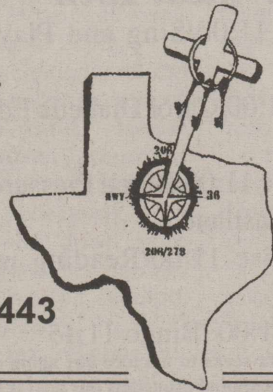


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A Busy Day in Downtown Cross Plains in 1939. Looks like parade coming down Main Street and the whole town turned out to watch it! Photo probably taken from the roof of what is now the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center.



Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department was called out to a grass fire on Highway 206 south on Monday afternoon. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Hollywood Legend Texas Bob Is Coming to Dinner

Plans are still underway, but we are excited to announce that Bob Hinkle, author of "Call Me Lucky - A Texan in Hollywood" will be our speaker at a fundraising dinner at First United Methodist Church on January 21st, so mark your calendars!

"From the rodeo to the studio, Bob Hinkle's career has spanned the latter half of the 20th century. Whether acting, directing or producing, Texas Bob has touched the lives of many of the entertainment industry's marquis names. His own accomplishments can be attributed to a passion for living, a talent for entertaining, and flair for the dramatic."

Hinkle had many roles in movies and TV, including "Hud," "Wagon Train," "Wells Fargo," "Gunsmoke," "Bonanza," and "Walker Texas Ranger," just to name a few.

Then, in 1955, the classic movie "Giant" marked a turning point for Hinkle. His down-home drawl made him the perfect candidate to coach Rock Hudson, Carroll Baker, Dennis Hopper, Mercedes McCambridge and James Dean to "talk Texan." (Dean later presented his friend Hinkle with an Oscar for his contribution to the film's towering success.) Hinkle then took his experience from "Giant" to the set of "Hud"

and did for Paul Newman what he had done for James Dean by coaching Newman, Patricia Neal and Melvin Douglas to be Texans. Neal and Douglas won Oscars for their roles.

Hinkle's career was not limited to "talking Texan." He did a variety of notable things: creating and directing the pig scramble in "Hud," signing an unknown singer named Glen Campbell to a country music series, developing and promoting "Evel Knievel" as he became the world's best known showman-daredevil, and being the personal manager for Marty Robbins.

Hinkle says his most memorable achievement, however, goes back to winning a \$20 bet that he could get a date with the Queen of the Rodeo in Moses Lake. After introducing himself to Sandra Larson, he dedicated his bull ride to her along with a tip of his hat from the center of the arena. Sandra not only went to the dance with him that night, but married him a year-and-a-half later! The Hinkles raised three children and now live back in Texas.

After our dinner, Hinkle will be available to autograph copies of his book, which will be available for sale. Join us for a fun and entertaining evening!

CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED PILCROW GRANT

The Cross Plains Public Library has been awarded a matching 2-1 grant from the Pilcrow Foundation, which will result in our library receiving \$1,200 worth of new hardcover children's books through the Foundation's CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT.

The Pilcrow Foundation was established in 2013 to continue the work of The Libri Foundation. Their mission is to provide new, quality, hardcover books to rural public libraries across the United States. The Foundation asks libraries, in partnership with local sponsors, to raise one third of the funds used to purchase the new books to build community investment in children's literacy and the library's future. The Cross Plains Public Library's goal was \$400 and we offered gift-wrapping service for a free-will donation, resulting in \$417 raised. Thank you to all who participated!

The Foundation supports the concept that children who learn to enjoy reading at an early age continue to read throughout their lives. In order to develop a love of reading, children must

have access to books which stretch their imaginations, touch their emotions, and expand their horizons.

For many children in rural areas, the local public library is often their primary source of reading material. Many rural schools either have no library or the library is inadequate to meet the needs of the students. At a time when more and more children and their parents and teachers are using the public library, these same libraries are facing increasing financial hardships and are unable to buy the books their young readers need.

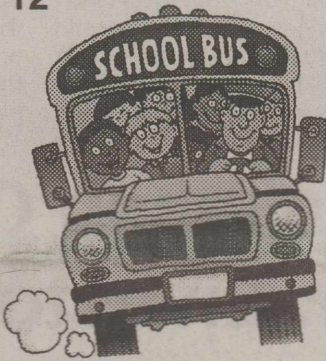
Books will be selected from the Foundation's 600-title booklist. This booklist has been highly praised by participating librarians for the quality and variety of fiction and nonfiction titles offered. All of the books have been highly recommended by recognized authorities in the library and education fields.

Once our books are received in late March/early April, watch for details and visit the library to check out the new books.

Cross Plains I.S.D. Holiday and Early Out

Thursday, January 12
Early out at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

Friday, January 13, Student and Staff Holiday for the Callahan County Livestock Show



Classes will resume on Monday, January 16th at regular time.

Callahan County Livestock Show, January 12th-14th

The Callahan County Livestock Show will be held Thursday through Saturday, January 12th-14th. Show Schedule:

Thursday, January 12th
Breeding Goats - 5 p.m.
Market Goats - Immediately after Breeding Goats
Market Sheep - Immediately after Market Goats
Friday, January 13th
Breeding Swine - 8 a.m.
Market Swine - Immediately after Breeding Swine
Poultry - Immediately after Market Swine
Rabbits - Immediately after Poultry

Saturday, January 14th
Beef Heifer - 9:30 a.m.
Market Steer - Immediately after Beef Heifer
Arrival times:
Lambs and Goats: Thursday, January 12th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Swine: Thursday, January 12th, weigh in 12:00-6:00 p.m.
Poultry and Rabbits: Friday, January 13th, weigh in 12:00-1 p.m.
Steers and Heifers: Friday, January 13th, weigh in 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Entry fee need to be paid at time of the weigh in. No exceptions.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Annual Meeting, January 16th

It is that time again, for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Annual Corporation Meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th 2017. The meeting place will be the Cottonwood Community Center and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. All residents of Cottonwood are invited to attend the meeting.

The Board will be presenting new By-Laws that were approved by the Board on December 15, 2016 and Ratified on December 19th at the regular monthly member meeting of the CVFCG, by all the corporation members present at the meeting. The Board has been working on the By-Laws for over two years, and look forward to presenting them

to our residents. We will also be electing Corporation Officers, (President, Secretary & Treasurer) all Cottonwood residents, that are over 18 years old, who attend the meeting are eligible to vote. We will also be presenting the annual financial report. We will have a handout entitled Wildfire Preparedness Check List, which can help home and land owners to better protect their properties from wildfires.

We will be discussing the projects we worked on in 2016 and what we intend to work on in 2017. There will be time for public comment during the meeting. We will be providing light refreshments, after the meeting.

Hanner Chevrolet to host blood drive Thursday, January 12th

Hanner Chevrolet will host a blood drive in Baird on Thursday, January 12. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be there from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"We appreciate the support we receive from the communities we serve," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Blood donors play a vital role in the treatment of cancer patients, accident

victims, surgical patients, newborn babies and people with blood diseases."

Each donor will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt, as well as a complimentary total cholesterol test. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2880.

For the latest news and updates follow us at facebook.com/meekbloodcenter.

Cross Plains 4-H Meeting, Monday, January 9th

Cross Plains 4-H will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, January 9th at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

The group will discuss being prepared for the stock show. The menu is sandwiches, chips and dips.

From the Cross Plains Review - 25 Years Ago January 2, 1992

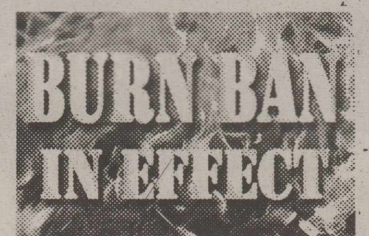
From the Cross Plains Review... 25 years ago, January 2, 1992.

PK's Friday Night Special is Fresh Water Catfish with all the trimmings. Large \$5.95, Small, \$4.95. 260 East 14th Street. Jean Wilson, owner.

Food Plaza's Weekly Deli Special is the Chicken Strip Dinner for \$2.69.

Churches Directory: Old Time Gospel Mission, Michael Ingram, Pastor; Pioneer Pentecostal Church, Ruby McCowen, Pastor; First Baptist Church, Michael Hale, Pastor, Rob Sarles, Music/Youth; Church of Christ; United Presbyterian Church, Jasper McClellan, Pastor; Believeer's Fellowship, Bob Wallace, Pastor; United Pentecostal Church, Phillip R. Schaefer, Pastor; Temple Baptist Church, Rodney Mulane, Pastor.

On Christmas Day, Mrs. Rufus Renfro had her mother, Mrs. Ethel Anderson, family, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sowell, Matt, Mandi and Malysa; Mr. and Mrs. Rod Renfro, Jamie and Sara; Carrie and Sonya Renfro and Robbie Wheeler.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Ministry Activities
 Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
 Thomas Estes, Pastor
 Gregg Steidle, Youth Pastor
 Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley
 Phone: 254-725-7574
 Sunday School.....10:00am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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 Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
 Pastor Max Evans
 For Information Call (254) 725-7418

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 Al Taylor, Preacher
 Phone: 254-725-7522
 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor
 Office 254-725-7377 Parsonage 254-725-7694
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
 1000 North Main Street
www.crossplainsfumc.org

First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. **Sunday Evening** 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30
Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
 Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.
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 Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.
 Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.
 Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
 Ladies Class - Wednesday:
 10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)
 Office: (254-725-6117)
 Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Jan. 9th - Jan. 13th
Monday-9th Exercise 11:00/Sing and Play Along 6:00 pm
Tuesday10thExercise 11:00/Carol Diabetic Education Resource Care
Wednesday11th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check by Kindred at home of Eastland
Thursday-12th Exercise 11:00/Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:25
Friday-13th Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15
 Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Jan. 9th - Jan. 13th
Monday 9th-Chicken Sal- **Thursday 12th** -Fried ad Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fried, Coleslaw, Hushpup-Fries, Baked Apples, Cookie pies, Baked Beans, Dessert
Tuesday 10th- Butter Beans with Hams, Onion Silces, Pickled Beets, Dessert
Wednesday 11th-Spaghetti Meat Sauce, Lettuce Tomato Salad, Corn, Bread, Dessert
Friday 13th-Chicken Tortilla Soup, Lettuce & Tomatoes Salad, Fruit Medley, Cookie
MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Market at Clyde Saturday, Jan. 14th, 10AM-4PM

Market at Clyde is a community activity with shopping for the entire family. Local artist, artisans, home cooks and crafters from Clyde and the surrounding areas come together to make up a unique shopping opportunity. Market at Clyde is always the second Saturday of each month at The Old Firehouse on North First Street. All items are hand crafted by the vendor you shop with.

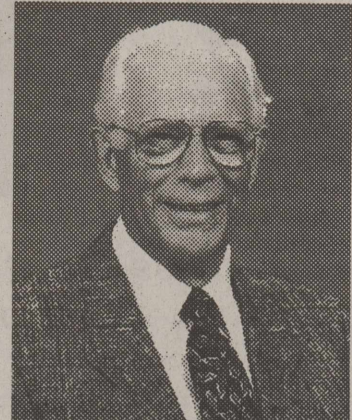
Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 12th - Saturday, January 14th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 12th, at 5:00 p.m. with the judging of the Breeding Goats, Market Goats, and Market Sheep. Superintendents for the 2017 show are:
 • Heifers, Steers, & Beef Buster and Karen Smith
 • Market & Breeding Swine Frankie Hyles, Asst. Tom Windham and Doug Johnston
 • Poultry & Rabbits Scott Byrd
 • Sheep & Goats Bill & Kim Dean
 Judging of the Breeding Goat Show will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12th with Sara Brister-Loving doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 1:00 p.m. on the 12th.
 Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 13th, Dr. David Frazier, will start judging the Breeding Swine followed by the Market Swine Show.
 Immediately following the Market Swine Show, Dr. David Frazier will judge the Poultry Show, followed by the Rabbit Show.
 Bill Bender, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 14th with the heifer show. Bill Bender will also judge the steer show immediately following the heifer show.
 The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be at 1:00 p.m. The Premium Sale will be immediately following the Awards Presentation.
 Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.
 Additional information can be found at <http://callahan.agrilife.org>

Rowden Baptist Church
 Pastor: Wayne Lenz
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 Bible Study...10:00 am
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OBITUARIES



Donnel (Don) Clark

Donnel (Don) Clark passed away January 2 in 2017. He was born on August 4, 1925, in Cross Plains, TX to Jesse Mae (Jake) Adams Clark and Thomas Jefferson (Jeff) Clark and was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters and three brothers and his beloved wife Imogene. He graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1942, where he was active in the FFA, band and other school activities. Upon graduation, Don joined the US Army, serving in France and Germany during WWII. He was blessed by his guarding angel and was evacuated from the Ardennes Forest in Germany the second night of the Battle of the Bulge. After spending several months in Brooke General Hospital in Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX he was discharged from the service. He attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1949. While in college, he served as president of the Collegiate Chapters of the FFA both at Tarleton and Tech as well as being Vice President of the Senior class at Texas Tech. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education and taught school for 4 years in Mullin. Don was then employed by the State Fair of Texas for thirty-seven years, retiring as Director of Livestock. While in Dallas, he served on the Board of Directors of the YMCA, Chairman of Dallas Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, became a Certified Fair Manager of the International Assn. of Fairs & Expositions, President of the Texas Association of Fairs & Expositions, member of Texas Tourist Development Agency, Athletic Director of Lakeside Baptist Church, and received an Honorary Lifetime Membership from the PTA of the Dallas ISD. For several years, he served as Treasurer of the local Kiwanis Club in Cross Plains and was active in the First Baptist Church. Several thousand dollars were distributed to Texas Tech students from a scholarship at Texas Tech which was supported by friends and the State Fair of Texas. He was also a Master Mason.

He is survived by two sons: Robert Clark and his wife Becky of Houston; Les Clark and his wife Lauri of Dallas; two stepsons, Bill Wimberley and his wife Toni and Gary Wimberley and his wife Janet as well as ten grandchildren: Ashley, Beth, Brian, Cassie, Emily, Garrett, Matt, Michael, Robert, Jr. and Sam, plus three great grandchildren, Austin, Hailey and Issac.
 Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 6 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, Texas. Burial will follow the service at the Cross Plains Cemetery.

The Family will have a time of visitation from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5 at the Higginbotham Funeral.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Cross Plains Veterans War Memorial or the EMS.



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EARLENE HUGHES

Earlene Hughes

Earlene Hughes, age 95, of Baird, Texas, went home to her Lord on the morning of January 3, 2017, at Homestead Nursing Center of Baird where she had resided the past six weeks. Funeral services will be Saturday, January 7, 2017, in the First Baptist Church of Baird with Pastor Jimmy Hatcher officiating. Interment will follow in Ross Cemetery Annex. Services are under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

Byron Earlene Smith was born on August 5, 1921, in Cross Plains, Texas to Earl and Lillian Swofford Smith. After graduation from Cross Plains High School in 1937, Earlene attended Hardin Simmons College. After meeting M. L. Hughes and while he was still in the U. S. Air Corps, she rode a bus to Long Beach, California, so they could marry on July 19, 1945. Always a hard worker Earlene's work ethic led her to positions with The Cross Plains Review, First National Bank of Baird, helping M. L. in his service station business for many years, and also with the Baird Housing Authority where she retired at the age of 92.

Earlene was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Baird and was a faithful choir member for many years. She and M. L. were very involved with the building of the new church building in the late 1950's. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, M. L., in 1996, Marie Hogan.

Survivors include her son Lloyd Ray Hughes and his wife Evelyn; her granddaughter Erin Hicks and husband Brad; two great-grandsons, Landon and Bryson Hicks; a sister, Lou Clark; a sister-in-law, Buck Hughes; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Baird Meals on Wheels, Baird Volunteer Fire Department, Baird Cemetery Association, First Presbyterian Church of Baird, First Baptist Church of Baird, Hospice of the Big Country, or a charity of your choice. The funeral home can assist with any contact information.

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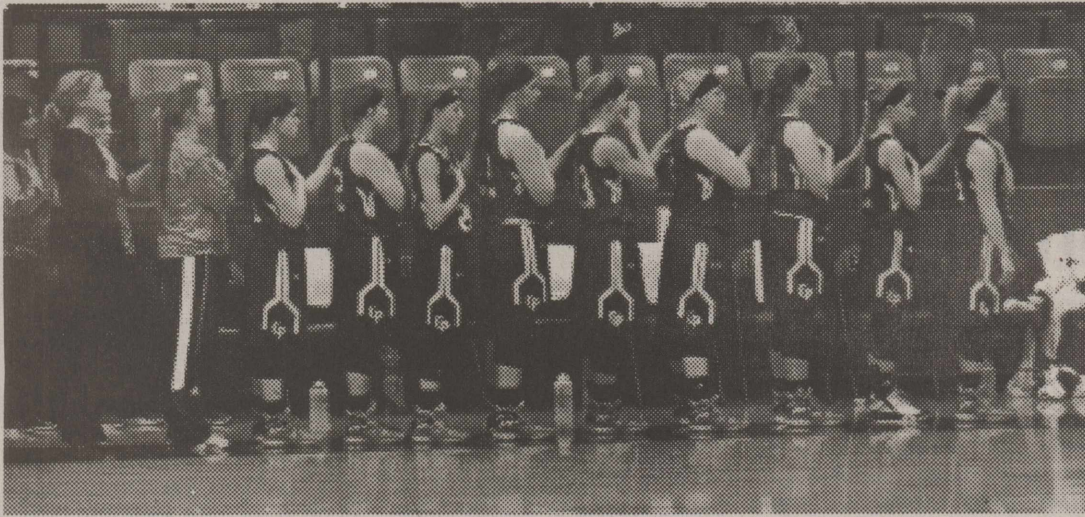
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Lady Buffs during the National Anthem

Lady Buffs Win Over Gorman

The Lady Buffs end the year with a big win over Gorman, 47 to 44. Katy Jo Morgan and Shana Yates both scored double digits in the three point game.

The Lady Buffs play in Panther Creek on Friday night, then play May here on Tuesday. Both are district games.

Recent Lady Buffs games:
Lady Buffs vs. Gorman
 December 30, 2016

Gorman 44
 Lady Buffs 47
 Scoring:
 Katy Jo Morgan 11
 Hannah Crockett 3
 Macee Steigleder 2
 Katy Jo Morgan 13
 Grace Goode 6
 Hanna Fortune 7
 Brooke Lynn Bell 3

Lady Buffs vs. Roby
 December 20, 2016

Roby 64
 Lady Buffs 40
 Scoring:
 Jacy Bien 6
 Shana Yates 8
 Macee Steigleder 5
 Katy Jo Morgan 5
 Grace Goode 9
 Brooke Lynn Bell 7

Lady Buffs vs. Merkel
 December 19, 2016
 Merkel 66
 Lady Buffs 20
 Scoring:
 Jacy Bien 2
 Shana Yates 1
 Jackilann Shepard 1
 Macee Steigleder 2
 Katy Jo Morgan 12
 Grace Goode 2

Lady Buffs vs. Eula
 December 16, 2016
 Eula 48
 Lady Buffs 33
 Scoring:
 Jaci Bien 3
 Shana Yates 5
 Katy Jo Morgan 14
 Grace Goode 10
 Brooke Lynn Bell 1

Callahan County 4-H Jackets for Joy Coat Drive

Callahan County 4-H is participating in the Jackets For Joy Coat Drive. We will be accepting new or gently used coats/jackets and winter clothing for adults and children. The drop off locations are Cross Plains FBC and the Callahan County Extension Office in Baird.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please feel free to contact me @325-854-5835. With colder weather approaching, there are many in the big country without proper winter attire. Donations accepted until December 15th.

What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms

"Havana Storm" is a 2016 novel by Clive Cussler and Dirk Pitt. If you are a fan of Dirk Pitt and his family followers, then you know that their nautical escapades are always thrilling and life-threatening. I always enjoy the "Dirk Pitt" novels by Cussler and was not disappointed this time.

Fans know that there is so much intrigue and action surrounding Dirk and his twin children: marine engineer Dirk and oceanographer Summer. Then there is NUMA and its employees and all the government involvement associated with Dirk. This time they are looking for an ancient stone from Mexico and researching "Dead Zones" where no sea life can be sustained.

Well of course the bad guys are behind all the issues, and human lives are threatened along with nautical life. To get the usual thrills associated with Dirk Pitt this is a must-read. You will not be disappointed.

Check this book out at your Cross Plains Public Library in the fiction section.

High School and Junior High Basketball Schedule

January 5, Thursday - Junior High Girls and Boys A and B Teams play Baird here starting at 5:00 p.m.

January 6, Friday - Varsity Girls and Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys play at Panther Creek starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.

January 9, Monday - Junior High Girls and Boys A Teams play at Santa Anna starting at 6:00 p.m.

January 10, Tuesday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play May here starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 13, Friday - Junior Varsity Girls play Brownwood 9th Grade at Brownwood, starting at 4 p.m.

January 13, Friday - Varsity Girls and Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Santa Anna there, starting at 5 p.m. District Game.

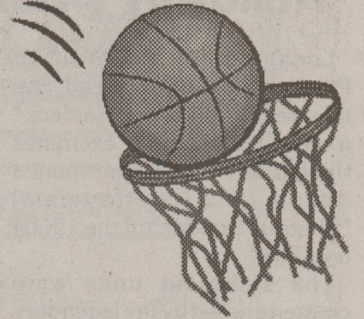
January 16, Monday - Junior High Boys and Girls A and B Teams play May here, starting at 5 p.m.

January 17, Tuesday - Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Anson there, starting at 5 p.m.

January 20, Friday - Junior Varsity Girls play Eula there, starting at 4 p.m. District Game.

January 20, Friday - Varsity Girls and Boys play Rising Star there, starting at 5 p.m. District Game.

January 20, Friday - Junior Varsity Boys play in the Zephyr



Tournament.
 January 21, Saturday - Junior High Girls B Team plays in the Cross Plains Junior High Girls B Tournament.

January 23, Monday - Junior High Boys and Girls A and B Teams play Eula here, starting at 5 p.m.

January 24, Tuesday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play Eula here starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 26-28, Thursday-Saturday - Junior High Girls Boys play in the Zephyr Tournament.

January 27, Friday - Varsity Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play Baird there starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 30, Monday - Junior High Boys A and B Teams and Junior High Girls A team play Eula here starting at 6:00 p.m.

January 31, Tuesday - Varsity Girls and Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys play Panther Creek here starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.

Schedule subject to change.

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- Tuesday**-Senior Plate, 1/4 Meat, 2 sides, bread, peach cobbler \$6.00 + tax
- Wednesday**-Pulled Pork Sandwich \$2.00 + tax
- Thursday** -Loaded Baked Potatoes, choice of meat, w/ all the fixins \$6.00 + tax
- Friday**- Loaded Buritto choice of meat \$6.00 + tax

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Weight Watchers meets every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at 401 Chestnut in Baird. Contact Sharon Ward at swardww@aol.com or just drop by! They would love to see you and help you lose weight, get healthier, and live happier!

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- Grand ___ Opry
- captivated
- this Ford starred with TX Tommy Lee Jones in 1993 film "The Fugitive" (init.)
- TXism: "wake ___ when it's over" (disinterested)
- TX Gene Tierney film: "The Matinee"
- in Lubbock County on highway 114
- org. for older persons (abbr.)
- TXism: "got two left ___" (clumsy)
- "mommy!"
- UT has collection of this writer's work
- a TX fort or county
- hallucinogenic drug (abbr.)
- rake, e.g. (2 wds.)
- historic TX figure: Judge Roy ___
- a speck
- silent call to the fire dept. (2 wds.)
- ancient stringed instruments
- TXism: "chews his ___ cud" (loner)

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- TX Johnny Rodriguez sang "You Always Come Me"
- TXism: "noisy ___ crying" for mamma
- in Burnet County: ___ Falls
- TXism: "if it ain't true there ain't ___ well in Texas"
- TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John ___"
- TXism: "mosey ___ to the trough" (join in)
- where TX teens might shop: "The ___"
- TX Tubb's " ___ Walking the Floor Over You"
- TXism: "plain as the ___ your face"
- TXism: "trapped like a ___ possum"
- TX summer certainty
- TX Ross Perot started this co.
- Shirley of Houston-filmed "Terms of Endearment"
- Gulf catch
- lymph ___
- TXism: "keep ___ under your hat"
- ___ Rio, TX
- TX Audie Murphy was one in WWII
- actress Sophia of 1958 film "Houseboat" with TX Martha Hyer demonstration at TX Scottish Festival
- TXism: "you're pulling ___"
- TXism: "blazes the trail"
- critter den
- favorable factor out of the USA
- this "Sweet" puts the "Diet" in TX Dr. Pepper

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Local author Ed Walt of Pioneer has announced the release of "Holloway's Raiders"

Local author Ed Walt of Pioneer has announced the release of "Holloway's Raiders," a new book which examines the Dallas Police Department's deadly and controversial "Shotgun Squads" of the 1960s and 70s.

The stake-out units were created and led by the legendary Lieutenant H. C. Holloway to curtail a rash of violent and deadly armed robberies that were plaguing the city. The lieutenant had personal reasons to hate the criminals he referred to as "hi-jackers," having been shot in the leg by one a few years earlier in a wild gun battle that also resulted in the murder of one police officer and the wounding of two more.

In an age when such activities and attitudes were not only condoned but celebrated, he hid shotgun armed officers in liquor, grocery and convenience stores and ordered them to shoot armed robbers on sight and without warning. "The sound of a shotgun coming

off safety," he said, "should be warning enough."

The units existed for more than twenty years and were responsible for shooting, killing and arresting scores of vicious felons while losing two of their own, killed in the line of duty. The book details the exciting events of the many armed encounters that occurred and examines the gradual change in public sentiments that eventually led to the end of the shotgun squads.

The author is a 33 year veteran of the Dallas Police Department and a former commander of the Tactical Division of the DPD's Special Operations Bureau—the same unit that was once known as "Holloway's Raiders."

Copies of the book may be purchased at the Cross Plains Public Library or ordered online at buybooksontheweb.com, Amazon, Kindle, etc. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the library and to fund the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge Scholarship program.

Cross Plains Remembered books available

Limited copies of three Cross Plains Remembered books are available. The three volumes each contain hundreds of photographs of people and places in Cross Plains, as well as stories and remembrances from the past.

The first book, Volume 1, has a little bit of everything in it: school photos, street scenes, gas station photos, family histories, and many other photographs.

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Cross Plains Remembered, Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are available at Texas Heritage Bank, the Senior Center, Salamander's, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Cross Plains Review, Cross Plains Library and Connie's Cuts and Curly's.

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Cross Plains Public Library Annual Writing Contest

The Cross Plains Public Library is accepting entries for our annual writing contest. This contest is open to all students attending or eligible to attend the Cross Plains Public Schools. Poetry, essays or short stories are allowed. Entries will be accepted from grades K through 12.

Home schooled students may pick up the guidelines and entry forms at the library. Parents/guardians of home schooled children are responsible for inquiries to the awards assembly date and time. The library will not contact home schooled recipients.

CPISD students should ask their teachers in regard to entering through the school or they may enter at the library. Only one entry per student will

be accepted.

Entries are to be submitted to the library no later than March 31, 2017. Entries will be "blind judged" with ribbons awarded to the top three entries for grade school students. Students in grades 7-12 will receive a gift card for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class.

The overall top winner will receive a Kindle Fire (in memory of Marilyn McBride) their name will be added to a plaque displayed at the library. 2nd and 3rd place overall winners will receive a gift card. In addition their papers will be submitted to the Cross Plains Review for publication.

For additional information please contact the library at 725-7722 or Marsha Ossowski at 325-201-4150.

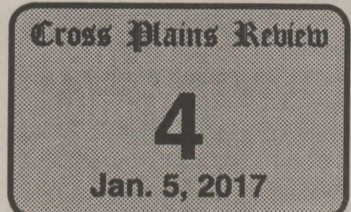
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If you are interested in becoming part of our EMS family please contact Susan Schaefer at (254)725-6747 or susan.schaefer49@gmail.com.



From the Cross Plains Review - 67 Years Ago January 1, 1950

From the Cross Plains Review... 67 years ago, January 1, 1950.

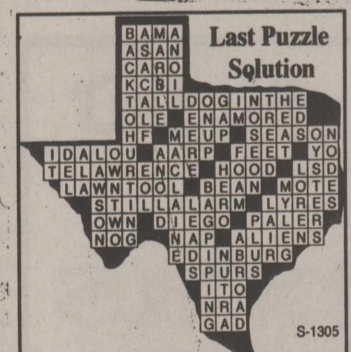
Claude Foster will seek re-election as Road Commissioner.

Eleven new students enrolled in Cross Plains Grammar School this week: Patricia Lawler, James Lawler, Stanley Lawler, Martha Robinson, Betty Wyatt, Billie Clyde Ray, Benny Ray, Billie Helen McMillan, Nelda Tension, Mary Louise McNutt and Sue McNutt.

An electric scoreboard will be installed in the gym next week.

Bishop Chevrolet has the 1950 Chevrolet Stateline De Luxe 4-Door Sedan with PowerGlide Automatic Transmission on display in their showroom.

On sale at Happy Howell's Red and White Food Store: Bacon 35 cents/pound; Flour, 25 lbs, \$1.71; Coffee 65 cents/can; Roast Beef, 47 cents/pound; Imperial Sugar, 10 lbs, 85 cents; Honey, 5 lbs, 77 cents; Oxydol Duz, large size pkg, 20 cents.



From the Cross Plains Review - 39 Years Ago January 4, 1978

From the Cross Plains Review... 39 years ago, January 4, 1978.

Financial arrangements have been completed for a new building to house the Vocational Agriculture Department that will be built on the Cross Plains School campus.

Both Boys and Girls Basketball teams lost to Rising Star last Friday night. Vivian Franke led the Girl's scoring with 24 points. Other scorers were Sandy Bailey, Kim Strahan, Dona Long and Cheryl Merrill. For the boys, Alan Rhodes scored 15 points; Danny Lewis, 10 points.

Allan Barnett's dog "Husky", a black and white border collie, is missing.

Baby boy is born to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Foster on Thursday. He has been named Michael Blake. The Foster's have another son, Kyle, age 4.

Cross Plains Junior High Mighty Mites Basketball Team beat Rising Star last Friday night. Top scorers: Richard Clark, John Long and Greg Hutchins. Junior High Girls lost. Kim Hedrick was the leading scorer, along with Paula Allen.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

We are all bracing for cold weather, as the temperatures are expected to drop this week.

Hailey and Gus Nickerson spent the holiday with their grandparents, Bill and Annette Nickerson. Annette also reports that Autumn turned 13 this week. Where does the time go?

David Weaver and friend Gabriel Cuellar of Corpus Christi visited with David's mother, Mary Ella Weaver over the Christmas holiday.

The mission group from the Cottonwood Baptist Church will head to Romania soon. Mindy Estes, Taryn Estes and

Allanta Wheeler will be making the trip.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, January 16th at the Cottonwood Community Center at 7 p.m. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend the meeting and see what projects the CVFCG has done in the past year and hear their plans for 2017.

The Burn Ban is ON. Be careful, it's extremely dry. No Control Burns, trash burning or welding. If you see smoke, it's a fire. Call the 911 to reach the Sheriff's Office to report the fire.

State Sales Tax Revenue totalled \$2.5 Billion in November

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today that state sales tax revenue totalled \$2.51 billion in November, 2.9 percent less than in November 2015.

"Continued weakness in the manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors, combined with persistently lower levels of oil and gas drilling activity compared to the same period last year, is exerting ongoing downward pressures on sales tax revenues," Hegar said. "Receipts from restaurants and retail trade grew modestly. While those industries are larger individual sources of sales tax revenue, their modest growth was not sufficient to overcome the combined drop in tax collections from manufacturing, wholesale trade, and oil- and gas-related sales tax receipts."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in November 2016 was down by 2.2 percent compared with 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 November 2016, Texas collected the following revenue from those taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$380.2 million, up 7.3 percent from November 2015;
- motor fuels taxes — \$303.1 million, up 2.8 percent from November 2015; and
- oil and natural gas production taxes — \$253.5 million, up 2.2 percent from November 2015.

Note: Year-over-year severance tax revenue had been declining the last 22 months, with oil tax revenue declining the last 23 months.

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

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SHERIFF'S CORNER

BY SHERIFF TERRY JOY

Happy New Year everyone and may God continue to bless Callahan County and her People!

Everyone has an idea of what the word phenomenon means. I looked in the dictionary for the definition of phenomenon as it pertains to the law enforcement story that I am about to inform you of. "A phenomenon is a rare or significant fact or event; an exceptional, or abnormal thing or occurrence".

Saturday was New Year's Eve. People get together and have all night parties and many involve drinking. Sometimes someone gets behind the steering wheel of a vehicle while under the influence of too much alcohol or drugs and, if caught, go to jail, without exception. The organization M.A.D. or "Mothers Against Drunk Driving", also known as "Mad Mothers" has influenced our legislature to adopt very strict DWI or DUI Laws. Too much partying and drinking on New Year's Eve always leads to jail time for many. This is a known fact because history has proven this to be true. As the Sheriff of Callahan County I wanted to be prepared. I was ready for a long and busy night.

Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains Police Departments had their finest and best officers on duty. Chief Deputy Rick Jowers was on duty all night New Year's Eve night and the next morning. Deputy Larry Lemon and I were also out patrolling the county. Chief Deputy Jowers said he was going to get some drugs off the streets and ever time he says this he always delivers. He seems to have an extra sense when it comes to arresting people with illegal drugs, such as meth. New Year's Eve night and New Year's morning he found nothing illegal. He stopped several suspicious vehicles, for different types of

of traffic violations. They had all left drinking parties, but each person in the vehicle who had had too much to drink, had a sober, designated driver operating the vehicle for them. Two of Callahan County's finest Texas State Troopers were also out looking for D.W.I.s and other law violators. I was going to stay out all night to help to transport prisoners to Shackelford County Jail or other jails as our jail would surely fill up. New Year's Eve night I would occasionally stop by the jail to see how many prisoners had been brought in, but the number was always zero.

There were several fireworks calls and a report of two fires. One of the fires was in Putnam and the other fire was in the Eula area. The Putnam and Eula Fire Departments quickly put out the fires. Callahan County Volunteer Firemen always get their fires out, because we have some of the best fire departments in West Texas.

Finally sometime after midnight there was a family violence call in the city of Cross Plains. Officer Jarred Potter responded to the call. Following investigation of the complaint, Officer Potter brought in a suspect to the Callahan County Jail and booked him on a family violence charge; the suspect was also wanted on a warrant.

There was only that one arrest during the New Year's Holidays.

I can't explain the strange phenomenon, (I'll use the word again) but one day last week we were down to only 10 inmates in the county jail. Saturday we had 11 and Sunday, New Year's Day, we had a total of 12 inmates in our jails. I never ever thought we would get below 20.

All of our long term prisoners have been transferred to state prison, and one of my 2017 New Year's Prayers is that we won't have any more major crimes such as murders or home invasions.

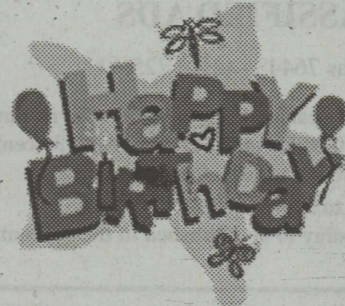
My New Year's Resolution is to work more with my philosophy of education, prevention and enforcement. I would like to visit our schools and talk to the young people about drug and alcohol abuse and about the dangers of meth and heroin and other dangerous drugs. There is an inmate trustee in the Callahan County Jail who is prepared to accompany Chief Deputy Jowers and I to the different schools in the county to speak with the students about how he started using drugs and how drugs can ruin a person's life, as drugs have almost ruined his.

As we start the New Year and I begin a new 4 year term as your Callahan County Sheriff, I have many things to be thankful for, I am thankful that I have a good staff of Dispatchers/Jailers. They work hard to keep any major incidents from occurring inside the Historic Jail.

I am Thankful I have a qualified deputy staff and I trust in their abilities to respond to the needs of the Citizens of Callahan County.

I want to do my job to the best of my ability. I work for some of the best people on this earth and that is "You" the people of Callahan County. I ask that you please continue to pray for this Sheriff's Department as we take the oath of office to uphold the law for another 4 year term.

May God continue to bless Callahan County.



DPS bolsters school bus safety efforts

AUSTIN - In conjunction with National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 17-21), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging drivers to comply with laws prohibiting the passing of school buses. During this period, DPS Highway Patrol troopers will be watching for drivers who violate the law and taking the appropriate enforcement action. It is illegal to pass any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal - either flashing red lights or a stop sign.

"Any time a driver disregards a stopped school bus, they put children's lives in danger, and DPS will not tolerate individuals who ignore the law, putting their own convenience before a child's safety," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "In order to help keep children safe, we urge drivers to always obey the law and remain alert when traveling near a school bus or bus stops where students gather."

"The safety of our schoolchildren is always a priority at the Texas Education Agency. We appreciate the dedication by Texas Highway Patrol Troopers during National School Bus Safety week - and throughout the entire year - to help ensure our students have a safe trip to and from school," said Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath.

During National School Bus Safety Week, troopers in many areas will be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who break the law. Because children are particularly vulnerable when entering or exiting a school bus, Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off students, looking for motorists violating the school bus law. Drivers who violate the law could face fines as much as \$1,250.

In 2015 and year to date in 2016, Texas Highway Patrol troopers have issued 1,093 tickets for passing a stopped school bus. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, failure to stop for a school bus was a contributing factor in 45 traffic crashes on Texas roadways last year.

According to Texas statute, a driver - traveling in either direction - must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

(As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.)

Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safer:

When driving in school zones, watch out for student pedestrians.

Slow down and watch for children congregating near bus stops.

Look for children who might dart into the street without looking for traffic.

Know and obey the laws concerning traffic and school buses in Texas.

According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 42,000 school buses transport approximately 1.5 million Texas children every school day.

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Claude Boyd
Johnny Nunn
Bill Forbes
Jimmy Hargrove
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January 9
Carol Parsons
Charles Williams
Alvie Hutchins
Karen (Dunn) Dooley
Ronny Nunn
Patrick Sadler
Cathy Meroney
Teri Brown
Kim Koenig
Joe Gardner

January 10
Karan Wise
Ricky Wayne Waddell
Ellen Brown
Lila Payne
Eddie Eddington
J.T. Isbell

January 11
Kinlee Sky Jacobs
Staci LeAnn (Weiss) Mayo
Terry Dewbre
Barbara Johnson
W.A. Watson
Benjamin Worley
Mrs. Charley Havens
Jeff Brown
Jayde Lee Peters

January 12
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Patricia (Driskell) Musick
Mike Walters
Keri Machelle Bowman
Angie Sanders

January 13
Sarah Rogers Savell
Sylvia Graham
Christopher Teasdale
Crissa Teasdale
Cindy Sue Payne
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Edith Adkins
Mrs. Albert Lee
Randy Dillard
Cecilia Smoot
John Terrell Gardner

January 14
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The gym will be used by Cross Plains Elementary Physical Education students, Little Dribblers basketball games/practices, and a tornado shelter in the event of a tornado. Employees from the City and the School will have keys to the facility.

The Board of Trustees at Cross Plains ISD has asked for a "Town Hall Meeting" in order to gather the community's input for accepting such a large grant. The "Town Hall Meeting" has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

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The 'Father of Texas' Stephen F. Austin

History knows Stephen F. Austin as one of the great heroes of Texas History. So often in life, a twist of fate or one simple decision can push a man in a completely different direction. As it turns out, the "Father of Texas," as Austin has been called, almost became one of the great figures of Arkansas History instead.

Stephen Fuller Austin was born in Austinville, Virginia, in 1793. He was one of five children, two of whom died in childhood. His father, Moses Austin, established the community as he sought to develop a lead mine in the area. However, after a few years, the mine played out and the family moved west. Eventually, they settled in Missouri, where Moses Austin established a new lead mining community west of the Mississippi River. However, it was still Spanish territory for six more years until the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

His father sent him to a private boarding school in 1804. A few years later, Austin attended Transylvania University in eastern Kentucky, where he graduated in 1810. He rejoined his family shortly afterward. In 1814, he ran for a seat in the Missouri Territorial Legislature, winning decisively. At the age of 21, he was barely old enough to vote, much less to hold a seat in the legislature.

In 1819, the economic panic of that year destroyed the Austin family businesses. The elder Austin went to Mexico and received a massive land grant from the Spanish government to bring settlers into southern and eastern Texas. The younger Austin went south into the newly established Arkansas Territory, which had just been separated from the Missouri Territory as Missouri headed to statehood.

Austin scraped together money to buy land near the Arkansas River near the potential location of the new territorial capital. The move from Arkansas Post near the Mississippi River to the location of Little Rock in the central part of the territory reaped huge dividends for Austin. He continued to invest in real estate and businesses across Arkansas and eventually settled in Hempstead County, in the southwestern portion of the territory.

By October, Territorial Secretary Robert Crittenden was

anxious to solidify his own power base in Arkansas. Though the newly appointed territorial governor had yet to even show up in Arkansas, Crittenden took up the role of acting governor energetically, organizing political offices and putting his own stamp on affairs. Crittenden called for an election for November 20, a little more than six weeks away, for the territorial legislature and for a territorial delegate to Congress. James Woodson Bates, a Virginia native, lawyer, and ally of Crittenden jumped into the race for delegate. Though it was a non-voting position, the territory-wide posting carried much prestige.

Austin was caught off guard by the announcement and delayed making a decision about running but ultimately decided to jump into the race, making it a total of six candidates. Austin campaigned energetically in the abbreviated campaign, but his late entry caused his name to be left off the ballot in two of the five existing counties in Arkansas at the time. It was a close race, with Bates receiving 32.1% of the vote to 26.2% for

runner-up Austin.

After the arrival of Territorial Governor James Miller, he took notice of Austin and appointed him as a district judge in the summer of 1820. Though Austin was not formally a lawyer, he accepted graciously. Austin served as a judge for a little over a month before deciding to move on to other opportunities. He resigned his judgeship and went south to New Orleans where he studied law and learned about his father's ideas about bringing American settlers into Texas. After his father died in 1821, Austin took up his land claims in Texas, bringing in hundreds of families by 1828, ably governing an increasingly prosperous colony. Within a few years, he played a decisive role in events leading to Texas seeking its independence from Mexico. By the time of his death on December 27, 1836, he was considered to be the "Father of Texas."

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Bright future for college graduates in food, agriculture environment

U.S. college graduates will find many professional employment opportunities in the next five years if they have expertise in food, agriculture, renewable natural resources or the environment, according to research by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food & Agriculture (NIFA).

Between 2015 and 2020, there are expected to be 57,900 average annual job openings for graduates with bachelor's degrees or higher in those areas.

According to projections, almost half of the expected job openings will be in management and business, with another 27% in fields related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Jobs in sustainable food and biomaterials production will make up 15%, while 12% will be in education, communication and government services.

Projections are based on data from several sources. The Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts a 10.8% increase in the U.S. labor force from 2012 to 2022 due to job growth and openings from retirement

or other replacements. Employment opportunities in food, agriculture, renewable natural resources and environmental occupations are expected to grow more than 5% during 2015-20 for college graduates with bachelor's degrees or higher.

STEM areas are expected to see stronger job markets for plant scientists, food scientists, sustainable biomaterials specialists, water resources scientists and engineers, precision agriculture specialists and farm-animal veterinarians.

A strong market is also expected for e-commerce managers and marketing agents, ecosystem managers, agricultural educators, crop advisors and pest control specialists.

The University of Arkansas' Career Development Center has tracked and seen steady growth in recent years of the number of agricultural companies recruiting on campus and engaging with our students.

An average of 35,400 new U.S. graduates with expertise in food, agriculture, renewable natural resources or the

environment are expected to fill 61% of the more than 57,000 average annual openings. Most employers prefer graduates with this expertise, but because more annual openings are anticipated than can be filled by graduates, employers may look to areas such as biology, business administration, engineering, education, communication, and consumer sciences to fill the remaining 39%.

The report says graduates in these areas are essential to meet growing challenges in the U.S., but also globally, to provide leadership in providing sustainable food systems, adequate water resources and renewable energy in a world of population growth and climate change.

Graduates who are mobile, have work experience, and have technical and professional skills will have more options if they are willing to seek employment in other states or countries. Graduates who have completed internships or work experiences related to the jobs they apply for are more likely to be hired, according to the report.

Governor Abbott Appoints Two To Texas Ethics Commission

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Chad Craycraft and Katie Kennedy to the Texas Ethics Commission for terms set to expire November 19, 2019.

Chad Craycraft of Dallas is general counsel for Best Associates and its portfolio company, Academic Partnerships. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and the Dallas Bar Association. Craycraft received a Bachelor of Arts in government from The University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor from The University of Texas School of Law.

Katie Kennedy of Houston is a former state district judge in Harris County and is now a mediator and arbitrator

in private practice. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the State Bar of Georgia, and the Houston Bar Association and is a board member of the Houston Lawyer Referral Service and life member of the Texas Bar Foundation. Additionally, she is a member and past parliamentarian of the National Charity League Memorial Chapter, sustainer for Junior League of Houston, rising star committee chairman of Texas Executive Women, and volunteer pro bono mediator for the Harris County Dispute Resolution Center. Kennedy received a Bachelor of Arts from Rhodes College and a Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University School of Law.



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From the Cross Plains Review... 26 years ago, December 13, 1990.

Cross Plains All Tournament Team - Jody Brown, Colby Walker, Terri Abernathy, Shana Bagley, Heather Montgomery, Terri Hunter, Shae Pancake, Jeannie Barclay and Michael Franke are named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

New Beta Sigma Phi members are Joy Gerking, Judy Phillips, Vikki Dillard and Judy Luter. Bryan's Variety Store will be Closed Dec. 24, 25 & 26 for Christmas Holidays.

Junior High Basketball Girls finished 3rd in Coleman Tournament. Some of the players: Whitney Kirkham, Misty Strickland, Rachelle Bishop, Kristy Webb, Amber Williams, Amy Strength, Amanda Clausen, Karen Dunn, Janeal Stephens, Lori Erwin, Brandi Adams, DeAnna Bessalaar, Malynda Strickler, Tonya Stover, Renee Atchley, Sheryl Glover, Leslie McGowen.

At Christmas Village - Eunice Pointer shows some of her dolls; Clara Nell Spencer shows her bird collection; John Adams displays his heat fueled engine collections; Shane Sharpe shows a collection of Mickey Mouse collectibles.

Also on display: Kathryn Tunnell's coin and spoon collection, Tiny Hedrick's train collection, Susan and Debbie McNeel's Barbie Dolls, and a model car display from Tom and Randy Stephenson.

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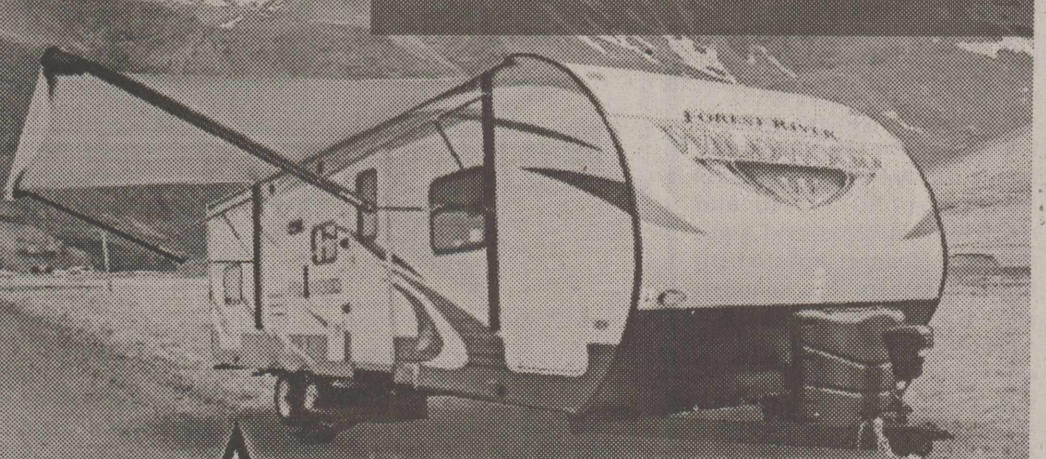
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Saturday February 25: Taylor,
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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.1 Billion in September

(AUSTIN) — Texas
Comptroller Glenn Hegar said
today that state sales tax
revenue totaled \$2.13 billion in
September, 3.9 percent lower
than in September 2015.
“Subdued spending for oil and
gas drilling continues to depress
sales tax revenue,” Hegar
said. “Consumer spending
also appears to have slowed,
as sales tax collections from
retail trade were down from
the previous year. In contrast,
construction sector receipts
continued to grow.”
Total sales tax revenue for
the three months ending in
September 2016 is down 2.6
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 September 2016, Texas
collected the following revenue
from those taxes:
• motor vehicle sales and
rental taxes — \$395.8 million,
down 4.8 percent from
September 2015;
• motor fuel taxes — \$294
million, down 4.6 percent from
September 2015; and
• oil and natural gas production
taxes — \$215.9 million, down
6.2 percent from September
2015.
For details on all monthly
collections, visit the
Comptroller’s Monthly State
Revenue Watch.

DPS recognizes employees for acts of courage, honor

AUSTIN — The Texas Public
Safety Commission (PSC) and
Texas Department of
Public Safety (DPS) Director
Steven McCraw presented a
Purple Heart Award, Lifesaving
Award and Certificate of
Commendation to current
employees and one retiree for
their exemplary service and
honorable actions.
“Today we express our
gratitude for these admirable
Texans, who acted with honor
and courage when faced with
extraordinary circumstances,”
said Director McCraw.
In addition, Commissioner
Faith Johnson was presented
with a proclamation of gratitude
and appreciation, a Texas flag
and was named an honorary
Texas Ranger Captain in
recognition for her service on
the PSC since May of 2014.
Governor Greg Abbott recently
appointed Commissioner
Johnson as the Dallas County
District Attorney, and today
was her last PSC meeting to
serve as a commissioner.

“Commissioner Johnson
has been an invaluable asset
to the Texas Public Safety
Commission, and I know she
will be a steadfast champion
of justice in her new position
as Dallas County District
Attorney,” said PSC Chair
Cynthia Leon.

“Commissioner Johnson is
someone who cares very much
about this state and the people
of Texas, and DPS has been
enormously fortunate to have
her expertise and outstanding

leadership on the Public Safety
Commission,” said Director
McCraw.

The following awards were
presented today:

Robert Bourland, retired
Texas Highway Patrol, received
a Purple Heart Award. In June of
1990, Bourland was patrolling
in Midland County when he
observed a truck tractor semi-
trailer emitting an extreme
amount of black smoke. As a
result, he initiated a traffic
stop during which the tires of
the vehicle became engulfed
in flames. When Bourland re-
approached the vehicle with
his fire extinguisher, the tires
exploded, severely injuring
him. Bourland recovered from
his injuries, returned to duty
and retired as a Captain in the
Motor Vehicle Theft Service
after serving 36 years with DPS.

Kristi Burchett, Texas Highway
Patrol administrative assistant
in Wichita Falls, received a
Lifesaving Award. On July 1,
2016, Burchett was off duty
attending a poolside birthday
party when she spotted a child
in the pool in distress. Burchett
subsequently jumped into the
pool and lifted the child out of
the water to safety.

Margie R. Charles, DPS
Driver License Office customer
service representative in
Spring, received a Certificate
of Commendation. On October
27, 2016, Charles reported an
attempted bribery situation at
the Spring Driver License Office.
As a result of her actions, the
suspect was arrested.

USDA provides \$3.6 billion for electric projects

TEMPLE, TX, October 28,
2016 — Agriculture Secretary
Tom Vilsack today announced
that the U.S. Department of
Agriculture (USDA) is
providing \$3.6 billion in loans
to fund 82 electric projects in
31 states. These loans will
finance infrastructure upgrades,
create jobs and improve system
operations for rural electric
customers nationwide.

“For 80 years, rural electric
utilities have provided reliable
and affordable electricity to
help rural communities increase
productivity and build stronger
economies,” Vilsack said.
“These loans will help them
continue to do that. The utilities
and cooperatives will use some
of the money to finance energy
efficiency projects, renewable
fuel systems and smart grid
technologies to increase
our energy independence
and improve rural electric
infrastructure.”

United Electric Cooperative
Services will use a \$90,480,000
loan to build or improve 834
miles of line, and make other
system improvements. The
loan amount includes \$363,475
for smart grid projects.

Harmon Electric Association
will use a \$13,838,000 loan to
build or improve 534 miles of
line, and make other system
improvements. The loan
amount includes \$32,069
for smart grid projects and
\$3,656,000 for restoration

projects due to storm damage.
“Electric cooperatives
provide a vital service to rural
Texas communities,” said
Paco Valentin, USDA Rural
Development State Director.
“USDA Rural Development is
pleased to assist United Electric
Cooperative Services and
Harmon Electric Association
to improve the efficiency
of essential and affordable
services to rural homeowners,
farms and businesses.”

Today’s announcement is
part of USDA’s celebration of
National Cooperative Month
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Scranton Musical Saturday

The Scranton musical will be held Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the community center. Sis Starr will be the hostess in the kitchen and begins serving at 5 o'clock. Ruby Johnson, emcee, will have a full line up of musicians for your enjoyment. The music starts at 5:30. Hope to see you there!

Stock Show brings 'Prime Time' to Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - January 3, 2017 - Prime Time is quickly coming to town with the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo returning January 13 through February 4. Nothing symbolizes the essence of Cowtown like the Stock Show as the city and region comes together for action-packed rodeo, livestock and horse shows, carnival midway, the hottest music acts and a shopping experience that's second to none.

With roots almost as old as the city itself, the Stock Show dates to 1896 when it was first held on the city's Northside. Today

more than 29,000 animals are entered in what many exhibitors say is the most prestigious event of its kind, held in the heart of the Cultural District at the Will Rogers Memorial Center.

Rodeo is another celebrated Stock Show institution. Thirty-six performances provide ample opportunities for the public to experience the "signature event" that makes Fort Worth the most unique city in Texas. Between the Best of the West Ranch Rodeo, Best of Mexico Celebración, Cowboys of Color Rodeo, Bulls Night Out Extreme Bull Riding, Fort Worth Super Shootout Rodeo and

the legendary World's Original Indoor Rodeo you'll want to return time and again. All promise thrills, spills and good old fashion fun.

Regardless of style or taste, there's something for everyone at the Stock Show. Children and adults alike can enjoy activities, events and exhibits related to livestock, agriculture and the food industry. Hot regional music acts entertain crowds and the carnival midway is a blast not only for kids but the kids at heart. Of course, with approximately 200,000 square feet of shopping, there's something for everyone in the Stock Show's exhibit halls.

So get your tickets for Prime Time today and enjoy a fun-filled western heritage experience. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.fwssr.com. Ordering tickets is also made easy by calling

(817) 877-2420. Get ready for Prime Time - get out to the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

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- January
- Jan 4 - Cross Plains Public Library ASAP, 4 p.m.
 - Jan 12-14 - Callahan County Junior Livestock Show and Rodeo
 - Jan 16 - Monday, Martin Luther King Day. Bank and Post Office closed.
 - Jan 21 - Saturday, Cross Plains Library Book-to-Author Event featuring Bob Hinkle, 5:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church. Make Reservations by January 17th. Call 725-7722.
- February
- Feb 2 - Ground Hog Day
 - Feb 5 - Sunday, Super Bowl
 - Feb 14 - Tuesday, Valentine's Day
 - Feb 20 - Monday, President's Day. Bank and Post Office closed.
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 - Mar 17 - Friday, St. Patrick's Day
- April
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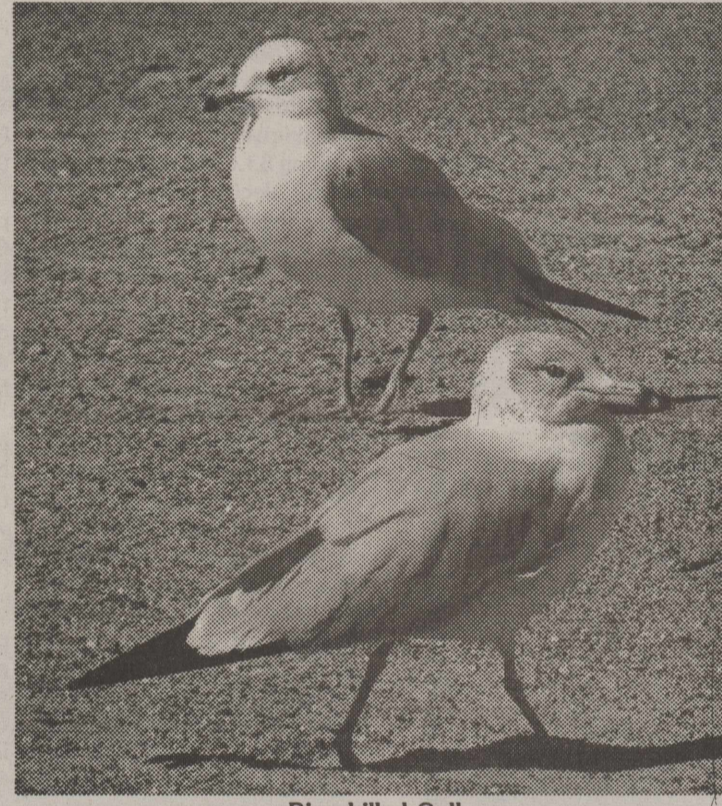
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Ring-billed Gull

There is a game termed "name recognition" that I used to enjoy playing as a youngster. The premise of this game is to have one person say a term, possibly a color, or shape, etc. and then have the other person name the first word that comes to mind. As one would accurately surmise, my favorite topic in this game would involve the animal kingdom. Even today, I appreciate talking to people who are just beginning the journey to become a naturalist and playing this game.

If you say Turkey, others will think of Thanksgiving. If you say roadrunner, others will usually think of the American Southwest. And if you say Gull, chances are the others in the game will think of the ocean. However, there is a species of Gull that surprisingly thrives in this area during the winter months, and that species is the Ring-billed Gull.



Ring-billed Gull (Larus delawarensis)

The Ring-billed Gull (Larus delawarensis) is easily the most recognizable of the eight species of the genus Larus that inhabit Texas at one time or another throughout the year. During the summer months, this species prefers to live in the central areas of Canada. It is a migratory species, and the northernmost populations will occupy the southeastern United States during the colder winter months, including the entire state of Texas.

As previously mentioned, the Ring-billed Gull is very recognizable. In adults, the sides and belly of the body are bright white while the back and upper wings are colored pale gray. The yellow bill has a black ring anteriorly, hence the name ring-billed, and it is the only gull species that exhibits this trait. The eyes are painted a pale yellow color. The tail feathers are usually tipped with black. The webbed feet and scaly legs are yellow. The

plumage in the winter months is akin to the summer plumage, save for the fact that the head is lined with light brown streaks. The body is roughly 19 inches in length while the wingspan approaches four feet.

This intrepid species prefers areas that are near permanent water sources, but it is also a familiar sight at refuse sites such as municipal landfills. Here it will forage throughout the garbage in search for food. It is omnivorous, feeding on both plant and animal matter.

Rarely seen alone, this gregarious species typically lives large flocks that have many fascinating dynamics. The majority of breedings are by monogamous pairings, although polygamous breedings occur occasionally. The nests, while not ever witnessed in Texas, are constructed on the ground with plant and debris materials. The typical nest houses two to four large (2 inches or more) gray eggs that hatch approximately three weeks after hatching. The young are linger near the nest for another month or so and are cared for by both parents.

Population studies have revealed that this species, while being diminished tremendously in the 1800's, has made a remarkable comeback. The latest estimates have this number in the three to four million range. This abundance can be explained by this species' adaptability to thrive near humans, utilizing our water sources and our landfills to satisfy their basic needs.

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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