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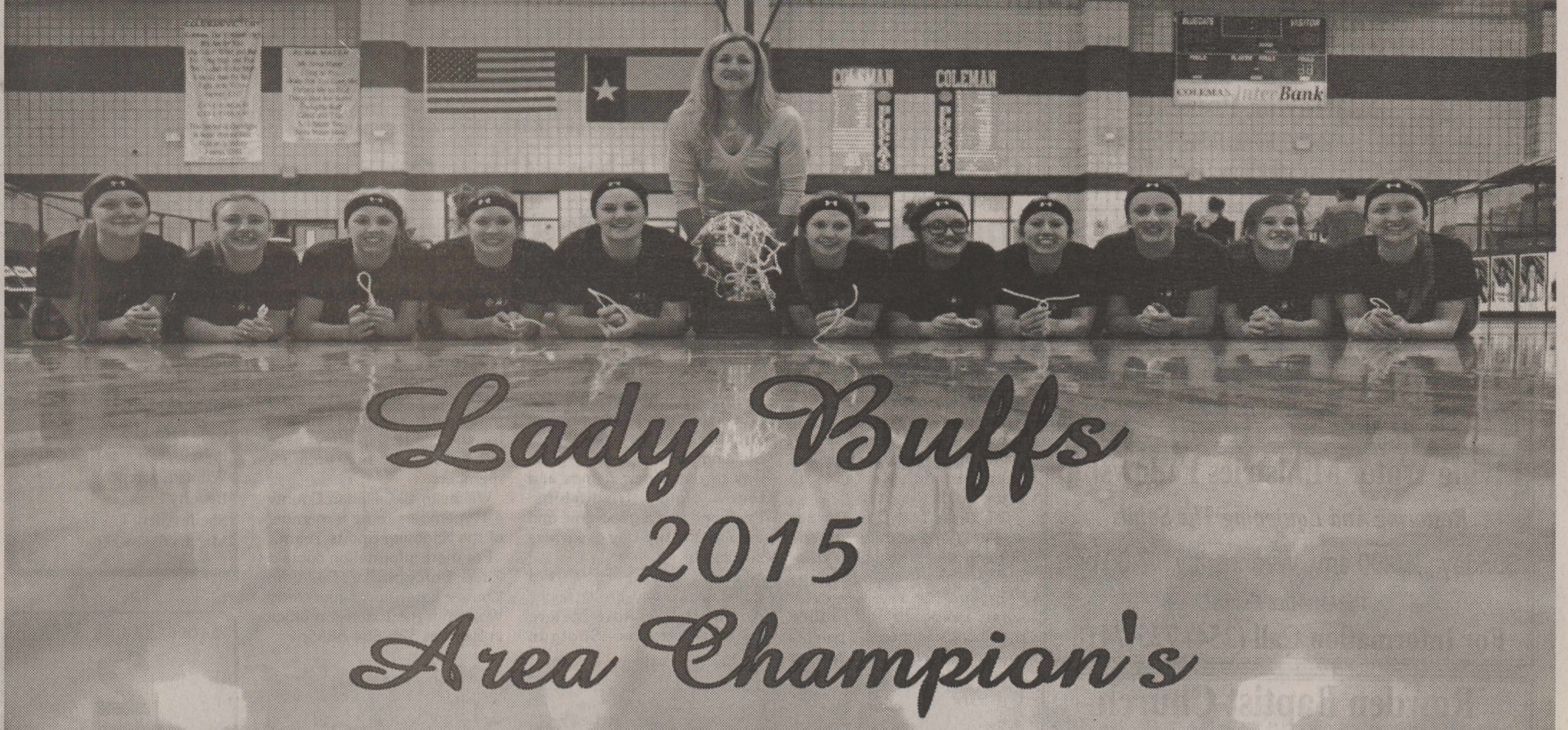
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Lady Buffs 2015 Area Champion's



Linda Burns (pictured here), of Cross Plains, was the winner of the quilt donated to the Senior Citizens' Center. Our thanks to everyone who took a chance - your donations were greatly appreciated!

First United Methodist Church Awarded Grant for Community Garden

The Lord's Acre Community Garden will become a reality this spring, thanks to Fiskars Project Orange Thumb, which awarded one of its 30 grants to First United Methodist Church. Organizations in 19 states and across Canada were chosen to receive \$3,500 in cash and tools. FUMC was the only winner in the state of Texas.

Fiskars Project Orange Thumb garden grants provide tools and resources to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration and healthy, sustainable food sources. Pastor Kevin Morton had laid the groundwork last year for a garden to be located in the field between the church and the parsonage. With the funds from the grant, a water supply will be developed, nine raised garden beds constructed, and a tool shed purchased.

Individuals who would like to

lease (it's FREE) a 4 x 8 raised bed should contact FUMC at 254-725-7377 as beds are limited. Any beds not leased will be planted for the benefit of the Cross Plains Food Pantry and the Senior Citizens Center. To start the process, we are having a "Seed Drive" to collect these seeds: carrots, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, cabbage, squash, okra, peas and strawberries. Future plans are to expand to perennial herbs, broccoli, cauliflower, corn and pole beans. Drop off your extra seeds (in packets with necessary information) at the Senior Center in the basket provided.

Fiskars Project Orange Thumb has provided over \$1.5 million to more than 150 community groups since the program began in 2002. We are honored to be a recipient of this grant that will benefit so many in our community!



Homestead Happenings

Hello everyone! Hope you have enjoyed the cold weather. We've all been staying indoors. Surely spring is right around the corner.

We will be having a bake sale on March 6th from 9am until sold out. We plan to be in front of Lawrence Brothers IGA so come see us and pick up some goodies. All proceeds go toward our activities.

Speaking of activities, we will be having our St. Patrick's Day party on March 17th and will be featuring a performance by Elvis. The community is always welcome to join the festivities.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 3rd at 3:00 pm. We are taking donations of candy or plastic eggs. All children of the community are invited to join us. Last year we hid over 3,000 eggs! And we have a separate area for the

smaller children for their safety.

We continue to welcome new residents to our home and would love to visit with you if you or a loved one needs temporary or permanent placement. We are a small, clean, friendly, caring home.

If you know of anyone who might be willing to bring a short devotional each week to our residents we'd love to visit with you. It is difficult for our residents to attend traditional services but they still want to be involved in the worship process. Give Lisa a call if you are willing to give of your time.

Our ladies have been enjoying the complimentary manicure sessions each Tuesday afternoon. And our monthly shopping trip is always a hit.

Until next time from our home to yours - God Bless!

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

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

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

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

All of this has been accomplished with non industrial kitchen stoves. With the constant use, the old electric stoves are about done in. So, it is time for the center to get an adequate industrial stove in order to meet the needs of our community.

If you have ever thought what you might do to help the center...this is your opportunity.

A "New Industrial Stove Fund" has been established at the center and tax deductible forms are available from Dannes. You can go by 108 N Main or mail your donation to P O Box 144, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

The Cross Plains Public Library Presents REVOLUTION

The Cross Plains Public Library is pleased to present Revolution: a phenomenally talented fiddling troupe made up of students from Cooper and Abilene High. Revolution not only performs locally and through out Texas, but also the U.S.; this June they will perform on a

European Tour. This group of talented young people offers a genera to please everyone from jazz to classical, to country and everything in between. For the performance in Cross Plains, think Charlie Daniels times 13. You are guaranteed a rousing and energetic evening when you come to see Revolution.

The performance will be Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary located at 1000 N. Main Street in Cross Plains. Tickets will be \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students under 13. To reserve your seat, please call the Cross Plains Public Library at 254-725-7722. You may also purchase tickets at the door the night of the performance, however, with limited seating it is suggested you get your name on the reservation list.

Don't miss your opportunity to see this phenomenon called REVOLUTION.

Project Graduation Meeting Scheduled

The Cross Plains Project Graduation Steering Committee will hold a meeting Monday, March 2nd at 5:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen.

All Senior and Junior parents are invited to attend to help us plan for 2015 Project Graduation. If you can't attend and would like to help, contact Lurene at 725-6122, Connie at 725-6500, 325-665-0154 or Jean at 725-6455.

Youth Sports Sign Up Time

It is time to sign up for T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Little League, Soft Ball, and Pony League. Forms have been sent home with your child from school. Please fill out the form and send it back to the school with money no later than March 11th.

Forms will not be accepted after March 11th!

Registration fee is \$40 for the first child and each additional sibling is \$30. If you need an extra form, please see the elementary or high school office. For any questions, please call Matt Reed at 325-660-4162.

Thank you. Cross Plains Youth Sports.

Cottonwood Musical Cancelled

Due to weather conditions, the Cottonwood Country Musical scheduled for Friday night, February 27th is cancelled. The next scheduled musical will be March 27, 2015.

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

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Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.

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Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.

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Callahan County Shooting Sports members who qualified for the National Team. They are left to right: Hayley Ancinec-232 Rifle, Brandon Hobbs- Shotgun, Kailey Hart- 22 Pistol and Morgan Fulgham Air Rifle.

Callahan County Shooting Sports members attend Texas Team Rendezvous at Brownwood Lake

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports leaders, coaches and National Team members recently met at the Texas 4-H Center at Brownwood Lake.

This was the first of several team meetings prior to the National Invitational meet in Grand Island, Nebraska in June, 2015.

The Texas Team Rendezvous was held on February 7th and 8th and was a new project for the States Shooting Sports Program. The two day event was used to introduce members, coaches and parents to each other and to answer

questions about the National Match.

Numerous group activities were lead by state coordinated youth directors from the 4-H offices in College Station. All the 4-Hers felt as if the "Team Building" events were a good way to make new friends and renew old friendships. Everyone had a good time and thought the two day event was successful.

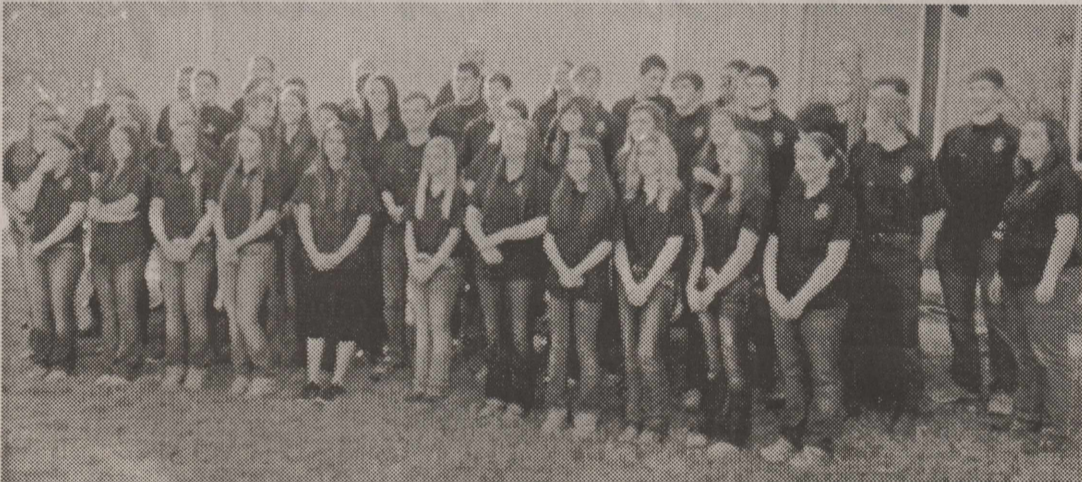
Team members from Callahan County are : Hayley Ancinec—22 Rifle team, Brandon Hobbs—Shotgun

Team, Kailey Hart—22 Pistol Team; Morgan Fulgham—Air Rifle Team.

We are proud of these 4-Hers for representing our club by making the National Team and for the leadership they have shown toward our younger members.

We invite all Callahan County 4-H members to be a member of the Shooting Sports Team.

For more information contact Rose Barcomb or Callahan County Extension agent Jerry Warren at the Extension office in Baird at 325-854-5835.



TEXAS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS—members meet at the Texas 4-H Center at Brownwood Lake on February 7th and 8th to attend a new project for the Shooting Sports Program called the Texas Team Rendezvous.

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9:30 a.m.

Parsonage

325-725-7694

Sunday Worship

10:45 a.m.

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Love Fund

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

Love Fund

has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Owen Turner son of Joseph & Allison Turner and grandson of Greg & Dannes Turner

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Love Fund

has been opened for Rickey Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses!

Love Fund

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Tues. 11:00pm to 7:00pm
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Turs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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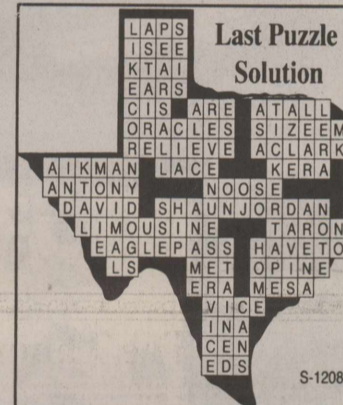
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Sue Bennett
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Ginny Hoskins
Polly Beeler
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Cross Plains Lady Buffs 2015 Area Champions

Congratulations Lady Buffs 2015 Area Champions



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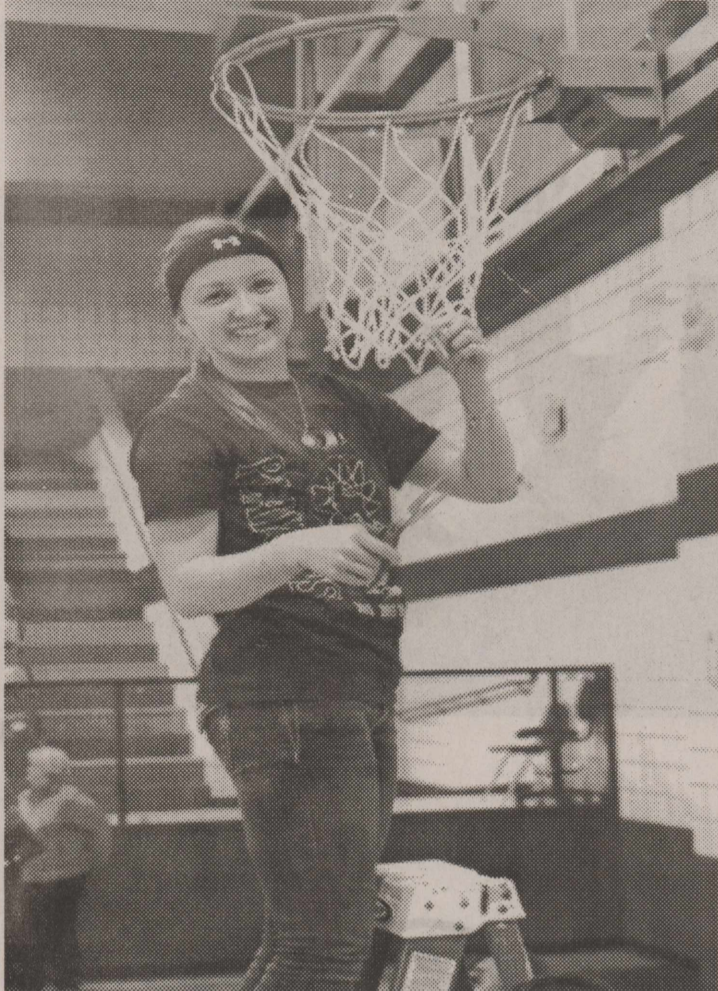
Varsity Girls vs. Robert Lee

On Friday night, February 20, 2015, the Cross Plains Lady Buffs traveled to Coleman to compete against the Robert Lee Lady Steers Varsity Girls for the Area Championship. The Lady Buffs played a tough game at the Bluecat gym pulling out a large win with a close score of 42-30. This clinched the Area title for the second year in a row for the Lady Buffs. Each of the girls contributed to the Area win. Leading scorers were Kenzie Halsel with 16, Taryn Estes with 15, Jurnee Thomas with 5, Grace Goode with 3, Shelby McWilliams with 2, and Rebekah Crockett. The Lady Buffs are currently 11-0 for district and playoffs. This was the first playoff game for the Lady Buffs this season, and they are working their hardest to continue on this road.

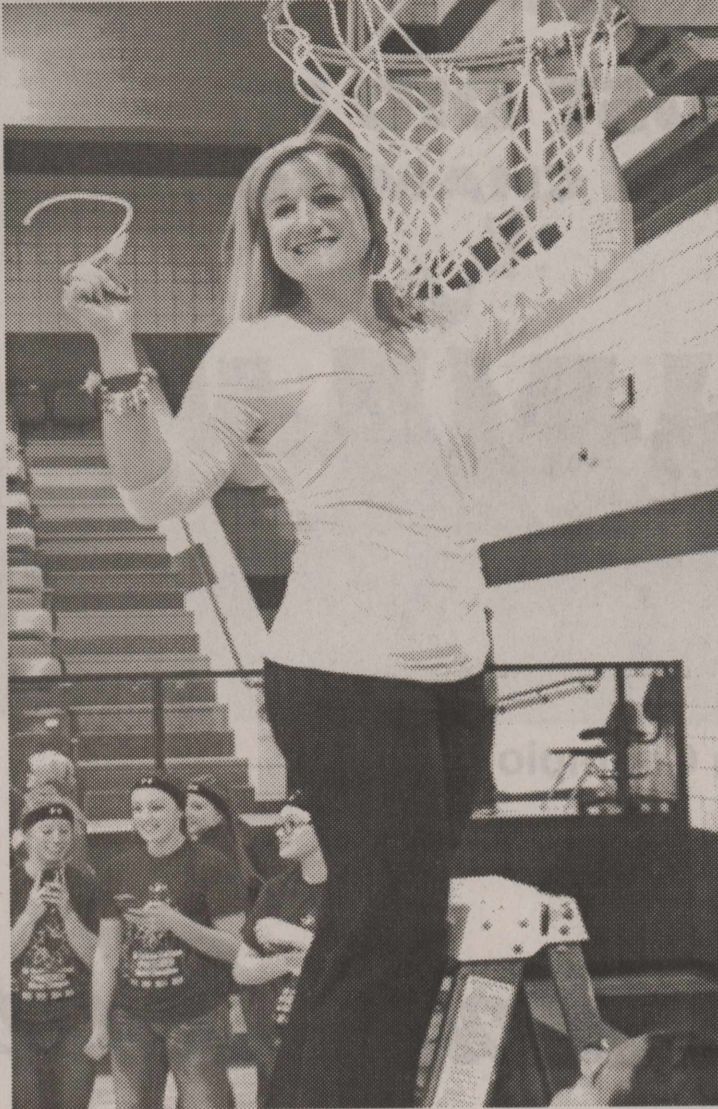
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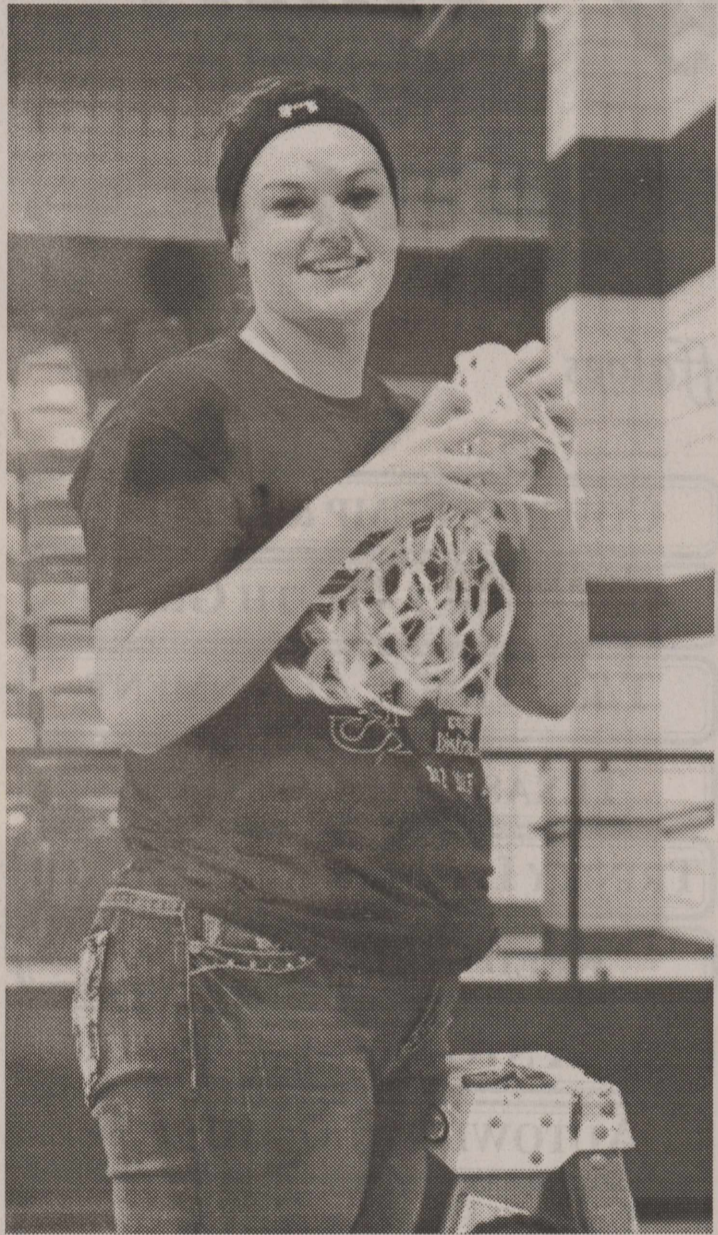
Hannah Cowan



Coach Anderson



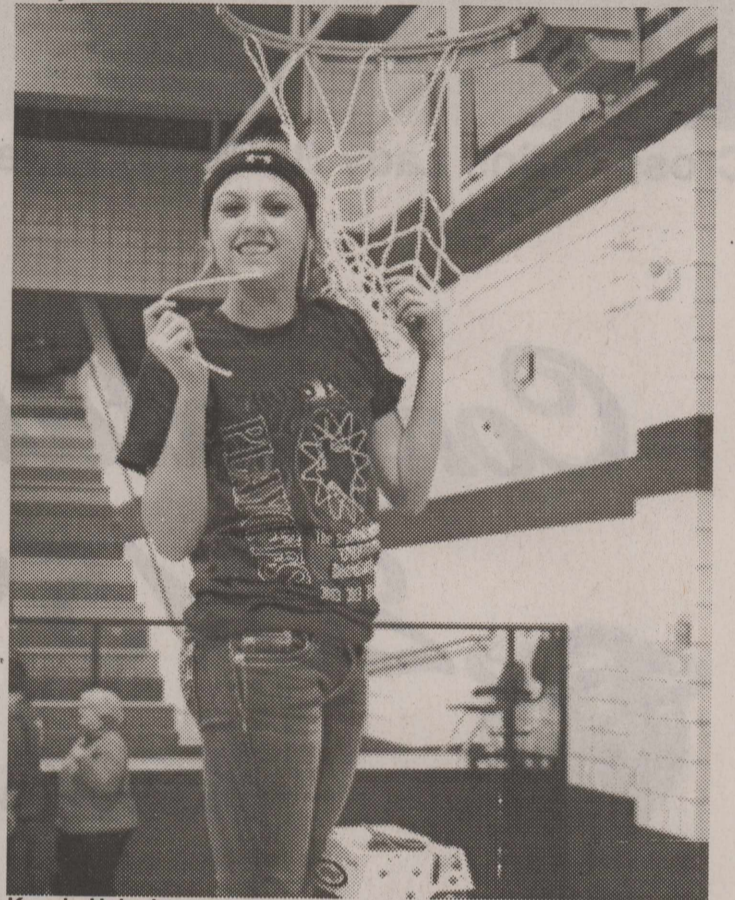
Taryn Estes



Jurnee Thomas



Kelli Bennett



Kenzie Haisel



Rebekah Crockett

Cross Plains Ex Students Association Meeting

It's that time again! The Cross Plains Ex Students Association will meet on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn. Mark September 18th & 19th 2015 on your calendar for the big Homecoming Event for Cross Plains High School Ex Students! We would love to have many of

our younger ex-students to attend to help with planning this and future events.

Come join us to help make this the best Homecoming ever! This is our first meeting of the year with more to follow.

Submitted by Connie Kirkham, Secretary Treasurer.

Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes seventeenth in Class A TABC poll

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

The poll was released Monday, February 23rd. This is the final poll of the season. The Girls Class A poll follows:

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1. Nazareth
2. Strawn
3. Petersburg
4. Dodd City
5. Menard
6. Lipan
7. Coolidge
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B R E A K F A S T	Pancakes Bacon Cereal Fruit & juice Milk	Sunrise Sandwich Fruit Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuit & jelly Scramble Eggs Fruit Juice Cereal Milk	Cream of Wheat Cinnamon toast Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	Breakfast Burrito Cereal Fruit Juice Milk
L U N C H	Corn Dog Baked Beans Baby Carrots w/ranch Apple-pineapple D'lite Milk	Chicken nuggets gravy Green beans Mashed potatoes Roll Peach slices milk	Chicken Sandwich Oven fries Fresh Veggie Cup Fruity gelatin Milk	Beefy Queso Nachos Garden Salad Charro Beans Lime sherbet cup Pears Milk	Pizza Choice Tomato & cucumber Baby carrots w/ ranch Mandarin oranges Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk

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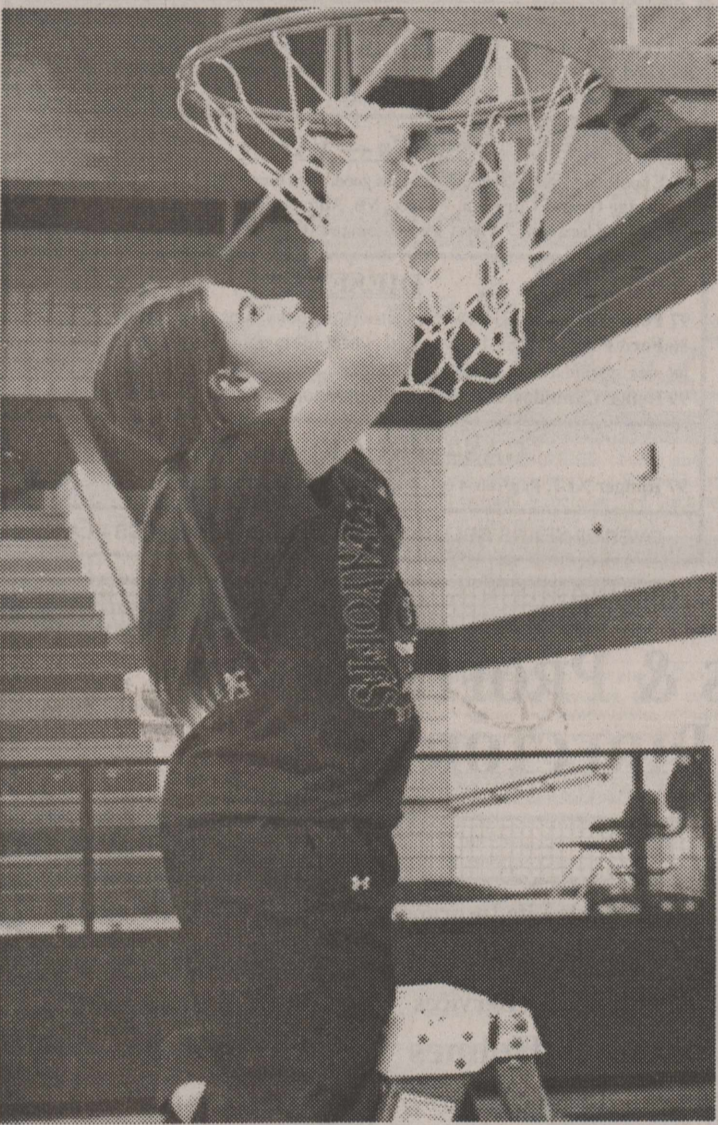
Allanta Wheeler



Grace Goode



Shelby McWilliams



Shana Yates



KatyJo Morgan

School Board Minutes

February 18, 2015
The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.
The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence and Athletic Director Daniel Purvis.
Prayer was led by Bryan Bennett.
Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Crockett that we approve the minutes from previous meeting. For 7/ Against 0.
Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Shepard that we join Coalition

for Education Funding. For 6/ Against 1 (Bennett).
Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey that we call for school board election for May 9, 2015. For 7/ Against 0.
Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by McWilliams that we have a joint election with the City of Cross Plains. For 7/ Against 0.
Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we consider election decisions: Location of Polling Place - Cross Plains Community Center, Election Judge-John Swift, Early Voting Clerk-Debbie Gosnell, and Early Voting Place-Cross Plains City Hall.
The board went into executive session at 9:12 p.m. and returned at 10:25 p.m.
Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Shepard that we adjourn. For 7/ Against 0.

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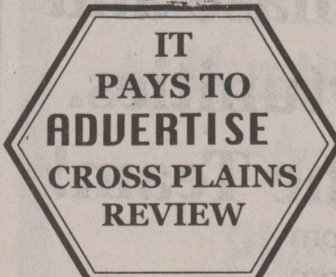
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Cross Plains Powerlifting Results

The Cross Plains Powerlifting team traveled to Stephenville recently. The results are as follows:

- Alexis Mauricio - 7th
 - Kersey Wyatt - 8th
 - Rebekah Crockett - 2nd
 - Hannah Cowan - 11th
 - Inez Salazar - 8th
 - Taryn Estes - 2nd
 - Kaitlyn Potter - 5th
 - Joe Crockett - 11th
 - Zach Gartman - 5th
 - Dalton Gilliam - 7th
 - Nain Martinez - 18th
 - Zach Thompson - 17th
 - Bronc Dillard - 15th
- Out of the 31 female teams competing, the Lady Buffs finished in 6th place. Our Buffaloes competed against 27 strong male teams and received a 22nd placement.



When our money is tight,
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Lowe's Receipt Program Ends March 31st

- Cross Plains I.S.D. would like to thank all the parents and supporters who have been saving their receipts from Lowe's.
- Each time you shop at the store and submit your register receipts to us, our school earns credit towards free educational equipment and supplies, all donated from Lowe's.
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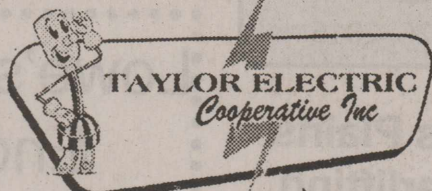
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Cricket Frog

Animals utilize many different forms of adaptation to aid in their survival. Some species rely on camouflage for protection, some rely on speed, while others rely on behavior. However, there is a minuscule species that thrives along the shores of most permanent bodies of water that relies primarily on its size, or lack thereof, to aid in its protection. That species is the Cricket Frog.



Cricket Frogs
(*Acris crepitans blanchardi*)

Cricket Frogs (*Acris crepitans blanchardi*) belong to a frog family that has three representatives here in Texas, although it is the only one of its genera. This particular variety occurs throughout the eastern three quarters of this state, roughly east of the Pecos River. It inhabits almost any body of permanent water, regardless whether the source is natural or man-made. It prefers to live in the shallow, stagnant pools that often collect near the main body of water. In this habitat, it thrives amongst the lily pads and other plant mats, using these as hiding places. Outside of Texas it can be observed from western Oklahoma northward to the north central states of Nebraska and Iowa.

This small species can be quite variable in appearance. The ground color along the back can vary from different shades of brown and tan to olive-green. The markings along the dorsal area can be just as variably colored, ranging from yellow, brown or green. These markings can be quite dark to almost invisible, and often appear as longitudinal lines. There is a diagnostic dark triangle that appears between the eyes on the top of the head. The back legs are long, and the feet are completely webbed save for the longest of the toes. The skin is warty, but contradictory to the old wives tale, one cannot get warts from touching this amphibian.

As stated already, this species is rather minute. Adult females are slightly the larger sex, with mature individuals approaching one and one half inches in body length. Males are smaller, seldom exceeding one inch. This variety of true frog is one of the smallest, if not THE smallest, species of amphibian that occurs in this state.

Like other amphibians, Cricket Frogs live a dual life. Unlike many frog species that breed in the spring even when temperatures can dip near freezing, this variety prefers to breed in mid summer while the temperatures are almost unbearably hot. Mature adult males will congregate along the banks of the shallow pools that they call home and will call for the attention of females. Their calling voice can be likened to the clicking of the balls of a pendulum, starting slow and climaxing at about three or four per second. Once a receptive female approaches, the male will clasp the female around the waist and externally fertilize up to two hundred eggs. This activity is known as amplexus.

Once the eggs hatch, the fish-like tadpoles are primarily herbivorous, and over the period of just a few weeks, the tadpoles metamorph into small froglets, developing air-breathing lungs rather than gills, absorbing the tail, and developing legs.

Cricket frogs are alert and shy, and can be extremely difficult to approach too closely. Many will rely on camouflage for protection, sitting perfectly still along the bank until a perceived predator gets too near. At this point, this tiny frog will scurry away with a series of erratic long jumps.

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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Wednesday-4th Exercise 10:45/Bingo 11:15

Thursday -5th Exercise 11:00/Manicures
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Friday -6th Exercise 11:00

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Grand Ole Oplin February Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.

On Feb. 27th MUDDY CREEK will be back to entertain us all.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 694 S. and F.M. 2926.

Our dance begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our community center functions.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin!

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Sheriff's Department makes drug stop, returns stolen property

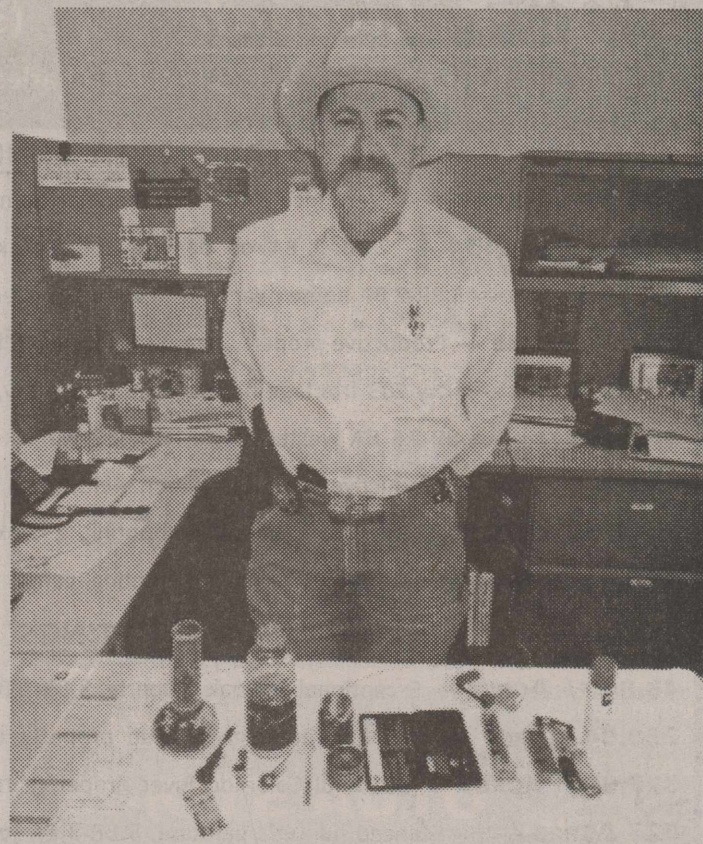
During the last month, Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Rick Jowers has been finding all kinds and types of drug paraphernalia from traffic stops in Callahan County. In the above photo are just a few. Starting from left to right, there is five drug pipes, a hypodermic needle, two grinders, a set of scales, a marijuana joint roller, and an assortment of lighters.

Friday night, February 20th, Callahan County Chief Deputy Jowers noticed a pickup driving erratically on FM 18, just west of the Clyde city limits. He followed the vehicle and noticed it swerved from lane to lane and into oncoming traffic. He activated his emergency lights and brought the vehicle to a stop. The vehicle was occupied by three young men. They told Officer Jowers that they had just gotten out of drug rehab. The young man, who was driving, was very nervous and his hands were shaking. He was unable to be still and would talk nonstop for long periods of time. Chief Deputy Jowers asked the operator of the vehicle for permission to search. Permission was given. Chief Deputy Jowers completed his search and found a meth pipe and a hypodermic needle and a small amount of meth. Cases are pending.

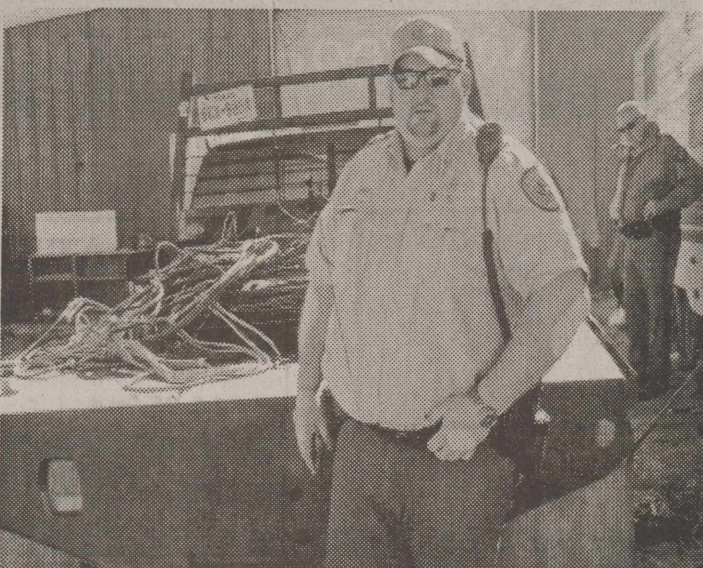
Also, pictured above, is Callahan County Sheriff's Department Deputy Chris Levens and in the background is DPS Trooper Eric Pechacek. Deputy Levens is standing in front of a stole Dodge dooley, diesel truck. The stolen truck is loaded with stolen copper, a battery, a gas can and other stolen items. In front of the truck, not pictured, is a small trailer that was stolen.

The owners of the stolen items on the back of the truck were gone and when they returned home, they noticed their shop had broken in to and the items missing. They found fresh footprints in the sand and fresh tire tracks next to the shop door.

The investigation was continued the next day by Deputy Levens. He made contact with two suspects that were uncooperative. DPS Trooper Eric



Chief Deputy Rick Jowers with drug paraphernalia.



Sheriff's Deputy Chris Levens at rear of stolen truck.

Pechacek came to help and Sheriff Terry Joy was the next to arrive. Several Abilene Police officer from the Abilene Street Crimes Unit and officers from the DPS CID also arrived to help.

The suspects that Deputy Levens had arrested were from Abilene and one was a person of

special interest to the other law enforcement agencies. We made sure he was advised of his rights and he was taken to the Callahan County Jail. The Dodge dooley pickup and other stolen property were returned to the rightful owners. Cases are pending.



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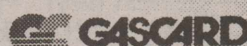
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The Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains and Eula 4-H clubs will all be participating in this fundraiser. The sale began on February 18th

and all orders will be due by March 6th. Delivery date will be between March 23rd-April 3rd. Please contact any 4-H member to order your plants today or call the County Extension office at (325) 854-5835. We will be happy to take your order or get you in contact with your local club members. We invite our local churches and businesses to consider ordering your Easter Lilies from your local 4-H club. Club members will be accepting cash and checks made out the Callahan County 4-H

Thank you for your support of this great organization and youth. We look forward to taking your orders!



Photo taken at Cottonwood Community Center (Purvis Family)

Visitors at Cottonwood

Grandchildren of L.M. and Sarah Purvis gathered for a group picture at the Cottonwood Community Center L.M. and Sarah and all their children except for one who was lost at sea during the war, are buried in the Texas Historic Cemetery at Cottonwood.

Pictured left to right are Sarah Purvis Isenburg, daughter of Richard and Jeanell Purvis; Paul

Purvis, son of Golden and Fréida Purvis; Barbara Purvis Batten, daughter of John and Janet Purvis; Kathy Purvis, daughter of John and Janet Purvis; Dennis Purvis, son of Richard and Jeanell Purvis; Peggy Purvis, daughter of John and Janet Purvis; and Shirley Purvis Morrison, daughter of Richard and Jeanell Purvis

DPS Invites Current Texas Peace Officers to Become Troopers

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is now accepting applications for an advanced recruit school designed for current Texas law enforcement officers who are interested in becoming Highway Patrol Troopers. The application deadline is March 25; and the eight-week school will begin June 21st.

"We know that there are highly qualified Texas peace officers who may be interested in becoming Highway Patrol Troopers," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS values the expertise and training these professionals possess, and this new recruit school is an excellent opportunity for current law enforcement officers to join DPS."

This particular recruit school provides eligible officers in Texas an accelerated path to becoming a DPS trooper versus the standard course that spans more than 20 weeks. The graduates of this particular class - beginning June 21st - will be assigned primarily to DPS Regions 3 and 4 along the Texas-Mexico border to fulfill current needs in those areas.

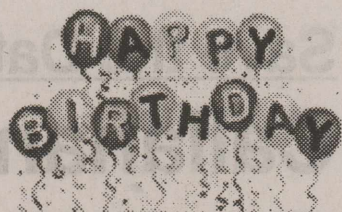
An applicant must currently be working as a Texas peace officer with at least two years of patrol experience and hold a current and valid peace officer license issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). The requirement that

applicants must have two years' experience performing patrol duties will not be waived. (DPS will also continue to offer its standard recruit classes that do not require applicants to hold a current peace officer license.)

All applicants must meet other eligibility requirements, including being a U.S. citizen and be at least 21 years old by the time they graduate from the academy. Additionally, applicants will be required to successfully complete a physical fitness test, written examination, a polygraph examination, background investigation, board selection interview, psychological examination, physical/vision examinations, and a drug screen.

For more information about the minimum requirements or to apply, applicants can visit www.JoinDPS.com and click on "Advanced Commissioned Trooper Trainee School". Individuals can also contact a regional DPS recruiter by calling 1-866-898-7667.

After submitting an online application, applicants will be notified by email if they are selected to continue to the testing phase. Applicants must submit all required forms and documentation prior to March 25, 2015, and have completed all required testing by March 31, 2015. DPS is an equal opportunity employer.



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First Baptist Church Collecting Eye Glasses

The First Baptist Church is collecting eye glasses for an upcoming mission trip to Guatemala on July 11th through July 18th. Please drop off any eye glasses you would like to donate at 301 N. Main

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REMEMBER TEXAS INDEPENDENCE WITH PRIDE!

The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed on March 2, 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos by delegates from the Mexican state of Tejas. The Texas Revolution, war for independence and separation from Mexico began. There were numerous causes, many of which are contained in the Declaration. Independence was won 50 days later at the Battle of San Jacinto.

March 2 (Monday this year) is the state holiday commemorating Texas Independence and observances for Sam Houston and the Texas flag. Communities celebrate the day, week and month with reenactments, festivals, concerts, cook-offs and story-telling events. Texas is the only state to win independence from another country (colonies won independence from England in the American Revolution) and the only sovereign republic to join the United States (28th state in 1845).

Mexico's successful but lengthy war for independence from Spain (1810-1821) bankrupted the country. It could not protect citizens from hostile Indians in the remote, less populated and northern-most state of Tejas.

In an effort to provide a protective buffer for the rest of the country, Mexico liberalized immigration and solicited Americans and interior Mexicans to settle Tejas. The 1824 Mexican Constitution established a republic with individual liberties encouraging Tejas settlement.

After settlers arrived, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna revoked the constitution and created a dictatorship with himself as president. Settlers had been invited to a republic with constitutional freedoms only to have Santa Anna renege on them with severe consequences.

Northern Mexican states Coahuila and Tejas were merged with the Coahuila capital of Monclova retained and the Tejas capital of San Antonio eliminated, leaving Tejas without representation. Further

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immigration to Tejas was outlawed, tax exemptions removed, taxes increased, import tariffs raised, right to bear arms and jury trials denied, slavery abolished with prior permission rescinded, religious freedom prohibited with Roman Catholicism mandatory and no public education provided. Mexican soldiers stationed in Tejas were convicted criminals given the choice of prison or Tejas service.

Stephen F. Austin traveled to Mexico City to request restoration of the 1824 Constitution. Santa Anna rejected his plea and imprisoned Austin without a trial. Santa Anna's tyranny was also resisted throughout Mexico with regional uprisings and unsuccessful secession attempts by other Mexican states.

Open revolutionary warfare began in 1835 with the Battle of Gonzales (October 2). The Mexican army tried to re-take a Spanish six-pounder cannon from Tejanos but were repelled with the battle cry "Come and Take It!". At the Battle of Goliad (October 9), Tejanos captured the Presidio La Bahia military post on a critical supply route to the Gulf Coast. The Battle of Concepcion (October 28) drove the Mexican army back into San Antonio where fighting continued until Mexican General Cos surrendered, agreed to return to Mexico and not oppose restoration of the 1824 Constitution (December 9).

These victories left no Mexican army garrisons in Tejas. Tejano volunteers now occupied the Alamo mission in San Antonio. Sam Houston was named commander-in-chief of a non-existent Tejas army at San Felipe de Austin in November and given the formidable task of raising an army to fight and win independence from Mexico.

Santa Anna and a reinforced army returned to San Antonio in 1836 (February 23) with a vengeance and defeated Tejas volunteers led by Colonel William Travis at the legendary Battle of the Alamo. The Mexican army band played the infamous "Deguello" ("No Quarter") and all surviving

defenders were executed (March 6). Texas folklore suggests the Alamo flag was a Mexican flag with eagle, snake and cactus removed and replaced by "1824" representing the revoked Mexican constitution. However, no flag or flag records have ever been recovered.

Santa Anna then began an aggressive pursuit of the Tejas army and General Houston. However, at least one-third of his army was killed or wounded at the prolonged Alamo battle. These casualties and the delay proved costly to Santa Anna and his army.

After a Mexican victory at the Battle of Coleto Creek (March 20), the Goliad Massacre occurred when Colonel James Fannin and his surviving army surrendered and were executed without trial by Mexican General Urrea on order of Santa Anna.

The "Runaway Scrape" led Santa Anna and his army across Tejas and gained valuable time for increasing and equipping the Texas army as well as spreading the larger Mexican forces. The inferior Texas army defeated the superior Mexican army at the Battle of San Jacinto (April 21) with battle cries of "Remember the Alamo!" and "Remember Goliad!". This decisive victory won independence. The Treaty of Velasco recognizing Texas independence from Mexico was subsequently signed (May 14).

Texas Independence can be celebrated with pride and patriotism by all Texans (native-born, naturalized or you got here as soon as you could!). "ONLY GOD COULD RETURN TEXAS TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT." - Jose Francisco Ruiz, 1783-1840 (Texas revolutionary, Declaration of Independence signer and senator).

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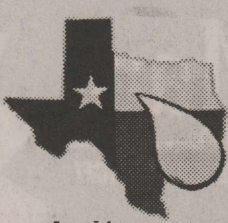
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USDA Announces Funding for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects

TEMPLE, TEXAS, Feb. 12, 2015 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that agricultural producers and rural small business owners can now apply for resources to purchase and install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements. These efforts help farmers, ranchers and other small business owners save money on their energy bills, reduce America's dependence on foreign oil, support America's clean energy economy, and cut carbon pollution. The resources announced are made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"Developing renewable energy presents an enormous economic opportunity for rural America," Vilsack said. "The funding we are making available will help farmers, ranchers, business owners, tribal organizations and other entities incorporate renewable energy and energy efficiency technology into their operations. Doing so can help a business reduce energy use and costs while improving its bottom line. While saving producers money and creating jobs, these investments reduce dependence on foreign oil and cut carbon pollution as well."

USDA is making more than \$280 million available to eligible applicants through the **Rural Energy for America Program (HYPERLINK "http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency")**. Application deadlines vary by project type and the type of assistance requested. Details on how to apply are on page 78029 of the December 29, 2014 HYPERLINK "http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29/pdf/2014-30184.pdf" **Federal Register (HYPERLINK "http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-**

2014-12-29/pdf/2014-30184.pdf" **http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29/pdf/2014-30184.pdf)** or are available by contacting the USDA Renewable Energy Coordinator in Texas, Billy Curb, at HYPERLINK "mailto:billy.curb@tx.usda.gov" **billy.curb@tx.usda.gov**, or call 254-742-9775 for more information.

USDA is offering grants for up to 25 percent of total project costs and loan guarantees for up to 75 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. The REAP application window has been expanded. USDA will now accept and review loan and grant applications year-round.

Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). The maximum grant amount is \$500,000, and the maximum loan amount is \$25 million per applicant.

Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption. The maximum grant amount is \$250,000, and the maximum loan amount is \$25 million per applicant.

USDA is offering a second type of grant to support organizations that help farmers, ranchers and small businesses conduct energy audits and operate renewable energy projects. Eligible applicants include: units of state, tribal or local governments; colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning; rural electric cooperatives and public power entities, and conservation and development districts. The maximum grant is \$100,000. Applications for these

particular grants have been available since December 29 of last year and are due February 12.

The REAP program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill. Because of the success of the program, Congress reauthorized it in the 2014 Farm Bill with guaranteed funding of no less than \$50 million in annual funding for the duration of the 5 year bill. The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers.

Since 2009, USDA has awarded \$545 million for more than 8,800 REAP projects nationwide. This includes \$361 million in REAP grants and loans for more than 2,900 renewable energy systems. When fully operational, these systems are expected to generate more than 6 billion kilowatt hours annually — enough to power more than 5.5 million homes for a year.

In late 2014, owners of KEJ Woodworks, LC in Umland, Texas, used REAP funding to install a photovoltaic solar system. The system was completely installed and fully operational on December 5, 2014. Even though the month was cloudy and overcast, the system still produced 1,511 kWh of solar electricity and saved the business approximately \$220 during the billing cycle.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way — strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values.

Save the Date: Saturday, April 11, 2015

Callahan County Historical Commission Fundraiser

Renown historian, Donald S. Frazier, will present "The Comanche Empire" The program will be held in Cross Plains at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Information concerning reservations for the talk and meal will be given at a later date.

Dr. Donald S. Frazier is a professor of history at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. He is the award-winning author of three books on the Civil War including *Blood and Treasure*, *Cottonclads*, and *Fire in the Cane Field*. His other work includes serving as co-author of *Frontier Texas*, *Historic Abilene*, and *The Texas You Expect*, as well as general editor of *The U.S. and Mexico at War*.

In addition to his teaching duties, Frazier has been very involved in a variety of heritage and cultural tourism projects, including consulting on the development of three museums; two research centers; a Mexican War battlefield; work on

Civil War and frontier heritage trails in Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana; and work on historical projects in Europe and Mexico. He also helped Abilene, Texas achieve recognition as a Preserve America city and grant recipient. He is the writer and director for the video *Our Home, Our Rights: Texas and Texans in the Civil War*, a winner of the Mitchell Wilder Award for Excellence in Publications and Media Design from the Texas Association of Museums.

Frazier is also active in historic preservation projects. He is currently serving as President and CEO of the McWhiney Foundation, a Texas-based educational non-profit which, among its various activities, manages and preserves the Buffalo Gap Historic Village, a museum that includes a collection of more than a dozen antique buildings. He has served as a consultant with several communities as they develop their heritage and cultural assets, and has been

recognized for his efforts by numerous organizations including the American Association for State and Local History, The Texas Historical Foundation, the Historical Society of New Mexico, and the Louisiana Historical Association. Frazier is also involved in two highly regarded history publishing enterprises, State House Press and McWhiney Foundation Press.

Dr. Frazier has received accolades and honors for his contributions to the historical dialogue in the United States. He was chosen for a military history fellowship at the United States Military Academy at West Point, a fellowship at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and is in high demand as a thinker, consultant, and speaker. Frazier is also an elected member of the prestigious Philosophical Society of Texas, the oldest learned organization in the state, as well as the Texas Historical Foundation.

Callahan Co. Library news

Imuvete! Get Moving! by Mari Schuh, **Fat Healthy, Fell Great** by William Sears, **Gregory, the Terrible Eater** by Mitchell Sharmat, and **Mealtime** a board book by Elizabeth Verdick are some more books for kids at the Callahan County Library in Baird.

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From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, May 13, 1882
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Personal

Mr. Willie Fisher returned to Baird this week

We noticed Mr. I.T. Blount, a former resident of this place, in town this week.

Col. Coggin, of Brownwood, was in town this week, enroute home from Dickens County.

Dr. R.M. Turner made a trip to Fort Worth Monday night, returning on Thursday's belated train.

Mrs. Dock Rust left Monday night for Decatur to join her husband where they intend making their future home.

Major Perry has been taking in the southwestern portion of the state for the past week. He will probably return to-day.

Miss Lou Wood, who has been spending a week at the Clarendon office, returned to her home, near Bremen last Sun-

day.
Mr. Hawkes, for Fort Worth, who was operator at this place when Baird was in its infancy, again has charge of the telegraph office.

Mr. B.R. Webb returned from Austin last Wednesday, where he had been in attendance upon the recent session of the legislature.

Mr. O.B. Franks, operator at the T&P Depot, has sent in his resignation. He thinks of going to Virginia, his former home. Mr. F. has made a host of friends during his stay in our city.

Mr. Charles Backhouse, a very intelligent English gentleman, directly from Leeds, England, arrived here, with part of his family, last week, and is quartered in the T&P Immigrant House. He came directly to Philadelphia, Pa., and by rail to Baird. We heartily welcome Mr. B. and hope he may find a location upon which to build himself and family a comfortable home among us.

Born LEVI-In Baird, April 30, 1882 to the wife of A. Levi two sons. HEDLEY-In Baird, May 11, 1882, to the wife of J.E.M. Hedley, a son. Weight eight pounds.

Texas A&M Forrest Service celebrates century of Service

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Over the past 100 years, Texas A&M Forest Service has accomplished many feats, including establishing itself as a premiere entity in both forestry and all-hazard response.

The state agency was established in 1915 by the 34th Texas Legislature under the Texas A&M College; making TFS the first state forestry agency in the nation to be part of a land grant institution. A fact not lost on former TFS director (1980-1996) Bruce Miles.

"Texas A&M Forest Service has always been a leader nationwide among state forestry agencies," Miles said. "A big part of this comes from being part of the state's land grant institution system where our department heads shared information, technology and research results."

For the past century the people of TFS have been answering the call to service by monitoring the forests to improve health and productivity; working with communities to plant, care for and conserve the trees where people live, work and play; and by informing and educating landowners on sustainable land management practices.

"The employees of this agency are so vital in continuing to accomplish the goals and dreams that were put in place. TFS has become the most highly respected national leader in forestry," said former director (1996-2008) James Hull.

"However, there has never been a time in our one hundred year history that the agency was not striving to do the best it could to meet the needs of forestry."

With a duty to protect, TFS is mandated by the state as the lead agency in wildfire suppression and through predictive services, prevention programs and response models have revolutionized the way states prevent, prepare for and protect against wildfire.

TFS leads incident management teams during state disasters and has led responses to such incidents as the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery, Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike, and the 2011 wildfire season.

Having led the agency through the historic drought and wildfire season in 2011, current state forester and director Tom Boggus has seen the dedicated service and innovative spirit of TFS employees through the good times and bad.

"What an honor to represent the people of this agency as the director, especially during our centennial celebration year," Director Tom Boggus said. "Words like 'first agency in the nation' and 'a national model' have been used repeatedly over the last century to describe TFS and they still ring clear and true as we begin our next century of service."

TFS is one of four agencies under The Texas A&M University System that is also part of Texas A&M AgriLife a cornerstone of one of the state's premier institutions of higher education.

"Texas A&M AgriLife brings today's best teaching, research, extension and service to Texans. For 100 years, Texas A&M Forest Service has embodied service as it protects against wildfires,

provides forestry education, and leads the way in sustainability and conservation" William A. Dugas, (acting vice chancellor and dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences) said. "We are proud to have them as part of the AgriLife family!"

With no signs of slowing down, this year marks the first century of service for TFS. The agency will have celebrations across the state to recognize this centennial milestone.

The centennial celebration kicked off at the annual Texas A&M AgriLife Conference the first week of January and continues in February as the agency is recognized during the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents meeting, and by the Texas Legislature.

TFS has partnered with the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation to host an exhibit, *History in the Making: Texas A&M Forest Service*, highlighting the agency's past 100 years. The exhibit is open March 16-November 8.

The agency will also host several events throughout the state, including 100 tree giveaways, a commemorative tree presentation to each county in Texas and has published a new edition of the 1970 book *Famous Trees of Texas: Texas A&M Forest Service Centennial Edition*.

For a list of centennial events, visit

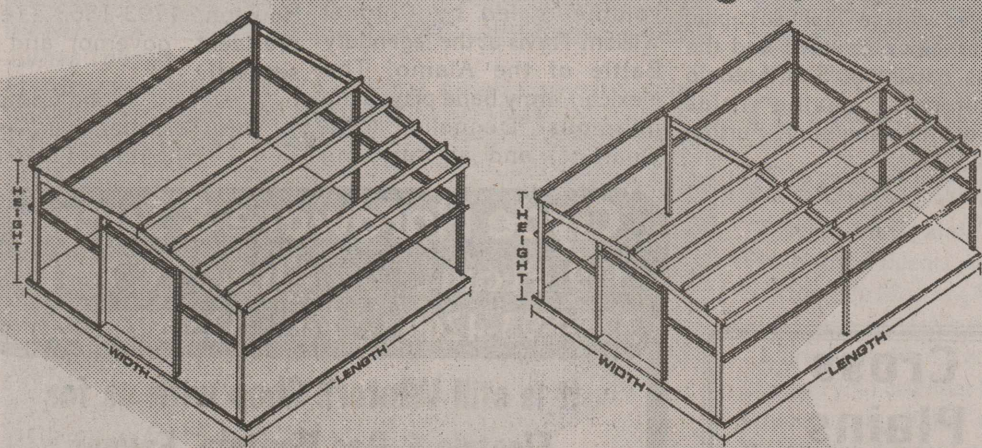
Tfscenturyofservice.tamu.edu. The website provides visitors access to historical agency images and documents, and allows visitors to listen to, view and explore historic films and audio files.

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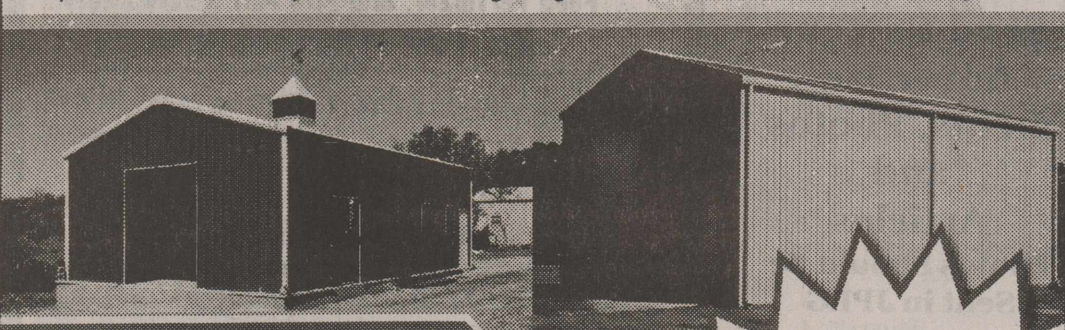
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Texas Registration and Inspection Stickers are Partnering Up in Callahan County

Callahan County is gearing up for a new Texas Two Step. Beginning March 1, 2015, the state will no longer issue vehicle inspection stickers and will move to a "Two Steps, One Sticker" program. Under the new system, Texas vehicle owners will need to pass inspection prior to renewing their registration. The familiar blue-bordered Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) registration sticker will serve as proof of both inspection and registration.

"Callahan County is prepared to make this transition as smooth as possible for our residents," said Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector Tammy T. Walker. "During the first year of the program beginning March 1, 2015, all you will need to do is make sure you already have a valid passing vehicle inspection before you renew your registration in our office, online or by mail."

When vehicle owners renew their registration, the system should automatically verify whether the vehicle has a valid inspection. Without a passing inspection, the vehicle will not be eligible for registration renewal. You will be given a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) and you will want to retain this form just in case it is not certified in the system.

During the second year of the program, beginning March 1, 2016, vehicles' inspection and registration expiration dates will

align to the date that is on the registration sticker. Once the expiration dates are aligned in that second year, you will have a convenient 90-day window to pass inspection first and then renew your registration before the end of the month listed on your sticker.

"When the 'Two Steps, One Sticker' program is fully implemented, Callahan County residents will appreciate having just one sticker in the corner of their windshield and only one expiration date to worry about," said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "And because a passing vehicle inspection will be a requirement to renew your registration, more vehicle owners will comply with inspection requirements leading to safer and more environmentally sound cars on Texas roads."

The implementation of "Two Steps, One Sticker" is a result of House Bill 2305 which passed during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013. The program is joint effort by the TxDMV, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in collaboration with the 254 county tax assessor-collector's offices which process vehicle registrations and vehicle inspection stations across the state.

For more information: HYPERLINK "http://www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com"

Rains continue, but the drought is deep

As Texans wait for this long drought to shamble off into the history books, we are realizing a bitter truth. Texas weather may famously change in an instant, but a drought's departure can be slow as cold molasses. Such is the situation many in the Lone Star State face in 2015. Much of Texas has seen a good share of rain (or in some cases ice and snow) this winter, and climatic conditions appear to favor more rain as the season continues. Even so, it may take a long time before the Brazos River basin's reservoirs refill.

In mid-February, how you fared in the drought once again depended on where you live. The lower basin, from south of Waco to the Gulf Coast was no longer listed in drought, or at worst was abnormally dry, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The westernmost counties of the upper basin were under similar conditions. However, to the east, some upper-basin counties continued to suffer under the two most severe drought categories: extreme and exceptional. Overall, more than 56 percent of the state was classified as under drought.

Unfortunately, some of the Brazos River Authority's system reservoirs lie in areas of exceptional or extreme drought conditions. As of February 11, Possum Kingdom Lake was down 13.6 feet, about 64 percent of its storage capacity, and Lake Granbury was down 9.8 feet, close to 55 percent capacity. Both reservoirs lie within an area listed as experiencing exceptional drought. Meanwhile, located on the fringe of the extreme drought area, Lake Proctor was down to a mere 28 percent of capacity and had moved into Stage 4 Pro Rata Curtail-



ment drought designation, under the BRA's Drought Contingency Plan. This stage calls for water customers drawing from Lake Proctor to reduce their usage by 30 percent.

Though many of the BRA system reservoirs remain down substantially, two reservoirs held more than 100 percent of their capacity: Lake Granger and Lake Somerville both were at 106 percent. Each held water in the flood pool, demonstrating how drought conditions are affected by localized rainfall. Overall, the entire reservoir system was at 70 percent capacity.

As of late January, the BRA System was at Stage 1, Drought Watch, as were Belton and Stillhouse Hollow reservoirs. Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, Whitney and Georgetown were at Stage 2, Drought Warning.

There continues to be some good news in that the climate remains conducive to ongoing rain through the winter. Weather experts point to the phenomenon known as El Nino, where the surface temperature of the equatorial Pacific is warmer than normal, typically in the winter months. This weather pattern can bring wetter than normal conditions across the southern United States. Texas State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon says thus far El Nino is persisting and that tilts the odds toward a continued cool, wet winter. Whether the rain will linger into spring is unclear.

"Springtime rains in Texas do not seem to be strongly influenced by sea surface temperature conditions, so there's no way to know whether the wet weather will last," Nielsen-Gammon said. "The winter, if it stays wet, will help increase springtime runoff to improve stream flow and reservoir levels. Statewide, a smaller percentage of the state is in drought than at any time since 2011, but on the other hand statewide reservoir levels are close to historic lows for this time of year."

Typically, March through June are the wettest months across the Brazos Basin, said Aaron Abel, BRA senior water resources planner. If we were to continue to receive rains through the rest of winter, which would continue to saturate soils, springtime rain storms could lead to some runoff that would benefit lake levels.

Even if the rains end the drought in every other way, if the soil is moist, if plant-life is lush and green, and farms and ranches begin recovering, we could continue in a hydrological drought. To appreciate why, one has to consider that in some portions of the upper basin rainfall deficits over the last four years have reached over 40 inches less than normal, Abel says. This is like having one and a half years of rain simply disappear from a 4-year span.

Making up for this long-term loss will require several widespread storm systems to saturate the ground in the reservoirs' watersheds and cause enough runoff to fill them. It may sound unlikely, but it has happened before and will happen again, sometimes over a short time period. After years of little to no rain during the 1950s drought of record, Possum Kingdom Lake went from 75 percent of its capacity to full and releasing 80,000 cubic feet per second due to heavy rains over 10 days in April 1957.

For now, it's a waiting game until the Brazos basin's reservoirs get the rain needed to fill their storage capacity. But that doesn't mean there is nothing we can do in the meantime.

"The bottom line is that as the drought continues to impact us throughout the basin, conservation will have to continue and we look hopefully ahead to the spring months that typically bring us beneficial rainfall and with it higher reservoir levels," Abel said.

For plenty of ideas on easy ways to save water every day, please visit the BRA's conservation pages at brasos.org.

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Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 1st-7th

March 1st-7th is Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have more than one way to receive a warning? At approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 4th, the National Weather Service in San Angelo encourages all schools to practice their tornado drills. We will transmit a special message about the drill through NOAA All Hazards Radio. Some of your local radio and TV Stations, and emergency management offices may also carry this message.

We will transmit the message for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

For more information, please contact Hector Guerrero at hector.guerrero@noaa.gov or Dr. Steve Lyons at steve.lyons@noaa.gov or you can call us at 325-944-9445.

In 2004, a tornado drill was conducted on March 3rd by many schools. Then on the following day, March 4th, a severe

line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This drill proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

TORNADO SAFETY RULES

If at home:
If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter go there immediately.
Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.
If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
Get away from the windows.
Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.
Use arms to protect your head and neck.
If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:
Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. This is usually the most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.
Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, caf-

eterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.
Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.
Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:
If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building.
If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter: Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
If in a car:
If you encounter flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have the following options as a last resort:
Stay in your vehicle with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows, covering with your hands and a blanket if possible.
If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car, and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding.
Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances

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ORDER OF ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by: February 27, 2015. (A deadline is required to be stated in the order for a special election.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

City Hall, Cross Plains, TX (location)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 27, 2015 (date)

and ending on May 5, 2015 (date)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Debbie Gosnell
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

City Hall, P. O. Box 129
(Address)

Cross Plains, TX 76443
(City) (Zip Code)

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

February 27, 2015. (date)

Additional early voting will be held as follows:

Location	Date	Hours
City Hall, Cross Plains, TX	May 4, 2015	7:00 am-7:00 pm
City Hall, Cross Plains, TX	May 5, 2015	7:00 am-7:00 pm

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Instruction Note: A copy of this election order must be delivered to the County Clerk/Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar not later than 60 days before election day.

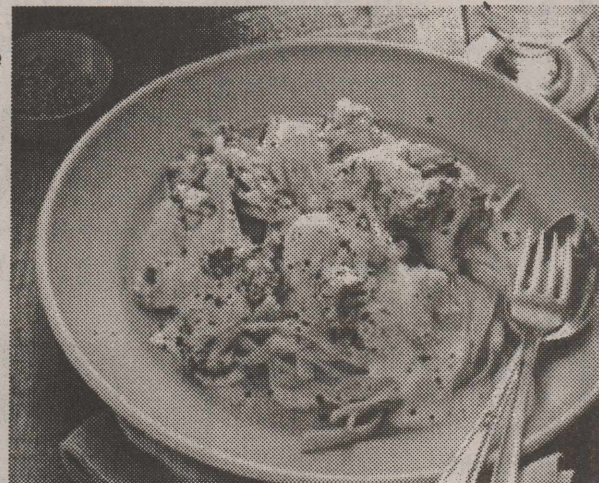


The Recipe Corner

Broccoli Shrimp Alfredo
Prep/Total Time: 30 minutes

Ingredients:

- * 8 ounces uncooked fettuccine
- * 1 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- * 3 garlic cloves, minced
- * 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- * 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed
- * 1 cup milk
- * 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- * 4 cups frozen broccoli florets
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * Dash pepper



Directions

- * Cook fettuccine according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, saute shrimp and garlic in butter until shrimp turn pink. Remove and set aside.
 - * In the same skillet, combine the cream cheese, milk and Parmesan cheese; cook and stir until cheeses are melted and mixture is smooth.
 - * Place 1 inch of water in a saucepan, add broccoli. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 6-8 minutes or until tender. Drain. Stir the broccoli, shrimp, salt and pepper into cheese sauce; heat through. Drain fettuccine; top with shrimp mixture.
- Yield: 4 servings.**