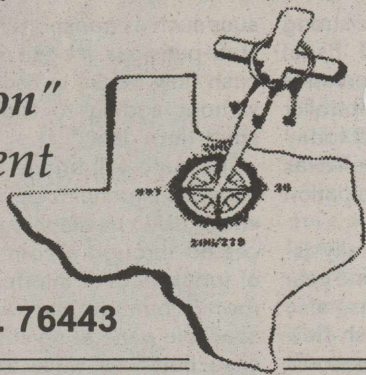


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Airman Cutter Halsel

## Air Force Airman Cutter G. Halsel Graduates From Basic Training

Air Force Airman Cutter G. Halsel graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits

toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Halsel is the son of Robin M. and Tommy L. Porter of Cross Plains, Texas, and the brother of Skyler B. Halsel. He is the nephew of Stormie Golson of Cross Plains, Texas.

He is a 2014 graduate of Cross Plains, Cross Plains, Texas.

## VBS at Methodist Church July 27th - 30th

At the *G-Force Vacation Bible School* at the Methodist Church, kids will explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission focused VBS, kids will experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. The church will come alive with movement and images of all sorts of kid-friendly transportation, such as skateboards, running shoes, roller blades, and more! Watch the G-Force meter climb illustrating how God is at work around the world and how God's people are on the move. The VBS is scheduled for

Monday, July 27 through Thursday, July 30, 6:00 - 8:30 each evening. Kids who have completed pre-K through the completion of 6th grade will move through activities focused on Bible Stories, Missions, Crafts, Music and Recreation with a light snack being served each evening.

VBS will conclude on Thursday evening with an open house and refreshments for the entire family.

For more information, please contact Melody McWilliams - 325-669-7371, Jean McWilliams - 725-6455 or the Methodist Church - 725-7377.

## 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!

## 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

100 years.

You may have passed them many times and never realized their significance. You will likely learn things you did not know about the kinds of things the store has sold in the past and the types of services they have extended.

Cross Plains and the rest of Texas would not have been settled nearly as easily or as fashionably without this family owned business. Don't worry about the heat; we will only be outside for a short time.

## Cross Plains ISD begins Elementary Enrollment

It is almost time for *Cross Plains Elementary Registration* for the 2015-2016 school year. Everyone (new or returning) must register! You will need to make arrangements to come by the Elementary school any of the three days at the best time for you. If you are unable to attend during these days, please contact the Elementary office at 254-725-6123.

Registration dates and times: Tuesday, August 4th, Wednesday, August 5th, Thursday, August 6th from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. At that time, all required documents will be completed for your child(s) enrollment. Please make sure all of their immunizations are current and that we have a current copy for our records in the office.

If you are enrolling as a new student or if you participated in the Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup in the spring please remember it is mandatory that we have a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunizations before they can start school.

You may leave medication in the school office for your child to take during the year. It must be in the original box or bottle with their name on it. You will also have to fill out a medical form.

If you ordered a PTO school supply packet they will be available for pick up during registration.

We are looking forward to a great 2015 - 2016 school year. Leslie Lawrence, Cross Plains Elementary School Principle



Callahan County Riding Club placed 4th in Texas Cowboy Reunion Parade in Stamford on July 1, 2015. The club was awarded a trophy at the rodeo that night. Pictured are members of the CCR with the trophy. The club has a make up play day scheduled for this Saturday July 24th starting at 7pm. If you have questions check us out on Facebook at Callahan County Riding Club or call Paula at 325-829-1381.

## 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 (Monday-Wednesday). 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.

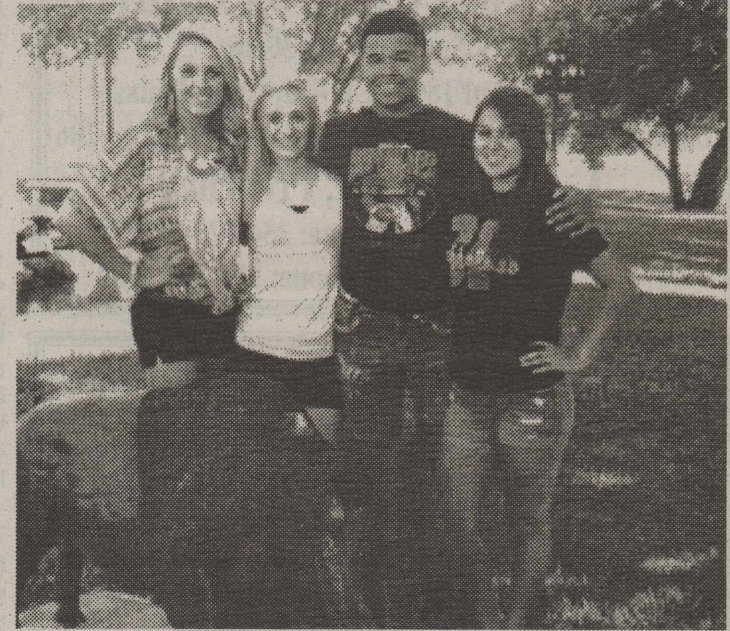
Cost for the camp is \$30.00 and checks can be made payable to Cross Plains Athletics. There will be registration forms around town as well as at the High School Office for parents to fill out. You may either mail your completed form with the payment to: Cross Plains Football, 700 N. Main St, Cross Plains, 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: *Incoming* 1st -5th grade from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Session 2: *Incoming* 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.



From Left to Right - Kenzie Halsel, Kersey Wyatt Drelend Smith, Alexis Mauricio

## Four Cross Plains Varsity Cheer Leaders will Cheer at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Four of our Buffalo Varsity Cheerleaders have been selected and invited to cheer in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! The cheerleaders selected for this honor are as follows: Kenzie Halsel, Kersey Wyatt, Alexis Mauricio, & Drelend Smith. What an exciting opportunity for them!

We will be accepting donations for sponsorship. For a minimum sponsorship of \$250.00 the individual or business name will be printed on the back of t-shirts, these shirts will be given away at football games and worn by

CPHS Cheerleaders and Sponsors in New York.

We will be having additional fundraisers in the near future to help fund this trip. A donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to CPHS Varsity Cheer, in the memo section please specify NYC Trip.

For any additional information contact the following: Tina Wyatt (325) 627-3865 or Evelyn Harris (325) 668-3442

Thank you Kenzie Halsel, Kersey Wyatt, Alexis Mauricio, & Drelend Smith

## Upcoming CPHS Varsity Cheer Fundraiser

The Cross Plains Varsity Cheerleaders will have a garage sale and bake sale **Saturday, August 1st, from 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.** at the picnic tables at the high school.

The proceeds will go to help the cheerleaders pay for their uniforms and help with expenses for those going to the *Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade* in New York.

Thank you for your support!

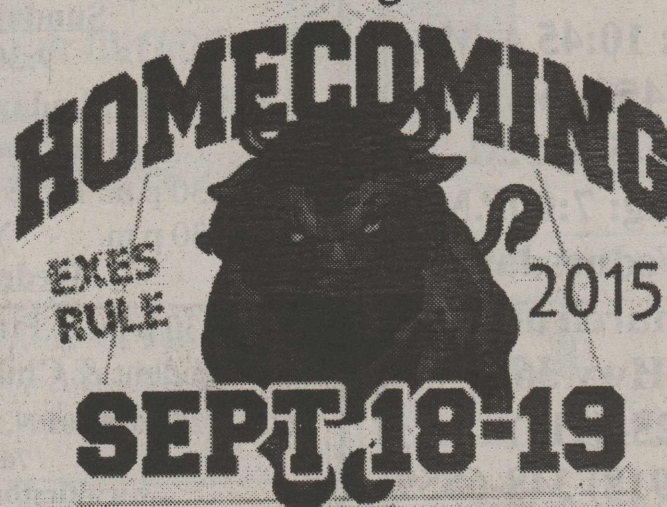


## Cross Plains Public Library Book Sale

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold its bi-monthly book sale on Saturday, August 1, from 8am - 4pm. Stop by the building across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch and get in on some great deals! Books are only \$1/bag. Where else can you get so much for only \$1?

We have fiction, non-fiction, romance, adventure, teen and children's titles and lots more. There are paperbacks, hardcovers, audiobooks on tape and CD, and VHS movies. We have extended our hours due to popular demand, so be sure to drop in!

## Cross Plains High School



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

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Bible Study...10:00 am  
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## Comptroller Announces Texas Will Not Borrow to Meet Cash-Flow Needs

AUSTIN—As a result of strong fund balances, sound fiscal management and conservative budgeting, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today that the state will not issue Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for fiscal 2016.

The state has historically issued these short-term (one year or less) debt obligations, also called TRANs, for cash-flow purposes, to address periodic mismatches between revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year. These anticipated mismatches result primarily from the state providing nearly 50 percent of its payments to local school districts in the first three months of the fiscal year.

Texas has issued a TRAN every year for nearly three decades. For the coming fiscal year, however, the adoption of a biennial budget below revenue projections coupled with recent fund growth will allow the state to meet its cash flow needs without issuing short-term debt obligations.

"Every fiscally responsible Texas family out there knows that you shouldn't borrow money when you don't need to, and the state shouldn't operate any differently," Hegar said. "Even after a session that delivered significant tax relief and took positive steps toward addressing important long term funding is-

ues such as transportation and state pensions, we can meet our cash flow needs in fiscal 2016 without adding to the state's short-term debt."

The state will bridge the gap between expenditures and revenues using available funds accessed through a combination of intrafund and interfund borrowing. Intrafund borrowing taps available general revenue fund cash balances while interfund borrowing taps funds outside of general revenue such as the state's economic stabilization fund (ESF).

As revenues come in, the state will repay the borrowed funds with interest as required by law. The agency anticipates all funds to be repaid by May 2016, coinciding with the receipt of 2016 franchise tax revenues.

"With approximately \$8.5 billion currently in the ESF and more than \$6 billion in general revenue funds, the state's available large cash balances represent tremendous assets for Texas," added Hegar. "The responsible thing to do is to make sure that money is working for taxpayers and not send interest payments out of state when we don't have to."

As for the outstanding TRAN, Texas will fully repay the \$5.4 billion borrowed last year on Aug. 31, 2015.

## DPS Reminds Texans about dangers of leaving children in vehicles

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds Texans about the dangerous potential for vehicular heatstroke in summer months when a child is left alone in a vehicle. Every year, children die from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle or entering a vehicle unnoticed.

"Children should never be left unattended in a vehicle regardless of the weather; however especially in warmer temperatures, the likelihood of serious injury or death increases exponentially when a child - or anyone - remains in a hot vehicle for too long," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS is continuing to urge parents, caretakers and the public to do their part to prevent vehicular heatstroke by never leaving a child inside a vehicle without an adult present, and by notifying emergency personnel if they see a child alone in a car."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. In addition, young children are particularly

at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

DPS offers the following tips for preventing vehicular heatstroke deaths and injuries:

- \* Always check the back seats of your vehicle before walking away.
- \* Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the vehicle. For example: leave your bag, lunch or cell phone in the back seat with the child's car seat.
- \* Call 9-1-1 if you see a child alone in a car, and emergency personnel will instruct you what to do next.
- \* If a child goes missing, open the doors and trunks to every vehicle in the area. One-third of all of the deaths occur when a child accesses a parked car unnoticed.
- \* Teach children not to play in vehicles and make sure to place the keys out of reach when not being used.

For more information, visit [www.safercar.gov/parents/index.htm](http://www.safercar.gov/parents/index.htm)

\* Pets are also susceptible heat-related injuries and death if left unattended in a vehicle. For more information on how to protect your pets from heatstroke, visit [http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/help-dog-in-hot-car.html?credit=web\\_id353383049](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/help-dog-in-hot-car.html?credit=web_id353383049).

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## Tree Identification Book from the Arbor Day Foundation Helps People Identify Tree Species in Texas

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, *What Tree Is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

*What Tree Is That?* is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have, user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes, and textures so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees in Texas and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. *What Tree Is That?* uses a

unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds, and bark.

"Our *What Tree Is That?* Pocket guide is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that."

*What Tree Is That?* is also available as an online interactive version at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name, address, and \$5 for each guide to *What Tree Is That?*, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

## TSTC Receives Single Accreditation Approval

WACO—Texas State Technical College has achieved single accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Previously, the four Texas State Technical Colleges (TSTC Waco, TSTC Harlingen, TSTC West Texas and TSTC Marshall) had been individually accredited by SACSCOC.

The decision to move towards a single accreditation, or one TSTC, was spurred by growth. TSTC now has 11 locations after expanding into new areas of the state over the last several years, with new campuses in Williamson County, Ellis County and Fort Bend County. TSTC chose to pursue Single Accreditation for all eleven locations to better serve students and to standardize operations across the State.

"I am confident that single accreditation for TSTC will affect every part of how we serve the state and help us to successfully grow as we place more Texans," said TSTC Chancellor and CEO Michael L. Reeser.

One TSTC allows the colleges to standardize operations and programs to gain efficiencies by eliminating duplication of work associated with separately accredited colleges, allowing the College to focus more attention on serving students. The change also provides TSTC additional flexibility to react to changes in need for technical education and to adopt best practices regardless of location.

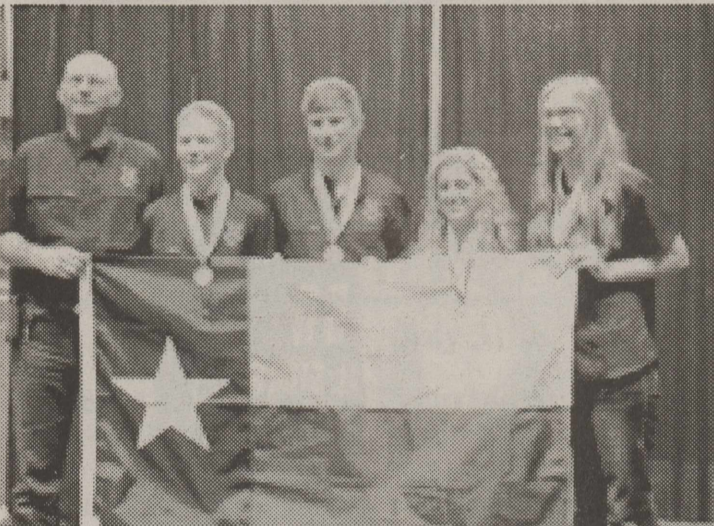
A few of the changes already implemented include common curriculum and learning outcomes, a single course catalog and student handbook, as well as a revamped consumer-friendly website ([www.tstc.edu](http://www.tstc.edu)) which launched Friday, July 10th. More information about TSTC's single accreditation can be read at: <http://www.tstc.edu/about/singleaccreditation>.

**About TSTC's Accreditation**  
Texas State Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate degrees and Certificates of Completion. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Texas State Technical College.

**About TSTC**  
Texas State Technical College serves Texas through eleven campuses in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Fort Bend County, Harlingen, Ingleside, Marshall, North Texas, Sweetwater, Waco and Williamson County. TSTC is the only college in Texas to adopt a funding model based entirely on student employment outcomes - aligning with its purpose of strengthening Texas with a highly skilled, technically competent workforce. Founded in 1965, TSTC is celebrating 50 years of service to the State of Texas in 2015.



PICTURED ABOVE IS THE FIRST PLACE TEXAS SHOTGUN TEAM IN NATIONALS. THEY ARE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT BRANDON HOBBS (NATIONAL CHAMPION-1ST PLACE HIGH OVER ALL) CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H, MELISSA BARRINGER (4TH PLACE OVER ALL NATIONAL'S) VICTORIA COUNTY 4-H, TARA CREIGHTON (6TH PLACE OVER ALL NATIONAL'S) MADDISON COUNTY 4-H, RACHEL BARRINGER (ALTERNATE) VICTORIA COUNTY 4-H, AND CHANCE HUNSAKER (2ND PLACE RUNNER UP HIGH OVER ALL NATIONAL'S) NUECES COUNTY 4-H.



PICTURED ABOVE IS THE .22 PISTOL TEAM AT NATIONALS: COACH TERRY BIBICH, PETER MARAK, COLE RICHIE, KAILEY HART AND TAYLOR GIBICH.



KAILEY HART

## 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Four Callahan County 4-Hers were members of the Texas Team at the Shooting Sports National Championships held in Grand Island, Nebraska on June 22-26, 2015.

The Callahan County 4-Hers entered are: Brandon Hobbs—Shotgun; Hayley Ancinec—22 Rifle; Kailey Hart—22 Pistol; and Morgan Fulgham—Air Rifle. This group of 4-H contestants represented Callahan County and the State of Texas well.

There were 36 state representatives at the National Championships.

The 625 4-Hers who competed throughout the week was by far the largest number of competitors at the Nationals to date. Shooting Sports continues to grow and involves more youth than any other 4-H sponsored project.

Callahan County Team members all competed well and you should be proud of them.

Brandon Hobbs was on the 1st

place overall Shotgun Team and the High Point individual. Brandon had a very good week to say the least.

Kailey Hart was on the 3rd place overall 22 Pistol Team.

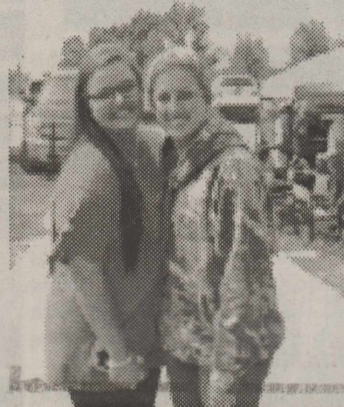
Morgan Fulgham was on the 2nd place overall Air Rifle Team.

Hayley Ancinec was on the 4th place 3-P Team.

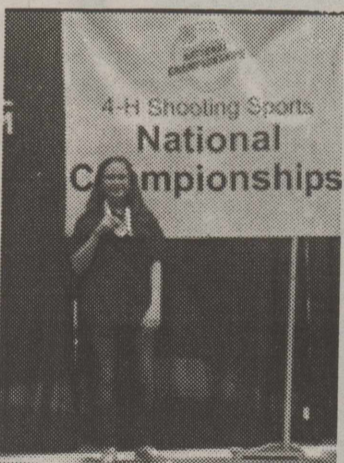
All four Callahan County 4-H Competitors had a good week and enjoyed their time with friends, family and other team members.

If you know these Team members or their families congratulate them on a job well done.

Texas 4-H Members wanting to be on the National Team must apply on a yearly basis. The application, Shooting Competition Scores and character are evaluated prior to their selection to the team. To be selected to this team is one of the highest honors in Texas 4-H Shooting Sports!!



HAYLEY ANCINEC AND KAILEY HART, LAST YEAR TO COMPETE AT NATIONALS.



MORGAN FULGHAM 10TH HIGH INDIVIDUAL AIR RIFLE SILHOUETTE.

## Prospects Bright for Dove Season

AUSTIN — Dove hunters will have more opportunity earlier in the season with dates and bag limits finalized recently by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the 2015-2016 Texas dove season, including a 70-day season and 15-bird daily bag statewide, and a 16-day early teal and Canada goose season.

The traditional September 1st dove season opening day in the North and Central Zones remains. The first segment in those zones will be five days longer than last season, closing on Sunday, Oct. 25th. The season will reopen Friday, Dec. 18th and run through Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 in the North and Central Zones.

In the South Zone, the first segment will be longer by two days compared to last year. The South Zone opens Friday, Sept. 18th and runs through Wednesday, Oct. 21st. The second segment will run Friday, Dec. 18th through Friday, Jan. 22, 2016.

The daily bag limit for doves statewide is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

The Special White-winged Dove Area will be restricted to afternoon only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two full September weekends on Sept. 5th-6th and 12th-13th. Hunting in this area will reopen Friday, Sept. 18th and continue through Wednesday, Oct. 21st, and then reopen Friday, Dec. 18th through Monday, Jan. 18, 2016. During the early two weekends, the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves. Once the general season opens, the aggregate bag limit will be 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves.

"Age-ratios (juveniles versus adults) from last season indicated very strong production in

mourning doves across Texas last year; we expect similar or slightly increased production this year with the improved habitat conditions across nearly all of Texas," said Shaun Oldenburger, TPWD's dove program leader. "However, improved habitat conditions equal more food and water on the landscape, which means hunters may need to spend more time patterning mourning doves prior to opening day in their area."

Duck hunters can anticipate improved conditions for the September early teal season as abundant rains have filled lakes and marshes for the first time in several years. With record numbers of teal expected to make their way into Texas during the upcoming months, prospects should be good.

A 16-day statewide early teal and Eastern Zone Canada goose season will run Saturday, Sept. 12th through Sunday, Sept. 27th. The daily bag on teal remains six, with a possession limit of 18. Bag limit for Canada geese will be three and a possession limit of six in the Eastern Zone only.

"Blue-winged teal numbers (8.5 million) are way above the minimum of 4.7 million needed for a 16-day season," said Kevin Kraai, TPWD waterfowl program leader. "Conditions for teal across the state are excellent and hunters are urged to have their fingers crossed for a timely migration in the middle of September."

Hunters are reminded that licenses go on sale August 15 for the 2015-16 hunting seasons and can be purchased through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 50 state parks and at over 1,700 retailers across the state. Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD website at

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/buy or by phone at 1-800-895-4248. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. and there is a required \$5 administrative fee for each phone or online transaction. The online transaction system is available 24/7. For online and phone orders, a physical license will be mailed within three business days. During that time period, a transaction receipt will be provided via email that will be sufficient proof of hunting license and required endorsements that can be used for dove hunting, though it will not be allowed for the take of fish or wildlife that require a tag.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the new season can be found in the 2015-2016 Outdoor Annual, available at license retailers August 15th, online at www.txoutdoorannual.com and via the free Outdoor Annual mobile app available for Apple and Android devices.

In addition to a hunting license, anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course or purchase a one-time deferral good for one license year in order to hunt legally in Texas. The certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces. More information on hunter education certification is available online at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoor-learning/hunter-education.

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Coach Eicke, Jurnee Thomas and Coach Anderson at the All-Star Game

## Congratulations Jurnee Thomas on your All-Star finish

During the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game, Cross Plains High School Graduate Jurnee Thomas played an amazing game for the Blue Team in Austin, Texas on July 17th at the Burger Activity Center.

Unfortunately the Blue Team didn't clinch the win, but it was a phenomenal experience. What a way to go out as a Lady Buff as having been nominated for the All-Star Game. What an incredible honor.

Jurnee would like to thank all of her family who made the trip to Austin for her game, and a big thanks to Coach Anderson and Coach Eicke for all their support and encouragement.



Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Blue Team - Jurnee Thomas second from end on right

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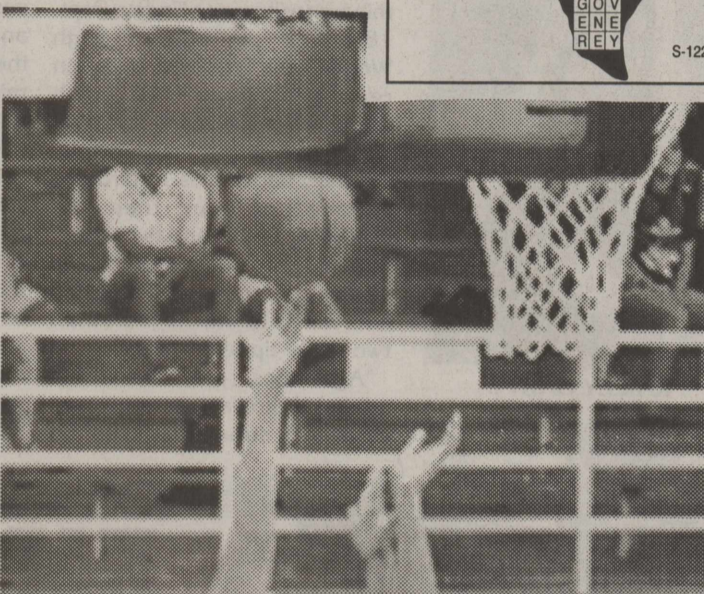
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#50 Jurnee Thomas - TGCA All-Star Blue Team



Coach Anderson and Jurnee Thomas at the TGCA All-Star Game in Austin, Texas July 17th



#50 Jurnee Thomas - with the rebound at July 17th's All-Star Game



#50 Jurnee Thomas taking a shot at the TGCA All-Star Game



#50 Jurnee Thomas with the tip-off at the TGCA All-Star Game



#50 Jurnee Thomas - blocking the opposition while keeping her eye on the ball

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The fake ads appear on online services such as Zillow, Craig's list and others. They offer "for rent" properties in upscale neighborhoods sometimes with attractive pictures inside and outside of the home.

In reality, the crooks look up information about the property, photos, etc. from other legitimate listings for property usually for sale. The scammers use public records to determine the owner of the property and use a bogus e-mail that contains

the owners name or realtors name. There is always a good story about why to ignore the for sale sign in the yard. Potential victims that respond to the bogus ads are sent applications then instructed to send a deposit and the first month's rent via a wire transfer service such as money gram, Western Union or green dot prepaid money cards. When you are searching for rental property BBB offers the following tips:

- Do not provide financial / identity information online to unknown parties
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- Independently verify rental property
- Be suspicious of payments using wire transfer services or pre-paid credit cards
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July 27th - July 31th

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**Friday 31th** - Chili Dogs, Onion, Relish, Cheese, Oven Fries

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July 27th - July 31th

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# Cross Plains School Board Minutes

July 15, 2015

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

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

Prayer was led by Bryan Bennett.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McWilliams that we accept the minutes from previous meeting dated June 18, 2015. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Richey that we accept Budget Amendment #2. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Crockett that we pay \$333.00 premium of employee tier 1: Level Healthcare (currently paying \$325.00). For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we adopt the Local Policies contained within the reconstructed TASB Policy Manual,

effective this date, and repeal all previous policies. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Shepard that we approve the Student Code of Conduct for the 2015-16 school year. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we take no action on the Employee Handbook for 2015-16 school year because the handbook wasn't ready for review. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett that we hold a public meeting in order to adopt the 2015-16 budget and set the M&O tax rate on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we hire Paula Winfrey part time on an Employee Agreement Contract for one year. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we hire Rhonda Atchley on a one year Probationary Contract. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Cowan that we adjourn. For 7/Against 0

## Texas Sales Tax Holiday is August 7th to 9th

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-9.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"As the father of three young children, I know back-to-school

expenses can really put a strain on family budgets this time of year," Hegar said. "This is an opportunity for families to save some money and prepare for the start of the school year."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

## 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 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.

## Driver's License Office in Baird is open again

The Driver's License Office in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN again.

The Baird office will be open on the first, third and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00p.m.

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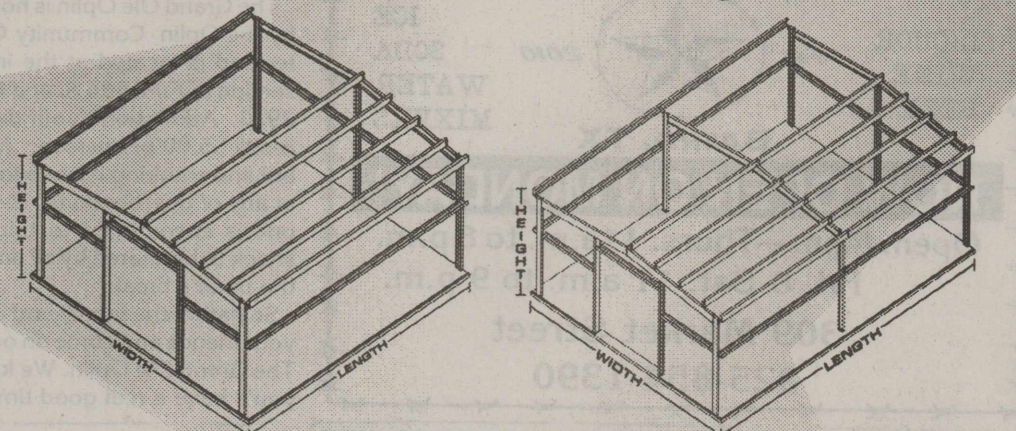
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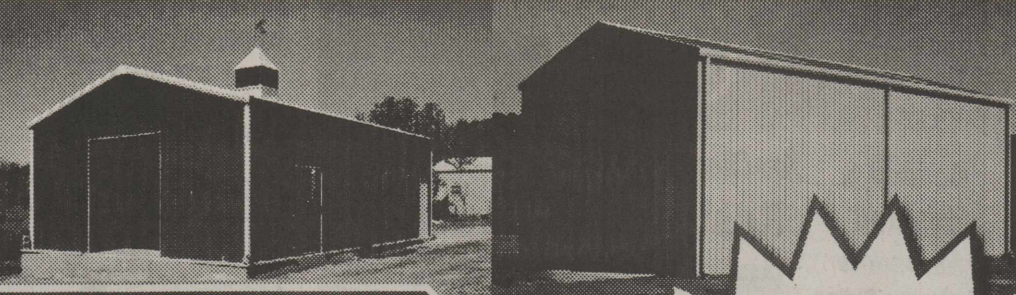
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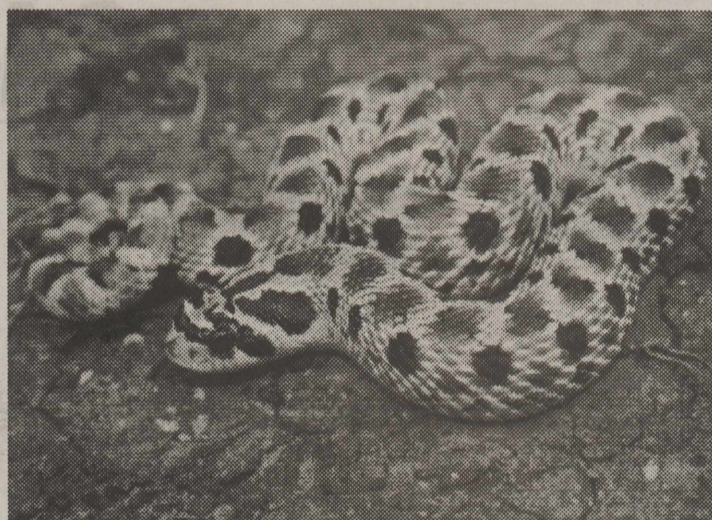


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Mexican Hog-nosed Snake

Just at the mention of the word snake, people tend to respond in a variety of ways ranging from fear and hatred to understanding and fascination. Few other exhibits at zoos and nature centers are commented on quite like the snake exhibits. But there is one species of snake that makes its home here in west Texas that makes the most die-hard "snake-hater" rethink their position due to its endearing face and comical defensive behaviors, and that snake is the Mexican Hog-nosed Snake.



Mexican Hog-nosed Snake (Heterodon kennerlyi)

Mexican Hog-nosed Snakes (Heterodon kennerlyi) occur in Texas primarily in two eco-regions. The one where they are most commonly observed is the Trans-Pecos eco-region, while the Tamaulipan thornscrub of south Texas is secondary. Outside of this state they can be observed in southern New Mexico and southern Arizona, then southward to central Durango in Mexico. Whereas its close relative the Western Hog-nosed snake prefers to inhabit prairies and cotton fields, this species chooses to inhabit creosote and mesquite thornscrub areas, as well as prairies occupied with mixed grasses.

This species of non-venomous snake is a medium-sized reptile, with adult males reaching a total length of approximately 18 inches. Females of this species can be longer, up to 32 inches in length, and both sexes are stout and heavy-bodied. Their dorsal coloration ranges from tan to brown and is decorated with a row of large brown blotches that run the length of the spine. Smaller, more faded spots alternate along the sides of the body. The belly is mostly black littered randomly with yellow or orange spots.

The most defining characteristic of all the species of hog-nosed snakes is the sharply upturned snout that gives the animal its namesake. This upturned snout, while providing the snake an almost endearing feature, is generally used as a tool, much like a man uses a shovel, to root out its primary prey of toads. These amphibians make up nearly fifty percent of the hog-nose snakes diet, while lizards, reptile eggs, and small mammals make up the remainder of their prey items. One adaptation that hog-nosed snakes utilize is the enlarged adrenal glands that render the toxins of their toad prey useless. Without this gland, the systematic damage from the toad's poisons would most certainly kill this small serpent.

Like most other harmless snakes that inhabit the temperate areas of Texas, breeding takes place in the spring following the long periods of inactivity during winter. Hognose snakes, like other snakes, do not hiber-

nate in the true sense of the word, but rather employ an activity known as brumation. This means that the snake's metabolism, heart rate and breathing all slow down to a near stop, but they are quite awake and aware of their surroundings. Once temperatures achieve a level of warmth that the snake finds tolerable, usually in early April, then the males begin their quest to mate. Females release a pheromone that attracts the males, and mating ensues upon the male's discovery of the female's location. Gestation is generally thirty days in length, and after that period of time, the female lays a clutch of as few as four and as many as twenty three round, off-white, and paper-thin shelled eggs that are buried a few inches below the surface. Unlike birds who guard their eggs, female hognose snakes leave the nest as soon as she is finished laying, leaving the young to fend for themselves upon hatching. Incubation times vary depending on temperatures, but generally young begin to hatch sixty days later.

The hog-nosed snake is not a fast reptile that can rely on its speed to avoid predators. Rather, it has two curious defensive behaviors that are not only comical, they are highly effective. The first behavior that is utilized when it is confronted with a predator, including man, is to be aggressive. It will flatten its neck

and head, giving it the appearance of a venomous snake. It will then inhale air to its lungs capacity making its body appear larger than it is. Next, it will exhale that air quickly, making a loud hissing noise. And finally, it will strike at the intruder, albeit with a closed mouth. The whole event is to intimidate a would-be predator so it may make a hasty escape, and many times this is quite effective, especially with people who fear snakes. However, this strategy is all show, for hognose snakes are not aggressive towards people at all.

If this aggressive behavior fails, then the hog-nosed snake will employ a more submissive, and somewhat comical, reaction. It will open its mouth, roll out its tongue, void musk and feces from its anus and rub it along its body, and then roll over belly-up in a manner that portrays its death. Many predators will avoid prey items that are already dead, and especially ones that smell as such. What is comical about this behavior is the fact that if a person flips a hognose right-side-up, then it will immediately roll back over on its back, as if to say that the only way that it can appear dead is to be on its back. Because of these behaviors, this snake is reverently known in the herpetological community as the "Great Pretender".

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

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ACROSS

- 1 TX Buddy Holly's "Not \_\_\_ Away"
5 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ of mesquite coals"
6 TX Ray Price hit: "The \_\_\_ Old Me" (1959)
7 this LaFavor was a Cowboy in 2004, but played in no games
8 network where TX "Dandy Don" was an Monday night announcer
9 TXism: "in a coon's \_\_\_ (long time)"
12 TX Willie sang "On the Road"
17 Mexican shawls
19 colorful flowers
21 unwavering
22 TXns are rarely this
23 exploring device
28 fork prong
29 TXism: "he \_\_\_ barbed wire for dental floss" (tough)
30 this Tiffin starred in TX-filmed "State Fair"
31 this "Latin Lover" Novarro spent a lot of time in TX
35 incompetent
36 lizard-like amphibians
42 a new governor's ceremony
44 TXism: "\_\_\_ line" (fish)
46 TXism: "useless \_\_\_ on a pig"

- 48 TXism: "\_\_\_ nails"
49 horse morsel
50 TXism: "\_\_\_ like ants out of a burning stump"
51 in Collin Co. on hwy. 75
52 TXism: "I'm at the \_\_\_ of my rope!"
53 strong, bitter beers

- 54 many TXns fought these persons in Europe in WWII
56 Greg Abbott's title (abbr.)
57 dir. from Mineola to Atlanta, TX
58 TX salt lake: "La Sal Del \_\_\_"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ rafter" (very quick)
2 TXism: "he couldn't see through \_\_\_ wire fence" (poor eyesight)
3 Weatherford newspaper name
4 TX Hagman dream of this Barbara
9 TXism: "flat as \_\_\_ handle prairie"
10 Jeff Luhnow's Astros job (2 wds.)

- 11 time zone in which Mavs play the Heat in Miami (abbr.)
12 TXism: "I \_\_\_ to" (intend)
13 infielder concern (2 wds.)
14 helps \_\_\_
15 TX Tanya's "Can \_\_\_ You Tonight"
16 Scotland's "Loch \_\_\_ Monster"
18 TX Willie Nelson sang "\_\_\_ Blue?"
20 in Austin: "\_\_\_ Edward's University"
23 TX Paula of film "Where the Boys Are" (init.)
24 namesake of Irion County (init.)

- 25 hotel co. based in Dallas: "\_\_\_ Hotels & Resorts"
26 TXism: "if it had \_\_\_ snake it would have bit you" city in extreme West TX
32 Fort Worth's WBAP on 820 kHz, e.g.
33 "\_\_\_ Ferguson was 29th gov. of TX
34 TX Buddy Holly's "Rave \_\_\_"

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- 36 "south" below the Rio Grande
37 dog's bark
38 this Bacall was in "The Duke's" last film, The Shootist
39 Dallas mayor Cabell (1961-64)
40 TXism: "he \_\_\_ his own trail"
41 "\_\_\_ the Man"
43 TXism: "the \_\_\_ go"
45 TXism: "likely \_\_\_ not"
47 when Dez Bryant likes to catch 'em
48 Lucas of "Leap of Faith" with TX-born Steve Martin
55 TX actress Judith



This beautiful quilt was pieced by the Cottonwood Quilting Club, and is being hand quilted by the Cross Plains Quilters. The quilting clubs have come together on this project for the upcoming 2015 Cancer Walk. Pictured above from left to right is Helen Parson, Wilma Lawrence, and Lena Gage from the Cross Plains Quilters. Look in the Cross Plains Review for upcoming details on this beautiful multi colored quilt.

### 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.

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### State Parks Recovering from Recent Storms

#### Floods Damage More Than Half of Texas State Park System

AUSTIN-Torrential storms that have continued to hammer much of the state for more than a week now are leaving their mark on Texas' State Park system. As of Wednesday, more than 50 state parks report some damage as a result of significant rainfall; about half those sites are currently either closed or partially closed to the public due to flooding.

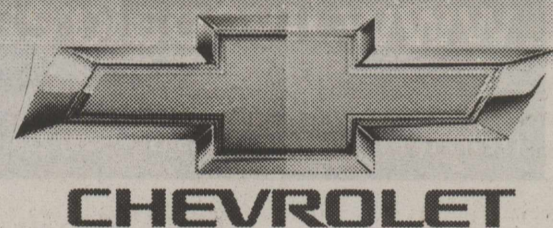
Current information about park conditions, including links to images and videos, is available on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website [http://tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases/news\\_roundup/flooding\\_spring\\_2015/](http://tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases/news_roundup/flooding_spring_2015/).

"The safety of our staff and our visitors is our top priority right now," says Brent Leisure, TPWD State Parks Division director. "Many of our parks remain operational and as conditions permit, we will be bringing our other sites back on line. Much of the damage is flood related debris and that takes time to clear. We're heading into our peak visitation period and have all hands on deck to make our parks safe and enjoyable again."

Visitors can check the status of their park reservations by contacting the Texas State Parks customer service center at 512-389-8900 or by contacting the park directly.

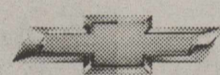


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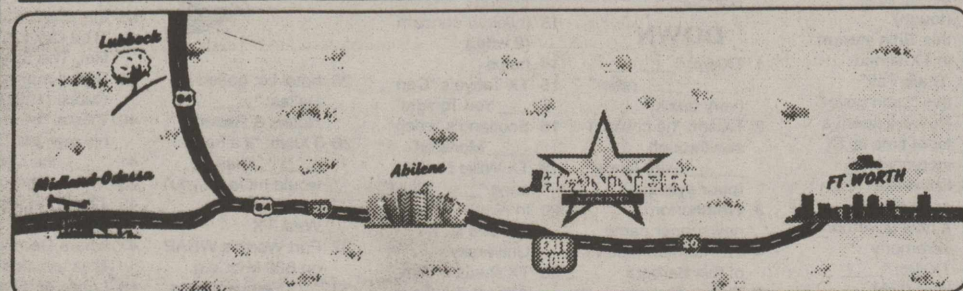
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The McGilliard's have been in traveling, sharing the Gospel for many years. They are talented musicians and Brother McGilliard is a tremendous preacher of God's Word. He is

also a gifted illusionist and will be teaching using illusions. The McGilliard's are from Shelbyville, Tennessee but are rarely there because of their busy schedule.

Bible Baptist Church extends an invitation to the whole community to come and enjoy our Family Fun Time as the McGilliard's share the Gospel in song and message, August 9th through August 13th, at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday, and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please feel free to call for more information or if you need a ride at 893-5851, Bible Baptist Church, 557 Hunt Street, Clyde, Texas 79510.

## Weight Warriors

Weight Warriors continues to meet on Tuesday's at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. We are a group of like minded folks with the common goal of healthy eating habits combined with group support. Anyone is welcome to join our group. We meet at 5:30 every Tuesday. Come, share in the fun as we support one another toward our health goals.



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## Texas Employers add jobs for third straight month

AUSTIN Texas marked its third straight month of seasonally adjusted job growth with the addition of 16,700 nonagricultural jobs in June. The state has added jobs in 56 of the last 57 months, including a total of 53,600 positions in the first half of 2015. Over the year, Texas has seen an increase of 269,900 jobs.

"Texas employers continue to create employment opportunities which is great news for the state and its workforce," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Texas Workforce Solutions is committed to developing partnerships and innovative solutions that equip workers with in-demand job skills."

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent in June, down from 4.3 percent in May. This marks the third month this year that the

rate has dipped to 4.2 percent, the lowest rate of unemployment for the state since July 2007. Texas continued to trend below the U.S. unemployment rate of 5.3 percent in June.

"Texas workers have much to offer and many resources at their disposal to find the perfect occupational fit," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "I encourage all Texas job seekers to register with WorkInTexas.com and join the largest free job-matching network in Texas."

June's job gains in Service Providing industries were led by the Education and Health Services industry, which added 10,100 positions. Professional and Business Services added 8,300 jobs in June. Gains in the Goods Producing industries were centered in Mining and

Logging, which saw an increase of 2,700 jobs during the month.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) boasted the lowest unemployment rate in the state in June, a not seasonally adjusted rate of 3.2 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock MSA with a rate of 3.3 percent and the Midland MSA which had a rate of 3.4 percent in June.

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

## Courthouse News

### Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Larry S. Dudley, interfere with emergency call.

Derek Lee Casey Jr., assault causing bodily injury / family violence.

David Charles Castleberry, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Nathaniel C. Walsh, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Bradley D. Deel, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

James E. Cotten, plea of guilty to theft by check, 15 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Noe R. Villeda, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$329 court costs.

Noe R. Villeda, order on motion to revoke probation granted, 180 days in jail.

Michael L. Massey, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Jason L. Autry, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Shannon Meeks, plea of guilty to possession of dangerous drug, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

Michael W. Brown, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

#### Marriage Licenses

Theodoric Lee Weider of Baird and Stephanie Marie Shelly of Cincinnati, OH.

William Jacob Allred and Megan Rose Bolls, both of Abilene.

#### 42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Freddy Lee Thomas, Jr. and Stacy Thomas, divorce.

Deana Rena Beasley and Ricky Dan Beasley, divorce.

Lone Star NGL Pipeline LP vs. Rodney P. Holloway, Julie Holloway, and Central Texas Farm Credit, FLCA, eminent domain / condemnation.

Lone Star NGL Pipeline LP vs. Jan Carol Young, eminent domain / condemnation.

Linda McCartney and Billy Ray McCartney, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Sarah Faynan and Michael Faynan, divorce granted.

John Mendez and Lupe Mendez, divorce granted.

## Friends of NRA to host Gun Raffle

The Callahan County Friends of the NRA are hosting a "Gun Raffle" and invite you to join the fun!

The Friends of the NRA holds fundraisers throughout the year to help different groups learn gun safety and the proper use of a firearm. They also help Sheriff's Offices and Shooting Sports Programs in the areas where the funds are raised.

Banquets have been held here in Clyde in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

In 2013 the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Program (located between Clyde & Baird) received approximately \$20,000 worth of equipment, guns, targets, archery equipment, archery targets, shotguns, clays, clay throwers and a steel container to permanently store their equipment in from the Friends of the NRA Grant Program.

In 2014 the Callahan County Sheriff's Office requested and received, from the Friends of the NRA grant program, five AR's (guns), ammunition and other equipment to help the

Sheriff's Office be better prepared, to serve the citizens of Callahan County when necessary.

This is just a quick summary of what the Friends of the NRA are raising the funds for, now back to the raffle.

The guns up for grabs are: #1 a 257 Weatherby Vanguard and gun #2 is a Kimber Custom II-45 Caliber Pistol.

There will only be 250 tickets sold and each ticket will cost the ticket holder \$20.00.

The drawing will be held at the end of October. The first ticket drawn will get their choice of the two guns, then that ticket will be added back to the other 249 for the drawing on the second gun.

Raffle tickets are available at the Clyde Journal 312 No. 1st Street in Clyde, Longacre's Gun Shop (Kevin Meier) at 328 Chestnut in Abilene, Germania Insurance-Don Boles Insurance, Cherry Street in Clyde, The Rowden Store at Rowden, Tx. on Highway 36, or any of the Friends of the NRA members!

GOOD LUCK!

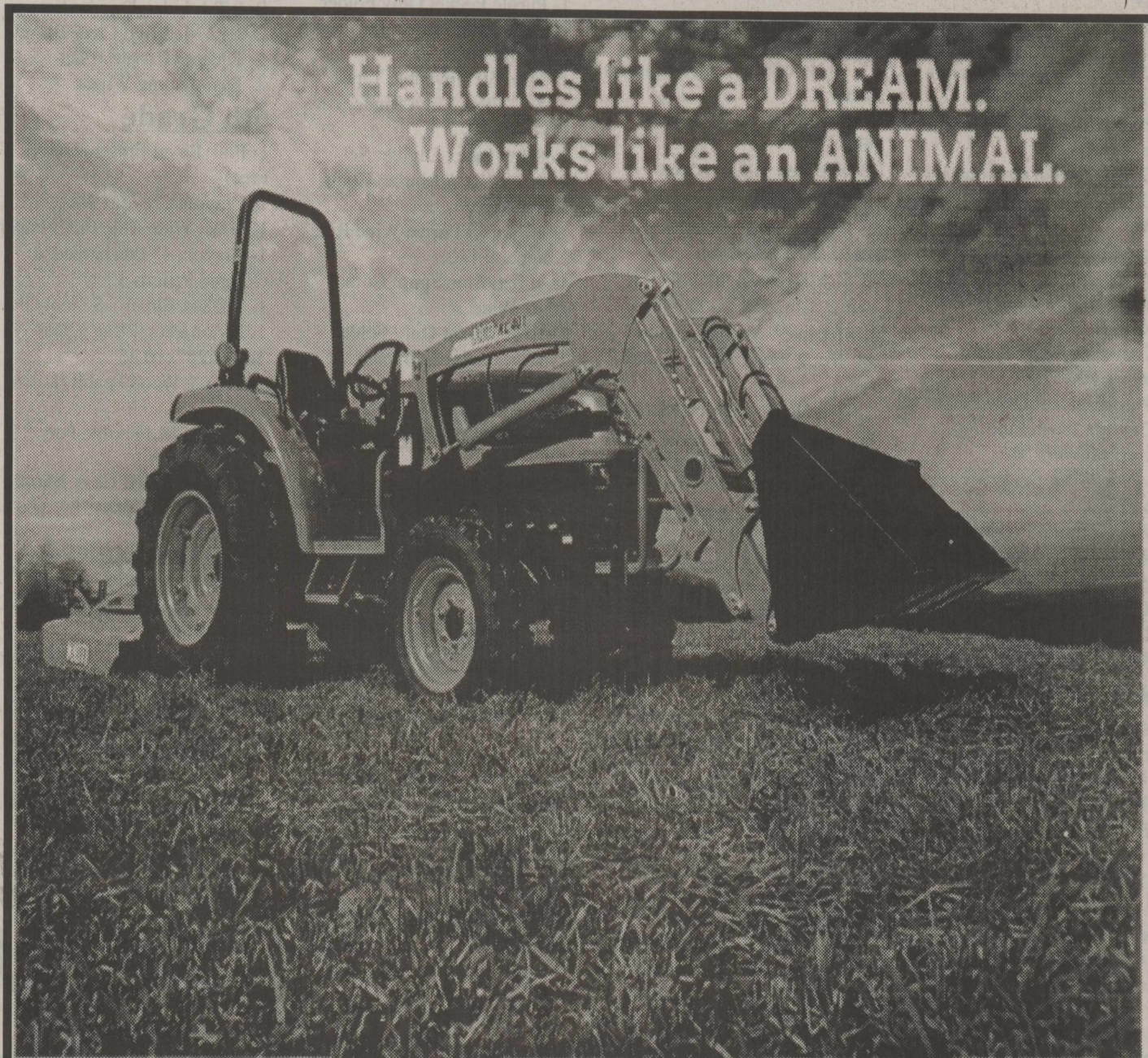
## Hendrick Hospice Care's day camp offered as place to heal for young children, Aug. 1st

Hendrick Hospice Care's Camp Courage Jr. was created to help serve the young children of this area who are dealing with loss. This one day camp, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 1st, is specifically for those entering Kindergarten through second grade.

Camp Courage Jr. is designed for children who have similar losses of a loved one through death, divorce, separation, incarceration or deployment, but may not be ready for an overnight camp. Campers participate in recreational activities that

promote self-esteem, encourage self-healing and provide an outlet for unexpressed emotions. With the help of specially trained counselors, participants develop healthy coping skills as a result of the variety of grief exercises offered, which ultimately help build self confidence, trust, and an understanding of the grief process.

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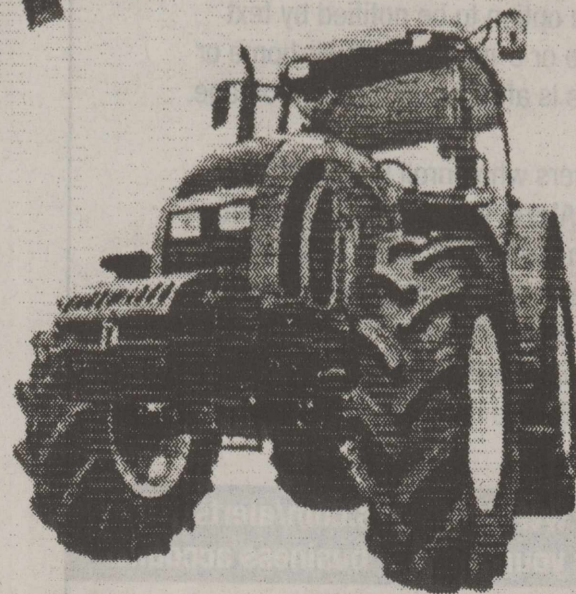
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- 1- Crayon Wash Thick Classic Markers 8ct
- 1- Crayola Wash Water Colors 8 Colors
- 1- Purple Plastic Pocket Folder
- 1- 9X12 Manilla Paper 50ct
- 2- Spiral Wide Rule 8.5x10.5 Notebook 70ct
- 2- Kleenex Tissue
- 1- Disinfecting Wipes
- 1-Baby Wipes

## Kindergarten

- 4- No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1- Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1- Fiskars 5" Blunt Scissors
- 1- Crayola Wash Watercolors 8 colors
- 1- Plastic School Box Large Size
- 1- Crayola Small Crayons 8ct
- 1- Green Fine Tip White Board Maker
- 2-4oz. Coloration Washable Glue
- 2- Red Plastic Pocket & Brad Folders
- 1- Crayola Classic Thick Markers 10ct
- 1- Purple Pocket Only Folder
- 1- Crayola Wash Fine Tip Classic Markers 8ct
- 12- Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1- 9x12 Manilla Paper 50ct
- 1-Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top 7.25x10x25
- 2-Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1- Disinfecting Wipes
- 1-Baby Wipes
- 1st Grade**
- 4- Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2- Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 2- Plastic School Box 8.5"x 5.75"x 2.5"
- 1- Crayola Wash Watercolors 8 colors
- 24- No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 2- Crayola Classic Wedge Tip Markers 8ct
- 2- 4oz. Elmers School Glue
- 2- Spiral Wide Rule NoteBook 100 ct
- 2- Red Plastic Pocket & Brad Folders
- 2- Purple Plastic Pocket Folder
- 2- Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1- Disinfecting Wipes
- 1- Baby Wipes

## 2nd Grade

- 4- Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 3- Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 24- No. 2 Wood Pencils (Latex Free)
- 1- Fiskars 5" Blunt Scissors
- 1- Crayola Wash Watercolors 16 color
- 2- Fluorescent Yellow Highlighter
- 4- BIC Red Med Stick Pen
- 1- 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 2- Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top, 7.25"x10.25"
- 2- Expo2 Low Odor Black Dry Bullet Tip Dry Erase Marker
- 1- 70ct Red Spiral Notebook Wide Rule
- 1- Red Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1- Blue Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1- 8.5"x11" Zippered Bag w/3 holes
- 1- Crayola Bold Thick Markers 8ct
- 1- 1.5" White View Vinyl Binder
- 2- Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1- Disinfecting Wipes

## 3rd Grade

- 6- BIC Red Med Stick Pen
- 1- 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 1- Fiskars 5" Sharp Scissors
- 48- No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1- Crayola Bold Thick Markers 8ct
- 1- 120ct Yellow 3 Sub Comp Book Wide Rule
- 1- 8.5"x11" Zippered Bag w/3 holes
- 2- Pink Bevel Erasers (Latex Free)
- 2- Sharpie Accent Pen Style Highlighter Fl. Yellow
- 1- 4pk Color Expo Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers
- 1- 2" White View Vinyl Binder
- 1- Purple Plastic Pocket Folder w/3 holes
- 1- 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide Rule
- 1- Green Pocket Only Folder
- 1- Card Size Multiplication Flash Cards 0-12
- 2- Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 2- Disinfecting Wipes

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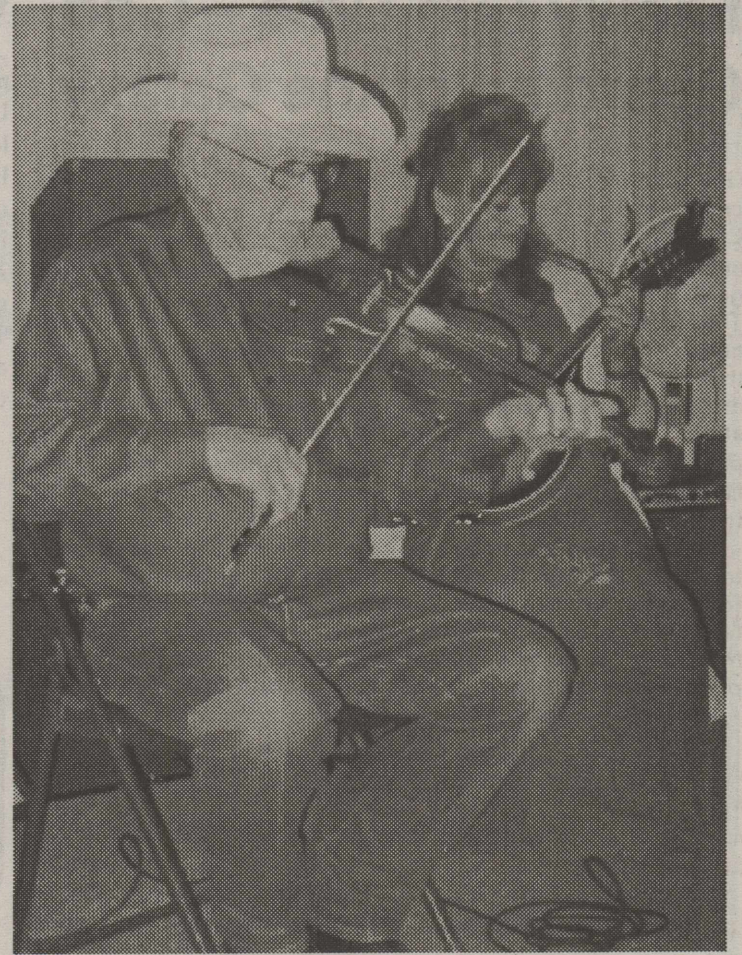
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- 1- Crayola Wash Fine Tip Classic Markers 8ct
- 3- Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2- Red Medium Stick Pen
- 2- Black Expo2 Low Odor CHSL Dry Erase
- 24- Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1- Green Pocket Only Folder
- 1- Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top, 7.25"x10.25"
- 2- Single Highlighter in Assorted Colors
- 1- 1" White Hardback Vinyl Binder
- 24- No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1- Purple Pocket Only Folder
- 1- Poly Pocket Insert Dividers 5 Tabs 10 Pockets
- 1- 1/2x450" Invisible Tape
- 1- 1.5" View Vinyl Binder Any Color
- 1- 8 Tab Index Divider Set
- 2- 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide
- 1- 5 Subject Purple Wide Rule Notebook 180ct
- 1- 100ct. Blue Spiral Comp Book Wide
- 1- Blue Pocket Only Folder
- 1- Reg. Pencil Sharpener w/ Receptacle
- 2- Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1- Disinfecting Wipes

## 5th Grade

- 2- 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 1- Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 1- Reg. pencil Sharpener w/ Receptacle
- 1- Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top, 7.25"x10.25"
- 1- 1" Yellow Flexible Poly Binder
- 48- No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1- Green Pocket Only Folder
- 12- Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1- 100ct Blue Spiral Comp Book Wide
- 1- Blue Pocket Only Folder
- 1- 1" White View Vinyl Binder
- 2- 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide
- 2- 8 Tab Index Divider Set
- 2- BIC Med Red Clear Barrel
- 2- Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1- Disinfecting Wipes

## 6th Grade

- 1- Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 1- Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1- 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 1- Crayola 4" Presharped Colored Pencils 12ct
- 1- 7 5/8oz Elmer's School Glue
- 1- Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top, 7.25"x10.25"
- 24- No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1- 1" Yellow Flexible Poly Binder
- 2- BIC Med Red Clear Barrel
- 1- Reg. pencil Sharpener w/ Receptacle
- 1- Green Pocket Only Folder
- 1- Red Pocket Only Folder
- 1- 100ct Red Spiral Comp Book Wide
- 1- 2" White View Vinyl Binder
- 1- Box of Reclosable Quart Bags 25ct
- 1- 8 Tab Index Divider Set
- 1- 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide
- 2- Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1- Disinfecting Wipes



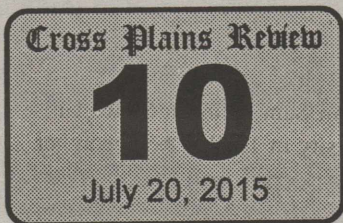
Gene Christian, the featured musician for this month. In the background is Jackie Collins playing the mandolin.

## Cottonwood Country Musical is Friday, July 24th

The next Cottonwood Country Musical is scheduled for Friday July 24, 2015 at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas! The featured musician this month is Gene Christian of Coleman, Texas. We have had the pleasure of hearing Gene play the fiddle for several years at the Cottonwood musical. Gene is an excellent musician and he really gets into the tunes he plays. He also sang the Great Speckled Bird at the last musical. Come hear some of the great country tunes he plays and sings along with the other country musicians. The music begins at 5:30 p.m. The guys are getting out the grill and grilling hamburgers on site for the musical. The menu for this time is hamburgers, baked beans, chips, desserts, tea, coffee and soft drinks. The kitchen will open at 5 p.m. with serving of the hamburgers from 5 - 7 p.m. The kitchen will remain open during the entire musical for snacks and drinks. Come out to Cottonwood, Texas on Friday night July 24th for food, fun and music! Call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771 with any questions.

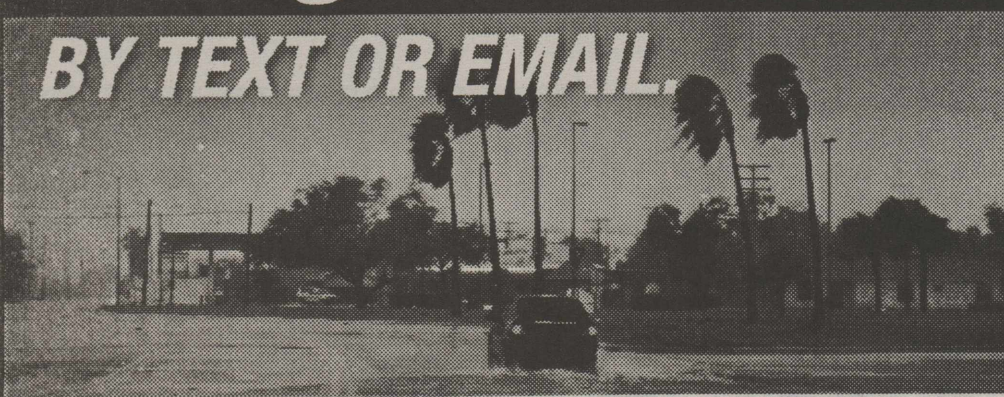
## Heritage Baptist Church invites you for fellowship, worship and praise

Heritage Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to join us on July 26th, 2015 at 5:00 pm for a time of worship, praise and fellowship. We will be lifting our voices to the Lord while singing traditional Hymns that we all love and enjoy. After lifting our voices in praise there will be a short invitational message given by our pastor and also a time of fellowship following. So come and join us this quarterly singing and receive a blessing of your own. Serving the Lord always, Heritage Baptist Church



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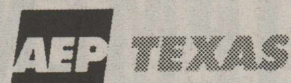
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## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

It's been really hot this past week. Everyone has been trying to get their chores in the morning before the temperatures start rising.

The Cottonwood Musical is this Friday night, July 24th. Come out and visit with your friends and neighbors and enjoy some good music.

Donny Worley and Dennis Hampton were part of the Missions Team from the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains that just returned from Guatemala. They built stoves and well as witnessed to the people. Can't wait to hear their stories of the trip!

Andrew, Zephorah, and little Miss Avery Albrecht of Fort Worth visited with his grandmother, Barbara Worley on Saturday.

They were here to celebrate the birthdays of Carlile Albrecht and Carlile's son Graydon Albrecht with a party at the Albrecht home. Gayla and Lee Creamer were also at the party, as well as many others.

We have to give Sheila Allen a pat on the back! We saw Sheila doing her part for the Cross Plains Library. She was mowing the grass in the park next to the library.

Vacation Bible School at the Cottonwood Baptist Church is Wednesday, August 5th to Sunday, August 10th.

Dr. Patricia Wiese will speak next Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner. You'll remember her as Sissy Barr, daughter of Clara Nell Spencer, who taught school in Cross Plains for many years and was married to Hungry Spencer of Cottonwood. Bet Sissy has some stories to tell!

Plans are underway for this year's Cancer Walk. The date is set - Saturday, October 10th at the CPISD Football Field. This year's theme is nautical "Dropping Anchor on Cancer." Start planning your booth or building your boat for this year's event. It will be here before we know it.

Homecoming is also this year on September 18th and 19th. The kids will all be coming home for this big event. It only happens every three years.

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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### July 26

Kaylee Meador  
Maxine Kellar  
Jerry Erwin  
Ricky Potter  
R.B. Dillard Jr.  
J.H. Byrd  
Lauretta Bomar  
Vivian Franke Lewis  
Oneitta Fortenberry  
R.H. Wooten  
Zachary Alan Hinkle  
Tammy (Guille) Brown

### July 27

Betty Golson  
Mrs. David Gray  
Neva Davis  
Ronnie Smith  
Mrs. Quinn Harris  
James Montgomery  
Hailey Morton  
Beverly Havner  
Edie Ann Switzer

### July 28

Valeta Edington Brown  
Jeff Worley  
David Clark Brown  
Debbie Jan McNeel  
Ethel Collier  
Nicole Peterson  
Lori (Erwin) Crisp  
K-Trina Sue Meador  
David Ingram White  
Dewanna Darlene Wyatt  
Lone Rutledge  
Mrs. Lon Duncan  
Micheal Klinger  
Kelly Rene Harris  
Carrie Ferrel (Kay) Green  
John Wagner

### July 29

Shannon Nichols  
Lastyn Winfrey  
Corrine Barnett  
Linda Joyce Gambell  
Eula Covington  
Linda (Gould) Brady  
Ashlee (Hutchins) Matthews  
Wesley Kyle Scott

### July 30

Cheryle Marie Toothaker  
Chris Strength  
Betty King Lichty  
Emily (Horan) Williams  
Chris Sims  
Randy Walker  
Randy Pancake  
Gary Odom  
Rev. Jimmy Mobly  
Larry Crockett  
Sheryl Ann White  
Mary Coggin  
Robert C. Walton  
Tommy Burrhus

### July 31

Shari Watson  
Jon Newton  
John Chessir  
Karman (Key) Ellis  
Wendy Rose  
Melinda Richardson

### August 1

Rhonda Bedford  
Jim Williams  
Mrs. Marion McMillan  
Mrs. N.L. Long Jr.  
Freddy Lane  
Timothy Strickland  
Rene Gary Baize  
Mrs. Jess Bigbee  
Mike Montgomery  
Mrs. H.G. Thornton  
Teresa (Merill) Koenig  
Bertha Hutchins Calderon

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Chamber Guest Speaker, Dr. Patricia Wiese CPHS Class of 1969

## Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet to be held on Thursday, July 30th, with Guest Speaker, Dr. Patricia "Sissy Barr" Wiese

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 30, 2015, 6:30 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. Thank you to Texas Heritage Bank for sponsoring our guest speaker, Pat Wiese, at this year's banquet.

Pat Wiese, better known in Cross Plains as Sissy Barr the daughter of the late Clara Nell Spencer, graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1969 and completed her bachelors degree from Sam Houston State University in 1972. She began her professional career teaching junior high English and history in Abernathy, Texas during the day and adult education classes at night. In 1974, following her husband's move to Washington, D.C. for completion of his military commitment, she worked as a congressional caseworker for the U.S. House of Representatives and at night earned her master's degree from George Washington University.

In 1978, she and her husband, Larry, moved back to Texas, and she began a six year career in risk management with Tenneco. When Larry was transferred to London with his job as a corporate lawyer for Marathon Oil Company in 1984, Sissy went to work for Lloyds of London, becoming the first woman to be named an officer in the Bowring Marine and Energy Brokerage House. Returning to Houston in 1987, she joined the energy insurance department at Alexander & Alexander, and was later

named a National Energy Director with A&A, the only woman in the ten person nationwide group. After moving to A&A's wholesale marketing branch of Alexander Howden Energy, she continued in the energy brokerage business, with the final position of Senior Vice President of Production and Marketing.

In 1996, Sissy, Larry, and their son, Cleve, moved to Chappell Hill, Texas. Sissy left the brokerage business and decided to return to academia to pursue her Ph.D. which she completed at Texas A&M University in 2001, while teaching English part-time for Blinn College, both at the Brenham campus and the nearby Luther Men's Prison Unit in Navasota.

In 2001, Sissy and Larry moved to Geneva, Switzerland for his position with the United Nations Compensation Commission. While there, Sissy worked with the UNCC and taught evening university classes at the International University in Geneva.

Returning to Texas in 2003, Sissy began her decade of teaching "writing-intensive language arts" and "children's literature" courses at Texas A&M University. During her time at A&M, Sissy led multiple study abroad programs for future teachers in her department. They spent most of their time in Italy, where they taught English to middle school students in Castiglione Fiorentino, the Tuscan town where A&M has long had its Santa Chiara Study Center. In 2007,

she received the university wide *International Excellence Award* for her work in this area.

In 2014, the year of Sissy's retirement from her position as Associate Clinical Professor, the departmental library was renamed the *Dr. Patricia Wiese Educational Library and Mentoring Center*, and she received the department's *2014 Award of Excellence*. In this same year, she and her study abroad colleague were presented the honorary keys to the city from the citizens of Castiglione Fiorentino.

At this time, Sissy and Larry, her husband of almost 43 years, are now retired and enjoying this new phase of life.

Catering of the Annual Banquet will be provided by Mexico City Cafe, and they will be serving a "Beef and Chicken Fajita Plate" with beans, rice, and all the fixings. Ice tea will, of course, be available for everyone and to finish the meal, cake and banana pudding will be served as dessert. During the annual banquet, there will be a cake auction and door prizes will be given away.

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!

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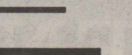
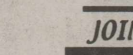
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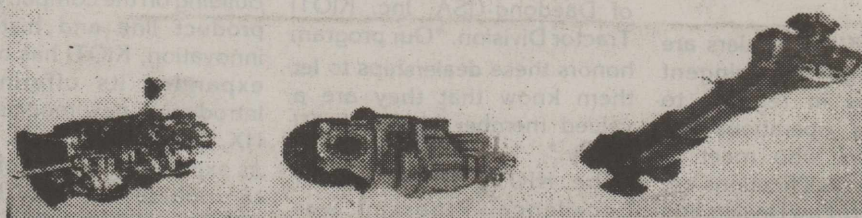
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## Callahan Co. Library news

Some large print paperbacks at the Callahan County Library are: Witness Undercover by Debra Cowan, What Sarah Saw by Margaret Daley, Trail of Evidence by Lynette Eason and Into Thin Air by Mary Ellen Porter.

From the Past  
Callahan County Clarendon  
Saturday, June 17, 1882  
Vol. 3, No. 11

Local News  
Mr. J.F. Patterson and wife went to Brownwood last Wednesday to visit friends and relatives.

Steps have been taken in Baird to improve the breed of hogs; but, we feat, with doubtful prospects.

Mr. J.M. Martin, for a long time a citizen of Baird, tells us he is going to White Oaks, New Mexico, in a few days. Success attend him.

Mr. P.L. Callahan has sold his sheep to Depot Agent Hathaway, receiving for them \$3.75 per head.

Mr. Lark Hearn left by train last night for Gainesville, where he goes on his way to Hunnewell, Kansas to make another shipment of beeves.

S. Lapowski & Bro. have torn down their building and are moving it to Fort Concho, where they will hereafter engage in the mercantile business.

The Coleman hack goes and comes crowded every day. We would suggest to the proprietors to build a railroad to Coleman to meet the fast growing demand.

Mr. Justin Cook sold his beeves some time since to Mr. J.D. Merchant for \$25 per head. They were a very extra lot, and of course brought an extra price.

Mrs. W.J. Power, Belle Plains popular landlady, will leave to her in a few days for her former home in Brownwood, on a visit to her parents. We wish her a pleasant time and an early return.

Mr. Sam Cutbirth sold his old ranch on the Deadman Creek and known as the Rock Ranch, situated in the northwest portion of the County, to a Mr. Morrow. The amount realized was \$750.

Mr. G.P. Johnson, one of our rising grocery merchants has bought the store building of Mr. P.L. Callahan, for which he paid \$50. Just as we predicted over a year ago, nearly all the business of our town is now done on Market Street.

After the splendid rains we have had here, everything looks prosperous in the county. Stock of all kinds is doing remarkably well, while cotton and corn are just doing splendidly and a big crop will be raised. The cotton prospect is as good as any country could show.

We have received a copy of *The Wool Grower* a new paper published in the *Texas Livestock Journal* office. It is a sprightly, well edited sheet, and will no doubt, receive a hearty support from the sheep men whose interests are largely on the increase in our state.

We have in our office a late

railroad map giving the route of the T&P road through the counties of Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard and Martin which are all sectionized, making this the most useful map we have seen. We are indebted to friend Beckwith, the efficient manager of the land office here for it.

Mr. W.H. Vaughn, returned to Baird last Sunday night, on a visit to his family.

John Bowyer, of Belle Plain, one of our most prominent young lawyers, we are very sorry to say, moved from there to Abilene. If he and his estimable wife, aged father, and lovely accomplished sisters, make as many friends in their new home as they leave behind them here, they will have a host of them; in fact, Abilene will necessarily be compelled to grow considerable to contain them all.

This, the 43rd state representative district, is now, doubtless the largest in the United States. It embraces 67 counties, including the Pan-Handle, and an area twice as large as the state of New York. The organized counties in the district are the following: Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Jones, Shackelford, Throckmorton, Archer, Baylor, Wheeler and Oldham with perhaps another one or two counties recently organized.

The state senatorial district embraces fifteen organized counties, with Stephens, Eastland, Comanche, and San Saba counties for its eastern limits.

## Beer & wine election petition circulating in Eula area

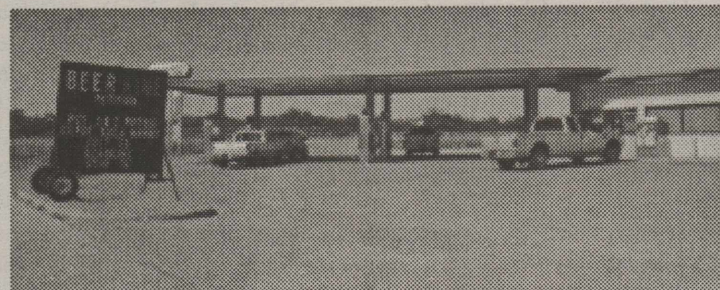
A convenience store located north of the Eula community apparently has enough signatures on a beer and wine petition being circulated to put the proposition up for election before the voters in November.

Joel Mattson, who owns the Butterman's Grill convenience store located at 1060 FM 603 at the intersection with FM 18, said a beer and wine license petition for Callahan County voting Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 has been circulating at the convenience store for a couple of weeks and there are more than 400 signatures on the petition calling for the beer and wine election in those two precincts. Mattson said the deadline to put your signature on the petition is this Thursday, July 23rd.

"We have a little over 400 signatures on the petition, but we need about 25 percent extra for those who don't know if they're registered to vote or in what precinct they're in," Mattson said. Mattson said Callahan County election officials said there needs to be 362 proper signatures on the petition to call for the election.

Mattson said election officials told him he has to have the correct number of signatures 71 days before the election can be held and said the election should come before the voters on the November 3rd ballot in Precinct #1 and Precinct #2.

Mattson said those living in the northwestern portion of Calla-



A BEER AND WINE PETITION IS CURRENTLY BEING CIRCULATED AT THE BUTTERMAN'S GRILL CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF FM 603 AND FM 18 WEST OF CLYDE

han County must drive several miles to either Clyde or Abilene to purchase beer and wine. He said those living in the area must make either a 10 mile round trip to Clyde or a 16 mile round trip to the eastern portion of Taylor County to purchase beer and wine.

Mattson said the beer and wine petition only calls for an election to sell beer and wine for off-premises consumption. He said that although Butterman's Grill serves food, customers will not be able to consume alcohol in the store.

Mattson said they've owned the convenience store since 2007, and had sold it a couple of years ago, but the previous owners could not make a go of it and they took it back. The previous owners of the convenience store attempted to get a beer and wine election petition started in October 2014, but did not get enough signatures to put it on

the ballot. Mattson said Butterman's Grill will be the only convenience store in the northwestern portion of Callahan County to sell beer and wine if the election passes. The Eula Drive-In grocery will not be able to obtain a license to sell beer or wine since it's too close to the Eula school.

Voter Precinct #1 is the western portion of Clyde and goes north to the Hamby area. Voter Precinct #2 includes the Eula, and Potosi areas.

Callahan County election officials said the beer and wine petition notice ran in the Abilene Reporter-News. They said when the petition is presented to the County Clerk, employees will go over every signature to make sure those on the petition are registered and can vote in the election. If enough signatures are presented, Callahan County Commissioners must then call for an election.

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## Smith & Son Farm Equipment Joins ranks of elite 5-Paw Premier dealers

KIOTI Tractor is excited to announce that C Smith & Sons Farm Equipment in Clyde, Texas has received 5-Paw premier certification, one of 61 dealerships in North America to receive the annual honor. The certification is part of the unique KIOTI 5-Paw Dealer Excellence Program, which was created to honor dealerships that deliver outstanding overall performance.

Each year KIOTI dealers are evaluated against stringent qualifications in regards to service, sales, operations and parts. Dealers who meet or exceed these qualifications are named KIOTI 5-Paw Dealers and earn the ability to display KIOTI's exclusive 5-Paw logo at their dealership. The program was developed to ensure that KIOTI Tractor customers receive a top quality buying experience and premier service when

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KIOTI strives to deliver high-quality products with exceptional customer service to every KIOTI customer. The efforts of C Smith & Sons Farm Equipment to exceed the standards of 5-Paw certification makes them invaluable to the KIOTI brand," said Peter Dong-Kyun Kim, president and CEO of Daedong-USA, Inc. KIOTI Tractor Division. "Our program honors these dealerships to let them know that they are a valued member of the KIOTI family."

The KIOTI 5-Paw Dealer Excellence Program was initiated in 2008 to recognize these exemplary dealerships and provide exclusive benefits to those dealers as a reward for their achievement. Each year a select number of dealerships in the KIOTI network receive this

certification, symbolizing a dedication to maintaining the standard of excellence that KIOTI is known for.

About KIOTI Tractor-Headquartered in Wendell, N.C., KIOTI Tractor is a market-driven company that has been supplying more than 50 tractor models in the 22-90 horsepower range to the U.S. and Canadian markets for almost 30 years. Building on the company's core product line and history of innovation, KIOTI has recently expanded its offerings by introducing new models to the NX, DK and PX Series, as well as expanding its UTV offerings to include the MECHRON 2200PS UTV and MECHRON 2240 2 ROW UTV. For more information on KIOTI or KIOTI products please visit your authorized KIOTI Tractor dealer, call 877-GO-KIOTI or visit [www.KIOTI.com](http://www.KIOTI.com).

## Three reasons homeowners should leave tree work to the professionals

For the "do-it-yourself" homeowner, outsourcing tree work may seem like an unnecessary expense. But in reality, the costs of tackling tree care on your own can run high - damaged property, hospital bills, and a ruined landscape aren't cheap.

Most homeowners simply don't have the tools, knowledge or experience necessary to safely attempt their own tree work," says Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP\* and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA).

"We hear many unfortunate stories each year of homeowners getting severely injured or killed while attempting this dangerous, and often misunderstood, work on their own."

Here are three reasons homeowners should leave tree work to the professionals:

### #1 Lack of Knowledge and Training

Safe tree work requires extensive knowledge of tree physics and biology, which can take years of experience and study to acquire. For example, felling a tree in a controlled manner is not as simple as cutting through the trunk with a chain saw. It requires establishing a drop zone, making precise cuts, and sometimes guiding the tree safely to the ground with ropes as leverage. When homeowners attempt this, many are injured or killed when the tree falls in an unexpected direction. Up-ended root plates or root balls are also unpredictable. Severing the trunk of a fallen tree from an up-ended root plate releases tension, which may be strong enough to pull the stump and root ball back into the hole, trapping anything or anyone nearby underneath it.

Other hazards may be invisible to the untrained eye; rotten

trunks and limbs, pest and fungal infestations, and other diseases and defects can only be identified and treated by an experienced tree care practitioner.

### #2 Poor Situational Awareness

Even homeowners who know their way around trees may still fall victim to nearby hazards.

Electrical wires are a common situational hazard in tree work; many trees grow near power lines and have their branches, leaves and limbs entangled in live wires. Each year, a number of amateur tree-workers are seriously injured or killed when they come into contact with an energized line, directly or indirectly, through tools or tree limbs. Navigating this danger is tricky, even for professionals, and should never be attempted by homeowners under any circumstance.

Attempting do-it-yourself tree work is bad enough, but some homeowners go one step further and try to finish the job alone, which further impairs situational awareness. If you do try to do any of the work yourself, always make sure there is at least one other person working with you. Even trained professionals work in teams!

### #3 Improper Use of Tools

Homeowners who use incorrect, faulty or complicated tools may hurt themselves and others while attempting tree work.

Chain saws, for example, are incredibly dangerous and easy to misuse. A common mistake is to use a dull chain saw, which forces the operator to use excess pressure, causing them to lose control. Many homeowners also make the mistake of using the chain saw to cut branches on the ground. This can result in chain saw kickback, and painful

injuries, when the bar tip hits the dirt or other foliage.

Misused ladders are another common source of injury. Using a ladder that is too short, set on unstable ground, or supported by a faulty limb can easily result in the homeowner falling - often fatally - from the tree. Ladders are often knocked out from under the homeowner by the same limb that was just cut.

Tree work may also require tools the average homeowner does not own. Stump grinders, wood chippers, and aerial lifts are just a few examples of complex, and often necessary machines that only a trained arborist can handle.

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Find a Professional: A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the best trees and shrubs to plant for your existing landscape. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association, a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. It has more than 2,200 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on [www.treecaretips.org](http://www.treecaretips.org).

## DPS offers tips to avoid auto theft this summer

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that vehicle thefts and vehicle burglaries tend to increase during the summer months - especially July and August - and is encouraging individuals to take necessary precautions to protect their vehicles from potential thefts.

"The summer months in Texas typically are one of the busiest times for vehicle thefts, and DPS is urging Texans to take preventative measures to secure their vehicles and avoid possible thefts and burglaries," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Individuals can do their part to help ward off criminals this summer by always locking their

cars and keeping valuables out of sight."

DPS offers the following tips that Texans can follow to help guard against vehicle theft:

- Never leave your car running unattended, even for a quick visit to a business or store.
- Never leave keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.
- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked at your home.
- When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas.
- Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at increased risk for theft.

- Never leave personal documents, vehicle ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.

- Always keep valuables or property hidden out of sight or locked in the trunk.

If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. DPS also encourages individuals to keep a copy of their license plate and vehicle identification number on hand in case of theft, since police will need this information to take a report.

For more information about auto thefts and burglary, see <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention>.

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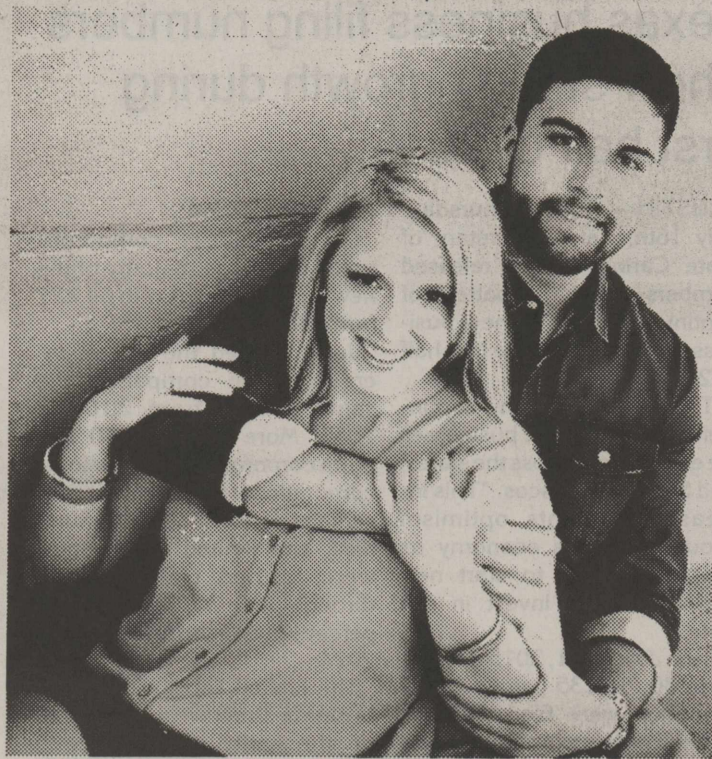
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## Ashley Stevens to Wed Christopher Salinas at the Grove in Denton Valley

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The couple met while both

were working at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The wedding ceremony will take place in August 2015 at the Grove at Denton Valley in Clyde, Texas.

Following a honeymoon trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple will make their home in Abilene.

## HPU students recognized for academic achievement during spring 2015 semester

BROWNWOOD – July 21, 2015—Howard Payne University recently honored many students for academic success during the spring 2015 semester.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be named to the President's List, a 3.65-3.99

grade point average to be named to the Dean's List and a 3.5-3.64 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll.

Receiving honors were: Cross Plains, Tx.-James Lowell Sullivan, President's List

## Sugarcane aphids make 2015 West Central Texas debut

SAN ANGELO – Sugarcane aphid, the pest that devastated thousands of acres of grain and forage sorghum crops last year across the south, has again been spotted in West Central Texas, an expert warns.

Dr. Charles Allen, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state integrated pest management leader at San Angelo, said Michael Palmer, AgriLife Extension agent in Coleman County, alerted him to the threat. Michael, a Clyde High School graduate, is the son of Charles and Nancy Palmer of Clyde.

After confirming the find as sugarcane aphid, Allen made several more spot checks, which all proved positive.

"Sugarcane aphid infestations of grain sorghum were found June 26 in Coleman, Runnels and Tom Green counties," Allen said. "In all cases, the infestations had been present for less than a day to three days."

"Sugarcane aphids do three things really well. First, they are capable of migrating long distances. Second, they have a very high reproductive capability and their populations can increase to damaging levels very quickly. And third, they produce large amounts of sticky honeydew, which negatively affects the host plants, the aphids' natural enemies and our ability to harvest crops. The sticky residue, excreted as waste from the bug, gums up harvesting equipment and if heavy enough, makes harvesting all but impossible. Sticky leaves and stalks can actually choke down the equipment, be it a combine or hay swather."

The discovery of sugarcane aphids in the region means growers should now begin inspecting their grain sorghum and forage sorghum crops weekly for the pest. Allen said action should be taken if sugarcane aphid levels exceed 50 aphids per leaf.

Complete sugarcane aphid scouting instructions are available at, <http://ccag.tamu.edu/files/2015/05/ScoutCard.pdf>.

Allen said two insecticides have been found to be effective, Sivanto and Transform.

"The trouble is, it's difficult for insecticides to work on thick



Pictured are about 180 sugarcane aphids on a sorghum leaf, well above the 50-aphid trigger-to-treat number experts advise. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dr. Pat Porter)

vegetative growth in grain sorghum and especially in forage sorghum fields, because good spray coverage of the insects is essential," Allen said. "On large stands of forage sorghum, cutting the crop for hay may be a better option."

Allen said hope is on the horizon as the first round of sugarcane aphid-resistant grain sorghum varieties are now available and appear to help curb damage caused by the aphid.

"Natural enemies of the aphid, referred to as 'beneficials,' also help hold back populations of this pest," he said. "However the colonies found in West Central Texas had not yet attracted significant populations of natural enemies for any effective control. And when these aphids ramp up to their biotic reproductive potential, natural enemies usually just can't keep up with their rapidly expanding populations. So, I'm warning grain and forage sorghum producers to be proactive now in protecting their crops, before it's too late."

Allen said the bountiful rains most of Texas has enjoyed this spring and summer suppressed the sugarcane aphid in South Texas, but those rains also delayed cotton planting in many areas forcing many farmers to plant sorghums instead, thus increasing the potential for trouble.

"This is about the time sugarcane aphids showed up in our West Central Texas area last

## Callahan County Riding Club 2015 Schedule

**May:**  
Saturday, May 16  
Saturday, May 23  
**June:**  
Saturday, June 6  
Saturday, June 20  
Saturday, June 27  
**July:**  
Saturday, July 11  
Saturday, July 18  
**August:**  
Saturday, August 8  
Saturday, August 22  
**September:**  
Saturday, September 5  
Saturday, September 19  
Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have \$60.00 sponsorship plus \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also parent/guardian must work in concession stand once per person participating.

Sign-ups will be between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Trainers will begin at 7:00 p.m. Competition begins at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Parades we are looking to participate in:**

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June-Coleman Parade

July - Stamford Parade

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Oct - Pecan Festival Parade - Clyde

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## Vibrant Small Towns Embrace Art and Self-Expression

By John Crabtree,  
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get the ball rolling on mainstreet revitalization.

In Nebraska, four communities are collaborating to create community-based art and cultural experiences that will not only display their vibrancy, but nurture it as well. Facilitated by the Center for Rural Affairs, the *Byway of Art* project demonstrates the power of art and self-expression in the future of their communities, and the courage to step outside the lines and consider how their communities can find unique ways to create a better, richer, more rewarding future.

Keep an eye on the Byway of Art communities, they will have something beautiful, and powerful, to show us all in the coming year.

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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.

No matter their size, thriving communities have an inner vibrancy, an ability to lift their eyes to the horizon, to hope, to dream, and to act upon those dreams. For instance, the *Wormfarm Institute* created a 50 mile art detour across the hills of Sauk County, WI, attracting thousands of visitors to view temporary art. In Green River, UT, painting window murals on vacant buildings helped

## 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 Cross Plains 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.

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# Eco-Friendly Pest Control in the Garden

By Melinda Myers

Spots on tomatoes, holes in hosta leaves and wilting stems mean insects and diseases have moved into the garden. Don't let these intruders reduce the beauty and productivity of your landscape. Work in concert with nature to prevent and control these pests and you will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest and landscape filled with beautiful blooms.

• **Monitor.** Take regular walks through the landscape. Not only is it good exercise, but it will improve your mood and you'll discover problems earlier when they are easier to control. Look for discolored leaves, spots, holes and wilting. Inspect the underside of the leaves and along the stems to uncover the cause of the problem.

• **Identify.** Once you discover a problem, identify the culprit. Your local extension service, garden center or reliable internet resource can help. Once identified, you can plan the best way to manage the culprit.

• **Invite the Good Guys.** Toads, lady beetles and birds help control many garden pests. Attract them to the garden by planting herbs and flowers to attract beneficial insects, adding a house for the toads, and birdbath for songbirds. Avoid using pesticides and learn to tolerate a bit of damage. A few aphids or caterpillars will bring in the ladybeetles, lacewings, birds and toads that are looking for a meal.

• **Clean up.** Many insects and diseases can be managed and prevented with a bit of garden cleanup. A strong blast of water from the garden hose will dislodge aphids and mites, reducing their damage to a tolerable level. Or knock leaf-eating beetles and other larger insects off the plants and into a can of soapy water.

Pick off discolored leaves, prune off diseased stems and destroy. Be sure to disinfect tools



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Floating row covers allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.

with 70% alcohol or one part bleach to nine parts water solution between cuts. This will reduce the risk of spreading the disease when pruning infected plants.

• **Adjust care.** Reduce the spread and risk of further problems by adjusting your maintenance strategies. Avoid overhead and nighttime watering that can increase the risk of disease. Use an organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com) which encourages slow steady growth

that is less susceptible to insect and disease attacks.

Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips. This will keep roots cool and moist during drought, improve the soil as they decompose, and also prevent soil borne diseases from splashing onto and infecting the plants.

• **Non-chemical Controls.** If the problems continue, try some non-chemical options for insects. A yellow bowl filled with soapy water can attract aphids,

a shallow can filled with beer and sunk in the ground will manage slugs, and crumpled paper under a flower pot for earwigs are just a few ways to trap and kill these pests.

Or cover the plants with floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.

• **Organic products.** Organic products like insecticidal soap, Neem, horticulture oil and *Bacillus thuringiensis* can be used to control specific pests. And even though these are organic, they are designed to kill insects or disease organisms, so be sure to read and follow label directions carefully.

• **Take Note.** Make notes on the problems and solutions in this season's garden. Refer to these next year to help you do a better job of monitoring and managing garden pests. And when shopping for new plants, select the right plant for the location and choose resistant varieties whenever possible.

A little eco-friendly gardening can go a long way in creating a beautiful and productive garden.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening* and the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone"* DVD set and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments*. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' web site, [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com), features gardening videos, podcasts, photo galleries and monthly tips.

## Texas business filing numbers show steady growth during first half of 2015

AUSTIN — Today, Thursday, July 16th, Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos released numbers showing a pattern of continued growth in new business formations for the first half of 2015.

"The Texas economy continues to grow as more businesses are established across the state," said Secretary Cascos. "This increase represents optimism about the Texas economy as people continue to start new businesses and invest in our state."

From January 1, 2015 through June 30, 83,235 certificates of formation were filed with the secretary of state's office to form new Texas for-profit corporations, professional associations, professional associations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships. This is an almost 4 percent increase from 2014 when 80,039 certificates of formation were filed in the

same time period.

Limited liability companies made up a large majority of the new business filings with 64,221 formations.

June showed the largest increase when comparing the same months from 2014 to 2015. More than 14,000 for-profit corporations, professional associations, professional associations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships were formed from June 1 through June 30, 2015, a 10.5 percent increase from June of 2014.

The limited liability company business structure continues to be the entity of choice with 11,988 formation filings in June. "Texas continues to attract new businesses month after month as reflected by these numbers," said Secretary Cascos. "Our message has been loud and clear; Texas is open for business."

## 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 -

CrossPlainsCancerFund or Contact Cindy Payne, Dannes Turner or Melissa Richards.

## USDA Opens Enrollment Period for Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Safety-Net Programs

WASHINGTON, June 15, 2015 -- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that eligible producers may now formally enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2014 and 2015. The enrollment period begins June 17, 2015, and will end Sept. 30, 2015.

"The extensive outreach campaign conducted by USDA since the 2014 Farm Bill was enacted, along with extending deadlines, is central to achieving an expected high level of participation," said Vilsack. "We worked with universities to simplify these complex programs by providing online tools so producers could explore how program election options would affect their operation in different market conditions; these tools were presented to almost 3,000 organizations across the country. The Farm Service Agency also sent more than 5 million educational notices to producers nationwide and participated in over 4,880 educational events with more than 447,000 attendees. I am proud of the many committed USDA employees who worked hard over the last several months to provide producers support to help them make these important decisions."

The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers have elected ARC or PLC. Previously, 1.7 million producers had enrolled to receive direct payments (the program replaced with ARC and PLC by the 2014 Farm Bill). This means more farms have elected ARC or PLC than previously enrolled under previously administered programs.

Nationwide, 96 percent of soybean farms, 91 percent of corn farms, and 66 percent of wheat farms elected ARC. 99 percent of long grain rice farms, 99 percent of peanut farms, and 94 percent of medium grain rice farms elected PLC. For data about other crops and state-by-state program election results go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc).

Covered commodities under ARC and PLC include barley,

canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, cramble, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to

rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

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## Federal Crop Insurance Gets Failing Grade

By John Crabtree, [johnc@cfra.org](mailto:johnc@cfra.org), Center for Rural Affairs

At the Center for Rural Affairs, we've heard from farmers across the Midwest and Great Plains about the negative impacts of federally subsidized crop insurance for over a decade. A farm safety net is important to help family farmers mitigate risks, but there are real concerns with the current crop insurance program. The best way to begin addressing those concerns is through honest assessment of the crop insurance system.

Toward that end, the Center for Rural Affairs recently released a crop insurance report card, entitled: Promises vs. Performance: A Report Card Evaluating Federal Crop Insurance. Most of the grades awarded are not what parents would hope to see on their own child's school report, and the accompanying Policy Brief offers further analysis and recommended reforms to improve the performance of the crop insurance system. In overall performance, crop in-

surance received a failing grade ([www.cfra.org/crop-insurance-reform](http://www.cfra.org/crop-insurance-reform)).

Subsidizing the nation's largest and wealthiest farms on every acre, every year, regardless of crop prices, production or farm profitability, puts America's natural resources at risk. And, absent reform, crop insurance gives mega-farms an advantage in bidding up land costs, driving their smaller neighbors out of business, and preventing the next generation of farmers from ever getting started.

The impact crop insurance will have on future years of farming practices is significant, making reform of the federally subsidized crop insurance system vitally important to the future of rural and small town America.

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## Farmers to Receive Documentation of USDA Services

(COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS), July 2, 2015 -- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Judith A. Canales reminds agricultural producers that FSA provides a receipt to customers who request or receive assistance or information on FSA programs.

"If you visit our office, you'll receive documentation of services requested and provided," said Canales. "It's part of our mission to provide enhanced customer service for producers. From December through June, FSA issued more than 327,000 electronic receipts."

The 2014 Farm Bill requires a receipt to be issued for any agricultural program assistance requested from FSA, the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development (RD). Receipts include the date, summary of the visit and any agricultural information, program and/or loan assistance provided to an individual or entity.

In some cases, a form or document - such as a completed and signed program enrollment form - serve as the customer receipt instead of a printed or electronic receipt. A service is any information, program or loan assistance provided whether through a visit, email, fax or letter.

Today's announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve

quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill). To learn more about FSA, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) or to find your local USDA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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