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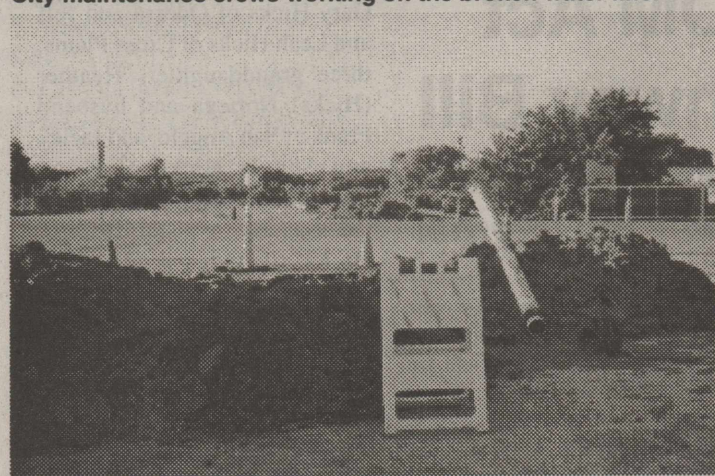
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City maintenance crews working on the broken water line.



Broken valve and section of pipe from Tuesday's main line water break.

City of Cross Plains without water Tuesday, July 28th

The residents of Cross Plains awoke Tuesday morning without water due to a valve rupture near the intersection of Highway 36 and Avenue D. The leak was first noticed, and reported to City Hall, by the employee's of J & L Sales at approximately 3:00 P.M. Monday afternoon. The CP City Maintenance crews began the process of digging up the area to repair the leak at that time.

They worked late into the night, and after 1:00 A.M. were able to put a temporary patch on the line hoping it would hold until daylight when they would be better able to address the issue. Unfortunately, the temporary patch

didn't hold and they were back at the site before 6:00 A.M with less than 5 hours of sleep. Once the issue of the valve is resolved, the city will be able to return water to the residents.

After speaking to City Hall the morning of the break, they are hopeful that the break will be repaired before the end of the day. Once repaired, there will be a boil water ordinance in place for anywhere from 24-48 hrs to ensure water quality and safety for city residents. Make sure to look for updates regarding the water break on the city's website, their Facebook page, and KTAB News.

CPHS Home Coming Parade Approaches

CPHS Homecoming is September 18th and 19th and you'll want to be a part of the HOMECOMING PARADE. What will you have on your parade float? All your classmates for a "Class of" float? A giant buffalo? A float that represents your business? The time to start thinking about your float is now. Homecoming is less than two months away, and once school starts, you know everyone will be busy. Get a jump on that parade float now!

Need some ideas? You can always call the Parade Chairmen: Whitney Kirkham Henderson at 325-260-9330, Shelley Horan Manley at 817-991-6086, Susan McNeel Childers at 254-725-6498 or Roxie McConal Thomas at 254-725-6436.

The parade starts at the high school at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 19th.

Other Homecoming activities you'll want to make plans for: Community Hotdog Supper on Tuesday, September 15th at 6 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center parking lot; and the Pep Rally and Pre-Game Festivities on Friday, September 18th at 6 p.m. at the football field with the Football Game starting at 7:30 p.m. Then on Saturday, September 19th, Coffee and Registration starts at 9 a.m. in the High School Library; the Business Meeting starts at 11 a.m. in the auditorium; Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria, sponsored by the Band Boosters; Tour of the new CPVFD Firehouse from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Class Meetings start at 4:30; the Party and Dance at Treadway Park starts at 6 p.m. and the Coffee at the Cross Plains Library, also starts at 6 p.m.

CPVFD CANCER FUND BENEFIT AT LOWE'S MARKET ON FRIDAY SEPT 4TH

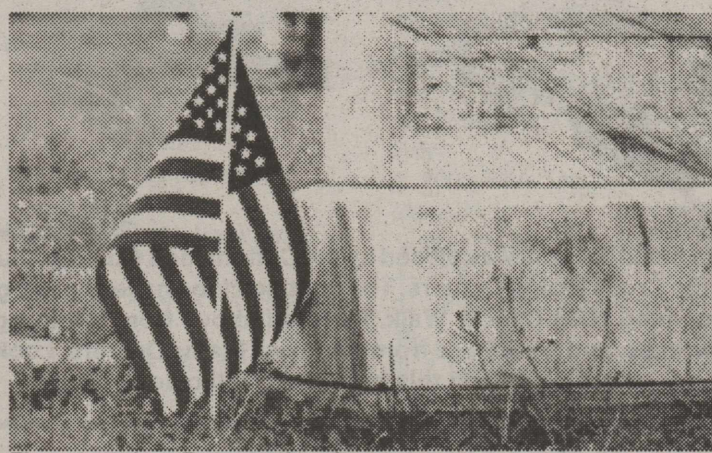
Firefighters from the Cross Plains VFD have teamed up to help out the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund. Your local firefighters will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs in front of Lowe's Market on Friday, September 4th (the Friday before Labor Day) from 10 am until 3 pm. Come by and get one (or several) hot off of the grill and help out the Cancer Fund, an organization that helps local cancer patients with transportation expenses, as they

travel to and from doctors appointments and treatments.

Also during the Hamburger and Hotdog Cookout, the CPVFD will also be having a Bake Sale. If you'd like to bake something for the sale, it will be greatly appreciated. The Bake Sale starts at 9 a.m.

All proceeds from the Bake Sale and the Cookout will go to the Cancer Fund.

Come out to LOWE'S Market, have fun, eat a great hamburger or hot dog, pick up some sweets and help out a great cause!



Flag placed on Freeman headstone

Guest Speakers to attend American Legion Meeting

The Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, July 30th at 6:30 in the evening. Guest speaker will be District 17 Commander Ken Simonton who will be presenting awards to the post. Also present will be Women's

Auxiliary Commander Rachel Watson. If you are a veteran in the area you and your spouse are invited to attend at 701 E 1st street, Cross Plains, 254-725-4220. Brisket and trimmings will be served.

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

VBS at Cottonwood Baptist Church August 5th -August 8th Everest-Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

It's that time again Cottonwood Baptist Church is having their Vacation Bible School starting August 5th and ending on August 8th between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Let's gather the children and have some fun. Pre-K -6th grade are welcome to attend.

Their will be a meal provided for the children and Volunteers starting at 5:15 pm.

The church van runs from the Pool House at 5:00 p.m. for those needing a ride. If you need any further information please call the church office at 254-725-6819 or 254-725-6266.

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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?

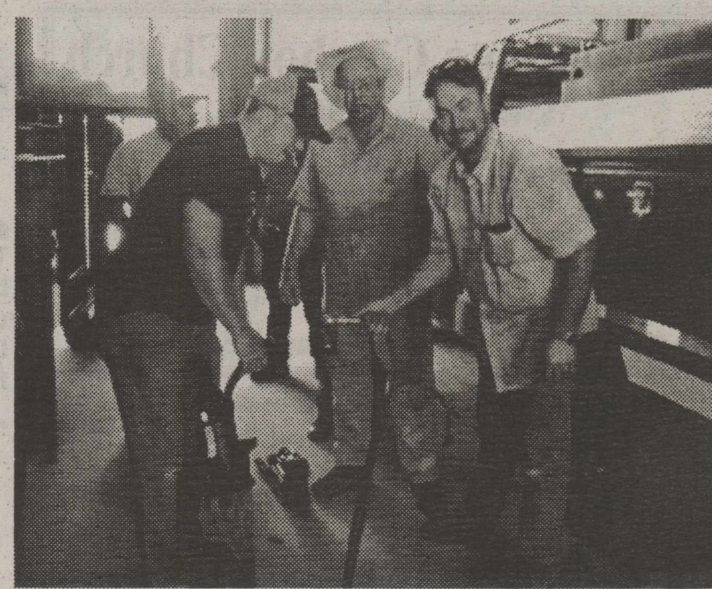
We have fiction, non-fiction, romance, adventure, teen and children's titles and lots more. There are paperbacks, hardcovers, audiobooks on tape and CD, and VHS movies. We have extended our hours due to popular demand, so be sure to drop in!

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!



Blake Foster, right, shows Chris Thompson, left and Randy Foster, center, how to use the "Jaws of Life". Chris is holding the "Jaws of Life".

CPVFD: Jaws of Life Training

Firefighter Blake Foster demonstrated hydraulic rescue tools and vehicle extrication techniques to the Cross Plains VFD at the Training Meeting on Monday night. One of the highlights of the session was the demonstration on how to use of the "Jaws of Life" to remove the driver and passengers from a wrecked vehicle. Even though many of the firemen attending were experienced using the "Jaws of Life," Blake offered some good tips, suggestions and

useful information. Firefighters at the training were: J. D. Hudleston, Chris Thompson, Joe Terstegge, Kathleen Terstegge, Randy Foster, Roger Hinkle and Fire Chief Rickey Carouth.

Over the weekend, on Friday and on Sunday, the Cross Plains VFD responded to two grass fires down near the Coleman County line. This is a reminder that even though the grass may be green, it will still burn. Be careful in your outdoor activities.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet this Thursday

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 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!



RESERVE SEATS ON SALE

AUGUST 3RD
Reserve seats will be sold at the Superintendent's office. Please take care of this as soon as possible. Same price - \$5.00 per seat for a year. This only pays for your seat, not admission to the game.

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

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.

Evening Worship: 5:00P.M.

Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.

Ladies Class - Wednesday:
10:00A.M. (at the church activity
center on East Hwy 36)

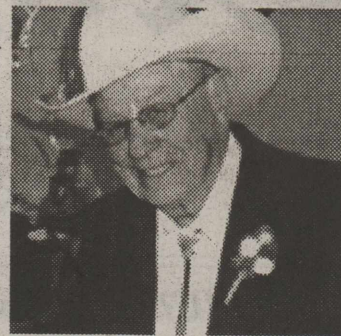
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Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859



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.

Obituaries



Delbert Bradley Hicks

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Delbert Bradley Hicks, age 77, of Odessa passed away on July 22, 2015. He was born to Delbert and Erma (Warren) Hicks in Brownwood, Texas on September 11, 1937. Brad graduated from Odessa High in 1956. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1960. He made his career working for the City of Odessa. He was a member of Circle J Cowboy Church.

Brad is survived by his wife, Sue Hicks of Odessa; his sons Gary Hicks of Odessa and Jeff and Leah Hicks of Cross Plains; three granddaughters Heather (Hicks) Noriega and husband Frank of San Angelo, and Jaeley and Shayla Hicks of Cross Plains; a Brother Sonny Hicks of Odessa, and a sister Beverly Hicks of Odessa. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Imojene Hicks.

Special thanks to Brother Dave, the nurses of 5 Central at Medical Center Hospital, and Home Hospice for the comfort you gave to Brad and his family.

The family will receive friends at Acres West Funeral Chapel on Thursday, July 23, 2015 from 6 to 8 PM. Funeral services in Odessa were held at 10 AM, Friday, July 24, 2015 at Acres West Funeral Chapel. A graveside service was held at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Pioneer Cemetery in Eastland County, Texas at 10 AM. Brother Dave Adkins of Circle J Cowboy Church will officiate services.

Funeral services are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa and Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.



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Sen. Cruz Files DOTCOM Act as Amendment to Highway Bill

Requires Congress to have an up or down vote on the Obama Administration's plan to give away the Internet

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) today filed the DOTCOM Act as an amendment to the highway reauthorization bill. Cruz's amendment is identical to the version of the DOTCOM Act being considered by the Senate with one exception: it requires Congress to have an affirmative up or down vote on the Obama Administration's plan to give away the Internet.

"When the DOTCOM Act was considered by the Commerce Committee, I noted that it was a good faith effort to begin to provide congressional oversight over this exceptionally important topic - namely the Administration's announced intentions to hand over control of the Internet to a multinational, multi-party group.

"The original DOTCOM Act

provides for congressional oversight, but it sets the presumption that if Congress doesn't act in thirty days, the Administration can go forward with its stated intention. The version I have filed today simply reverses that presumption and says that the contract with ICANN has to maintain in place unless Congress acts.

"There has been a persistent pattern for a number of years of Congress acquiescing and handing over our authority. The Constitution gives legislative authority to this body, and over and over again members of this body have been willing to give away our Constitutional authority. If it is a good idea consistent with U.S. national security interests to hand over and give away the Internet, then Congress should debate that

and approve it.

"If my amendment is not adopted, here's a look into what will happen: the report will be submitted to Congress. Thirty legislative days will pass. Congress will do nothing. The version I have filed today simply reverses that presumption, and says that the contract with ICANN has to remain in place unless Congress acts.

"I understand there is urgency to pass legislation to provide oversight of the Internet. I also believe we should act affirmatively to protect Internet freedom and the amazing engine for economic growth and opportunity the Internet has become, and I urge my colleagues to support my amendment."

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Sunday Evening

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Pre K

- 2- Crayola Crayons 16ct
- 1- 5oz. Can of Playdoh
- 1- Elmer's Small .21 oz. Colored Washable Glue Stick
- 1- Elmers 4 oz. School Glue
- 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

4th Grade

- 2- 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 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
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- 1- 1/2x450" Invisible Tape
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- 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



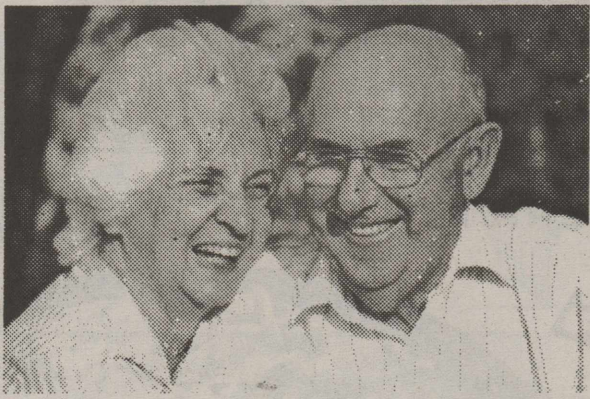
WIC Serving Cross Plains

WIC, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children in Clyde serves Cross Plains in Callahan County. We are at the Community Center, 108 North Beech on the 1st Wednesday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (closed for lunch 12-1 P.M.) and the 3rd Wednesday 8:30 A.M. - 12 noon. Call for an appointment during these hours at 254-212-9914 or 325-893-4552 in Clyde at other times. We are also now serving Comanche County in Comanche (325-330-3351). Visit www.texasWIC.org for nutritious recipes, health tips and what to bring to your WIC appointment. WIC: We are here for you!

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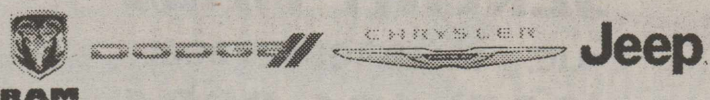
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Callahan County's jobless rate rises to 4.0% in June 2015

The unemployment rate in Callahan County increased one-tenth of one percent to 4.0% in June 2015, according to jobless figures released Friday, July 24th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in June 2014 was 4.1 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.9% in May, 2015.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.7% in April 2015, 4.1% in March, 4.0% in February, 4.1% in January 2015, 3.1% in December 2014, 3.4% in November 2014, 3.6% in October 2014, 3.9% in September, 4.1% in August, and 4.1% in July, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for June 2015 include: Brown, 4.4%; Coleman, 5.4%; Eastland, 4.8%; Jones, 5.6%; Runnels, 3.6%; Shackelford, 2.4%; Stephens, 3.9%; and Taylor County, 3.8%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 4.0% in June, 2015, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 75,900. There were 72,900 employed during June 2015, while 3,000 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 4.0%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 76,200 in May, 2015. Total employment of 73,400 was reported in May 2015, while 2,800, or 3.7% were unemployed in May 2015.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for June, 2014 was 4.7%. The total workforce was reported at 77,500, with 73,800 employed and 3,700 or 4.7% unemployed in June, 2014.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of June, 2015 was 4.4 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,097,400 in June 2015. The total number of Texans employed is 12,517,200. The total number of unemployed Texans was 580,200 in June 2015.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in May 2015. The state's unemployment rate in June of 2014 was 5.4 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for June, 2015 was 5.5 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of May, 2015 was 5.3%. The

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	May	June
	3.9%	4.0%

United States unemployment rate one year ago in June, 2014 was 6.3%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate in June increased by three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.4 percent. This marks the lowest June unemployment rate since the series began in 1976. Over the previous five years, the average increase between May and June was six-tenths of a percentage point. The unemployment rate has fallen by one percentage point over the year. The national unemployment rate increased by two-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 5.5 percent. The Texas unemployment rate has remained below the national unemployment rate since December 2006.

The Civilian Labor Force decreased by 16,700 to a total of 13,097,400 people. The past three months have shown an average increase in the labor force of 2,900 each month. Over the year, the Texas labor force contracted by 64,700 people.

The number of employed Texans decreased by 58,400 over the month to a total of 12,517,200 people. Over the previous five years, the number of employed Texans had decreased by an average of 12,700 people in the month of June. The number of jobholders increased by 69,900 over the year.

The number of unemployed people increased in June by 41,700 to a total of 580,200 people. Over the past three months, the average increase in the number of unemployed people was 8,600 each month.

Since June of last year, the number of unemployed people has dropped by 134,600 individuals.

Of the 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in Texas, the unemployment rate increased in all 25 areas between May and June. The College Station-Bryan, Lubbock, and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSAs experi-

enced the largest increase in their unemployment rate at six-tenths of a percentage point. The Amarillo MSA maintained the lowest unemployment rate at 3.2 percent.

The number of Texans continuing to seek unemployment insurance benefits grew by 7,823 over the month to 147,554 people. This was the eighth consecutive month in which there was an increase in the number of continued unemployment insurance claims. Over the year, the number of individuals seeking unemployment insurance benefits increased by 20,802 claimants.

Happenings Around The State

Recycling Company Brings Jobs to SE Texas

PORT ARTHUR, TX (Sourcing Journal Online)--Ryze Renewables, a newly-formed manufacturing company that recycles textile waste to produce new products is expected to bring 500 new full-time jobs to Port Arthur. The company is investing \$200 million into two different businesses, according to the Port Arthur News. Joy Nunn, managing partner and the creator behind the company's recycling process, said she has been working on the project for a year and a half.

Nunn said, "What we are doing is rejuvenating fiber, taking scraps and putting it through a patented process for people all over the world to use. The process is 100 percent green technology." According to the Port Arthur News, Ryze is required to hire 260 of the city's residents and over the course of three years the payroll for these residents should meet \$16 million. The Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation agreed to provide a \$1.5 million incentive.

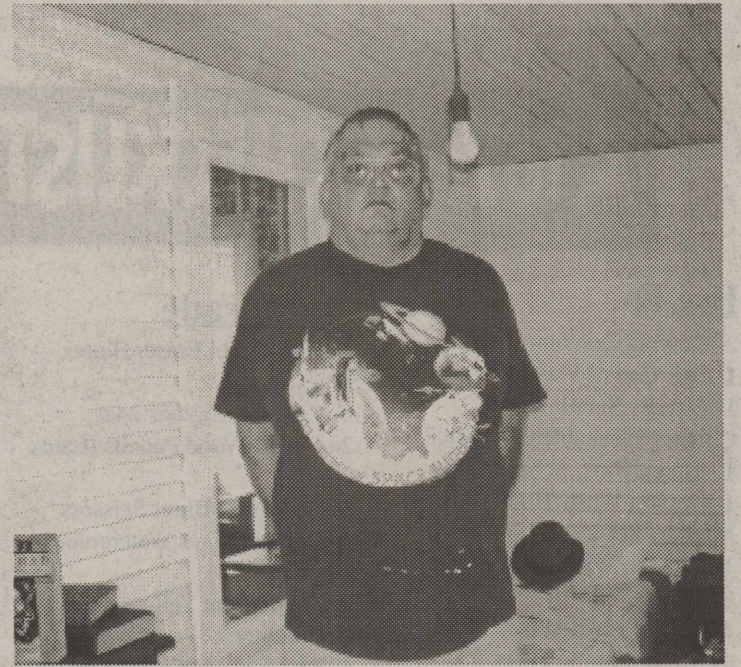
Solar Power Plant Construction Starts

SAN ANTONIO, TX (SolarServer)--San Antonio-based OCI Solar Power LLC announced the start of construction of the 110-megawatt Alamo 6 solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in Pecos County. The plant will be located on approximately 1,200 acres of private land. As part of the agreement with CPS Energy, OCI Solar Power has committed to bring over 800 long-term jobs to the San Antonio area. President and CEO of OCI Solar Power, SH Yoon said, "We are excited to begin construction on what will be the largest solar plant in Texas."

Spanish Firm to Build Energy Components Plant
AMARILLO, TX (Dallas Business Journal--Paul O'Donnell)--A Spanish company plans to build a new manufacturing plant in Amarillo to make towers and components for the wind energy industry. Governor Greg Abbott's office announced that GRI Renewable Industries, a division of Madrid's Gonvarri Steel Industries, will invest \$41 million in the plant and create more than 300 new jobs. In return, the state is offering \$1.85 million in economic incentives from the Texas Enterprise Fund. Javier Imaz, GRI's CEO, said Amarillo won out over several locations in other states because of Texas' pro-business environment, its geographical location and strong workforce. Construction will begin this year and the plant is expected to be operational by late 2016. GRI has 10 manufacturing plants globally that supply wind towers and flanges to the wind industry.

Tool Company to Build New HQ

PEARLAND, TX (Houston Business Journal--Cara Smith)--Israeli toolmaker International Metalworking Companies BV will build a new 80,000-square-foot headquarter facility for its subsidiary, Tool-Flo Manufacturing Inc., in Pearland. Tool-Flo, an aerospace, medical and oil manufacturing company, will move all operations to a 15-acre plot in Pearland. The facility will have an estimated 188 employees working in the company's management, engineering, operations, sales and administrative departments. The cost of the project, a groundbreaking date, and an estimated completion date were not disclosed in the announcement.



David Herrington, IN



Braendle Nelson, Austin Nicholas, MI

Drop-In Visitors to Museum

July seems to be a good month for road trips to the REH Museum. Brothers Nelson and Nicholas Braendle from Austin and Grand Rapids, MI respectively, drove up from Austin so Nelson could show his brother about the neat Museum that he had enjoyed immensely at the recent REH Days. Both of the guys have enjoyed reading about Howard's many characters for a long time, so it was a very special visit for them. Nelson commented that the docents on duty during Howard Days had done a super job of telling the Howard story and explaining all the displays.

Nelson is a Helpdesk Supervisor in Austin and Nicholas is a purchasing Agent for Paragon Die in Grand Rapids, a major tool and die production company for designs

and prototype pieces for complex aerospace parts.

Herrington, from Shellyville IN had also driven up from Austin for a quick road trip. He was in Austin on family business and took a break to check out the home of one of his favorite writers. After a career in the Air Force, he went to college on the GI bill and became a certified respiratory therapist at the Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenville, IN. One of his more impressive stories was his involvement in saving the life of a 25 week "preemie," that not only survived the immediate crises, but has grown into a healthy child.

All of the visitors left with bags of merchandise from the Museum shop and went in search of a good meal before heading back to Austin

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MEMBERS OF FASTLANE TO PERFORM EAGLES TRIBUTE CONCERT AT BROWNWOOD COLISEUM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

Fastlane to present Eagles tribute concert in Brownwood August 1st

Anyone who enjoys music from the 1970's will want to be at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood, Texas on Saturday, August 1st.

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

The Eagles became music superstars during the 1970's. Their *Greatest Hits 1971-1975* album is one of the best selling of all time. Numerous albums and hits followed giving them the distinction of selling more albums in the 1970's than any other American band. Classic Eagles' hit songs include: *Life in the Fast Lane; Already Gone; The Long Run; Desperado; Heartache Tonight; Best of My Love; Lynyrd Skynyrd's Sweet Home Alabama; Take it to the Limit; Take it Easy; Hotel California* and many more. Through breakups and

reunions, the Eagles' music continues to be some of the best in the history of Rock.

FASTLANE, the Southwest's premier Eagles tribute band will offer up a great show with all your favorite songs. In fact, the band attributes its success to the overwhelming popularity of the Eagles' music. They will have you on your feet dancing, singing and enjoying that "Peaceful Easy Feeling" once more.

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

Radio or the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Rehabilitation in Abilene, Texas.

In support of the West Texas Rehab Center, Bilbrey Tours of Abilene is offering a travel package that includes bus transportation to the event with reserved Dinner & Show seating. For information contact Bilbrey's office 325-692-1308. Seating availability is limited with departure from Abilene.

Additional local support of the West Texas Rehab Center for this special event includes: Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club of Early, Early High School Key Club, Wendlee Broadcasting-KXYL Newstalk FM & AM, KQBZ The Breeze FM, KSTA Coleman AM and KOXE FM-KBWD AM. Host Hotel for this year's event is La Quinta Inn of Brownwood.

Remembering When events benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center, a non-profit organization formed in 1953 which is dedicated to providing outpatient rehabilitative care to more than 500 children and adults each day, regardless of a patient's financial circumstance.



Local 4-H shotgun team members competing at the Texas 4-H State Shotgun Games were (l-r): Brandon Hobbs, Ted Pitzer, Cory Hays, Megan Jacob, Will Meier, Matt Jacob, Tallen Payne and Colton Bradley.



Callahan County Two-Man Team of Brandon Hobbs and Will Meier placed second in Senior 2 division American Trap at the Texas 4-H State Shotgun Games in San Antonio. Placing second in Senior 2 division American Skeet Two-Man Team competition was the duo of Ted Pitzer and Colton Bradley of Callahan County 4-H.

Texas 4-H State Shotgun Games in San Antonio

Members of the 4-H shotgun team traveled with their families to San Antonio to attend the annual Texas 4-H State Shotgun Games held July 15th-18th at the National Shooting Complex.

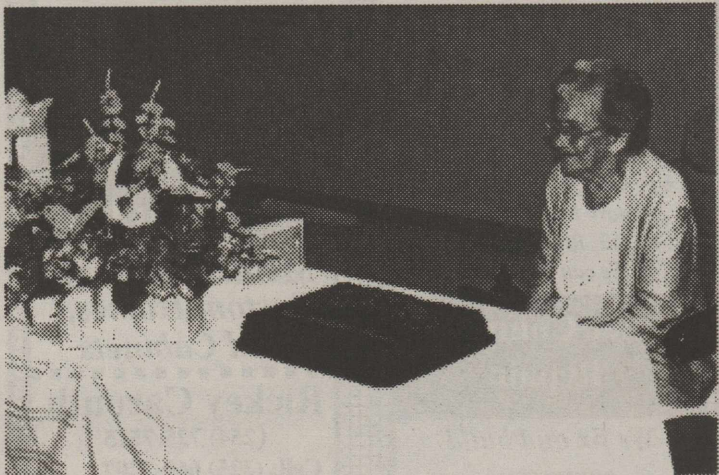
Those representing Callahan County 4-H were Colton Bradley, Brandon Hobbs, Will Meier, Tallen Payne and Ted Pitzer. Representing Runnels County 4-H were Matt Jacob and Megan Jacob of Winters. Representing Stonewall County was Cory Hays of Aspermont. These young shooters, along with approximately 1,260 other 4-H members from counties all over the state gathered to compete in one of the largest-ever shotgun competitions to

be held in the nation. The four day contest held competitions in the following events: American Skeet, American Trap, Whiz-Bang, Sporting Clays, International Skeet and International Trap. All local competitors shot well and did a great job representing our area of the state. Cory Hays received a medal for Lewis Class second place in Senior 1 American Skeet.

In the two-man team competition, Colton Bradley and Ted Pitzer tied for the championship in Senior 2 American Skeet. After a tie-breaking shoot-off, they placed second. The two-man team of Brandon Hobbs and Will Meier

placed second in Senior 2 American Trap.

With the conclusion of the state shotgun contest, 4-H shotgun competitions are winding down for another season. Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Sports would like to thank everyone who has come out to support our project throughout the past season. We would not be able to enjoy success without your support of our sport. All are invited to join us this fall for our annual fundraisers which help provide necessary equipment and supplies to our 4-H shotgun team. Watch for event dates and more information in future issues.



Virginia Pope

Virginia Pope Celebrated 95 Years at Birthday Celebration

Virginia Pope, pictured above with her birthday cake, celebrated her 95th birthday July 7th on Saturday July 11th, 2015. Virginia celebrated the milestone day with more than fifty people in her immediate family. Lunch was catered with fish being served, "one of her favorite dishes". Cake and homemade ice cream was also served following the meal. Children, grand children, great grand children and great great grand children celebrated with

Virginia.

There are few people who are able to personally experience such an event, according to Mrs. Pope. She also recognized: the blessing God has given her in years lived, a mind that is still active, and a large family that loves her so much.

She wishes all to know how blessed she has been because of God's gracious love. She also desires all to know God's love for themselves.

Heart to Heart Ministry Collection of School Supplies, Saturday, August 8th in Clyde

Saturday, August 8, from 8:00am-2:00pm Heart to Heart Ministry will collect School supplies at the Old Firehouse on North First Street in Clyde. Heart to Heart serves many families in Callahan County that are having financial difficulty. Heart to Heart provides food and many other services. School is resuming soon and many families will have difficulty providing the school supplies needed to help the children of our communities succeed.

Any school supplies will be accepted; pens, pencils, paper, crayons, water colors, binders, note books. You may call Vivian Smith at 325-893-5459, or consult list published by local schools, to find out what supplies are most needed. Cash is also accepted and will be used to purchase supplies.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael L. Havens, motion to dismiss to theft granted in the interest of justice.

John R. Holcomb, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted in the interest of justice.

Delores Ann Riggs, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Leslie A. Robinson, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Corey Wylie, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Louis R. Marshall, plea of guilty to possession of a dangerous drug, 20 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

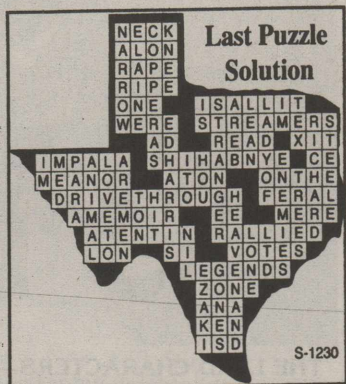
Civil Filings

Lawanda Holli Hopkins and Russell Lee Hopkins, divorce.
Timothy Joe Maner and Annie Lou Maner, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Gary W. Shores and Margaret A. Shores, divorce granted.

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18 More Texas Counties Eligible for FEMA

AUSTIN, Texas - Eighteen more Texas counties are now eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster aid. The aid includes all categories of work, including debris removal, emergency protective measures and infrastructure repairs in the wake of severe storms, tornadoes, straight line winds and flooding in Texas from May 4th to June 22nd. Eligible applicants in Austin, Brown, Delta, DeWitt, Ellis, Gonzales, Hopkins, Jack, Jones, Orange, Red River, Robertson, San Augustine, Starr, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Waller and Wichita counties can now apply for FEMA Public Assistance (PA) reimbursement for repairs to roads and bridges, water control facilities, city- and county-owned buildings and equipment, utilities, parks and recreational facilities and other public as well as some private facilities.

Supplementary funding under the PA program goes to the state and its agencies, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations. Under the program, FEMA obligates funds to the state for 75 percent of eligible costs, with the state and local governments sharing the remaining 25 percent of costs. The state forwards the

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or request for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. 12967, Austin Texas, 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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The Sound of Music to be performed in Clyde Aug. 7th-9th

The Clyde Center for the Performing Arts will present three performances of Rogers & Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 7th, 8th and 9th at the Clyde High School Huff Performing Arts Center located at 500 Hays Road in Clyde.

The performances both Friday and Saturday night will begin at 7:30 p.m., while the Sunday afternoon performance will start at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for General Admission, \$12 for Students and \$10 for Senior Citizens. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at First United Methodist Church in Clyde from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call the church office at (325) 893-4923 for more information.

The Sound of Music has been obtained through R&H Theatricals and this year is the 50th anniversary of the movie version of the play.

The Sound of Music is directed locally by Karen Hogue and Ruth Ann Knightstep. According to Hogue, Clyde and Abilene theatre troupes both applied to obtain the rights to The Sound of Music and Clyde was given the rights to produce the play.

She said The Sound of Music will include a live orchestra of 33 instruments from musicians from around the Big Country. The orchestra will set up in front of the stage of the Huff Performing Arts Center. She said The Sound of Music is 2 hours, 40 minutes long and an intermission will taken place between Act I and Act II. She said some five sets have been built for this year's production.



THE LEAD CHARACTERS—Matt Roberson, seated, will play the part of Captain Georg von Trapp, while Bree Hembree, standing, plays the lead of Maria Rainer in rehearsals for The Sound of Music which will be performed at the Huff Performing Arts Center on the campus of Clyde High School on August 7th, August 8th and August 9th.



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The Market at Clyde at The Old Firehouse is Saturday August 8th

The Market at Clyde at the Old Firehouse on North First Street will take place Saturday, August 8th, from 8:00am-2:00pm. Local crafters, home cooks, and artisans will gather on that day to present their creations to the public for purchase.

Each item at The Market is hand crafted, homegrown or created in a home kitchen. There will be a variety of vendors with many types of items; Wood crafts, including scroll saw art, furniture, toys, crosses, wall hanging, home decor, yard art and much more; Home Kitchen creations to include breads, jams, jellies and more; Sewn items; Hand braided rugs; Jewelry; Hand crafted personal care items; Much more. Be sure to check this paper next week for a more complete list of items.

In conjunction with The Market there will be a collection for

Heart to Heart Ministry for school supplies. Heart to Heart serves residents of Callahan County that are having financial difficulty with food and meeting many other needs. School is resuming and many families will have difficulty purchasing the school supplies needed by the children of our communities to succeed. Any school supplies will be accepted; Pens, paper, crayons, water colors, notebooks, binders. You may contact Vivian Smith at 325-893-5459 for more details on what is most needed or check the local school supply list published by the schools.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor email [HYPERLINK "mailto:themarketatclyde@gmail.com"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:themarketatclyde@gmail.com) themarketatclyde@gmail.com or call 325-518-3939.

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Hendrick Hospice Care's day camp offered as place to heal for young children, is Saturday

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.

To register, contact Aimee Colley at 325-670-6951 or [HYPERLINK mail to: acolley@ehendrick.org](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:acolley@ehendrick.org).

Callahan County Riding Club 2015 Schedule

May:
Saturday, May 16
Saturday, May 23
June:
Saturday, June 6
Saturday, June 20
Saturday, June 27
July:
Saturday, July 11
Saturday, July 18
August:
Saturday, August 8
Saturday, August 22
September:
Saturday, September 5
Saturday, September 19
Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have \$60.00 sponsorship plus \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also parent/guardian must work in concession stand once per person participating.
Sign-ups will be between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Trainers will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Competition begins at 7:30 p.m.

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

Parades we are looking to participate in:
June - Albany Fandangle Parade - June 20
June-Coleman Parade
July - Stamford Parade
Sept - West Texas Fair Parade - Abilene
Oct - Pecan Festival Parade - Clyde

For more information call Paula Kinslow at 325.893.4054 or 325.829.1381

Scranton Musical is this Saturday

The Scranton Musical is this Saturday, August 1, 2015 at the community center.

The kitchen will open at 5:00 and Maria Starr will be the hostess. The special will be spaghetti plus sandwiches and homemade pie.

Buddy Johnson is the emcee and will kick off the music at 5:30. He always has a full line up of good musicians for your enjoyment.

We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Callahan Co. Library news

Some large print paperbacks at the Callahan County Library are: Lethal Exposure by Elisabeth Rees, The Legendary Playboy Surgeon by Alison Roberts, Explosive Alliance by Susan Sleeman and Gone Missing by Camy Tang.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, June 17, 1882
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Last Thursday while at the railroad land office, Maj. D. Richardson showed us samples raised by himself upon the company's test farm, of Mediterranean, Nicaragua and Red May wheat, barley and rye, also oats from the plains, and hullless oats from the farm here. Also we note a written statement from our friends Mitchell & Eastham who threshed the grain, showing an actual measurement fourteen bushels per acre. There are oats growing there now of the Black Virginia and the White Russian varieties, which will yield about fifth bushels per acre. The vines, corn, sorghum and sweet potatoes on the farm all look well.

School Exhibition at Belle Plain

Last Thursday evening we went in company with Mrs. Editor to Belle Plain, to attend the school exhibition given by Prof. Chatfield's school. Although very little time had been consumed in preparation for the exhibition, the children performed their parts with credit to themselves as well as their teachers. The only criticism we would make, is that the programme was entirely too long. The exhibition last from 8 o'clock p.m. until 1:20 a.m., and of course, the audience, a very large one, by the way grew restless and tired. Our space will not admit of speaking of each or any of the pieces rendered or beautiful songs sung.

Cutting Scrape at Cottonwood
Last Monday evening Mr. H.C. Helton, a merchant of Cottonwood, situated in the southern part of the county, and Mr. Parish, a school teacher in the same neighborhood, got into a difficulty over some talk which was said to have come from Helton regarding Parish's wife. While they were talking the former rushed at the latter with a large pocket knife and struck him, inflicting a serious wound about

two inches from the left nipple. Parties near caught Helton's hand and prevented him from a further use of the knife, after which he picked up a stick of wood and dealt Parish two heavy blows upon the head. Both the blows and the cut are serious, but he will, it is thought recover. Helton has not been arrested yet. Deputy Sheriff John Mathews, went down to take him, but our informant says that his church brethren aided him in evading the officer.

The Board of Equalization
The county commissioners met at Belle Plain, last Monday as a board of equalization, to take under consideration the matter of assessment of the railroad property in this county. They fixed the assessment upon the track at \$8,000 per mile; the round house at \$2,500 and the Immigrant's House at \$2,500, and a general increase of assessment on all property, real or person.

The supplement report of our surveyor was received and approved. This, with the exception of a few accounts allowed, comprised all the proceedings of the court for this term.

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Cans of Food are Needed for Cancer Walk

Last year, caring citizens from Cross Plains and the surrounding area generously donated hundreds of canned goods to be used at the Cancer Walk. Each can was placed in one of the luminary sacks, a battery-powered tea light sat on the can – and in the dark the luminary sacks created an amazing glow around the CPISD track and football field for the "Memory Walk", the final walk of the Cancer Walk.

If you missed this event, make sure you come this year, as the "Memory Walk" is a beautiful and chilling memorial. The tea lights are lit, the overhead lights are turned off and the names of

the loved ones who have passed on due to cancer are read aloud.

Your generous donations made last year's event so successful, that we need your help again. We are again collecting canned goods for the Cancer Walk that will be held on Saturday, October 10th. We have a collection box set up at Lowe's Market and at the Senior Citizens Center. If you'd like to collect cans at your business, please let Cindy or Dannes know, and we will get a collection box to you.

After the Cancer Walk, the canned goods will be donated to the Food Bank and the Senior Citizens Center.

What it Means to be a Texan, Officially

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas

As Texans, we have a style of our own – from our hospitality to our headwear.

But you may be surprised to hear the iconic symbol of Western culture, the cowboy hat, only became an official state symbol a few weeks ago courtesy of the 84th Texas Legislature. This makes Texas the first state to designate an officially sanctioned hat.

The cowboy hat is just one of dozens of items ranging from food to flower to fossil that are Texan enough to be deemed official state symbols. "You've heard our unofficial motto, "Everything's bigger in Texas" – well, that includes our number of official state symbols. According to the Texas State Library and Archives, 76 items, things, or activities have now earned official status.

Many are obvious: the official state jig is the square dance. The official flower is the bluebonnet. You've seen the state flag, and of course you've heard our official state song, "Texas, Our Texas."

Our state bird is the mockingbird, so named for the way it mimics the sound of its neighbors. It's only fitting the mockingbird represents our state, as they are known for their pride and their fierce protection of their nest.

Texans are a loyal bunch, which is why our state motto is "friendship." Texas hospitality is alive and well in the Lone Star State – which is, of course, our state's nickname.

The more than 268,000 square

miles that comprise our state are home to three official state mammals: the longhorn, the armadillo, and our official flying mammal, the Mexican free-tailed bat. Anyone who has stood on the Congress Avenue Bridge in Austin knows that one well. And those three mammals don't even account for the official state horse (American quarter horse) or our state breed of dog (Blue Lacey).

Just a few months ago the Texas Legislature gave Texas our newest official state symbols. Lawmakers in Austin passed a bill declaring #txlege one of three official hashtags to help Texans follow their representatives on social media. They designated the official hashtag of Texas as, you guessed it, #Texas.

And while we couldn't possibly capture the essence of the Lone Star State in even one hundred items, our 76 official symbols bring pride to our almost 27 million residents and give an idea of what it really means to be a Texan to our millions of annual visitors. Now that's something to hang our state-sanctioned cowboy hat on.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees.

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TSCRA Special Rangers searching for suspected thief

Fort Worth, Texas – A \$500 reward has been offered through the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Operation Cow Thief for information leading to the arrest of Sharon Lynn Nehring, also known as Sharon Jacoby of Freestone County, Texas.

Nehring, a white 57 year-old female, allegedly purchased thousands of dollars worth of lambs and goats with a worthless check from the Freestone County Fair in June of 2014.

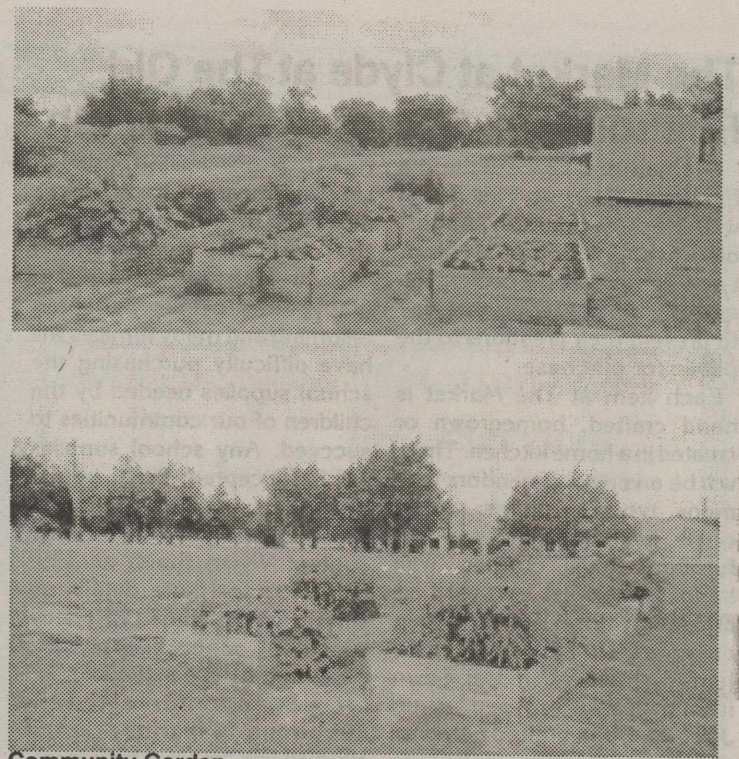
She is under indictment in Freestone County for the theft of property totaling \$1,500 or more, but less than \$20,000.

Authorities have been unable to locate Nehring.

Anyone with further information leading to the arrest of Nehring should contact TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333 or call TSCRA Special Ranger Jimmy



Sharon Lynn Nehring Dickson at 903-586-8733. A cash reward of \$500 may be paid to individuals who can provide useful information leading to the arrest and grand jury indictment of the suspect. Individuals reporting information may choose to remain anonymous.



Community Garden

Community Garden is growing and sharing

If you haven't seen the Lord's Acre Community Garden in awhile, it's worth the drive to see all the lush growth, green, slightly ripe and ready to eat tomatoes, squash, cantaloupe, corn, radishes, watermelon, herbs, carrots, beans and okra. Funded by a grant from Fiskars, the garden is located on the Methodist Church property between the church and the parsonage on George Scott Street. Water is available from a well on the church property and the tools were also made available as part of the grant from

the Fiskars "Orange Thumb Program". A storage shed was constructed by volunteers and all the tools are now stored there for use by the gardeners.

The Senior Center has enjoyed the numerous offerings of yellow and zucchini bread; all from the garden.

Some of the boxes will be available for a fall garden if anybody is interested. Just call the church at 725-7377 for more information about the Community Garden.

Public Meeting in Abilene Tuesday, August 4th to discuss metal truss bridges

ABILENE – If you traveled along a local Texas road in the late 19th and early 20th century, you would more than likely come up on a new metal truss bridge spanning a creek or stream. These strong and inexpensive bridges were built by the hundreds in Texas, promising a safe crossing to continue on your journey.

Flash forward to today, where current traffic needs, safety concerns, and deterioration continue to push these historic metal truss bridges out of vehicular service. To limit the losses, TxDOT is developing a management plan for about 130 surviving bridges, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and Historic Bridge Foundation.

"We need your feedback," noted Bruce Jensen, TxDOT's Cultural Resource Management Director. "TxDOT only manages about 15 percent of these historic trusses, with the balance owned by local governments. We hope county judges and commissioners, historical societies, and other interested folks will join the conversation online or at one of our upcoming open houses. We believe it is critical that these decisions include opinions that reflect local priorities."

Local sponsors graciously offered facilities for the following open houses:

* Bastrop on Thursday, July 23, from 4-6 p.m. at the Museum and Visitor Center of the Bastrop County Historical Society, 904 Main Street

* Waco on Tuesday, July 28, from 4-6 p.m. at the Texas Ranger Museum, 100 Texas Ranger Trail

* Abilene on Tuesday, August 4, from 4-6 p.m. at the Elks Arts Center Ballroom, 1174 North 1st Street

* Victoria on Tuesday, August 11, from 4-6 p.m. at the Victoria Public Library, 302 North Main Street

Additionally, we encourage participants to bring photographs, articles, and other materials related to historic bridges to these open houses. Materials will be scanned for inclusion in the THC archives and a local history collection, with the originals returned to their owners.

More information about the open houses and the overall project can be found on TxDOT's website. Also, you can contact TxDOT Cultural Resources Management Director, Bruce Jensen, at (512) 416-2628 or bruce.jensen@txdot.gov.

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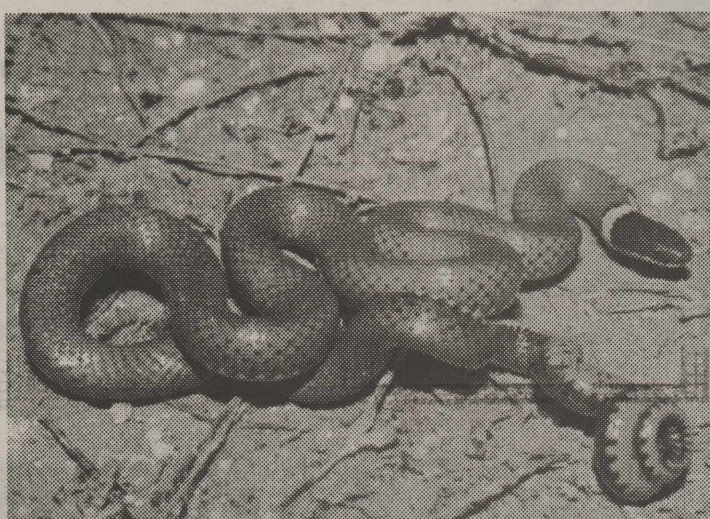
Most naturalists prefer to use the Latin name when discussing an animal because sometimes, the common name makes no sense. Groundsnakes, Nightsnakes and Earth snakes (just to name a few) all have common names that can actually be applicable to other snakes as well. But for one species, the common name actually describes what the appearance of the snake is, and that species is the Prairie ring-necked Snake.

The Prairie Ring-necked Snake (*Diadophis punctatus arnyi*) is a small non-venomous serpent, with most adults reaching sexual maturity somewhere between ten and fourteen inches in total length. However, the largest specimen recorded was just over sixteen and one half inches, placing this variety in the middle of the three subspecies found in Texas.

Like other members of the ring-necked snake genus, this variety is rather drab in appearance, at least superficially. The entire dorsal coloration is a varying shade of gray, ranging from gunmetal to almost blue. The top of the head, which is not much wider than the neck, is generally a much darker shade than that of the body; occasionally being solid black. These two dark tones are separated by the only hint of color on the snake's topside, that being a bright golden ring that encircles the neck region, hence the name, ring-necked snake.

To say that this species' coloration is drab would be accurate, until one observes the underside of this animal. The belly of this serpent is quite stunning, being bright yellow for the first half of the body. Moving from the belly to the tail region, the underside begins to gradually change to an orangeish coloration and from there the color gradually changes to a scarlet red underneath the tail. The entire underside is littered with small, random black spots that are obviously more noticeable towards the front end of the snake's belly.

Prairie Ring-necked Snakes have a large distribution in the United States, ranging from southern Nebraska southward to Texas. In Texas, it can be quite common in the Panhandle eco-region, as well as the Cross-Timbers area of the Red River valley north of the Metroplex. Although it does occur in the Edwards Plateau eco-region, it is not a common observation for reptile enthusiasts. As such a large range signifies, this species is a habitat generalist, living in many different types of soils types and plant associations. The primary requirement that this species has, as with most fossorial animals, is to have access to areas that have adequate moisture content. It thrives in hilly grasslands that are adorned



Prairie Ring-necked Snake (*Diadophis punctatus arnyi*)

with numerous large, flat rocks under which it may obtain heat without having to expose itself to large predators on the surface. Another important niche that this animal has successfully adapted to is its utilization of the numerous "cow-pies" in many grazed fields; oftentimes this species will use the patties to take refuge under.

As with almost all other reptiles that reside in temperate climates, they undergo a period of inactivity during the coldest months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. Like most other harmless snakes found in Texas, Ring-necked snakes are egg-laying creatures. Mating occurs primarily during the months of April and May with egg deposition happening in late June or early July. Egg clutches vary in size from one to ten, although the average is between three and four. The eggs are disproportionately large, about one inch in length, and are buried beneath debris to hold the humidity levels at a premium to avoid desiccation.

The neonates hatch from the eggs roughly two months after deposition and average a mere five inches at hatching. The young are carbon copies of the adults in appearance, and like other snake species, they require no assistance from the parents as they are capable of fending for themselves at birth.

This species forages for food during the morning and evening hours during the spring and fall, becoming nocturnal during the heat of the summer months. Ring-necked snakes feed primarily on arthropods such as earthworms (up to ninety percent of its diet), but other vertebrate animals such as salamanders, frogs, lizards, and smaller snakes are also consumed. Ring-necked snakes possess a salivary toxin that it uses to immobilize its prey, although it does not possess fangs, or even hollow teeth. Without an adequate delivery system, and due to its diminutive size, this serpents' toxic saliva is completely harmless to humans and other large mammals.

Being such a small animal, this species puts on quite a display when threatened. When it feels in danger, it will raise and coil its tail in a tight looping spiral, exposing the bright red colors to the perceived threat. Whether this display is to startle the predator, or to make the predator focus its attention on the tail and not the head, or to draw the assailant in to smell the foul-smelling contents that is often discharged when the snake is frightened, no one knows for sure. What is known is that the subspecies of ring-necked snakes that have a yellow colored undertail do not employ this tail-curling display.

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

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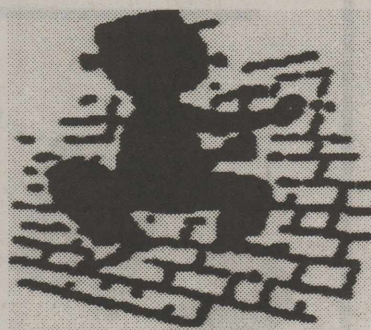
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Family Fun Time – God, Guardian of the Galaxy

Family Fun Time – "God, the Guardian of the Galaxy" is coming to Bible Baptist Church, Clyde, Texas. This year our annual Children's Crusade is geared for the whole family. The McGilliard Family is coming and will be putting on a program that everyone can enjoy. We are going to have singing, fun skits, contests, black-light presentations, puppets, Gospel illusions, and exciting messages from the Bible.

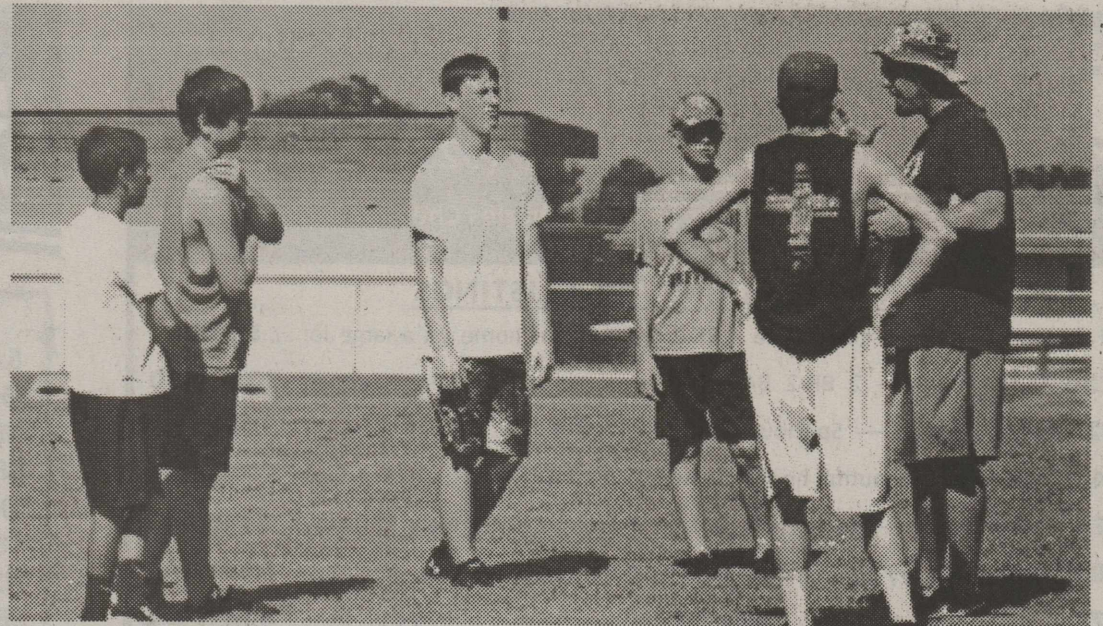
The McGilliard's have been in traveling, sharing the Gospel for many years. They are talented musicians and Brother McGilliard is a tremendous preacher of God's Word. He is

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.



Roby Odom drops back a passing drill



Coach Purvis explains a drill to a group of campers

The 2015 Cross Plains football camp proved to be a great success! The 33 campers, ranging from 1st to 8th grade, learned basic passing, kicking, and blocking skills. Thanks to all the parents for allowing your child to attend!

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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!

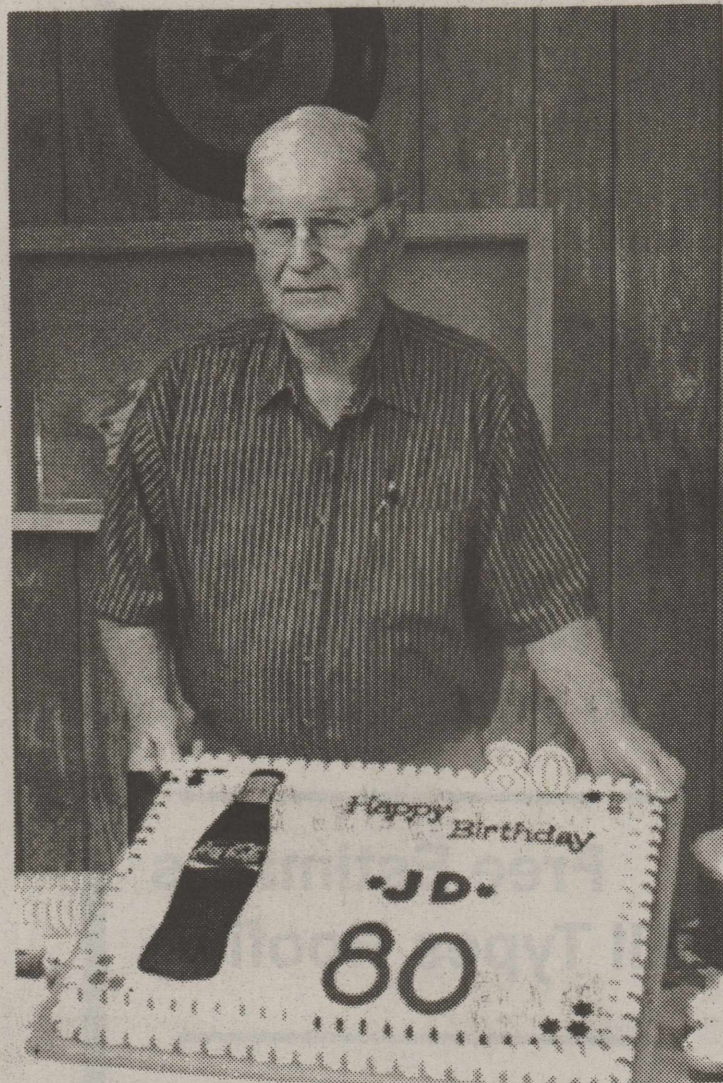
We will be accepting donations for sponsorship. For a minimum sponsorship of \$250.00 the individual or business name will be printed on the back of t-shirts, these shirts will be given away at football games and worn by

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



JD Broadus

JD Broadus Celebrates 80 years

JD Broadus celebrated his 80th birthday this past Sunday, July 26th, with his family at the Lions Club in Clyde, Texas.

There were 40 people in attendance: including his three children, seven grand children, 13 great grand children, two nieces, one great niece, one great nephew, and many friends.

His sister, Treva and brother in law Stanton Tucker, drove in from Vernon, Texas for the celebration which was the first time they have visited Clyde, Texas in approximately ten

years. Arriving with Treva and Stanton was their daughter, Whitney Ochilli, and her two children, Rachel and David Ochilli. It was their first time meeting some of their family members that until now they had only been told stories of!

Everyone enjoyed the celebration put on by his three sons, especially the Coca Cola themed cake. JD retired after forty years from the Coca Cola Company in Abilene, Texas and now has a full time job at home doing many "honey do's"!

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When you know, "Home" is really "Home"

A Letter to the Editor by: Vicki Larimore

In August of 2014, our family moved into the Cottonwood area from the Texas-Mexico border town of Eagle Pass. We looked at over 20 properties in as many counties from north of Fort Worth to west of Abilene trying to find the right combination of house, land, school and distance to the Texas Oil Patch for my husband's HSE career. We chose Cotton-

wood and Cross Plains to be our new "home".

My husband, Wes, has been in the oil and gas industry for many years and we have moved three times since 2010. We wanted a place that was centrally located so that the kids and I could be in a set place while he pinwheeled around us within a days drive of any oil rig.

In our time here, we have felt nothing but welcomed by our new neighbors and community. We have needed help with projects that only a neighbor with a tractor or bulldozer could achieve. I have come home to find the power source for my well dead and no idea of who to call or what to do to regain my water supply, only to have neighbors that I barely know take time away from their scheduled activities to help out the new "city folks" and see the work through until my well was functional again. Time and time again, I have received offers to drop off or pick up one of my teenagers if it seems likely that I won't be able to be in two places at once.

When the company my husband consulted for in the Granite Wash area of the Texas-Oklahoma panhandle sold all of their assets, Wes found himself out of work in a new town with no local contacts. Things at home got tight as we financially tightened our belts. Then one afternoon at a local feed store I found myself in the warehouse having a conversation about the oil field slow down, layoffs and truck driving. From there I was introduced to the owner of the business and Wes was able to lend a hand during the fertilizer rush and wheat season by taking trailer loads of product to various locations. We were helped with having a little extra money come in to slow our financial bleed, while helping others get the job done.

Wes is back in the "Oil Patch" for now as we carefully monitor the price of oil per barrel. And yet, even as things improve, our neighbors and community are still standing by, willing to lend a hand with an odd job or two I might need done, or help me shuffle two teenagers around.

Of all the places we looked at to settle, this small patch of Texas called to us. We love it here and we love our neighbors and community. It just goes to show that there are still places where being a good neighbor is something for which you can be proud. And that to practice what is preached is the way things get done.

I pray that as a community we will all continue to stand in the gap for one another, to love our neighbors even if we disagree, and stand firm on our word because the saying, "United we stand, but divided we fall," is how great communities and countries have been built. --Vicki Larimore



Meet the WIC team at your local WIC office. Pictured above (L-R) are: Jill Simon-WIC Nutritionist, Thalia Alcantar-Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, Kristen Moran-Community Service Aide, Rita Davidson-WIC Director and Jillian Spoor-Registered Dietitian with her son Oliver.

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WIC stands for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for women, infants and children. WIC offers nutritious foods like eggs, milk, whole grains, cereal, beans fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, juice and infant foods. WIC recently added yogurt, whole wheat pasta, potatoes and organic baby food to its food package.

Jill is a recent nutrition graduate from the Univ. of Tennessee. She is available to discuss advanced nutritional needs with WIC clients. Jillian was recently named WCS (WIC certified specialist coordinator) for Outreach Health Services. She participates in the Infant to Work Program which allows breastfeeding infants to accom-

pany their moms to work.

Outreach Health Services administers WIC in Clyde and the surrounding towns of Baird, Albany, Comanche, Cross Plains, Sweetwater, Breckenridge, Graham and more. WIC Office is located at 113 Fay Circle, Clyde, Tx 325-893-4552 and open Wednesday and Thursday from 7am to 6pm, closed for lunch from 12-1. Closed the first Wednesday all day and 3rd Wednesday we are open at 1:30pm. As of June 1, 2015 WIC Income Guidelines changed. Monthly income for a family of four is \$3739. Please give us a call. We are here for you. Or for more information go to texaswic.org.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Aug 3rd - Aug 7th

Monday 3rd -Chicken Salad Sandwich (Lett/Tom/Onion/Pickle) Chips, Fruit, Cookie

Tuesday 4th -Pinto Beans and Sausage, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert

Wednesday 5th - Hamburger Steak, Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 6th -Enchiladas (chili/cheese) Refried Beans, Lettuce/Tomatoes Salad, Dessert

Friday 7th - Chicken Spaghetti, Hominey, Lettuce/Tomatoe Salad, Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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Tuesday-4th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00

Wednesday-5th Exercise 11:00

Thursday-6th Exercise 11:00/Manicures 10:30

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Friday-7th 10:45 Exercise/Bingo 11:15

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Diana Miller holding the 40 lb. watermelon she and Russ pulled out of their garden on Monday.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Vacation Bible School at the Cottonwood Baptist Church starts next week. The first night is Wednesday, August 5th. VBS will run through Sunday, August 10th, with the final program at Sunday morning services.

Russ and Diana Miller have been busy working in their garden. They pulled out a 40 lb watermelon on Monday. By the time you're reading this, that watermelon has probably already been iced down, cut into slices and devoured. It's probably just a memory now. So glad Russ took a picture.

Dr. Patricia Wiese will speak Thursday night (that's tonight if you get your paper on Thursday) 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. Call the Chamber quick to see if you can still get a ticket for the dinner and to hear Sissy speak.

Ahoy, matey! This year's Cancer Walk has as nautical theme. I'm sure you can come up with lots of ideas - pirates, sharks, seashells, beach party, sailors and other 'ship shape' ideas for your booth at the Cancer Walk. The event is on Saturday, October 10th on the CPISD Football Field. I know that sounds like a long time away, but you know how quickly things go in the fall. Good idea to start thinking about your booth, now. And, start thinking about what you can donate for the Silent Auction, Live Auction and Children's Auction. Marsha Ossowski is in charge of all three

of the auctions. If you'd like to donate something, just give her a call.

Now, ahead of the Cancer Walk. There's a fund-raiser coming up for the Cancer Fund on Friday, September 4th (that's the Friday before Labor Day weekend). Joe Terstege and the CPVFD crew will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs in front of Lowe's Market that day to raise money for the Cancer Fund, who helps so many here in the Cottonwood/Cross Plains area. They'll also be having a Bake Sale to go along with the cookout. If you can bake something for the sale, it will be really appreciated. Mark your calendar now, so you'll remember to go by and pick up lunch that day.

Homecoming is also on the calendar for this year on September 18th and 19th. The kids will all be coming home for this big event. It only happens every three years. And you know there's all kinds of things planned for Homecoming: class meetings, the parade, a dance, hot dog supper - and of course, the football game.

Even though the grass is green 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 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.

DPS Reminds Texans to Stay Prepared During Hurricane Season

AUSTIN -- With more than four months remaining in the 2015 hurricane season, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding residents to review their emergency plans and stay prepared for the potential threat of hurricanes or tropical storms. Hurricane season began June 1st and continues through Nov. 30th - and historically, the more active months during a hurricane season are August and September.

"Especially as we approach the most active part of hurricane season, the best time to prepare is now - before a storm is imminent," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Early and adequate planning makes all the difference when a hurricane or severe weather threatens an area, and DPS is urging Texans to stay informed and take precautions now."

All Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas are subject to hurricanes or tropical storms. Because the strongest winds in a hurricane are not located precisely at the center, it is possible for a storm to affect conditions over land even if landfall does not occur.

Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and areas several hundred miles

inland, and winds can exceed 155 miles per hour. Hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes, create storm surges along the coast, cause extensive damage from flooding and create dangerous rip currents.

Here are several measures residents can take now to prepare for potential storms:

- Assemble an emergency kit that includes essential documents, supplies and provisions.
- Review hurricane evacuation maps, and select a route for you and your family.
- Plan how all family members and pets will evacuate safely.
- Plan ahead for individuals with functional or access needs.
- Stay informed about changing weather conditions in and around your area.

For more information on these tips and other ways to prepare for the 2015 hurricane season, please visit:

www.texasprepares.org. To register for assistance - including evacuation assistance - during a disaster, visit: <http://dps.texas.gov/dem/stear/public.htm>

To monitor tropical activity this hurricane season, please visit: www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Mighty Buffalo Band Practice Begins Soon

Dear Parents and Guardians, The 2015-2016 school year is quickly approaching and summer band is around the corner. My goal is that all students be able to be in band. I will be communicating with Coach Purvis and the cheer sponsors so that there will be no conflicts with band and sports.

As you know small schools share students in all areas; football players and cheerleaders alike should have the opportunity to be in the band. Help me by encouraging your child to stay with the program. This year we also have an opportunity to reach the state marching contest held at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Our goal is to make division I ratings at District Marching Contest in order to make this happen. Your child is an important part of the band and it will take everyone working hard to achieve this goal.

Upcoming 7th grade students may try out for the high school band. Incoming 7th graders will need to attend summer band in order to be considered for a position with the high school students. The talent that has developed in this young band is very encouraging! Students who attend summer band will also receive an extra 100 points to go towards their 6 weeks grade. They may use it for up to 105 points on their report card each 6 weeks.

With that being said, enclosed with this letter is the Summer

Band Calendar. August 10th - 12th practices are 2 P.M. - 4 P.M. and the remainder of the week's practice times will be determined and given to students. August 17th - 21st practice times are to be determined. (They will be worked around teacher in-service.)

Summer band practices are mandatory. As soon as school starts, there will be a mandatory band practice one day per week to be determined. I will send home a letter with practice dates and times at the end of summer band. Summer vacations will be considered unexcused absences. Each student needs to be here in order for us to achieve success. Please do not to schedule anything for these times. We all know emergencies arise and those situations can be made up. However, students who skip practices will be dismissed from the band program. Please note that if students miss any part of summer band they are not allowed to go on the yearly band trip. This will all be at the discretion of the band director.

Communication is very important. I have spoken with all football coaching staff and will be speaking with cheer sponsors, so there are no conflicts and your child can be involved in everything. It is important that students, parents and the director keep an open line of communication. Sincerely, Matthew Sowell.

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.

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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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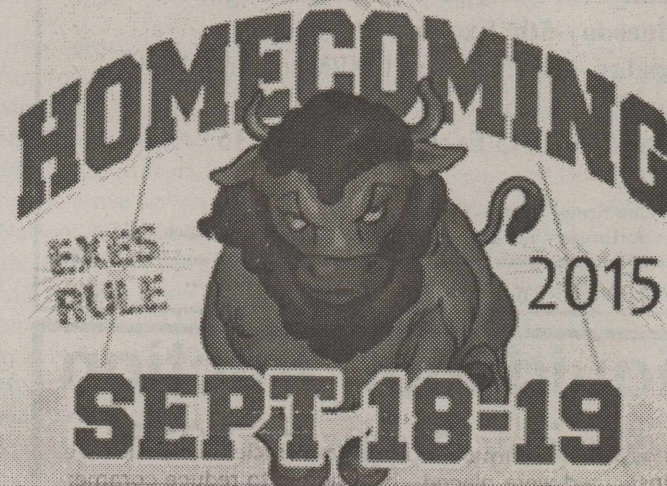
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Dove Management Seminar set for Aug. 6th in Abilene

ABILENE - With a banner hunting year shaping up thanks to bountiful rains over much of Texas, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is ushering in dove season with a Dove Management Seminar Aug. 6 in Abilene.

The program, to be held at the AgriLife Extension office located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center, will start with registration from 8-8:30 a.m. followed by the classroom portion from 9 a.m.-noon. After a catered lunch, the day will conclude with a tour of the Hailey Ranch.

"This year promises to be one of the best dove seasons we've had in ages," said Robert Pritz, AgriLife Extension agent in Taylor County. "A bonus for dove hunters is late rains have provided an abundance of native vegetation to provide adequate food and cover. These rains have also benefited many food plots that have been planted throughout the region."

However, much of this seminar will deal with native habitat to include everything from economics to dove habitat assessment.

Topics and speakers will include:

- Dove Biology and Habitat Management, Dr. John

Tomecek, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo.

- Dove Population Status Update, Hunting Season Forecast, Regulations Explained and Effectiveness of Steel Shot for Dove Hunting, Shaun Oldenburger, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department dove program leader, San Marcos.

- Interpretation of Dove Hunting Laws, Lacy Loudermilk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden, Abilene.

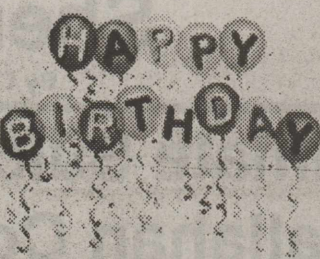
- Public Dove Field Leasing Opportunities, Annaliese Scoggin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, Abilene.

- Economics of Dove Hunting, Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San Angelo.

The field tour of the Hailey Ranch will include stops dealing with plant identification, dove habitat assessment and dove field hunter placement.

Registration is free to those who RSVP by Aug. 4th and \$10 for those registering at the door. For more information and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Taylor County at 325-672-6048.

Sincerely,
Jerry Warren
County Extension Agent



August 2

Lee Ann Burleson
Coby Wayne Kelly
Sharon Newman
Bobby Hutchins
Ronnie Letney
Jerry Bennett
Mrs. Henry Ring
Sabrenia Hutchins
Debby Whiteley

August 3

Sue Edgington Branch
Eddie Weiss
Donald Ingram
C. Raymond Woody III
Roxie (McConal) Thomas
Julie (Morgan) Reed
Cindi (Garrett) Estes
Terri J. Duncan

August 4

Jonathan Hamilton Merryman
Dorothy Tonne
Carroll Rhodes
Jim Nabers
Walter Lee Wilson
Phil Harris
Micheal Tennison
Colby Brandon Childers
Sharon Reddick
Michelle Calhoun
Austin Hines
Gail Webb
Eric Sims
David Bennett
Mrs. Helda Ellis
Tatym Elyce Shaw
Marvin Mosley
Ike Junell

August 5

Donna Brown Grider
Loula Smith
Gaynelle Baum
Daniel Grissom
Mrs. Ethel Bush
Courtney (Kirkham) Arbour
Charlie Ross
Susan (Porter) Beifus
Waylon Larimore

August 6

Nicki (Beggs) Higgins
Jess Watkins
Tammy Brown
Albert (Butch) Wilson
Gary Gilland
Charlotte (Letney) Townson

August 7

Larry Boyles
Martha Duncan
Walter Graham
Joe Hennesay
Ronald Todd Jordan
Luis Fernando
Bryan Switzer
Luis Monreal
Damon Gage Preston

August 8

Sterling Switzer
Benji Switzer
Gage Womack
John David Edwards
Chance Ray Watson
Mrs. Elvis Scott
Bill Wood
Carol Region
Shirley (Walker) Grant
Marlinda Wilson
Deanna Strickland
Linda Payne
Krista (Phillips) Heath
Mrs. Freddy Thate
Dewitt Simons
David Switzer
Mike Kelly
Whitney Brienne Clark

County Commissioners agree to house prisoners in Jones County

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to sign an agreement to house prisoners in Jones County during the commissioners' court monthly meeting held Monday, July 27th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to sign an agreement to house prisoners in Jones County when needed. The charge will be \$35.00 per day per prisoner. Callahan County has also contracted with Taylor County and Comanche County to house prisoners when the Callahan County Jail is full.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Jan Windham and County Clerk Donna Bell present. Also presented were Sheriff's Deputy Rick Jowers, Julie Lemon with the Sheriff's Office, and County Republican Chair Jane Holmes.

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

Under public comments, there was none.

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

Michelle Beaty of Davis, Kinard & Company presented

the results of the 2013-2014 independent audit. She reported that Callahan County received a clean audit. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the audit. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

An anonymous donation has been given to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Joy requested permission from the commissioners' court to be able to use the donation to subscribe to Leads On Line. Leads On Line is an internet based investigative system used by law enforcement agencies to help solve crimes. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to accept the anonymous donation and to allow the Sheriff to choose an option of this service based on the amount of the donation. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Billy Hughes with American National Leasing brought before the commissioners' court lease documents to be signed. The lease is on a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department, the lease purchase of which was approved during an earlier commissioners' court meeting. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to sign the lease and Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

There was no Sheriff's monthly report.

No action was taken on the Sheriff & Constable fees. The fees will remain the same.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to enter into an

interlocal agreement with the City of Baird to help load and haul debris. The County will also assist in hauling base material if needed. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to allow the Texas Department of Public Safety to set permanent parallel parking poles at the Courthouse in Baird for driver's license testing. Judge Corn seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote, with Commissioners Hicks and Farmer voting against the motion.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign the Resolution Authorizing County Grant for the Home Delivered Meal Grant Program. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the County Agent Report presented by County Agent Jerry Warren. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

On the item of building maintenance and repairs, no action was taken.

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

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

County Conservation Partners Host Local Work Group Meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas' Callahan County and the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their FY16 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting August 17, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Callahan Co. Courthouse in Baird, Tx.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Callahan County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is

to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Callahan County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Callahan County are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Sammy L. Wilson, District Conservationist, at (325) 854-1349 Ext-3. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

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ACROSS

- TXism: "in this ___ of the woods"
- based in TX: "USA Energy, Inc."
- in TX Penal Code, it's sexual assault
- ready for harvest
- "___ riot, one Ranger"
- TX Gary Morris' "One Fall ___ Takes"
- TXism: "___ seein' eye to eye" (agree)
- Friday night crepe paper sight
- "in the Year of Our Lord" (abbr.)
- TX George H. Bush in 1988: "___ my lips..."
- former "___ Ranch" stretched over 10 Panhandle counties
- Chevy model once assembled in TX
- TX poet: Naomi
- this Clint directed 2014 "American Sniper" about TX Chris Kyle (military)
- a first TX DWI is a Class B misde
- "hit me like ___ of bricks"
- Washin ton: ___
- Brazos: "birthplace of Texas"
- Fossil Rim Wildlife Center is a ___ preserve
- wild, untamed biography (2 wds.)
- boot width
- palty adjective
- TXism: "hard as putting up ___ a windstorm"
- came from behind to win
- this Chaney was in 1941 film "San Antonio Rose"
- "yes" south of the border
- casts a ballot
- NBA development team in Frisco: "Texas ___"
- TD area: end ___
- "Santa ___ Wildlife Refuge"
- this Caminitl was an Astro school administration in most TX towns (abbr.)
- not wide
- John Steinbeck's TX wife
- ___ Cove, TX
- TXism: "___ walking drunk"
- TXism: "the fat ___ in the fire" (trouble)
- TX Willie 1975 album: "Red Headed ___"
- what a confederate was called in the Civil War (2 wds.)
- meat with little fat
- "Our ___ the Lake University" in San Antonio
- TX Waylon Jennings sang "___ a Ramblin' Man"
- Cowboys first GM, Schramm
- a star of TX-based '85 film "Alamo Bay"
- this King founded the famous King Ranch
- Bob of film, "Riders of the Rio Grande"
- TX Charley Pride '71 hit: "___ Just Me"
- biggest TX city (abbr.)
- adversaries
- East TX sights
- TXism: "___ the trail" (leave)
- TX Meat Leaf album: "___ Hell"
- nonexistent
- "Star State"
- Ford model, 1965-91
- Gilco Co. ___ improperly trademarked "Blue Bell" name in Japan (91)
- TXism: "let by ___ be byones"

DPS Inspects 7,800 Commercial Vehicles During Roadcheck 2015

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 7,865 commercial motor vehicles during a three-day inspection effort last month as part of Roadcheck 2015. DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol troopers and civilian inspectors joined forces from June 2nd- June 4th during the annual inspection initiative aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety.

Approximately 21.7 percent (1,710) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs could be made. Issues with brakes and defective vehicle lighting were among the most common infractions that

led to out-of-service violations. Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 212 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven, improper logging of duty time and driving over the maximum number of hours. During the operation, DPS issued 1,947 citations and more than 21,312 warnings.

The annual Roadcheck program, sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement activities throughout North America.

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.

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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 Castiglion 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 re-named 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 Castiglion 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!

Planning for the next flood or drought

After years of historic drought, it was historic flooding that had devastating effects throughout Texas this Memorial Day. Although we cannot reverse the damage that's been done throughout Houston, the Hill Country, and many other parts of the state, we can take steps to prepare for next time.

In addition to providing water planning and financial assistance for water projects in Texas, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) helps Texas communities navigate state and federal flood protection grant programs, implement flood mitigation projects, and meet and maintain eligibility requirements in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Through its Flood Mitigation Planning Division, the TWDB administers federal and state flood protection grant programs:

- Flood Protection Planning – a state grant for political subdivisions to conduct feasibility studies of an entire watershed to evaluate both structural and nonstructural solutions to flood hazards within the watershed.
- Flood Mitigation Assistance – a Federal grant program fund-



ing cost-effective measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to repetitive and severe repetitive loss buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the NFIP. This program can fund flood planning efforts as well as numerous project costs that include acquiring, relocating, or demolishing residential structures. The TWDB can also provide loans for storm water and non-point source pollution control and flood control. The TWDB is also committed to helping Texas communities comply with federal NFIP regulations. Through its flood planning division, the TWDB is able to visit communities, offer training workshops

throughout the state, provide technical assistance where and when it is needed.

The Texas Natural Resources and Information System, another division of the TWDB, also helps answer questions about floodplain mapping and develops data to assist homeowners, business owners, state and local governments, and others access more accurate flood hazard and risk information.

We at the Texas Water Development Board continue to keep all those affected by the Memorial Day floods in our thoughts. Please contact our Flood Mitigation Planning Division at flood@twdb.texas.gov to learn more about planning for future floods.

Sheriff's Corner

By Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy

Inmate Suicide prevented by alert Callahan County Dispatchers/Jailers 'just doing their job'

Monday July the 6th I was at home and had just gone to bed for some badly needed sleep when at about 12:00 P.M. the telephone rang. I answered and it was Mollie Matty our newest dispatcher/jailer and she informed me that an inmate in maximum security had just attempted suicide, his attempt had been unsuccessful, but she knew I would want to know about the situation.

I told her that she had acted correctly; and thanked her for calling me. I hurriedly dressed and drove back to the jail.

I had left the jail, only about two hours before to go home.

During the time I was at home a Clyde Police Officer had brought in a 4th offense DWI suspect. During the booking procedure it was discovered that this man was a suicidal risk.

Most inmates have to be checked every hour. Inmates who are a suicidal risk, must be checked every 30 minutes at the least.

Mollie had stayed, and was working beyond her shift to help out, because of this inmate who was a suicidal risk.

The dispatcher/jailer who was relieving Mollie was Aleta Tension. Aleta had gone up the stairs to check the inmates during a 30 minute interval.

When Aleta came to the maximum security cell, at first, she could not see the inmate. On closer inspection she found him crouched quite low and leaning over the toilet area

where he could not be seen by the cameras. She saw that he had a white plastic cord wrapped around his throat, was leaned over the fixture and not breathing.

Aleta was a basic EMT (*Emergency Medical Technician*) for eight and one half years prior to her work at the Callahan County Jail. She quickly recognized that the inmate was choking.

Aleta said that she quickly "went into EMT mode," which means she was totally focused on saving the inmate's life. She was determined to do everything humanly possible to avert what could have been a tragedy.

She quickly grabbed the small plastic cord around his neck, a part of the recommended suicidal tear away gown and broke it.

Aleta came along at the correct time and spoiled his plans.

She then brought him back into consciousness.

The inmate awoke, furious with Aleta for interfering with his suicide plans and saving his life; to which she stated "I was just doing my job!"

When I arrived back at the jail I immediately went up to his cell to speak with him.

While we were talking he told me that the night was not over yet, and that I could not keep him from committing suicide. He told me he could butt his head into the metal cell bars and kill himself that way.

I began to speak with him in earnest. I asked him what church he was affiliated with. He said he was Catholic. I told him that he definitely couldn't commit suicide because it was against the Catholic Faith or any Christian Faith to take a life including your own.

We talked about that for a while, but he was still set on suicide.

Other Deputies came to help and we took him down stairs. My Deputy, Larry Lemon and I took him and all his property to the Shackelford County Jail, carefully watching him all the way. At this new jail there is a padded cell and a restraining chair.

We left him in Shackelford County Jail and drove back to Callahan County. He is still alive and I am grateful to the Callahan County Dispatchers/Jailers who were on duty that night.

I would have told this story earlier, but our humble, Dispatchers/Jailers; did not want any praise or publicity for what they called "just doing their job."

But I have to tell all of you Citizens of Callahan County, I am so very proud of them, as well as ALL of our Callahan County Dispatchers/Jailers and Deputies. I thanked them both for the job they had done going above and beyond regular duty...and that night, while on the way to the Shackelford County Jail; I said a silent prayer of thanks.

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The cost of inmates in County Jails Can be very expensive

In the Criminal Justice System, at the time a prisoner is booked into the County Jail, that County is liable for all medical and dental expenses of that inmate as long as he or she is housed in that County Jail or any other contracted County Jail. If the complaint appears to be life threatening, then an ambulance is called, and the cost of that ambulance transport will come to the County.

If the illness requires any medicines, those costs too are paid by the County. During my 2-1/2 years as Callahan County Sheriff, numerous hours have been spent with prisoners in the ER, in Doctors Offices or in dental offices.

June 27th I was required to travel to Shackelford County to take three of our contracted inmates to the local medical clinic for different ailments. On June 28th, about 4:00 P.M., dispatch advised me that one of those same three prisoners was complaining of being very sick. I drove to Shackelford, got the inmate and transported him to Hendrick Medical Center ER. Now Anyone who has ever

had to go to the ER knows that it is a minimum 5 hours from admittance to release. It is necessary for an officer to remain with the prisoner as long as he or she is in a hospital, doctor or dental office.

When this inmate was discharged from the ER, I transported him back to Shackelford County and he was again booked into their jail. The time from notification of the prisoner complaining of illness to his return to the Shackelford County Jail and my return to Callahan County was approximately 11 hrs.

Wednesday evening, July 23rd, I was called on to take an inmate to Shackelford County jail because the Callahan County jail was filling up. I completed this task and was busy answering calls until 11:00 p.m. I had gotten into bed when Callahan County dispatcher called and said that an inmate of ours in Shackelford County was sick, spitting up blood and had a bad headache. I put on my Sheriff's uniform and drove the County sheriff's Pickup to Shackelford County. I shackled and secured

the inmate and drove him to the Hendrick Hospital Emergency Room. Saving Callahan County the expense of an ambulance. They checked him out, found him to be dehydrated, gave him an IV and released him at about 3:30 a.m. I took him back to Shackelford County Jail, and I returned home to Baird about 4:30 a.m.

At 8:30 A.M. my phone rang and it was my jail Administrator Julie Lemon. She told me I needed to come to the Jail, because our jail was full and so was Shackelford County and Taylor County Jails and Comanche County Jail was temporarily shut down for some type of jail standard repairs. We could envision another crisis like we had in June when this happened and we contracted with Comanche County for jail space. Callahan County jail Administrator Julie Lemon and I again went to Callahan County Judge Corn who called the County Judge in Jones County and negotiated a contract for \$35.00 per day.

Commissioner's Court approved the contract, and another crisis was diverted.



The Recipe Corner

Spinach Ravioli Bake

Prep Time: 5 minutes Bake Time: 40 minutes

Ingredients:

- * 2 cups Ragu Old World Style Traditional Spaghetti Sauce
- * 1 package (25 ounces) frozen sausage ravioli or ravioli of your choice
- * 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- * 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- * 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese



Directions

- * Place 1 cup spaghetti sauce in a greased shallow 2-quart baking dish. Top with half of the ravioli, mozzarella cheese, spinach and Parmesan cheese. Repeat layers.
- * Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

Yield: 4-6 servings.