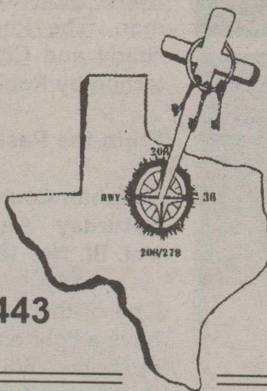


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Buffaloes 11U Tournament Baseball Team Bake Sale Saturday, March 18th

The Buffaloes 11U Tournament Baseball Team will be having a Bake Sale Fundraiser Saturday, March 18th starting at 9am in front of Food Plaza.

There will be lots of sweet

treats and some additional items available for your purchase, so please come out and help support these boys in their upcoming Tournament Ball season.



Lady Buffs Win District Opener against San Saba. Photos inside.

Cottonwood Musical is Friday, March 24th

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

At this time, the musical is in conjunction with the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's annual fish fry fundraiser. The menu will be fish, or chicken, fries, slaw, beans and a dessert with tea, water, or coffee. The meal will \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10. The fish meal

will be served from 5-7p.m.

The music begins at 5:30p.m. Come out to Cottonwood, Texas on Friday, March 24th and enjoy a delicious fish meal and good country music.

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.

"The Great Gatsby" Book-to-Movie Event This Week

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a book-to-movie event featuring "The Great Gatsby" at the library on Thursday, March 16th at 5:30p.m. This is event is FREE as part of our NEA Big Read celebration and is sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. We will view the 1974 version of the movie starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow and then head

to Jean's Feed Barn for a Dutch-treat dinner to discuss the book vs. the movie.

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Join us for a fun and educational evening. Then, mark your calendar to join us again on Thursday, March 30, to view the 1949 version of "The Great Gatsby" starring Alan Ladd.

High School and Junior High Cheerleaders Named for 2017-18

Cheerleaders for both CPHS and CPJHS for the 2017-18 School Year were named after Cheerleader Tryouts last week. Cheering on the High School Teams will be Caley Box, Jordan Hampton, Kenzie Kleiber, Kinlee Mathews, Mallory McCready, Jackilann

Shepard, Madilyn Shepard and Shana Yates.

Cheering on the Junior High teams will be Livia Busby, Katie Goains, Hailey Mauricio, Hannah McKinney, Abbigale Shepard and Jocelyn Smoot.

Isabell Dean will be the school mascot.

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.

Please mark your calendars - you won't want to miss this event!

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

Now Taking Fish Orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for Their Annual Fish Program. Each year the District offers these fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, Texas. Supplies are limited so get your orders in early!!

This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Red Ear, Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Crappie and Goldfish. We are also offering Fathead and Golden Shiner Minnows.

The fish will be delivered to Baird on May 12th for pick up.

For more information call Geneva Williams 325-854-1049 ex. 4 Orders must be prepaid by check or money order.

CPVFD Fish Fry to Be Held on Friday, April 21st

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will hold their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 21st at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The annual event features fried catfish, chicken, beans, coleslaw and hushpuppies prepared by the Cross Plains firefighters.

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this event.



Cross Plains High School and Junior High Students competed in the Bearcat Relays in DeLeon last week. Photos inside.

First Responders to be Honored with Dinner, Tuesday, March 21st

Cross Plains and the surrounding areas are so very blessed to have the number of people who put their lives in harm's way to protect us.

Can you imagine a society without law enforcement, emergency medical services or fire departments?

The City of Cross Plains and the Cross Plains Senior Center want to acknowledge the sacrifices made by these

men and women by hosting a First Responders Appreciation hamburger supper on March 21st from 5-7.

All first responders are welcome and encouraged to attend the supper in their honor.

Citizens are encouraged to come and show their support and appreciation to all our first responders.

There will be no cost for the meal.

Get Your Tickets for The Crockin' Girls This Saturday!

The Crockin' Girls of QVC - Nicole Sparks and Jenna Marwitz - are helping the Cross Plains Public Library celebrate the NEA Big Read and will be featured guests at a "Puttin On the Ritz" Brunch to be held on Saturday, March 18, from 11am-1pm at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Nicole and Jenna will be sharing cooking tips, cooking up samples for us in their crockpot and autographing

their cookbooks (bring yours or purchase one at the brunch).

Wear your "riches" (we will help with headbands, pearls and boas)! Popular vote will declare the best-dressed. Dine on menu items popular in the 1920's. There will be party favors and loads of door prizes including the girls' cookbooks! Cost is \$15 per person. For more info, contact the library at 254-725-7722.



Advancing to Bi-District - The Cast and Crew of CPHS's One Act Play, "August: Osage County". The group will compete in Eula on Thursday, March 23rd.

Cross Plains One-Act Play Wins District

Cross Plains High School won the District One-Act Play Contest for their performance of scenes from "August: Osage County" by Tracy Letts.

Acting awards went to Hannah Cowan for her role as Ivy Weston, Katy Jo Morgan for her role as Barbara Fordham, and Grace Goode for her role as Violet Weston.

Kenzie Byrd also won top technical crew award.

Cast members are: Grace Goode, Katy Jo Morgan, Hannah Cowan, Jack Larimore, Jackilann Shepard, Evan Farley, Allie Jones, Hannah Cowan, Larson Walker, Hannah Crockett, Holden Senclair and Kersey Wyatt.

Crew members are: Mackenzie Byrd, Eddy Calvagna, Ethan Jones and Ky Stout.

Alternates for the play are: Jevan Tillery, Dobbs

McWilliams and Kenzie Kleiber. The One-Act Play is directed by Debbie Mitchell and Stacy Jones.

These talented kids will be back at Eula on Thursday, March 23 to compete at Bi-District. Contest begins at 2:00 PM, and August: Osage County will be the third play to perform. Please come support the cast and crew. We would love to have an audience!

The Roaring 20's Station
March 31, 2017
Cross Plains, TX 76443

Roaring 20's Postal Cancellation March 31st

This special Postal Cancellation will be available on March 31, 2017, at the Cross Plains Post Office. The Cross Plains Public Library's NEA Big Read Celebration will culminate with this event.

The drawing for "The Roaring 20's Station" cancellation was

hand drawn by Helen Parson. Mark this date to have your mail hand-cancelled by request only.

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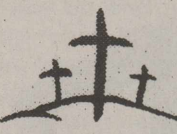
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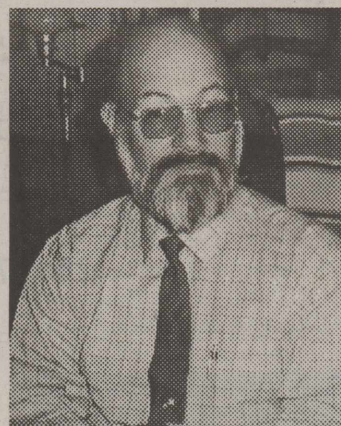
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OBITUARY



PIERCE WAYNE MOONEY

Pierce Wayne Mooney

Pierce Wayne Mooney, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene, TX. He was born in Lake Charles, LA to Pierce R. Mooney and Florence (Buller) Mooney.

Wayne joined the United States Army and proudly served his country in Vietnam. After getting out of the army, he joined the United States Air Force. After leaving the Air Force, he moved to Clyde and was employed by the City of Abilene.

He and his wife Joy (Price) Mooney married on November 9, 2000. Wayne was an active member of the Cross Plains American Legion Post 423, a member of the National Rifle Association and belonged to the Baird Church of God.

He is survived by his beloved wife: Joy Mooney of Baird; two children: Patrick and Patty Mooney; daughter-in-law: Jen; four grandchildren; two brothers: Rick and Jim Mooney; one sister: Linda and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird. Two honorable representatives from the American Legion Post 423 attended the graveside services to honor Wayne's life. Pastor Daniel Palacio officiated services. Arrangements were entrusted to Parker Funeral Home of Baird, TX.

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Callahan County Library news

Some books in paperback available at the library are: *Criminal* by Karen Slaughter, *Sweet Stuff* by Donna Kauffman, *The Rookie* by Ranny Grady and *Christy Miller Collection* by Robin Jones Gunn.

From the Past

Callahan County Clarendon Saturday August 5, 1882 Vol. III, No. 18

One of the latest notions is to have a light on the forehead of the horse. We are assured that it gives perfect safety against accident when driving after dark. No fire, no liquids, no lamp, yet a never-failing bright signal light at a great distance. It is made of metal and covered with a combination of luminous compounds; is easily attached and detached; is made in different designs, and therefore, very attractive if it should be carried in daytime.

- Court Journal
 Belton had a \$50,000 fire last Tuesday morning.

In running the new line between Dallas and Ellis counties, Ferris, which was formerly thought to belong to Ellis is found to be on the Dallas side of the line. It is a place of 1,500 inhabitants.

The County Seat Question

We announced in last week's issue that this week we would give our reasons for not only thinking, but knowing that Baird is the proper place for the seat of government of Callahan county. As we said then, we have refrained from opening the fight; but it is a duty which the welfare of Callahan county demands - a duty which the Clarendon, as a sentinel upon the watch tower, must perform. Our paper is not particularly a Baird organ, nor a Cottonwood Spring, nor a Clyde organ; but, as its name implies, it is a Callahan County organ. We get our support from Callahan county, and for Callahan county we try to publish a paper worthy of that support. But to our subject.

The first question which naturally arises is: Which is the proper place for the future and permanent county seat, Baird or Belle Plain? We emphatically contend that Baird is; but, some who favor Belle Plain will say, "of course the Clarendon will say Baird is the place;

for, the proprietor is interested there, and it is a personal matter with him. In this article we shall lay aside all personal felling in the premises. But let us see how much more we are personally interested in Baird's being the county seat than Belle Plain continuing to have that honor. We own a good lot in each town. At less than a cost of fifty dollars we moved our office from the latter place to the former, and for fifty dollars we could move back to the latter, while we have contributed more than that amount to induce the removal of the county seat to the place where it properly ought to be - Baird. If Belle Plain could be a good town even with the county seat in less than one week we could be established at that place. But this can never be. Belle Plain can never be a live town and remain where she is; she must do as we did

- move to the railroad; for, while she is located within six miles of a railroad town having besides every advantage over her, she can never aspire to being any thing but a third rate village. We are not writing at random when we make these assertions, for the facts are before us. Belle Plain has had the county seat for nearly five years, and what is she to-day? Go and see her empty, dilapidated business houses, standing there as monuments to perpetuate the errors of the builders who have been the victims of misplaced confidence. Belle Plain is a dead town; bolstering her up with a county seat does not serve to keep her alive. Property there to-day is not worth twenty-five per cent of the original cost. Neither is there a future prospect for it to rise, even with a county seat. (to be continued)

Upcoming NEA Big Read Events

In our month-long celebration of the NEA Big Read, the Cross Plains Public Library invites you to our upcoming events. On Thursday, March 16, join us at the library for a Book-to-Movie event at 5:30pm - a viewing of the 1974 version of "The Great Gatsby" - followed by a Dutch-treat dinner at Jean's Feed Barn for a group discussion, sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

This year's brunch is bigger and better than ever! Join us on Saturday, March 18, at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church for The Crockin' Girls of QVC - Nicole Sparks and Jenna Marwitz. The girls will be sharing cooking tips, cooking pineapple upside-down cake in the crockpot, and autographing their cookbooks. Our board members will be cooking menu items from the 1920s for an elegant affair. Wear your "riches" (we will help with headbands, pearls and boas)! Popular vote will declare the best-dressed. There will be party favors and loads of door prizes - including the girls' cookbooks! Cost is \$15 per person. For more info, contact the library at 254-725-7722.

On Saturday, March 25, join us for a FREE event: Riders on the Orphan Train, sponsored by the library and the Callahan County Historical Commission. This one-hour multi-media program combines live music by Phillip Lancaster and Alison Moore, video montage with archival photographs and interviews of survivors, and a dramatic reading of the 2012

novel "Riders on the Orphan Train" by award-winning author Alison Moore. Although the program is about children, it is designed to engage audiences of all ages and to inform, inspire and raise awareness about this little-known part of history. Local relatives and acquaintances of Orphan Train Riders are especially invited to attend and share their stories with the audience. This program is made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and by Texas Heritage Bank.

Each Thursday, join us at the Senior Center for popcorn and a movie at 1pm featuring films from the 1920's - most notably those of F. Scott Fitzgerald; also at the Senior Center we will have "Trash to Treasure" crafts each Monday from 12:30-1:30pm; and on Tuesdays, visit the library and pick up a new puzzle - completed entries will be entered in a drawing for 2 movie passes.

Every Wednesday the children will be treated to a different book with a rich/poor theme and will design the blocks for this year's traditional quilt. All month long you can see our "Gatsby Display" of the works of F. Scott Fitzgerald in books and film - all available for check-out. Also, visit local artist Steve Knotts' "Buildings of the 1920's Art Exhibit" where you can purchase your own original oil painting of historic buildings in Cross Plains and other locations in Texas.

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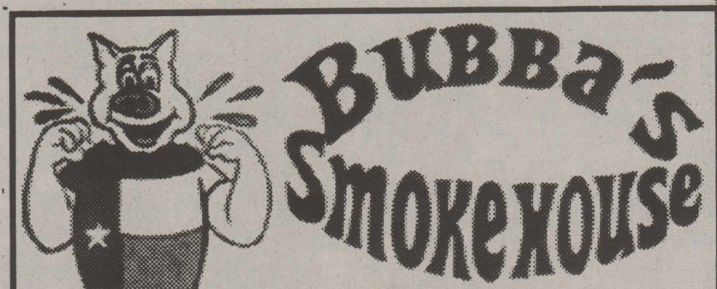
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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

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.

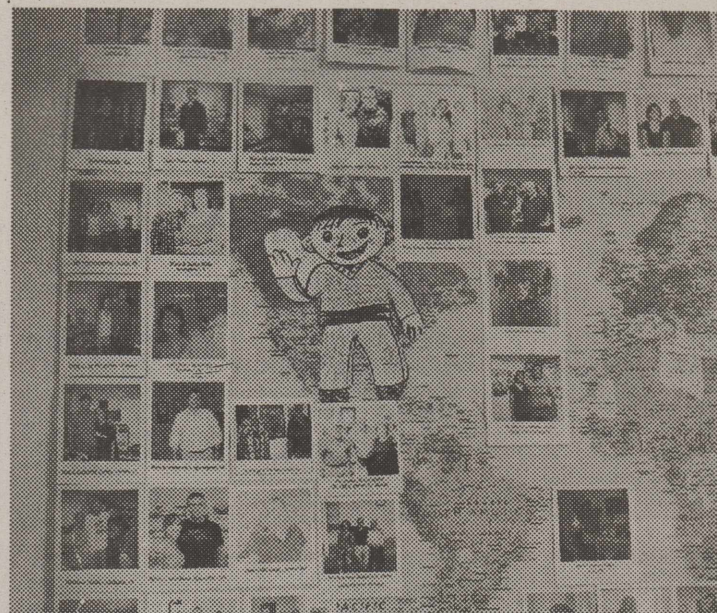
The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2017. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all a 10 percent penalty will be imposed, if a fraudulent rendition is filing, a 50 percent penalty is mandated. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions 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.



Flat Stanley visit Museum with Doug Bushart

"Flat Stanley" visits Museum

"Flat Stanley" showed up to visit the REH Museum with Doug Bushart in tow. Doug's 3rd. grade daughter from Glasford, IL had sent her picture of "Flat Stanley" in hopes that her Dad would show him all the sights of Cross Plains. And of course, the museum honoring another writer was definitely on the list. Doug gathered a lot of information and hand-outs from the museum to include with Stanley when he goes back to Angel.

Doug has spent years in the

construction business, primarily operating heavy equipment. He is temporarily between jobs and thus, had plenty of time to show "Flat Stanley" around town. Of course Mrs. Lawrence at the Elementary School was delighted to meet the story book character from so far off. Other stops had included the school buffalo, Junkin Daze, the Dairy Queen, Subway, Lowes and the Health Clinic. The Library was still on the itinerary.

Another first for the Museum... ..a "Flat Stanley."

Cross Plains Community Calendar

March

Mar 16 - Thursday, "The Great Gatsby", 1974 movie, Cross Plains Public Library, 5:30 p.m. Discussion afterward at Jean's Feedbarn.
Mar 17 - Friday, St. Patrick's Day
Mar 18 - Saturday, Cooking Demonstration of foods of the 1920s with Nicole Sparks and Jenna Marwitz of the Crokin Girls, in conjunction with the Cross Plains Public Library's Big Read, First United Methodist Church, 11 a.m.
Mar 21 - Tuesday, First Responders Dinner, Senior Citizen's Center, 5-7 p.m.
Mar 24 - Friday, Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Fish Fry and Cottonwood Musical, Cottonwood Community Center, meal served 5-7 p.m.
Mar 25 - Saturday, Cross Plains Public Library, Orphan Trains Historical Performance, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

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 Sunday
Apr 21 - CPVFD Fish Fry, First Baptist Church Family Life Center
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 26-29 - Memorial Day Weekend, Fire Department, EMS and Caring Citizens stand at 4-Way Stop.
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, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday
June 10 - Saturday, Barbarian Festival, Treadway Park, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
June 18 - Father's Day
June 24 - Saturday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday

April

Apr 1 - Burkett Volunteer Fire Department 9th Annual Barbeque Supper and Open House, Burkett Christian Community Center, 5-8 p.m.

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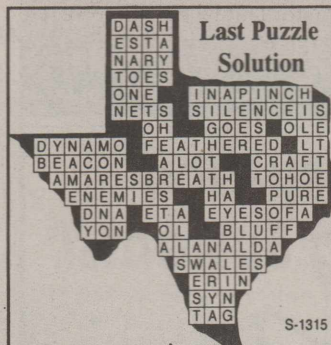
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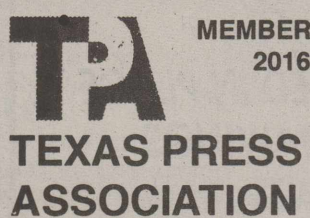
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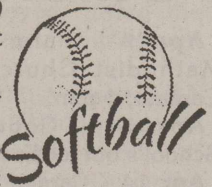


Lady Buffs Win District Opener Against San Saba 12-2



Lady Buffs Softball Schedule

March 17 - Friday, Santa Anna here, 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 here, 5 p.m. District Game.
March 31 - Friday, San Saba here, 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 here, 5 p.m. District Game.
April 21 - Friday, Goldthwaite here, 5 p.m. District Game.
 Schedule subject to change.

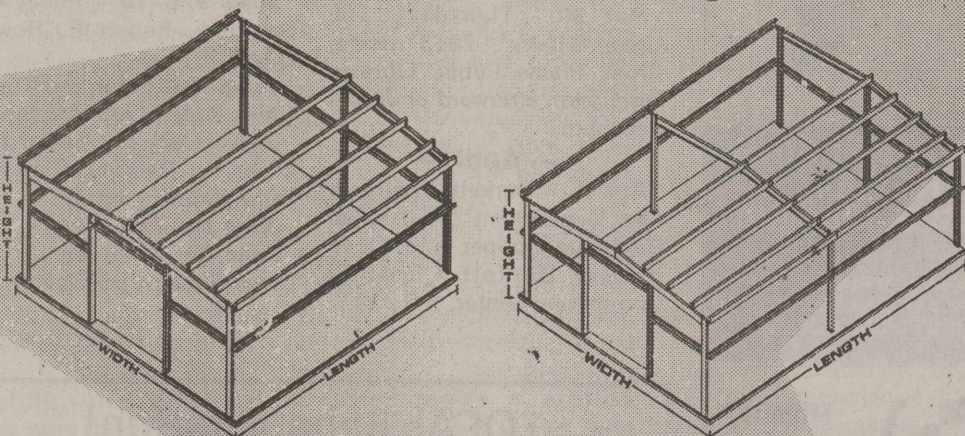


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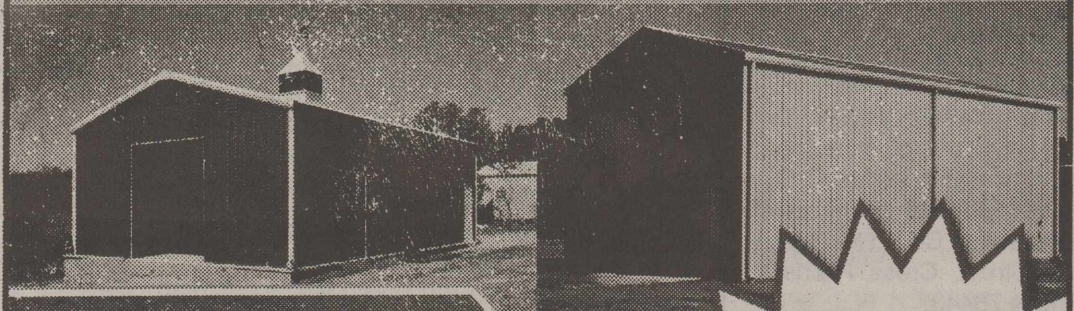
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CPHS Cross-Examination Teams of Allie Jones/Brian Morales and Kenzie Kleiber/Mallory McCready competed at the UIL State CX Debate Championships at the University of Texas at Austin on Monday. This was the first year for CPHS to enter in the Cross-Examination Debate Competition.

Cross Plains 4-H Will Track Meet Be Busy in March Schedule

March is a busy month for 4H. Eastland County 4H has invited us to attend the duds to dazzle/sewing workshops. On March 16 and March 30. These workshops are from 4pm-6pm at the Eastland County Extension office. If you would like to attend you must RSVP with our office at least a week before each workshop.

The 2017 District 7 Duds to Dazzle will be on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Bill Franklin Center in Coleman, Texas. Entry deadline due at the district office by March 21, 2017. Registration is open fro. March 6th - March 20th. Late Registration, March 21st -March 23rd. \$5 Per Contestant (Late Fee \$10 Per Contestant). Our last Vet Science meeting has been changed to Monday, March 20th at 7:00 PM. At the Callahan County vet clinic in Clyde.

Photography projects are coming up soon. A mounting party will be held on March 23, 2017 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the extension office. This is the county contest deadline. Mounting Supplies \$5.00 per photo Junior & Intermediates Only. (Clovers & Seniors will

not mount their photos.) All Photos must be 8X10 prints. The County Contest for All ages will be on March 28, 2017. County best of show on March 31, 2017 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If you plan on showing Steer in the 2017-2018 show season then you need to call extension office and order your tags. Tag orders are due by April 13th. For more information contact The Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

- High School:**
 March 18th - Saturday, Hamlin
 March 23rd - Thursday, Hamilton
 March 30th - Thursday, Albany
 April 6th - Thursday, San Saba
 April 13th - Thursday, May - District Meet.
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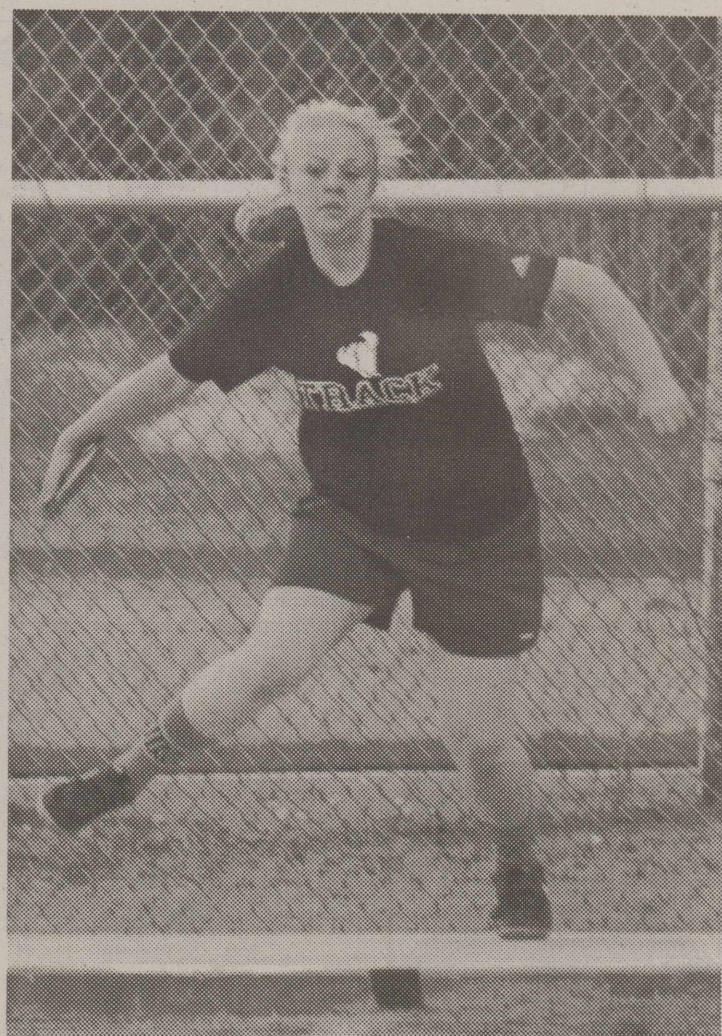
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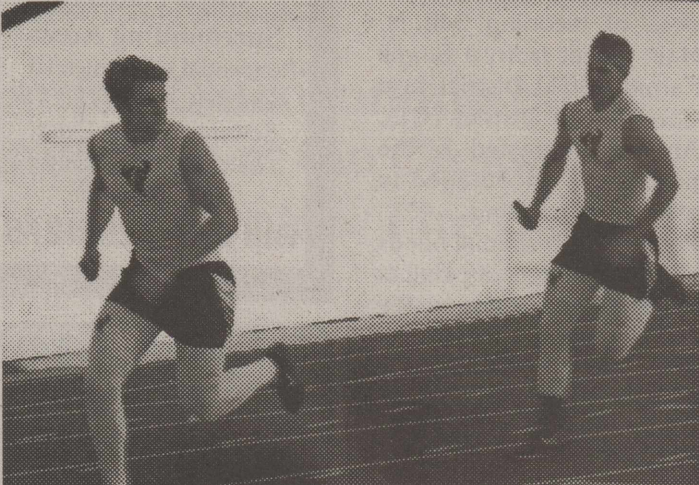
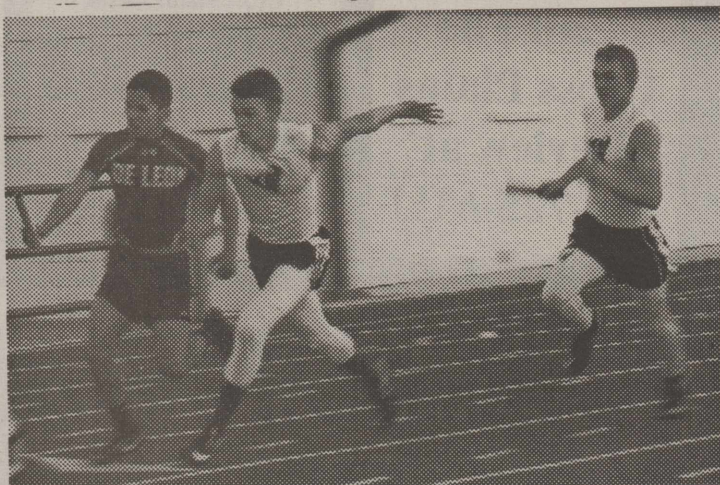
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Cross Plains High and Junior High Students Compete at Bearcat Relays in DeLeon

Buffaloes Baseball Schedule



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, 5:00 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 p.m. District Game.
 April 18 - Tuesday, Varsity and JV, Winters there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.
 April 22 - Saturday, Varsity, San Saba there, 4:00 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, 5:00 p.m. District Game.



Macee Steigleder competed at the Throckmorton Tennis Invitational on March 7th. She beat Roberts from Seymour 7-1 and Johnson from Stamford 7-5. Ratliff from Albany beat her 7-3.

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From the Cross Plains Review - 22 Years Ago March 23, 1995

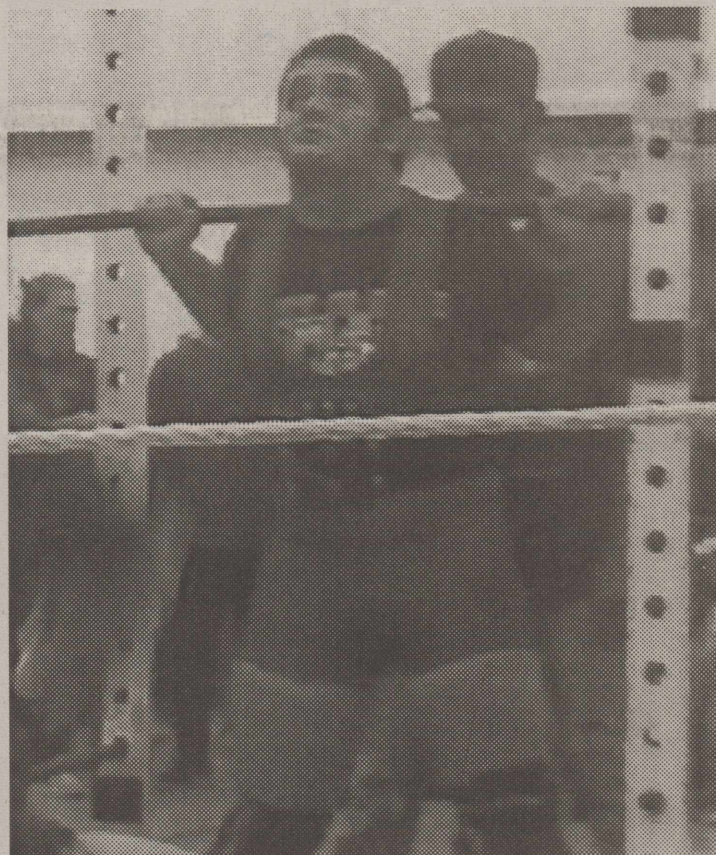
From the Cross Plains Review... 22 years ago, March 23, 1995.

Buffaloes making the All-District Basketball Team: Joseph Turner, Brock Walker, Benji Blackstock, Jeremy Barnett, Donnie Dillard, Matt Reed and Porcius Potter.

Girls All-District Team: Misty Strickland, Tonya Stover, Amanda McGuire, Malysa Sowell and Whitney Kirkham.

New National Honor Society members are John Chesshir, Jason Carey, Jeremy Barnett, Janeal Stephens, Sheryl Glover, Malysa Sowell, Lee Wayne Wheeler, Justin Richey and Jaonna Harris.

James Nichols and W. C. "Carroll" Pringle have filed in the City Council race. Incumbent Ray Purvis filed earlier. The terms of Purvis, Leon Nixon and Gary Childers are expiring. Jimmy Joy, Mark Norris, Rickey Carey, Charles Chesshir and incumbent Randy Foster have filed for School Board Positions. The terms of Foster, Barbara Sowell and Ron Bagley are expiring.



Jacob Collier Competes at Powerlifting Regional

CPHS Sophomore Jacob Collier competed in the 220lb Class at the Regional Powerlifting Meet last Friday. Jacob came in 10th place and got 7th. Squat - 480/ Bench - 270/Dead Lift - 460/ Total - 1210.

Go Buffaloes and Lady Buffs!

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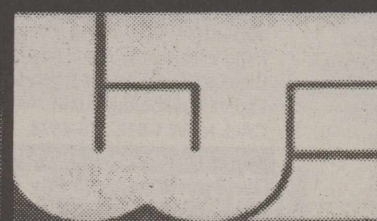
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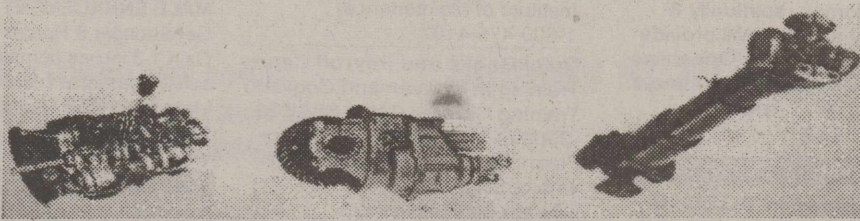
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- 210 S Miller St, RS-2BR/1B, 1319 Sq Ft, 2 lots, shop, 2 wells **Reduced** \$45,500
- 900 Wallis Ave, SA-3BR/1B 1371 sq ft, garage, carport, shed.....\$60,000
- NEW!** 733 N Ave E, CP-Cute 3BR/2, new appliances & water heater...\$69,500
- 311 Mayben, RS-3BR/1.5B, 1420, completely remodeled....**Reduced** \$76,500
- 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 **UNDER CONTRACT** id flplace, metal roof. \$97,900
- 1206 Ave G, Cisco-3BR/2B, new flooring in kitchen/liv.....**Reduced** \$98,500
- 200 SE 1st, CP-3BR/1.5B 1428 sq ft, 1 car garage, priv fence.....\$115,000
- NEW!** 316 N Ave C, CP-3BR/2B brick, screened patio, man cave.....\$123,000

Commercial Property

- 700 N. Ave A, CP-Potential investment property! 7,767 sq ft brick bldg, C/H/A, formerly nursing home-needs TLC.....**Reduced** \$15,000
- 118 S. Main, RS-Starlight Cafe', 2700 sq ft.....\$85,000
- 205 S Main, RS-6000 sq ft **UNDER CONTRACT**\$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

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Cross Plains' 2017 retail sales up 13% from 2016

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2017 are just over thirteen 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, March 8th.

Cross Plains' 2017 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$57,757.61, which is 13.20 percent higher than the \$51,021.22 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2016.

The payment to the city for March 2017 was \$18,123.81, which is 25.90 percent higher than the \$14,394.37 payment made to the city in March 2016.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today, Wednesday, March 8th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$619.7 million in local sales tax allocations for March, 5.8 percent more than in March 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

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

Hegar sent Texas cities \$401.1 million in March 2017, which is higher by 5.2 percent compared to March 2016 and higher by 5.2 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$35.9 million in March 2017 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 0.7 percent compared to March 2016 and lower by 1.3 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$143.6 million in March 2017 sales tax allocations, which is 7.2 percent higher than March 2016 and higher by 2.8 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$39.0 million in March 2017 allocations, which is 1.3 percent higher than March 2016 and higher by 8.1 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 February

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2016	2017
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$51,021.22	\$57,757.61
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$14,394.37	\$18,123.81

by businesses that report tax monthly.

For details of March 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 3.13 percent higher than the 2016 payments. The city has received \$69,351.16 in 2017, while the 2016 tax payments to the city totaled \$51,021.22.

Baird's monthly payment for March 2017 was \$24,653.84, which is 20.73 percent higher than the \$20,419.33 payment made to Baird in March 2016.

—The 2017 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 1.33 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2016. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$173,199.06 in 2017. The 2016 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$175,548.26.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for March 2017 was \$42,657.15, which is 15.37 percent lower than the \$50,408.72 payment made to the city in March 2016.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2017 payments to the town totaled \$2,089.07, which is lower by 2.36 percent from the 2016 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,139.66.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of March 2017 was \$545.00, which is 27.52 per-

cent lower than the \$751.98 payment made to Putnam in March 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.

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County Extension Office assisting with donated hay following wildfires

Wildfires in the Texas Panhandle have impacted over 470,000 acres of rangeland, destroyed homes and other structures, killed livestock and wildlife, and tragically cost human lives.

Several Extension agents and producers have asked how hay and other resources can be donated. Two Livestock Supply Points are currently active and assisting producers in the care of livestock during this time.

If you wish to donate hay or

other feedstuff, please contact the Callahan County Extension Office. We will need your name, contact phone number, and how you would like to help. We will then forward your information to the POC so they can contact you to make arrangements to receive the hay and etc. as they need.

They will request for emergency assistance for the transportation required for the hay and other resources as needed.

March Mayhem

The City of Abilene Animal Shelter is having a month long sale!

Dog adoptions are just \$60 and cat adoptions are just \$50. You can also qualify for a \$20 mail-in rebate once you spay or neuter your pet.

That means:
DOGS - \$40 after rebate
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Stop by and see what is available at 925 S. 25th St. or visit their website.

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Garden Club Plant Sale Friday, April 14th

Some of our landscapes were weakened by prolonged winds and the hard freeze in mid-December. If you are looking for replacement plants or additional plants to add to your landscape, be sure to join the Cross Plains Garden Club on Friday, April 14 for the Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale. Proceeds from the sale benefit many local organizations including the CP EMS, the CP and neighboring Volunteer Fire Departments, the CP Senior Citizen's Center and support our \$500.00 High

School Scholarship Program.

You will be able to select from a wide assortment of plants; both indoor and outdoor. This year we are adding plants for Easter gift items in addition to yard art items, pots & planters, vegetables, bulbs, herbs, shrubs, flowering annuals and perennials.

Plan now to join us on Friday, April 14th from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. in the park next to the Cross Plains Public Library.

Note: If raining, the event will be held the following Friday.



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



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Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

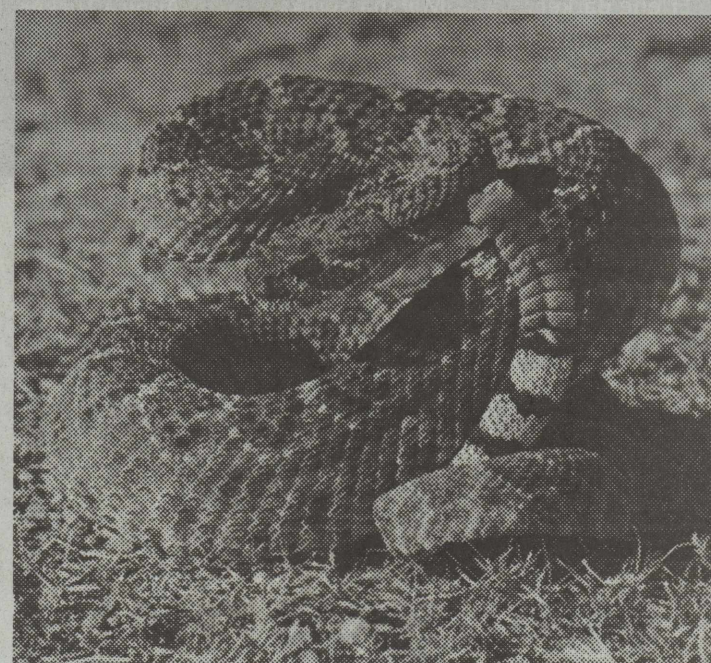
There are times when I write this column that the information about an animal is scarce and hard to come by. However, at other times the material that is available is almost overwhelming. There is so much information (true and false) that I would like to present that a column like this would quickly take up more space than is allowed, and such is the case with the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake.

The Western Diamondback Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*) occurs from central Oklahoma through the western two-thirds of Texas westward to the southeastern border of California south to the state of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. In Texas, it is the most commonly encountered venomous snake in the Trans-Pecos eco-region, as well as the Tamaulipan thornscrub of south Texas. It is a habitat generalist, occupying a variety of habitats ranging from desert scrub near the Permian Basin to high elevation pine-oak forests of the Davis Mountains.

Western Diamondbacks are the second largest venomous snake in the United States, slightly exceeded in size only by the Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake of Florida and other east coast states. It is by far the largest venomous snake that occurs in Texas. Adult Western Diamondbacks can achieve lengths of up to seven feet in length, although the average is much smaller than this. Most individuals max out at a length between four and five feet in total length.

The body coloration of Western Diamondbacks can vary (depending on the soil type where it occurs) from a chalky gray to a dull reddish brown. Along the spine is a series of darker diamond-shaped markings that are bordered by a black and white border, hence the name diamondback. A common nickname among those who encounter this serpent frequently is coon-tail which refers to the black and white banded tail. These tail bands are of nearly equal width, one characteristic that is used to determine this animal from the more dangerous Mojave Rattlesnake that inhabits the Trans-Pecos area of Texas as well. The head is distinctly wider than the neck, giving this animal the famous "diamond-shaped" head. The pupils are elliptical, and the rattle is large and is capable of being heard from several yards away.

Diamondbacks, like other snakes, do not hibernate in



Western Diamondback Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*)

the true sense of the word, but rather employ an activity known as brumation. This means that the snake's metabolism, heart rate and breathing all slow down to a near stop, but they are quite awake and aware of their surroundings. They will often congregate in large numbers in "dens" to spend the long periods of inactivity of winter and once temperatures achieve a level of warmth that the snake finds tolerable, usually in early to mid-March, then the males begin leaving the densite in their quest to mate. Females release a pheromone that attracts the males, and many times more than one male will encounter a female that is receptive. During these encounters, the males will participate in a dramatic "dance" as they entwine their bodies together in a wrestling match style event. The winner is the one who is able to pin the other to the ground, and mating ensues upon the dominant male's victory. Diamondbacks are oviparous, which means they give birth to living young, and the foot-long neonates (which number from 4 to 25) are typically born in late summer and early fall. Other than having a "button" on the end of the tail, they are exact replicas of the adults and are fully capable of fending for themselves, including having fully functional fangs and venom apparatus'.

Western Diamondbacks defend themselves in a variety of ways, with the main defensive mechanism being that of camouflage. Even with the gaudy patterns and colors, this snake blends in well with its primarily brushy habitats. The second

defensive plan is that of crawling away from a potential predator while rattling its tail slightly. If this does not deter its assailant, then it will begin to curl up in a defensive "s-coiled" stance and aggressively vibrate its tail, causing the rattling sound to get louder. This behavior is typically a final stand so to speak, and many times an encounter with a diamondback does not come to this point. Out of the 300 or so diamondbacks that I encounter each summer, less than 10 percent resort to this tactic, with most being satisfied to avoid any confrontations. The last defensive mechanism is that of biting and injecting a deadly venom into a would-be attacker. This venom, depending on a huge variety of factors, can be lethal to humans, although few human fatalities actually occur. Despite these venomous propensities, the Western Diamondback is actually beneficial in the fact that it preys primarily on small mammals such as mice and rats.

When participating in outdoor activities, the risk of encountering a Western Diamondback is slim, although it can and does happen occasionally. If such an encounter occurs, remember that this animal, despite its harmful capability, is more afraid of you than you are of it and it would prefer to be left alone. Most bites from this species occur when people make an attempt to either capture or kill this snake. The best course of action is to walk, don't run, in the opposite direction, making both you and the snake more at ease.

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

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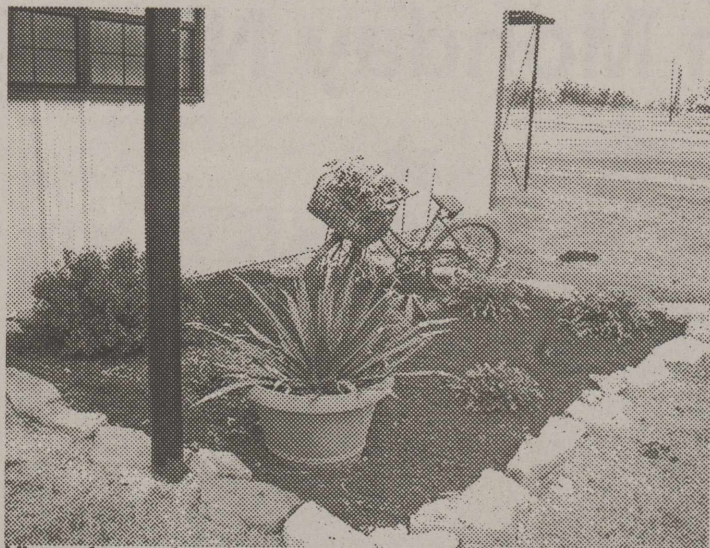
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Cher Ptacek, Lexia Bagley and Donna Clark discuss the scope of the project.



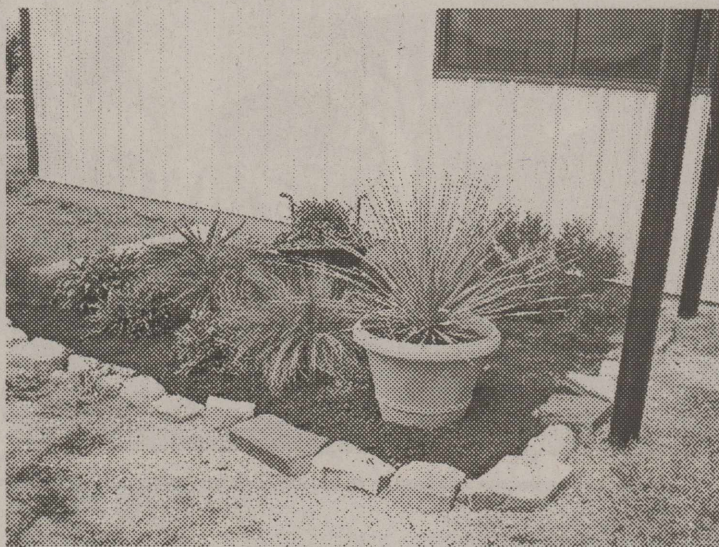
View of completed spring landscaping at the Vol. Fire Dept.



Becky Collier shows off planting skills.



Becky Collier adds finishing touches.



Completed spring landscape.



Cher Ptacek and Julia Wheeler clearing the way for new plants.

Garden Club working on landscape at the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Dept.

The Cross Plains Garden Club took advantage of spring-like weather last Thursday to freshen up the landscape at our Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. Members Lexia Bagley, Donna Clark, Diana Miller, Cher Ptacek and Julia Wheeler were on hand to replace plants damaged by the freeze and to do some trimming and weeding in preparation for spring.

The hard freeze in mid-December took its toll on several plants including the thorn less prickly pear and native grasses. Garden Club members were on hand to replace plants damaged by the freeze and to do some trimming and weeding in preparation for spring.



Robert E. Howard Days to be Held June 9th-10th

Project Pride announces early plans for the annual Robert E. Howard days to be held on Friday and Saturday, June 9-10 this year. Headquartered at the REH Museum and Pavilion, the event will focus on the recent discoveries of Howard pictures and other new aspects of the total Howard movement. Paul Herman of Houston, noted "rat terrier" of Howard memorabilia, will be the guest of honor and will discuss some of these Howard discoveries. Herman is known locally for presently the \$1000 scholarship

from the REH Foundation to a graduating Senior each year. Numerous panel discussions, the Glenn Lord Symposium and the award ceremony for outstanding contributions to the Movement will all be held at the First United Methodist Church. The celebration dinner, hosted by Project Pride, will be once again held in the Community Center. Stay tuned for developing plans for this event that draws visitors from around the world and all across the USA.



Cher Ptacek trimming sage.

3rd 4-H Vet Science Meeting

The 3rd and final Vet Science meeting this year is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

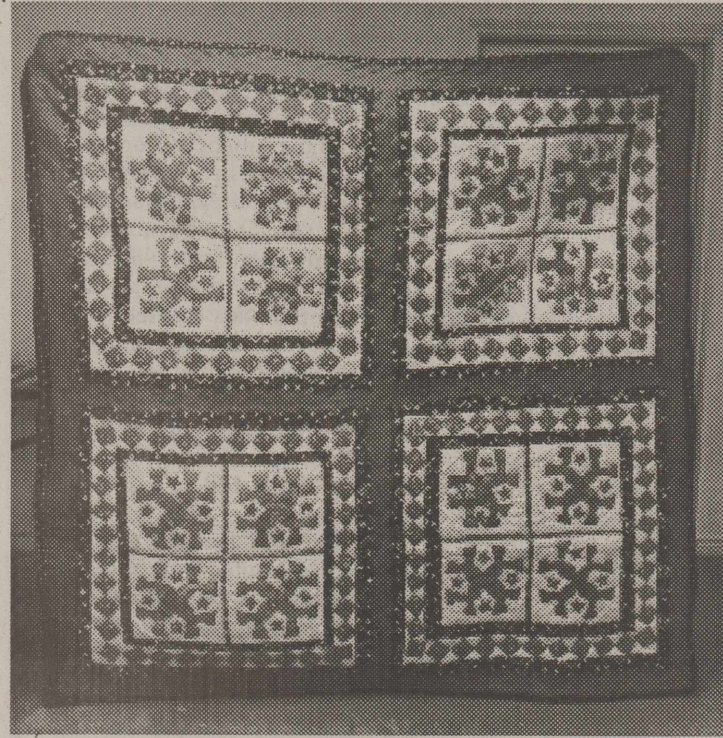
The meeting will be conducted at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars. This will be the final meeting for this year.

If you have any questions call the Extension office at (325) 854-5835.

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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. The quilt will be given away at the CPVFD Fish Fry on Friday, April 21st.



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Can you read about your church in the Bible? What was God's design and purpose for the church?

The Church of the Bible
By Nathan Battley
God speaks to the church today through His Word. Is the church hearing from God or being led by man? If there is only one Bible, why are there so many denominations?

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

The Unchanging Christ
By Joe Norton
In a world full of turmoil and uncertainty we need the Unchangeable One more than ever.

Digging Deeper
By James Cating
Is your spiritual house founded upon the rock or the sand? It's time to dig deeper and investigate the spiritual foundations of our lives.

Sunday 10:30 & 2:30

Signs of the Times Part 1 & 2
By Nathan Battley
Does the chaos of the world indicate end is near? Are the wars and rumors of wars signs of Christ's return? What exactly was Jesus predicting in Matthew 24 & 25 and how should it impact our lives?

Seniors Dance on Monday Night

About sixty people came out and two-stepped their way across the dance floor at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Monday night.

Margie Hartsthorne of Stephenville entertained the crowd with toe-tapping country music, much of it from the 1970s and 1980s, as well as country standards like the "Tennessee Waltz."

The dance floor stayed full and whether you were dancing or sitting back and enjoying the music, everyone had a good time.

The Senior Center will be hosting a dance on the second Monday night of each month. The next dance will be on April 10th at 6:30 p.m.



Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Keep a watch out on your small animals. Several residents have seen a mountain lion on their property here in Cottonwood.

The kids are out of school this week for Spring Break. Watch out for the children outside playing and riding their bikes. They'll be back in school on Monday morning.

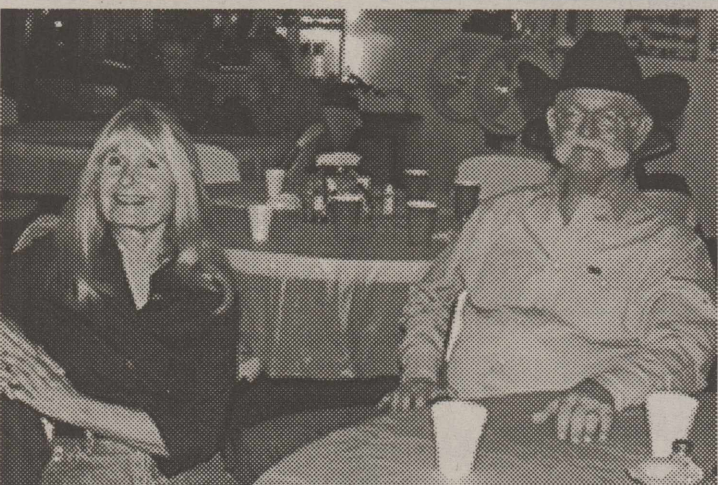
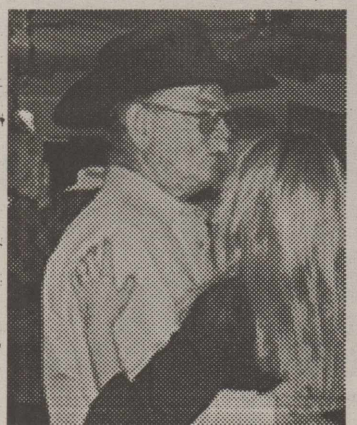
The Callahan County Historical Commission unveiled a County Historical Marker for Oglesby Cemetery last Saturday. Several descendants of the people buried in the cemetery were on hand for the dedication, as was Sheriff Joy. The cemetery is located on private property near Caddo Peak.

The Fire Departments, EMS,

Sheriff Department, and Police Department will be honored at the First Responders Dinner this Tuesday night, March 21st, at the Cross Plains Senior Center.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group is planning their Annual Fish Fry for Friday night, March 24th. This will be in conjunction with the Cottonwood Musical on that night. The Fish Fry is at the Community Center.

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



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Barbarian Festival Booths Available Now

The 19th Annual Barbarian Festival will be held on Saturday, June 10th under the shade trees at Treadway Park in Cross Plains. This year's festival features live music, arts & crafts booths, games, rides, food, beverages, antique and classic car and truck show, tractor show, inflatable bounce obstacle course and lots of family fun!

You can be a part of the Barbarian Festival. Booths are available for \$50.00 for an approximately 12'x12' space --- or only \$35.00, if you register early, and have your registration forms and check or money order received by May 15! You can sell arts & crafts, trinkets and other items, take donations for your organization, bring rides and games, sell food, beverages, snocones, etc. Come out and join in the fun!

Sign up now and reserve your place at the Barbarian Festival! Get more information on booth space by calling Diana Miller at 254-725-9418. Get the Vendor Registration form on line and all the details on line at the Barbarian Festival's website barbarianfestival.net.

The Barbarian Festival, now in its 18th year, is held the second Saturday in June in conjunction with Robert Howard Days, a celebration of Robert Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian. Howard lived most of this life in Cross Plains.

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The Colorful Life of Jim Bowie

More than 180 years after his death, the mention of Jim Bowie still stirs the imagination of admirers around the world. But Bowie was more than just the knife or the battle at the Alamo. Overall, it was a remarkable and colorful life of adventure.

James Bowie was born in 1796 in rural southwestern Kentucky. He was one of ten children. When he was four, the family moved to Missouri before moving to Louisiana two years later. Along the way, all the Bowie children worked hard to build and run the family farms. As little formal education was available, they were taught at home. Bowie was very adept at languages and learned to read and write in Spanish and French.

He volunteered for service late in the War of 1812 but saw no combat. After the war, he and his brother Rezin Bowie bought several farms and plantations in both Louisiana and Arkansas Territory, hoping to turn healthy profits from real estate. He also sold slaves through work with pirate Jean Lafitte and often borrowed money from Lafitte to pay for his land speculation.

He had several run-ins with the law. Bowie participated in the Long Expedition of 1819 in which James Long led a group into Texas in an attempt to wrest it away from Spanish authorities and into American hands. In the late 1820s, Arkansas authorities charged him and his brother with fraud, claiming the Spanish land titles they had sold were forgeries. However, all the alleged evidence disappeared from the courts. Bowie's duel with Rapides Parish Sheriff Norris Wright became legendary. After a series of fights and arguments, the two fought in a duel in 1827 later known as the Sandbar Fight. Bowie, shot and stabbed himself, killed Wright with the famous knife given to him by his brother. Rezin Bowie claimed to have made the first Bowie Knife in the 1820s, giving it to his brother for protection.

Bowie moved to Texas in 1830. His first years in Texas were happy and successful. In 1831, he married the 19-year-old daughter of the provincial vice-governor, and the two quickly had two children. Tragically, his wife, children, and in-laws all died in a cholera

epidemic in 1833. In his grief, he began drinking heavily. His health declined, and his anger at actions of the faltering Mexican government increased.

In 1835, Bowie participated in a number of battles with Mexican troops. When word arrived in January 1836 that thousands of troops under Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna were approaching San Antonio, Bowie headed to the city with 40 volunteers to the stronghold of the Alamo, an old mission in the city.

Gen. Sam Houston had ordered that the Alamo be abandoned, believing that the mission could not be defended and that the troops could be better used elsewhere. Instead, the 188 defenders under Bowie and William Travis chose to stay and fight. Bowie was in command when Santa Anna arrived and the siege began February 24. However, Bowie collapsed with an unidentified illness and was confined to bed during the fighting. After days of intense battles, the Alamo fell on March 6.

Several different versions have circulated about the final hours of Bowie. Some suggested he was

killed by Mexican troops on his cot in his quarters after the fall of the Alamo. One story suggested that he died of natural causes as the battle raged. Another version insisted that Bowie had been propped up on his cot, with his pistols in his hand, when his body was discovered. Regardless of the final circumstances of his death, Bowie, in spite of his critical illness, decided to stay with his men in the defense of the Alamo to the very end.

After his death, Bowie became a larger-than-life icon of Texas and the American frontier. The Bowie Knife became an indispensable part of American folklore. His story has been recounted numerous times in movies and television shows. Several communities named schools after him. Bowie County in the northeast corner of the state was named for him in 1840, and the small city of Bowie in Montague County was named for him in 1881.

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

NOTICE OF MEETING--BOARD OF TRUSTEES CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 700 NORTH MAIN STREET CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS 76443

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on March 22, 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
March 22, 2017 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Open Forum
- New Business
- Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Review Bills/Finance Report
- Review Athletic Policy
- Consider Purchasing New Band Uniforms
- Consider 2017-18 School Calendar
- Consider "Order of Cancellation" for May 6 Board Election and Declare the Two Uncontested Candidates Elected
- Personnel
- Resignations
- Consider Extending Teacher Contracts
- Superintendent's Report
- Bank Depository Bids - in next few months
- Other School District Tax Rates
- HS UIL Academics and OAP
- Adjourn

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

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on March 10, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

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Lone Star State Incident Management Team deployed to Merkel

Mar. 13, 2017—MERKEL, Texas—The Lone Star State Incident Management Team from Texas A&M Forest Service has set up an incident coordination center in Merkel, Texas to support wildfire response in the western half of Texas.

The team deployed with 35 members, including members of state's All-Hazard Incident Management Teams. The state AHIMT network is comprised of local responders throughout the state from all walks of life and professions. They are trained to respond to an emergency when called upon either by their local team or by the state.

third largest wildfire in Texas A&M Forest Service response history.

Continued windy fronts in this region, in conjunction with elevated fire weather conditions and above-normal fuel loading, reinforce the need for caution and preparedness. The team will be coordinating resources and facilitating continual response to the region.

Visit tfsweb.tamu.edu/currentsituation, www.facebook.com/lssimt or follow @allhazardstfs on twitter for Texas wildfire information.

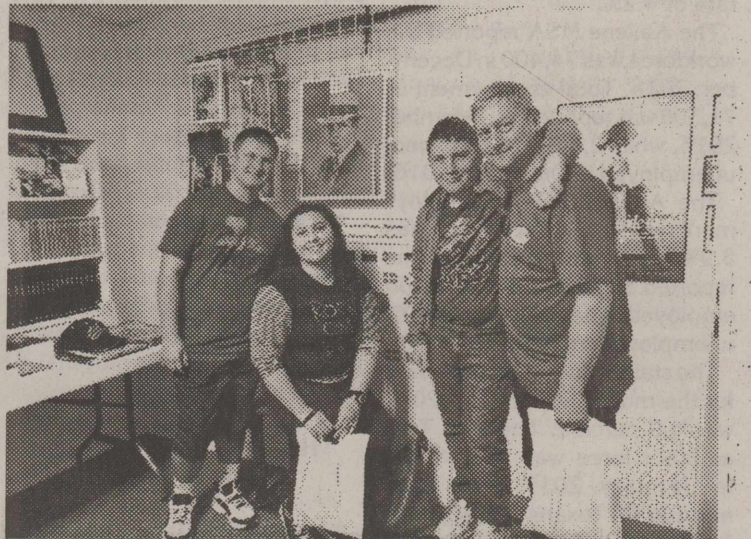
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About the Lone Star State Incident Management Team

When a disaster occurs in Texas and it exceeds the capabilities of the local government, the Lone Star State Incident Management Team may be ordered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management to respond. The team adheres to the Incident Command System which allows the IMT to organize and respond to any type of disaster — including wildland fires, hurricanes, floods, tornados and such events as the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery. LSSIMT members are capable of remaining active on an incident for an extended period of time.

"The team has been mobilized to support responders in the parts of the state currently experiencing an elevated wildfire threat," said Incident Commander Les Rogers. "We will be providing the branches additional out-of-branch resources and supervision and setting priorities for critical resources."

The team is in place in anticipation of continued wildfire weather conditions and activity. Twenty-five of the 30 largest wildland fires in Texas history have occurred between the months of January — May, including the Perryton Fire from March 6, 2017, now the



(L to R) Gavin, Catherine, Conner, Bryan Shultz

Spring Breakers Stop at Museum

Bryan, Gavin and Conner Shultz and Catherine Clark made a quick stop at the REH Museum as they traveled from Rockwall to Sweetwater. Catherine's son was scheduled to be part of the skinning crew at the Rattlesnake Round-up and she wanted to watch the process. From a safe distance of course! Gavin said he had no desire to eat any of the fried snake, but Catherine assured him that of course "it tastes like chicken." That did little to sway the 7th grader.

Bryan is a history teacher in Rockwall and found Howard's historical foundation in many of his stories to be quite fascinating. As an amateur writer, he was even more

impressed with Howard's writings when he saw what little Howard had to work with, other than his extremely creative mind. Being familiar with many of Howard's genres, he was delighted to be able to purchase several books featuring some of Howard's different characters.

Catherine is a lab technician for a Home Health service and as such, coordinates all the lab work between doctors, the home health workers and the home bound patients.

Gavin and his 8th grade brother Conner are both into athletics in a big way. Like his father, Gavin enjoys reading and especially enjoys the stories by H.P. Lovecraft.

Gov't/Others AUCTION
Thursday Evening March 16, 2017 6pm VIEW:5:30pm
@KASH Building 1905 Cottonwood Ab, TX
 CAFE: Bottle Coolers, 3 Drw Warmer, New Elect Pressure Cooker, Alarm Clocks/Sofas/Roll-a-Way Beds/Desks, Microwaves, Etc
 *MISC: Antique Well Pulley/Bottles/Insulators/Rocks; Garden/Yard Tools, Dog Pens, Lg Doll House, Dresser/Other Scarves, "Wexford" Glassware, "Diane"/Other China, Décor Pics, Jewelry, Pictures, Etc. Still unpacking boxes! Pics @

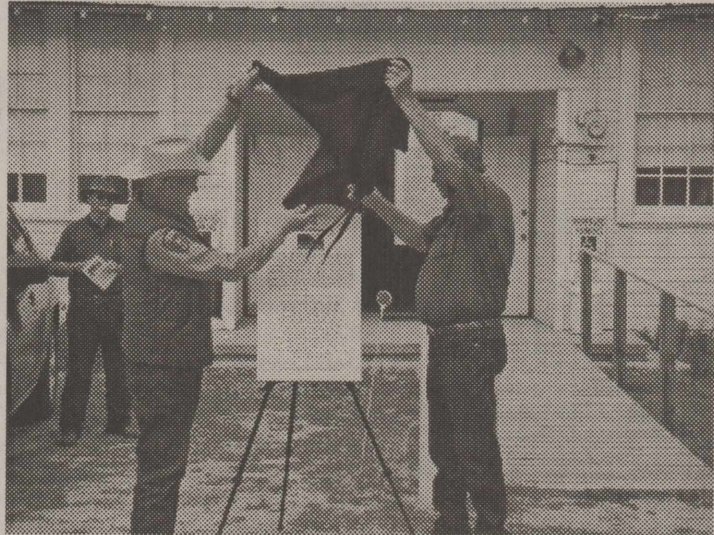
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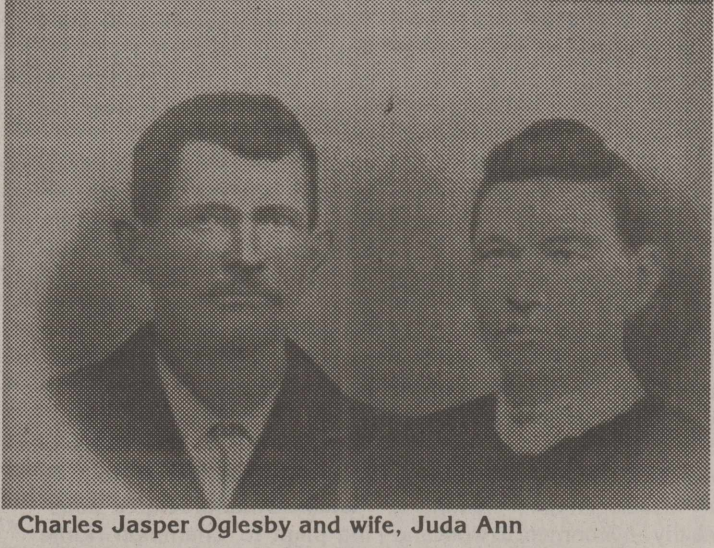
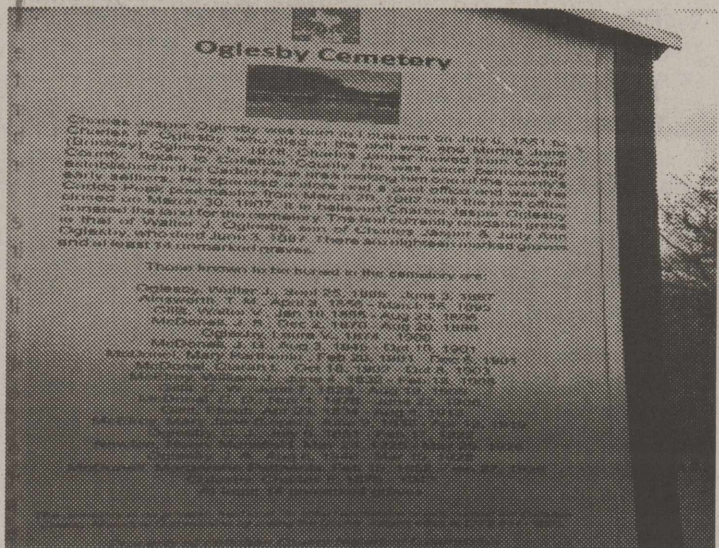
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Calendar
 3-25 Estate Sale on Leggett n/Household/Shop Items
 3-26 Auction on Leggett, Sunday Afternoon - 2pm
 4-1 Shop/Elect/1Ton Truck/Tractor/Etc off Hwy 36 - 10am
 4-15 Large Moving Auction, Potosi Area
 5-6 Region 14 Buses/Other Equipment @ 1905 Cottonwood, Ab, TX
 5-13 AAA Storage, Tracey Lynn, Ab, TX - 10am
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Descendants at the unveiling Donna Gillit McAdams, Estelle Ingram Woody, Ernestine Pierce, Debbie Pierce



Sheriff Joy and Bob Robinson



Charles Jasper Oglesby and wife, Juda Ann

Oglesby Cemetery marker dedication

Gathering on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Cottonwood Community Center, Judy Luter, chairman of the CCHC, welcomed members and others to the dedication and unveiling of the new county marker for the Oglesby Cemetery. The Cross Plains American Legion presented the American and the Texas flags and led the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance". John Kirby of Cross Plains sang the National Anthem. Bob Robinson gave a brief summary

of the process of acquiring information on the cemetery and getting the marker made. We deeply thank Ike Junnell, the owner of the land, Rodney Callaway and George Watkins for assisting Bob in clearing the site of cedar trees and preparing for the dedication. A few of the descendants of some of those buried in the cemetery were present for the unveiling; Ernestine Pierce of Clyde is the granddaughter of Charles Jasper Oglesby, the

man who donated the land for the cemetery, Debbie Pierce of Clyde the great granddaughter of Charles Jasper Oglesby, Donna Gillit McAdams the great granddaughter of C.W. Gillit and Estelle Ingram Woody the grand niece of J.S. McDonnell. Bob Robinson assisted by Sheriff Terry Joy unveiled the new marker and Cookie Robinson read the inscription. After the unveiling the marker was taken to the cemetery and put in place at the gate

entrance. The path to the cemetery is on private property and those wanting to visit the cemetery should call the County Judge's Office in Baird (325-854-5805) to do so. The group then drove to the site for picture taking and viewing the grave stones. A beautiful place of rest on the hillside in view of both the East and West Caddo Peaks.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU
Mar. 20th - Mar. 24th
Monday 20th-Steak Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Oven Fries, Dessert
Tuesday 21th -Baked Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, English Peas, Bread Dessert
Wednesday 22th -Chili Dogs, Onion, Relish, Oven Fries, Fruit, Cookie
Thursday 23th-Sweet & Sour Chicken, Asian Rice, Steamed Cabbage, Bread, Dessert
Friday 24th-BBQ on a Bun, Oven Fries, Pickle, Onion Slices, Fruit, Dessert
MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Senior Citizens Center Activities
Mar. 20th -Mar. 24th
Monday-20th Exercise 11:00/Health South Coke Floats/ Games after lunch 12:15/ Music Jam 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday-21th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-22th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check/ Kindred at Home of Eastland.
Thursday-23th Exercise 11:00/Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45a.m. & 12:25p.m.
Friday-24th Diabetic Education by Carol with Resource Care 11:15-Bingo by Cisco Nursing Home
 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.

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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From the Cross Plains Review - 46 Years Ago Mar 17, 1971
 From the Cross Plains Review... 46 years ago, March 17, 1971.
 Terry Edgington and Robert Lewis chosen as top athletes at CPHS.
 Foster's Grocery will celebrate its 32nd anniversary. S.N. Foster purchased the grocery store from A. H. and J. P. McCord in the Spring of 1939 and was joined in business soon thereafter by his son, Travis Foster, now owner and operator of the business.
 Roy Goins is opening a new store in Cross Plains in the space on South Main Street occupied by Wilson's Cafe for so many years. The business will handle new and used appliances and furniture.
 Two Buffettes make the All-District Team: Evelyn Kitchens and Norma Merrill.
 Four Saddles were stolen from the J. C. Bowden Ranch east of Burkett.
 Higginbothams will hold a Spring Style Show in the Furniture Department of the store on Thursday. The latest ladies' fashions will be shown.
 The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCoy at the corner of Avenue B and 10th Street has been awarded the "Yard of the Month" by the Cross Plains Garden Club.
 Freddy Tatom attended a two-day appliance training school in Abilene.

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TEXAS CROSSWORD
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ACROSS
 1 "Bullet" Bob Hayes won 1964 gold in 100m
 5 TXism: "como (How are you?)
 6 in Hudspeth County, Mc... TX
 7 TXism: "on his (alert)
 8 Galveston-filmed "Capricorn"
 9 TXism: "it'll do (adequate)
 17 Gulf shrimp catchers
 19 TX Tanya tune: "King"
 21 TX Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman"
 22 "what... around comes around"
 23 TX Hamblen's "This... House"
 24 energetic Margo Jones was the "Dallas"
 30 TX Capitol statue "Freedom" has a... St. Claire helmet
 34 Dan Patrick is TX... Gov.
 35 coastal guide
 36 TXism for "many"
 37 saddle making skill
 39 TXism: "strong as (smelly)
 43 TXism: "tough row (difficult)
 44 foes
 45 TX Wills: "Ah... take it away Leon"
 46 TXism: "...as the driven snow"

DOWN
 1 home of TWU and UNT
 2 TXism: "busy... paper hanger"
 3 Galveston's "Strand" was once known as "Wall..."
 4 San Marcos is seat of this county
 47 criminal evidence
 48 Houston Intl. abbr.
 50 TX B.J. Thomas tune: "New York Woman"
 53 TXism: "over... der"
 54 TXism: "good... boy"
 55 Beaumont's first name: Travis
 9 TXism: "honest as the day... long"
 10 TX Quaid film: "The Lights Went Out in Georgia"
 11 Valley plant
 12 juror, e.g.
 13 TX fire ant, e.g.
 14 wife of late TX John Connally (init.)
 15 head of a TX corp.
 16 TXism: "no... stepper" (easy)
 18 TXism: "he could sell sheep... cattlemans" (persuasive)
 20 small sofa
 24 this TX Dan was TV's "Hoss" (init.)
 25 affirmative vote in TX legislature
 26 TXism: "... your poison" (choose)
 27 TXism: "happy as a kid in... store"
 28 actress Rita
 29 TXism: "he's... you shouldn't mess with" (mean)
 31 strong beer
 32 TXism: "worn... frazzle"
 33 TXism: "at the... hat"
 38 "... and a puff"
 40 "yes" south of the border
 41 quilling or killer
 42 fodder tying
 49 bib over
 51 J. R.'s wife on "Dallas": Sue
 52 TXism for "beer"
 57 TXism: "he can stay neck 'n neck with... TX jackrabbit"
 58 TXism: "... soul" (no one)



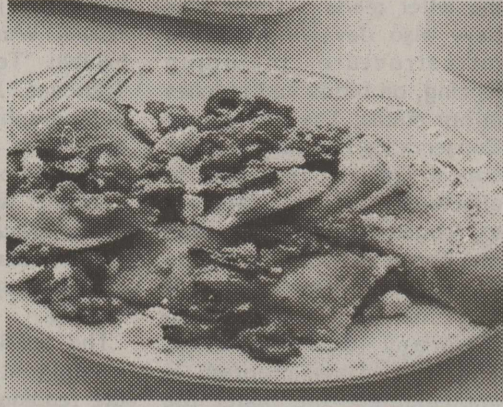
The Recipe Corner

Greek-Style Ravioli

Prep/Total Time: 25 Minutes

Ingredients:

- * 12 frozen cheese ravioli
- * 1/3 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- * 1 cup canned diced tomatoes with basil, oregano and garlic
- * 1 cup fresh baby spinach
- * 1/4 cup sliced ripe olives
- * 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese



Directions

1. Cook ravioli according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, in a skillet, cook beef over medium heat 4-6 minutes or until no longer pink; drain. Stir in tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Add ravioli, spinach and olives; heat through, stirring gently to combine. Sprinkle with cheese. Yield: 2 servings.

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March 16, 2017

Spring is in the Air: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and Receive 10 Free Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2017 and receive 10 free white pine trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees.

"White pine trees or white flowering dogwoods will add beauty to your home throughout the year," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers and red berries that attract songbirds during winter. White pine trees are fast-growing landscape trees that will break heavy winds, making them an ideal addition to any yard."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

With planting instructions included, the trees will be shipped at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed

to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE WHITE PINE or 10 FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2017. Or join online at arborday.org march.

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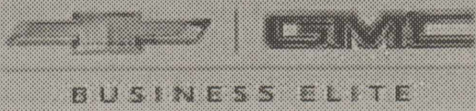
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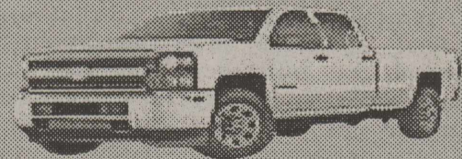
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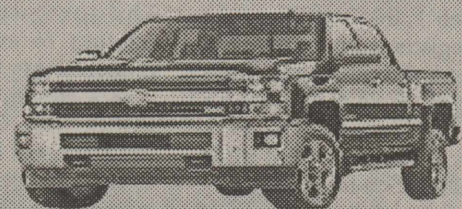
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AEP Texas unveils new logo, brand identity

CORPUS CHRISTI, March 8, 2017 - AEP Texas, a utility subsidiary of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP), today unveiled a new logo and tagline as part of its focus on providing innovative energy solutions for customers and communities.

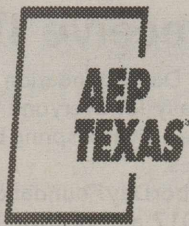
"AEP Texas is investing in smarter energy infrastructure and new technologies to provide better, more reliable service and cleaner energy for our customers. We're committed to developing innovative energy solutions that power communities and improve lives. Our industry is changing and our customers' expectations are evolving, so we must adapt to meet those new expectations. As we become an energy company for the future, it's time to adopt a new logo and a new tagline - Boundless Energy - to reflect that transformation and our aspirations," said Judith E. Talavera, AEP Texas president and COO.

The new logo represents the results of research conducted by engaging customers, employees and other stakeholders as part of an extensive brand review. AEP's corporate logo and its other utility subsidiaries also have been updated with the new look. AEP Texas will change the logos on its main buildings in the coming months. Full adoption of the new logo will be phased in over the next two years.

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About AEP Texas

AEP Texas serves nearly one million electric consumers in the deregulated Texas marketplace. As an energy delivery (wires) company, AEP Texas delivers electricity safely and reliably to homes, businesses and industry across its nearly 100,000 square mile service territory in south and west Texas. AEP Texas also builds new power lines, restores service following outages and reads the meters for retail



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electric providers (REPs) throughout its service territory. The company also connects or disconnects service upon the orders of the REPs.

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About American Electric Power

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network that includes more than 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP also operates 224,000 miles of distribution lines. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning approximately 26,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP supplies 3,200 megawatts of renewable energy to customers. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

Governor calls for temporary suspension of grazing restrictions after wildfires

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today joined Governors Sam Brownback of Kansas, Susana Martinez of New Mexico, and Mary Fallin of Oklahoma in sending a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) calling for the temporary suspension of grazing restrictions in the Conservation Reserve Program after devastating wildfires. The letter also asks for the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) to expedite implementation of the Emergency Conservation Program that will provide critical financial resources to affected farmers and ranchers to rebuild fences.

"Emergency grazing authorization would provide

immediate relief to livestock producers in areas affected by the ongoing wildfires," the letter reads. These fires have also devastated critical infrastructure, including fencing, on farms and ranches in our states. The Emergency Conservation Program provides critical financial resources to affected farmers and ranchers to rebuild fences. We urge the Farm Service Agency to expedite the implementation of the Emergency Conservation Program in our states. The sooner the program is implemented, the faster the livestock industries in our states can begin to rebuild from this devastating event."

Governor grants waiver to hay carriers in Texas Panhandle due to wildfires

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today sent a letter to the Chairman of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV) suspending the permitting requirements, legal height restrictions and associated permit fees for carriers transporting round

bales of hay to Carson, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Potter, Roberts and Wheeler counties. This waiver applies to these eight counties as well as any Texas county through which transport is necessary to reach the disaster response area.

From the Cross Plains Review - 37 Years Ago March 5, 1980

From the Cross Plains Review... 37 years ago, March 5, 1980.

Boy Scout Troup Members have been busy earning badges: Joe Holland, Brian Ford, Carl Sohns Jr., and Robert Thompson.

Richard Thompson celebrated his 90th Birthday. Some of those present at the dinner: Gladys and Pender Mitchell, Betty Lewis, Danny Lewis, Kathy Jones, Lillian Shelton and Lou Thompson.

Joe Simpson, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday, March 16th, at the First Baptist Church in Leander where his father, Curtis Simpson, is pastor. Joe is a senior at Howard Payne University.

Adult Volleyball Tournament to be held in Cross Plains. Some of the teams playing: Newman's Chicks, Susan Meiron, Margaret Bubenik, Derrick Lounge, Donald Strength, Steve Franke, Leslie Bishop, Evelyn Tyler, Western Auto, Jerry Lewis, E.M.S., Sharon Duffey, Richard Newman, Carl Thomas, Jan Pope, Connie Kirkham, Tony Wyatt, Jim Isbell, Jean McWilliams.

Buffaloes capture 5th place at the Bluebonnet Relays. Tan Flippin, Eddie Jackson, Bill Davis, Duane Hutchins, Eric Robertson, Mike Clark and Robby Bailey are on the track team.

Wilma Lawrence was voted coordinator for the E.M.S.

"Due to the ongoing disaster caused by wildfires, livestock producers in these counties are experiencing forage and hay shortages," reads the letter. "To facilitate the transportation and to ensure that state regulation is not an unnecessary barrier to the emergency transport of hay, I hereby direct you to suspend the permitting requirements and legal height restriction for cylindrical (round) hay bales, as well as associated permit fees, for carriers transporting round bales of hay to these counties."

To ensure the safety of the traveling public, TXDMV will require carriers transporting loads exceeding 14 feet in height to contact the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Division at (800) 299-1700.



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Free course on isolation and quarantine for rural communities coming to Abilene on March 15th

Public safety and health care personnel in the Abilene, Texas area will be able to learn more about isolation and quarantine at a FREE Department of Homeland Security (DHS)-certified course delivered by the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC).

RDPC is bringing two courses MGT 433 Isolation and Quarantine in Rural Communities and PER 308 Rural Isolation and Quarantine for Public Health and Healthcare Professionals to the area. Both trainings are half-day courses designed to provide small, rural, and remote communities with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to effectively plan for and respond to events that require isolation and/or quarantine of their populations in a variety of low- and high-impact situations. The course will be from 8am to 5pm, March 15, 2017 at Hendrick Medical Center, Shelton Building, 2nd Floor, Auxiliary Conference Room, 1900 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas.

Participants will learn about several aspects of isolation and quarantine (I&Q) including - describing the roles of agencies involved in response to an event as it relates to public safety, learning the benefits of obtaining community support while developing and testing I&Q plans, strategize for ways to involve the community, interpret laws as it relates to I&Q, types of

Texans take to the Trenches: The Lone Star State and the Great War

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission marks the 100th Anniversary of the "Great War," with its latest exhibit: "Texans Take to the Trenches." The collection of photographs, documents, and dispatches commemorate the Texans who responded to Uncle Sam's "I Want You" rally cry and showcases the individual experiences of Texans dealing with the war both at home and abroad.

The public is invited to an evening at TSLAC featuring the reading of messages and stories from soldiers and their families. The event takes place from 7 - 9 pm on April 6, 2017, the Centennial date of the U.S. entry into WWI. From the collection of the Texas State Archives, these intimate letters paint a portrait of the struggles faced by both civilians and soldiers as the world went to war.

More than 198,000 Texans answered the call to join the Allied Forces in an effort to defeat the Central Powers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire and

Bulgaria. Although many Americans favored neutrality, the details found in a top-secret, coded communiqué between Mexico and Germany, called the Zimmerman Telegram, hinted at a possible pact to regain lost territories in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. The threat of German soldiers on southwestern soil was enough to provoke President Woodrow Wilson to declare war on April 6, 1917. Before long, Doughboys were shipping off by the dozen to dig trenches and do their part "Over There."

While the battle was waged on land, sea and air, the war effort was more than just mortar shells and mustard gas. Texans on the home front felt the ravages of war through rationing and the pain of missing their dearly beloved.

The event is free and open to the public and offers a first look at the exhibit which will be open through the end of September at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (1201 Brazos, Austin TX).

For more information visit www.tsl.texas.gov/trenches

Texas adds 51,300 jobs in January 2017

AUSTIN --Texas employers expanded their payrolls in January with the addition of 51,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.8 percent.

"Texas employers and our talented workforce started 2017 on a high note with the addition of 51,300 jobs in January," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Employers in a diverse range of industries have added 225,300 jobs over the year, a reflection of the many competitive advantages Texas offers to employers, including a strong business climate and an expanding and highly skilled workforce."

The Professional and Business Services industry recorded the largest private-industry employment gain over the month with 14,000 jobs added. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities employment grew by 8,100 jobs in January, and Manufacturing employment expanded by 7,300 jobs.

"Private-sector employment was strong over the year with an increase in overall jobs of 183,100, and 45,900 jobs added in January," said TWC Commissioner Representing

Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "Texas employers continue to strengthen the job market by expanding employment and training opportunities."

The Amarillo and Lubbock Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.4 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock MSA with a rate of 3.5 percent for January.

"Our economy continues to offer many diverse opportunities to job seekers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training, placement and other specialized employment services."

An audio download with comments from Commissioner Hughs on the latest labor market data is available on the TWC press release page. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit tracer2.com.

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