter discloses little known facts about the Old Cottonwood Cemetery road controversy between the Cottonwood Historical Association and the Callahan County Commissioner Court.

The following details bring forward even more important facts. Elmore Street, now County Road 442, is the only access to the Old Cottonwood Cemetery and the recently acquired Texas Historical Commission Historical Cemetery Marker. The old Cottonwood Cemetery is still in use and requires access in all weather conditions. Elmore Street (CR 442), has been in use for over 60 years by my personal account and for longer according to others who have resided in Cottonwood prior to my time. It was also used daily by the property owners located to the east of the cemetery for entry and exit to their residence/property.

The deed records of the property owners to the south of the road show that the road joined their property boundary on the north. Their deed did not give any portion of their property for the creation Elmore Street now CR 442. The warranty deed of the property owners on the north side of the road, shows the road joining their property boundary on the south. Again no portion of their property was given to create Elmore Street/CR 442. Elmore Street, along with other city streets and alleys, was platted as part of the old township of Cottonwood in 1888 for public use and was not sold as part of any adjoining properties.

The Cottonwood Historical Association, at its own expense, hired a surveyor to locate and stake the road boundary lines. The survey stakes were located and marked. A

survey map of the road and adjoining properties was made and this document was sent to the Cottonwood Historical Association, and the law firm representing the association. The road survey does not show the adjoining properties to be part of the roadway. There are currently five platted city streets that have county road designated numbers and are shown on the county road map. They are: Center Street now County Road 429, Bent Street now County Road 444, Elmore Street now County Road 442, Main Street now County Road 446, and Elm Street now County Road 437.

In 2006, the following public notice appeared in local newspapers: Pursuant to article 258.002 (c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioner's Court of Callahan County, Texas, provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comments upon the adoption of a county road map including each road in which the county claims then continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing county road. The roads in which the county claims a public interest have been maintained for many years beginning sometime prior to 1981 and have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2005-06 Ad Valorem tax statement.

From the inspection of this notice, County Road 442 is listed as a road in which Callahan County claims the continued existence. From the Commissioner's Court meeting dated February 27, 2006, (filed in Vol. V, page 803, of Commissioner Court meetings), County Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve an order adopting a county road map, pursuant to Chapter 258, of the Texas Transportation Code. Commissioner Grider seconded the

motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Callahan County Road Index Vol. V, page 815 lists CR 442 as an existing county road. Other details of these proceedings are listed in Vol. V, pages 806, 807, & 808 in which it states that the Commissioner's Court did not receive any oral or written objections to the County Road Map.

Elmore Street formed the southern boundary of the old Cottonwood township plat. It intersected Cochran Street on the southwest boundary and proceeded east to the old cemetery frontage. Today it intersects Bent Street, now CR 444, and proceeds east to the old cemetery frontage. The road is shown on TX DOT maps, including those printed prior to 1981, indicating that it ends at the southeast corner of the old cemetery. No written documents excluding any portion of CR 442 are found to exist in the new road map file. The new county road map lists CR 442 as a continued county road. I was given this file by Judge Corn for inspection in his office on January 7, 2015.

Although all the written documents, the survey, a county road sign at the intersection of CR 429, and the local people's testimony stating that CR 442 still exists, and is vital to access of the old Cottonwood Cemetery and the Texas Historical Marker, the Commissioner's court continues to unanimously deny that CR 442 exists as a county road. The Court contends that this road is located on private property. The Cottonwood Historical Association members, and the general public that know the details and facts that surround the cemetery road controversy, remain frustrated about the Commissioner's Court's stand on the issue. We ask why the Commissioner's Court would spend over \$20,000 of our tax dollars to deny helping our

volunteer historical group (and others with similar road problems) to preserve the county's historical heritage. Instead the Commissioner's Court spends our tax dollars on a law firm 250 miles away.

Laws exist that state the commissioners court can lawfully spend money to help volunteer groups to preserve historical heritage in the county.

The state cemetery laws Section 713.028 allows Commissioner's Court to lawfully use public funds, county employees, and county equipment for the maintenance of cemeteries with graves more than 50 years old for the purpose of historical preservation.

We, the Cottonwood Historical Association, think this controversy has gone too far. The county judge and Commissioner's negative attitude and refusal to acknowledge the facts keeps this controversy growing.

I ask for your help on behalf of the Cottonwood Historical Association, and other cemetery associations in the county. With your help and support, we can put an end to the waste of tax dollars and historical groups money. These groups are funded by donations and fundraisers.

I urge you to let your elected county official know your thoughts on this controversy. The Callahan County Courthouse number is 325-854-5800. Or contact your appropriate County Commissioner.

I can be reached at 254-979-0673 to answer any questions or for any additional information on the controversy.

Your support on this issue is most appreciated by all.

Bob Robinson, Cottonwood Historical Association Board Member

Spring Planting is Near: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and Receive 10 Free Redbud Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Texas who joins the Foundation in February 2015 will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Redbuds will help beautify Texas for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Texas' existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for more than 35 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1st and May 31st, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2015, or visit arborday.org/february.

Health Tidbits: Stroke

A stroke is basically a "brain attack", similar to a heart attack. The blood vessels leading to the brain or within the brain either get blocked by a clot or burst. When this happens, part of the brain is deprived of blood and oxygen and starts to die. Strokes are the 5th leading cause of death in America, but they are usually more disabling than deadly.

There are several controllable risk factors for a stroke:

- High Blood Pressure
- Smoking
- Diabetes
- Carotid or other artery disease
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Transient Ischemic Stroke "mini strokes"
- Certain blood disorders i.e. (sickle cell anemia)
- High cholesterol
- Obesity
- Excessive alcohol
- Illegal drug use

Most of these can be controlled with diet, exercise, and/or medication. There are some uncontrollable risk factors as well. Such as:

- Family history
- Race: African Americans have a higher risk

- Age: greater than 55
- Sex: men have a higher risk
- Previous stroke
- Previous heart attack

To help identify a Stroke, remember F.A.S.T.

Face Drooping: Ask them to smile. Does one side droop?

Arm Weakness: Ask them to raise both arms. Does one drift downward? Is one weak or numb?

Speech Difficulty: Ask them to repeat a simple sentence, like "you know how", "down to earth". Is it repeated correctly? Are they unable to speak? Is speech slurred?

Time to Call 911: If they have any of these symptoms, even if they go away.

It is critical to get medical treatment right away if you believe someone is having a stroke. The treatment for stroke is based on time. The sooner it is started, the better chance at minimizing the damage there is.

For more information on strokes visit The American Stroke Association.

Submitted by: Buffy Tounget, RN Callahan County Home Health

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Feb. 2nd - Feb. 6th

Monday-2nd Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-3rd Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-4th Exercise 11:00/ Game night 6:00 p.m.

Thursday -5th Manicures - Girling Home Health Reading with the 3rd graders 9:45 & 12:30

Friday -6th Exercise 11:00

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Wednesday 4th - BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread Salad, Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

ASU Dean's List Released for 2014

Fall Semester

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the honor roll are listed by their hometowns:

- Cross Plains—Wilma G. Haskell.

Weight Warriors Journey onward in 2015

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

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

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

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

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

We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Come join us! And we will see less of you every meeting!!

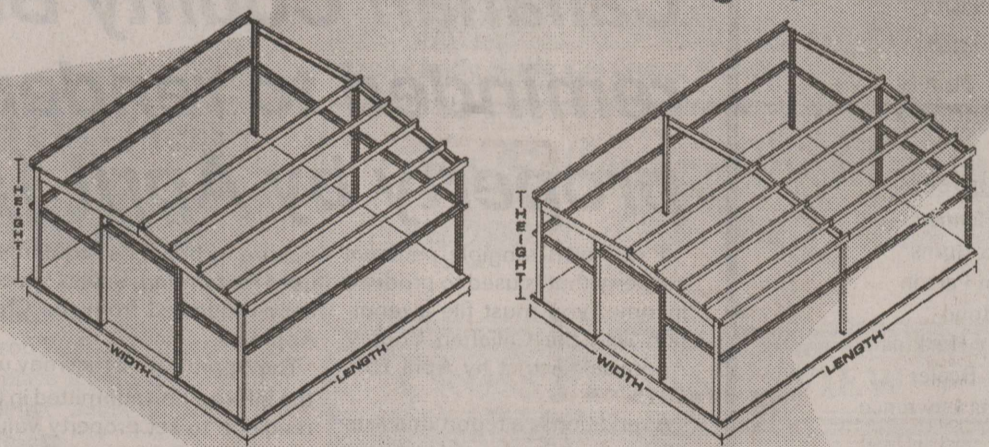
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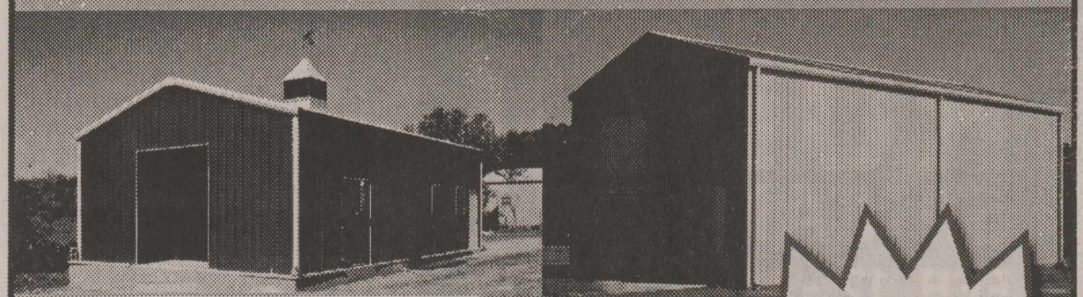
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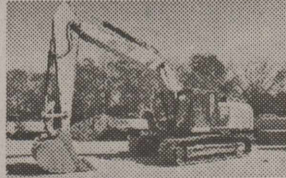
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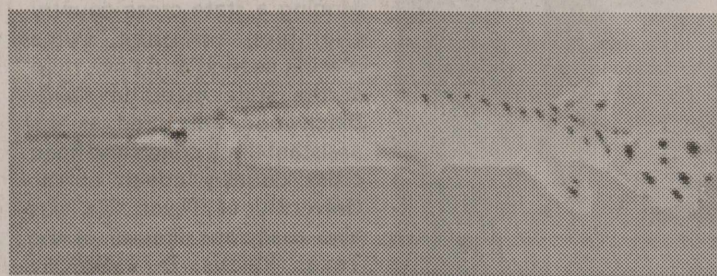
Longnose Gar

When it comes to aquatic animals such as fish, many people overlook the diversity that can be found right here in west Texas. When one thinks of a fish, it is usually a bass, or perch, or catfish that come to mind. However, there is a predator fish that resides in many of our recreational lakes that, while harmless to humans, achieves a large size and has a mouth that can pack a serious punch, and that species is the Longnose Gar.

The Longnose Gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*) is a large-sized species of freshwater fish that occurs in most bodies of water throughout this state. It typically resides in deeper bodies of water such as lakes and larger rivers, but it can also be observed, quite easily due to its large size, in shallow creeks, streams, and ponds as well. Outside of Texas, it can be seen throughout the eastern half of the United States with regularity.

Of the three species of gar belonging to this genus, the Longnose Gar is by far the largest variety, with adults reaching a maximum size of nearly six and one-half feet in total length and a weight of over eighty pounds. There is one other species of gar that lives in the eastern portions of Texas, the Alligator Gar, that is actually larger and much heavier, but that particular species belongs taxonomically to a different genus.

Longnose Gar are quite a dichotomy in its appearance as well. While the large size can be impressive, the coloration is really nothing exceptional. Most individuals have an olive or brown dorsal coloration; sometimes this area is flecked with large black blotches, particularly in younger animals. The underside is white. The body shape is rather cylindrical, and is covered with very large and hard scales. This cylindrical body shape allows for speed and quick turning, obvious benefits for a larger predator such as this. The dorsal fin, placed near midbody in most fish, is situated near the large, vertically flattened tail. The head is also elongated, and the massive jaws are filled with a single row of needle-like teeth on the top and the bottom jaws



Longnose Gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*)

alike.

These large, needle-like teeth are what this predator utilizes to capture its primary prey, other fish. Studies have shown that sunfish (commonly referred to as "perch") are apparently a preference, while catfish and other species, including smaller gar, are also feasted upon. To a much lesser degree, invertebrates such as crayfish are also consumed, especially by younger and smaller individuals.

The Longnose Gar is also quite long-lived, with many individuals living well into their late twenties. The longest lived individual on record was just shy of forty years in age. Given such longevity, adults reach sexual maturity much later in life than most other fish. Females may not be reproductively active until they are six years of age or more, while the males are capable of reproducing themselves as early as two years of age.

Larger females produce larger clutch sizes, and many females will produce clutch sizes in excess of 25,000 eggs or more. Generally during the spawning period, four to five males will congregate around one female,

and the nest cavity is built along the bottom of the water. Many times the nest cavity will be constructed where a smallmouth bass nest has been previously. The eggs are actually toxic to most other fish and generally take less than a week to hatch. Juveniles typically stay close to plant life associated with the shoreline, avoiding the open waters. Juveniles may be preyed upon by a variety of other fish, mammals, reptiles, and birds, but few predators will tangle with an adult gar.

Longnose Gar, as do all species of gar, have an air bladder that is conjoined to the pharynx. This conjoining allows this species to occasionally breathe oxygen almost like a terrestrial animal. Many a fisherman or outdoor enthusiast has been shocked to see a large fish rise to the surface and "gulp air". I believe that it is this behavior that has triggered the ongoing urban legends of "gators living in west Texas lakes and ponds."

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

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TWC Warns Texans to Be Aware of False Unemployment Benefits Websites

Filing for claims is always free, never through third-party

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) warns Texans' seeking unemployment benefits to be aware of third-party vendors offering assistance. Unemployment insurance (UI) claims should be filed through the TWC website or by phone, and never through a third-party.

Individuals in Texas have reported receiving emails soliciting personal information from a third-party vendor who is not affiliated with TWC called the Unemployment Advisory Department, with an email address support@us-benefits.org. Emails stated the claimant's initial benefits application was received, but not complete, and provided links to complete the filing process. TWC advises claimants to ignore these emails. TWC does not send these types of emails and would never require confidential information be shared with a third-party to obtain

unemployment benefits.

Claimants should be wary of online third-party UI benefits resource centers who usually charge a fee for providing advice and job services to applicants in the U.S. Websites typically request personal identifiers and credit card information that could be used for identity theft. These websites are not associated with TWC or any other state workforce agency.

In a related incident, one Texas claimant was asked to purchase a credit report and to get a health insurance quote before filing a claim. TWC does not require individuals to purchase anything or pay a fee to file for unemployment benefits. These websites are selling information and services provided for free by TWC and other state agencies.

Individuals having attempted to apply for UI benefits using a third-party website need to contact TWC at 800-939-6631

or 512-463-2236 to submit their claim.

Confidential information given to a third-party website could be used for identity theft. An online Identity Theft Information Guide from the Texas Department of Public Safety provides useful tips, if you believe you are a victim of identity theft.

TWC administers UI benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own and are actively seeking work. To file a claim or to find out more about unemployment benefits go to www.texasworkforce.org/unemploymentbenefits.

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HSU Hosts 2015 Guy Caldwell Western Heritage Lecture

The 2015 Guy Caldwell Western Heritage Lecture is slated for Friday, January 30 at 7:30pm in the Johnson Building Multipurpose Room on the Hardin-Simmons University campus. This is the tenth year for the lecture series, organized by Dr. Tiffany Fink, Professor of History at HSU.

This year's featured scholar, Dr. T. Lindsay Baker, will give a presentation entitled, "The 1927 Stanton Frame-up and Other Aspects of Crime in 1920s Texas History." Dr. Baker will share expertise on the history of crime in the State, with a focus on the 1927 bank robbery at Stanton, Texas, which occurred northeast of Midland, about 120 miles west of Abilene. Part of Dr. Baker's lecture will address the Dead Bank Robbers Program, a controversial action endorsed by the Texas Bankers Association in light of the high incidence of Texas bank robberies at that time. In fact, events of the era reached such

stifling levels that historians refer to the period as the "Golden Age of Crime."

T. Lindsay Baker has written over twenty academic books on the history of Texas and the American West and speaks to audiences all across Texas, the United States, and overseas.

Not only a noted scholar and teacher, but also a popular radio personality, Dr. Baker hosts the program "T for Texas," which airs weekly on KTRL 90.5 in the Stephenville area. Dr. Baker shares stories about Texas history, earning him the designation, "premier yarn spinner and consummate historian" by the Southwestern Historical Quarterly.

The Guy Caldwell Western Heritage Lecture Series began in 2006 in order to promote and preserve the western legacy so closely tied to Hardin-Simmons University, the Abilene area and West Texas. The series is funded by the Guy Caldwell Endowment.

Guy and Jeanette Caldwell, both HSU alums, remained active with Hardin-Simmons University and the Abilene community as well as the Albany community where they ran a 25,000 acre ranch and farm for many years. Both Guy and Jeanette served in church and civic leadership positions in the Abilene community as well as worked diligently to support their alma mater.

The objective of the Guy Caldwell Western Heritage Lecture is to promote the legacy that Guy Caldwell left to Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, and West Texas. It is our goal to continue to preserve the western heritage of HSU, Abilene and West Texas.

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ACROSS

- TX Buddy Holly's "Not ___ Away"
- TXism: "hot as ___ of mesquite coals"
- TX Ray Price sang "The ___ Old Me"
- Walt Disney 1982 sci-fi film
- network where TX Farrah was an Angel
- Vigoda of 1994 film "North" with SMU grad Kathy Bates
- TXism: "there's more than one way to ___ cat"
- Mexican shawls
- TX Ginger Rogers film: "Don't Bet ___"
- unshakable
- fix a pet
- astronomical body emitting vast energy
- this TX-born Sharon was killed by the Manson Family
- TX Kenny sang duet "I ___ Fall in Love Again" in Johnson Co. on hwy. 174
- TXism: "watching him like ___ midriff"
- there's 31 members of this TX government body (2 wds.)
- TXism: "___ the chickens" (rise early)
- TX Robby Benson 1976 film: "___ Billy Joe"
- removal of fat
- TXns call it a beetle
- scientific evidence
- TX poet Naomi Shihab
- TXism: "___ to" (similar)
- Rice mascot, Sammy
- TXism: "___ seein' eye to eye" (agree)
- AC needs one
- eastern time (abbr.)
- Neil to TX George H. W. Bush
- TXism for "scary" (2 wds.)
- "Foat Wuth, ___ Yaw"
- short written message
- state or assert
- medical or music group (abbr.)
- where JFK was taken in Parkland on 11/22/1963 (abbr.)
- noted record producer and music composer, Quincy (init.)
- "Cowboy" school, aka UW
- new actors often have trouble getting ___ card
- TX Ranger badge, e.g.
- capital city
- TXism: "careless about which horse ___ saddles" (thief)
- TXism: "drunk ___ a skunk"
- TX Ginger Rogers 1937 film: "Shall ___ Dance"
- former conf. of TX universities (abbr.)
- "___ for tat"
- "hit me like ___ bricks"
- famous TX oil firefighter "Red"
- lead alloy coating
- arrival guess (abbr.)
- exercise in school (abbr.)
- ___/GYN doctor
- football rooters
- woodcutter?
- redneck tool kit: baling wire and duct ___

DOWN

- TXism: "___ rafter" (quick)
- TXism: "couldn't see through ___ wire fence" (poor eyesight)
- name of newspaper in Weatherford
- in Concho Co. on hwy. 83
- ___ on the back"
- TX Gary Morris also sang "Beaches" hit
- "Wind ___"



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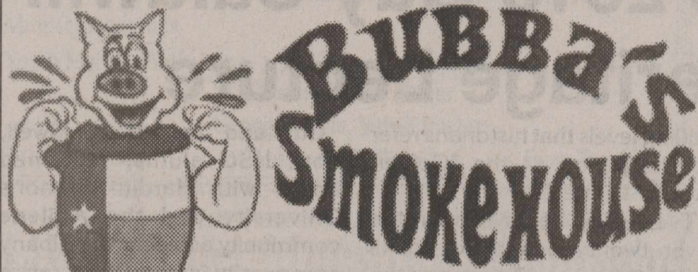
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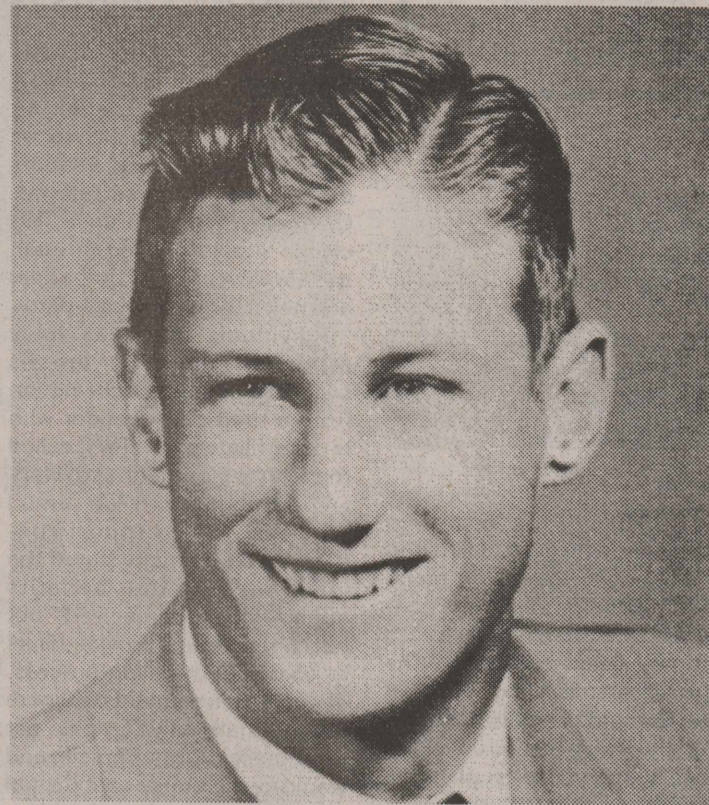
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Clyde High School great Jim Taylor named to Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame posthumously



JIM TAYLOR IN THE 1952 KENNEL (CLYDE YEARBOOK).

Colt McCoy headlines Class of 2015 in the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame

Former University of Texas and current NFL quarterback Colt McCoy, one of the most decorated athletes to ever come out of the Big Country, headlines the Class of 2015 in the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame.

The annual Hall of Fame banquet is set for Monday, May 4 at the Abilene Civic Center. Tickets for the banquet will go on sale in February. For more information, call (325) 668-3685. Twelve \$750 college scholarships will also be awarded at the banquet to graduating student-athletes from the 19 counties in the Big Country.

Joining McCoy as the newest Hall of Fame inductees are Abilene High graduate and long-time high school and college track coach James Blackwood; former Abilene Cooper tennis coach Leanne Scott, who guided the Cougars to three consecutive state team tennis championships; former Cooper basketball standout

Tom Stanton, who later played basketball at Baylor and served as athletic director at Baylor; and Phil Swenson, a Lueders native who won two state track championships and 447 basketball games in 36 years as a high school girls basketball and track coach. Inducted posthumously will be former Baylor and NFL football player Jim Taylor from Clyde.

The Legacy Award recipient will be the Dr. Frank Payne family from Breckenridge. The late Dr. Payne Sr., played football at SMU and served as the Breckenridge Buckaroos team doctor for more than 30 years. All four sons - Frank Jr., Larry, Ronny and Jimmy - played on the great Breckenridge teams of the 1940s and 1950s. Frank Jr. played football at SMU and Larry and Ronny played football at the University of Oklahoma.

For the second year, the Big Country Hall of Fame will also recognize two Legend Award recipients, honoring those who competed before 1950. The late Lew Jenkins grew up in Sweetwater and won the world lightweight boxing championship in 1940. The other Legend Award winner, the late Faye Langford, had a varied career, including competing in the javelin in the AAU national championships, playing baseball in 1942 for the Rockford Peaches that was chronicled in the movie "A League of Their Own" and coaching a high school girls basketball team to a state championship in Borger.

Here is a brief look at the careers of this year's Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2015

In high school, Colt McCoy led Jim Ned to the Class 2A state championship in football and the state tournament in basketball. He threw for 9,344 yards and 116 touchdowns at Jim Ned and is the all-time leading passer in Texas Class 2A history. He concluded his career at the fourth leading passer in Texas high school history. He then went to the University of Texas, where he was a four-year starter from 2006 to 2009, winning the 2008 Walter Camp Award. He was the 2008 Heisman Trophy runner-up and a 2009 Heisman finalist. He is second all-time in games won by a NCAA Division I quarterback. In his senior year at UT, he won 13 of the top 15 major college awards, including quarterback of the year, offensive player of the year and outstanding football player. He led the Longhorns to the BCS national championship game as a senior. McCoy was drafted in the third round by the Cleveland Browns in the 2010 NFL Draft. He has spent the last five seasons in the NFL with the Browns, San Francisco 49ers and Washington Redskins.

James Blackwood was a member of Abilene High's 1959 state championship track team. He won the district and regional championships in the 880 and placed second in the state meet and ran on the mile relay. He received a track scholarship from Abilene Christian and ran on the Wildcats' distance medley relay team that was ranked second in the world in 1961. He

began a 44-year coaching career in 1964 at Mann Junior High in Abilene in 1964. He coached in high school at Corpus Christi Ray, Corpus Christi King and Richardson, winning a state cross country championship once, twice placing second and once third at the state meet. In 1972, Blackwood was hired as the assistant track coach and head cross country coach at the University of Texas. He was also associate director of the Texas Relays. In 1985, he became the recruiting coordinator for the Texas Longhorns football team. He later worked for the Houston Astros in their front office and served as head cross country coach at Southern Mississippi before returning to Texas as the head cross country coach and women's track coach at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He remained there until his retirement. He helped the Longhorns win 13 Southwest Conference titles and 10 top-10 finishes at the NCAA meet. At UTSA, he produced 30 Southland Conference winners and 70 all-conference selections. In all, he coached 17 Olympians.

Leanne Scott coached tennis for 20 years at Cooper. She led the Cougars to three straight Class 5A state team tennis titles. During her career at Cooper, her teams were ranked No. 1 in the state three years in a row, No. 2 in the state three other years and always ranked in the top five in the state. Her Cooper teams won the district title 17 of her 20 years as head coach.

Tom Stanton is a member of the Hall of Honor at Cooper High School where he played basketball and baseball and set the school record with 50 points in a game. He earned five varsity letters at Baylor, three in basketball and two in baseball. After a 23-year executive management career, Stanton became the first Baylor letterman to serve as athletic director at his alma mater. During his eight years as the Baylor athletic director, he hired coaches that won four national championships and 53 Big 12 titles in seven different sports. He also began the facilities renovation and fundraising strategy for Baylor as it entered the Big 12 Conference. He is a member of the Baylor Hall of Fame and is currently president and CEO of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame Foundation, where he was responsible for the fundraising effort to build the Southwest Conference wing of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame museum in Waco.

Phil Swenson is a graduate of Lueders and McMurry University. He spent 36 years coaching girls basketball and track at Iraan, Wink, Garden City, Hamlin, Winters and Roscoe. He is a member of the Texas Girls Coaches Association Hall of Fame. As a track coach, his teams won two state championships and numerous district and regional titles. He won 447 basketball games and guided his teams to numerous district championships and several regional tournament appearances.

Jim Taylor, a three-sport star in high school at Clyde where he graduated in 1952, will be inducted posthumously. He was a three-starter at center and linebacker at Baylor. The Pittsburgh Steelers selected him in the third round of the 1956 NFL draft. He played one year for the Steelers, two seasons for the Chicago Cardinals and two years for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the

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JIM TAYLOR suited up for football pictured in the 1952 Kennel (Clyde Yearbook).

Canadian Football League before an injury ended his career. He played in the Grey Cup, the CFL's version of the Super Bowl. He then coached high school football in Littlefield, Rio Hondo, San Benito and Woodson.

The Legacy Award winner is the Dr. Frank Payne family of Breckenridge. The late Dr. Payne was a three-year letterman in football at SMU, winning a Southwest Conference championship in 1923. He then spent more than 30 years as the team doctor for the Breckenridge Buckaroos. His four sons were all three-year lettermen at Breckenridge. Each won district championships every year and played in state championship games. All four played college football, too. Dr. Frank Payne Jr. of Dallas played at SMU from 1946 through 1949, helping the Mustangs win two SWC championships. He played in the 1948 and 1949 Cotton Bowl games. The late Jimmy Payne played junior college football at Tarleton State and Cisco Junior College and spent 20 years as a high school football coach in Odessa and Corsicana. He retired as superintendent at Ozona. Jerry Payne of Hereford and Ronny Payne of Breckenridge both played football at Oklahoma University. Jerry was a three-year letterman, winning three Big Eight Conference titles and playing in two Orange Bowl games. Ronny was a three-year starter at OU and was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1962. He played and coached for the Calgary Stampeders in the Canadian Football League for nine years.

Legend honoree Lew Jenkins was born near Brownwood and grew up in Sweetwater. He captured the world lightweight boxing championship in 1940. He won 74 bouts, 52 by knockouts and was named by Ring magazine as one of the top 100 punchers of all time. He was involved in the D-Day invasion in World War II and received the Silver Star.

Faye Langford of Breckenridge, the other Legend Award winner, was an AAU national champion in the javelin. She not only played baseball with the Rockford Peaches in the All-American Women's Professional Baseball League but she also toured California with her good friend Babe Didrikson Zaharias, playing for a Class D men's baseball team. She coached the Borger High School girls basketball team to a 96-23 record from 1938 to 1942, and won a High School Girls Basketball League of Texas state championship in 1942, leading Borger to a 32-1 record.

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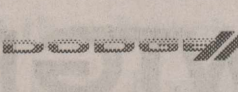
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