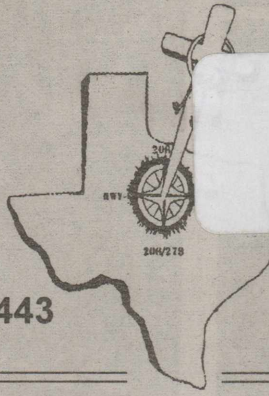


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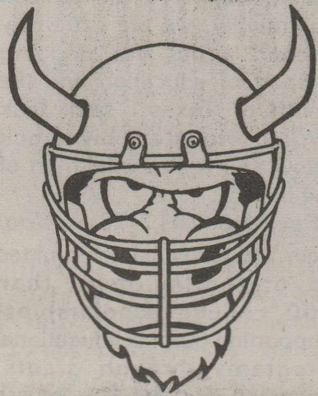
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The Quirky Turkey is Back

The quirky turkey says it all...it's time for the annual Lord's Acre Fall Festival at the United Methodist Church. A full day of sale opportunities and traditional Thanksgiving dining...all for a good cause. Monies realized at the event go right back into the community through the Missions Program

of the church. Local groups that benefit from this financial support are the Senior Center, Library, EMS, Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Burkett Volunteer Fire Departments, Helping Hearts, Helping Hands and the Food Pantry. See you there!



Send Off for Buffaloes and Cross Country Team as they head to Playoffs and State on Friday Afternoon

Come out Friday afternoon at 2:20 and line the streets of Cross Plains to cheer on the Buffaloes and the Cross Country Team.

The Buffaloes play their first game of the playoffs on this Friday, November 11th against the Wink Wildcats in Roscoe at 7 p.m.

The Pep Rally on Friday will be at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

The Boys Cross Country Team and Jackilann Shepard, who will both be competing at the State Cross Country competition in Round Rock on Saturday will be recognized at the Pep Rally.

Immediately following the Pep Rally, both the football team and the cross country team will leave Cross Plains.

Please come and line the streets of Cross Plains at 2:20 p.m for a send-off of both teams.

Memorial Services, Lunch and Program on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11th

Pay tribute to the Cross Plains area soldiers and veterans this Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11th.

The American Legion Post 423 will hold the service at the Cross Plains Area Veterans Memorial, including the raising and lowering of the flag, at 9 a.m. on Friday.

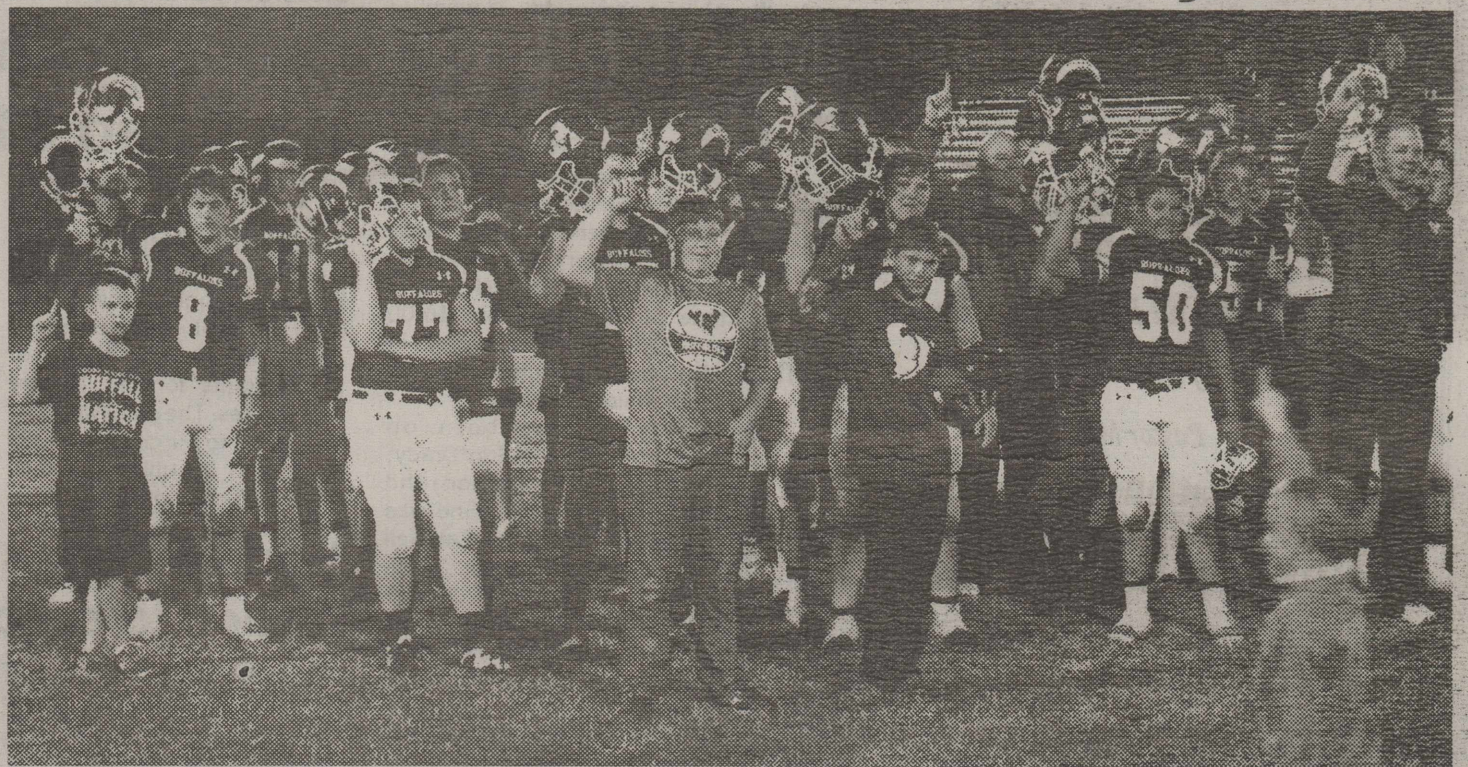
The Veterans Memorial salutes veterans from this area that served in all wars. You can view the names on the memorial on line at cpveterans.com.

At lunchtime, 11:45 a.m., the Cross Plains Senior Center will serve a brisket dinner. The lunch is provided to the veterans by the City of Cross Plains and will be served by city employees. All veterans eat free.

Following lunch, American Legion Post 423 will have a tour of Cross Plains on their parade float.

Members of the American Legion will present a program to the High School at 1 p.m.

Buffaloes Head to the Playoffs!



A win over Miles makes the Buffaloes second in the district. Their first playoff game is Friday night in Roscoe against the Wink Bulldogs. Story and photos inside.

Undefeated! Junior High Buffaloes Are District Champs and Close Out a Perfect 8-0 Season



Junior High Buffaloes, their coaches and cheerleaders after winning their eight and final game of the season. Story and photos inside.

Lord's Acre Saturday, November 12th

The Methodist Church invites the community to participate in the annual fall celebration known as the Lord's Acre. Saturday, November 12 will be a full day at the church, beginning with the Little Store and Silent Auction and running through the turkey dinner and Live Auction.

The Little Store will be open in the front hallway from 9:00 until 6:15 with tables full of smaller items for direct purchase. This is where you'll find neat little items for stocking stuffers, teachers, special friends and

co-workers. Canned relish, jellies, jams, baked goodies and candy, chia tea mix, the new FUMC Cookbook and other miscellaneous items have already shown up.

The Silent Auction will also be in the hallway and available during the same hours. Here you'll find some really unique items, from special baskets of home décor, candy dishes, ornaments, jewelry, small wall signs. You'll also find some quilted pillows and crosses, etc. Continued on Page 3

Donald Trump easily wins Callahan County votes

For U.S. President, Callahan County voters easily elected Donald Trump with 4,858 total votes to Hillary Clinton's 568 total votes.

In the Local Option for Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, voters allowed the sale of alcohol for on-premise consumption with 340 votes for, to 155 votes against.

A total of 5,676 votes were cast in this year's General Election, according to Tuesday's results. That's 57.37 percent of the total registered voters of 9,894 who were eligible to cast votes

this year. For Straight Party voting, a total of 3,333 votes were cast for Republican Party candidates countywide to 326 Straight Party tickets cast for the Democratic Party.

For U.S. Representative, Callahan County voters cast 4,891 total votes for Republican Mike Conaway to 336 total votes for Libertarian Party candidate Nicholas Landholt. Complete election results from the November 8th General Election will be published in next week's newspaper.

One killed in vehicle rollover near Putnam

A Mesquite, Texas man was killed in a one-vehicle rollover on Interstate 20, two miles east of Putnam in Callahan County, around 10:39 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2nd, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Benjamin James Janskey, a 26-year-old male of Mesquite was driving westbound on I-20 in a 2007 Dodge 1500 pickup, east of Putnam. The vehicle crossed the center median, the eastbound lanes of I-20 and into the south median. The vehicle rolled over several times ejecting the driver before coming to rest upside down in the south median.

The crash is under investigation by DPS Trooper Joe Pechacek

of Baird. The driver of the vehicle was not wearing a seat belt.

Janskey was transported to and pronounced dead at Abilene Professional Services.

First Responders to be Honored with Dinner, Tuesday, November 15th

Cross Plains and the surrounding areas are so very blessed to have the number of people who put their lives in harm's way to protect us. Can you imagine a society without law enforcement, emergency medical services or fire departments?

The City of Cross Plains and the Cross Plains Senior Center want to acknowledge the sacrifices made by these men and women

by hosting a First Responders Appreciation hamburger supper on November 15th from 5-7.

All first responders are welcome and encouraged to attend the supper in their honor. Citizens are encouraged to come and show their support and appreciation to all our first responders.

There will be no cost for the meal.

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OBITUARY



DRUECILLA EVANS Druecilla Evans

Druecilla Evans, age 72, of Abilene, TX, passed away in Abilene on Monday, November 7, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, Texas with Ronnie White officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains, Texas. The family will have a time of visitation from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home, Cross Plains, TX.

Druecilla was born on November 28, 1943 in Brady, TX to the late Damon and Velma Parrish-Jones. She was a licensed realtor for Caldwell Banker for 35 years. While working at Caldwell it was said, "That Druecilla could sell ice to an Eskimo." She was also the first female office manager of WTU office for 15 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains and a former member of the FUMC of Abilene, Texas.

Druecilla is survived by her children, Mike McClure Jr. and Michelle of Abilene, Texas, Kandy Sunderman of Kansas, Suzie Hill and Steve of Rising Star, Texas, Paul Evans and Karla of Battle Creek, MI, Dr. Pam Evans of Georgetown, Texas, Dr. Paige Pollard of Midlothian, Texas; Grandchildren, Michael McClure III, Shanda Johnson, Brittany Marks, Brandi Sunderman, Savannah Sunderman, Cheyanne Sunderman, Brooklyn Burney, Brettley Burney, Cotton Hill, Michael Dean Evans, Samuel Berg, Ann-Marie Berg, Sophia Berg, Zachary Pollard, Elizabeth Pollard, Nicholas Pollard, Claire Pollard; Numerous great grandchildren; Mother, Velma Jones of Cross Plains, Texas; brother, Rolan Jones and Sandra of Cross Plains, Texas; Numerous other family members and dear friends.

Druecilla was preceded in death by her father, Damon Jones; Husband, Henry Cleve Evans Jr.; Grandson, Kyle McClure.



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Stacy Jones and her Theatre Arts group accept the \$1,000 Operation Round-Up Classroom Grant to be used for their "Giving Back" series.

Cross Plains Theatre Arts Teacher Awarded \$1,000 CECA Grant

Through the Operation Round-Up Program, Comanche Electric Cooperative awarded five \$1,000 Classroom Grants to area schools. Cross Plains High School teacher Stacy Jones was awarded one of those grants for her Theatre Arts classes. The grant will allow Ms. Jones to purchase a sound system to be utilized in their "Giving Back" program. This

program will include a series of shows for the community.

Ms. Jones states "Through these shows we will use our talents to serve our community by educating, entertaining and bringing joy to people who are less likely to attend shows in our auditorium. Very simply, they are free shows that we take to the group we are trying to serve."

The class will be doing "A Christmas Show" at the Rising Star Nursing Home, "A Living Story Book" for the Cross Plains Public Library, and "CPHS Talk Theatre" at the Cross Plains Senior Center. "Each of these shows," states Jones, "will help us develop many of the different skills that are a required part of our curriculum."

Houston Livestock Show adds another \$1.2 million to scholarship support for 2017

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Cross Plains Community Calendar

November
 Nov 11 - Veteran's Day; Services at the Veteran's Memorial. Veteran's Lunch at the Senior Center.
 Nov 12 - Lord's Acre, First United Methodist Church
 Nov 15 - First Responders Dinner sponsored by the City of Cross Plains and the Senior Center
 Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Bake Sale, Cross Plains Public Library
 Nov 23-25 - School's out for Thanksgiving Holiday
 Nov 24 - Thanksgiving
 December
 Dec 1 - Kiwanis Stew Supper and Christmas Parade (Thursday night)
 Dec 1 - Ornament Painting at the Library
 Dec 2 & 3 - Library Craft Fair, First United Methodist Church
 Dec 16 - School's out for Christmas Holiday
 Dec 25 - Christmas

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will award more than \$14.2 million in scholarships alone in 2017, increasing its previously announced 2017 educational commitment by 5 percent, bringing the full 2017 educational commitment to more than \$26 million.

As college tuition costs continue to rise, the Show will increase all \$18,000 four-year

college scholarships to \$20,000 awards, beginning with the 2017 scholarship awards.

"With the hard work of our volunteers and staff, combined with the support of the Houston community, we are extremely excited about our ongoing support of education and the youth of Texas," said Jack Lyons, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo chairman of the board.

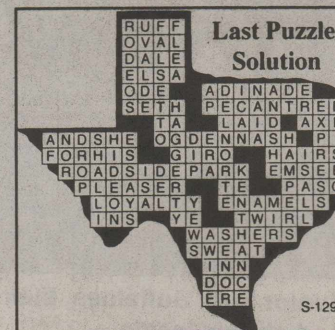
For the 2017-18 school year, the Show has committed to presenting more than 750 college scholarships, supporting 60-plus educational programs through grants, awarding numerous graduate assistantships, and providing awards and premiums to junior livestock show exhibitors and calf scramble participants.

The Show's 2017 educational commitment of \$26,065,510 is comprised of the following:

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From the Cross Plains Review - 76 Years Ago October 4, 1940

From the Cross Plains Review... 76 years ago, October 4, 1940.

Mr. Ealy B. Dorbandt is remodeling the Tom Powell building on South Main Street. He plans to open a Western Auto Supply Store.

Elwin Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, has joined the US Army Air Corps.

Mrs. Bailey Wilson is home from the hospital after surgery.

Mayor Clarence Martin and Babe Wood, local car dealer, will go to Dallas this week to pick up Cross Plains' new firetruck: a 1941 Chevrolet.

The Pioneer Panthers defeated the Woodson Cowboys, 27-0. Carol Howard is the coach. Starting lineup: Robert Gilson, F. P. Grant, Junior Underwood, James Alexander, Pinkie Tollerson Jr., Dow Flippen, Paul Huntington, Ralph Huntington, Wimpy Cash, O'keefe Aiken.

C. R. Nordyke is running for County Sheriff. T. Y. Woody is running for Public Weigher Precinct 6. Drew I. Hill for Justice of the Peace, and Bert Brown for Constable.

Ruth Johnson Shirley teaches Violin, Accordion and Guitar in Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Pioneer.

On sale at Butler & Son Grocery: Bananas 5 cents/lb.; 20 lb bulk sugar cane, \$1.00; syrup, 1 gallon can, 50 cents, Hillbilly flour, 48 lbs, \$1.30.

On sale at Red & White Store: Roast 17 cents/lb; Coffee, 1, lb can 25 cents, pinto beans, 5 lbs, 19 cents; Corn flakes, 10 cents/box; Tokay grapes 5 cents/lb.

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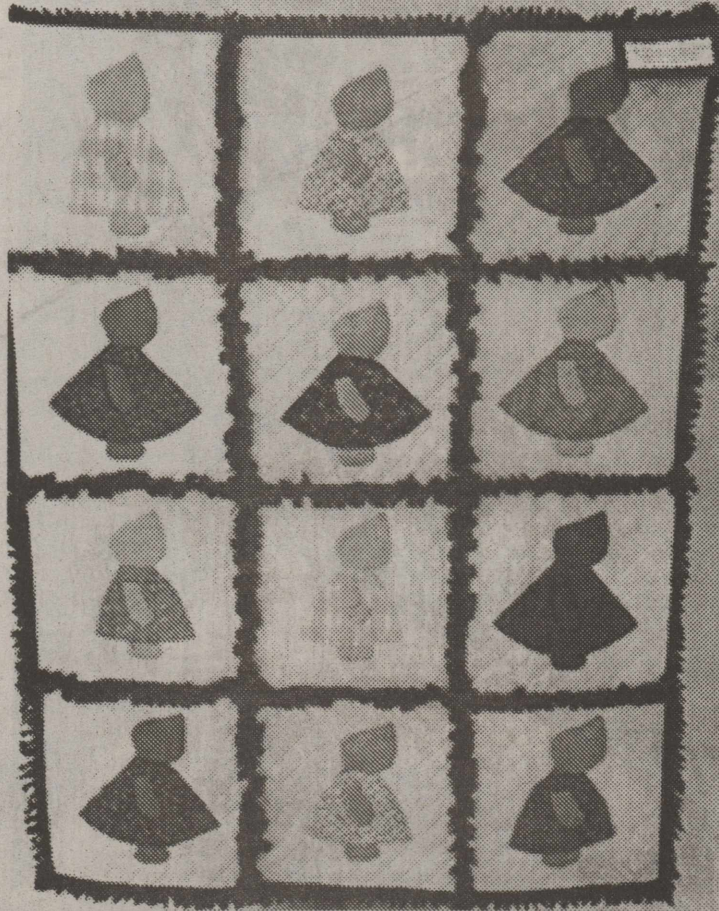
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The Dutch Dolly quilt.

Lord's Acre Saturday, November 12th

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After the dinner line closes at 6:30, Bobby Golson will once again kick off the fun-filled Live Auction in the Fellowship Hall with the cream of the crop items. Early items include an original water color picture by Cher Ptacek, Debbie Edington's special Terry Jane Memorial Sweatshirt and an apron in memory of Sharon Koenig, an electric guitar, several themed gift baskets, knives, McWilliams' welded fire pit, Logan's dog house with stained glass windows, a CD set of new saxophone music by Theresa Morgan, and a Christmas tree skirt with matching stockings. Two of the more unusual items are an oil on canvas print of the stained glass "Methodist" sign and a small quilt made from "Lou pillows." And the whole range of delicious cakes, fancy pies and cobblers and a basket of goodies from the new church cookbook. Connie Kirkham is donating her traditional catered dinner for 4 with choice of menu and date. Pictures of donated items may be viewed on the church's Face Book page with additional pictures being added as they are brought to the church.

The \$8.00 turkey dinners will

be ready to go via the drive-throughs and home deliveries at 4:30. Those picking up meals at the church need to come into the parking lot from the north (George Scott St.) and stop by the air conditioners, where the youth will take and deliver your orders to your car. Shut-ins and those having no way to get to the church may have meals delivered to them by calling the church at 725-7377.

These dinners will be available until 6:00. In the meantime the Fellowship Hall will be open at 5:00 for those who wish to eat in and enjoy the fellowship. The kitchen will shut down at 6:30 in preparation of the auction. Please use the center door rather than the kitchen door for this event.

Tickets may be purchased from the church office or any church member for the same \$8.00. Advance tickets are just a good way to purchase dinners for friends; however, tickets are definitely not required nor are advance reservations. Just show up, eat and join the fun of the auction.

Looks like there's something for everybody at the Lord's Acre on Sat. Nov. 12 at the Methodist Church. Come and help FUMC help the community.

Lou Grider's Pillow Ministry

Pillows come in all sizes, shapes and colors, but none can compare to the "Lou Pillows" fashioned by Lou Grider and given with love to dozens and dozens of people. In addition to quilting with the Pioneer Ladies for years, Lou made a lot of quilts of her own; generously donating them to the Lord's Acre at her beloved Methodist Church. Somewhere along the line, she came up with idea of making and giving away pillows. Thinking that a colorful butterfly or the Dutch dolly design appliqued on an off white background would be rather pretty, she assembled such, quilted it in straight diagonal lines, sewed a coordinated back to it, stuffed it, sewed it shut and gave it away. These designs expanded to all kinds of colorful quilt blocks, appliqued flowers and one special one of the Gulf logo, symbolic of the Grider's service station on Main Street for so many years. And thus began her pillow ministry!

Members of the Methodist Church and others, including the local fire departments, have been the recipients of a conservative count of two hundred of these pillows. For years and years the popular comment was that "you don't have it made until you get a Lou pillow." Apparently a lot of folks "made" it over the years as more and more people were honored with her gift of love. In addition to giving her pillows away, Lou donated them to the Lord's Acre where they became a popular item for the lively auction.

Ronnie White laughingly commented at Lou's funeral service that "she had given him one; proof that even a Baptist Preacher felt her love!" Husband Dick indicated that he had no idea how long she had been making the pillows, but that she had pillow makings stashed all over the house. Lou also told the story that she had lost a ring once and was just certain that it was in one of the pillows.

A few years ago, arthritis got the upper hand and her fingers could no longer quilt the tops she had already appliqued and were waiting to be finished. Not wanting the unfinished pillows to go to waste, she took some of them to the Lord's Acre Little Store, thinking that somebody might want to do something with them. Naturally they were snatched up immediately and showed up the following year as finished pillows for the auction. Lou's gift of love continues to spread as the pillows have now started to be shared with a second generation.

Cherry Shults has taken several of the appliqued Dutch Dolly blocks and made them into a beautiful rag quilt to be auctioned off at the Lord's Acre this Saturday. The quilting team took others to be sewn into the center of the prayer quilts that they give to church members facing surgery, hospitalization or just a difficult or joyous time in their lives.

So Lou's quilt ministry lives on through the church's quilt ministry and what a wonderful legacy it is.



Lou Grider hand-tying on a quilt.



Some of Lou's Pillows

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You may have recently received a friendly letter from us reminding you that your books are past due and need to be returned.

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You can also return the books and pay your fines during our normal operating

hours, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1-5 and Tuesdays from 11-7.

Thanks to all of you that have already responded to our letters and returned our books.

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Lord's Acre

Sat. Nov. 12, 2016

A great time of fun and fellowship with all monies going into local missions

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lots of hand made items and home made goodies, FUMC Cookbook

SILENT AUCTION

9-6:15
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LIVE AUCTION

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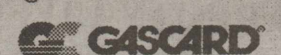
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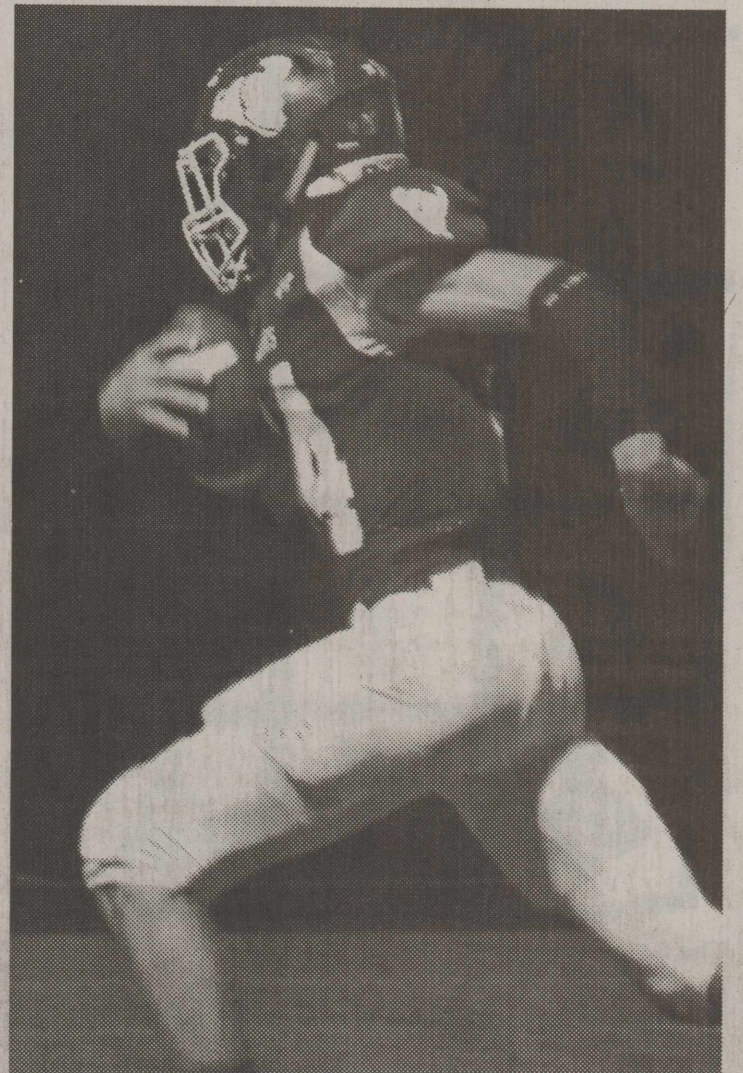
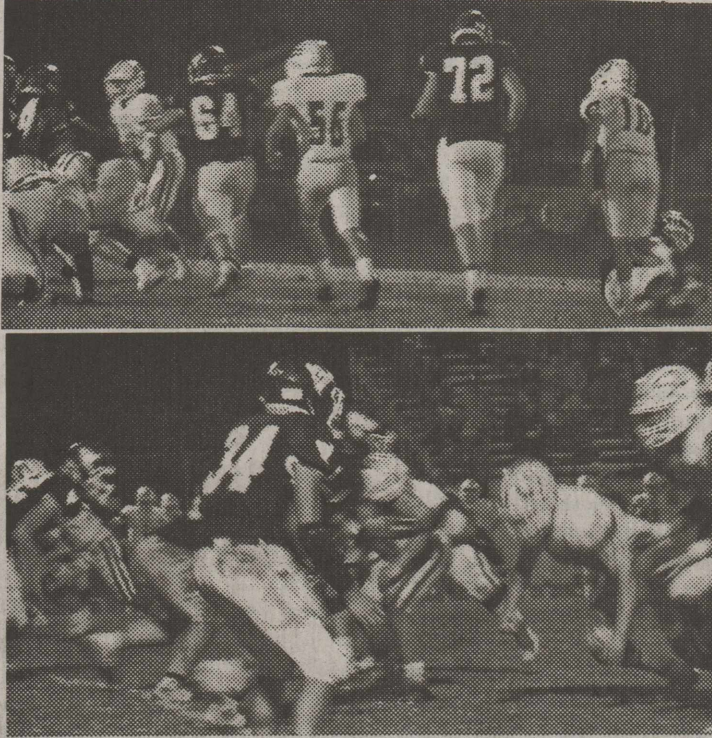
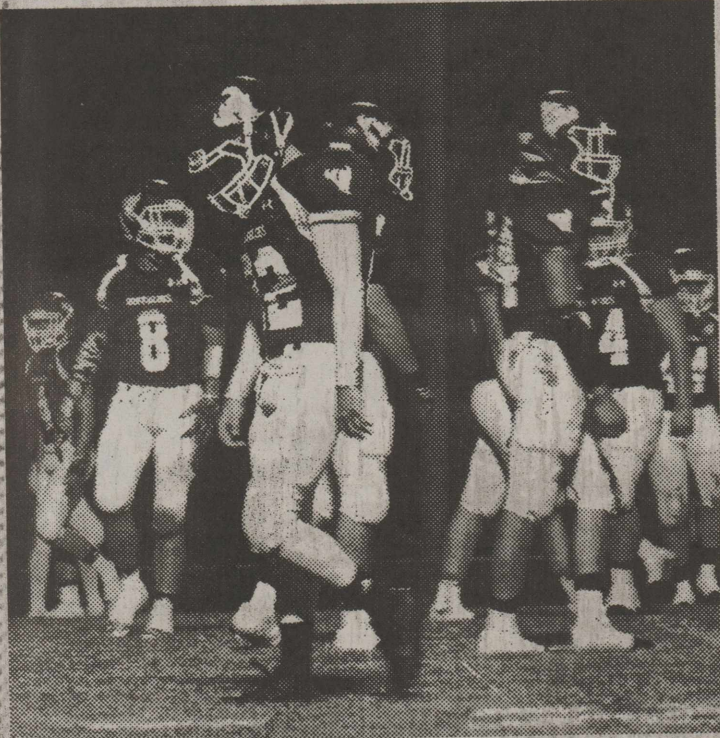
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Buffaloes Head to the Playoffs!

Cross Plains Runs Past Miles to Earn No. 2 Seed in Playoffs

By Al Pickett

Who need to pass when you can run the football like the Buffaloes did Friday night?

Cross Plains ran for 524 yards in a 52-34 home victory over Miles in the regular-season finale. The win not only clinched second place in District 6-2A Division II and the district's No. 2 seed in the Class 2A Division II playoffs, but it also gave Cross Plains its first seven-win regular season since 2001.

The Buffaloes (7-3 overall and 4-1 in district) will face Wink (6-4) at 7 p.m. Friday in a bi-district playoff game in Roscoe. Miles, which finished 5-4 and 3-2, will be the district's No. 3 seed in the playoffs and will meet Van Horn at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stanton.

Cross Plains didn't complete a pass in the win over Miles, but the Buffaloes had three players rush for more than 100 yards each. Creed Goode gained 245 yards on 19 carries, while Holden Senclair ran 20 times for 179 yards and Kaiden Petree had eight carries for 102 yards.

The Buffaloes jumped out to a 21-6 first-quarter lead, but Miles closed the gap 28-26 going into the fourth quarter. Goode, however, opened the final stanza with a pair of touchdown runs, just 20 seconds apart. Goode scored on a 37-yard run with 10:07 remaining to increase the Buffs' lead to 35-26.

Cross Plains then surprised Miles with an onside kick that Brian Morales recovered for the Buffaloes. Two plays later, Goode broke loose for a

55-yard touchdown scamper. Cross Plains closed the scoring with a 25-yard field goal by Nain Martinez and a 17-yard TD run by Senclair in the final five-and-a-half minutes to secure the victory. Martinez also booted all seven of his PAT attempts.

Cross Plains, which scored on its first three possessions of the game, opened the scoring with a 9-yard touchdown run by Petree. Miles countered with a 2-yard run by Kuall Kraatz to make it 7-6. But a 19-yard run by Goode and a 32-yard dash by Senclair allowed the Buffaloes to increase their lead to 21-6 by the end of the first quarter.

Kraatz had 51 yards rushing and 71 yards receiving with three touchdowns, including a 22-yard pass from Ross Kalina who was 5 of 18 passing for 104 yards. Jonas Garcia was the Bulldogs' leading rusher with 93 yards on 13 carries.

Albany is the No. 1 seed and Baird earned the fourth and final playoff berth from District 6-2A Division II.

Miles 6 6 14 8—34
Cross Plains 2 1 7 24—52

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
Cross Plains - Kaiden Petree 9 run (Nain Martinez kick), 9:59

Miles - Kuall Kraatz 2 run (kick failed), 7:24

Cross Plains - Creed Goode 19 run (Martinez kick), 4:33

Cross Plains - Holden Senclair 32 run (Martinez kick), 1:33

Second Quarter
Miles - Kraatz 22 pass from

Ross Kalina (pass failed), 11:51

Third Quarter
Miles - Mason Bryan 12 run (Jonas Garcia run), 8:16

Cross Plains - Goode 3 run (Martinez kick), 5:58

Miles - Kraatz 4 run (pass failed), 4:58

Fourth Quarter
Cross Plains - Goode 37 run (Martinez kick), 10:07

Cross Plains - Goode 55 run (Martinez kick), 9:47

Cross Plains - Martinez 25 field goal, 5:24

Miles - Gary Gabrielli 3 run (Cody Rathmell pass from Kalina), 2:32

Cross Plains - Senclair 17 run (Martinez kick), 2:13

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Buffalo Breakfast at the Church of Christ Activity Center on Friday

This week's Buffalo Breakfast will be held at the Church of Christ Activity Center on Friday, November 11th.

Breakfast will be served to the football players, cheerleaders and band members at 7 a.m. followed by a short devotional.

Please keep the football players as they travel to Roscoe to play the first playoff game against the Wink Bulldogs.



TEAM STATISTICS

	Miles	Cross Plains
First Downs	19	22
Rushes-Yards	36-249	49-524
Passing Yards	104	0
Comp-Att-Int	5-18-0	0-3-1
Punts-Avg.	3-21	2-36
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-48	8-79

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - Miles: Jonas Garcia 13-93, Mason Bryan 6-43, Kuall Kraatz 8-51, Ross Kalina 4-18, Gary Gabrielli 5-44. Cross Plains: Creed Goode 19-245, Holden Senclair 20-179, Kaiden Petree 8-102, Team 2-(-2).

PASSING - Miles: Ross Kalina 5-18-0, 104 yards. Cross Plains: Holden Senclair 0-3-1.

RECEIVING - Miles: Kuall Kraatz 2-71, Mason Bryan 1-13, Anthony Jones 1-11, Cody Rathmell 1-9.



Basketball Schedule

Junior High Girls and Boys teams and will play in Eula at 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th.

The Junior Varsity Girls Team will play in the Coleman Tournament on Thursday-Saturday, November 10-12.

Varsity Girls play in DeLeon on Friday, November 11th at 6:30.

Junior High Girls and Boys teams and will play in May at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 14th.

Varsity Girls and Junior Varsity Girls play Dublin here on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30.

The Cross Plains Junior High and Junior Varsity Tournament is November 17th, 18th, and 19th.

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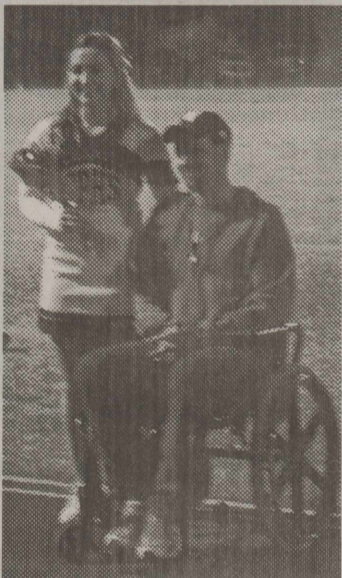
Seniors at their last regular season pep rally.



Fall Festival Queen and King - Fourth Grader Cadie Carouth and First Grader Kutter Reed were named the King and Queen of last weekend's Fall Festival.



Football Sweetheart and Beau - Grace Goode and Nain Martinez.



Band Sweetheart and Beau - Jacy Bein and Jack Larimore



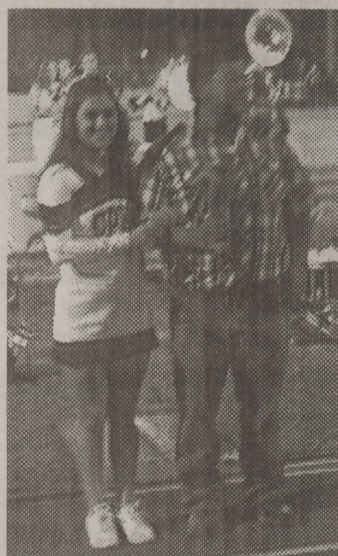
Football Sweetheart Nominees

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Senior Football Players and Cheerleaders



Coach Purvis' Radio Show - Mike Corley, right, of KWBY 98.5 FM with Buffaloes Head Coach Daniel Purvis, left.

Coach Purvis' Radio Show Live from Texas Heritage Bank

Every Thursday Morning at 9:30 a.m., Buffaloes Head Coach Daniel Purvis puts on headphones and is live on the radio on KWBY 98.5 FM.

The show airs from Texas Heritage Bank's Community Room. The public is welcome to come and watch the show.

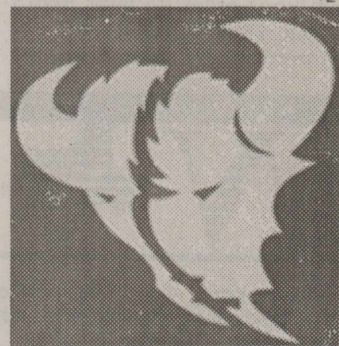
The show features Coach Purvis with Mike Corley and a different Buffaloes football player each week.

To salute the Buffaloes playoff game breakfast burritos will be served this Thursday morning during the radio show.

The Buffaloes' football games

are streamed live at katradio.com each Friday night. Mike Corley and Donnie Dillard, Jr do the play-by-play during the game. Listen this Friday night for the playoff game with Buffaloes vs. the Wink Bulldogs at Roscoe.

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B	MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17
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T				
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C	Mandarin oranges	Diced Pears	Green beans	Pineapple Tidbits
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		Milk Variety	Cranberry sauce	
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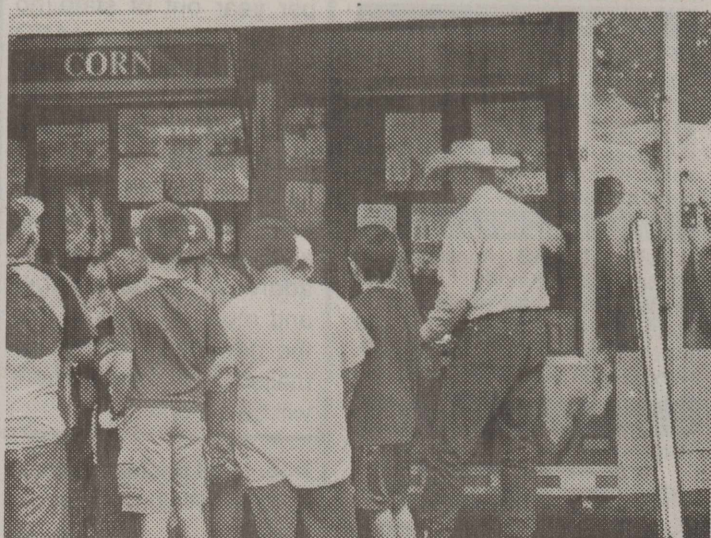
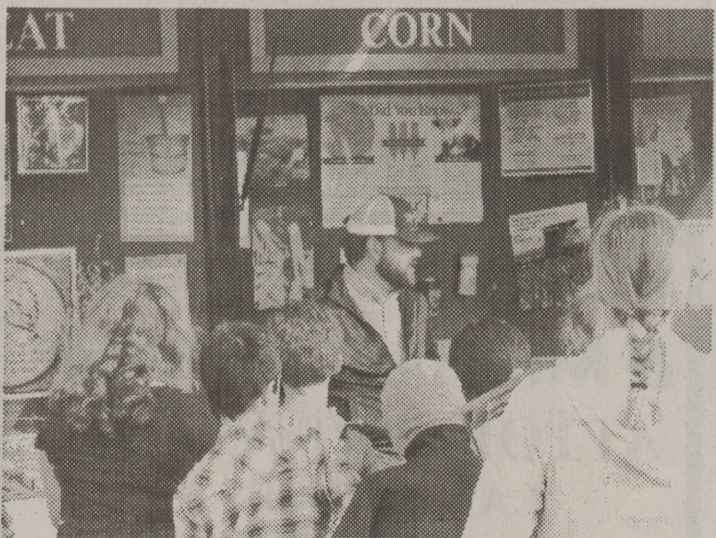
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AG DAY PROVES GREAT SUCCESS—Fifth graders from Callahan County gathered at Miller & Marian Scott's Ranch as the Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau participated in the Annual Ag Day on October 25, 2016. "We're giving these youngsters a real world view of the food and fiber industry," said President Sam Snyder. "It's important they realize the contributions farmers and ranchers make in feeding a growing world population." Different exhibits, from cow milking, wildlife, livestock handling, machinery and equipment, to rain water harvesting and the effects of rainfall on soil were presented to the students. The teachers laid a foundation with their "Ag in the Classroom program," Sam Snyder said. "We were able to build on that by giving them a firsthand experience with local farmers and ranchers." The support and effort from Callahan-Shackelford CFB members was enormously helpful in the success of this year's Ag Day. "They generously donated their time, animals, crops and machinery to help the Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau educate the next generation," Sam Snyder said.

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Citizens interested in attending the meeting are encouraged to do so. Persons with special needs should contact City Hall at least 4 hours prior to the meeting at 254.725.6114.

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November 7 & 15, 2016

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Sealed bids will need to have building number on front of envelope and each building will need to be bid separately. Portable buildings are located on the north parking lot at the Courthouse. Bids must be turned in by 12:00 noon, Friday, December 9, 2016 in the Treasurer's Office at 100 W. 4th St. Ste. 100, Baird, Texas 79504. Bids will be opened at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting on Monday, December 12th, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. Awarded bidder will be required to remove building from the property by December 30, 2016.

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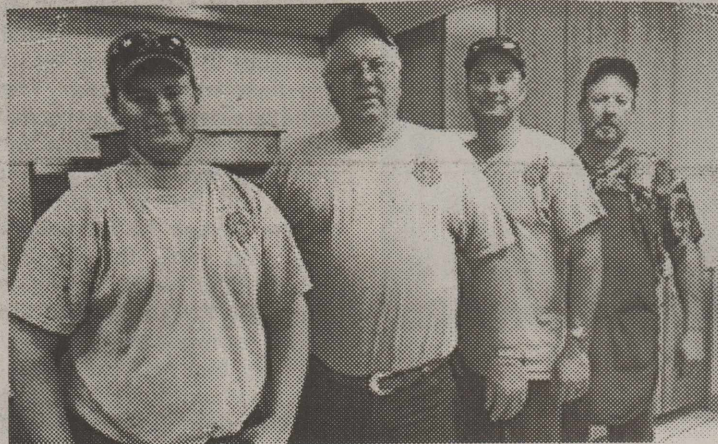
CPVFD Chili Supper Well Attended

Saturday night was a perfect night for a hot bowl of chili. Folks came out to the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center and enjoyed chili, chili dogs, Frito pie, stew and cobbler at the CPVFD's Chili Supper.

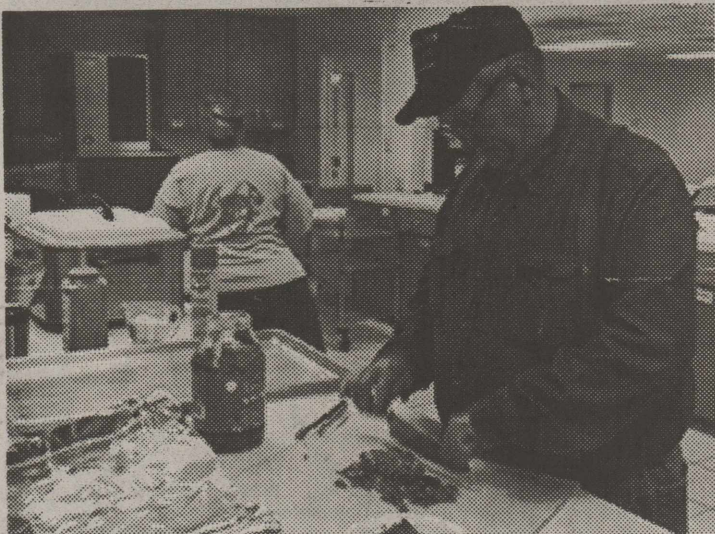
Proceeds raised from the Chili Supper go toward the maintenance of the firetrucks and the outfitting of the 5-ton brush truck the department recently received from the Texas A&M Forest Service.



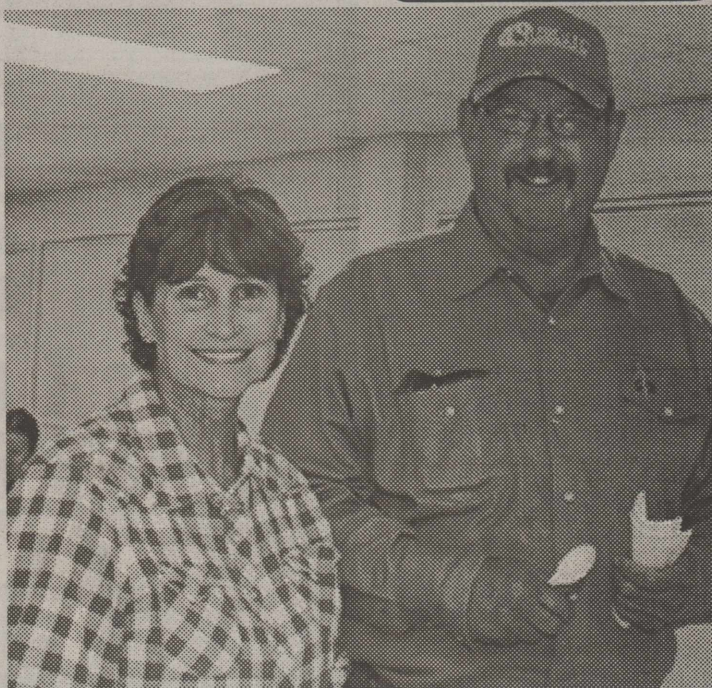
Andra Jackson serves up a hot bowl of chili.



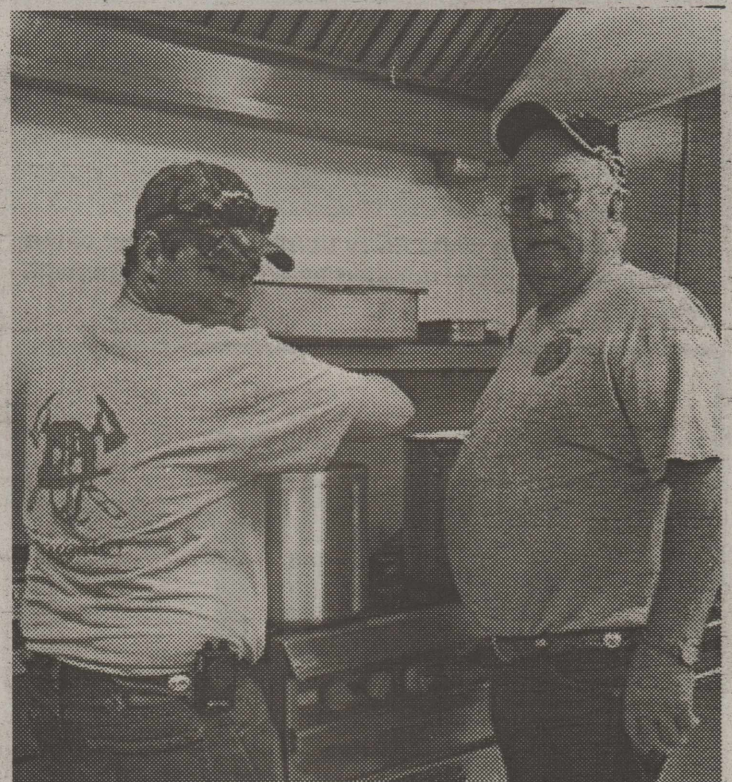
Three generations of Foster Firefighters - Michael Foster, his grandfather Randy Foster; Michael's father Blake Foster and his uncle Kyle Foster. The Foster have been making the chili for the Chili Supper for years.



Fire Chief Rickey Carouth cutting jalapenos.



Laura and Royce Atchley



Michael Foster and Randy Foster stirring the chili.

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Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jacoby L. Blaine, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 20 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

Christopher Perez, plea of guilty to criminal mischief and criminal trespass, 1 year probation, \$688 court costs.

Raymond Darner, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Brittany J. Pence, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Raymond Darner, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

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Michael Wade O'Dell of Clyde and Dana Kaye Bledsoe of Granbury.

Civil Filings

Sarah Lizabeth Dement and Jake Michael Dement, divorce. Ally Financial Inc. f/k/a GMAC vs. David Wood and Gloria Wood, contract/debt.

American Express Centurion Bank vs. Judi R. Winans, contract/debt.

Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Philip W. Stevens, contract/commercial debt.

Martha Fay Prickett and David Wayne Prickett, divorce.

Bradley A. Johnson, individually and as member of BMDA2, LLC, BFAC5, LLC, BFAC5 Investments, LLC and BFAC Partners vs. Blake Fulenwider, BMDA2, LLC, BFAC5, LLC, BFAC5 Investments, LLC and BFAC Partners, contract: fraud/misrepresentation.

Richard Brooks Windham by pass trus vs. Paul Yarbrough, real property: trespass to try title.

Timothy Rodriguez and Tantha Rodriguez, divorce.

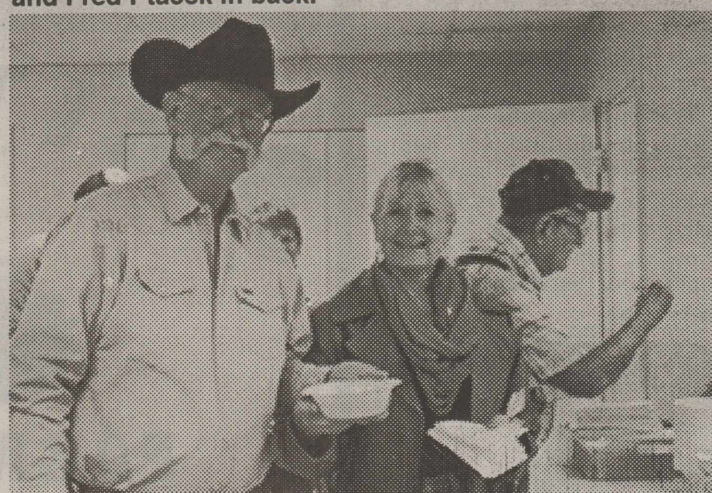
Criminal Minutes

Donathan Ellsworth, judgment revoking probation granted.

Aaron J. Powell, judgment revoking probation granted.



Maxine Dimitri, Rosemarie Day and Perry Jones. Cher and Fred Ptacek in back.



First ones through the line - Russ and Diana Miller. Mayor Bob Kirkham was next.



Lydia and John Kirby



Firefighters Joe Terstegge and Les Cowan grilled the hotdogs outside.

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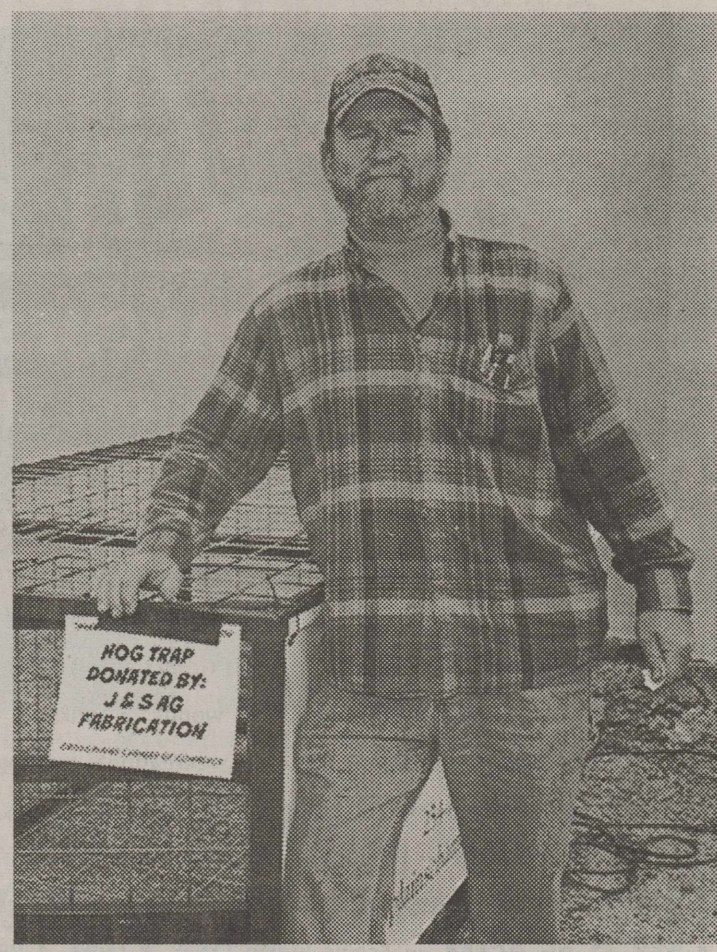
Hunters Feed Draws Huge Crowd



Vicci Draper won a cookbook for the hunting story she told at the Hunters Feed.



Chamber Board Members and Friends who organized the Hunters Feed. From left, Kris Sparks, Connie Kirkham, Terrie Parum, David Estes, Bob and Marsha Ossowski, Myleah and Byron McNutt, Sammy Bein, James Warlick, Bryan Bennett and Ray Decker. Board Member Teri Brown took the photograph.



Bryant Baugus of Venus TX, winner of the Hog Trap donated by J&S Ag Fabrication



Ken Lowery, Sargent-at-Arms and Ron Bell, Commander, at the American Legion Booth.



Patrick Davis and James Warlick at the WNC booth.



Byron McNutt with Chris Perry of Allen TX, winner of the 22. Rough Rider pistol donated by WNC. Byron Bennett looks on.



The Cross Plains 4-H Booth.

Go Buffaloes!



Don Draper won the YETI Cooler door prize from Texas Legacy Insurance

Chamber of Commerce Annual Hunters Feed a Huge Success

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Annual Hunter's Feed was a huge success! We had an attendance of over 300 people! The Chamber really appreciates Dannes and Senior Citizens Center for use of their parking lot, tables and many other items we borrowed! Bryan Bennett did a fantastic job at announcing. The First United Methodist Church kindly let us use their sound system. The raffle items were a huge success due to J&S Ag Fabrication for providing the hog trap, J&L Sales and Sparks Insurance for the Savage 10 BA Stealth rifle, and WNC for the 22. Rough Rider pistol. Lawrence Farm and Ranch donated the bright orange troughs and also hay that held the drinks. Higginbotham's was a big help by donating 200 bottles of ... The drinks would not have been cold with the valuable ice donated from Food Plaza. Cross Plains Subway donated some very tasty cookies. Congratulations to Chris Perry of Allen TX, winner of the 22. Rough Rider pistol donated by WNC, and " from " TX, winner of the Hog Trap donated by J&S Ag Fabrication. Winner for the Savage 10 BA Stealth rifle will be drawn December 1st at the Kiwanis annual stew supper. Tickets for this raffle still available for purchase! Most appreciation to all the volunteers who set up, served, worked in the kitchen, torn down, and donated their time. With out you this would not have been a possible! We hope to see you next year at this amazing event, and that it continues to grow!

We'd like to say a big **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to these listed business's that donated door prizes to the Annual Hunter's Feed! You are what makes this event a big success!

Connie's Cuts and Curls, Lawrence Farm & Ranch, Cross Plains Public Library, Higginbotham's, Butcher Block, Texas Heritage Bank, Parts Plus, Food Plaza, J&L Sales, T&K Tire, AAA Stowaway Storage, Mike & Ed Custom Processing, Trinity Ranch Land Real Estate, Coburn Ranch, and Salamanders Apparel, Potter Taxidermy, Texas Legacy Insurance, Tippy Distribution, Junkin Daze, WNC, Jamie Roberts, and Brandie Daliege

Home Delivered Meals Available

As we age and our health changes, sometime we may need a little help. The Cross Plains Senior Center offers home delivered meals Monday - Friday to residents living within a 2 mile radius of Cross Plains. These meals are packaged and then delivered to the front door of home-bound persons over 60 years old. If you or someone you know could benefit by receiving a nutritious lunch please call the Cross Plains Senior Center at 254 725-6521. If there are people in need of this service outside the delivery area, please contact us and we will explore options available. The Cross Plains Senior Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social, and educational programs. Our goal is for all Seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

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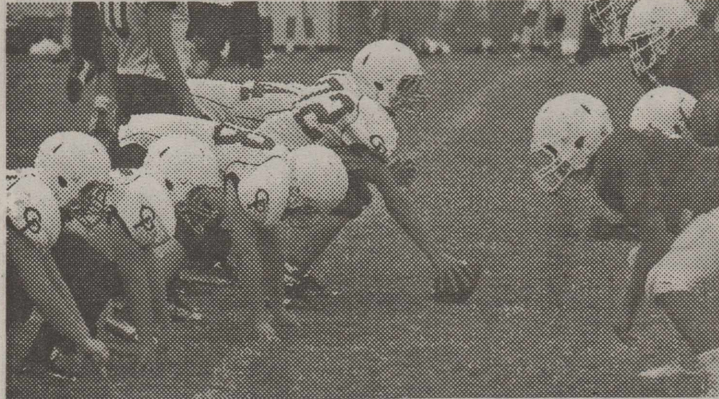
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Junior High Finished Off Undeclared Season

The 7-0, Cross Plains JH Buffaloes Football team traveled to Miles Thursday to finish off their season in good manner. They did just that improving to 8-0 with a 44-0 win over the Bulldogs.

The Buffaloes got on the board early when seventh grader, Cason Allen, took a hand-off for 30 yards. Allen added the two-point conversion run, to make it 8-0, Buffaloes.

In the second quarter, offensive guard, Bailynn Baker, would punch in a one yard run on fourth and one to give the Buffaloes a 14-0 lead. The two-point conversion run by Sean Hernandez would move the score to 16-0, Buffaloes.

The next score by the Buffaloes would come on a 50 yard punt return by Hernandez, and Keegan Tillery's extra-point kick would fail to keep it at 22-0, Cross Plains.

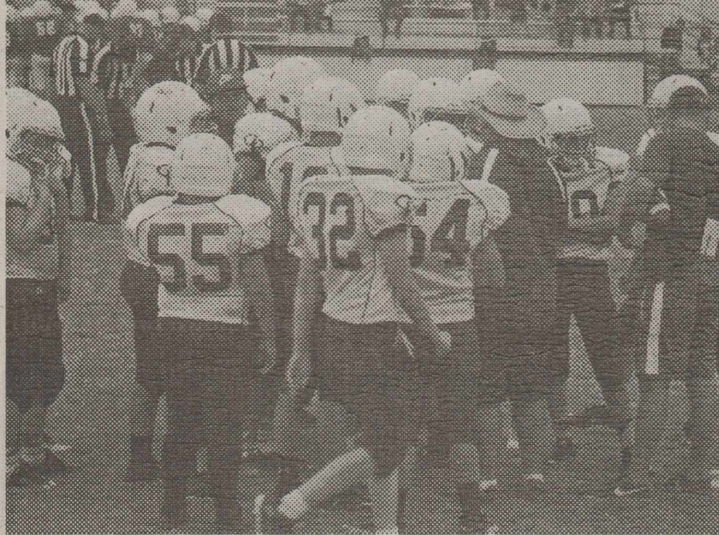
Sean Hernandez would rush in from 15 yards out, as Cody McWilliams would tack on the two-point conversion run from his full back position to give the Buffaloes a convincing 30-0 lead.

Late in the third quarter, McWilliams would find a seam and rush in from 31 yards out to take a 38-0 lead after Hernandez found Tillery on a pass and catch two-point conversion.

In the fourth, Cason Allen would give the Buffaloes offense another chance after he intercepted a Miles pass. McWilliams would capitalize on the turnover on a 40 yard touchdown run to give Cross Plains a final lead of 44-0. With the shutout, the defense pitched their third shut out of the season.

The Buffaloes gave up more than one touchdown on just one occasion which happened in their 44-30 win over Winters. The offense averaged 35 points per game, behind the defense's 7 points per game.

The Junior High Buffaloes now turn to the round ball, looking to win a district championship in their third spot of the season, after claiming a championships in Cross Country and Football. The Buffaloes travel to Eula Thursday, tip off is 7:00.



Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale Scheduled at the Cross Plains Library

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, November 22nd in the library's conference room until we are sold out. Please note the bake sale is ONE day only, Tuesday, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The library will

be closed on Wednesday and Thursday for the holidays.

Friends of the library will be busy baking lots of treats for your holiday table: pecan pies, pumpkin pies, fudge, divinity, homemade breads, cakes, cookies, and lots more! If you would like to place an order, (e.g., Italian cream cake, pumpkin pies, rolls, fudge, etc.) call the library before Thursday, November 17th at 254-725-7722 and reserve your items now! Don't miss out!

Kingdom's Door Clothes Closet Open Saturday; Full of Donated Clothing

Thanks to the generosity of the Cross Plains community, the Kingdom's Door Clothes Closet is full of clothes!

At this time, no more donations are needed, as there is just no more space for them. All that is needed is winter

jackets. Please hold all other donations for right now.

Kingdom's Door and Attic are open every Saturday morning from 9-11 a.m. Winter clothes are on the rack. Come and pick out clothes for your family. As always, there is no charge.

FFA Boosters Baked Potato Supper

Everyone enjoyed the FFA Boosters Baked Potato Supper after church on Sunday afternoon and the Senior Center. The boosters served chili, brisket and other toppings on the hot baked potatoes.

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Just like old times - Teen agers around the counter at "Mozelle's"



Ready to Serve - Chili and Brisket topping for the hot baked potatoes.



Roy Richey, Bryan Bennett - FFA Boosters President and Curtis Wyatt



Herman and Naomi Weaver



Candy and Terry Tate



Karri Shepard taking money at the front door.



Kevin and Lee Anne Morton

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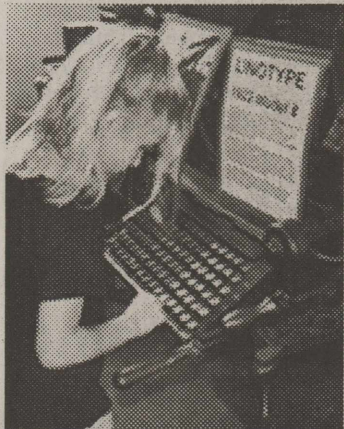
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Library After School Adventure Program visits the Cross Plains Review

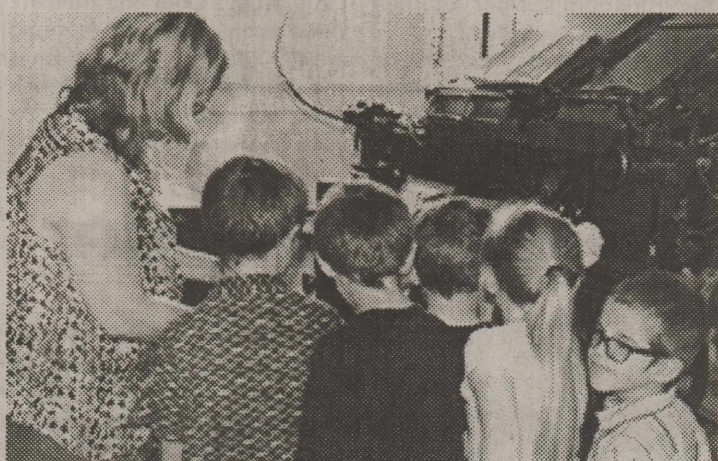
The After School Adventure Program of the Cross Plains Public Library enjoyed a field trip this past Wednesday to the Cross Plains Review. We learned about the history and current process of putting a newspaper out. Thank you Becky and Teri for a great program.



After School Adventure Program students received a copy of the newspaper after learning about how the newspaper is produced.



Looking at an antique typewriter.



Learning about the linotype machine.



Becky Tabor helps students write their names.

Need \$\$\$ for the Holidays? Calling All Crafters

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold their annual Christmas Craft Sale on Friday, Dec. 2, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. A reserved space will be approximately 8'x10' for only \$10, if you contact us before November 17 - after November 17 the cost is \$15. We already have two new vendors joining this year! Contact the library at 725-7722 to reserve your space now.

"Watership Down" Book-to-Movie Event

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a book-to-movie event featuring "Watership Down" at the library on Thursday, November 17th at 5:30p.m. This event is FREE, including the books (valued at \$27 each) thanks to a "Texas Reads: Book-to-Movie" grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Participants may pick up a copy of the book at the library. We will view the movie and then head to Jean's Feed Barn for a Dutch-treat dinner to discuss the book vs. the movie. If you want to participate, but wish to download the book on your Nook or Kindle, you can be reimbursed with this grant. Just bring your receipt to the library. This unique story was written by Richard Adams for his two daughters, but has been a favorite of adults since its publication. Join us for a fun and enlightening evening.

From the Cross Plains Review - 76 Years Ago Oct. 11, 1940

From the Cross Plains Review... 76 years ago, October 11, 1940.

Honor roll for Atwell School - First grade: Eddie Fae Rouse, Norma Lee Pillans; Fourth grade: Loretta Rouse; Fifth grade: Reta Mae Jones, Dalene McWilliams, Roy Neil Tatom, Georgia Mae Hutchins.

O. F. Maggart will open a grocery store soon in the Sam Barr building where Settle's Clothing is located.

The Pioneer Panthers lost to Clyde on the Panthers home field on Friday night.

Seven from Cross Plains are students at Tarleton: Robert Anderson, Mozelle Atwood, Doris Jean Barr, Margaret Browning, John P. Jackson, Evelyn Pethtel and Fred Tunnell.

Seiberling Tires are on sale at R.L. Little's Red Top Service.

Khaki shirts are on sale for 88 cents each at Higginbothams. Khaki work pants are 97 cents each. You can get both for \$1.85.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson Shirley is an instructor in piano, violin, accordion and guitar.

Sipes Service Station is having a fall battery sale.

4-H News: Bake Sale, Meeting, Food Show

The 4H club held a bake sale at the annual hunters feed last Saturday. We raised \$720. Thanks to all who donated.

We had a 4H meeting on Monday the 7th. We discussed up coming events.

Our next meeting will be held on December 5th at the FBC family life center. It will be our Christmas dinner. Each member is asked to bring an unwrapped gift to donate to our local families who can't afford Christmas gifts.

On November 17th 3 of our local members will compete in the District Food/Nutrition Show in Abilene. Savannah Dodson in the senior division & Jolie Hutton in the junior division. Please wish us luck.

For anymore information on 4H contact our local leader Terrie Parum.

- Submitted by 4H reporter: Jolie Hutton

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Veterans News

by Tom Ivey

Special Lapel Pins for those who served in Vietnam between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975

The United States Department of Defense has developed a special lapel pin for American Veterans commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

On Friday, November 11, 2016, beginning at 11:00 a.m. the Baird ISD will host a Veterans Day program honoring all Veterans.

During the Veterans Day commemoration program, there will be a slide production, showing pictures of local soldiers from all branches of the Armed Services performing their specific duties.

All the Vietnam Vets, both men and women, from all branches of Service, who are present at this Veterans Day

program and served in active duty, between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, will be awarded one of these special lapel pins.

This presentation will be followed by a delicious lunch provided for all the Veterans in attendance.

The Veterans Affairs office would like to say that they appreciate all Veterans who attend the Ceremony honoring them, especially those who will be eligible for the lapel pins!

Anyone who can not attend the special Veterans Day program at Baird ISD, but is eligible for the pin can stop by the Veterans Affairs office in Baird to receive your pin.

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 Thursday, December 1st 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 their personal phones or cameras.

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

Shop for Holidays this Saturday at Market at Clyde

There are many shopping opportunities this weekend, and one of the best is right in downtown Clyde. Many gifted artist, artisans and home cooks will gather on North First Street inside The Old Firehouse to offer just what you need to complete your holidays.

Market at Clyde is different from other venues happening in the area because everything presented for sale is hand crafted by a local vendor. There are no resale items present at this sale. From beautiful jewelry to small furniture, a local person has had a hand in creating the item that you will buy.

Some of the items to be found include; both fabric and leather purses and bags, many styles of jewelry, hand crafted writing pens, sewn items, crochet, tooled leather, many styles of wood craft, personalized china, fine art, jams, jellies, baked goods including breads, and

home décor. Whether you are shopping for stocking stuffers and small gifts, or the perfect gift for under the tree, look at Market at Clyde before you leave this area. Also check out the special holiday food items. While shopping keep in mind that most of these vendors accept special orders. Cherry Heights Baptist Church will be selling Brisket Taco Plates as a fund raiser.

To see more about Market at Clyde visit www.marketatclyde.com or Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas. Also watch KTAB4U, channel 32, at 4PM on Thursday.

If you are local artist, artisan or home cook and would like a space at Market at Clyde each booth is \$10. Email themarketatclyde@gmail.com or call 325-518-3939 to reserve a space. Reservations are required.

Callahan County Holiday Food Bank Drive

The holiday time is quickly approaching and it's time to start the food drive for the Callahan County Food Bank. At this time of year, there are many programs raising donations to help service our local Callahan County residents and many support our food bank. First Baptist Church Clyde has given us a pantry to work from and we dispense food from there once a month. However, during November and December the 4th Thursday falls on the holidays so we have shifted our dates to November 17th and December 15th from 4PM to 6PM.

United Supermarkets has graciously let us place a barrel in the entry of their store for donated canned food items. In addition, Backwoods Barbies at 5836 FM 603 in Eula has placed a container in their beauty shop with an offer of a free eyebrow wax in exchange for canned food donations until November 18th. The Clyde

Public Library is also offering to negate late fines for canned food items. Our local Boy Scouts had a canned food drive this last weekend and collected some 400 cans for our food bank as well. We appreciate all the support from our local sponsors. Thank you!

As many of you know, Love and Care is coming to Clyde and refurbishing the old Head Start building on S. 1st in Clyde. They hope to open in January and at that time Callahan County Food Bank will close and join with them in dispensing food and clothing. They are sponsoring Mission Thanksgiving on November 18th in Clyde at 605 S. 1st from 7AM to 7PM and collecting clean, gently used clothing, linens and staple food items to supply this endeavor. Sorry, no furniture, kitchen items nor appliances will be taken.

Please help us support our communities during this Holiday Season!

RADA Cutlery Available from the Cross Plains 4-H

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Contact local 4-H leader Terrie Parum for any questions 325-642-9978.

Abilene area Mom's Club invites you to our monthly meeting

Howdy! Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club invites moms, grandmoms, friends and relatives to our October meeting!

The meeting will be Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:45 pm at Coldwell Banker on 2500 S. Willis in Abilene.

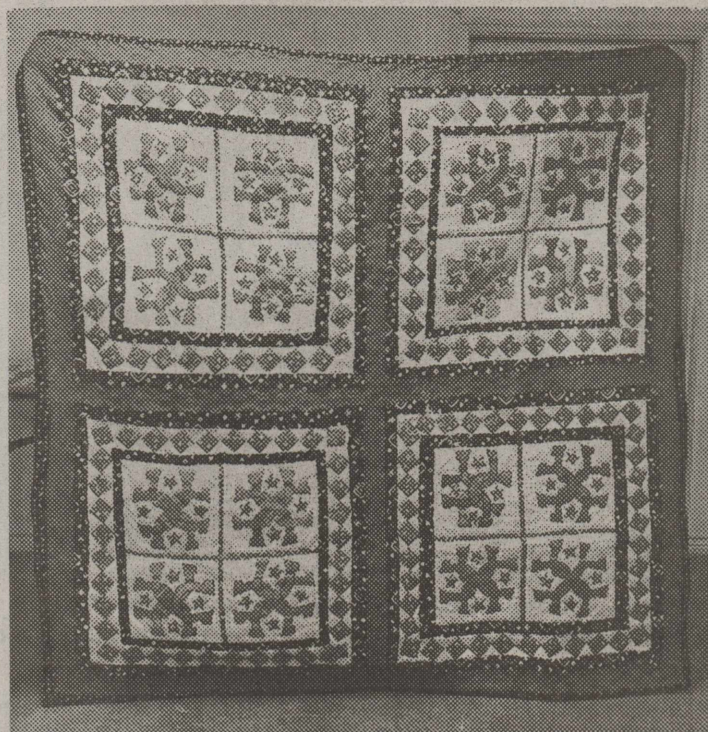
Please join us for a light dinner. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions! Whoop! Our regular meetings are the third Monday of each month, at Coldwell Banker on S. Willis in Abilene at 6:45 pm for refreshments and fun.

If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email either of the following:

• Risha Sanders
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The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be raffling this beautiful red and blue quilt made by Linda Pringle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for 5 and will be available from any of the fire department members and at the Chili Supper on November 5th.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Nov. 14th - Nov. 18th

Monday-14th Crafts with Chris 10:30/Exercise 11:00/

Music Monday - Sing & Play Along 6:00 pm

Tuesday 15th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00

Wednesday-16th Exercise 11:00 / Foot Care by Kin-

dred at Home of Eastland

Thursday-17th Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 &

12:25

Friday - 18th Manicure Kendrick at Home of Eastland/

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Nov. 14th - Nov. 18th

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Tuesday 15th-Swiss Steak, Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert,

Wednesday 16th- Happy Birthday-Fried Fish, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert

Thursday 17th- Pork Cutlets, Potatoes with Gravy, Mediterranean Vegetable, Bread, Dessert

Friday 18th- Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mexican Corn, Bread, Dessert

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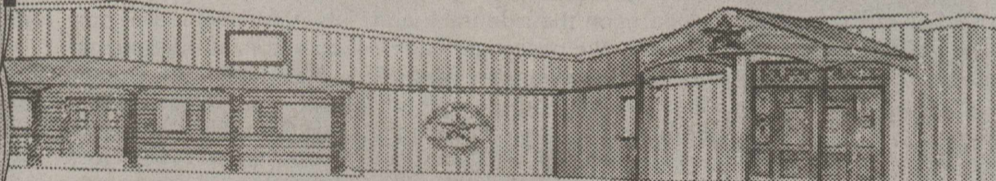
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the holidays.

The library will be available for drop off of baked goods at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

Friends of the library will be busy baking lots of treats for your holiday table: pecan pies, pumpkin pies, fudge, divinity, homemade breads, cakes, cookies, and lots more! If you would like to place an order, (e.g., Italian cream cake, pumpkin pies, rolls, fudge, etc.) call the library before Thursday, November 17th at 254-725-7722 and reserve your items now! Don't miss out!

Cisco College Band and Belles to present the "Great American Christmas Show"

Cisco, Texas - The Cisco College Wrangler Band and Belles are proud to announce their annual holiday show, the "Great American Christmas Show," honoring veterans, law enforcement and first responders. Director Wrangler Belles Debbie Baker said, "I am excited that this year, for the first time, we are able to extend special invitations to not only our veterans, but also to our Law Enforcement and First Responders in Eastland County. The show will express sincere gratitude to our 'finest' as well as ring in the Christmas Season for all of our guests."

The Band and Belles will present two performances of

the "Great American Christmas Show." Saturday, November 19th at 7pm and a Sunday, 2pm Matinee performance on November 20th. Both performances will be at the Crawford Theatre.

Crawford Theatre Director Stace Gaddy said, "The Band and Belles Great American Christmas Show is one of the major highlights of our season. The music and dancing is phenomenal! I look forward to it every year, and am proud to be a part of honoring our heroes!"

Reservations for both shows may be made online at www.crawford.tix.com, or over the phone at 254.442.5000.

Callahan County Library News

Books new to the library are: The House of Secrets by Brad Meltzer, All the Missing Girls by Megan Miranda, Bill O'Reilly's Legends and the Lies: the Patriots by David Fisher, and Bullseye number 9 in the Michael Bennett series by James Patterson.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday July 22, 1882, Vol. 3, No 16

On Friday evening of last week while passenger train No. 4, east bound was passing Bremen about twelve miles east of this place, she ran into a split switch, that is the engine, tender and one baggage car went into the switch while the remainder of the train kept the main track. A freight train stood upon the side track and with this the passenger engine collided knocking the pilot off the former and completely demolishing the passenger engine, which was in charge of that old veteran of the throttle, Dan White. The tender was badly wrecked and the baggage car was considerably damaged. Dan had a narrow escape, having received a rather tight squeezing about the breast and a few scratches about the face. No one else hurt.

Personal

Frank Taylor of Coleman is in town shipping cattle.

Mr. T. H. Floyd left on Thursday evening's train for Dallas.

Mrs. D. Richardson is on a visit to relatives and friends in Marshall.

Mr. Berry Gatewood, a prominent stock man of Ennis, is a guest at the Sigal Hotel.

Mr. B. F. Gross, representing the Texas Live Stock Journal and Texas Wool Growers was in town this week.

Mr. M. H. Donohoe took the east bound train last Thursday evening's east bound train for Pilot Point, where he goes on business.

Maj. Perry left last Wednesday evening for Fort Worth and Dallas where he goes on business. He will also take in Coup's Circus.

Mr. Eli Gilliland, formerly of this county but now of Fort Ewell, is visiting friends and relatives in Callahan county. Glad to see Eli back.

Mr. W. H. Vaughan came down from Big Springs Thursday evening. He informs us that there are now nine operators at the Springs.

Mr. J. D. Merchant's wife and aged mother left Baird last Saturday night on the east bound train. They go to visit their old home in Pilot Point.

Mrs. J. M. G. Baugh and two children, of Battle Creek, are visiting the family of the editor. She arrived yesterday by the belated west bound train.

Johnny Huffman returned from Memphis last Saturday morning. He says he struck a good market and sold his beeves and mutton at very good figures.

Mr. Nel. Askey who has been upon the sick list for some time weeks is up and about again. He was on our streets last Thursday looking much improved.

Hospice Care: 'Maybe it is not what you thought'

Our doctor was gentle but honest. There was no more effective treatment for our mother's condition. "Oh," he said, "We can try some different things. We could send her to (a larger city) where they are doing some experimental things but, it is my conviction that it will not have a satisfactory outcome. My suggestion is that you consider the benefits of hospice care."

That was hard to hear. "Hospice is the place you go to die." is what I and my family understood. Like most people, we did not have an accurate understanding of hospice care. What we learned is that hospice is the place you go to LIVE, not die.

Having our doctor's recommendation and after carefully researching hospice services, we asked for a

consultation with hospice specialists. We learned that primary considerations during hospice care were (1) that the patient not suffer and (2) that the patient receive the dignity, care, and compassion of a team of professionals: pain managed, freedom to do what he or she felt like doing.

We learned that we had a choice of what hospice provider we might want. We learned that we could discharge from hospice service at any time, should we wish to do so. We learned that hospice services were provided without regard to our ability to pay.

It was one of the best decisions we ever made, and mom agreed.

If you are facing what my family faced, give us a call at (325) 793-5450 and let us see if we can help.

The Texas History Minute

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Texas Congressman Sam Rayburn

He was called "Mr. Sam." For 48 years, Sam Rayburn was an unforgettable presence in Congress and a devoted servant to the people of Northeast Texas. He served with eight presidents and was Speaker of the House of Representatives on three separate occasions. During his long career, Rayburn helped guide the United States through two world wars, the Great Depression, and helped craft important legislation that transformed the nation.

Samuel Taliaferro Rayburn was born to a farming family in eastern Tennessee in 1882. When he was five, the family bought a cotton farm near Windom in Fannin County. He eventually attended East Texas Normal College in Commerce, where he gained a teaching degree and became a teacher.

In 1906, at the age of 24, he was elected to the state legislature, representing Fannin County. He attended the University of Texas law school while a legislator, gaining admission to the bar in 1908. He served three terms in the legislature, rising to Speaker of the House by 1911. In 1912, Congressman Choice Randell ran for the U. S. Senate, leaving his seat for the fourth congressional district open. Rayburn jumped at the chance and won the election easily.

He was assigned to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce, from where he helped steer new regulations for railroads as well as other important regulatory reforms. In 1914, with World War I posing an increased risk to American shipping to Europe, he pushed through the War Risk Insurance Act to help minimize American financial losses. The construction of the famous highway Route 66 was also through his efforts.

He became the committee chairman by 1931. During the Great Depression, through his committee leadership, he helped create the Securities and Exchange Commission as well as the Federal Communications Commission. He also helped pass the Rural Electrification Act in 1937. This act helped bring electricity to rural communities as well as 90% of the nation's farms and ranches, a critical step in modernizing Texas agriculture and bringing industry to small towns.

Rayburn became House Majority Leader in 1937 and then House Speaker in 1940. He helped steer important war preparations legislation through Congress, such as the 1941 Lend-Lease Act, which helped provide the Allies desperately needed weapons against the Nazis and the Japanese, an act that probably saved the Allied war effort.

He faithfully served the people of his district as well, helping to provide funding for such reservoir projects as Lake Texoma in Grayson County and Lake Lavon in Collin County. He also helped establish a veterans hospital in McKinney. The now-closed Perrin Air Force Base in Sherman as well as Jones Field in Bonham were opened through his efforts.

Rayburn had a reputation as a man of impeccable integrity. As a lawyer, he refused to accept fees from clients who had business before the state legislature. On congressional trips, he insisted on paying his own travel expenses. He did not believe in the confrontational form of politics that constantly

pitted one party against another. Instead, he worked quietly to forge compromises and keep the peace between members of Congress. He once said, "A jackass can kick a barn down, but it takes a carpenter to build one." So widely respected, Rayburn was unopposed for each of his re-elections to Congress for 23 terms.

He died in office on November 16, 1961, marking nearly nineteen years as House Speaker. After his death, several schools and even a school district were named after him as well as portions of US Highway 75 in Sherman and State Highway 121 in Bonham. The Sam Rayburn Reservoir was named for him in 1964 as well as the Rayburn House Office Building in 1965, which houses offices for members of Congress. His home in Bonham is now a museum and still a popular attraction.

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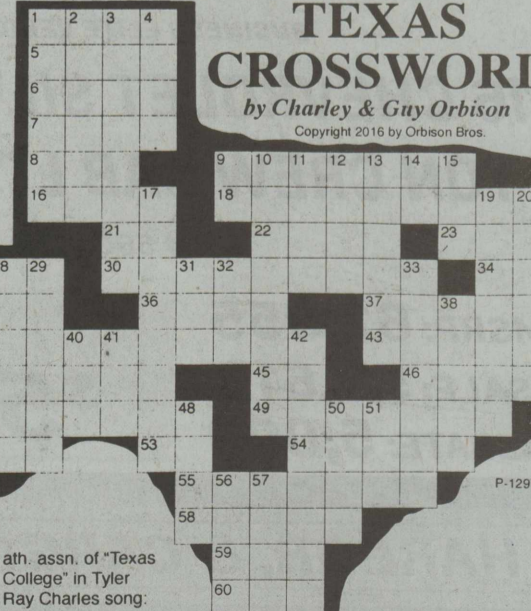
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- this Agee was a Cowboy FB, 1990-94 (init.)
- "to rest"
- this rocker, Rose sang at TX Willie's Farm Aid IV
- TX Prentiss 1967 TV show
- UT's Harry Ransom Center has large collection of this "light verse" poet
- Magnum was one
- TXism: "too big britches"
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- Fayette County had the first one in TX (2 wds.)
- TXism: "never let you sweat"

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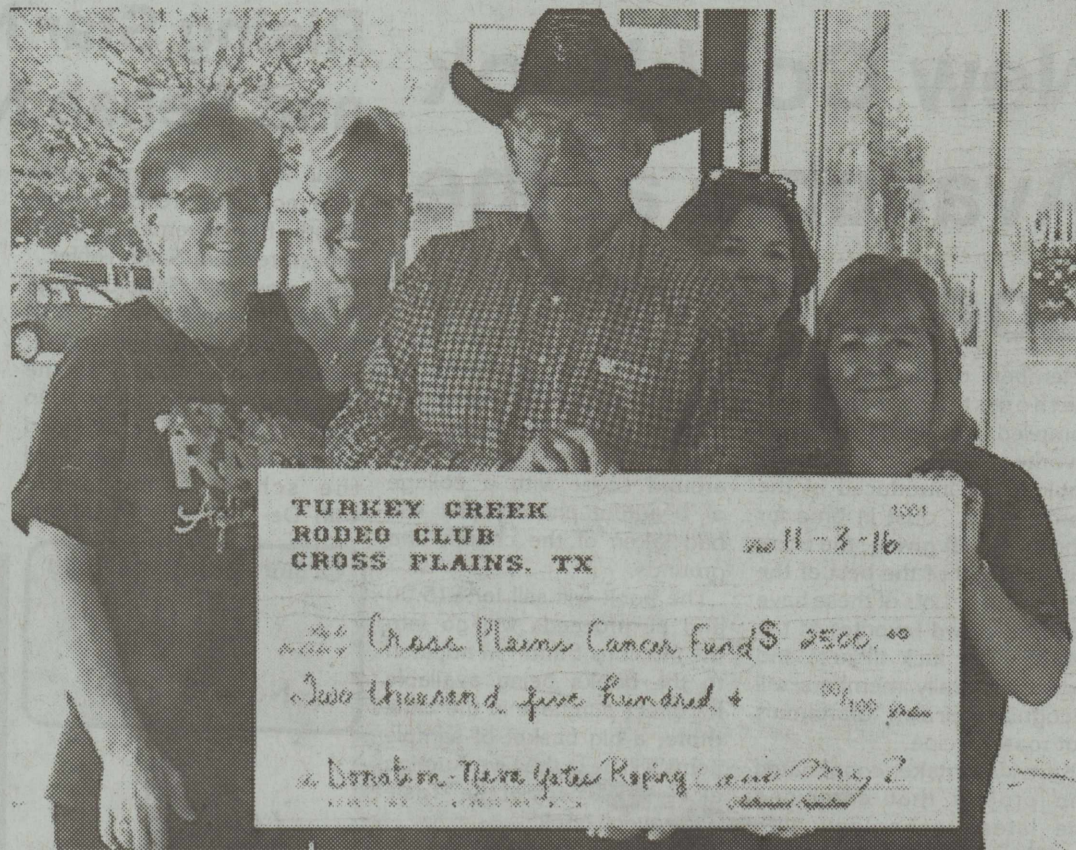
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 - TXism: "never let you sweat"
 - dance to that tune"

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- ath. assn. of "Texas College" in Tyler
- Ray Charles song: "He"
- Bob Lilly's old pos. on the Cowboys
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- newspaper in Pleasanton, TX (or a fast train)
- Cuban given name
- Lucas drilled "Spindletop"
- TXism: "can't find hide - hair of him"
- TX Fender's "Before the Next Tear Falls" (1975)
- Sonnet 18: "compare thee to a summer's day?"
- TXism: "lits like a horse"
- compositions in English class
- "in the pool"
- historical period
- laundry baskets
- TX Gary Morris' "One Fall It Takes"
- TX Sly (and the Family Stone) song: "Everybody Star" (1969)
- in Corpus Christi, Mar College
- Chancellor of TX Tech (2006-14)
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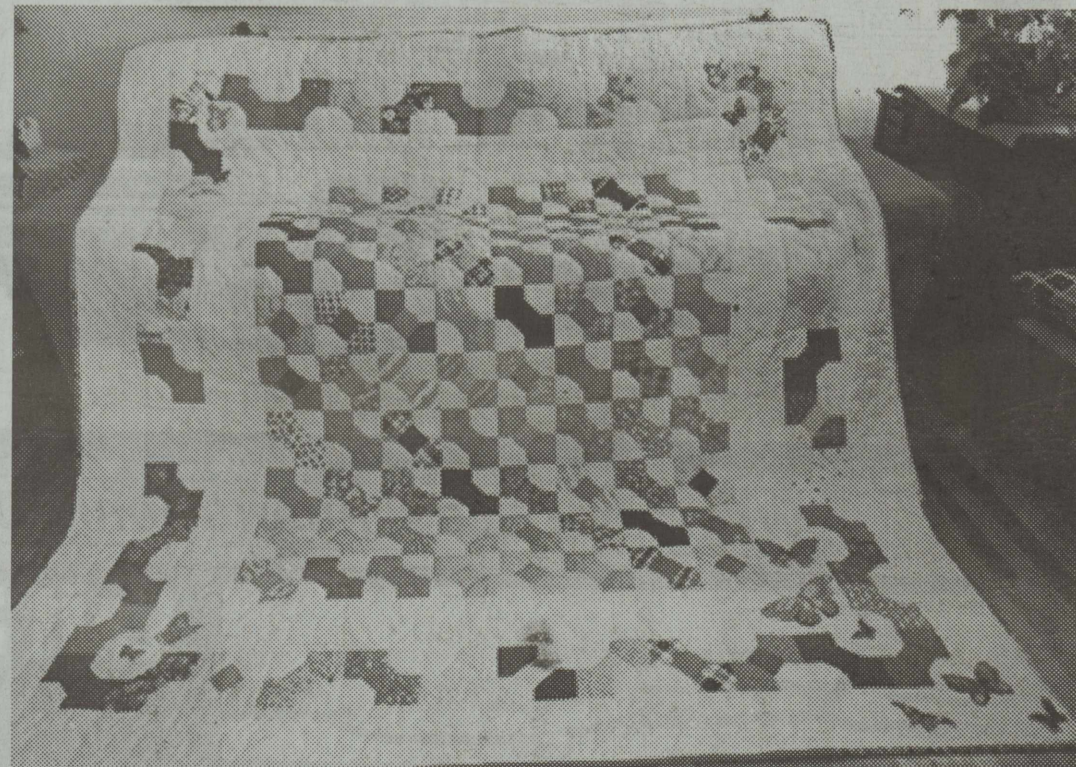
Raising Money for a Good Cause - The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club's Neva Yates Memorial Roping raised \$2500 for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund. From left, Wendy Walters and Sandra Yates of the Yates Family, David Mays of the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club present the check to Dannes Turner and Cindy Payne of Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund.



Members of the Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 participated in the Veterans Parade in Stephenville on Saturday. Back row, left to right: Barbara Hinkle, Leslie-Hughes, John Hughes, Mark Osborne, and James Bowers. Front row: Jackie Hinkle, Ron Bell, Aron Bowers and Larry King. The group will hold Veterans Day Services here at the Veterans Memorial at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 11th.



Teri Coburn, center, is teaching her grandchildren the importance of giving to others. The family shopped together and delivered over 600 lbs. of groceries to the Senior Center along with a check in memory of Clara McDermott Coburn. From left to right: Clay Price Coburn, Caden Coburn (in front), Bobby Clarkston, Teri Coburn, Mandy Coburn, Macie Coburn and Josh Coburn.



The Pioneer Quilting Club's raffle quilt this year is a beautiful bow tie quilt made with vintage bow ties bought at a yard sale. It is queen size, machine pieced, and hand quilted. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be bought from any member of the Pioneer Quilting Club or at the Senior Center in Cross Plains. All proceeds go toward maintaining and preserving the Pioneer Community Building. The drawing will be held December 1 at the Senior Center. For more information call 254-643-3223.

New Cookbook Available at the Lords Acre

Members of the First United Methodist Church have compiled a collection of their favorite recipes into a beautiful book to be introduced at the Lord's Acre. Just in time for Christmas gift giving, the book includes 300 of the best of the best recipes. Lots of these have become crowd favorites at the monthly pot luck dinners and extended family members will recognize their own "Grandma's pot roast" recipe.

Karen Shumaker coordinated the project that combined the latest technology with traditional efforts and were able to turn in hard copies of recipes or to be shared directly online.

collections were culled to include well known recipes from members who have passed on. Cher Ptacek designed the wrap around cover with a collage of beautiful photographs she had taken of the church and grounds.

The book will sell for \$15.00 and all proceeds will go into the Missions Fund. In addition to the books being available for direct purchase in the Little Store, a big basket of sample items will be in the Live Auction along with a copy of the "Taste of Heaven" book. Saturday, November 12, something is going on at the Methodist Church Lord's Acre all day.

Rising Star Nursing and Rehab News

Our Resident Council votes each month for a resident of the month. For November we have chosen resident Sallie Tepfer. She was born Sallie Jo Page at 9:45 am on December 4 th 1933. Sallie is 82 yrs young. She attended school at the Downing country school in Lamesa Texas. She attended 1st through 7th grade until the school consolidated with De Leon ISD where she

attended the 8th through the 12 th grade. She played basketball, volleyball, softball and played the trumpet in the high school marching band. Sallie has 3 children all girls with one adopted. She has 15 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren. Her hobbies are cooking, reading and coloring. Sallie says she has lived a full and blessed life.



Sallie Tepfer - Rising Star Nursing Center Resident of the Month

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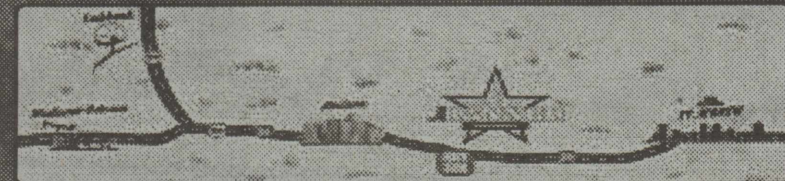
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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Cottonwood received about 3 1/2 to 4 inches of rain.

Are you ready for turkey and dressing? The Lord's Acre is coming on Saturday, November 12th at the First United Methodist Church. They'll have the traditional roast turkey with dressing, sweet potatoes and all the trimmings! The Methodist ladies make all kinds of yummy desserts for this event!

Bryan Bennett was busy this weekend. He emceed the the Hunters Feed and gave out all the door prizes and cooked potatoes for the FFA Booster's Baked Potato Dinner.

Vicci and Don Draper were both winners at the Hunter's feed. Don won the Yeti Cooler and Vicci received a cookbook for the hunting story she told.

Many Cottonwood folks

turned out for the Baked Potato Supper including Candy and Terry Tate, Elvan and Mariah Goode with Grace and Creed, and H.D. and Naomi Weaver.

The CPVFD had a good crowd for the Chili Supper. Deana and Kathleen Terstegge and Roger Hinkle helped out in the kitchen. Joe Terstegge made the stew and grilled hotdogs for the chili dogs.

The Burn Ban is OFF. Please call the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444 to let them know you are planning to burn.

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State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.3 billion in October

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.29 billion in October, 0.2 percent more than in October 2015.

"Opposing trends in consumer and business spending resulted in slight overall growth in state sales tax revenue," Hegar said. "Continued declines in collections from the mining, manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors, reflecting the subdued level of drilling for oil and natural gas production, were offset by significant gains from retail trade and restaurants."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in October 2016 was down by 2.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state

funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections. Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes, motor fuel taxes and oil and natural gas production taxes also are large revenue sources for the state.

In October 2016, Texas collected the following revenue from those taxes:

- * motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$396 million, down 4.6 percent from October 2015;

- * motor fuels taxes — \$299 million, up 2.1 percent from October 2015; and

- * oil and natural gas production taxes — \$224 million, down 6.9 percent from October 2015. Note: On their own, natural gas production tax collections in October 2016 were 9.3 percent higher than in October 2015, representing the first year-over-year monthly increase since December 2014.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch.

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Monarch Butterfly

For a naturalist, living in west Texas definitely has its share of fringe benefits. The diversity of the flora and fauna that can be observed here is nothing short of amazing. One of the amazing feats of nature west Texans are privy to are the roundtrip travels of a small insect. Of course, one does not have to be a naturalist to be impressed with the epic journey that the Monarch butterfly makes every year, as well as the beauty that this species possesses.

The Monarch Butterfly's (*Danaus plexippus*) natural range is rather mushroom-shaped in appearance. It frequents the small Mexican states of Michoacan and Mexico during the winter months, while it occupies a large east-west ranging portion of the northern United States and southern Canada during the summer months. It is during its travels to these haunts that it passes through the corridor of west Texas. The Monarch will typically make its appearance here first in mid-April to early May as it heads north to its summer home, and then appear here again in late September to early November as it travels back to the warmer climate of its winter home. The Monarch is the only butterfly known to migrate on a regular basis.

The Monarch Butterfly is one of the most distinctive and colorful butterflies that occurs in west Texas. The upper wings are dark orange in coloration and are bordered in black. There are numerous small white spots randomly situated inside this black border, as well as along the rear edges of the orange-colored wings. There are also several orange spots close to the tips of the forewings, and the veins and margins are deep black. The head and thorax are black and the head is littered with small white spots, while the thorax is solid black. The abdomen has several pairs of white lines that traverse either side of this body part. As this butterfly lands, the wings are clasped together to reveal the under wings, which are yellow-orange in coloration, rather than being dark orange like the upper wings. The under wings also have larger white spots than the ones that appear on the upper wings. This species is also sexually dimorphic,



Monarch Butterfly's
(*Danaus plexippus*)

which means that the males and females have differences in coloration. Males have a black patch of scales along the hind wings that are responsible for the release of female-attracting pheromones, and the black lines on the veins are much narrower than those that appear on the female. Males are also the larger sex, with adults achieving a total wingspan of approximately four inches, while mature females only attain a wingspan of about three and one-half inches.

This type of butterfly is an almost plant-specific feeder, feeding on the flowers of most milkweed species. It utilizes an appendage known as a proboscis to feed on these items. The proboscis is long and almost threadlike, and in times of non-use is curled up under the head of the butterfly.

The Monarch, like other butterfly species, undergoes a four-stage life cycle that can be described as nothing short of miraculous. In the beginning stage, their life begins as an egg, which hatches after a few short days into the next stage. Upon hatching, the larvae are known as caterpillars, and at this stage, the growth rate is highly accelerated. Caterpillars can eat twice their body weight in a single day, and as such, grow quickly. As they grow, they literally grow out of their skins, and they shed their outer layer of skin up to five times (known as molting) before they enter

the next stage of their life cycle. Caterpillars of the Monarch are quite colorful as they are banded with white, black, and yellow rings, and attain a length of about two inches. After the caterpillar finds a spot in which it feels is secure, it will pupate as it forms a protective shell about it known as a chrysalis. The chrysalis version of the Monarch is pale blue-green with small golden spots. Inside of this shell, the larvae changes into the butterfly that it will soon become. After about a week, the adult will emerge from this shell with its wings intact, although they are crumpled into small balls on the sides of the body. The butterfly will then pump a clear fluid into the veins of their wings, causing them to expand much the same way a stick can reinforce a kite.

Upon reaching maturity, the Monarch will immediately begin searching for food, water and a mate. After mating, the males will continue their search for other receptive females, while the females will begin to look for a site suitable to lay eggs so a brand new life cycle can begin.

Like its close relative the Queen, the Monarch is a poisonous species of butterfly, said to be quite bitter and distasteful. As such, the Viceroy, another species of butterfly, has adapted to look like, or mimic, the Monarch.

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

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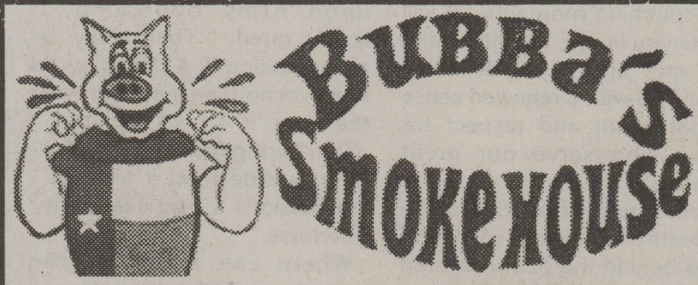
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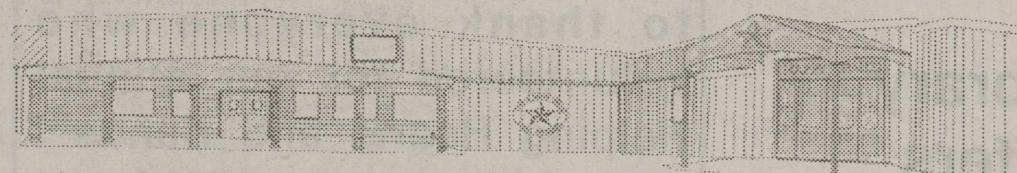
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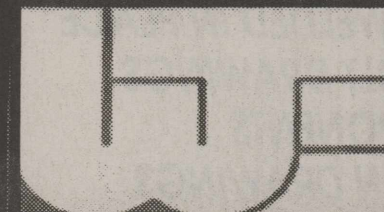


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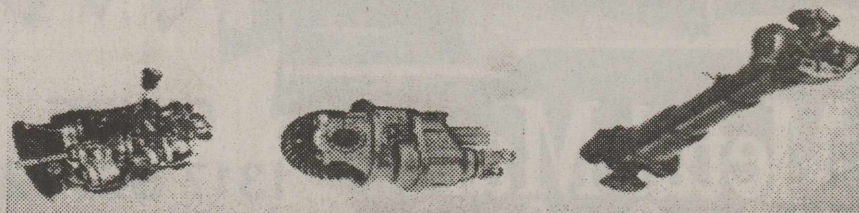
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December 8th, 7pm at the Paramount Theater**

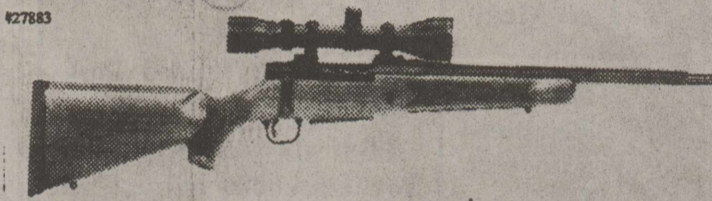
Benefit performance for the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum
Come and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor at the Paramount. We will Honor our Veterans, laugh, enjoy a great show, and help save the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum. "8 Weeks at Fort Lost in the Woods, Misery", is a one man comedy show based upon real life experiences of Army Bootcamp. You will immediately fall in love with Private Stoker and his trusted battle buddy, Private Sutton, as they lead you through eight weeks of grueling, hilarious, and touching moments. It will make you laugh, it might make you cry, and it will definitely leave you with a renewed sense of patriotism and respect for those who serve our great country.
Tickets range from \$10-\$30 - All seats are reserved - All ticket sales benefit the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum. Four ways to buy tickets:
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At the 12th Armored Division

Memorial Museum : Tuesday-Saturday : 10:30am-5:00pm : 1289 N. 2nd St.
At Sutton Financial Group : M-F : 8:30am-5:30pm : 2449 S. Willis St. Ste. 106, Abilene, TX
At the Paramount Box Office December 8th from 5:00-7:15 p.m.
FAQs
Is there an age limit or age recommendation for the show?
There is no age limit however all children 3 and older do require a ticket.
Is the show appropriate for my younger children?
Although the show is based upon Army Bootcamp, it is PG rated. There may be an occasional 4 letter word however nothing that starts with the letter "F".
Can I bring food to the show?
No outside food it allowed - concessions will be available for purchase
Where can I contact the organizer with any questions?
Phone: 325-437-0709
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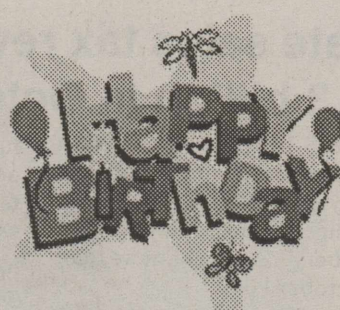
Time to Start Getting Your Christmas Floats Ready

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Parade, Thursday, December 1, 2016. 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 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 or Terrie Parum, Parade Chairman at 325-642-9978.

Join the Cross Plains EMS

The Cross Plains EMS is always looking for new members. Whether you are interested in becoming a certified member (18 year old and up) or an uncertified driver (25 year old and up) it is a great way to give back to your community.
Being part of a small service like ours gives you the freedom to take the shifts that work for you. This is also a great way for young people who think they would be interested in working in the medical field as a career to test the waters.
Individuals or groups who want to sponsor a student to become certified are also always welcomed.
If you are interested in becoming part of our EMS family please contact Susan Schaefer at (254)725-6747 or susan.schaefer49@gmail.com

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November 13

Taylor Dillard
Addison Long
Kala (Franke) Stout
Jackie Strickland
Debra Jean Waldruff
Aaron Teasdale
Gregory Turner
Rick Latson
Jerry Davis
Zoie Candice
Michelle Lee
Johnny Cowan
Wanda Walker
Deborah Griswald
Meagan M. Barnett

November 14

Dianna Jones
Jackie Thomas
Jessie Gardner
Joanna (Harris) Beck
Amanda Rivard
Becky Dillard

November 15

Bentley Kenneth Hall
Shyla Ray Smith
Haley Jones
Boyd Dillard Jr.
Mrs. Eugene Ferguson
Johnny Strength
Jim Blackwell
Larry Cheshir
Tony Beggs
George Canales
Amanda (Dillard)Hagler
David Wayne Watts
Alva I. Key

November 16

Pam Campbell
Bruce Lawrence
Jeffery Hutchins
Kay Burkett
Joe Nunn
Jenny (Morgan) Galloway
Larue Williams
Jerry Matthews
Stanley Oatrick Garrett
Becky Storch
Chrystal Canales
Joseph Dillard

November 17

Jordan Pope
Carol Ann Watson
Sandra Peninger
Evelyn Barnes
Julene Edgar
Ann (Marryman) Knott
Sandra Niger
Wendy Calhoun
Billie W. Kelly

November 18

Logan Grant Broadus
Kenneth Hutchins
Alton Watson
Betse Rosson
Herbert R. Ellis
Florence Thornton
Donna Jennings
Mike Wilson
Bobbie Sue Chambers
Christopher Dore
Samantha Mills

November 19

Roby Carroll
Odean Smoot
Whitney Reed
Jason Boren
Mrs. Carolyn French
Marline Smith
Gregory Smith
Darron Koenig
Cynthia Kunkle
Claudia Arnold
Terry Gene Fortune
Bud Dillard

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

SCAM ALERT: CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, DON'T BE SCAMMED

The Sheriff's Office Dispatch staff has received numerous calls from Callahan County residents who have received phone calls in another Scam... on Friday, November 4th, at least 3 calls came in reporting scammers using the same manipulative method.
These scammers are calling families stating that another family member is in jail and needs the called family member to pay the bond by using prepaid cards (WalMart gift cards or money back green dot cards).
Asking for Bond being paid to get a friend or family member out of jail is an old scam. Scams

reeve up and die down and then reeve up again, but with a new twist, such as this Bond scam, now asking for prepaid cards instead of cash.

I read an article recently that a major IRA scamming ring had been broken-up in India. This doesn't mean that there will no longer be Scam calls claiming to be the IRS. Seems like scams are like the monster that when the head is cut off, another one will grow. (If you missed the article published in the local papers, I found several reports on the Internet).

The Best Advice is, Never send money just because of a phone call. Do your "homework". Check the source, verify, verify, verify.

Be Alert, Be Alert, Be Alert. **SCAMMERS NEVER GO AWAY!**

Texas Comptroller Announces Record \$270 Million in Unclaimed Property Returns

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Comptroller's office returned a record \$270 million in unclaimed property to rightful owners during the past fiscal year, Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today.
This breaks the previous record of \$248 million returned in fiscal 2015.
"This record is a tremendous achievement and a testament to our award-winning efforts to return more money to more Texans," Hegar said. "It highlights our ongoing commitment to reuniting unclaimed property with rightful owners. I encourage all Texans to visit ClaimItTexas.org to see if the state is holding some of their unclaimed property."
The Comptroller's office has returned more than \$2 billion to its owners since Texas' unclaimed property program began in 1962.
In fiscal 2016 — Sept. 1, 2015, through Aug. 31, 2016 — the Comptroller's office received

more than 300,000 claims.
The \$270 million in unclaimed property for fiscal 2016 includes forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier's checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe deposit box contents. Businesses turn property over to the unclaimed property program after it has been dormant from one to five years, generally.
There is no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state is holding, which means there is no time limit for owners to file a claim — they can do so at any time.
For more information about the unclaimed property program, or to search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit the Comptroller's unclaimed property website, ClaimItTexas.org, or call 1-800-654-FIND (3463).

**Lewy Body Dementia?
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You may qualify for a research study that is evaluating the safety and effectiveness of a new investigational medication that may help to reduce the symptoms of Lewy Body Dementia or Parkinson's Disease Dementia if:

- You are aged 50 - 85 years with a diagnosis of Dementia with Lewy Bodies
- You suffer from visual hallucinations that occur on more days than not
- Medications you take have been on a consistent dose for at least 4 weeks

For More Information, Please Contact Sleep Therapy and Research Center, Dr. James Andry or Sue Rafati at (210) 614-6000

Thank You

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative Board would like to thank everyone who volunteered for our annual Helping Hearts and Hands! Without you we would not have the "heart" or "hands" to do or others!

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Library Offers Children's Programs

Cross Plains Public Library's "Learn About..." Program is a structured readiness program for preschool children ages 3-5 every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. November through April. There will also be a LAPSIT program available at the same time for children under the age of 3. A parent must accompany the child for this program.

TxDOT urges drivers to 'End The Streak' of daily roadway deaths

AUSTIN - The Lone Star State marks a deadly milestone on Monday as at least one fatality has occurred each and every day on Texas roadways since Nov. 7, 2000. In an effort to end this deadly 16-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.

"Every day for the past 16 years, somebody has lost a spouse, child, friend or neighbor on Texas roadways," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "These deadly crashes are a sobering reminder that we must do everything in our power to stay focused and safe while driving. We can stop

this staggering streak if every driver makes it a priority to be safe, focused and responsible. Let's end the streak."

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 16 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 55,578. The leading causes of fatalities continue to be failure to stay in one lane, alcohol and speed.

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

Buckle seatbelts - all passengers need to be buckled

Pay attention - put phone away and avoid distractions

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

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

Texas.gov Takes 4th Place in 2016 Best of the Web Competition

Award marks seventh straight year that Texas finishes in the top 10

AUSTIN, Texas - September 15, 2016 - Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas, is pleased to announce the portal's fourth-place ranking in the 2016 Center for Digital Government "Best of the Web" (BOW) competition. After introducing the first-ever single-page state portal in 2015, which elegantly streamlined access to government services and information for constituents, Texas.gov continues to use insights from web analytics and social media interactions to hone in on the user journey. Keeping the highly lauded one-page design intact, this year's additions to the Texas.gov portal focus on cultivating an even more personal, transparent, and social experience for users.

New features on this year's portal include:

- The ability for users to select a visual design theme from options including "Texas Americana" - a nostalgic, distinctive take on some unique visages of Texas; "Texas City Lights" - a modern, high-contrast view of Texas cityscapes at night; and "Texas State Symbols" - a showcase of the state flower, animal, flag, bird, and tree;

- a dedicated Open Data section, located in the website footer and accessible via www.texas.gov/opendata, which provides related information and resources and a link to data.texas.gov, the State's Open Data Portal. Additional open data listings are also available in the "Find It" tab on the right-

hand side of the page, and a powerful content aggregation tool that curates and displays social media streams for Texas.gov and Texas government agencies in order to drive user engagement, two-way communication, and improved customer service.

The Texas.gov program also continues to be instrumental in driving digital government efficiencies in Texas. As a self-funded public-private partnership, the program provides tremendous value to the State and its constituents. In 2015, the program securely processed more than 45 million transactions worth \$1.3 billion, and contributed \$29.2 million in new revenue to the Texas General Fund.

Consumer Alert: In order to safely process government business online, beware of unofficial, look-alike websites operated by private organizations that may charge unnecessary fees for State services or information. Instead, make sure to use official website, <http://www.texas.gov>, or an official state agency website to complete your online transaction. To access an official state website, enter the URL in the address bar at the top of your internet browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, etc.) instead of entering the address in a search engine bar (e.g. Google, Bing, Yahoo, etc.). Also, look for the ".gov" or ".state.tx.us" extension, which will be present in all official Texas state

government website URLs.

About Texas.gov

Texas.gov is the official website of the State of Texas (www.texas.gov), and is a collaborative public-private partnership managed by the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR). Texas.gov helps state and local government entities web-enable their services, and operates without tax funds through a partnership between the State of Texas and Texas NICUSA, LLC (Texas NIC). Texas NIC builds, operates, maintains, and markets Texas.gov, and is part of digital government firm NIC's family of companies. Since its launch in 2000, Texas.gov has securely processed more than 288 million financial transactions and has collected more than \$33 billion on behalf of participating entities.

About NIC

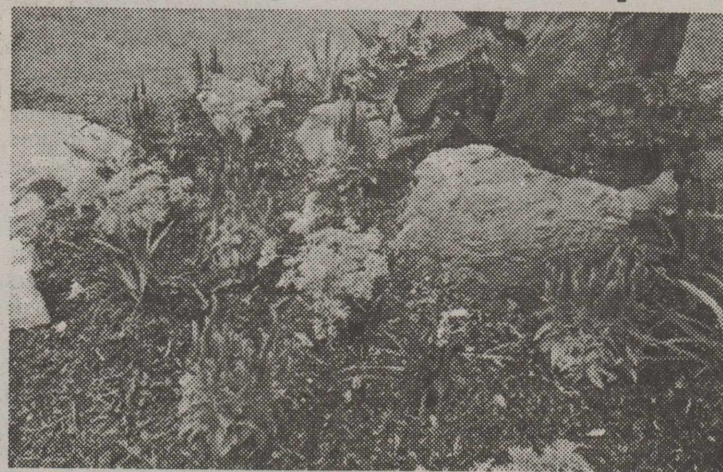
Founded in 1992, NIC (NASDAQ: EGOV) is the nation's leading provider of innovative digital government solutions and secure payment processing, which help make government more accessible to everyone through technology. The family of NIC companies provides digital government solutions for more than 4,500 federal, state, and local agencies in the United States. Forbes has named NIC as one of the "100 Best Small Companies in America" six times, and the company has been included four times on the Barron's 400 Index. Additional information is available at <http://www.egov.com>.

Want more for less in you landscape?

Between water, lawn care services, seed, fertilizer, gardening equipment and other costs, Americans spend an estimated \$40 billion caring for their lawns every year. Xeriscaping is a solution that can reduce the need for supplemental water and gardening by offering two main benefits: saving water and money.

Xeriscape's slow growing, drought-tolerant plants conserve water and help establish a waste-efficient landscape. Considering that nearly 25 percent of water supply is used to help maintain landscapes and that number can rise to nearly 50 percent in the summer, homeowners and golf course establishments spend thousands of dollars annually tending their pristine lawn for aesthetically pleasing measures. However, xeriscaping will not break the bank or require continuous upkeep.

One of the most common misconceptions of xeriscaping is that your yard to be nothing but gravel and cacti. There



are, in fact, many variations of vegetation, including lawn grasses that can thrive depending on your region.

Fall is the perfect time to begin planning and preparing your xeriscaped garden. It doesn't take an expert to get the job done and with a little elbow grease and some quality time outside, you might be surprised how quickly your lawn transforms.

Below are five easy steps you can begin this fall to prepare your lawn and garden for xeriscape planning in the spring:

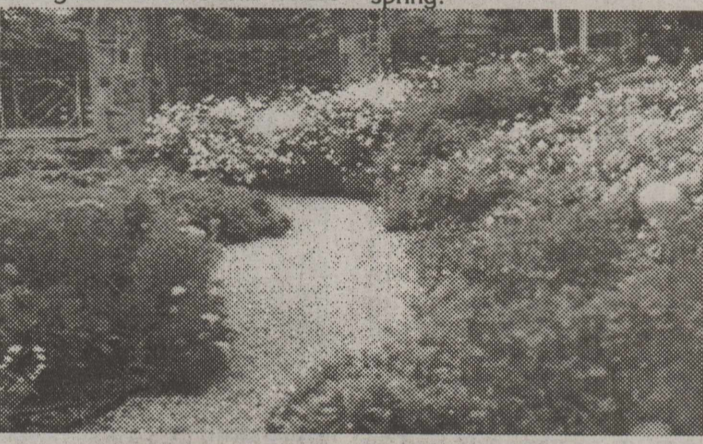
Determine your layout/design. Select native water-saving plants specific to your region such as annuals, shrubs, and ornamental grasses. Click the link here for more on what region of the basin will propel growth for native plants.

Prepare the area to be landscaped by removing old or unhealthy plants, clipping back and pruning existing native or drought tolerant plantings.

Decide on an irrigation system that will efficiently aid your plants in growing without wasting water. Replace existing sprinkler heads with drip irrigation to save water.

To discourage weeds from sprouting up during the fall and water months, spread mulch to retain moisture and help condition your soil which can promote water conservation simply by reducing soil moisture loss. Cover bare soil with mulch.

Xeriscaping is an efficient practice that requires little need for water and most importantly, very little work at upkeep and maintenance.



USDA announces \$331 million investment for clean water infrastructure

TEMPLE, TX, November 2, 2016 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$331 million in 85 projects that will improve water and wastewater infrastructure in rural areas in 39 states and American Samoa. Community infrastructure investments are a key piece of USDA's mission to support America's rural communities, and these investments build on the \$13.9 billion USDA has invested over the course of the Obama Administration to support 5,825 water and waste infrastructure projects that currently benefit 19.5 million rural residents.

"Strategic investments like these into community infrastructure provide a path to rural economic growth," Vilsack said. "Water and wastewater upgrades protect the health and safety of those who live and work in rural areas, and are especially critical given today's aging infrastructure in areas that have not fully benefited from rural America's economic rebound. Modernizing water and wastewater systems improves the quality of life and can help attract jobs to rural communities."

USDA is providing \$264 million in loans and \$67 million in grants through Rural Development's Water

& Environmental Programs. These programs provide assistance and financing to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems for communities with 10,000 or fewer residents.

Five projects were awarded funding in Texas including Aqua Water Supply Corporation, Black Rock Water Supply Corporation, Fort Griffin Special Utility District, the City of Quitaque, and White River Municipal Water District.

"Rural Development is pleased to offer funding to these five communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Water is one of the most pressing public health concerns and is essential for long-term sustainability. By utilizing these funds, these communities will have improved water infrastructure to support economic and population growth."

Of the 5 projects announced, 2 are located in StrikeForce areas, and 1 is also located in an area of Persistent Poverty.

Funding for each project announced today is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the loan, grant or loan/grant agreement.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@USRD) has invested \$13.9 billion for 5,825 water and waste infrastructure

projects, benefiting 19.5 million rural residents; invested nearly \$13 billion to start or expand nearly 112,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 9,200 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses. USDA also has invested \$38.2 billion in 1,057 electric projects that have financed more than 198,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving 4.6 million rural residents. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

To read more about USDA's investments in rural America and its successful turnaround, visit USDA's entry on Medium.com, Rural America Is Back in Business.

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Farm Credit Bank of Texas reports third quarter financial results

AUSTIN, Texas - Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), a cooperatively owned wholesale funding bank that supports agriculture and rural communities, reported stable assets and credit quality for the third quarter of 2016.

Total assets were \$21.3 billion at Sept. 30, 2016, a 6.8 percent increase since year-end. The bank's \$15.7 billion in total loan volume remained near the record of the prior quarter while maintaining very high credit quality.

The bank's assets include highly diversified loans and investments. It funds locally owned Farm Credit lending cooperatives that provide financing and related services to farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers in a five-state territory. In addition, it participates with other lenders in loans to businesses that ag producers and rural communities rely on, such as food processors, agribusinesses and rural infrastructure companies.

"Our assets grew at a moderate pace in the third quarter following nearly two years of strong growth," said Larry Doyle, FCBT chief executive officer. "Credit quality is solid, and our earnings have remained strong even as interest rate spreads have narrowed on loans. The bank took advantage of the low interest rate environment by calling \$7.5 billion in debt in the first nine months of the year and issuing new debt at lower rates, which increased this

year's interest expense but will reduce interest expense going forward."

Bank net income decreased 3.3 percent and 8.7 percent for the three months and nine months ended Sept. 30, 2016, compared with the same periods in the prior year. The change is due largely to nonrecurring events in 2015, such as large prepayment fees and a gain on the sale of acquired property, and to higher operating expenses in 2016, including higher insurance premiums on outstanding debt as a result of premium rate increases and recent asset growth.

The bank maintained strong capital and liquidity levels, exceeding regulatory requirements set by its federal regulator, the Farm Credit Administration. At Sept. 30, 2016, it had \$1.7 billion in shareholders' equity and a permanent capital ratio of 17.1 percent. Cash and investments totaled \$5.4 billion, providing 198 days of liquidity.

Together, the bank and 14 affiliated cooperatives across Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas constitute the Texas Farm Credit District. Loan volume and total assets for the bank and district institutions combined increased slightly to record levels at the end of the quarter. The credit quality across the district remained strong.

"Our financial performance in the third quarter stayed on target with our plan," said FCBT Board Chairman Jimmy

Dodson. "District lenders are somewhat insulated from the effects of a recent drop in prices for some commodities because of our diversified territory. We're pleased that our success has positioned us to provide the credit that agriculture needs to remain successful."

District net interest income increased 5 percent for the three months and nine months ended Sept. 30, 2016, compared with the same periods of the prior year. Combined net income decreased slightly, reflecting an increase in provision for loan losses, due in part to loan growth; higher operating expenses; and lower noninterest income, due in part to nonrecurring events in 2015.

The district is part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of cooperatives established in 1916. Nationally, the System reported combined net income of \$1.3 billion and \$3.6 billion for the three-month and nine-month periods ended Sept. 30, 2016, compared with \$1.2 billion and \$3.5 billion for the same periods in 2015.

The bank, district and System results discussed herein are preliminary and unaudited. The bank's financial statements and the combined statements of the Texas District for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 2016, are expected to be available on or about Nov. 9, 2016.

For more information, visit the Farm Credit Bank of Texas website at www.FarmCreditBank.com.

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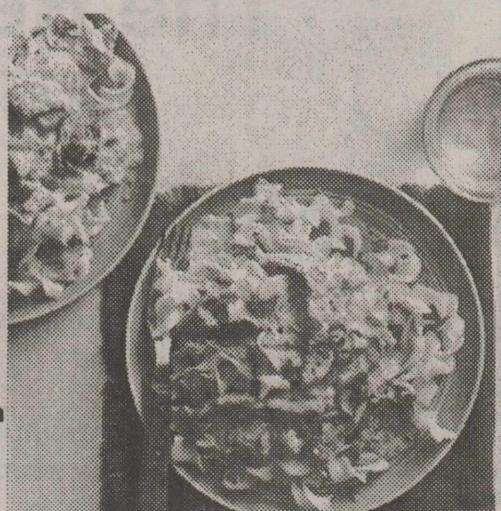
The Recipe Corner

Makeover Beef Stroganoff

Prep/Total Time: 30 Minute

Ingredients:

- * 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour, divided
- * 1/2 teaspoon pepper, divided
- * 1 beef top round steak (1-1/2 pounds), cut into thin strips
- * 2 tablespoons canola oil
- * 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- * 1 small onion, chopped
- * 1 garlic clove, minced
- * 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) reduced-sodium beef broth
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 1 cup (8 ounces) reduced-fat sour cream
- * Chopped fresh parsley, optional
- * Coarsely ground pepper, optional
- * 3 cups cooked yolk-free noodles



Directions

1. Combine 1/2 cup flour and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a large resealable plastic bag. Add beef, a few pieces at a time, and shake to coat.
2. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook beef in batches until no longer pink. Remove and keep warm. In same skillet, saute mushrooms and onion in drippings until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer.
3. Whisk remaining flour with broth until smooth; stir into skillet. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Add beef, salt and remaining pepper. Stir in sour cream; heat through (do not boil). If desired, sprinkle with parsley and coarsely ground pepper. Serve with noodles. Yield: 6 servings