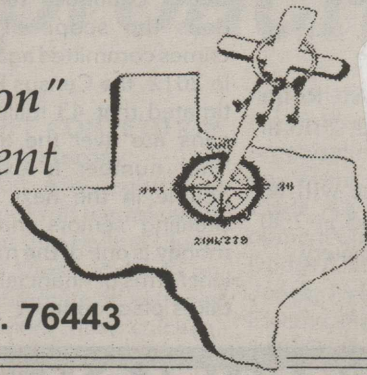


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**The Cross Plains 12U Baseball Team  
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CROSS PLAINS 12U STATE BOUND TEAM!!!

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and Coach Scott Byrd.  
(not pictured: Coach John McWilliams, Cody McWilliams,  
Payton and Gavin McClain)



'Kansas Sunflowers' by Lois McDonald and the Pioneer Quilt Club

## Pioneer Community Center Quilt Raffle July 4th

Hello to everyone! The Pioneer Quilting Club is selling raffle tickets for this beautiful "Kansas Sunflowers" quilt to help refurbish and maintain the Pioneer Community Center Building. Lois McDonald of Eastland hand-pieced the blocks and the Pioneer Quilt Club hand-quilted the quilt. It has been on display at the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains, and it currently can be viewed at the Cross Plains Senior Center. Tickets are available at the Senior Center or from any member of the Pioneer Quilt Club. The drawing for the quilt will take place on July 4th at the Main Street Market in Rising Star.

We really need a new roof for

the building but we do not have the funds. However, we have received a generous donation from Sandra Barr in memory of her grandparents, Buck and Lona Milner. They owned and operated the grocery store and gas station in Pioneer for many years until the late sixties. We have set this donation aside in a separate fund to use for our new roof but we still need more donations to reach our goal. We really appreciate Sandra so much for her interest and generosity. She has given us a much needed boost! Please help us preserve our building with a new roof. For more information call Marqueta Westbrook at 254-643-3223. Thank you so much



Featured musician this month is Byrl Sirmon of Lake Leon, Texas.

## Cottonwood Country Musical

The Cottonwood Country Musical is happening on Friday June 26, 2015 at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas!

The featured musician this month is Byrl Sirmon of Lake Leon, Texas. Byrl plays the bass guitar, and is a vocalist. Come hear some of the great country tunes he plays and sings along with the other country musicians. The music begins at 5:30 p.m.

The menu for this time is Chicken Spaghetti Casserole with salad, sandwiches, chips, desserts, tea, coffee and soft drinks. The kitchen will open at 5 p.m. with serving of the meal from 5 - 7 p.m. The kitchen will remain open during the entire musical for snacks and drinks. Come out to Cottonwood, Texas on Friday night June 26th for an entertaining evening.

Call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771 with any questions.

## Ice Cream Crank-Off Coming Soon

It's time once again for the annual ice cream crank-off at the First United Methodist Church. What started in 2010 in conjunction with the dedication of the park area, the activity has become part of the overall

celebration of Independence Day. Ice cream and hot dogs!! What a way to celebrate a truly American holiday.

This year, the crank-off will be held on Saturday, July 4 at noon in order that folks can fully

participate in the City and Chamber sponsored event at Treadway Park later that evening. FUMC will be providing a free inflatable obstacle course at the festivities in the park.

Participants in the competition may enter any variety of homemade ice cream and others are invited to simply share their tanks of ice cream without entering the crank-off. Entries to be judged will be divided into VANILLA and NON-VANILLA categories.

All entries will be blind judged by a team of highly qualified "flavorologists" who will remain

anonymous until the winners are officially announced. From their collective years of eating ice cream, these judges can definitely tell the difference between homemade, Blue Bell and Haagen-Dazs. Another category of amassing points is through the people's choice voting in which each person in attendance is given one token to place on their favorite tank.

Thus, there will be winners in both the officially judged category and the people's choice category. Points will be combined to come up with the "Ice Cream Crank-off Champion." In

addition, there will be lots of certificates suitable for framing awarded.

Those wishing to have their ice cream entered in the competition must have their tanks of homemade ice cream in the church kitchen by 11:30 a.m. Tanks should be well packed in ice as it will take close to an hour to have it all officially judged and ready to be sampled and judged by others.

Hot dogs with all the trimmings will also be served, starting at 12:00. Depending on the number on entries, the ice cream should be ready for tasting

by 12:30. So whether you like hot dogs first and then ice cream or the other way around, it's all up to you.

The Methodists invite everybody to join the fun and fellowship of this annual event - a great way to beat the heat.



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## Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Minutes

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem Principal Leslie Lawrence, Athletic Director Daniel Purvis, and guest Linda Birdwell.

Prayer was led by Leslie Lawrence.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Crockett that we accept the minutes as read from the previous meeting dated May 20, 2015. For 6/Against 0/ Abstain: Bennett

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Shepard that we accept fuel bid from PF&E Oil Company. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we accept milk bid from Gandy's Dairies, Inc. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we approve Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2015-16. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett that we approve employee salaries. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Richey that we accept the new breakfast/lunch prices. For 7/ Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we accept resolution extending Bank Depository Contract thru August 2017 with Texas Heritage Bank. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Ames that we accept Premier Charter School's request on the non-impact for CPISD. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Crockett that we approve City of Cross Plains request to allow full ownership in order to remove dilapidated house and get property back on tax rolls. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Cowan that we approve updated Business Procedure Manual for 2015-16. For 7/Against 0

The Superintendent accepted three resignations: William Norman, Amanda Sowell and Crystal Webb.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we hire Edith Cooper for Math teacher on a 1 year Probationary Contract. For 7/ Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Shepard that we hire Mindy Whitaker for 4th grade teacher on a 1 year Probationary Contract. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett that we adjourn.

For 7/Against 0



Mackenzie Byrd competing in her cutting event

## Mackenzie Byrd Headed to Nationals

Last week the top state high school rodeo qualifiers gathered in Abilene to vie for state titles and a shot at advancing to the National Finals in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Mackenzie competed against the top 45 girls in the state cutting competition and placed 4th, advancing her to the National Finals, July 11-18. Congratulations and Good Luck Mackenzie!

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Wednesday Prayer Service..... 7:00pm

### Rowden Baptist Church

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Bible Study... 10:00 am  
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## Death Notice     How to Avoid Senior Fraud

**Lloyd Marvin (Mac) Rolin Sr.**  
Born November 12, 1941 in Purcell, Oklahoma.  
Lloyd Marvin "Mac" Rolin passed away on June 2, 2015 in Clinton, Arkansas.  
A Memorial Service will be held on June 28, 2015 at 2:30 PM at the Burkett Cemetery.

AUSTIN, Texas—As the senior population in the United States continues to grow, so does the scope of financial crimes committed against them. In 2012, the Census Bureau estimated that 43 million Americans are over the age of 65. That number is expected to double in the next 40 years. Stealing seniors' hard-earned money is one of the most prevalent forms of financial fraud that takes place today.

Telemarketing and email scams, including fake sweepstakes, are the most common forms of fraud that impact seniors. An important rule to know is that any sweepstakes that requires advance fees or upfront charges is a scam. And in no instances should money be wired to a stranger. Another type of telemarketing scam is the fake governmental agency call. This type of scam involves access to government benefits and includes requests for personal information such as social security numbers or Medicare information.

The Grandparent Scam preys upon the hearts of the elderly. A perpetrator pretends to be a grandchild, law enforcement officer or medical professional with a story that the grandchild is in legal or medical trouble and needs money immediately to resolve the issue. This scam is easy to avoid if a senior never provides personal information to anyone over the phone. If someone calls claiming to be a grandchild in trouble, ask about personal information only that person would know. Most seniors will be extremely alarmed when a grandchild is in trouble and often unwittingly provide verbal clues to a scam artist.

Medicare fraud happens exclusively to the elderly. Every American older than 65 is eligible for Medicare. Scam artists often pose as Medicare representatives to solicit personal information. With some scams, services and screenings are provided through mobile clinics. These mobile clinics will visit senior citizen centers, and personal information is collected to bill Medicare for fraudulent services. Always ask questions about medical services being offered and know that free services should never require that personal information is provided.

Unfortunately, it's not always strangers perpetrating these crimes. According to the National Council on Aging, more than 90 percent of reported elder abuse is committed by an older person's own family members, most often the adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and others.

Funeral and cemetery scams happen far too often as well. This usually happens in two ways. In the first, a perpetrator will scan obituaries and contact the grieving widow or widower with a claim that the deceased had an outstanding debt. Alternately, seniors are exploited by disreputable funeral homes, which will use unfamiliarity with funeral costs to add unnecessary charges. For example, a funeral director might insist that embalming or an expensive casket is necessary for cremation. Texas state law doesn't require either. More information about Texas mortuary laws can be found by contacting the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

The best rule of thumb to avoid being a victim is to never provide personal information to a stranger and don't send money or provide a credit card number to "verify," "guarantee" or "process" a prize.

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# Clyde Festival by the Lake is fast approaching

The 2015 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for Friday, July 3rd & Saturday, July 4th at Clyde Lake. There is no admission fee to the festival area; however the Men of Clyde will be on hand to accept donations to help cover cost of the event.

Last year's attendance was estimated at 6,000-8,000 and is expected to be exceeded this year. The festival committee is pleased to report that all measures of safety will be taken with a presence of law enforcement and medical teams in case of need.

## FAMILY FUN

Activities for all ages include carnival rides, air castle and maze, gyro-ball ride, bungee cord jump area, bucking mechanical bull, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments and more being planned. A new game being added this year is knocker balls (bounce balls) which are inflatable balls two players wear and try to knock

each other down.

Exciting display of fireworks set for both nights after dark around 10:00 p.m.

The fireworks on Friday night, July 3rd will shot off by Gray Electric.

The fireworks display on Saturday night, July 4th will be shot off by Richard Sheffield and Chad Sheffield.

Live entertainment scheduled: Friday, July 3rd: 5:00-7:00 - Chrissy Phillips. Ms. Phillips won the Big Country songwriter contest and played at the Outlaws & Legends concert in Abilene.

Friday, July 3rd: 7:00-9:00 - Guadalupe Pirates

Friday, July 3rd: 9:00-11:00 - Belle Plain Revival

Saturday, July 4th: 12:00-2:00 - Wilvis (Elvis impersonator)

Saturday, July 4th: 2:00-4:00 - Santa Fe

Saturday, July 5th: 5:00-7:00 - Transporters

Saturday, July 4th: 7:00-9:00 - Dave Hobbs

Saturday, July 4th: 9:00-11:30

## - Bo McDowell COOK-OFF COMPETITION on Saturday

Information and registration forms for cook-off teams can be picked up at City Halls in Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains. Categories that require an entry fee include brisket, ribs, chicken, beans & dessert. Cook-off teams meet at 5:00 p.m. Friday for final instructions. Deadline is Friday at 5:00 p.m. A new category of competition this year, not requiring an entry fee, is "Best Damn Campsite". Cook-off campsites will be judged on how they are decorated to capture the spirit of the event.

FOOD and MERCHANDISE Vendors offering food and merchandise will be at the festival. A few merchandise vendor spaces are still available for this year. Get information by calling Terry Davis at 893-3712, or Sheree Gray at 370-9560.

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## CAMPsites AVAILABLE

For camping information at Clyde Lake contact David at 893-5339 or visit the city of Clyde website at [www.clydeamerica.com](http://www.clydeamerica.com). Clyde Lake is located 8 miles south of Interstate 20, east of FM 604, at FM 3217.

## Texas Lake and River Swimmers reminded of potential health risks

With summer heating up and an abundance of water in the Brazos River basin, it seems everyone is anxious to head out to nearby rivers and lakes. However, the conditions that make the water temperature so tempting can also encourage the growth of a rare but dangerous microorganism.

The Brazos River Authority encourages recreationists to enjoy the water, while being aware of health risks associated with swimming in or around stagnant or slow-moving water.

Primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) is a rare disease caused by *Naegleria fowleri*, an amoeba found in almost all untreated, fresh surface water and in soil. The amoeba thrives in low levels of fresh water that is warmer than 80 degrees and stagnant or slow-moving. The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organism is forced into the nasal passages—usually from diving or jumping into water or from water skiing. The amoeba makes its way into the brain and spinal cord, destroying brain tissue.

Symptoms of the infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens. Although PAM is rare, those infected usually succumb to the disease within a week.

There were 28 known cases of PAM in Texas between 1983 and 2013, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The TDSHS confirmed one case of PAM in Texas in

2013. Most cases occurred in young males, ages 9 - 12, with a history of exposure to surface water during warm summer months.

To prevent infection, it is recommended that those taking part in warm, fresh water-related activities use nose clips or hold their noses shut while jumping into water. With the amoeba often found in soil, it is best to avoid stirring up underwater sediment. The Texas Department of Health recommends that people avoid stagnant or polluted water and take "No Swimming" signs seriously.

For many years, *Naegleria fowleri* infections were considered to be fatal with no specific treatments available. However, in recent years, there have been a few patients with confirmed cases of PAM that have survived. The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends that anyone experiencing symptoms of PAM should be evaluated immediately by a physician. The physician should be informed that the patient has taken part in activities in warm surface water so that appropriate testing may be quickly undertaken.

While the BRA tests for a variety of contaminants, such as *E. coli* at more than 100 sites, no testing is conducted for the PAM microbe. PAM cannot be spread person to person nor by drinking water. Swimming pools and hot tubs that are properly cleaned, maintained and chlorinated are generally safe, as is salt water.

## DPS Graduates New Class of State Troopers

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw, Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon, and members of the Public Safety Commission today were joined by Texas State Senator Brian Birdwell as the department commissioned 77 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers during the recruit graduation ceremony. Senator Birdwell was the keynote speaker during the ceremony, which was held today in Austin.

"These extraordinary recruits have endured months of intense physical and mental training to earn the privilege of becoming Texas Highway Patrol Troopers," said Sen. Birdwell, who serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Nominations and the Senate Subcommittee on Border Security. "Each of you has selflessly answered the call of duty to protect and serve your fellow Texans; and the state of Texas is immensely grateful for your continued service and dedication."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

"Today I want to welcome each of you to the DPS family as you begin this incredible journey as Texas Highway Patrol Troopers," said Chair Leon. "Through pure determination and strength, you successfully mastered months of demanding training, and your accomplishments are an inspiration. Thank you for your commitment to helping

others and keeping Texas safe."

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in January. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"Today these 77 men and women join an elite company of officers with the critical responsibility of standing between Texans and all manner of public safety threats," said Director McCraw. "The specialized training and instruction you have received over the last six months will be indispensable in fulfilling your duties as a Highway Patrol Trooper, and we are grateful for your courageous and selfless commitment to protecting and serving the people of Texas."

DPS is currently accepting applications for the first recruit class of 2016, which begins in January. The application deadline for the January A-2016 class is Sept. 1, 2015; and applicants must complete and pass the physical fitness and written tests by Sep. 9, 2015. To apply or for more information about joining the Texas Highway Patrol, visit [www.joindps.com](http://www.joindps.com).

In addition, DPS schedules recruiting events throughout the year. To find an event in your region, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/trainingacademy/recruiting/recruitingEvents.htm#>.

## Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Schedule

Hey Kids! Join us this summer on Wednesday afternoons for a variety of events at the Cross Plains Public Library.

Miss Sue's Little Superhero Readers (for children 6 and under) meet at 1:00 p.m. and the main group (all ages) meets at 2:00 p.m. - except on movie days as indicated below, when both groups meet at 1:15 p.m.

Last week's trip to the Texas National Guard was a big success and everyone had a great time. This week we will visit the new Fire Department, which is always a fun and refreshing (turn on the

hoses!) time. Other upcoming events:

July 1 - The Abilene Zoo will be here at the library with some of their critters

July 8 - Movie at 1:15 p.m. - *Super Heroes Maximum Overload*

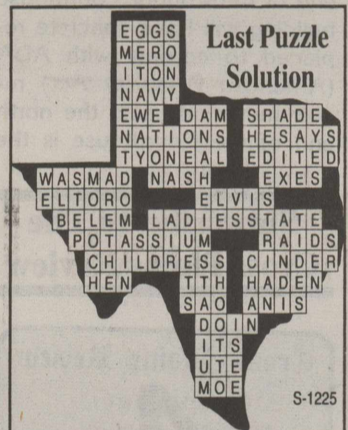
July 15 - County Sheriff Terry Joy will be here to speak on law enforcement

July 22 - Movie at 1:15 p.m. - *Big Hero 6*

July 29 - Field Trip to the EMS

August 5 - "Splash in the Park" and *The Lego Movie*

Be sure to join us for one or ALL of these fun events!



## Callahan County Riding Club 2015 Schedule

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:

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June-Coleman Parade

July - Stamford Parade

Sept - West Texas Fair Parade - Abilene

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# Cross Plains' retail sales start 2015 higher by 5%

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2015 are just over five 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, June 10th.

Cross Plains' 2015 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$118,047.39, which is 5.19 percent higher than the \$112,215.27 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2014.

The payment to the city for June 2015 was \$19,090.26, which is 2.08 percent ahead of the \$18,699.76 payment made to Cross Plains in June 2014.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today, Wednesday, June 10th, that state sales tax revenue in May was \$2.6 billion, up 5.2 percent compared to May 2014.

"This marks the 62nd consecutive month of growth in sales tax collections," Hegar said. "Sales tax revenue growth was relatively strong spurred by consumer spending at retail stores and restaurants. Remittances from the construction, wholesale trade and services sector were also up significantly. Collections from the oil and gas mining sector declined, as was expected, due to the slowdown in drilling."

Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their June local sales tax allocations totaling \$629.2 million, up 5.9 percent compared to June 2014.

Hegar sent Texas cities \$409.5 million in June 2015, which is higher by 1.2 percent compared to June 2014 and higher by 5.4 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$39.3 million in June 2015 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 3.4 percent compared to June 2014 and higher by 5.2 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$142.4 million in June 2015 sales tax allocations, which is 1.6 percent higher than June 2014 and up 6.2 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$38.0 million in June 2015 allocations, which is 5.2 percent higher than June 2014 and higher by 11.3 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$629.2 million in June 2015, which is 1.2 percent higher than June 2014 and up 5.9 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent April that report tax monthly.

For details of June sales tax allocations to individual cities,

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
Total yearly sales tax payments	2014	2015
	\$112,215.27	\$118,047.39
Total monthly sales tax payments	2014	2015
	\$18,699.76	\$19,090.26

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 22.27 percent higher than the 2014 payments. The city has received \$125,793.83 in 2015, while the 2014 tax payments to the city totalled \$102,880.33.

Baird's monthly payment for June 2015 was \$28,734.78, which is 53.86 percent ahead of the \$18,675.38 monthly payment made to the city in June 2014.

—The 2015 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 19.40 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2014. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$324,184.70 in 2015. The 2014 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$402,235.04.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for June 2015 was \$43,880.86, which is 2.04 percent ahead of the \$43,003.50 payment made in June 2014.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2015 payments to the town totalled \$5,958.27, which is higher by 10.17 percent from the 2014 payments to the city in the amount of \$5,407.91.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of June 2015 was \$1,187.46 which is 29.68 percent higher than the payment of \$915.66 made to the city in June 2014.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2015 in Callahan County are lower by 7.82 percent compared to the 2014 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2015

amounting to \$573,984.19 while the 2014 payments to the county towns totalled \$622,738.55.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of June 2015 was \$92,893.36, which is 14.26 percent higher than the June 2014 payments of \$81,294.30 made to the Callahan County cities.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

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.

# County Commissioners approve Funding Agreement with Texas Historical Commission

The Callahan County Commissioners approved the Funding Agreement with the Texas Historical Commission to make repairs to the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird, as well as several other items pertaining to the courthouse repairs.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 22nd during a regular commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse.

Back on May 28th the county commissioners met with Gordon Marchant, AMA for Komatsu Architecture, to discuss the ongoing process of the grant for courthouse repairs through the Texas Historical Commission grant.

At Monday's meeting, Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to approve and sign the Funding Agreement with the Texas Historical Commission for the Courthouse renovation grant. Commissioner Tom Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Windham then made a motion to allow Judge Roger Corn to sign the Grant of Easement. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to secure bids for concrete work on the back porch of the Courthouse. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to rescind the previous motion to advertise for bids. The contractor on the job will take care of taking bids for the work.

Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote. Judge Corn said the north end of the County Courthouse building will have concrete replaced to comply with ADA (American Disability Act) requirements. He said the north end of the Courthouse is the

only ADA accessible area to the Courthouse building.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to authorize Judge Corn to oversee work on the Courthouse back porch concrete work and to approve the job. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Judge Corn said the Courthouse renovation project total cost is estimated at \$1.6 million and will include rewiring the entire courthouse, as well as replacing all the windows in the four-story building. Judge Corn said Callahan County's portion of the total cost is estimate at \$1.2 million, while the Texas Historical Commission grant amount is approximately \$450,000.

Judge Corn said the county commissioners are looking at obtaining Certificates of Obligation to pay for the County's portion of the project. He said the interest rate on Certificates of Obligation are currently 1.3 percent. He said the county commissioners will hold public hearings on the county's funding portion of the project.

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.

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

—During public comments, Brad French with Lone Star Pipeline told the commissioners' court that he had the agreement with the amendments requested by the commissioners' court ready to sign. This agreement with the addition of amendments

was approved at the last commissioners' court meeting held on Monday, June 8th.

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

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to advertise for bids on a dump truck. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—After discussion by the commissioners' court with Sheriff Terry Joy and Deputy Sheriff Rick Jowers about obtaining a Mobile Incident Command Post trailer, Commissioner Windham made a motion to table any decisions until after options could be researched. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Larry Settle with Basic IDIQ (indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity), presented to the commissioners' court the process of using Basic IDIQ to bid for contractors. No action was taken.

—A recess was called at 9:57 a.m. and the commissioners' court returned into open session at 10:17 a.m.

—County commissioners did not go into an executive session to consult with and seek advice from its attorney regarding Cause No. 20,379 now pending in the District Court of Callahan County, Texas styled Bob H. Robinson, et al v. Callahan County Commissioners' Court, including all matters related to that suit; and any topic listed on the agenda posted for this meeting.

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

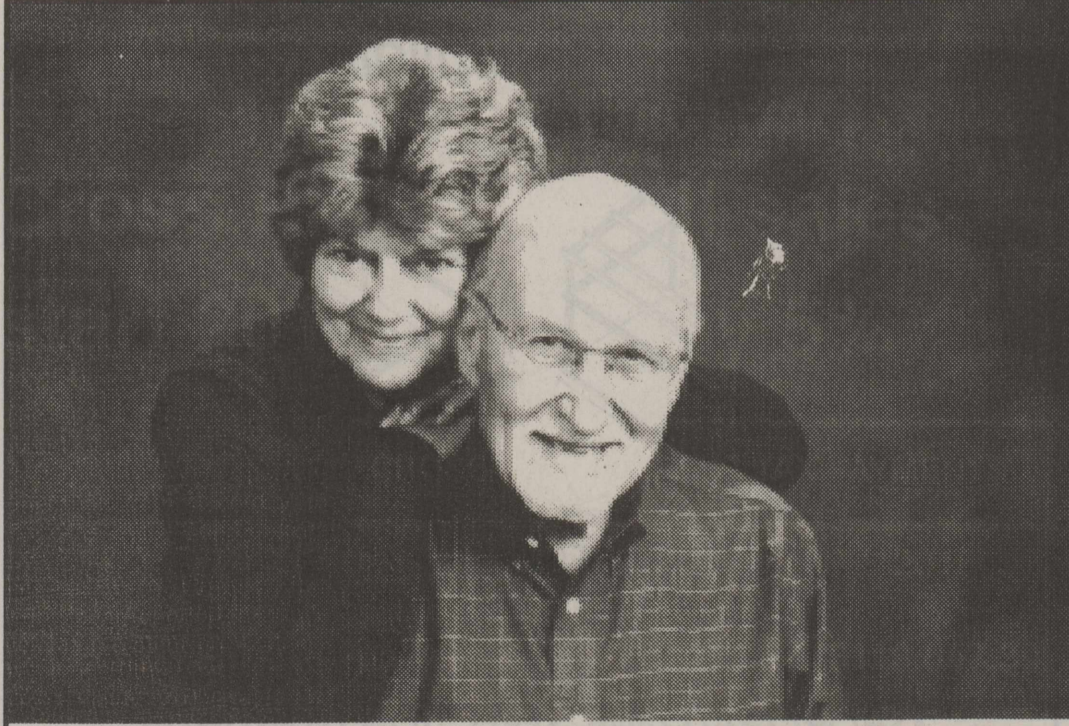
—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:44 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion then carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

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## 60th Wedding Anniversary

Joe and Delma Coppinger celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary May 12th. Stan and Sharon Coppinger along with friends from Fellowship Bible Church in Longview, Texas, hosted the celebration. Out of town guest included friends and family from California, Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas. Joe and Delma were surprised and honored by so many out of town guests, as well as many local ones. Joe still serves on the church staff to pastor to Senior Adults. Joe and Delma were married at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains May 12, 1955. Joe served as pastor of churches in California and Arizona before moving back to Texas in 1980 because of health problems. He taught English at CPHS for 18 years and served as pastor of three different area churches over the years including Cottonwood Baptist. Delma was involved in banking for twenty years and served as branch manager for branches in Cross Plains and Cisco and area assistant manager over branches in Eastland, Ranger, Breckenridge and Cisco. Joe and Delma moved from Cross Plains, to Longview in 2004 to be closer to their son Stanley and his wife Sharon. Their address is 1704 Yellowstone Dr., Longview, Tx. 75605, if you wish to contact them.

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- military branch for TX Chester Nimitz
- female sheep
- this created Lake Buchanan
- Isaac Ellwood was among the first to use barbed wire on this TX ranch
- Houston's "Bank of America Center" was called "\_\_\_\_\_ Bank Center"
- TXism: "if \_\_\_\_\_ giddyup, you better go" (mean man)
- this TXn was an ice-skating cowboy in "Mighty Ducks" films
- prepared for \_\_\_\_\_ publication
- TXism: "I \_\_\_\_\_ enough to spit nails"
- TX Johnny who sang "I Can See Clearly Now"
- TX George Strait's "All My \_\_\_\_\_ Live in Texas"
- "the bull," south of the border
- this Presley starred in "King Creole" with TX Carolyn Jones
- Brazilian city & port
- in Blanco: "\_\_\_\_\_ Chili Championship of Texas"
- "K" chemical element
- early TXns experienced \_\_\_\_\_ Indian
- this George authored the Texas Declaration of Independence
- \_\_\_\_\_ block
- TXism: "active as a fox in a \_\_\_\_\_ house"
- this Tyler sang "The Deck of Cards" (init.)
- TX plateau is named for this \_\_\_\_\_ Edwards
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
- tropical birds
- TXism: "it'll \_\_\_\_\_ a pinch"
- TX Dan Jenkins' "Life \_\_\_\_\_ Oursell"
- Colorado Indian
- Larry, Curly & \_\_\_\_\_

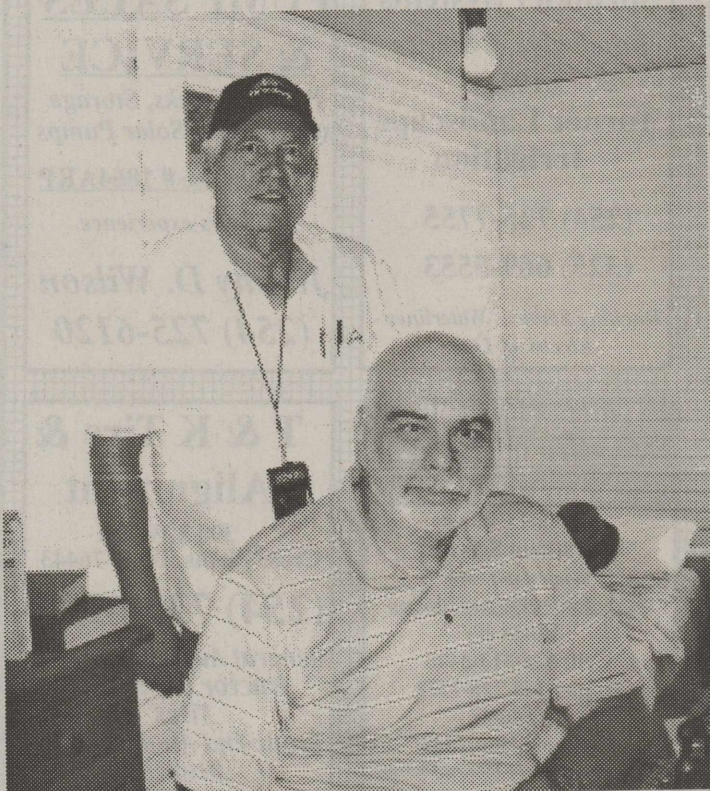
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- seat of Trimly Co.
- huge music or film entertainment co.
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a bear sleep in the woods?" (yes)
- where Rangers used to play the Angels in CA (2 wds.)
- defunct soccer league.
- TX Willie video. "\_\_\_\_\_ is Gone" (1996)
- road wake: "\_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "he could outrun \_\_\_\_\_ legged bobcat" (fast)
- social engagement
- TXism: "a sight for sore \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ pig's eye" (never)
- TX Tobolowsky film: "Roe \_\_\_\_\_ Wade"
- TXism: "turn about \_\_\_\_\_ fair play"
- hallucinogenic drug
- atmosphere
- two-singer performances
- TX A&M-Kingsville was Texas \_\_\_\_\_
- Gulf activity
- Biblical garden
- Mercedes-Benz sport class
- last year of high school (abbr.)
- "\_\_\_\_\_ kill"
- this Jackie was in TX-filmed "The Big Brawl" (1980)
- TX Tanya's "Can \_\_\_\_\_ You Tonight"

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Paul and Glenda Chappell



Mike Appel standing with Andy Fellner seated

## Visitors to Museum continue after Howard Days

Having regrettably missed the Robert E. Howard Days, Paul and Glenda Chappell of Salado drove on up a week late. Both are retired; he from carpentry work and she from the medical field at Baylor Medical Center. Paul opted to launch into a new genre of Howard's writings and as he had read most of the Conan books, purchased one of the westerns. They are making plans to return for Howard Days next year.

Andy Fellner and Mike Appel from Belleville IL were on a rambling trip across the country and arrived here a 'week too late' as they stated. Andy is the real Howard fan. Like so many visitors, he had been attracted to the Conan comics as a teen-ager and slowly branched out from there, drawn somewhat to the boxing stories, some poetry and El Borak. He was delighted to learn of the Robert E. Howard Foundation publishing department as there are several selections and compilations of stories that were of interest to him and cannot be purchased anywhere else.

Mike was also a comic book fan and had pursued the history of Marvel Comics and was quite familiar with Roy Thomas' work

with the Conan stories. As they are both avid fans of the Comic Con events across the country and various film festivals, they have actually met several of the serious scholars who have been featured as Guests of Honor at the annual Howard Days.

Andy is retired from a career as an electronics engineer, working with gyro cameras in various ways. He spent time with the Marines in Iraq as a specialist in the use of the improvised explosive devices (IED's) with various gyro cameras to guide the Marines into dangerous situations. With a chuckle, he explained that his claim to fame was that his company had developed the camera that was used in the helicopter to film the famous OJ Simpson drive down the freeway in CA.

Mike was also in the military, spending time in Vietnam with the Army as a company clerk. His career was mostly with Krogers, heading up the produce department.

The two were on their way to Winterset, IA to see the newly opened John Wayne Museum before heading home.

Visitors with new occupations are pretty much a constant at the museum.

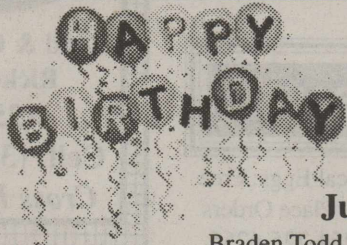
## PROJECT PRIDE THANKS YOU

Project Pride members extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all the folks who helped make our Howard Days, 2015 such a resounding success. The on-going support of the Cross Plains community and surrounding areas is greatly appreciated. Visitors from around the world are drawn back here year after year because of the friendly down-home hospitality extended to them.

Special thanks to the Cross Plains Public Library for hosting the Panel discussions, to the school for the bus and driver that made tours possible, to Kenneth Beeler for conducting tours, to the City for the use of the Community Center, the Crew for setting up tables and chairs and for the gigantic mowing efforts to make everything look its best, to the Post Office for the special commemorative cancellation, to the Review for its generous and on-going coverage, to Texas Heritage Bank for all the cookies, to Bud Dillard for the use of the "old ice house" and to Jean McWilliams for the lanterns that made the nighttime boxing program a reality and to 4His Glory for the sound system.

To all the Museum docents and pavilion workers we appreciate you!

It takes the entire community to pull off an event this nature that just continues to grow and we thank you all for your efforts.



### July 1

Braden Todd Barrett Kennedy  
Aubrey Childers  
Gary Ledbetter  
Harold Mobley  
Orville Black  
Deborah (Tennison) Christenson  
Susan Moseley  
Charles D. Proctor  
LaTrisha (Curry) Clark  
Jodi Lynn Payne

### July 2

Cody Smith  
Danny Frichlee  
JoJo (Koenig) Morgan  
Sharon Gilmore Barnes  
Barbara (Shocklee) Hinkle  
Vira Earl Hooks  
Mrs. Billy Wayne Teague  
Ricky Dean Walton  
G.M. McConal

### July 3

Ty Hogan  
Sheena Apple  
Bertha Dillard  
Sandra Barr  
Mrs. M.F. Gaw  
Danny Walters  
Sandra Morris  
Lupe Bwerrero  
R.B. Dillard  
Mrs. Nolan Bryan  
Joe Dalton Wyatt

### July 4

Josh Coburn  
Donal Lee Watson  
Patricia Rector  
Debra K. Fortune  
Jacky Sanders  
H.L. Halbook  
Jackie Carroll Conger  
Shirley Woodruff  
Zelma McAfee  
Richard Lee Gregory

### June 28

Matt McGowan  
Mitchell Lewis  
Daniel Lewis  
Chad Franke  
Jerry Payne  
Zada Bell Dickey  
Judy Luter  
Karla Ranae Wiggins  
June Walker  
Johnny Markham  
Julie Bishop Mann  
Mrs. Wayne Knowles  
Summer Albrecht  
Laura Junell  
Cliff Larimore

### June 29

Mark Allen Burkett  
Jacob D. Barron  
Terry Watkins  
Jimmy Fleming  
Mary Newton  
Roy Gilland  
Jimmy Dunn  
B.A. Harrigal  
Randall Keith Erwin  
Robert Allen  
Chuck Vest  
Orville Holland  
Larry Don Lee

### June 30

Jerry (Koenig) Johnson  
Linda (Cowan) O'Dell  
Bobbie Newton  
Fred Butler  
Russell Chapman  
Elizabeth Cohn  
Tommy Johnston  
James Caffey

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## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Aimee L. Baird, possession of dangerous drug.  
Regan Bryant Gamble, criminal trespass.  
Joshua M. Tuminski, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.  
Michelle Lee Weaver, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Cody A. Flowers, motion to dismiss to theft granted in the interest of justice.  
Terry Barr, motion to dismiss to assault - family violence granted, victim unwilling to testify.  
Wesley Gerhardt, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted for plea to other case.  
Steven R. Defosses, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted for plea to other case.

Robert L. Danner, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted, sent to prison on other case.

Jack Ancell, motion to dismiss to assault - family violence granted, victim unwilling to testify.

Kaleb Thoeny, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, defendant in prison on other case.

Kathy Ann McElroy, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Kyle W. Dodd, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for completion of pre-trial diversion.

Noe R. Villeda, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Stephen Andrew Mendez, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Jennifer M. Diaz, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Nathan Victor Cardenas, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

42nd District Court  
John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Blake Fulenwider CDJ vs. Texas Department of Motor Vehicle, debt/contract.

Lorene Ann McCall and Earl Jack McCall, divorce.

### Civil Minutes

Sunoco Pipeline L.P. vs. Herd Ranch L.P., agreed final judgment granted. Plaintiff to recover from defendant the permanent easement and temporary easements as described.

John Delbert Thurman III and Mary Elizabeth Hall, divorce granted.

Shelly Ann Davis vs. Roy Franklin Davis, divorce granted.

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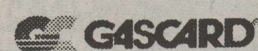
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Great Horned Owl

A multitude of animals elicit thoughts of mystery and fear among people. These include animals such as spiders, scorpions and snakes. However, one creature that lives in a shroud of mystery is found right here in West Texas. Many people know about the great horned owl, but few are truly familiar with their habits.

The great horned owl (Bubo virginianus) is a large bird of prey that is found throughout most of North and South America, from Canada to Argentina. In fact, it has the largest range of any of the owl family Strigidae, also known as the true owls.

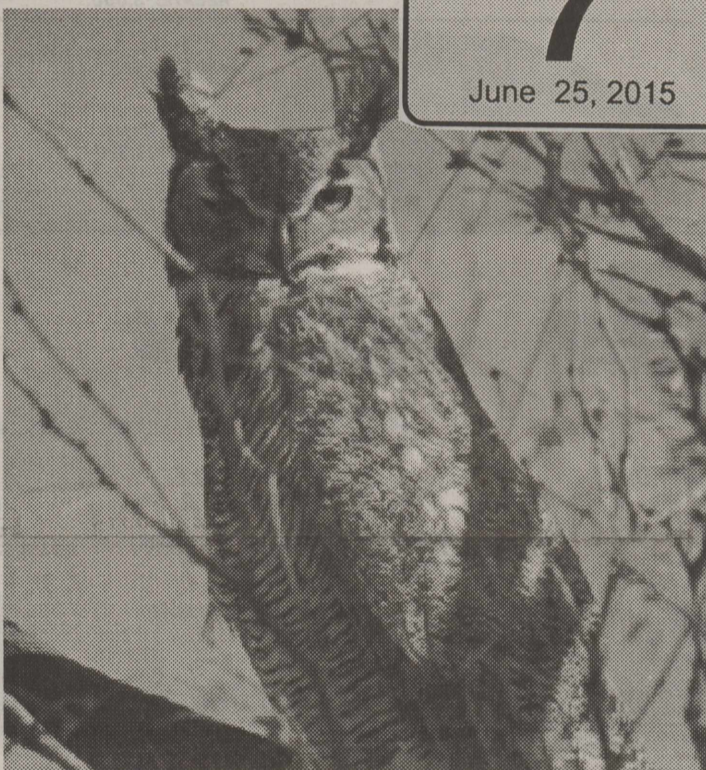
This particular species of owl is a habitat generalist, able to live in just about any type of habitat that supports tree life, including mesquite trees of the Panhandle, the live-oaks of the Edwards Plateau and the pines of the Trans-Pecos mountains. The only requirement is that the trees provide enough cover to support a place to nest and to be a center point for nocturnal forays.

At first glance, great horned owls appear to be drab in color. Upon further inspection, however, it is obvious that the colors and patterns are arranged in a very detailed manner. The under parts, particularly the breast area, are light and are marked with an assortment of horizontally placed black lines that vary from thin to thick. The upper parts are brown, with an intricate array of dark and light swirls and circles.

The face can be a variety of colors — gray, brown and even reddish on some individuals. The face is set apart with an outline of black semicircles on each side of the head. The eyes are large, almost as large as the eyes of a human, and are a deep yellow. The beak is dark, curved and extremely sharp. The scaly legs and feet are feathered all the way to the long, powerful talons.

As the name implies, there are two large tufts of feathers at the top on each side of the head. These tufts are not true horns, nor are they ears. The reason for these tufts is unknown, but their presence enables a quick identification for anyone who observes this majestic bird. As stated earlier, great horned owls are large, and females are the larger of the two sexes. An adult specimen can approach a body height of 28 inches with a wingspan of just over 5 feet. Large adults can weigh up to 3 pounds.

Great horned owls typically breed earlier than most other native birds, with selection of a mate taking place as early as December. In fact, many potential mates are heard calling during the fall months, generally beginning in October. The call is unmistakable, being a low-pitched "who-who-who-who". On rare occasions, this call pattern is five syllables.



Great Horned Owl (Bubo virginianus)



JUVENILE GREAT HORNED OWL

Breeding takes place in late January or early February, and the one to five (generally three) eggs are laid approximately a month later. The amount of time for incubation varies, but it generally takes about a month. The young stay in the nest for an additional six weeks, fed by both parents.

This species of owl is known for its feeding propensities, consuming large amounts of many harmful mammals such as mice, rats and rabbits. Its large eyes are capable of seeing into the pitch black of dark nights, and its hearing may actually be a stronger asset than its nocturnal sight.

Great horned owls are capable of swiveling their heads at 270 degree angles, scouring the ground for potential prey. Other than the food items already mentioned, they also have been known to feed on raccoons, opossums, weasels and armadillos. Reptiles such as snakes make up a small portion of their diet, but surprisingly, other birds make up a large percentage of their prey.

Other than man, there are no potential predators of this bird of prey other than members of its own species.

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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Texas Employers add 33,200 jobs in May

Lone Star State gains 286,400 positions between May 2014 and May 2015

AUSTIN—Texas gained 33,200 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in May bringing the over-the-year total to 286,400 jobs added.

"Employers in Texas continue to create jobs in the dynamic Texas economy," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Our state provides many advantages to businesses that make Texas their home, and I encourage employers to use the many resources provided through the Workforce Solutions network for their hiring needs."

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate saw a slight increase in May and now stands at 4.3 percent up from 4.2 percent in April. The state continues to trend well below the U.S. unemployment rate of 5.5 percent.

"The Texas civilian labor force now stands at more than 13

million workers and each of them have talents and abilities to contribute to our great state," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "The Texas Workforce Commission and its workforce partners continue to pursue the mission of connecting every Texan who wants a job to an employer who needs his or her skills."

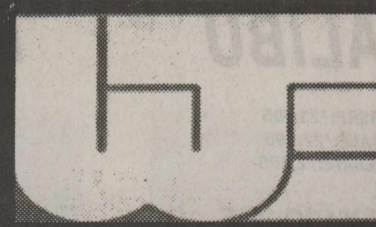
May's job gains came from employers in the state's service providing industries. The Leisure and Hospitality industry added 16,000 jobs. The Education and Health Services industry showed the next largest increase with 12,500 positions added.

"Texas employers continue to provide job growth and this is great news for our state," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "Texas has so much to offer for veterans, job seekers and businesses that choose to

locate here. To discover the many services that are available through the Texas Workforce Commission, I encourage all Texans to visit Texasworkforce.org."

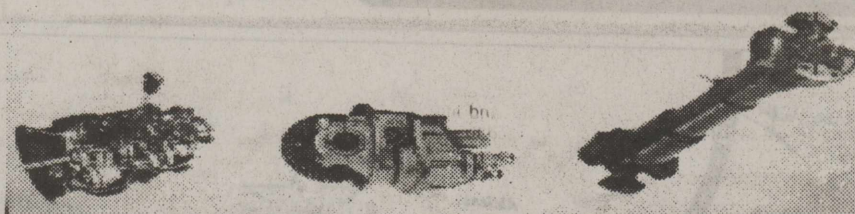
The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) boasted the lowest unemployment in the state in May, a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.9 percent. The Austin-Round Rock and Midland MSAs followed, each with a 3.1 percent rate.

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Andrade on the latest labor market data are available on the TWC website press release page. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit tracer2.com.



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 More than 2,000 motorcyclists killed in Texas since 2010

AUSTIN - As spring weather draws more motorcyclists onto Texas roadways, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching its "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign to reduce crashes and save lives. The campaign - part of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May - urges drivers to be extra cautious, because motorcyclists are more difficult to see and less protected than other motorists.

"We see far too many deadly motorcycle crashes on Texas roadways, so we're telling drivers to be extra diligent when sharing the road," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "We're constantly told drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist until it's too late. As drivers, it is incumbent upon us to be fully aware of our surroundings at all times and take proactive measures to ensure the safety of motorcyclists."

Over the past five years, 2,354 motorcyclists have been killed in Texas. In 2014, Texas motorcycle crashes killed 455 motorcyclists. Half of the motorcyclists killed were not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. One-third of motorcycle fatalities took place at intersections. Approximately 49 percent of motorcyclists who died in 2014 were riding in rural areas of the state.

To promote motorcycle safety awareness, TxDOT is partnering with local law enforcement agencies and Texas Patriot Guard Riders to hold motorcycle processions in select Texas cities. The riders will carry oversized flags emblazoned with the slogans "Look Twice for Motorcycles" and "Share the Road." Patriot Guard Riders are volunteers known for leading funeral processions for fallen soldiers and first responders.

Additionally, TxDOT is traveling to multiple cities to

participate in festivals and other special events. This year's TxDOT display includes a special glass-panel truck showcasing a motorcycle on a virtual rural Texas roadway. Visitors will be able to step inside the truck to have their picture taken and shared via social media. They also are encouraged to take a pledge to "Look Twice" for motorcycles.

When sharing the road, TxDOT encourages drivers to check their mirrors, leave extra room between vehicles and use turn signals to help prevent crashes and save lives.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3). This information was received and processed by the department as of April 17, 2015.

**Narcotics & Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings**

Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are under way every Wednesday & Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. located at 108 N. Main in Cross Plains, Tx. in the Senior Citizen Center building phone number is 254-270-0162.

"We are a people in the grip of a continuing and progressive illness who's ends are always the same: jails, institutions and death. We are addicts that understand and are willing to go the lengths to help you. There is no charge for the meetings as we are a non profit organization. We hope to see you at the next meeting."

**Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown**

Ocie Draper was a winner in the Car Show at the Barbarian Festival last weekend. His 1955 Chevy won the "People's Choice" award.

Sunday is Fellowship Dinner at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Bring a covered dish - a vegetable, salad or dessert - and join in the fellowship. Dinner is held right after Sunday morning services.

Work has begun on the new pavilion at the cemetery. The cement foundation will be poured this week.

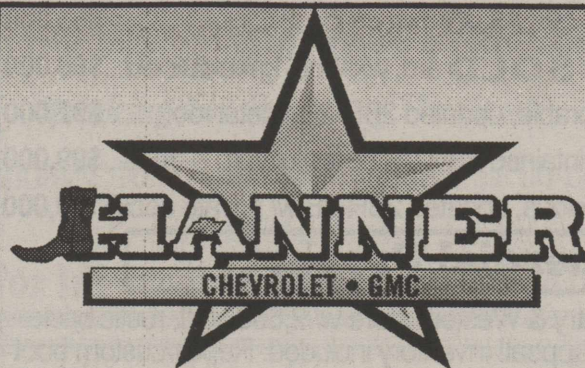
The Cottonwood Musical is this coming Friday evening, June 26th, at the Community Center.

E. E. Weaver Family Reunion is being held this weekend at the home of Dena Nickerson.

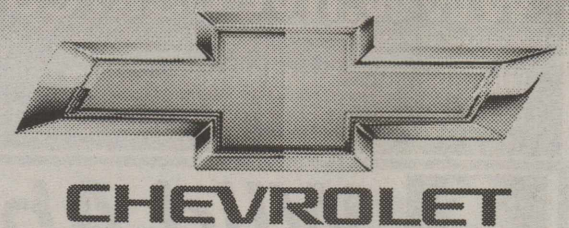
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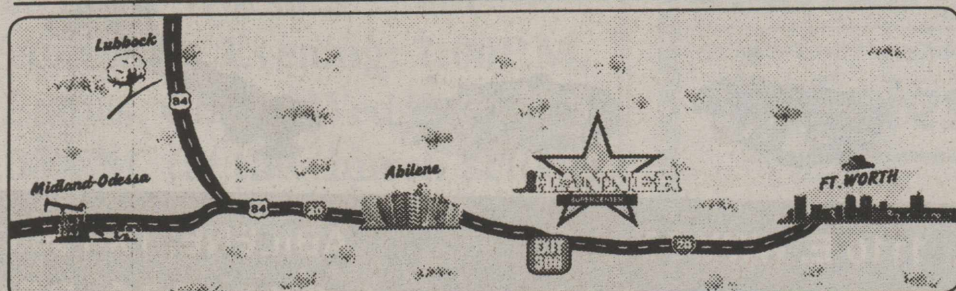
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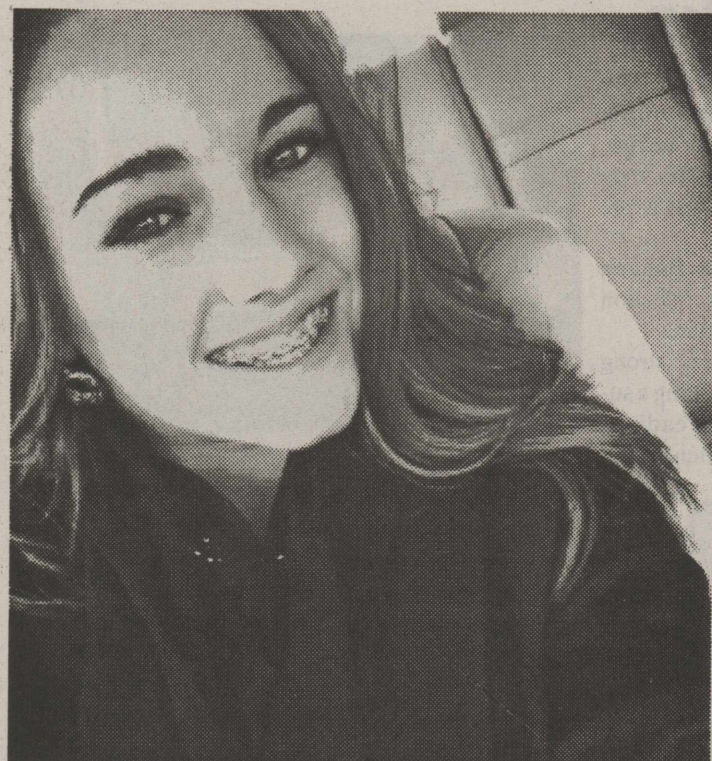


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## Miss Danielle Ford, age 13, of Albany, Texas Chosen as State Finalist in the National American Miss Texas Pageant

Miss Danielle Ford, age 13, of Albany, Texas has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Texas Pageant to be held August 2-3, 2015 at the Inter-Continental in Dallas, Texas.

Miss Ford will be representing our community and has the chance to represent the state of Texas for the entire year. Danielle will compete in 4 overall categories including Formal Wear Modeling, Personal Introduction, Interview, and Community Service Projects. She will also be competing in the Spokes Model and Photogenic Competitions, as well as, Casual Wear and the Top Model.

National American Miss is dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young ladies nationwide. The focus of this organization is to create future leaders and equip them with real-world skills to make their dreams a reality. This program is based on inner-beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an "All American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self confidence and learning new skills, such as good attitudes about competition, as

well as setting and achieving personal goals.

Miss Ford's activities include may sports including basketball, volleyball and track. she has been an Honor Roll student throughout Elementary and Jr. High and will be in 8th grade in the coming school year at Albany Jr. High. She also enjoys baby-sitting, photography, art, and socializing with her friends.

Danielle will be visiting the Merchants and local residents in the coming days working to raise funds to help with pageant fees and expenses. All individual donations are tax deductible and National American Miss receipts will be given to each sponsor. she is also selling advertising as part of her marketing project, which are also tax deductible as a business advertising expense. Ads are available ranging from \$75. for a business card size to \$750 for a full page ad Business and Individuals may advertise and/or offer words of encouragement to be published in the National American Pageant State Yearbook. Let's pull together and help our local finalist. Anyone wanting to donate or advertise is asked to call 325-762-0072. Also, an account has been set up at first Financial Bank for donations to support Danielle during this opportunity. All donations and advertising must be in by July 1, 2015.

## Robert E. Howard Days 2015 fades as plans for 2016 surface

Howard Days 2015 was quite memorable in so many ways; 22 folks were here for the very first time; two new role playing games based on Howard's writings were introduced, a filming crew from Canada were here working on a documentary to be completed next year, two distant relatives of Robert's were in attendance and another EXTREMELY RARE first edition of Howard's "Gent from Bear Creek" book showed up with the extended Howard family. The relatives and the book were discovered by Patrice Louinet of France, long time leading Howard scholar, researcher and guest of honor for the event last year.

Dierk Guenther of Japan was also invited to be on his very first panel discussion as he joined the well known Rusty Burke in discussing one of the featured topics of the weekend; the professional relationship and extensive correspondence between Howard and H.P. Lovecraft.

The attendance at the Friday night celebration dinner filled the community center to capacity at 145. Staghorn did a super job of catering their chicken fried dinner and nobody went home hungry. On Friday and Saturday, 187 people registered to tour the museum under the guidance of the well informed and welcoming docents. It's always interesting to see just where all the visitors come from; this year we had 37 people from 17 states other than Texas, two folks from Japan, one from France and three from Canada.

Sales in the museum shop were

up considerably with three items being snatched up by the first few visitors in the shop. Last year, Shirley Clark had etched Howard's likeness and the date of the Howard Days on a pane that had been salvaged from a broken window frame in Howard's bedroom. Larry Pointer had made a beautiful frame for the etching from some of the original wood that had to be replaced and this one item brought \$300 at the silent auction.

The remaining window panes and the left over wood were put in an informal silent auction at the pavilion. Jeff Shanks of FL and Bill Cavalier of IN joined forces and bought the panes and wood with hopes that additional framed glass etchings could be made for them. Enter Shirley and Larry and with their combined talents, were able to make two more framed wonders. That left three etched panes and a few scraps of wood to be purchased in the shop and THAT was what caused the mad scramble.

Howard Days, 2016? A couple of ideas are already being tossed around. It was 30 years ago that the first contingent of Howard folks arrived for an informal gathering that ultimately evolved into the Howard Days that we now celebrate. It is also the 20th anniversary of the release of "The Whole Wide World" movie based on the journals of Novalyn Price Ellis that detailed the two year relationship of Price and Howard.

Sounds interesting to say the least.



Dierk Guenther, Patrice Louinet and Chie Guenther

## International poetry at REH Days

Shown above are Dierk Guenther, Patrice Louinet and Chie Guenther as they gather on the front porch of the Howard Museum for the popular poetry throw-down.

Several years ago the late night poetry reading activity spread from the pavilion to the front porch just a few feet from where Howard did all of his writing. Scholars and fans alike share their favorite poem written by their favorite writer. Howard had written over 800 poems in addition to all the short stories he had published.

The international attendees had

arranged in advance to individually read part of one of Howard's poems, Cimmeria, that is a favorite among his readers. Guenther read a verse in his native German language, Louinet read a verse in French and Chie read a verse in her native Japanese language. Then to balance out the languages, Bill Cavalier from IN read a verse in English. The foreign visitors are all fluent in several languages.

Such international activities are becoming more and more commonplace at the annual event that honors the legacy of Howard's extensive volume of work.



## Car Wash Fund-raiser to be held Saturday, June 27th

The Cross Plains 12U Baseball Team has made it in to the finals in the State Tournament taking place in Presidio, Texas.

They will be having a fund-raiser to help raise money for their upcoming trip to Presidio which is on the Texas/Mexico border. The team will be washing cars this Saturday, June 27, 2015 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at The Park Car Wash here in Cross Plains.

This car wash fund-raiser is a donation only event. Please come out and get your car or truck washed by the team and show them your support.

## Pioneer School Ex-Student Reunion

The Pioneer School Ex-students meet annually on the last Saturday of June at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center.

This 95<sup>th</sup> event begins Saturday, June 27th at 9:30 a.m. with complimentary coffee and snacks during registration. The business meeting at 10:30 a.m. includes a memorial service for Ex-Students and family members lost during the past year. Lunch will be served after the business meeting.

Come to this 95<sup>th</sup> Reunion, renew old acquaintances, and share remembrances of Pioneer School years on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center in Cross Plains (on Main Street next to Higginbotham). Photos of attendees at past reunions and other mementos will be available for review.



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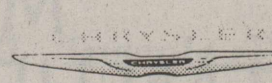
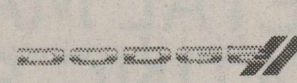


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## The Old School House Rocks

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They met for the third time this summer last Thursday.

The day began with the children learning about and petting baby animals. A family brought in a baby goat, chicken, turkey and a rabbit for the children to pet.

After learning about the baby animals, the group returned to the building where two of the older children read to the younger ones the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk". After the story, they made a planter with a castle in a cloud for the bean to grow on. Then they planted a bean in it.

Later the children learned how butter is made and they churned

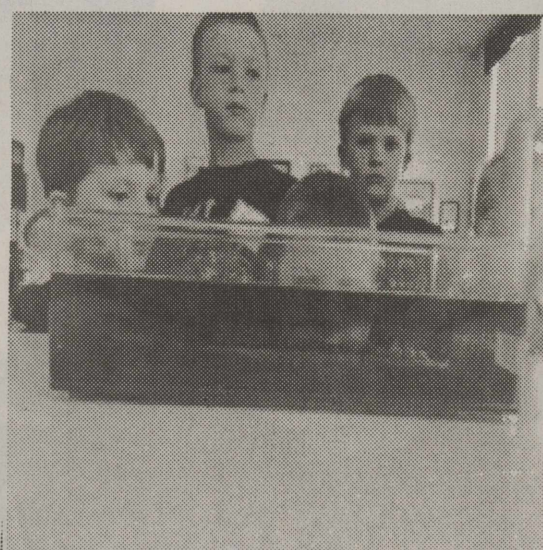
cream into butter. Also they experienced tasting homemade berry jelly and tasted the berries. Along with these activities, they played outside games and wrote in their journals.

The week prior, the children experimented with convection currents and making rain.

The program is going strong and the children are having a summer filled with reading, interaction, and experiences.



Making a castle



Convection currents experiment

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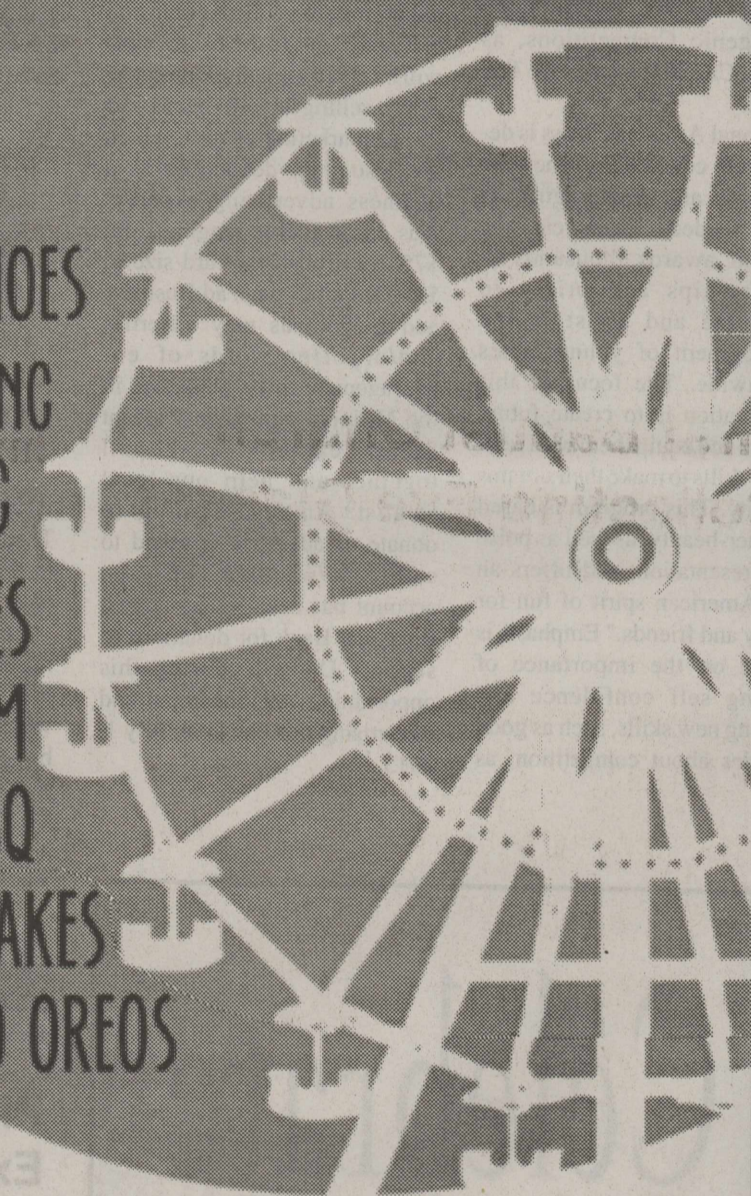
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Jean Talley with donations

## Rising Star Nursing Center News

Jean Talley donated items for our Nurse Aide Bingo for National Nurses Aide Week. We called bingo all week just for the nurses aides with all kinds of prizes. The week culminated with a private party with gifts and

a hamburger meal. Ms. Talley has also donated items for our crafts and Country Store.

For more information on how to contribute to the Country Store, call Barb at 254-643-6700. [www.risingstarnursing.com](http://www.risingstarnursing.com)

## TEA shares free summer reading resource

AUSTIN - Commissioner of Education Michael Williams and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) encourage young Texans to continue reading throughout the summer. And to assist in that effort, TEA is sharing Find a Book, Texas, a free summer reading online resource.

Find a Book, Texas is an easy way to select books based on a child's interests and reading level. A free search tool helps to build custom lists for readers at all ability levels and then locate the selections at local public libraries.

"Reading remains the one skill that can help combat the education summer slide for all students before the new school year," said Commissioner Williams. "Through Find a Book, Texas, TEA joins with school districts, libraries and other organizations statewide

providing resources that stress the importance of reading during the summer months."

The Find a Book, Texas initiative is shared through MetaMetrics, an educational research organization that develops scientific measures of achievement. Find a Book, Texas utilizes the Lexile measure, which indicates the reading level of an individual or a book. By comparing a child's Lexile measure with the Lexile measure of a book, a parent has a tool to help determine whether the text is too difficult, too easy or just right for a child's reading ability.

MetaMetrics provides free online resources in reading and math for a number of states across the country. To learn more about Find a Book, Texas, visit the website at [www.Lexile.com/fab/tx](http://www.Lexile.com/fab/tx).

## First Baptist Church

### Collecting Eye Glasses

The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains is collecting eye glasses for an upcoming Mission Trip to Central America. The Mission Team is going to be in

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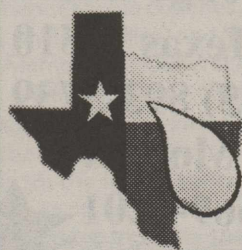
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## Grand Ole Oplin June Line-up

Everyone is invited out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On June 26th MUDDY CREEK will be back playing some more of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Admission to our Friday night dances is \$5.00. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin, we know you'll have a good time.

## Sol Events Summer horse schedule dates published

Several horse events are planned this summer at the Corona Del Sol arena located on FM 18 between Clyde and Baird.

On August 29th-30th the USEA Event and Challenge will take place at the arena.

There are also Camps (for Adults only & Kids groups available) on June 24th, 25th, 26th and June 27th, as well as July 9th-10th-11th and July 12th, and August 6th, 7th, 8th, and August 9th. The camps are limited to eight participants only, and participants can bring their own horse.

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All summer events will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

To contact Corona Del Sol Arena online at [soLeventing@gmail.com](mailto:soLeventing@gmail.com) or by telephone at (254) 216-0056 or (254) 216-0075.

## Immunization Clinic in Clyde

The Texas Department of State Health Services will have a free immunization clinic on Wednesday, July 15th in Clyde, Texas.

This clinic will offer their services free of charge to both children and adults. The requirements for a child to receive free immunizations are that they either have Medicaid, no insurance, or if they are underinsured. For adults to qualify for the free program, they must be uninsured.

The clinic will take place at Clyde's First Baptist Church, located at 216 Austin from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3p.m.. All they ask is that you bring your child's shot records, and Medicaid card if applicable.

For questions or to make your appointment, please call 325-754-4945.

## Pony League wrapping up June games

Cross Plains Pony League Baseball has begun with two teams, a Purple Team and a Gold Team. All away games will be played in Brownwood on the fields located behind the Gordon Woods Stadium. The teams are yet to be announced, but will be assigned to the Freshman League of players.

The following schedule is for both away games scheduled to play on Thursday's and some home games to be played on Tuesdays.

June 25th Purple Team 6 p.m., Gold Team 8 p.m.

For more information please contact Michael Tollett at (254)725-4218 or (325)370-3094.

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## Callahan Co. Library news

Some more books at the Callahan County Library are: Ride the Desperate Trail by Mike Kearby, Captain L.H. McNelly, Texas Ranger, by Chuck Parsons, Texas Myths and Legends by John C. Ferguson and Fugitives from Justice by James B. Gillett.

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A Day at Belle Plain (continued)

In company with Mr. J.M.G. Baugh, we went with Mr. John W. Day in his buggy down to his sheep ranch about a mile west of town. Mr. Day here has in the flock we saw about 1,000 head of graded sheep most of them high grades and as fine as any we have seen in the country. He is shearing them at present and is taking off fleeces which will average seven or seven-and-a-half pounds through the flock and as fine as any state in the Union can furnish. He will shear but once for the season. These sheep were brought from Pennsylvania and last fall bought by Mr. Day at Austin and driven at once to this county. They were fed a very little during two days, which is all the feed given them in the state, they having wintered almost entirely upon the grass. In speaking of the grass, we would observe that Mr. D.

has had from 1,000 to 1,500 head of sheep, ranging upon a scope of country embracing less than a section and yet one can scarcely tell that the ground has been grazed upon. So much for our county being over stocked with sheep. Mr. D. now has upon his several ranches which are scattered about in this vicinity, upwards of 6,000 head of sheep but he says that his aim is to keep in future only about 5,000 head and have all good ones. He is well versed in all details of the sheep business, and will, no doubt, make it a very profitable one. He also has about 200 very fine bucks near town and now being sheared. These are all high grades and many of them registered.

We returned to Belle Plain where we waited for our party to get ready to start home.

Since our last visit to Belle Plain one of the businesses houses, that our friend Mr. M. Terry, has been closed out and the building now stands empty, but W.J. Power & Co. and Porter & Akin are doing a very good business as usual.

The school here is still in a flourishing condition under the able management of Prof. Chatfield, (who, by the way, has swelled up to immense portions; the reason of all this is, he is the father of a fine bouncing baby by.) The school will have an examination soon and an exhibition on the 15th inst., which

no doubt will be a very pleasant affair, as these Belle Plainites don't do things by halves. Returning home we had a very pleasant ride in a good crowd in Warren & Patterson's hack, which was engineered by Patterson himself.

Personal  
Mr. Frank Piece, Throckmorton, is in town.

Messrs. Donahoe & Heyn arrived here with their 4,000 head of sheep, last Thursday.

Conductor George here has a three weeks' leave of absence and has gone on a visit to Michigan and New York. Hope you will have a good time, George.

Dr. C. Rettig, wife and daughter, father, mother and sister to our townsman, J.F. Rettig, have come here from Henderson to make Baird their home.

Mr. G. Wolf Hostein of Belvedere, N.J. arrived last Monday with ninety head of Merino rams, which he brought from Ohio. Mr. H. started a sheep ranch five years ago in Throckmorton county, and he bought another in Shackelford County.

Mr. D.J. Kerr, of McKinney, and a partner of our Mr. Cochran, is here. He came on the 6th, and will remain about a week. Both these gentlemen are young progressive men, and are fast making many friends here. They are the parties who bought the Jake Farmer cattle and ranch. Mr. Cochran is not at McKinney on a visit.

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# Math and Science—not just for rocket scientists

Looking to get rich? Try welding.

For the third consecutive year, positions in the skilled trades are the hardest to fill, according to a Manpower Group survey of American employers. This shortage is why a master welder can earn a six-figure salary — without a college degree.

There aren't enough skilled tradesmen because our nation's schools aren't producing graduates with the math and science knowledge needed to fill these skilled jobs.

That has to change. Educators must rethink the way they teach math and science — especially to students who may not go to college. The best way to reach these kids is to scrap the age-old lecture and empower them to learn by doing.

International rankings reveal the depths of America's underachievement. Among 34 developed nations, the United States ranks 27th in math and 20th in science. More than one-quarter of U.S. students lack even basic proficiency in math. That's 13 percent higher than the global average.

This poor performance is concerning, as these students risk economic marginalization.

A million people drop out of high school each year. Most don't participate in the labor force. Those that do face an unemployment rate 50 percent higher than their graduating peers.

That low-performing quarter

of students also includes many who complete high school yet still lack the math skills needed for most entry-level manufacturing jobs—let alone the skilled-trade positions that could vault them into the middle class.

Philadelphia Federal Reserve President Charles Plosser said earlier this year, "We are seeing a mismatch of skills in the workforce and the jobs that are being created."

To fill these jobs — and provide livelihoods for millions — we must keep students who struggle with math in school and find ways to boost their achievement.

According to the National Training Laboratories, the traditional lecture format yields only a 5 percent learning retention rate. Allowing students to practice by doing, in contrast, results in a whopping 75 percent retention rate.

The way forward is clear: Embrace technology, collaboration, and hands-on learning.

Already, colleges are adopting this approach. The University of Pennsylvania has built a new classroom with customized, powered round tables so students can collaborate using all manner of technology. It plans to add three to four more such classrooms over the next year.

MIT's Technology-Enabled Active Learning (TEAL) Project merges lecture, simulation, collaborative learning, and hands-on experiments in one classroom.

Failure rates for freshmen in a TEAL physics course were one-third those in the traditional setting. Average gains in understanding were more than double. Gains were highest among students at the bottom of the achievement ladder.

Engaged learning models are trickling down into elementary and secondary schools, too. In Philadelphia, several schools are using the Full Option Science System, a hands-on, activity-based approach that empowers students to investigate, experiment, and collaborate to discover the material in each lesson.

Students at FOSS schools have scored higher on standardized tests. The longer they're in the program, the greater the gains in achievement.

Administrators across the country are enlisting the firm I lead, KI, to help them transform their traditional classrooms into technology-enhanced learning environments, where students work in small groups while instructors rove about, offering individualized help and coaching.

To refill the ranks of the middle class with good-paying manufacturing jobs, we must address our nation's math and science achievement gap. The instructional status quo isn't working. There's ample evidence that a more active, engaged approach will.

Submitted by Dick Resch. Dick Resch is the CEO of KI Furniture in Wisconsin (www.ki.com).

## Donations Needed

The Women's Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, "The Clothes Closet 'Kingdom's Door'" is in deep need of gently used clothing items. They accept all donated clothing for men, women, children and infants.

They are always in need of, and appreciate, ANY donations, although children and infant sized clothes are the most needed in our community.

If you have any clothing items of your own, or maybe you have grabbed an item or two from a garage sale, and would like to donate them please contact Edith at the First Baptist Church at 725-7629 for drop off information.

## Game Wardens Working More Marijuana Cultivation Cases

AUSTIN — Texas game wardens have recently been involved with four separate illegal marijuana cultivation cases in rural areas.

"During the last two months, we have been involved in four large-scale marijuana 'grows'—two in Fort Bend County, and two in Polk County," says Col. Craig Hunter, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Director of Law Enforcement. "The last thing we want is for an unsuspecting landowner or group of lease hunters to approach an illicit grow site or camp. If you see something, get out of the area and report it."

Hunter said in three out of four recent cases, game wardens were notified by land owners or lease hunters that someone was growing marijuana on property they owned or had access to.

"We have well-established relationships with landowners and hunting clubs so we are often the first law enforcement agency to be notified," says Houston-based Maj. William Skeen, whose area of responsibility covers much of Southeast Texas. "On some occasions our game wardens have located the grow sites during their normal patrols."

The problem is not unique to the Lone Star State. In other states, including Washington, California, and Arkansas, game

wardens are involved with combating illegal grow sites. These operations break a lot of laws, including trespassing, destruction of natural habitat, violation of pollution statutes and illegal dumping. Additionally, grow sites utilize a large amount of water illegally pumped from nearby streams and lakes to supply often complex irrigation systems.

"We are not talking about small operations; several recently found grow sites in Polk County had over 100,000 plants," says Major James Ranft, who supervises game wardens over much of East Texas. "Make no mistake about it, these growers have no respect for the land and are in it to make a lot of money."

"The take-downs are risky and the grow operators have evaded arrest every time," says Major Chris Davis, who supervises the TPWD SCOUT Team. "During a recent take-down, we located a camp within the grow site that had a chair with a hidden pistol that was loaded. When the take-down started, one of the suspects was sitting in the chair. In 2005, a California game warden was shot and injured during a marijuana grow site take-down."

One recent enforcement effort in Fort Bend County was a joint operation carried out by TPWD game wardens and the Fort Bend

County Drug Task Force. That task force is made up of officers from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and several area police departments. Each offers their own expertise and assets during different stages of the operation.

"Game wardens first discovered the sites, and then worked with officers attached to the task force to set up the take-down plan," says Capt. Nick Harmon, Brazoria County.

He said TPWD used local game wardens as well as game wardens assigned to the Law Enforcement Division's Environmental Crimes Unit, K9 Team, and Scout Team.

"Like anything else we do, these operations are a team effort," he says. "We always work closely with the DPS, county and city law enforcement and in several recent cases, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and Drug Enforcement Agency."

Anyone spotting what appears to be a clandestine marijuana cultivation site is urged to call the TPWD Operation Game Thief hotline at 1-800-792-4263 or their local 911.

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June 29th - July 3rd

**Monday 29th** -Turkey Wrap, English Pea Salad, Fruit, Cookie

**Tuesday 30th** -Steak Fingers w gravy, potatoes, Black eye peas, Bread, Dessert

**Wednesday 1st**- Chicken Salad Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Boiled Eggs, Chips, Jello w/ Fruit

**Thursday 2nd**-Chopped BBQ Sandwich, Onion, Pickles, Chips, Dessert

**Friday 3rd** - Center Closed

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

June 29th - July 3rd

**Monday-29th** Exercise 11:00  
**Tuesday-30th** Exercise 11:00  
**Wednesday-1st** Exercise 11:00  
**Thursday -2nd** Exercise 11:00  
**Friday -3rd** 11:00 Exercise

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Turs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
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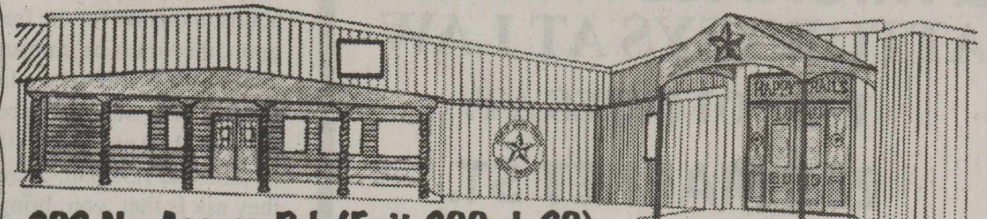
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# The Recipe Corner

## Shrimp-Stuffed Pablano Peppers

Prep Time: 35 Minutes Bake Time: 10 minutes

### Ingredients:

- \* 4 large poblano peppers
- \* 2 tablespoons butter, melted, divided
- \* 1 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- \* 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- \* 1 small onion, finely chopped
- \* 2 celery ribs, chopped
- \* 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- \* 1 pound chopped cooked peeled shrimp
- \* 1 3/4 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
- \* 1 1/2 cups cooked rice
- \* 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- \* 2 teaspoons dried cilantro flakes
- \* 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- \* 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

### TOPPING:

- \* 1 cup panko (Japanese) bread crumbs
- \* 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- \* 2 tablespoons butter, melted

### Directions

\* Cut peppers in half lengthwise and discard seeds. Place peppers, cut side down, in an ungreased 15-inch x 10-inch x 1-inch baking pan. Brush with 1 tablespoon butter; sprinkle with pepper and salt. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes or until tender.

\* Meanwhile, in a large skillet, saute onion and celery in remaining butter until tender. Stir in cream cheese until melted. Add the shrimp, cheese blend, rice, lemon juice and seasonings; heat through. Spoon into pepper halves.

\* Place in an ungreased 15-inch x 10-inch x 1-inch baking pan. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over peppers. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes or until topping is golden brown.

Note: Wear disposable gloves when cutting hot peppers; the oils can burn skin. Avoid touching your face.

**Yield: 8 servings.**



# Sheriff's Corner

By Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy

## County Sheriff's Office will move to First Floor of the Callahan County Courthouse

Monday, June 1, 2015, I was faced with a crisis situation at the Callahan County Jail. Callahan County Jail Administrator Julie Lemon called my attention to the fact that we had nine inmates in our jail which is maximum capacity. She also advised me that the Shackelford County Jail was full and Taylor County Jail could not take any more inmates because their ratio of one jailer to 48 inmates had been reached.

There is a shortage of jailers at that facility. I suddenly felt the stress of what would we do if a law enforcement officer had to make an arrest in Callahan county and had no place for the prisoner. Jail Administrator Julie Lemon and I went to the County Judge's Office and advised Judge Corn of our predicament. Judge Corn called an emergency meeting of the Callahan County Commissioner's Court to alleviate our crisis.

At the Commissioner's Court meeting, it was agreed the we would contract with Comanche County to use their large jail facility when necessary. Comanche is about 40 miles east of Cross Plains and approximately 65 miles from Baird. Their contracted housing price per inmate is \$35.00 per day. We are currently paying \$38.50 per day in Taylor County and

\$45.00 per day in Shackelford County.

Last week, we transported three long term prisoners to Comanche County. One was charged with aggravated assault; the second was charged with two counts of evading arrest, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon; the third is charged with possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver, and a parole violation. The three were transported by our law enforcement certified jailer and prisoner transporter Sam Steakly, all in the same vehicle. Sam drove to the Shackelford County Jail and checked them out; shackled and loaded the three inmates, drove to Comanche Jail, unloaded and completed paperwork on the three inmates. He then returned to the Callahan County Jail; the entire trip took about four and one half hours. Sam Steakly is a pro!! Thanks for the great job.

The Callahan County Jail is currently being measured and fitted for two new access control, Guardian Security doors that must be installed before passing the jail inspection.

The doors will require a keycard for in/out access by employees; and, jailer approval for in/out access by non-

employees. All doors will have a hard-key override in case of fire or system failure.

There will also be a new system that creates an electronic record for cell checks that will record time/date of check and will also capture an image of the person performing the check.

The outdated camera system currently used at the jail and the courthouse will be replaced.

I believe that the people of Callahan County have appreciated the freedom to walk in the front door of the jail as is currently the situation.

Citizens have always had free access to my office to discuss problems, share complaints or to express appreciation for our performance.

I have chosen to have my office in the jail because I am aware that the jail is a serious responsibility. However, all of us know that bad and dangerous individuals have made our lives more complicated and the new security doors are a necessity.

Therefore, although I would prefer keeping my office at the jail, when the new doors are installed, I will relocate my office to the first floor of the Courthouse. My office remaining at the jail would add to the workload of the dispatch staff. I believe this move will better serve everyone; and I will continue to operate with an open door policy to my office.

## Jeremiah 29 Project

The first year of the Jeremiah 29:11 Project was a huge success! For those of you who are not familiar with Jeremiah 29, we had a vision to make sure all children received a warm meal during the summer months. We fed around 20 children a day for a total of 1090 meals for the summer. We could not have done this endeavor without Dannes Turner, Carrie Wheeler and Vivian Wooten. They graciously added to the daily meals at the senior center five days a week for our kids. The volunteers are also such a beneficial part of the Project, they selflessly gave of their time daily to help others.

We also wanted to thank Michelle Kaiser for her help with the grant she acquired for us, and weekly library books. Crystal and I want to say a huge thank you for the individuals and churches who donated to the Jeremiah 29 Project. With the support of everyone in our community a warm meal was deliv-

ered to children 5 days a week and on Friday's a library book and snacks for the weekend were given.

We are so thankful for all of the help and support that we received this summer. We believe that we will reach even more children next year, and we will continue to grow yearly!

"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 and 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

If you would like to volunteer your time in this summer's Jeremiah 29 Project, or donate funds to purchase food stuffs please contact either Whitney Henderson at (325) 260-9330 or Crystal Conway at (325) 370-7790. They do need all the help they can get.



High school graduates at their last Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot were Brandon Hobbs, Will Meier and Ted Pitzer. These young men have been representing Callahan County 4-H for many years and have brought home numerous awards from all over the state.



Perfect scores in whiz-bang were shot by Colton Bradley and Brandon Hobbs, both of Callahan County 4-H. Each shot a total of 50 birds (25 pair) perfectly which is an amazing and very unusual feat. Colton and Brandon were involved in an exciting tie-breaking shoot-off to determine placing in the event.

## 20th Annual Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot Held

The 20th Annual Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot was held on Saturday, June 13th at the 4-H shooting range located off FM 18 between Clyde and Baird. Approximately 50 4-H members from 18 counties gathered to experience a fun day of shooting and tough competition. Through the years this event has become a very popular 4-H shoot in this area of Texas and 4-H members from all over travel here to experience competition in the three traditional 4-H shotgun events: American skeet, American trap and whiz-bang. Opening ceremonies were led by senior 4-H members from Callahan County. A prayer was led by Colton Bradley, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Will Meier and the 4-H Club Motto and Pledge was led by Ted Pitzer. Shooting began shortly after the safety orientation and continued throughout the entire day ending with several tie-breaking shoot-offs to determine final placings.

Ten members of the local shotgun team were present to compete in the Fun Shoot: Colton Bradley, Jayden Clark, Joseph Clark, Cory Hays, Brandon Hobbs, Matt Jacob, Megan Jacob, Will Meier, Tallen Payne and Ted Pitzer. Several of our team members placed in their events, some scored personal bests and some shot perfect rounds. It was a great day of shooting! By the end of the day, participants in the contest had shot a total of 13 perfect 25 target rounds, 6 perfect 50 target rounds and 1 perfect score of 150 in all three events.

Results for the local team are as follows: In the Intermediate



4-H Shotgun Team Participants at the 20th Annual Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot shown above are back row (l-r): Brandon Hobbs, Cory Hays, Colton Bradley, Megan Jacob, Will Meier, Ted Pitzer and Tallen Payne. In front (l-r): Jayden Clark, Justin Clark and Matt Jacob.

division, Matt Jacob placed 5th in skeet and 5th in whiz-bang. In the Senior 1 division, Megan Jacob placed 1st in skeet, 6th in trap and 5th in whiz-bang. Cory Hays placed 2nd in skeet, 1st in trap and 4th in whiz-bang. Cory had the highest combined score of all Senior 1 contestants and was presented with the Senior 1 division high overall champion belt buckle.

In the Senior 2 division, Colton Bradley placed 6th in skeet. He shot a perfect round of 50 targets in whiz-bang and tied his teammate Brandon Hobbs for 1st place. After an exciting tie-breaking shoot-off, Colton placed 2nd in whiz-bang. Will Meier placed 4th in trap. Ted Pitzer placed 3rd in skeet, 2nd in trap and 4th in whiz-bang. Brandon Hobbs placed 1st in skeet, 1st in trap and 1st in whiz-bang. Brandon had the highest combined score of the Senior 2 division and was presented with the Senior 2 division high overall

champion belt buckle. Brandon's combined score of 150 out of 150 was a personal best and was the highest score in the entire event. That score combined with targets hit during tie-breaking shoot-offs, Brandon shot an amazing total of 167 targets during the day with not one missed target. Our club is cheering for Brandon this week as he and other members of the Texas State 4-H shooting sports team are competing at the National 4-H shooting sports championships in Nebraska.

We would like to thank Evan and Lauren Parker, owners of Clyde Chicken Express, for providing refreshing iced tea for the concession during the Fun Shoot. We appreciate your generosity and support of 4-H. Another thank you to all who helped with scoring, concessions and loading machines. Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Sports is fortunate to have such dedicated

volunteers. Hard work from past and present volunteers is what has created the successful club we have today. This support from coaches, parents, families and friends is a tremendous encouragement to our local youth and is what helps carry on the Callahan County tradition of excellence.

The entire team is looking forward to more shooting events this summer, culminating in late July with the Texas 4-H State Shotgun Championship to be held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. The week-long competition currently has over a thousand 4-H members registered to participate, making it one of the largest shotgun events in the history of 4-H shooting sports and in all shotgun events world-wide. Best of luck to the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team members planning to attend!

## UIL State Basketball Tournaments to Return to Alamodome in 2016 and 2017

AUSTIN, TX—The University Interscholastic League Girls and Boys Basketball State Tournaments will return to the San Antonio Alamodome in 2016 and 2017 the League announced Thursday, May 21st.

The Alamodome hosted the tournaments for the first time in 2015. San Antonio was selected partly due to competitive hotel rates and attractions, which made it the ideal destination for student athletes and fans. The UIL reached a two-year agreement that will bring the Girls and Boys Basketball State Tournaments back to the Alamodome for 2016 and 2017.

"The Alamodome was extremely hospitable and helpful during the planning phases and as the host of the UIL Basketball Tournaments this year," said UIL Executive Director Charles Breithaupt. "We look forward to improving upon the excellent tournaments and providing a convenient, first class event at the San Antonio Alamodome."

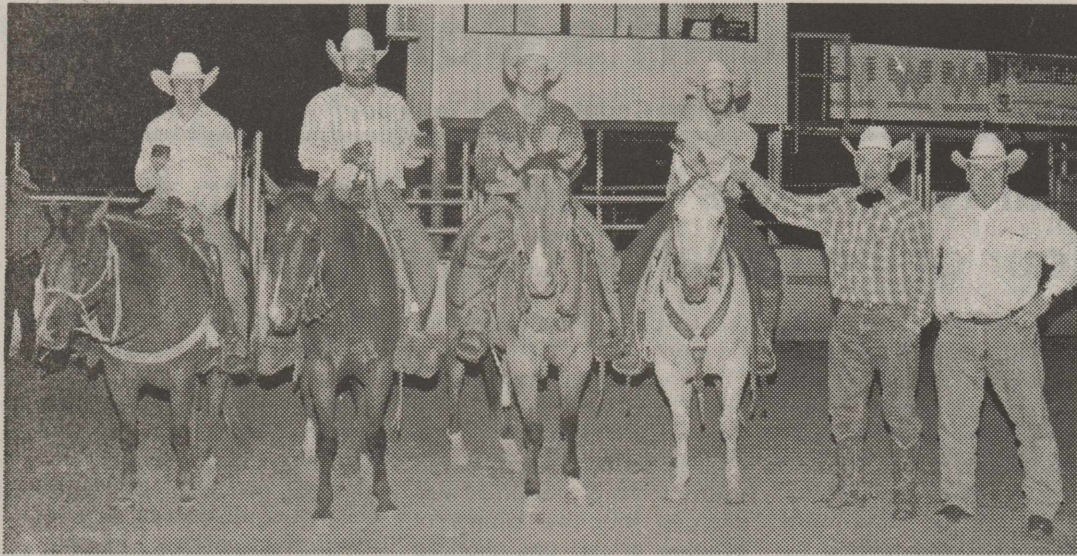
"Our ultimate goal has always been to create a memorable experience for the coaches, athletes, their families and fans," said Alamodome General Manager Nick Langella. "We are thrilled with the opportunity to host the state basketball tournaments for the next 2 years, and we will continue to do everything possible to make the UIL feel at home here in San Antonio."

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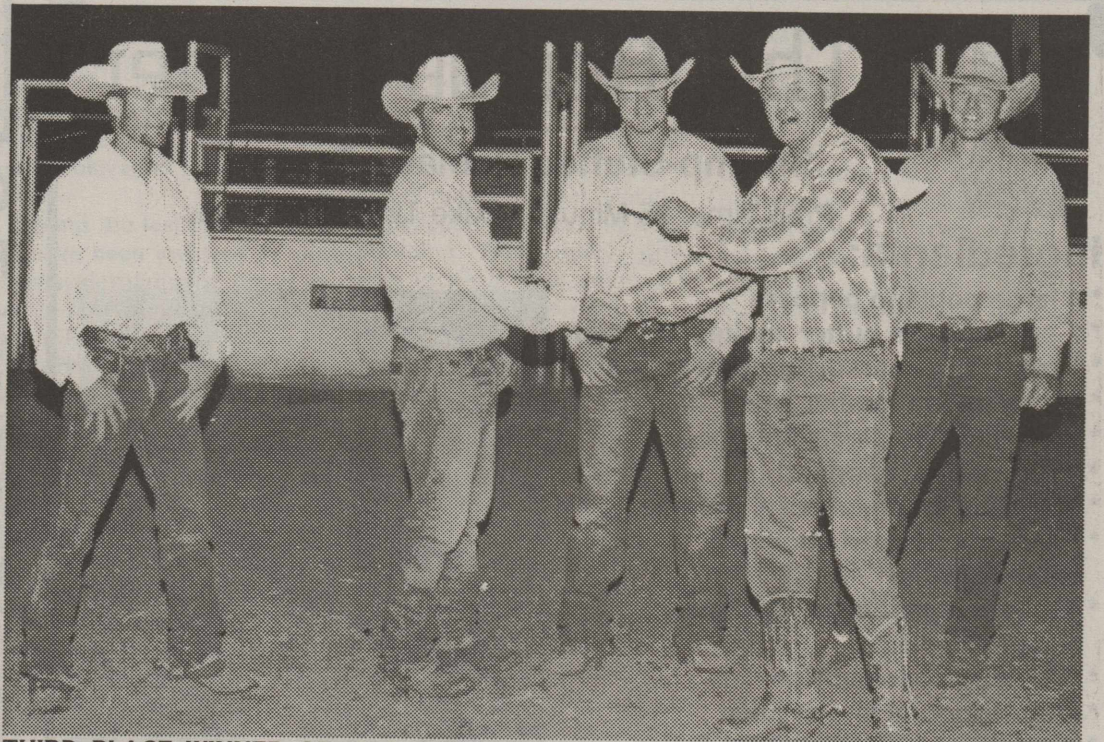
The first UIL Basketball State Tournament was played in Austin in 1921. Gregory Gym on the University of Texas at Austin campus began hosting the boy's tournament beginning in 1931, and the girl's tournament was added in 1951. The Frank Erwin Center on the University of Texas at Austin campus hosted the boys and girls state basketball tournaments from 1978-2014.

Tickets for the 2016 Basketball State Tournaments will go on sale Tuesday, May 26th. The 2016 Girls Basketball State Tournament will be March 3-5, the 2016 Boys Basketball State Tournament will be March 10-12. All-tournament tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, all participating Ticketmaster locations, and at the Alamodome Box Office or by calling 1-800-745-3000. Personal checks will not be accepted. Tickets for individual tournament sessions will go on sale the week of the event.

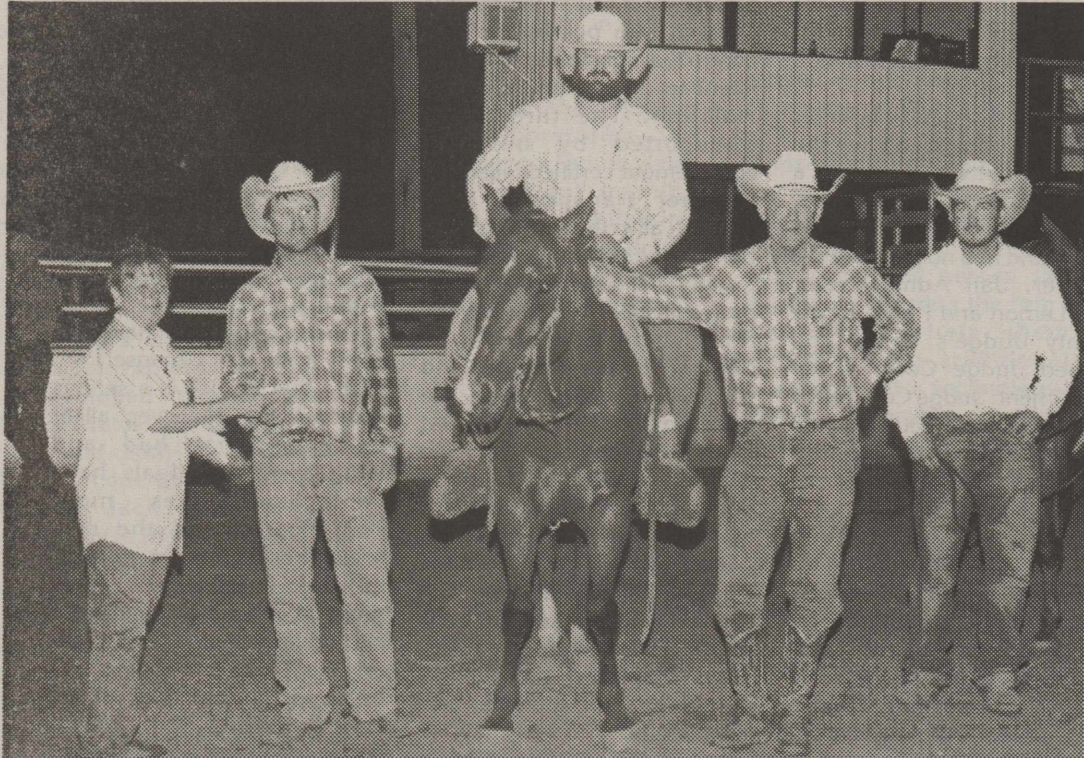
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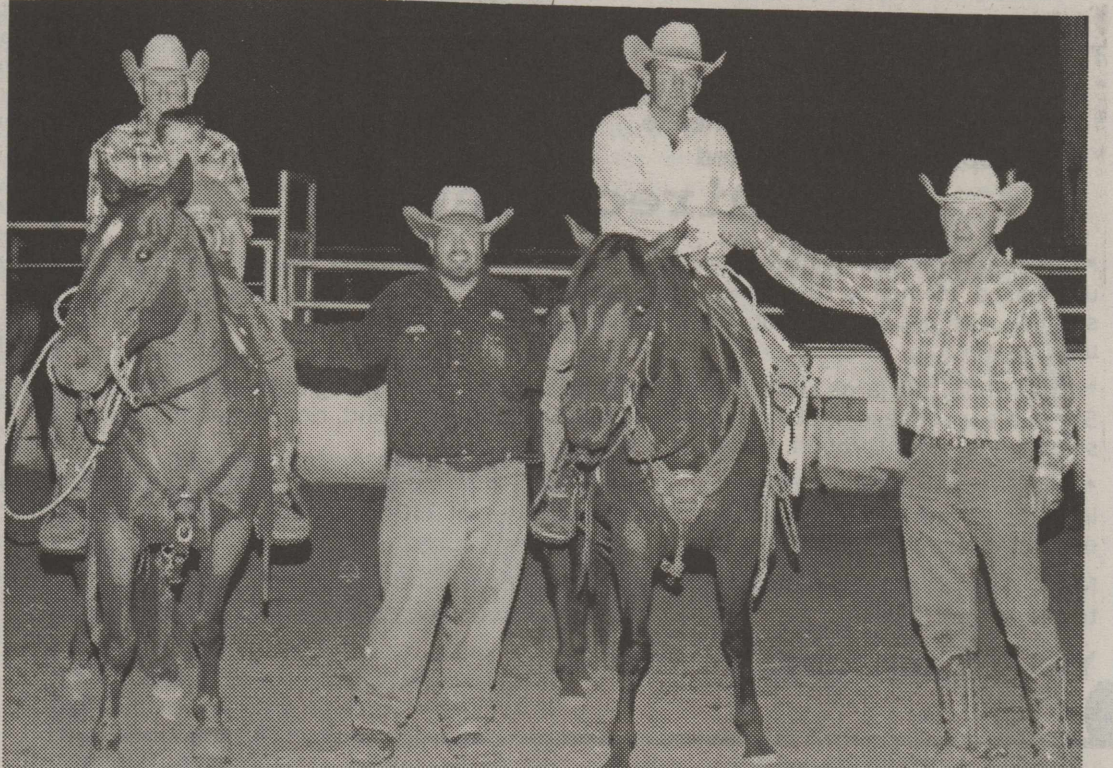
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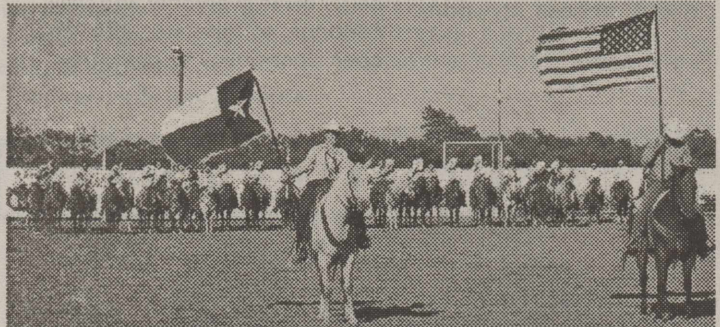
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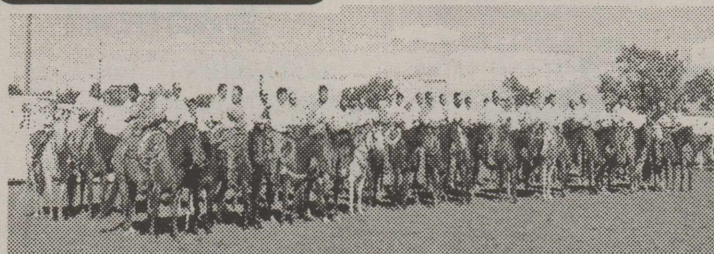


FOURTH PLACE WINNER OF THE CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE 2015 RANCH RODEO IS THE TEAM REPRESENTING THE LA REATA RANCH.



GRAND ENTRY AT THE CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE RANCH RODEO. JEFF BURLESON IS CARRYING THE AMERICAN FLAG, TERI HOLLIS HAS THE TEXAS FLAG AND RANCH TEAMS ARE IN THE BACK.

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GRAND ENTRY AT THE CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE 2015 RANCH RODEO. PICTURED ABOVE ARE ALL THE TEAMS WHO COMPETED IN THE RODEO.

## Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo very successful and full of fun

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 17th Annual Ranch Rodeo was held at the historical Rodeo Grounds in Baird on June 20, 2015.

The Rodeo was a very exciting and successful event.

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the rodeo and hope everyone enjoyed themselves while attending.

The rodeo consists of events cowboys used on a real working cattle ranch, (back in the good ole' days).

There is doctoring, where a steer is roped and held down so he can be "doctored".

There is team penning where the cowboys have to gather cattle with their particular number on them then herd into a pen.

Branding, a cowboy has to rope a calf, drag it to the branding location where team members are waiting to help "brand" it.

Then everyone's favorite event the wild cow milking. A cow is roped and held in place by several team members while the runner must milk some milk into a drink bottle, then run with the bottle to pour out the milk in front of the judge.

For the kids there were goat races and boot races.

Just a fun fantastic time for all.

This year's Ranch teams were the Cunningham Ranch, Gerngross Ranch, Goldsmith Ranch, I Bar Ranch, La Reata Ranch, Lloyd/Trotter Cattle Company, P & W Cattle

Company, Silverbrook Ranch, SJT Cattle Company and the Williams Ranch.

A big thanks goes to many volunteers: Dana Voights, Brittany Johnson, Shelly Davis, Mary Crockett, Billy & Linda Sparks, John Dyer, Monty Shepherd, Nikki Fornwalt, Brianna Hill, Sheriff Terry Joy, Ashley Pruet, David Mays, Jody Gerngross, Chase Goldsmith, Jeff Burleson, Jessica Cunningham, and Teri Hollis.

Thanks to all the sponsors: First Bank Texas, Buckshot Welding, Hanner Supercenter, Central Texas Farm Credit, Blake Fulenwider, First Financial Bank, Midway Plumbing, Nelson's Farm and Ranch Real, Estate Chad Cunningham, Tank & Vessel, Market St. Beverage and Jackson Brothers Feed.

1st Place winners were the Cunningham Ranch, 2nd place Goldsmith Ranch, 3rd Silverbrook Ranch, 4th place La Reata.

Top Hand was Scott Mackey, Reserve Top Hand was Steve Goldsmith.

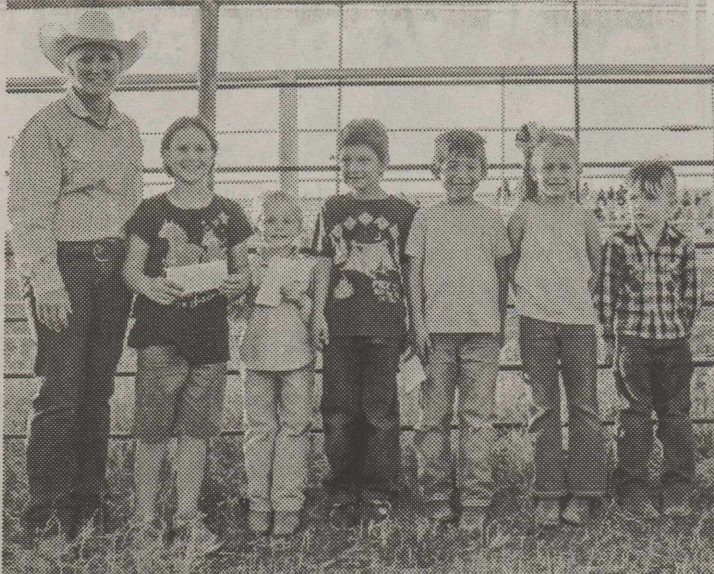
Top horse went to Carlos-Kylan Wills, Hard Luck Cowboy was Jason Gerngross.

Boot Race: 1st Monica Stillbower, 2nd Jayce Gerngross 3rd Aiden Stillbower, 4th Hunter Gomez, 5th Scott Dickson.

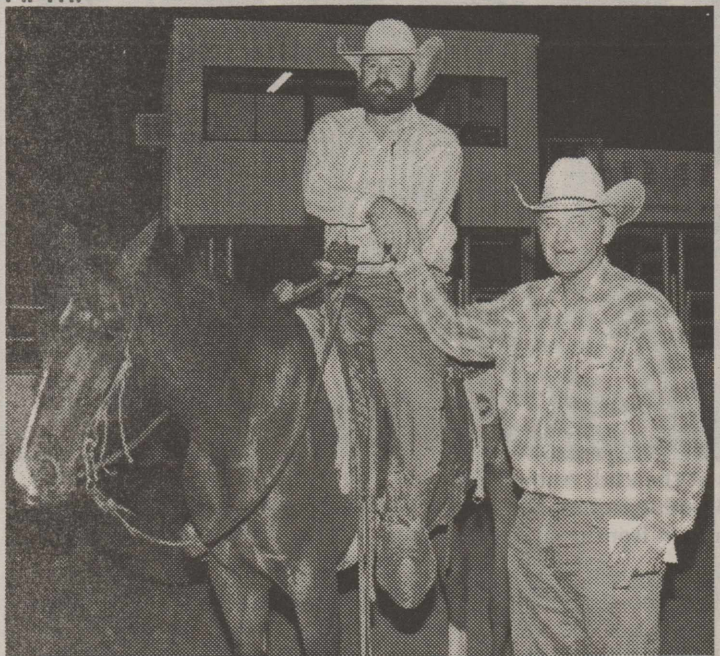
Goat Race: 1st Kollin Davis, 2nd Cedar Cauble, 3rd Porter Willis & Jaden Clark, 4th: Thomas Dyer, 5th Tate Scott and Kaylee King.



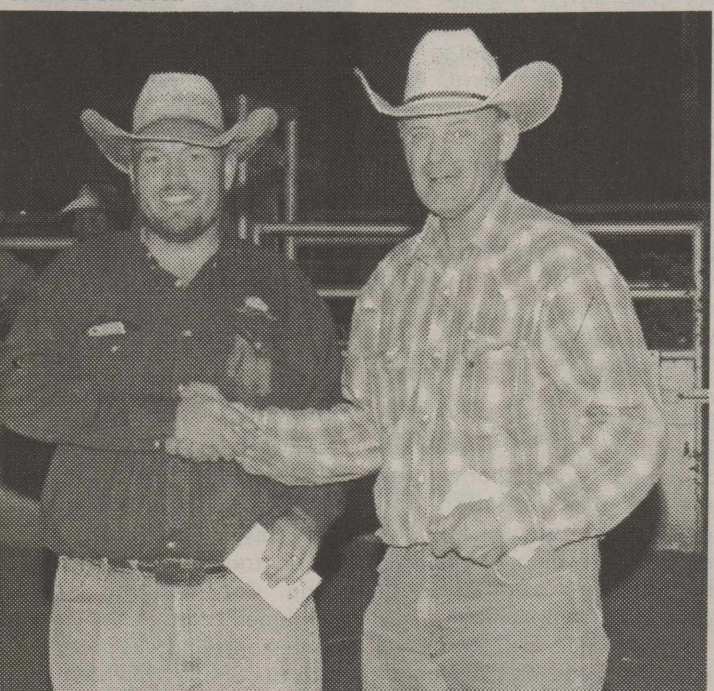
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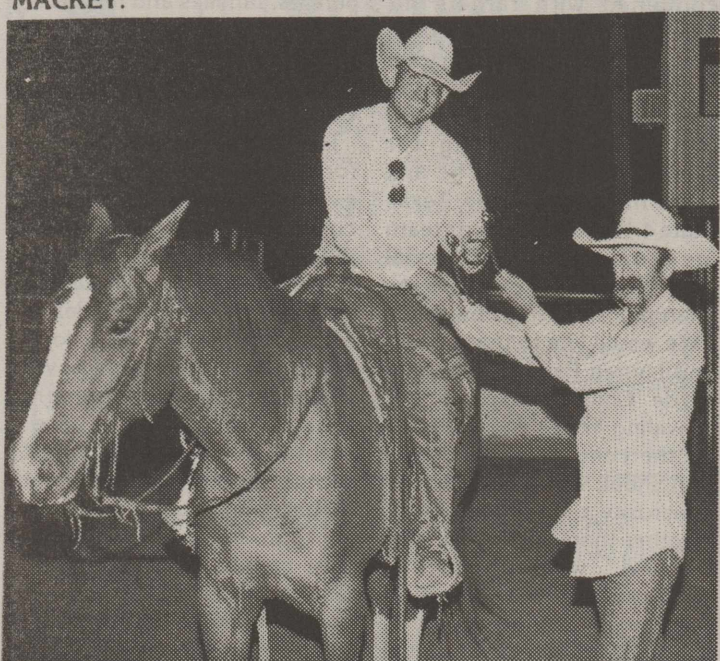
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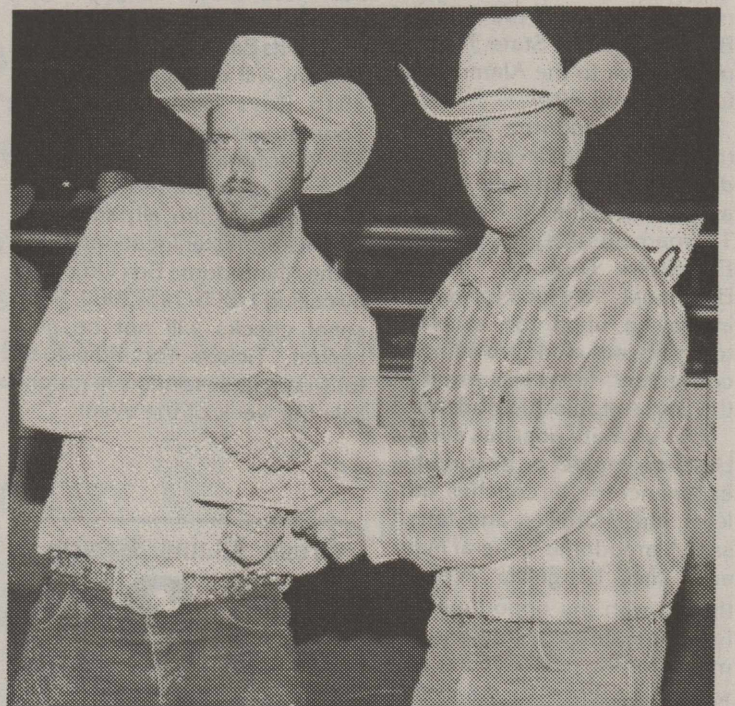
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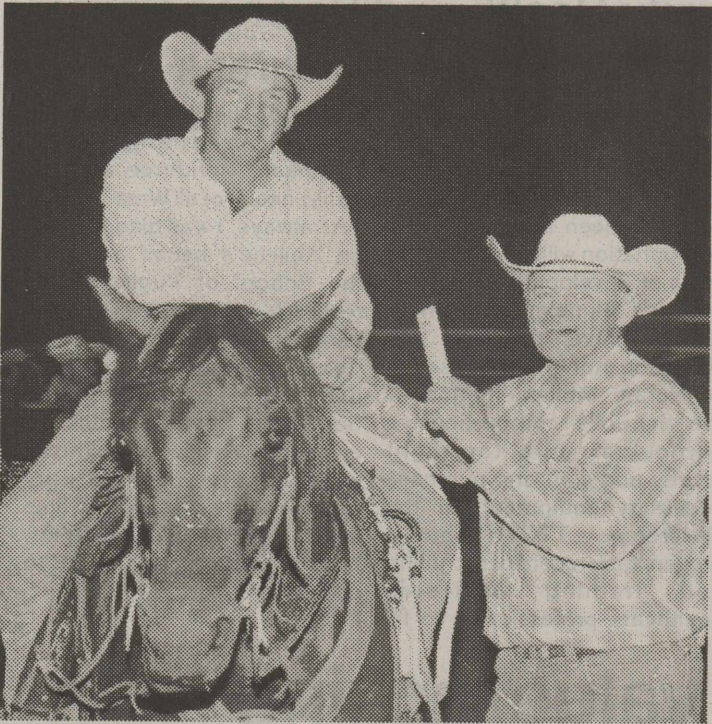
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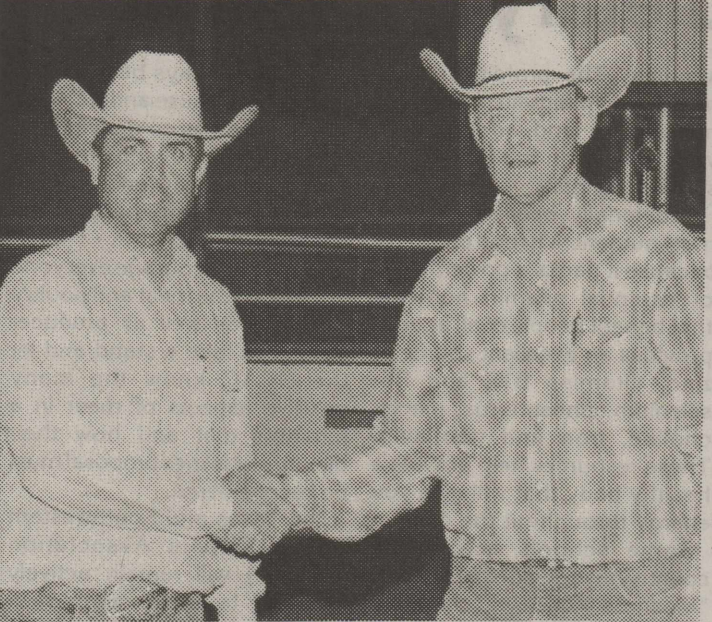
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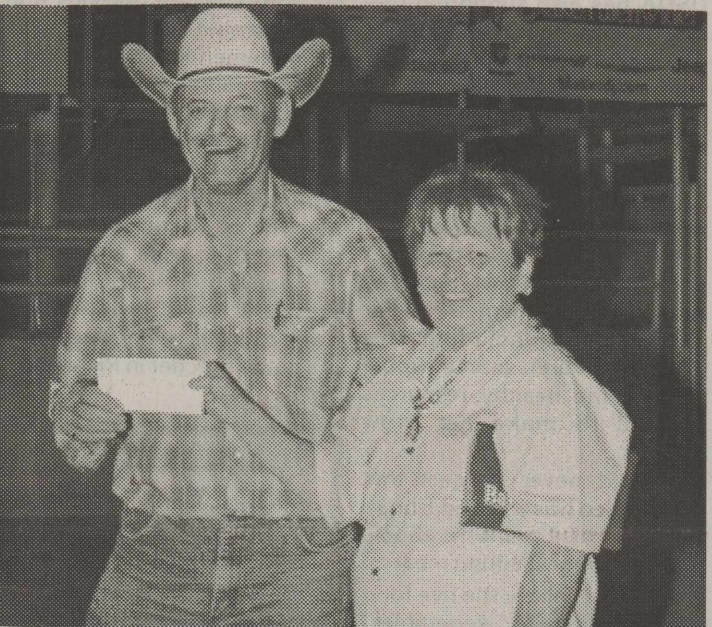
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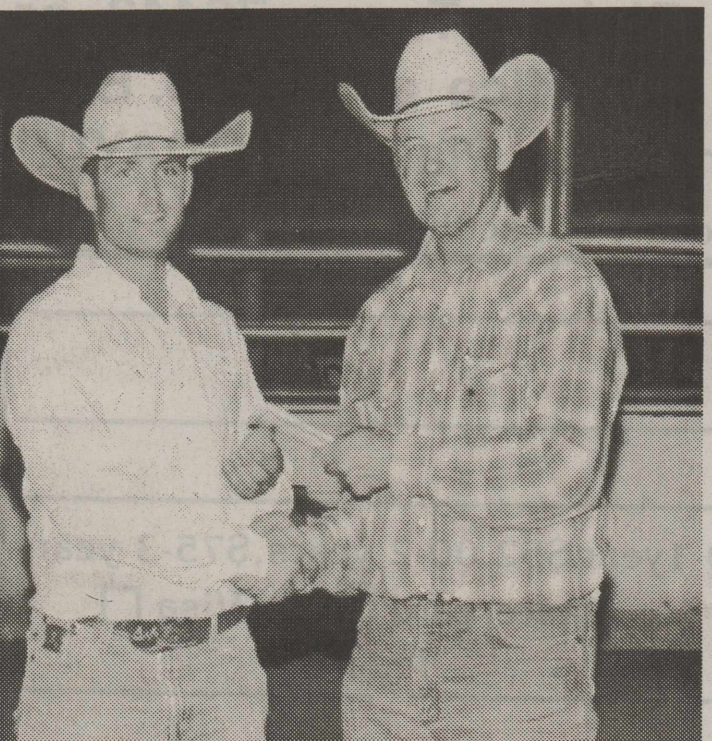
JOSH KING WITH THE SILVERBROOK RANCH- 1ST PLACE IN THE BRANDING.



STEVE GOLDSMITH WITH THE GOLDSMITH RANCH WON FIRST IN THE WILD COW MILKING AND STEVE WAS ALSO RESERVE WINNER OF THE TOP HAND AWARD.



WINNER OF THE 2ND ROUND OF STEER SADDLING WAS BRODY BARR, (NOT PICTURED BUT ALSO ON THE TEAM) ARE JAKE PREW AND CASEY HEATLEY.



WINNER OF THE 1ST ROUND OF STEER SADDLING WAS RUSTIN WILLIAMS, (NOT PICTURED, BUT ON THE TEAM) WERE JOE, AND KENNY CALLOWAY.

## Renew Online, Skip Trip to DPS Office This Summer

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging residents to get ahead of the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. The summer months tend to be one of the busiest times at driver license offices, and many Texans are eligible to skip the trip to the office completely via online renewal of their license, identification card or change of address at Texas.gov.

"Texas driver license offices are especially busy during the summer when students and families are on vacation," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "During these busy months, DPS encourages eligible customers to take advantage of our convenient options for online and phone renewal of driver licenses and identification cards or visit a DPS driver license mega center - if they are required to visit an office."

If a trip to a driver license office is necessary, customers in the

major metro areas should consider visiting mega centers in their area. Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer high-capacity facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. Mega centers feature an innovative queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line telephone.

In addition, DPS encourages customers to take advantage of this same technology to get in line before arriving at an office, which is available at several other locations across the state. To find an office that offers this option, see <http://dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/onlineScheduling.aspx>.

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If

residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

In order for a customer to be eligible for online renewal, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20-character code on the front of their current license or card.

Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper paperwork (including documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

Many offices require online scheduling in order to obtain an appointment for a driving test. To see if an office near you offers online scheduling, visit [http://dps.texas.gov/administration/driver\\_licensing\\_control/Rolodex/scheduleDriveTest.htm](http://dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/Rolodex/scheduleDriveTest.htm).

To find out more about online renewal services, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/OnlineServices.htm>.



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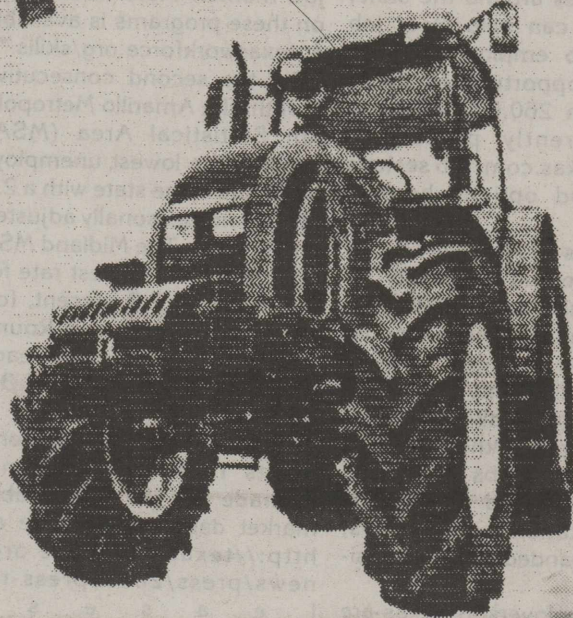
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# Celebrating 75 Years of Work and Dedication to the State of Texas for Soil and Water Conservation

Temple—To celebrate 75 years of soil and water conservation the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) held an open house ceremony. This ceremony brought together past and present staff, board members, directors, and many others who have played a role in soil and water conservation. [Pictured, Executive Director Rex Isom, Governor Appointed Board Member Joe Ward, Telephone, Governor Appointed Board Member Larry Jacobs, Montgomery, State District IV Board Member Jerry Nichols, Nacogdoches, State District V Board Member Barry Mahler, Iowa Park, State District III Board Member Jose Dodier, Jr., Zapata, State District II Board Member Marty Graham, Rocksprings, State District I Board Member Scott Buckles, Stratford].



TSSWCB board members.

To mark this monumental event an unveiling of the historical marker in front of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Headquarters took place. This marker explains the true definition and start to the TSSWCB.

To kick off the event the TSSWCB Chairman Scott Buckles of Stratford welcomed the attendees, and thanked those that played a role in making this event possible.

Former Speaker of Texas

House Pete Laney of Hale Center was the keynote speaker. Mr. Laney spoke of the accomplishments that the TSSWCB through the local soil water conservation districts have done throughout the state.

TSSWCB Executive Director Rex Isom, recognized his staff, board members past and present, and stated, "This program, from the landowner to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is made up of real people that are genuinely concerned and caring about the natural resources of Texas." "These people are the true conservationist of this great state."

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers

coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program to increase available surface and ground water through the targeted control of water-depleting brush; works to ensure the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property; and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

# Texas Tech University Health and Science Center School of Public Health Funding Progress

AUSTIN - Last year, the Texas Tech University Health and Sciences Center (TTUHSC) received a substantial endowment gift to break ground on a new School of Public Health in Abilene. As a long-time supporter of TTUHSC and its students, I was committed to help the School of Public Health in its mission to educate and train a better healthcare personnel for the people of West Texas.

Earlier this session, I submitted a budget rider to the Senate Finance Committee that granted additional funding for the School of Public Health at TTUHSC.

Over the last few months, I have worked closely with the Chair of Senate Finance on this issue and am glad to report that the rider has been accepted. This appropriation will help offset the costs of developing the school until it's eligible for formula funding. Over the next two years, the money will be used to accelerate implementation of the School's comprehensive curriculum, hire top-flight faculty and staff and purchase necessary equipment for the classroom. TTUHSC has a proven track record of recruiting and training dedicated healthcare professionals to fill

local public health needs. These funds are an investment in our healthcare workforce and the public health of all West Texans.

As always, I was glad to work on Abilene's behalf and help the School of Public Health realize its ambitious vision. The people of Abilene and West Texas deserve quality healthcare. By funding the School of Public Health, we ensure that Abilene's healthcare workforce has the necessary training and experience to help West Texans live healthier, happier lives for generations to come.

# Nutritional value lacking from proposed dietary guidelines

By: Claudia Scott Wright, TSCRA Director and Association Promotion Committee Chair

Every five years the United States Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services joint Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) is charged with revising Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

In December 2014, the DGAC held a closed door meeting and approved the elimination of nutrient dense lean meat from their proposed healthy diet recommendations. The lack of transparency in this meeting concerns me and leads me to believe this decision wasn't made with sound science.

As a mother, cancer survivor and fourth generation cattle rancher, I am appalled by the federal governments seemingly all-out war on the meat industry. In fact, the suggestion of removing meat from the dietary guidelines only encourages Americans to make poor diet choices by excluding a great source of protein and vitamins from their meals.

While the DGAC has proposed removal of all meat from their suggested diet, as a cattle rancher I can tell you first-hand about the many health benefits of implementing beef into your diet.

Beef provides an extremely important source of protein for those who eat it. A 3 ounce serving of lean beef provides 51 percent of the daily value for protein. Including protein at the center of your plate will help you manage your weight, retain muscle mass, lower your risk for heart disease, improve blood sugars and make your bones

stronger. The protein in beef helps you maintain a healthy metabolism and adding it to your meals can make you feel satisfied longer.

Additionally, beef is one of the most nutrient rich food products because it packs a powerhouse of essential vitamin nutrients that benefit people of all ages. It provides an excellent source of zinc, vitamins B12 and B6, selenium, phosphorus, niacin, choline, iron and riboflavin. These resources help provide a healthy body that will give you energy throughout the day.

Some schools across the country have decided to practice "meatless Mondays," therefore removing meat from school lunches every Monday. The USDA has also supported this initiative in the past. In my opinion, this is not the way to start off a kid's week and I have many concerns with the trend of removing meat from meals.

It is crucial for young children to receive a sufficient amount of protein and nutrients. I remember when my daughter was younger, I made sure she had meat implemented into her diet. I knew including this important food source would provide the healthy resources needed to make her grow strong.

I would never suggest that vegetables be removed from a person's diet, so why should anyone suggest taking meat off the plate. I believe the five food groups of meat, vegetables, fruits, grains and dairy are essential in a person's diet and they are included for a good reason. No single food group can provide all the nutrients you need each day. Moderation and balance is key and it is what we should be teaching our kids.

Meat has always been on the menu at my house and it always will be. There is no denying the many health advantages beef and other meat and poultry sources provide for people of all ages worldwide.

I strongly encourage everyone involved in the meat and poultry industry, as well as producer groups to take a stand and let the DGAC know the many positive aspects of meat in a person's diet and how their dietary guidelines proposal must be reconsidered.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will remain actively involved to make sure meat remains a part of the American diet. We will do everything it takes to educate our kids and consumers on the many benefits of implementing this nutrient rich food source into their meals. Claudia Scott Wright is a TSCRA Director and chair of the TSCRA Association Promotion Committee. She is the wife of Quinn Wright, the mother of Caylin Wright and the daughter of TSCRA Past President Dave Scott. Claudia owns a real estate business and is a cattle rancher in Richmond, Texas.

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# Chief Executive magazine announces results of annual 'Best & Worst States for Business' survey

Greenwich, Conn., May 7, 2015/PRNewswire/— Chief executives, who favor pro-growth, low-tax states, ranked Texas, Florida and North Carolina as the best states in the U.S. for business, according to Chief Executive magazine's 2015 "Best and Worst States for Business" survey.

In the annual survey, completed by 511 CEOs across the U.S., states are measured across three key categories to achieve their overall ranking: Taxes and regulations, quality of the workforce, and living environment, which includes such considerations as quality of education, cost of living, affordable housing, social amenities and crime rates.

In 2015, Texas remained the best state for business for the 11th year in row, followed by Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia. Since the recession began in December 2007, 1.2 million net jobs have been created in Texas, while 700,000 net jobs were created in the other 49 states combined. According to one CEO, "California and Oregon are essentially antibusiness, whereas Texas and Tennessee do everything possible to make business comfortable and more success-

ful." California ranked last in the survey, followed by New York, Illinois, New Jersey and Massachusetts. CEOs gave these states the lowest ratings because of their high tax rates and regulatory environments. Says one CEO, "The good states ask what they can do for you; the bad states ask what they can get from you."

Compared with 2014, Idaho has made the largest improvement in the CEO survey, rising 10 spots to number 18, primarily due to high growth rates in GDP, while South Dakota dropped eight places in the 2015 results, even though quality-of-life attractions enhance the state's low-tax bona fides.

State governments use the survey results to help determine how to improve their regulatory environments to attract more businesses, while corporations use the data to decide where to build facilities and attract vibrant workforces.

In addition to full rankings for all 50 states, the 2015 Best & Worst States for Business survey includes:

- Biggest Gains from 2014
- Biggest Losses from 2014
- Biggest Gains from 2010
- Biggest Losses from 2010

In addition to CEO ratings on taxation and regulation, workforce quality, and living environment, Chief Executive.net's ratings also provide data on state GDP, unemployment rate, domestic migration, and state/local tax burden.

For complete results, including individual state rankings on multiple criteria, CEO comments, methodology and more, please visit <http://chiefexecutive.net/best-worst-states-business/2015/>.

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# Texas adds 287,000 jobs over the past year, State unemployment rate remains at lowest level since July 2007

Texas has added an estimated 287,000 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year including a modest gain in April with the addition of 1,200 positions during the month. The state has experienced job gains in three of the first four months of 2015.

"Texas employers added jobs in seven of 11 major industries," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "TWC and our 28 local workforce boards across the state remain focused on connecting the Texas workforce with jobs being created by employers."

The state unemployment rate remained steady at 4.2 percent in April, down a full percentage point from 5.2 percent a year ago. Texas continues to trend well below the national unemployment rate of 5.4 percent.

"We know that there are still folks who are looking for good-paying jobs in our state and we encourage them to take advantage of the many resources made available through Texas Workforce Solutions," said TWC Commissioner, Representing

Labor Ronny Congleton. "Through our Workforce Solutions offices around the state, staff that can help steer job seekers to employment and training opportunities. With more than 260,000 available jobs currently posted on WorkInTexas.com, job seekers have good options here in Texas."

Job gains for April were led by the Leisure and Hospitality industry, which added 6,900 positions. The Information industry enjoyed its largest monthly gain for the industry since June 2000 with the addition of 3,400 jobs in April. Other Services gained 2,800 jobs during the month followed by Trade, Transportation and Utilities, which expanded by 2,100 positions.

"The employers in Texas are strong and resilient and have a talented pool of workers to choose from," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "I encourage all of our employers to take advantage of the programs we offer through the Skills Development Fund to help them

create jobs and train workers with the skills needed for today's job market. More information on these programs is available at [texasworkforce.org/skills](http://texasworkforce.org/skills)."

For the second consecutive month, the Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) boasted the lowest unemployment rate in the state with a 2.7 percent not seasonally adjusted rate in April. The Midland MSA had the second lowest rate for the month at 2.9 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs, each of which posted a rate of 3.0 percent.

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Andrade on the latest labor market data are available at: <http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2015/press-releases-2015.html#pressReleaseAudio>. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [www.tracer2.com](http://www.tracer2.com).

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