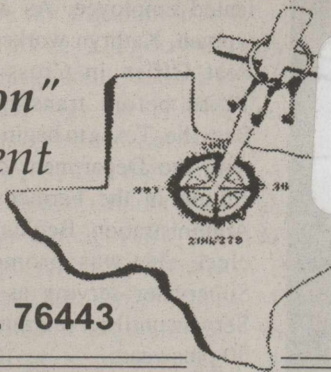


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Cross Plains ISD was named the winner of the Lone Star Cup in Class A thanks to the Lady Buffaloes Girls State Track Championship. This picture was taken in Austin after Cross Plains High School won their second State Track Championship. Pictured L-R back row: Coach Kelley, Mrs. Purvis, Coach Purvis, Coach Eicke and Superintendent Phil Mitchell. Pictured L-R front row: Kersey Wyatt, Kensie Halsel, Loralei Woodard, Grace Goode with trophy, Shelby McWilliams, Allanta Wheeler and Rebekah Crockett.



Back Row: Coaches- Donnie Dillard Sr., Billy Wyatt, Donnie Dillard Jr., Jeremy Box
Middle Row: Colton Mc Daniels, Alex Parker, Bentley Hall, Zane Blackburn, Israel Ortega, Jaeden Box, and Skylar Minshew
Kneeling: Kade Purvis, Gage Fortune, Dusty Wyatt, Chase Rutland, Stryker Dillard, and Michael Bushnell, (not pictured- Barrett Nickerson)

Cross Plains ISD wins Lone Star Cup award in Class A

AUSTIN, Texas - The University Interscholastic League announced the six winners of the 2014-15 UIL Lone Star Cup presented by State Farm on Wednesday.

Cross Plains High School secured its first Conference 1A UIL Lone Star Cup victory with a co-state championship in girls track and field, a state runner-up finish in academics and one-act play and a regional semifinalist in girls basketball.

In Conference 6A, Southlake Carroll High School won its sixth overall and fourth consecutive UIL Lone Star Cup earning 100 total points. The Dragon boys cross country, golf and swimming and diving teams each took home state championships while the girls cross country team placed fourth at state. Southlake Carroll won district and regional championships in academics and had regional finalist teams in football and girls soccer.

Reigning marching band state champion, Austin Vandegrift, added state titles in boys golf and girls swimming and diving on its way to the first Conference 5A UIL Lone Star Cup victory in school history. In addition to top five finishes at state in girls golf and boys swimming and diving, the Vipers were also state finalists in girls soccer and state semifinalists in football.

Argyle High School set a school record with 127 UIL Lone Star Cup points after earning state championships in academics, baseball, girls basketball, boys golf, and marching band. The Eagles were also state finalists in volleyball and football. The Conference 4A cup victory is Argyle's fourth consecutive and sixth overall.

The Brock Eagles took home their third overall UIL Lone Star Cup trophy, first in Conference 3A, by setting a school record for points in the competition with 75. Brock won state championships in boys basketball and boys golf, were state finalists in volleyball and regional finalists in football.

Also earning their third UIL Lone Star Cup award was Conference 2A winner Shiner High School, which last won in 2002. The Comanches are reigning state champions in marching band, won the softball state title and placed in the top five at state in girls track and field.

The UIL Lone Star Cup recognizes six high schools (one in each of the six UIL conferences) based on their overall team achievement in a variety of sanctioned academic, athletic and music championships. All UIL member high schools in good standing are included for contention for the UIL Lone Star

Cup. Trophy presentations will take place in the fall at events chosen by the winning schools.

The UIL Lone Star Cup program began during the 1997-98 school year.

Below are the Top Ten schools in each classification for this year's Lone Star Cup Standings:

Conference 6A		
Place	School	Points
1.	Southlake Carroll	100
2.	Conroe The Woodlands	84
3.	Arlington Martin	79
4.	Katy Seven Lakes	78
5.	Houston Cypress Ranch	72
6.	San Antonio Reagan	70
7.	Austin Westlake	69
	Katy Cinco Ranch	69
9.	Amarillo	66
	Austin Lake Travis	66

Conference 5A		
Place	School	Points
1.	Austin Vandegrift	94
2.	Aledo	85
3.	Grapevine	83
4.	Cedar Park	68
	Fort Bend Ridge Point	68
6.	Canyon Randall	67
7.	Cedar Park Vista Ridge	66
8.	College Station	57
9.	San Antonio Alamo Heights	56
10.	Hallsville	55
	Lufkin	55

Conference 4A		
Place	School	Points
1.	Argyle	127
2.	Abilene Wylie	115
3.	Liberty Hill	90
4.	Fredericksburg	71
	Kennedale	71
6.	Texarkana Pleasant Grove	67
7.	Robinson	61
8.	Decatur	58
9.	Boerne	57
10.	Paris North Lamar	56

Cross Cut Reunion Sunday, July 19

The Annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 19, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All Alumni, Cross Cut residents, friends and family are invited to attend as we enjoy a delicious covered dish luncheon followed by a silent auction and a brief Cross Cut Cemetery Association meeting.

Lunch is at noon, but the doors will open at 9:00 AM for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

Please call Scott Byrd at (325) 669-4917 for more information.

Conference 3A		
Place	School	Points
1.	Brock	75
2.	Shallowater	68
3.	Wall	58
4.	White Oak	56
5.	Hallettsville	54
6.	East Bernard	52
7.	Rockdale	48
	Sonora	48
9.	Blanco	47
10.	Franklin	46

Conference 2A		
Place	School	Points
1.	Shiner	60
2.	Martin's Mill	52
3.	Canadian	50
	Lindsay	50
	Mason	50
6.	Crawford	46
7.	Abernathy	42
	Hawley	42
	Schulenburg	42
	Sundown	42
	Thorndale	42

Conference 1A		
Place	School	Points
1.	Cross Plains	43
2.	Abbott	40
3.	Nazareth	38
4.	Wink	36
5.	Follett	35
6.	Crowell	34
	Throckmorton	34
8.	Ira	31
9.	Garden City	30
	Lenorah Grady	30
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77th Annual Woody Family Reunion

Saturday, July 11th - 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 12th - 12:00 Noon (Doors opened at 9:00 a.m.)

Cottonwood Community Center/Schoolhouse
Fun times & family fellowship is planned!

One Hour Can Save Lives

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

The Cross Plains Buffaloes 9U Baseball Team Headed to State July 20th-25th

Congratulations Buffaloes 9U Baseball Team!

The Cross Plains Buffaloes 9U Baseball Team finished 1st in their District League in Bangs, qualifying them for the State Tournament to be held the week of July 20-25 in Bangs, Texas. The Tournament Bracket has not been set as of yet, but games will start at 3pm and go from there each day.

The Buffaloes have been working hard preparing for the State Tournament since the end of District play. They have played several practice games and competed in the Bangs 9U Open Tournament the weekend of June 19-20, and took home the Tournament Championship by

defeating Winters. The Buffaloes will be hosting a 9U Tournament in Cross Plains this week, July 9-11.

This is a great group of kids who have been working very hard, so if you get a chance, please come out and support our boys.

Help in a Heartbeat

The Cross Plains EMS has 4-6 new trainees wanting to start classes this summer. The EMS is in desperate need for these possible attendants to start classes as soon as possible so they can become certified ECA's and start going on runs to help alleviate some of the pressure put on the few attendants that are certified now.

We are looking for individuals or businesses to sponsor these students so they can get their training underway. Each possible trainee is needing a sponsorship of \$500 to cover the 8-10 week class as well as books and work books required by the class.

The EMS is always looking for more physically able people to take the course to become certified ECA's and EMT's. If you are interested in pursuing a career in the medical field then the EMS would be a great place for you to see if it is something you would enjoy. The basic requirements to become a certified member are to be 18 years of age or over, have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a background check.

We would like to thank the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains for already sponsoring one student. If you are interested in either becoming a sponsor or a certified member of the EMS please call Susan Schaefer at (254) 725-6747.

Callahan County receives first same-sex marriage license

Callahan County Clerk Donna Bell reported Callahan County is now accepting same-sex marriage licenses at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Bell said that marriage licenses applications issued in Callahan County in the past stated "Mr. and Miss" in the application, and the new application only says "Applicant."

"We just took the Mr. and Miss off the license application," Bell said.

She said that although the computer system software hasn't been updated, it soon will be.

Bell reported receiving telephone calls from Abilene, Dallas and Austin taking surveys if Callahan County will be issuing same-sex marriage licenses. "They were getting a poll on who's doing them and who's not," Bell said.

She reported Callahan County has already received one same-sex marriage license, which was issued on June 30th.

Bell said the marriage license fee remains \$82.00.

The Clyde Journal, Baird Banner and Cross Plains Review will continue to publish marriage licenses issued in Callahan County in the newspapers' "Courthouse News."

The Clyde Journal, Baird Banner and Cross Plains Review will

also continue to publish "Engagement" and "Marriage" announcements in the three newspapers for a charge of \$25.00, which also includes the "Birth" announcement policy.

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Obituaries



Kathryn Anderson Walden

Kathryn Anderson Walden

Kathryn Walden of Georgetown, Texas went to be our Lord and Savior on June 28, 2015. Kathryn was born on February 5, 1925 in Cross Plains, Texas to Fillmore Ross and Merle West Anderson. Kathryn is preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister in law Phil and Margaret Anderson of Winters, Texas, brother Robert Anderson of Lubbock, Texas, and sister in law Mary Lynn Anderson wife of Bill Anderson. Kathryn is survived by her brother William R. "Bill" Anderson of Saginaw, Texas and one sister in law, Jane Groce of Fort Worth, Texas and her three children: Phil Walden (Theresa) of Georgetown, Texas, Kathryn "Kay" Turk (Jim) of Mesa, Arizona and Suzanne O'Rourke of Georgetown, Texas, the children of Kathryn and Carey "Buncy" Walden. Three grandchildren, Stuart Walden, Cameron and Chelsea O'Rourke; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of lifelong friends.

Kathryn was a devoted and courageous single mother who worked tirelessly to ensure the wellbeing of her children. She

spent her life placing them as priority. Kathryn was a dedicated employee. As a young woman, Kathryn worked in the Post Office in Cross Plains, Texas before transferring to Beeville, Texas to begin a career with the Department of Agriculture in the Farmer's Home Administration. Beginning as a clerk she was promoted to Supervisor serving as a Civil Servant until her retirement after 30 plus years.

Kathryn was involved in her community as well. She has been a member of the First United Methodist Church since moving to Georgetown in the early 1960's. She was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi and was active in her Chapter in Georgetown. She served as a Boy Scout Den Mother, a Georgetown High School Band Booster and many other activities her children were involved in. Kathryn was a volunteer for the Georgetown Hospital. She enjoyed working in the Gift shop and helping patients and their families. Kathryn served the First United Methodist Church with her presence and also served on the Benevolence Committee, helped with the Georgetown Rotary lunch meetings, folded church bulletins and other activities as needed. Kathryn simply loved manning the polling booths during political elections. She was a faithful Democrat.

Kathryn's life is celebrated by all who knew her and she will be greatly missed. Kathryn was a respectful Christian who knew the Lord and waited patiently for her call to enter His Kingdom. Visitation will be held at Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown, Texas on July 13, 2015 at 5 pm. Funeral services will be held on July 14, 2015 at 2 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Georgetown, Texas. Graveside Services will be held at 1 pm at the Cross Plains Cemetery on July 15, 2015 in

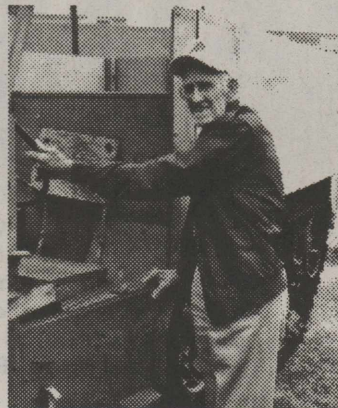
Cross Plains, Texas where Kathryn will lie next to her parents. Kathryn is the niece of Tom Anderson who is one of the founding fathers of The Cross Plains Review.

Flowers may be sent to Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home. Donations may be sent in her memory to the First United Methodist Church or the charity of choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com
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John William (J.W.) Fore

John William (J.W.) "Mousy" Fore

J.W. "Mousy" Fore passed away on June 30, 2015 at the age of 95.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. at the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Greg Turner, John Swift and Cliff Kirkham shared scriptures and memories of J.W.'s life.

The local VFD Chapter performed the rendering of honors with Michael Foster performing Taps.

John William Fore (J.W.) was born on January 23, 1920 to John Franklin and Eula (Ellis) Fore in Pioneer, Texas. He attended all his school years there and graduated in 1937. As a boy J.W. played football, basketball and ran track. J.W. confided that he was better at basketball and track, as he never was a heavyweight.

J.W. accepted the Lord as a

Higginbotham Marker Dedication and Tour

On July 28 at 5:00, the Callahan County Historical Commission invites you to Higginbotham Brothers for the unveiling and dedication of the newest Texas Historical Marker in Cross Plains.

The unveiling ceremony which is scheduled to begin in front of the store at 5:30 PM will be followed by a tour led by Higginbotham employees. The store which has served this community for over 100 years contains several items which have been around for the entire

youth and was baptized in Pioneer lake. J.W. and several other students helped build the Pioneer Community Center which now houses the Pioneer Quilting Club. This building project was to teach student building skills and good work ethics. Shortly after graduation, J.W. joined the U.S. Army. He went to Camp Campbell in Kentucky for training and then from there to maneuvers at Camp Barkley in Abilene, Texas. He was shipped out of Camp Shanks in New York on a troop ship called the "Tasker H. Bliss" and landed in England. They stayed there two weeks and crossed the English Channel into France. Then they started the campaign. The troops fought from England into France, across Germany and into Austria, to the Bavarian Alps where J.W. and his division were when the war ended in 1946.

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

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

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

J.W. was the best man at Bob and Nelda (Purvis) Dean's wedding and Johnnie Mae Meador was maid of honor. That was the starting point of their dating and they married April 13, 1951.

J.W. visited the 12th armored Museum in Abilene several times. His picture is in the museum.

J.W. was our Hero! He lived a long unselfish, giving life of service to his parents, to Johnny Mae, to her parents, to his country and to his fellowman. He will be missed.

Submitted by Connie Kirkham.

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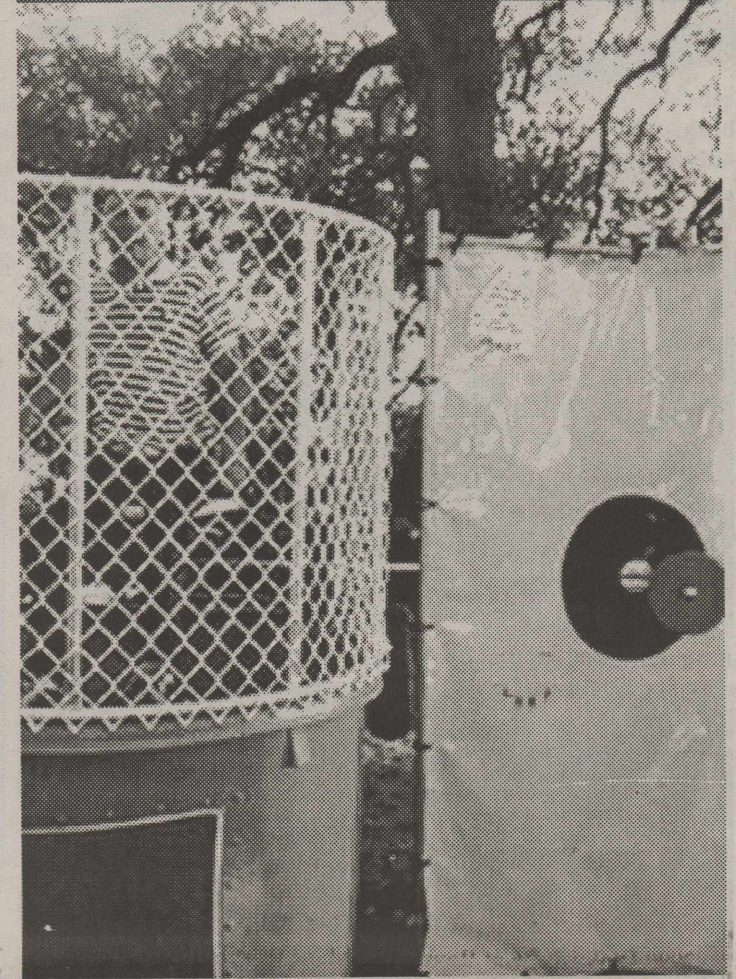
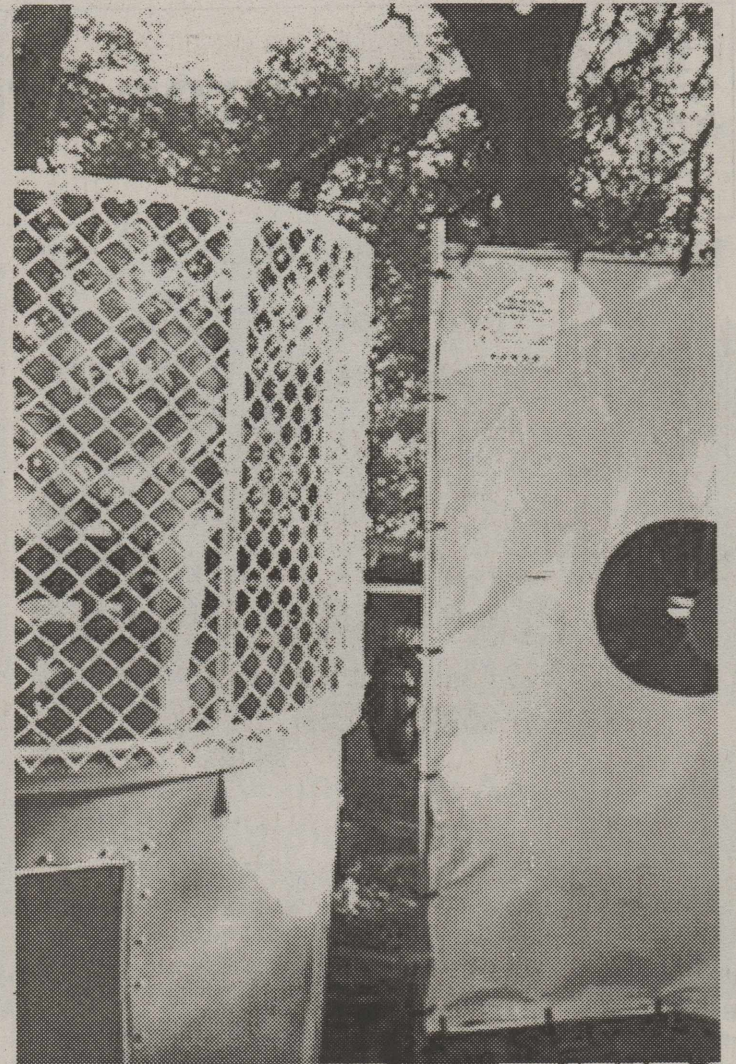
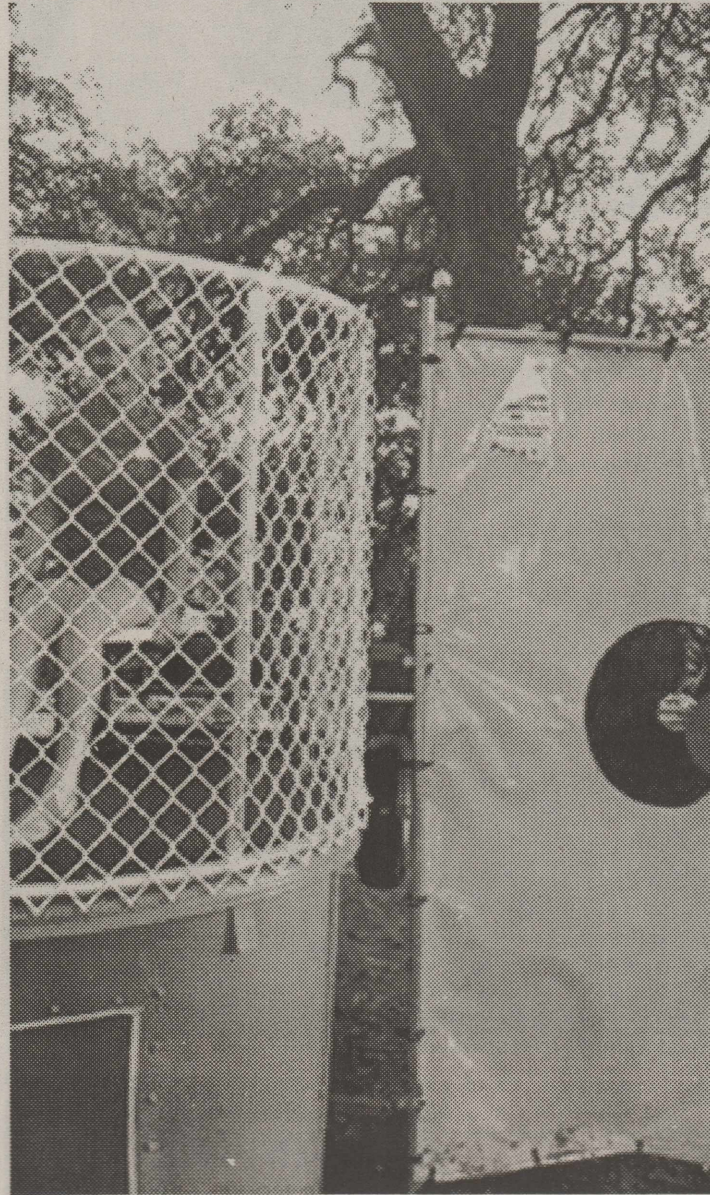
Fourth of July Celebration Success

The City of Cross Plains & Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce July 4th Celebration in Treadway Park had a large crowd and festivities went fantastic! The free hot dogs the City of Cross Plains provided ran out! The bounce house the First United Methodist Church provided was greatly enjoyed by the kids! Bingo provided by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce had some big winners, and lots of good prizes! The Dunking Booth the Chamber hosted was a splash! Thank you to Whitney Henderson, Kevin Morton, Jacob Stennett, Ronnie White, Jurnee Thomas, and Casie Morgan for being such great sports! Thank you Cross

Plains Fire Department for filling up the dunking booth. Thank you to the City of Cross Plains for providing such a EXPLOSIVE firework show that everyone enjoyed!

Can't wait to see you next year! Thank you to these local businesses that donated prizes for the July 4th Bingo:

Parts Plus, Hardwick Farmer's Market, The Butcher Block, Salamander's Apparel, Tim's Floral and Gifts, Christine Woodard with Mia Bella Candles, Lawrence Farm & Ranch, Bagley Insurance, T&K Tire, Higginbotham Brothers, Trinity Liveoak Real Estate, Project Pride, Super Clean Carwash and Country Donuts.



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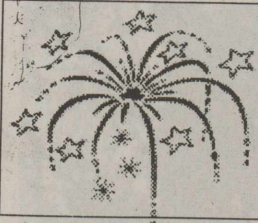
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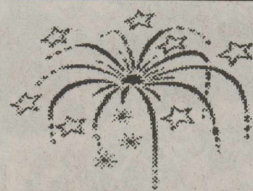
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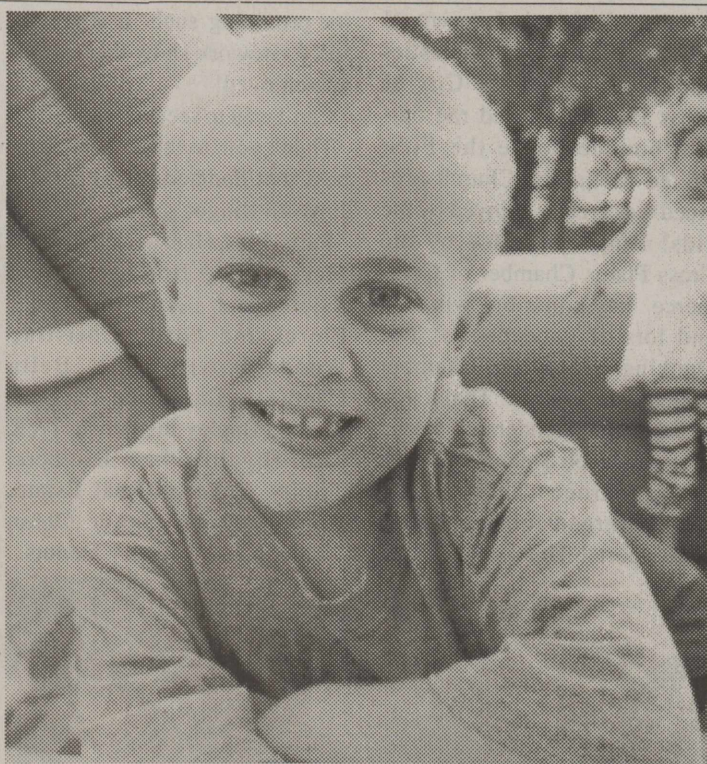
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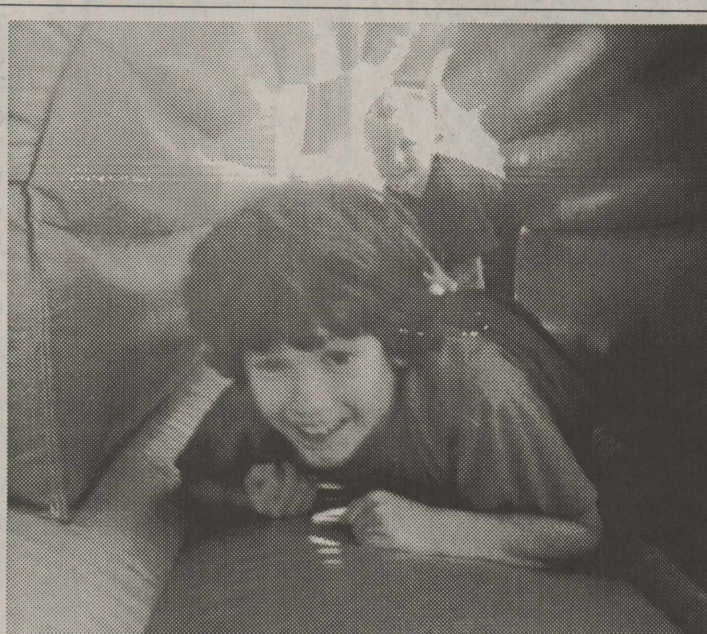
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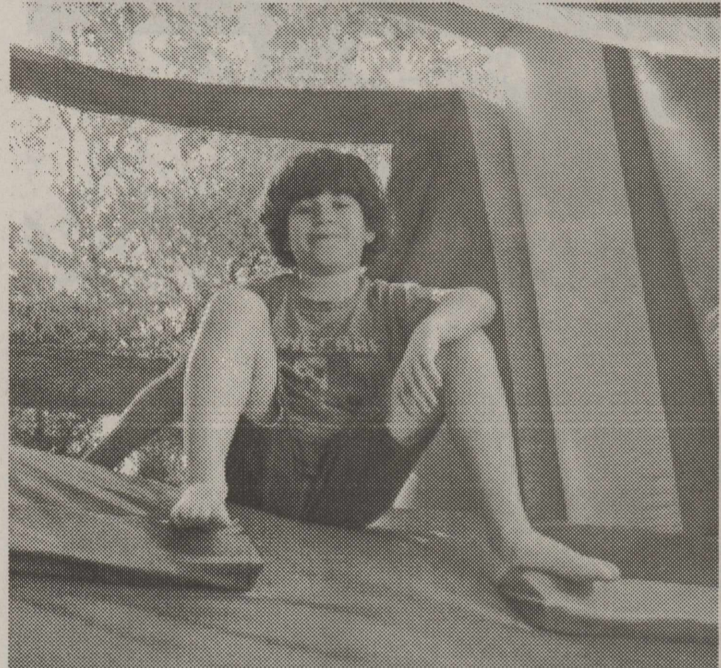
Best Hair - July 4th at Treadway Park - July 4th



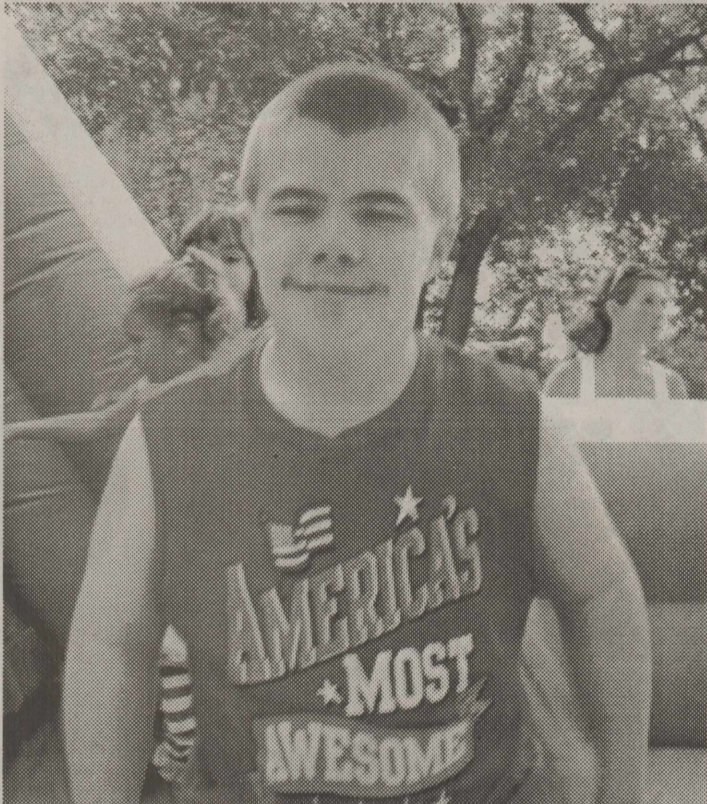
Happy Fourth of July! - Treadway Park 2015



Tunnel races at Treadway Park - July 4th



King of the Hill - top of obstacle course wall July 4th



Best T-shirt at Treadway Park July 4th



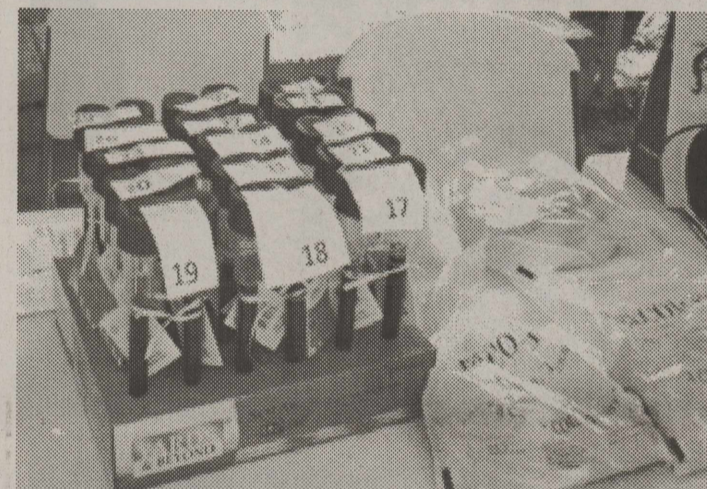
Taking a quick break from the action - July 4th



Jurnee Thomas gives a thumbs up after being dunked July 4th



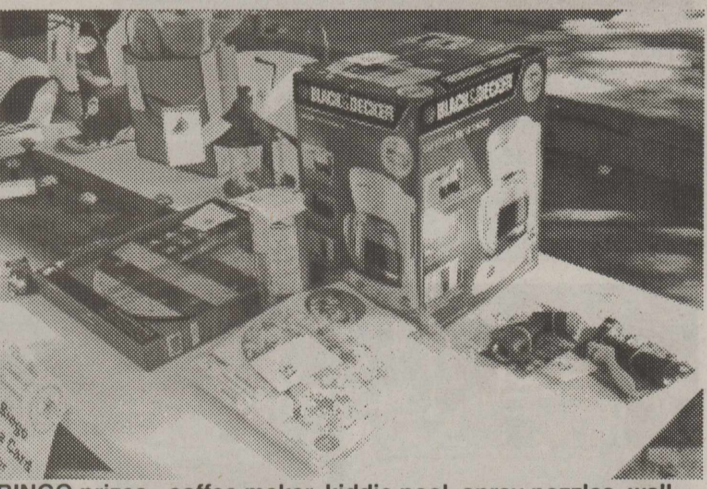
BINGO prizes - hats, multi-tools, wine, wall hangings, etc.



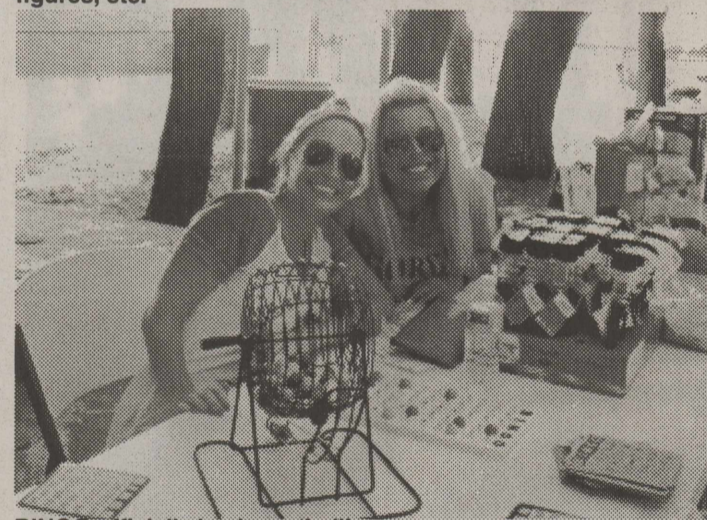
BINGO prizes - Solar Light sets, T-shirts, Texas Horned Toad figures, etc.



Kevin Morton - getting ready for another dunking, July 4th

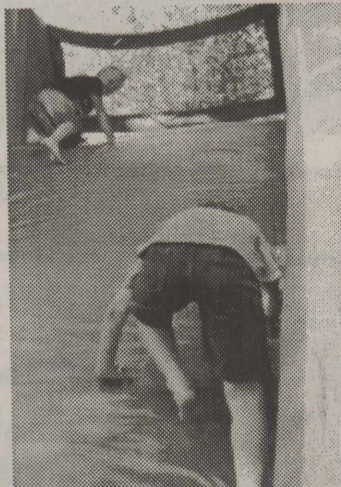


BINGO prizes - coffee maker, kiddie pool, spray nozzles, wall clock, etc.



BINGO official's having a 'ball'

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Climbing the obstacle course - July 4th



Playing BINGO July 4th at Treadway Park under the oaks.

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Thank You

The Family of J.W. "Mousy" Fore would like to thank each one who attended his service, visited, sent flowers and any other act of kindness done!

J.W. loved his Friends and appreciated you all! Special thanks to the gals at Jean's Feed Barn for serving J.W. breakfast at 7:00 a.m. all these years. Your kindness to him did not go unnoticed.

And a special thanks to Gene Dillard for taking such good care of our Hero J.W. 4 !!

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High school juniors and seniors from across the state attended the week-long conference, which was held June 15-19 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Grant Head and April Brumbaugh represented Callahan-Shackelford County at the annual conference.

"Hundreds of students from across Texas-including Callahan-Shackelford County-have been encouraged and inspired by the free enterprise economic system that our country was built on,"

said Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Phil Williams.

YLC participants heard from motivational speakers, learned about the free enterprise system and engaged in hands-on activities to build character and leadership abilities.

The students assumed the role of a freshman U.S. Congressman to pass legislation, represent constituents, work with other members of Congress and run a re-election campaign.

"These students are our future leaders, and we want to provide them with the skills needed to help them be successful," President Phil Williams said.

"The in-depth look at our free enterprise system and constitutional government, combined with their leadership and teamwork exercises, will help them travel the road of excellence."



Leslie Lawrence pictured with Kathy Chessir

CPISD Elementary Principal guest speaker at local Kiwanis meeting

Leslie Lawrence, Cross Plains I.S.D. Elementary Principal was Kathy Chessir's program speaker for Kiwanis, July 7th, 2015, monthly meeting at Jean's Feed Barn at 7:00 A.M.

Mrs. Lawrence gave a detailed update concerning her team of

dedicated teachers, office personnel, student enrollment, new technology directives that are being completed and much, much more. The school's website: crossplains.esc14.net has more information available.

Come join us every 1st Tuesday of the month.



Pictured here are Marqueta Westbrook and Norma Tucker from the Pioneer Quilting Club

Pioneer Quilting Club Announces "Kansas Sunflowers" Quilt Winner

The 4th of July was a wonderful and busy day for our club. We had a table set up at the Main Street Market in Rising Star to sell tickets for our raffle quilt. A lot of people came by and admired the quilt and bought tickets. We enjoyed visiting with everyone. Later we set up at the pavilion in the Rising Star park and had the drawing for the quilt. The winner of the "Kansas Sunflowers" is Pam W. Marshall from Midland, Texas. Congratulations, Pam!

We want to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle and made it such a success. It is really great that the local communities care and have an interest in our efforts to maintain and repair the Pioneer Community Building. We really need a new

roof and we have had some very generous donations to help with that project. Special thanks to Sandra Barr, Bonita Horton, and the Flippen family for these donations. We also want to recognize Wanda and Don Nelson from Early, Texas, for all their encouragement and support.

The club meets every Tuesday to quilt and visit and have a good time. We extend an open invitation to anyone interested in coming. Some think that hand quilting is becoming a lost art; we would like to teach any that are interested so that it won't be lost. There is something very special about working with your hands and creating a thing of beauty and usefulness. Again, we thank everyone who supported our raffle. We really appreciate all of you.

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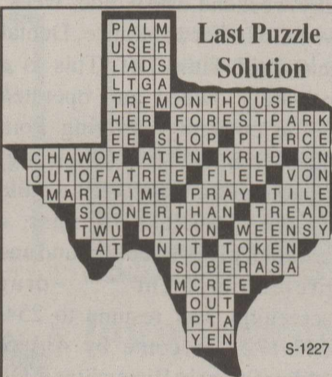
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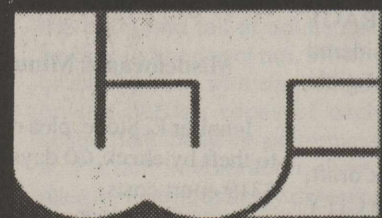


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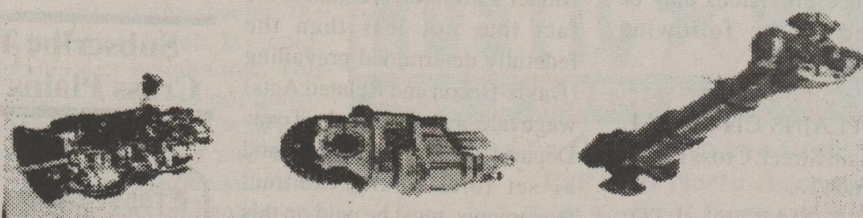
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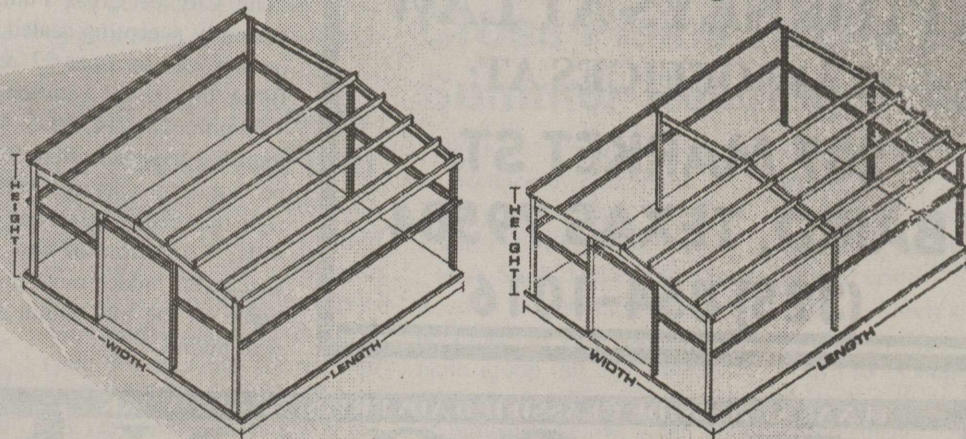


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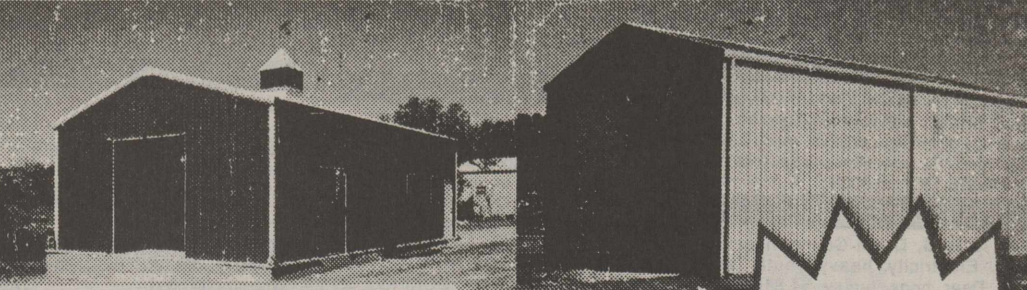
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By: Ray Purvis, Mayor Date: July 2, 2015

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Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jennifer L. Stone, plea of guilty to theft by check, 20 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

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Great Plains Skink

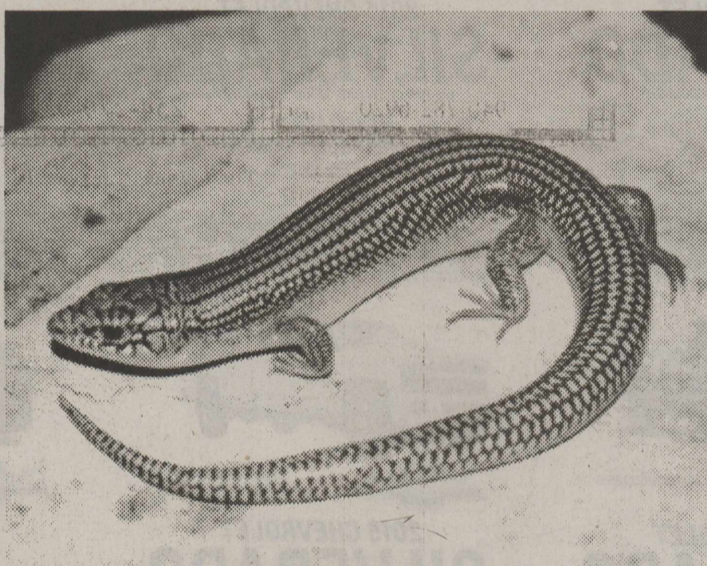
The Great Plains Skink (*Plestiodon [Eumeces] obsoletus*) is one of eight species of skinks that live in Texas, and it has the largest area of distribution. It occurs throughout the western 3/4 of the state; roughly defined occurring west of an imaginary line drawn from the DFW region southward. Outside of Texas, it occurs northward to southern Nebraska, westward to central Arizona, and southward to the central plateau regions of Mexico.

The habitats that this sleek lizard prefers are the grasslands and prairies of the Panhandle that have small rocky areas and other surface debris under which it can hide. It can also be observed in rocky areas in the arid to semi-arid sandy regions of the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau eco-regions.

The Great Plains Skink is an elongate lizard with tiny legs and a long tail. This species is the largest skink that inhabits this state (as well as the United States) with adults reaching a total length of almost fourteen inches, although the average is between six and nine inches. As with all species of this genus, the scales are so slick and shiny that the lizard at first glance appears to be wet. However, like other reptiles, the skin is completely dry and not slimy at all.

The background coloration on the body and tail of adults can be various shades of tan, brown, or even yellow with dark flecks on the outside edges of each scale. The belly is patternless and is buff in coloration. Juveniles look contrastingly different from the adults, with black bodies and bright blue tails. Many youngsters will also have random amounts of white or orange on the black head. As the young animal matures, it begins to change from its juvenile coloration to the one that it will have as an adult — this process is known as an ontogenetic change.

Like other reptile species, the Great Plains Skink is "cold-blooded", or ectothermic. This means that they do not generate heat from the inside of their body, as mammals and birds do, but rather are dependent on outside sources for heating and cooling. They are active throughout the day in the spring and fall, adjusting their schedules to the morning and afternoon hours



Great Plains Skink (*Plestiodon [Eumeces] obsoletus*)

during the heat of the summer. This species of lizard has a much generalized diet. Its preferred choice of food is small beetles, although it will also feed on other small invertebrates such as crickets, grasshoppers, and ants. In captivity it has been known to feed on small mice.

The Great Plains Skink is oviparous, which is a fancy way of saying that it lays eggs. After emerging from the winter-long brumation period (reptiles do not hibernate in the true sense of the word), males will search out females to mate. After mating, the female will lay anywhere from five to twenty-five eggs in moisture retaining soil. The female will remain in the nest area for the entire incubation period, warding off any small predators that would utilize her eggs to fill their appetite. After approximately two months of incubation, the brightly colored 2 inch long young emerge prepared to

fend for and care for themselves. Despite living in these relatively dry areas, this skink must have moist conditions in its microhabitat to thrive, and the way it retains this moisture is by spending vast amounts of time either underground or under debris. For this reason, many people have never had the opportunity to encounter this relatively common lizard in the wild.

When threatened, the tail of this species can be discarded from the body rather easily, spasming enough to distract a would-be predator while the animal itself escapes to safety. This process is known as autotomization. It is also a difficult animal to grasp, utilizing its smooth scales to writhe and twist away from its captor.

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- 901 W. College/Hwy 36, RS-Small** cafe w/ seating capacity for approx. 40 customers; tables, booths & stainless steel appl. convey **Reduced**.....**\$35,000**
- NEW! 348 S. Main, CP-1,700** sq ft insulated concrete block bldg w/ metal roof on 2 lots, 5 offices, 1.5 bath, full kitchen, lots of potential & great location**\$82,500**
- 217 N. Main, CP-Inviting** Country & Western store w/ 2,600 sq ft, rustic brick walls, high ceilings, great curb appeal! Inventory included. Repair/custom boot shop/equipment also included or can purchase without.....**\$150,000**
- Hwy 206, CP-6,000** sq ft metal bldg on slab w/ office, supplied by water well, 2 roll up doors, fenced w/ gated entrances on 3.5 acres...**Reduced**...**\$185,000**

Featured Property of the Week:

43+/- Ac & Home, Putnam-Versatile property w/ 3BR-2B rock main hm & 650 sq ft remodeled cozy, rustic cabin, metal shop, 2 car garage w/ wkspc, elevation chgs, 5 ponds-several stocked, good hunting, easy access to I-20.....**\$225,000**

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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.

Greg and Dannes Turner Love Fund

The men and women at the Senior Citizen's Center wanted to do something for Greg and Dannes to express their love, concern, and support for them as Greg returns home for rest and begins the journey to healing.

A very pretty gift box is at the Center for donations. Cards are available for your use also. One of the women stated, "Tell them to give from the heart. Words of encouragement and a prayer are valuable donations also".

The gift box will be available for about a week to ten days after they return home. Then a group of the senior men and women will gather together and take the gift box to Greg and Dannes.

Continue to lift this family up in prayer please.

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Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 30, 2015, 6:30pm at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. Thank you to Texas Heritage Bank for sponsoring our guest speaker this year, Pat Wiese, better known in Cross Plains as Sissy Barr. Pat is now retired from her position as an Associate Clinical Professor at Texas A & M University. There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. Catered by Mexico City Cafe who will be serving a "Beef and Chicken Fajita Plate"

served with beans, rice, and the fixings. To finish the meal, cake and banana pudding will be served as dessert. All served with tea.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend our banquet. Tickets are now available for \$20 at the Chamber Office, which is located at 225 SW 5th (HWY 36), Cross Plains. The deadline to purchase your tickets is Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at noon. We hope you see you at this fun filled evening!

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!

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Smiling residents at Rising Star Nursing Center

Rising Star Nursing Center News

Our residents and family enjoyed a 'sack lunch' picnic and ice cream social on the patio for the July 4th celebration. We served fresh tuna sandwiches with chips and watermelon to celebrate our country's declaration of independence. Mr. McCowen was here this week also leading us in patriotic songs and music. For more information call Barb at 254-643-6700. www.risingstarnursing.com

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:**
June - Albany Fandangle Parade - June 20
June-Coleman Parade
July - Stamford Parade
Sept - West Texas Fair Parade - Abilene
Oct - Pecan Festival Parade - Clyde

For more information call Paula Kinslow at 325.893.4054 or 325.829.1381

Statewide Quail Symposium set for Sept. 16th-18th in Abilene

Abilene — Organizers are urging quail enthusiasts to make plans to attend the Statewide Quail Symposium to be conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on September 16-18.

Plans are being finalized for the symposium, which will open with a tour of the Trail Ranch at Albany beginning at 1 p.m. Sept. 16.

The remainder of the symposium will take place at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Abilene.

Individual preregistration is \$50 by Sept. 7 and \$75 thereafter. Individual student preregistration is \$20 by Sept. 7 and \$50 thereafter.

THREE Texas Department of Agriculture CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU's) in the GENERAL category will be offered.

For the latest information on



the agenda, registration, lodging and more go to: www.statewidequail-symposium.com.

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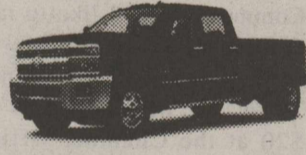
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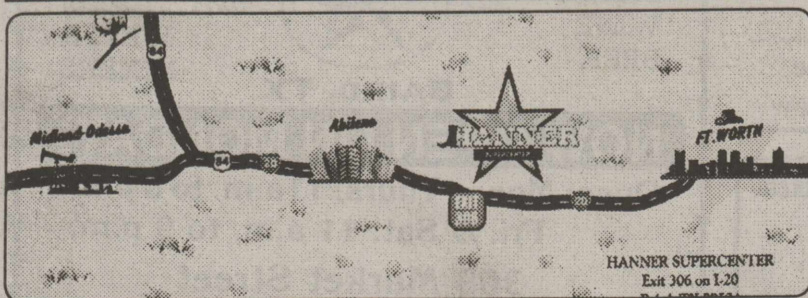
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Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight

Cross Plains Subway also known as Big Country Subs was selected as one of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business spot lights for this month! Cross Plains Subway is owned by Tim & Denise Coulter. Cross Plains Subway is located at 416 S. Main in Cross Plains. Tim & Denise currently have 8 Subway locations and 70 employees. In December of this year Big Country Subs will have been in business for 20 years. A few of the community contributions that Cross Plains Subway donates to is the Library, Barbar-

ian Festival, Community Cancer Walk, local volunteer fire departments, and the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Hunters Feed.

Subway the company will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Current owners Tim & Denise Coulter will be attending the celebration in Las Vegas in late July. The Chamber hopes you would stop in the Cross Plains Subway sometime for a sandwich, salad, or personal pizza.

Tim & Denise photo credit to Abilene reporter news.

Home Delivered Meals Available

As we age and our health changes, sometime we may need a little help. The Cross Plains Senior Center offers home delivered meals Monday - Friday to residents living within a 2 mile radius of Cross Plains.

These meals are packaged and then delivered to the front door of home-bound persons over 60 years old. If you or someone you know could benefit by receiving a nutritious lunch please call the CrossPlains Senior Center at

254 725-6521.

If there are people in need of this service outside the delivery area, please contact us and we will explore options available.

The Cross Plains Senior Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social, and educational programs. Our goal is for all Seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

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Cross Plains Football Camp July 27th-29th

The 2015 Cross Plains Buffalo Football Staff will be conducting a Football Camp July 27th to July 29th. This is an opportunity to participate in a local camp run by the high school coaching staff of Cross Plains High School. Fundamentals such as: blocking, throwing, catching, kicking, and carrying the football will be stressed during each session. Along with fundamentals each camper will work on offensive and defensive situations. Their will be team games and individual competition scheduled for each session.

Early registration will begin July 6, 2015 and will go through July 15, 2015. Each preregistered camper will receive a camp T-shirt. Walk-up registration the day of the camp are gladly accepted, but T-shirts are limited in supply.

Cost for the camp is \$30.00 and

checks can be made payable to Cross Plains Athletics. There will be registration forms around town as well as at the High School Office for parents to fill out. You may either mail your completed form with the payment to: Cross Plains Football, 700 N. Main St, Cross Plains, TX 76443, or turn it in at the high school office Monday-Friday 8-4 P.M. The following is the schedule for each camp session:

Session 1: entering 1st -5th grade from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Session 2: entering 6th-8th grade from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

All sessions will take place at the High School Football Stadium with: Coach Purvis - Head Coach/A.D., Coach Ward - Offensive Coordinator, Coach Kelly - Assistant, and Coach Eison - Assistant.



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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Almost two and a half inches of rain has fallen this morning in Cottonwood and it's still raining.

Fireworks were popping all across Cottonwood to celebrate our country's freedom. Many folks watched the fireworks from Cross Plains, too. If you couldn't get out to see the fireworks, all you needed to was to turn on the television and catch the river front fireworks from New York City. Years ago, who would have thought that you could see fireworks from thousands of miles away right in your living room!

Bryan Bennett's Vanilla Ice Cream took "Best Vanilla" in the First United Methodist Church's July 4th Ice Cream Crank Off. He also came in 3rd Place in the Flavorologist's Choice and was 2nd runner up over all. Susan Hunter, the Ice Cream Crank-off winner, reclaimed her title with the best ice cream. Some of the Cottonwood folks at the event: Herman and Naomi Weaver, Grace Bennett and the Larimore family. Vicki Larimore was one of the ice cream judges.

Many local residents were down at the July 4th Celebration at Treadway Park in Cross Plains for the hotdogs, bingo, 42 tournament and of course the

dunking booth. Local preachers, Kevin Morton of the First United Methodist Church and Ronnie White for the First Baptist Church, both in Cross Plains, each took a turn getting dunked. Some of the other Cottonwood folks at the festival: Diana and Russ Miller, Wes and Vicki Larimore and Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstege.

Charlotte and Alton Hastings daughter Jayci and Matthew of Jacksboro were here to attend the Albrecht Reunion and to visit with her Mother, Barbara and Donnie Worley over the weekend. Others visiting: Carlisle and Summer Albrecht and family and Gayla and Lee Creamer and family. The family got together for a 4th of July Celebration on Saturday. Gayla's blackberry cobbler was one of the highlights of the Celebration!

Even though it has been wet and the burn ban is off, you still need to let the Sheriff's Office know if you are planning a control burn. That way, if your neighbors see smoke, the Sheriff's Office can tell them know not to worry. Call them at 325-854-1444. You also need to let the fire chiefs of both local departments know you are going to burn. It's always better to be safe and prepared; you never know when a control burn can get out of control.



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Growing Farm to School Programs

By John Crabtree,
johnc@cfra.org, Center for
Rural Affairs

Farm to school programs offer children better, fresher, more nutritious, and more local food choices that empower children and their families learn more about the food on their plates and make better food choices. These programs also help strengthen rural and small town economies by creating economic opportunities for local farmers and ranchers as well as local food processors.

As part of the upcoming Child Nutrition Act Reauthorization, Congress needs to build on the success of farm to school by strengthening and expanding the program's scope and by providing additional mandatory funding. Earlier this year, Representative Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) and Representative Marcia Fudge (D-OH) took a huge step in that direction when they introduced the Farm to School Act to expand and strengthen the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm to School Grant programs. Senator Thad Co-

chran (R-MS) and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

As Rep. Fortenberry explained at the time, schools throughout Nebraska and across the U.S. are eagerly embracing local foods from local farms, with more than 10,000 schools participating in Farm to School programs nationally. The Farm to School Act will also expand existing USDA Farm to School Grant programs to include pre-schools and summer and after school programs. The Center for Rural Affairs applauds Rep. Fortenberry, Rep. Fudge, Senator Cochran and Senator Leahy for their effort to promote the use of fresh, locally produced food in even more schools and educational programs.

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

Texas Midwest Community Network meeting Wednesday, July 15th in Graham

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) will host their Quarterly Council/Membership Meeting on Wednesday, July 15th at the Alley House in historic downtown Graham.

Rick Rhodes, Administration for Texas Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Affairs, will be our guest speaker. Mr. Rhodes is a native Texan who grew up in Sweetwater. After leaving Sweetwater, he earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. His career includes ownership of a successful small business, assignments in banking and mortgage lending, serving four terms as the Mayor of Sweetwater, and service on Governor Perry's job creation team. Mr. Rhodes also served on the initial steering committee for the creation of TMCN in 1994 and was its first President from 1995-1996.

Networking is a great way to identify best practices and industry benchmarks. Learning from what others do is a valuable strategy for all businesses. This is what TMCN is all about! Our Graham meeting will focus on leadership and maximizing individual and workplace impact. Community leaders from member and neighboring communities are invited to attend, enjoy the local cuisine and discuss mutual concerns.

The meeting will be held from

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a cost of \$12.50/person. Reservations are requested by Friday, July 10th and can be made by calling or emailing the TMCN Office at 325-795-8626 or tmcn@tmcn.org or online at <http://tmcn.org/event-registration>.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization focused on community and economic development, regional promotion, education, and legislative awareness. A network of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone", TMCN sponsors networking events throughout the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

TMCN Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Graham, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Jacksboro, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Rising Star, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Strawn, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

The Market at Clyde at the old firehouse Saturday

July 11 from 8:00am to 2:00pm local artist, artisans, crafters, home cooks and gardeners will be gathered at the Old Firehouse in Clyde to display their creations for your purchase. This is an exceptional market in that all products are created by the vendors that are selling them.

One of the main attractions is the Rowden Store Plant Wagon that will be parked in front of the Firehouse. You may purchase plants for your house, yard or garden. This is also a great place to purchase plants as gifts.

Inside the open bays of the Firehouse you will be greeted with all kinds of fresh sights and smells. Hand crafted soaps and body products are always available. There are several vendors that specialize in hand crafted soaps, body scrubs, stress relief balms, body butters and other body care products. These products are created by hand with the best ingredients. Each artisan keeps purity in mind.

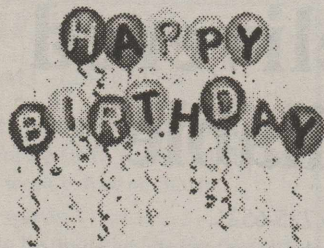
The aroma of fresh baked bread is one of the pleasures of shopping at The Market at Clyde. There are always several varieties, one of which is the Jalapenos Cheddar. Other treats from the kitchen, such as Zucchini Bread, other sweet breads, Jams and Jellies are always available as well.

If you are looking for personalized frames or boxes to preserve and present your photographs and memories, this will be the place and the time to find them. There are crafters that specialize in creating just what you want. Many of them will take special orders.

Wood crafters, leather workers, seamstresses, and artist all have unique and interesting items that will make you life and home more pleasant and comfortable. Decorate your office or home with items that surpass those of the mass produced variety. If the vendors do not have just what you want, most of them will take orders. As you are shopping take time to visit with the vendors and let them know what you need. It is not too early to place orders for the holidays to make sure that you have the gift items or home decor that you want.

While you are shopping at The Market at The Old Firehouse, be sure to walk across the street to The Clyde Farmers Market for fresh vegetables offered by local farmers and gardeners. Those vendors will be under the Pecan Trees until noon or until sold out.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at The Market at Clyde call 325-518-3939 or email themarketatclyde@gmail.com



July 12

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David Markham
Doris Sheppard
Edwin Franke
Frank Taylor
Piper Winfrey

July 13

Danny Keller
James Foster
Rickey Dale Adams
Sandie Penn
James Green
Amanda Teresce Sowell
Tresha Albrecht
Graydon Albrecht

July 14

James Ray Baugh
Robert Harris
Mary Kay Fortune Dunn
Steve Fortune
Patty Odom
Mrs. Alvin Hutchins
James Reed
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Chad Switzer

July 15

James Harold McMillian
Mrs. Lucille Hayes
May Clara Wellmaker
Mrs. Gayle Bradshaw
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Alan Fleming
Jamie (Jones) Burud
Cody Pancake
Terri (Klingberg) Hunter
Micheal Wayne Clark
Matthew Prickett
Clay Price-Coburn

July 16

Baylor Shane Pope
Billy Reed
Debra Lynn Childers
Cindy Roady Meyer
Jewel Newman
Randy Robison
Mike Winfrey
Shelly Horan
Kay Evans
Mrs. John (Tina) Schaefer

July 17

Amber Gregory
Robert V. Montgomery
Kelly Westerman
Mrs. Mack Pancake
David Hutchins
Melissa Luter
Christopher Hal Harris
Josh Nelson

July 18

Raymond Sifuentes
Ross Sifuentes
Doris Jean Petty
Taylor Johnson
James Apple
Joy Woodruff Pancake
Raymond Holland
Deana Strickland
Misty (Strickland) Gilley
Mark Allen Brown
Billy M. Gardner
Fred St. Peter

Homecoming Deadline

Because Homecoming is such a big community event, we would like to get all the invitations in the mail by mid July at the latest so we are able to plan accordingly. If you still need to get invitations, the Cross Plains Ex Student Association has invitations ready to be picked up and mailed.

They are available at the following businesses: Connie's Cuts and Curls - Connie Kirkham, Texas Heritage Bank - Debbie Edgington, Higgingbotham's Hardware - Debbie Reed, and the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center - Dannes Turner.

You can either return your invitations for mailing to one of these local businesses or drop it in your local USPS.

Thanks, Connie Kirkham.



The West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 2015 Remembering When event will feature an Eagles Tribute show by FASTLANE.

Texas Rehabilitation Center's 2015 Remembering When event

Look out the 1970's will come alive on Saturday, August 1st at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood, Texas. The West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 2015 Remembering When event will feature an Eagles Tribute show by FASTLANE. Presented by Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA on the Black Plumbing Stage with additional support from Entertainment Sponsor, KTAB NEWS and local sponsors Citizens National Bank of Brownwood and KOHLER Company, the evening program offers a unique, memorable event.

The Eagles were defined by the high-flying 70's and classified as superstars. Formed in 1971, they became one of America's biggest bands. Original members included Glenn Frey, Don Henley, Bernie Leadon, and Randy Meisner. Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975 album is one of the best selling of all time, with more than 26 million copies being sold and had the honor of being the first certified platinum album by the Recording Association of America. Numerous albums and hits followed giving them the distinction of selling more albums in the 1970's than any other American band. Classic Eagles' hit songs include: Life in the Fast Lane; Already Gone; The Long Run; Desperado; Heartache Tonight; Best of My Love; Lyin' Eyes; Take it to the Limit; Take It Easy; Hotel California and many more. Through breakups and reunions, the Eagles' music continues to be some of the best in the history of Rock.

While everyone is sure to have a favorite Eagles' song,

FASTLANE, the Southwest's premier Eagles tribute band will offer up a great show. In fact, the band attributes its success to the overwhelming popularity of the Eagles' music. Band leader and founding member Todd Guinn was born and raised in Dallas. Always a fan of both Rock and Country music, he felt there was a definite void in the DFW Metroplex of Country Rock so he decided to form Fastlane. Since then, the group has played all over Texas and beyond. They will have you on your feet dancing, singing and enjoying that "Peaceful Easy Feeling" once more.

To take a step back in time and enjoy some great Eagles' music, plan to attend the tribute show with FASTLANE. Options for the evening event include Dinner & Show table seating or General Show Admission with upper Coliseum seats. Dinner & Show reserved tables of 8 are available for \$500 - individual tickets may also be purchased for \$75. General Admission tickets for the show only are available for \$25. For information, to reserve tables or purchase tickets, contact 325-660-8338, 325-660-8334, or WestTexasRehab.org. General Admission tickets may also be purchased in Brownwood at Wendlee Broadcasting, KOXE Radio or the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Rehabilitation in Abilene, Texas.

In support of the West Texas Rehab Center, Bilbrey Tours of Abilene is offering a travel package that includes bus transportation to the event with reserved Dinner & Show seating. For information contact

Bilbrey's office 325-692-1308. Seating availability is limited with departure from Abilene.

Additional local support of the West Texas Rehab Center for this special event includes: Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club of Early, Early High School Key Club, Wendlee Broadcasting-KXYL Newstalk FM & AM, KQBZ The Breeze FM, KSTA Coleman AM and KOXE FM-KBWD AM. Instrumental in the success of the event are program committee members Ed & Debbie Cosgrove, Calvin Fryar, John Guest, Anna Hernandez, Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club Members, Ted & Martha Shelton, Rex Tackett, Dana Thompson and Evy Winn.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit organization formed in 1953 which is dedicated to providing outpatient rehabilitative care to more than 500 children and adults each day, regardless of a patient's financial circumstance. Proceeds from events such as Remembering When help support patient services in order to improve the quality of life of all those served by the Rehab Center.

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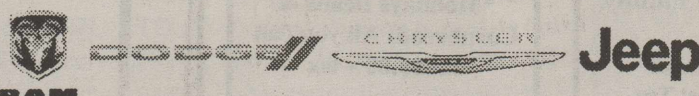
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'Mass of Remembrance' will be held in Clyde to honor Marine Lance Corporal Miguel (Mike) Hernandez Keith on July 11, 2015 at St. Joachim/St. Ann Catholic Church

A "Mass of Remembrance" Celebration will be held here on July 11, 2015, at the St. Joachim/St. Ann Catholic Church in Clyde, to honor Marine Lance Cpl. Miguel (Mike) Hernandez Keith, son of Eliadora Delores Keith of Baird.

Portions of this article were given to each of five families as they were awarded the Medal of Honor for their sons' heroism.

Washington, D.C. September 9, 1971 (USMC)- Five Marines who were killed in Vietnam were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor today, during a ceremony held in the Indian Treaty Room, Executive Office building, adjacent to the White House.

The families of the five Marines, were presented the Nation's highest award "The Medal of Honor" by Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

Eliadora Keith of Baird, lost her son in Vietnam. LCpl. Miguel Keith was born in Texas, but later the family moved to Omaha, so close were Keith and Omahan John Easley that Easley lived with the Keith Family. The boys went to school together.

Miguel later joined the Marines and shipped out to Vietnam and John Easley stayed in Omaha.

One evening Easley was waiting on a girl and a neighbor told him he'd better get home.

Easley said when he saw the Marine Corp. vehicle in front of the Keith home he knew his buddy was dead.

Keith is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha, NE.

Mary Easley, John's wife will attend the "Mass of Remembrance" here in Clyde and take Miguel's medals back to Omaha to a museum near where he is buried and the Lance Corporal Miguel (Mike) Hernandez Keith Park is located.

LCpl. Miguel Keith was killed in action on May 8, 1970 while serving as a machine gunner with Combined Action Platoon 1-3-2, 3rd Marine Amphibious Force.

Keith suffered injuries in a ground attack when his unit came under heavy attack by a large enemy force.

Despite his wounds, LCpl. Keith crossed a fire-swept area to check vital defensive positions and then, exposed to enemy view, dispersed them with a hail of machine gun fire to stop an attack against the command post.

Keith was severely wounded again by a grenade blast, but attacked again, charging more than two dozen enemy troops who were massing to attack, eliminating five of them, and causing the remainder of the group to flee for cover.

Keith was mortally wounded by an enemy soldier while breaking up this attack. Keith was just 18 years old.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie B. Keith of Baird, Texas and his father Miguel Hernandez, San Antonio.

The Medal of Honor is the

highest award for bravery that can be given to any individual in the United States. In judging men for receipt of the medal, each service has established its own regulations. The deed must be proved by incontestable evidence of at least two eyewitnesses; it must be so outstanding that it clearly distinguishes the recipient's gallantry beyond the call of duty from lesser forms of bravery; it must involve the risk of his life; and it must be the type of deed which, if he had not done it, would not subject him to any justified criticism.

The idea for the Medal of Honor was born during the Civil War as men fought gallantly and often times displayed great heroism. George Washington originated the "Purple Heart" in 1782 to honor brave soldiers, sailors and marines. From that time until the Civil War, Certificates of Merit and a "brevet" system of promotions were authorized by the American Government as a badge of valor was the Medal of Honor for enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps. It was authorized by Congress and approved by President Abraham Lincoln on December 21, 1861. The medal for the Army and Voluntary Forces was authorized on July 12, 1862.

The medal is awarded "in the name of the Congress of the United States" and for this reason, it is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor. It is only on rare occasions, however, that Congress awards special Medals of Honor. An Executive Order, signed by President Theodore Roosevelt on September 20, 1905, directed that ceremonies of award "will always be made with formal and impressive ceremonial" and that the recipient "will, when practicable, be ordered to Washington, D.C. and the presentation will be made by the President, as Commander in Chief, or by such representative as the President may designate."

The Navy Medal of Honor is made of bronze, suspended by an anchor from a bright blue ribbon, and is worn about the neck. The ribbon is spangled with a cluster of 13 white stars representing the original States. Each ray of the five pointed star contains sprays of laurel and oak and is tipped with a trefoil. Standing in bas-relief, circled by 34 stars representing the 34 States in 1861, is Minerva who personifies the Union. She holds in her left hand the fasces, an ax bound in staves of wood, which is the ancient Roman symbol of authority. With the shield in her right hand, she repulses the serpents held by the crouching figure of Discord. The reverse of the medal is left blank, allowing for the engraving of the recipient's name and the date and place of his deed.

LCpl. Keith was born June 2, 1953; he enlisted January 21,



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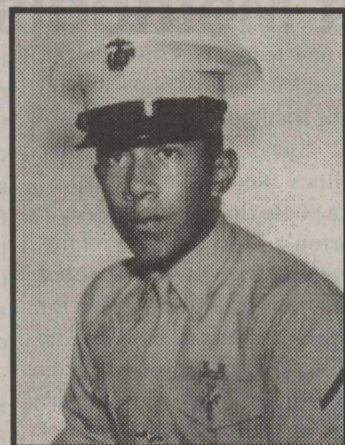
1969; August 1969 promoted to Private 1st Class assigned to CAP Combined Action Platoon 1-3-2; An Diem Quang Ngai Province Vietnam; September 9, 1968-American GI Form Omaha of State Convention request renaming of Industrial Park to Miguel Hernandez Keith Park for heroism and dedication to his Country-voted unanimously and adopted resolution. May 10, 1993 Gov. Ben Nelson request and Mayor P.J. Morgan endorse. "It would be thus fitting if Omaha would honor this man by renaming this Park in the heart of the Hispanic community in his honor".

September 14, 1991-Omaha Resolution-that this 7.29 acre park be named Miguel Hernandez Keith Park to Commemorate the courage and valiant efforts of this dedicated soldier and Congressional Medal winner Miguel Hernandez Keith in defending his Country against the enemy. July 2013-Unveiling of LCpl. Miguel Keith monument and yellow ribbon sidewalk.

In yet another tribute to Keith this quote says.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to LANCE CORPORAL MIGUEL KEITH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORP CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner with Combined Action Platoon 1-3-2, III Marine Amphibious force, operating in Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam. During the early morning of 8 May, 1970, Lance Corporal Keith was seriously wounded when his platoon was subjected to a heavy ground attack by a greatly outnumbering enemy force. Despite his painful wounds, he ran across the fire-swept terrain to check the security of vital defensive positions, and then, while completely exposed to view, proceeded to deliver a hail of devastating machine gun fire against the enemy. Determined to stop five of the enemy approaching the command post, he rushed forward, firing as he advanced. He succeeded in disposing of three of the attackers and in dispersing the remaining two.



LANCE CPL. MIGUEL KEITH

At this point, a grenade detonated near Lance Corporal Keith, knocking him to the ground and inflicting further severe wounds.

Fighting pain and weakness from loss of blood, he again braved the concentrated hostile fire to charge an estimated twenty-five enemy soldiers who were massing to attack. The vigor of his assault and his well-placed fire eliminated five of the enemy while the remainder fled for cover. During this valiant effort, he was mortally wounded by an enemy soldier.

By his courageous and inspiring performance in the face of almost overwhelming odds, Lance Corporal Keith contributed in large measure to the success of his platoon in routing a numerically superior enemy force, and upheld the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

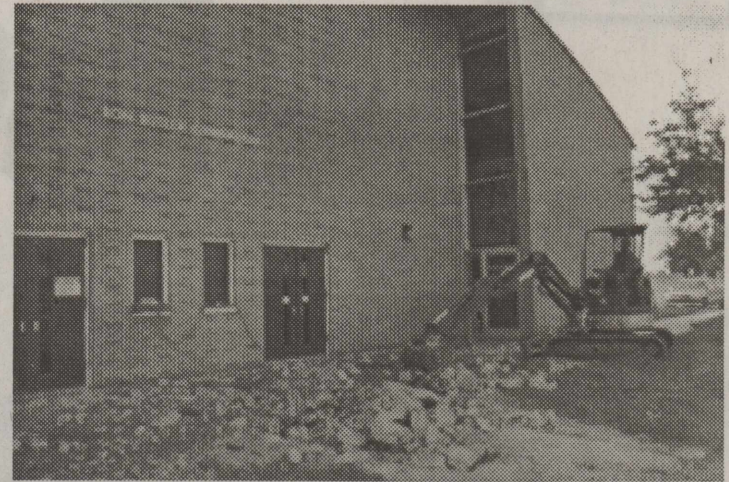
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Governor Abbott Breaks Ground On New Facebook Data Center in Fort Worth

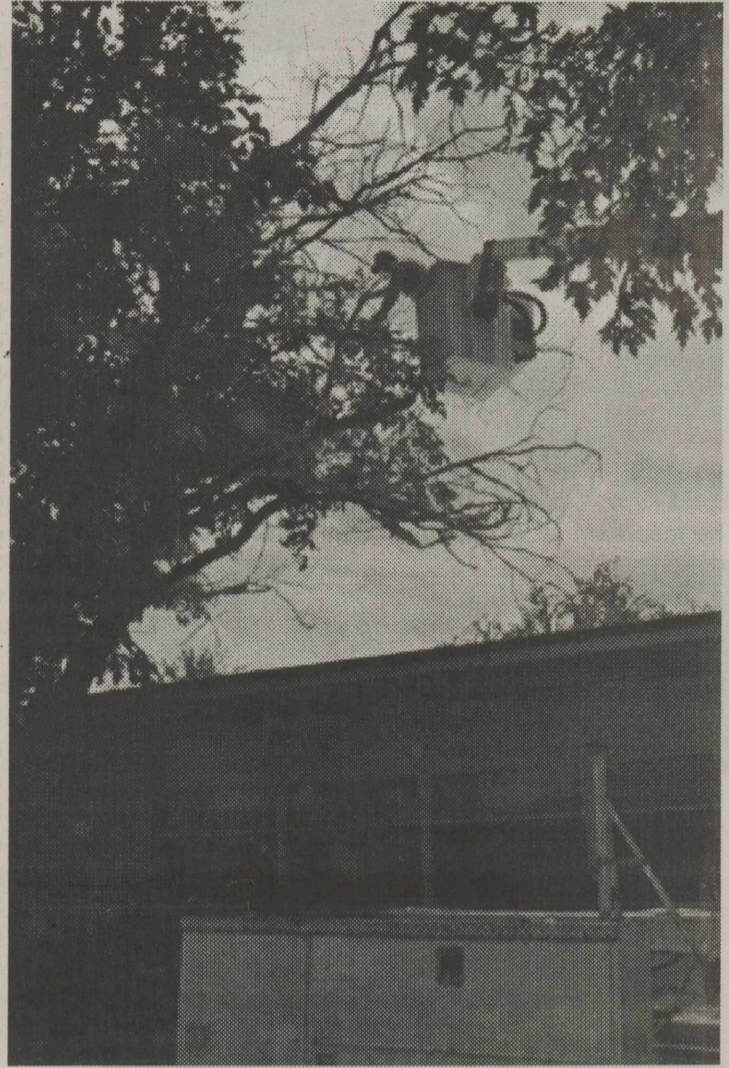
AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today, Tuesday, July 7th, attended and delivered remarks at the groundbreaking of a new Facebook data center in Fort Worth, TX. The data center is projected to create more than \$500 million in capital investment within 5 years, along with at least 40 full-time jobs to facilitate its operation.

"Facebook's mission is to 'connect the world.' With locations in Austin, Dallas, and now the new data center in Fort Worth, those connections are made right here in the heart of Texas," said Governor Abbott.

"When it comes to doing business, there really is no place like Texas, and we are excited to



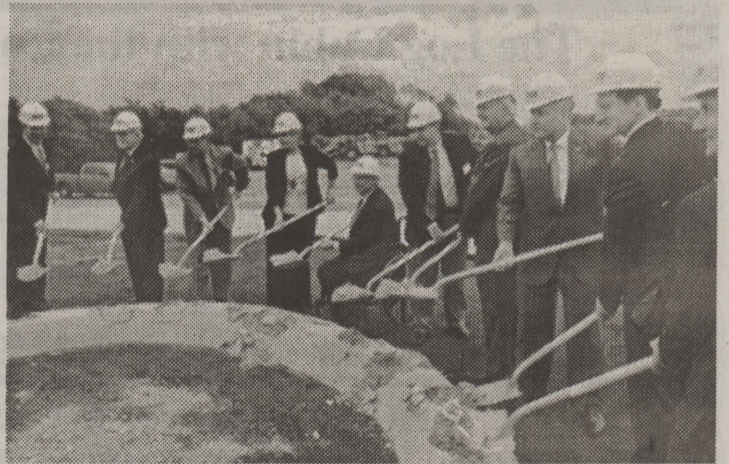
NEW SIDEWALKS—David Cain Concrete and Construction employees break out the old concrete in front of the Ron Butler Gymnasium prior to pouring a new entrance for the Ranger College gym. The concrete work is part of the college's preparations for the upcoming Fall semester which will begin in August. Photos by Tommy Wells/Ranger College.



TREE TRIMMING—Jim Nash, of Jim's Handyman Service, uses a chainsaw to remove a few branches while trimming trees on the Ranger College campus on July 6th. The tree trimming, along with the installation of new sidewalks for many of the college's buildings, are part of preparations for the upcoming Fall semester. Classes will begin at Ranger College in August. Photos by Tommy Wells/Ranger College.

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TEXAS GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT AND OTHER DIGNITARIES BREAK GROUND ON THE NEW FACEBOOK DATA CENTER IN FORT WORTH

break new ground with Facebook."

Project Facts:
• Capital investment is projected to exceed \$500 million within 5 years. This includes building construction costs and data center equipment.
• At least 40 full-time employees will be hired to operate the data center.

• Construction on the first data center building is projected to be completed by late 2016.

• The data center will feature the latest in hyper-efficient Open Compute Project hardware.
• The center will be powered by 100% renewable energy, including the 200 MW of wind energy in Texas.

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Texas Midwest Community Network and West Central Texas Council of Governments to host seminar

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) and West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) will host an Elected Officials Seminar on July 14th at the WCTCOG Conference Center located at 3702 Loop 322 in Abilene.

The seminar will provide key insights to elected officials in such areas as relationships between councils, city managers and city staff; ethics and conflicts of interest; parliamentary procedures; and budgeting.

Attendees will also be given an opportunity to network and share ideas during small group roundtable discussions. Lunch will be provided.

The seminar will be held from 9:30 am to 3:15 pm with a cost of \$10.00 per person.

Reservations are requested by Friday, July 10th and can be made by calling or emailing the TMCN Office at 325-795-8626 or tmcn@tmcn.org or online at <http://tmcn.org/event-registration>.

Texas Midwest Community

Network is a regional 51 community member organization focused on community and economic development, regional promotion, education, and legislative awareness. A network of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone". TMCN sponsors networking events throughout the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

West Central Texas Council of Governments is a political subdivision or governmental unit of the state of Texas serving the 19 counties addressing issues such as regional planning, economic and community development, hazard mitigation and emergency planning, aging services, water use, pollution control, 9-1-1 services, law enforcement training, youth and community programs and transportation planning.

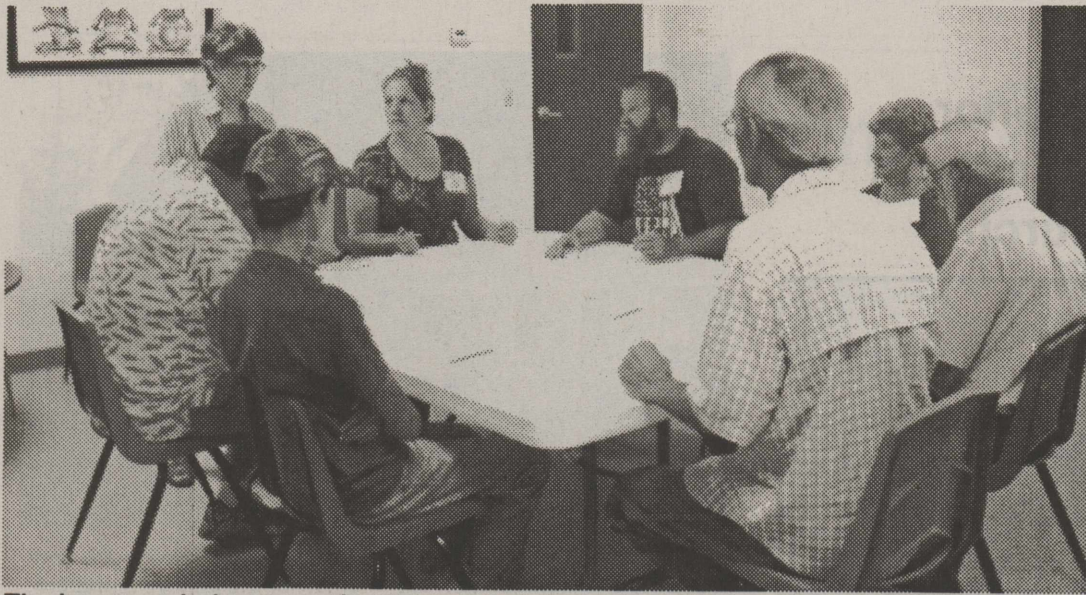
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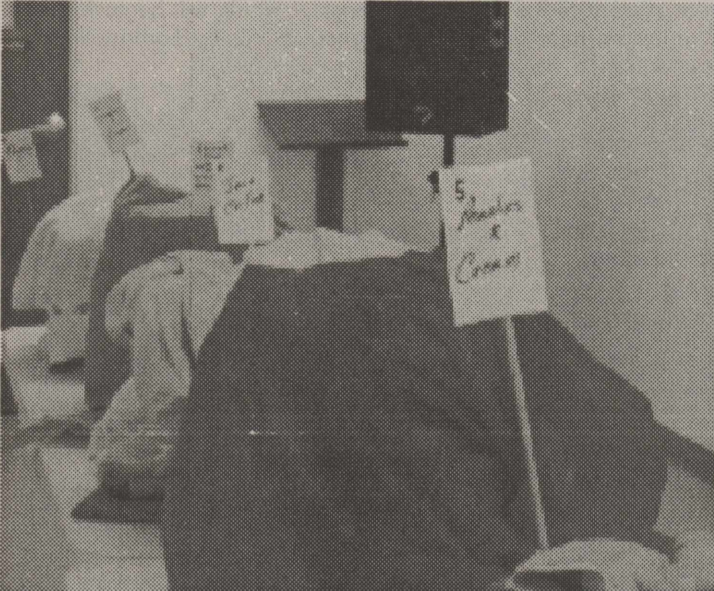
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The icecream judges receiving instructions from Arlene Stephenson



The crowd at the icecream crankoff



The icecream all wrapped up chilling on ice.

Ice Cream Crank-off Champion crowned at Methodist Church

A new record was set at the 6th annual Ice Cream Crank-off held at the Methodist Church on July 4th. Susan Hunter with her Pralines and Cream squeaked out a photo finish over Lee Anne Morton's Coconut-Chocolate-Almond to win the coveted Crank-off Champion Crown for the second year in a row. The one of a kind crown promptly fell off her head and crumpled to the floor in a pile. But with a bit of duct tape, it will be as good as new for next year.

The anonymous team of Flavorologists comprised of Andy Byerly, Gary Bond, Vicki Larimore, Corey Hull, Yvonne Shumaker, Larry Crockett and Fred Ptacek was hard pressed to determine the winner of the traveling Baskin-Robbins Original Scoop Award. But after extensive mathematical calculations, the award went to Jean McWilliams for her fresh peach concoction.

After enjoying their fill of hot dogs, the crowd of nearly 100 ice cream enthusiasts were turned loose with cups, spoons and sticky smiley faces to taste all the entries and vote for their

favorite. Some tasted a bite of each entry as they moved down the line and others filled their cup to the brim with everything and tried to sort it all out at the table. Coming to a decision as to their very favorite ice cream, they returned to place their sticker on the entry stick of their choice.

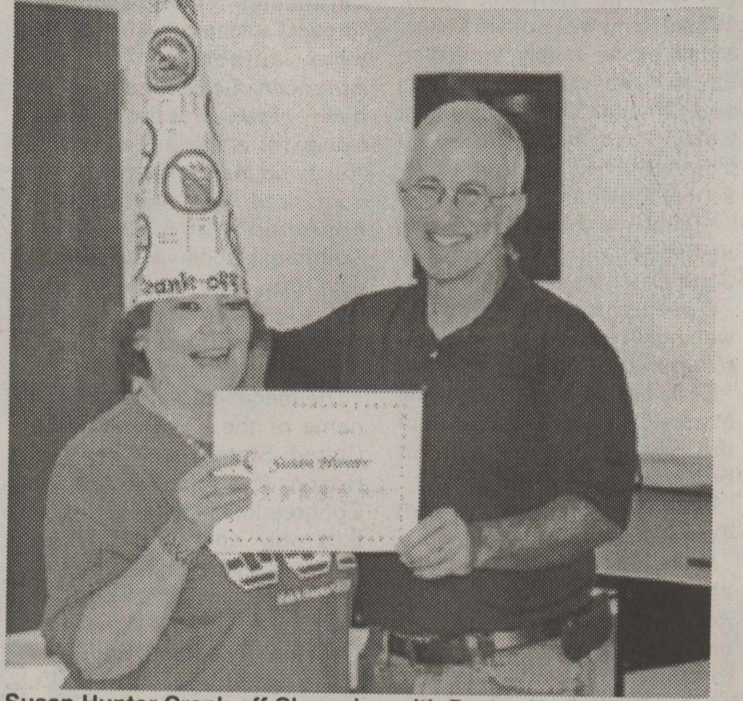
Receiving the most smiley face stickers was Lee Anne, who was presented the Golden Scoop award by her admiring husband Kevin, who just happens to be the Pastor and as such, was presiding over the festivities.

THEN the points accumulated from the judges were added to the numbers from the people's choice voting to determine the Ice Cream Crank-off Champion for 2015. Susan came in at the top of the list, followed by Lee Anne with Bryan Bennett being the 2nd runner up with Wally's vanilla ice cream recipe.

As there is still a lot of ice cream weather left this summer, folks are encouraged to experiment with different recipes in hopes of creating a winning concoction for next years Ice Cream Crank-off.



One of the icecream flavors at the icecream crank off



Susan Hunter Crank-off Champion with Pastor Kevin Morton



Jean McWilliams Flavorologist Award with Pastor Kevin Morton

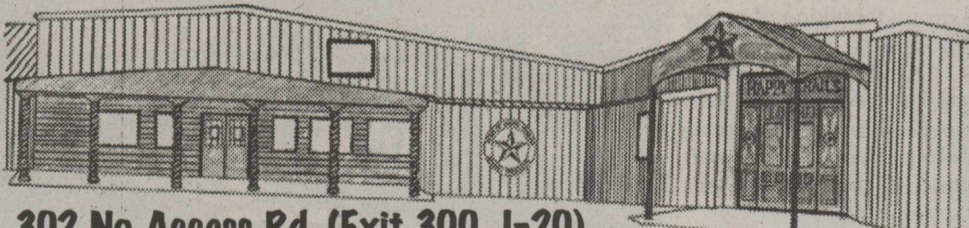


Lee Ann Morton with the Golden Scoop - People's Choice Award with Pastor Kevin Morton

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- 7 a TX county was named for _____ Lamb
- 8 historic Galveston hotel
- 17 TXism: "no flies on _____" (pretty)
- 18 this Fort Worth zoo is oldest in TX
- 21 boot width
- 22 TXism: "happy as a pig in _____"
- 23 Academy Award statuette was named for this TX Oscar
- 24 "give me a _____ tobacco"
- 29 TXism: "wouldn't touch that with _____foot pole"
- 30 Dallas news radio AM station at 1080
- 31 TX-born admiral Nimitz (init.)
- 32 TXism: "she could charm a bird _____"

44 TXism: "teensy

- 45 TXism: "tall hog _____ the trough" (important person)
- 46 TXism: "_____wit" (dummy)
- 47 arcade coin
- 48 TXism: "_____ judge in court"

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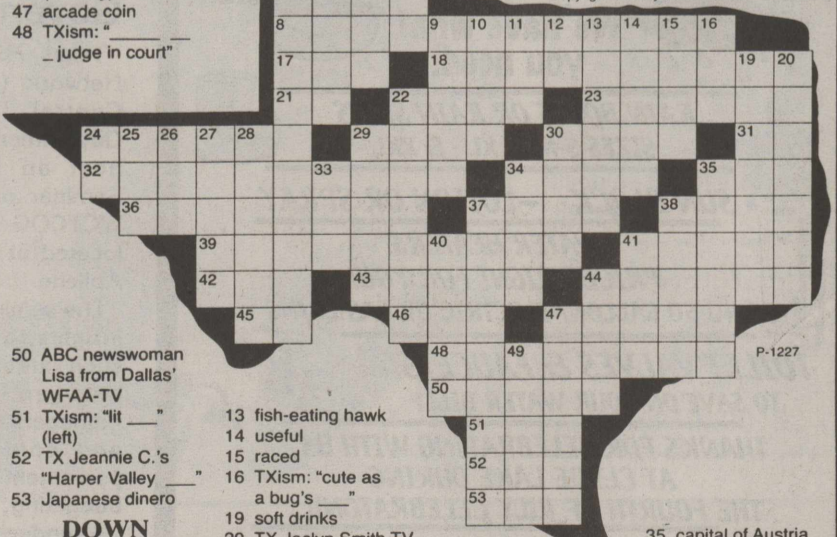
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- 10 classic western: "High _____"
- 11 former TX Supreme Court Chief Justice Phillips (init.)
- 12 TXism: "_____ blazes a wide trail" (fat)

- 13 fish-eating hawk
- 14 useful
- 15 raced
- 16 TXism: "cute as a bug's _____"
- 19 soft drinks
- 20 TX Jaclyn Smith TV movie: "Jacqueline Bouvier _____"
- 22 TXism: "got as much chance as a _____ a packing plant"
- 24 Bexar or Harris, e.g. (abbr.)
- 25 AC sound in July
- 26 TXism: "welcome as a skunk _____ picnic"
- 27 Great Storm of 1900 was _____ natural disaster in TX history

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- 28 Hayden Fry left UNT in 1978 for the University _____
- 29 TXism: "_____ to the teeth"
- 30 extremist group Ku Klux _____
- 33 TXism: "_____ horn" (amateur)
- 34 former Minnesota scrambling QB Tarkenton

- 35 capital of Austria
- 37 reproduction of printed material
- 38 mesquite and maple
- 40 TX talk in the Texas Crossword
- 41 Sam Houston wed Tiana, daughter of Cherokee chief Ole-loo- _____
- 44 TXism: "you _____ out your welcome"
- 47 golfer's bronzing? (2 wds.)
- 49 insensitive or savage person

Heart to Heart Collection, Saturday, July 11th at The Old Firehouse

Saturday July 11th there will be a collection of non perishable food items for Heart to Heart Ministry. This collection will take place at the Old Firehouse in Clyde from 8:00am-2:00pm in conjunction with The Market at Clyde at The Old Firehouse.

Heart to Heart provides services to all of the communities of Callahan County. One of the services is providing food to families and individuals that are experiencing financial difficulty. With children home from school for the summer those needs have increased.

If you would like to help, bring any non perishable food item to place on the donation table. Items must be in original package, in date and packaging cannot be torn or broken. Suggested items are canned meats, canned meals, canned vegetables and fruits, dried fruits, rice, beans, pastas, seasonings, condiments, cereals and packaged breakfast foods.

If you would more information about obtaining or giving assistance call Vivian Smith at 893-5459.

Grand Ole Oplin July Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday evening for a night of good music, good friends and a real good time. On July 10th MIDNIGHT BLUE will be playing the kind of western tunes that will make you want to get up and dance, on July 17th MIDNIGHT BLUE will return playing some more of your favorite tunes, on July 24th MUDDY CREEK will be back to entertain us all and on July 31st MUDDY CREEK will return 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 dance is still \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is encouraged 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 real good time.

Callahan Co. Library news

Two other books for genealogist at the Callahan County Library are: *Simpson Family: From Ireland to Alabama* by Fred B. Simpson and *Red River County, Texas Deed Abstracts Vol. 1 1844-1855 (F-K)* by Joyce M. Murray. And a 2 volume set: *The World War I Fallen of Texas* edited by Alfred Evans.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, June 10, 1882
Vol. 3 No. 10
Letter from Callahan
Callahan, June 4, 1882

Ed. Clarendon: Since writing my last I have been talking to some of the farmers in this part and from the best information I can gain, crops are doing very well, we will make good millet, although it will be short, I think it will be high enough to cut; corn is looking very well considering the disadvantage we have labored under. Farmers are nearly through planting cotton and there has been a large acreage planted than ever before and if some enterprising man will put up a gin at or near Callahan, I think it would be a paying investment.

Friend Cochran, I see, is getting his hacks ready to commence carrying the mail on the routes for which he has the con-

tract. Deputy Sheriff J.M. Mathews arrested a man by the name of Wolf for driving away a heifer on the Collins brand—crossed T—but from what information I can get, I think that Mr. Wolf has a bill of sale of said animal, at any rate the case has been compromised.

I understand that Mr. P.W. Jones went to Baird last Saturday and on the way home was taken sick and was taken to John Mathews' house, where he was given into the hands of kind friends who sent immediately for Dr. Shapard. He was given up to die before the doctor came, but upon his arrival he administered medicine which quickly restored him to his right mind and I hope to his former health. Parties who were with him say that he had been drinking, but did not think it was effects of whiskey altogether that was the matter with him.

I see you have commenced to give us a history of your trip to the Pacific and I hope to hear a good article in answer to my former request.

With kindest regards for yourself and family and best wishes for the success of the Clarendon I am as ever, Granger
A Letter from Clyde
Mr. Editor: If you will allow this communication space in your

Callahan County Historical Commission meeting

The Callahan County Historical Commission met Tuesday, June 30, 2015 @ 6:00 PM for the Annual Summer Picnic. This year we had the pleasure to meet in the newly constructed Pavilion on the west side of The First Presbyterian Church in Baird, Texas. It is a work in progress—disability accessible restrooms still to be completed. The church, founded in 1885, decided three years ago to replace the Manse, which was in declining condition, with the Pavilion. This is a great addition for the church members and the community of Baird, as well.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and reports given on various Historical Commission Projects.

Allen Wright, former Callahan County District Attorney, Ex Chairman of the Historical Commission and long time history buff, gave the program, "County Histories." Interesting stories were given on our county history and stories of the Spanish Expeditions thru the surrounding area in the 1780's.

A covered dish meal was served to members Felix Manion, Dana Voights, Judy Luter, Beverly Ross, Lee Abernathy, Billy and Virginia Beard, Marlene and Hubert Donaway, Elnora Scott and to guests, Allen Wright and C.R. Barbian.

valuable paper, it may be the means of arousing the people of Baird and Belle Plain to action in the matter of having one of the state normal schools located in Belle Plain. By a proper effort of the two places the board of education may be induced to locate one of the state normal schools at Belle Plain during the summer months. There are plenty of good buildings suitable for the purpose of the normal school, and good board can be had at reasonable rates at Belle Plain. Besides this town is conveniently located to teachers through out Northwest Texas, is law-abiding and moral. This much is true, if we do not ask the board of education to locate the school at Belle Plain it will surely not be done, as there are other places that will ask for it. Cannot somebody get up an address to the board of education setting forth the facts in the case, and ask that one of the state normal schools be located at the beautiful little city of Belle Plain. Now is the time to strike, delays are dangerous.

We have a few corn tassels in the timbers. The corn is small but will do very well if plenty of rain falls.

Judge Webb seems to be the coming man for the senate. I am sir, very respectfully,
A. W. Oliver

The ABCs of Buying Your First Home July Consumer Tips from the Independent Bankers Assoc. of Texas

AUSTIN, Texas—Buying your first home is one of the most exciting, and often overwhelming, experiences of your life. If properly educated about the process and prepared for each step you will need to take, this can be not only manageable but also enjoyable. No matter your age or stage in life, buying your first home is a huge milestone. Below are tips to help guide anyone looking for their first home.

Know How Much You Can Afford

Don't set yourself up for disappointment by looking at homes above your budget. Unless you plan to pay for your house in cash, which isn't the norm, look at how much you have for a down payment as well as what you can spend on your monthly mortgage. Consider the costs for monthly non-house related expenses so you can live a similar lifestyle after the home purchase. While a lender will tell you the maximum financing you're approved for, this can often be an amount that would make you uncomfortable on a monthly basis. It's good to also know your credit score as this heavily impacts your loan.

Do Your Research and Be Realistic

You will have to make compromises, and that's alright. Make a list of the must-haves for your house—include things like neighborhood, schools, commute and nearby entertainment—so you know what the true deal breakers are. Now begin looking at available houses in the desired areas to understand the costs. It's helpful to discuss if you're willing to do work, as these houses will cost less, or if you want a home you can move into tomorrow.

Shop Around for Mortgage Options

Banks and lenders may all offer different mortgage offerings and interest rates. Do your homework to understand your options by talking with various

financial institutions. Your local community bank is an ideal resource for this type of education and guidance. Alternately, if you have a lender you know you want to use, have this person walk you through your options. This is also an ideal time to organize your financing documents—pay stubs, past years' W-2s, bank statements, list of assets and debts, etc.—as you'll need these for the loan approval and don't want to find yourself in a pinch if you're missing necessary paperwork.

Get Loan Pre-Approval

This is important for several reasons. First, desirable homes in hot areas will sell quickly, and many realtors won't take clients to view homes without a loan pre-approval. When you find a house you love, this pre-approval allows you to act quickly and makes you more desirable than someone without pre-approval. Also, this number will set your maximum budget but remember, this may be more than you're comfortable spending.

Find the Right Real Estate Agent

There are often real estate agents who specialize in certain areas or know about houses before they officially hit the market. Ask friends or your lender for recommendations, and go with the person who feels right. A lot of factors involved with home purchases, especially your first one, are based on emotion.

Understand the Offer Process

You've found the perfect first house, now what? Your realtor will help you put together the strongest offer and hopefully, it will be accepted. If you know there will be numerous offers, you will rely on your agent's expertise to help set your offer above the rest. Your realtor is going to teach you about neighborhood comps, the option period, the home inspection and much more.

Get a Home Inspection

A home that looks perfect might not be in such great condition behind the walls and under the floors, so a home inspection is a must for your protection. It will make you aware of what might be hiding before you finalize the sale. If the home inspector finds a major problem and you still want the house, this enables you to negotiate the cost of the repair with the seller. Overall, you'll be much more confident in your purchase after the inspection.

Know What You're Signing

You're almost there but it seems like you're signing your life away at the closing. Your realtor, lender and title agency representative will be happy to walk you through the details of each form you sign so don't be afraid to ask. Congratulations—you're now a homeowner!

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Formed in 1974, the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) represents Texas community banks. The Austin-based group is the largest state community banking organization in the nation, with membership comprised of more than 2,000 banks and branches in 700 Texas communities. Providing safe and responsible financial services to all Texans, IBAT member bank assets range in size from \$10 million to more than \$20 billion with combined assets statewide of nearly \$165 billion. IBAT member banks are committed to supporting and investing in their local communities.

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149 counties already offering licenses; 46 to start soon Same-Sex Couples Marrying or Soon to Marry in 80% of Texas Counties

Austin, Texas—Nearly 80% of Texas Counties are either already making marriage licenses available to same-sex couples or are planning to make licenses available shortly after technical changes to software and physical marriage certificates as of Tuesday, June 30th, according to Texas for Marriage.

Texas for Marriage staff called counties across Texas on Tuesday, June 30th to determine whether clerks were offering marriage licenses to same-sex couples. 149 counties out of 254 — nearly 60% — indicated over the phone that they were already making marriage licenses available to same-sex couples. Those counties are listed below.

"Nearly sixty percent of Texas clerks are following the law by making marriage licenses available," said Nick Hudson. "We are encouraged by the swift implementation of the Supreme Court's ruling by most counties, but we won't stop pushing until every clerk in Texas complies with the law and makes licenses available to loving and committed gay and lesbian couples."

In addition to the 149 counties offering marriage licenses to same-sex couples on Tuesday, 46 counties indicated that they plan to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples after making updates to software and physical marriage certificates. Most said they expected changes to be made this week.

"All county clerks should make licenses available to couples who come in, because that is what the law requires," said Nick Hudson.

At least one county clerk — Kim Wells in San Saba County — had indicated on Monday that she would not be making marriage licenses available to same-sex couples because of personal religious beliefs. On Tuesday, Wells reversed course by joining the majority of Texas counties making licenses available to same-sex couples.

"Religious liberty is a fundamental right protected by the First Amendment," said Nick Hudson. "But that doesn't mean that government officials can use their personal religious beliefs to avoid following the law regarding marriage."

Counties Issuing Licenses on June 30, 2015:

Andrews, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Burnet, Caldwell, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Chambers, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Coryell, Crosby, Culberson, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Dewitt, Dickens, Duval, Edwards, Ellis, Falls, Fisher, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Frio, Galveston, Glasscock, Grayson, Gonzales, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Harris, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Hudspeth, Hunt, Jack, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kinney, Kleberg, LaSalle, Lamar, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Limestone, Lynn, Madison, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCul-

loch, McLennan, McMullen, Menard, Milam, Midland, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Nueces, Oldham, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parmer, Pecos, Polk, Presidio, Rains, Reagan, Red River, Robertson, Rockwall, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Smith, Tarrant, Taylor, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Waller, Webb, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wise, Wood, Yoakum, Young, and Zapata.

Counties Planning to Issue Licenses Soon:

Austin, Bailey, Bowie, Burleson, Calhoun, Cherokee, Crane, Crockett, Dallam, Ector, Fannin, Floyd, Freestone, Gillespie, Goliad, Harrison, Henderson, Hutchinson, Jasper, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kent, Lamb, Leon, Llano, Lubbock, Marion, Martin, Medina, Parker, Potter, Randall, Reeves, Refugio, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Patricio, Sherman, Somervell, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Throckmorton, Ward, Wharton

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Texas for Marriage is a broad, diverse public education campaign to amplify the bipartisan momentum for the freedom to marry in the state of Texas. The campaign, led by Freedom to Marry in partnership with Equality Texas, works to broaden the conversation about why marriage matters to all couples and their families.

Library Notes

Library Hours

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Senior Citizens Center Activities

July 13th - July 17th

Monday-13th Exercise 11:00
Tuesday-14th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00
Wednesday-15th Exercise 11:00/Foot Care/Girling Home Health.
Thursday-16th Exercise 11:00/Care Inn Door Prizes
Friday-17th 11:00 Exercise

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

July 13th - July 17th

Monday 13th - Swiss Steak, Steamed Rice, Squash, Bread, Dessert
Tuesday 14th - Chicken Strips, Potatoes with gravy, Turip Greens, Bread, Dessert
Wednesday 15th - Fried Fish, Baked Beans, Over Fries, Hushpuppies, Birthday
Thursday 16th - Chef Salad/Ham/Turkey/Cheese, Crackers, Fruit Cup
Friday 17th - Beef Spaghetti, Lettuce & Tomatoe Salad, Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

CANCER FUND "DROPPING THE ANCHOR ON CANCER" ON OCTOBER 10TH

On Saturday, October 10th, 2015, we are "Dropping the Anchor on Cancer."

That's the date of the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund's Cancer Walk, held on the Cross Plains ISD Football Field. Start planning for your booth and walking team now.

The Nautical Theme can include ANY thing Nautical !!! The Love Boat, Shark Week, Salmon Fishing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Mermaids, Pirates, Submarines, Nemo, Cruise Ships, Dolphins, Deep Sea Diving, The Beach, Civil War, American Naval Ships just to name a few. The Options are endless !!!!

Batten Down the Hatches Were gonna make big waves this year !!!!

Thanks to EVERYONE who continues to participate in the Cross Plains Cancer Walk every year for such a worthwhile

cause. The Fund has assisted 25-30 local Cancer Patient's receiving chemotherapy, radiation and physician follow ups this year. Many of them are traveling 5 days a week. We are blessed by the Community and School participation year after year and could not do this without each and every one of you.

Survivors and Families who have lost loved ones are at the heart of why we hold this event. Invite a Survivor or Family Member to join your team.

We are getting a jumpstart on the Walk this year due to Homecoming being in September. If you would like to join in on the planning, have a Walking Team, Booth or volunteer in any way please message our Facebook -

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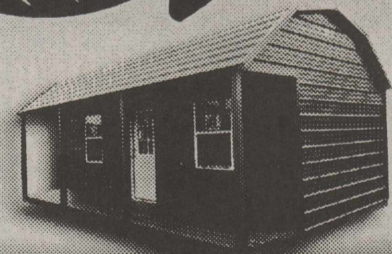
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