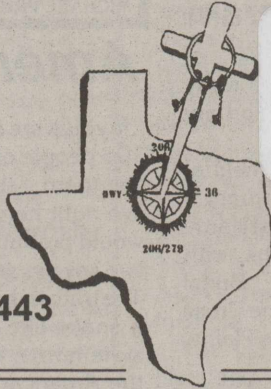


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Cross Plains VFD, Rising Star VFD and Sipe Springs VFD responded to a grass fire at FM 569 and Highway 36 last Wednesday, February 1st.

## CPVFD Firefighters Kept Busy With Calls

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department was called out to work a wreck involving an 18-wheeler on Highway 36, east of Cross Plains on Monday afternoon.

The department also lent mutual aid to Eastland County on Sunday, February 5th, and helped extinguish a grass fire on Highway 183 between Cisco and Rising Star.

On Wednesday, February 1st,

the department put out a grass fire near FM 569 and Highway 36. Rising Star and Sipe Springs VFDs also responded to the call.

On Wednesday, February 1st, the firefighters provided mutual aid to Coleman County for a Control Burn that had gotten out of control.

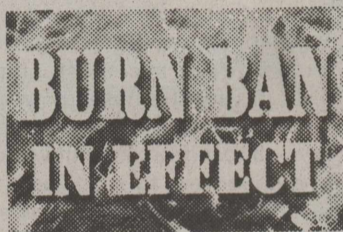
The Burn Ban is currently in effect. No outdoor burning including Control Burns.

## Barbarian Festival to be Held on Saturday, June 10th

June will be here soon. Plans are being made now for the 19th Annual Barbarian Festival to be held at Treadway Park on Saturday, June 10th.

The festival features live music, an Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show, a Tractor Show, a bounce house for the kids, and lots of food, entertainment and booths.

Mark your calendar now and make plans to be at the festival.



## JH Buffaloes District Champions



The Cross Plains Junior High Buffaloes end the season with a win over Baird. The team is undefeated in district play. More basketball photos of both the Junior High and High School teams inside.

## Valentine Dance at Senior Center Monday, February 13th, 6:30 pm

Come dance the night away at the Cross Plains Senior Center!!! Bring your valentine... or your friends to the Valentine Dance, Monday, February 13th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Live music provided by Margie Hartsfield.

Snacks and beverage provided.

Only \$5 admission. Everyone 55 and older is invited to come and have a good time!



The Valentine Dance is sponsored by United Health Care.

## Roaring 20s Theme at 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.

Join in the fun as we celebrate Mardi Gras with a Roaring 20s theme. Mayor Bob Kirkham will kick things off with a city proclamation, designating March as NEA Big Read Month.

Enjoy a feast of crawfish, shrimp, corn, and potatoes cooked by our Cajun Crew.

Top the evening off with Vivian's traditional King Cake (you might be the lucky one who gets the baby in their piece of cake - that means good luck for the year!)



Enjoy jazz music while you dine and before you leave be sure to take to the dance floor for a photo op. Party is from 5-7 pm on February 28th at the Senior Citizen's Center!

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

## Powerlifters Place at Friday's Meet

Alexis Mauricio and Jacob Collier placed 2nd in their weight classes at Friday's Powerlifting Meet at Abilene Cooper. Brian Morales came in 4th in his class.

Results of the meet:

Girls:  
Alexis Mauricio 114lb Class 2nd Place; Squat-250 Bench-110 Dead Lift-250

Total-610  
Boys:  
Brian Morales 165lb Class 4th Place (Tied with 3rd); Squat: 340 Bench: 195 Dead Lift: 370 Total: 905  
Jacob Collier 220lb Class 2nd Place; Squat: 450 Bench: 275 Dead Lift: 420 Total: 1145  
Everyone Placed in the top 4 and their Totals Went Up!!

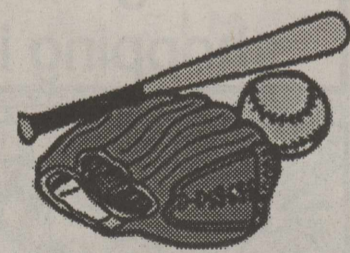
## Baseball and Softball Seasons Starting Soon

Cross Plains High School Buffaloes Baseball and Lady Buffs Softball games will be starting soon.

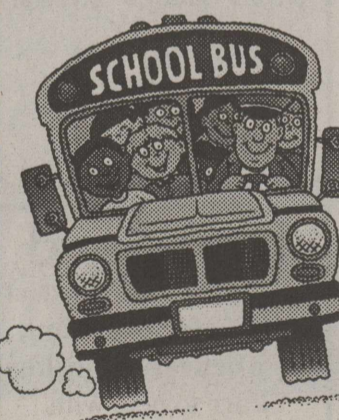
The Buffaloes play their first scrimmage against TLC this Saturday, February 11th, at 1 p.m. here in Cross Plains.

The Lady Buffs begin play with their first game in Cisco on Saturday, February 18th at 5 p.m.

We with the Buffaloes and



Lady Buffs a great season! Schedules for both teams are inside.



### C.P.I.S.D.

## School Holiday Monday, February 13th

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

## NEW GYM/TORNADO SHELTER Senior Night at the Basketball Game

The City of Cross Plains in conjunction with Cross Plains ISD has been awarded a grant for the building of a gym that will double as a tornado shelter for both the community and school. The grant will pay for 75% of the costs. Cross Plains ISD will pay the remaining 25%.

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

At the last School Board Meeting, the Board did not act upon accepting the grant, but it is the Board's intention to accept the grant at the February Meeting. After all, we will be getting a \$1,450,000 facility for \$360,000. At the Town Hall Meeting held on January 18th, the two major concerns were:

Can the school afford to pay for 25% of the costs associated

with the tornado shelter?

Cross Plains ISD is one of the few schools in today's times that is doing well financially. The school's fund balance (savings) has grown to just over \$1,500,000. Cross Plains' enrollment is holding steady. The elementary campus has the three largest classes in the district, which is a good sign for the future.

What do we need more - a tornado shelter/gym, a new band hall, or a cafeteria renovation.

We think we need all three: a tornado shelter/gym, a new band hall, and a cafeteria renovation.

The Board and school personnel work together in the best interest of its students. The school has been recognized as the best Class A School in the state with its Academic/Athletic accomplishments. The Board, school, and staff will continue to strive to have the best education available for our future generations. Thank you for your continued support.

hope to have over 60 students in our band for the 2017-18 school year. After the band hall is built, the next goal is the use the old band hall, renovate it, and use the additional room to accommodate more seating area for the cafeteria. The Board will more than likely go to the community again for some help on these two building projects.

Cross Plains has consistently sent its seniors out in the real world with the tools and knowledge for them to be successful in life. The Board and school personnel work together in the best interest of its students. The school has been recognized as the best Class A School in the state with its Academic/Athletic accomplishments. The Board, school, and staff will continue to strive to have the best education available for our future generations. Thank you for your continued support.



Seniors Kersey Wyatt, Lorelei Woodard, Holden Senclair, Hannah Cowan and Grace Goode. More photos inside.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### 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 Steinle, Youth Pastor  
 Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

### Pioneer Baptist Church

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

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 Pastor Max Evans  
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### Triple Cross Cowboy Church

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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. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
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[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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**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**

## Death Notices

### Michael R. Ingram

Michael R. Ingram, 70, of Cross Plains, TX, passed away in Plano on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 7 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains with John Swift officiating. Burial followed the service at the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains, Texas.

### Aubrey B. "Moose" Childers

Aubrey B. "Moose" Childers, 74, of Abilene, died Monday, February 6, 2017, at Abilene Regional Hospital.

The family will receive friends 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home 309 N. E. 4th Street in Cross Plains. The funeral will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at Cottonwood Cemetery.

### Harold Gaylord

Harold Gaylord, 70, passed away on February 5, 2017. Services are pending.

## Cross Plains Community Calendar

- February
  - Feb 8 - Wednesday, Valentine Banquet, First Baptist Church, 6 p.m.
  - Feb 13 - Monday, Valentine's Dance, Cross Plains Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.
  - Feb 14 - Tuesday, Valentine's Day
  - Feb 20 - Monday, President's Day, Bank and Post Office closed.
  - Feb 25 - Saturday, Team Roping, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Arena
  - Feb 28 - Tuesday, Mardi Gras Celebration Fundraiser, Cross Plains Senior Center, 5-7 p.m.
- March
  - Mar 1 - Ash Wednesday
  - Mar 13-17 - Spring Break
  - Mar 17 - Friday, St. Patrick's Day
  - Mar 25 - Saturday, Team Roping, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Arena
- April
  - Apr 14 - Good Friday, School's out for Easter Holiday
  - Apr 16 - Easter
  - Apr 28 - Friday, Arbor Day
- May
  - May 14 - Mother's Day
  - May 19 - Friday, Last day of School Classes; Graduation
  - May 29 - Monday, Memorial Day observed
- June
  - June 9 & 10 - Friday and Saturday, Robert E. Howard Days
  - June 10 - Saturday, Barbarian Festival, Treadway Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
  - June 18 - Father's Day
  - June 24 - Saturday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday

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### Rowden Baptist Church

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### American Eel

If you were to randomly select 100 people off of the street and ask them if there were eels that live right here in this state, you would probably have fewer than two say yes with any conviction. The truth is, however, we do have a snake-like fish that calls this state home, and that species is the American Eel.

The American Eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) is a surprisingly large species of fish that occurs in the river tributaries that connect directly into the Gulf of Mexico. Once a common sight along the Rio Grande in far western Texas; this species has not been documented in that portion of the state in quite some time. It is a catadromous species which means that it migrates from freshwater habitats to saltwater habitats in order to spawn. This migration typically has the adults navigating all the way to the western Atlantic Ocean. Outside of Texas it can be seen along the Atlantic seaboard inland into accessible freshwater.

This indigenous member of the eel family has very little pattern and only slight variations in color. Most specimens are either olive or brownish above with either a yellowish or gray-white belly. The body is elongated and almost snakelike in appearance, and rather than having large overlapping scales along the dorsal areas like most other fish, this species has very small and round scales. These scales are almost too diminutive for the naked eye to see. There is a long dorsal fin that runs along the back 3/4 of the body, and there is a single gill slit immediately in front of the pectoral fin.

As mentioned above, this is a startlingly large species of fish with adults maxing out at just over 4 feet in length and a top weight of just over 7 pounds. Most individuals encountered however are much smaller.

The American Eel is an opportunistic carnivore, feeding on a variety of small invertebrate as well as vertebrate prey items. Smaller eels obviously prefer to feed on smaller items such as microscopic organisms while the adults will not hesitate to feed on smaller fish, insects, and frogs. It is exclusively nocturnal, spending most of the day sheltered along burrows and plant clumps along the bottom of the river or lake. It is a slow, but deliberate hunter, relying on camouflage to sneak up on its prey.

The American Eel has a remarkable life cycle that begins in the Sargasso Sea (western Atlantic Ocean). Once it has hatched, each individual will progress through 6 life stages (Egg, Larval form, Glass Eel, Elvers, Yellow Eel, Silver Eel) that will include a journey to the freshwater areas of North America culminating in a return to the area in which it was born. After hatching, the 4-8 MILLION larval forms will be transported by the currents of the Gulf Stream. This period can last up to one year. Once arriving at the continental shelf, the larval form (known as the leptocephalus) will begin to metamorph into the juvenile stage, the Glass Eel stage. This transformation period usually takes approximately 200 days.

The next stage is the Elvers stage, and it is at this stage that individuals begin to obtain the darker adult colors of olive or brown. It is at this point that the eels will choose to stay in the brackish water of the sea/river combo or to make the journey upstream into straight freshwater. This stage lasts almost another year. Yellow eels, the next stage, is the immature adult phase in the life cycle. The name of this stage is derived from the color of the belly. Individual eels that remain in the brackish water develop much more rapidly, but the freshwater eels tend to get much larger and live longer.

The last stage of the life cycle is the Silver Eel phase. This is when the adults are sexually mature and begin to take on the gray-brown coloration with silver-white bellies, signifying the readiness to make the migration back to the Sargasso Sea. Upon arrival, the adults will mate externally, and then perish. This entire process can take anywhere from 10 to 25 years to complete start to finish.

Although rarely seen, and therefore almost an afterthought, this species was at one time quite common in Texas. The number of sightings have diminished because of habitat reduction due to the construction of dams that impede the movement of the Elver stage.

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).

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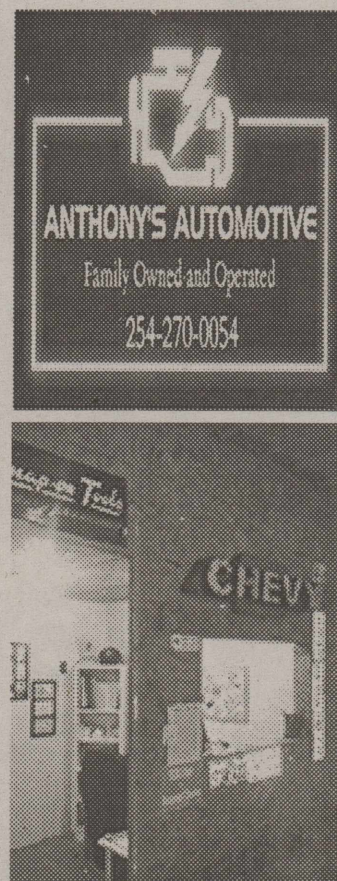
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## Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for new business Anthony's Automotive

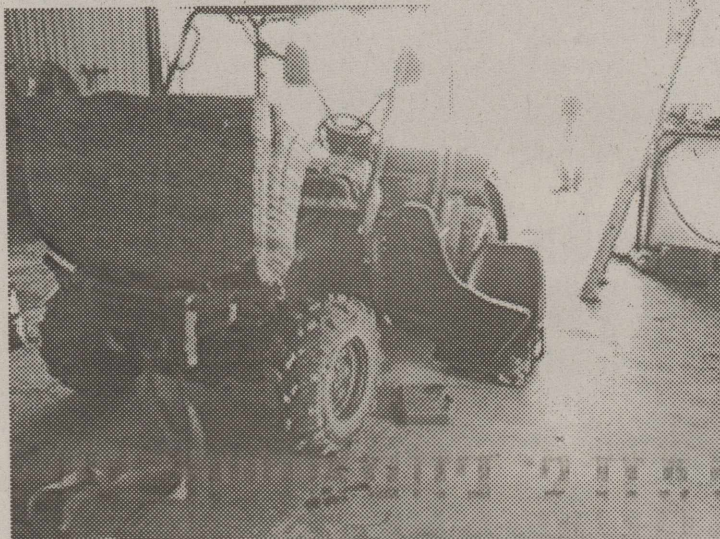
Anthony's Automotive is a family-owned and operated business located at 417 Chestnut St. in Cross Plains that opened in late September of 2016.

Anthony Hutton, owner and wife, Darla Hutton, co-owner and manager are proud to offer services that are not only affordable but honest and reliable. They are a full-service preventive maintenance and automotive repair shop that are here to serve the public for all their automotive service, repairs

what only needs to be fixed and make recommendations to any other maintenance or anything that they see that might become a problem in the near future.

Anthony's Automotive has paired up with First Financial Bank and now offers financing to those who qualify with approved credit. They also offer a 10% discount off of labor for active duty Law Enforcement and Armed Forces.

Anthony's is currently running a Valentine's special ending on



and upgrade needs. They offer a variety of services whether you are looking for brake repair, transmission replacement to engine installments.

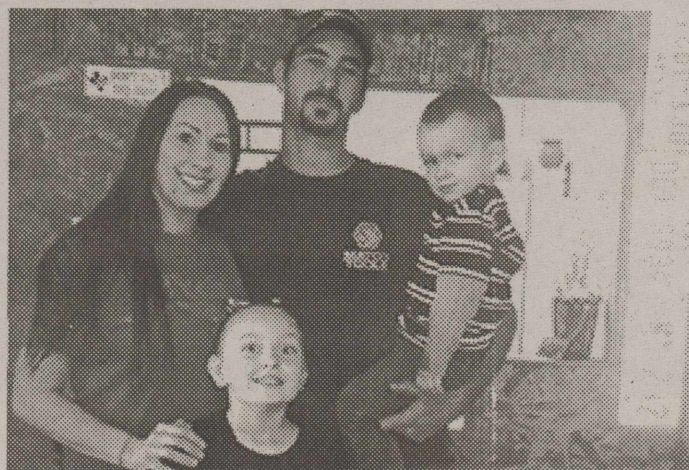
Their primary goal is complete customer satisfaction and to get your vehicle running smoothly. They use the latest technology to assess problems and offer you alternatives. Anthony's Automotives' promise is to fix

February 15.

Save \$20 on any repair over \$100 or more.\* Excludes oil changes.

Anthony has over five years of skill, training and knowledge in the automotive repair industry. His work can be guaranteed and is done in a timely manner to get you back on the road.

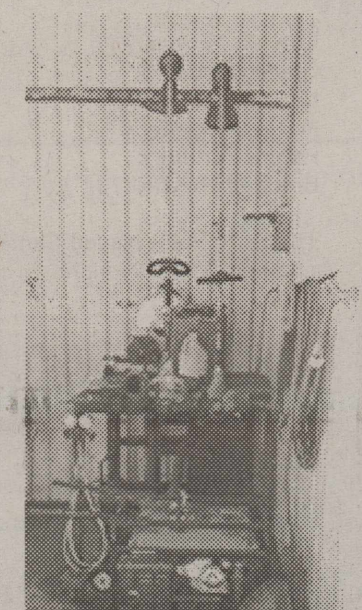
Anthony and his wife, Darla, have two wonderful children,



Anthony Hutton, Darla Hutton and their children two Brookelynn and Chevy

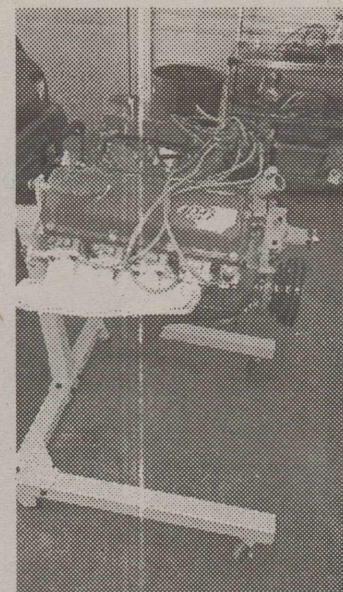
and helps assist his mother in the office.

Even if you don't need any repair work done and you're in the neighborhood stop in and say "Hey." The coffee's always on and they would be happy to see you!



daughter Brookelynn and son Chevy.

The couple met in October 2010 and married in June of 2014. Brookelynn attends Cross Plains ISD and is currently in the third grade while their son Chevy is nearly two and a half



## What Are You Reading?

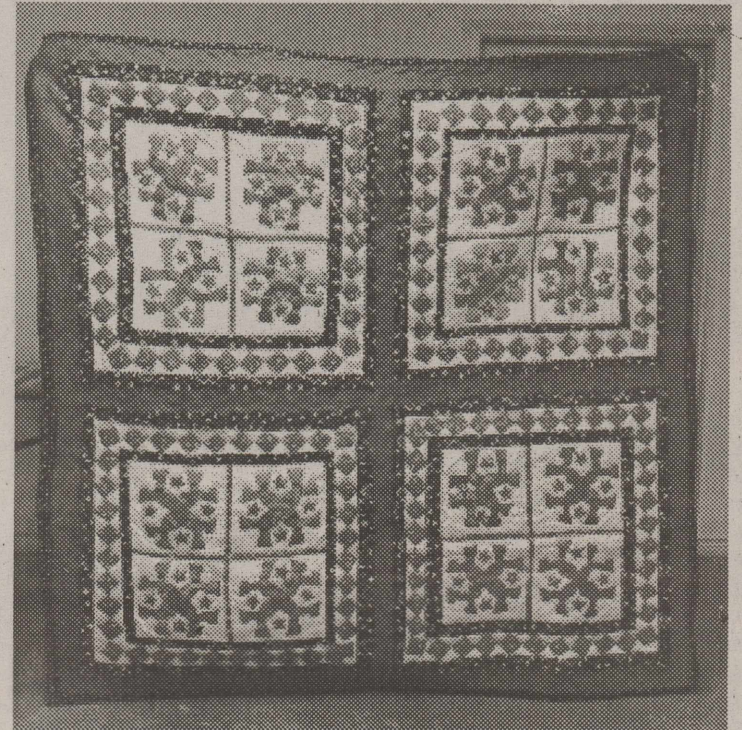
by the Bookworms



The Orphan Trains by Kristin F. Johnson is a book about an important, but often forgotten time in our country's history. This captivating story tells about the extreme poverty in New York City during the years 1840-1930 and the people that tried to help the nearly 30,000 children that had either been abandoned or could not be cared for by their parents. The Children's Aid Society was formed by Charles Loring Brace in 1853. His vision was to find a way to give these poor children of the streets a home. In 1854, the first orphan train traveled from Albany, New York to Dowagiac, Michigan. Over the next 75 years, children were taken by train to states west and south of New York in hopes of finding families that would welcome them into their homes. Some of the children found good homes, but many

were treated like slaves. This book explores the many people and events that eventually led to our current child labor laws, foster care and adoption regulations. The Orphan Trains is an easy-to-read book for early teens aged 12-15. Come by the Cross Plains Public Library and check it out!

Please join us for a live program of "Riders on the Orphan Train" to be presented on March, 25, 2017 at First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. as part of the NEA Big Read celebration, and funded in part by a grant from Humanities Texas. This event is sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library and the Callahan County Historical Commission. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



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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Don Gosnell was the guest of Adrian Allen at Kiwanis Meeting on Tuesday, February 7th. Don shared about law enforcement in CP and about our new officers Chris Rios and Justin Golson and veteran officer Jarrod Potter. He also talked about traffic, drugs and counterfeit money issues in Cross Plains. The information was appreciated by the 15 Kiwanians that attended!

## Senior Citizens Center Activities

**Feb. 13th - Feb. 17th**

**Monday-13th** Exercise 11:00/Music Jam 6:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday-14th** Happy Valentine's /Valentine's Dance 6:00 p.m. \$5.00 includes snacks and beverage  
**Wednesday-15th** Exercise 11:00/Foot Care with Kindred at Home of Health Eastland  
**Thursday-16th** Exercise 11:00/ Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:25  
**Friday-17th** Carol- Diabetic Education Resource Care, 11:15 Bingo Kindred at Home of Health Eastland

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. 13th - Feb. 17th**

**Monday 13th**-Swiss Steak, **Thursday 16th** -Green Steamed Rice, Spring Veg- Pepper Steak, Noodles, etable Mix, Bread, Dessert Sauté Cabbage & Onion Bread, Dessert

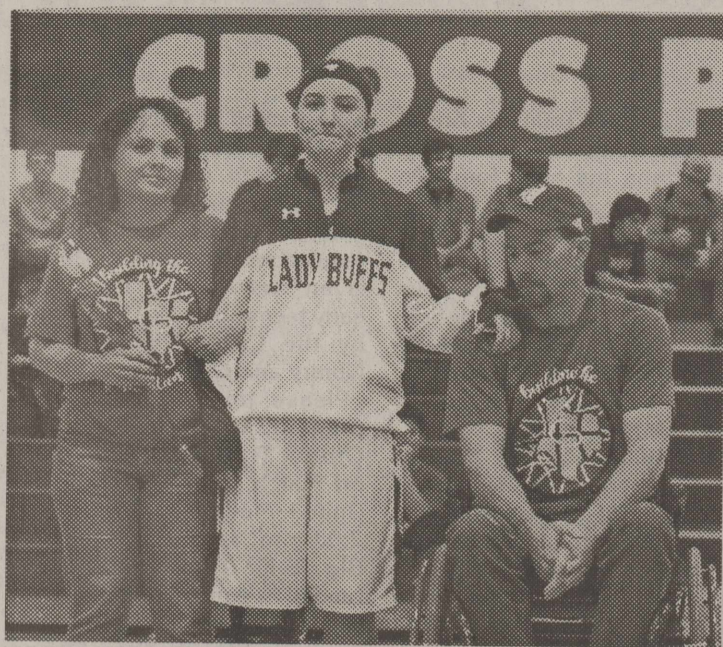
**Tuesday 14th** -Chicken Fajita Salad with Lettuce, Tomato, Beans, Cheese, Chips and Picante Sauce  
**Friday 17th**-Vegetable Beef Soup, Cornbread, Fruit, Cookie

**Wednesday 15th** -BBQ on a Bun with Pickle, Onion Slices, BBQ Beans, Fruit, Birthday Cake

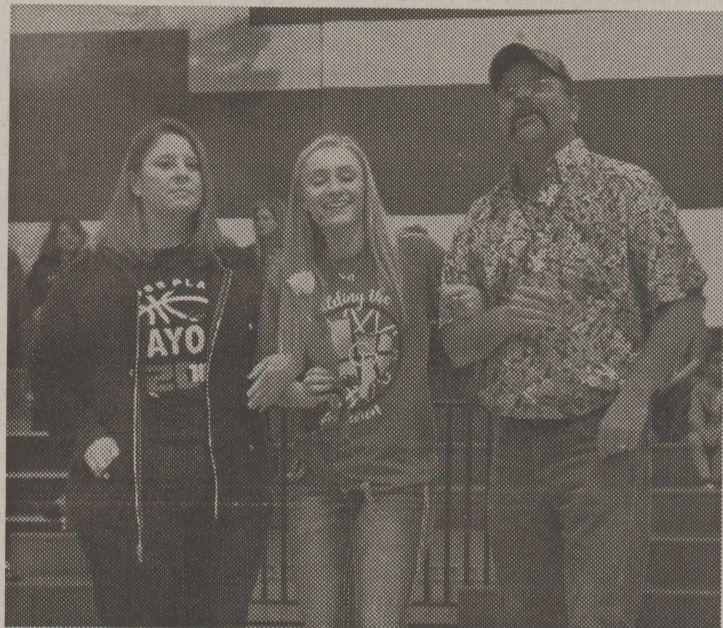
MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

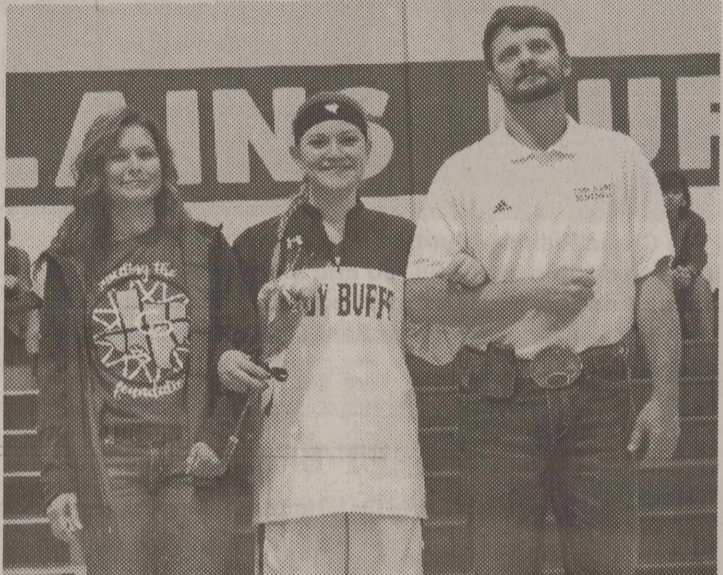
# Senior Night at the Basketball Game



Hannah Cowan with her parents April and Michael Cowan



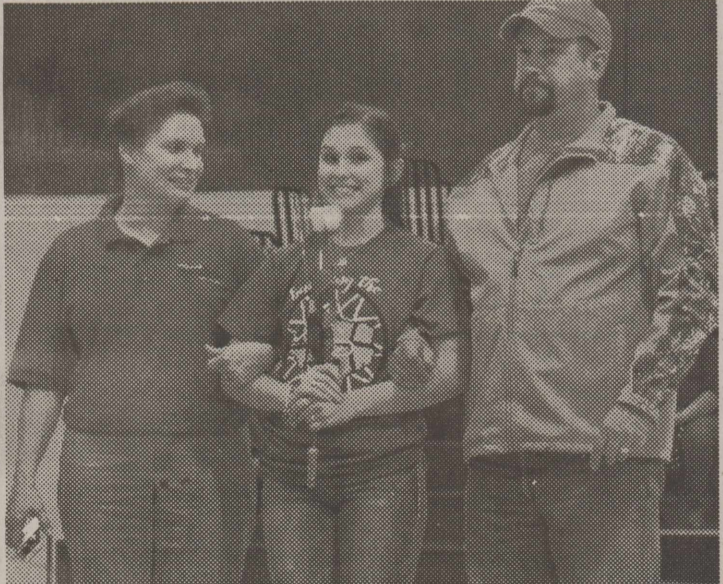
Kersey Wyatt with her parents Tina and Curtis Wyatt



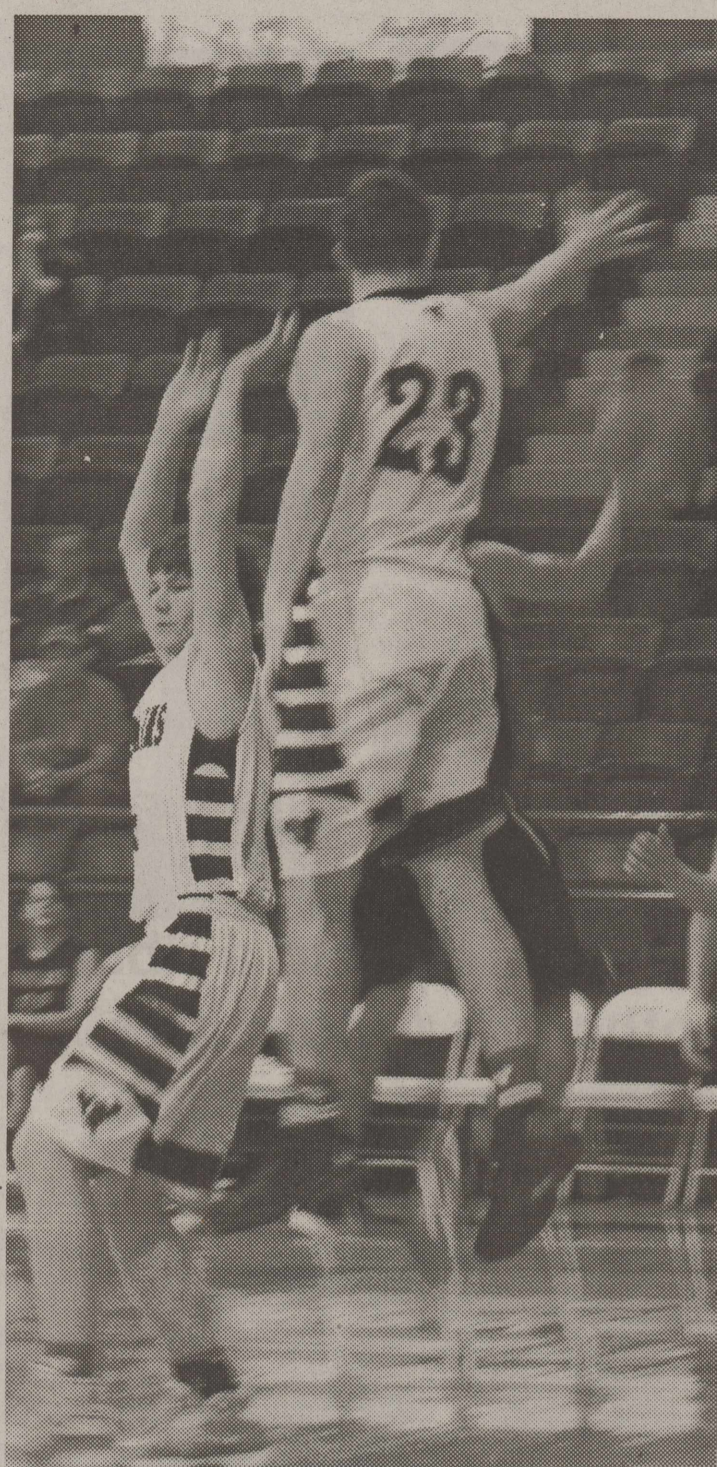
Grace Goode with her parents, Mariah and Elvan Goode



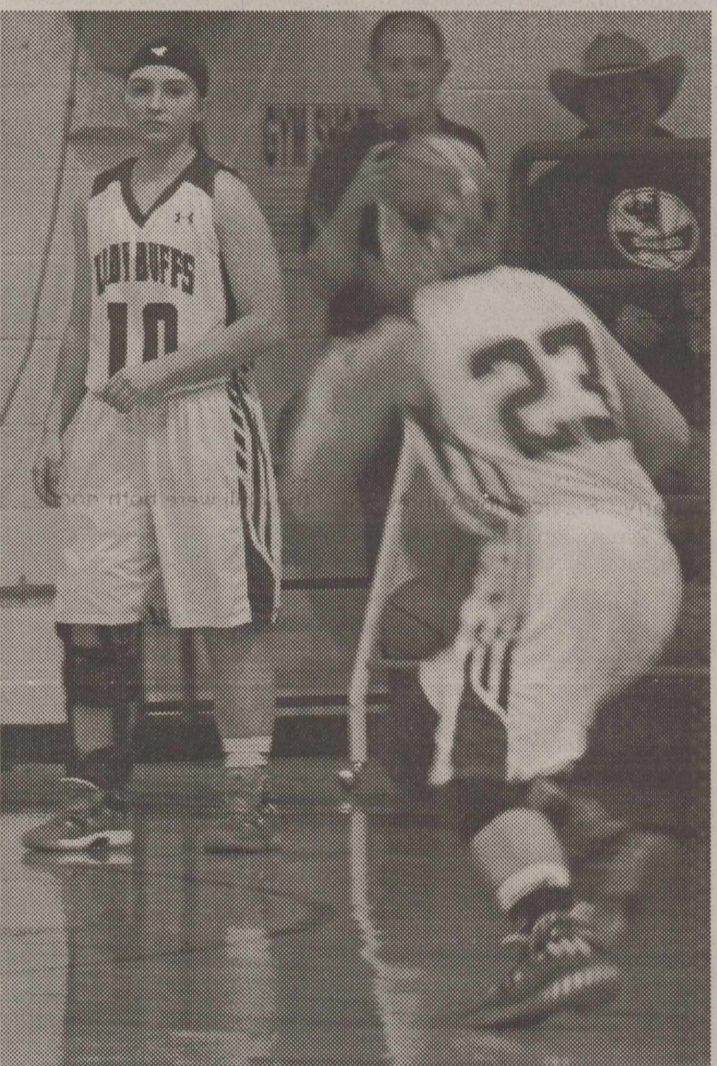
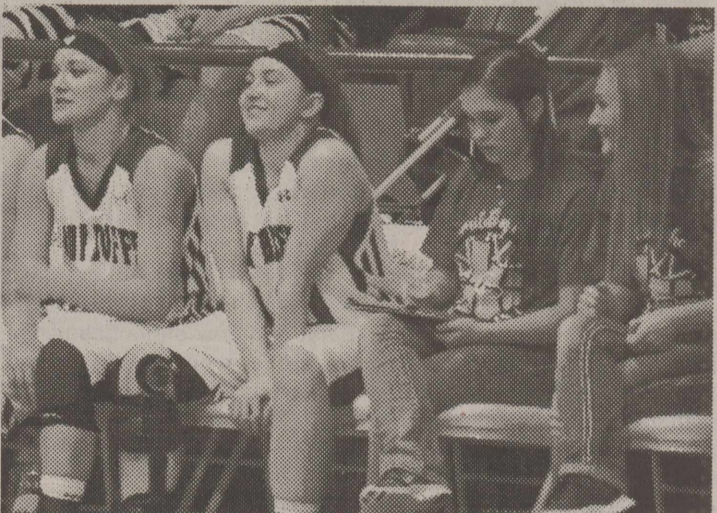
Holden Senclair with his mother Michelle Rockett.



Loralei Woodard with her parents Christine and Erik Woodard



# Buffaloes Varsity Basketball



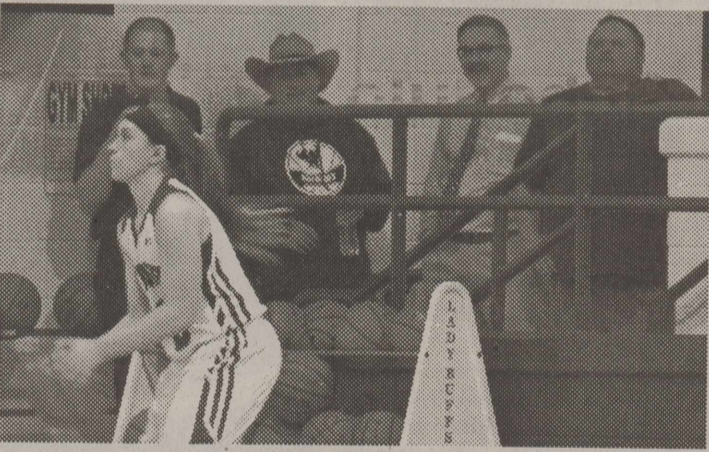
# Varsity Lady Buffs Basketball

Scores from the Lady Buffs games last week:

**Lady Buffs vs. Panther Creek**  
 January 31, 2017  
 Panther Creek 73  
 Lady Buffs 18

Scoring:  
 Macy Stiegleder 6  
 Hanna Fortune 6  
 Brooke Lynn Bell 10

The Lady Buffs played Santa Anna here Tuesday night.



# Buffaloes Basketball Scores

Friday, February 3rd  
 Cross Plains 22  
 May 59

Tuesday, January 31  
 Panther Creek 42  
 Cross Plains 81



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## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Super Bowl Sunday - if you missed the game or stopped watching early, you missed history. A lot of people saw that when the game was 21-3 in favor of the Falcons, they turned off of the tv and went to bed. They were surprised Monday morning to find out the Patriots won. It was the first time ever that the Super Bowl game went in to overtime. It was an exciting ball game.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of Michael Ingram and Aubrey "Moose" Childers on the loss of their loved ones. Both of these gentlemen are from Cottonwood and are well known here.

Michael, who lives south of Cottonwood, graduated High School in Cross Plains in 1966. His parents were Calvin and Inez Ingram. He's been the preacher for the Old Time Gospel Mission for the last 30 or so years.

Aubrey was the son of Blanton and Lillie Childers. He is survived by his wife Virginia and his brothers Arnold, R. D. and Harry. Services for Aubrey are at 2 p.m. on Wednesday with

burial in the cemetery here in Cottonwood.

It feels like Summertime with this hot dry weather. Temperatures have been in the 70s and 80s with extreme fire danger.

The Burn Ban is ON. 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. Their number: 325-854-1444.

Many folks in Cottonwood are looking forward to the Valentine Dance at the Senior Center on Monday, February 13th. Whether you can dance or not, you can go and listen to the music and have a good time.

Do keep an eye out for bobcats. One local lady had a bobcat cross her path recently during the middle of the day.

Roy Boyd and Roger Hinkle attended the Callahan County Firefighters Association meeting in Putnam on Saturday.

Folks enjoyed the Cottonwood Musical last Friday night, January 23rd. The music and the chili were both good.

## New Methodist Cookbook Available

"A Taste of Heaven" is the new cookbook compiled by the First United Methodist Church and is now available at the Church and at the Cross Plains Public Library. The cookbook is one way the Church celebrated its 130th anniversary late last year; thus making it all the more special. Karen Shumaker coordinated the project and Cher Ptacek designed the cover with her beautiful photographs of the church.

Recipes from former members of the church as well as lots of good recipes from current members are guaranteed to be delicious. Many people will undoubtedly remember Rosalea Bonner's party punch that graced many a table at

wedding and baby showers as well as parties of all kinds. And who can forget Jimmie Lee Payne's marinated carrots and Loraine Kilgore's chicken tetrazzini. Fannie Bowden's Mexican chicken casserole and Vera Pearl's quick energy treats will be remembered by many as well.

Then you add a wide variety of recipes from current church members and friends and you've a collection well worth the \$15.00 price tag. The three ring binder style enables you to add your own favorite recipes to the book.

Lots of good ideas for good eating and all for a good cause...the mission projects of FUMC.

## Junior High Ends Season on a High Note



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## Lady Buffs Softball Schedule

February 18 - Cisco there, 5 p.m.

February 21 - Tuesday, Ranger here, 4:30 p.m.

February 24 - Friday, Stamford here, 4:30 p.m.

February 28 - Tuesday, Eula there, 4:30 p.m.

March 2-4 - Thursday-Saturday, Eula Tournament

March 7 - Tuesday, San Saba here, 4 p.m. District Game.

March 10 - Friday, DeLeon there, 4 p.m. District Game.

March 14 - Tuesday, Gorman there, 5 p.m. District Game.

March 17 - Friday, Santa Anna there, 5 p.m. District Game.

March 20 - Monday, Eula here, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 24 - Friday, May here, 5 p.m. District Game.

March 28 - Tuesday, Goldthwaite there, 5 p.m. District Game.

March 31 - Friday, San Saba there, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 4 - Tuesday, DeLeon here, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 8 - Saturday, Gorman here, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 11 - Tuesday, Santa Anna here, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 14 - Friday, Baird here, 10 a.m. District Game.

April 16 - Tuesday, May there, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 21 - Friday, Goldthwaite here, 5 p.m. District Game.

Schedule subject to change.

Junior High Boys A-Team ends the season with 33-8 win over Baird. The team ended up with a 9-0 Undeveloped District Record.

Junior High Boys B-Team posted a 2-2 record in district and a 5-3 record overall. The B-Team beat Baird Monday night 25-16.

## Buffaloes Baseball Schedule

February 11 - Saturday, Scrimmage, TLC, here in Cross Plains, 1 p.m.

February 14 - Tuesday, Scrimmage, Hamlin, here in Cross Plains, 4 p.m.

February 18 - Saturday, Scrimmage, TLC, San Angelo, there, 1 p.m.

February 20 - Monday, Varsity, at Eastland, 5 p.m.

February 24 - Friday, Varsity, Grafrod, here, 5 p.m.

February 27 - Monday, Santo, Varsity and JV, here, 5 p.m.

March 2-4 - Thursday-Saturday, Gorman Tournament

March 7 - Tuesday, Varsity and JV, Santo there.

March 9-11 - Thursday-Saturday, Varsity, Grafrod Tournament, Varsity.

March 9-11 - Thursday-Saturday, Junior Varsity, San Saba Tournament, Varsity.

March 14 - Tuesday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, DeLeon there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 17 - Friday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, May there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 21 - Tuesday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, Goldthwaite there, 4:00 p.m. District Game.

March 24 - Friday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, Winters here, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 27 - Monday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, Gorman there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 31 - Friday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, San Saba here, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Cody M. Ransberger, theft.  
Carlos Solis, theft.  
Courtney Boren, criminal mischief \$100-\$750.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Billy J. Cassle, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.  
Bobby Noble, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$429 court costs.  
Michael A. Wisniewski, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$429 court costs.  
Shelby Borton, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$269 court costs.  
Jerry Conner, plea of guilty to harassment, 1 year proba-

tion, \$500 fine, \$319 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Steven Chase Goldsmith and Shauna Jean Beauchamp, both of Baird.

42nd District Court  
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Thomas M. Ivey vs. G.W. Neill, et al, real property: partition.  
Maria A. Monroy and Martin Rocha, divorce.  
Abdul Aziz Sachedina and Anita Dato Sachedina, divorce.  
Sean Patrick Gallagher and Crystal Lee Gallagher, divorce.

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- 1.7 Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2B, upd kitchen, fire place, garage, carport, 2 wells.....225,000
4 Ac-Callahan Co-1BR/1B, gas fireplace, porch, metal roof, 1400 sq ft shop,metal shed..75,000
5.47 Ac-Eastland Co-1BR/1B, metal roof, carport, covered porches, workshop.....75,000
7.5 Ac.-Nice 2BR/1B hm w/ guesthouse, koi pond, sheds, pens, 2 water w/Reduced...199,000
8.6 Ac-Beautiful 3BR/2.5B home, formal dining room, lg rooms, storage/barn.....325,000
9.764 Ac-3BR/2B,1560 sq ft, 2car garage, fenced b-yard, pond w/fish.....185,000
11 +/-Ac-Callahan Co-3BR/2.5i UNDER CONTRACT tchen, 1 pond, 2 wells.....275,000
12+/-Ac-Brown Co-3BR/2B brick home, asphalt circle drive, office metal shop.....300,000
22.314 Ac-Brown Co-4BR/3.5B, 6030 sqft , workshop, 1 tank, energy efficientReduced599,000
50.84 Ac-Eastland Co-3BR/2B 1500 sq ft rock home, concrete floors, open Reduced...299,900
100 Ac-Eastland Co-3BR/2B brick, gravel drive, 30X50 barn, garage, elec/water.....875,000
344 Ac-Eastland Co-3BR/2.5B 2 story brick, garage/ w/apt, carport, metal barn.....1,300,000
434 Ac-Coleman Co-2BR/1B SW, 5 ponds, 2 food plots, 1 stocked lake.....1,090,000
486 Ac-Eastland Co-3BR/2B SW ,guest quar,m shop 5 tanks,3 w/fish, LeoReduced.1,521,000
665+/-Ac-Brown Co-Nice 3BR/2B, 3002 sq ft, 1500 sq ft shop, 15 ac lake, pond.....1,831,500

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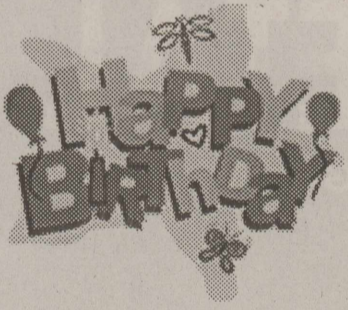
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## Market at Clyde and Chili Fund Raiser for Scholarship this Saturday

Market at Clyde will feature vendors with handcrafted items, a chili meal to raise money for a local Scholarship Fund, and a table set up with all of the supplies to make a Valentine, Saturday Feb 11, 10AM-4PM. All of this is happening at The Old Firehouse on North First Street in downtown Clyde. Admission is free.

While shopping with local vendors for handcrafted items, you are invited to take time to create your own Valentine. This will be a free activity with all supplies provided. All ages are invited. Families are especially encouraged to participate in this creative event. There will also be face painting for a donation.

By purchasing a chili bowl or Frito pie you can contribute to a local scholarship fund. The meal includes all of the fixings plus lemon aide and tea. Members of the Baird Masonic Lodge will cook and serve the meal. Each year a graduating senior from Baird High is granted this scholarship.

All items sold at Market at Clyde are created by local artist,

artisans, crafters and home cooks. These vendors come from Clyde, Baird, Abilene and many other communities in the area. This month selections will include, but are not be limited to; tooled leather, many styles of jewelry, many styles of wood craft, metal art, monogrammed sewn items, baby items, bags and purses, valentine cards, candy arrangements, breads, jellies, pickles, wreaths, pillows, crosses and much more home décor. The weather will be nice so any vendors will be there.

Come out Saturday, enjoy the nice weather, shop with friendly vendors and enjoy seeing what these creative people have made. If you are interested in seeing more about Market at Clyde see the ad in this paper, visit the Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas or the web site [www.marketatclyde.com](http://www.marketatclyde.com)

If you are interested in becoming a vendor email [themarketatclyde@gmail.com](mailto:themarketatclyde@gmail.com) or call 325-518-3939. Market at Clyde is a registered non profit so booth prices are only \$10 each.

## Weight Warriors Meets on Tuesdays

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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## 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.

## Abilene Welcomes Multiple Grammy Winner, Bill Gaither & Gaither Vocal Band

Alexandria, IN - On Friday, February 24 at the Abilene Civic Center in Abilene, TX, multi-Grammy Award-winner Bill Gaither will host a spectacular evening of music, laughter and encouragement featuring the talent of the prestigious Gaither Vocal Band (pictured in attached jpg).

The Gaither Vocal Band, with the all-star line-up of David Phelps, Wes Hampton, Adam Crabb, Todd Suttles, and Bill Gaither, will share timeless gospel classics, as well as refreshing, inspiring new favorites embraced by audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Few events have the ability unite individuals from all walks of life the way Gaither concerts do.

Year after year, Bill Gaither has brought the Homecoming Tour into cities worldwide, performing to packed houses with collective attendance figures exceeding 1.1 million people and being ranked among the top concerts for tickets sold worldwide in any music genre during the past decade. Each concert showcases gospel music's finest talent and draws new listeners with every city.

This Tour stop will feature the multi-award winning Gaither Vocal Band, and showcase many of the songs included on their latest, Better Together recording. Joining The Gaither Vocal Band for this special evening will be talented female vocalist, Charlotte Ritchie and powerful male vocalist Gene McDonald, as well as guitarist and comedian, Kevin Williams.

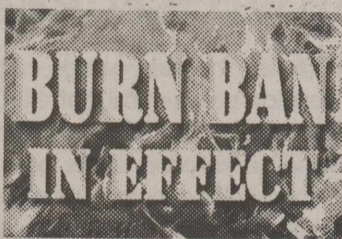
Gaither continues to be delighted by audiences' response to the concerts, now more than 40 years after he quit his day job as a teacher: "I've always said it all starts with a great song, and we are fortunate that each concert includes great songs that have stood the test of time. With all the musical choices that are available now, there is still a special place for the joy and optimism that reside in Gospel music. Good news never gets old."

Named ASCAP's Songwriters of the Century, Bill and Gloria Gaither have written more than 700 popular gospel songs throughout their multi-decade career, including favorite standards "He Touched Me," "Because He Lives," and "There's Just Something About That Name."

Since 1992, when Gaither began recording the celebrated Homecoming series of DVDs and CDs, most every volume has gone gold or platinum with sales totaling approximately 100 million volumes. The programs appear regularly on television networks around the world.

This Gaither Vocal Band concert at the Abilene Civic Center in Abilene, TX, will celebrate timeless themes of faith, unity and eternal hope through a variety of music the whole family will enjoy. The concert will begin at 7:00pm. Complete information, including ticket pricing, is available by calling 325-676-6361 or visiting [www.gaither.com](http://www.gaither.com) or [www.premierproductions.com](http://www.premierproductions.com). To charge tickets by phone, please call 1-800-585-3737. Tickets are also available in person at the Abilene Civic Center Box Office. Group tickets are available by calling 1-855-484-1991. Tickets are also available online by visiting [www.premierproductions.com](http://www.premierproductions.com).

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| <b>LUNCH</b>     |           | Country Fried Steak<br>Gravy<br>Mashed potatoes<br>Green beans<br>Roll<br>Peach slices<br>Milk variety | Pizza<br>Garden Salad<br>Carrot coins<br>Rosy Applesauce<br>Milk variety     | Tacos<br>Salsa<br>Salad<br>Refried beans<br>Pears<br>Cookie<br>Milk variety | Beef or Chicken<br>Patty on bun<br>Hamburger garnish<br>Coleslaw<br>Sweet potato fries<br>Apple slices<br>Milk variety |

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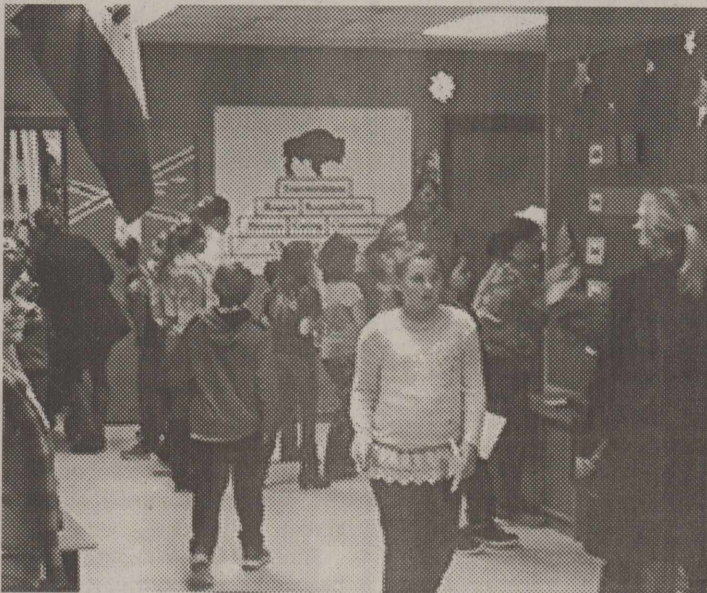
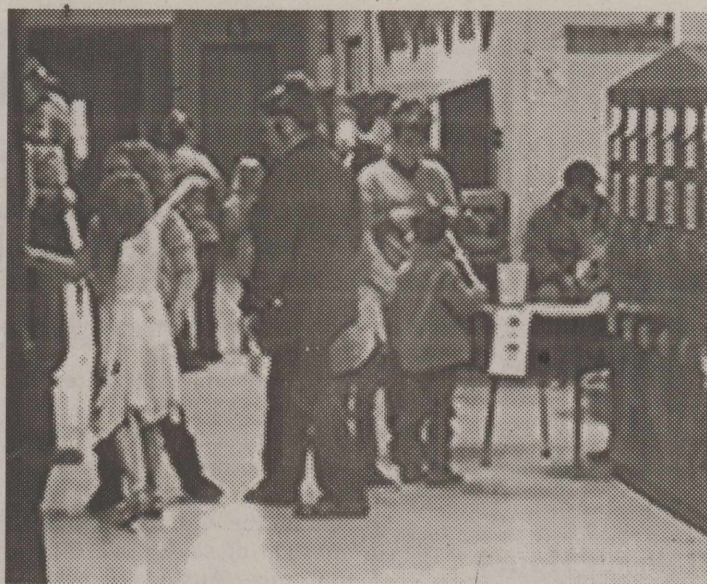
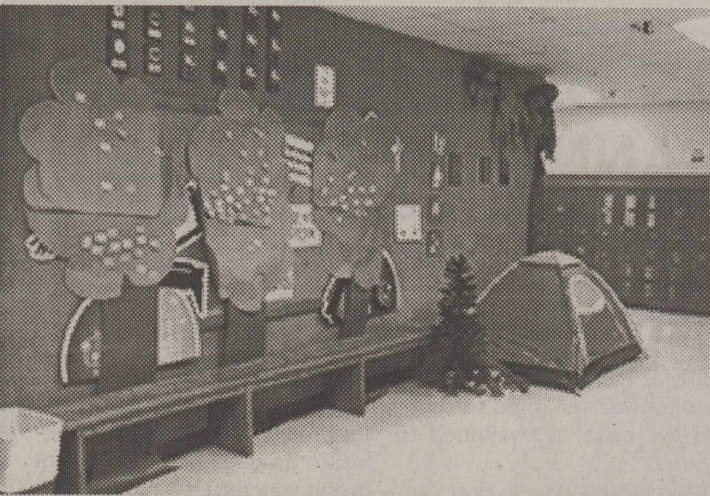
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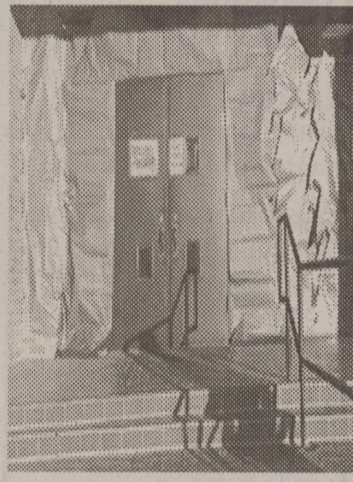
## "Camp Learn-a-Lot" was a Huge Success

Cross Plains Elementary hosted "Camp Learn-a-Lot" for our parent involvement activity this year. Kindergarten through Fourth grade were invited to come with their families and enjoy reading and math activities. Events

included fishing for rhymes, reading under the stars, measuring the distance of propelled marshmallows, making puppets, frog racing, and making s'mores.

A big thank you goes to all the teachers and parents who

decorated and produced games for the evening's activities. There were over 50 parents and community members who attended with students for our parent involvement event. Cross Plains gives great



# Calling All Rodeo Fans

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club held its first meeting of 2017 on Tuesday January 31st. Officers were elected David Mays- President, Josh King- Vice President, Ginger Bunn- Secretary, and welcoming Laura Atchley- Treasurer. We welcome and encourage anyone who want to join our club to do so. Fees are 25\$ annually per family, this buys you the use of our facilities and the opportunity to input and implement any ideas or suggestions you have for events you are interested in! We have meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month 7pm at the Cross Plains Community Center. We'd love to have you!

2017 promises to be a big year for the rodeo club and everyone who attends the local equestrian events. In February we are holding a team sorting jackpot on Saturday the 18th with cattle provided by Josh and Amy King. On Saturday February 25th we will have a team roping with cattle provided by Kenny Callaway, this event will be 25\$ a man with a 60% payback. There will also be a team roping in March on Saturday the 25th so be sure to save these dates and come out and have a great time!

Our summer playday series starts off in June and continues through the first weekend in August. The dates for this five part series are June 10th, June 24th, July 8th, July 22 and August 5th. Participants that compete in at least three of the five are eligible for awesome prizes at our playday banquet. Events offered are barrels, poles, and horsemanship. Fees are 5\$ per event. Age groups for the events are determined by the numbers and ages of attendees and we always offer an open class for participants

18yrs and up. Playday clinics will be offered to rodeo club members Friday June 23, and Friday July 7th at 6:00 in the evening. These clinics give playday participants the opportunity to practice their events and learn the patterns for the horsemanship portion of the playday. Dinner is served and desserts. The evening before the last playday of the summer we hold a family fun night, members are encouraged to come out and ride, play games and participate in a horsemanship clinic offered by Josh King. This will be August 4th at 6:00pm.

Our annual Memorial Ranch Rodeo is also something to look forward to, the date this year is September 9th. This is always an amazing event, local cowboys compete in a doctoring, sorting, branding and the always entertaining wild cow milking. There's mutton busting and Jr and Sr Shetland bronc riding as well.

Then in October we hold the Neva Yates Memorial Team Roping, in honor of one of our founding members that we lost to cancer. The proceeds from this event benefit the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund, lovely buckles are awarded and it's a big time for a good cause.

Events and details are subject to change. Watch the local newspapers and like the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club on Facebook as we add events to the calendar and as further details are provided about the events mentioned in this article. You can also call Ginger Bunn at 817-694-7991 or Josh King at 325-669-4509 with questions concerning membership or events. Happy 2017, and let's get riding!!

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## Commissioners' Court meeting from February 6th

The meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on Monday, February 6, 2016 A.D. @ 2:30 P.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, County Judge; 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 and ex-Officio member of Commissioners' Court. Also attending were: Karl Komatsu, Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker, and District Clerk Amber Tinsley.

The following items of business were transacted:  
 —The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.  
 —Zach Christenson of McKinstry gave a presentation to the Court. McKinstry is a full-service design, build, operate and maintain firm. There was no action taken.  
 —The Court, Sam Goldsmith and Kenneth Hawkins of KBL discussed the mini split heating and cooling. Documentation will be gathered to send out for bids. No action was taken.  
 —Sam Goldsmith brought before the Court an idea to have an open house for the official lighting of the Courthouse from the outdoor lights recently installed. He suggested March 2nd, which is Texas Independence Day at 6:20 P.M.  
 —Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, which then carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.



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## Planning for the next drought

The 2017 State Water Plan was adopted by the Texas Water Development Board earlier this year. The plan addresses the water needs that accompany Texas' rapid growth by identifying water management strategies and their associated costs for communities across the state. History tells us that when we're not in a drought it's only a matter of time before we experience another one. John Tracy is the director of Texas A&M's Texas Water Resources Institute.

"You look at the state water plan, and it's really focused not so much on what the average water conditions are, but how do we get through the next bad drought. When you look at that and look at where the water planning is, there's a pretty big gap in what is listed as demand and what is listed as supply in terms of the next drought. It's a significant gap of over six

million acre feet of water." Tracy maintains that answering a few questions before the next drought will be helpful when the drought does occur.


"What I've learned is that there's this sort of this engineering term we use as demand and it's sort of like how much water do people want? But then there's the economic concept of demand which is how much are you willing to pay for water? What I think needs to happen there in terms of looking at that gap is not sort of focusing on well, we're going to be six million acre feet short of water because if the water isn't there decisions will be made that water won't be used in some areas."

Tracy says that the focus needs to be on what the different water use sectors will be during the next drought. "That is, what are the cities



willing to pay? What are the agricultural communities willing to pay? How much are they going to pay for this water, and that's going to tell you who is going to be using water and what the potential economic consequences are."







Tracy reiterated that in terms of how much water people will want to use we know that we'll be six million acre feet short.

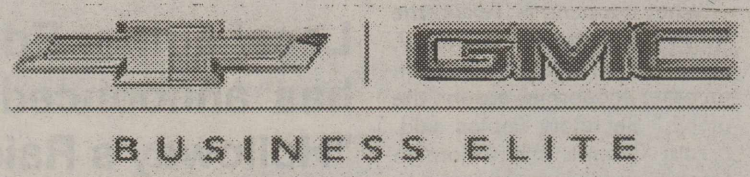
"What we don't know is when we don't have that six million acre feet what's going to happen. And that's something that I think we need to focus on and better understand that so communities that may be short of water understand what the economic consequences will be and they can be better prepared for that because the water won't magically show up, but the economic consequences will definitely show up."



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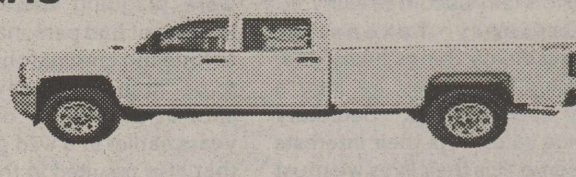
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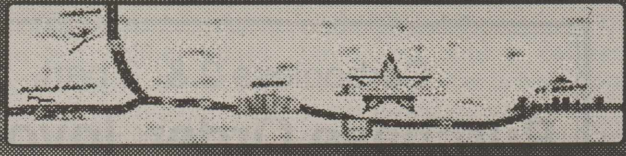
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## Regional organization recognized for its collaboration with industry

The West Texas Energy Consortium, a non-profit organization focused on industry collaborations, education, workforce, health and public safety initiatives; has been recognized by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for building opportunities in Texas and their efforts in growing a regional talent pipeline.

The Consortium is a culmination of community partners, industry and business leaders, independent school districts, regional education service centers, and post-secondary learning institutions. The driving force behind the Consortium is its staff, volunteer board and the combined efforts of three workforce boards in the region. The Concho Valley, Permian Basin and West Central Texas Workforce Development Boards have been the corner

stones to the foundation that is the West Texas Energy Consortium. Their support, expertise and strong relations in the region have propelled the organization to the success it has experienced since 2013.

During its time here in the West Texas region consortium staff and its members have been able to accomplish some great things for the region:

Provided training for 561 high school and post-secondary students in CTE/STEM Courses  
Membership of 1,700 businesses, ISDs, colleges and individuals

Private Projects totaling \$315,600

Public Funded Projects totaling \$1.45 million

Provided a total of \$400,00 in dual credit and post-secondary scholarships

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The Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas recognized the West Texas group alongside Houston and Dallas as exceptional models in building the pipeline of talent necessary for the economic development in the region. The West Texas Energy Consortium along with the West Central Texas Workforce Board will host Manufacturing Industry and Healthcare Industry partnership meetings next week in Abilene on January 24th and 25th. For more information on those collaborative meetings and to be a part of those; visit <http://workforcesystem.org/405/Industry-Sector-Partnerships>. Read the full Federal Reserve report at: <https://www.dallasfed.org/cd/EconDev/workforce/2017/pipelines>.

## Wayne Christian sworn-in as Texas Railroad Commissioner

AUSTIN - Today, Monday, January 9th, Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian took his oath of office with more than 250 of his closest friends, family and supporters in attendance. U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz administered the oath of office, while Attorney General Ken Paxton, Sen. Bryan Hughes, Sen. Charles Perry and Rep. Phil King gave remarks.

"It is a tremendous honor and responsibility to serve the State of Texas in this capacity," said Christian. "It was truly humbling to see so many from across the state come out to wish me good luck and give me encouragement as I start this new endeavor.

"I look forward to ensuring the Texas Railroad Commission continues its 125-year legacy of encouraging responsible energy production and creating jobs," continued Christian.

Senator-Elect Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) said, "A lot of politicians talk about how brave they are, but people like Wayne Christian, rather than professing his courage, has lived it. East Texans like myself are excited to finally have an East Texan serving in statewide office."

Texas Attorney General Ken

Paxton said, "Wayne is a man of character who lives by the principles he claims to live by and no one can debate that. It is clear from the moment I met Wayne that he walks by faith and never strays from his values."

In his opening, Sen. Cruz, said, "I cannot think of a better testament to your career and legacy than the high caliber men and women assembled in this room. One of the exciting things about Texas is the caliber of the conservative leaders that have stepped forward, leaders like Wayne who are battle-tested."

"There are parts of the world that think of energy production as bad but Texas believes that free-people developing our God-given natural resources is good for everyone," continued Cruz. "There is no opportunity for job creation and economic growth greater than the opportunities in energy."

Christian joins Chairman Christi Craddick and Commissioner Ryan Sitton as the third member of the Texas Railroad Commission. Learn more at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/about-us/commissioners/christian/>

## Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment Deadline Approaches

(AUSTIN) — Texas families can lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition at Texas public colleges and universities by enrolling their children in the tax-advantaged Texas Tuition Promise Fund® prior to the close of the current enrollment period, which ends Feb. 28.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to prepay undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

"I'm encouraging Texas families and individuals to remember the upcoming

deadline to prepay and lock in today's rates for all or some future tuition at any two- or four-year Texas public college or university," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

Enrollment in the program at 2016-17 prices closes the last day in February. This deadline extends to July 31 for children younger than 1. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2017-18 academic year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at [TuitionPromise.org](http://TuitionPromise.org), or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

## Secretary of State convenes 85th Legislative Session

AUSTIN, TX—Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos today convened the 85th Legislative Session by presiding over the Texas House of Representatives for the swearing in of members and conducting the election of Speaker of the House.

In opening his remarks, Secretary Pablos praised Texans' strong commitment to serving their communities

and urged legislators to rise to the challenges of serving their fellow Texans. Secretary Pablos encouraged legislators to remember, "Texas leads, others follow."

"Texans have always answered the call to serve, no matter how high the price," Secretary Pablos said. "Whether on fields of battle, in boardrooms and classrooms, in houses of faith, or through charitable giving, Texans have long embraced their civic duty to serve their community."

Secretary Pablos also highlighted Texas' distinct impact on the global economy and the state's prominent role on the world stage.

"What happens in Texas, the world's 10th largest economy, leaves a powerful impression on other economies around the globe," Secretary Pablos said. "From Canada and Colombia to Japan and Singapore to Belgium and the Netherlands, and especially our friends in Mexico — our largest trade partner — whose relationship serves as a force-multiplier for Texas' economic success, our rightful place on the international stage is, in fact, center stage."

Secretary Pablos outlined a common objective for the 85th Legislature: "To keep Texas the land of opportunity, where a vision can become reality."

"Ordinary Texans do extraordinary things every day, making this Texas we love a truly special place," Secretary Pablos said. "It is their interests we serve. It is their lives we must honor. It is their future we must advance."

For more information on the Office of the Texas Secretary of State, please visit [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)

## NAHB and Texas Association of Builders name Sen. John Cornyn a defender of housing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23— Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) will be honored today by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the Texas Association of Builders with the Defender of Housing Award, acknowledging him as forward-thinking federal legislator who recognizes housing's significant role within the U.S. economy.

"Sen. Cornyn understands the key national issues facing home builders and remodelers here in Texas," said Edward Martin, President and CEO, Tilson Homes, a member of the Texas Association of Builders and the Greater Houston Builders Association. "The unfortunate effect of too much legislation and regulation is that it drives up the cost of housing, making it more difficult for families to afford a home."

"Home building is by its very nature a series of productive partnerships: between the

home builder and his or her client, trade contractor, banker or architect," said NAHB Chairman Ed Brady, a home builder in Bloomington, Ill. "The Defender of Housing Award honors another very important partnership: our ongoing work with the lawmakers who, in many ways, create the blueprint for our businesses with their votes on legislation that define how our industry operates."

NAHB created the Defender of Housing Award on behalf of the more than 700 state and local HBAs across the country that make up the NAHB federation. These HBAs chose their nominees, and a panel of NAHB elected leaders chose the finalists.

"Each recipient represents a strong commitment to affordable housing, consumer choice and most importantly, the significant contribution that home building makes to

the economy," Martin said. "Homeownership is the engine that drives this nation, and the Defender of Housing Award goes to those who enable more homes to be built."

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ABOUT NAHB: The National Association of Home Builders is a Washington-based trade association representing more than 140,000 members involved in home building, remodeling, multifamily construction, property management, subcontracting, design, housing finance, building product manufacturing and other aspects of residential and light commercial construction. NAHB is affiliated with 700 state and local home builders associations around the country. NAHB's builder members will construct about 80 percent of the new housing units projected for this year.

## Two Suspects Arrested for Stealing 13 Saddles

Lubbock, Texas - Two Hopkins County suspects were arrested Jan. 2 and charged with burglary after stealing at least 13 saddles from victims in Leon, Hopkins, Titus, Taylor and Lubbock counties.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Dean Bohannon led the investigation. TSCRA Special Rangers Brent Mast and Toney Hurley assisted.

Bohannon received a call from authorities about the stolen saddles on Dec. 30, 2016. Bohannon was told the suspects were identified as Jeffery Wayne Horton, 54, Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Jamie Kay Shobert, 49, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Bohannon was told the suspects were most likely driving a silver or white SUV and they might be located at Shobert's father's house in Spur, Texas.

Bohannon contacted Dickens County Sheriff Terry Brawley to ask if he knew of the Shobert family. Brawley said he did know of the Shobert family so he drove by the suspect's father's house and found a white Chrysler SUV parked in the front.

On Jan. 2, Bohannon received a call from a worker at a Lubbock feedlot stating that a subject came to the feedlot and tried to sell him and other workers some saddles for \$500 each. The feedlot worker said the subject was driving a Chrysler SUV and had multiple saddles in the back.

Bohannon asked the feedlot

worker to call the subject and ask if he could bring the saddles back to the feedlot for him to buy. The feedlot worker placed the phone call and the subject agreed to bring the saddles to the feedlot.

Bohannon contacted local authorities and they stationed down the road from the feedlot. When the subjects arrived, Bohannon confirmed they were Horton and Shobert and he arrested the suspects. Horton and Shobert were transported and placed in the Hopkins County Jail in Sulphur Springs. The vehicle they were using was also seized, and 13 saddles have been recovered. This is an ongoing investigation and more saddles may be recovered.

"This case provides an excellent example of teamwork and the role it plays in seeking justice for victims of theft," said Bohannon. "Because I worked closely with local officials and my fellow Special Rangers throughout this investigation, we were able to make two arrests and recover many stolen saddles. We will continue working to recover the other saddles that may be missing. I sincerely thank all who were involved throughout this investigation."

TSCRA would like to thank Brawley, Lubbock County Cpl. Donnie Rogers, Lubbock County Deputy Cody Stark, Hopkins County Sheriff Lewis Tatum and Hopkins County Investigator Dennis Findley for their assistance in this investigation.

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

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

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

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

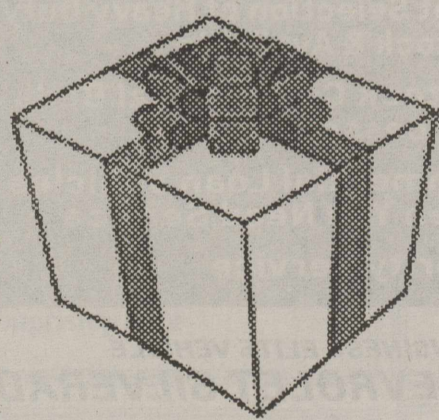
off safety," he said, "should be warning enough."

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

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

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

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