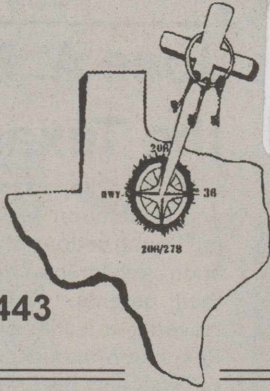


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Headed to State - Both CPHS Debate Teams win and will compete at the state level in March. From left to right: Kenzie Kleiber, Mallory McCready, Brian Morales and Allie Jones.

CPHS Debate Team Win First and Second Places at District; They Will Compete at State Meet

The Cross Plains High School UIL Cross-Examination Debate Team advanced two teams to next month's State Meet. Allie Jones and Brian Morales won the District Championship with their first place finish at the District 15-A that was held at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains last Wednesday.

Kenzie Kleiber and Mallory McCready took home the silver medals with a second place finish. The top two teams from each district earn the right to compete at the UIL State CX Debate competition March 13 and 14 at the University of Texas in Austin. This is the first cross-

examination debate teams at CPHS in a number of years and was the first year of experience for all four debaters. In preparation for the meet, they went to several practice meets, including the Bangs Invitational Meet where Kleiber-McCready went 3-1 and Jones-Morales went 2-2 against competition from 3A and 2A schools.



Cross Plains Junior High Girls Basketball Team were Tournament Champions in Zephyr last weekend. They defeated Zephyr 39-10, Blanket 23-9, and Gustine 45-7. Team members include: River Bradley, Treydie Bilibrey, Amber Fidler, Jordan Hampton, Kinlee Mathews, Kiley Morgan, Alaina Potter, Madilynn Shepard, Bailey Wells and Taylor Wyatt.

Cisco Chamber Hosting Gun, Knife and Coin Show

The Cisco Chamber of Commerce will be hosting it's 7th Annual Leon Boles Gun, Knife & Coin Show February 4th 9am-5pm and 5th 10am-4pm at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center, 1498 I-20 W. Cisco, TX. Looking to purchase or even trade a

firearm? These vendors will do it all! Only \$3 admission and kids 12 and under are free! So bring the whole family. Tables are still available so contact the Cisco Chamber today for information! 254-442-2435, 309 Conrad Hilton Blvd. Cisco, TX 76437.

Game Night at the Senior Center, Tuesday, February 7th

The next Game Night at the Senior Citizen's Center is on Tuesday, February 7th. Game night starts at 6 p.m. Come and enjoy pool, dominoes and board games and visit with old friends.

Ribbon Cutting Wednesday Feb. 1st

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce to hold ribbon cutting for Anthony's Automotive at 417 Chestnut Street. Wednesday, February

1st at 12 noon. The chamber would like to invite the community out to help us welcome this new business!

Mardi Gras Fundraiser Tuesday, February 28th

The Cross Plains Senior Center will host its Annual Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 28th, from 5 until 7 p.m. A Shrimp and Crawfish Boil is on the menu along with Mardi Gras festivities and fun. This is a major fundraiser for the Senior Center. Mark your calendar now. This is an event



Monday, February 13th

Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 14th at regular time.

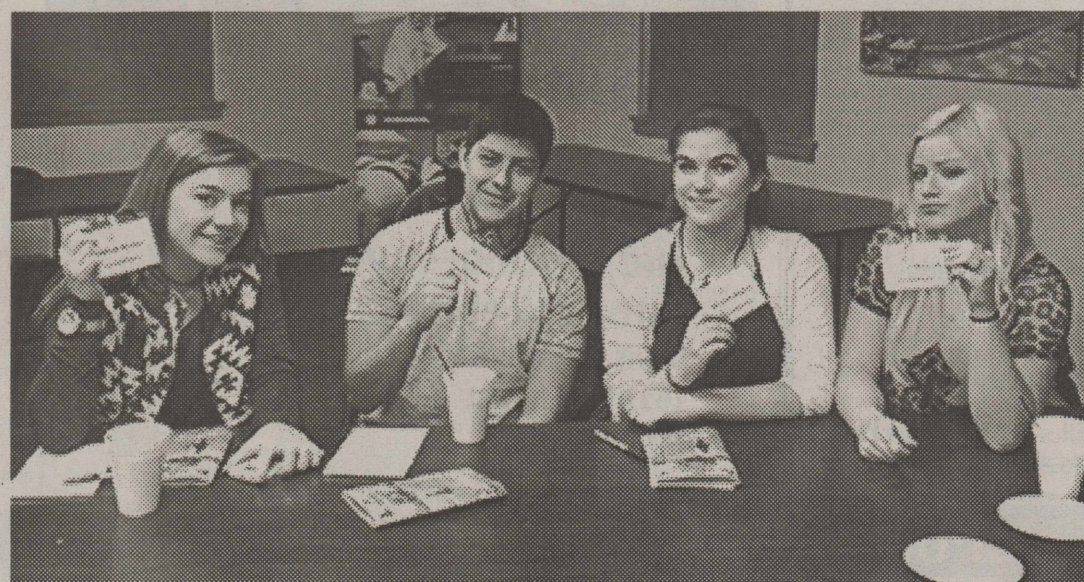
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School Holiday

Valentine's Banquet set for Wednesday, Feb. 8th at First Baptist Church

Its that time again, the First Baptist Church has been working hard in preparation for the 2017 Valentine Banquet set for February 8th at 6:00 pm. Adult tickets \$10.00, children (12 & under) \$8.00 contact the First Baptist Church office at (254) 725-7629 for more information. The menu for this year

includes smoked chicken, green beans, twice baked potatoes, salad, cheddar roll, and peach cobbler with ice cream for dessert, yum yum, all catered by Shawn Bullock. So don't miss out bring your family, friends, or your sweetheart. There will be lots of fun and games for the whole family.



Leaders of Tomorrow - From left to right, Shiloh Dodge, Brian Morales, Allie Jones and Mallory McCready were appointed to the Texas Midwest Community Network - Leadership

Four Cross Plains High School Students in Leadership Project

Cross Plains ISD in conjunction with the City of Cross Plains appointed four students to the Texas Midwest Community Network - Leadership; Mallory McCready, Allie Jones, Brian Morales, Shiloh Dodge,

Sponsor, Linda Birdwell. The group is in the process of picking a project that will benefit the community and school and will compete against other communities/schools to be held in September. Good Luck

to these four in representing Cross Plains! "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Henry Ford

Weight Warriors Meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Weight Warriors is still meeting weekly and welcoming new people. The new year is the most popular time to think about weight loss and new healthy eating habits. A new contest may be beginning soon, too. We are planning on having some guests speakers in the coming months and introducing to us some new ideas to help us be more healthy and happier as well. Our first guest speaker, Ann Powers is planned for February 21, at 5:30 during our regular Tuesday meeting. Ann will share with us about essential oils and how we can incorporate them into our daily living as well as how to use the individual oils to help and heal naturally. You won't be disappointed in this meeting as Ann is very knowledgeable and precise in her presentation. This will be a continuation of a meeting she presented to us back in the fall. So if you missed that one, you don't want to miss this one.

Melody Jones is her daughter and she will be assisting her mother with this meeting. This is a meeting you will not want to miss. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 21. Weight Warriors is an informal group of like minded people who want to support each other in our journey to having the best body we can, the healthy way, Gods way, so that we can be the healthiest people around. Come on over and join us if you have a desire to be healthy, enjoy group support, and maybe lose some pounds, too. There is no cost to be a part of this group. We ask only for donations to the local food pantry. So as we are cutting back on our food --- we can donate non-perishable items to other Cross Plains residents. We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 p m at the First United Methodist Church located on north main past the school. Come and bring a friend.

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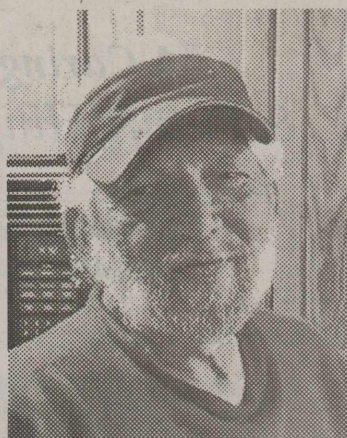
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Jesse Daniel Sibley, Jr. "JR", 70, of Augusta, KS, passed away Monday, January 23, 2017 in Augusta, KS. A memorial graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Cross Plains Cemetery, Cross Plains, Texas with Pastor Charlie Fortenberry presiding. JR was born in Orange, California on December 11, 1946, to the late Marie (Deling) and Jesse Daniel Sibley, Sr. JR worked as an electrician in California and moved to Cross Plains Texas where he worked for the Farmer's CO-OP. He is survived by: daughter, Denise Westerman and husband Gary of Rising Star, TX; son, Tom Sibley of Abilene, TX; son, Donald Sibley and wife, Kim of Abilene, TX; son, Brian Sibley of TX; sister, Sharon Anderson of WA; sister, Patty Greene of AZ; brother, James Anderson of OH; sister, Susan Warren of OR; sister, Kathleen Hash, of OR; brother, William Silvey of Augusta, KS; brother, Stephen Silvey of CA; brother, Craig Silvey of KS; sister, Sheila Bronson of IL, and brother, Kenneth Ridens of Rising Star, TX; grandchildren, Scott, Alicia and husband Jesse, Brodie, Naomi, Amanda, Joe and wife Emilee, Sarah, Christian, Jerod, Jesse, Travis, many great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Jesse Daniel Sibley, III; sister Barbara Zepada; and brother Donald Anderson.

The Texas History Minute

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Jose A. Navarro, one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence

The most important legacy of one generation leaves for the next is the actions of that generation as children so closely watch their parents. Jose Antonio Navarro, a leader of the Texas Revolution, was inspired for a life of service by his father. In turn, he would inspire his own children and citizens across the state.

Navarro was born in San Antonio in 1795. He was one of twelve children, only six of whom survived to adulthood. His father, Angel Navarro, was a generous and popular figure in San Antonio. However, he died in 1808 when the younger Navarro was only 13.

His father's worldly adventures, success, dedication to his family, and the deep respect the people of San Antonio had for him had a profound impact on. Angel Navarro was born into a wealthy family in Corsica, just south of France in the Mediterranean Sea. His mother was a noble, and his father was a businessman, and in 1762, at the age of 14, his ran away from home. After a series of adventures between Corsican revolutionaries and seedy ports and working a series of odd jobs, he made his way to the New World. He arrived in San Antonio by 1777, where he established his own successful business enterprises. He was the city's first elected alcalde in 1790, a position that was a combination of mayor and judge.

Jose Navarro grew up determined to live up to his father's legacy. He trained to become an attorney. In 1813, San Antonio was briefly occupied by forces Gutierrez-Magee Expedition, a brief effort to tear Texas away from the faltering Spanish occupation and annex it to the United States. Navarro supported the revolt, but was forced to flee to the United States for three years after Spanish forces rallied and defeated the expedition.

In the 1820s, he had developed a friendship with Stephen F. Austin and began helping him with his colonization efforts. By the 1830s, he was a popular voice for Texas. He first won election to the Coahuila y Texas state legislature and then to Mexico's federal Congress. He also served as a land commissioner, helping settlers into the new land.

He became increasingly critical of Mexico's policies toward Texas. He openly supported the

Texas Revolution when the war erupted. In 1836, he signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. He supported the initial attempt at annexation to the United States in 1836, but was disappointed when the United States declined out of fear of provoking Mexico into war. In 1838, he was elected to the Texas Congress, representing Bexar County. He supported policies attempting to expand trade outlets for Texas, defending Texas against continued reprisals from Mexico, and defending the rights of Hispanics, which were under mounting assaults.

In 1841, he participated in the disastrous Santa Fe Expedition. Texas President Mirabeau Lamar had hoped to tap into trade with New Mexico to expand the reach of Texas. However, New Mexico was deep into Mexican territory. Troops captured Navarro and the caravan. After being imprisoned in Veracruz for more than a year, Navarro managed to escape and return to Texas by mid-1843.

Navarro returned to politics and was a delegate to the state constitutional convention of 1845, which completed Texas's

first state constitution. After statehood, he served two terms in the state senate.

In honor of his work for the state, the Texas legislature named Navarro County after him in 1846. Navarro himself founded the county seat of Corsicana, now a thriving city of nearly 24,000 residents, in 1848, naming it in honor of his father's homeland.

His four sons served in the Confederate army during the Civil War, and one son later served in the state legislature, continuing a tradition of public service.

Navarro spent his later years writing and ranching near Seguin. The site has since become a historical landmark. He died in San Antonio in January 1871 at the age of 75. At a statue at the Navarro County Courthouse in Corsicana, he is described as a "Lover of Liberty; Foe of Despotism" - a fitting epitaph to a man who dedicated his life to Texas.

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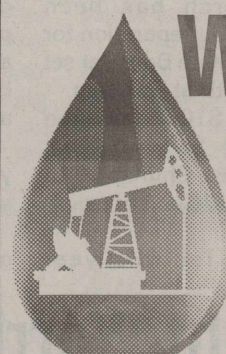
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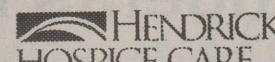
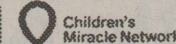
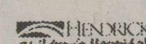
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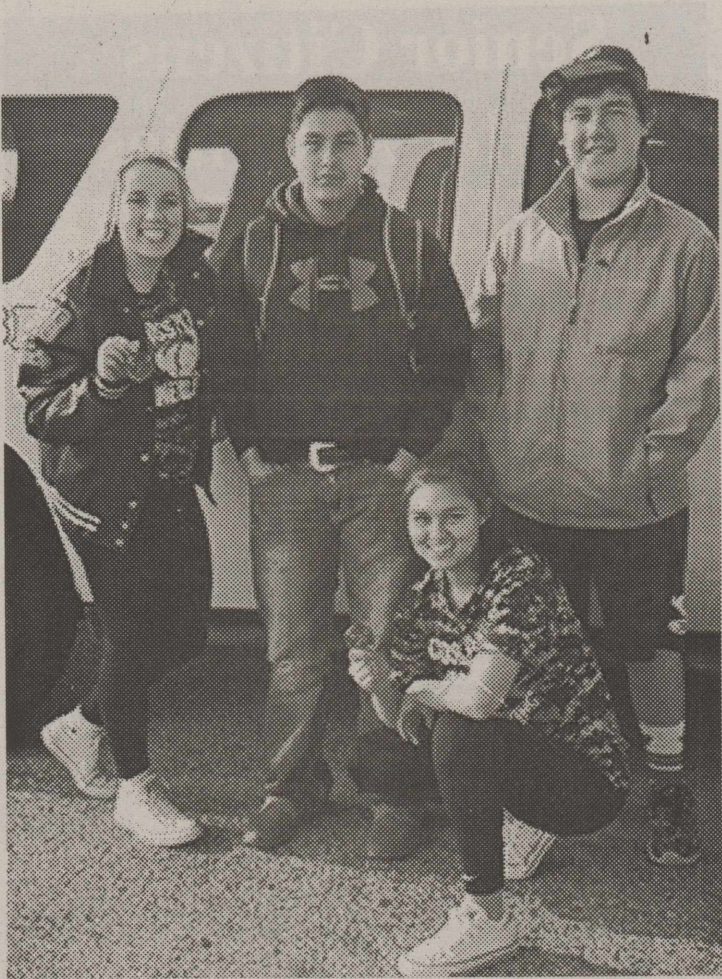
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CPHS Powerlifting Team - Alexis Mauricio, front, placed first in her weight class at the Comanche Powerlifting Meet. Hannah Crockett, far left, placed second in her weight class. Also on the team: Brian Morales, Samuel Guerrero and Jacob Collier (not in photograph).

Powerlifters Place at Comanche Meet

Alexis Mauricio and Hannah Crockett placed first and second, respectively, in their class at the Comanche Powerlifting Meet over the weekend.

Results of the Comanche Powerlifting Meet, January 28, 2017:

Alexis Mauricio - 1st Place
114 lb class. Squat-250/
Bench-115/dead lift-240.
Total: 605

Hannah Crockett - 2nd Place.
148 lb class. Squat-250/
Bench-95/Dead Lift-240.
Total: 585

Jacob Collier - 220 lb class.

Squat 450/Bench-270
Brian Morales. 181 lb class.
Squat-315/ Bench-190
Sammy Guerrero - 220 lb.
Squat-315/Bench-185/Dead
Lift-320. Total: 820

Everyone worked hard and raised there lifts!!
Results of the Dublin Power Lifting Results, January 21, 2017:

Alexis Mauricio - 123 lb Class
2nd Place Total: 575

Jacob Collier - 242 lb Class
4th Place Total: 1080

The powerlifters did a great job and represented Cross Plains well.

Area Student Named to Dean's List at McMurry University

ABILENE, TX (01/30/2017)- The following student have been named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List, and Dean's Honor Roll at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours. Student earning recognition for the Dean's List is:

Christine Woodard of Cross Plains TX.

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physical therapy and others.

The Servant Leadership Program has been on campus for 25 years. With courses and service opportunities focusing on moral decision making, reasoning and practical application in the development of sensitivity to ethical issues of our global society. Students gain hands-on experience as they apply those concepts and techniques through extensive work with local non-profit entities in the Abilene community.

McMurry has over 40 clubs and organizations and 19 intercollegiate sports. Students are engaged with the community and average over 24,000 hours of annual service. Our beautiful campus is located on 52 acres in Abilene, Texas, a city of over 118,000 friendly people.

McMurry is guided by our core values: Christian Faith as the foundation of life, Personal Relationships as the catalyst for life, Learning as the journey of life, Excellence as the goal of life, and Service as the measure of life. Our students are equipped to exceed expectations and go on to make their mark in the world, through scholarship, leadership and service.

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!

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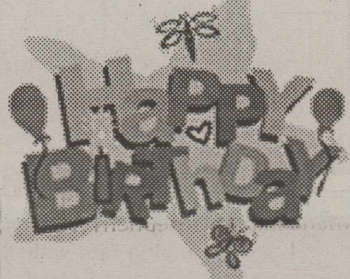
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"Talk Texan" Bob Hinkle with Susan Hunter

Talk Texan Fundraiser a Huge Success

Last week's Cross Plains Public Library fundraiser featuring Texas Legend Bob Hinkle was a great success.

Over 60 patrons and guests enjoyed hearing of Hinkle's stories about fellow actors James Dean, Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor, John Wayne and others, including his friend Elmer Kelton. Hinkle is still as sharp as ever - re-creating the rope trick he taught James

Dean for the movie "Giant."

Guests were treated to free copies of Hinkle's book, thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas Library and Archives Commission.

Pictured with Hinkle is Susan Hunter - winner of the "talk Texan" contest. Hunter received a DVD of "Giant" signed by Hinkle and "braggin' rights!"

Community Garden boxes available

Even as the weather can't seem to make up its mind, it's time to start thinking about spring gardening and the Community Garden is the perfect place to get your hands dirty. Although the garden is not an actual project of the Methodist Church, it is located on property generously provided by the church on George Scott Street. Water is available from the well located behind the parsonage and is again provided by the church.

The garden idea was initially conceived by the loosely organized civic improvement group a couple of years ago. Michelle Kaiser got a grant from the Fiskar Company that provided a large supply of high quality gardening tools, and funds for the building of the boxes and a storage shed. To get the project started, Steve Fortune donated a load of good top soil, Randy Foster brought in a load of fertilizer and Bryan Bennett provided a bunch of

mulch. Project Pride came up with several bags of shredded tree wood and Rick Potter has donated a generous supply of wood shavings. The ag classes at school built a couple of the boxes and the Methodist Men constructed 7 additional boxes and the storage shed. The men of the church have also run a water line to a faucet near the shed, making it possible to water all of the boxes with a single hose.

Spinach is still growing in one box and two boxes are already reserved, so that leaves six of the 4X8 foot raised beds available and ready to take over. For those interested in planting tomatoes, there is also an ample supply of tomato cages available.

Sonow, with all the preliminary work done, it's time to get serious about a spring garden. Boxes may be reserved by calling the Methodist Church at 725-7377.

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Tuesday-7th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-8th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check with Kindred at Home of Health Eastland
Thursday-9th Exercise 11:00/ Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:25
Friday-10th Exercise 11:00 /Western Hills Nursing 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 Seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Feb. 6th - Feb. 10th

Monday 6th-Hamburg-Thursday 9th -Streaker Steak, Potatoes, Green Sandwich, Pea Salad, Beans, Dessert

Tuesday 7th - Baked BBQ Sausage, Mac & Cheese, potato Salad, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 8th -Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce Tomato Salad, Mexican Corn, Garlic Bread

Friday 10th-Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Spinach Rice, Dessert

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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Pronghorn

Simply taking a drive on back roads throughout this great state can open endless opportunities for viewing wildlife that normally would be overlooked. When driving in the grasslands of the Panhandle or the Trans-Pecos, I always invite the occasion of viewing a small, distinctively curious mammal that once had a significantly larger range. That mammal is the Pronghorn.

Pronghorns (known erroneously by many as Antelope) are hooved mammals that have a deerlike appearance about them. The coloration is two-toned with a brown, tan, or fawnlike back, neck and head interspaced with large patches of white on the belly, sides, and face. The tail and back end are also white. The chin, jaw and tip of the ears are black.

The Pronghorn is relatively small as adult males are typically just under 5 feet in total length (with a comparatively petite - 6 inch - tail) and a weight of just over 130 pounds. Females are somewhat smaller with a top weight of just under 90 pounds.

Male Pronghorn have horns that are spiked (hence the common name) and extend well past the tip of the ears. Females on the other hand have much shorter horns that are generally not "pronged".

The Pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*) is the only remaining species in a family known as Antilocapridae; this family was once distributed throughout North America and was comprised of roughly 12 species. Until the past several decades, Pronghorn could be spotted throughout the western 3/4 of Texas on a fairly regular basis. At one point, its range in this state was anywhere westward from a line that extends from Dallas southward through Austin to the lower Rio Grande Valley. Presently, its range is



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much more fragmented, with isolated pockets dispersed throughout the Panhandle and Trans-Pecos eco-regions. It is estimated that its numbers in Texas have dwindled from hundreds of thousands in its heyday to roughly 12,000 today.

This species of mammal primarily lives in herds and is truly a denizen of the plains. It prefers to live in areas of open grassland which enables it to utilize its keen sight and high-speed (up to 40 mph) to evade predators. Typically, areas of standing water are not common in these habitats, but the Pronghorn is so adapted to dwell in these areas that it can go long periods of time without drinking water. In fact, studies have shown that the Pronghorn has the ability to conserve and produce its own water.

The diet of the Pronghorn varies from season to season, but its favorites include flowers such as native daisies and other flowering plants, including varieties that are known to be poisonous to sheep and cattle. Juniper bark, broomweed and a few grass species are also consumed on a regular basis.

The breeding season generally lasts for approximately 6 weeks in the early fall with September

being the month with the most active month. One energetic buck may entertain a harem upwards of a dozen does. Gestation is usually around 7 months, and 2 small (6 pound) young appear in May or June. The mothers will hide their helpless young, and return to them to nurse periodically throughout the day. At one week, the young will begin to walk on their own and nibble on vegetation and at one month, they will be able to graze independently. Sexual maturity is ordinarily reached at about 1 year in age.

Despite restocking programs instituted by the state, the population of the Pronghorn is steadily declining. Drought and competition with livestock appear to be the main culprits, as well as man's land use and fencing. This species is so peculiarly opposed to leaping over fences that even a 3 foot tall fence will often keep them contained. Many herds have been to the brink of starvation within a fenced area despite an abundance of food on the other side of the fence.

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

CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. WEEKLY MENU February 6-10, 2017				
MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10
BREAKFAST Sausage Biscuit Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	Pita Pocket Breakfast Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	Chicken-n-Waffles Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	Stuffed Bagel Sausage Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	Dutch Waffle Bacon Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety
LUNCH Taquitos & Queso Charro beans Garden salad Cinnamon apples Milk variety	Chili Cheese Combo (Chili, potato rounds, cheese, cornbread) Fresh Veggie Cup Mixed Fruit Pudding Milk variety	Pizza Choice Garden Salad Carrot Coins Fruit Cup Milk variety	Chicken nuggets Mac & cheese Green beans Broccoli Bites Apple slices Milk variety	Beef or chicken Patty on bun Hamburger garnish Oven fries Baby carrots Sliced peaches Crispy cereal treat

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The HERD scholarship: Honoring Education, Recognizing Dreams will be initiated by this raffle but sustained by annual alumni, former employees, and friends of Cross Plains donations of \$25 dollars. That is correct; we are asking for you to donate only \$25 dollars a year (less than .07 cents a day) to this

annual scholarship that will be presented to one deserving senior student each year.

Here is another caveat that we are exceptionally excited about with this scholarship. Each year, when we present this scholarship, it will be in honor of a former CPISD employee. When you donate your \$25, please vote on which employee you would like to see honored that year. So many of us had a teacher/school employee that was instrumental in our life, and this is a great chance for them to be honored.

Chances for this quilt will be sold at Cross Plains athletic events throughout each school year. You can also buy chances and see the quilt at Texas Heritage Bank. You can also

buy chances through Lurene at CPISD. Chances are \$1 each or six chances for \$5 dollars. The winner will be drawn at the Cross Plains athletic banquet in May.

To make your annual donation to the HERD scholarship, please send your \$25 to Cross Plains ISD Attn: Lurene McNutt 700 N. Main Cross Plains, Texas 76443

When you make your donation, please remember to vote on which former employee you would like honored.

Cross Plains is a very special place for many of us. I encourage each of you to not only give but to also rally your classmates and friends to get behind the HERD!

Cross Plains Public Library News

New Books

The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman
Believing the Dream by Lauraine Snelling
The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

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Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm
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Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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Reference 8

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Callahan County Library news

Some books new to the library are: *Glen Boyd and Annesse Reynolds: Their Story* by Mike McWilliams, *Deep Water* by Samuel Gailey, *The Wrong Side of Goodbye* by Michael Connelly and *Under a Texas Sky* by Dorothy Garlock.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday July 29, 1882 Vol. 3, No. 17

Over the State
This year Alex Riddick raised 90 bushels of oats per acre on his farm near Denison.

Last year Texas imported corn. This year's crop is estimated at 140,000,000 bushels, of which it is thought 50,000,000 bushels will be for shipment.

The hardest rain and hail storm that has occurred for years visited Comanche county last week. Some of the hailstones measured two inches in diameter.

Bastrop county produced the first bushel of new meal. In that county there are over one thousand children between eight and fourteen who cannot read.

The Board of Regents of the State University will meet on the 16th of next month to elect a faculty, and it is thought the university will be opened on the first of next January in temporary quarters.

A number of rare and curious fish fell during a recent storm at Farmer City. They are described as having four distinct legs protruding from their bodies, the legs being furnished with perfectly constructed toes.

There was a most remarkable and unexpected rise in the Brazos river at Waco last Monday. The water came down with a rush in a solid wall fully two feet high, and this was followed by a very rapid rise.

Much damage was done to growing crops and farms near the river.

A wreck occurred on the Central road last Tuesday at Cisco. It was caused by a train striking the train which was bound for Albany. The collision turned the engine over and badly damaged it. The engineer escaped unhurt but the fire man, Tom Rowland, had his thigh broken and his head slightly bruised.

Tuesday morning, between 6 and 7 o'clock, this section was visited by a strangely hot current of air, which lasted fifteen or twenty minutes. The heat greatly resembled that one would feel in close proximity to a burning building. Our savants and weather watchers are unable to account for the strange phenomenon, the night previous having been remarkably cool. - McKinney Citizen

The County Seat Question

We have been reliably informed that the citizens of Belle Plain are going to petition the County Judge to proclaim an election this fall to determine which shall be the future county seat - Belle Plain or Baird. We have also been reliably informed that parties in Belle Plain are and have been hard at work rolling and wire pulling for that place. We have refrained from making a fight on this question. Knowing that frequently bitter strifes are engendered by these county seat fights; but if war is the programme we are emphatically in the ring, believing that Baird is the proper place for the county seat. Both time and space prevent our giving a statement of the case in this issue, but in our next we will tell the citizens of Callahan county why it will be to the public good to vote for Baird for the future seat of government of Callahan county.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Java G. Westbrook Jr., theft by check.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

Tori Alexicia Mock and Carlos Francisco Gomez, divorce granted.

Linda Melton Moss and James Thomas Moss IV, divorce granted.

Sarah Elizabeth Dement and Jake Michael Dement, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Michael C. Garcia, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, more than 2 oz. but less than 4 oz., 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs.

Jeremy Wonnacott, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 5 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$359 court costs, \$180 restitution.

Raven D. Camacho, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$180 restitution.

Sharon R. Adesso, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$299 court costs.

Kayde D. Coulter, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$180 restitution.

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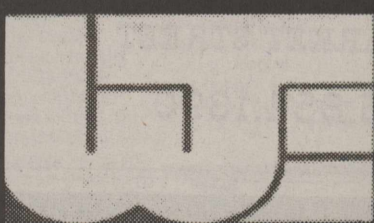
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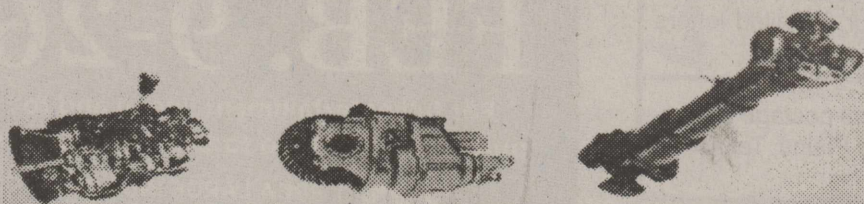
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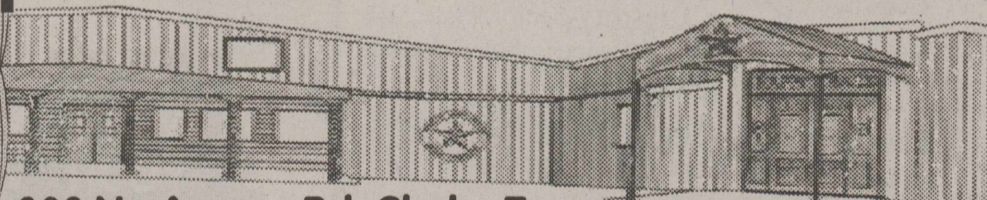
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- ~ February ~
- Feb 2 - Ground Hog Day
 - Feb 5 - Sunday, Super Bowl
 - Feb 8 - Wednesday, Valentine Banquet, First Baptist Church, 6 p.m.
 - Feb 14 - Tuesday, Valentine's Day
 - Feb 20 - Monday, President's Day. Bank and Post Office closed.
 - Feb 28 - Tuesday, Mardi Gras Celebration Fundraiser, Cross Plains Senior Center, 5-7 p.m.
- ~ March ~
- Mar 1 - Ash Wednesday
 - Mar 17 - Friday, St. Patrick's Day
- ~ April ~
- Apr 16 - Easter

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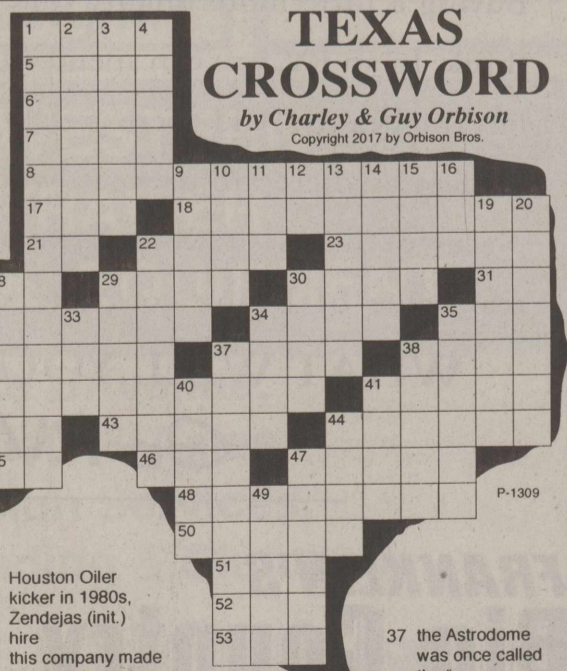
ACROSS

- TXism: "one-armed bandit" (___ machine)
- ex-star Cowboy RB, Dorsett former office for TX George W. small rodents
- town in 1990 film "Texasville" (2 wds.)
- country cable net
- retired TX gymnast who co-owns "Texas Dreams Gymnastics"
- TXism: "___ could strut sitting down" (big ego)
- TXism: "___ the bullet"
- TBN program: "___ the Lord"
- powerful bomb plague or curse
- Hilton's first TX hotel: "cross between a gold mine and a ___ house"
- Ken Paxton's state title (abbr.)
- TX Ginger was in 1931 film "___ Lovers"
- Edna, TX FM
- "Honest ___"
- Lincoln
- TX Gary Morris' "Leave ___"
- TX Johnny Rodriguez's "Pass ___"
- univer. course
- TX has several of these bird refuges
- TXism: "his ___ is colder than freon" (heartless)

- Aransas Pass festival: "Shrimpo ___"
- growl with teeth bared
- androids, e.g.
- created in Waco: ___ Pepper
- hot tub, e.g.
- first TV game show in TX: "___ the Street"

- Alice newspaper: "___ Journal"
- a Texas way of looking at things
- TX Don Henley's "___ of the Innocence"
- TXism: "plain as the ears ___ mule"
- negative vote

- ### DOWN
- noted TX meteorologist Harold Taft died of this (2 wds.)
 - TX Waylon sang "That's What You Get For ___"
 - TXism: "covered like fur ___"
 - Smith County seat
 - ___ out a living
 - "night" simplified
 - prison mafia: "La ___"



TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- Houston Oiler kicker in 1980s, Zendejas (init.)
- hire
- this company made the first big copier
- do it quickly abbr.
- some TXns like to ___ on area lakes
- TXism: "tough ___ heel"
- NBA development team in Frisco: "Texas ___"
- lig tree
- "___ Belo Corp." owns newspapers in North TX
- Coach Landry
- wallet stuffers
- TXism: "___ mop" (toothbrush)
- TXism: "we ___ out our differences"
- large pill used by TX veterinarians
- TXism: "tells a windy"
- TX Ivory Joe Hunter recorded "Since I ___ You Baby" in 1956
- "on an even ___"
- TXism: "in ___ age" (long time)
- sexual assaults
- "wish ___ offense" was created in TX
- "___ and rave"
- TX "Dandy Don" Meredith was first color commentator on "___ Night Football"
- theme park in Spring, TX in 1984 and 1985: "___ Barbera Land"

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- 900 Wallis Ave, SA-3BR/1B 1371 sq ft, garage, carport, shed...\$60,000
- NEW! 301 N Ave F, CP-4BR/2B DW, large corner lot, 1160 sq ft shop...\$80,000
- 316 N Main St, CP-1BR/1B home and 2 1BR/1B apartments...\$82,000
- 311 Mayben, RS-3BR/1.5B, 1420, completely remodeled...**Reduced** \$76,500
- 1316 Ave I, B'wd-3BR/2b, 1145 sq ft, brick/siding, nice corner **Reduced** \$88,500
- 1206 Ave G, Cisco-3BR/2B, new flooring in kitchen/liv...**Reduced** \$98,500

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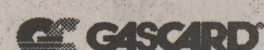
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2nd 4-H Vet Science Meeting

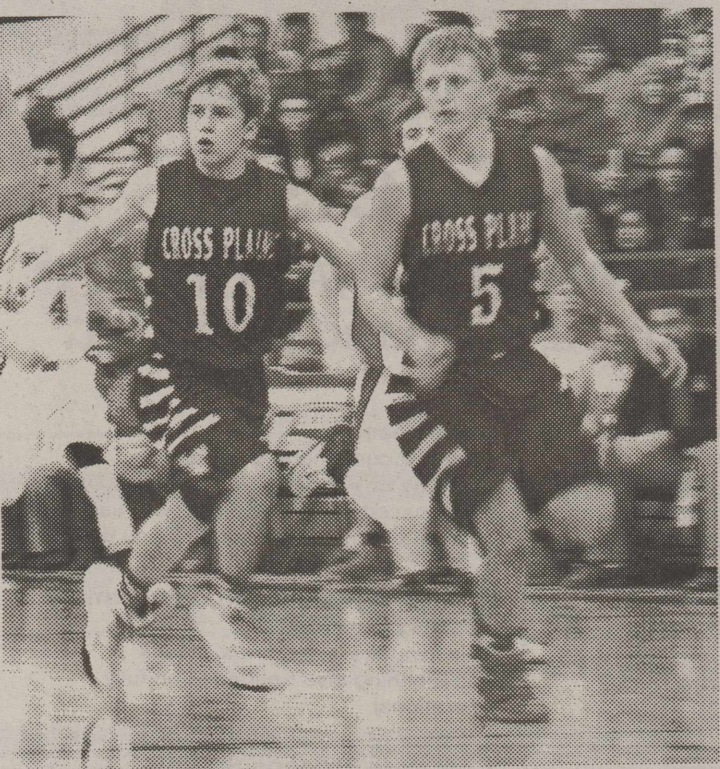
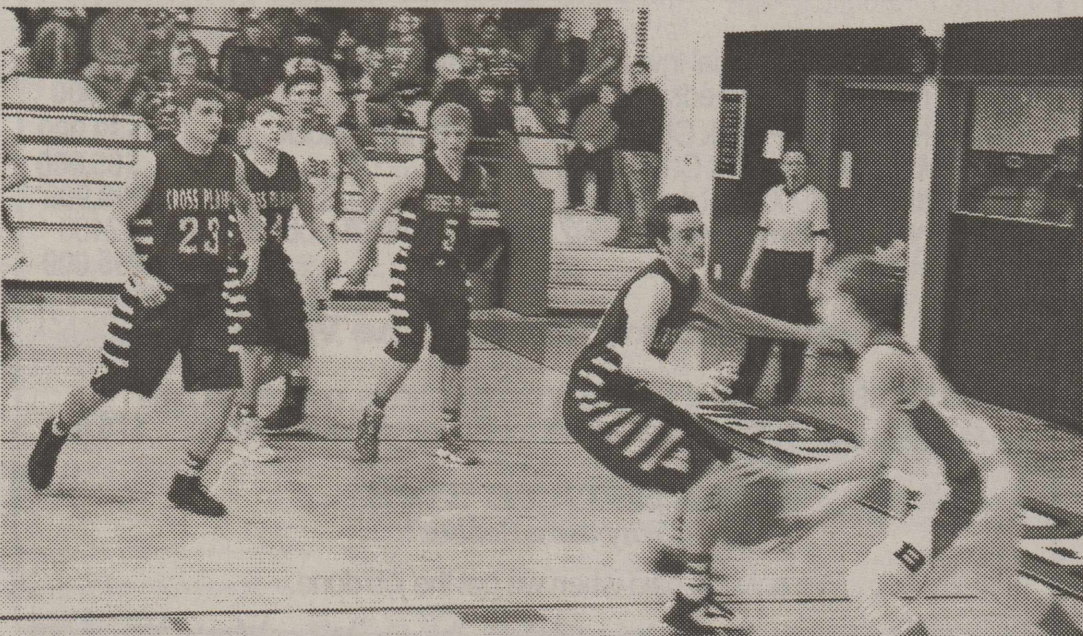
The 2nd 4-H Vet Science meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

The last Vet Science meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, so mark your calendar. If you have any questions please call The Extension Office (325) 854-5835.

Hope to see you on February 14th.

Varsity Buffaloes Fell to the Baird Bears 59-45

Varsity Buffaloes Basketball



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AgriLife Extension names new Callahan County agent

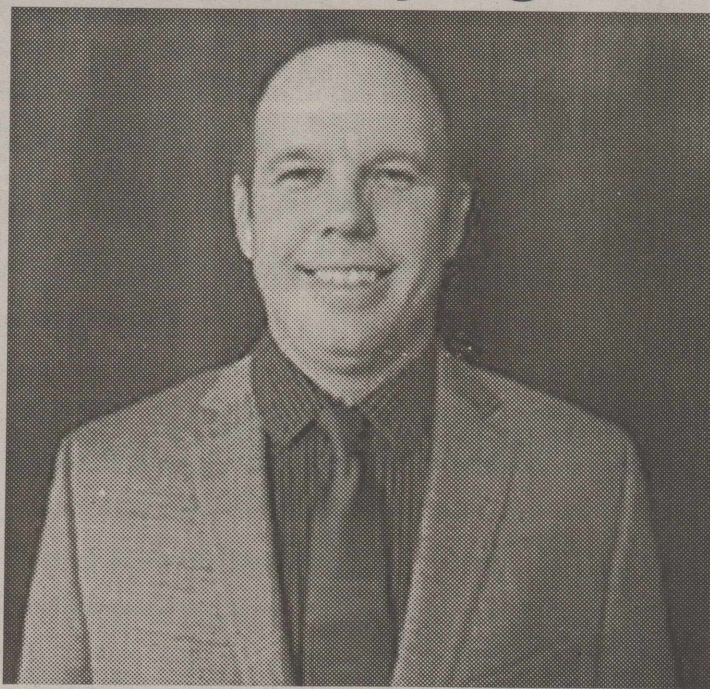
The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has named Karl Winge the new agriculture and natural resources agent for Callahan County effective Feb. 1st.

The announcement was made by Callahan County Judge Roger Corn and Marty Gibbs, AgriLife Extension administrator for the agency's West Central District headquartered in San Angelo.

"We are very pleased to have Karl become part of our 23-county AgriLife Extension team," Gibbs said. "He brings to the position a wealth of practical agricultural and academic knowledge as well as a working relationship with the 4-H youth development program. He's very familiar with the county and with its brand of agriculture. I see this as being a seamless and positive appointment from both the adult and youth components, which are of equal importance in this particular position."

Winge earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture and landscape management from Tarleton State University at Stephenville in 2002 and also holds an associate degree of science in general agriculture from Cisco Junior College.

Winge was raised on a peanut farm south of Cisco and grew up being involved in the 4-H



Karl Winge the new agriculture and natural resources agent for Callahan County.

program. He has served as a 4-H club manager, president of the Eastland County adult 4-H leaders association and has been an Eastland County youth wool and mohair judging team coach. He also has been a board member of Eastland County Livestock Raisers and a trainer for first- and third-year officials for the Abilene Basketball Chapter. His past work experience

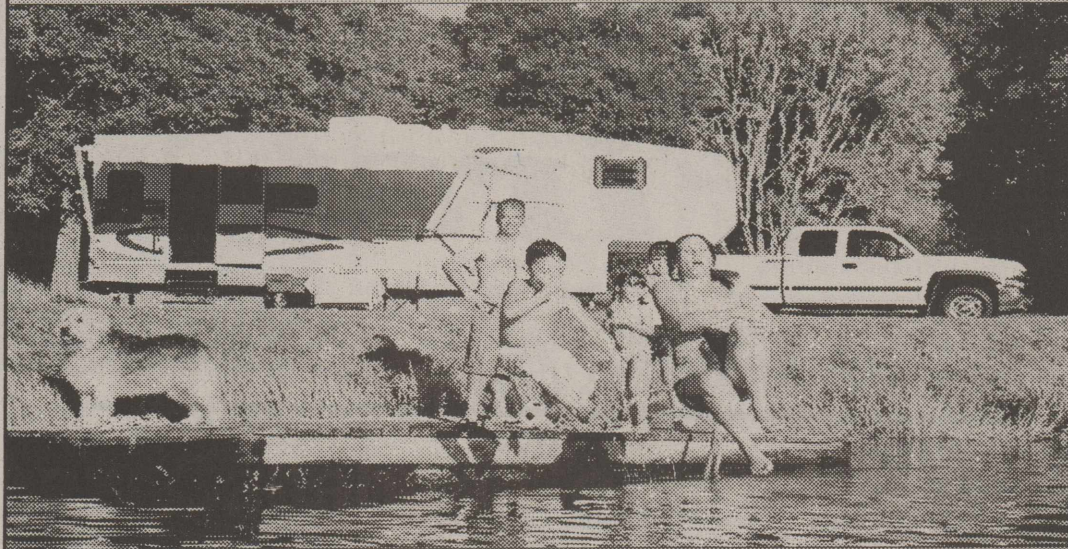
includes managing and later owning and operating turf grass firms in Clyde, assistant superintendent at Diamondback Golf Club in Abilene and second assistant superintendent at Abilene Country Club.

Winge fills the position formerly held by Jerry Warren who retired Aug. 31 after 19 years with the agency.

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Varsity Lady Buffs Basketball

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Eula 54
Lady Buffs 37
Scoring:
Jacy Bien 5
Shana Yates 10
Jackilann Shepard 3
Katy Jo Morgan 10
Grace Goode 5
Hanna Fortune 1
Brooke Lynn Bell 3

Lady Buffs vs. Baird
January 27, 2017
Rising Star 43
Lady Buffs 41
Scoring:
Jacy Bien 2
Shana Yates 5
Jackilann Shepard 2
Katy Jo Morgan 15
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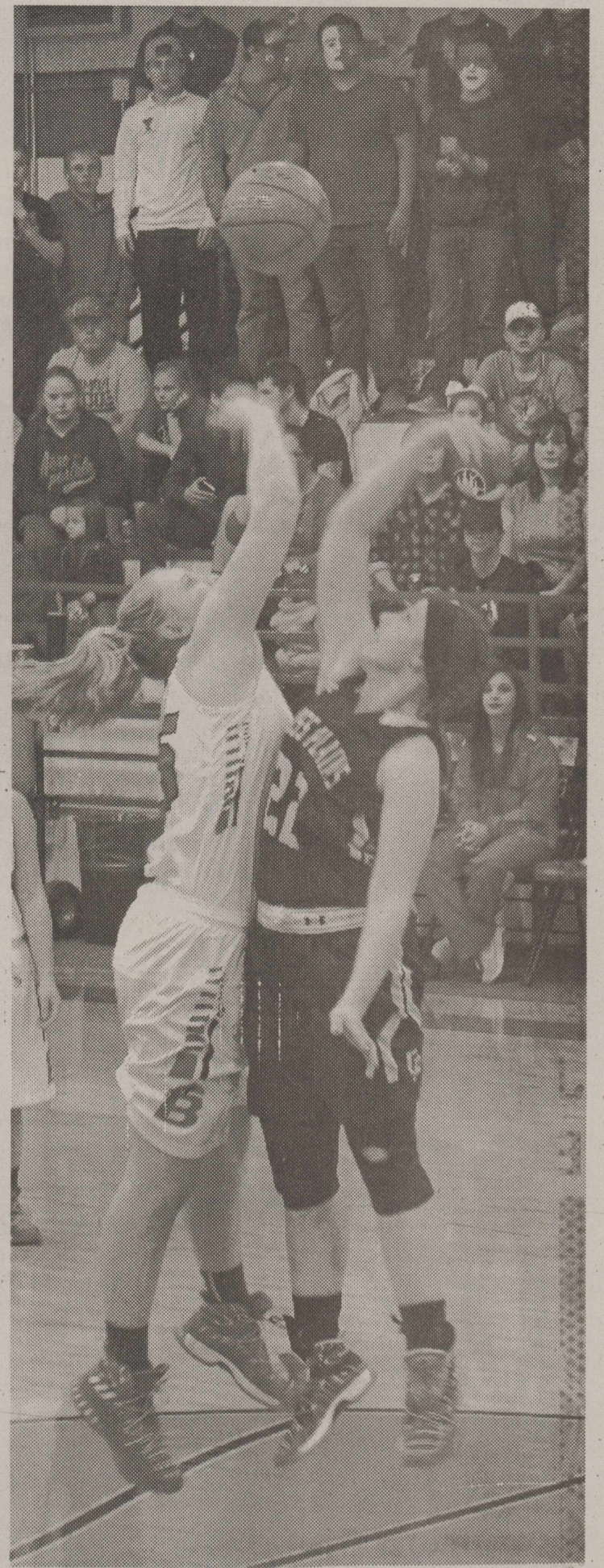
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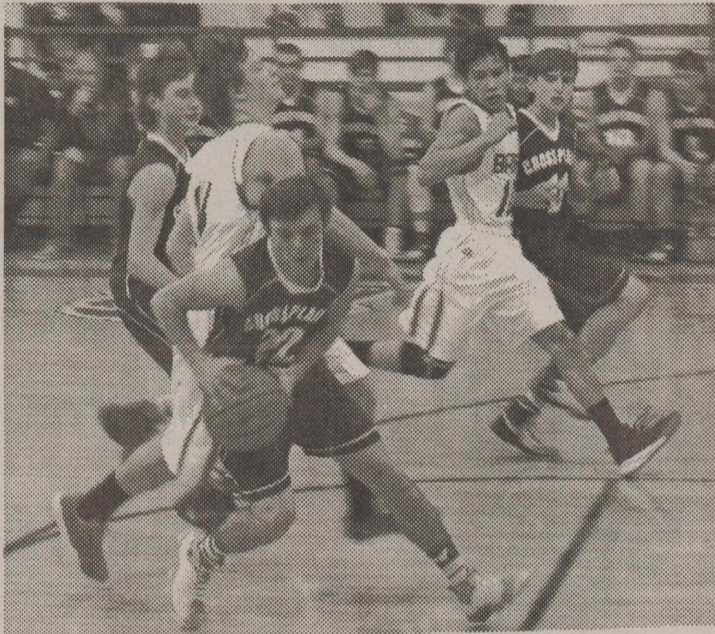
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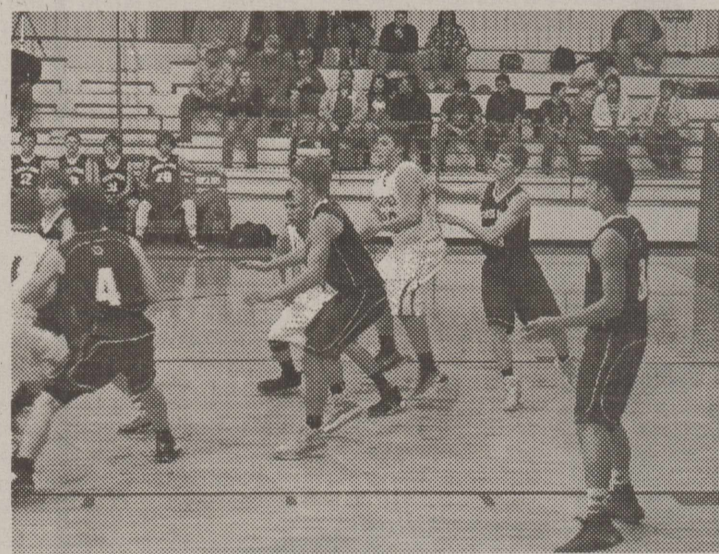
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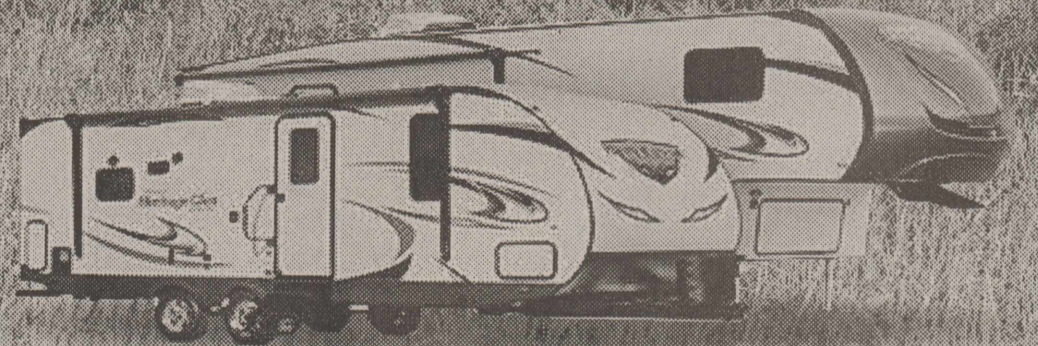
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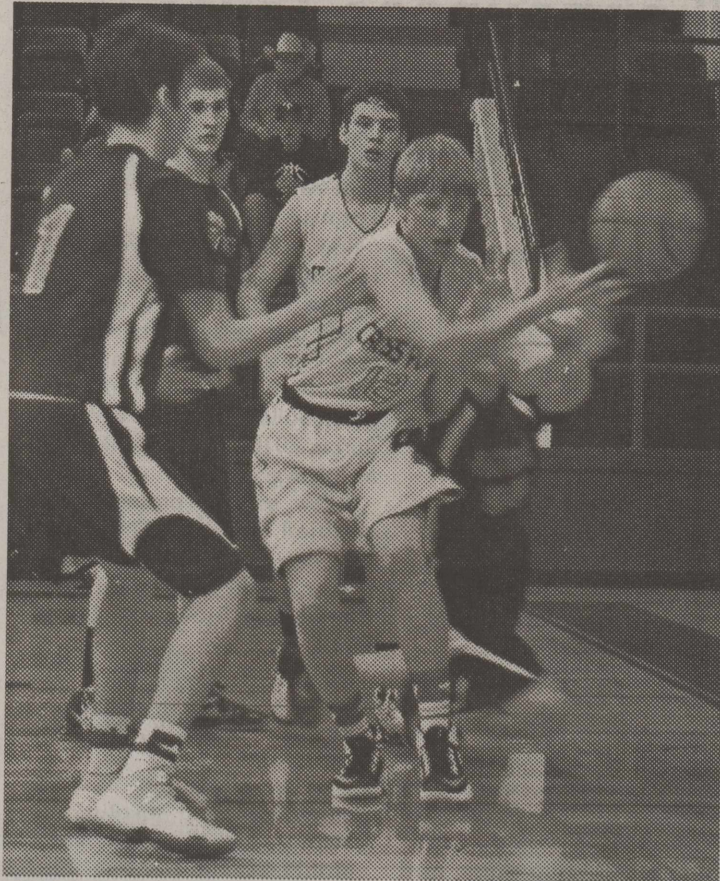
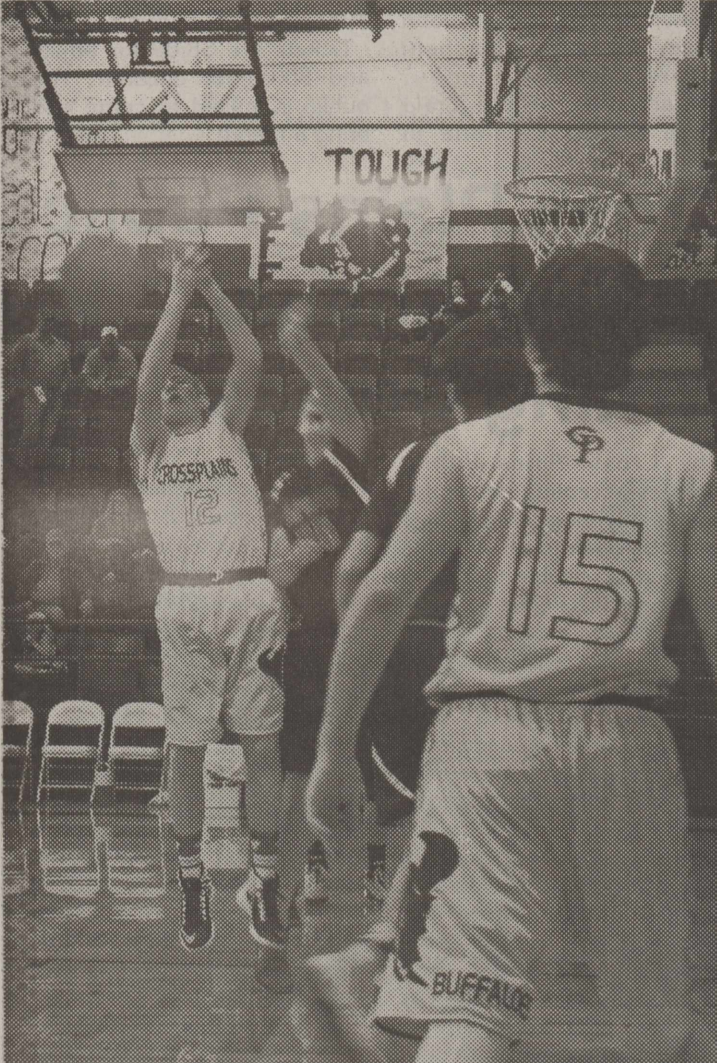
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Vendors will gather Saturday February 11, 10AM-4PM inside The Old Firehouse on North First Street to sell their handcrafted items. Market at Clyde is held the second Saturday of each month. All items are handcrafted by local artist, artisans, crafters and home cooks. Market at Clyde is a registered non profit organization that encourages those with creative talents to share and sell their creations. Booth spaces are only \$10. If you would like a space please call 325-518-3939 or email themarketatclyde@gmail.com

Valentine Day will be well represented at this Market. A table will be set up with supplies for creating Valentines. There will be no charge for this fun activity. Bring the family and have a creative event together. Also one of the artists will be doing face painting. Be sure to check out all of the beautiful Valentine creations by the vendors. One of the vendors has beautiful recreations of original early 1930's Valentines. The original Valentines were saved by her father and she has lovingly recreated each one. This is a special collection of cards for the ones that you love. Of course there is also Valentine décor for your home, office or table, not to mention Valentine cookies, candy arrangements, flower arrangements and more.

Most of the vendors accept special orders. You will find many other items in addition to

what is mentioned above. There is no way to list all of the items but here is a partial list; wood crafts of all type to include scroll saw, lathe work, rustic and finely finished wood, wall hangings and crosses combining wood and motorcycle chains, hand crafted writing pens; hammered metal crosses; sewn items such as personalized baby gifts, household items and home décor; fine art; several styles of hand crafted jewelry; soaps and different scrubs; tooled leather; from the kitchen yeast breads, zucchini bread and other sweet breads, pickles, jams and jellies. The list is endless and these creative people are still working in their shops, studios and kitchens. See the article and ad in this paper next week for more information.

Each month Market at Clyde also has a local non-profit organization or church to hold a fund raiser. This month will be a bowl of Chili or Frito Pie with a glass of lemon aide or tea for \$5 to benefit the Masonic Education Scholarship. Members of the Baird Masonic Lodge will be cooking and serving the chili along with all of the fixings. This scholarship is given each year directly to a collage or university on behalf of a graduating senior from Baird High School. Students submit an essay to compete for the scholarship. Those interested can learn more by visiting with those preparing the chili.

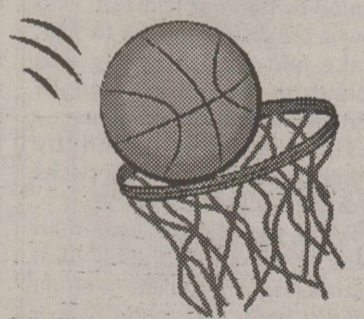
Junior High and High School Basketball Schedule

February 3, Friday - Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls and Boys play May there starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

February 6, Monday - Junior High Girls and Boys A and B Teams play Baird here starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.

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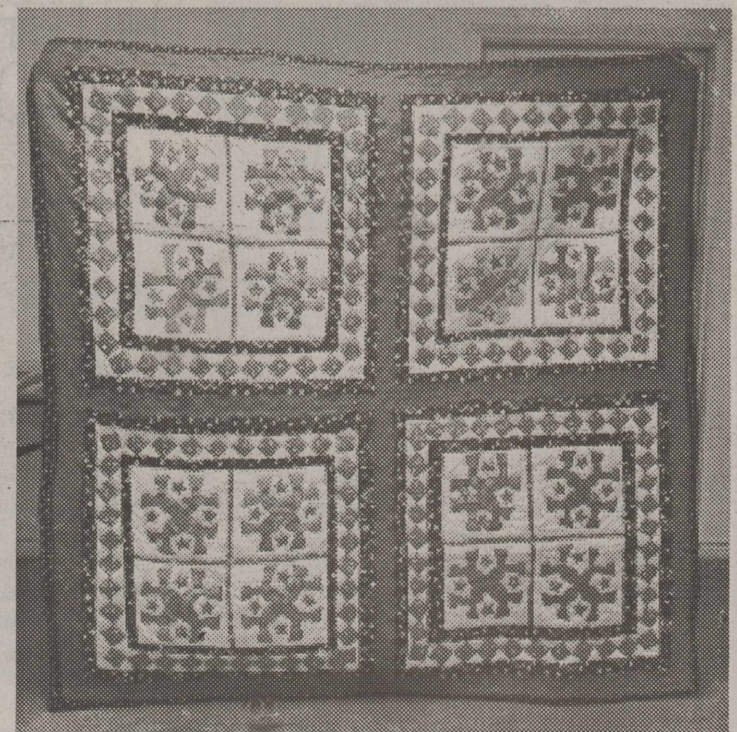
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US Green Building Council announces Texas is 10th in the nation for green building in 2016

Washington, D.C. - (Jan 25, 2017) -- Today, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) released its national ranking of the top states in the country for LEED green building and Texas is the 10th state in the nation for 2016. The annual list highlights states throughout the country that made significant strides in sustainable building design, construction and transformation over the past year. With a total of 211 LEED certified projects representing 1.67 square feet of certified space per resident, Texas is leading the charge in the green building movement in the United States.

"Texas has been a phenomenal trailblazer in green building and LEED certifications and is leading the way toward a more sustainable future for generations to come," said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO of USGBC. "The success of LEED could not happen without support from states like Texas that believe in being environmentally and socially responsible and have committed to transforming the built environment. With each new LEED certification, we are lowering carbon

2016 Top 10 State for LEED				
Rank	State	Certified Gross Square Footage (GSF)	Top No. Projects	Per-Capita Certified GSF
1	MA*	24,398,765	3.73	136
2	CO*	15,921,457	3.17	92
3	IL*	36,188,485	2.82	151
4	NY	48,405,204	2.5	211
5	CA*	88,891,641	2.39	632
6	NV*	6,397,602	2.37	22
7	MD*	13,426,623	2.33	104
8	VA*	18,444,309	2.31	155
9	WA*	15,103,478	2.25	105
10	TX*	41,942,393	1.67	211
**	DC	17,476,447	29.04	120

*Included in 2015 Top 10 States for LEED list

**Washington, D.C. is not ranked as it is a federal district, not a state

emissions, creating a healthier environment, driving economic growth and prioritizing sustainable practices that will positively impact the way residents, communities and cities live, work and play."

According to USGBC's 2015 Green Building Economic Impact Study, LEED construction is expected to support 244,000 jobs and impact GDP by \$21.39 billion from 2015-2018 in Texas.

"Our ranking in the Top 10 States for LEED shows the

continued success of the green building market in Texas," said Jonathan Kraatz, executive director of USGBC Texas Chapter. "Companies and business owners across the state have embraced LEED and green building practices in all sectors from a fiscally as well as socially responsible perspective, and are realizing the benefits of LEED on both their occupants and facilities. We've made a great start and look forward to continuing our work creating prosperous

sustainable built environment that improves life for all Texans."

Now in its seventh year, the ranking assesses the total square feet of LEED-certified space per resident based on U.S. Census data and includes commercial and institutional green building projects certified during 2016. The full ranking is as follows:

A few notable projects that certified in Texas in 2016 include:

Skanska West Memorial Place Phase I in Houston; LEED Platinum

Bank of America Plaza 901 Main in Dallas; LEED Gold Baylor Medical Waxahachie; LEED Silver

Collectively, 1,819 commercial and institutional projects achieved LEED certification within the Top 10 States for LEED in 2016, representing 309.12 gross square feet of real estate. Across the United States, 3,366 projects were certified in 2016, representing 470.39 million square feet.

The LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction, maintenance and operations of green buildings. More than 59,000 commercial, neighborhood and residential projects are currently LEED certified, comprising more than 6 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 164 countries and territories globally.

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About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, a nationwide network of chapters and affiliates, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, the Center for Green Schools and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit usgbc.org and connect on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Abilene Cactus Lions Club spaghetti supper is Wednesday, Feb. 18th

The Abilene Cactus Lions Club will hold its 40th annual John Massey Memorial Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, February 18th at the Craig Middle School Cafeteria in Abilene.

Serving will take place from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. The public is invited to come and bring a friend!

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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.

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Abilene man charged with murder after body found on T&P Lake near Baird

A woman's body found Friday, January 27th near a Callahan County lake is that of Megan Dearman, 31, of Abilene, an Abilene Police Department spokesman said.

The body was found about noon near the T&P Lake, south of Baird, according to Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy.

Abilene police investigators looking into the disappearance of a 31-year-old Abilene woman were called to the scene about 1:00 p.m. and requested Texas Rangers join the investigation, police spokesman Rick Tomlin said in a statement.

Police are investigating the disappearance of Meagan Dearman, who was last seen January 17th.

Dearman's family was notified only that a body was found, Tomlin said. He said identification will be made by a medical examiner.

Sheriff Joy said Baird Police Officer Trica Simcik notified the Callahan County Sheriff's Department around noon on Friday of a body discovered on the T&P Lake, which is owned by the City of Baird.

Sheriff Joy said he and investigator Frank Weise were called to the scene by Officer Simcik and they immediately called the Texas Rangers and Abilene Police Department.

Sheriff Joy said the body was found by Lonnie McIntosh, who owns property adjacent to T&P Lake and said the body was found on the ground along a fence line near the lake.

The body was taken by Abilene Professional Services from the scene.

A 32-year-old Abilene man was charged Monday with murdering an Abilene woman whose body was found near a

lake south of Baird Friday.

Justin Bennett, who was arrested Thursday on unrelated charges, was charged with murder in connection with the death of Meagan Dearman, who had been missing since Jan. 17.

"Early on (Jan. 25) we began to receive some information that Ms. Dearman was deceased," Abilene Police Sgt. Lynn Beard said Monday. "Also, the early information indicated her boyfriend, Justin Bennett, was the suspect. On the 26th of January, we located Mr. Bennett at a residence in Merkel. Members of our SWAT team were able to take him safely into custody."

According to a search warrant for Bennett's DNA released Monday, an Abilene police detective was investigating the case when he learned that Bennett and Dearman had gotten into a fight before she disappeared.

The detective reportedly was told by an informant that Bennett said he "hurt (Dearman) bad." Police later learned from an informant that Bennett had buried Dearman's body at a lake after the fight. On Friday, the body of a woman was found near T&P Lake in Baird.

The body was identified as Dearman's, according to the affidavit for the search warrant.

By the time the woman's body was found, Bennett already had been arrested on four outstanding warrants, Beard said. But when he was questioned about her disappearance, Bennett was "very uncooperative," telling police he didn't "give an (expletive) about Meagan," the warrant says.

Beard said Bennett remains uncooperative with police, adding a motive for Dearman's death has yet to be determined.

Police interviews with more informants revealed that one of Bennett's friends allowed him to use her car earlier this month, according to the warrant. She gave detectives permission to search the vehicle, where they found what appeared to be blood. The informant also said that Bennett admitted to her that he killed Dearman by strangulation.

The warrant also says that a size 16 shoe print was found "at the crime scene" — it doesn't specify whether the scene of the crime was at the lake or elsewhere — that matched the shoes Bennett was wearing when he was arrested.

Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge spoke Monday about domestic violence in general, advising those in abusive relationships to seek the help they need.

Standridge said he and several other officers met with a recent victim of domestic violence at the NOAH Project and asked her questions, including what she would say to others in situations like hers.

She told the chief she'd tell them to get out of the relationship, Standridge said.

"If you are being abused, we have plenty of resources in the city of Abilene to walk alongside you to get you out of that abusive relationship," Standridge said. "Would you please have the courage to call 9-1-1 to begin the process? Because I give you my word we're going to work with you to get you out of that abusive relationship."





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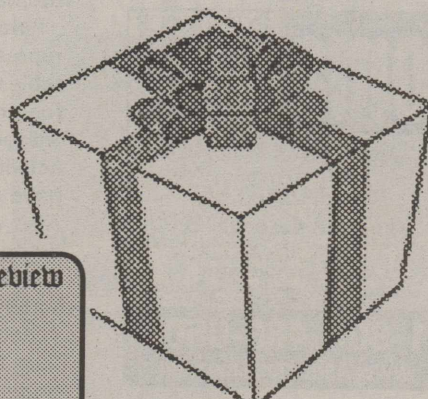
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