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## 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.

## Dannes Turner to be Honored on Thursday, February 16th at 11:30

Dannes Turner, director of the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center will be honored with the "Entrepreneurial Spirit Award" from the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging.

Dannes is receiving the award for her outstanding performance and ingenuity in running the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. She has been very creative in expanding

her program and has worked diligently to better serve the senior citizens of Cross Plains and the surrounding county.

Michelle Parker, director for the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging welcomes everyone to the Cross Plains Senior Center at 11:30 am Thursday, February 16th, for refreshments and to honor Dannes.



Dannes Turner welcomes everyone to the Valentine's Dance at the Senior Center and introduces Margie Hartsfield of Stephenville who provided the entertainment for the evening. More photos inside.

## Essential Oils Program at Weight Warriors on Tuesday, February 21st

Weight Warriors is pleased to have our first guest speaker on Tuesday, February 21st.

Cross Plains resident Ann Powers along with her daughter, Melody Jones will present a very informative meeting about essential oils and how they can be incorporated into our healthy living lifestyle. Ann has done extensive research and is very knowledgeable on almost every aspect of essential oils.

She will be sharing about the basic 10 essential oils and will

include question and answer time along with the following info: What they are, where they come from, capabilities of oils, and how to get them to work for you.

Come bring a friend. Join us free of charge for this very interesting and informative meeting.

Weight Warriors meet every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Come check us out.

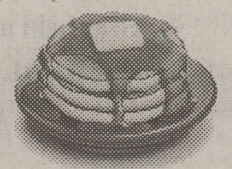
## Cross Plains Kiwanis Pancake Fundraiser set for March 2nd

Kiwanis International of Cross Plains will host their pancake fundraiser on Thursday, March 2nd. Mark your calendar for the annual event to be held at the Cross Plains school cafeteria.

Pancakes and sausage will be served from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Cost for this event is \$6.00

for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 12.

The money raised for this event goes to help various projects for children in our area. We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship in our community.



Coach John Ward reading a love poem at the Valentine's Banquet at the First Baptist Church last Wednesday. More photos from the banquet inside.

## Have you ever thought about doing a 4-H recordbook?

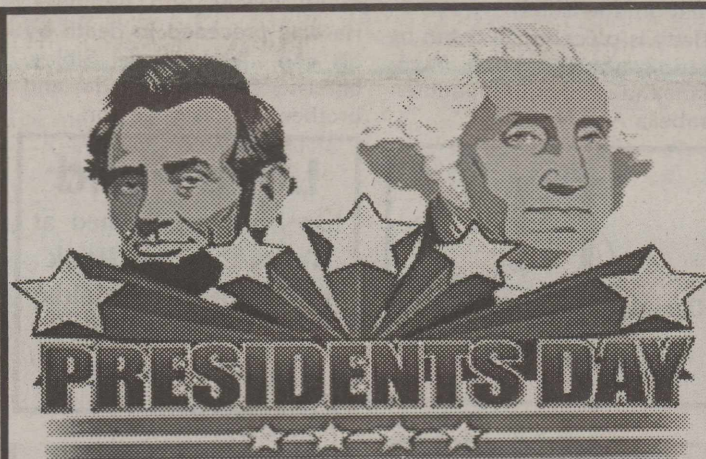
A recordbook is for a 4-H youth member to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare a 4-H youth member for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications.

We will be having Recordbook training on Wednesday, March 1st from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the Extension Office.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 24th by contacting the Extension Office at (325) 854-5835 or email Callahan@ag.tamu.edu

Individuals who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Callahan County at (325) 854-5835

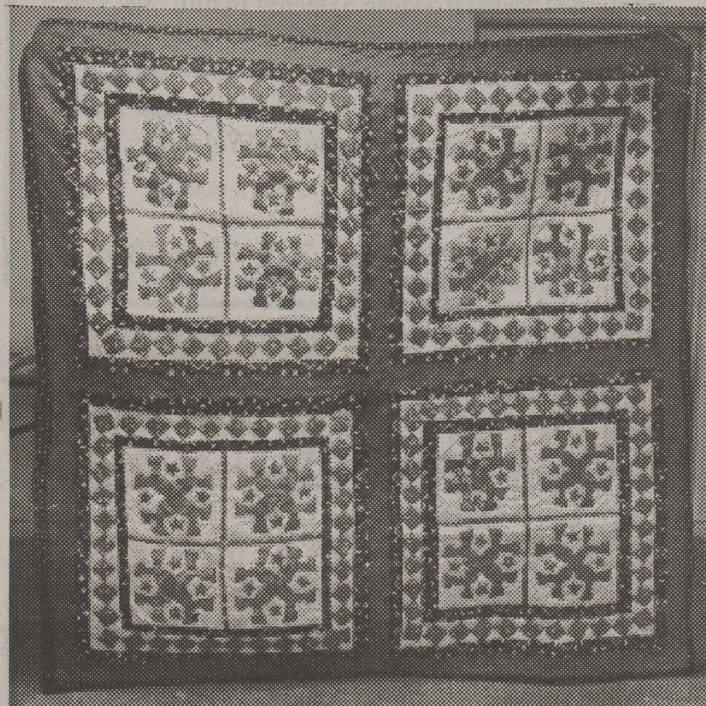
Sincerely,  
Karl Winge, CEA



## Closed for President's Day, Monday, February 20th

City of Cross Plains  
Callahan County Offices  
Texas Heritage Bank  
U. S. Post Office  
Cross Plains Senior Center (closed during the day; open for Music Jam at 6 p.m.)

Cross Plains ISD is open. The kids are in school on President's Day.  
Cross Plains Public Library is open.  
ResourceCare is open.



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.

## Cottonwood Country Musical

The February Cottonwood Country Musical will be held Friday night, February 24, 2017 at the Cottonwood Community Center.

King Ranch Casserole and salad will be on the menu in the kitchen as well as sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks. Serving of the meal will begin at 5 p.m.

The musical begins at 5:30 p.m. The Cottonwood Country Musical has a great lineup of musicians. I'm sure you will enjoy the entertainment.

The Cottonwood Country Musicals are held the fourth Friday night of each month. Cottonwood, Texas is located in Callahan County on County Road 444 just off FM 880.

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



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## 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 you calendar now and make plans to be at the festival.



Creed Goode making a basket in the Buffaloes' game with Santa Anna. More basketball photos inside.



# OBITUARIES

## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding  
Misdemeanor Filings

Cody Benton Smith, theft by check.  
Misdemeanor Minutes

Debora Crump, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
Andre Sanders, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jerry Conner, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Stephen Rhett Shepherd; Charles H. Price.

42nd District Court  
John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Willie Carmack and Rebecca Dawn Carmack, divorce granted.

Jackie Leigh Bullard and Sidney Bullard, divorce granted.

Bulldog Steel Products, Inc. vs. A+ Water Works, Inc., final summary judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$14,000.00 from defendant granted.

Kimberly Goldsmith vs. Lone Star Transmission, LLC, and Blattner Energy, Inc., order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

## From the Cross Plains Review - 63 Years Ago Sept 24, 1953

From the Cross Plains Review... 63 years ago, September 24, 1953.

Miss Therinie Crites, high school student, was the first place winner in an amateur contest in DeLeon. A recording of her songs was made and sent to the Louisiana Hay Ride program. Miss Billie Helen McMillan was second place winner in the contest. She received \$5.00.

Howard Lynwood Gary and Alex Henry Ringhoffer both received Bachelor of Science degrees from Texas A&M College.

C. R. Myrick of Cottonwood is now employed by Higginbotham Lumber Co.

The Buffalo Band will march in the 40th Annual Rising Star Free Fall Fair Parade. W. W. King is the Band Director.

This year's Buffalo Band is made up of 87 Members. Officers are: Billy Buzbee, Sidney Frazier, Billie Ann Kilgore, D. T. Crockett.

On sale at Piggly Wiggly: Wrigley's gum, 3 packages for 10 cents; Prince Albert, 2 cans, 25 cents; Jergens soap, bar, 5 cents; flour, 25 lb \$1.69; rice, 2 lbs, 39 cents; Longhorn cheese, 55 cents/pound; roast, 39 cents/pound.



Betty Aiken

### Betty Aiken

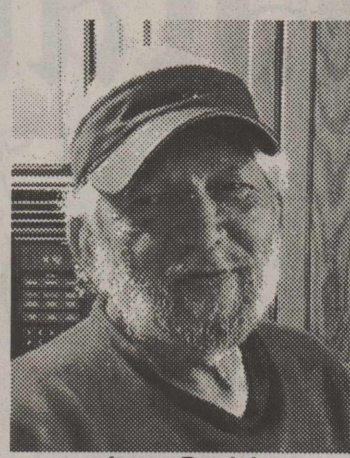
Betty Aiken, 78, of Cross Plains, TX, passed away in Rising Star on Sunday, February 12, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 15 at The Church of Christ in Cross Plains with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains, Texas. The family will have a time of visitation from 10:00 - Noon, Wednesday prior to the funeral service at the Church of Christ, Cross Plains, TX.

Betty was born on March 19, 1938 in Dallas, Texas to the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simons. She married the love of her life John Aiken on August 27, 1957 who preceded her in death on November 29, 1997. Betty was a stay at home mother while all 6 kids were growing up. In 1989 she started caring for one granddaughter.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Patrica Duncan of Abilene, Texas; son, Jackie Aiken of Ranger, Texas; son, Billy Aiken of Cross Plains, Texas; daughter, Sue Strickland of Mineral Wells, Texas; daughter, Sadie Ring and husband, Mark of Cross Plains, Texas; daughter, Rachel Moore and husband, Curtis of Cross Plains, Texas; brothers, Homer Simons and Eugene Simons both of Lancaster, Texas; 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Betty is preceded in death by granddaughter, Anna Marie Clark and great granddaughter, Arabella Ann McCarley.



Jesse Daniel Sibley Jr. "JR"

### Jesse Daniel Sibley Jr "JR"

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, Alex, Daryl, 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.

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for **Michelle ( Shields) Parr** to help with  
medical expenses

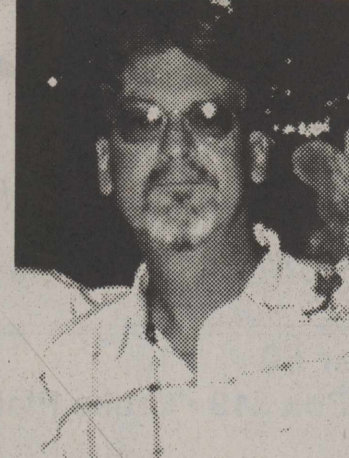
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**Rowden Baptist Church**  
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Bible Study...10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
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LARRY DALE CAUTHEN

### Larry Dale Cauthen

Larry Dale Cauthen, age 57, passed from this life on Friday, February 10, 2017 at his residence in Clyde, TX. He was born on March 27, 1959 in Baird, TX to Jimmy D. Cauthen and Mary Jo (Goosby) Duncan. He worked for the Texas Highway Department in Roadway Maintenance and was of Baptist faith.

Larry graduated from Baird High School in 1977 and married his beloved wife, Vonda (Caywood) Cauthen, in Cross Plains, TX on October 13, 2006. Larry was a man that lived life to the fullest. He was a former member of the Board of Directors for the Callahan County Co-Op, farmed in the Admiral area, loved athletics and in high school, qualified for the state meet in hurdles. Larry loved visiting and spending time with people and had a contagious laugh. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife: Vonda Cauthen of Clyde; daughter: Mandi Edington and husband Zach of Coleman, TX, and son: Kelby Cauthen of Baird, TX; two step-sons: Mark Anthony Caywood of Clyde, TX and Jeremy Scott Salge and wife Stephenia of Abilene; mother: Mary Jo Duncan and husband Ed of Cross Plains; two sisters: Sharon Barron and husband Butch of Baird and Karen Jennings and husband Garry of Admiral, TX; 9 grandchildren: Hunter and Hadden Edington, Devon, Madison and Cody, Gaige, Anthony, Harley and Jasper Kye; and very special friend: Mark Goldsmith.

His father: Jimmy D. Cauthen and aunt: Emily Harrell preceded him in death.

Public viewing will start at 9:00 am, Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at Parker Funeral Home in Baird, with a family visitation to take place from noon till 2:00 pm. Graveside services will follow at 3:00 pm at Admiral Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Parker Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Larry's memory to Hendrick Hospice Care of Abilene, TX or Admiral Cemetery.

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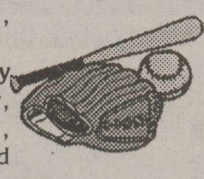
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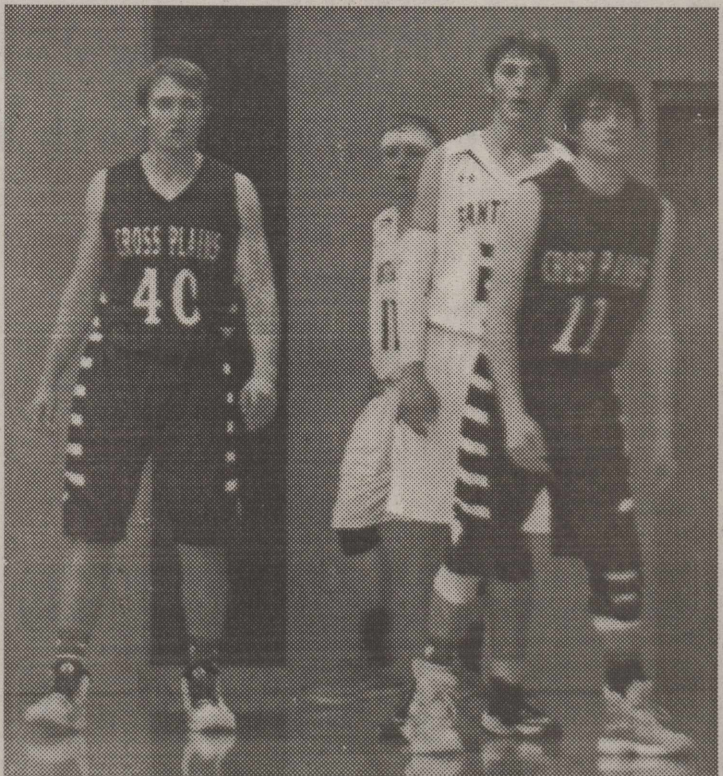
# Buffaloes Baseball Schedule

February 18 - Saturday, Scrimmage, TLC, San Angelo, there, 1 p.m.  
 February 20 - Monday, Varsity, at Eastland, 5 p.m.  
 February 24 - Friday, Varsity, Graford, 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, 5:00 p.m.  
 March 9-11 - Thursday-Saturday, Varsity, Graford 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.  
 April 3 - Monday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, at Miles, 4:30 p.m. District Game.  
 April 8 - Saturday, Varsity, DeLeon, here, 5 p.m. District Game.  
 April 11 - Monday, Varsity and JV, May here, 4:30 p.m. District Game.  
 April 14 - Friday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, Goldthwaite here, 12:00. District Game.  
 April 18 - Tuesday, Varsity and JV, Winters there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.  
 April 22 - Saturday, Varsity, San Saba there, 4 p.m. District Game.  
 April 25 - Tuesday, Varsity and JV, San Saba there, 4:00 p.m. District Game.  
 April 28 - Friday, Varsity, Miles here, 5 p.m. District Game.

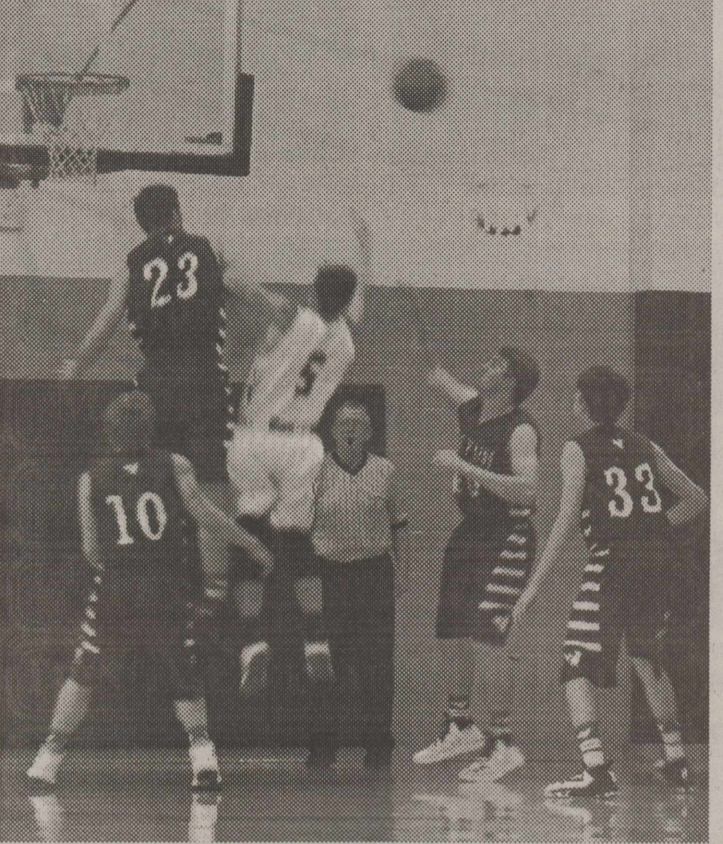
# Buffaloes Basketball



# Lady Buffs Basketball

**Lady Buffs vs. Panther Creek**  
 February 3, 2017  
 May 65  
 Lady Buffs 40  
 Scoring:  
 Jacy Bien 2  
 Shana Yates 7  
 Jackilann Shepard 5  
 Hannah Crockett 2  
 Katy Jo Morgan 3  
 Grace Goode 17  
 Macie Stiegleder 2  
 Brooke Lynn Bell 2

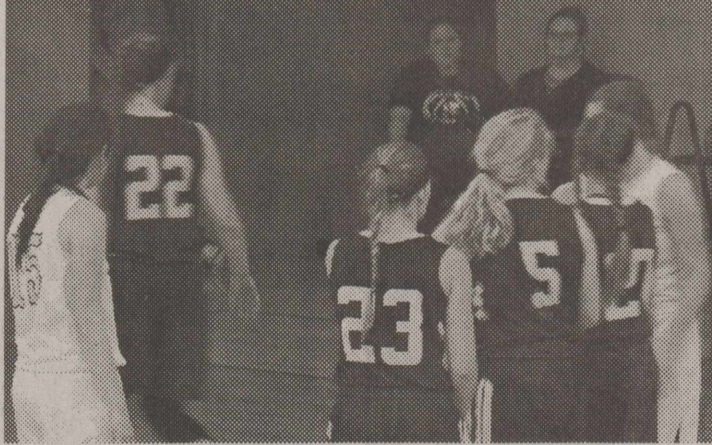
**Lady Buffs vs. Santa Anna**  
 February 7, 2017  
 Santa Anna 44  
 Lady Buffs 52  
 Scoring:  
 Jacy Bien 6  
 Shana Yates 17  
 Katy Jo Morgan 12  
 Grace Goode 6  
 Macie Stiegleder 9  
 Hanna Fortune 2



Lady Buffs vs. Baird, playing at Cisco



Lady Buffs win over Santa Anna



Lady Buffs win over Santa Anna

# 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.



# Track Meet Schedule

High School:  
 March 2nd - Thursday, Cross Plains  
 March 9th - Thursday, DeLeon  
 March 18th - Saturday, Hamlin  
 March 23rd - Thursday, Hamilton  
 March 30th - Thursday, Albany  
 April 6th - Thursday, San Saba  
 April 13th - Thursday, May - District Meet.  
 Junior High:  
 February 23rd - Thursday, Brownwood  
 March 3rd - Friday, Cross Plains  
 March 9th - Friday, DeLeon  
 March 24th - Friday, Hamilton  
 March 30th - Thursday, May - District Meet

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# Valentine's Banquet at the First Baptist Church Fun for All Who Attended

Festive red and pink hearts and decorations filled the First Baptist Church for the Annual Valentine's Banquet, last Wednesday, February 8th.

Seven of the men were chosen to read poems at the event and to read the poem with compassion and feeling.

Everyone enjoyed the dinner which was served by the youth at the church.

*Happy Valentine's Day*



Darlene and Nicholas Meador



Hannah Johnson with LaDonna Moehning



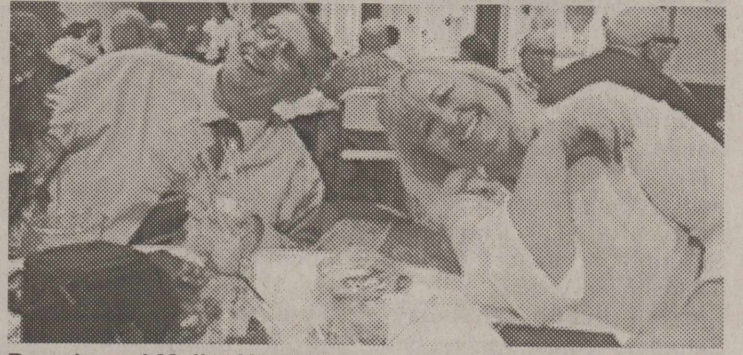
Ed and Mary Jo Duncan with Joyce and Wimpy McCoy



Paulette and James Foster with John and Lori McCulloch



Carolyn and Bob Morgan, Sharolyn Walker, Charla and Ronnie White



Dennis and Melba Hampton



James Cox reading a poem to Doris Cox. Bob and Dee Harrell at right.



Melinda and James Dixon, Don and Debbie Gosnell and Linda Slaymaker



Melissa and Monty Richards, Steve and Brenda Richards, Mitchell and Rhonda Atchley



Chele and Glen Walker, Tom Milton, Cindy Payne and Dannes Turner



The Youth that served at the banquet: Far back, Jayten Ames; Second row: Madison, Hannah and Isabel Hernandez and Chelsea Gartman  
Front row: Joe Crockett, Madilyn Shepard and Andrew Carey



Wendell Draper reading a poem to Vanda Draper. Gayle and Kenneth Lowrey at right.

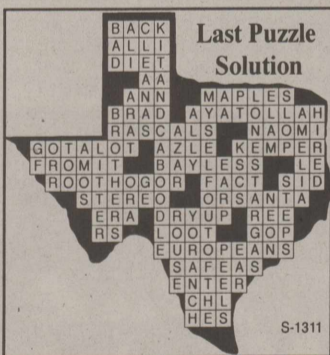
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## 2nd 4-H Vet Science Meeting

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.

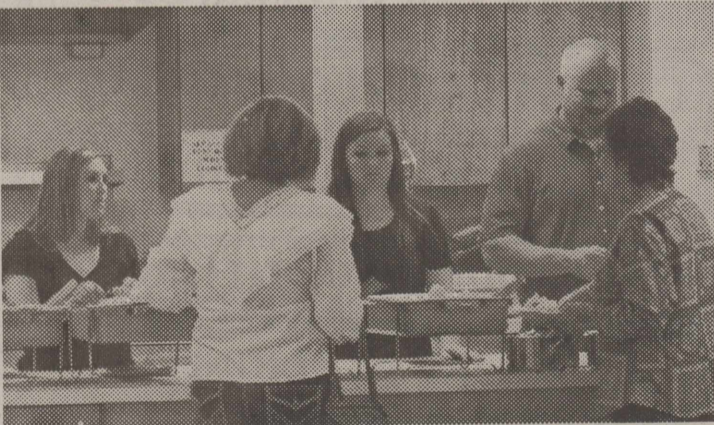
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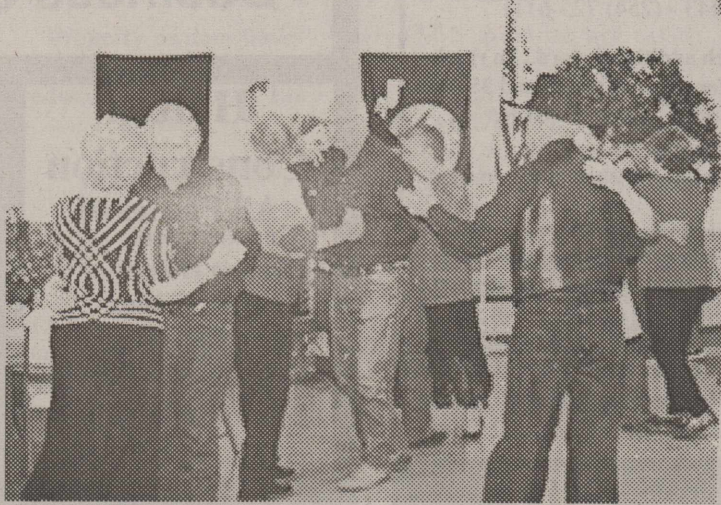
The Valentine's Dance at the Senior Center was a great success! Everyone had a great time and loved Margie Hartsfield who provided the entertainment for the evening. Warm up your dancing shoes, the next dance is scheduled for Monday, March 13th.



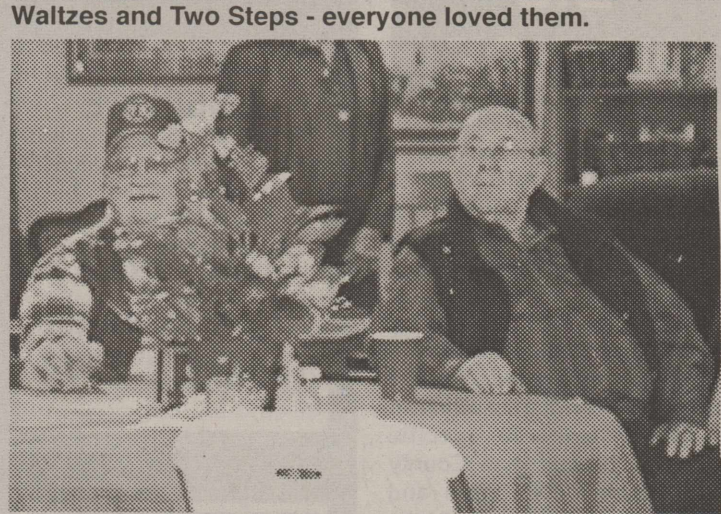
Charles Waggoner, right, taking a break from dancing



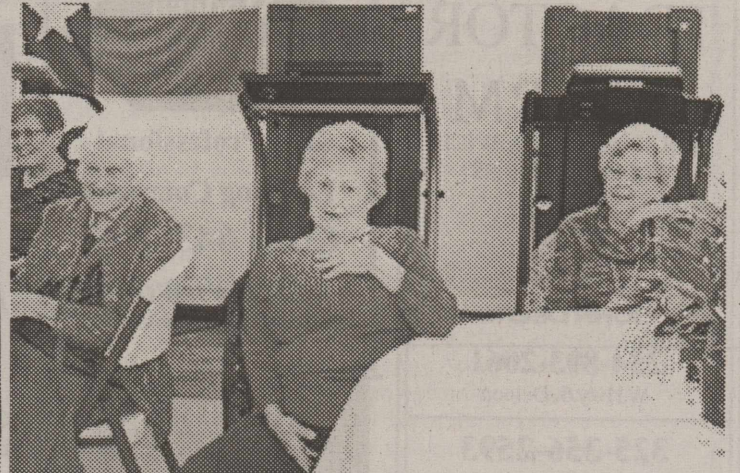
Taking to the Dance Floor



Audrey and Jewell Purvis visit with Vivian Wooten



Fred Dill visits with a friend



Enjoying the music! Betty Wyatt and Peggy Winfrey

## 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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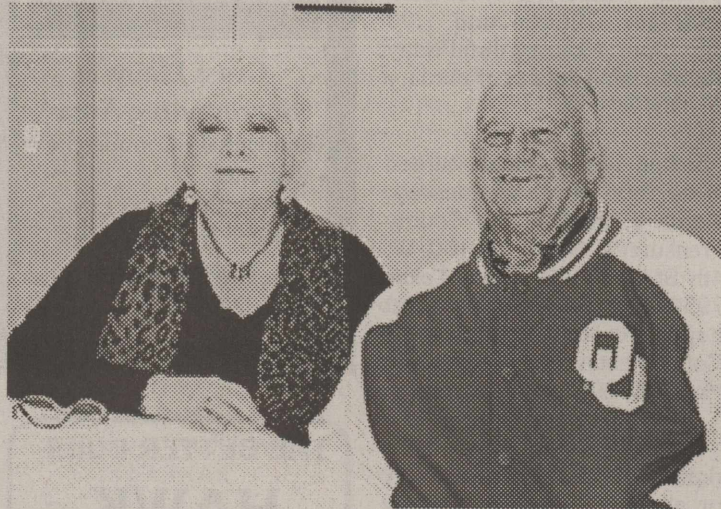
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## Cross Plains Community Calendar

February

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; Services at Methodist Church at noon and 6 p.m.

Mar 2 - Thursday, Kiwanis Pancake Supper, High School Cafeteria, 5-7 p.m.

Mar 13 - Monday, Dance at the Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.

Mar 13-17 - Spring Break

Mar 17 - Friday, St. Patrick's Day

Mar 25 - Saturday, Team Roping, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Arena

April

Apr 9 - Palm Sunday, Methodist Church Easter Cantata, 4 p.m.

Apr 14 - Good Friday, School's out for Easter Holiday

Apr 14 - Garden Club Plant Sale, Park by the Library, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Apr 16 - Easter

Apr 28 - Friday, Arbor Day

May

May 4 - National Day of Prayer, Thursday, Prayer Service at the Methodist Church, noon. Light lunch afterward.

May 14 - Mother's Day

May 19 - Friday, Last day of School Classes; Graduation

May 29 - Monday, Memorial Day observed

June

June 8 - Thursday, Barbarian Festival Parade, 6 p.m.; Senior Center Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m.

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

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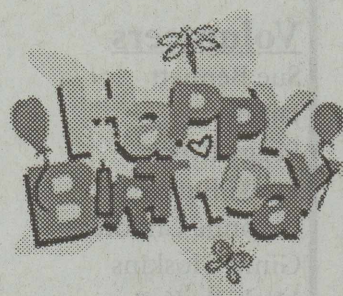
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start on their Valentine's Day celebration. If you would like more information about the Cross Plains Garden Club, we can be found on the Cross Plains Garden Club, Cross Plains, TX facebook page or contact us at 254-725-9418.



### February 19

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Earl Baker  
Mrs. Lloyd Boyle  
Mrs. George Chapman  
Steve Furry  
Denise Holmans  
Sid Newton

### February 20

Patty Pennell Heffley  
Randy Hartman  
Lee E. Morris Jr.  
Deborah (Allen) Thomas  
Candi Taylor  
Renee Atchley  
Zachary Dotson

### February 21

Parker Creamer  
J.B. Perry  
Sharon Archer Merry  
Sunny Westerman  
Cliff Waddell  
Glenda Evans Strom  
Mikayla Ann Hilburn  
Katrina Mireles

### February 22

Jason Neely  
Cheril Alken  
Nona Belote  
Bobby Nell Brown  
Bubba McConal  
Nancy Chessir Rogers  
Johnathan R. Hopkins  
Rose Canales

### February 23

Mike Ingram  
Davis Plumlee  
Ronald Holmans  
Patsy Ruth Day

### February 24

Mrs. Marilyn Mitchell  
Fredda Jean Wilson  
Gayla (Albrecht) Creamer  
James Payne  
Josh Thayer  
Jerry Biehl  
Mary Hubbard  
Karen Hubbard  
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### February 25

Brenda Wood  
Madie Brown  
ElWanda Jennings  
Celeta Strahan  
David Havener  
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Romana Lewis  
Vivian Nowell  
Chase Ryan Hunter  
Joaquin Montreal  
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## CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT- 700 NORTH MAIN STREET CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS 76443 Notice of Meeting Board of Trustees

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on February 15, 2017, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

**REGULAR MEETING**  
February 15, 2017 (8:00 p.m.)

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Open Forum
- New Business
- Review Cheerleader Constitution for 2017-18.
- Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting.
- Review Bills/Finance Report
- Consider Accepting FEMA Grant for New Tornado Shelter/Elementary Gym.
- Consider Electricity Bids to begin in June, 2021.
- Consider Policy Update 107
- Consider Applying for an Extension to the Current SRO (School Resource Officer) Grant.
- Consider Joining Texas Educational Employer's Benefit Cooperative (First Financial)

Personnel.  
Consider Extending High School Principal, Elementary Principal, and Athletic Director's Contract.  
Review List of Teachers Superintendent's Report  
Teacher Contracts at the March Board Meeting?  
STAAR Results  
March Board Meeting - March 22.  
2017-18 Calendar  
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Adjourn

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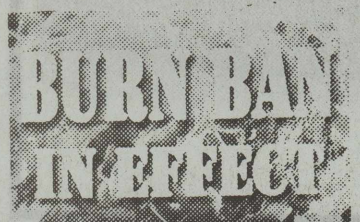
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## Residential & Lake Property

- Lot at 425 N. Ave A, CP-Nice corner lot... **UNDER CONTRACT \$5,000**
- Lot @ Tom Bryant St & CR 421, CP-Homesite ready for building... **\$6,500**
- Lot 100 Oak Point Lake B'wood-1/2 Ac open lot in Oak Point Sub... **\$7,000**
- Lots 2-6 George Scott St & Hwy 206, CP-Building restriction, each lot... **\$8,000**
- NEW! Lots 4-6 S Main & SW 7th, CP-Corner lots must sell together... **\$12,000**
- 210 S Miller St, RS-2BR/1B, 1319 Sq Ft, 2 lots, shop, 2 wells **Reduced \$45,500**
- 900 Wallis Ave, SA-3BR/1B 1371 sq ft, garage, carport, shed... **\$60,000**
- 311 Mayben, RS-3BR/1.5B, 1420, completely remodeled... **Reduced \$76,500**
- 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**
- 1316 Ave I, B'wd-3BR/2b, 1145 sq ft, brick/siding, nice corner **Reduced \$87,000**
- 617 Ave E, CP-3BR-2B living rm w/wood floors and fireplace, metal roof... **\$97,900**
- 1206 Ave G, Cisco-3BR/2B, new flooring in kitchen/liv... **Reduced \$98,500**
- NEW! 200 SE 1st, CP-3BR/1.5B 1428 sq ft, 1 car garage, priv fence... **\$115,000**

## Commercial Property

- 700 N. Ave A, CP-Potential investment property! 7,767 sq ft brick bldg, C/H/A, formerly nursing home-needs TLC... **\$25,000**
- 118 S. Main, RS-Starlight Cafe, 2700 sq ft... **\$85,000**
- 205 S Main, RS-6000 sq ft metal bldg, HVAC... **\$80,000**
- 3703 Hwy 377 S, Brownwood-5.562 acres, 1100 sq ft lobby & 2 offices, 2400 sq ft warehouse... **\$295,000**
- 3010 Potosi Rd, Abilene-17.56 Acres, perfect for commercial development, just minutes from Abilene... **\$999,999**

### Featured Property of the Week:

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# Callahan County Library news

Books new to the library are: *Order to Kill* Mitch Rapp's 13th book by Vince Flynn, Kyle Mills, *When All the Girls Have Gone* by Jayne Ann Krentz, *The Last Mile* 2nd in the Amos Decker series by David Baldacci and *Night School*\* Jack Reacher's 21st book by Lee Child. \*Large print

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

### Local News

Baird was to have a money-order office from July 1st, and although Postmaster Schwartz made out and had his bond filled long before that time still he has not received the necessary books and papers. What is the matter with Uncle Sam.

Several parties indulged in some strong language in the Crystal Palace last Wednesday night, during which six-shooters were talked of and banished, but save the accidentally going off of one of the six-shooters in the hands of a shootist nothing more serious transpired.

The passenger traffic on the T.&P. line is increasing very rapidly. The coaches which a few months ago were empty now go through crowded with passengers. Freight and stock

shipments also keep first-rate, and immense shipments in lumber and bridge material are made daily to the Mexican Central road.

The Western Union Telegraph Co., are putting up another telegraph wire between Fort Worth and Baird. This is to accommodate the great rush of business the wire is now doing. It is crowded with messages, day and night, and additional facilities for the increasing business are very much needed.

Our old friend Geo. E. Johnson, who is well remembered, spent a number of months here last summer, came in on the train yesterday noon, and dropped in on us soon thereafter. He will remain in Baird for some time, is looking well and jolly as ever, and says he thinks seriously of making Baird his future home. We hope he will do so for we should like to enrole him as one of our citizens, and would extend to him and his estimable family a hearty welcome. Mr. Johnson already controls considerable property in Baird and Callahan county.

Mr. E. R. Offut, one of the faculty of the Washington University of St. Louis, Me., and a brother-in-law of our townsman Judge McIlhany, is in town visiting at the Judge's

residence and with his son, who has charge of Judge M's sheep ranch. We acknowledge a very pleasant call from the gentleman. This is his first visit to our lone star state, and he expresses himself as highly pleased with the outlook, especially with Baird and Callahan county. We trust this will be one of the most pleasant vacations he has ever spent, and that he will do us the honor to call often at our office during his stay in Baird.

Mr. Karl Froese, a very efficient immigration agent in the employ of the T. & P. Co., arrived this week from Chicago, where he has been getting up a colony which will settle upon some of the T. & P. lands out west. He called at our office yesterday but we were out.

Mr. Oscar Bower, living on the Pecan bayou in Coleman county brought us a very large mastodon's tooth. It is in a good state of preservation and apparently undergoing a process of petrification. We would like to have some naturalist come to our office and see and describe it. The face of the tooth is about the size of an Indian's foot. Mr. Bower will also please accept our thanks for a large bundle of California papers.

## Cross Plains Public Library News

### Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm  
Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm  
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
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Patrons 77  
Books Checked 90

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Wi Fi 17  
Library Laptops 10

Reference 10

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# 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!!

CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. WEEKLY MENU February 20-24, 2017					
	MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 24
<b>B R E A K F A S T</b>	Sunrise Sandwich Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk Variety	Pancakes Bacon Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk Variety	Muffin Yogurt Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	PBJ Sandwich Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	Breakfast Burrito Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk Variety
<b>L U N C H</b>	Corn dog Tots Baked beans Broccoli Bites Pineapple tidbits Milk Variety	Salisbury Steak Brown gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Roll Fruity gelatin Milk variety	Chicken Sandwich Oven fries Baby carrots Mandarin oranges Milk Variety	Nachos Grande Charro beans Salsa Garden salad Pears Lime sherbet cup Milk Variety	Pizza Choice Carrot coins Garden Salad Fresh grapes Cookie Milk Variety

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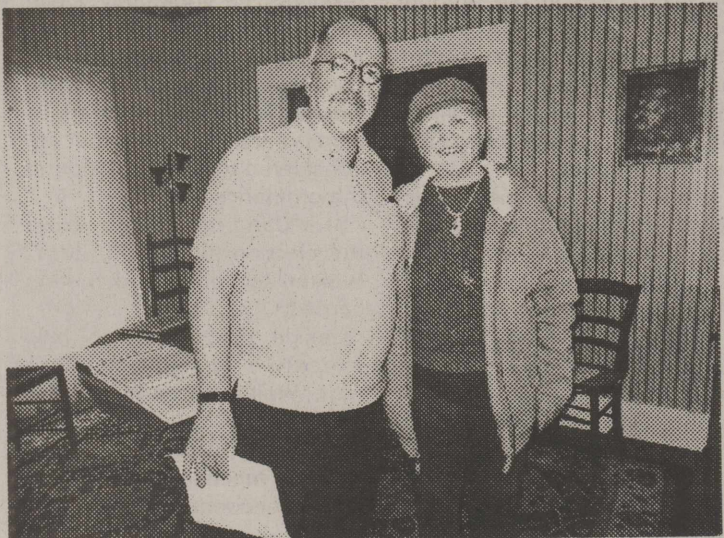
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# Museum has full schedule of visitors



Gary and Paula Whitaker



Bill Wingo and Ruby Wright

Last Saturday morning, Gary and Paula Whitaker took advantage of the good weather and drove out from Haltom City to see the Museum. Both are recently retired; Gary from Lockheed Martin and Paula from the Haltom City Public Schools.

Both of them are readers and collectors of Howard's writings, owning many of his books. Since retiring they have found more time for such Howard related activities, like the "One Who Walked Alone" book and the subsequent movie, "The Whole Wide World."

This couple was quite interested in the house being the actual home where Howard did all of his writings. Of special interest were the few items that were actually in the house when the Howard's lived here from 1919 until about 1938. The world map showing where visitors are from was also of special interest to them as they were amazed at all the points around the world that were represented on the map.

Now that they are retired, they hope to return for the Robert E. Howard Days in June.

On Monday, a couple of biochemists from Arizona stopped by on their way to Dallas. Bill Wingo and Ruby Wright have both been in the medical field for their full careers. Bill has done hemophilia research and is currently teaching biochemistry at the Gateway Community College in Phoenix. Ruby has a doctorate in Biochemistry from the University of Miami, FL and basically works with the analysis of the wide variety of testing done by hospitals. If there's a problem with the analytical equipment, Ruby is the first to get the call. She has worked at St. Jude's Hospital, but has been with the Olympus Corporation for the past 20 years.

Bill was the Howard fan of the two, having read all of the Conan stories, but is anxious to branch out into Howard's wide variety of other genres.

## ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

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

### HOMEOWNERS

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

### DISABLED PERSONS

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

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

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

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

### DISABLED VETERANS

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

### FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

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

### EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

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

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

### BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

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

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

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

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

The Appraisal District

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

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

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

### AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

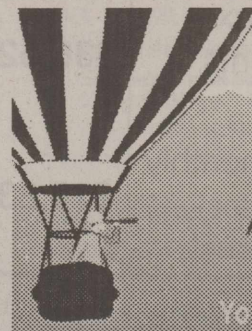
Taxpayers may receive certain notices required by law from the local appraisal district in electronic format. Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic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

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

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In the evergreen category we have Afghanistan Pine, Pinyon Pine, Austrian Pine and Italian Stone Pine. Each of these are 5 for \$25.00 or 25 for \$100.00. The hardwood category includes Bur Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Shumard Oak and Pecan. These trees sell 5 for \$20.00 or 25 for \$65.00 there are some additional trees available upon request in lots of 25 only.

All orders must be pre-paid with check or money order. Any cash sales exact amount only and please add sales tax.

Orders will be accepted until February 17, 2016. Expected delivery on February 23, 2016

For further information contact Genea Williams, genea.menke@tx.nacdn.net or 325-854-1049 ex 4. Order forms are available at the NRCS office in Baird located at 141 W. 4th Suite B.

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1 diamond

5 TX Collin Raye's first album: "Can Be"

6 Dr. Pepper (low cal)

7 Groveton High School class

8 captive TX woman: Cynthia Parker

9 Lost State Natural Area

15 Cowboys radio announcer, Sham ruler who detained TX Ross Perot employees in Iran

19 TX "Spanky" comedy: "Little"

21 TX poet: Shihab Nye

22 TXism: "of arrows in his quiver" (capable)

27 town in northwest Tarrant County

28 TX Tommy Tune's character

29 TX Larry Hagman film: "Getting Away"

30 Skip who wrote Cowboys "Untold Story"

32 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille Sueur

33 TXism: "it's \_\_\_ die"

36 TXism: "no brag, just \_\_\_"

37 prior spelling of TX Cyd Charisse's nickname

38 TXism: "cowboy \_\_\_" (jukebox)

39 Kris Kringle, St. Nick, \_\_\_ Claus

41 Astro pitcher's stat

42 a creek will do this in a drought (2 wds.)

45 TX festival: Shrimpo

46 "Roger the Dodger" (init.)

47 spoils of war

48 TX George W's party (abbr.)

49 early TX immigrants

52 TXism: "a squirrel up a tree" go in

54 former league of the Fort Worth Fire and Dallas Freeze (abbr.)

55 TXism: "\_\_\_ all beer and no foam"

**DOWN**

1 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big John"

2 TX Foreman lost title to him in 1974

3 TXism: "\_\_\_ a hound's tooth"

4 TXism: "the whole \_\_\_" (all)

8 TXism: "fast as \_\_\_ up a rafter"

9 Jimmy Johnson's "Turning the Thing Around: Pulling America's Team Out of the Dumps" \_\_\_ Doghouse

10 Ozona High School class

11 JFK's "\_\_\_ 109"

12 former TX fuel company

13 actor Jack of "The Texas Wheelers"

14 TXism: "happy as a pig in \_\_\_"

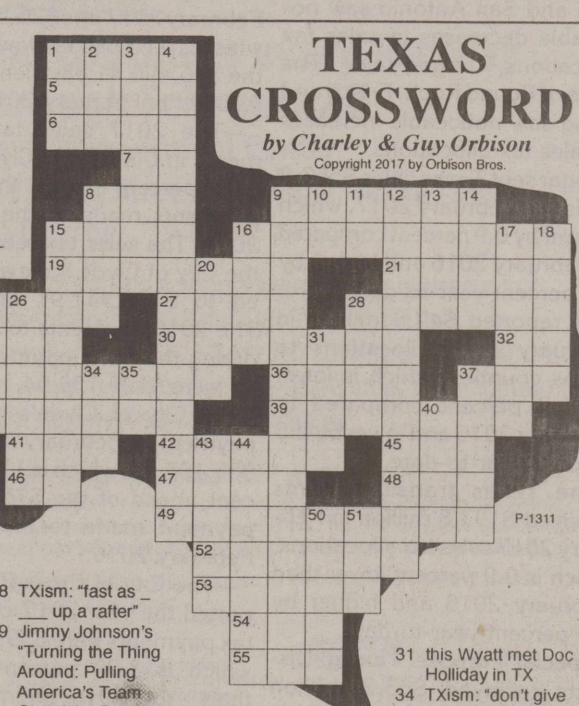
15 Texas Crossword creators, Orbisons

16 meaning of "tejas"

17 aviator Earhart

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18 TX Clay Allison was a \_\_\_ gun

20 1st female mayor of El Paso Suzy Houston boxer

22 Foreman (int.)

23 hockey's Bobby

24 TXism: "\_\_\_ big for his britches"

25 Andy's amigo

26 TXism: "pick of the \_\_\_" (best)

28 Metroplex FM

31 this Wyatt met Doc Holliday in TX

34 TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_ holler"

35 In 1966, Rice won \_\_\_ College Bowl

37 TXism: "he two- to his own beat"

40 TXism: "a \_\_\_ light idea" (good idea)

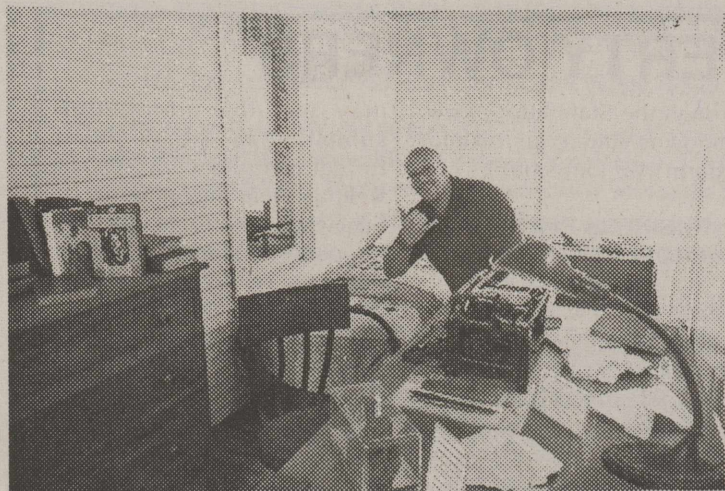
43 wake up

44 TX longhorn cattle are preserved on this spread (2 wds.)

50 skins of TX Ruby Red grapefruits

51 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of a sow's \_\_\_"





## Fireman from Hawaii visits Museum

Nickolas Agricola has got to be the first Navy Seaman serving on a nuclear submarine to visit our local attraction. And on top of that, he was stationed in Hawaii for two years while the sub was undergoing necessary maintenance. During that time, he was assigned to the Pearl Harbor Museum and helped paint the USS Missouri. The Missouri was the last battleship commissioned by the United States and was best remembered as the site of the surrender of the Empire of Japan which ended World War II.

After receiving a degree in business, he returned to Hawaii six years ago and found himself becoming a fireman rather than

entering the business world. He explained that being a fireman was better suited to his energy level than sitting behind a desk all day.

Like so many fans of Howard's writings, Agricola was attracted to the Conan comic books as a teen-ager and rapidly moved into the paperbacks. Quickly getting hooked on Howard's writing style, he launched into most of the other fantasy based stories. He had not yet been introduced to the boxing or western stories or the poetry penned by the local author, but promised himself he would do so as time permitted.

Each day, a new adventure at the Museum.

## Weight Warriors Meets on Tuesdays

Weight Warriors meets weekly and is always welcoming new people. This is 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.

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, God's 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.

## City of Cross Plains City Council Board Minutes, January 10, 2017

This was a Regular Meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were:

Mayor Bob Kirkham, Colby Walker, Don Bryant, Randy Strickland, & Jerry Cassle. Gary Moses was absent.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Frankie Hyles, Don Gosnell, Dannes Turner, Justin Golson & Chris Rios.

There were no members of the public meeting with the council.

Bob Kirkham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Bryant gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

By general consent the police report was approved as presented. By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented. Walker moved to pay the bills, Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Turner gave her monthly Senior Citizen's Report. She reported serving a total of 719 congregate meals for the month of December. She also reported that there were 599 home delivered meals served for an average of 74 meals per day. These numbers include 143 meals for the May Senior Citizen Center. There was a total of \$13,384.50 in donations received. She reported a \$6,000.00 donation, \$3,000 for kitchen repairs and \$3,000 for food. A new steam table for \$1,600 was also received as well as a \$1,000 anonymous donation. Turner reported having her annual State & Federal monitoring and received a really good report. Both agencies were very complimentary of both the center and the city. She reported that the United Way Grant was turned down, but that it was a learning experience and

would continue to seek other funding opportunities.

Hyles gave his monthly report.

He reported that gas sales are up and that he has order several new meters to begin his meter change out program. He advised the council that he intends to replace the school meter due to the age of the meter. He also advised the council that the pivot system is in need of some repairs and that he has Leonard Irrigation schedule to come out on Wednesday to do the necessary repairs.

Gosnell reported that she had heard from FEMA on the street repairs. Repairs that have already been repaired will be reimbursed in the amount of \$13K. The repairs that are still needed will be repaid in the amount of \$47,491.38. Hyles commented that the city will be doing three years of repairs this spring/summer.

Gosnell also asked permission to invest \$25,000 in a municipal bond. By general consent the council gave Gosnell permission to purchase the bond.

Phil Mitchell was on the agenda to discuss the cost of the Schools new gym/safe room. By general consent the council tabled the discussion.

Discussion was held concerning the High School Girls/Boys baseball/softball fields. Gosnell is to work on an agreement for the use of the fields. Gosnell is to ask both the school and little league to be here next month to go over the agreement.

Gosnell informed the council that the Little League President, Matt Reed would be here next month to explain their plans and ideas for the Little League organization. She explained that they are applying for the 501c3 status to be able to get grants. They would like to apply for a grant to be able

to rebuild the facilities and will need the city's permission to be able to do that.

Gosnell reported that she had received a complaint concerning the condition of some property here in Cross Plains. Discussion was held at length concerning several properties that not only are breaking several of the laws pertaining to the Nuisance Ordinance, but that have encroached out onto the city's property. The council instructed Gosnell to put a notice in the paper asking the residents to remove any personal property, vehicles, etc. off of city property. The article should also ask residents to voluntarily clean up their property, mow weeds and removed items that are considered to be a nuisance. Gosnell is also send letters to some of the properties that are considered to be in violation of the ordinance.

Strickland moved to order the election for May 6, 2017. Walker seconded and motion carried.

Cassle moved to go into executive session at 7:31 p.m. Walker seconded motion carried.

Strickland moved to return to open meeting at 7:42 p.m. Bryant seconded and motion carried.

Walker moved to hire Justin Golson full time. Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Strickland moved to purchase a new patrol vehicle. Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Gosnell informed the council that a Public Hearing is scheduled for January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to give the public an opportunity to discuss the grant application for a new patrol car.

Strickland moved to adjourn. Bryant seconded and motion carried.

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## Cross Plains' 2017 retail sales up 8% from 2016

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

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, February 8th.

Cross Plains' 2017 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$39,633.80, which is 8.20 percent higher than the \$36,626.85 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2016.

The payment to the city for February 2017 was \$20,468.99, which is 8.65 percent higher than the \$18,839.34 payment made to the city in February 2016.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today, Wednesday, February 8th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$858.6 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 1 percent less than in February 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2016 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

"The cities of Houston, Midland and San Antonio saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Round Rock, Frisco and Irving saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations."

Hegar sent Texas cities \$563.8 million in February 2017, which is lower by 0.9 percent compared to February 2016 and higher by 1.5 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$47.8 million in February 2017 allocations to Texas counties, which is lower by 6.3 percent compared to February 2016 and lower by 2.3 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$193.8 million in February 2017 sales tax allocations, which is 0.9 percent lower than February 2016 and higher by 1.0 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$53.2 million in February 2017 allocations, which is 2.9 percent higher than February 2016 and higher by 6.8 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$858.6 million in February 2017, which is 1.0 percent lower than February 2016 and higher by 1.5 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
	2016	2017
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$36,626.85	\$39,633.80
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$18,839.34	\$20,468.99

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

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

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2017 started the year 4.53 percent lower than the 2016 payments. The city has received \$44,697.32 in 2017, while the 2016 tax payments to the city totaled \$46,823.08.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2017 was \$26,321.15, which is 0.63 percent lower than the \$26,490.41 payment made to Baird in February 2016.

—The 2017 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 4.31 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2016. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$130,541.91 in 2017. The 2016 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$125,139.54.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2017 was \$85,102.91, which is 11.31 percent ahead of the \$76,451.17 payment made to the city in February 2016.

—The City of Cross Plains reported the year 2017 city sales tax payments were \$39,633.80, which is 8.20 percent higher than the 2016 payments of the tax which amounted to \$36,626.85.

The city's monthly sales tax check for February 2017 was \$20,468.99, which is 8.65 percent higher than the \$18,839.34 payment made to Cross Plains in February 2016.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2017 payments to the town totaled \$1,544.07, which is

higher by 11.26 percent from the 2016 payments to the city in the amount of \$1,387.68.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2017 was \$724.45, which is 19.63 percent lower than the \$901.59 payment made to Putnam in February 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Crystal Conway of Kindred of Home of Eastland came to the Cross Plains Senior Center to make all our ladies feel special with manicures on Valentines Day. From left to right: Billie Fulcher, Donna Wagner, Crystal Conway, Mozelle Richardson. Jean Alexander, seated, front left.

## The Recipe Corner

### Fresh Corn & Arugula Salad

Prep Time: 20 minutes Grill Time: 10 minutes + cooling

**Ingredients:**

**BASIL VINAIGRETTE:**

- \* 1/2 cup olive oil
- \* 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- \* 3 tablespoons minced fresh basil
- \* 1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary
- \* 1 teaspoon chopped shallot
- \* 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- \* 1/4 teaspoon salt
- \* 1/4 teaspoon pepper

**SALAD:**

- \* 2 ears fresh corn, husked
- \* 1 teaspoon olive oil
- \* 8 cups fresh arugula or baby spinach
- \* 4 plum tomatoes, quartered
- \* 1/4 cup pecan halves, toasted
- \* 1/4 cups shaved Parmesan cheese

### Directions

- \* In a small bowl, whisk vinaigrette ingredients until blended.
- \* Brush corn with oil; grill, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 inches from heat 8-10 minutes or until corn is crisp-tender and browned, turning occasionally. When cool enough to handle, cut corn off cobs and place in a large bowl.
- \* Add arugula, tomatoes and pecans to corn. Drizzle with half of the vinaigrette; toss to coat. Top with cheese; serve immediately. Cover and refrigerate remaining vinaigrette for later use.
- \* To toast pecans, bake in a shallow pan in a 350 degrees oven for 5-10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly brown, stirring occasionally.

**Yield: 6 servings.**



## 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 to 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).



## Cross Plains T-Shirt Quilt Raffle Benefits Local Scholarships

A Cross Plains T-Shirt quilt will be raffled off to help start an annual local scholarship. Many former Buffs and Lady Buffs players and coaches have donated their "collectible" t-shirts to make this effort possible. This endeavor is the start of something larger that will take great teamwork and communication to make it successful.

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!



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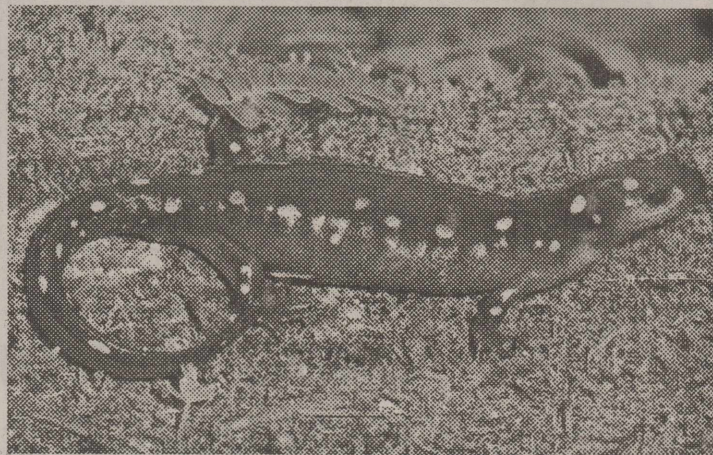
### Spotted Salamander

Most folks are very familiar with the 2 most common types of amphibians that reside in this state. Nearly everyone has heard a frog calling, or seen a toad in their own backyard. Yet most people are not aware of 4-legged and tailed amphibian that dwells here as well, and that is the Spotted Salamander.

The Spotted Salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*) belongs to a genus of salamanders that are categorized as Mole Salamanders. This genus has 5 representatives in Texas, and this particular species arguably has the smallest range of the faction. This plain, but pretty species occurs in the eastern-most portions of the state. It is in this eco-region that it resides almost exclusively underground in woodlands and forested areas, almost always near an ephemeral body of water. Outside of Texas it may be observed eastward to Georgia and then northward to Canada. It happens to be the state amphibian of both Ohio and South Carolina.

As the family name implies, this group of salamanders is well suited to living life underground, much akin to moles. It rarely makes an appearance above ground save for just a few days annually. Being a cold-tolerant species, its above-ground activity is generally induced by a warm front during the winter and early spring that stabilizes the temperatures enough to encourage emergence.

While the old adage "everything is bigger in Texas" holds true with this species close relative, the Tiger Salamander, this particular variety is not nearly as long or "beefy" as it is its aforementioned cousin. Adults can range in size from 5 1/2 to 7 inches, although 8 inch-long individuals are not uncommon. The water-dwelling larvae often achieve a total length of 4 inches



Spotted Salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*)

or so.

This homely salamander variety is quite plain, but still attractive. The dorsal coloration is typically black, and most individuals have a series of bright yellow spots that run lengthwise the backside, the reason that it bears the common name Spotted Salamander. In some individuals, the spots on the head and neck are orange, giving the animal a more stunning appearance. However, at the other end of the spectrum, occasional specimens will be totally unmarked, being just a dark salamander. The water-bound larvae are generally colored a mediocre olive-brown with large, limb-like gills on either side of the head.

The breeding cycle of this magnificent amphibian is a bit unusual, not only for the time of year that it generally takes place, but also in the reproductive habits as well. Unlike most other arid-living amphibians, who wait for the summer rainy season to emerge to reproduce in shallow pools, this unique amphibian will often congregate in areas of water during the winter months when the air temperatures are considered to be too low for other "herptiles" to be active. Most specimens have been observed

in temperatures too cold for me - which just happens to be any temperatures below 50 degrees!

Males will enter the breeding pools first, awaiting the arrival of the females. Once the females arrive, the males will begin to deposit spermatophores (a small capsule containing spermatozoa). Once the males make the deposit, they will then begin to nudge a receptive female to "pick up" the capsules in their cloaca.

The females will then proceed to lay the large fertilized eggs, numbering up to 150, in clumps of vegetation. The larvae that hatch will attain a total length between 4 and 6 inches before they begin the transformation into land-dwellers. This process, depending on how long it takes to achieve this size, may take several months. On rare occasions, the larvae never achieve the appropriate size and will remain in the larval state permanently.

Although they are rarely seen, the Spotted Salamander can be quite common in certain areas and the population densities are somewhat stable across their range.

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## Garden Club Preparing for Plant Sale on April 14th

The Garden Club is preparing now for their annual April Plant Sale. The sale is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the park adjacent to the Cross Plains Public Library.

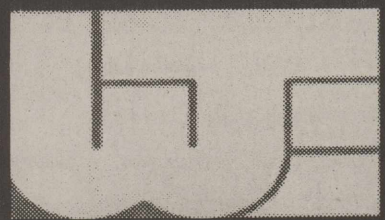
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We will offer a huge assortment of both indoor and outdoor plants, pots and planters, silent auction items, yard art and more.

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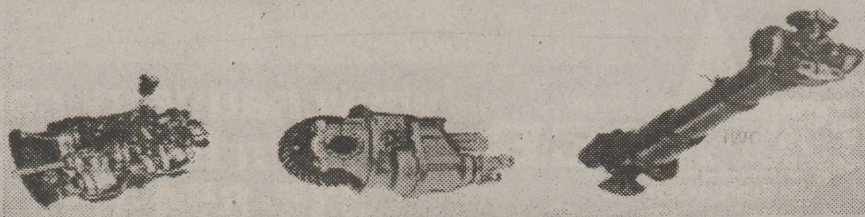
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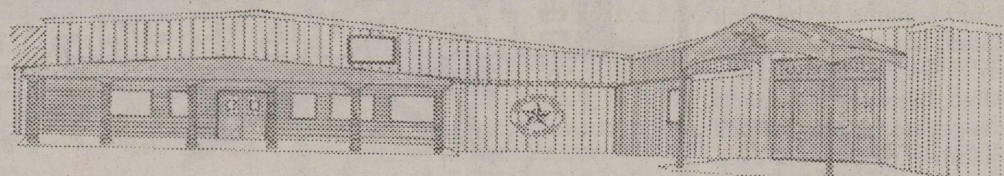
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Feb. 20th -Feb. 24th

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**Wednesday-22nd** Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check by Kindres at Home of Eastland  
**Thursday-23rd** Exercise 11:00/ Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:25  
**Friday-24th** Exercise 11:00/Cisco Nursing Home 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. 20th - Feb. 24th

**Monday 20th-Center Closed - Presidents Day** **Thursday 23rd -Baked Pork Cutlet, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert**

**Tuesday 21st -Fried Fish, Baked Beans, Cole-slaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert** **Friday 24th-Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert**

**Wednesday 22nd -Tuna Salad Sandwich, Chips, Fruit Cup, Cookie** **MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center



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## The Texas History Minute

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### The history of Texas soft drink Dr. Pepper

Hundreds of brands of soft drinks have been produced and sold around the world. One of the most popular is a Texas original, Dr. Pepper.

Dr. Pepper was the creation of a young pharmacist names Charles Alderton. Alderton was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1857 and traveled extensively as a youth. He received much of his education in Great Britain, but he eventually made his way to Texas where he attended medical school. Afterward, he worked as a pharmacist with business partner Wade Morrison at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store in Waco.

According to one story, Alderton experimented with several different drinks to try to attract customers before perfecting the Dr. Pepper formula. The drink was first introduced in Waco in 1885, making it one of the oldest continuously bottled soft drinks in the United States.

The drink quickly became a hit with people all across Waco. Within a few years, it became synonymous with the city, and Alderton and Morrison were receiving requests from customers well outside the city asking for a "Waco" or "Doc Alderton's Drink." Eventually, it came simply to be known as "Dr. Pepper."

Where the name of the drink originated, no one is entirely certain. Several stories have circulated, but some individuals have suggested it was named after a former girlfriend or even a friend of Alderton or Wade. However, many colas across the nation were being created at that time in small drugstores. A number of these local colas, including future rival Coca-Cola, were marketed as health drinks.

By 1891, so many requests and orders for the drink had come into the pharmacy that they could no longer keep up with demand. Morrison was excited by the possibilities and wanted to expand, but Alderton decided to pursue medicine instead and sold the rights to Morrison. Alderton died in 1941.

Morrison brought in another partner, Robert Lazenby, and formed the Artesian Manufacturing and Bottling Co. in Waco

to produce the soft drink. The popularity of Dr. Pepper grew rapidly. By the turn of the century, the company began selling franchise arrangements with bottlers across the state to produce and distribute Dr. Pepper in their area. As a result, the success of the company grew even more rapidly.

After Morrison's death, Lazenby and his son-in-law, J. B. O'Hara, took the drink to the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri. It was such a success that Dr. Pepper began being sold across the country, marketed as the "King of Beverages."

By the 1920s, the "Drink a Dr. Pepper at 10, 2, and 4" became a popular slogan. The slogan connected with the cola's origins as a health drink and was now being pushed as an energy drink from the idea that at 10, 2, and 4 each work day, people needed the energy boost that the sugar rush would bring. As a result, the logo on all the bottles featured the numbers 10, 2, and 4 for

## Project Pride Kicks Off Yearly Registration

Behind every successful organization are a large support group and a circle of talented volunteers. Project Pride, a non-profit organization in Cross Plains, needs you.

The annual membership drive is in full swing, and there are two avenues through which citizens and businesses can lend moral and financial support to this vital organization.

The first way is by becoming a member. The cost is three dollars per individual or five dollars per family. Please make checks payable to Project Pride and mail to PO Box 534, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Or you may pay through PayPal at ProjPride@yahoo.com. The second way is to

volunteer for one of the group's many activities. You can become a member of the Board, where your input and participation will be greatly appreciated. Help with the preparation and execution of the Robert E. Howard Days June 9-10. Become a tour guide at the museum. Guides are needed year round, but especially during the Howard Days. Help with the Cancer Walk in October, or help put up Christmas decorations around town in November.

For more information, feel free to contact Arlene Stephenson, 254-725-4993, Era Lee Hanke, 254-725-6562, or go to ProjPride@yahoo.com

## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

We received a couple of inches of rain between Sunday and Tuesday.

The Cottonwood Musical is coming up on Friday, February 24th at the Community Center. King Ranch Casserole is on the menu, along with sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks. The kitchen opens at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m.

Last week, we mentioned that you needed to watch out for bobcats, well, we have another "critter report". Keep an eye out for raccoons on the road, too. One local resident recently had a brush with a raccoon, but I'll let him tell you all about it. Remember that Monday is

President's Day. The kids are in school but the bank and the post office are closed.

Folks down at the Senior Center are busy planning the Mardi Gras Fundraiser that's coming up on Tuesday, February 28th. This is a major fundraiser for the center and features a dinner of boiled shrimp, crawfish, potatoes and corn. Marsha Ossowski and Sheila Allen are both involved with putting on the event.

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.

## States sales tax revenue totaled \$2.5 billion in January

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.45 billion in January, 0.7 percent less than in January 2016.

"Sales tax collections reflect tepid spending by both businesses and consumers," Hegar said. "Receipts from the information sector were up, but declines were seen in receipts from the construction and mining sectors, as well as retail trade."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2017 was up by 0.3 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections in fiscal 2016. Motor vehicle sales and rental

taxes, motor fuel taxes and oil and natural gas production taxes also are large revenue sources for the state.

In January 2017, Texas collected the following revenue from those taxes:

- \* motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$406.9 million, up 6.9 percent from January 2016;

- \* motor fuels taxes — \$295.7 million, up 1.4 percent from January 2016;

- \* oil and natural gas production taxes — \$248.4 million, up 28.4 percent from January 2016; and

- \* total tax collections — \$3.71 billion, up 2.2 percent from January 2016.

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

## 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 Patecek 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.

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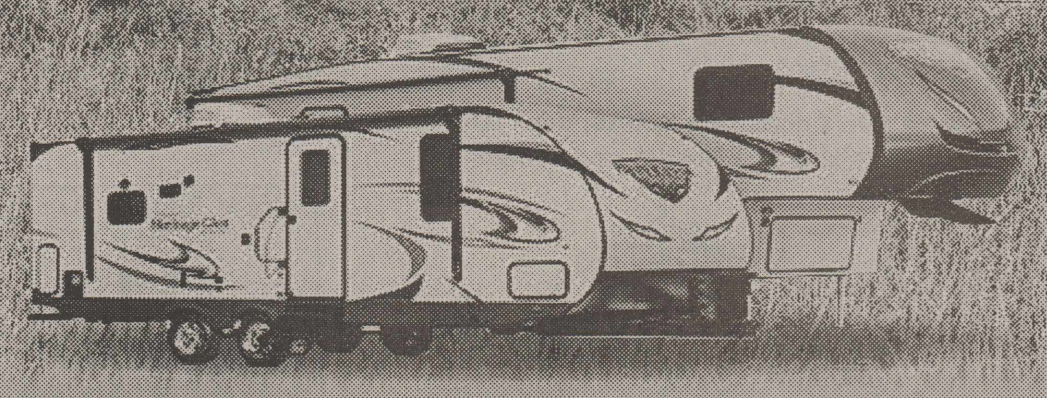
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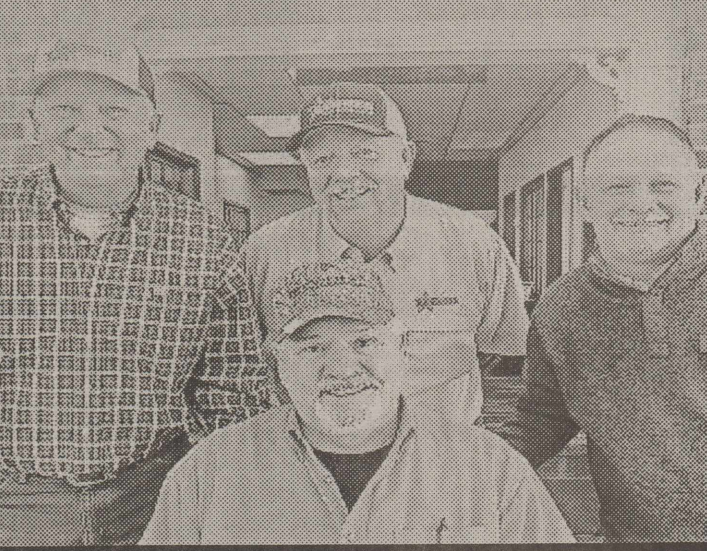
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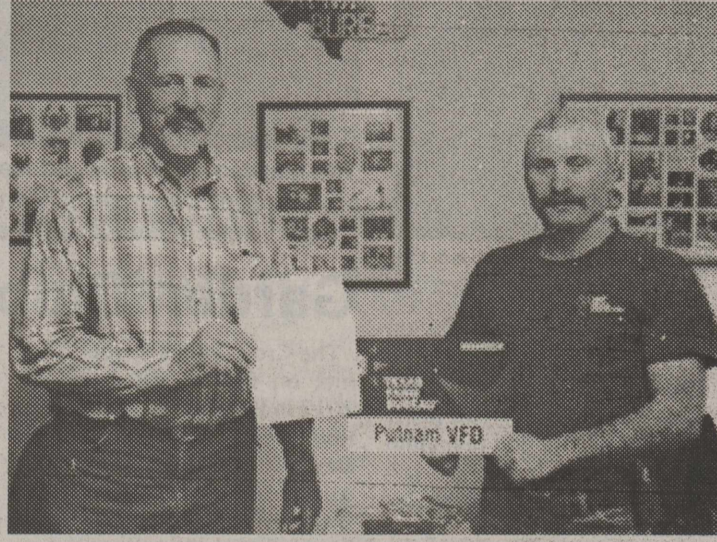
VICE-PRESIDENT PHIL WILLIAMS WITH THE OPLIN VFD



VP PHIL WILLIAMS (LEFT) WITH THE EULA VFD AND PRESIDENT SAM SNYDER (RIGHT)



PRESIDENT SAM SNYDER (LEFT) WITH THE BAIRD VFD AND PHIL WILLIAMS (LEFT)



VP PHIL WILLIAMS WITH THE PUTNAM VFD

## Baird Presbyterian Church Announces Sermon Series

Members of First Presbyterian Church in Baird are pleased to announce a seven Sunday sermon series that will precede Easter Sunday.

The sermon series begins Feb. 26th and is titled "The Seven Last Words of Jesus." FPC of Baird welcome all to attend and hear the messages presented by Tom Satterwhite. It is notable that the series is the first time to be offered.

Each Sunday from Feb. 26th through Palm Sunday Mar. 9th insight to one of the seven statements that Jesus spoke while hanging on the cross will be offered. The statements are found by combining the four gospel accounts of His death. Some of these are the utterances of personal feeling, and others are utterances of sympathy for others. Satterwhite explained the significance: "knowing



Tom Satterwhite to preach 7 Sunday sermon series.

that the last words of a person are interesting and important, these last words of Jesus give keen insight into His feelings and great hope for our living."

Worship service is at 10:00 each Sunday. To follow updates about the church on Facebook go to Baird Presbyterian Church.

## 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.

Snow, 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.

## Volunteer Fire Departments recognized by Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau

Relationships within the community are essential for agriculture and County Farm Bureau. A partnership with the Volunteer Fire Department strengthens the commitment to safety in rural areas.

Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau recognized their local County Volunteer Fire Department's with a complimentary membership, \$100 donation and a metal Texas Farm Bureau membership sign. "Our volunteer fire department

works to make our community and farm and ranch operations safe," County Farm Bureau President Sam Snyder said. "They're active within our community and are there for us when we need them. It's our turn to honor them for their service."

From grain bin entrapments to grass fires and more, firefighters work to protect rural areas in times of need. "Volunteer fire departments, like our county Farm Bureaus, are a vital part

of communities across the Lone Star State," Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said. "Whether they're small issues or large disasters, local firefighters help our farmers, ranchers and urban neighbors. Their dedication is admirable. A heroic service that provides safety and assurance, noted, brings a community together. But it also helps property owners on a financial level.

"What they do every day protecting property that our

members own goes hand-in-hand with what we do in the Insurance Company," Mike Gerik, executive vice president of the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, said. "We do it in the form of an insurance product. They do it by going out and physically putting out fires—those kinds of things that allow us to, hopefully, deliver a product to someone at a different price than if we didn't have that protection."

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## Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from February 13th

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on February 13, 2017 A.D. @ 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Judge Pro Tem; Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Jan Windham, County Treasurer; and Donna Bell, County Clerk and ex-Officio member of Commissioners' Court.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Pro Tem Tom Windham. All Commissioners were present, Judge Corn was absent

—The minutes from the meetings reviewed and signed

—Under public comment there was none.

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

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to solicit bids for the mini-splits AC and heating units for certain offices of the Courthouse. The advertisement for bids would run in the local newspaper for two weeks and bidders would have until March 6th at 9:00AM to submit bids. Those interested in bidding can pick up the plans from the County Treasurer. Bids are due by 9:00 AM March 6th and will be

open at special Commissioners' Court meeting at 9:30 AM on March 6th. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

—Kenneth Hawkins with KBL Restoration updated the Commissioners on the Courthouse restoration and progress. Windows should be completed by February 23rd. Window shades are to be shipped to the County February 24th. Commissioner Hicks moved to accept the report. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Griffin Hess of Bar Roofing reported on his assessment of the Courthouse roof. He reported that the roof is in good shape but that the flashing would need to be replaced. Sam Goldsmith (via phone) had questions about leaks in the roof. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table any action for further investigation. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Doug Campbell was on the agenda to discuss cleanup of property in Oplin. That has since been taken care of. No action was taken. Mr. Campbell used the opportunity to thank the Court for the Burn Ban.

—Stephen Rainbolt spoke to the Court about National Family Care Life Insurance Co. and their Cafeteria Plans. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to table for further information. Commissioner

Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Kelly Batangan and Michael Leddy with Citizens Emergency Medical Services presented the Mass Casualty Incident Plan with additions, deletions and other changes. Commissioner Kirkham moved to accept the changes and Commissioner Farmer seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the Sheriff's Report and the Overtime Report. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—In regards to advertising for bids for Mini-Splits AC & Heating for certain offices of Courthouse. There was discussion between Commissioners' Court and Sam Goldsmith about the timing of opening bids for the AC units. In order to allow the required time for bidders, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to amend the earlier motion by changing the date for turning in bids and opening bids to March 8th. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay the approved bills. This does not include some meals turned in by Sheriff's office. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which then carried 4-0.

## Texas Farm/Ranch/Wildlife Expo is February 21st, 22nd in Abilene

ABILENE - The annual Texas Farm-Ranch-Wildlife Expo co-hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Taylor County and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce is set for 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Feb. 21 and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

The expo center is located at 1700 Texas Highway 36.

"This is the 18th year for the event, which gets bigger and better with each passing year," said Robert Pritz, AgriLife Extension agent in Taylor County. "This year's educational programs will be very timely for anyone involved with agriculture and wildlife. We also have more than 155 booths and 90 exhibitors, so there will be no shortage of things to do, learn and see."

Events on Feb. 21 will include the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual

meeting and luncheon, the Big Country Range Management Seminar and the Cotton Production Conference. The Town and Country Women's Fair will run concurrently with the agricultural programs throughout most of the day.

"Some of the new features we've planned this year will include demonstrations by renowned Hangin' Tree Cowdog trainer Charlie Trayer of Seymour and feral hog trapping demonstrations by Lone Star Trapping of Abilene," Pritz said. "We'll also have the first-ever Cattleman's Collective seminar and dinner, which is free for the first 300 registrants. This event is slated for the Round Building and will feature discussions of the 2017 cattle market outlook."

Activities on Feb. 22 will include the Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Scholarship Luncheon, which

will feature 2016 Abilene Citizen of the Year Donna Albus along with recognition of the Farm Family of the Year and entertainment by the Abilene Independent School District band "Revolution."

"The expo also offers a great opportunity for Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator license holders to earn 13 continuing education units including seven general, four integrated pest management and two laws and regulations over the two day event," Pritz said.

For more information, contact Pritz at 325-672-6048, r-pritz@tamu.edu. For booth information, sponsorships and the schedule of events, go to [www.abilenechamber.com](http://www.abilenechamber.com) or email Kim Boshier at [kimboshier@abilenechamber.com](mailto:kimboshier@abilenechamber.com).

## NWS SKYWARN Spotter Training is Tuesday at Clyde Fire Station

The National Weather Service office in San Angelo has scheduled several SKYWARN Spotter Training in the Big Country for 2017, and the public is invited to attend these training dates.

Among those dates is a Tuesday, February 21st spotter training day at the Clyde Volunteer Fire Station located at 911 South First Street. The training begins at 7:00 p.m.

Some other spotter training dates around the Big Country include:

DATE COUNTY CITY LOCATION TIME

Saturday February 25th: Taylor, Abilene, Abilene Christian University, 9 AM to Noon

Tuesday February 28th: McCulloch, Brady, Fire Dept., 6:00 PM

Saturday March 4th: Brown, Brownwood, Howard Payne University, 9 AM to Noon

Monday March 6th: Haskell, Haskell, Fire Dept., 6:00 PM

Saturday March 11th: Tom Green, San Angelo, Trinity Lutheran Church, 9 AM to

Noon

Monday March 20th: Nolan, Sweetwater, Texas State Technical College, 6:00 PM

Monday March 27th: Mason, Mason, Fire Dept., 6:00 PM

Tuesday March 28th: Schleicher, Eldorado, Fire Dept., 7:00 PM

Tuesday April 11th: Crockett, Ozona, Fire Dept., 7:00 PM

Monday April TBD: Fisher, TBD, TBD, TBD

Tuesday April TBD: San Saba, TBD, TBD, TBD

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## Valentines & West Texas Hearts

Valentine's Day is a celebration of romantic love symbolized by thoughtful gifts between loved ones. When West Texas men and women get together, there is plenty of heartfelt romance - but there are also plenty of heartaches.

Our good ol' boys are honky-tonk heroes who spend most of their money on whiskey and women, then waste the rest. What they like best about livin' out west ain't the mountains, the prairies, the hats or the boots, but havin' plenty of guns and critters to shoot. When they have problems with worms or women, they dip smokeless tobacco and snuff 'em out. They like their women a little on the trashy side. They got honky-tonk hearts, neon souls, jukebox minds and too many bars on the way home. Their hearts are in the right place, but their pick-ups ain't.

Our good ol' girls are honky-tonk angels who just went wrong. They're good-hearted women who can't help lovin' good-timin' men. They love outlaws like babies love stray dogs. They're T-bone talkin' women, but they got hot-dog hearts. They try to dance with who brung 'em. When they go to the bathroom and never come back, they're about as gone as girls can get. They won't play 2nd fiddle to honky-tonk hearts and don't allow their menfolk to come home a drinkin' with lovin' on their minds. They won't serve their momma's silver to men who don't say grace. They think about themselves a lot.

Here are heartwarming and culturally enriching lines from pure country music played in honky-tonks and on the radio throughout West Texas:

"We had a formal weddin' - white shotguns.

I wouldn't take you to a dogfight even if I thought you would win.

I'm goin' to put a bar in my car and drive myself to drink.

If you want to keep the beer real cold, put it next to my ex-wife's heart.

If today was a fish, I'd throw it back in.

I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy.

Flushed from the bathroom of your heart.

When the phone don't ring, you'll know it's me.

Walk out backwards so I'll



John & Dolores Compere celebrate Valentine's Day on the family ranch in Callahan County.

think you're comin' in.

How can I miss you if you don't go away.

She stepped on my heart and stomped that sucker flat.

She took everything but the blame.

I can't afford to half my half again.

If love was oil, I'd be about a quart low.

When she returns from the ladies room, will I be too old to care.

I gave her too much of too little for too long.

Velcro arms, Teflon heart.

Here's a quarter, call someone who cares.

I've got the hungries for your love and I'm waitin' in your welfare line.

That woman made a memory out of me.

4 scores and 7 beers ago, I told her I'd be home.

That's more about love than I wanted to know.

Why don't you haul off and love me.

The future is not what it used to be.

All I want from you is away.

You're a hard dog to keep under the porch.

She even woke me up to say goodbye.

Is it cold in here or is it just you.

If I say I love you, consider me drunk.

If I don't love you, grits ain't groceries.

I miss you already and you're not even gone.

I don't know whether to kill myself or go bowlin'.

There's a tear in my beer 'cause I'm crying for you dear.

How come your dog don't bite nobody but me.

Why have you left the one you left me for.

I bought the shoes that just walked out on me.

Ever since we've been apart my flame don't burn as bright.

I'm two six packs away from lovin' you.

When you see me getting' smaller, you'll know I'm leavin'.

It's so miserable without you, it's almost like having you here.

You ain't as much fun since I quit drinkin'.

The only good years we had were the four on my truck.

Every time you throw some dirt, we lose a little ground.

My dog was under your truck the night you backed out of my life.

I just don't look good naked anymore.

Thank God and Greyhound she's gone.

Country music memorializes West Texas hearts and heartaches. The best way to enjoy country music is to listen to the words - not the music. The soul of country music is in the lyrics. If you don't enjoy country music, you ain't listenin' to what you're hearin'!

Happy Valentine Trails!  
John Compere  
West Texas rancher & country music lover



The Garden Club enjoyed learning about bees from J'Neena Swinney, left. Some of the Garden Club members that were at the meeting: Diana Miller, Lexie Bagley, Cher Ptacek, Julia Wheeler and Barbara Swinney.

## Garden Club Learns 'All Things Bees'

The Cross Plains Garden Club met on Friday, February 10, 2017 in the Mozelle Richardson Room of the Texas Heritage Bank. Members welcomed guest speaker, J'Neena Swinney with a luncheon and light hearted conversation.

J'Neena provided an exceptional talk on "All Things Bees", including their life cycle and reproduction, the benefits of bee's to nature, crops, honey producers and gardeners. She also provided extensive information about beekeeping and honey harvesting.

This time of year bee's are gathering pollen from Asian Jasmine, Dandelions, Flowering Quince, Henbit, Rosemary, Viburnum, Wild Mustards (non-native, invasive), Wild Plum Thickets and Winter Honeysuckle. Trees that provide February-March pollens are: Ash, Bradford Pear, Elm, Juniper, Oak, Peach, Plum (Fruit and Mexican) and Redbuds.

Worker bee's are female and are nurses to the larvae, housekeepers, scouts, gatherers and guards for the hive. The females make waxy

honey combs then store and cap the honey they produce in those combs. Male bee's are called drones, their purpose is fertilization of the queen's eggs. Females (with the exception of the queen) live 6 weeks. Males can live up to 12 weeks. During her 6 week life span the female will produce 1/12 teaspoon of honey. The queen bee is selected by her bees and is fed royal jelly which the female bee's excrete from their antennae and promotes her oversized development. The queen lays approximately 2,000 eggs a day from March through November and will live 5 years in the wild and 2-3 years in domestic hives.

Bee's communicate through both scent and dance. The dance of the scout bee's indicates to the others where to find the pollen source. Their warning scent smells like bananas, a lemon odor signals the bees are content.

J'Neena provided a fascinating program and we encourage our community to support our bee populations. Consider what life would become without bees.

Our next meeting is scheduled



J'Neena Swinney

for Wednesday, March 1st at 3:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. Members will prepare for the Library's After School Adventure which will immediately follow the meeting. The Garden Club will demonstrate terrarium assembly and assist the children in making their own terrarium.

If you would like more information about the Cross Plains Garden Club, please visit our facebook page at Cross Plains Garden Club, Cross Plains, TX or contact us at 254-725-9418.

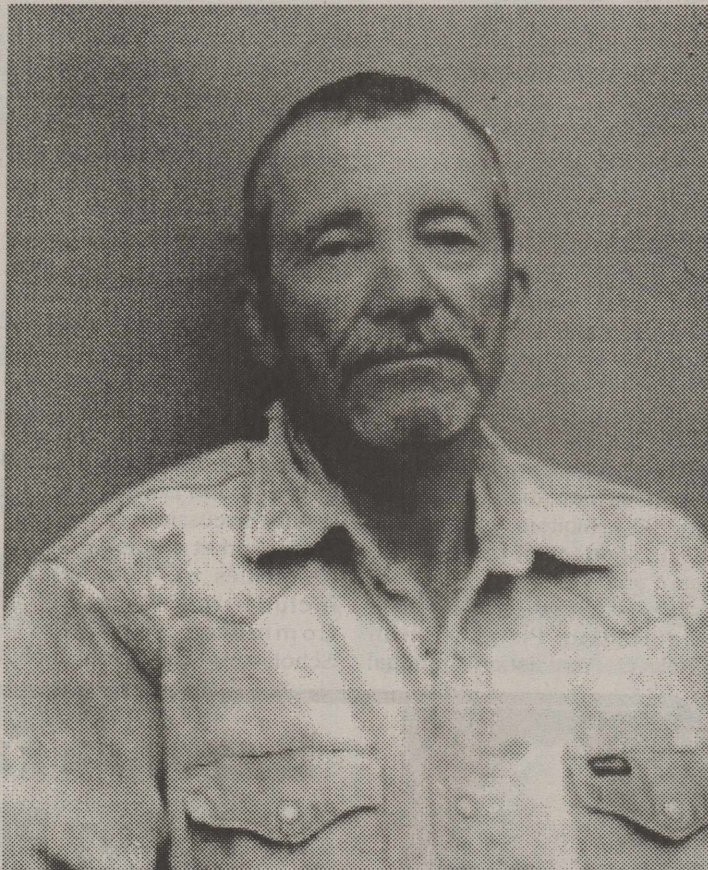
## Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

Friday, February 10, 2017 a bail bondsman associate called the Sheriff's Office with information that Clifton Boyd Lindsey, a white male, 55 years old, 5'5" tall, and 127 pounds, brown hair and hazel eyes, was reported to be at a residence, living in a building, behind the residence. This house and building is located in the north east corner of Callahan County. It is the last house to the left on Highway 6 less than a mile from the Eastland County line. He had failed to comply with the bond agreement that allowed him to remain out of jail and was now a fugitive from justice. Chief Deputy Rick Jowers and I went to the residence and knocked on all the doors and called out but no one came to the door.

Saturday afternoon, the bondsman, who now had an assistant with him, called the Sheriff's Office again and said that they were shot at 3 times, with a pistol, by this same person that they were looking for. He said that the man, who he positively identified as Clifton Boyd Lindsey, turned and ran the other way which would be in the direction of Eastland County. Two Callahan County deputies, Chief Rick Jowers and Larry Lemon, and I hurried to the scene. Texas Highway Patrol from Callahan County and Eastland County came to the scene. A Department of Public Safety helicopter arrived and two Texas Rangers arrived on the scene. The SWAT team from Abilene Police Department, came and they brought an armored vehicle with them.

After dark the APD's armored vehicle moved through the gate from Highway 6 to the house. They had their spot lights on



CLIFTON BOYD LINDSEY  
...suspect sought by Callahan County Sheriff's Office

and the DPS helicopter hovered over the house and flooded the area with lights. They called out with loud speakers but no one responded or came out of the house or outbuildings. They main power and equipment was available to break down the doors but the Texas Rangers who were in charge at this point made the decision to stand down and wait for another opportunity because it was not worth risking a life over, whether it was the suspect's life, some other person in the house, or one of the officer's life. I agreed that was a good decision.

The last time Clifton Boyd Lindsey was in our jail was July

10, 2016. People have called me and asked me if they should be worried about this man. My answer was is yes it is possible that he could be dangerous. If anyone sees a man fitting his description call 911 or the Sheriff's Office immediately and stay away from him. I am hoping that a family member or close friend will talk him into self-surrendering.

Monday morning the bail bondsman associate came to the Sheriff's Office and gave a written statement concerning the shots fired at him that Saturday afternoon. An offense report will be made and presented to the County Attorney.

## Join the Cross Plains EMS

The Cross Plains EMS is always looking for new members. Whether you are interested in becoming a certified member (18 year old and up) or an uncertified driver (25 year old and up) it is a great way to give back to your community.

Being part of a small service like ours gives you the freedom to take the shifts that work for you. This is also a great way for young people who think they would be interested in working in the medical field as a career to test the waters.

Individuals or groups who want to sponsor a student to become certified are also always welcomed.

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

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## Cross Plains Public Library Annual Writing Contest

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

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

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

be accepted.

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

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

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



## The Recipe Corner

### Forgotten Jambalaya

Prep Time: 35 Minutes Cook Time: 4 1/4 Hours

#### Ingredients:

- \* 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- \* 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) beef or chicken broth
- \* 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- \* 3 celery ribs, chopped
- \* 2 medium green peppers, chopped
- \* 1 medium onion, chopped
- \* 5 garlic cloves, minced
- \* 3 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
- \* 2 teaspoons dried basil
- \* 1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
- \* 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- \* 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- \* 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- \* 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes
- \* 1 pound smoked sausage, halved and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- \* 1/2 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- \* Hot cooked rice

#### Directions

1. In a 5-qt. slow cooker, combine the tomatoes, broth and tomato paste. Stir in the celery, green peppers, onion, garlic and seasonings. Stir in chicken and sausage.
  2. Cover and cook on low for 4-6 hours or until chicken is no longer pink. Stir in shrimp. Cover and cook 15-30 minutes longer or until shrimp turn pink. Serve with rice.
- Freeze option: Place individual portions of cooled stew in freezer containers and freeze. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Heat through in a saucepan, stirring occasionally and adding a little water if necessary. Yield: 11 servings.



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