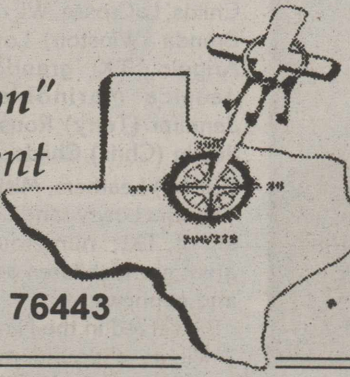


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Annual Chili Supper this Friday

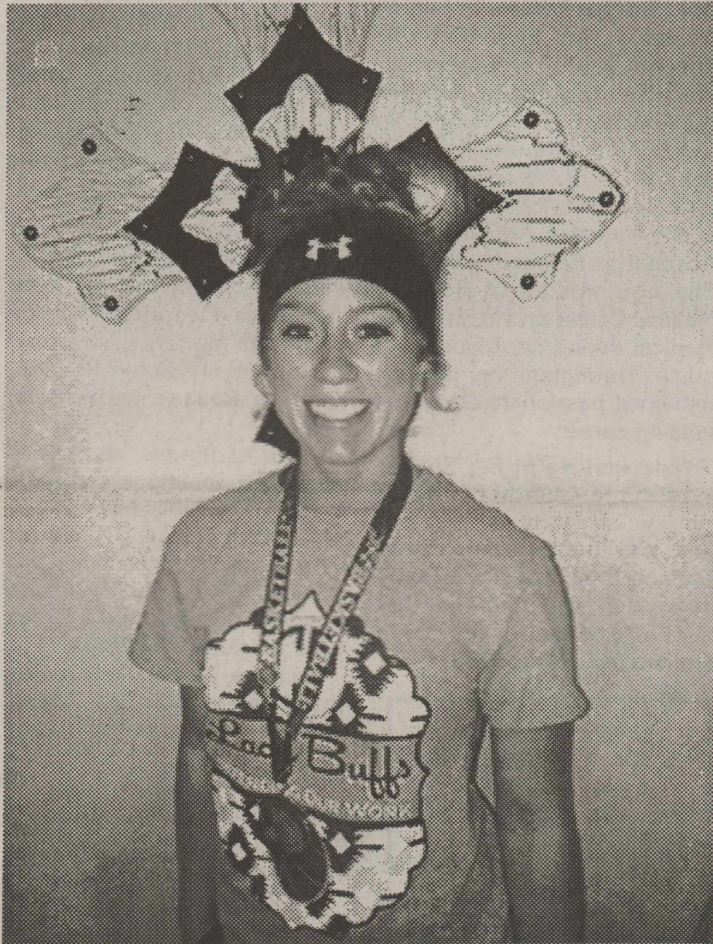
Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Chili Supper is this Friday night! The firemen will be cooking up their famous chili in hot and mild varieties along with Chili Dogs and Frito Pie. There will also be a big pot of stew for those non-chili lovers. The dinner starts at 5 p.m. and runs until 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Chili and Stew are only \$8, with Frito Pie and Chili Dogs just \$3. Take outs will be available, if you'd like to just stop by and take dinner home with you.

Proceeds from the Chili Supper will go toward the maintenance and repair of the firetrucks. This time of year, it is critical to keep all of the trucks up in running order. Recently, we've had some expensive repairs on a couple of

the trucks. At the same time, we are still working to complete the firehouse.

If you'd like to help out the CPVFD and won't be able to make it to the Chili Supper, you can send a donation to: Cross Plains VFD, P. O. Box 339, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. As always, your donations and support are appreciated.



Cross Plains Senior, Rebekah Crockett, was chosen to represent CPHS on the "All Tournament Team" after Saturday's Basketball Tournament in Coleman. The coaches voted on the 100+ girls attending and chose just ten for this team. Congratulations Rebekah on your hard work and dedication.

Sheriff to apply for grant to obtain body cameras for county deputies

Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy and Chief Deputy Rick Jowers spoke to the commissioners' court about applying for a grant to purchase body cameras during the commissioners' court monthly meeting held Monday, November 9th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

County Attorney Shane Deel commented the cameras would be a great asset to the Sheriff's Department's work. The grant would provide 75% of the cost of the cameras and the County would be responsible for 25%.

Sheriff Joy said that five body cameras would be needed by the sheriff's department at a cost of \$800-\$900 each.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the application for the grant. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners court included:

—The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on November 9, 2015 A.D., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding, Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Tom Windham,

Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, Jan Windham, County Treasurer, and Donna Bell, County Clerk.

—The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

—The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment there was none.

—No action was taken on the burn ban. The burn ban remains lifted.

—Sheriff Terry Joy and Sheriff's Department Property Manager Bob Favor presented to the Court the offer of a donation of ammunition. Richard Parr is donating 870 rounds of .223 rifle ammo for the AR15 Rifles the Sheriff's office had purchased with a grant. Mr. Parr will donate more of the ammunition when the deputies have all qualified on the rifles. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to allow the acceptance of the donation. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

—Sheriff Joy discussed with the Court an anonymous donation of \$600. The donation is to be used for the Leads on Line service for this next year. Commissioner Windham



Dora Warlick of Alpha Rho Zeta sorority presents Pastor Kevin Morton of the First United Methodist Church with a check for the church's Backpacks for Kids ministry that provides food for hungry children on the weekends during the school year.

IT'S ALMOST TIME Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale Scheduled

Before you know it, Thanksgiving will be here!!! Are you tired just thinking of all the cooking and baking you have to do for Thanksgiving? Let us do some of the work for you! The Cross Plains Public Library is holding their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at noon in the library's conference room and

on Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 8:00 am until we are sold out. Friends of the library are busy baking lots of treats for your holiday table: pecan pies, pumpkin pies, fudge, divinity, homemade breads, cakes, cookies, and lots more! Stop by, shop early and buy extra to freeze for Christmas.

Cross Plains Senior Center— We Are Thankful

As the leaves change colors and begins to fall to the ground and the winds of autumn blow them down Main St., it reminds us that Thanksgiving is fast approaching. It is a time to stop, reflect and offer our thanks for our countless blessings. Thanksgiving will be celebrated November 18, 2015 at the Cross Plains Senior Center. Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings will be served at 11:45-12:30. Take-out orders will be accepted for pick-up after 12:30. For anyone 60 or older the suggested donation is \$4.00. If you are younger than 60, the cost is \$6.00. This cost includes meal, drink and dessert.

We welcome everyone to join us. Since the Thanksgiving meal is enjoyed by so many, please call 725-6521 to reserve your place by 10:30 a.m., November 16, 2015. Come join us as we count our many blessings.



Santa Claus is coming to Cross Plains

Santa Claus is coming to Cross Plains for the Annual Stew Supper/Fund-raiser hosted by the Kiwanis International. Mark your calendar for Friday, December 4th at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center. We ask your support with this fund-raiser in our endeavor to help local children's projects.

Supper will be served from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm with Santa arriving at 6:00 pm. Cost for the stew dinner is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. All children are invited to have their photo taken with Santa and will receive a bag of goodies. This year the Kiwanis will not offer the photos with Santa, but all parents are welcome to take pictures of their children with Santa on their personal phones or cameras.

The Senior Center will have an array of desserts available for purchase with will support their various projects. During the evening there will be drawings for turkeys and gifts. You must be present to win. We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship in our community.



Cross Plains 4-H brings home two Division Championships

Cross Plains 4-H is excited to report that eight of our members competed in the Callahan County Food show, bringing home five blue ribbons, three red ribbons, and two Division Championships. Rylee Knight will be representing our club at the District Food Show on November 21st, please join us in wishing her the best of luck.

Clover Division (7 years & under)

Clover Division Champion - Joshua Cody

Protein - Virginia Allen (Blue Ribbon), Zach Cody (Red Ribbon), Shelbi Knight (Red Ribbon)

Fruits and Vegetables - McKenna Podlevsky (Blue Ribbon)

Grains - Joshua Cody (Blue Ribbon), Isaiah Cody (Blue Ribbon)

Junior Division (age 8 and in the 3rd grade, 4th, and 5th)

Junior Division Champion - Rylee Knight

Dairy - Rylee Knight (Blue Ribbon)

Fruits & Vegetables - Shaylee Knight (Red Ribbon)

The last club meeting was a pot luck dinner held on November 2nd at the First

Baptist Church. We would like to extend our thanks to the First Baptist church for their use of the meeting room, and to our guests County Extension Agent Jerry Warren and guest speaker Roy Birk. We were thrilled to have a number of new members join and are extending an invitation to any of our other Cross Plains youth who would like to join. Please contact Terrie Parum at 254-725-6423.

The Hunters Feed bake sale was a huge success; we greatly appreciate all the community support. We are currently holding our Rada Cutlery Fund Raiser. Rada Cutlery is 100% American Made, has items starting as low \$2.75, and has great quality (Terrie has had hers for over 18 years). Rada Cutlery is definitely dedicated to supporting their fundraising groups. The prices offered through the 4-H club are lower than those found on their www.radacutlery.com website. Be sure and checkout the catalog from any of our 4-H families. (Please contact Terrie if you do not know a 4-H family, she will be very willing to direct you to a member)

NEED \$\$\$ FOR THE HOLIDAYS? CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold their annual Christmas Craft Sale on Friday, Dec. 4, from noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. A reserved space will be approximately 8'x10' for only \$15. Contact the library at 725-7722 to reserve your space now.



TIME TO START GETTING YOUR CHRISTMAS FLOATS READY!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Parade. Friday, December 4, 2015. The floats will be judged, so put your best into it! This will be a great parade for the family! Looking for something fun before the parade? Check out the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper 5pm-7pm, and the library will be hosting the ornament painting for the children. Santa will also be at the Stew Supper for parents to take pictures. We hope to see you there! For more information Myleah at the chamber office 254-725-7251



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Honoring the Colors - VFW Post #423 Color Guard Veteran's Day 2015



CP Elementary Students stating the Pledge of Allegiance - CP Veterans Memorial Park, November 2015



VFW Post #423 Commander Ron Bell calling the Color Guard to attention - Veterans Day November 2015

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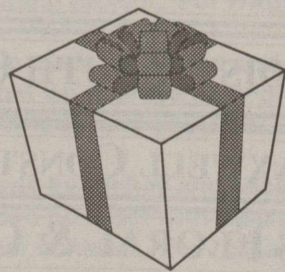
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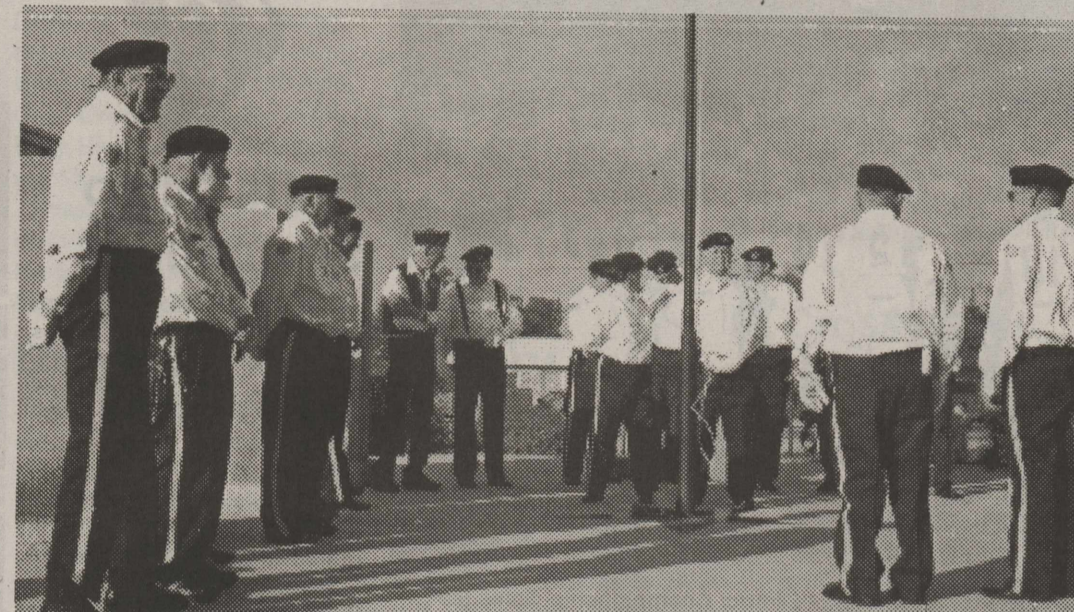


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VFW Post #423 Color Guard during the posting of the Colors - Veteran's Day November 2015



VFW Post #423 Color Guard preparing for the Veterans Memorial Service on Veterans Day 2015

Veterans Day 2015

Closing thoughts from CPHS Principal Mr. Brad Jones

On November 11, 1918, soldiers and citizens in America and around the world rejoiced at the end of one of the most horrific wars in history, World War I. In memory of the dedication and service of the veterans of World War I and all others veterans of war, or those who kept us protected during times of peace, we celebrate the service, the dedication, and the patriotism of the millions of Americans who have served our country. Today alone there are over 1.3 million Americans serving in the United States Armed Forces and over 800,000 serving in the reserves.

These active duty soldiers, and the veterans who have served in our past, are an integral part of the fabric of America. Not only have they served our nation in uniform, but they have gone on to make great contributions to the economic, political, and social elements of our country. Some of them became famous as successful business men and women, political leaders, entertainers, or celebrities. The skills they learned in the military helped them make contributions to American society.

But perhaps the most important are the contributions of our veterans who returned home and became productive members of their communities. Who continued their service to help the people in the cities and towns they lived in. Many of these service men and women you see everyday, and yet you may not realize they were in the armed forces. Instead of seeking recognition, they just continue to serve in a different way. It may be by becoming your teacher, your mailman, your doctor, your nurse, a truck driver, a rancher, or an

electrician. They once worked to protect our country, now they work to make the lives of their neighbors even better. If you know a Veteran, tell them thank you for serving our country.

For the young people of today, we can demonstrate patriotism in several ways. These include singing the national anthem with all of our hearts when it is played, saying the Pledge of Allegiance with pride, also by following the laws of our land, and when the time comes, voting to elect the representatives who are best suited to serve in our government. But right now, we (both young and old) can all serve in our communities by helping our neighbors and working hard each day at our jobs so we can help our economy grow and be strong. For the youth, do well in school so you can grow up and become a knowledgeable, productive citizen of our country.

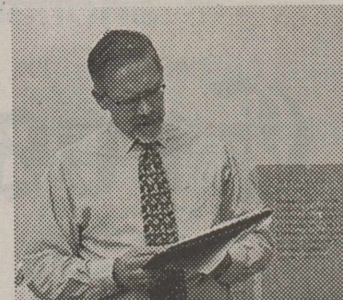
Webster's Dictionary defines patriotism as, "love for, or devotion for, one's country". Our Veterans are the supreme example of this word. They love our nation so deeply that they are willing to serve our country. To protect it, and if necessary, give up their lives while protecting it so you and I --and they-- can have a life that many in the world only dream of.

Today some of the people being honored gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country. We not only remember those who served, but also those who gave everything, including their lives, in defending freedom, liberty and the people they loved. We honor them, but also their families who carry on the memory of those loved ones

who illustrated so well what it means to be a patriot.

Our Veterans have shown us what it means to serve. I encourage all of the young people today to follow our Veterans' strong examples of dedication and service by serving our country, in our communities, in their families, schools, and one day their jobs.

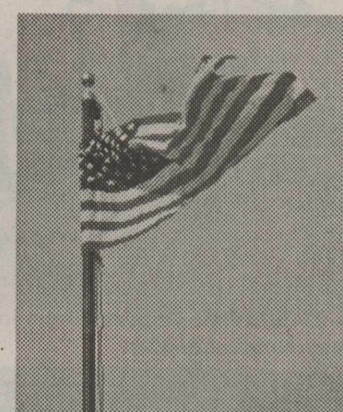
I close with us remembering that even though Veterans Day was not established until after World War I, we honor those who have served throughout the history of our nation. Our battles stretch back all the way to the first shots of the War for Independence at Lexington and Concord. We remember our forefathers who endured the brutal winter at Valley Forge, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, and the Spanish American War. More war followed with the war that was to end all wars, the first World War. And finally the conflicts where we still have surviving service men and women including: World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq, and the continuing War on Terror. Whether the battle was at Bunker Hill, New Orleans, Antietam, San Juan Hill, Amiens, Pearl Harbor, Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, Iwo Jima, Inchon, Saigon, Kuwait, Fallujah, Baghdad, Kandahar, or any of the other battlefields to numerous to name, we remember all of you. Whether you worked in support roles at home or abroad. We salute you, and we say--thank you. God bless our Veterans, and God Bless the United States of America.



CPHS Principle Mr. Brad Jones speaking at the 2015 Veterans Day Memorial Event



USAF Lt. Colonel Raddon, Wing Commander of the 317 Support Squadron located at Dyess AFB in Abilene, was the Special Guest Speaker at the 2015 Veterans Day Event in Cross Plains



The flag of the United States of America - Veteran's Memorial Park, Cross Plains, TX November 2015



Military Seals vividly etched on one of the markers located in the Cross Plains Area Veterans Memorial Park - Veterans Day November 2015

CP Public Library's Computer Class

The Cross Plains Public Library has been hosting a computer class to learn about the Linux operating system. We had a great first class last week with a good turnout. The next class will be held Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's multi-purpose room. The instructor, Hank Ball, will be going into more detail about downloading and using this system, as well as acquiring free software that is compatible. Come join us for an informative and hands-on class, followed by question and answer time.

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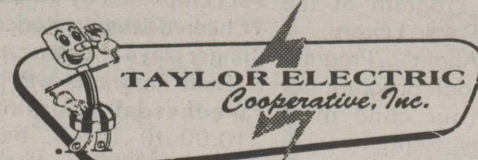
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Lots of Prizes at the Christmas Craft Fair!

Do your Christmas shopping early at the Cross Plains Public Library's annual Christmas Craft Sale on Friday, Dec. 4, from noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. We have some new vendors this year that will feature jewelry, ironwork, and

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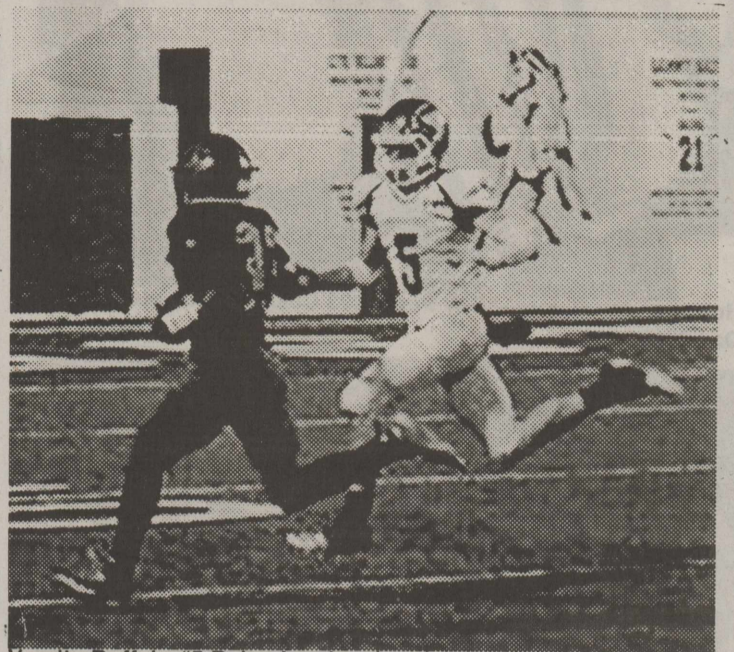
Cross Plains Buffaloes vs. Seymour Panthers in Bi-District Championship



The 2015 Buffalo Football Team in Sweetwater, TX for the Bi-District Championship Game last Friday, November 13th

Bufs fall to Seymour

The Buffaloes' football season came to an end in the 55-13 loss to Seymour last Friday night in Sweetwater. The Buffs scored in the second quarter on a 37 yard pass from quarterback Holden Senclair to sophomore Creed Goode; Nain Martinez added the extra point. The Buffs scored in the third quarter on a 55 yard run by senior back Rylan Laminack; the point after failed. The Buffaloes fought hard all season and are commended for their efforts. Thanks to all the fans who came out and supported the players, coaches, cheerleaders, and band and are a part of Buffalo Nation.



Varsity Buffalo #5 Rylan Laminack striving to bring down the Panther's ball carrier

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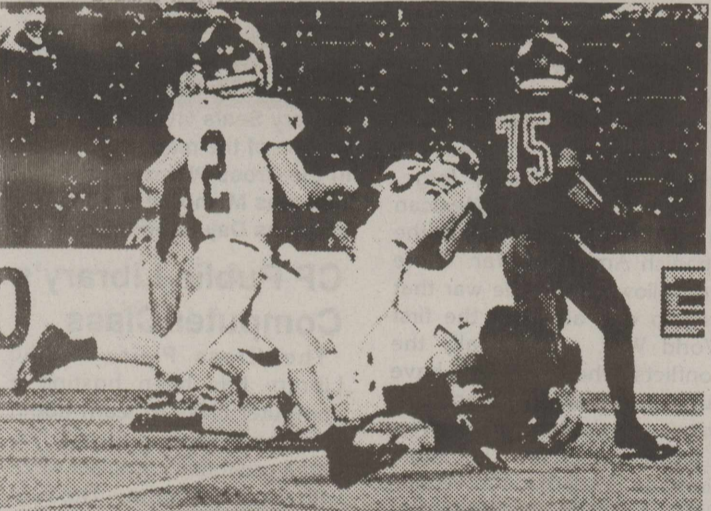
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Buffaloes working together to tackle a Seymour Panther



Buffaloes zeroing in while on defense against the Seymour Panthers in Sweetwater last Friday night



Kaïden Petree #2 in foreground with Creed Goode #34 the ball carrier during the Bi-District game against Seymour on Friday.



Buffalo #40 Joe Revoir, #7 Holden Senclair and #50 Dalton Gilliam seen here against the Seymour Panthers



Buffalo Players #3 J.C. McDonald and #50 Dalton Gilliam recognizable in Friday's game against Seymour in Sweetwater

Varsity Buffalo Football

Registration Underway for Children's Program

Registration is now underway for "Learn About" Program and LAPSit Program at the Cross Plains Public Library.

The "Learn About" Program is a pre-school program for ages 3-5. Your child must be age 3 by September 1, 2015. The Children will have the opportunity to do finger plays, sing hear stories, have refreshments, check out books, and "learn about" a variety of activities.

The Lapsit Program is for children birth to 3 years (not yet

eligible for the LAP Program). Each Child enrolled must be accompanied by an adult. The Children listen to stories and do finger plays and other activities.

Both Programs will meet on Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 10:45, beginning November 4th and continuing until the end of April 2016.

You may register your children at the library Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1-5pm and on Tuesday from 11am-7pm. The library is closed on Fridays.

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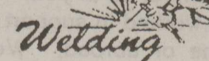
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Ringtail

Many animals are quite distinguishable from other species. Ask anyone to describe a skunk, or a raccoon, or a bobcat, and chances are the description will match the animal's appearance. However, there are a few mammals that are so secretive, so elusive, that many folks have not even heard of them. One such animal found in west Texas is the Ringtail.

The Ringtail (*Bassaris astutus*) can be observed statewide, although it is much more prevalent in the Edwards Plateau and Trans-Pecos eco-regions. Outside of this state it can be seen from Oklahoma westward to California and southward to Veracruz. It is the state mammal of Arizona. It prefers to dwell among densely vegetated rocky canyons than open country. Females seem to prefer rocky den areas whereas males tend to bed down in brush piles and hollow trees.

Ringtails are medium sized mammals that are about the size of a slender domesticated housecat, with a maximum body length of about two and a half feet, although most specimens are smaller. Like many mammals in this region, the males are the larger sex. The fifteen inch tail is brightly banded with alternating black and white rings that are approximately one inch in width. The background color is best described as brown (or sometimes gun-metal gray) with a black overcast while the slender, elongated face is adorned with large white patches under the ears and circling the eyes. The eyes are coal black, and quite large. Each foot has five toes, and the ankle joint is flexible, allowing it to rotate its back feet sideways to assist in descending from rocky cliffs and trees rapidly.

This species, as the large eyes indicate, is almost exclusively nocturnal. It has such an aversion to light that many times it is not observed until the latter hours of the evening (technically early morning). Ringtails are omnivorous, feeding on both plant and animal matter. Recent studies have shown that small mam-



Ringtail
(*Bassaris astutus*)

mals (mice, rats, kangaroo rats, etc.) make up the majority of its diet at sixty-two percent. Fruits are secondary at twenty-eight percent. Small birds, insects, other invertebrates and cold blooded vertebrates round out the dietary preferences of this almost endearing mammal.

During the majority of the year, Ringtails are solitary animals, only gathering together for short periods of time in March and April for the purpose of reproduction. Females are very vocal at this time, emitting a series of chirping calls to alert males of her coming into heat. Males (and disturbed females) will bark. Gestation lasts about sixty days, and the two to four young are similar in appearance to many smaller mammals in that they are small, pink, and toothless with their eyes closed at birth. Their eyes open and they begin to have fur after just one month,

and by two months of age they begin to forage with their mother. The young achieve adult coloration and size by the end of their third month of life.

Ringtails, commonly referred to by many as "ringtailed cats" are not closely related to cats at all, nor related to anything in the feline family. Rather, it shares its genetics with two other members of the Procyonid family, the coati and the popular raccoon. Ringtails are occasionally harvested for its pelt, and it is second only to the raccoon in pelt harvesting importance. Populations of this sleek mammal in Texas are quite stable, although continued fragmentation of its habitat in the Edwards Plateau may ultimately pose a threat to it.

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- NEW! 56+-Ac-Brown Co-Com UNDER CONTRACT**, pond, hunting camp, views**182,000**
- NEW! 70+-Ac-Fertile farmland w/ oaks, pecan, mesq. & elm trees, good hunting.....98,000**
- NEW! 69+-Ac-Good hunting property, hvly wooded w/ thick brush & draws, water@CR.....155,250**
- 72+-Ac-Weekend getaway! Pri UNDER CONTRACT** oaks, 2 ponds, food plots....**162,000**
- NEW! 81+-Ac-Split of cultivation & thick cover, excellent wildlife habitat, varied terrain.....226,800**
- NEW! 84+-Ac-Versatile prop w/ lg oaks, thick cover, seasonal creek, pond, well, hunting!..182,850**
- NEW! 85+-Ac-Gently sloping terrain, beautiful views, 2 tanks, hvly brush w/ cultivation.....119,000**
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- 112.95 Ac-Cattle prop w/ mixed coastal/native pastures, 2 tanks, cross-fenced, elec. at rd.**290,846****
- NEW! 117 Ac-Eas Co-Productive & t SOLD** I prop, suitable for hay/cattle, 4 wells....**320,000**
- 120 Ac-Ranching or hunting prop, 45 ac cultivation/mdr pasture, 2 tanks, 1 well.....259,900**
- 160 Ac-Hvy cover on N side of Spring Gap Mtn, good hunting, 2 tanks, fenced,elec on site**414,400****
- NEW! 162 Ac, Mostly fertile far UNDER CONTRACT** ed, beautiful views, 1 tank....**242,190**
- 225 Ac-Eas. Co-Ranching & hunting land, 4 tanks, elec on prop, addtl ac avbl.....517,500**
- 240 Ac-Morton Valley-Plenty of wildlife & suitable for cattle, 3 tanks, cross-fenced.....552,000**
- 275 Ac-Eas. Co-Nice bldg site! Bounteous wildlife, 4 tanks, creek thru property,elec on site**414,400****
- NEW! 326 Ac-Stephens Co-Perfect hunting/fishing/cattle combo, Battle Creek frontage.....570,500**
- 500 Ac-Eas.Co-Versatile for ranching or hunting, 8 tanks, Battle Creek thru prop.....1,150,000**
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- NEW! 3 Ac-RS-3BR-2B brick hm blt in 2009, carport, metal stalls, stg bldg, fenced.....225,000**
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- 7.5 Ac-Nice 2BR/1B hm w/ guesthouse, koi pond, sheds, pens, 2 water we**Reduced**.....225,000**
- 15 Ac-Extraordinary custom blt 5,169 sq ft hm w/ privacy & hilltop views, Jim**Reduced**.....697,000**
- NEW! 19 Ac-Lovely & updated, 100 yr old 4BR-2.5B hm, 1,800 sq ft metal barn.....230,000**
- 20 Ac-Zephyr- Mountaintop retreat! 3BR-2B 2-story hm w/ covered patio, w**Reduced**.....299,000**
- NEW! 27 Ac-3BR-2B brick hm w/game rm, wkshop, barn w/pens, 5 wells, addtl ac avbl.**399,900****
- 41.169 Ac-Carbon-Picturesque 3BR-3B w/ 714 sq ft log cabin, shop/barn, corals.....385,000**
- NEW! 41.27 Ac-Brown Co-Custom designed 3BR-2.5B hm w/upgrades, new fencing....**450,000****
- 82.93 Ac-Beautifully maintained 4BR-2.5B, 2 story hm, lg metal barn, stock **Reduced**.....370,000**
- 85 Ac-3BR-2B brick hm surrounded by oaks, nice blend of cultivation & treed pasture....195,500**
- 97 Ac-CP-Coastal & native grasses, 2BR-2B brick hm w/ office & lg oaks, 10 wells.....289,900**
- NEW! 147 Ac-3BR.2B Brick hm, lg gameroom, workshop, barn & pens, wildlife.....**\$659,800****
- 545.11 Ac-R.S.-Organic farming! 1C **SOLD** 2,500sq ft hm&bunkho**Reduced**.....1,600,00**
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Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

About three weeks ago, at 5:00 a.m., I walked into the Sheriff's Office and the dispatcher had just received a call concerning a home invasion that had just occurred. My deputies and I took after the suspects and caught up with them in Abilene. At 16th and Walnut, the driver ran the pickup through a road barrier and it crashed into a metal fence. The driver then jumped from the pickup and started running. Deputy Foley was the closest to the pickup and he saw the suspect running down an alley. Deputy Foley stopped his vehicle, jumped out and gave chase on foot, but the suspect had too much of a head start.

The driver left the pickup so quickly that he forgot to grab their cell phones; another left his wallet with his driver's license inside. We had their cell phones, one of their wallets, and now we had their pickup. A wrecker was called and the pickup was transported to Callahan County.

The pickup bed was full of stolen items and the vehicle's seats were covered with some of the items. Some of those items were an expensive coin collection and some jewelry pieces. Some of the jewelry had fallen to the ground, and some items from the pickup bed had bounced out onto the roadway during the chase. My deputies and I carefully picked up and collected all we could locate.

The homeowner and a nephew were a primary part of why we were able to locate the pickup and gave chase so quickly. The homeowner had remained calm in the tense situation, and after calling 911 had also contacted a nephew who lived nearby. The homeowner's personal cell phone had been taken by the suspects and the phone was equipped with a "tracer" application. That is how the nephew was able



This pickup, filled with stolen goods with an estimated value in the thousands of dollars, was driven through a road closed barrier and was brought to a stop when it crashed into a metal fence. Pictured above are Chief Deputy Rick Jowers on the left and Deputy Leroy Fole on the right. I am taking the picture as dawn breaks in Abilene, Texas. In the story that follows, you will learn why the Callahan County Sheriff and two deputies were in downtown Abilene so early in the morning.

to give me the location of the vehicle as the suspect or suspects drove toward Abilene. The nephew worked with the cell phone company and as he received the location information he would pass it on to me by phone and I would then radio the information to the deputies. Warrants for the three suspects were issued the following day. Two of those suspects have been arrested. The third suspect should be arrested soon.

Thursday night, when I was in my office writing this article and working on reports, Chief Deputy Rick Jowers came in with two suspects, one he had arrested for possession of marijuana and the other he had arrested on an outstanding warrant for possession of dangerous drugs. Shortly after that Deputy Chris Levens brought in an individual for DWI who was also in possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia. And within a short time of that booking process, a DPS Trooper brought in another individual

for DWI.

About 11:00 p.m. I checked the jail log; the jail had reached our maximum of nine, so it was time to transport inmates to one of our contract jails. Deputy Larry Lemon transported two inmates, who had already seen a magistrate, to the Shackelford County Jail.

I stayed until the bookings were complete and things seemed to have quieted down. I had to leave for Shackelford County in few short hours. One of our inmates was to be taken from there to Taylor County for a scheduled plea hearing.

About 1:00 a.m., as I was headed out the jail door, I heard a Clyde Police Officer radio dispatch that he and Deputy Chris Levens were coming in with a female that the Clyde Officer had arrested for possession of methamphetamines, marijuana, and paraphernalia. This will bring our Callahan County Jail inmate population up to 8.

Our overall total jail population as of Tuesday morning was 37.

Singer/Songwriter Gary Morris uses his special gift to give a gift to Veterans

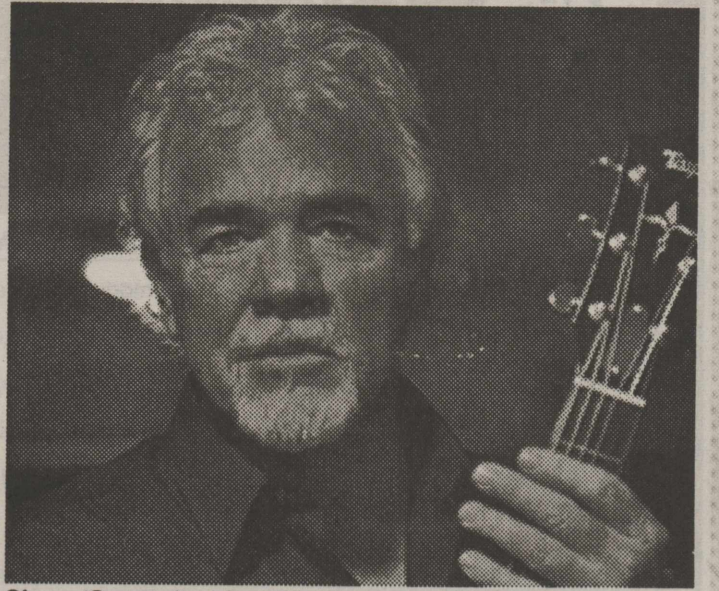
What do you get when you combine the god-given gifts of extraordinary singing, songwriting and acting with mastery skills in both hunting and fishing? You get award winning, entertainer and outdoorsman, GARY MORRIS.

Morris has performed for Kings, Queens, Prime Ministers and every US President beginning with Jimmy Carter. He is set to appear at the Abilene Civic Center on Dec. 2nd to perform one of 3 special concerts in his home state of Texas. The Gary Morris Christmas Concert will benefit Project Healing Waters, a rehabilitation program for active, retired and disabled military personnel.

Gary Morris has amassed varied fans from around the World with his amazing vocal range and master songwriter skills. He is best known for his recording of "Wind Beneath My Wings," which went to number one and won song of the year from both the Country Music Association (CMA) and the Academy of Country Music (ACM) in 1984.

The Texas native has had 5 Number 1s and 16 Top 10 singles on the Country Music charts. His many hits include; "Why Lady Why," "Second Hand Heart," "The Love She Found in Me," "100% Chance of Rain," "I'll Never Stop Loving You," and many other Country classics.

Besides his numerous musical accomplishments, Gary Morris was the first American to play the lead role of Valjean in the World renowned play Les Miserables. Having only 3 weeks to learn the challenging songs and script, Morris starred on Broadway from 1987-1988. His outstanding performance garnered him a Best Actor nomination from the prestigious Drama Desk Awards as well



Singer/Songwriter Gary Morris.

as a Command Performance for Queen Elizabeth. Besides recurring acting roles in "Designing Women," "Mike Hammer," "The Colbys," and many other

successful television dramas, Morris hosted and starred in "North American Sportsman." The show highlighted Gary's love for the great outdoors and showcased his elite skills in both hunting and fishing.

Combining his love and skill of fly fishing with his respect and compassion for veterans,

Morris has partnered with Project Healing Waters. (www.projecthealingwaters.org) In 2005, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) began serving wounded military service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, who were returning from combat. PHWFF uses the therapeutic properties of the serene sport of fly-fishing to treat PTSD and other combat related conditions. Since then, PHWFF has expanded nationwide, establishing its highly successful program in Department of Defense

hospitals, Warrior Transition Units, and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and clinics. The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying and rod building classes, along with clinics participants ranging from beginners who have never fished before, to those with prior fly fishing and tying experience who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. Morris is a supporter of PHWFF and is very active in its various programs throughout the year.

After a 15 year, self-imposed intermission on his "Mountain Spirit" ranch in Colorado, Gary Morris is currently recording and preparing to launch a new tour. Don't miss this chance to receive and give a special Christmas gift by attending the Gary Morris Christmas concert in Abilene at the Abilene Civic Center on Dec. 2nd, show begins at 7:00pm.

For ticket information call: 800-585-3737 or log onto www.startickets.com

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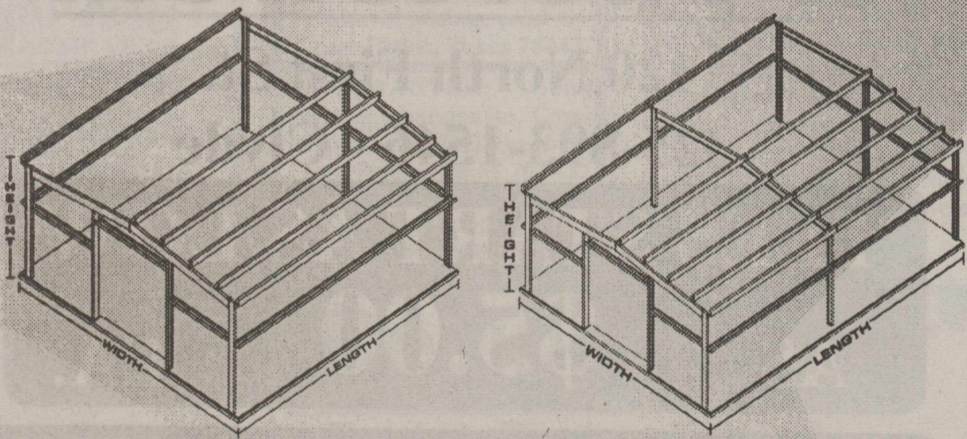
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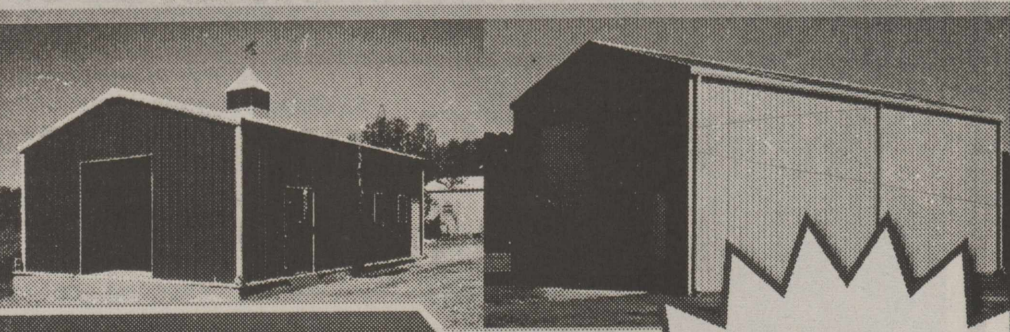
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- in Dallam Co.: ___ Blanca National Grassland
- a Houston Texans WR, Washington
- 1960-88 for the Cowboys was the Tom Landry ___
- HomeGrown" is a TX "U-Pick Farm" she's not my
- this David was in TX-based "Lone Wolf McQuade"
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- TX "Mission San Francisco de la ___"
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- Friday night event
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- TX Bettie Danoff helped start this pro golf tour (abbr.)
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- "Lone Ranger" characteristic
- needed to pass through security at Love Field (abbr.)
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- young man
- flightless bird
- name of Sam Houston's horse
- garment frill
- Persia
- TXism: "siesta" ___ backpacks
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- union at GM plant in Arlington (abbr.)
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- West TX ranch that was early user of barbed wire
- TXism: "has ___ like a snappin' turtle"



TOWN HALL MEETING WITH REP. CONAWAY--Congressman Mike Conaway spoke to about 16 residents during a town hall meeting held on Thursday, November 12th at the Clyde Cham-

ber of Commerce building. Rep. Conaway spent over one hour answering the constituents questions during the round table discussion.

Congressman Mike Conaway speaks at town hall meeting Thursday in Clyde

Congressman Mike Conaway told less than 20 residents attending a town hall meeting Thursday, November 12th that no matter who's the Republican nominee for President, Republicans must unite to defeat the Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton for United State President.

Representative Conaway (R-District 11) spoke at a town hall meeting held at the Clyde Chamber Of Commerce building during a town hall meeting on Thursday.

Serving his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Mike Conaway represents 29 counties in Texas' 11th congressional district, including the cities of Midland, Odessa and San Angelo. He represents about 700,000 residents in West Texas, including all of Callahan County.

In the House, Congressman Conaway is the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and also serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He is a deputy Republican whip, a position he has held since the 112th Congress.

Rep. Conaway updated the small audience as to what's happening in the U.S. House of Representatives, including the budgets of defense and social services.

Rep. Conaway also spoke on the Farm Bill, saying the U.S. spends just 6.2 of personal income on food, among the lowest of developed nations.

Congressman Conaway said of all the Republican candidates for U.S. President, he's still has not chosen his candidate yet. He said Republicans must unite to back the Republican nominee or risk having Hillary Clinton in the White House for four years.

Rep. Conaway said President Barack Obama is currently using his executive order privilege to bypass the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

He said with a Republican President, many of those executive orders can be unwound. He said President Obama has now "overreached" in many of his executive orders

on many issues, including Clean Power Plan and immigration.

Rep. Conaway said, "Medicare is a promise we cannot afford," speaking to the audience on the high cost of the health program. He said changes to Social Security must also be made, but the first thing to do with Social Security is raise the retirement age before retirees can draw it.

Speaking on the troubles with the Veterans Administration, Rep. Conaway said there are many more doctors and nurses who are doing a great job in caring for the nation's veterans. He said the VA's management is where the problem is. Rep. Conaway said of a new Veterans' Administration hospital currently being constructed in Denver was estimated to cost \$300 million to construct, but now the cost has escalated to \$1.3 billion and he said there's another VA hospital in New Orleans in a similar fate.

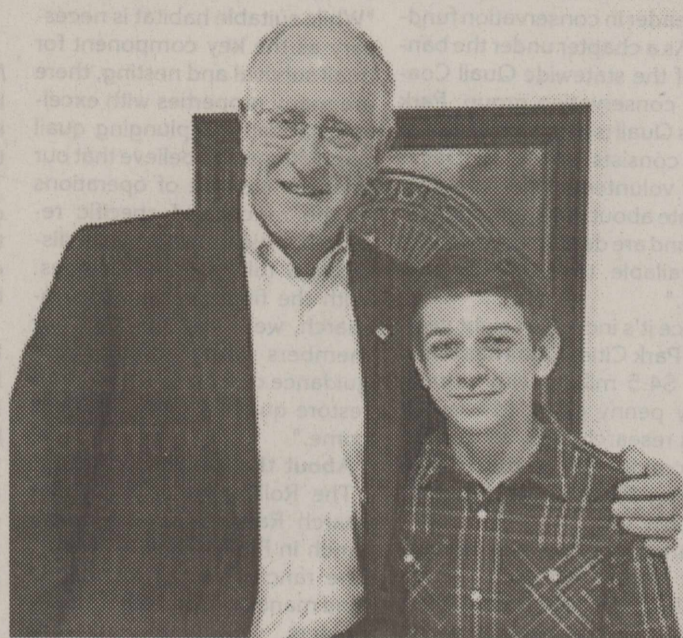
He said the problems with the VA is not from a lack of resources. He said the House of Representatives has given the VA everything they want. "It all starts at the White House," Rep. Conaway said of the problems with the VA management.

"It all falls on the feet of the President," Rep. Conaway said. Rep. Conaway said when running for President, Obama made promises he's not fulfilled. "Politicians don't do a good job of keeping campaign promises," Rep. Conaway said.

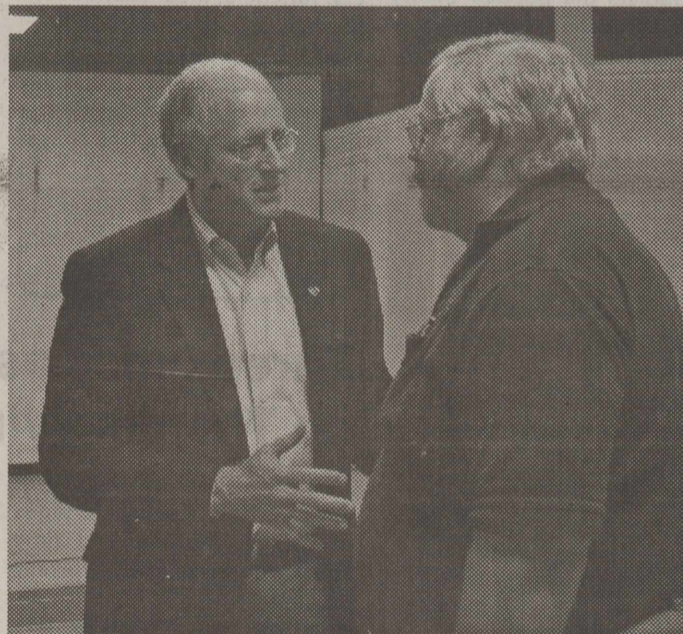
The congressman said with the Internet, voters are now being inundated with so much more information and that it is polarizing the country. "Compromise has become a dirty word," Rep. Conaway said of a lack of Republicans and Democrats working together. He said voters now just don't have good filters to get truthful information.

Ask about his separating his job from his religious belief when it comes to abortion, Rep. Conaway said, "I bring my Christianity to my job."

On the subject of tax reform, Congressman Conaway said one-third of the voters currently like the current tax system, while one-third of the voters want a change to a flat tax, while another one-third of



Rep. Mike Conaway pictured with Clyde eighth grader David Hardin at Rep. Conaway's town hall meeting in Clyde on Thursday. David was there as part of a project for his 8th grade English class and really enjoyed getting to meet Congressman Conaway. They chatted for a little bit after the meeting and had an opportunity to take this photo.



Rep. Mike Conaway pictured with Clyde City Councilman Steve Kniffen after a town hall Congressman Conaway held on Thursday, November 12th at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce

voters want to go to a national sales tax. A former Certified Public Accountant, Rep. Conaway said he would prefer a national sales tax like Mike Huckabee, who's a Republican candidate for President. He said that until two-thirds of the voters choose the type of tax reform, there probably won't be anything happening with tax reform.

He closed his remarks,

quoting John Adams, in saying only a moral people can govern. Rep. Conaway said the U.S. is now 240 years old, and that most governments don't last to be 250 years old. "You don't have to be a Christian to be moral," Rep. Conaway said.

He then left the audience with one uplifting message, "the United States has done so much for this world and has asked for so little as the USA."

At least one fatality has occurred every day since Nov. 7, 2000

AUSTIN - Texas marks a grim milestone this weekend as at least one fatality has occurred each and every day on state roadways since Nov. 7, 2000. That's 5,478 consecutive days with at least one fatality. In an effort to end this deadly 15-year streak, the Texas Department of Transportation, through its #EndTheStreakTX campaign, reminds drivers to stay alert, obey traffic laws and take personal responsibility behind the wheel.

"More than 50,000 people have been killed on Texas roadways over the past 15 years and that number is a sobering reminder that we must do everything in our power to stay focused and safe while driving," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "These crashes have killed spouses, children, friends and neighbors, and shattered the lives of those they left behind. We can stop this staggering streak if all drivers make it a priority to be safe, focused and responsible."

To help raise awareness of this tragic, daily statistic, TxDOT is asking people to change their social media profile pictures to the black image available for download here. Throughout November, TxDOT's social media pages will share facts and information about the last 15 years of roadway fatalities and invite Texans to publicly show their commitment to ending the streak of deadly days by sharing these posts with the hashtag #EndTheStreakTX. TxDOT also will invite the public to share personal stories of loved ones lost in car crashes on its

social media pages using photo and video testimonials with the hashtag #EndTheStreakTX.

Since Nov. 7, 2000, fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes on Texas roadways have numbered 51,832. A leading cause of fatalities continues to be alcohol, with distracted driving and a lack of seat belt use also being major causes.

To decrease the chances of roadway crashes and fatalities, TxDOT reminds drivers to:

Buckle seat belt—all passengers need to be buckled

Never drink and drive—drunk driving kills; get a sober ride home

Pay attention—put phone away and avoid distractions

Drive the speed limit—always follow speed limits and drive slower speeds when weather or conditions warrant

The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3). This information was received and processed by the department as of Oct. 15, 2015.

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The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail, and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 12,000 employees are committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas by maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion, connecting Texas communities, and being a Best in Class state agency.

Farming Fits Veterans and Veterans Fit Farming

By Wyatt Fraas, wyatt@cra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

The Center for Rural Affairs has worked to support and assist beginning farmers and ranchers for over 25 years. And increasingly, beginning farmer and rancher inquiries come from military veterans. They have the same needs as other new farmers: access to land, financing and information. But they also bring new issues: disabilities, returning to civilian life, a drive to help fellow veterans, a powerful sense of wanting to be of service to their country.

The Center's Veteran Farmers Project was launched to provide information, encouragement, connections, and referrals that help beginning farmers and ranchers access land and financing, identify markets, build business plans, and more.

We also connect veteran-farmers with other veterans; to help retain and rebuild bonds with others who have served in the military and help each other overcome the obstacles of building a farm business and returning to civilian life. We refer veteran-farmers to

resource providers who can help with disability services, business advising, finding mentors, gaining production and marketing experience, and other needs.

Farming fits veterans, and veterans fit farming. Many veterans want to return to small town America to raise their families. And we welcome them home.

However, educational opportunities, off-farm jobs, health services, and young peers are in short supply across much of rural and small town America. That makes networks such as those built through the Center's Veteran Farmers Project, and the infrastructure and public policies we're working to create, vitally important to our veterans who want to farm and ranch.

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

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 Tuesday-24th Crafts with Chris 10:00/Bingo 11:15
 Wednesday-25th Blood Pressure Check/Girling Home Health/ Bingo 11:15
 Thursday -26th Center Closed- Happy Thanksgiving
 Friday -27th Center Closed

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

Nov. 23th- Nov. 27th

Monday 23th-Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Bread, Dessert
 Tuesday 24th- Fried Fish, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Hushpuppies, Dessert

Wednesday 25th-Chicken Noodle Soup, 1/2 Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, fruit, Cookie

Thursday 26th- Center Closed - Happy Thanksgiving

Friday 27th- Center Closed - Happy Thanksgiving

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Park Cities Quail Donates Millions to the Quail Research Ranch

With over \$2.7 million donated to the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch alone, Park Cities Quail has solidified its position as a leader in conservation funding. As a chapter under the banner of the statewide Quail Coalition conservation group, Park Cities Quail is a non-profit group that consists solely of Dallas Area volunteers who "are passionate about our sporting tradition and are determined to make it available to future generations."

Since its inception eight years ago, Park Cities Quail has raised over \$4.5 million with virtually every penny going to assist in quail research such as that being conducted at the RPQRR (Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch).

"Park Cities Quail has been the wind under our wings at the RPQRR," admits Dale Rollins, director of the research ranch, saying that the research that Park Cities Quail has funded helps provide insight to unlocking the mystery of declining quail populations.

"Much of the research we fund contradicts the popular theory that quail decline revolves solely

around habitat loss," says Jay Stein, Director of Shared Services for the Quail Coalition and a Park Cities Quail Member. "While suitable habitat is necessary as the key component for quail survival and nesting, there are many properties with excellent habitat and plunging quail populations. We believe that our financial support of operations at the ranch and specific research projects will prove or disprove a full range of theories. With the findings from this research, we hope to provide our members with solutions and guidance on how to sustain and restore quail for generations to come."

About the Ranch

The Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch is a 4,720-acre ranch in Fisher County, Texas. The ranch's aim is to provide land managers, and other stakeholders, with timely, relevant technology and management schemes for enhancing quail populations in the Rolling Plains of Texas. In doing so, the ranch hopes to sustain the "quail dynasty" that has supported hunters, ranchers, local economies, hunters, and the quails themselves.



Trinity Ranch Land Welcomes the Rainey's

Having grown up in Eastland, Mark and Christina Rainey have deep roots and firsthand knowledge of Eastland and the surrounding counties. They are now raising their own two children in the small town of Carbon. They love this community and small town living at its best.

Christina joined Trinity Ranch Land in January of 2015 and has surpassed "Million Dollar Producer" this year. Her husband, Mark, has recently joined the Trinity team and both are devoted to spending their time learning and growing in their skills, as well as giving full attention to their client's needs.

Mark has owned his own construction business," Mark's

Home Remodel & Repair" for several years in Eastland County and has a reputation for his keen sense of detail and his great work ethic.

Whether you are looking to buy your dream property or looking to sell, Mark and Christina are excited to serve you in all of your real estate needs. With motivation, excitement and the backing of a seasoned broker, they would love to find or sell your slice of Texas. You may reach the Rainey's at the Trinity Ranch Land office 254-725-4181 or on their cell phones (Christina 254-631-8135, Mark 254-631-8765) or Facebook page. Give them a call and watch what they can do for you!

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Three times as many cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving as on a typical day

When most of us think about Thanksgiving, images of turkey, stuffing and time spent with loved ones typically come to mind, not fire hazards. However, an increased risk of fire is, in fact, a reality of Thanksgiving. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), three times as many home cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving as on a typical day.

NFPA's latest cooking estimates shows that there were 1,550 cooking fires on Thanksgiving in 2013, reflecting a 230 percent increase over the daily average. Home cooking fires also spike on other major U.S. holidays, including Christmas Day, Christmas Eve and Memorial Day weekend. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.

"A combination of factors collectively increase the risk of home cooking fires on Thanksgiving," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "People are often preparing multiple dishes with lots of guests and other distractions, which can make it all too easy to forget what's on the stove. That's when cooking mishaps are most likely to occur."

While the number of cooking fires spikes on holidays, it's also one of the leading causes of home fire year-round. Between 2009 and 2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of

162,400 home cooking fires per year. These fires resulted in an annual average of 430 civilian fire deaths, 5,400 reported injuries and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

Fortunately, Carli notes, there are many simple steps people can take to ensure safe cooking on Thanksgiving. "A little added awareness about potential fire hazards and taking a few basic precautions in the kitchen can go a long way toward keeping your Thanksgiving fire-free," said Carli.

Here are NFPA's top five tips for cooking with fire safety in mind on Thanksgiving and beyond:

- Remain in the kitchen while you're cooking, and keep a close eye on what you fry! Always stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling or broiling food. If you have to leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. Regularly check on food that's simmering, baking or roasting, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

- Keep things that can catch fire such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels and curtains away from the cooking area.

- Be alert when cooking. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

- If you have a small (grease) cooking fire on the stovetop and decide to fight the fire: Smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the

burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

- If you're cooking a turkey using a disposable aluminum pan, consider doubling up and using two pans to avoid a puncture, as dripping turkey juices can cause an oven fire.

NFPA discourages the use of turkey fryers, a popular cooking method on Thanksgiving. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns and other injuries, and the destruction of property due to the large amount and high temperature of oil used. NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to look for grocery stores, specialty food retailers and restaurants that sell deep fried turkeys.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeclass.

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Misdemeanor Filings

Bradley Childers, criminal trespass.

Edward Arnold III, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Christopher Correll, evading arrest/detention.

Ahren Presley, terroristic threat.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Information & Complaints

Branden L. King, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Indictments

Donald J. Walraven, possession of a controlled substance.

Juan Oliveros Jr., Ct. I - possession of a controlled substance, Ct. II - evading arrest.

Justin B. Williams, driving while intoxicated (DWI), 3rd or more.

Billy Lynn Burns, DWI, 3rd or more.

John S. Brown, DWI, 3rd or more.

Marcus L. Byrd, DWI, 3rd or more.

Margarito Puente, Jr., DWI, 3rd or more.

Jason Valenzuela, possession of marijuana.

Johnathan Valenzuela, possession of marijuana.

David A. Clement, possession of a controlled substance.

Aaron Powell, possession of

a controlled substance.
Tyson Bradford, evading arrest.

D'Anthony Mitchell, forgery.

Criminal Minutes

Curtis M. Pyle, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 6 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$364 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Jacob L. Lopez, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 9 months in prison, \$324 court costs.

Juan Oliveros Jr., plea of guilty to evading arrest, 3 years in prison, \$324 court costs.

Kurt E. Zimmernann, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$180 restitution.

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Freddy L. Fortune, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Justin B. Williams, plea of guilty to DWI, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$459 court costs.

Zachery Inman, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Corey L. Hall, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Billy Lynn Burns, plea of guilty to DWI, 15 years in prison, \$424 court costs.

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An Abilene church secretary received a call that identified themselves as AEP. The caller said the church was delinquent on paying their power bill & threatening to shut off power on Friday if she didn't pay up immediately. This crook was armed with information about the church's legitimate bills and threatens to cut off power within 45 minutes unless immediate payment is made. The crooks demand payment via Western Union or Green dot prepaid money pack cards. **Be on guard this can happen to anyone.**

BBB offers these tips to avoid being scammed:

- Hang up the phone. Utility representatives should never ask customers to wire money for payment. Beware if you are asked to provide credit card numbers or banking information over the phone. Hang up and call the utility company directly to verify whether you owe money.

- Never give out personal information. Never give out your bank account numbers, date of birth, credit card number or Social Security number.

- Get informed. Find out what forms of payment your utility company accepts to help when deciding if the request is legitimate.

- Keep numbers updated. If you are unsure of your account status, know how to get in contact with your utility provider.

- Get help. If you receive a phone call to make a wire transfer to pay a utility bill, report the incident immediately to your utility company.

BBB ALERT CPU SERVICE FAX

Be on the lookout for a faxed offer from CPU Service Inc in OK City that looks a lot like a bill for \$228. This company has an F Rating, the BBB's lowest rating. BBB in OKC has been unable to establish the company's true location. BBB has been unable to verify the registration status of the business.

WARN YOUR STAFF - DO NOT PAY WHAT YOU DO NOT OWE. Consumers/Businesses are advised not to give personal information to unknown agencies requesting payment. No legitimate company will ask for funds without showing justification for payment upon request.

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Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

For Callahan County Sheriff Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford

Political advertisement paid for by Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford, 4186 CR 273, Clyde, Texas, 79510, Treasurer Patty Ellis.

Terry Joy

Political advertisement paid for by Lenora Joy Treasurer, Terry Joy, 525 Stella, Baird, Texas 79510

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$125.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

Falls from ladders and rooftops injure thousands of DIY decorators each Holiday Season

Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric advises homeowners to turn outdoor holiday decorating chores over to the professionals

According to the latest statistics from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)*, holiday decorating mishaps send more than 15,000 people to their local emergency room every November and December. The most frequently reported incidents involve falls (34 percent), lacerations (11 percent) and back strains (10 percent). The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI)** estimates that more than half of the 5,800 people who seek emergency room help for injuries from falls while decorating their homes for the holidays are injured in falls from ladders or rooftops while decorating outdoors.

Matt Robinson of Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric in Abilene says that there is a safer, easier way to showcase your home and property for the holidays: hire a professional holiday and event decorating expert.

Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric, a franchise member of the premier holiday lighting and decorating company in North America, works with home and business owners in the Abilene area to design, install, take down and store top-quality, high impact outdoor lighting, décor and special effects to light up the holidays safely and beautifully. Our decorators are trained to execute professional-grade lighting displays on high roofs, ladders and in tricky situations, says Robinson. The results we deliver far exceed what the average homeowner is able to achieve with consumer-grade décor. We can bring your holiday decorating vision to life while helping to eliminate damage to moldings, roofing, architectural elements, and the homeowner, too.

Robinson adds that the hazards of do-it-yourself decorating are not limited to falls and sprains. Another 4,000 injuries associated with electric extension cords are also reported annually during the holiday season, with half of the injuries involving fractures, lacerations, contusions, or sprains from people tripping over extension cords.

Professional decorators are able to minimize this type of risk in outdoor displays with proper installation procedures and regular maintenance calls all part of the decorating service provided by Christmas Decor franchise members like Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric.

If you do decide to install your own outdoor lighting display, please review the Ladder Safety 101 tips from the CPSC***, says Robinson. But for a truly safe and spectacular alternative, turn the job over to a professional and use the time you save to enjoy the holidays with your friends and family.

For more information on having Christmas Decor decorate your home or business, or to schedule an appointment for a consultation or installation, please contact Matt Robinson of Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric in Abilene at (325) 668-1364 or christmasdecor@lonestar.com.

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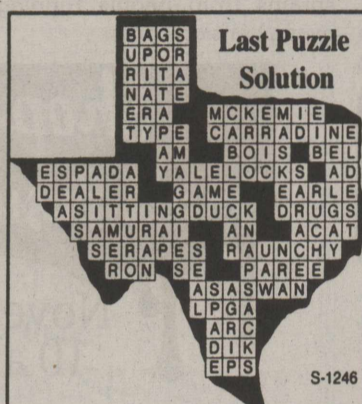
What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



Robert Thornhill takes on a more serious subject in his 5th installment - "Lady Justice and the Sting." This time Kansas City cop Walt Williams is after the powerful pharmaceutical companies supported by greedy politicians. Thornhill takes this opportunity to explore the dilemma: prescribed medication or natural remedies? You can't turn on the TV these days without seeing commercials for prescription drugs to cure this or that ailment. The fine print on the TV screen warns the patient of the multitude of side effects, some of which are scarier than the ailment itself! But if you need the drug, what alternatives do you have?

While Walt and his new bride Maggie are embroiled in exposing these discrepancies and catching the bad guys, their friend Jerry and Walt's dad, John, provide the humor as they work on their "bucket lists," resulting in eighty-seven year-old John and his girlfriend, eighty-six year-old Bernice Crenshaw being apprehended by police for indecent exposure. It's another suspenseful fast-paced comedy that I think you will enjoy, but start with the first novel and read forward.



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

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Cisco College Wrangler Band and Belles present "The Great American/Christmas Show"

The Cisco College Wrangler Band and Belles proudly announce the return of "The Great American/Christmas Show" to be held at the Cisco College Crawford Theatre on Thursday, November 19th and Saturday, November 21st. Manny Martinez, Director of the Wrangler Band and Debbie Baker, Director of the Wrangler Belles are excited to offer this dinner show again to pay tribute to our veterans and kick off the holiday season. The first annual Great American/Christmas Show was a huge success. "We packed the Crawford Theatre both nights and had to turn people away due to limited seating", stated Debbie Baker.

The show will start seating their guest at 6:00pm with dinner served promptly. The show will begin at 7:00pm with an intermission for dessert, coffee, or tea. The Band and Belles will perform some familiar songs of the past such as "God Bless the U.S.A.", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and several other patriotic tunes that are associated with our military. Our Christmas portion of the show will of course feature Santa Clause and many other fun loving Christmas tunes for everyone to enjoy. The Great American/Christmas Show is sure to enhance your patriotism to our country and

veterans, while giving everyone that Christmas Spirit for the upcoming holidays. This is a variety show that will show case musicians, dancers, and singers using a fresh artistic design.

Box office will open on Monday, November 2nd - 6th for patrons and Monday, November 9th - 16th for general admission. Tickets will be \$25.00 for the dinner show. To make your reservations, please call 254-442-5000 and Dial 0 for the operator between 8:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Our Veterans will be offered a discounted rate, please inquire with reservationist.

The Longhorn: Texas Tough

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

Traveling through the plains in Texas, you're bound to see the unmistakable silhouette of the famed Texas Longhorn. As our state's official large mammal, the mascot of our flagship university, and a surviving symbol of the old American West, the Longhorn is ingrained into our way of life as Texans.

This time of year in particular, we're reminded of their storied history. Ranchers have just finished showcasing their best stock at the annual Texas State Fair's Longhorn Show, and in the midst of football season, the orange Longhorn silhouettes seem to be everywhere.

But only 100 years ago, Texas Longhorns were nearly extinct.

When the first cattle set hoof in the New World more than 500 years ago, they surprised the Spanish settlers who brought them by overcoming the challenging terrain and thriving. The previously domesticated cattle from Europe became tough enough to survive droughts and floods, sweltering heat and bone-chilling cold, while grazing easily on whatever land they occupied. Amazingly, the first Longhorns were even resistant to diseases found in the New World. They lived longer and reproduced more quickly than other breeds; before long, there were millions of Longhorns roaming free, and feral herds quickly found a home in Texas.

As more European settlers made their way to Texas, Longhorns provided a stable source of meat and income no matter the conditions. A German traveler making his way through Texas in 1848 remarked, "In Texas, cattle live for the sake of man, but in all other countries man lives for the sake of his cattle."

Longhorns continued to thrive throughout the 19th Century and found themselves increasingly in demand. European investors offered ranchers gold to expand their Longhorn operations, and these ranchers were even exempt from the Confederate draft because of their important role in providing food for soldiers.

But not long after soldiers returned home from the war, Longhorns began to suffer. Once trade relationships were re-established between the former Union and Confederate states, mass disease wiped out herd after herd across New England farms - except the Longhorns. Northern farmers blamed the species and began slaughtering them in masses. Sadly, what they dubbed the "Texas Fever" was actually a disease carried by ticks, not the Longhorns, who were simply immune.

Demand continued to plummet because Longhorn meat did not produce enough tallow, or animal fat, to be utilized in the manufacturing of increasingly popular items like candles and soap. Moreover, Longhorn meat was hard to keep fresh absent prolonged refrigeration, and as a result wasn't viable as a commercial product in the 19th Century. As a result, by 1910, Texas Longhorns were almost nowhere to be found.

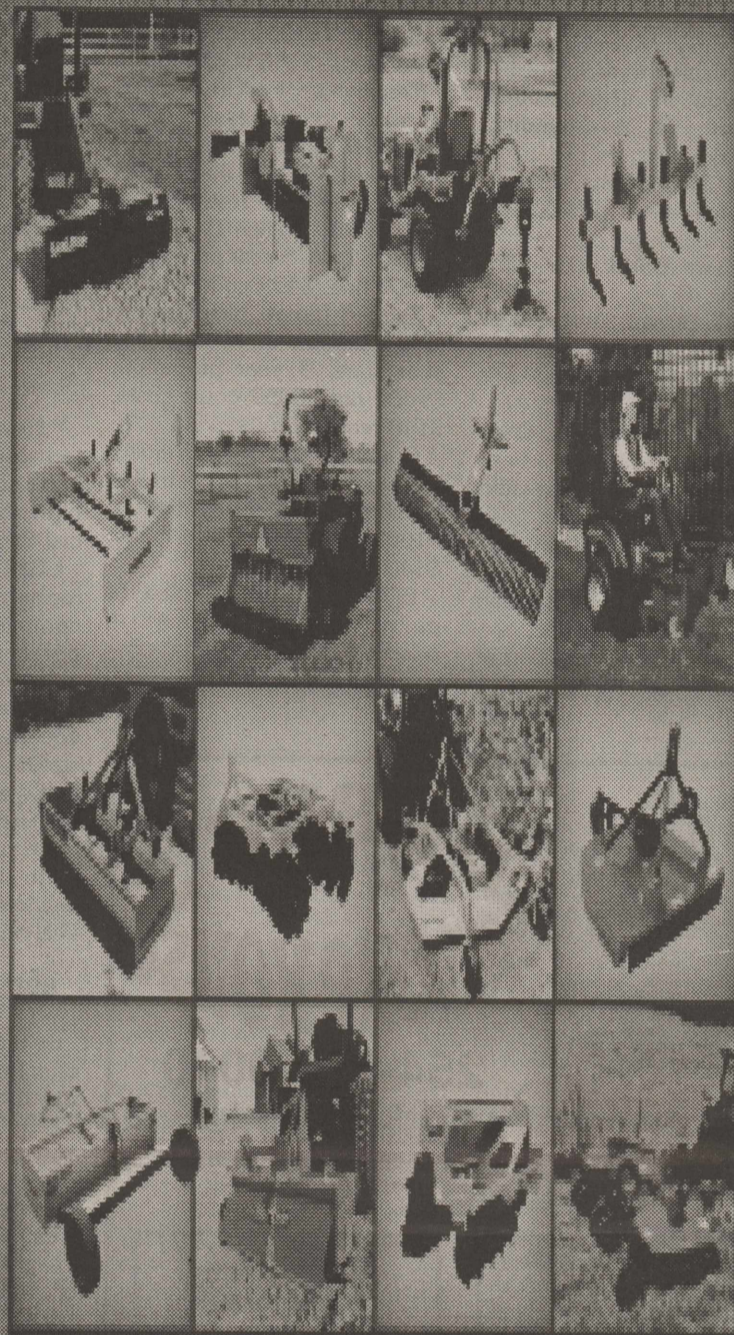
And if it weren't for Will C. Barnes, a U.S. Army Signal Corps private turned cattle rancher, Longhorns may have continued down the path to complete extinction. After leaving the military, in 1887 Mr. Barnes led a team of U.S. Forest Service trailblazers across the west and managed to round up 27 surviving pure Texas Longhorns. In 1927, he created a protected home in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma, effectively saving the breed and enabling them to once again flourish.

Today, thanks to Mr. Barnes, Texas Longhorns roam free in state parks and graze on private ranches across our state. And as we saw recently when people across Texas mourned the loss of Bevo XIV, the University of Texas mascot, Longhorns continue to be a large part of our culture. So next time you're on the open road in our great state and spot a Longhorn, tip your hat to Private Barnes and the ever-resilient Texas icon.

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



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