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Kaitlyn Potter, Taryn Estes, Allanta Wheeler and Hannah Cowan

Romanian Missions' Group Bake Sale Friday

There will be a bake sale Friday, April 17 at the Senior Citizens Center to help raise money for a mission trip to Romania.

We have a team of 9 people from Cottonwood Baptist Church traveling to Romania in June to work in a shelter for girls that have been rescued from sex trafficking. We have two men, David Estes and Erik Woodard going on the trip. They will be doing work in the shelter. They will be laying tile, painting, and putting in an upstairs bathroom. Along with the men, we have a team of six ladies including, me, Ellen Steinle, April Cowan, Hannah Cowan, Allanta Wheeler, Kaitlyn Potter, and Taryn Estes.

This will be my sixth trip to Romania and I am so excited to be taking the four students. These young ladies have been a part of our youth ministry for the last 5-6 years and we have been very intentional about preparing them

for Christian service and the mission field. My first trip to Romania changed me in so many ways and opened my eyes to God's redemptive purposes for the whole world, not just our little corner. It gave me a better understanding of the call to 'suffer with Christ.' I used to think that suffering with Christ had to do with persecution for our faith. That is part of it, but when you look into someone's eyes, hear their story, and voluntarily step into their pain, I think we get much closer to that call.

Please be praying for our team because there is nothing 'comfortable' about this trip. As a matter of fact it will stretch us all, way beyond our comfort zone. Something else that God has shown me over the last 5 years is that He is not as concerned with my comfort, as He is with my obedience.

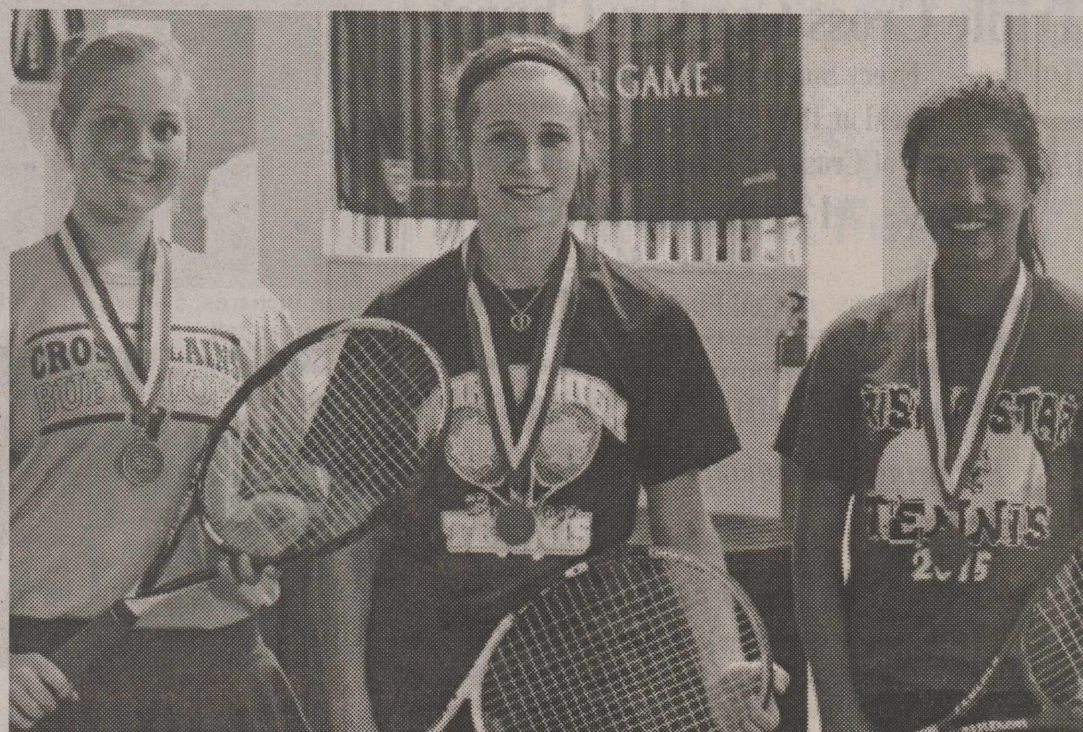
It is not in the comfort zone that our faith grows but in the hard

and sometimes scary things that God asks of us that we really see His hand at work and not just our own. I look forward to seeing the work that God will do in and through us as we submit to his call.

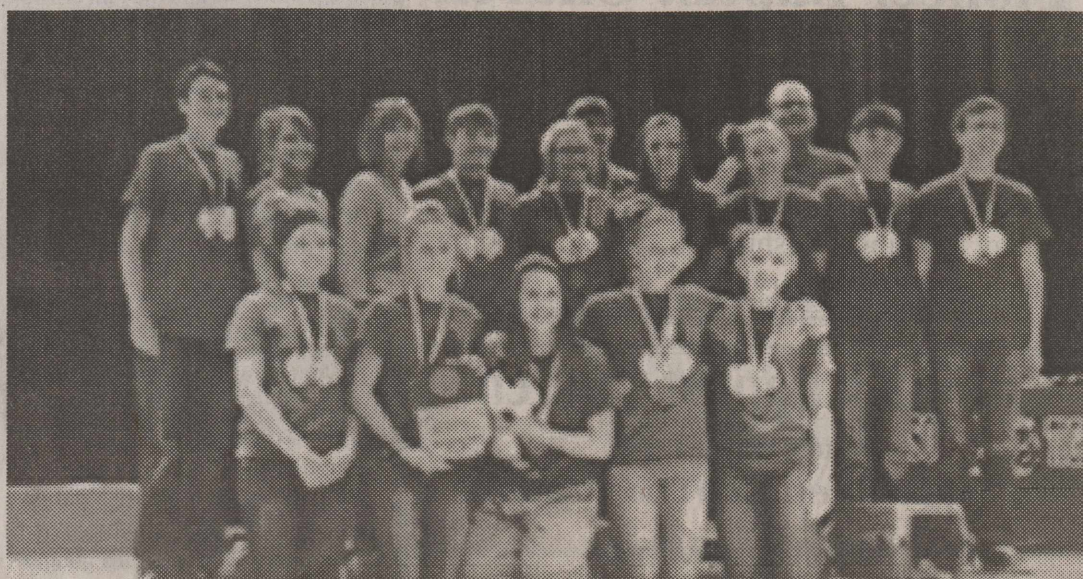
Stop by the Senior Center on Friday and pick up something sweet for the weekend. It will not only help the girls in Romania, but also help the spiritual and cultural development of our own students as well.

We really appreciate all of the love and prayers that we receive from our community and church family. During past trips I have had people from other churches in the community call and tell me that they would be praying for me while I was on the trip and also lifting up my family while I am gone. When you are already way outside your comfort zone, those prayers make such a difference.

Love and blessings, Mindy



Varsity Lady Buff Strena Cunningham 2nd Place with Tecate 1st Place and Rodriguez 3rd Place



One-Act Play Cast and Crew of The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the Moon Marigolds wins Bi-District



Rising Star Masonic Lodge in 1955

Rising Star Masonic Lodge to Consolidate with Cross Plains Lodge

After 125 years of service, the Rising Star Masonic Lodge #688, AF&AM, is closing its doors and consolidating with Cross Plains Lodge #627. Mike Donham, current master of Rising Star Lodge, noted that declining membership and the increasing cost of maintaining its 90 year old building had prompted the request to consolidate. The membership of both lodges voted in favor of the move and the proposal was approved by the Grand Lodge of Texas on March 25, 2015.

Rising Star Lodge was chartered on December 10, 1890 and began operation in a two-story, wood frame building on the south side of Highway 36, across from its current location.

When that building was destroyed by fire, a new brick, two-story building was constructed in 1923 on the Northeast corner of Highways 36 and 183. The lodge met on the upper floor of that building for the remainder of its existence. The photo is of that lodge building taken about 1955.

One Hour Can Save Lives

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

Country Store Needs Donations

A favorite activity at the Rising Star Nursing center is the Country Store. The store gives the residents the opportunity to do some shopping with "money" won at bingo. Lately there has been a shortage of items for the store. If you would like to donate items for this much loved activity please contact Donna Ames at 325-669-4679. Some items that have been requested are lotions, deodorant, lap blankets and small items to give as gifts to family & friends. All donations will be very appreciated!

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Stan Richards, center, is here visiting with his daughter, Diana Miller, right and her husband, Russ, far left.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Springtime is here. The mesquites have budded out. The whippoorwills and the rain crows have been sounding off. We've been receiving some rain. We're still looking for the scissortail - according to the old timers, the scissortail is the official sign of spring.

Some of the ladies in Cottonwood don't use a rain gauge to judge the amount of rain they got. One lady here in Cottonwood looks in an old skillet outside and can how much rain has fallen. Another judges the rain by the puddles. Another lady measures the rain by how much is in her 5 gallon bucket. They all measure accurately with the rain gauges around. What do you use to measure the rain?

Most folks here in Cottonwood received between .5" to 2.5" of rain.

Like the swallows that return to Capistrano or the Monarch Butterflies that return to Texas, Diana Miller's father has returned to Cross Plains once again for his bi-annual visit. Stan Richards arrived a week later this year as he needed to attend his 90th birthday party at his son's house in California. When asked about his longevity, Stan replied that hard work, clean living and living in a Christian way were the secrets to a long life. Stan was seen on Friday sharing WWII stories with fellow WWII veteran L.D. Holcombe in front of the Garden Club Plant Sale.

Stan can be found on Sundays at either the Presbyterian Church

or Methodist Church in Cross Plains or at the Baptist Church in Grosvenor and would welcome a Texas howdy if you see him anywhere over the next 3 weeks.

Stan and Diana and Russ Miller were spotted at the Cross Plains VFD's Fish Fry on Friday night. Some of the other Cottonwood folks at the event: Sheila and Adrian Allen, Joe and Jane Besselaer, Bob and Lavonne Childress, Terry and Candy Tate, Bob and Cookie Robinson, Roy Boyd and Mrs. Boyd, Vicki Larimore, Erik Woodard, Fred St. Peter. Joe Terstegge, Kathleen Terstegge and Roger Hinkle were part of the frying crew. Deana Terstegge, Beverly Brown and Wes Larimore helped out in the kitchen. It was good to see everybody at the fish fry.

The Garden Club had a really nice plant sale last Friday. There were lots of plants and lots of people buying plants.

We are fast approaching the Cottonwood Historical Assn. Annual Meeting on the first Saturday in May. Mark your calendar for May 2nd.

The Burn Ban is off. If you are planning a control burn, call the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444 to let them know before you light the match. Also, contact the fire departments - the fire chiefs of both departments - to let them know you are going to burn. It's always better to be prepared, just in case the wind kicks up unexpectedly.

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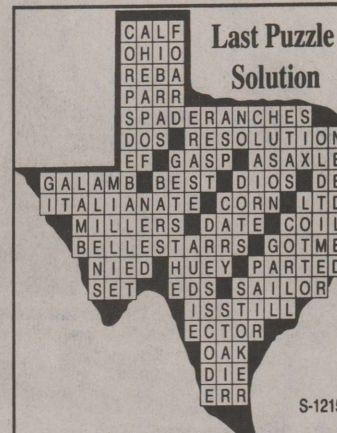
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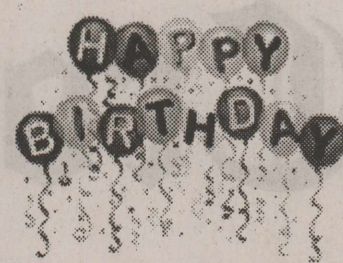
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Garden Club Members from left, Diana Miller, Carlene Howard, Lexia Bagley, Julia Wheeler, Debbie Eudy, Sarah Stone and former member Sandy Lusk



Hand Painted Garden Art

Cross Plains Garden Club Plant and Yard Art Sale Huge Success!

The Cross Plains community came through for us with flying colors in supporting our semiannual Plant and Art Sale! All of our hard work really paid off. We were also pleased to meet gardeners and shoppers who traveled from Breckenridge, Brownwood and Comanche for the event. This year the garden club expanded their plant assortment and added hand painted art and gift items for the patio, yard art and delicious cookies and candy prepared by our members. Special kudos to the gentleman who purchased

\$10 worth of cookies and gave us an eye popping donation. If you missed our spring event you will have a chance to visit us in the fall. We would like to acknowledge the support of the Cross Plains Public Library and our Cross Plains sponsors; Connie's Cuts & Curls, Higginbotham's Lumber & Supply and Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, as well as Mcghann's Market in Eastland and Garden World Nursery, Lowes Home Improvement, Seafood Tavern and Willow Creek Garden Nursery in Abilene.

You Can Be a Sponsor of the Barbarian Festival

The 17th Annual Barbarian Festival is just a few weeks away on Saturday, June 13th, at Treadway Park. The festival features live music, arts and craft booths, food booths, an inflatable obstacle course bounce house, kids games and rides, an Antique Tractor Show, and an Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show.

A prize drawing is held benefiting the festival's Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt scholarship fund which awards a scholarship each year to a Cross Plains High School senior.

None of this would be possible without the generous support that we receive from local businesses and residents. You can join in the fun and be a sponsor of the festival. Call Don

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Many local businesses have stepped up to help sponsor the festival: Higginbotham Bros., Alon 7-Eleven, AAA Stowaway Storage, Callahan County Sheriff's Dept., City of Cross Plains, Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Cross Plains EDC, J & S Ag Fabrication/Boss Hawg, Salamander's Apparel, Snippets, Reed Construction/Box R Outfitters, Susan J. Schaefer CPA, Turner Landscaping.

Thank you to all of the Barbarian Festival sponsors.

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Shoppers enjoying the event

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Sorting set for April 18th

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse will hold its 2nd ranch sorting for 2015 beginning at 9am on Saturday, April 18th in its Baird rodeo arena. There will be 5 sorting classes: #6 and #4 (beginning, novice & open adult rider levels), masters, ladies and youth. This will also be the sorting order. Adult entry fee is \$50 per 2 person team and youth is \$40 per 2 person team (2 youth or 1 youth & 1 adult). Multiple entries are permitted. Books open at 8am. Cash payout will be 50% of entry fees paid (1st-25%, 2nd-15%, 3rd-10%).

The concession stand will be open for food and drinks. A free hamburger, chips and drink will be provided for payment of 2015 Callahan County Sheriff's Posse membership dues.

Ranch Sorting rules - Arena announcements supersede any advertisement. Western attire required. 60 second time limit per sorting.

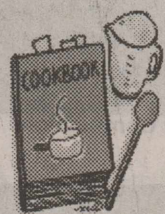
For youth sorting, an adult must work gate and not sort. Roughing cattle or horses will result in disqualification. No food or drinks in arena. Judge decisions are final.

[Any rules not specified will be generally accepted sorting rules] For more information, please contact CCSP President Steve Goldsmith (518-8805) or CCSP Director Teri Hollis (668-4181).

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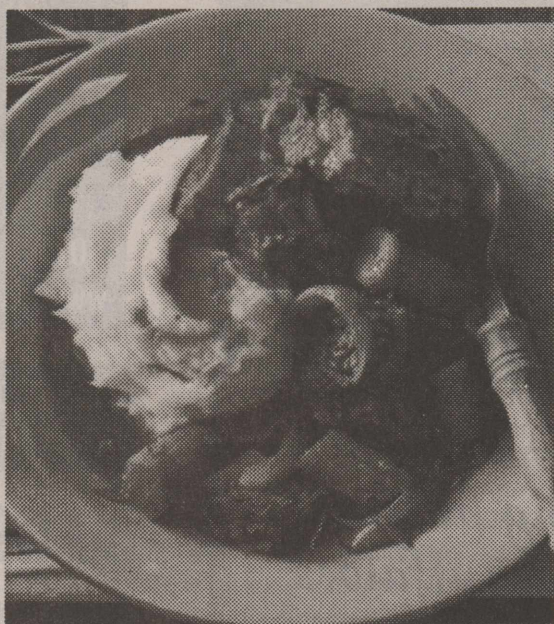
The Recipe Corner

Slow Cooker Short Ribs

Prep Time: 30 Minutes Cook Time: 6 1/4 Hours

Ingredients:

- * 3 pounds bone-in beef short ribs
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- * 1 tablespoon canola oil
- * 4 medium carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- * 1 cut beef broth
- * 4 fresh thyme sprigs
- * 1 bay leaf
- * 2 large onions, cut into 1/2 inch wedges
- * 6 garlic cloves, minced
- * 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- * 2 cups dry red wine or beef broth
- * 4 teaspoons cornstarch
- * 3 tablespoons cold water
- * Salt and pepper to taste



Directions

* Sprinkle ribs with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. In batches, brown ribs on all sides; transfer to a 4 or 5-quart slow cooker. Add carrots, broth, thyme and bay leaf to ribs.

* Add onions to the same skillet; cook and stir over medium heat 8-9 minutes or until tender. Add garlic and tomato paste; cook and stir one minute longer. Stir in wine. Bring to a boil; 8-10 minutes or until liquid is reduced by half. Add to slow cooker. Cook, covered, on low 6-8 hours or until meat is tender.

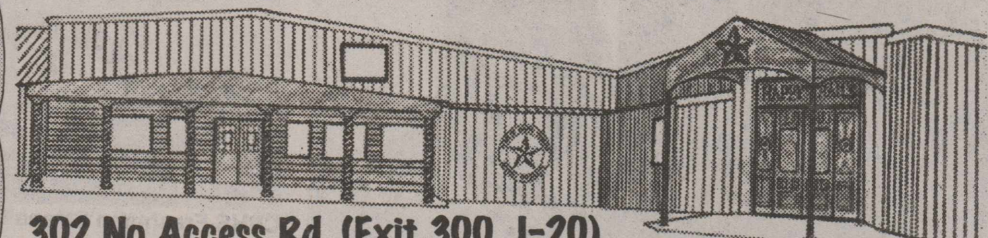
* Remove ribs and vegetables; keep warm. Transfer cooking juices to a small saucepan; skim fat. Discard thyme and bay leaf. Bring juices to a boil. In a small bowl, mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into cooking juices. Return to a boil; cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with ribs and vegetables.

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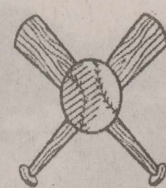
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CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES



Lady Buffs fall short against San Saba

The Lady Buffs played San Saba this past Tuesday in San Saba. The Lady Buffs started with scoring 1 point in the first inning. Then, San Saba rallied up the points, with the ending score of the second inning being 9-1.

The Lady Buffs still did not give up. They battled hard offensively and defensively, making the score 10-10 by the beginning of the 6th inning. The Lady Buffs did come short by 2 points and lost 12-10 by the end of the game.

Lady Buffs Softball over May

Saturday, April 11 the Lady buff's played the May lady tigers. All the lady buff's scored, with Hannah Cowan scoring her first home run of the season, Taryn Estes had a great catch in out-field. Both pitchers Rebekah Crockett and Katy Jo Morgan pitched an amazing game. The Lady buff's played hard and came out with win, with a final score of 25-2.

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CPISD Students during their performance

Cross Plains One-Act Play Wins Bi-District and Moves on to Area

The cast and crew of *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds* by Paul Zindel, won Bi-District

competition and will compete in Clyde on Saturday, April 18th for Area. Plays will begin at 2:00 PM and run back to back. Cross Plains is the fifth play to perform

out of six. Please be at the door of the Clyde High School Auditorium by 5:15 PM if you want to make sure and see the performance.

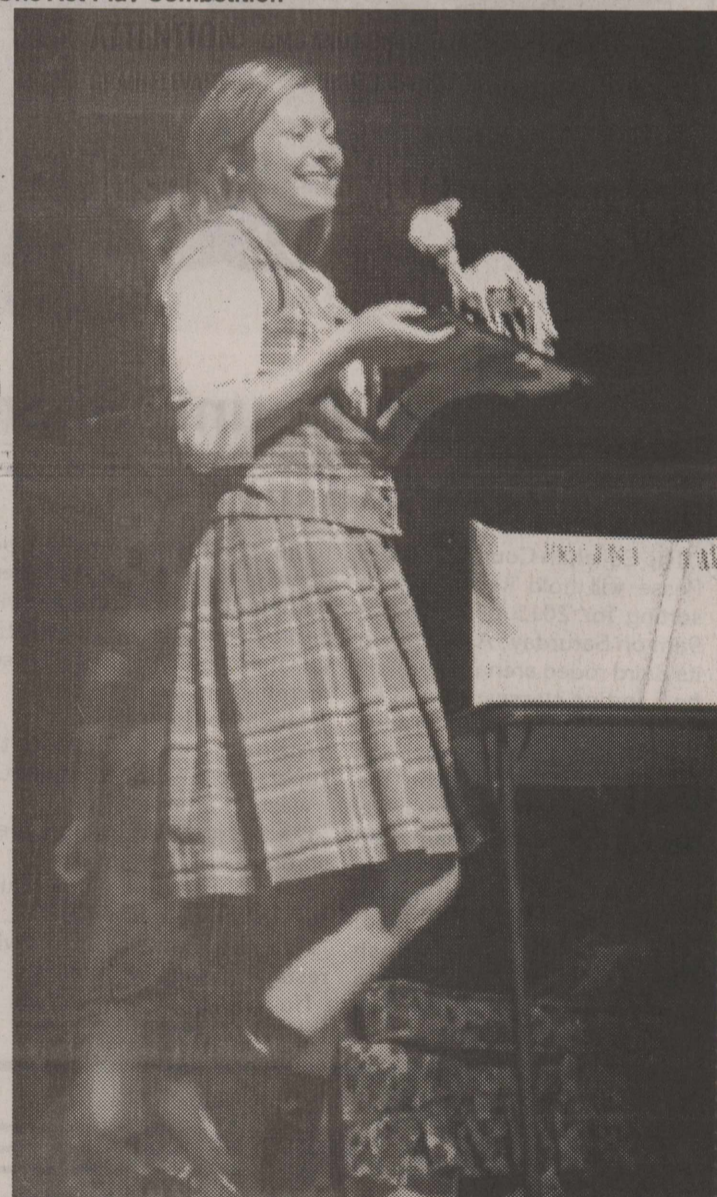
Let's Go Buff's



CPHS Student performs at UIL One Act Play Competition

Weight Warriors

Weight Warriors is still meeting on Tuesdays at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. We are a group of like-minded folks with a common goal of health eating habits and group support. A new contest involving money challenge is beginning in September. Anyone is welcome to join our group. We meet at 5:30 every Tuesday. Come join the fun we share with each other.



CPHS Student performs at UIL One Act Play Competition



Congressman Mike Conaway with CPHS student Strena Cunningham

Cross Plains High School Student Honored

On Wednesday, April 6th local high student, Strena Cunningham received a letter from Congressman Mike Conaway of Texas' 11th District thanking her for competing in the annual congressional art competition.

Her work, along with that of other high school students in the 36 county district, was displayed at Howard Payne University's Dokie Day Art Building in Brownwood, Texas Saturday, April 11th.

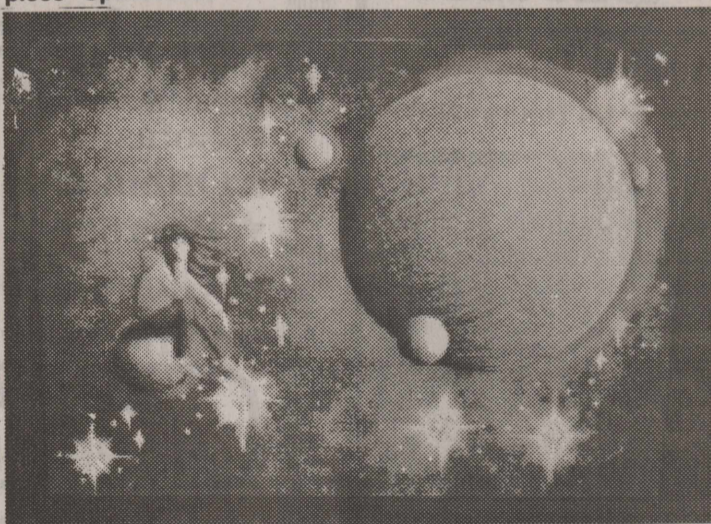
The event was entitled *An Artistic Discovery* with an outside art expert acting as the juror. Congressman Conaway took the

time to visit with each student about their piece and also presented each award. The competition was tough and the works breathtaking with several students having competed multiple years.

With five place ribbons and only a total of eight awards given, Miss Cunningham finished in the top eight with Honorable Mention for her mixed media piece, "Spaced Out". She is looking forward to working with her art teacher, Mrs. Keeka Byrd, to further sharpen her skills and to compete again in next year's competition.



CPHS Freshman Strena Cunningham with her competition piece "Spaced Out"



"Spaced Out" a mixed media work of acrylic and colored pencil

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Varsity Lady Buffs



Varsity Lady Buff Strena Cunningham with Coach Anderson

Lady Buff Tennis

Varsity Tennis Player, Strena Cunningham, competed in the 15A District Tennis Tournament at Rose Park Tennis Center in Abilene on Wednesday, April 8th.

In the first match she defeated Koda Corbin from Eula; 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

For the second match she defeated Yary Rodriguez of Rising Star; 6-1, 6-1.

In the championship game she was defeated by Sydney Tecate of Moran 1-6, 4-6. Strena finished in 2nd Place for District 15A Tennis.

She will be competing at Regionals on April 20th and 21st.



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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on April 15, 2015, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2015 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Open Forum

New Business

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
Review Bills/Finance Report
Review Cheer Policy

Personnel

Resignations

Consider Teacher Contracts for the 2015-16

Review Auxiliary Personnel

Superintendent's Report

New Contract with Toshiba for Copy Machines

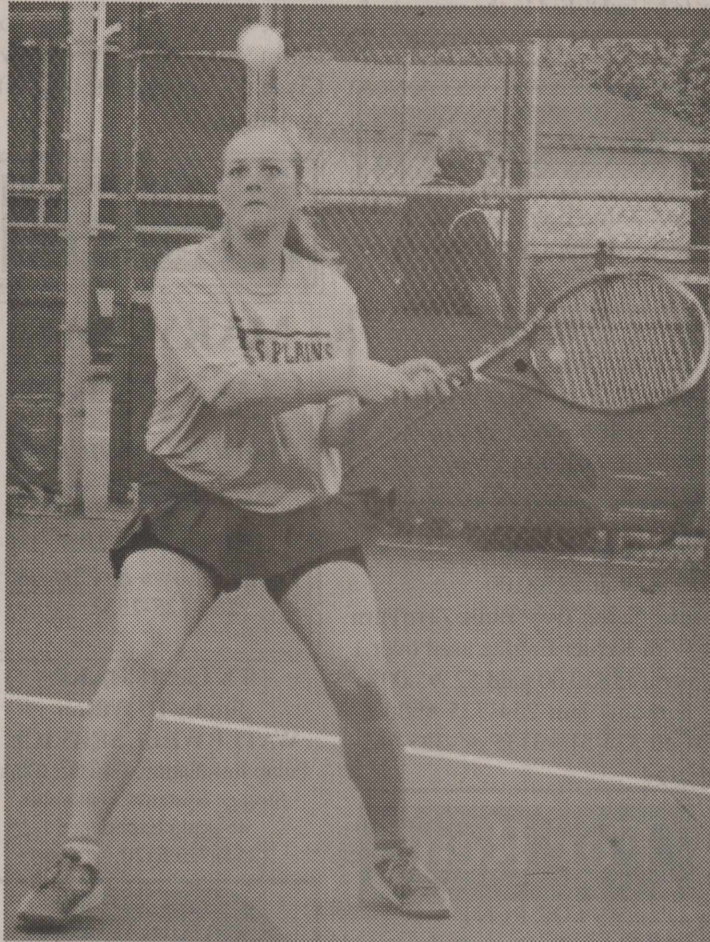
Enrollment

Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

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Selection:

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R	Yogurt	Cereal	Bacon	Toast	Sausage
E	Cereal	Fruit	Cereal	Cheese stick	Cereal
A	Fruit	Juice	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
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F	Milk		Milk	Milk	Milk
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L	Asian Chicken	Steak fingers w/gravy	Tex-Mex Stack	Chicken Parmesan	Beef or Chicken
U	Brown Rice	Mashed potatoes	Spanish Rice	Breadstick	Patty on bun
N	Baby carrots w/ranch	Seasoned Corn	Refried Beans	Green Beans	Hamburger garnish
C	Broccoli	Roll	Salsa	Garden Salad	Potato rounds
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Gabriel C. Huerta, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

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Andy M. Taylor, violate protective order.
Andy M. Taylor, criminal trespass.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Shea-Ann K. Matheny, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Christopher S. Boone, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Keith G. Driskill, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Eric B. Renfro, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Ruth E. Larsen, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

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Jonathan Evan Savarese and Taylor Elizabeth Harris, both of Clyde.

Edward Leroy Hart of Clyde and Meri Louise McGough of Abilene.

Robert Paul Morris & Jennifer Allison Howard, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jessica Sue Allen and Ricky Earl Allen, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Danny Joe Sherman and Lara Lynn Sherman, divorce granted.

Bruce Glasgow Greaver and Kathy Ann Greaver, divorce granted.

Seretha Diane Estes and Danny Gene Estes, divorce granted.

Daniel Brady Martin and Ashley Leanna Martin, divorce granted.

ARMC, L. P. d/b/a Abilene Regional Medical Center vs. Donald Pope, agreed final judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$184,346.73 from defendant.

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Cross Plains' retail sales start 2015 higher by 7%

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2015 are just over seven percent higher than 2014, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, April 8th.

Cross Plains' 2015 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$76,917.80, which is 7.37 percent higher than the \$71,634.27 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2014.

The payment to the city for April 2015 was \$17,397.47, which is 6.12 percent ahead of the \$16,393.80 payment made to Cross Plains in April 2014.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today, Wednesday, April 8th, that state sales tax revenue in March was \$2.12 billion, up 1.50 percent compared to March 2014.

"State sales tax collections have now grown for 60 consecutive months despite weakening in the energy sector. This moderated growth was expected and is currently in line with estimates presented in January," Hegar said. "Receipts in the construction services and restaurant sectors remained relatively strong. We will continue to monitor the state's economic activity and its impact on key revenue sources."

Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their April local sales tax allocations totaling \$576.6 million, up 4.00 percent compared to April 2014.

Hegar sent Texas cities \$374.3 million in April 2015, which is higher by 3.3 percent compared to April 2014 and higher by 6.4 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$37.1 million in April 2015 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 2.8 percent compared to April 2014 and higher by 8.1 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$130.9 million in April 2015 sales tax allocations, which is 4.4 percent higher than April 2014 and up 7.0 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$34.3 million in April 2015 allocations, which is 11.7 percent higher than April 2014 and higher by 13.2 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$576.6 million in April 2015, which is 4.0 percent higher than April 2014 and up 7.0 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent February sales reported by monthly tax filers.

For details of April sales tax

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2014	2015
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$71,634.27	\$76,917.80
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$16,3983.80	\$17,397.47

allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2015 started the year 11.33 percent higher than the 2014 payments. The city has received \$67,660.59 in 2015, while the 2014 tax payments to the city totalled \$60,771.32.

Baird's monthly payment for April 2015 was \$16,330.84, which is 6.34 percent ahead of the \$15,356.24 monthly payment made to the city in April 2014.

—The 2015 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 30.12 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2014. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$205,668.32 in 2015. The 2014 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$2974,337.79.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for April 2015 was \$42,423.28, which is 7.30 percent below the \$45,764.81 payment made in April 2014.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2015 payments to the town totalled \$3,816.73, which is higher by 7.88 percent from the 2014 payments to the city in the amount of \$3,537.81.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of April 2015 was \$650.82, which is 22.81 percent lower than the payment of \$843.15 made to the city in April 2014.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2015 in Callahan County are lower by 17.71 percent compared to the 2014 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received

sales tax payments in 2015

amounting to \$354,063.44 while the 2014 payments to the county towns totalled \$430,281.19.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of April 2015 was \$76,802.41, which is 1.98 percent lower than the April 2014 payments of \$78,358.00 made to the Callahan County cities.

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Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

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- 000 George Scott, CP-Vacant lots 1-6, avbl separately, nic**Reduced**..\$25,000**
- 308 N Ave. D - 2BR-1B home w/ metal roof on 2 lots, 1 car garage.....\$28,000**
- 301 E. Walnut, Coleman-Charming 3BR-1B, new paint/plu**Reduced**..\$29,000**
- 633 NE 3rd, CP-3BR-1B hr **UNDER CONTRACT** r financing avbl.....\$29,900**
- NEW! 348 N Main, CP-Cute, clean 2BR-1B w hdwood floors, lg yard.....\$29,900**
- 301 Reed, R.S.-Completely **UNDER CONTRACT** r finance.....\$34,900**
- 4411 Cherokee Dr, Lake B'wood- 2BR-1.5B MH at Thunderbird Bay...\$44,000**
- 520 Pine, Ranger-3BR-1 3/4B, C/H/A, hardwood floors in living room...\$49,000**
- 307 W College, RS-Char **UNDER CONTRACT** lot, C/H/A.....\$55,000**
- 322 S. Ave E-Quaint 2BR-1B, landscaped yard, wkshop, lg**Reduced**...\$60,000**

Commercial Property

- 217 N. Main, CP-Inviting Country & Western store w/ 2,600 sq ft, rustic brick walls, high ceilings, great curb appeal! Inventory included. Repair/custom boot shop/equipment also included or can purchase without.....\$150,000**
- 901 W. College/Hwy 36, RS-Small cafe w/ seating capacity for approx. 40 customers; tables, booths & stainless steel appl. convey **Reduced**.....\$35,000**
- Hwy 206, CP-6,000 sq ft metal bldg on slab w/ office, supplied by water well, 2 roll up doors, fenced w/ gated entrances on 3.5 acres...**Reduced**...\$210,000**

Featured Property of the Week:

82.93 Acres & Home, Hwy 279, CP-Beautifully maintained, 100 yr old, 2 story hm boasting 4BR-2.5B w/ 2,644 sq ft! Lots of charm w/ fireplaces, bit-in bookcases and updates. Large metal barn, 1 tank, good fencing & cross fences.....\$398,000

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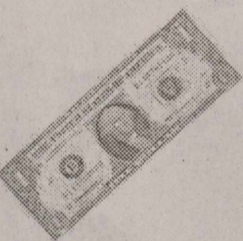
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Welding Shop Auction

Welders - Equipment - Contents of Welding Yard
Saturday - April 11 10:00 A.M.

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DIRECTIONS: Auction is across street from John Deere dealership in Coleman - on the West Loop. After 45 years, Don Baber is Retiring. Closing his welding business and Selling contents of shop and yard.

Welders
Lincoln truck mount - 250 amp diesel welder**Lincoln trailer mounted - AC/DC - weld & power w/16 hp Briggs motor**Lincoln Idealarc 250 AC/DC - w/heliarc - 220 volt**3 - Lincoln Bullet 3 ph - DC welders**Miller CP - 302 wire welder - 220 volt**Lg. AC welders

Special Interest Items
Mobil Oil Gargoyle lubester - rectangular tank w/hand pump**Antique fire hydrant**4 - Antique gas pumps @ 50's - 2-6 ft. round shouldered pumps & 2-5 ft. pumps***Walk in Cooler w/concrete floor on skid-8 ft x 12 ft-stored under shed-2 doors-Near New 220 V compressor-Currently in Use****Lg. Hobart comm. meat band saw - 220 V**Lg. comm. meat grinder w/stainless feed table/ chute**portable fire fighting rig - on P.U. skid - 100 gl. tank w/gas engine.

Trucks - Farm Equipment - Yard Equipment and Items
1995 Dodge 3500 - single cab dually w/good welding bed - Cummins diesel - 5 spd. - 128 K**1982 Ford - F350 - 1 ton winch truck - metal bed - rolling tailboard - elec. winch - Auto trans**Sullair 200 air compressor - on trailer - Perkins - diesel - JD compressor recently reworked - hashoses, drill & hammer**2 - 1974 - F7000 Ford winch trucks - HD bed-winch & poles-one truck has bad motor -will be sold as pair**JD 1350 - 1450 - 5 bottom moldboard**HD Brigham Bros. chisel plow/subsoiler**36 ft oil field float w/metal deck**pole trailer**HD hyd. post hole digger for backhoe**1500 gl. Fuel tank on skids w/elec. pump**many propane tanks from 250 gl. To 1600 gl.**grain bins-made from tank batteries**grain augers @ 3 Ω to 6 in.**vertical metal racks**P.U.bed fuel tanks**assorted trusses**HD pipe racks**grain drill transport**JD transport for double grain drill**calf cradle**HD 12 ft winch bed w/Braden winch**tank skid**HD ramps**2-2000 gl.fuel tanks**3-750 gl. overhead fuel tanks**1800 gl. water tank on skid**HD sand blasting pot**pallet forks**BBQ pit & smoker**HD 20 ft implement trailer (shop built)**2 - 100 gl. spray tanks on skid w/pump**20 - 30 ft guard rails**4x6x10 burn box**sm. 2 wheel - enclosed trailer (rough)**portable concrete mixer**2 ft Case backhoe bucket**3 pt - 5 ft flail mower**telephone poles**Early 40's Ford - single axle dump truck**separator tank**ASSORTED: 1 beam, channel, casing and iron accumulated over years***Scrap Iron.

Shop Equipment and Contents
DVORAK hyd. Iron worker/shear**Van Dorn valve grinder**Jeep leak detector**pipe beveling machine**2 - 24 inch line-up clamps**shop air compressors**cutting torches**Leaf Spring mfg /bending machine**elec. pipe threaders**hyd. press**bolt cutters**6800 watt portable diesel generator**3 compartment - 1200 gl. Overhead Bulk Oil Storage Tank**engine lift**A-frame & hoist**2 in. water pumps**parts washer**metal band saw**comm. elec. hack saw**lots of bolt cabinets-work tables & welding tables**Automotive Air floor jack**pipe racks**pipe jacks & stands**Hoshizaki mod KM - 250 BAE ice machine**hammer wrenches**tire racks**axles**winches**job boxes**elec. motors**shop fans**battery chargers**metal lift clamps**chains & boomers**bottle jacks**electric & pneumatic tools**hand tools**sockets**wrenches**lots of welding rods & clamps**many, many unlisted items as would accumulate over years!

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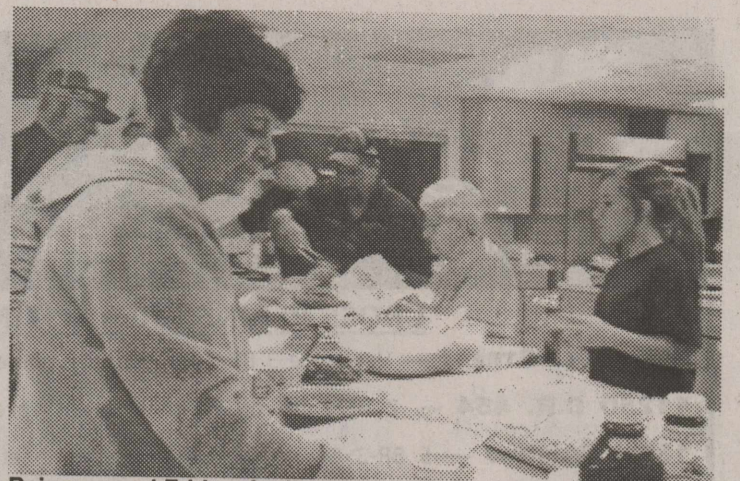


Cross Plains VFD utilizing their Brush Truck's to advertise

Fish Fry Success

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry last Friday night was a great success. The department served 200 takeout meals and over 300 people in the dining room. Everyone enjoyed the fish, chicken, beans, cornbread, hushpuppies, coleslaw, French Fries, onion rings and cobbler. Some of the diners also received fried shrimp and some received ice cream, as a limited amount of both were donated as a special treat for the evening.

Thanks so much to the Cross Plains Community and to folks in Burkett, Cottonwood, Pioneer and the surrounding communities for coming out and supporting us. Thanks to everyone, the businesses and individuals, who helped us with the event. The proceeds from the dinner will allow us to get more work done on the inside of the firehouse.



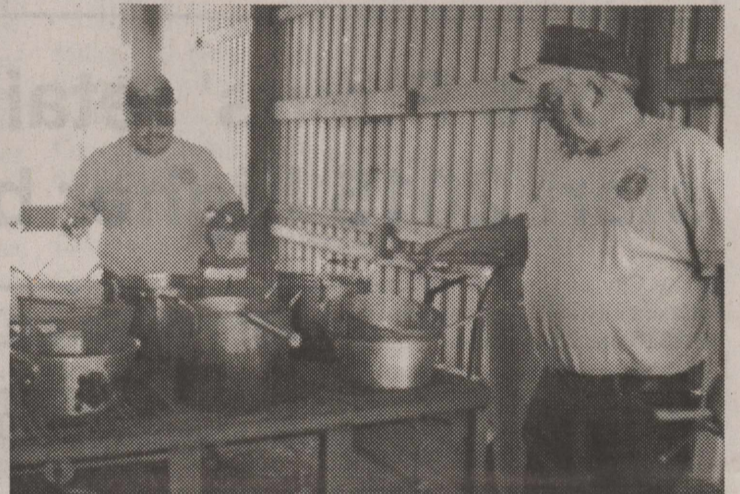
Being served Friday, April 10th



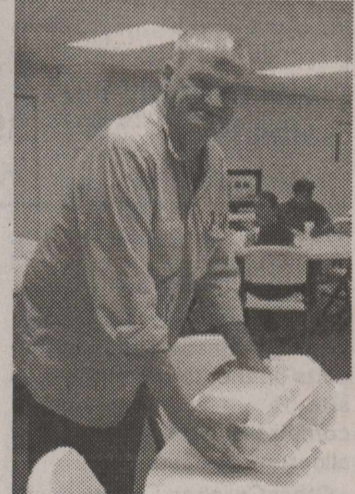
Waiting in line at last Friday's Fish Fry



Smiling happy faces at CPVFD Fish Fry April 10th



Roger Hinkle and Randy Foster getting ready to cook



Stan Painter first in line. Getting take out at the fish fry

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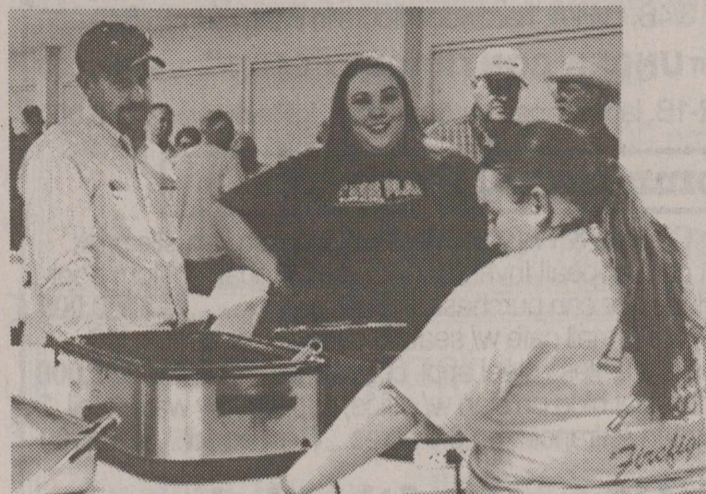
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Erick Woodard and Myleah McNutt visit with Renetha Thompson in the serving line



In line at the CPVFD fish fry held April 10th held at The First Baptist Church



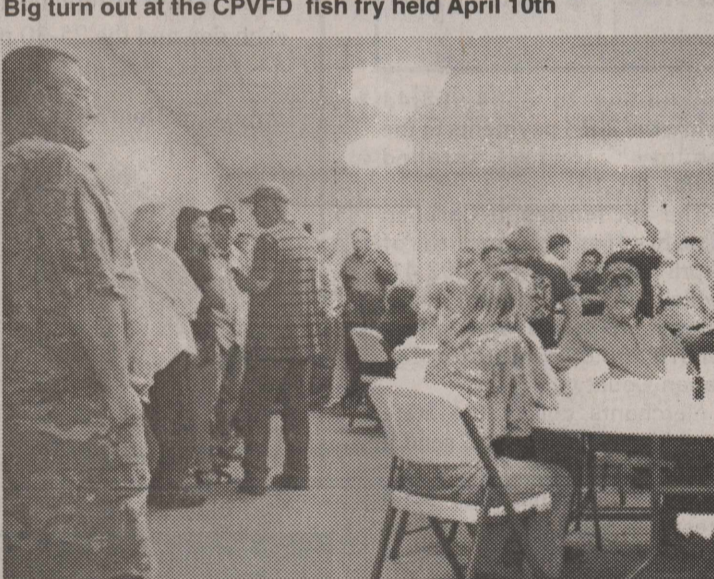
Heather Lee and Linda Reed ready to serve last Friday



Big turnout at the CPVFD fish fry held April 10th



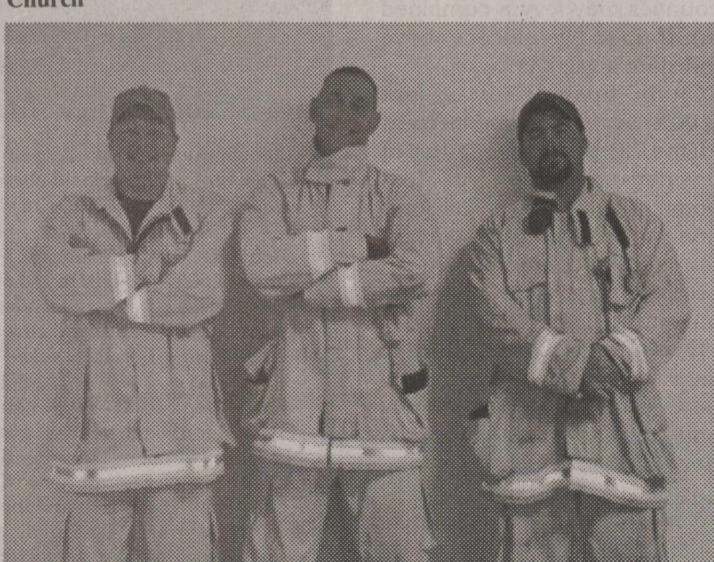
Netha Carouth making cornbread with the help of Renetha Thompson and Fire Chief Rickey Carouth at the CPVFD fish fry last Friday night.



Line at the CPVFD Fish Fry held April 10th at the First Baptist Church



Josh Loftis and Chris Thompson check the cookers and get things ready for the CPVFD's fish fry las Friday night.



CPVFD Chris Thompson, J.D. Huddleston and Josh Loftis

New Gear for local VFD

The Cross Plains V.F.D. Inc. would like to express our appreciation to the Abilene Community Foundation and to the Beckman Foundation for the grant of \$4762.00 toward the replacement of Wildland PPE Clothing.

On May 15, 2014, the Cross Plains V.F.D. was called out to a large range fire that lasted four days. During that duration, we had five suits of Wildland Clothing destroyed either by brush tears or burns from the fire.

We did not have the money to replace the suits and applied for

several grants, to no avail. We applied for a grant through the Abilene Community Foundation and received approval for twelve new suits. We ordered the new suits and they are in service at this time.

Thanks to the Beckman's for helping make this grant possible. Now our fireman are more protected from the flames and are more visible at night due to the reflective coating.

Again, thanks to all who care and provide for us volunteers. — Rickey Carouth, Cross Plains VFD Chief

Cottonwood Country Musical April 24th

The next Cottonwood Country Musical will be Friday, April 24, 2015.

A good music program is scheduled and will kick off at 5:30pm. Check the paper next week for more details.

The kitchen will open at 5:00 p.m. The serving of the meal will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m but

the kitchen will remain open for coffee, soft drinks and desserts.

Come out to Cottonwood, Texas on April 24, 2015 for a night of great entertainment. If the weather conditions are unfavorable, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771 for information on the status of the musical.

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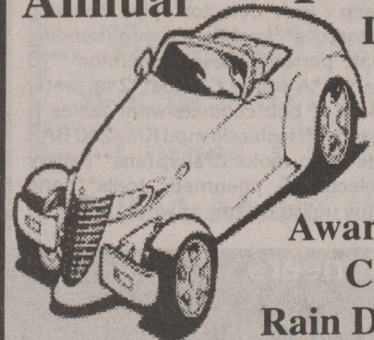
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April marks 150th anniversary of Civil War's end Time to connect with history across Texas

April, May, and June all contain 150-year anniversaries of key events of the end of the American Civil War, so this spring is a perfect time to travel to some of the spots around Texas that played an important role in this long-ago conflict that echoes through our culture and politics today.

Two state historic sites – the Varner-Hogg Plantation and the Levi Jordan Plantation – both offer examples of the life and work of Texas slaves, whose status and future would ultimately be decided by the course of the war. While Varner-Hogg Plantation is open (www.visitvarnerhoggplantation.com), Levi Jordan Plantation (www.visitlevijordanplantation.com) is available for tours and visits by appointment or on the first Saturday of every month as it undergoes extensive restoration and maintenance. Both sites are open for tours on the Texas Historical Commission's Free Sites Day, May 3.

Militarily, within its borders Texas was fortunate to avoid the carnage experienced by other states during the war. However,

there were significant actions at Galveston, and two battles occurred at Sabine Pass. The more significant 1863 battle and its place in Texas history is thoroughly documented at the Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site in Port Arthur (www.visitsabinepassbattleground.com). The site offers free admission on May 3. Another interesting Civil War military site in Texas is the Palmito Ranch Battlefield, near Brownsville (<http://goo.gl/Yh6ByW>). It's regarded as the last land battle of the Civil War, fought May 12–13, 1863, more than a month after the war's end. Galveston, Sabine Pass, and Palmito Ranch were Confederate victories.

Many Confederate soldiers are buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin (www.cemetery.state.tx.us/). One of the most prominent internees is Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, who died at the Battle of Shiloh in the Civil War. Johnston's tomb was sculpted by the noted artist Elisabet Ney. While a monument to the men and women who made Texas great, the cemetery also serves

as a somber reminder of the human cost of the Confederate struggle.

Finally, Galveston offers many commemorations and celebrations of a bittersweet event that occurred after the end of the war – the Union's notice to Texas slaves that they were now freed, delivered June 19, 1865, several months after the end of the war. Galveston is planning events for the 150th anniversary this summer (www.galveston.com/juneteenth/) but a historical marker placed in 2014 by the Texas Historical Commission notes the event year-round.

Check out some of these sites and remember the momentous events that despite occurring 150 years ago, still affect and influence Texas, the United States and the world today. For complete information on heritage tourism sites across Texas, visit www.TexasTimeTravel.com.

Texas Water Development Board opens West Texas office

AUSTIN — (April 13, 2015) - The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has opened a field office in Lubbock, Texas. The office will provide local outreach for the Panhandle, South Plains, and western portions of Texas and management for area projects receiving financial assistance from the TWDB.

"The TWDB is pleased to announce the opening of the West Texas office," said TWDB Executive Administrator Kevin Patteson. "The office will increase the region's ability to access TWDB staff and resources. In addition, it will enhance the TWDB's outreach efforts to the area."

The West Texas office will be staffed by Kelly Davila. Kelly joins the agency as the Program and Outreach Specialist for the Panhandle and West Texas region. She has nearly 10 years of service with the South Plains

Association of Governments and the local Council of Governments in the Lubbock area. Kelly is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a Certified Public Manager through the West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

"Kelly will be an important resource for the region because of her deep understanding of West Texas and its water supply challenges," said Patteson.

The West Texas office is located at 5012 50th Street, Suite 200, Lubbock, TX, 79414.

For more information on the West Texas office, please contact Kelly at Kelly.Davila@twdb.texas.gov or 806-445-1468.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the state water plan for the development of the state's water resources. The

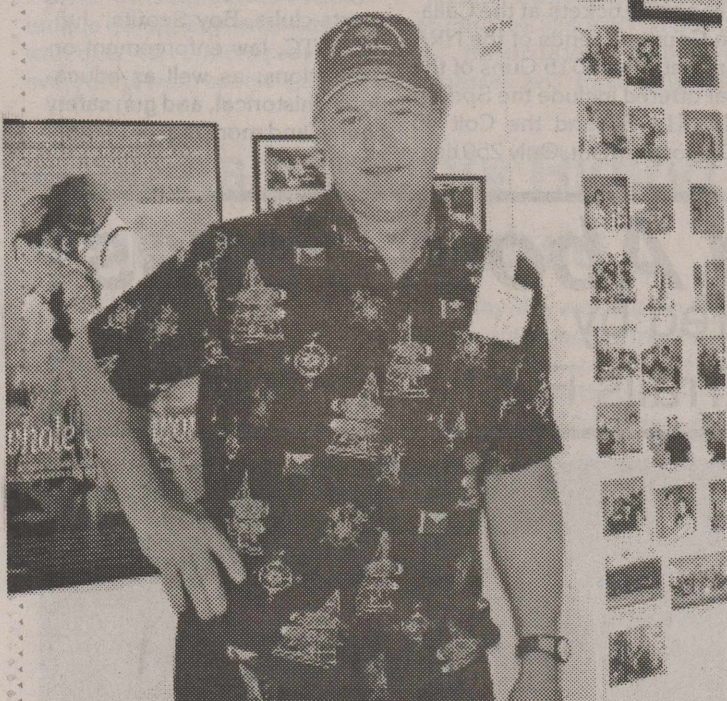
TWDB administers cost-effective financial assistance programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

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Neal Stevens at REH Museum

Subsim game owner visits REH Museum

Neal Stevens is definitely the first owner/administrator of a gaming website to visit the Robert E. Howard Museum. Retiring from a work career with Dow Chemical, Stevens plunged into the gaming arena fulltime. His is a resource provider for submarine simulation games and runs his own website that has thousands of players around the world. Browsing his website, one sees article after article related to submarines of all kinds from numerous countries. This information is then used by gamers to set up their own simulation games.

On the side of digging out information on submarines, Stevens is an avid reader of Howard's stories and is somewhat familiar with all of Howard's many characters. Visiting our Museum has long been

on his bucket list and he was delighted to be able to actually walk through the house to see the very environment where Howard did all of his writing.

Stevens was actually on his way home from Denver CO where he had picked up a Suzuki car to replace his that had been demolished in a wreck. As the USA no longer sells the Suzuki line, he was hard put to find a replacement vehicle. Finally locating a good used one in Denver, he immediately flew up there with plans to drive it home. He realized that the zig zag route from Denver to Bay City would take him close enough to Cross Plains to make the slight detour to see our Museum.

Picking up a few items from the well stocked gift shop at the Museum, he left to find a good chicken fried steak before heading on down the road.



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Texas Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

• **No Parking on the Grass**—Dallas County game warden patrolling Lake Ray Hubbard near Barnes Bridge Park noticed the vehicle barrier that prevents access to the shoreline was pushed down and a vehicle was parked nearby. The warden saw a man and a woman who appeared to be sleeping inside the vehicle. The warden knocked on the window, identified himself and told them they had to move. The passenger opened her window and the warden could smell marijuana coming from inside. Asked if they had any illegal drugs, the passenger handed the warden a container of marijuana. The warden instructed the couple to stay put while he returned to his patrol truck to run a check on their IDs. On his way, the warden came across three individuals walking up from the shoreline and again smelled marijuana. The warden conducted a search that produced a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

• **Can't Outrun the Long Arm of the Law**—Two Zapata County game wardens received a call from a Zapata Sheriff's Deputy for assistance with a pursuit of two suspicious vehicles. The deputy initiated a traffic stop on one of the vehicles while the wardens attempted to stop the other. The vehicle pursued by the wardens fled from the officers, and during a chase that lasted several miles, crashed through a fence and fled onto a ranch. The wardens pursued the vehicle through the property and were joined by sheriff's deputies. The wardens and deputies lost the truck, which was eventually located, but abandoned, having sustained severe damage from busting through four fences. Border Patrol later located 11 undocumented aliens that had fled the scene.

• **A Big Stash of Pot**—A Starr County game warden patrolling for wildlife enforcement heard a

Department of Public Safety call on the radio that Border Patrol had intel on marijuana bundles crossing the river close to his location. The warden and DPS assisted Border Patrol in apprehending two individuals at a stash house, along with multiple bundles of marijuana. More than 2,900 pounds of marijuana were seized and the individuals were turned over to Border Patrol.

• **Poaching Yes, Trespassing No Way**—A Comal County game warden received a call from a homeowner at Canyon Lake claiming he found a deer carcass that appeared to have been shot in his yard. Upon investigation, the warden concluded the deer had been shot and observed as well as a significant blood trail. The warden followed the blood trail back through three residential lots to an adjoining home, where he noticed someone had been baiting deer with corn. Two occupants of the house denied any knowledge of anyone shooting a deer. The warden then called for assistance in gathering evidence and additional statements. During the investigation, both men were steadfast in denying any involvement until it became apparent the evidence pointed to the contrary. One of the men finally confessed, telling the wardens, "I can't lie to you guys anymore!" He then recounted the story of how he had shot the deer with a crossbow, and the reason he didn't retrieve the deer was because he did not want to trespass on someone else's property.

• **I'd Like to Formally Introduce Myself**—Three Webb County game wardens, two LaSalle County game wardens and one state park police officer executed a search warrant at the residence of an alleged poacher. The officers arrived at the suspect's residence with eight additional warrants for his arrest. As officers entered the home, the suspect attempted to escape by crawling out a bedroom window and into the backyard. Unfortunately for him, one

warden was outside the suspect's window, waiting for just such an occasion and formally introduced himself. The suspect was taken into custody and wardens seized evidence from the residence.

• **"This One Will Probably Get Me Some Prison Time."**—While patrolling Lake Brownwood, three game wardens filed on a subject for boating while intoxicated for the third time. The individual gave consent for a blood draw and said he already had a court date set for a prior DWI. "This one will probably get me some prison time," the individual said.

• **Gone Girl**—A Shelby County game warden assisted with a search for a local woman whose vehicle got stuck in a small creek. The woman could not identify her location. State troopers, county sheriff's constables and deputies began a search for the missing woman at 5 a.m., though she had been missing since the night before. Just before noon, the warden found the vehicle on private property in a small creek. The woman was able to keep her car running to keep her warm during the icy cold conditions. She was taken by emergency medical services to a local hospital and released that afternoon.

• **Caught on Facebook**—A Tyler County game warden received information that an individual shot a deer from a major highway in Tyler County. While viewing the alleged poacher's Facebook page, the warden saw an image of a whitetail buck with no tag displayed in one of the individual's photos. The warden went to interview a potential witness in the Angelina County jail. While there, the warden noticed the alleged road hunter was also being booked in jail. After interviewing the witness and suspect, the warden obtained a confession. In addition to killing the deer depicted on his Facebook profile, the man also had no hunting license at the time of the crime.

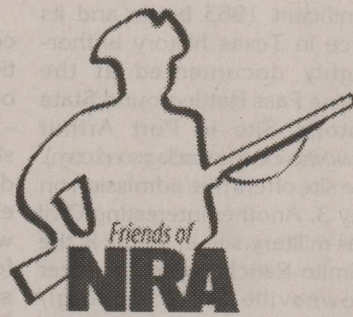
Friends of the NRA Banquet is Saturday, April 25th in Clyde

Callahan County Friends of the National Rifle Association's Fundraising Banquet will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 217 Oak Street in Clyde, on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the doors opening and the banquet should conclude around 9:00 p.m.

The banquet ticket price is \$25.00 per person. This year's banquet will be a non-alcohol event. Tickets for this year's banquet are available from any Callahan County Friends of the NRA member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal, Rowden Store, Don Boles Insurance Agency, and Longacres in Abilene. For ticket information, contact Mike Walker at (325) 232-2780.

Tickets can be purchased by either check, cash or credit card. Make checks payable to Callahan County Friends of the NRA. The Callahan County Friends of the NRA will also be selling tables at this year's banquet. The table prices include:

The Friends of the NRA is offering a Special Table package for the Callahan County Banquet. The Special Table for Eight is \$1,750, which includes a Colt AR-15 LE 6900 556 with a 16



inch barrel.

A Basic Table of Eight: \$200, will receive eight dinner tickets.

The Bronze Table: \$750, will receive eight dinner tickets and a gun package.

The Silver Table: \$1,500, will receive eight dinner tickets and gun package.

The Gold Table: \$2,500, receives eight dinner tickets and your choice of one of two gun packages.

The Platinum Table: \$5,000, will receive eight dinner tickets and your choice of two gun packages.

Also, in conjunction with this year's banquet, the Callahan County Friends of the NRA are selling raffle tickets at the Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet. The 2015 Guns of the Year offered include the Springfield M1A-38 and the Colt 45 ACP Government. Only 250 tick-

ets will be sold. You need not be present to win. Ticket prices are \$20.00 each. Pre-affle tickets for the Colt LE6900 AR-15 can be purchased from any Friends of the NRA committee member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal.

Proceeds from this raffle will benefit the West Texas Friends of the NRA and the NRA Foundation.

Mike Walker is chairman of the committee which will be putting on this year's banquet. Michelle Ratliff is secretary of the committee. Lyn Walker is treasurer of the committee.

Jack Cannon, Senior Field Representative for the NRA said the Friends of the NRA is a grassroots offshoot for the NRA Foundation 501 C nonprofit organization. He said the NRA Foundation is a nonpolitical organization which has held some 1,100 fund-raising banquets nationwide over the last year. He said the Friends of the NRA donated over \$436,000 to support youth shooting sports, FFA organizations, 4-H shooting sports clubs, Boy Scouts, Junior ROTC, law enforcement organizations, as well as educational, historical, and gun safety course and more than 175 other programs.



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Osprey

Many birds of prey, also known as raptors, frequent the western half of Texas. Some are commonly observed, others are seen only rarely, but for the true bird enthusiast, any raptor sighting can elicit a reaction of excitement. One such bird of prey that will always be at the top my list is the Osprey.

The Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) is a common sight in southern California, as well as the entire state of Florida and the Gulf Coast; states throughout the year, while it can be seen during the summer months throughout much of the northern United States and Canada. It winters primarily in southern Mexico and the Gulf Coast area of Texas. On the migratory journey from north to south, many specimens will take up refuge in the same areas for periods of time annually. These spots are carefully selected by the bird for their ability to provide good hunting.

Ospreys are large birds that can attain a body length of two feet, with a wingspan of up to 72 inches. One of the most distinctive features of this raptor is the mostly white head that is marked with a broad black mask that runs from the back corner of the eyes through the cheek area to the sides of the neck. The upperparts of the body and wings are a dark brown to nearly black, while the underparts of the body are solid white. The wrist areas of the wings are marked with a dark spot when viewed while in flight from beneath. The tail is long, as are the unique talons that are all the same length. These talons are curved into a one-third of a circle.

Ospreys are rarely found far from permanent bodies of water, mainly because of their selection of prey. The primary diet consists of various sizes of fish that are captured with their long talons. This raptor will hover in a figure-eight style, then quickly dive into the water from distances of up to 100 feet above the surface to grasp their food. Once obtained, the fish is often carried a considerable distance away where it is devoured. Many times as it carries the fish to a perching area, it will point the head of the fish forward to bring about a decrease in wind resistance as it flies. Very little of the fish is wasted, and what does drop to the ground becomes food for various carrion-feeding organisms.

The flight pattern is a simple one, with the wings beating slowly and methodically as it flies in a fairly straight line. While



Osprey
(*Pandion haliaetus*)

in flight, the wings are always crooked, so much so that many Ospreys are actually mistaken for gulls rather than other birds of prey.

During the majority of the year, this bird is solitary. However, during breeding season it will pair up to nest or occasionally even make a colonial nesting area. The pair is monogamous during this time, and both the male and the female will incubate the eggs, although the female will tend to the nest more while the male provides the food. The nest can be assembled as high as 200 feet above the ground, although one would be hard pressed to find that height in this area of the country. The number of white to pinkish eggs usually number between two and three, and they are typically about two and one half inches

long and one inch in width. Incubation lasts between one month and forty days, and after hatching, the young are semialtricial, which means they are defenseless and flightless and must be attended to by the parents during their two month stay in the nest.

This species is one that was endangered as late as the 1950's due to pesticide use, but since the banning of the use of DDT, its numbers have increased dramatically.

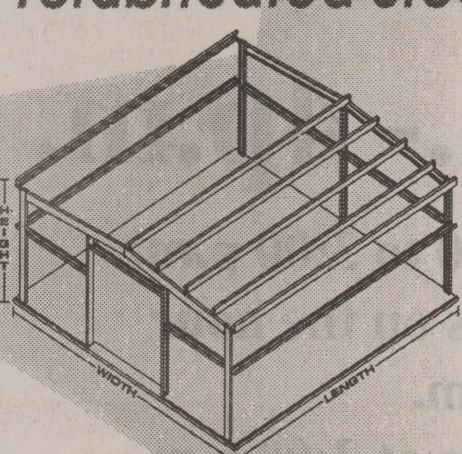
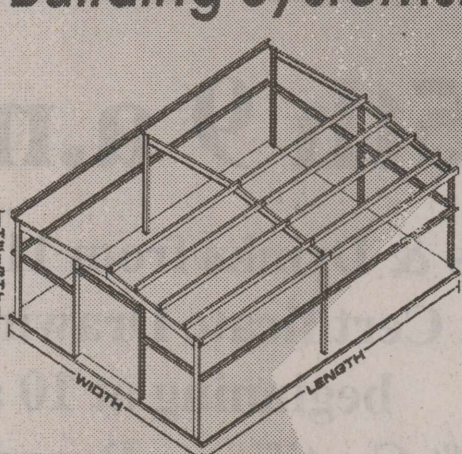
The Osprey is most often encountered in other areas of the country, but for a few weeks every late winter into late spring, there are several specimens that can be observed in this region.

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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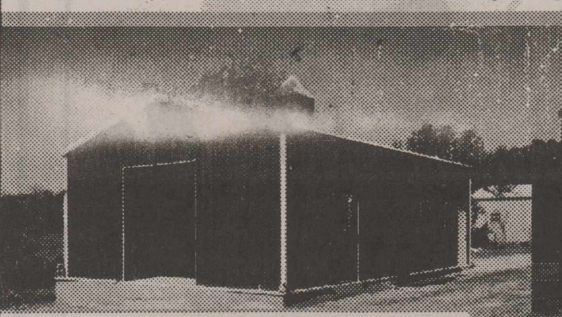
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42nd Annual Cisco Folklife Festival Friends, food, finds, and fun galore in C-I-S-C-O. Cisco!

The Cisco Civic League is excited to announce the 42nd Annual Cisco Folklife Festival will return on Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This popular event will be held on the campus of Cisco College and admission is only \$3.

"There will be many fun things going on and so much for the family to do," said Leeann Barron, President of the Cisco Civic League. "We will have great food, including the legendary homemade bread, cinnamon rolls and strawberry shortcake. Fun activities for the kids will include bouncy houses and games. Interactive pioneer life activities and demonstrations will take us back to our Texas roots and top-notch performances on the entertainment stage will have us smiling and singing along."

Other attractions will include unique shopping experiences with over 40 vendors providing everything from special gifts, to

crafts, to jewelry, to health and beauty products, to unique services, to furniture, to art, to one-of-a-kind treasures. Contact Harryette Purvis at (325) 668-4101 to snap up one of the few remaining vendor exhibit spaces.

The entertainment stage is the perfect place to relax and enjoy local and regional artists including Billy Holt, Alice Holliday, Sam Brown, Javier and the Wingnuts, Four and More Band, and the Doc Rockin' Band. On Sunday, gospel groups and choirs from Cisco Elementary and Siebert Elementary schools will perform.

Other fun events will be happening around the Folklife Festival, as well. Friday evening, April 24, enjoy a barbeque dinner on the Folklife Festival grounds hosted by the Cisco Lion's Club. Later, from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. there will be a street dance downtown featuring the Jason Ryan Band. On Saturday downtown businesses will have sidewalk

sales, quilt displays, a wildflower show, and a pet contest. Both days the Cisco Writers Club will be hosting a CWC Book Look at the Cisco College Library featuring various authors.

There are so many reasons to come to the Folklife Festival this year and enjoy all that Cisco has to offer. "We thank you for supporting this annual event" Barron said. "All of the monies raised will be used to benefit our community. That goal has never changed and never will. We look forward to seeing you this year!"

About Cisco Civic League
Established in 1967, the Cisco Civic League is a service group of women dedicated to helping the community. Through their fundraisers and donations community projects of many types have been funded, from civic support and beautification efforts to assisting area social services groups. To learn more about membership please contact (254) 433-9461.

Callahan County Riding Club 2015 Schedule

April: Saturday, April 25 - First Play Day
Sunday, April 26 - Trail Ride - at John Wassons House - More information

May:
Saturday, May 16
Saturday, May 23
June:
Saturday, June 6
Saturday, June 20
Saturday, June 27
July:
Saturday, July 11
Saturday, July 18
August:
Saturday, August 8
Saturday, August 22
September:
Saturday, September 5
Saturday, September 19

Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have \$60.00 sponsorship plus \$10.00 for

each play day needed up to 3. Also parent/guardian must work in concession stand once per person participating.

Sign-ups will be between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Trainers will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Competition begins at 7:30 p.m.

Any rain-outs or make up days will be held on the open weekend or on Fridays or Sundays depending on weather and options of membership.

Parades we are looking to participate in:

June - Albany Fandangle Parade - June 20
June-Coleman Parade
July - Stamford Parade
Sept - West Texas Fair Parade - Abilene

Oct - Pecan Festival Parade - Clyde
For more information call Paula Kinslow at 325.893.4054 or 325.829.1381

Cottonwood Historical Association Meeting

The Cottonwood Historical Association board members will hold the Annual Cottonwood Historical Association meeting on May 2, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Cottonwood Community Center.

A group of individuals who attended the Cottonwood School will be sharing memories of their school days, as well as childhood memories of Cottonwood as part of our program for this meeting. We will begin at 9 am, with the business meeting starting at 10 am. A fellowship meal will follow at 12 noon.

The Cottonwood Historical Association board members have completed several preservation projects this year including: clearing out saplings in the old cemetery, repairing the gate in the new cemetery, and updating the grave directory of the new cemetery. Also, thanks to a caring and generous family, the old Methodist Church building has been restored.

We are privileged to have new families that chose Cottonwood as their home. Some chose Cottonwood as their place of retirement, while others chose it to raise children. Some of our new residents are: Roy and Linda Boyd, who live a few miles west of Cottonwood, Wes and Vicki Larimore, with children Strena and Jack who reside just north of the community, Bobby and Whitney Martin and their son, who are building a new home just east of the community, David and Brenda Welch who live where her grandparents lived south west of Cottonwood, Jerry and Karen Cumbee and their foster children, who live northeast of Cottonwood, Elvan and Mariah Goode, with their children Grace and Creed who live south of Cottonwood, and Forrest Creamer, Jessica and the boys who reside in the Cottonwood Community proper. Forrest played in the streets of Cottonwood when he was a child.

The Cottonwood Historical Association would like to extend a warm welcome to these families as well as those other newcomers we haven't had the privilege to meet. You and the other residents who have moved to Cottonwood in the recent years are a very important part of making our community what it is, and an important part of the history to come.

We would like to extend an invitation to everyone that has an interest in Cottonwood and its history to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend and

Callahan Co. Library news

More large print paperbacks at the Callahan County Library are: Hidden Agenda by Christy Barritt, Wilderness Target by Sharon Dunn, Untraceable by Elizabeth Goddard and Royal Rescue by Tammy Johnson.

Two more of the TexShare Databases available to the citizens of Texas are: Job & Career Accelerator is a powerful career and job search tool that is now available to help job seekers face the daunting task of searching for a new job or advancing a career. It is the first fully integrated online career & job search platform, designed to guide any job seeker through the most effective career selection and job search possible. From creating resumes and finding jobs and internship opportunities to assessing career alternatives and mastering interviewing skills, job seekers will have everything they need in one easy-to-use web application. LearningExpress Library, in today's global economy emphasizing 21st century skills, career-based knowledge and ongoing professional improvement is critical to succeeding in the workplace and in life. LearningExpress Library's unique, interactive online learning platform provides patrons with the most comprehensive

selection of career-oriented and academic resources available to help with job preparation, career advancement, career changes, and re-entry into the workforce.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon Saturday, May 20, 1882
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Letter to Callahan
Callahan, Texas May 9, 1882

Editor Clarendon: We have had a fine rain—in fact it was almost too fine—for it came so fast and so hard that it overflowed the creeks and branches, and we began to think that Deep Creek was going to flood the country, as did the Mississippi, but the water has subsided, and about all the damage it did was to wash away a few panels of fence. The rain has been of incalculable benefit to this section, inasmuch as it has infused new life into the growing crops and grass, filled our water holes, and has inspired the farmer with hope, as they can now look forward with some assurance of being rewarded for their labors. We had a shower last night, with some hail.

Farmers have been busy for

the past few days repairing fencing, and most of them have got their farms in good fix again and are planting cotton.

The cattle drive on the trail, although divided, promises to be a large one. There has already nearly thirty herds passed. M.H. Allen is keeping a record of the number of cattle driven by and I will give it in the full when drive is over.

Charley Martin and Johnnie Huffman are the only cattle buyers in this part of the country, and although both are young in the business, they seem to be having very good success.

Our commissioner from this precinct says that he has a new bill to be introduced before the court. I do not know what it is, but help he will have it published, if it passes, in the Clarendon; also full proceedings. Granger

County Court
The following cases were disposed of in the county court this week:

McElser vs. West & Fraser, attachment suit, appeal from justice's court, precinct No. 2; appeal dismissed on motion.

Joseph H. Brown vs. West & Fraser, attachment suit; continued by plaintiff.

Barbarian Festival Slated for Saturday June 13th

Mark your calendars now for the 17th Annual Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 13th.

The Barbarian Festival features handmade items, arts, jewelry, candles, and other crafts booths, as well as, an Inflatable Obstacle Course Bounce House, face painting, kid's rides and games and live music.

An Antique Tractor Show and an Antique and Classic Car and Truck show round out the event. Hot dogs, hamburgers, barbeque sandwiches, sausage on a stick and other tasty treats can be

found at the festival.

Make plans for your booth now! Booth space is available at the festival at a discounted rate of \$35 - until May 10th. Details on line at barbarianfestival.net

The festival is held the second Saturday each June at the same time as Robert Howard Days, a celebration of life of noted author Robert E. Howard creator of Conan the Barbarian.

Don't miss out on the fun! Circle the date on your calendar now - Saturday, June 13th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Treadway Park

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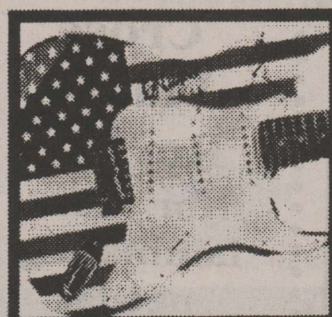
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Wrangler Belles Will Present "Love is in the Air" on April 25,

"Love is in the Air" The Wrangler Belles will present their dance showcase on Saturday, April 25, 2015 @7:00 in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium on the Cisco Campus. As always the Belles will have great dance numbers and music for

you to enjoy. Guest performers will include the Cisco College Cheerleaders, Sarah's Studio, and dancers/tumblers from the Power House Cheer and Amp Gym. Come and enjoy all the talented children in our community and the exciting upbeat

and stylized dances that the Belles have prepared for your entertainment. Admission is free. People from throughout the Big Country are welcome to attend this event, which always receives rave reviews.

Update on Progress of Community Garden

The community garden that has been funded by a grant from the Fiskars' Orange Thumb program is moving forward with the arrival of \$2,000 worth of tools and equipment and the \$1500 gift card to be used for building supplies.

Nine raised beds measuring 4X8 feet will be constructed on the lot between the Methodist Church and the church parsonage on the east. A watering system is being developed to utilize the well located behind the parsonage and will be available on a timed basis. A variety of tools will be available to those who have taken responsibility for the beds. At this time, five of the beds have been spoken for, leaving 4 that can be used by individuals. Those not taken by individuals will be used strictly to benefit the Sr. Center or the Food Pantry. Community minded folks have

stepped forward to provide the top soil and fertilizer necessary to fill the boxes; the school ag department will be building the boxes and others have volunteered equipment and expertise to prepare the area as needed.

What is needed now is a shed to store all the equipment. A variety of options are possible for obtaining this shed; purchasing a shed to be fitted for the available equipment; building the shed or having somebody donate a shed in good condition that can be moved to the site. Obviously, a donated shed would leave more money for unforeseen expenses.

Further information on any aspect of the Community Garden may be obtained from the United Methodist Church, 254-725-7377 or e-mailing at fumcrossplains@gmail.com

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Oil & Gas Industry Still Vital in West Texas

Energy is the engine of the economy. That's true nationwide, statewide — and especially locally. Leaders in the oil and gas industry along with community leaders, educators, landowners and students will gather in San Angelo, May 7, 2015 for the WTXEC Power In Partnership, oil and — now especially — natural gas remain an integral part of the West Texas economy.

The West Texas Energy Consortium (WTxEC) has gathered 3 of the state's top experts for a discussion on two very important topics surrounding the future of West Texas; water and oil & gas. Texas Water Technology Accelerator Senior Advisor and CEO, Richard Seline, will discuss the current Water Technology Teams comprised of the State's best academic, industry, entrepreneurial, public sector, and non-profit brain-power focusing on traditional, non-traditional and innovative technologies. He'll also share the expertise, knowledge and resources that are responding to our current water crisis and demonstrate how these Texas partnerships are positioning us with water technology to better serve the state.

Bernard Weinstein, Ph.D., is an economist and associate director of Southern Methodist University's Maguire Energy Institute and articles, with a focus on the economic and policy aspects of energy development. His work has been published by The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Los Angeles Times, among other newspapers, magazines and journals. Dr. Weinstein, takes a look at "Will Falling Oil Prices Derail the Shale Revolution and America's Prospects for Energy Independence".

Allen Gilmer of DrillingInfo, Inc. will discuss what the drilling industry is saying about current layoffs in the energy industry, the long-term industry outlook and a rebound in market prices.

Operation Drawbridge Helps Detect, Interdict Drug and Human Smuggling on Texas-Mexico Border in 2014

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today, Monday, April 13th, announced that Operation Drawbridge — the law enforcement initiative using motion-detection camera system along the Texas-Mexico border — was responsible for more than 29,300 apprehensions and 88,400 pounds of drugs being seized in 2014. These results represent a significant impact in the effort to combat Mexican cartel smuggling operations.

Mexican cartels continue to pose the most significant organized crime threat to Texas. In fact, seven of the eight cartels currently have command and control networks operating in the state, moving drugs and people into the United States, and transporting cash, weapons and stolen vehicles back to Mexico.

"Every day, sheriff's deputies, police officers, Border Patrol agents and state law enforcement officers in the Texas border region risk their lives to protect Texas and the entire nation from Mexican cartels and transnational crime," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This

innovative use of technology has proven to be a force multiplier in detecting the smuggling attempts along the border, which is critical to interdicting criminal activity occurring between the ports of entry."

Operation Drawbridge, a collaborative program between DPS, U.S. Border Patrol and border sheriffs, is a sophisticated system that utilizes motion-detection cameras located on farms and ranches near the Texas-Mexico border. The cameras are monitored in real-time, around-the-clock by the Texas Border Security Operations Center, U.S. Border Patrol, the Texas Joint Crime Information Center, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and border sheriffs' offices. When a smuggling or suspicious event is detected, an alert is immediately sent to all law enforcement partners to support a subsequent interdiction effort.

In 2014, Operation Drawbridge was responsible for:

- 29,361 apprehensions;
- 58,238 individuals detected; and
- 88,463 pounds of drugs seized.

"Any time law enforcement in-

terdicts a smuggling attempt, we consider it a significant gain in the fight against the cartels and their operatives," McCraw said. "The collaborative law enforcement efforts of Operation Drawbridge have bolstered our ability to combat the exploitation of our border by these ruthless criminals."

Since the inception of the program through the end of March 2015, Operation Drawbridge has been successful in detecting more than 121,800 criminal exploitations of the Texas-Mexico Border, and has directly resulted in the apprehension of more than 56,200 individuals and more than 112.1 tons of narcotics.

In December 2014, the Legislative Budget Board authorized funding for 4,000 additional cameras to bolster the Operation Drawbridge program. The department is currently in the process of obtaining and deploying these additional cameras.

For more information on Operation Drawbridge, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/PublicInformation/operDrawbrdg.htm>.

Jeremiah 29 Project

We are getting ready to kick off Jeremiah 29 again this summer!

For those of you who are not familiar with the Jeremiah 29 project, we are a non-profit organization that takes a warm meal to kids whose parents can not provide one. Last year was a huge success; we fed on average 20 kids a day! These meals are available because of caring people of Cross Plains. These nutritious meals are prepared by and purchased from the Cross Plains Senior Center. Thanks to Dannes Turner, Vivian Wooten, Carrie Wheeler for their wonderful help!

We are so thankful for all of the help and support that we received this past summer. We believe that we will reach even more

children this year, and we will continue to grow!

If you would like to by making a donation, there is a fund set up by the Texas Heritage Bank Under Living Water Ministries for Jeremiah 29 Project. If you would like to volunteer with either helping at the Senior Center to prepare the meals, or delivery please contact: Whitney Henderson 325-260-9330 or Crystal Conway 325-370-7790.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

Cattle Raisers Praise

Passage of Senate Bill 474

Austin, Texas — The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association today praised passage of Senate Bill 474, which helps landowners receive a fair offer in eminent domain proceedings. Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, (R-Brenham) authored the legislation and it was passed in the Texas State Senate today with a 25-6 vote.

"I am very pleased this important legislation passed the Senate," said TSCRA President Pete Bonds. Many times too often landowners are forced to accept lowball offers in condemnation cases because they can't afford litigation that could help them receive fair compensation for their property. Fortunately, this bill helps level the playing field for landowners by requiring condemnors to pay the landowner's litigation fees if the initial offer is too low.

SB 474 requires condemnors to pay the attorney and professional fees incurred by landowners if the amount of damages awarded by the special commissioners is at least 20 percent greater than the amount the condemnor offered to pay

before the proceedings began or if the commissioners award is appealed and a court awards damages in an amount that is at least 20 percent greater than the amount the condemnor offered to pay before the proceedings began.

"TSCRA appreciates Sen. Kolkhorst for her hard work on this legislation and for always going to bat for Texas landowners. We encourage legislators in the House to pass this bill so it can be sent to the Governor's desk for his signature," Bonds concluded.

TSCRA is a 138-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 16,500 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.



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We want to CongratulateThe First Baptist Church Bible Drill Team for winning the area Bible Drill competition in Brownwood on March 29th.

The team will compete at the State Competition in Lubbock on April 25th

The team members are Noah Moses, Abbigale Shepard, Isabel

Dean, Hayley Hughes and Madilynn Shepard.

The team has work really hard this year and the hard work has paid off!

DPS Rescues At-Risk, Endangered Children in 2014

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced today that DPS officers - with the support of the DPS Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program - rescued 48 missing or exploited children in 2014.

"When a child goes missing, that boy or girl becomes exponentially more vulnerable to being abused, exploited or harmed in other ways by the deplorable predators who seek them out," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS is committed to pursuing the criminals who participate in the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children, and this premier interdiction program has been crucial to our efforts to detect and rescue endangered children."

Launched in 2009, the IPC program is designed to teach troopers and other law enforcement officers how to recognize indicators of endangered children who do not exhibit obvious signs of abuse. This program offers invaluable and sophisticated training created to assist law enforcement officers in identifying and recovering missing or exploited children, and arresting suspects for sexual

offenses against children.

As a result of this training, DPS has initiated more than 50 criminal investigations, and recovered 160 missing and exploited children since the program's inception. In 2014 alone, 48 children were recovered by DPS in Texas. Throughout the years, the IPC program has been responsible for uncovering crimes affecting children and arresting the perpetrators in instances involving:

- Possession of child pornography
- Sexual assault of a child
- Human trafficking/commercial sexual exploitation of children
- Violation of registered sex offender requirements
- Enticing a child

To date, DPS has provided the IPC training to its own officers as well as other law enforcement, including more than 4,577 officers in Texas and approximately 4,519 officers outside of Texas, nationally and internationally. In addition in 2014, DPS offered the first IPC train-the-trainer class.

Also in 2014, DPS established the Texas Crimes Against

Children Center to provide support to local, state and federal partners on investigations related to missing and exploited children, the trafficking of children, child abductions and other high-risk threats to children.

Opera House Country Musical this Saturday

The Opera House Country musical show will be Saturday April 18th at 6:00 pm, at the Opera House, located in Anson, Texas.

A Bar-Q Supper will be held before the musical, serving starts at 5:00pm. The supper cost \$7.00 a plate and this includes a drink and dessert.

For further information call Terra Ortega at 325-338-2184, leave a message.

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Texas General Land Office and City of San Antonio Teaming Up for the Future of the Alamo

Building a joint strategic vision with cooperative agreement

AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO - Today George P. Bush, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, and Ivy Taylor, Mayor of San Antonio, announced that city and state leaders will be teaming up through a cooperative agreement to direct a collaborative vision for the future of the Alamo Plaza Historic District and the Alamo Complex. Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, a new Interlocal Agreement will be defined to determine expanded terms of a Joint Master Plan (master plan) process for the Alamo and Alamo Plaza.

"This alliance is long overdue and also very encouraging for all of us who treasure the Alamo," Commissioner Bush said. "The Alamo needs all Texans to unite to preserve it for future generations. The time for us to come together is now and I look forward to collaborating with San Antonio, as known as the Alamo City. Together we will create a strategic vision and work toward our common goal of restoring the Shrine of Texas Liberty to a site worthy of its noble roots."

"This collaboration will be a model for how state and local governments can work together to accomplish the extraordinary," Mayor Ivy Taylor said. "A joint master planning effort will maximize our ability to create a unique and authentic destination that tells the story of San Antonio and its ultimate urbanization."

"As a Tri-Chair of the Alamo Plaza Advisory Committee, I am excited about this

collaboration," said District 1 Councilman Roberto C. Treviño. "More importantly, I am proud of the work of the Advisory Committee. The vision and guiding principles we developed will continue to serve as the foundation of the RFQ and guide us through the implementation of the master plan."

Texas State Senator Jose Menendez and Representative Diego Bernal both expressed their support for the cooperative agreement:

"The value of the Alamo is universal to all Texans because it represents who we are as a people. Native Americans, Texans, and Mexicans all worshiped in this sacred mission. An investment in the Alamo and a strategic partnership for its future is necessary to develop a world class iconic site. We must create an educational experience where visitors leave inspired by the storied history and sacrifices the Alamo represents," State Senator Menendez said.

"This is a tremendous next step and signals to San Antonio, the State of Texas, the nation and world that we are serious about showing the Alamo the respect and reverence it always deserved. As the former City Councilman and now State Representative in whose district the Alamo resides, I am especially proud and thankful for the opportunity to see this effort through from both sides. As I said before, all of the talk and speculation is in the past. This will happen, and it will be magnificent."

The master plan process will include re-advertising the

request for qualifications issued by the City of San Antonio to include an amended scope of work for a comprehensive master plan for both the Alamo Plaza and Complex. Applicants who previously submitted RFQ responses will be contacted and encouraged to make any appropriate revisions and submit amendments to their proposals in response to the joint RFQ.

Additionally, the state will add up to six members to the evaluation committee that has already been established by the City. The evaluation team will recommend a master plan to present to the General Land Office and City Council for action. The process will lengthen the selection process only by 4 to 6 weeks, and the leaders agree that the benefit of working side by side on the master plan will bring a much higher level of coordination and investment that has been lacking in previous attempts to improve the historic area in downtown San Antonio.

The City of San Antonio will contribute up to \$1,000,000 of the costs of the master plan process utilizing funds previously dedicated through the 2012-2017 Bond Program. The General Land Office will be responsible for amounts exceeding that cost.

The City and State officials expect the master plan will take up to 12 months, with the expectation that the implementation of the plan could begin on the recommendations as early as 2016.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 20th - April 24th

Monday 20th -Salisbury Steak, Potatoes w/ gravy, English Peas, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 23rd - BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Potatoes, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 21st - Stuffed Peppers, Potatoes, Corn, Bread, Dessert

Friday 24th - Chicken Strips, Potatoes, w/ gravy, Lima Beans, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 22nd - Steak Fingers, Potatoes w/ gravy, Turnip Greens, Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Senior Citizens Center Activities

April 20th - April 24th

Monday-20th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-21th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday-22th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure

Check Girling Home Health

Thursday -23th Exercise 10:45/ Bingo 11:15/

Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:30

Friday -24th Exercise 11:00

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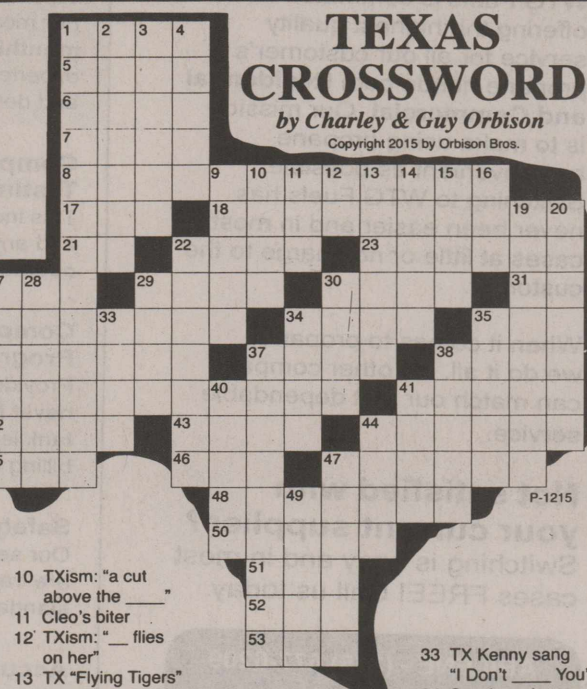
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- 5 Buckeye, TX is named for tree of this state
- 6 country's McEntire
- 7 this Archie was the "Duke of Duval County"
- 8 spreads of barbed wire user Isaac Ellwood (2 wds.)
- 17 "two" in Mexico
- 18 it can be passed in TX legislature
- 21 this Errol starred in "San Antonio" (init.)
- 22 labored breath
- 23 TXism: "useless grease on a jackrabbit"
- 24 Littlefield's county named after this San Jacinto victim
- 29 TXism: "pick of the litter"
- 30 TXism: "vaya con ___"
- 31 ___ Leon, TX
- 32 burned Hill County courthouse had this architectural style
- 34 TXism: "dry as popped ___"
- 35 Ford sedan
- 36 TX Ann biography: "___ High Life"
- 37 dinner and a show
- 38 rattler position before striking
- 39 '48 film about TX Bandit Queen: "___ Daughter"
- 41 "You ___ where you want me"

- 42 this TX pitcher David was Rockies 1st pick in 1992
- 43 this Long was a political figure in neighbor state
- 44 split up
- 45 TXism: "___ in cement" (permanent)
- 46 VIPs of TX newspapers

- 47 Crystal City has a statue of Popeye the ___ Man
- 48 TXism: "the brand ___ smoking" (rare steak)
- 50 Odessa is seat of this county
- 51 Live ___ TX
- 52 TXism: "cash in your chips"
- 53 "to ___ is human"

DOWN

- 1 TX Dunham was a member of this ABT dance group
- 2 TXism: "in ___ trouble"
- 3 Texans born 'tween Sept. 23 & Oct. 22
- 4 Crowell is seat of this county
- 9 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"



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- 10 TXism: "a cut above the ___"
- 11 Cleo's biter
- 12 TXism: "___ flies on her"
- 13 TX "Flying Tigers" general Chennault
- 14 ex-Ranger infielder Jeff (1990-93)
- 15 Greek letters
- 16 TXism: "___ of one, half a dozen of the other"
- 19 TXism for an elderly man
- 20 East TX has the long-___ Eldarica pine
- 22 TXism: "a squeaky wheel ___"
- 24 ___ Joe

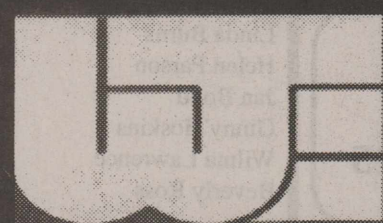
- 25 TXism: "chompin' the bit"
- 26 TXism: "I got sheared like a spring ___" (cheated)
- 27 space creatures
- 28 1st female civilian scientist into space: TX ___ Fulford
- 29 saloons
- 30 picture show treat ___ way

- 33 TX Kenny sang "I Don't ___ You"
- 34 San Antonio street: ___ Grant
- 35 TX game of chance
- 37 garment rules at TX high schools (2 wds.)
- 38 Houston mass murderer Dean
- 40 TX hero Murphy
- 41 TX Borden of condensed milk fame
- 44 cow and a call
- 47 steamship
- 49 A&M's branded ___ way

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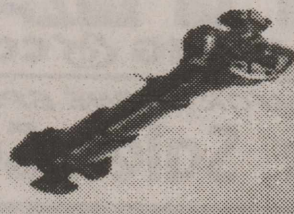
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Kiwanis within our Community

The following Kiwanis International (celebrating 100 years this year-2015) "Objects" were adopted in 1924 at the Kiwanis International Convention in Denver Colorado. Through the decades, they have remained unchanged:

"To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill."

Each year through the Christmas/Santa/Stew supper we give back to the community about \$500 in cash prizes, turkeys and pictures with Santa. In the past

year -2014- we have made these and other contributions:

Fund Raiser for Owen Turner CPFFA

GED Meals

Jeremiah 29 Project

Beta Sigma Phi-Kids Water Day

Basket for Cancer Walk

Train for Cancer Walk

Angel Tree at Bank-Christmas

Many members are involved in

"The Ramp Project" and "See-

by-3 Project" and other projects

as they present themselves.

If you've noticed our young

people serving you at the Annual

Pancake Supper or the Stew and

Santa event, these students are

"learning to serve" through the

Key Club. Our local Kiwanis

club sponsors the Key Club; the

"high school" version of

Kiwanis.

Yearly dues for Kiwanis Inter-

national are \$96.00 and new

member fees are prorated to the

date you join the club. All money

raised through fund raisers stays

at home funding local projects.

Recently we changed our meet-

ing to the first Tuesday of every

month. Come and join us any-

time; 7:00 a.m. at Jean's Feed

Barn, or contact Kathy Chesshir

at 254-725-7119 for more infor-

mation.

TxDOT area construction and maintenance projects

ABILENE — Construction and maintenance projects continue in the Abilene area. Below is a list of upcoming projects for the week of April 13-17, 2015. As always, progress and completion of these projects is dependent upon weather and other potential delays.

Construction

- Business I-20 (East Hwy 80): Pavement repairs on the west-bound exit ramp from I-20 are complete. Pavement repairs to the driving lanes are ongoing, with daytime lane closures.
- Loop 322 one-way frontage road (Lytle Creek to Maple): All ramps are now open. Work will resume in May when weather conditions are more favorable for placement of the final seal

coat.

- US 283 in Callahan County: Subgrade widening to add 10 ft. shoulders to the existing roadway from SH 36 to Coleman County line is in progress.

Maintenance

- FM 1235, Business I-20, Business 83: Pot hole repair in various areas along these roadways.
- SH 36: Traffic control while crews perform roadway testing.
- I-20 near Old Anson Road, FM 600: Sign installation.

Drivers should watch for crew members and large, slow moving equipment in project areas, and always drive to conditions.

Follow TxDOT Abilene at Twitter.com/TxDOTAbilene for travel and roadway information.

Callahan Area Wood Workers Group Meeting is Monday April 20th

Callahan Area Wood Workers will have our monthly meeting at Cherry Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 729 Gas House Road, Monday April 20 starting at 7:00 pm. Callahan Area Wood Workers Group is made up of people that have an interest in wood working. Experience of group varies from "never done any of this" to "been doing this since I was six years old". The Group meets the third Monday of each month. Come join us for this meeting and we will get some wood smoking.

A typical meeting starts with Short business meeting discussing last meeting and planning events for upcoming meetings. This is followed by Tool Time when a member talks about and demonstrates their favorite or an unusual tool. Then some safety tips, some from personal experience on what not to do, followed by Show and Tell when we show what we have com-

pleted or a work in process, do a little bragging and give compliments on workmanship. Then a break for refreshments as Show and Tell continues. The second half of the meeting is our Meeting Project time when we have a wood working demonstration. This month's project will be scroll sawing. May 22nd project will be wood carving and wood turning for June 20.

All are welcome to meet with us and to become a member. The only qualification for membership is to have interest in wood working - either doing it or seeing it done.

For more information contact Larry Davis, Group Coordinator, 325-893-5106 or at seewhatissaw@yahoo.com. You can also speak with several group members that are also vendors at the Market at Clyde on the second Saturday each month.

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Texas Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

- **Mission Impossible**—Two Val Verde County game wardens responded to a call about a critter inside a Del Rio Super Wal-Mart. When they arrived on the scene, they found a juvenile opossum lodged in the ceiling braces. Using a Wal-Mart scissor lift, they were able to safely remove the opossum and successfully relocate it.

- **Cool as Cotton**—A Runnels County game warden received a call from a man who said he saw someone in a vehicle shoot from the road and suspected a deer may have been struck. When the warden arrived, he found the vehicle in a cotton field and a nearby man was spraying cotton. When he was questioned, the man denied shooting from the road. The warden seized a .243 rifle from the pickup but could not locate a deer. With the rain, blood would have been washed away. The next morning, however, the complainant gave a written statement and confessed in an interview to shooting at a deer from the road in his cotton field. Charges were filed.

- **Catch and Release**—Game wardens in Maverick County picked up nearly 1,000 feet of trotlines stretched across the Rio Grande. These lines were secured with metal spikes to the rocks. Multiple catfish were released, and the illegal lines were removed by the wardens.

- **Just Turkeying Around**—A Hemphill County game warden was called, when a rancher and his son saw two men in a pickup trespassing on their property, shooting at turkeys with a bow. The rancher said he watched the pair for several minutes and noticed that the men appeared to be circling a flock of turkeys while attempting to get within shooting range. This continued until the suspects noticed the rancher's truck. They quickly threw something into the brush and made a hasty retreat to the country road. At this time, the warden was enroute nearly 20 miles away and instructed the rancher to call him if the suspects returned. When the land-

owner and his son returned to the area where the suspects had thrown the object, they discovered a compound bow and a dozen arrows. Driving back to the county road, the rancher was surprised to find the two suspects parked in their truck near the ranch entrance. He greeted the pair and asked if they were having car trouble, to which they replied "No" and explained they had just seen a snake and were considering capturing it. "Okay, good luck," said the rancher, as he crossed the county road and drove out of sight into another portion of his ranch where he could still see them. He watched them as they returned to the location, now barren, where they had dropped their gear. The rancher then called the warden, who was 1.5 miles away now, to report that the suspect's truck was in view behind him traveling at a high speed and about to close in on him. The warden instructed the rancher to continue driving the same direction until the warden could meet up with him and the suspects. Just as the two oncoming vehicles came to a stop, the warden was able to pull past the rancher and get behind the suspect's truck before they knew what was going on. The two suspects were from Oklahoma and worked at a nearby oil rig. When asked why they were chasing the rancher, they responded that the rancher had something they needed back. After the warden explained the many laws they had broken, they attempted to convince him they were only after jack rabbits. They finally admitted to turkey hunting when the warden retrieved their bow and arrows from the rancher. Multiple charges and warnings were issued.

- **Where the Heck Are We?**—Two hikers called 911 when they realized they were lost. The game warden who responded to the call requested for dispatch to issue instructions to the hikers to walk toward the water. After searching along the shoreline, the warden located the lost hikers. Neither was hurt, except for the female hiker who sustained a severe sunburn.

- **Chivalry's Not Dead, Just Drunk**—When a Kimble County

game warden noticed a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road, he attempted to make a traffic stop. After following the vehicle with lights and sirens for two miles, the driver slowly pulled into a driveway and was detained by the warden. When asked why he didn't pull over sooner, the driver said he figured since he was drunk and presumably going to jail, he wanted to get his girlfriend home and avoid having his vehicle towed. A Standard Field Sobriety Test revealed he was intoxicated, and he was arrested for DWI.

- **Weight Issues**—A game warden in Galveston County filed a citation on a captain of a commercial bait shrimp boat for exceeding his limit of bait shrimp. The shrimper was a hefty 320 pounds over the legal limit.

- **High-Strung**—Two Val Verde County game wardens assisted a national park ranger with a call on Lake Amistad near Del Rio. After acquiring consent to search a vehicle, the wardens seized a small amount of suspected cocaine and marijuana from the two suspects in the vehicle. The wardens arrested the two suspects and, when searching them, retrieved several more small bags of suspected cocaine in one of their wallets. One subject was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, and the other for misdemeanor possession of marijuana under two ounces. Cases are pending.

- **Young, Wild and Fined**—While patrolling Lake Conroe, a Montgomery County game warden saw three people drinking alcohol - a violation of Wildlife Management Area rules. All three individuals were under the legal drinking age. Additionally, the warden found a glass jar of marijuana in their ice chest. One of the suspects also had a bag of marijuana in his pocket. Just three weeks prior, one of the three individuals had been issued a citation from this same warden for possession of a marijuana pipe. Cases are pending.

- **Busting Bundles**—A local game warden was contacted near Military Point concerned a local citizen. The caller said a

boat was near the vehicles along the shoreline of Falcon Lake, and the vehicles were being loaded with large bundles. Immediately, the warden began driving toward the reported location and called the Zapata County Sheriff's Office to advise them of the situation. When the two vehicles were spotted near an intersection, the warden stopped the truck, and the ZCSO unit stopped the other car approximately a half-mile away. The truck contained eight bundles of marijuana, totaling 179.2 pounds, and the car contained seven bundles, totaling 150.5 pounds. Both drivers were arrested for second degree felony possession of marijuana.

- **Tequila Sunrise**—Around 8 a.m. when a Starr County game warden and a Zapata County game warden were on their way to patrol Lake Falcon they noticed park police officers on a traffic stop. They then saw a female almost fall into the road. When asked what happened, the park police requested the wardens perform a sobriety test on the suspected intoxicated driver. The tests were administered, and the woman was arrested for DWI.

- **Striking Green**—A Polk County game warden received a call from someone near Livingston who was doing pre-season maintenance at a deer lease with some fellow hunters when they stumbled upon some marijuana plants growing in the woods. The warden called the Polk County Sheriff's Department special response team (SRT) for assistance in case the plants were being guarded. The warden lead the SRT to what turned out to be a very large and sophisticated cartel-organized marijuana growing operation consisting of tens of thousands of plants. The operation included a very large camp, bunkers with generators and enough food and supplies to last nearly a month. The occupants of the camp may have been spooked by the hunters and left the area in a hurry, leaving behind most of their belongings. The case was turned over to the Polk County Sheriff's Department for further investigation and plant eradication.

Library Notes

Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tues. 11:00pm to 7:00pm
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Turs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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Baird 48 Study Club introduces new business to club members

Members of the Baird 48 Study Club enjoyed their annual Salad Supper for the April meeting.

In accordance with the evening's theme "No Place Like Home Cooking" each member provided a salad dish for the meal.

Hostesses Dela Pickens, Barbara Barron and Stephanie Strack decorated the tables featuring spring centerpieces and unique place cards which included a packet of flower seeds for spring planting, for each member.

Guest speaker, Amanda Scott, introduced members to a new company based in Baird called "Side by Style". An online service launched last fall, which provides personal assistance for shopping

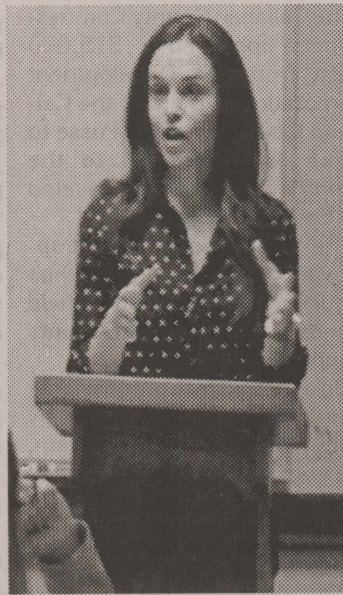
efficiently, accessorizing, creating a wardrobe and a number of other services related to wardrobe needs.

In the short time the company has been in business, stylists in seven states have been signed on to assist customers.

For more information on this new business or its services, visit the website sidebystyle.com.

Following a brief business meeting club members enjoyed 2-minute bios by Elaine Stephenson, Rea Barry, Barbara Barron and Sheila Menzies about "the road that led to Baird".

The club's May meeting will be held at the T&P Depot and will be the final business meeting before the summer break.



Guest speaker Amanda Scott, new business owner.

Willingham Family Reunion May 24th

It's that time of year again—Family Reunion!!!!

The descendants of Sam and Etta (Boston) Willingham from the Oplin Community will come together Memorial Day weekend for a time of visiting, reminiscing and meeting new family members.

Treks will be made to the Oplin and Baird cemeteries to place flowers on the graves of deceased family members.

Family members will be coming from Nebraska, New Mexico and points all across Texas for the week!

The Willingham's grew up in the Oplin and Baird area in the 1930's during the "Great Depression" They had not fully recovered from the "Depression" when World War II hit with the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japan on December 7, 1941; then the family was scattered abroad.

It has been a family tradition for everyone that could to come "home" for Memorial Day Reunions.

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DPS Offers Safety Tips for Enjoying Texas Wildflowers

AUSTIN—Springtime in Texas is known for the beautiful wildflowers that blanket the fields and roadsides across our state, including the state flower, the Bluebonnet. Here are a few tips to help everyone enjoy the wildflower season safely and lawfully.

While there is no law against picking the state flower, laws do exist against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property. So even though picking a few flowers may be okay, individuals should not dig up clusters of flowers or drive their vehicle into a field of flowers.

Flower fans must also consider laws against criminal trespassing and make sure they are not on private property when stopping to enjoy or take photos of the wildflowers. Individuals should also be cautious of snakes, fire ants and other potential dangers while observing

wildflowers.

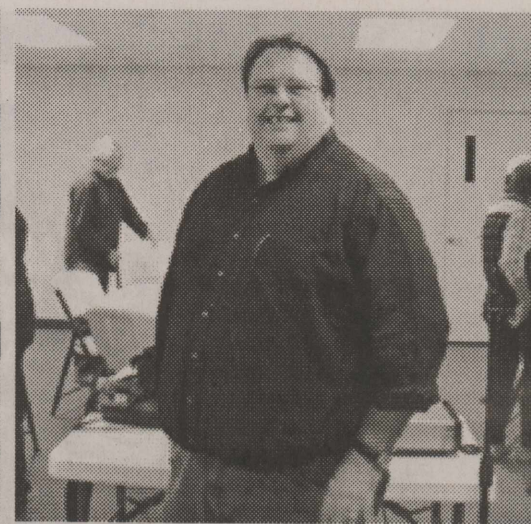
DPS encourages motorists to be mindful of laws against impeding traffic and exercise caution when slowing down to enjoy the view; and if you decide to stop, choose areas with light traffic conditions.

For the safety of yourself and others, consider the following tips while enjoying Texas wildflowers:

- Signal before leaving or entering the roadway.
- Park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders), parallel to the road in the direction of traffic.
- Don't cross lanes of traffic on foot to get to the flowers.
- Obey signs that prohibit parking on a particular stretch of roadway.
- Remember that failure to follow the rules of the road any time of the year could result in a ticket.



Bob Robinson and Judy Luter

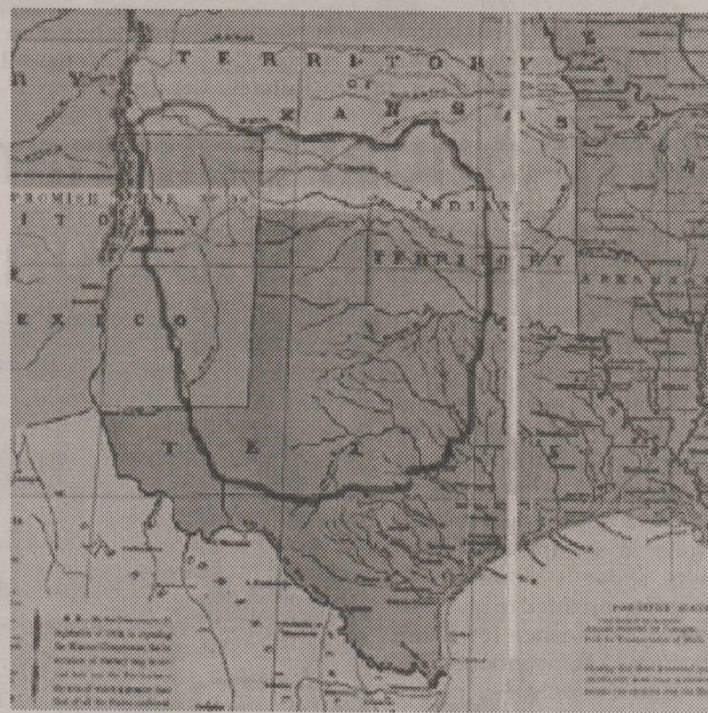


Donald S. Frazier

Callahan County Historical Commission Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains was the site of the Callahan County Historical Commission fundraiser. The program "The Comanche Empire" was presented by Dr. Donald S. Frazier to a well-attended group of guests. Member, Bob Robinson, welcomed guests and gave a brief history of the Commission and the goals that we hope to attain. One being, the historical markers being placed in various suggested sites in the county. Member, Judy Luter, gave insight into the "Indian meal", consisting of tacos made with venison, buffalo, and "not stolen beef" and fry bread. She, also, mentioned the importance of recording the oral histories of Callahan residents. The commission is now recording these histories and encourages everyone to participate in preserving these histories for future generations. Member, Bob Childress, gave the invocation.

Dr. Frazier, introduced by Bob Robinson, gave a very interesting and often entertaining program on "The Comanche Empire." The Comanche, as we know them, did not exist here until 1705. They were a splinter group of the Shoshone tribe in the Wyoming area. With the introduction of the horse, the Apache, considering them as a food source, were still footloose. The Comanche, however, saw other possibilities and became the best riders and fiercest warriors on horseback. Raiding enlarged the Comanche wealth. Horses, cattle and captives, that could be traded with other tribes, the French, the Spanish, or the Comancheros (Mexican



Comancheria, home of the Comanches

traders). They had an extensive trading network and became prolific traders of captives, especially young children, horses, and buffalo hides.

"Comancheria" the home of the Comanche people, included a good portion of Texas, the western part of Oklahoma, eastern New Mexico, southeastern Kansas, and southeastern Colorado—over 250,000 square miles.

From 1849-1852 the Federal government set up a line of forts on the Texas Frontier as defense and protection from Indian attacks and raids. During the Civil War, the Comanche were not as supervised and continued trading and raiding and began to recover their wealth. After the Civil War was over the Americans began to control them again—more forts and soldiers. On September 28, 1874 the last battle was fought with the Comanche in the Palo Duro Canyon in north Texas

lead by Colonel Randal MacKenzie. All Indian property and horses were destroyed. After a harsh winter of hunger and cold on June 2, 1875, Chief Quanah Parker surrendered with 407 followers and 1,500 horses at Fort Sill. The free range Comanches were done. Today, the Comanche have a nice government in the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma and commerce from several gambling casinos.

Dr. Frazier answered several questions from the audience after the program.

Members assisting in the preparation and serving of the meal were, Bob and Cookie Robinson, Judy Luter, Dana Voigts, Beverly Ross, Paula Windham, Pam Rumfield and Elnora Scott. Cookie Robinson created attractive "Indian" rope jugs with feathers and bois d'arc tree branches as table decorations.

Colorful Blooms Decorate Texas State Parks

AUSTIN - Texas State Parks have gone Technicolor this spring; rolling waves of bright blue, deep red and rich yellow blanket Texas' hills and plains.

Texas is blessed with more than 5,000 species of wildflowers and this spring has seen a proliferation of wildflower populations.

"More and more, visitors are reporting this spring is a much better wildflower season than they've seen in years," said Paul Hendrix, the assistant park superintendent at Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site.

Hendrix said LBJ has seen an abundance of Texas bluebonnets along the park trails, with a good mix of Indian paintbrush and Engelmann daisy.

More than 90 Texas State Parks present some of the best and safest places to view and photograph nature's bounty of wildflowers and blooming shrubs and trees.

In Central Texas state parks, visitors can expect to see bluebonnets, Engelmann daisies, bee blossoms, Carolina woollywhites, blue-eyed grass, Texas yellowstars, Dakota vervain, Drummond's skullcaps, four-nerved daisies and plateau bladderpods.

From parks in south central Texas to the coast, a multicolored blanket of wildflower species has erupted. A checklist of colorful blooms on the landscape includes: light blue sandyland bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes, green milkweed, winecups, longbract wild indigos, Texas vervains, sandhill woollywhites, blue-eyed grass, spider lilies, white prickly pop-

pies, spiderworts, prairie bluets, showy primroses, puccoons and coralbeans.

In East Texas parks, rampant Texas groundsels blanket sandy fields and post oak savannahs. Flowering eastern shrubs and trees include rusty blackhaw, redbuds, plums and hawthorns, which flourish in forest and pine savannahs.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department botanist Jason Singhurst attributes much of this increase in the wildflower population across the Texas landscape to ideal growing conditions.

"We've gotten consistent temperatures, ranging from the 50s to the 80s, with none of those spikes we typically see in March, combined with an even moisture regime over the winter that has allowed for broad seed germination," Singhurst said. "It's just a gangbuster year."

In addition to the dominant wildflower species Texans are accustomed to seeing, like bluebonnet and Indian paintbrush, Singhurst said there are still a lot of early successional flowering plants out there that are creating some unique color landscapes in Texas.

"A lot of things are just bolting out," Singhurst said. "It's an unbelievable year for some of those wildflowers we normally see only in small numbers. Hopefully, the monarch butterflies are happy."

For other places to see wildflowers in Texas, check out the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, which as of early April, reported Mexican gold poppy, Texas bluebonnets,

pink evening primrose and gray globemallow, among other species. For up-to-date reports on in-season Texas wildflowers, visit <http://www.wildflower.org/whatsinseason/>. The Texas Department of Transportation also offers maps of wildflower sightings across the state at <http://www.txdot.gov/driver/travel/maps.html>.

In addition, the TPWD Pinterest page is regularly updated with wildflower sightings from several parks across the state, including Big Bend Ranch State Park, Franklin Mountains State Park, Brazos Bend State Park and Inks Lake State Park.

Park visitors can share their wildflower pictures—and see what's blooming around the state—on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Instagram, Facebook and Twitter accounts: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/socialmedia/>.

Check out the Pinterest board at <https://www.pinterest.com/texasparks/where-to-see-wildflowers/>.

Recent sightings reported by TPWD staff in Texas State Parks include:

- Big Bend Ranch State Park - Claret cup cactus and prickly pear blooms have sprung up all over the park.
- Martin Dies, Jr. State Park - Dogwood and wild azaleas are in full bloom.
- Ray Roberts Lake State Park - Fragrant wild plum trees scent the breeze.
- Lake Mineral Wells State Park - Bright pink lace cactus pop colorfully out of the ground.
- Brazos Bend State Park - White spider lily tendrils curl around rocks and roots.

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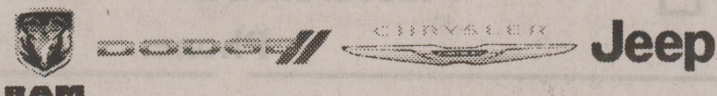
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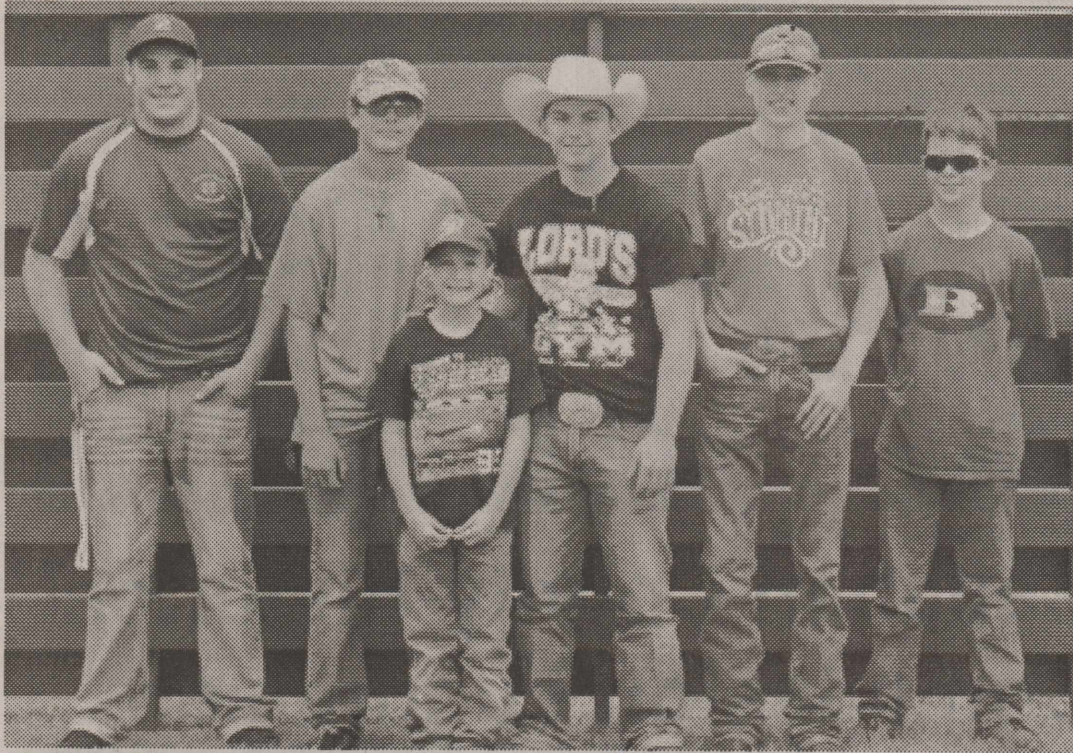
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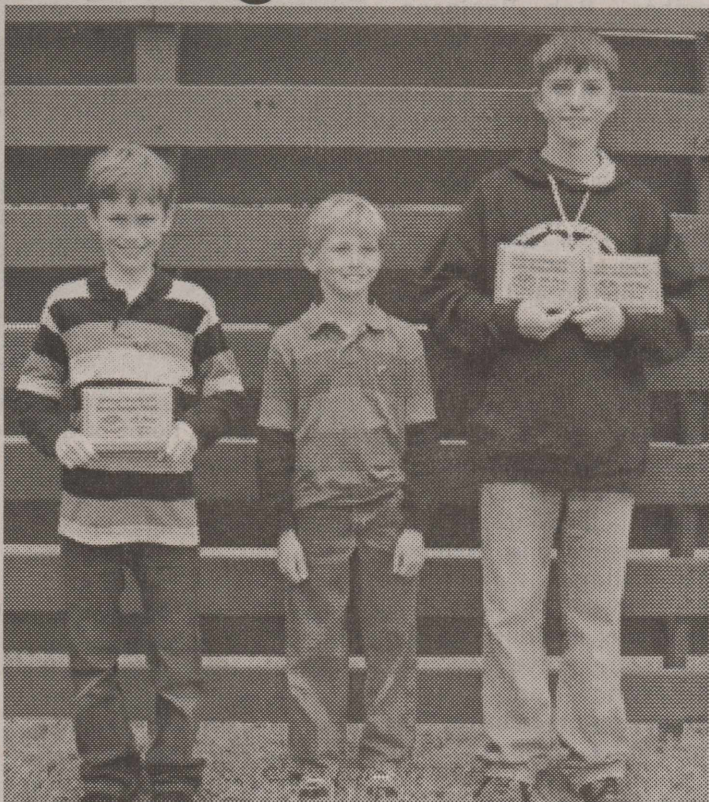


Callahan County 4-H shotgun team members and friends who hosted the novice shoot this past weekend were (l-r): Brandon Hobbs, Cory Hays (Stonewall County), Jess Meier, Colton Bradley, Will Meier and Matt Jacob (Runnels County).

5th Annual Callahan County 4-H Novice Shotgun Shoot

The 5th Annual Callahan County 4-H Novice Shotgun Shoot was held on Saturday, April 11th at the 4-H range between Clyde and Baird. The shoot was open to 4-H members who are first-year shooters or who have shot less than 300 targets in competition. The novice shoot is slower-paced and safety-oriented to give new shooters experience for future 4-H shotgun competitions. This is one of the only 4-H novice shotgun events held in the state and each year is attended by more and more 4-H members seeking to learn about shotgun shooting. This year's event was attended by 35 boys and girls from 13 counties. The shoot was hosted by members of Callahan County, Runnels County and Stonewall County 4-H shotgun teams, their coaches and parents. Current shotgun team members worked during the day alongside the adults, helping with scoring, pulling targets and posting scores and were a great example to the new shooters. We are proud of their hard work and thank all who volunteered to make this event a success.

Members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team also helped with the orientation and awards ceremonies: Tallen Payne led the Pledge of Allegiance, Jess Meier, future Callahan County 4-H shotgun



Callahan County 4-H shotgun team members at the 5th annual novice shoot were (l-r): Justin Clark, Jayden Clark and Tallen Payne.

team member, led the 4-H Club Motto and Pledge, Will Meier led the prayer, Brandon Hobbs presided over the awards ceremony and Colton Bradley presented plaques to all winners.

Three new members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team participated in the event: Jayden Clark, Justin Clark and Tallen Payne. Justin Clark

placed 5th in junior division skeet and Tallen Payne placed 5th in intermediate division skeet. Tallen also placed second in intermediate division 5-stand. Coaches, parents and the entire shotgun team are proud of our first-year shooters and wish them luck in future competitions this season.

4 Helpful Hints on Garden Mulch

Most gardeners know that mulching trees, shrubs and flower beds is a good practice, even if they may not know all the reasons. Beyond the obvious advantage of its decorative use to make plantings look clean and attractive, there are real environmental benefits that can also help gardens reduce maintenance and protect every homeowner's investment in time and plant materials.

1. Weed Control

Most homeowners understand mulch helps reduce weeds, but best results depend on understanding why. Weeds need sunlight to germinate in the soil. The proper use of a mulch that will serve as a barrier to sunlight can help decrease the germination of weed seeds. Use a shredded hardwood or softwood material at a depth of at least 2-3 inches for best effect.

HINT: If you prefer the more rugged look of larger particles like mini nuggets or nuggets, use a 1-inch layer of shredded material first and then place a 2-inch layer of larger materials on top to get the advantages of both materials.

2. Erosion Control

Mulch is often used by highway departments to stabilize roadside embankments from erosion. The same principle applies to home gardens and should follow the same guidelines. Slopes create collection points and water flows that can carry soil downhill. The same is true of large-particle wood mulches. Since wood products often float, large particle mulch may flow downhill in a significant rainfall. Shredded hardwood mulches should be used to stabilize slopes. These materials are more dense and tend to mat together. In lighter rainfall, most shredded mulches will trap and absorb moisture thereby preventing its collection and runoff. In heavier rainfall, the inter-

twined particles of a hardwood mulch hold the material together.

HINT: Unfortunately, a torrential downpour on a steep incline may create more force than even the best mulch can resist; so, the steepness of the slope and the frequency of torrential rains must be considered when selecting your mulch options. An inorganic mulch like rock or stones may be your best option, especially for areas too steep to maintain plants.

3. Moisture control

On the opposite extreme from torrential rains is drought, and once again, mulch can provide needed protection for landscape plants. As a wood product with a large surface area compared to its size, mulches can absorb a significant amount of water. That retained moisture, which is released over time, can reduce the need to water plants during a drought. Even more important is the ability of mulch to allow water to penetrate to the ground while forming a barrier to reduce evaporative losses under the sun.

HINT: Retaining existing moisture is just as important to reducing water use as is the retention of new moisture. Maintain a 2-3 inch layer of loose fill mulch to allow moisture access from the top and prevent moisture loss from beneath.

4. Temperature Control

Excessive heat in the soil can damage plant roots, kill beneficial bacteria and deactivate slow release fertilizers. A 2-3 inch layer of any organic mulch can reduce the soil temperature around plant roots. In colder climates, a good mulch layer can insulate the soil from excessive cold protecting the roots from freezing. Mulch can also be piled around tender plants in a freeze.

HINT: Do not leave the mulch on above-ground stems for long in warm weather. The added

moisture and heat can encourage insects to attack the stems. During the growing season, keep mulch 1 inch from the base of shrubs and trees.

New iBook Resource

For more information on the environmental advantages of garden mulch and its benefits to your soil, the Mulch & Soil Council has created a free iBook, *Mulches for Your Home*, available through the on-line Apple iBook app or the Council website at www.mulchandsoilcouncil.org. The Council selected the iBook technology platform in an effort to create a highly portable information resource with cross-generational appeal to consumers. Whether standing in a garden or roaming your favorite garden center aisles, you can access this helpful reference tool on any iPhone, iPad or laptop computer wherever you go. Interactive links also provide ready access to additional support information on a variety of gardening topics.

The iBook is written and produced by Dr. Bill Fonteno, Professor of Horticulture and Director of the Horticulture Substrates Laboratory at North Carolina State University. The many key uses and benefits of mulch applications are also expertly explained in a series of short video clips featuring gardening guru Joe Lampal, host of the *Growing a Greener World* website (growingagreener-world.com).

The Mulch & Soil Council is the national trade association for producers of horticultural mulches, consumer potting soils and amendments and commercial growing media. Founded in 1972, the mission of the MSC is to define quality products, provide industry training, promote consumer education and encourage an open marketplace for producers of horticultural mulches and growing media.

Commissioners approve grant to make improvements to Sheriff's Posse Arena

The Callahan County Commissioners approved a \$15,000 grant from the Development Corporation of Baird to the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse to make improvements to the Sheriff's Posse Arena located on East 4th Street in Baird.

The commissioners' court approved the grant during their regular monthly meeting held Monday, April 13th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve a grant of \$15,000 from the Development Corporation of Baird to the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

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

present. Also attending the meeting was Sheriff Terry Joy, Rick Jowers with the Sheriff's Department, Julie Lemon with the Sheriff's Department, Clyde City Administrator Keith Selman, Jim Dobbs with Citizens EMS, Margo Vinson with Citizens EMS, Bun Berry with the Development Corporation of Baird, Scotty Scott with Citizens EMS, and Clyde Police Chief Robert Dalton.

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

—There was no public comment.

—No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains lifted.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to sign the West Central Texas Council of Governments Interlocal Agreement between the 9-1-1 Department and Callahan County. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—There was no action taken on the agenda item of Court-house Project Repairs.

—After review by the County Attorney, Commissioner Farmer

made a motion to sign the Data Use Agreement between the Texas Health & Human Services Enterprise and Callahan County. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Discussion was held between the different local entities and the commissioners' court after Sam Goldsmith of Goldsmith Solutions reported on the cost of dispatching by the Sheriff's Department. It was decided that the entities would meet and come back to meet with the commissioners' court in May. No action was taken by the commissioners' court.

—No executive/closed session was held.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Aggie great Dat Nguyen to speak at FCA Awards Banquet

ABILENE—The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will announce the winners of the 2015 Rex Fleming Memorial Christian Athletes of the Year, the FCA Impact Team of the Year and several Coach Awards at their annual Festival Induction/Awards Banquet hosted in partnership with the Abilene Youth Sports Authority and the Abilene Reporter-News Best of the Big Country Awards. The Awards banquet is set for Sunday, May 3rd at the Abilene Civic Center. The banquet will begin at 4:00 p.m.

The Big Country FCA is proud to announce that a name familiar to Aggie and Cowboy fans will be the special guest speaker for the Big Country Chevy Dealers Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Awards Induction Dinner. Dat Nguyen (pronounced WIN), is a former Texas A&M All-American linebacker and the 1998 Lombardi and Bednarik Award winner.

After earning his degree from Texas A&M in 1998, Nguyen was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the third round of the 1999 NFL draft and made an immediate impact leading the

club in special teams tackles as a rookie and becoming the starting middle linebacker in his second year.

During his time at Aggieland, Nguyen was a consensus All-America linebacker, the Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year and still holds the school career record for tackles (517). He started every game of his Aggie career (51 straight) and is the only Aggie defender to lead the team in tackles for four consecutive years.

Nguyen spent 3 seasons coaching with the Cowboys and the Aggies.

Nguyen married his college sweetheart, Becky, and they have three daughters.

VIP tables for the Awards banquet are \$750 for ten seats and individual tickets are \$60 each. Sponsorship prices vary. For more information or to purchase tickets, tickets or sponsorships please contact the FCA office at 325-795-0020 or e-mail cpickett@fca.org or call the Abilene Youth Sports Authority at 325-692-2972. For more information visit: www.bigcountryfca.org.

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