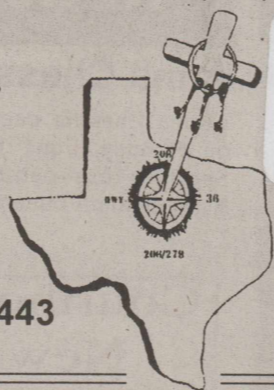


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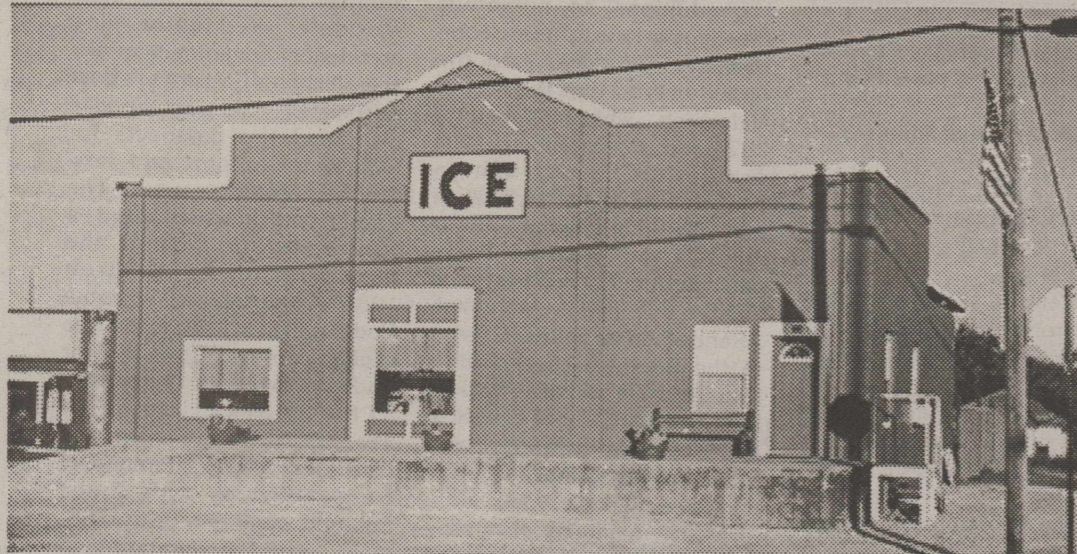
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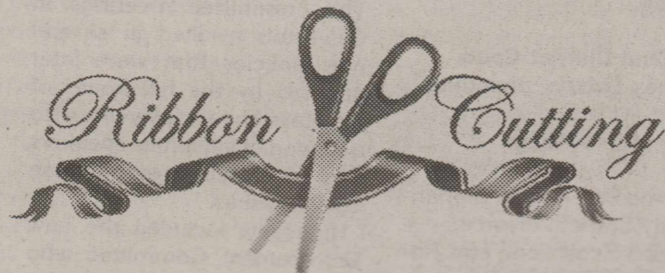


Ribbon Cutting for the Old Ice House -- the Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting at the old ice house, now the headquarters of Reed Construction.

Ribbon Cutting at Reed Construction to be held on Thursday, June 29th

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting June 29th at 12:00 p.m. noon at Reed Construction's new office also known as the old ice house located at 402 S. Main Street.

The chamber would like to invite the community out to congratulate this business.



Dance at Senior Center This Monday, July 10th

Come dance the night away at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Monday, July 10th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Music and entertainmen provided by Margie Hartsfield, who has performed at the dances in the past several months. Everyone had such a good time.

Snacks and beverage provided. Dinner is potluck. Only \$5 admission. Everyone



55 and older is invited to come and have a good time!

Cottonwood Country Musical

There will not be a Cottonwood Country Musical this month. The next musical will be on Friday, July 28th. See you then!

The Cottonwood Country Musicals are held the fourth Friday night of each month.

Cottonwood, Texas is located in Callahan County on County Road 444 just off FM 880.

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

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Summer Reading Program: Trip to the Fire Department, Wednesday, June 21st

The Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Program continues on Wednesday, June 21st with "A Trip to the Ice House".

Students can have fun every Wednesday afternoon visiting the fire department, learning about miniature house and furniture, building bird houses, cup cakes, stamp collections and signs.

The Summer Reading Program ends on August 2nd with the very popular "Splash in the Park".

The remaining summer



New Chamber Board - The Board of Directors for the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce for the next year. From left to right: Teri Brown - Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Parum, David Estes - President, Amanda Knight, Sammy Bien, Dee Martin, Connie Kirkham - Vice President; Jamie Roberts and Kathleen Tippy. Board Members Kris Sparks and Tom Marlett are not in the photograph.

Summer Reading Program: Miniature Houses and Furniture, Wednesday, June 28th

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The remaining summer

reading programs:

June 28th - Miniature Houses and Furniture

July 5 - Building Bird Houses

July 12th - Building a Stamp Collection

July 19th - Building a Cup Cake

July 26th - Building Signs and Posters

August 2nd - Splash in the Park

All of the programs start at 1:30 p.m.

Foot Care Changed to Wednesday, June 28th

Due to vacations, Foot Care at the Cross Plains Senior Center has been cancelled for June 21st and re-scheduled for Wednesday, June 28th.

Chamber Banquet Set for July 20th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is set for Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 6:30pm at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. The guest speaker this year will be Karl Winge, Callahan County Extension Agent.

Pioneer Ex-Student Reunion This Saturday

The Pioneer Ex-Student Association's 97th Reunion will be held this Saturday, June 24th at the Cross Plains Senior Center.

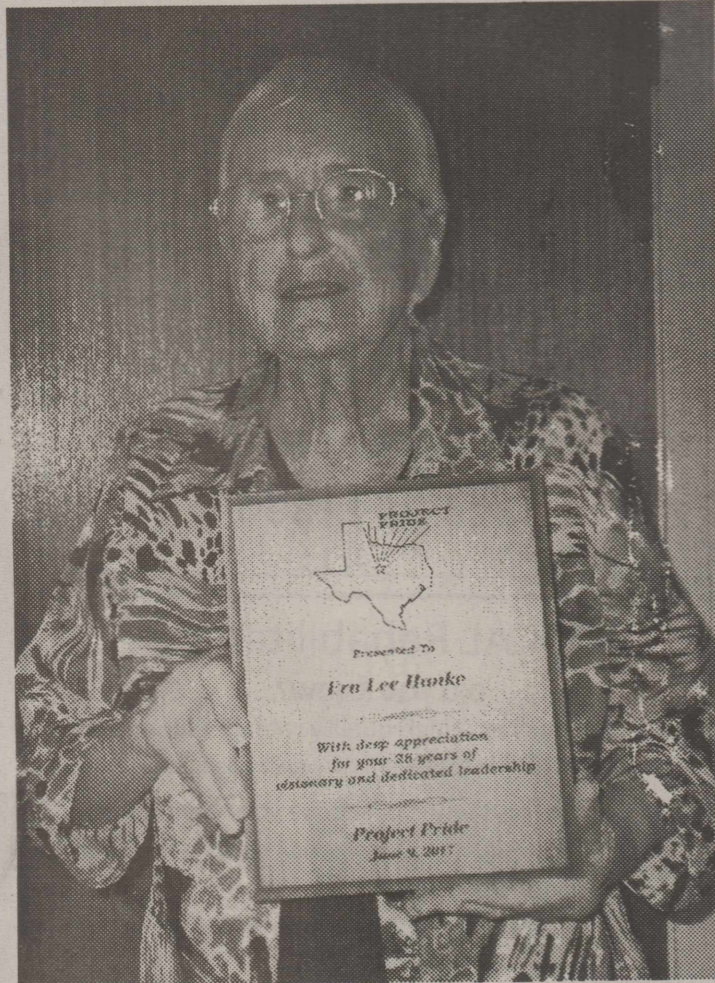
Registration and visiting begins at 9:30 a.m., with the business meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served

after the meeting.

During the business meeting,

a memorial service for those who have been lost since last year's meeting will be held.

Also, recognition will be given to the oldest male/female, most family members, and attendee travelling the farthest distance. Bring your annuals, photos, family members and friends for the fellowship of this event.



Era Lee Hanke with the plaque she received from Project Pride at the Robert E. Howard dinner.

Era Lee Hanke Honored

Project Pride honored Era Lee Hanke with an appreciation plaque at the recent Robert E. Howard dinner. Era Lee has been deeply involved with the Howard Museum since it was purchased in 1989; having helped with the original restoration and continues to supervise the maintenance of the buildings and grounds today.

The well-stocked gift shop has also grown under her leadership; starting with a couple of tables and a book shelf. It now has display grids

on four walls, three bookshelves and a few tables for t-shirts. It takes a constant search for books and a running inventory of shirts to meet the needs of a constant stream of visitors.

The beautiful laser cut wooden plaque read in part, "with deep appreciation for your 28 years of visionary and dedicated leadership." Era Lee was totally surprised at both the presentation and the long standing ovation from about 135 folks at the dinner.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School to be Held June 25-28

First Baptist Church of Cross Plains invites Children to Maker Fun Factory VBS: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.

A summer kids' event called Maker Fun Factory VBS will be hosted at Cross Plains First Baptist Church from June 25 to June 28 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Kids at Maker Fun Factory VBS will join a missions effort to fund the digging of effective clean water wells for remote villages in Peru.

Maker Fun Factory is for kids entering Kindergarten through 6th grade and will run from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM each day. For more information, call (254) 725-7629. Transportation is available for children, so please contact the church office if your child will require a ride to the church and/or a ride home.



Fireworks and Festivities on the 4th of July

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cross Plains will be hosting Jul 4th Festivities at Treadway Park on Tuesday, July 4th.

The evening will kick off at 5:30 p.m. with live music, bingo, a dunking booth, 42 tournament and a bounce house for the kids!

The First United Methodist Church is sponsoring the bounce house. At dark, the City of Cross Plains will present the fireworks display!

Bring a lawn chair and come out to Treadway Park for a fun-filled evening.

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OBITUARY



JERRY LYNN ALLEN

Jerry Lynn Allen

Jerry Lynn Allen, 60, of Rising Star, formerly of Clyde, died Saturday, June 17, 2017 in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Cherry Heights Baptist Church in Clyde with Pastor Max Evans officiating under the direction of Bailey Howard Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery. Visitation was from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.
 Jerry was born April 2, 1957 in Ranger to Fred Harvey Allen and Mary Wood Allen Evans. He graduated from Clyde High School and married Shirley Dee Sims in Clyde on February 25, 1978. They moved to Rising Star from Clyde in 2001. While in Clyde he was a volunteer for the Clyde Fire Department, a member of the Clyde City Council as well as a member of the Clyde Masonic Lodge and the Kiwanas Club. Jerry was a ranch hand for many years and was a Baptist.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 39 years, Shirley Allen; two daughters, Mindy Allen Johnson and husband Tom Edd of Cross Plains and Ashley Dee Watkins and husband Jeremiah of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother David Allen and wife Kelly of Abilene and four grandchildren, Trace and Haylee Johnson and Olivia and June Watkins.
 He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com.



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Death Notice

Anna Chesshir

Anna Chesshir passed away on Monday, June 19, 2017. Services are pending with Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
 Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Joshua M. Tuminski, motion to dismiss to assault - family violence granted, time spent in jail.

Vincent W. Wallace, motion to dismiss to deadly conduct granted in the interest of justice.

Vincent W. Wallace, motion to dismiss to resisting arrest granted in the interest of justice.

Amanda Moore, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

James Allen Katka and Virginia Miller Underwood, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
 James Eidson, presiding

Civil Filings

Jerome Branch and Samantha May Branch, divorce.

Michael Scott Lane and Annelina Rangel Lane, divorce.
 Isajah Raymond Guerrero, an adult, name change.

Staci N. Davault and Wesley K. Davault, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Jamie A. Salazar, default judgment of forfeiture.

Willard Vaughn, motion to dismiss to forfeiture granted.

Criminal Minutes

Jimmy Lambert, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 2 years in prison, \$374 court costs.

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Cattle Raisers Conclude Summer Meeting and Adopt New Policy Positions

FORT WORTH — The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) on Saturday concluded their annual Summer Meeting in Galveston, Texas. The meeting ran from Thursday, June 15 to Saturday, June 17, 2017, and offered members an opportunity to combine family and fellowship with important work for the association.

In addition to numerous meetings to take up association business, attendees had the opportunity to tour the Port of Galveston, which opened in 1825 and is one of the busiest ports in the country with an economic impact of \$2.3 billion annually. International trade is critically important to Texas beef producers, making ports like the one in Galveston vital. Attendees also enjoyed a visit to the Bryan Museum, which houses one of the world's largest collections of historical artifacts, documents and artworks pertaining to Texas and the American West.

TSCRA maintains six policy committees that also convened during the Summer Meeting. The groups are led and comprised entirely of volunteer members that develop policies to guide TSCRA's involvement on state and federal issues that impact Texas cattle raisers. The committee meetings in Galveston resulted in several new policies that were later adopted by the full board of directors, and also played host to a myriad of influential speakers who updated members on current issues.

Highlights included the Law Enforcement Committee who

hosted speakers from the McGinnis Lochridge Law Firm and Trumbull Unmanned Aircraft on the legal issues involved with unmanned aerial vehicles and drone applications in ranching. The presentation included a live outdoor demonstration of drone capabilities.

The Property Rights and Tax Committee hosted San Antonio attorney Arthur Uhl and Colin Woodall, the senior vice president of government affairs at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Uhl and Woodall discussed the prospects for federal tax reform and how ranchers could prepare. The committee also adopted a new policy to support the continuation of Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code, which allows a tax-free exchange of real estate held for trade, investment or business.

The Marketing and Transportation Committee discussed recent international trade activities with Bruce Schmoll, chairman of the U.S. Meat Export Federation and heard from representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service on USDA market reporting at Texas livestock markets. They adopted a new policy to support the protection of the integrity of agricultural futures markets, encourage regular review of contract specifications and support efforts to limit market volatility.

For more information on TSCRA membership, events or policy, visit tscra.org.

Letter to the Editor HOW TO PRESERVE A HUSBAND

"Be careful in your selection. Do not choose too young, and take only such varieties as have been reared in good moral atmosphere. When once decided upon and settled, let that part remain forever settled and give your entire thought to preparation for domestic use. Some women insist on keeping them in a pickle. While others are constantly getting them in hot-water. Poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, sweetened with

smiles and flavored with kisses to taste. Then wrap well in a mantle of charity, keep warm with a steady fire of devotion and serve with peaches and cream. When thus prepared they will keep for years." - Mrs. W.D. Boydston

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From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon Saturday August 12, 1882, Vol. III, No. 19

Wool Growers' Meeting
The Callahan County Sheep Breeders and Wool Growers Association held a called meeting at the school house last Saturday. The following are the proceedings which were furnished us by the Secretary: Meeting called to order by the President with the following members present: J. S. Day, E. G. Wagner, M. McIlhany, D. J. Wilson, T. D. Wagner, F. P. Parlin, Mr. Young. On motion of Mr. McIlhany the following gentlemen were voted members: W. C. Powell, W. W. James, J. F. Clegget, A. D. Emerson, J. E. Stanley and J. A. Alvord. On recommendation of the association the following gentlemen will be appointed deputy inspector: F. P. Parlin, W. C. Powell, Burt Clemon, D. J. Wilson, J. F. Claggett. The scab law and diseases of sheep were discussed. Motion to adjourn till next regular meeting was carried. T. D. Wagner, Sec'y pro tem.

Local News
Mr. J. D. Merchant shipped a car load of 161 head of hogs yesterday, to Pilot Point, there to be fattened for market. Three car loads of our fine building stone were shipped this week for Dallas to be used in the construction of the union depot to be built there. Mr. A. J. Chapman, of Cat Claw, brought us, last week, another fine premium water melon. It was a daisy and took

week. Remember the citizens' meeting to be held at the school house next Wednesday evening. Business to be transacted which is of vital importance to all. Let every body attend. Mr. P. L. Callahan left last Sunday night for his old home in Leavenworth, Kansas. When he returns he will bring several car loads of sheep with him. Mr. W. J. Harris, formerly a resident of Callahan county and well known to many of our own citizens, but now of Ft. Concho, was married to Mrs. C. C. Barefield, of Tom Green county, on the 16th ult.

a good sized scale to weigh it. Our friend Howard Carlisle has been down in Eastland county for a week; he returned on Thursday morning. He says Baird is the boss town yet, and that in order to more fully appreciate it one needs to go see our neighbors.

One hundred dollars have been placed in the hands of Judge J. R. Fleming, of Cisco, by the citizens of that place for the first bale of cotton taken there from Brown, Comanche, Shackelford, Eastland, Callahan or Stephens counties.

Still they come. Last Saturday Mr. Thomas McCoy, of Cross Plains, in this county, brought us a water-melon which in order to bring into our office we had to throw open our double doors. It was just as delicious as it was large.

A new engine and pump has been put in at the round house well. Twelve hundred feet more of side track have been ordered in the yard here and the work of putting it in has commenced.

Our money order department at the post office was regularly opened last Monday, and did a rushing business during the

Senior Citizens Center Activities

June 26th - June 30th

Monday-26th- Exercise 11:00/Music Jam 6:00 pm
Tuesday-27th Exercise 11:00
Wednesday-28th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check by Kindred at Home of Eastland
Thursday-29th Exercise 11:00
Friday-30th Karl Winge 12:00 County Extension Agent Nutrition Education

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all Seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

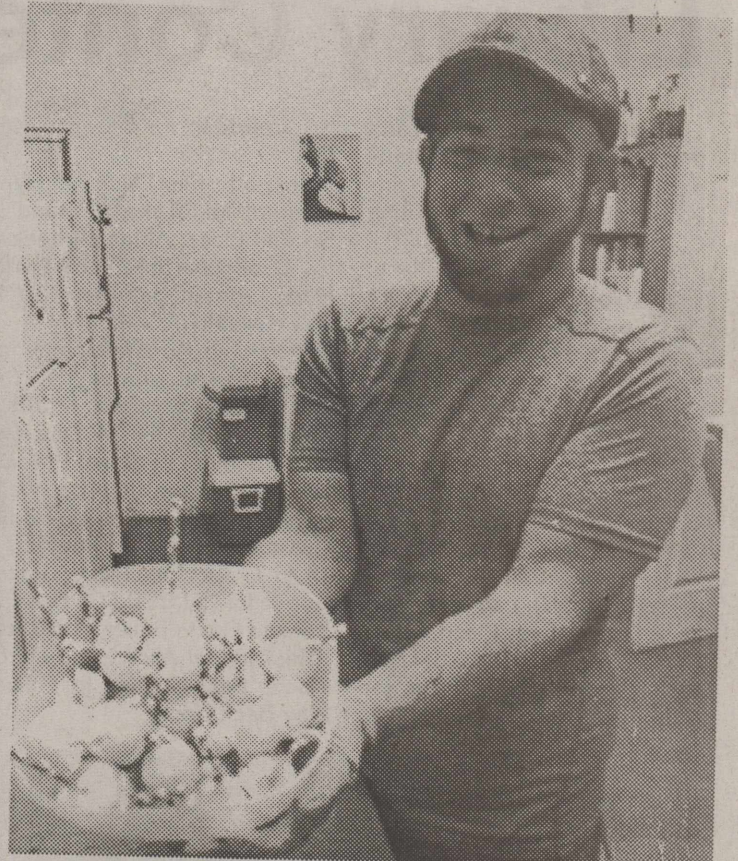
SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

June 26th - June 30th

Monday 26th-Butter Beans & Ham, Sliced Onion, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert
Tuesday 27th -Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Wednesday 28th-Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes with Gravy, Spring Blend Vegetables, Bread, Dessert
Thursday 29th- Burrito with Chili & Cheese, lettuce & Tomato Salad, Bread, Dessert
Friday 30th-Swiss Steak, Butter Noodles, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center



Senior Center Volunteer Trent Hudspeth made cake balls to send with lunch for the Jeremiah 29:11 project kids on Monday.

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ACROSS

1 Lukas of "Leap of Faith" starring TX-born Steve Martin

5 TXism: "___ bien" (good)

6 ___ gallon hat

7 TX Chester Nimitz final ___ was Fleet Admiral

8 TXism: "___ a shuck" (left quickly)

9 TXism: "got an overdose of ___ (very sad)"

12 TX practical joke: "___ hunt"

17 they're rare today: ___ theaters

19 these are the state nut, tree, and pie defensible

21 TX McConaughey won a mess of these for "Dallas Buyers Club"

23 this Houston played for UT and now is with the Chicago Bears

28 in Wood County on U.S. 69

29 wallet stuffer

30 noted Comanche medicine man

31 TXism: "___ look a gift horse in the mouth"

35 TXism: "___ tuckedered out" (tired)

36 critter park in Tyler

42 TXism: "close government work"

44 this Cabell was Dallas mayor at time of JFK assassination

46 a TX-born star of 1951 musical "Texas Carnival"

48 stopped

49 first two vowels

50 TXism: "___ hog had wings, he'd be an eagle"

51 TX B.J. Thomas' "The Eyes of ___ York Woman"

52 ___-tac-toe

53 "is not" response? TXism: "couldn't find ___ under a sitting hen"

56 TX Blue Bell ___ cream

57 former South TX rancher Mary ___ West

58 graduate sch. admission test

DOWN

1 Jackson County newspaper (2 wds.)

2 TX Ginger dancing partner: Fred

3 TXism: "hard as putting up ___ windstorm"

4 TXism: "___ like an anvil in a stock tank"

9 this Jimmy wrote song "Galveston"

10 "Humble ___ Company" started in TX in 1911

11 dir. from Alpine to Eden

12 hot tub

13 TX Drew Brees won 2010 Super Bowl with this city's team

14 TXism: "___ dance to that tune" (agree)

15 cut off or trim

16 TX Gene Tierney 1950 film "Where the Sidewalk ___"

18 Del Rio is seat of ___ Verde County

20 Carlos Correa's pos. with Astros

23 51 in old Rome

24 Egyptian cobra

25 in 2000, TX Strait was ___ Artist of the Year

26 TX-based play ___ Christmas

27 silent film directed by TX Edwin Carewe (1928)

32 he led the "Warren Commission" (init.)

33 "Victory in Europe Day" abbr.

34 ___ Campo, TX

36 Greek "X"

37 Oilers old leag

38 on the Lavaca River in Jackson County

39 TX-based jeweler

40 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___"

41 Grand ___ Opry

43 Arlington car manufacturer (abbr)

45 ___ "Too Tall" Jones

47 what TX A.J. Foyle used to drive

48 Reagan's Secretary of State

55 first name of TX actress in 16-down

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Library Contest Winners Receive Awards

Cross Plains High School and Junior High School students participated in the Cross Plains Public Library's Annual Writing Contest.

Overall Winners: First Place: Grace Goode, 12th Grade, for "If I Could Go Back." Grace received a Kindle Fire, given in memory of Marilyn McBride.

Second Place: James Rhyne, 11th Grade, for "A Day on the Farm."

Third Place: Callie Sutton, 7th Grade, for "Voices".

In addition to the overall winners, three winners were selected in each category.

7th Grade: First Place, Callie Sutton for "Voices"; Second Place, Kashlyn McClure for "Hoodie"; and Third Place,

Kiley Morgan for "Never Give Up."

8th Grade: First Place, Madilyn Shepard for "Take A Stand"; Second Place, Abigail Wheeler for "Barefoot in July"; and Third Place, Jordan Hampton for "I Ask Myself".

There were no participants in the 9th or 10th grades.

11th Grade: First Place, James Rhyne, for "A Day on the Farm"; Second Place, Riley Potter for "My Baseball Career"; and Third Place, Eddy Calvagna for "My Journey".

12th Grade: First Place, Grace Goode for "If I Could Go Back"; Second Place, Bailee Yoder for "The Diary of Alice"; and Third Place, Sean Armer for "The Way Back Home."



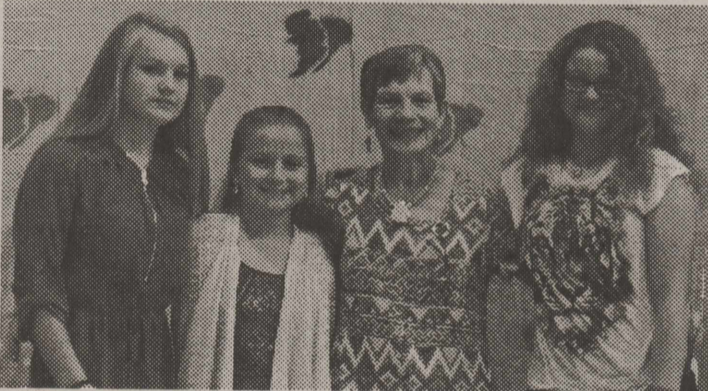
Overall Winners - Callie Sutton, Third Place; and Grace Goode, First Place, with Library Board Member Helen Parson. Grace received a Kindle Fire, in memory of Marilyn McBride. Second Place winner James Rhyne is not in the photograph.



7th Grade Winners - Kiley Morgan, left and Callie Sutton, right, with Library Board Member Helen Parson. Kashlyn McClure is not in the photograph.



12th Grade Winners - Bailee Yoder, left and Grace Goode, right with Library Board Member Helen Parson. Sean Armer is not in the photograph.



9th Grade Winners - Jordan Hampton, Madilynn Shephard and Abigail Wheeler with Library Board Member Helen Parson.

Voices By Callie Sutton

Walking up on a crisp chilly fall morning was the time it all started. I was hearing chattering voices everywhere.

As I woke up, I was hearing very odd conversations like "where are you going to store nuts?" and "When will we fly south?" At first I was a bit puzzled by where the voices were coming from, but then I realized that they were animal voices!

At first I was a bit freaked out about being able to hear the animals, but then I realized that it would be pretty cool to be able to hear them.

After getting ready for school and eating breakfast I went out side to test my new skill. They were still chattering when I walked up to the slu of animals. I started in on the conversation, but some of them got startled and ran away.

The ones that stayed were very polite. We talked about where the squirrels stored their nuts and when the birds fly south. I also got to talk to a little fawn. She was ditz, cheerful, and full of life.

Sadly, it was time to go to school, so I bided the animals farewell and headed to the bus stop. During school that day,

I couldn't stop thinking about my new talent. I was completely scatterbrained!

Once I got home from school, I went to the barn to saddle my horse.

We rode for about two hours talking and laughing. Later, I went to see my eight-week-old border collie. She was playful as ever; jumping from couch to couch watching Duck Dynasty for about two or three hours.

The next day was a bit warmer. After eating Breakfast, I headed out to the woods.

I walked for about three hours before I heard a baby bobcat crying for help. First, I looked around being sure the mother wasn't near, and then I walked up to the cub to ask him what's wrong. He had a large cut on his front left leg.

I decided to take him home to nurture him. When I got home, I took him to my room to clean and rap his leg. He got along very well with my puppy.

Once the cub got completely healed, I took him back to where I'd found him. When I got home, I heard a voice say "Get up, Get Up", but I wasn't sure why because I was already awake. Then I opened my eye and realized it was all a dream...

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If I Could Go Back By Grace Goode

This world she was living in wasn't at all what it used to be. Everything was so complicated, and she felt as if there were no time to enjoy the life she was given. She had heard of a time when things were simple, and there was a certain nostalgia about the decade. More than anything, she wanted to go back in time and experience the 50's for herself.

She fell asleep that night dreaming about the life she would've had 60 years ago. Her grandmother had often told her stories of how she worked on a dairy farm, but she didn't mind the work because after work everyone would meet at the malt shop in town. Stories of how her grandmother had fallen in love and married her high school sweetheart always stayed close to her heart. It almost seemed like a miracle that two people who stayed true to their vows, were still happily married after 54 years.

It was as if her dream were a reality as she walked down the brick-paved streets lined with the kind of station wagons she had always seen in the magazines. These cars weren't super fast and sleek like the sport cars nowadays; they were simply classic. The sun shown brightly on the town as the trees and flowers were just beginning to get their beautiful blooms back. Mothers walked on the sidewalk hand and hand with their little ones as they window shopped and greeted those who passed by. She kept walking through the town trying to take in every scene her eyes

fell upon, while capturing the moment.

She eventually came to a neighborhood where children were just running completely free, without supervision. She wondered how it was possible for parents to simply let their kids roam around wherever they pleased. Couldn't something bad happen to them, like kidnapping? No one seemed to have any worries, however.

She walked up to a comfortable, two story family home that was painted a relaxing pale yellow, with a tire swing hanging from the live oak tree in the front yard. A large wrap-around porch and the blooming rose bushes made the house look picture perfect, as if taken from a Home and Garden magazine. She looked through the window and saw a family of five eating dinner together in their dining room. They were smiling at each other and talking about how their day went. She couldn't remember the last time she had sat down and ate dinner with her parents, partly because they were divorced. A part of her felt like she was missing out on something that was irreplaceable. The more she thought about it, she realized that all of her friends' parents were divorced, as well. Nowadays, it was a rare thing if a person hadn't been divorced before, and that was a saddening thought.

She decided to go and find the old malt shop in town that her grandmother had often talked of. It didn't take long for her to find one of the

biggest attractions in town, with bicycles and cars lining the street beside it. In big letters across the front of the shop, it read "Ethel's Malts" in turquoise writing. She walked inside and saw teenagers dancing to a jukebox that was blaring Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel." Kids were laughing and having the time of their lives while they sipped on chocolate malts. Nobody had cell phones or any other electronic devices that might take away from all of the fun they were having. All of the girls were wearing dresses that made their waist look impossibly small, and could also be described as the perfect sort of dress for twirling in. She realized that she was grinning ear-to-ear as she watched the girls and boys get down on the black and white checkerboard floor. It was a moment that she never wanted to forget. Her time was drawing near, and she knew she had to leave soon. As much as she didn't want to leave, it was time to go back to the real world where things weren't as simple. She felt as if she had witnessed a time that would forever be in her heart and have and have an everlasting impact on her life. It was a time where families were happy, crimes were rare, and people enjoyed the simple things about life. She had learned a few things along the way, nonetheless. No matter how complicated life got and how bad she thought things were, she realized it was up to here to make a difference and make the most out of every situation.

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A Day on the Farm

By James Rhyne

The day starts out with the alarm clock sounding at six and the roosters doing their usual crowing. The wife is in the kitchen cooking bacon and eggs with homemade gravy and biscuits. We sit down at the table, pour a glass of milk that we got from the cow that is out back in the barn. I finish my meal, kiss the wife goodbye, and I am off to work on the farm.

I put on my over-shoes and heavy rain jacket because it has just rained the night before and was probably going to rain today too. I walk to the barn where the calves were are feeding out have been penned and feed them two five gallon buckets of oats and three flakes of hay. After the calves have been fed it is time to start making the rounds. So I get in the truck start it up, and drive to another property that I own to check four oil wells that we drilled last summer. I open the gate to go into where the wells are and I pull up to the first well. All is good so I proceed to the next, and I find that the well-head has sprung a leak over overnight and has spilled oil all around the pumpjack. In the back of the pickup is a shovel that I use for this kind of thing, so I grab it and go to work trying to cover up the oil spill. So after all the wells have been checked and everything is ok, I proceed to the next job of the day which is going to feed and put out hay for all the grown cows around the place. The first stop is Akins place with 23 grown cows, one bull and six calves. As I am going down

the road calling up the cows, I can see that one of the momma cows are having trouble having her calf, so I call her up into the pen and run to the house and get the calf-puller which is a pulley that is bolted to a steel rod that you press against the butt of the cow and tie the rope of the pulley to the calf's leg and start pulling helping the cow try to pass the calf. All went well and the calf came out just fine and the rest of the cows and calves and bull have all been accounted for and fed.

By this time it is almost lunch, so I start heading back for the house hoping that the wife has made something good for lunch. I walk into the house, pull off my overshoes and sit at the table. My wife walks by me to give me a kiss on the cheek and tell me she loves me as she is setting up the table for lunch. She has made pot roast for lunch. That is my favorite especially on a cold day like today. When the table is set up and my wife sits down we bow our heads and pray. After I finish lunch I like to sit down for about 30 minutes or so to let the food settle in my stomach, but after the relaxing is over it is back to work. My next stop for today is the barn where I have the powl back up into it. The sweeps on it were starting to wear, so I bought some new ones for it, and replacing them is not very fun. There is two bolts to every sweep and they are usually rusted because of all the dirt that they have been through. I start spraying them all with WD-45 to break the nuts and bolts free from all the rust.

I grab the tools that I will be needing and start taking them apart one bolt at a time, and by the way there are 13 sweeps total so this took me about an hour or so.

Now that the new sweeps are put on the plow it is time to move on to my next talks for the day which is working the 20 head of cattle that are at the Foster place. The way we work cattle is we pin them up at the place they are on load them up into the trailer and hall them to the house where there is a nice set of working pens. So I hook onto the trailer and start heading over to the Foster place. I get there and start honking the horn to call them up to the pens. One by one, they all start showing up and walk themselves right into the pens which is funny because that almost never happens. I push the cattle up to the shoot and into the trailer and shut the gate behind them now I am on my way back to the home place. I get home, and all the medicine that I will need to vaccinate them. I back up to the working pens and turn the cattle into the biggest part of the pens. The cattle are acting rather well behaved then most days. To help me work the cattle, I have called by brother Jerrad so maybe this will work out a little smoother with two of this working instead of one. We start out by pushing the cattle into the smaller pens so that way the cattle do not have much room to try to run from you. After pushing the cattle into the smallest pin me and Jerrad push the up into the

loading alley that has a working shoot at the end of it. One by one me and Jerrad work the cattle and kick them back into the trailer so that we can take them back to the Foster place.

After all of the cattle have been worked and the sweeps have been put on the plow now it is time to start wrapping up the day, so I start home, and by this time my wife has started making supper for us. I walk in take my nasty work clothes, and start running me a nice hot bath-water so I can get all of the dirt and grime off of me from the day. After I get out of the bath my wife have made us some nice steaks from the beef that we have killed last summer with some green beans and baked potatoes which is my favorite and she knows it.

We eat our supper and then spend some time watching some old westerns like John Wayne and the Little Cowboys to help relax my mind from the long hard day. So we get done with watching the movies and start heading off to bed getting ready for the next work-filled day. I put on my pajamas and slip under the covers and start reading the good book because that always helps me solve my problems in life. So after I read 10 or 15 pages I lay my head down on my pillow and start praying thanking God for the farm and all of the blessings that he has given me and that I am thankful for the nice wife and kids that he has given me. I close my eyes as I fall into a deep sleep and rest my mind for the day to come.

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Cross Plains Community Calendar

June

June 21 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Trip to the Fire Department, 1:30 p.m.

June 24 - Saturday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday

June 25-28 - Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

June 28 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Miniature Houses and Furniture, 1:30 p.m.

July

July 2 - Sunday, Ice Cream Crank-Off, First United Methodist Church. Judging 4 p.m., Eating 5 p.m.

July 4 - Tuesday, City of Cross Plains and Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July Celebration at Treadway Park. 5:30 p.m. Bingo, Dunking Booth. Fireworks after dark.

July 5 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Building Bird Houses, 1:30 p.m.

July 12 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Building a Stamp Collection, 1:30 p.m.

July 19 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Building a Cupcake, 1:30 p.m.

July 20 - Thursday, Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet. First Baptist Church Family Life Center. 6:30 p.m.

July 26 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Building Signs and Posters, 1:30 p.m.

August

August 2 - Wednesday, Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program, Splash in the Park, 1:30 p.m.

August 29 - Tuesday CPISD School Starts

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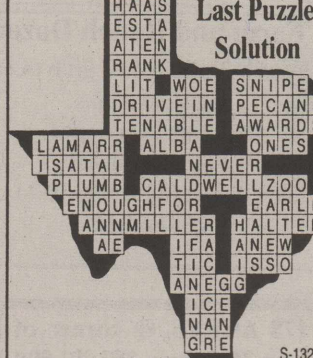
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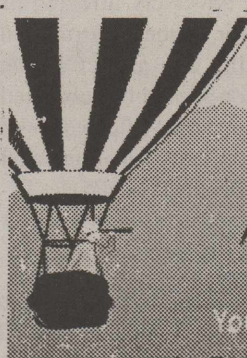
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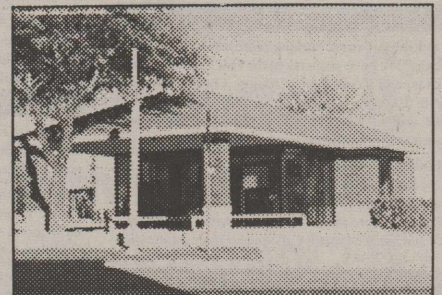
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Civil Rights Lawyer and Former Judge L. Clifford Davis

The law was used to try to push L. Clifford Davis and his family down. But Davis used the law to change the country and become one of the most respected legal minds in the country.

L. Clifford Davis was born in the small community of Wilton the southwest corner of Arkansas in 1925. He was the youngest of seven children born to Augustus and Dora Duckett Davis.

As he grew up, the Jim Crow system in place blocked his attempt at an education. At the time, Little River County had no high schools for African-Americans, and segregation prevented him from attending with whites. He and his older brothers moved to Little Rock where he attended Dunbar High School. After graduation, he attended Little Rock's Philander Smith College, graduating in 1945 at age 20. Seeing the success of prominent local Little Rock attorneys, Davis decided to pursue a career in law. He applied for the University of Arkansas Law School, but he was prevented from attending because of segregation. In 1946, he was accepted into law school at Howard University in Washington, DC.

In 1947, officials at the University of Arkansas Law School contacted him with a possibility of transferring to Fayetteville though under a segregated arrangement. Segregation, however, prevented him from having access to the same classes, materials, and professors as the other students, and therefore, an inferior law school experience. He instead continued at Howard University. The law school quietly desegregated the next year with the admission of Silas Hunt. Davis graduated from Howard in 1949.

Davis then returned to Arkansas. He specialized in civil rights law, and he was one of only nine black lawyers in the state at the time. Though a respected attorney in Pine Bluff, Davis moved to Waco, Texas, in 1952 to teach at Paul Quinn College.

Anxious to be back in the courtroom, Davis passed the Texas bar exam in 1953 and moved to Fort Worth in 1954 to open his own law firm. At the time, he was one of only two African-American lawyers in one of the biggest cities in the state. He quickly found himself in high demand.

Through the verdict in the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education brought a legal end to segregation, there were still many local districts that fought to schools separate for the races. In 1956, he filed a federal lawsuit to desegregate schools in Mansfield, then a small farming community southeast of Fort Worth. In the case Jackson vs. Rawdon, Mansfield High School was ordered desegregated, but local residents refused to heed the ruling. Mobs gathered at the local school to prevent the three African-American children from attending that fall. Texas Gov. Allan Shivers ordered the Texas Rangers in to maintain order and prevent violence. The intimidation of the crowds prevented the students from being able to exercise their constitutional rights, and the schools remained technically segregated for some time to come.

In 1959, he again took on a desegregation challenge. He sued the Fort Worth Independent School District, one of the largest in Texas, over its racial practices. He won the case Flax vs. Potts, forcing Fort Worth schools to integrate.

He was active in community affairs, working with a variety of organizations on different causes. He was also one of the first African-American lawyers to join the Tarrant County Bar Association. Black lawyers found it necessary to come together for mutual aid and support and, with Davis, formed the Fort Worth Black Bar Association. In honor of his years of work, the organization renamed itself as the L. Clifford Davis Legal Association.

In May 1983, he was appointed as a district judge for Criminal District Court No. 2 in Tarrant County. He was known for his fairness and discernment in pursuit of justice knowing that lives depended on his work, necessary qualities in any judge worth the title. In spite of this, he was defeated for re-election in 1988. Because of his respect in the legal community, he continued to serve as a visiting judge for many more years, asked to serve as a judge in special cases. He continued to periodically serve as a visiting judge, presiding over special cases on a one-by-one basis, until he stepped down in 2004 at the age of 79.

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In May 2017, the University of Arkansas Law School awarded him an honorary degree at age 92 in appreciation for his years of work. Sometimes success speaks for itself.

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CPISD School Board Meeting Set for Wednesday, June 21st

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NOTICE OF MEETING--- BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on June 21, 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
June 21, 2017 (8:00 p.m.)
CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Open Forum
New Business

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
Review Bills/Finance Report
Consider Employee Salaries for 2017-18

Approve Update 108 as Recommended by TASB

Propose a 2017-18 Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Tax Rate; and Set Date, Time, and Place for a Public Meeting in Order to Discuss Proposed Tax Rate

Consider Contract with Architect Jacob/Martin for the Building of the Tornado Shelter/Gym

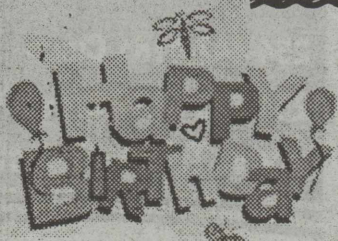
Consider Deleting Policies Concerning Continuing Contracts (DCB Local, DCC Local, DFCA Local, and DFFC Local)

Consider Bids for Milk
Consider Bids for Fuel
Personnel Resignations
Consider Recommendations for Employment

Superintendent's Report
Update on Tornado Shelter Wrapping up the School Year
Next Board Meeting - Thursday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. with a Public Hearing. Regular Board Meeting will follow at 8:00 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 June 15, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.



June 25

Bobby McMillan
Tommy Merryman
Kyle Davis
Todd Brooks
Daniel Strickland

June 26

Hayley Gregory
Leah (King) Orum
Anne Rone
Marlene Cowan
Florine Forbes
Ronnie Wilson
Mrs. Ben Wagner
Allisha Branham
Janet Moore
Sharon (Walker) Harris
Tara Barnett
Ashley Wagner
Jacob Collier

June 27

Connie Swift
Alan Duane Hutchins
Stephen Wagner
Ron Ricci
Colton Bonner McWilliams
B.J. Wood
Bandy Luke Johnson

June 28

Matt McGowen
Mitchell Lewis
Daniel Lewis
Chad Franke
Jerry Payne
Zada Bell Dickey
Judy Luter
Karla Ranae Wiggins
June Walker
Johnny Markham
Julie Bishop Mann
Mrs. Wayne Knowles
Summer Albrecht
Laura Junell
Cliff Larimore

June 29

Mark Allen Burkett
Jacob D. Barron
Terry Watkins
Jimmy Fleming
Mary Newton
Roy Gilland
Jimmy Dunn
B.A. Harrigal
Randall Keith Ervin
Robert Allen
Chuck Vest
Orville Holland
Larry Don Lee

June 30

Jerry (Koenig) Johnson
Linda (Cowan) O'Dell
Bobbie Newton
Fred Butler
Russell Chapman
Elizabeth Cohn
Tommy Johnston
James Caffey

July 1

Brayden Kennedy
Gary Ledbetter
Harold Mobley
Orville Black
Deborah (Tennison) Christenson
Susan Moseley
Charles D. Proctor
LaTrisha (Curry) Clark
Jodi Lynn Payne

From the Cross Plains Review - 21 Years Ago July 20, 1995

From the Cross Plains Review... 21 years ago, July 20, 1995.

Cub Scouts win fourth place in Phone Book Recycling with 275 books. The Cub Scouts: Kevin Wilson, Chris Sliger, Chris Harris, A. J. Carouth, Marcus Williams, Thomas Dimitri and James Purcell.

Varsity Cheer Camp '95 is July 31-Aug 4, at the Cross Plains High School Gym, according to head cheerleader Misty Strickland.

From the Business and Professional Directory -- Ross L. Jones, Attorney at Law, Old Dal-Mar Bldg.; Cross Plains Medical Center, 902 N. Main;

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Jane has 3 grandchildren, Shelly Wallace, Ginger Bunn

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Jane lived in Scranton all of her life until she remarried and moved to Brownwood Tx. She was widowed for 8 years before marrying Glen Morgan in 2008.

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Words cannot express our thoughts for the many prayers, cards, food and calls for Mike & I.

The many kindnesses shown to us from Band Directors, the many band students, colleagues, friends, family and those that came far & wide.

To those who contributed to the scholarship fund in his name, his response was "this is such an honor" Thank you for continuing to honor him by creating a scholarship in his name.

**God bless you all,
The Family of
Mike Brady**

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Ice Cream Crank-Off to be held Sunday, July 2nd

It's time once again for the annual ice cream crank-off at the First United Methodist Church, being held this year on Sunday, July 2. What started in 2010 in conjunction with the dedication of the park area, the activity has become part of the over-all celebration of Independence Day. Ice cream and hot dogs!! What a way to celebrate a truly American holiday.

This year, the crank-off will be held on Sunday in order that folks can fully participate in the City and Chamber sponsored event at Treadway Park on Tuesday evening. The First United Methodist Church will be providing a free inflatable obstacle course at the festivities in the park.

Participants in the competition may enter any variety of home made ice cream and others are invited to simply share their tanks of ice cream without entering the crank-off. Entries to be judged will be divided into VANILLA and NON-VANILLA categories.

Those wishing to have their ice cream entered in the competition must have their tanks of home-made ice cream in the church kitchen by 4:00 p.m. Tanks should be well packed in ice as it will take close to an hour to have it all officially judged and ready to be sampled and judged by others.

All entries will be blind judged by a team of highly qualified "flavorologists" who will remain anonymous until the winners are officially announced. From their collective years of eating ice cream, these judges can definitely tell the difference between homemade, Blue Bell and Haagen Dazs.

Another category of amassing points is through the people's choice voting in which each

person in attendance is given one token to place on their favorite tank.

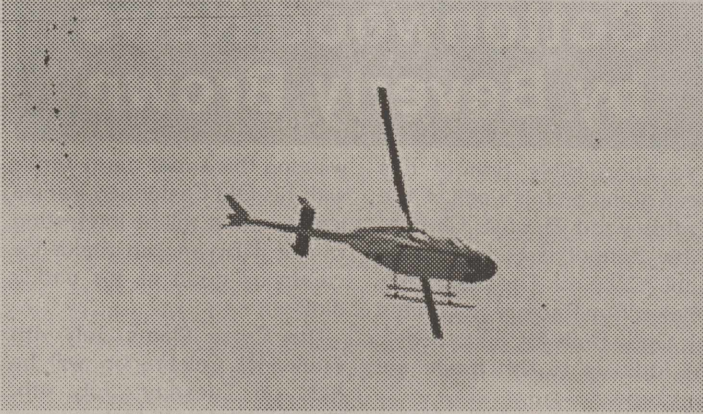
Thus, there will be winners in both the officially judged category and the people's choice category. Points will be combined to come up with the "Ice Cream Crank-off Champion." Other awards will be a lot of certificates suitable for framing.

Bringing the most judging experience to the table is Andy Byerly of Breckenridge. Andy was a member of the local church until the family moved to Breckenridge in early 2010, but he returned as one of the original judges. This young man got his start on a horse before his legs could even reach the side of the horse's back and has ridden many a mile of fence lines with his parents, Tim and Beth. He is now heading off to college at Sul Ross, planning a future in wildlife management.

Dora Warlick won the dunce hat looking "Ice Cream Crank-off Champion" crown last year with Carol George coming in with a close second. Susan Hunter was in the top tier after winning the competition the previous two years. These ladies stand ready to defend their titles this year.

For those who feel they must work up an appetite, the volleyball court will be set up and ready for action by 4:00 also. Hot dogs with all the trimmings will also be served around 5:00 and then depending on the number of entries, the ice cream should be ready for tasting and eating shortly thereafter.

The Methodists invite everybody to join the fun and fellowship of this annual event—a great way to beat the heat and celebrate our Independence.



AirEvac Helicopter Flying Overhead

AirEvac Helicopter in Cross Plains on Monday

Cross Plains VFD, Cross Plains Police Department and the Callahan County Sheriff's Department were on hand Monday afternoon to close the streets around the ResourceCare office for an emergency landing and take-

off of the AirEvac Helicopter. All departments worked together to ensure the safety of the motorists, pedestrians, onlookers, and emergency personnel.

The Cross Plains EMS provided emergency services.



The Helicopter Has Landed

Stephen Ministry Now in Cross Plains

The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains is proud to announce their affiliation with Stephen Ministries, a not-for-profit Christian Education organization, to the Cross Plains and surrounding communities. Stephen Ministries was founded in 1975 and is a part of over 12,000 congregations.

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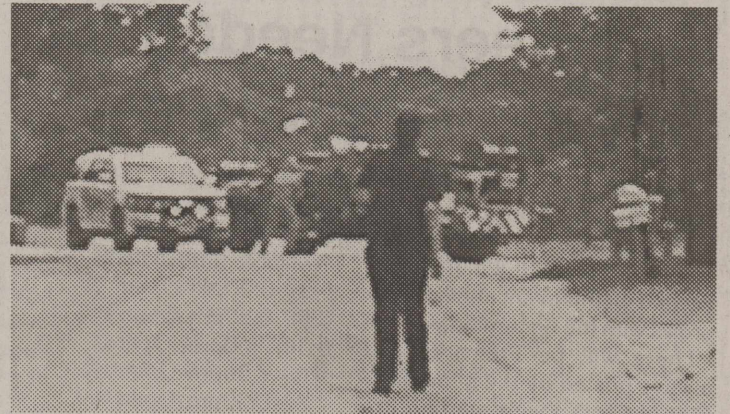
Stephen Ministry is a source of caring one-on-one ministry within our community. The Stephen Minister (SM) is called to, "bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). The SM develops a purely confidential, caring relationship to walk side by side with you through whatever challenges life has given. Whether it is the difficulty of divorce, parenting, illness, hospitalization, unemployment or death a SM listens and walks with you through the difficult time.

Each SM spends time with one community member confidentially to listen, encourage, and care for that person exclusively until the hardship resolves. There are both male and female SM to assure that men can meet with men and women with women.

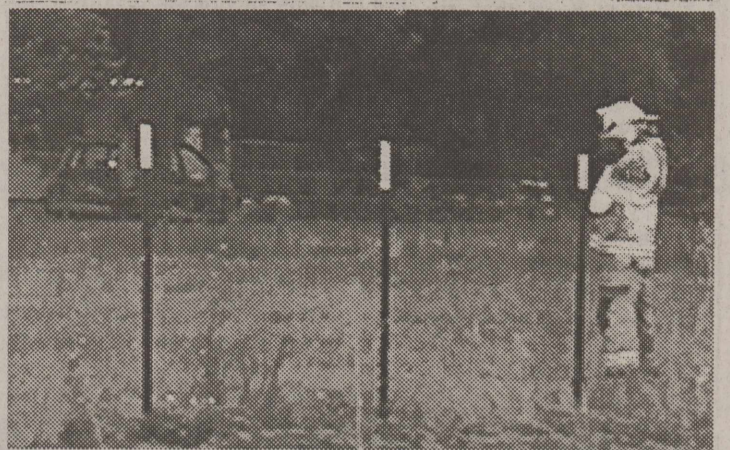
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Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings in the community by allowing Christians to respond to Christ's commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). It provides the community with a team of gifted, talented, trained people to help minister to hurting people. People who would benefit from a compassionate companion for emotional and spiritual support. Stephen Ministry may be just what you, or someone you know, need in your life at this moment.

For more information, or to connect with a local Stephen Minister, contact the First United Methodist Church 1000 N. Main, church phone 254-725-7377, Lee Anne Morton-Stephen Leader 325-220-1716.



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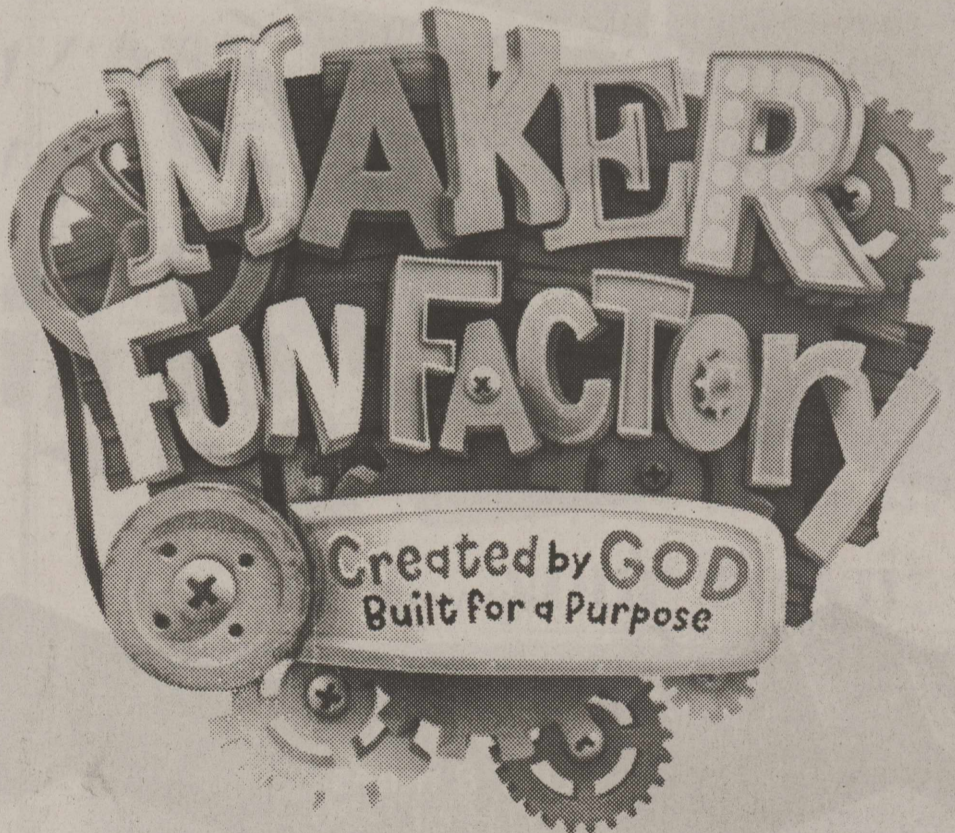
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Volunteers Needed for July 4th Festivities

The Chamber is currently busy working on July 4th festivities that will take place Tuesday, July 4th! We are very excited for this event and hope it grows with the upcoming years! There will be fireworks as always hosted by the generous City of Cross Plains starting at dark!

It went so well last year the chamber will have a dunking booth again, and with that we need individuals that are well known in the community that would be willing to take a 30 minute/hour slot to be dunked!

If you know someone that would be willing, or you yourself would please contact me ASAP. Last year we had teachers, police officers, preachers, and chamber board members!

Salamander's Tees and More will be doing special t-shirts

for the July 4th Celebration. Dunking booth participants will get a t-shirt free.

Available time slots:
5:30-6:00pm-Open
6:00-6:30pm-Open
6:30-7:00pm-Open
7:00-7:30pm-Open
7:30-8:00pm-Open
8:00-8:30pm-Open
8:30-9:00pm-Open

The Chamber will also have bingo again because last year it was such a success. For this we will need item's donated for prizes. We had some great item's donated last year from our amazingly generous Chamber Members.

We will also need volunteers to help that evening, contact the chamber to sign up. Phone: 254-725-7251

Don't forget your lawn chairs for a fun filled evening!

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Vacation Bible School has been going on this week at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Bible School lasts from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. The program is "Maker Fun Factory.... created by God, Built for a Purpose". All kids up to 6th grade are welcome.

Next week, there's Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

There is no musical this month. Look for the Cottonwood Musical to start back up in July on Friday, July 28th.

The First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains will have it's annual Ice Cream Crank-Off on Sunday, July 2nd. I can remember Wallace Bennett

winning this event many times with his Old Fashioned Vanilla ice cream. It will be interesting to see if Bryan can make ice cream as good as his daddy did!

The Cross Plains July 4th Fireworks Celebration will be held on Tuesday, July 4th. There will be hot dogs and bingo and a dunking booth. The fun starts at 5:30 with the fireworks kicking off at dark.

Because of the rain, the Burn Ban has been lifted. You can burn and weld, but please be careful. If you are planning a control burn, please call the Sheriff's office before you light the match. Their number: 325-854-1444.

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Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet set for July 20th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 6:30pm at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. The guest speaker this year will be Karl Winge, Callahan County Extension Agent. There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. The banquet will be catered by Mexico City Cafe and the menu includes a Chicken Fried Steak Plate

served with baked potato, dinner salad, green beans, roll, tea, and cake for dessert.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend our banquet. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 with ticket locations TBA!

The Chamber looks forward to seeing you at the Banquet!

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A Love Fund for
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LIVE BANDS BY THE LAKE

Friday

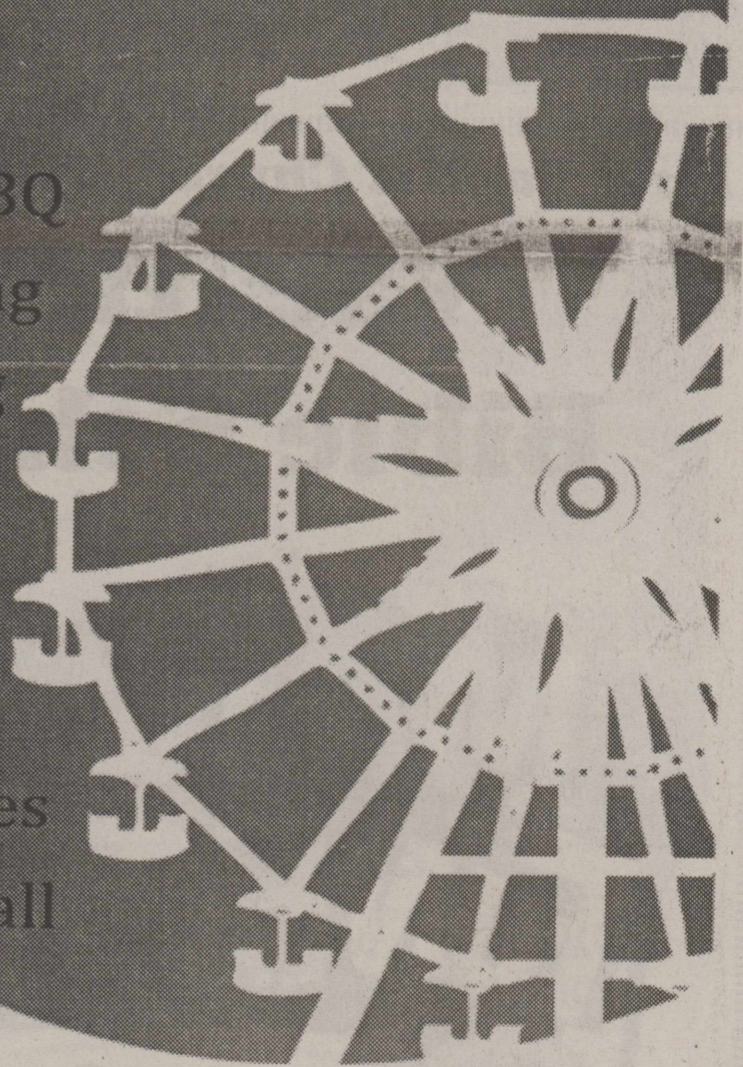
5-7 Mexia Creek Band
7-9 Honkeytonk Soul Sisters
Serenade
9-11 Guadalupe
Pirates

Saturday

12-2 Santa Fe
2-4 Three Shades Blue
5-7 Audry Oliver
7-9 Dave Hobbs
9-11 Bo McDowell

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Cookoff entries, vendors sought 2017 Festival by the Lake is planned Friday and Saturday, June 30th, July 1st

The 2017 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for Friday, June 30th & Saturday, July 1st at the Clyde Lake.

There is no admission fee to the festival area; however the Men of Clyde will be on hand to accept donations to help cover cost of the event.

This is the eleventh year the Festival by the Lake has occurred. Last year's attendance was estimated at over 13,000 and is expected to be exceeded this year, according to Festival chairman Sheree Gray. The festival committee is pleased to report that all measures of safety will be taken with a presence of law enforcement and medical teams in case of need.

FAMILY FUN

Activities for all ages include carnival rides, air castle and maze, gyro-ball ride, bungee cord jump area, bucking mechanical bull, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments and more being planned. The knocker balls (bounce balls) which are inflatable balls two players wear and try to knock each other down, will make their return appearance again this year. That area will be expanded this year.

Exciting display of fireworks set for both nights after dark around 10:00 p.m.

The fireworks on Friday night, June 30th will shot off by Gray Electric.

The fireworks display on Saturday night, July 1st will be shot off by Richard Sheffield and Chad

Sheffield.

Live entertainment scheduled:

Friday, June 30th: 5:00-7:00

- Mexia Creek Band.

Friday, June 30th: 7:00-

9:00 -Honkeytonk Soul Sister

Serenade.

Friday, June 30th: 9:00-11:00

- Guadalupe Pirates.

Saturday, July 1st: 12:00-2:00

-Santa Fe.

Saturday, July 1st: 2:00-4:00

-Three Shades Blue.

Saturday, July 1st: 5:00-7:00

- Audry Oliver.

Saturday, July 1st: 7:00-9:00

- Dave Hobbs.

Saturday, July 1st: 9:00-11:30

- Bo McDowell

The City of Clyde also constructed a new \$10,000 roof over the band stage area for this year's concerts.

COOK-OFF COMPETITION on Saturday

Information and registration forms for cook-off teams can be picked up at City Halls in Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains. Categories that require an entry fee include brisket, ribs, chicken, beans & dessert.

A new addition of a hamburger patty category for kids only will also be included this year. That category will be cooked on Friday, June 30th, and will be judged on Friday night.

Another new category of competition again this year, not requiring an entry fee, is "Best Damn Campsite". Cook-off campsites will be judged on how they are decorated to capture the spirit of the event. They will be judged on Friday night,

June 30th.

Cook-off teams meet at 5:00

p.m. Friday for final instructions.

Deadline is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

FOOD and MERCHANDISE

Vendors offering food and merchandise will be at the festival. A

few merchandise vendor spaces are still available for this year. Get

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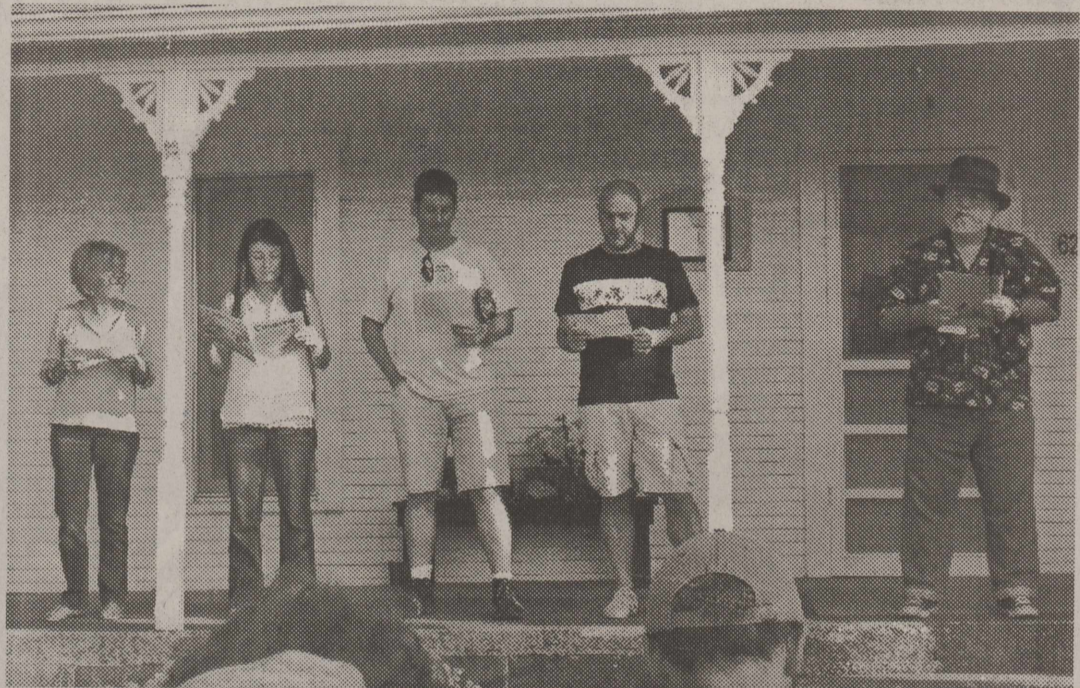
FM 3217. The City's Facebook

page is also located on the City

of Clyde's website.



Easton and Peyton Whisenhunt and Ian Norris prove there are always opportunities to volunteer no matter how young you are. They were visiting their grandmothers, Dannes Turner and Leslie Wyatt, at the Senior Center and helped pack the snack bags for the Jeremiah 29 project.



Reading poetry on the Howard Museum porch - From left to right: Barbara Baum, Chie Guenther, Dierk Guenther, Patrice Louinet and Bill Cavalier.

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Howard Days A Success

The 2017 Robert E. Howard Days is now history and Project Pride members are taking a well deserved break before feeding the school personnel during their August in-training week. Planning for this annual event starts in February when the general theme and activity outline show up from the REH Foundation. Facilitating their plans keep the Project Pride folks busy until the wrap-up cleaning on Sunday following the Saturday night activities at the Museum.

Attendance figures ran about average as we had 46 people from 21 different states from New Jersey to Florida to California to Wyoming to Georgia and everywhere between. Dierk and Chie

returned from Japan, Patrice from France and a visitor from Canada rounded out the diverse group of visitors. Over 200 folks toured the Museum on the two day event and 135 attended the Friday night dinner..... that's a lot of money spent in Cross Plains as a few of the folks showed up earlier in the week and some stayed over until Monday and Tuesday.

Definitely the most unique aspect of this celebration is the Saturday night poetry reading on the front porch of the Museum. Standing just a few feet from where Howard wrote one of his best known poems, "Cimmeria," several folks took turns reading a verse in their native language. Bill started off in English, followed by Patrice

in French, Dierk in German, Chie in Japanese and our own Barbara Baum in both Spanish and Italian.

The Robert E. Howard Days is a fascinating and rewarding event that is co-sponsored by Project Pride. The organization is always looking for additional folks to get involved in this organization that attracts members from several states, five local businesses and about 100 local residents. The group meets on the first Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church and welcomes everybody to get involved at some level.

Call Arlene at 725-4993 or Era Lee at 725-6562 for more information about Project Pride.

PROJECT PRIDE THANKS YOU

Project Pride members extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all the folks who helped make our *Robert E. Howard Days, 2017* such a resounding success. The on-going support of the Cross Plains community and surrounding area is greatly appreciated. Visitors from around the world are drawn back here year after year because of the friendly down-home hospitality extended to them.

Special thanks

to the City for the use of the Community Center and for the gigantic mowing efforts to make everything look its best, to the Cross Plains Public Library for welcoming the visitors and making its collection of Howard's original typescripts available for viewing, to 4His Glory for the sound system, to Jack Baum and Rusty Burke for helping with the tours, to the Methodist Church for the use of its' facilities for meetings, to all the Museum docents and registration workers, to the Post Office for the special commemorative cancellation, to Reed Construction for the use of the "old ice house," to the Review for its generous and on-going coverage, to the School for the bus and driver that made the tour possible, to Texas Heritage Bank for all the cookies,

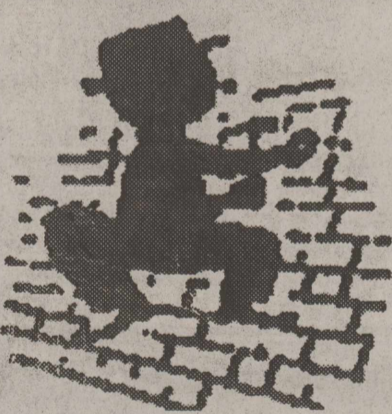
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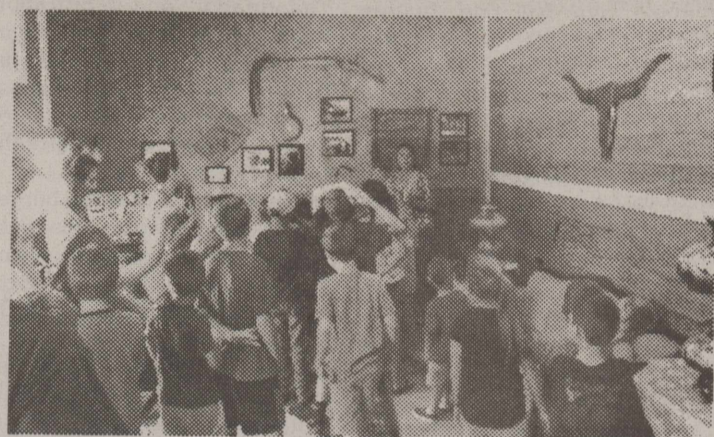
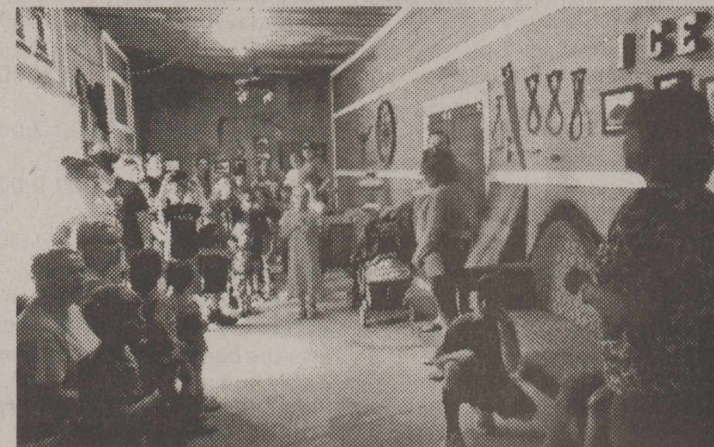
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Summer Reading Program Visits the Ice House

The Summer Reading Program at the Cross Plains Public Library began with a great experience! The thirty five attending children along with seventeen adults toured the newly renovated Ice House. Debbie Reed guided us through the history and uses of the Ice House with pictures and artifacts. We thank Debbie for sharing her knowledge and collection of Cross Plains in the 1920's and 1930's, and for the refreshing cold drinks provided!



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"Keeping our forests healthy is vital to the health of people and the entire planet," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "By planting trees in our national forests, we will preserve precious natural resources and the benefits they provide for generations to come."

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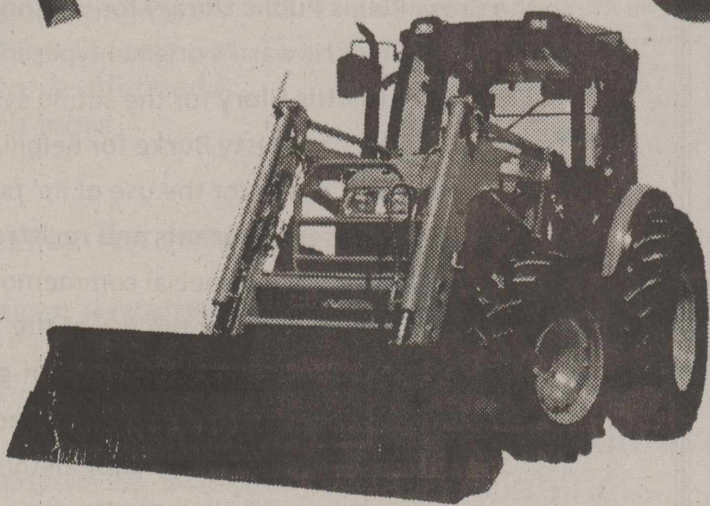
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Texas land trends tracks a changing state

By Gary Joiner
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Is Texas a rural state?
Yes. Eighty-three percent of the state's lands are farms, ranches and forests.
But it's also an urban state. Eighty-six percent of Texans live in urban areas.

Such are the dynamics of the Lone Star State, according to Dr. Roel Lopez, director of the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute.

Lopez oversees Texas Land Trends, a project that tracks the trends of farms and ranches in the state. It was developed by Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute in cooperation with Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Land Trust.

"The state is comprised of 142 million acres of farms, ranches and family forests. And the value of those lands to the 26 million Texans ranges from clean water, recreational opportunities, to open space. So, collectively, efforts to conserve those lands and promote the stewardship of those lands via private landowners are something that is important to all of us, whether you live in a city or in a rural community," said Lopez in an interview with the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network.

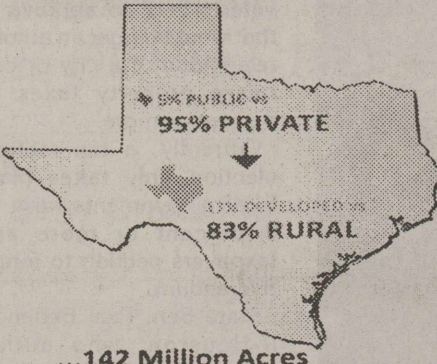
It's reported that the U.S. loses 50 acres of farmland every hour. Two million acres a year are lost to development across the country.

In Texas, fragmentation occurs alongside population growth. Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute reports more than 54 percent of total land conversion from 1997-2012 occurred in the state's 25 fastest-growing counties. During this period, about 590,000 acres were lost from the agricultural land base in these counties.

"Fragmentation is the breakup of a farm or ranch into smaller pieces," Lopez said. "Typically, what we see when that happens is there's an increased likelihood of conversion moving into some other non-ag-

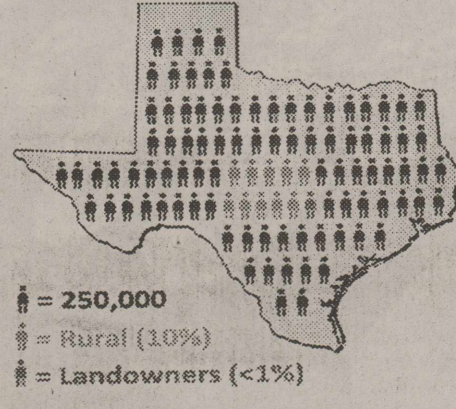
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use. Fragmentation concerns us all."

When newcomers move to Texas, most arrive in specific areas of the state.

"About 65 percent of the new growth occurs in 10 counties—counties that encompass Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, the Rio Grande Valley and El Paso. So those are the primary regions of growth," Lopez said.

He added about 40 percent of Texas landowners live in an urban center.

Eighty-five percent of land in Texas is managed by those who farm and ranch. That means 142 million acres of private working lands are owned by less than one percent of Texans. Lopez said the next 25 years represents the largest exchange of farm and ranch lands in the state's history.

The 2017 U.S. Census of Agriculture will be a critical data set for the Texas Land Trends project. Lopez said Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute draws on two data sets—the U.S. Census of Agriculture,

which is collected every five years, and state comptroller data, which is collected annually.

"Through the marriage of those two data sets, we can understand changes in land use, land values, land ownership, and so it's almost like a land demography study, if you will, in understanding what's happening to our farms, ranches and family forests," he said.

Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute reports average ownership size in Texas declined from 581 acres in 1997 to 521 acres in 2012. By the end of 2012, the Census of Agriculture accounted for nearly 249,000 farming and ranching operations in the state, representing a nine percent increase since the 1997 census.

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Cookbook Available

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

Recipes from former members of the church as well as lots of good recipes from current

members are guaranteed to be delicious. Many people will undoubtedly remember Rosa Pearl's party punch that graced many a table at wedding and baby showers as well as parties of all kinds.

Vera Pearl's quick energy treats will be remembered by many as well.

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Trans-Pecos Black-Headed Snake

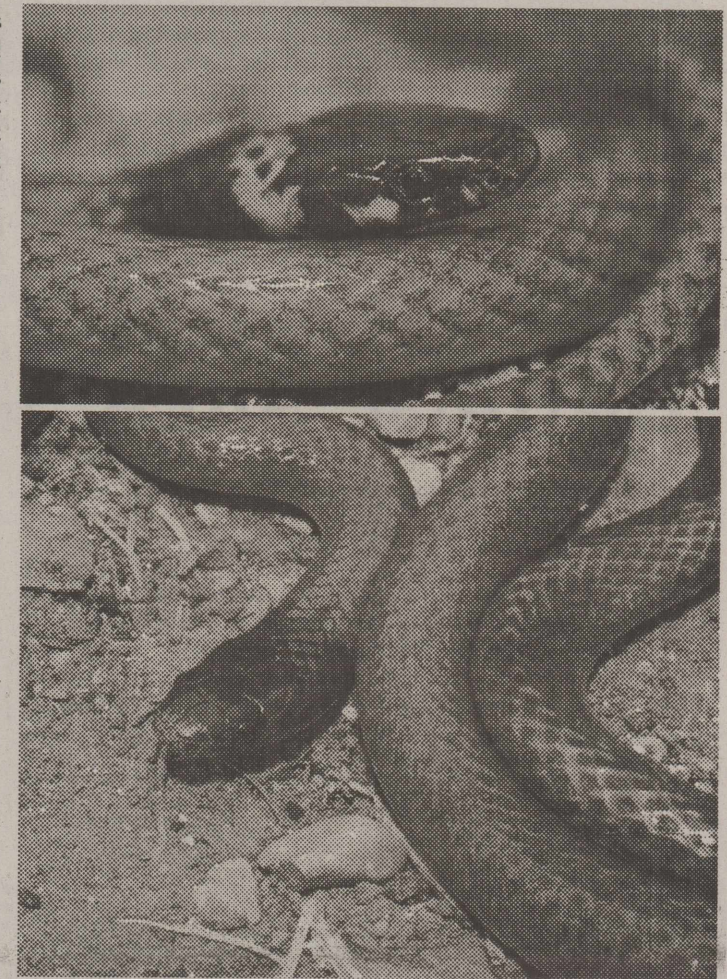
When it comes to rules, it seems that there is only one rule. And that is there are almost always exceptions to rules. But even that statement in and of itself is not a true rule, so maybe this isn't the place to discuss philosophy.

My point about exceptions to the rule applies to the size of a species of rarely-seen serpent that, up until a decade or so ago, was known from less than 50 specimens.

The Trans-Pecos Black-headed Snake (*Tantilla cucullata*) is a harmless and uber-secretive serpent that is one of five species of the genus *Tantilla* that call Texas home. But unlike the other species of this genus which are quite diminutive (averaging less than 7 inches in total length), this variety of Black-headed snake is a true giant among its kinfolk. Most adults observed are well over 1 foot in total length, and many of those are larger, up to 16 inches in total length. The record sized individual was just under 18 inches. In fact, it is more common to see the larger specimens than it is smaller individuals: out of the dozen or so of these creatures that I have been privy to find in the wild, only one was less than 12 inches.

Despite the markedly noticeable size differences, this species is like other family members in that it is rather unassuming in appearance. The body coloration varies slightly from tan to earthy-tone brown with no distinctive markings whatsoever. The head is entirely black, as if someone took the snake and dipped its head in a can of black paint. Occasionally, some individual populations will also have a white "ring" around the neck and a splash of white between the eye and the corner of the mouth. At one time, these two "morphs" were thought to be distinct enough from one another to allow for them to be taxonomically classified as two different subspecies of the same species, but genetic work has shown that these morphs are the same. The belly is and off-white coloration, and due to the dorsal scales being small and smooth, this snake oftentimes will have a glossy sheen appearance.

As their common name suggests, the Trans-Pecos Black-headed Snake has been observed throughout many of the high-elevation, heavily vegetated mountain ranges in western Texas. It is in these mountain ranges that it finds home in the grassland milieu where the soil consistency is conducive to the



Trans-Pecos Black-headed Snake (*Tantilla cucullata*)

allowance of easy burrowing penetration. A secondary habitat is the fractured terrain in and among the mesas of the lower Stockton Plateau. Wherever it occurs, the soil must have a certain amount of moisture to hold the required high humidity that it prefers.

As with almost all other reptiles that reside in temperate climates, they undergo a period of inactivity during the coldest months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. Much akin to most other harmless snakes found in Texas, Trans-Pecos Black-headed Snakes are egg-laying animals. Mating occurs primarily during the month of May and the 1-3 extremely elongate eggs are laid a month later in areas with sufficient humidity. After an approximate two-month incubation period the delicate babies hatch, and they are between a mere 5 inches in length, typically mimic the adults in color and pattern and are capable of fending for themselves from the moment they are born.

Trans-Pecos Black-headed

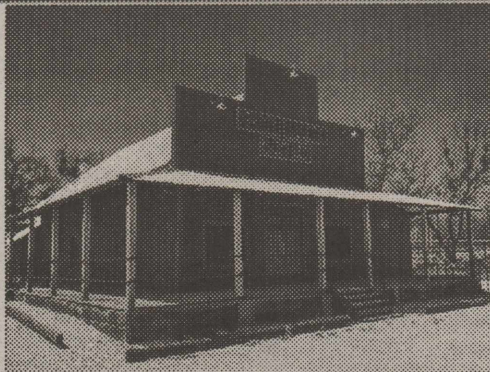
Snakes are primarily fossorial, spending the clear majority of their life underground or beneath surface debris. It is in this habitat where they find their primary prey items of centipedes, spiders, scorpions, and insect larvae. When rainfall is abundant, this species will become surface active, and the vast majority of surface sightings are of individuals found crossing roadways in these conditions.

This species, often infrequently encountered (even by those who are actually looking for it!) is probably not as rare as once thought. However, it is listed as a Threatened Species with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and as such, it is protected from capture or harm.

This species is rear-fanged and has a mild toxin, but it lacks a sophisticated venom delivery system. The venom is rather weak as well, and is used for obtaining the fierce prey items rather than for defense. Therefore, like the majority of snakes that occur in this state, it is completely harmless to humans.

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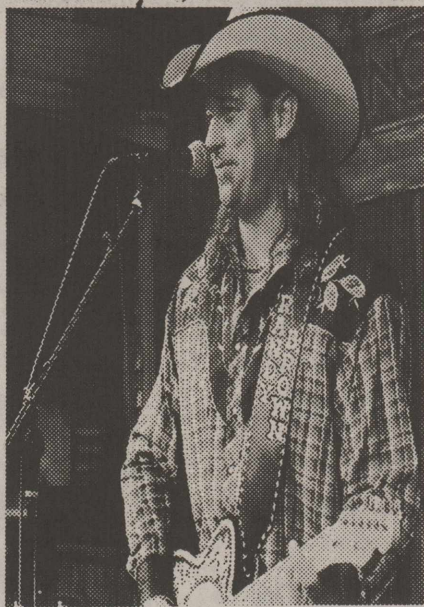
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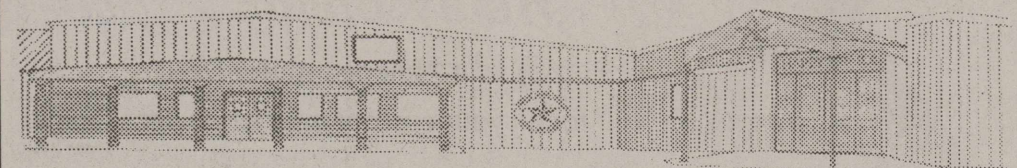
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DPS graduates 122 new Texas Highway Patrol Troopers

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw today was joined by members of the Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC), including PSC Chairman Steven P. Mach, as the department commissioned 122 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers. Chairman Mach was the keynote speaker during the recruit graduation ceremony, which was held today in Austin.

"It takes a special kind of person to be willing to sacrifice their safety in order to protect others from danger," Chairman Mach said. "In joining DPS, you have declared to the world that you intend to live a life of purpose serving and protecting the people of the great State of Texas. We are extremely fortunate for your dedication to duty and are proud of each and every one of you - our newest Texas State Troopers."

The A-2017 class, which is the department's 159th training class, included 15 women, 12 former peace officers and 48 military veterans. The oldest graduate is 49-years-old and the youngest is 21-years-old. The class also included a Trooper whose father, a Highway Patrol Sergeant, died in the line of duty in 2015. It was also the first (known) time two sisters graduated in the same class.

"These 122 graduates will join



122 OF NEWEST DPS TROOPERS OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONED THROUGHOUT TEXAS

their fellow DPS Troopers as a first line of defense against a wide variety of threats in the communities they serve," said Director McCraw. "We are counting on you to help make your communities safer, and to uphold the tradition and standards of the Texas Highway Patrol."

The new Troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

The Troopers began the

23-week training academy in January of 2017. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

DPS is currently accepting applications for recruit classes scheduled for 2018. The next

application deadline is Oct. 1, 2017, for the class beginning July 8, 2018. Are you up to the challenge? To apply or for more information about joining the legion of brave and outstanding officers at the Texas Department of Public Safety, visit www.joindps.com.

In addition, DPS schedules recruiting events throughout the year. To find an event in your region, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/trainingacademy/recruiting/recruitingEvents.htm#>.

Texas Senate approves bill that would limit local property tax growth

The Texas Senate on Tuesday voted 18-12 to approve a bill that would trigger an automatic referendum if a city or county raises property taxes by 5 percent or more.

Currently, a tax ratification election only takes place if local governments raise taxes 8 percent or more and if taxpayers petition to force the referendum.

State Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, who authored Senate Bill 2, drummed up support for the measure leading up to the legislative session by holding a series of public hearings to air property taxpayers' complaints, from big businesses to low-income families.

"When you have both taxpayers in the neediest portion of society as well as the largest taxpayers of the state having problems with tax relief, we need action," Bettencourt said on the Senate floor Tuesday. "Given the magnitude of property tax increases, we need real reform now."

The bill is necessary, he has argued, because local property tax burdens have risen faster than Texans' incomes.

Bettencourt, however, used fuzzy math to back up his claim by comparing a statewide measure of taxes to an individual-level measure of income, making it appear that tax burdens have far

outstripped incomes in recent years. In reality, they have risen at roughly the same rate.

Many city and county officials fiercely oppose Bettencourt's bill, saying that it would tie the hands of the elected representatives who know their communities best and that property tax increases are often the result of "unfunded mandates" from the state, like demands on courts and prosecutor's offices adopted by state lawmakers.

If adopted, the bill's impact on property owners will be limited because its main provisions do not affect school districts, which account for a majority of property tax levies in Texas.

In Texas, where there is no state income tax, the state government relies primarily on the 6.25 percent sales tax, while counties and school districts run almost entirely on property taxes. Cities use a blend of sales and property tax revenue.

Bettencourt initially proposed a 4 percent property tax increase as the "rollback rate" for the automatic tax referenda but raised it 5 percent when the bill was being considered by the Finance Committee, which approved it in a 9-5 party-line vote.

State Rep. Dennis Bonnen, an Angleton Republican who chairs the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, has filed a similar bill in the House.

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Weight Warriors is an informal group of like minded people who want to support each other in our journey to having the best body we can, the healthy way, God's way, so that we can be the healthiest people around.

Come on over and join us if you have a desire to be healthy, enjoy group support, and maybe lose some pounds, too.

There is no cost to be a part of this group. We ask only for donations to the local food pantry. So as we are cutting back on our food --- we can donate non-perishable items to other Cross Plains residents.

We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church located on north main past the school. Come and bring a friend.

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How to stay young (at least in spirit) when you're retired

Mohr Keet of South Africa bungee jumped when he was 96, landing himself in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Yuichiro Miura of Japan climbed Mount Everest when he was 80.

Not everyone in the golden years of life will attempt and accomplish such extraordinary feats, but most people can take steps to keep themselves young - at least in spirit - when they reach retirement.

Unfortunately, for many people retirement planning remains fixated on finances, so when the big day arrives they're not quite ready to segue into life's new chapter, says Ann Vanderslice (www.annvanderslice.com), president and CEO of Retirement Planning Strategies, which specializes in advising federal workers about their benefits.

"After you've planned for the money, there is still anxiety about retirement," she says. "You don't know what it's like to not work and so there is that emotional part of retirement you need to manage. Sometimes people aren't ready in any way, shape or form."

She says a few ways to hang onto a little youthful exuberance while aging gracefully in retirement include:

- Be a lifelong learner. Making the effort to learn about new

things keeps our brains young. Read something you wouldn't normally read. Sit in on a lecture that a college opens to the public. "Some of my clients mention they took classes in philosophy or in a foreign language," Vanderslice says. "It's proven that those who are lifelong learners have a greater sense of optimism and a lower chance of dementia."

- See the world - or at least some of it. There are no doubt plenty of places you haven't ventured out to, some close by and others far away. Traveling and enjoying new experiences is a great way to keep you feeling young and enthusiastic about life, Vanderslice says, whether you head to a state park just an hour's drive away or you board a plane bound for Paris. "Part of the fun of traveling is deciding where you want to go," Vanderslice says. "The sky should be the limit." Don't eliminate anything from your initial list just because of expense, she says. You might be able to find bargains, and because you're retired you can travel any time you want, which allows you to go in the off season when prices are lower.

- Remember your doctor's advice. Activities such as enrolling in a college class can help keep you mentally young, but you want your body to cooperate, too. "We're always

looking for that magic bullet, the easy and quick way to feeling younger," Vanderslice says. "The truth is that those things your doctor tells you - exercise, eat a healthy diet, get the appropriate amount of sleep - are about as close to a magic bullet as you're going to get."

"People think that money is the most important aspect of retirement, but it's really No. 2," Vanderslice says. "You can have more than enough money, but if you aren't healthy or doing the things you enjoy, the money won't matter."

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About Ann Vanderslice
Ann Vanderslice (www.annvanderslice.com), president and CEO of Retirement Planning Strategies, helps federal employees understand their benefits, maximize the value of their benefits, and plan for retirement, as well as organize income planning and IRA distributions. Vanderslice holds the Registered Financial Consultant designation from the International Association of Registered Financial Consultants and the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor designation from the College for Financial Planning. She is author of "Fidelity 2.0 - The Ultimate Guide to Mastering Your Federal Benefits."

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2. Grill, covered, over medium heat 10-15 minutes or until heated through. Open foil carefully to allow steam to escape. Yield: 4 servings.