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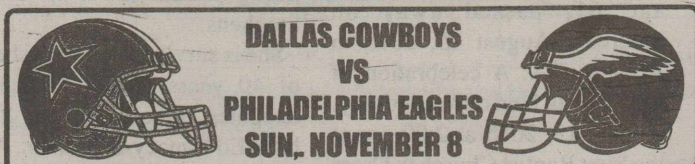
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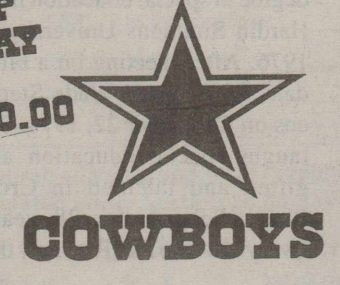


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## BAKE SALE, HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS AT LOWES MARKET ON SEPT 4

Your local Cross Plains VFD Firefighters will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill outside of Lowe's Market on the Friday before Labor Day. Stop by during lunch, while you're running errands or on your way to the lake. The burgers and hotdogs will be fresh and ready — and you can grab them on the run. There will also be a Bake Sale, so you can pick up something sweet for the holiday — cakes, pies, cookies, etc. Bake sale starts at 9 a.m., with the hamburgers and hotdogs ready about 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The CPVFD is cooking to raise money for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund. The Cancer Walk is less than two months away on October 11th. The Cross Plains Fire Department

is getting a jump on the fundraising to see how much money they can raise for the Cancer Fund. Cancer Fund is a local organization that helps Cross Plains area cancer patients with transportation expenses, as they travel to and from doctors appointments and treatments.

If you'd like to help out — or if you'd like to bake something for the sale, both organizations - the CPVFD and the Cancer Fund will be greatly appreciate it. You can let Joe Terstegge know. His number 325-260-5701.

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

Come out to Lowe's Market on Friday, September 4th, have fun, eat a great hamburger or hot dog, pick up some sweets and help out a great cause!

## C. P. H. S. Homecoming – Make Your Plans Now!

C.P.H.S. Homecoming is just a little over a month away on September 18th and 19th. Make your plans now for your class meetings and your homecoming float. You don't want to be left out!

Homecoming kicks off of Tuesday, September 15th with the Hotdog Supper in the parking lot next to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. The football players and the cheerleaders will be there. This is always a lot of fun. If you'd like to help with the Hotdog Supper, call Scarlett Harrell Koettel 254-725-6713.

Then on Friday, September 18th, the Pep Rally and Pre-Game Festivities start at 6 P.M. The Coming Home King & Queen Nominees will be presented. (Have you sent in your registration form and votes for King and Queen?) Also Past Teachers, Military, the Oldest Graduate and the Graduate Who Came the farthest to Homecoming will be recognized, along with students who went to State and Nationals during the past 3 years.

Then, the Football Game against the Roby Lions starts at 7:30 P.M. Go Buffaloes! Be sure you are decked out in Purple and Gold for the game as you cheer on the Buffaloes.

Saturday, September 19th will be a busy day, too. First, 8 A.M. Moses Fitness is putting on a Color Walk/Run that will benefit the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund.

Coffee & Registration will be held in the High School Library from 9:00 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. Come and see all your old friends. Connie Roby Kirkham and Dannes Dickson Turner are in charge of the Coffee and Registration.

Business Meeting starts in the Auditorium at 11 A.M. and runs

until 11:30 A.M. The seating will be sectioned out by decades (Classes of the 1950's, 1960's, etc.). The Homecoming King & Queen Nominees will be recognized. You'll recognize Cross Plains Ex-Student's Association President Jackie Dale Thomas and Vice-President Rusty Reed.

At 11:30 A.M., the Band Boosters will have lunch ready in the Cafeteria.

From 11:30 A.M. until 2 P.M., you're invited to visit the new Cross Plains VFD Firehouse. The firehouse is not quite finished. You'll be among the first to tour the building, meet the firemen and see the firetrucks.

The Homecoming Parade starts at 3 P.M. Parade line up is at 2 P.M. at the High School. Get your float planned out now, so you can be one of the first in line for the parade. 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.

Class Meetings start at 4:30 P.M.

The Party and Dance at Treadway Park starts at 6 P.M. There will be a live band. The dance is always a lot of fun and starts a little earlier this year to give everyone a chance to come out and have fun with their former classmates.

Also at 6 P.M., there's a Coffee at the Cross Plains Library.

September 18th and 19th will be a fun-filled weekend. Make your plans now. Send in your registration form. It will be a great Homecoming!

## Quilting Fellowship Begins With ASAP, September 2nd

The Cross Plains Public Library's After School Adventure Program (ASAP) kicks off another school year on Wed., Sept. 2, at 4:00 P.M. with a repeat of "The Quilting Fellowship". Last year the children of LAP, Lapsit, ASAP and SRP joined together with members of the Cottonwood and Cross Plains Quilting Clubs to produce an intergenerational quilt with a mini-grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. Everyone enjoyed making the quilt so much that a donor decided to provide the funds to make this an annual

event for the kids. To celebrate the 100th birthday of Ezra Jack Keats in 2016, this year's quilt will be based upon characters from his books. ASAP will kick off the creation of the quilt by designing their blocks first, then in November the LAP and Lapsit tykes will make fingerprint animals again for their blocks. A contest will determine the large center block (details will follow). Stop in the library and check out EJK's books to get ideas for your characters. Then join us on Sept. 2, at 4:00 P.M.



## Tim's Floral selected as Chamber of Commerce business Spot Light

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business Spot Light is Tim's Floral

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## Meet the Buffaloes

The Buffaloes will be scrimmaging Irion County Thursday, August 20th, at 6 P.M. Following the scrimmage we will meet the 2015-2016 Buffaloes, Buffaloes band, and cheerleaders.

The Buffaloes will be having an FCA social and the Athletic Boosters will be hosting an ice cream social. Feel free to bring your favorite homemade ice cream. We hope to see you there!

## Meeting Notice CP Cemetery Association

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association has a meeting scheduled for this Thursday, August 20th. This meeting will take place next to Texas Heritage Bank in the meeting room (Mozell's Room). Meeting begins at 5:00 P.M.

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# Back To School, Everyone!

School Starts August 24, 2015

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### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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### Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley  
Sunday School.....10:00am  
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  
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities  
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM  
Thomas Estes, Pastor  
Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor  
Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

## First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE  
9:00 AM  
Pastor Kathy Monroe  
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## CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street  
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Minister: RICK AUSTIN  
SUNDAY:  
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Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship: 5:00P.M.  
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.  
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10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)  
Office: (254-725-6117)  
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

## Obituaries



MARK EDMUND JOY

### Mark Edmund Joy

Mark Edmund Joy, age 50, of Llano, Texas, passed away Friday, August 14, 2015, while working in Mason County. Graveside services were held at 10:30 AM Monday, August 17, 2015, at Admiral Cemetery, Callahan County, Baird, Texas, with Pastor Jimmy Hatcher officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird. Viewing will take place all day Sunday at the funeral home.

Mark was born in Abilene, Texas, on November 10, 1964, to Terry and Lenora Bates Joy. He attended schools and graduated from Llano High School, and attended Tarleton State University. Mark served his country in the U S Air Force for 8 years. He spent most of his

time in Korea during the Cold War conflict where he earned the nickname of "Cowboy" from his fellow military buddies. After his military career he worked in long-haul trucking, traveling to every state and corner of the United States. He returned to Llano and began working in contract construction, most recently in metal building construction. Mark was a Baptist having been baptized in the First Baptist Church of Llano.

Survivors include his parents, Terry and Lenora Joy of Baird, Texas; 1 daughter, Victoria Joy of Victoria, Texas; 1 son, Justin Joy of Butte, Montana; 1 brother, Greg Joy and his wife Sally, of Brock, Texas; 2 nephews, Jeff and Levi Joy;

and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and an infant brother, Robert H. Joy.

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## First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening

6:30 pm Evening worship  
6:30 p.m. Bible Drill - 1st- 6th  
6:30 p.m. - Youth Discipleship

Wednesday

6:30 p.m - Prayer/Worship  
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PATRICIA ANN WATSON STEPHENS

### Patricia Ann Watson Stephens

Patricia Ann Watson Stephens, age 61, passed away on Saturday, August 15, 2015 in Abilene, TX. A celebration of her life was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, TX. Visitation was held 6:00 to 8:00 pm Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, TX.

Pat was born March 26, 1954 to Dwayne and Delphine Watson in Merkel, TX. She attended Trent schools and graduated as valedictorian of her class from Trent High School in 1972. She received a Bachelor's degree in special education from Hardin Simmons University in 1976. After meeting on a blind date, Pat married Wade Stephens on December 22, 1974. She taught special education and gifted and talented in Cross Plains Schools for 28 years. Everyone who met Pat knew that

she doted on her three children and five grandchildren and her heart beamed with pride for them and their accomplishments. The Stephens family are members of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, and Pat was devoted to the Children's programs at church including Vacation Bible School, AW-ANAs, and the nursery. Pat loved to serve the community of Cross Plains and was very involved with Santa at the Bank, Helping Hearts and Hands, and many other community projects. Her love of service has touched countless lives and her friendly smile and generous spirit will be remembered by everyone she ever met.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dwayne Watson and her granddaughter, Kieleigh Stephens.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Wade Stephens; daughter, Janeal and her husband Ed Yancey of Alabam. AR; daughter, Erin and her husband Mark Sakai of Dallas; son, Garrett and his wife Cheri Stephens of Cross Plains; her mother, Delphine Watson; her sister, Peggy Grimes both of Abilene; and many nieces and nephews. Her name was "Sweetheart" to her grandchildren, Vallie and Wyn Yancey and Stormy and Remington Stephens.

To continue her legacy of service to the children of her community, her family has set up an account for local kid's charities at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains.



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## Grand Ole Oplin August Line up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday evening for a night of good music, good friends and a whole lot of two-steps and waltzes.

August 21st MIDNIGHT BLUE returns playing some more of your old favorite tunes, and on August 28th MUDDY CREEK will be joining us again for some more of your favorite dancing tunes.

THE GRAND OLE OPLIN is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our community center functions.

Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. So gather all of your friends and family and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin, we know you'll have a real good time.

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### Weight Warriors Journey onward in 2015

Cross plains Weight Warriors is continuing their journey into the new year.

We are a group of like minded individuals who are going in the same direction with healthy eating, exercising, and learning new ways with food and recipes. We all are struggling every day to be the healthiest we can be. Everyone is welcome to come join our fun and energetic meetings. There is no charge and no membership requirements except to donate to our local food pantry. Our food pantry is always in need of non perishable items.

We have a celebration bracelet that is passed every week to the one who has lost the most that week. We also do a door prize drawing weekly and if you stay for the meeting you have the opportunity to win a bag of goodies donated by the previous week winner!

Come — bring a friend and find out how group support might just be the little boost you need to succeed in the weight loss department. Scales are provided if you choose to weigh in. We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Come join us! And we will see less of you every meeting!!

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**Sue Neal**  
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Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu August 24th - 28th, 2015					
<b>B R E A K F A S T</b>	MONDAY 24 Sausage Kolache Yogurt Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	TUESDAY 25 Cheese Omelet Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	WEDNESDAY 26 Breakfast Pizza Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	THURSDAY 27 Waffles Sausage Cereal Assorted juice Milk	FRIDAY 28 Muffin Yogurt Cereal Assorted juice Milk
<b>L U N C H</b>	Pizza Garden Salad Vegetable Medley Apple slices Milk	Country Fried Steak w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Roll Strawberry cup Milk	Meat & Cheese Tostadas & salsa Spanish rice Garden salad Refried beans Rosy-Applesauce Milk	Turkey & Cheese Sub Baby carrots w/ranch Seasoned corn Orange smiles Cookie Milk	Beef or Chicken On bun Hamburger garnish Cucumbers Sweet potato fries Sliced peaches Milk

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This is just one of many rare reviews for Dan L. Smith's *The Bankhead Highway in Texas*. You can meet Smith on Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center where he will speak for the Cross Plains Public Library's "Meet the Author" series.

A native of Miami, FL, Smith is a recognized historian who is retired and now resides in Fort Worth. His first encounter with the Bankhead Highway occurred while bicycling on the back roads in Parker County near Aledo. One narrow country road seemed to belie the nearby street sign which identified it as the Old Bankhead Highway. Few seemed to know much about the old road, and even less was known about the Bankhead Highway. Years later the author began his research which soon revealed the historical significance of the unassuming road. Originally referred to as Kute-man's Cutoff, the overgrown country lane he encountered had once been part of Texas Highway No. 1 and was a link in

the nation's first all-weather transcontinental highway. Travelers in the 1920s and 1930s also knew it as part of the "Broadway of America" and U.S. 80.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The CROSS PLAINS ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 P.M. on AUGUST 26, 2015 in THE CROSS PLAINS ISD BOARD ROOM AT 700 N. MAIN, CROSS PLAINS, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>1.04</u> / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ <u>0</u> / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	5.550	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0.0000	% increase	or	0.0000	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	3.210	% increase	or		% (decrease)

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 298,389,270	\$ 319,665,660
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,497,910	\$ 1,484,330
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 62,276,250	\$ 65,365,620
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,497,910	\$ 1,484,330

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

#### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0.0000

\* Outstanding principal.

#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.074 *	\$ 1.114	\$ 4,727	\$ 6,028
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.08545	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.08545	\$ 4,136	\$ 6,826
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.04	\$ 3,930	\$ 7,130

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 45,206	\$ 52,427
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 30,206	\$ 27,427
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 335.29	\$ 304.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (30.85)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,061,722
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 53,421

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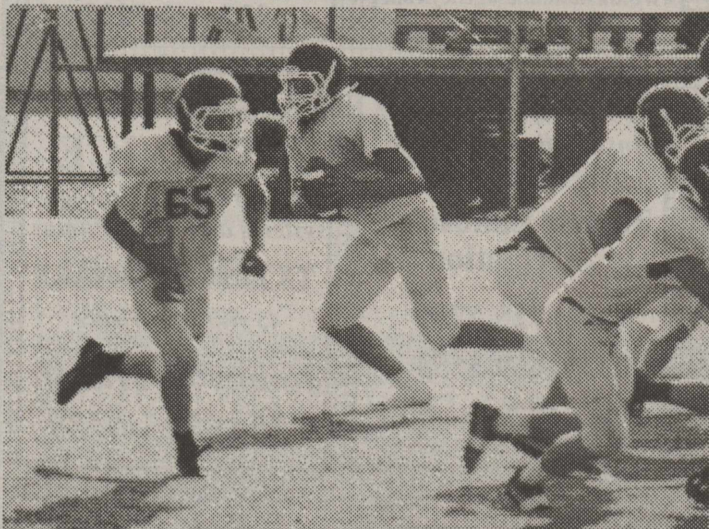
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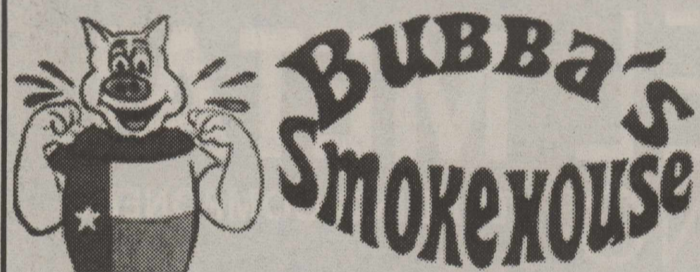


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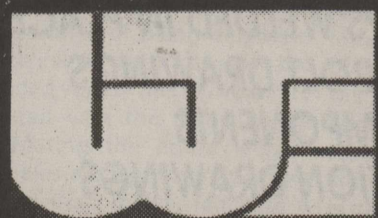
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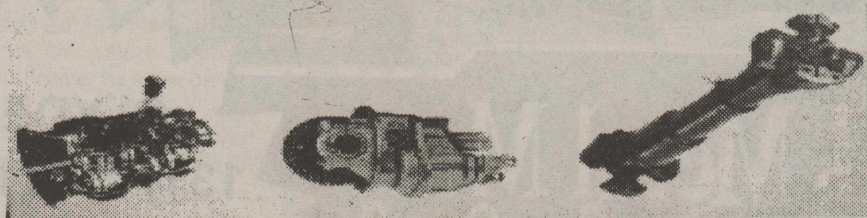
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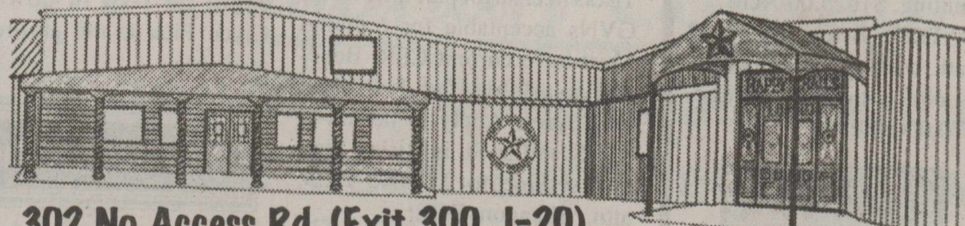
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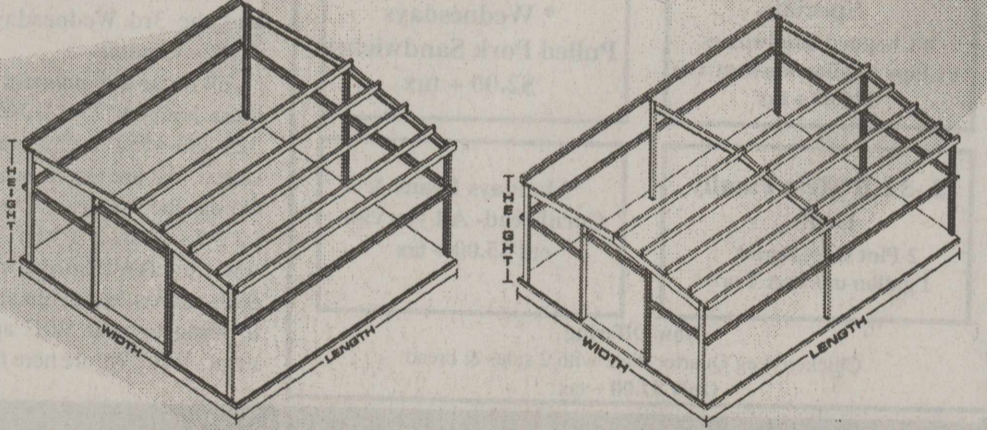
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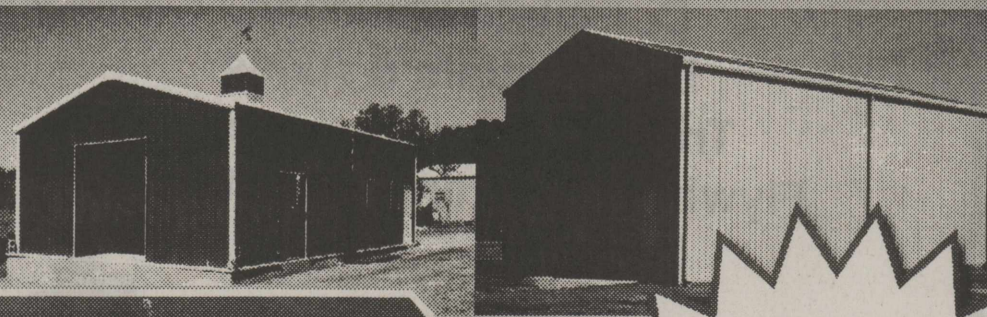
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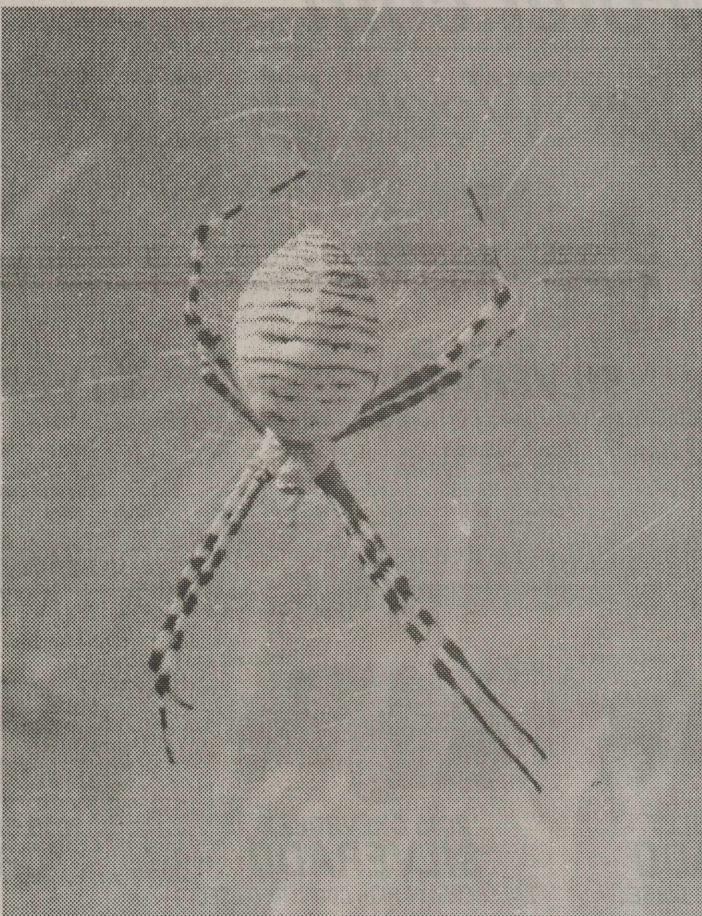
**Garden Spider**

Many species of spiders are so small and so non-descript that they are often just overlooked. However, there is a large species that occurs in west Texas that does not fit that bill.

Garden Spiders are a diverse group of spiders that can be found throughout the Americas, save for the coldest of the Arctic and Antarctic regions. Taxonomically speaking, these spiders belong to the family known as Araneidae, also known as the orb-weavers. In Texas, this family is represented by twenty-seven genera and eighty-five species, while the species that are the best known in this area are the two species that belong to the genus *Argiope*.

Garden Spiders, like other species of arachnids, have a body that consists of two parts (the cephalothorax and the abdomen) as well as the customary eight legs. The dorsal coloration varies upon species, with the Yellow Garden Spider (*Argiope aurantia*) having an abdomen that is boldly marked with black and yellow, while the Banded Garden Spider's (*Argiope trifasciata*) coloration is not so distinct with light lines of yellow, black and white that run across the abdomen. Both species have a beautiful silvery cephalothorax. The legs on the on both species are long and spindly, and each have distinctive markings on their appendages that can be used to differentiate from each other. The Yellow variety has legs that are bi-colored with yellowish-orange that have the appearance of being dipped in black ink on the ends, while the Banded variety has legs that are banded with the same colors alternating the entire length. Females are significantly larger in size than males, reaching a total body length of just over one inch and a legspan of almost three and one-half inches, while males attain a size barely half of that of the female.

The home of the Garden spider is a very distinctive, intricate web that is circular in shape that can be almost 2 feet in diameter. These webs are most commonly found near open areas near fields where insects traverse. Some specimens will utilize a small tunnel and never be seen on the web itself, however the vast majority will often be observed sitting quietly in the middle of the circle much like a bullseye, awaiting its insect prey to become ensnared. Unlike many other spider species, Garden Spiders have poor eyesight and rely on vibrations in the web to detect prey. Once ensnared, the prey items (usually grasshoppers) are venomated by the



Garden Spider's (*Argiope trifasciata*)

spider and wrapped several times in a silky coffin to be eaten at a later time. Any unedible portions of the prey will be cut from the web and discarded.

The breeding habits of the Garden Spider can be quite eventful, for the male anyway. The smaller male will typically build his web just above the females, and then will court the female by strumming the strings of her web, much as a musician will strum his guitar. He then approaches her to establish her receptivity, all the while having a string of webbing as a safety line in case the female is more interested in food than in reproduction. After mating, the male dies and in many cases is eaten by the female. In the fall, the female will then lay between one and four egg sacs, each one containing up to one thousand eggs.

Shortly thereafter, when the nighttime temperatures begin to drop, the fragile female will then die. The eggs incubate in the egg sac over the winter, and then the tiny spiderlings emerge from their cover sometime in early spring.

Garden Spiders are one of the most easily recognized and the least feared out of all of our native spiders, and they are an important predator on many harmful insects. Like all other spiders, they possess venom glands and have a toxic bite. However, like most other spiders, the bite from one of these creatures is of little consequence to humans and other mammals.

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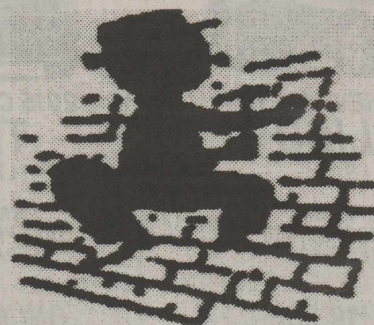
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Your generous donations made last year's event so successful, that we need your help again. We have a collection box set up at Lowe's Market and at the Senior Citizens Center. If you'd like to collect cans at your business, please let Cindy or Dannes know, and we will get a

collection box to you.

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.

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The Callahan County 4-H Drop and Run Donation project is to help kids in our community have a better education by donating school supplies to a classroom in need.

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Hannah McKinney and her lemonade stand

## Lemon-Aide at the Senior Center

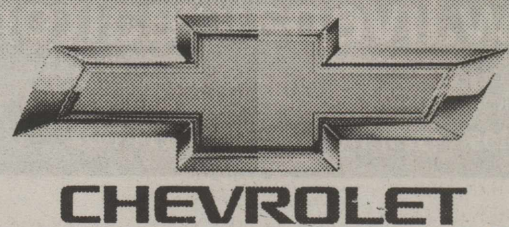
Hannah McKinney, will be set up outside of the Cross Plains Senior Center every Friday until school starts, offering fresh hand-squeezed lemonade. Hannah will only accept donations since there is no charge for her

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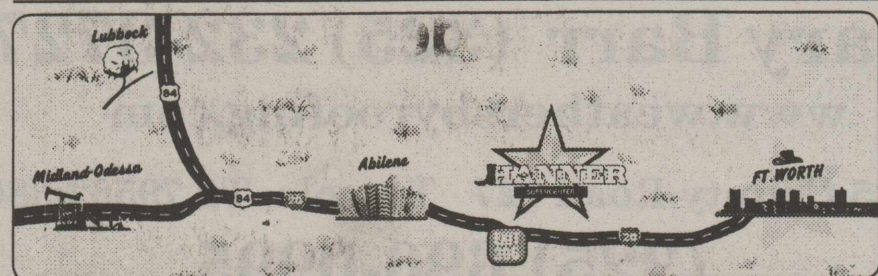
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# Cross Plains 2015 retail sales higher by 5%

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

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, August 12th.

Cross Plains' 2015 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$161,586.99, which is 5.05 percent higher than the \$153,805.82 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2014.

The payment to the city for August 2015 was \$23,047.10, which is 4.00 percent ahead of the \$22,159.58 payment made to Cross Plains in August 2014.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today, Wednesday, August 12th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their August local sales tax allocations totalling \$760.2 million, which represents an increase of 7.6 percent compared to July 2014.

Hegar also said today that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.4 billion, up 2.7 percent compared to July 2014.

"July's modest growth in sales tax revenue is in line with the biennial revenue estimate issued in January," Hegar said. "Stronger growth in receipts from consumer driven sectors, including retail trade, restaurants and services offset declining receipts from oil and gas-related sectors."

Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their July local sales tax allocations totalling \$760.2 million, up 7.6 percent compared to August 2014 and 5.6 percent year-to-date.

Hegar sent Texas cities \$496.1 million in August 2015, which is higher by 7.2 percent compared to August 2014 and higher by 5.1 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$46.2 million in August 2015 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 3.8 percent compared to August 2014 and higher by 3.6 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$171.9 million in August 2015 sales tax allocations, which is 9.1 percent higher than August 2014 and up 6.3 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$45.9 million in August 2015 allocations, which is 9.6 percent higher than August 2014 and higher by 10.8 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent June that report tax monthly, as well as April, May and June, by businesses that report tax quarterly.

For details of August sales tax

## CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2014	2015
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$153,805.82	\$161,586.99
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$22,159.58	\$23,047.10

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

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

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2015 started the year 34.63 percent higher than the 2014 payments.

The city has received \$177,193.02 in 2015, while the 2014 tax payments to the city totalled \$131,611.55.

Baird's monthly payment for August 2015 was \$26,526.88, which is 68.15 percent ahead of the \$15,776.46 monthly payment made to the city in August 2014.

—The 2015 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 13.31 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2014. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$436,487.99 in 2015. The 2014 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$503,551.44.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for August 2015 was \$66,810.69, which is 13.95 percent ahead of the \$58,628.01 payment made in August 2014.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2015 payments to the town totalled \$7,749.19, which is higher by 7.77 percent from the 2014 payments to the city in the amount of \$7,190.23.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of August 2015 was \$1,058.45 which is 1.76 percent higher than the payment of \$1,040.07 made to the city in August 2014.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2015 in Callahan County are lower by 1.6 percent compared to the 2014 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2015

amounting to \$783,017.19 while the 2014 payments to the county towns totalled \$796,159.04.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of August 2015 was \$117,443.12, which is 20.32 percent higher than the August 2014 payments of \$97,603.12 made to the Callahan County cities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Monday is the big day for all the kiddoes. Summer is over and the big yellow bus will be winding its way around Cottonwood gathering the kids for school. Be careful when you see the bus as kids will be hurrying to get on the bus and rushing to get off the bus when they get back home. They won't be looking out for you, so please watch out for them.

Doesn't seem like so many years ago, but it's probably been 50 or so years since the 1960's when the school bus would stop at the old Coffey Store in the afternoons for the kids to get an ice cold soda pop and a candy bar. And by "ice cold," they were really ice cold, you'd stick your hand down in the Coke box and pull a bottle out of the icy cold water. Oh, and the fresh cut longhorn cheese and bologna. You'd ask for it and Norman or Dixie would pull out a big knife and cut it off of a large roll. It was great having the Coffey Store; you could buy just about everything there - milk, eggs, bread, feed, gas, sewing supplies. And on Sunday, Norman would open up for a while after church, so folks could get the Sunday paper. It's been many years and the store's falling down and has seen better days, but the memories are still pretty fresh.

Over the years, there's been a long-standing discussion over whether the gas tanks were still in place at the Cottonwood store. Different ones have said that the tanks had been removed years ago and others were certain that the tanks were still in the ground. Well, the mystery has been solved - as the gas tanks were

removed this past week.

Cottonwood lost one of our good friends and neighbors this past week. Pat Stephens passed away on Saturday. Pat was very active in the Cottonwood Baptist Church and helped organize the Vacation Bible School each year. She also worked on the Santa at the Bank program and Helping Hands and Hearts, two charitable organizations, as well as teaching school in Cross Plains for 28 years. Pat always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. We will greatly miss her.

Our prayers go out to Pat's family - her husband, Wade and their children: Janeal (and her husband Ed Yancey), Erin (and her husband Mark Sakai), Garrett (and his wife Cheri Stephens); Pat's mother, Delphine Watson; Pat's sister, Peggy Grimes; Pat's adorable grandchildren and her many nieces and nephews.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club ladies pieced together a beautiful square and diagonal patch quilt in blues, browns, maroons and tans for the upcoming Cancer Walk. The top has been backed and is being quilted by the Cross Plains Quilting Club. Chances for on the quilt will be available soon.

Last week we mentioned that the snakes were bad, as the copperheads are looking for shade and water. One of our new local residents found out that we weren't kidding at all. Vicki Larimore was out just before dusk on Sunday near her chicken coop moving some limbs her husband Wes had cut down. When she turned around there was a copperhead. She let out a holler that brought the kids run-

ning thinking she'd been hurt. Vicki's daughter came running out wearing flip-flops, not the best footwear for being around snakes (not to mention ants and other crawling critters). Vicki sent her back in to put on boots. This added to all the commotion. Vicki says that the snake's last thoughts were probably "what's all the fuss" as she impaled him the business end of a nearby shovel. There's snakes out there, and where there's one, there's sure to be a bunch more.

The BURN BAN is ON. No burning or outdoor welding. No control burns. Call the Sheriff's office if you have questions about what you can and cannot do during the Burn Ban. Their number: 325-854-1444.

Now that school is starting and fall is close so many events are coming up in the next month or so. Football season has started, so there's games for the High School, Junior Varsity and Junior High, too. So many things will be coming up soon. Here's a run down of some of the events that we've heard about.

September 4th (Friday) - Fundraiser for the Cancer Fund at Lowe's Market. Bake Sale, Hamburgers and Hotdogs. Baked goods are needed for the Bake Sale.

September 18th & 19th (Friday and Saturday) - CPHS Homecoming, includes a parade at 3 P.M. on Saturday.

September 22nd (Tuesday) - Cross Plains Library's Meet the Author with Dan L. Smith, author of The Bankhead Highway in Texas. Held at the Senior Center.

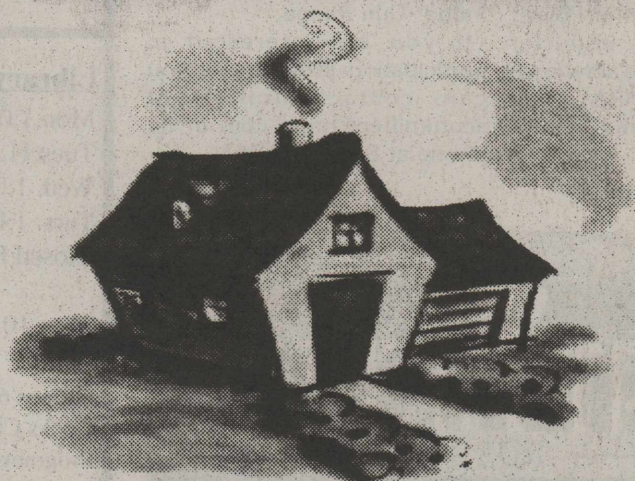
October 10th (Saturday) - Cancer Walk.



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## Cancer Fund Sets Sail on Cancer Walk; Events and Drawings Happening prior to Oct. 10th

The Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund is "Setting Sail" on the plans for this year's Cancer Walk slated for Saturday, October 10th at the CPISD Football Field.

With the nautical theme of "Dropping Anchor on Cancer", your booth could be a scene from the Love Boat, an underwater fantasy, Pirates on the Caribbean, a sailing adventure, a fishing trip, an old battleship, a beach party, Finding Nemo, Charlie the Tuna, or just about anything nautical you can come up with! Start planning your booth now. October 10th will be here soon!

Several events are already planned to kick off the Cancer Walk.

First, the Cross Plains VFD will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs and having a Bake Sale in front of Lowe's Market on Friday, September 4th to raise money for the Cancer Fund.

On Saturday, September 19th (that's the Saturday morning of Homecoming), Moses Fitness

will be sponsoring a Color Walk/Run to benefit the Cross Plains Cancer Fund. Race starts at 8am. You can get your registration at Moses Fitness or at the First Baptist Church office. Early registration price is \$25 per adult and \$15 for children under 13. Early registration will end on September 10. Volunteers are needed to help with the run.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club and the Cross Plains Quilting Club have teamed up and created a quilt to be raffled, with the proceeds going to the Cancer Fund.

You can take a chance on Four Texas Rangers Tickets, donated in honor of Howard Edington. Tickets available at Texas Heritage Bank or from Debbie Edington.

The 2015 Cancer Walk T-Shirt featuring the Hope Anchor and Ribbon design is available now! You can get your shirt at the Cross Plains Senior Center or at Salamander's Apparel. Shirts are available in ocean blue, purple, charcoal gray or pink. Teams can

order 12 or more shirts with the Hope Anchor design in a variety of colors with their team name on the back.

Items are needed for the Live Auction, Silent Auction, Children's Auction and the Raffle at the Cancer Walk. You can drop off donations for the auctions with Dannes at the Senior Citizens Center or with Cindy at ResourceCare. Marsha Ossowski is in charge of the Silent Auction and Children's Auction. She can help you with your donations, as well.

Mark on your calendar now that you might want to do some baking for the Cancer Walk, as cakes, pies and goodies are needed for the Cake Auction, Bake Sale and Cake/Prize Walk at the Cancer Walk.

Prizes are also needed for the Cake/Prize Walk, for Bingo and the Raffle.

Get your team or group together now and start planning your booth and what you will donate for the Cancer Walk. "Set Sail" and get ready to "Drop the Anchor on Cancer".

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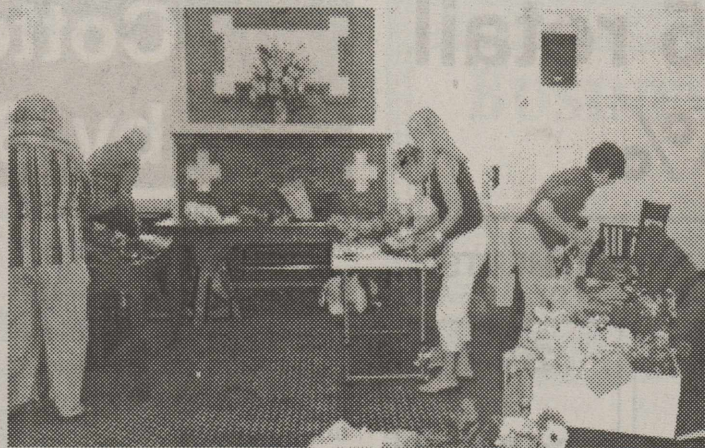


CP Garden Club with Coleman Town & Country Garden Club

### Texas Concealed Handgun License (CHL) class offered August 25th & 27th

The Texas Concealed Handgun License (CHL) class will be offered in Clyde August 25th and 27th. Scott Kniffen, who recently retired from a 40 year career in law enforcement, will be the instructor. Kniffen served with several different law enforcement agencies throughout his career and spent the last 21 years of his career as a Chief of Police. He has been a CHL instructor since 2012. He is also a National Rifle Association (NRA) pistol and home firearms safety instructor.

The CHL class will be held at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce. Due to the length of the class, it will be held on two evenings from 7-9:30 PM. The class will be limited to 10 participants and the cost of the class is \$65 per person, range fee included. The qualification will take place on Saturday, August 29th at the Abilene Indoor Gun Range. If you are interested in participating in this class you can contact Kniffen at scottkniffen@gmail.com or by phone at 817-899-5263.



CP Garden Club with Coleman Town & Country Garden Club

### CP Garden Club spending time with Coleman Town & Country Garden Club

Cross Plains Garden Club members Diana Miller, Sarah Stone and Julia Wheeler hit the road early Friday morning to meet with the women from the Town & Country Garden Club in Coleman for an eventful day.

We began with a wreath making workshop at the Miller Building. Fall and holiday wreaths were created to be used as door and prizes for the upcoming District VIII Fall Garden Club Convention which the Coleman and Cross Plains clubs will co-host. The workshop was wonderful, with everyone sharing supplies as the creativity

flowed. Next we toured the facility that will house the convention, followed by lunch at Rancho Pizzeria, a new upscale pizza restaurant. Before leaving there was a shopping stop at Kay's Garden of Glass, a gallery and workshop for fired glass art, jewelry, paintings and more.

The Cross Plains Garden Club welcomes new members as we begin our new year. Our first meeting will be held Friday, September 11, 2015 at noon. Please contact us at 254-725-9418 for more information.

### Got Debris? The Cottonwood Vol. Fire Control assist in debris removal

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit is available to assist local residents in the removal of debris left behind by the recent heavy rains.

If you are a private land owner in the Cottonwood area and you have debris blocking your water gap or culvert, and are interested in our assistance, please contact Roy Boyd at 725-7405.

## Library Notes

### Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
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## School Begins August 24th

The Cross Plains ISD is set to open their doors for the 2015-2016 school year, Monday August 24th. The Administration and Staff are prepared and looking forward to the beginning of a new year.

The 2015-2016 Cross Plains Independent School District Faculty and Staff assignments are as follows:

Mykia Anderson	JH Math/Coach
Rhonda Atchley	English
Janna Austin	HS English/Spanish
Shawn Bullock	JH/HS History
Keeka Byrd	JH English/FCS/Art
Edith Cooper	HS Math
T'Leah Eicke	HS Math/Coach
J. Bart Eison	JH History/Coach
Elvan Goode	AG
Evelyn Harris	Lib. Aide/HS Cheer Sponsor
JoJo Morgan	Sped/Coach
Marc Morgan	AG
Ashley Moses	Aide
Brandi Purvis	HS Science
Daniel Purvis	Gov/Econ/Coach
Matt Sowell	Band
John Ward	Science/Coach
Brad Jones	HS Principal
Stacy Jones	HS Counselor
Krisi Reed	HS Secretary/PEIMS Coord.
Jim Cook	Technology
Tammie Tennison	Attendance Clerk
Rebecca Smoot	Custodian
Superintendent	Phil Mitchell
Business Manager	Linda Birdwell
Superintendent Secretary	Lurene McNutt
Cafeteria Manager	Barbara Barnett
Cafeteria Assistants	Deborah Thomas, Lorna
Maintenance Supervisor	Muniain and Josefina Sanchez
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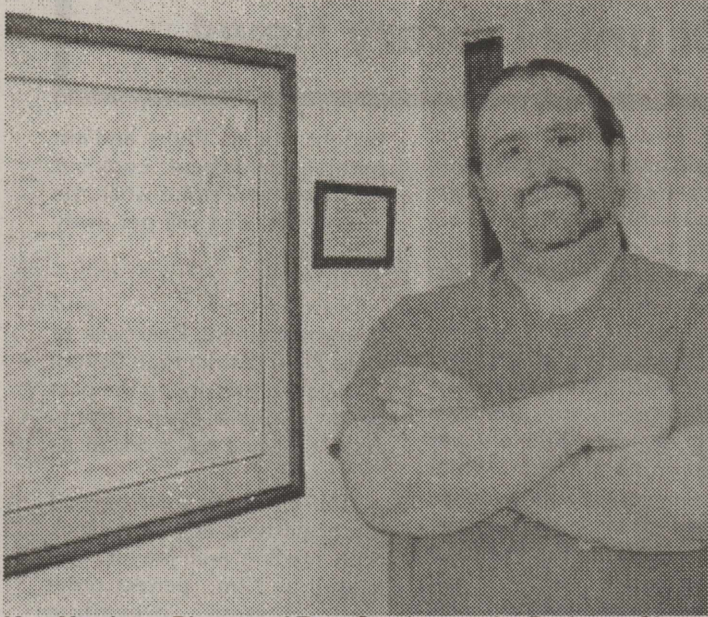
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**Matt Morrison, Director of Teen Services at the Burleson City Library**

## Librarian visits Museum

Matt Morrison, Director of teen services with the Burleson City Library was in town recently to visit the Howard Museum and to check out our local library. His personal interest in Howard's writings and his professional interest in getting teens into books has led him into a lot of the same material that the serious scholars who come here on a regular basis have published. He has met several of our 'regulars' at Howard Days at various book event/reviews, etc.

Part of Morrison's job respon-

sibilities is reviewing books for possible purchase and use by the Burleson library. He was quite surprised that our local library participates in a very similar program in conjunction with the Howard Payne Library in Brownwood.

He was also interested to learn about the new Role Playing Board Game based on Howard's Conan character that was previewed at the recent Howard Days, as this is one aspect of his work with the teenagers.

## CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

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

Prayer was led by Linda Birdwell.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we approve minutes from July 15, 2015 with corrections. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Cowan that we approve Employee Handbook for 2015-16. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams that we propose an M&O tax rate of \$1.04. For 6/Against 0

Superintendent told the board that Robin Porter had resigned. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Cowan that we adjourn. For 6/Against 0

## Senior Citizens Center Activities

**Aug 24th - Aug 28th**

**Monday-24th** Exercise 11:00 (School Starts)

**Tuesday-25th** Exercise 11:00

**Wednesday-26th** Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure

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**Thursday -27th** Exercise 11:00

**Friday -28th** 11:00 Exercise

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

**Aug 24th - Aug 28th**

**Monday 24th** -Chili Cheese Dogs, Oven Fries, Fruit, Cookies

**Tuesday 25th** - Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies

**Wednesday 26th**- Butter Beans, & Ham, onion, Tomatoe Slices, Cornbread, Dessert

**Thursday 27th**- Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Gravy, English Peas, Bread, Dessert

**Friday 28th** -BBQ Sausage, Pinto. Beans, Mac & Tomatoes, Bread, Dessert

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## Courthouse News

**Callahan County Court**  
Roger Corn, presiding

**Civil Filings**

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Amber Cathleen Collins, theft.  
Brian S. Hall, theft by check.  
Kristy M. Hays Keys, theft by check.  
Celeta M. Gilbert Palacio, theft by check.

Melissa Lee Jones and Bradley Shane Jones, divorce.

In re: Jena Landers Williams, name change.  
Lyndsey Christine Buchanan and Brandon Oyama Buchanan, divorce.

Benjamin Lee Lincecum and Edith Michelle Lincecum, divorce.

Amber Dawn Snell and Dustin Pershing Snell, divorce.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Ben W. Caulder, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Cherl Leann Runge, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Delores Ann Riggs; Kevin Lloyd Damer.

Dillan Strickland, motion to dismiss to terroristic threat, witness unavailable.

Shane L. Haley, motion to dismiss to assault - family violence granted for plea to other case.

Hayley R. Byrom, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, insufficient evidence.

Corrina C. Whitley, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Bud C. Thomas, motion to dismiss to assault - family violence granted, witness unavailable.

**Marriage Licenses**

Justin Anthony Cota and Kayli Dakota Dennington, both of Clyde.

Jim Ray Jaggars of Baird and Christine Anne McKibben of Clyde.

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

**Civil Minutes**

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC assignee of GE Capital Retail Bank (Lowe's) vs. Lydia Guerrero, order granting notice of non-suit.

Southwest Intergrated Enterprises, Inc. vs. George Francis, default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$5,774.30 from defendant.

Tiffany Sevanna Stripling and Patrick Mitchell Stripling, divorce granted.

Patricia Diane Hale and David Michael Hale, divorce granted.

Katlin Elaine Johnson and Christopher Scot Johnson, divorce granted.

In re: Jena Landers Williams, final order changing the name of an adult granted.

**Criminal Indictments**

Joe Stewart, Ct. I - aggravated assault, Ct. II - aggravated assault.

Jason Stroud, Ct. I - aggravated assault, Ct. II - aggravated assault.

Rene R. Cipriano, possession of marijuana.

Antonio F. Leal, possession of marijuana.

Inez J. Leal, possession of marijuana.

Joe L. Dillard, possession of marijuana.

Troy D. Eaton, possession of marijuana.

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## Market at Clyde at The Old Firehouse returns to Fall/Winter Hours on September 12th

After a very successful Summer The Market at Clyde that meets at The Old Firehouse will return to Fall/Winter hours of 10:00am-4:00pm. With school resuming and football season well under way, the new hours will better meet the needs of the community of customers and vendors.

Each month The Market at Clyde also features a collection for Heart to Heart Ministry. In August the community was very generous in donations of school supplies and cash to purchase school supplies. Thank you to each one that made a donation.

In September there will be a collection of non perishable food items. To mark the return of the season, vendors will also be donating items for a nice gift box to go to one of the customers that brings in food donations. Each vendor donates an item from their stock for the box. Each person that makes a donation of food or cash to Heart to Heart may enter their name into a drawing for the gift box.

The Market at Clyde is made up of local crafters of all types, artist, gardeners and home cooks. All items are made by

hand. September will mark the beginning of holiday shopping at The Market and the vendors will be ready with home decorations and one of kind gifts.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at The Market at Clyde you may call 325-5218-3939 or email HYPERLINK "mailto:themarket-at-clyde@gmail.com" themarketatclyde@gmail.com to learn more. Visit the Facebook page The Market at Clyde Texas.

## Callahan County Library News

Large print paperbacks available at the library are: Person of Interest by Debby Giusti, Fugitive at Large by Sandra Robbins, Forgotten Memories by Laura Scott, Proof of Innocence by Lenora Worth and The Lawman Returns by Lynette Eason.

From the Past Callahan County Clarendon Saturday June 24, 1882 Vol. 3, No. 12

Letter from Belle Plain Belle Plain, June 22, 1882 Ed. Clarendon: By your permission I will give your readers a few notes from this point.

We have had a good rain here and in consequence crops are growing finely.

Belle Plain has been lively for the last few days, as there has been considerable traffic in the beef market. J. D. Merchant has had been buying cattle and selling horses, in fact he is the most active man I have ever met when he is doing business in his line.

Mr. Davidson has been branding and having his herd inspected preparatory to taking the trail.

Mr. Huffman gave me an invitation this evening to visit his farm and garden and I was agreeably surprised to find prospects for so good a crop. His market garden is situated just below a large tank from which the garden is irrigated.

Mr. H. says he has gathered and sold six hundred pounds of onions and I should judge that he has twelve or fourteen hundred still growing, and besides he has other vegetables in abundance, such as beans, peas, tomatoes, cabbages and other things too numerous to mention; he has beets which average two and one fourth pounds each. From the garden we went to the house which is situated in a beautiful grove of oaks, and all unoccupied space is planted in shrubbery and shade trees; we next visited the orchard, which is planted in garden

stuff and looks well; his orchard consists principally of peach trees and they have considerable young fruit on them; he also has apple and pear trees and grape vines. We then went to the farm; and there again I was surprised, for in place of inferior land and poor crops, I found very good land and corn that promises thirty or forty bushels per acre, and oats (the White Prussian variety) that promise a yield of sixty bushels per acre. Mr. Huffman's farm and buildings are well arranged and he is prepared to enjoy his old age.

We had speaking this evening by one of our candidates for Congress, Mr. Silas C. Buck; he delivered a good speech on the political issues of the day, i. e. finance, import duties, revenues, national bank monopolies and railroads. Mr. Buck has a number of friends and acquaintances in this neighborhood and will perhaps get a good support here.

Our business men are doing a good business and your humble reporter is doing something in his line. I have

bought and Mr. Henry and am running a shop here. Look out Mr. Dean and strike while the iron is hot, or I will get away with you.

M. H. Allen Examination and Commencement Exercises of Belle Plain District High School

The exercises during the past week at Belle Plain College have crowned the work of its first season.

The exercises were opened each morning at nine o'clock with reading and prayer, and closed at 12m., perfect order and system prevailing throughout, although the large school room was crowded every day. The committee were untiring in their duties, and made a thorough and impartial examination. For the short time the school has been established under its present auspices we would say that the examinations were highly satisfactory to all and hope the school may continue to prosper in the future as it has in the past.

Rev. T. J. Austin, J. W. Jones, J. D. Merchant, J. W. Day, T. H. Floyd, Wm. H. Parvin—Committee

## Callahan County Shotgun Shooting Sports to host 12th annual 5-Stand Shoot

Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Sports will be holding their 12th Annual 5-Stand Shoot on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the 4-H Range between Clyde and Baird. Shooting hours will be between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A Team of five can shoot fifty targets each at the Whiz-Bang Field for \$125.00. Call to reserve a time to shoot.

Organizers will also have a 5-Stand Field set-up for 25 targets, cost will be \$10.00 per 25 targets.

The Trap Field will also be

open for \$6.00 per round (25 targets).

So if you are not finding the amount of dove you would like or would like to hone your bird hunting skills before you go out that afternoon, bring your shotgun, shells, vest, eye and ear protection and come out to shoot some clays and have some fun!

The concession stand will be open.

For more information or to reserve a time for a team to shoot 5-stand call Kevin Meier at 325-665-7810.

## Local Ranching event scheduled for Sept. 10th

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will host a ranch gathering Thurs. Sept. 10th at the Cliff Styles Activity Center in Seymour, Texas.

Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a complimentary beef dinner.

The ranch gathering is free and open to the public. The featured speaker at the ranch gathering will be marketing expert Randy Blach, CEO, CattleFax. Blach's presentation will address a number of key factors producers should consider this fall, including stocker cattle and wheat grazing prospects, cattle price outlook, and recent demand trends. In addition, TSCRA Special Ranger Scott Williamson will provide a law enforcement update and offer ranchers information on how they can keep their livestock and equipment safe and secure.

Additionally, TSCRA staff will update cattle raisers on important legislative issues.

Please RSVP to 800-242-7820, ext. 192, or rsvp@tskra.org.

To get to the Cliff Styles Activity Center from the intersection of Bus. 183 and Hwy. 82, head east on East California St. for .7 mile and the event will be on the left.

Anyone who joins TSCRA at the gathering will receive a free metal gate sign courtesy of Bayer Animal Health. All members of the press are invited to attend. TSCRA is a 138-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas.

TSCRA has more than 17,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members.

These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

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

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## Preserving Our Hunting Heritage in the Wake of CWD

By Jenny Sanders

We have long known certain deer breeding practices threaten native wildlife and hunting on a number of levels and the movement of captive deer around the state in livestock trailers creates significant risk to our wild deer population.

Texas hunters are still reeling from the June discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), an always fatal, highly contagious brain disease similar to Mad Cow disease, in a deer breeding facility in Medina County. The shocking reality is that deer from this one breeder have been shipped to 66 Texas counties, and during that time, CWD went undetected in his pens. There are approximately 100 animals in this facility that remain to be tested, while the source of the disease is still unknown. With 4 million wild deer in Texas, and a disease with no cure, we must ask ourselves—is the deer breeding industry worth the added risk?

Deer breeders represent a self-centered, short-sighted industry that has been allowed to hide under the veil of legitimate wildlife management for far too long. They treat wild animals like livestock, and operate in a no-man's land where neither wildlife nor livestock rules apply. Deer breeders have only been compelled to conform to a more appropriate regulatory framework upon the discovery of CWD in a breeding facility.

Recently, a plan was approved that will lift the ban on movement of breeder deer, allowing hooves to hit the trailers and the canned shooting industry to have cash-flow for yet another year. How will this new reality of CWD in Texas white-tailed deer impact our wild herd, hunting, rural economies and land values, and when will the concerns of the overwhelming majority of hunters and landowners be addressed? The squeaky wheel always gets the grease, and as long as the silent majority of hunters do not speak up, deer breeder voices are the only ones that are heard.

The professionals at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) are to be commended for their response to date, and commitment to the safety of both wild and captive deer in our state. Deer breeders have thrown up roadblocks and used political shenanigans to slow the process of detection and containment of this disease, illustrating their lack of concern for the public resource (white-tailed deer), the future of hunting, and even the long-term sustainability of their own industry.

The largest and most respected hunting, wildlife management and conservation groups in Texas and the nation are calling for an aggressive approach to detection and containment of this disease. Texas is the 22nd

state to document cases of CWD, positioning us to learn from other experiences and develop a unique approach that could inform the future handling of CWD nationwide.

Texas is the only state in the U.S. that allows captive-raised deer to be liberated into the wild, and on top of that, no visible external identification, such as an ear tag, is required to differentiate them from wild deer and aid in disease tracking. These unique factors elevate the risk deer breeding poses to wild deer and therefore, legislation is needed to protect wild deer and hunting in Texas.

I encourage you to join our community on Facebook and share your support: <https://www.facebook.com/texanshuntingheritage>.

With hunting season just weeks away and the potential burden of CWD only beginning to unfold, I hope you will speak up. Hunters, wildlife enthusiasts, and responsible land stewards must stand together and advocate for OUR wildlife and OUR hunting heritage.

"The wildlife and its habitat cannot speak. So we must and we will." - President Theodore Roosevelt

Jenny Sanders is the executive director of Texans for Saving Our Hunting Heritage. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/texanshuntingheritage>.

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

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

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

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

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

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



For the latest information on the agenda, registration, lodging and more go to: [www.statewidequail-symposium.com](http://www.statewidequail-symposium.com).

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# DPS Graduates 52 New Highway Patrol Troopers

AUSTIN - Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw, Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) Chair Cynthia Leon, PSC Commissioners Manny Flores and Randy Watson, and DPS leadership today were joined by Texas State Representative Richard Raymond as the department commissioned 52 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers. Representative Raymond was the keynote speaker during the recruit graduation ceremony held today in Austin.

This eight-week advanced recruit school was specifically designed for current and eligible Texas law enforcement officers to train to become troopers. This school provided officers in Texas an accelerated path to becoming a trooper versus the standard course that spans more than 20 weeks.

"These exceptional recruits - and former peace officers in their own communities - have courageously answered the call of duty not once but twice; and they have stood up to the extraordinary challenge of becoming Texas Highway Patrol Troopers," said Rep. Raymond, who serves as chair of the House Human Services Committee and is a member of the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee.

"Texas truly appreciates their unwavering commitment to protect and serve others, and we are proud to have them serving this great state."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training. The graduates of this particular class will be assigned to DPS Regions 3 and 4 to fulfill current needs in those areas, which includes the Texas-Mexico border.

"Before today, each of you was an established peace officer in your own right, having already made the selfless commitment to serve and protect your communities, and today the Department of Public Safety is pleased to now call you Texas Highway Patrol Troopers," Chair Leon. "Welcome to the DPS family, and I wish you all the best as you continue this incredible journey."

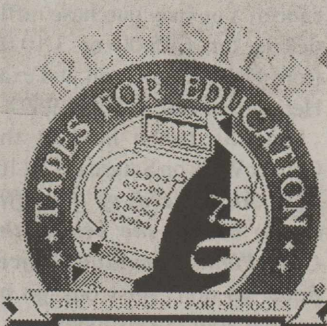
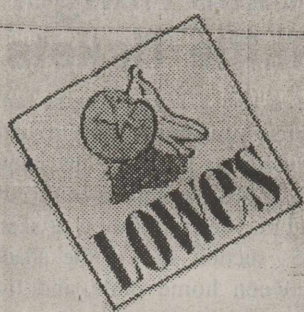
The troopers began the eight-week training academy in June. Instruction covered more than 400 hours of training, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, and first aid. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, and physical fitness.

"Whether at the local, state or

federal level, we are all law enforcement brethren working toward the same goal of keeping our communities safe; and DPS recognizes and deeply values the essential expertise and training you received as peace officers before joining this department," said Director McCraw. "Each of you is a highly qualified professional, and DPS is grateful for your continued commitment to protecting this great state."

The department encourages all individuals considering a career in law enforcement to consider joining the DPS family as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper. DPS is currently accepting applications for two upcoming recruit schools, one beginning in January and the other in March. Deadlines to apply are approaching quickly. For more information on how to apply, visit [www.joindps.com](http://www.joindps.com).

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

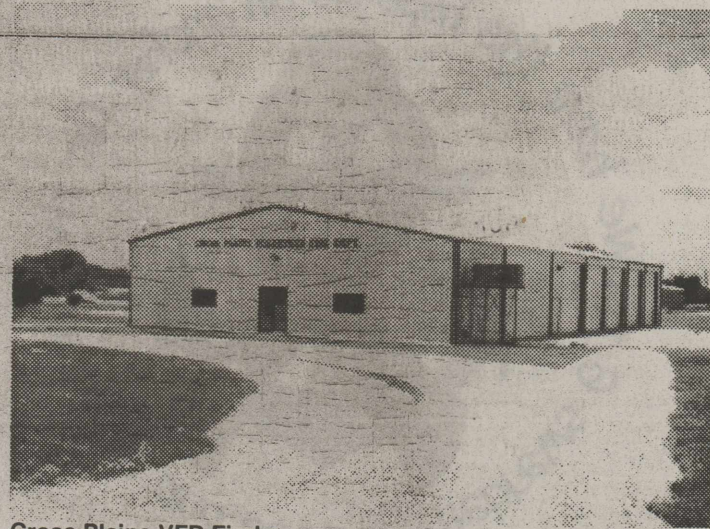


## Save your Lowe's Register Receipts

The Cross Plains ISD is excited to inform you that they are participating in an incredible program that allows them to earn free school equipment. From August 17, 2015-March 31, 2016 they will be able to turn cash register receipts from Lowe's Supermarkets into free valuable and important educational equipment that they would otherwise only dream of getting.

Please stop at Lowe's, save your receipts dated August 17, 2015 - March 31, 2016 and send them into school with your child. Ask your neighbors, friends and coworkers to collect Lowe's register tape too!

You may fill out an entry form and return it to the school with your receipt tapes by January 15, 2016 for a chance to win \$500 Lowe's grocery gift certificate and an iPod Shuffle. Please see complete contest rules at [www.registertapesforeducation.com/shoppercontest](http://www.registertapesforeducation.com/shoppercontest). Your receipts can be dropped off at the schools deposit box, location of collection boxes are outside the elementary and high school offices, or at the Superintendents office. You may also send your receipts to 700 N. Main St., Cross Plains, Texas 76443.



Cross Plains VFD Firehouse

## CPVFD Firehouse Completions Update

The new driveway at the Cross Plains VFD Firehouse. The firehouse is almost completed; work still needs to be done on the inside of the building. Your donations and support have got-

ten us this far. If you'd like to help with the completion of the firehouse, you can send a donation to Cross Plains VFD, P. O. Box 339, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Thank you so much for your support.

## Unique visitors at Museum

Interestingly enough, the last two groups to visit the REH Museum had the common connection of the fathers being attorneys.

Mike Varner of Pearland, TX is an attorney in Houston with his wife being a neurologist. He had become interested in the fantasy comic books as a teen-ager and had gradually discovered Robert E. Howard's wide assortment of genres and set about building a collection of Howard's works. Varner was at the 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood with his son, who was attending a gathering of new students who will be freshmen at Texas Tech this fall. Coming from such a huge city to our little town and finding that we have an attraction that draws people from around the world was an unbelievable experience for him. Arriving in town with some time to spare before the tour, he walked around down town and ended up visiting with Dannes at the Sr. Center who

promptly invited him to return for lunch after his tour. That's certainly a new perk to visiting Cross Plains!!

Chris James and his family had flown into DFW to begin a drive around west Texas and made Cross Plains the first stop on their journey. The James' are from the D.C. area where Chris is a criminal lawyer. Wife Gina is the business development manager for a company making large compressors. Within the next few weeks, son Jagger will be starting college while daughter Jade will be finishing high school.

Chris is quite familiar with the entire comic book industry that has developed around fantasy characters and crafted worlds as created by Robert and H.P. Lovecraft. After lunch, the group headed west with plans to make Ft. Davis by night in order to begin their exploration of the Big Bend area early the next day.

# Government Intrusion at Its Worst

By: Leslie Kinsel, chair, TSCRA Legislative and Tax Committee, with Laramie Adams, TSCRA director of public affairs

My husband and I have been ranching in South Texas for many years, and we have worked hard to care for the land my family lives on today. This same testament holds true for millions of other ranchers and landowners across the country.

Sadly, it seems like every time we turn around the federal government finds another way to try claiming the land and resources that constitutionally belong to us.

One issue that has raged for years is the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) claim that it owns 30,000 acres of land along a 116-mile stretch of the Red River on the Texas-Oklahoma border. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) has heard from members along the Red River who are worried about the federal government taking control of their land, and TSCRA shares their concern.

The federal government claims this property has been under its control since the 1803 Louisiana Purchase. Ironically, the federal government has surveyed only about 6,500 acres of the land, and the results are highly questionable. The survey method they used differs greatly from the accepted gradient boundary survey method established by the Supreme Court in the 1920s.

TSCRA and affected citizens believe the BLM's claim to this property is completely bogus. Those who live and own agricultural operations on this stretch of land hold the deeds and continue paying the property taxes. As a landowner myself, the thought of the government taking away property many of these citizens have worked tirelessly and sacrificed to own is unfathomable.

While one of the many Red River land disputes was recently resolved, much work needs to be done to put the entire issue to rest.

Fortunately, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry and Sen. John Cornyn introduced H.R. 2130/S. 1153, the Red River Private Property Protection Act, to protect private landowners along the Red River from federal ownership claims.

This legislation includes several key provisions to accomplish its intended goal. It commissions a survey of the entire 116-mile stretch of contested area along the river using gradient boundary survey methods backed by the Supreme Court to find the proper boundary between Texas and Oklahoma. This survey must be paid for by the federal government and conducted by licensed state land surveyors chosen by the Texas General Land Office (TGLO).

Additionally, the legislation provides legal certainty for citizens holding the deed to their property by allowing them to appeal any further public domain claims by BLM through an

administrative law judge.

TSCRA appreciates Rep. Thornberry and Sen. Cornyn for listening to affected citizens' concerns and working closely with them to craft this crucial legislation. Our association strongly supports this bill and urges the House and Senate to act on it swiftly to provide the certainty these landowners deserve.

While the BLM issue may affect Texas citizens along the Red River the most, landowners everywhere should be equally concerned. This is only one example out of a long list of instances where the federal government is infringing on private property rights and our way of life.

We have seen issues of government intrusion and the creation of onerous regulations on farmers, ranchers and landowners multiply at an alarming rate. I can assure you TSCRA will continue to closely watch these important matters and strive to keep our members informed, as well as listen to their concerns. TSCRA will always fight to protect the constitutional private property rights we hold dear as citizens of this great land.

Leslie Kinsel and her husband Dan operate ranches in central and South Texas and are active members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Leslie has served as the chair of the TSCRA Legislative and Tax Committee since 2013 and previously served as the vice chair for four years.

### Cross Plains ISD Meal Charge Policy 2015-2016

#### Student Lunch Policy

Students may charge up to five (5) days per student. After the fifth charge, until the balance is paid, since we will not allow a student to go hungry, a peanut butter and jelly lunch will be offered to your child.

There will be no charges allowed the last three weeks of school.

This policy has been implemented to insure that the lunch prices remain as reasonable as possible. If at any time you need to know your child's account balance or have questions about your child's balance, please call Tammie Tennison at 254-725-6121 or access your child's account at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

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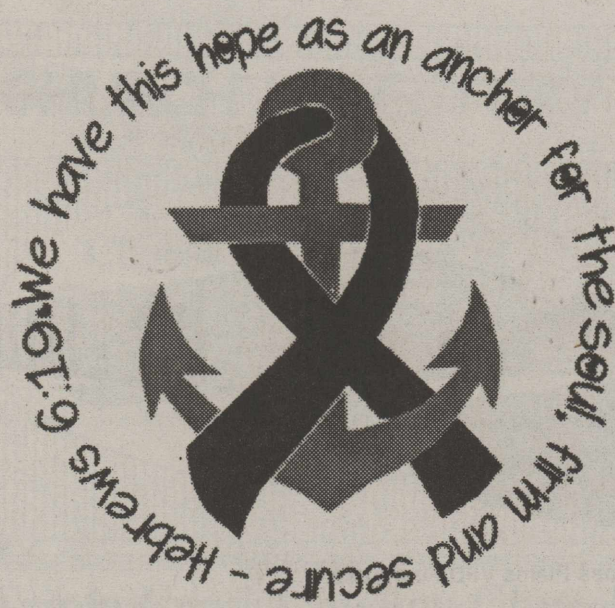
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### Cross Plains Community Cancer Walk

## Cross Plains Community Cancer Walk Shirts are now available

The Cancer Walk is coming up soon on October 11, but the official Cancer Walk shirt is available now! You can be one of the first ones to have this year's shirt! The design, the Hope Anchor and Ribbon, was chosen by the directors of the Cancer Fund and re-created by Teri Brown. The shirt features a bright green anchor and a light purple ribbon. The purple ribbon

signifies "all cancers". The scripture of Hebrews 6:19 surrounds the anchor and ribbon. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Shirts are available in ocean blue, dark purple, charcoal gray and pink. You can see a display of shirts at the Cross Plains Senior Center and at Sala-manders.

## Letter to the Editor

### Bring breeding chickens back to 4-H & FFA Shows

I think we need to take a caring look at what is not being done for our youth in 4-H and FFA in the poultry divisions of shows on the local and county levels.

It is our responsibility to teach youngsters and encourage them in every aspect of agriculture.

If we care, we will put breeding chickens back into our local and county shows.

Let's give our youngsters a better hands on education.

Let's teach them about poultry not just the overfed broilers, but real chickens.

Larry Kniffen

### 2015/2016 SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

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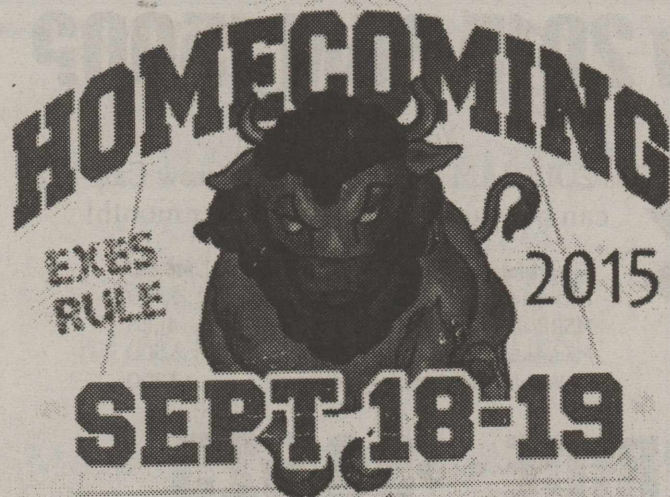
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## Texas Ranger Raffle Tickets

Are you a Texas Ranger fan? Here's your opportunity to win four tickets good for any game you choose (except opening day and playoffs). Location of seats are section 131 in the shade between home plate and the Ranger Dugout.

These 2016 have been donated to honor game tickets are in honor of Howard Edington, who is currently battling prostate cancer. You may purchase raffle tickets for 1/\$5.00 or 3/10.00 from Debbie Edington at Texas Heritage or call 325-370-9897.

Drawing to be held at the Cancer Walk on Saturday Oct 10, 2016. All proceeds of the raffle are to benefit the benefit the Cross Plains community cancer fund. So don't miss out, go by and get your tickets today.

## Baird ISD 1st day of School Aug. 24th

1st day of the 2015-2016 School Year is Monday, August 24th.

Start time for all campuses 8am. Release time for all campuses 3:33 pm.



#### August 23

Kenneth Given  
Mrs. Elvin Hutchins  
Andy Merion  
Tracy Switzer  
DeAnn (Besselarr) Zell  
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Steve Nickerson  
Ry Larkin  
Verma McCowen

#### August 24

Bobby Dale Payne  
David Morales, Jr.  
Debra Ann Hollis  
Kathy Chesshir  
Barbara Ann Black  
Mrs. Lester Mannering  
Eddie Neizke  
Harold Reed  
Dr. Toby Irwin  
Cory Barron  
Rene Salazar  
Kim Mosier  
Benny Free  
Dorothy Johnston  
Belinda Hefner  
Rick Hines  
Nolan Neidig  
Dayelle Johnson

#### August 26

Kadie Carouth  
Shaun Muniain  
Mrs. James Hall  
Charles Lee  
Dee Perry  
Bertis Letney  
Rocky Callaway  
Kevin Shane Singleton  
Betty Weiss

#### August 27

Caley Box  
Elisabeth (Cavanaugh) Weide  
Micheal Cowan  
Monty Champion  
Bea Kay (Bell) Jackson  
Gil Tabor

#### August 28

Gary Teasdale  
Rex Tackett  
Aaron Jason Pope  
Billy Dolgener  
Wade Odom  
Dawn (Strength) Hilburn  
Mrs. Freddy Tatom  
Kim Gregory  
Marcia Hoover

#### August 29

Grandy Christense  
Susan Coppinger Cohn

## Tax statements to be mailed in October 2015 tax values continue to increase throughout County

Tax values in Callahan County increased just over five percent, according to Callahan County Appraisal District's Chief Appraiser Don Jones.

Jones presented 2015 tax values to all entities recently in Callahan County, including both schools and city municipalities.

He said in Callahan County, the tax values for the upcoming year increased 5.5 percent over 2014. He said the taxable values were up due to market value increases, new construction and utility value increase. Jones reported land values in the county remained the same from last year. He also reported oil tax values were down in 2015.

Jones said the wind farm tax values continued to depreciate and will do so every year. He said Morgan Ad Valorem Services in Amarillo performs the tax values for the wind farm projects in Callahan County.

He said tax values for 2015 in Callahan County were \$662,004,045, up 5.5 percent from the 2014 tax values of \$628,488,605.

Jones said Clyde CISD tax values increased about \$2 million for 2015. The taxable values in the school district in 2015

were \$229,901,344, while the 2014 tax values for the school district were \$227,371,682.

Jones said Baird ISD also reported increase tax values in 2015. The school district reported 2015 tax values of \$168,664,898, while the 2014 tax values were \$164,666,345.

Eula ISD's tax values in 2015 were up slightly, according to Jones. He said the school district reported 2015 tax values of \$123,711,186, while the 2014 tax values for the school district were \$122,403,890.

Jones said Callahan County Appraisal District performs the appraisals for the Eula school district, while the taxes are collected by the Taylor County tax office.

Cross Plains ISD reported 2015 tax values up over \$2 million from 2014. Jones said Cross Plains listed 2015 tax values of \$79,470,591, while the school district reported 2014 tax values of \$76,670,890.

Jones said the City of Clyde reported 2015 tax values up almost \$5 million from 2014. He said the city had taxable values of \$128,174,089 in 2015, while the city had \$123,528,040 in tax values in 2014.

The City of Baird saw tax values increased by over \$7 million in 2015. Jones said the city had \$54,386,369 in tax values in 2015, while the tax values in Baird were \$47,020,186 in 2014.

The City of Putnam reported a slight increase in tax values in 2015. Jones said Putnam had 2015 tax values of \$2,509,980, while the tax values to the city in 2014 were \$2,490,620.

The City of Cross Plains reported tax values up almost \$1 million in 2015. The city reported 2015 tax values of \$26,755,897, while the city's 2014 tax values were \$25,883,870.

Jones said tax rates for all the entities in Callahan County are currently being established by the county, school districts and cities. Jones said property tax notices went out on May 18, 2015.

Callahan County Tax Collector Tammy Walker said tax statements for 2015 will be mailed out in October 2015. She said taxes for 2015 will be due by January 31, 2016, and that taxes are considered past due on February 1, 2016, and a seven percent penalty will be assessed then.

## Pollinator Advocates Will Gather in Kerrville September 19th-20th

Anyone interested in pollinators and monarch butterflies are invited to the Texas Pollinator Pow Wow on Sept. 19-20, 2015 at the Schreiner University, Event Center, 2100 San Antonio Highway, Kerrville. Cost is \$75 for both days and includes buffet lunch. To register by Sept. 5th, visit [www.texaspollinator-powwow.org](http://www.texaspollinator-powwow.org). One day tickets are available for \$45.

Past workshops have drawn attendees from across Texas and the U.S. to network with fellow enthusiasts and learn about pollinators, their habitats, native plants, and the work being done to improve pollinator and monarch butterfly habitats and how to overcome the decline of species.

About three dozen pollinator-related exhibitors featuring live bats, honey bees and a monarch butterfly tent, will be on hand to answer questions, showcase their pollinator resources and share their organization's work.

A raffle of pollinator-related items will also be held, with funds going towards hosting future events.

Carrie McLaughlin, a Texas Master Naturalist, who is moderator and one of the coordinators, said the events have sold out, mainly due to word of mouth. "These sell outs and willingness of folks to attend from across the U.S., shows how critical the pollinator issue is and how it's coming to the forefront of the public eye with the passion being generated from pollinator advocates."

According to one of the Pow Wow's event partners, the Pollinator Partnership, approximately 1,000 plants grown worldwide for food, beverages, fibers, spices and medicines need to be pollinated by animals in order to produce the resources on which we depend. In the U.S. alone, pollination by honey bees and other species, produces nearly \$20 billion worth of products

annually.

"With one in every three bites of food dependent on a pollinator, most farmers depend on these creatures to keep them in business," said Ricky Linex, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wildlife biologist and one of the event coordinators. Linex will moderate a Question and Answer panel of landowner conservationists who will share their practical experiences on land programs and techniques with the audience. Linex's popular plant identification book, Range Plants of North Central Texas, will also be available at the pollinator conference.

For a schedule of speakers, hotel and more information on the Texas Pollinator Pow Wow, visit [www.texaspollinator-powwow.org](http://www.texaspollinator-powwow.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/texaspollinatorpowwow>.



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## The Recipe Corner

### Loaded Breakfast Potatoes

Prep Time: 45 minutes Bake Time: 10 Minutes

#### Ingredients:

- \* 6 medium baking potatoes (about 3 pounds)
- \* 1 tablespoon butter
- \* 1 each small sweet red, orange and green pepper, finely chopped
- \* 1 cup finely chopped fresh mushrooms
- \* 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- \* 1/2 teaspoon salt
- \* 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- \* 6 large eggs, beaten
- \* 1 1/4 cups (5 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- \* 1/4 cup plus 6 tablespoons sour cream, divided
- \* 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled or 1/3 cup bacon bits
- \* 3 green onions, chopped



#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Scrub and pierce potatoes with a fork; place on a microwave-safe plate. Microwave, uncovered, on high 15-18 minutes or until tender, turning once.
2. When cool enough to handle, cut a thin slice off the top of each potato; discard slice. Scoop out pulp, leaving 1/4 in.-thick shells.
3. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Add peppers, mushrooms and red onion; cook and stir 4-6 minutes or until tender. Stir in salt, pepper and 1 cup pulp (save remaining pulp for another use). Add eggs; cook and stir until eggs are thickened and no liquid egg remains. Stir in 1/2 cup cheese and 1/4 cup sour cream.
4. Spoon egg mixture into potato shells. Place on a 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Sprinkle with remaining 3/4 cup cheese. Bake 10-12 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted. Top with remaining sour cream; sprinkle with bacon and green onions.

Yield: 6 servings.

Editor's Note: This recipe was tested in a 1,100-watt microwave.

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