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Buffaloes on Class 2A Big Country Team - From left to right: James Rhyne, Holden Senclair, Nain Martinez, Tripp Thomas and Creed Goode. Senclair and Thomas also made the All-Big Country "Super Team".

## Tripp Thomas and Holden Senclair Named to All-Big Country Super Team; Other Buffaloes on Class 2A Team

Cross Plains Buffaloes Tripp Thomas and Holden Senclair were named to "All-Big Country Super Team" published this week by the Abilene Reporter News.

Tripp Thomas, Offensive line, 6-4, 220 lbs., Sophomore, blocked at a 96 per cent rate with 85 knockdowns and no sacks allowed.

Holden Senclair, Punter, 6-4, 205 lbs., Senior, dropped eight of his 21 punts inside 20-yard line and averaged 41.8 yards with a long of 64.

Thomas and Senclair were also unanimous picks for the Class 2A All-Big Country Football Team.

Holden Senclair was also named second team defensive back, had 70 tackles, including 59 solos, with two interceptions

to be named his district's co-defensive player of the year.

Other Buffaloes picked for the Class 2A Second Team:

Creed Goode, running back, 6-1, 160 lbs., Junior, Rushed 153 times for 1,329 yards and 19 TDs on his way to earning first-team all district honors.

James Rhyne, offensive line, 5-11, 250 lbs., Junior, Graded at 93 percent with 60 knockdowns and one sack allowed. The center also was 100 percent on snaps.

Nain Martinez, kicker, 5-9, 225 lbs., Senior, was 26 of 31 on PATs and made his only field goal attempt of 30 yards. He also was named first team all-district.

Creed Goode, linebacker, 6-1, 160 lbs., Junior, Finished with 71 tackles, 65 of those

solo stops, with 16 tackles for loss, two sacks, two passes defended, three quarterback hurries and a forced fumble. He was a second-team all-district pick.

Class 2A All-Big Country Football Team Honorable Mention:

Quarterback — Holden Senclair, Senior.

Defensive line — Tripp Thomas, Sophomore; James Rhyne, Junior.

Linebacker — Trent Potter, Sophomore.

Defensive back — Jevon Tillery, Sophomore.



Hannah Crockett came in First Place in the 148 lb. class, lifting a total of 630 lbs.

## Cross Plains Powerlifters Place at Abilene Meet

The Cross Plains High School Powerlifting Team placed well at the Abilene High Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, January 14th.

Girls:  
Hannah Crockett, 148lb Class, Total: 630lb, 1st Place.  
Alexis Mauricio, 114lb Class, Total: 565 lb, 2nd Place.

Shiloh Dodge, 132 lb Class, Total: 510lb, 3rd Place.

Boys:  
Jacob Collier, 220 Class, Total: 1040lb, 4th Place.  
Brian Morales, 181 Class, Total: 880lb, 7th Place.

Everyone did a great job. We are very proud of each student that competed.



Mardi Gras Fundraiser  
Tuesday,  
February 28  
- Mark Your  
Calendar

Save the Date!  
The Cross Plains Senior Center will host its Annual Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 28th.  
A Shrimp and Crawfish Boil is on the menu!!!  
This is a major fundraiser for the Senior Center. Mark your calendar now. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Results and Photos Inside



## Opera House Country Musical this Saturday

The Opera House Country musical show will be Saturday January 21st at 6:00 pm, at the Opera House, located in Anson, Texas.

We will be serving our brisket dinner at 5 pm. The meal is \$6.00 which includes brisket, dessert and drink.

Come and enjoy our great performers!!

For further information call Terra Ortega at 325-338-2184, leave a message.

We Hope to SEE you there!

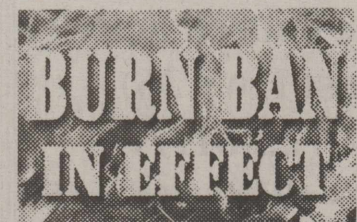
## Cottonwood Country Musical

The Cottonwood Country Musical will be Friday night, January 27, 2017 at the Cottonwood Community Center. The Cottonwood Country Musicals are held the fourth Friday night of each month. We are looking forward to starting the musicals back after our break for the holidays.

Chili, beans and cornbread will be on the menu in the kitchen as well as sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks. The meal will be served at 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The musical begins at 5:30 p.m.

Come out and enjoy the music, food, and friends at the Cottonwood Country Musical. Cottonwood, Texas is located in Callahan County on County Road 444 just off FM 880.

For any additional information, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.



Holden Senclair



Creed Goode

## Holden Senclair and Creed Goode named in Big Country Top Ten

Buffaloes Creed Goode and Holden Senclair were named to the Number 5 spot in this week's Big Country Top Ten.

Creed Goode, Junior, Guard charted a combined 29 points, 22 rebounds, four assists, two steals and two blocks in a loss to May (74-50) and a win over Santa Anna (66-34)—the latter of which saw him score 24.

Holden Senclair, Senior, Forward, finished last week with 50 total points and 19

rebounds, including a monster double-double of 24 points and 13 boards in the Santa Anna win.

The Buffaloes enter this week at 10-9 overall and 3-2 in district.

Big Country Player of the Week and the Big Country Top Ten recognize players outside of Abilene who have done an outstanding job during the previous week's games.

## CrossPlainsISDPublicAnnouncement for Gifted/Talented Referral

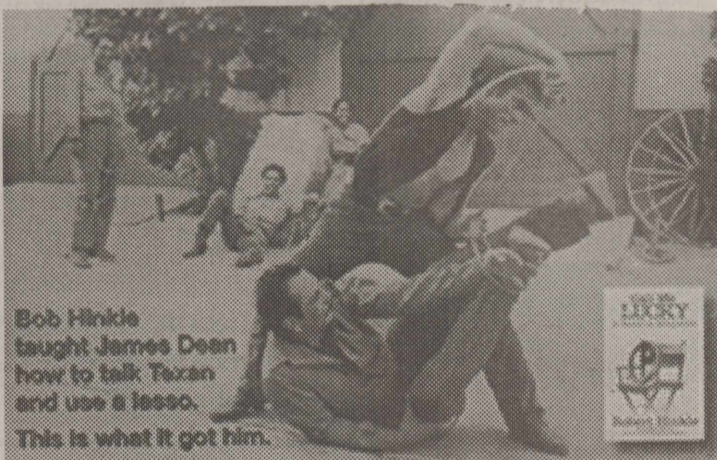
Cross Plains ISD is beginning the referral process for Gifted/Talented (G/T) services for the 2017-2018 school year.

We are committed to providing challenging learning experiences for students with exceptional intellectual and creative thinking abilities.

Anyone wishing to refer a student attending Cross Plains

ISD can pick up or request a copy of the referral form at their school office starting January 9th. This form must be returned to the school by January 27, 2017.

Those unable to go by the school office should call (725-6123) and request a form to be sent to them.



Bob Hinkle taught James Dean how to talk Texan and use a lasso. This is what it got him.

## Talk Texan Bob Hinkle to Speak at Library Fundraiser this Saturday, January 21st How Well Can You Talk Texan?

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a fundraising dinner featuring Bob Hinkle, author of Call Me Lucky - A Texan in Hollywood this Saturday, January 21, 2017 in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. A dinner of pulled pork, coleslaw, beans, condiments, dessert and drinks will be served beginning at 5:30p.m and Hinkle will begin his presentation at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Call the library for reservations - 725-7722.

Hinkle is most famous for teaching Hollywood stars to "talk Texan." In the classic movie Giant, Hinkle coached Rock Hudson, Carroll Baker, Dennis Hopper, Mercedes McCambridge and James Dean to "talk Texan." 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.

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.

In the spirit of the night's theme we will host a contest to pick the best person who can "talk Texan." We are featuring this as a Book-to-Author event, made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Participants may pick up a copy of Hinkle's book at the library. After our dinner, Hinkle will be available to autograph copies of his book. Join us for a fun and entertaining evening!

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### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities  
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM  
Thomas Estes, Pastor  
Gregg 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

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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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**

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Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

Parsonage  
254-725-7694  
Sunday Worship  
10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street

[www.crossplainsfumc.org](http://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.

**John Ward, Interim Pastor**

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### CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street

Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Minister: RICK AUSTIN

**SUNDAY:**

Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.

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

## OBITUARY



### Michael Kelly Roman Thoni

April 21, 2016-January 12, 2017

Our precious Michael only needed a short time to teach us and bless us for eternity with his strength, bravery, sweetness and enduring spirit. We are forever grateful and blessed to have had him on loan from heaven.

Michael is survived by his parents, David and Ginger Thoni (Kelley), twin sister Cora, and sisters Claire, Emma, Ellen and Maggie Thoni, grandparents Paula Kelley and the late Mike Kelley, Deana Adams and Albert Thoni and a loving extended family.

We miss you so much already sweet boy and we love, love, love you!

In lieu of flowers and in memory of Michael the family asks that you consider a donation to Visitation Hospital, which lovingly reaches children in most need of medical care, visitationhospital.org.

## Death Notices

### Jo Anna Kinsey

Jo Anna Kinsey, age 80, of Rising Star, TX, passed away in Rising Star on Friday, January 13, 2017.

Graveside Services will be held at 2:00 PM, Monday, January 16, 2017 at Romney Cemetery in Eastland County, Texas with Terry Jackson officiating. The family will have a time of visitation from 10:00 - Noon, before the Graveside Service at The Church of Christ in Rising Star, Texas.

### Cross Plains Community Calendar

~ January ~

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.  
Feb 28 - Tuesday, Mardi Gras Celebration Fundraiser, Cross Plains Senior Center.

### Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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## Cross Plains' 2017 retail sales higher than 2016

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2017 are just over seven percent higher than 2016, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, January 11th.

Cross Plains' 2017 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$19,164.81, which is 7.74 percent higher than the \$17,787.51 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2016.

The payment to the city for January 2017 was the same amount as the yearly total.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today, Wednesday, January 11th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$647.4 million in local sales tax allocations for January, 4.9 percent more than in January 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio continue to see significant increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston and Sugar Land saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations."

Hegar sent Texas cities \$421.4 million in January 2017, which is higher by 4.8 percent compared to January 2016 and higher by 4.8 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$38.5 million in January 2017 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 3.0 percent compared to January 2016 and higher by 3.0 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$146.5 million in January 2017 sales tax allocations, which is 3.6 percent higher than January 2016 and higher by 3.6 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$41.0 million in January 2017 allocations, which is 12.3 percent higher than January 2016 and higher by 12.3 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$647.4 million in January 2017, which is 4.9 percent higher than January 2016 and higher 4.9 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent

### CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2016	2017
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$17,787.51	\$19,164.81
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$17,787.51	\$19,164.81

monthly sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly.

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

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

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2017 started the year 9.62 percent lower than the 2016 payments. The city has received \$18,376.17 in 2017, while the 2016 tax payments to the city totaled \$20,332.67.

Baird's monthly payment for January 2017 was the same amount as the yearly total.

—The 2017 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 6.67 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2016. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$45,439.00 in 2017. The 2016 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$48,688.37.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for January 2017 was the same amount as the yearly total.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2017 payments to the town totaled \$819.62, which is higher by 68.61 percent from the 2016 payments to the city in the amount of \$486.09.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of January 2017 was the same amount as the yearly

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Senior Citizens Center Activities

**Jan. 23rd -Jan. 27th**

**Monday-23th** Exercise 11:00/Sing and Play Along 6:00 pm  
**Tuesday-24th** Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15/Interim Hospice  
**Wednesday-25th** Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check by Kindred at Home of Eastland  
**Thursday-26th** Exercise 11:00/Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:25  
**Friday-28th** Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15 Cisco Nursing Home

### SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

**Jan. 23rd - Jan. 27th**

**Monday 23rd**-Swiss Steak, **Thursday 26th** -Baked Noodles, Spring Vegetable Chicken, Baked potatoes, Mix, Bread, Dessert Green Beans, Bread, Dessert  
**Tuesday 24th**- Chicken Tenders, Potatoes with Gravy, Corn, Bread, Dessert  
**Friday 27th**-Cheese Burger with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle, Oven Fries, Dessert  
**Wednesday 25th**-Tuna Salad, with Lettuce & Tomato & Cheese, Pinto Beans, Chips, Fruit Cookie

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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# Cross Plains Elementary Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

## "A" HONOR ROLL

1ST GRADE  
TYLER BOGUE  
TRISTAN CALLAWAY  
HARPER DILLARD  
JENSEN HULL  
HANNAH JOHNSON  
HAYLEE JOHNSON  
RYLEN REED  
PEYTON WHISENHUNT

2ND GRADE  
VIRGINIA ALLEN  
VICTORIA BRADLEY  
HAYLEE GREGORY  
ABBY JONES  
ANSON LONG  
MAJOR MCCREARY  
CLAIRE MOSES  
MCKENNA PODLEVSKY  
LANGLY POTTER  
KYNDALL PURVIS  
DELANEE VASQUEZ  
JEFFERY YATES

3RD GRADE  
ALAYNA CHANCE  
ADDISON DALIEGE  
JOSUE DOMINGUEZ  
CULLEN ELLIS  
TRACE JOHNSON  
DANIEL MAURICIO  
JACI MCDANIEL  
GRACIE STRICKLAND

4TH GRADE  
GRAYDON ALBRECHT  
STRYKER DILLARD  
RHIANNA LEE  
KADE PURVIS  
RYDER REED

5TH GRADE  
THERON ALBRECHT  
REYA DEAN  
HARMONY GOBLE  
ABIGAIL MAURICIO  
ASHER MOSES  
DUSTY WYATT

6TH GRADE  
JACOB BELL  
SARA BIEN  
ZANE FLEMING  
LOGAN MCDANIEL  
HANNAH MCKINNEY  
RYAN REED  
ABBIGALE SHEPARD

## "AB" HONOR ROLL

1ST GRADE  
KINSLEY BILBREY  
EMILY BISBEE  
MASON GILLIAM  
VANCE HUTTON  
KAMBRI POTTER  
KUTTER REED  
STRYKER RUTLAND  
LANDRY SAVELL  
DYLAN STRICKLAND  
TRAVIS SUTTON  
J T WOOTEN

2ND GRADE  
ZACHARIAH CHANCE  
ISAIAH CODY  
JUSTIN GONSTAN  
ALEX CUMBEE  
SAMUEL ELKINS  
KEVIN HOPKINS  
HANNAH MARR  
JAYDEN PHILLIPS  
KAILEY RIVAS

3RD GRADE  
ALIVIA ALLISON  
BRANDAN JONES  
BROOKLYNN LACKEY  
AVERY SWITZER

4TH GRADE  
KADIE CAROUTH  
KATELYN GREGORY  
MADISON PIRTLE  
CHASE RUTLAND  
KATIE SUTTON

5TH GRADE  
COLTYN BARRON  
JAEDEN BOX  
GAGE FORTUNE  
SHYLA LEWIS  
ADDISON LONG  
HALLE NEWSOM  
CADENCE NICKERSON  
ALEX PARKER

6TH GRADE  
TERESTA BARNETT  
LIVIA BUSBY  
JODY COLLIER  
KATIE GOAINS  
JACOBY GILLIAM  
KALIE JENNINGS  
HAILEY MAURICIO  
DAVID MENDIETA, JR  
NOAH MOSES  
SARAH SANCHEZ  
JOCELYN SMOOT  
GARRETT TRAWEEK  
LUPITA VASQUEZ-MORALES

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Weekly Specials

Family Sandwich  
Special  
4 Chopped Sandwiches  
4 Chips 1 gallon unsweet Tea  
\$25.00 + tax

• **Monday**- All you can eat Beans & Cornbread \$4.00 + tax

• **Tuesday**-Senior Plate, 1/4 Meat, 2 sides, bread, peach cobbler \$6.00 + tax

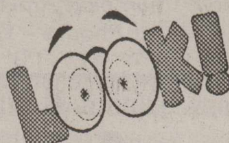
• **Wednesday**-Pulled Pork Sandwich \$2.00 + tax

• **Thursday** -Loaded Baked Potatoes, choice of meat, w/ all the fixins \$6.00 + tax

• **Friday**- Loaded Buritto choice of meat \$6.00 + tax

• **Saturday**- Chicken Leg Quarter, 2 sides, bread \$6.00 + tax

2-3 LB Meat  
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2 Pint Sides, Bread  
1 Gallon Unsweet Tea



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CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. WEEKLY MENU January 23-27, 2017					
BR	MONDAY 23	TUESDAY 24	WEDNESDAY 25	THURSDAY 26	FRIDAY 27
A	Pancakes	Breakfast Pizza	Biscuit	Sausage Kolache	Breakfast Round
K	Sausage	Cereal	Scrambled eggs	Yogurt	Cheese stick
F	Cereal	100% fruit juice	Sausage	Cereal	Cereal
A	100% fruit juice	Fruit	Cereal	100% fruit juice	100% fruit juice
S	Fruit	Milk variety	100% fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
T	Milk variety		Milk variety	Milk variety	Milk variety
L	French Bread Pizza	Steak fingers w/gravy	Chicken Quesadilla	Teriyaki Beef	Popcorn chicken
U	Garden salad	Roll	Black Beans	Sliders	Roll
N	California Blend	Mashed potatoes	Salsa	Baked Chips	Oven fries
C	Vegetables	Carrot coins	Garden salad	Broccoli	Cucumber dippers
H	Sliced peaches	Cinnamon applesauce	Strawberries & bananas	Tiny Tomato Cup	Pears
	Pudding	Milk variety	Milk variety	Orange smiles	Cookie
	Milk variety			Milk variety	Milk variety

## Junior High and High School Basketball Schedule

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.

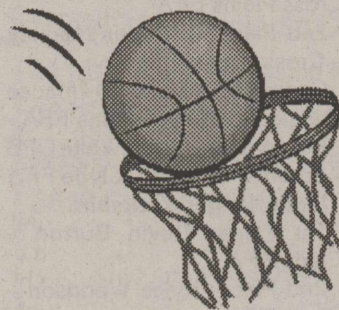
January 20, Friday - Junior Varsity Boys play in the Zephyr Tournament.

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.

CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
700 NORTH MAIN STREET  
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS 76443

NOTICE OF MEETING--BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on January 18, 2017, beginning at 9:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING  
January 18, 2017 (9:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Open Forum  
New Business  
Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting  
Review Bills/Finance Report  
Approve Board Training Hours Report  
Consider Accepting FEMA Grant for New Tornado Shelter/Elementary Gym  
Approve Safe and Effective School Report for 2015-16  
Call for School Board Election - May 6, 2017  
Consider Joint Election with the City of Cross Plains  
Consider the Following Election Decisions:  
Location of Polling Place - Cross Plains Community Center  
Election Judge - John Swift  
Early Voting Clerk - Debbie Gosnell  
Early Voting Place - Cross Plains City Hall  
Personnel  
Perform Superintendent's Annual Appraisal  
Consider Extending Superintendent's Contract  
Superintendent's Report  
Electricity Pricing  
Elementary Principal, High School Principal, and Athletic Director  
Contracts in February  
Enrollment (ADA)  
New Board Member Sign-up (January 18 - February 17)  
Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on January 12, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

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## What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



Kids will enjoy "Escape from Memory" by Margaret Peterson Haddix. In this story, Kira and two of her friends decide to play around with hypnotism at a sleepover. Expecting Kira to reveal her junior high crush, her friends are amazed when she instead remembers fleeing a war-torn country with her mother. While hypnotized, Kira speaks a language the girls can't identify. A few days later her mother disappears and woman who calls herself Kira's aunt Memory takes Kira to Crythe, a country that doesn't officially exist. Aunt Memory tells Kira they are going to Crythe to rescue her mother.

Kira soon learns that Aunt Memory is not what she seems, and Kira and her mother are both in terrible danger. Memories that are locked in Kira's mind could get her and her mother killed. But those memories are also the only things that might save them. The story takes many twists and turns and keeps the reader interested in what might happen next.

Margaret Haddix is a young adult author that writes primarily suspenseful adventure stories, bordering on sci-fi. Most of her books are well suited for boys and girls ages 10 and up.

## Cross Plains Public Library News

### New Books

*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead  
*Catalyst (Star Wars): A Rogue One Novel* by James Luceno  
*Barbie Developer: Ruth Handler* by Lee Slater

### Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm  
Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm  
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Closed Friday

January 9-12, 2017

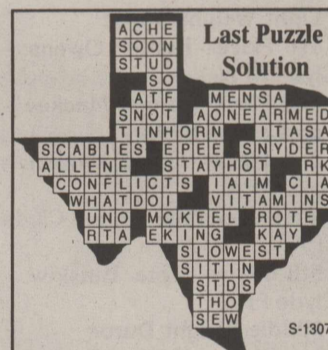
Patrons 84  
Books Checked 151  
Copies 271  
Internet 8  
Wi Fi 5  
Library Laptops 1  
Reference 11

### Books & Miscellaneous Donations

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Ginny Hoskins

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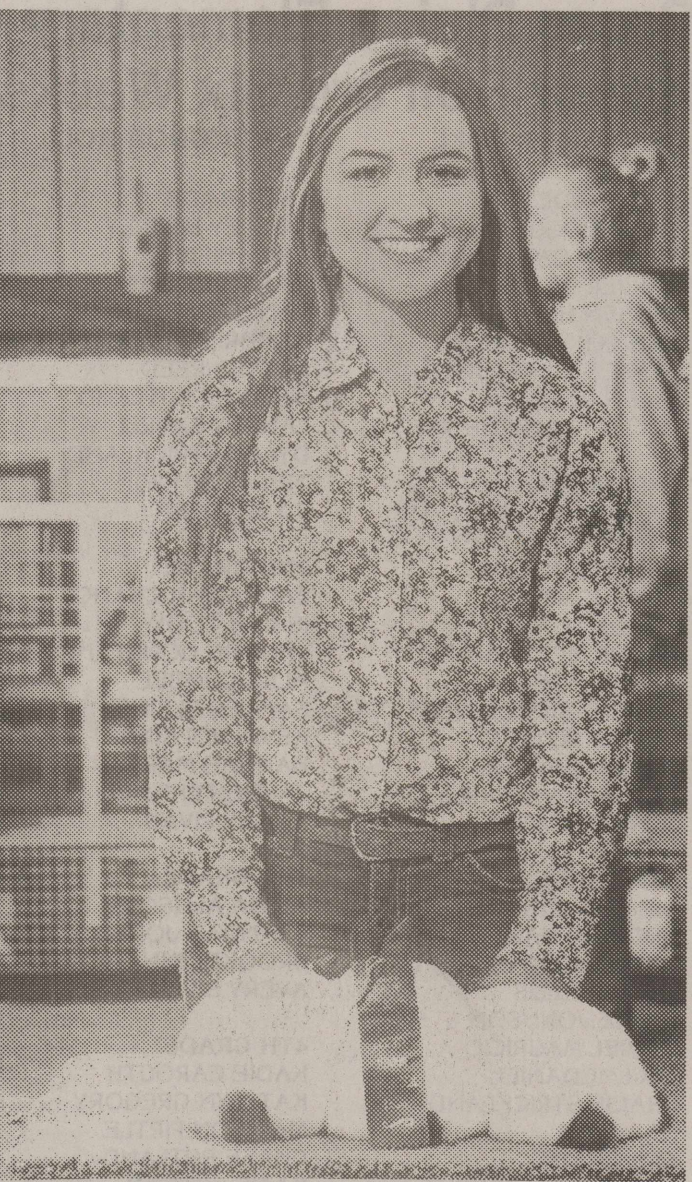
# 2017 Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show January 12th-14th Cross Plains, Texas

**Rabbits**  
 Jr. Showmanship - Casen Gibbs - Eula 4-H  
 Sr. Showmanship - Philip Saunders - Clyde 4-H  
**Breeding Rabbits Colored Bucks**  
 1st Place- Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 2nd Place- Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 3rd Place- Mikayla Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 4th Place- Mikayla Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 5th Place- Kutter Davis - Baird FFA  
**White Bucks**  
 1st Place- Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 2nd Place- Mikayla Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 3rd Place- Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 Champion Buck - Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Buck - Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
**Colored Does**  
 1st Place- Kutter Davis - Baird FFA  
 2nd Place- Kaitlyn Saunders - Clyde 4-H  
 3rd Place- Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 4th Place- Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 5th Place- Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
**White Does**  
 1st Place- Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 2nd Place- Philip Saunders - Clyde 4-H  
 3rd Place- Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 4th Place- Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 5th Place- Taryn Hudspeth - Clyde FFA  
 Champion Doe - Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Doe - Kutter Davis - Baird FFA  
**Market Rabbits**  
**Fryer Pen**  
 1st Place- Hannah Cowen - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Mackenzie Byrd - Cross Plains FFA  
 3rd Place- Kutter Davis - Baird FFA  
 4th Place- Cason Gibbs - Eula 4-H  
 5th Place- Alaina Potter - Cross Plains FFA  
 Champion Fryer Pen - Hannah Cowen - Cross Plains FFA  
 Reserve Champion Fryer Pen - Mackenzie Byrd - Cross Plains FFA  
**Broilers**  
 Jr. Showmanship- Bentley Hall - Cross Plains 4-H  
 Sr. Showmanship - Payton Cauble - Baird FFA  
**Pen of Three**  
 1st Place- Jack Farmer - Eula 4-H  
 2nd Place- Mattox Cauble - Baird FFA  
 3rd Place- Jack Farmer - Eula 4-H  
 4th Place- Tate Rhoads - Baird FFA  
 5th Place- Payton Cauble - Baird FFA  
 Champion Broiler - Jack Farmer - Eula 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Broiler - Mattox Cauble - Baird FFA  
**Swine**  
 Jr. Showmanship- Tyler Mackey - Cross Plains FFA  
 Sr. Showmanship- Blake Riley - Clyde FFA  
**Lt. BOPB Gilts**  
 1st Place- Trae Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 2nd Place- Andie Kent - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Forrest, Griffin - Clyde FFA  
**Heavy BOPB Gilts**  
 1st Place- Emma Kent - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Andie Kent - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place- Dillon Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 Champion BOPB Breeding Gilt- Trae Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 Reserve BOPB Breeding Gilt- Andie Kent - Clyde FFA  
**Duroc Gilts**  
 1st Place- Dillon Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 2nd Place- Tyler Mackey - Cross Plains FFA  
 3rd Place- Emma Kent - Clyde FFA  
 Champion Duroc Breeding Gilt- Dillon Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 Reserve Duroc Breeding Gilt- Tyler Mackey - Cross Plains FFA  
**Lt. Hamp Gilts**  
 1st Place- Theron Albrecht - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Grayden Albrecht - Cross Plains FFA  
 3rd Place- Grant Vinson - Baird FFA

**Heavy Hamp Gilts**  
 1st Place- Trae Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 Champion Hamp Breeding Gilt- Trae Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 Reserve Hamp Breeding Gilt- Theron Albrecht - Cross Plains FFA  
**WOPB Gilts**  
 1st Place- Dillon Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 Champion WOPB Breeding Gilt- Dillon Earles - Clyde 4-H  
**York Gilts**  
 1st Place- Devin Burton - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Trae Earles - Clyde 4-H  
 Champion York Breeding Gilt- Devin Burton - Clyde FFA  
 Reserve York Breeding Gilt- Trae Earles - Clyde 4-H  
**Lt. Cross Gilts**  
 1st Place- Megan Scott - Eula FFA  
 2nd Place- Trent Tollett - Cross Plains FFA  
 3rd Place - Jack Farmer - Eula 4-H  
 4th Place - Hayden Owens - Clyde FFA  
**Heavy Cross Gilts**  
 1st Place- Reagan Nichols - Cross Plains FFA  
 Champion Cross Breeding Gilt- Megan Scott - Eula FFA  
 Reserve Cross Breeding Gilt- Reagan Nichols - Cross Plains FFA  
 Grand Champion Breeding Gilt - Devin Burton - Clyde FFA  
 Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt - Trae Earles - Clyde 4-H  
**Market Swine**  
**Light Weight Black OPB**  
 1st Place- Brooke Widener - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Brooke Widener - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Jack Farmer - Eula 4-H  
 4th Place - Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 5th Place - Tanner Mackey - Cross Plains FFA  
**Heavy Weight Black OPB**  
 1st Place- Larson Walker - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Devin Burton - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Cameron Lindsey - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Macee Steigler - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place - Ryan Reed - Cross Plains FFA  
 Champion Black OPB - Brooke Widener - Clyde FFA  
 Reserve Champion Black OPB - Larson Walker - Cross Plains FFA  
**Light Weight Duroc**  
 1st Place- Hunter Owens - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Tanner Mackey - Cross Plains FFA  
 3rd Place- Grant Vinson - Baird FFA  
 4th Place- Jake Stone - Clyde FFA  
 5th Place- Tara Kinslow - Clyde FFA  
**Middle Weight Duroc**  
 1st Place- Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 2nd Place- Hunter Rogers - Baird FFA  
 3rd Place- Jadelynn Gray - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place- Ryder Reed - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place- Kody Lindsey - Clyde FFA  
**Heavy Weight Duroc**  
 1st Place- Dylan Neuman - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Kailey Isenhower - Baird FFA  
 3rd Place- Lexie Thompson - Cross Plains FFA  
 4th Place- Lexie Thompson - Cross Plains FFA  
 Champion Duroc - Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Duroc - Dylan Neuman - Clyde FFA  
**Light Weight Hampshire**  
 1st Place- Brooke Widener - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Jacob Doerschuk - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Cameron Wilson - Baird FFA  
 4th Place - Carson Guidry - Clyde FFA  
 5th Place - Tanner Mackey - Cross Plains FFA  
**Middle Weight Hampshire**  
 1st Place- Jack Farmer - Eula 4-H  
 2nd Place- Rode Chapman - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Rode Chapman - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Keegan Tillery - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place - Jaseton Atkinson - Clyde FFA  
**Heavy Weight Hampshire**  
 1st Place- Blake Riley - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Lacy Isenhower -

Baird FFA  
 3rd Place - Shaden Gray - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Ryan Reed - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place - Carson Guidry - Clyde FFA  
 Champion Hampshire - Brooke Widener - Clyde FFA  
 Reserve Champion Hampshire - Blake Riley - Clyde FFA  
**Light Weight White OPB**  
 1st Place- Laramie Hodges - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Bellami Sasin - Eula 4-H  
**Heavy Weight White OPB**  
 1st Place- Macee Steigler - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Trampas Mackey - Cross Plains FFA  
 Champion White OPB - Macee Steigler - Cross Plains FFA  
 Reserve Champion White OPB - Laramie Hodges - Clyde FFA  
**Light Weight Yorkshire**  
 1st Place- Devin Burton - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Kylee Woodson - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Brooke Widener - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Theron Allen - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place - Bellami Sasin - Eula 4-H  
**Heavy Weight Yorkshire**  
 1st Place- Blake Riley - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Hunter Rogers - Baird FFA  
 3rd Place - Jack Farmer - Eula 4-H  
 4th Place - Riley Rice - Clyde FFA  
 5th Place - Bellami Sasin - Eula 4-H  
 Champion Yorkshire - Devin Burton - Clyde FFA  
 Reserve Champion Yorkshire - Blake Riley - Clyde FFA  
**Light Weight Cross**  
 1st Place- Jadelynn Gray - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Laramie Dement - Eula FFA  
 3rd Place - Cameron Wilson - Baird FFA  
 4th Place - Calence Coats - Clyde FFA  
 5th Place - Rylan Rogers - Baird FFA  
**Heavy Light Cross**  
 1st Place- Keegan Tillery - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Jadelynn Gray - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Maranda Chappell - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Laura Guererro - Eula FFA  
 5th Place - Hayden Owens - Clyde FFA  
**Middle Weight Cross**  
 1st Place- Shaden Gray - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Dylan Neuman - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Jadelynn Gray - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Jake Stone - Clyde FFA  
 5th Place - Bryli Whitley - Clyde FFA  
**Lt. Heavy Weight Cross**  
 1st Place- Cameron Wilson - Baird FFA  
 2nd Place- Brooke Widener - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Shaden Gray - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Bellami Sasin - Eula 4-H  
 5th Place - Jake Stone - Clyde FFA  
**Heavy Weight Cross**  
 1st Place- Rylan Rogers - Baird FFA  
 2nd Place- Blake Riley - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Mason Woodson - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Baylee White - Clyde FFA  
 5th Place - Weston Isenhower - Baird FFA  
 Champion Cross - Cameron Wilson - Baird FFA  
 Reserve Champion Cross - Shaden Gray - Clyde FFA  
 Grand Champion Market Swine - Cameron Wilson - Baird FFA  
 Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine - Shaden Wilson - Clyde FFA  
**Market Lamb**  
 Jr. Showmanship- Kade Purvis - Cross Plains FFA  
 Sr. Showmanship- Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
**Finewool**  
 1st Place- Kade Purvis - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Kyndall Purvis - Cross Plains FFA  
 Champion Finewool - Kade Purvis - Cross Plains FFA  
 Reserve Champion Finewool - Kyndall Purvis - Cross Plains FFA  
**Finewool Cross**  
 1st Place- Kade Purvis - Cross

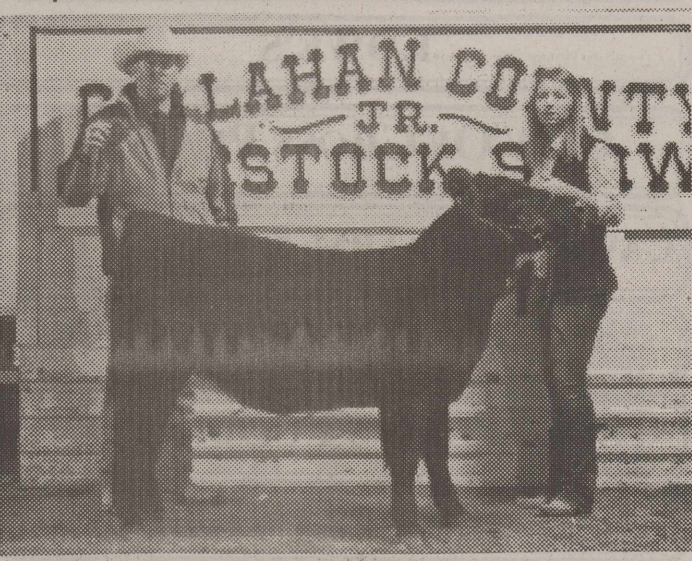
Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Chance Moser - Clyde FFA  
 Champion Finewool Cross - Kade Purvis - Cross Plains FFA  
 Reserve Champion Finewool Cross - Chance Moser - Clyde FFA  
**Light Weight Southdown**  
 1st Place- Addison Daliege - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Caden Winters - Clyde 4-H  
 3rd Place - Addison Daliege - Cross Plains FFA  
 4th Place- Josh Ward - Baird FFA  
**Heavy Weight Southdown**  
 1st Place- Mikayla Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 2nd Place- Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 3rd Place - Sean Clifton - Clyde FFA  
 Champion Southdown - Mikayla Kinslow - Clyde 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Southdown - Addison Daliege - Cross Plains FFA  
**Light Weight Medium Wool**  
 1st Place- Garrett Traweck - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Sean Clifton - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place- Taryn Hudspeth - Clyde FFA  
 Champion Medium Wool - Garrett Traweck - Cross Plains FFA  
 Reserve Champion Medium Wool - Sean Clifton - Clyde FFA  
 Grand Champion Market Lamb- Kade Purvis - Cross Plains FFA  
 Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb- Kade Purvis - Cross Plains FFA  
**Goats**  
 Jr. Showmanship- Cody McWilliams - Cross Plains FFA  
 Sr. Showmanship- Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
**Breeding Goats**  
**Jr. Breeding Boer Goats**  
 1st Place- Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Kersey Wyatt - Cross Plains FFA  
 3rd Place- Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
 5th Place- Kaitlyn Payne - Clyde 4-H  
**Sr. Breeding Boer Goats**  
 1st Place- Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
 2nd Place- Kersey Wyatt - Cross Plains FFA  
 3rd Place- Kersey Wyatt - Cross Plains FFA  
 4th Place- Kersey Wyatt - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place- Trampas Mackey - Cross Plains 4-H  
 Champion Breeding Boer Goat - Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
 Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Goat - Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
**Meat Goat**  
**Class 1**  
 1st Place- Ashlynn Vogler - Eula 4-H  
 2nd Place- Dusty Wyatt - Cross Plains FFA  
 3rd Place - Gatlin Granger - Clyde FFA  
 4th Place - Sydnee Leverich - Clyde FFA  
 5th Place - Austin Adkins - Baird FFA  
**Class 2**  
 1st Place- Taylor Wyatt - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Shelby Ayers - Eula FFA  
 3rd Place - Cherish Wyatt - Cross Plains FFA  
 4th Place - Ketch Thomas - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place - Kilynn Winters - Clyde FFA  
**Class 3**  
 1st Place- Cody McWilliams - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Garrison Jones - Eula FFA  
 3rd Place - Chase Rutland - Cross Plains 4-H  
 4th Place - Delainey Massey - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place - Makayla Massey - Cross Plains FFA  
**Class 4**  
 1st Place- Ashlynn Vogler - Eula 4-H  
 2nd Place- Ashlynn Vogler - Eula 4-H  
 3rd Place- Makenna Podlevsky - Cross Plains 4-H  
 4th Place - Rylee Hawthorne - Baird FFA  
 5th Place - Avery Switzer - Cross Plains FFA  
**Class 5**  
 1st Place- Kersey Wyatt - Cross Plains FFA  
 2nd Place- Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
 3rd Place - Avery Switzer - Cross Plains FFA



Champion Fryer Pen-Hanna Cowen, Cross Plains FFA



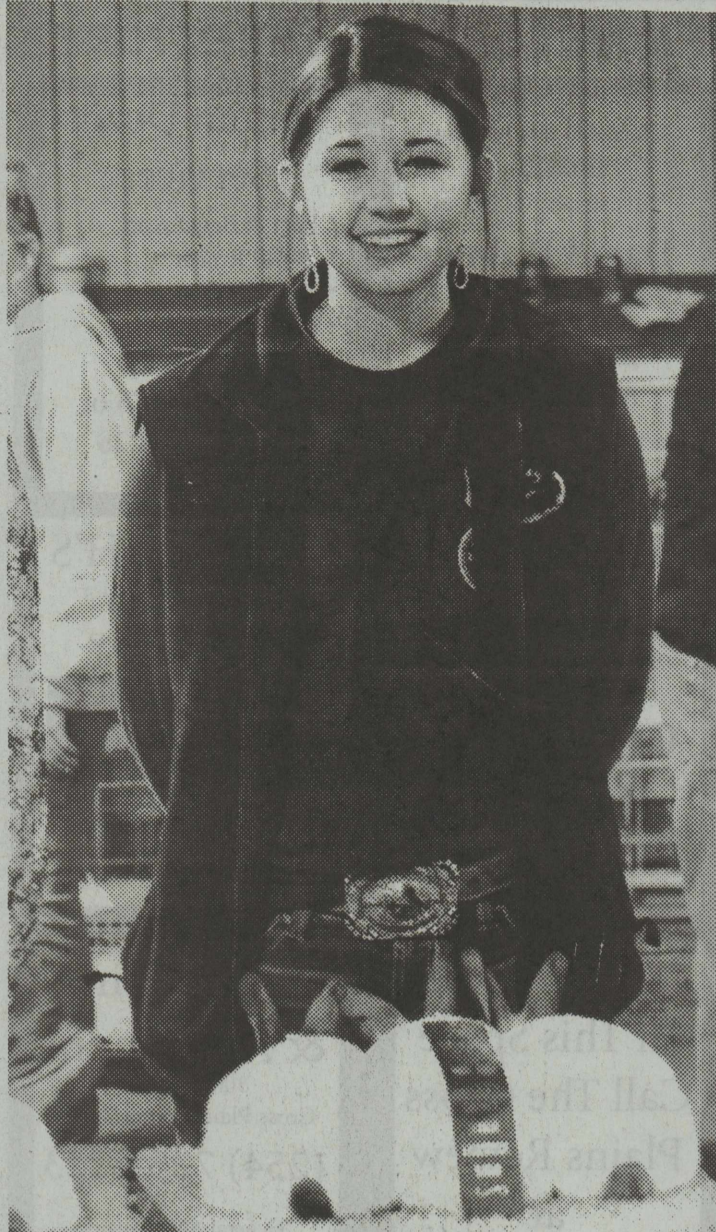
Grand Champion Market Lamb and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb - Kade Purvis, Cross Plains FFA



Grand Champion Heifer - McKenzie Byrd, Cross Plains FFA

4th Place - Cayla Barron - Cross Plains FFA  
 5th Place - Rylee Hawthorne - Baird FFA  
**Class 6**  
 1st Place- Ashlynn Vogler - Eula 4-H  
 2nd Place- Jayden Shank - Cross Plains 4-H  
 3rd Place- Jayden Shank - Cross Plains 4-H  
 4th Place- Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
 5th Place- Lorelai Row - Clyde FFA  
 Grand Champion Market Goat - Ashlynn Vogler - Eula 4-H  
 Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat- Ashlynn Vogler - Eula 4-H  
**Beef Cattle**  
 Jr. Showmanship- Case Rhodes - Clyde FFA  
 Sr. Showmanship- McKenzie Byrd - Cross Plains FFA  
**Heifers**  
**Class 1 English Heifers**  
 1st Place- Maddox Cauble - Baird FFA  
 2nd Place- Virginia Allen - Cross Plains 4-H  
**Class 2 English Heifers**  
 1st Place- Alaina Potter - Cross Plains FFA  
**Class 3 English Heifers**  
 1st Place- Ryli Hollis - Baird 4-H  
 Champion English Heifer - Ryli Hollis - Baird 4-H  
 Reserve English Champion Heifer - Alaina Potter - Cross Plains FFA





Mackenzie Byrd-Cross Plains FFA

### Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

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- Class 1 English**  
1st Place- Danica Day - Eula 4-H  
2nd Place- Grace Goode - Cross Plains FFA
- Class 2 English**  
1st Place- Kiley Morgan - Cross Plains FFA  
2nd Place- Casey Heatley - Clyde FFA  
3rd Place - Creed Goode - Cross Plains FFA
- Class 3 English**  
1st Place- Kinnia Black - Clyde FFA  
2nd Place- Alicia Black - Clyde FFA
- Class 4 English**  
1st Place- Alicia Black - Clyde FFA  
2nd Place- Kinnia Black - Clyde FFA  
3rd Place- Blane Pack - Eula 4-H
- Class 5 English**  
1st Place- Kinlee Mathews - Cross Plains FFA

- Champion English Steer - Kinnia Black - Clyde FFA  
Reserve Champion English Steer - Alicia Black - Clyde FFA
- Class 1 European Steers**  
1st Place- Casey Heatley - Clyde FFA  
2nd Place- Case Rhodes - Clyde FFA
- Class 2 European Steers**  
1st Place- Jessica Akers - Clyde FFA
- Class 3 European Steers**  
1st Place- Brayli Collins - Eula 4-H  
2nd Place- Brayli Collins - Eula 4-H
- Champion European Steer - Casey Heatley - Clyde FFA  
Reserve Champion European Steer - Case Rhodes - Clyde FFA
- Grand Champion Market Steer - Kinnia Black - Clyde FFA  
Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer - Casey Heatley - Clyde FFA

## ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

### HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2017, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2016, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the taxes collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

### DISABLED PERSONS

Person who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemption on their residential homestead. Disable applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below).

### PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE-EXEMPTIONS AND DEFERRAL

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2016 or will be 65 during 2017. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their county.

Over-65 person are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

### DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. In certain situations where the disabled vet is 100% disabled and unemployable, their homestead can be completely exempt. An annual reapplication for the 100% exemptions may be required by the Chief Appraiser.

### FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

### EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or

through the State <http://www.windowns.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html>.

### BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filing, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. Deadline-April 15. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request.

### Callahan County Business reminded to render taxable property by April 15th

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Callahan County Appraisal District by April 15th, 2017.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property a person owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. Tax laws require all businesses to pay property tax based on the value of the assets used in the business to generate income. These assets include inventory, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment and vehicles. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or agriculture producers' equipment used for farming, unless specifically requested from the Chief Appraiser. By April 15th of each year, business owners must provide the appraisal district with a listing of those assets. Your business should have received a Confidential Business Personal Rendition from the appraisal district. If you have not received this form please call at 325/854-5865. If you own multiple business locations, you will need to complete the rendition form for each location.

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may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values as well as field inspections of businesses. You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the district of significant depreciation of your property. For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood, or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2017.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2017. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all a 10 percent penalty will be imposed, if a fraudulent rendition is filing, a 50 percent penalty is mandated. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request for an extension with the chief appraiser on or before April 15, 2017 to receive an automatic extension to May 15th or the next business day if it falls on a holiday or weekend.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Callahan County Appraisal District, 132 W. 4th St., Baird, TX 79504 or by phone at 325/854-5865.

### AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Taxpayers may receive certain notices required by law from the local appraisal district in electronic format. Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district to receive a form requesting electronic communication and how that communication should be transmitted.

This is a public service announcement by Callahan County Appraisal District, 132 W. 4th, Baird, Texas, 79504.

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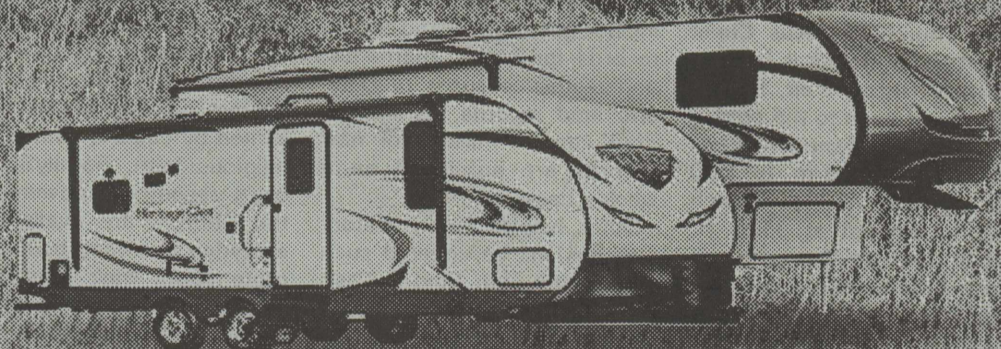
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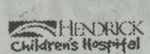
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## The Texas History Minute

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### Sul Ross: Educator, Solider & Governor

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As a child, his father was often in battle against frontier Native American tribes. These experiences, coupled with the kidnapping of an uncle by one tribe, led Ross to develop a great deal of animosity against the tribes. When he came of age, he served with the army in raids on the Comanches, even briefly leaving college to fight. He graduated from Wesleyan College in Alabama in 1859 and joined the Texas Rangers in 1860, engaging in numerous battles against the tribes in the Young County area and northwest toward the Pease River.

He entered the Confederate army when the Civil War began. He became a colonel with the 6th Texas Cavalry and participated in the bloody Confederate losses at Pea Ridge, Arkansas, and Corinth, Mississippi. In 1864, he was promoted to general, and at age 26, was one of the youngest in the Confederacy.

He returned to Texas in 1865 and rebounded from the war. He expanded his property holdings and was elected sheriff of McLennan County in 1873. As Reconstruction came to an end, he was elected as a delegate to the state constitutional convention that drafted the 1876 constitution the state still uses.

In 1880, he was drafted to run for state senate. The county Democratic convention could not agree between two candidates and chose Ross as a compromise. Ross reluctantly accepted and won in a landslide.

As early as 1884, newspapers began calling for Ross to run for governor. In 1886, he threw his hat into the ring and won

the election with a resounding 73% of the vote. In 1888, he presided over the dedication of the new State Capitol building, rebuilt after its destruction in an 1881 fire. He pushed the legislature to fund a new state orphanage and a Confederate veterans nursing home. He ran a comfortable budget surplus for Texas. Republicans did not nominate a candidate in 1888, and Ross was re-elected easily, defeating the Prohibition Party candidate.

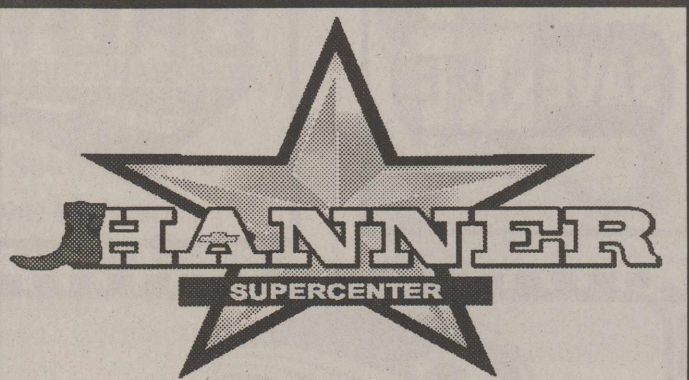
As his term was winding down, he was chosen to be the third president of what is now Texas A&M University. The college had struggled since its founding in 1876. He raised student fees in order to construct a new cafeteria and a new dorm (named Ross Hall). He expanded the curriculum and began allowing women to attend the college (though only the daughters of professors). Enrollment rose dramatically and the school's money problems soon vanished. The university band was formed and the first football teams were organized. Students also began

publishing their own newspaper and yearbook under Ross.

In 1894, he was offered a seat on the Railroad Commission, but he declined in order to continue serving as president of the college. Ross was a popular figure on campus, and students developed a great deal of loyalty toward him. However, he died suddenly at the age of 59 in 1898. University students accompanied Ross's body to Waco where the funeral was held.

In 1917, the state established Sul Ross State Normal College in Alpine in his memory. Nearly three thousand students now attend Sul Ross State University. Ross's influence continued to be felt at Texas A&M. A street on campus was later named in his honor. A statue of Ross was placed on the Texas A&M campus in 1918. Students to this day often place pennies at the feet of the statue for good luck on their exams.

Dr. Ken Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges@gmail.com.



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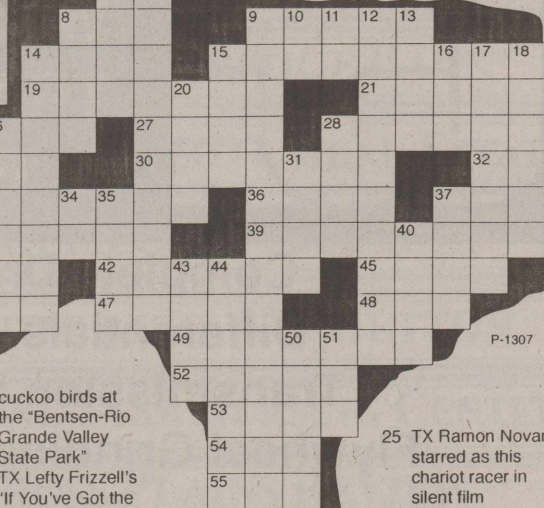
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- 1 TX Don Henley co-wrote 1979 song "Heart Tonight"
- 5 "S" of ASAP
- 6 stallion
- 7 part of the state song: "Texas, our Texas! \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful so great!"
- 8 this agcy. raided the Branch Davidians near Waco
- 9 high IQ organization
- 14 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ rag" (handkerchief)
- 15 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_\_\_ paper hanger"
- 19 TXism for "amateur"
- 21 TX Rick Perry didn't make \_\_\_\_\_ presidential candidate
- 22 contagious itchy skin disease
- 27 TXns just call it a sword
- 28 seat of Scurry County
- 29 mother of ex-Cowboy coach, Jimmy Johnson
- 30 TXism: "his axles \_\_\_\_\_" (active)
- 32 Kleberg County was named for him (init.)
- 33 wars, e.g. \_\_\_\_\_
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ to" (intend)
- 37 TX George H. W. was director of this agcy. for a year
- 38 TX Don Henley co-wrote "\_\_\_\_\_ Do with My Heart"
- 39 organic compounds that are nutrients
- 41 "one," south of the border
- 42 this TX John was held hostage in Iran for 444 days
- 45 this TX Kyle was an All-American RB at SMU
- 46 Afghanistan gov't broadcasting org.
- 47 Texas A&M's original "12th Man": \_\_\_\_\_ Gill
- 48 TX "Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Cosmetics"
- 49 most poky
- 52 1960s protest method (2 wds.)
- 53 intimate diseases (abbr.)
- 54 informal "though" use needle & thread
- 1 biblical donkey
- 2 Bowie's Alamo bed
- 3 most populous city in TX
- 4 TXism: "got the short \_\_\_\_\_" (unlucky)

- 8 cuckoo birds at the "Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park"
- 9 TX Lefty Frizzell's "If You've Got the \_\_\_\_\_ Time" (1950)
- 10 Ranger radio announcer, Eric (init.)
- 11 dir. to Azle from Weatherford
- 12 Dallas prep school: \_\_\_\_\_ School of Texas"
- 13 pretentiously artistic
- 14 TXism: "attracted like \_\_\_\_\_ magnet"
- 15 historic landmark: "Enchanted Rock State Natural \_\_\_\_\_"

### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 25 TX Ramon Novarro starred as this chariot racer in silent film
- 26 baby
- 28 TX Linda Ellerbee's "And \_\_\_\_\_ Goes"
- 31 Staubach's \_\_\_\_\_ Mary" pass in 1975
- 34 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ have to get better to die"
- 35 Gonzales flag: "\_\_\_\_\_ and Take It"
- 37 Archer \_\_\_\_\_ TX
- 40 castle defense
- 43 San Antonio FM 44 joins up
- 50 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ maker" (mean bull) (abbr.)
- 51 junior naval officer
- 16 TXism: "hopping \_\_\_\_\_"
- 17 compound used in eye drops
- 18 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the bottom of a well"
- 20 makes a choice
- 22 Alamo City (abbr.)
- 23 this TX Chennault founded the "Flying Tigers"
- 24 "that's \_\_\_\_\_ blow"





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## Swainson's Hawk

As I have stated time and again, my passion for the outdoors began with an unbridled fascination with reptiles. Growing up as a budding naturalist, I was not the most avid birdwatcher, but even at an early age, I would find myself somewhat enamored with the group of birds known as raptors. And one raptor species that I most assuredly witnessed as a youngster was a common summer resident, the Swainson's Hawk.

The Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) is a large bird of prey that occurs throughout the plains of North America, from southern Canada southward to Texas. Throughout its North American range, it is a migratory species. This means that it resides in North America (including the western 2/3 of Texas) during the warmer summer months and dwells in warmer areas during the winter. However, unlike some migratory birds that spend the winter months in central Mexico before returning north for the summer, this raptor species takes up winter residence in Argentina. This means that individual birds, depending on where it inhabits during the summer, may travel in excess of an astounding 15,000 miles annually!

This particular species of hawk prefers to occupy open areas such as prairies, grasslands, plains, and rangelands. All of these areas are typically devoid of heavy tree cover, thus allowing this visually keen species to survey the area for its next potential meal. It is quick to utilize man-made objects such as fence-posts and utility poles as perching areas, and I have witnessed multiple specimens in the Trans-Pecos exploiting sotols and agaves for the same purpose.

Swainson's Hawks come in a three distinct color morphs, making identification a bit problematic at times. Some individuals are dark while others are decorated with dark upper-parts and slightly lighter underparts. Both of these morphs have a distinctive white throat that can be used as a way to distinguish it from other species. However, the most common color morph



Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)

in Texas is a bit more colorful. As in the 2 darker morphs, the light morph has dark upper-parts and a white throat, but the belly is typically a dingy-white that is occasionally lightly spotted on the periphery. There is a distinguishing wide chestnut-colored band across the breast area. The tail feathers are colored similarly to the upper-parts and oftentimes have narrow, faint gray bands.

The head is primarily brown with light lines and the thick curved bill is black with a fleshy yellow area on the top of the upper bill known as the cere. The eyes are large and are quite dark. The scaly yellowish legs and feet are feathered almost all the way to the long, powerful talons.

Swainson's Hawks are large, in fact they are the 2nd largest of the 8 species of the genus *Buteo* that occur in Texas, rivaled in size only by the slightly larger Red-tailed Hawk. An adult specimen can approach a body height of 23 inches with a wingspan of just under five feet. Large adults can weigh up to 2 3/4 pounds.

Breeding takes place in late spring, and this species is monogamous for the season. The 2 to 4 greenish white eggs are laid approximately a month later

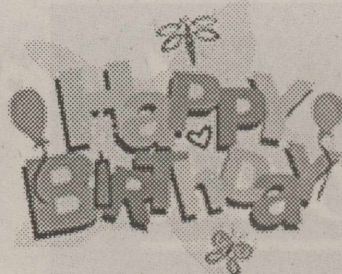
in a nest built by both parents that is made of sticks and twigs. These eggs are large, nearly 2 1/3 inches in length and are usually adorned with light brown spots. The amount of time for incubation varies, but it generally takes about a month. The young stay in the nest for an additional month, and are fed by both parents.

This species of hawk is a feeding generalist, consuming large quantities of insects such as grasshoppers. It does not limit its prey items to such small creatures however, as it also is known to feed on mice, rats, rabbits, lizards, frogs, toads, and ground squirrels. I have watched many Swainson's Hawks stalk prairie dogs at the entrance of their burrows. The hawks keen eyesight from the large eyes is capable of seeing prey from several hundred feet above ground level.

Studies of this large bird of prey suggest that populations are holding steady, at least while in North America. There is a bit of concern for this species when it utilizes its winter home due to the rampant use of pesticides.

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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](mailto:www.fullprice71@gmail.com).



Erwin Mooij (Moo-e) from The Netherlands

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## Rocket Scientist visits REH Museum

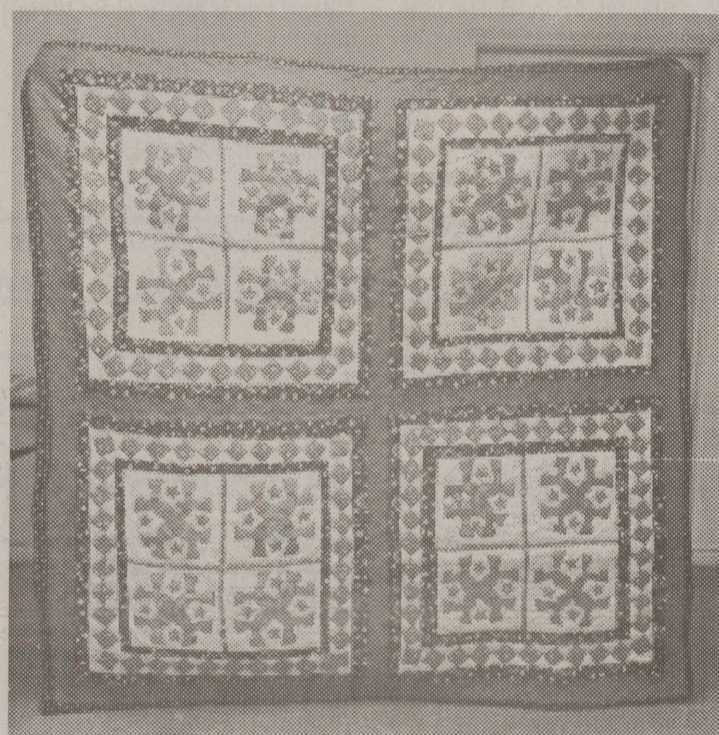
Another new occupation is now represented on the visitor's list at the museum, and he's from The Netherlands, no less. Erwin Mooij (Moo-e) was in Dallas for the annual international aerospace conference that is held in a different city and country each year. Mooij is a professor in the aerospace engineering department of the Delft University, teaching as well as supervising students with their thesis work on advanced degrees. His specialty is in the ascent and re-entry systems.

The Dallas conference had participants from 40 countries who spent several days pursuing various aspects of flight technology, theories of new plane construction, space

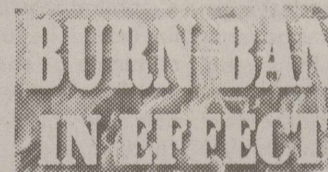
exploration and development of space stations.

Back to earth, Mooij has long been a fan of Howard's writings as Howard is a very popular author over there. His earliest experience was with the Conan stories, but he has since expanded his knowledge of most of Howard's other genres. The Howard House, constructed about 100 years ago, was quite fascinating to him. As Yvonne Shumaker showed him around, he commented on several things that had been similar to his grandparent's home.

Visiting with our first tourist from The Netherlands was a perfect way to spend an otherwise dreary day.



The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be raffling off this beautiful red and blue quilt made by Linda Pringle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at Texas Heritage Bank, where the quilt is on display.



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Guest Speaker Sandra Ross of the Cross Plains Public Library, with Kiwanis President Connie Kirkham.

## Sandra Ross of the Cross Plains Public Library Guest Speaker at Kiwanis Meeting

Sandra Ross, Librarian at Cross Plains Public Library, was Connie Kirkham's guest speaker at the Kiwanis meeting at Jean's Feedbarn on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Sandra gave a very informative talk about the programs and events that the library offers.

You need to make a stop at the library to see the new carpet. The library is looking sharp - lots of beautifully displayed books and fun places to read!

You don't have wifi-internet? No problem. The library invites you to use their computers, free!

The children's programs

are always a popular weekly event. Lapsit is birth - 3 years; Lap, 3 years to school age. Other programs such as "the Library Challenge" and their after school programs are for children attending school. The challenge is to see how many books the children read, then they are rewarded with prizes.

The Cross Plains Public Library has Meet the Author, Dinner and a Movie, Book Reviews and other great programs for adults.

Come see - Come read! If you are interested in joining the Kiwanis, we meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 a.m. at Jean's Feedbarn.

## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Cottonwood received 2 1/2 inches of rain during the cold spell over the past several days. The internet was out around the area for four days last week.

We had to go back to the good old fashioned way - using the telephone, writing a pen and pencil and talking to each other. Congratulations to all the 4-H and FFA kids from Cottonwood for doing a great job at the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show!

Bentley Hall won for Showmanship in Junior Poultry.

Theron Albrecht had the Reserve Hamp Breeding Gilt. Theron also placed first in Lt. Hamp Gilts. Grayden Albrecht placed second in the same category.

Trent Tollett placed second in

Lt. Cross Gilts. Grace Goode placed second in Class 1 English Steers. Creed Goode placed third in Class 2 English Steers.

Creed Goode was also named to the Big Country Top ten for his performance with the CPHS Basketball team last week.

The Cottonwood Musical returns on Friday night January 27th. The menu for the evening will be chili, beans, and cornbread. Come out to the Community Center and enjoy some great country music.

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.

## AgriLife Extension sets forage seminar in Cross Plains for January 24th

Writer: Steve Byrns, 325-653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu  
CROSS PLAINS - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a tri-county forage seminar Jan. 24 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program will start at 9 a.m.

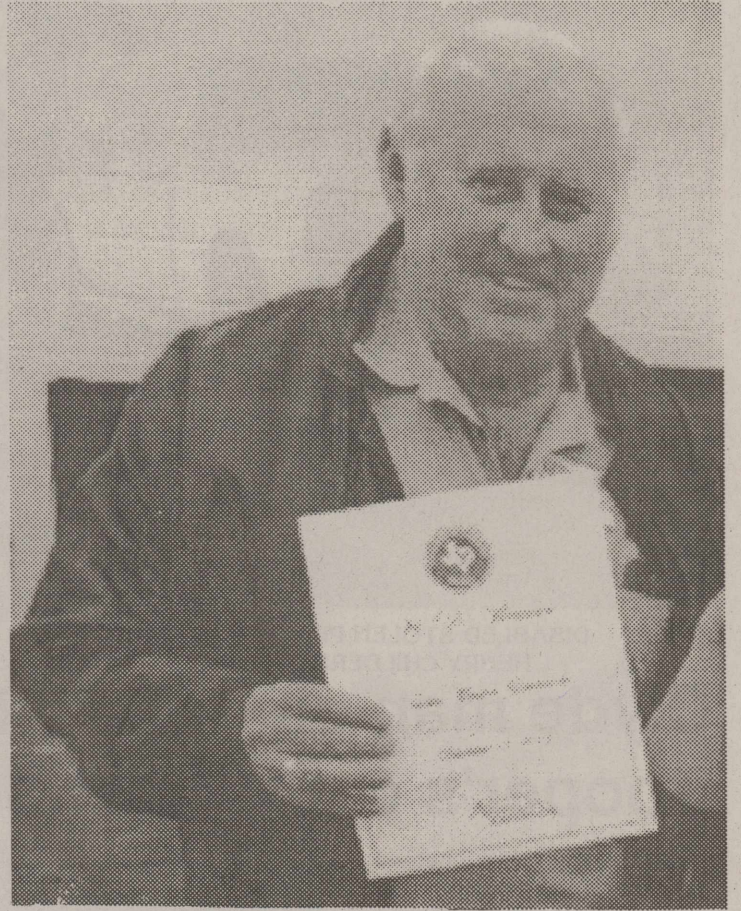
Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered. The AgriLife Extension offices conducting the program are from Callahan, Coleman and Brown counties.

"This annual event has become one of the premier educational programs concerning forage production and hay in our region," said Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County. "Hay prices in our area are trending lower, but that is not necessarily good

news if you are trying to sell hay. Our goal is to help producers maximize their profits and forage quality by investing their production dollars wisely."

Topics will include: forage insect pest management, interpreting forage tests, weed and brush control in forages, where to cut production costs, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service program update and pesticide laws and regulations.

Individual preregistration is \$20 by Jan. 19 and \$25 thereafter. Preregister by calling any of the cooperating AgriLife Extension offices: Callahan County, 325-854-5835; Coleman County, 325-625-4519; or Brown County, 325-646-0386. Fees are due upon arrival and include a catered noon meal.



New Master Gardener H. D. Weaver

## H.D. Weaver Receives Master Gardener Certificate

Thirty years ago, H. D. Weaver saw a garden planted by a Master Gardener. He knew then that he wanted to be a part of the Master Gardener program, but at he always thought he just "never had the time to do it". About a year ago, H. D. decided it was time. And, while most people completed the program in a year, H. D. studied hard received his Master Gardener certificate in only nine months.

What's a Master Gardener? Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

What really sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners is their special

training in horticulture from the Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Center.

H. D. completed three months of academic courses and over 50 hours of community service, instructing students at the zoo, demonstrating "Keyhole Gardens", holding Food and Fiber workshops, and talking to children about flowers and plants.

The program offers a minimum of 50 hours of instruction that covers topics including lawn care, ornamental trees and shrubs, insect, disease, and weed management; soils and plant nutrition; vegetable gardening; home fruit production; garden flowers; and water conservation.

Each Master Gardener class admits only 20 applicants. Classes are offered several times throughout the year at various locations in the state.

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

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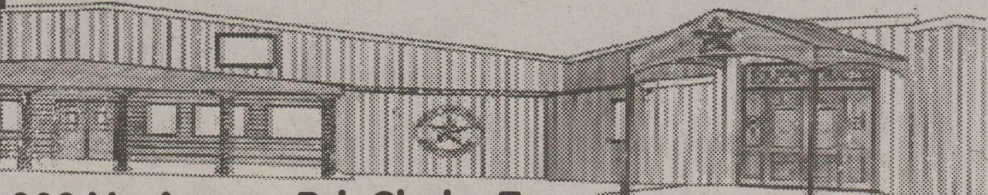
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## Sheriff's Corner by Sheriff Terry Joy



CALLAHAN COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY (LEFT) TRUSTEE CURTIS PYLE (RIGHT).

## Callahan County Chief Deputy Jowers & Callahan County Jail Trustee Curtis Pyle Present Drug Abuse Program to Schools

Tuesday, January 13th at 8:45 am Callahan County Chief Deputy Rick Jowers, Callahan County Jail Trustee Curtis Pyle and I were very pleased to have the opportunity to present a program, on drug abuse to the Baird School Children at the Baird High School Auditorium.

Wednesday, January 14th at approximately the same time we went to the Eula High School Gym and gave the same program. All the students at both schools were very polite and very attentive to the guest speaker Callahan County Jail Trustee Curtis Pyle.

Mr. Pyle volunteered to talk to the school students. It was something he had been thinking about for sometime.

While working as a trustee at the Jail, he was moving some

boxes of new drug abuse literature from a building behind the jail to another location. He approached me about the literature and told me that when I decided to pass out this material to the school students he would like to go with me and talk to the students about the dangers of drug use, by using his own life as an example.

I was thrilled to hear this because it went along with my philosophy of education, prevention, and enforcement.

Mr. Pyle made notes of his life history concerning drug use that started in the 5th grade and has ended in the Callahan County Jail.

Mr. Pyle said he was at a turning point in his life and wanted to use this opportunity to reach out to the students to prevent them from taking the

path that he took and most importantly to encourage them to stay in school and finish their education. His greatest regret was dropping out of school in the ninth grade at Lake Travis High School as his grades began to decline because of drugs. He played baseball as a starting 3rd baseman. He said he was also a very good hitter and batted in cleanup position.

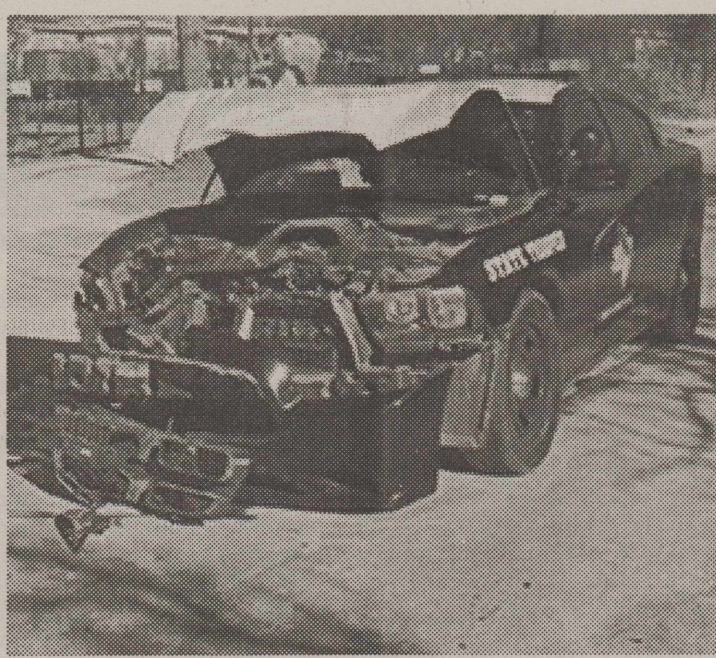
Mr. Pyle also wanted the opportunity to reassure his wife and family that he was using his time in a productive manner.

Each student attending the program received literature explaining the dangers of drug use. Callahan County has good schools, excellent teachers and wonderful children. Lets all work together to keep dangerous drugs away from our young people!





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TROOPER ERICK PECHACEK'S DISABLED VEHICLE ON COUNTY ROAD 254

## Clyde man charged with ramming DPS trooper's car with stolen pickup Wednesday

A Clyde man was charged with two counts of aggravated assault against a public servant after ramming a DPS trooper's car with a vehicle he had stolen from a neighbor on Wednesday afternoon, January 11th.

According to the Callahan County Sheriff's Department, around 1:40 p.m., the Sheriff's Office received a call of a

stolen vehicle from a residence at 4194 County Road 122 southwest of Clyde.

While a Sheriff's deputy was enroute to the scene to take the information about the stolen vehicle, the man located his vehicle had been stolen by his neighbor, Henry Childers, 56, who resides at 4104 County Road 122.

The Sheriff's Department located the stolen vehicle in Clyde around 2:05 p.m. and a pursuit ensued. Childers went down FM 2700 west to FM 604 and southbound on FM 604. Law officials said a Clyde Police Department officer and Department of Public Safety Trooper Eric Pechacek also joined in on the chase.

According to law officials, at the intersection of County Road 254 and FM 603 in Eula, Childers stopped the stolen pickup. Officer Pechacek got out of his vehicle and approached the Childers vehicle. Childers then put the stolen pickup in reverse and rammed Trooper Pechacek's cruiser, disabling his vehicle.

Trooper Pechacek drew his handgun and shot three of the four tires from the stolen vehicle attempting to disable it. Trooper Pechacek was not injured. Law officials said Childers then drove away south down FM 603 where he was finally apprehended.

Childers was charged with

two counts of aggravated assault against a public servant, one count of evading arrest with a vehicle, one count of resisting arrest and one count of an authorized use of a motor vehicle.

Law officials said Childers remains in the Shackelford County Jail on all the charges and bond has been set at \$18,500.

## Texas License to Carry Class offered in Clyde

The Texas License to Carry Class (LTC), formerly the Concealed Handgun License class, will be offered in Clyde February 4, 2017. Scott Kniffen, retired Chief of Police, will be the instructor.

Kniffen served with several different law enforcement agencies throughout his 40 year career and spent the last 21 years of his career as a Chief of Police. In addition to being a LTC instructor, he is also a National Rifle Association (NRA) pistol and home firearms

safety instructor.

The LTC class will be held in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church in Clyde. It will last from 8 AM to about 4 PM. The class will be limited to 15 participants and the cost of the class is \$50 per participant. The qualification will take place on the 4th, weather permitting.

For more information or if you are interested in participating in this class you can contact Kniffen at scottkniffen@gmail.com or by phone at 817-899-5263.

## Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from Monday, January 9th

The Meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on Monday, January 9, 2016 A.D., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding, Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, Jan Windham, County Treasurer, and Donna Bell, County Clerk. Also attending the commissioners' court meeting were: Terry Joy, Sheriff; Tammy Walker, Tax Assessor/Collector; Rick Jowers, Sheriff's Department; Amber Tinsley, District Clerk; Julie Lemon, Sheriff's Department; Scott Kniffen; Kenneth Hawkins, KBL Restoration; and Doug Campbell.

The following items of business were transacted:

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

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

—Under public comment there was none.

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

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the Sheriff's report and the overtime report.

Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Ken Hawkins with KBL Restoration Inc. gave a report on the Courthouse repairs and progress report. He reported that eight windows remain to be installed and that the electrical update would be completed by the end of the month.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign an interlocal agreement with the City of Baird to provide e-mail services to the city law enforcement. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—There was discussion by the Court about the condition of the Courthouse and the Appraisal District roofs. The Appraisal building roof is covered by the warranty. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to get

estimates from Barr Roofing and MIRA Contractors for the Courthouse roof repair. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept the deputations of the Sheriff's Office, Treasurer's Office and the Tax Assessor Office. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to go into Executive Session under agenda item 4, the Sheriff's report and overtime report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Court went into closed session at 9:58.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to take a recess at 10:18 A.M. To resume Court at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

—Judge Corn called Court back into session at 1:30 P.M.

—Sam Goldsmith presented to the Court the Courthouse needs, long-term solutions, future funding. Mr. Goldsmith gave an informative hour long talk on the building of the Courthouse, the improvements, and the age and decline of many of the building systems. Karl Komatsu of Komatsu Architecture spoke to the Court about a full Courthouse Restoration. No action was taken.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:58.

## Sad Month at Library

The Cross Plains Public Library Board is sad to report that our library director, Sandra Ross, will be resigning as of January 31. Mrs. Ross loves her job, and we love her, but she now feels she must spend more time on family obligations. We hate to see her go!

We'll be interviewing for a new library director, so please check our ad in this issue of the Cross Plains Review for qualifications, etc. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this position, we want to hear from you.

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