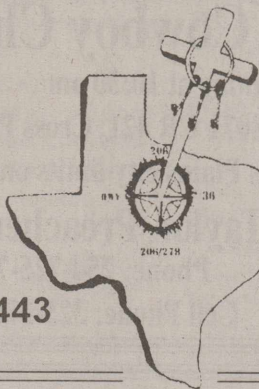


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## Early voting concludes Friday, March 2nd Callahan County voters to decide five contested races, including County Judge

Callahan County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, March 6th to choose Republican Party Primary candidates, including the position of County Judge, to replace retiring County Judge Roger Corn.

On Election Day Tuesday, March 6th, voting hours will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Countywide voting poll locations on election day Tuesday March 6th include: Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 office at 208 Oak Street in Clyde, the Eula School located at 6040 FM 603 in Eula, the Callahan County Courthouse Basement located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird, and the Cross Plains Community Center located at 108 Beech in Cross Plains.

Those seeking the office of County Judge include candidates Gerry Scott Kniffen and Bobby Don Lovell and Nicki Harle.

Another contested race of countywide interest is for

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District Clerk involving former District Clerk Sharon Owens against Molly Matties.

A third contested race is that of County Commissioner Precinct #4 (Cross Plains). Those candidates for the Commissioner Precinct #4 seat include Mike Bright, Rickey Carouth, Erwin Clark and Frankie Hyles.

The fourth local contested race in the Republican Primary Election includes that of County Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) involving Burlie Taylor and David Welch.

The final contested race in the Republican Primary Election is that of County Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 (Clyde) involving incumbent Tom Rumfield against challenger Renea McGowen Ortiz.

It should be noted that in the Republican Primary Election involving an office of more than

two candidates, the winning candidate must receive at least 50 percent, plus one additional vote, or a runoff election will take place between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Early voting for the Republican and Democratic Primary Elections will conclude this Friday, March 2nd at three early voting locations throughout Callahan County.

Countywide polling locations for early voting will be held at the Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 office at 208 Oak Street in Clyde, the Callahan County Courthouse Basement located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird, and the Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 office located at 424 South Main Street in Cross Plains.

Voters throughout Callahan County can vote at any of the early voting locations.

The early voting hours will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. through Friday, March 2nd.



The Buffaloes Captured the Bi-District Championship with a victory over Richland Springs. The team moved on to the Region II Area finals against Bronte. Photos inside.

## Deadlines for T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Baseball and Softball March 10th and March 18th

Sign-ups for t-ball, machine pitch, baseball, and softball have already started! Please go online to sign your child up today.

The website to sign your child up is [crossplainsyouthsports.com](http://crossplainsyouthsports.com).

For questions please contact: Matt Reed 325-660-4162, Gary Moses 325-370-6678 or Tony Beggs 325-642-0786.

Softball deadline is March 10th.

Baseball (T-ball, Machine Pitch, 10U, 12U and 14U) deadline is March 18th.

## Cross Plains VFD Brisket Sandwich and Hamburger Cookout to be held March 10th

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be cooking brisket sandwiches, hamburgers and hotdogs in front of Lowe's Market on Saturday, March 10th.

Come out and get a fresh hot lunch and support your local firefighters.

## Big Fire off FM 2228 on Sunday



Firefighters from Cross Plains VFD responded to a large grass fire off of FM2228 on Sunday. Thanks to mutual aid from Baird VFD, Rising Star VFD, Putnam VFD and Cottonwood VFC and two bulldozers from the Texas Forest Service, the fire was contained and extinguished. 135 acres burned. Cross Plains VFD Firefighters were on the scene for seven hours on Sunday. The Burn Ban is now on. No outdoor burning is permitted.

## Dance at Senior Center on Monday, March 12th

Come dance the night away at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Monday, March 12th, 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 has 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!



## Callahan County Burn Ban now in effect

Callahan County has reinstated the Countywide Burn Ban effective immediately.

County Judge Roger Corn said the Ban was reinstated

Monday, February 26th and will be in effect until county commissioners determine when to lift it.

## Library Book Sale, Saturday, March 3rd

Hundreds of different titles at the Library Book Sale on March 3rd.

We are moving books around and restocking our shelves! Spend some time browsing through the Cross Plains Public Library Book Sale, Saturday, March 3rd, across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch on Highway 36.

We are open between 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Our suggested donation is \$1/bag.

Where else can you get so much for only \$1? And those dollars add up to extra revenue for the library to help with our operating expenses.

We have added new historical romance, Christian fiction, mysteries, more Reader's Digest Condensed Books, westerns, sci-fi/fantasy, and so much more! We have more DVDs and books on CD, too. Stop in and visit us!

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## Buffaloes Reign as Bi-District Champions

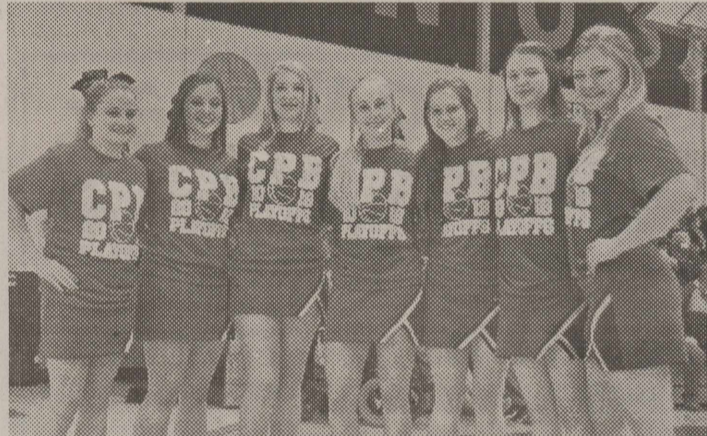
Buffaloes Fans turned out in force to Bangs High School to cheer on the Buffaloes as they faced off against Richland Springs Tuesday night in the Bi-District Championship.

The Buffaloes were victorious over the Coyotes, 56-43, and moved on to the Region II Area

Finals on Friday night.

The Buffaloes travelled to Merkel to face the Bronte Longhorns. While the game was close, in the end the Longhorns defeated the Buffaloes 62-46.

Congratulations Buffaloes on a great season!



Seniors 2018

### Local Nursing Home Receives Top Rating

Rising Star Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rising Star Texas has been rated 'Five Star' overall quality by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). Posted on February 26, the rating system takes into account quality measures, staffing and health inspections. Five star is the highest rating. This information may be found at medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare.



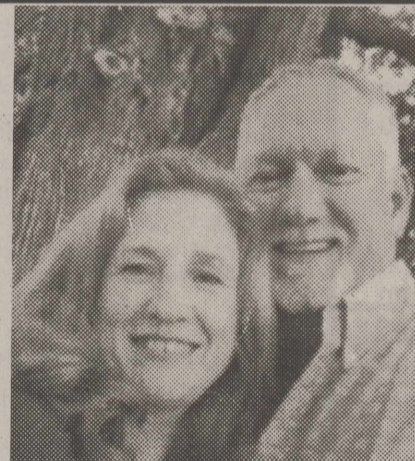
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### Scranton Musical

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen will be hosted by Allison Roy of Eastland. Serving begins at 5:00 with the menu special of Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, and green beans. The Special for \$5.00 includes your choice of drink with free refills. In addition to the Special there will also be sandwiches for \$1.50 and homemade pie slices for \$1.00. All proceeds of the kitchen go to the continuous upkeep of the Community Center. Donations for current roof repair needs and the new sound system are gladly accepted. Volunteer help to host the kitchen is also needed if we are to continue having a meal with the Musical. Information about each of these needs is available at the musical from any of the kitchen volunteers. Music begins at 5:30 with a line up of musicians to entertain you until about 10:00. We look forward to you joining us for a pleasant evening of good food, entertainment, and fellowship. See you Saturday!



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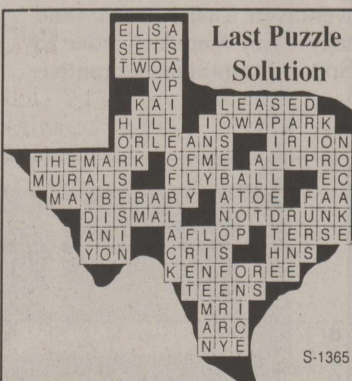
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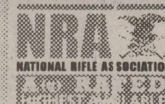
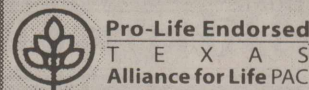
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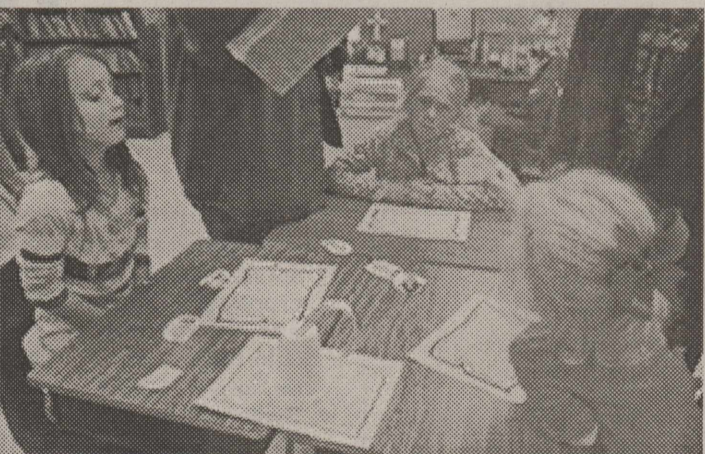
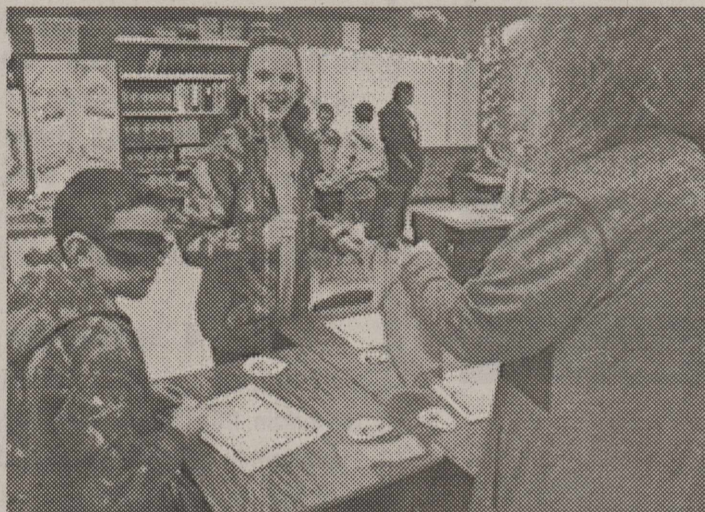
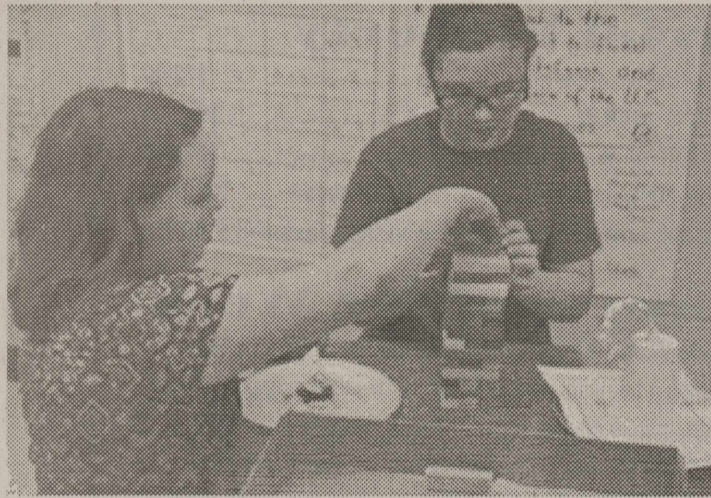
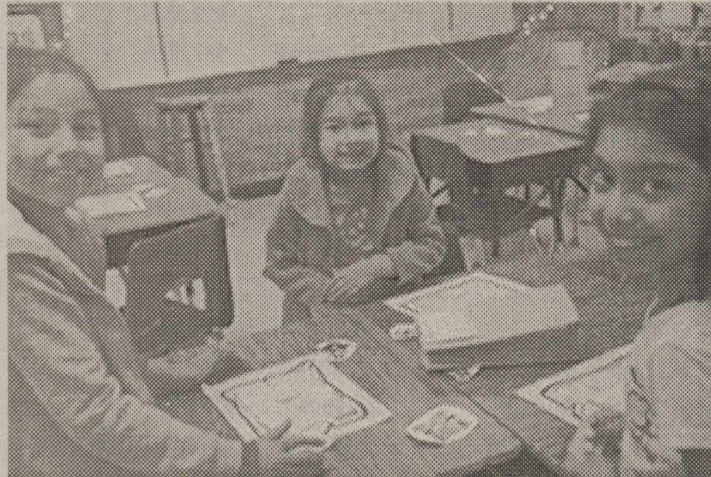
# "Pirates" Visited Math and Literacy Night at Cross Plains Elementary

Monday evening, February 12, the Kindergarten through 4th grade students were invited to our yearly Math & Literacy Night. Thank you to all the Cross Plains PTO moms who helped decorate and prepare the halls with all types of sea creatures and ship decor.

There were nine different pirate themed activities in our classrooms, that were both fun and educational for the students

and parents. The activities included counting treasure, reading pirate books, and creating pirate hats and paper hooks. There were pirate ship snacks and pirate flag drawings for the students as well. Over 130 parents and students came to the event. It was a great evening for everyone.

Leslie Lawrence  
Principal  
Cross Plains Elementary



# School Board Minutes, February 21, 2018

February 21, 2018  
The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Porcius Potter, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey, and Bryan Bennett. Davy Crockett was absent.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence, Athletic Director Daniel Purvis, Technology Coordinator Dade Cosby and guests Terrie Parum, Ashley Hall, Jesse Markham, Jessica Taff, Jeff Key, Wendy Key, Christine Farley, Amber Snell, Jim Cook, Scott Byrd, and Keeka Byrd.

Prayer was led by Bryan Bennett.

Went into executive session at 8:18 p.m./came out of executive session at 10:25 p.m. concerning personnel.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we accept minutes with corrections. For 5/Against 0/Abstain Bennett.

Motion was made by Bennett

and seconded by Shepard that we approve Cheerleader Constitution. For 6/Against 0  
Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Shepard that we approve an agreement with Rising Star ISD concerning transporting transfer students.

For 6/Against 0  
Went into executive session at 11:05 p.m./came out of executive session at 1:00 a.m. concerning personnel.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Cowan that we extend A.D. contract through June 2020. For 5/Against 0

Bryan Bennett left.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams that we extend Elementary Principal contract through 2020. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we extend High School Principal Contract through June 2019. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams that we adjourn. For 5/Against 0

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## Celebrate the Earth - ASAP After School Program, March 7th

The ASAP program is full swing at the library. The program is held the first Wednesday in each month and continues through Spring. All programs are from 4pm - 5pm.

March's program, on Wednesday, March 7th, is "Celebrate Earth" with the Garden Club. Remaining programs: April 4: Bug Day...all about Bugs. Schedule is subject to change.

## Cross Plains VFD Needs Your Help

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department needs your help!

Many people may not realize that equipment like the "Jaws of Life" and the air tanks and breathing apparatus that the firemen use in house and structure fires need to be inspected and re-certified each year.

This inspection on the life-saving equipment, plus major repairs to the firetrucks, has cost the Fire Department over \$10,000, just in the past month or so.

This expenditure, plus insurance and other current expenses have left the department in a financial crunch.

Over the past year, the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department responded to 69

calls, many of those were grass fires that the department was able to contain and keep the damage to a minimum.

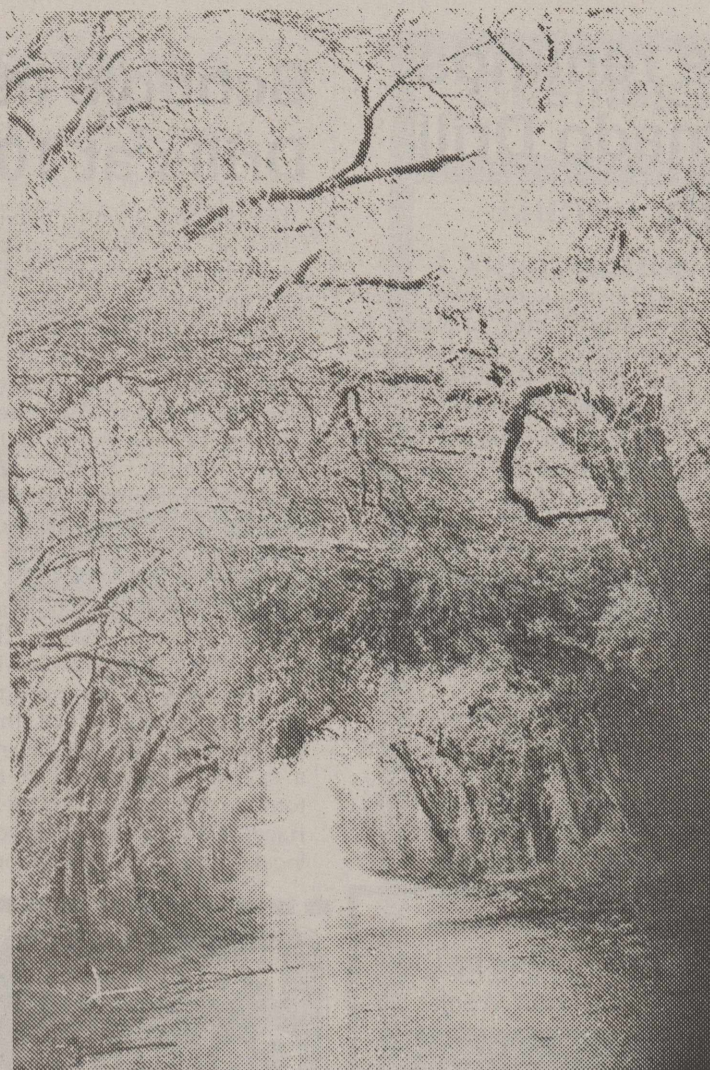
Some of the calls were for automobile wrecks, where the "Jaws of Life" and other instruments were used to extricate people from their vehicle.

Other calls were for structure fires and automobile fires.

CPVFD has been there on call, ready to roll and put out the fire and work the wreck.

Now, CPVFD needs you help. If you've been thinking about making a donation to help out local fire department, now is the time.

Please send your tax-deductible donation to: CPVFD, P. O. Box 399, Cross Plains, TX 76443.



Ice Blanketed the Cross Plains area on Wednesday and Thursday as freezing rain fell and temperatures dipped into the 20s. CPISD closed on Thursday and many events and meetings were either closed or postponed. Area residents spent the weekend cleaning up trees, limbs and branches as a result of the ice storm.

## Cross Plains Community Calendar

### ~ March ~

March 3 - Saturday, Ranch Roping - Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Arena

March 7 - Wednesday, ASAP Program at the Library, Celebrate Earth with the Garden Club, 4 p.m.

March 9 - Friday, School's out at 1 p.m.

March 9 - Friday, Cross Plains Elementary My School Color Run, 2 p.m.

March 10 - Saturday, Cross Plains VFD Hamburger Cookout, Lowe's Market

March 12 - Monday, Senior Dance, Cross Plains Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.

March 12-16 - Spring Break - School's out

March 20 - Tuesday, School's out, District Academic Meet

March 23 - Friday, Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Fish Fry.

March 29 - Thursday, Maundy Thursday Service, First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.

March 29 - Thursday, School's out at 1 p.m.

March 30 - Friday, Easter Holiday - School's out

March 30 - Good Friday Service, First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.

### ~ April ~

April 1 - Sunday, Easter; Sunrise Service, First United Methodist Church, 7 a.m.

April 2 - Monday, Easter Holiday - School's out

April 4 - Wednesday, ASAP Program at the Library, "Bug Day...all about Bugs", 4 p.m.

April 6 - Friday, Cross Plains VFD Fish Fry, First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 5-7 p.m.

April 7 - Saturday, Burkett Volunteer Fire Department Annual Barbeque

April 13 - Friday, Cross Plains Garden Club Plant Sale, Library Park, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

April 16 - Monday - CPISD Student Holiday

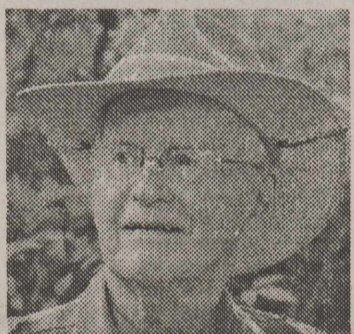
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### LIFE SAVING MEMORIES

Your dogs can give you lasting memories. Mine all have.

Although it had nothing to do with dogs, last Saturday, we watched "The Guardian," a Kevin Costner movie about U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmers. It brought back memories of my own life saving course.

Thankfully, I never had to save a human life by swimming. I did once pluck a toddler out of the Guadalupe River after the tyke fell off a walkway, but I was never in danger.

In the life saving course, I was in plenty of danger. I was a skinny, 14-year old, 120-pounder. The instructor was several years older and was built like an NFL defensive back. And he didn't seem to like me.

He tried to drown me during the final exam when he over-played the part of a drowning man who tries to grab hold of the would-be life saver trying to help him and pulls him under. I was surprised I passed.

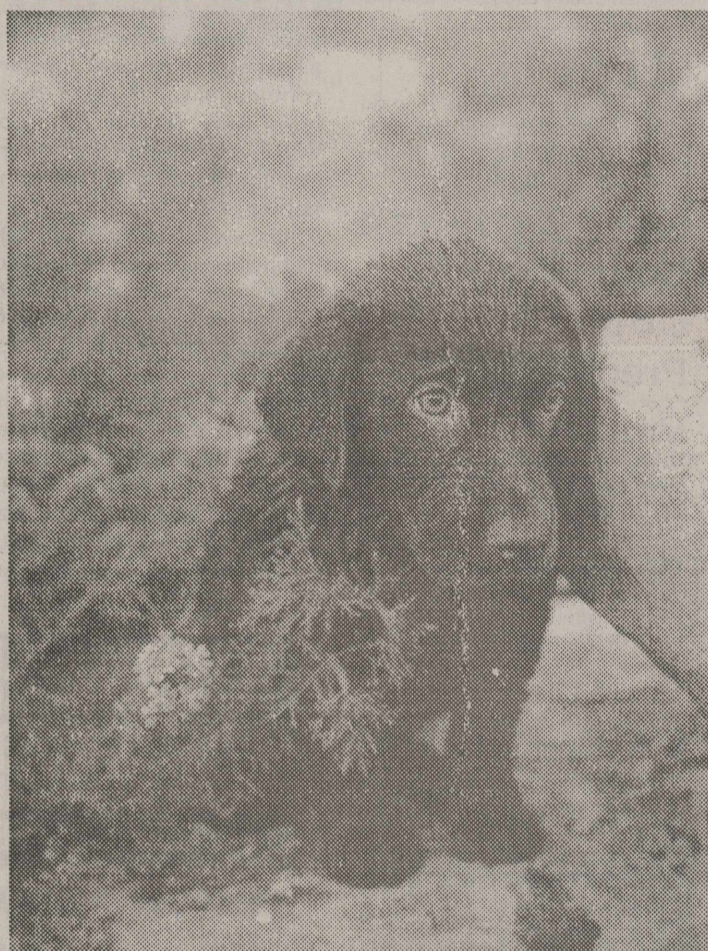
The only application of my training came years later, on the first day on a new deer lease. After the morning hunt, we decided to move a stand. My Labrador, Piloncillo, rode with us.

As we were moving the stand near the lake, I heard barking. It sounded more like baying. I looked toward the sound, and spied Pilo chasing one of the rancher's young goats. Pilo was baying. They were closing on the lake. I yelled, "STOP!", to no avail.

The chase ended at the water as the goat jumped in, frantically trying to swim away. Pilo turned and looked at me as if to say, "Does that critter think it can outswim a Lab?" Then she launched in.

I got her back, and watched. The goat, with un-webbed, cloven hoofs, was having a hard time - about to go under. We had to help. The ranch owner, a woman in her 70s, had never leashed before, and was dubious about us. We were on our best behavior, and surely didn't want to drown one of her goats.

One of the younger hunters said he'd go after the goat. My dog



Young Pilo pitifully pondering the rude introduction to swimming after being tossed into the creek by her mistress. Being a Labrador, though, she quickly got over it. Photo by John Jefferson

had caused it, so I said I would go, and began stripping down to my underwear. The others seemed relieved. As I waded out into the November-chilled water, the goat moved further away. My swim got longer. I remembered the instructor had told me life-saving was never easy. I finally caught up with it, grabbing the hair on the back of its neck just as it started sinking, and began side-stroking the 30 yards to shore.

My hunting buddies were literally rolling on the ground laughing at my life-saving a stupid goat!

I was afraid to tell the rancher about it, and didn't for ten years. When I finally did, she laughed as hard as the hunters had, and said I needed to write about it. Just did.

I wonder if the Boy Scouts give a merit badge for that kind of life-saving ... and what it would look like!

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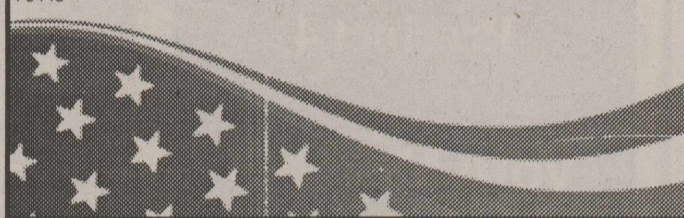
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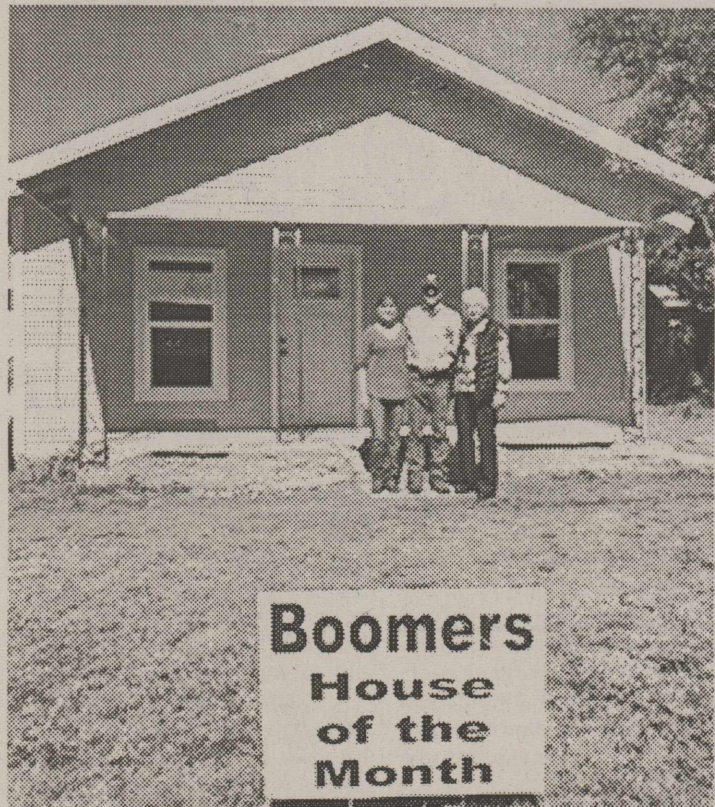
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### Boomers House of the Month

### Burkett Boomer News

An abundance of recipes for the tasting were available at the Nacho Valentine's Mexican Food Supper held on February 14. The Christian Life Center was filled with fellowship that evening as the Burkett Boomers discussed their projects for the year ahead.

The Spring "Clean It Up! Day" is scheduled for April 14th. Focus for the project will be cutting brush and trees from the ditches in order for the County to grade our streets. Picking up litter, mowing and weed eating are also on the project list. We would like for the unique stone walls around town to be worked upon in order for them to once again exhibit their charm and

workmanship. Volunteers are welcome as there is plenty of work to be done and would be greatly appreciated.

The Burkett Boomers designated the house of Jackie and Julie Strickland as the "House of the Month" for February. Originally built in 1926 by Lat and Eunice Strickland, this 92 year-old home place once again proudly shines alongside the Pecan Bayou in this little community. Long hours have been lovingly performed to restore this home place. Jackie and Julie are joined in the photo by Mrs. Lovera Strickland.

Congratulations on a job well done.

### Cottonwood News

Well, we hoped for some moisture and we got it in the form of rain and ice. It was an ice storm unlike we've seen in years I believe. The live oaks and cedars took it very hard with branches falling everywhere. All roads around Cottonwood were impassible for 2 days. Power was lost several times in different areas. Taylor Electric crews worked into all hours restoring power and clearing branches from lines. One truck backed a little too far into the ditch and sunk. A few locals went out of their way to get them unstuck and back to work. Roy Boyd and Adrian Allen slipped and slid down the dirt roads into Cottonwood to get the deuce and a half fire truck to pull them out, Ricky Carouth ventured down 880 from Cross Plains to lend a hand, and Jimmy Joy showed up with his tractor. Ultimately, it took the pulling power of the tractor to get our lineman out of the mud and back tending to our power problems. The entire community thank you gentleman, both locals and linemen, for helping out when needed and braving the horrible weather.

The burn ban was lifted briefly, but reinstated Monday morning. We may have received some rain and ice, but the dry vegetation is still abundant and a fire can start quick. CVFC responded to a wildfire Sunday afternoon north of Cottonwood alongside several other fire departments. It took several hours to get the blaze contained and crews fought

very rugged and inhospitable terrain. The deuce and half's really showed their worth in this area and without them, access to some of the areas of fire would not have been possible. The forestry service dozer team was able to get ahead of the fire and cut a line to stop it. Again, we are back in a burn ban so please, no outdoor burning or any kind.

We apologize the weather caused the Cottonwood Country Musical to be cancelled this past Friday, but we are still on for next month, March 23rd. This is the yearly fish fry for CVFC held in conjunction with the musical. Fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and desert will be on the menu. We hope to see you there and thank you for your support of the Cottonwood Historical Association and Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group.

Terry and Candy Tate had their youngest grandson, Lochlan, visiting for the week. His middle eldest brother, Ian, was competing in gymnastics in Austin (in which he earned 1st place overall, Good Job, Ian!) and eldest brother Connor was attending a birthday and stayed with other grandparents. Terry and Candy enjoyed having him and Lochlan enjoyed spending time with his grandparents.

If you have any news or information you would like printed in this column, call me at (325) 260-7749 or email at fcreamer88@yahoo.com.  
Forrest Creamer

### Ranch Sorting at TCRC on Saturday, March 3rd

Turkey Creek Rodeo Club is holding their first Ranch Sorting of the year on, Saturday, March 3rd.

Books open at 9:00am, the first class starts at 10:00am. Boosting 5 classes; Open, Masters (50+), #8, Youth (-16), and #4, riders of all ages and skill levels have an opportunity to compete at their level and speed.

Two classes, the Masters and the #4 class will be utilizing Western Heritage Style rules. The sorter must stay at a walk or trot (jog), the holder may lope to hold the gate, but must walk or trot (jog) if they head towards the herd and riders are not allowed to shout or yell at the cattle. Whistling, clucking, and the slapping of hands on chaps or legs is permitted.

The Open, Youth, and

#8 classes will be using standard rules, cantering and vocalizations allowed. In the #8, the sorter cannot accede a #4. The entry fees for youth riders participating in the youth class has been lowered to \$15 per run. To encourage seasoned riders to mentor younger ones, the entry fee for the gate holder has been waved (youth class only).

If you have young horses that need more life experience, bring them down, let them spend the day tied to the trailer, ride them around, expose them to new sites and sounds.

If Mother Nature gets playful again and you have concerns regarding the sorting, please check the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club's Facebook page or contact Ginger Bunn at 1-817-694-7991.

### Senior Citizens Center Activities

March 5th - March 9th

Monday-5th Exercise 11:00/Music Jam 6:00pm  
Tuesday-6th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 pm  
Wednesday-7th Exercise 11:00  
Thursday-8th Exercise 11:00/Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 and 1:05  
Friday-9th Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15 with Ray

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

March 5th - March 9th

Monday 5th- King Ranch Chicken, Mexican Corn, Chips, Fruit, Cookie	Thursday 1st- Pulled Pork Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Chips, Dessert
Tuesday 6th-Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Chips & Salsa, Dessert	Friday 2nd-Vegetable Beef Soup, 1/2 Pimento Cheese, Sandwich, Crackers, Dessert
Wednesday 7th-Salisbury Steak, Potatoes with Gravy, Broccoli and Cheese, Bread, Dessert	MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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### Chamber Chatter

Warm weather means that Junkin' Daze is open, and Terrie is hanging out on one of the chairs out front. Be sure to stop in and see what new items she's put out.

The daffodils are popping up all over town. It's hard to believe that there was ice on ground Thursday and then warmed up enough to have daffodil blooms and wear t-shirts on Monday.

Anthony's Automotive is making great progress on their new building. They should be moving into their new location within a week or so.

The nice weather is a great opportunity to start going through your sheds and outbuildings, deciding what to keep and what to "rehome" in the Spring Community Wide Garage Sale on April 7th.

If you haven't done so yet, you should take a walk down Main Street and try out the new swings that are going up. Relax, sit down with a friend, drink some sweet tea and watch the cars drive by.

Check to see when your vehicle registration needs to be renewed, Hutton Auto Repair does Safety and DOT Inspections.

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### CPHS Track Schedule

	High School	
February 22	Thursday	Dublin
March 1	Thursday	Cross Plains
March 8	Thursday	DeLeon
March 17	Saturday	Hamlin
March 24	Saturday	Springtown
March 29	Thursday	Albany
April 4	Wednesday	May (District)
April 19	Thursday	May (Area)
April 27-28	Fri-Sat	San Angelo (Regionals)
May 11-12	Fri-Sat	Austin (State)
	Junior High	
February 23	Friday	Dublin
March 2	Friday	Cross Plains
March 9	Friday	DeLeon
March 19	Monday	May
March 26	Monday	May (District)

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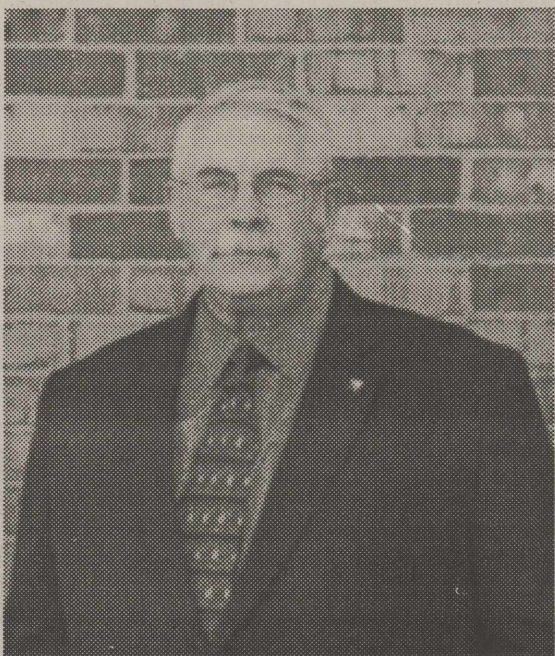
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**2018 SKYWARN  
training schedule**

The National Weather Service has announced the upcoming SKYWARN training schedule for 2018. The schedule dates are as follows:

Saturday February 24th: Taylor County, Abilene, Abilene Christian University-Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building (Hart Auditorium) 9 AM to Noon.

Monday February 26th: Sterling County, Sterling City, Fire Dept. 7:00 PM.

Tuesday February 27th: McCulloch County, Brady, VFW At Richards Park 6:30 PM.

Saturday March 3rd: Brown County, Brownwood, Howard Payne University-Newman Hall 9 AM to Noon.

Monday March 5th: Jones County, Stamford, Fire Dept. TBD.

Monday March 12th: Coleman County, Coleman, Coleman Public Library 6:30 PM.

Monday March 19th: Nolan County, Sweetwater, Texas State Technical College 6:00 PM.

Tuesday March 20th: Menard County, Menard, Fire Dept. 7:00 PM.

Wednesday March 21st: Sutton County, Sonora Fire Dept. TBD.

Thursday April 12th: Runnels County, Ballinger, Fire Dept. 7:00 PM.

Saturday April 14th: Tom Green County, San Angelo, Trinity Lutheran Church 9 AM to Noon.

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(AUSTIN) — Texas families can lock in today's cost of undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities by enrolling their children in the tax-advantaged Texas Tuition Promise Fund prior to the close of the current enrollment period on Feb. 28.

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

"The Texas Tuition Promise Fund provides an opportunity to start paying for your child's future higher education at today's costs," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "Starting a plan for your child's education today will help you save money on tomorrow's expenses."

To enroll children younger than 1 in the program at 2017-18 prices, the deadline extends to July 31. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2018-19 academic year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at TuitionPromise.org, or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

Purchasers should carefully consider the risks, administrative fees, service and other charges and expenses associated with the contracts, including Plan termination and decreased transfer or refund value. The Plan Description and Master Agreement contains this and other information about the Plan and may be obtained by visiting the website or calling 800-445-GRAD (4723). Purchasers should read these documents carefully before purchasing a contract.

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**"What Differentiates Me from My Opponent?"**

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to so many of you who I have had the pleasure of meeting over the past few months. I've grown up in and at the age of 22 became a homeowner in Callahan County. This county has always held a special place in my heart. I have been reminded in visiting with so many of you, whether it was over a glass of iced tea or by being invited into your home after knocking on your door, as to why the people who call Callahan County home are special.

When I set out on this journey of running for Callahan County District Clerk I knew I wanted to serve the public and to give back to the communities that have given me so much. Now, knowing so many more of you on a personal level, I am even more resolved to serve with passion, conviction, and hard work if you elect me as your next District Clerk.

I wanted to take this final opportunity to address what sets me apart from my opponent, Sharon Owens. My opponent retired in 2014, but now says that she wants to return. Many have asked me: "if she were to be elected again, would she be allowed to collect both a retirement check and a paycheck?" I checked into the matter, and yes, this is true.

Often in a political race you have no way of knowing how either candidate would perform if elected. In this case, you must only look back 4 years to see how my opponent previously ran her office. While I believe things are more on the right track now, under the leadership of the current District Clerk Amber Tinsley, it is critical that we continue to build on the progress that has been made and not return to the past. I believe that it is important to point out the differences in how I would conduct myself versus the history of how my opponent ran her office prior to her retirement in 2014, to highlight the clear choice you have in this election. What differentiates me from my opponent?

1. COLLECTION OF FEES Myself: Will gladly accept any money owed to the District Clerk in the form of cash, certified funds, credit or debit cards

Opponent: When holding the office up until 2014 refused to take credit or debit cards although other county offices accepted both at the time

2. OFFICE HOURS Myself: I would hold myself to the same standards as the other office staff

Opponent: Was hard to catch in the office due to often coming in late and leaving early

3. PASSPORTS Myself: Would continue to cross train the staff so that any staff member could issue a passport

Opponent: Required an appointment, as she was the only one allowed to issue a passport

(Note: Passport fees are up 105% for the first 2 years of Amber Tinsley's term as District Clerk, when compared to the last 2 years of Sharon Owens term. This represents an additional \$4,550 to the county's fee income)

4. REPORTS Myself: Would report funds collected to the County Auditor & Treasurer monthly or sooner if prescribed by policy or law

Opponent: Often was multiple months behind in her reporting

5. OFFICE SUPPLIES Myself: Would continue the new policy of shopping for the best prices to save taxpayer money

Opponent: Paid \$89.90 per case of premium copy paper even though standard paper would suffice and could be purchased for less than \$30 per case

6. CONTRACTS Myself: Would work with the Commissioners' Court and other county officials to make sure all contracts and agreements for the District Clerk's office are approved in the proper manner and follow all applicable laws.

Opponent: Entered into a contract, in 2010, with a Records Management Software company without the approval of Commissioners' Court, without the signature of the County Judge, or review by IT support. Entering into a contract on behalf of the county without Commissioners' Court approval violates Texas Local Government Code, with is the law that outlines contract execution on behalf of the county

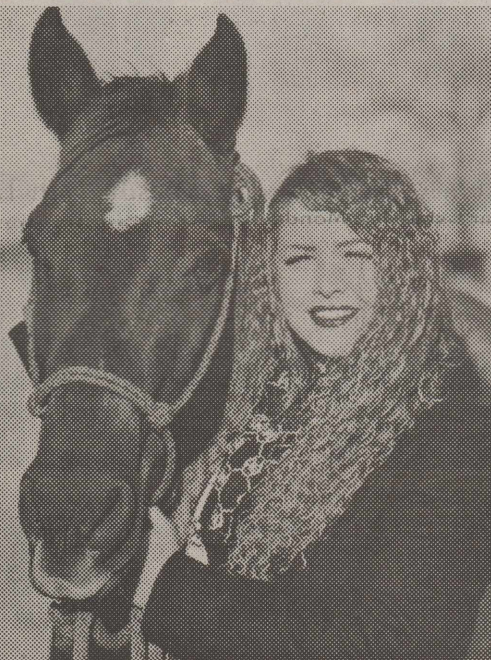
(This information was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request that any citizen has the right to ask for.)

I feel these issues show a clear distinction in how I would serve you and lead the District Clerk's office in the future, versus how things were conducted in the past.

By running for District Clerk, I am trying to make a positive difference in the future of Callahan County. I believe that hard-work, common sense, and fairness to all go a long way in serving the public. My goal would be to serve you well and to carry out my duties in a manner that would make you proud.

I am asking you to vote for the future, I am asking for Your Vote on March 6th

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## Matt Reeves Named American Rodeo Champion Steer Wrestler

Cross Plains resident Matt Reeves took down his steer in 3.73 seconds to edge the nearest competitor by more than a 10th of a second, earning him the title of Champion Steer Wrestler and a prize of over \$400,000 in the RFD-TV The American Rodeo on Sunday night in Arlington.

In addition to the Champion Steer Wrestler prize of \$100,000, Reeves was one of a select group of invitees to The American that would split a \$1,000,000 bonus pool if they went through qualifying rounds and won in their event.

Reeves won and split the payout with two other



**Champion Steer Wrestler Matt Reeves**

competitors, bareback rider Kaycee Feild and saddle bronc champion Cort Scheer.

Congratulations Matt, we're proud to have you represent Cross Plains.

## Clothes Closet Has Clothes

Stop by Kingdom's Door Clothes Closet this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and shop, shop, shop.

You will find something for the whole family ladies clothing, men's clothing as well as children clothing. The clothing is free. Everyone is welcome.

The Clothes Closet is also caring small kitchen appliances and other household items too.

The Clothes Closet is located behind the Baptist Church.

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## Teens Act Quick To Put Out Fire

A tragedy may have been averted due to the fast action on the part of Tripp Thomas and Cayla Barron on Monday night.

Several fires were started along the road and in front of an elderly couple's home along FM 421, further out from 8th Street from Cross Plains.

Tripp literally stomped out and

extinguished all the fires but one, and Cayla promptly called 911 which allowed Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department to extinguish the largest fire.

When you see them, please extend your thanks to these two very thoughtful young people for their help and assistance to the community.

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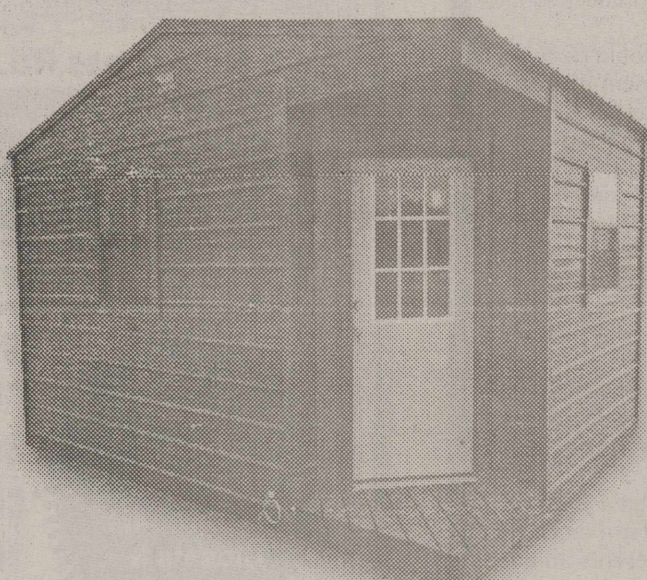
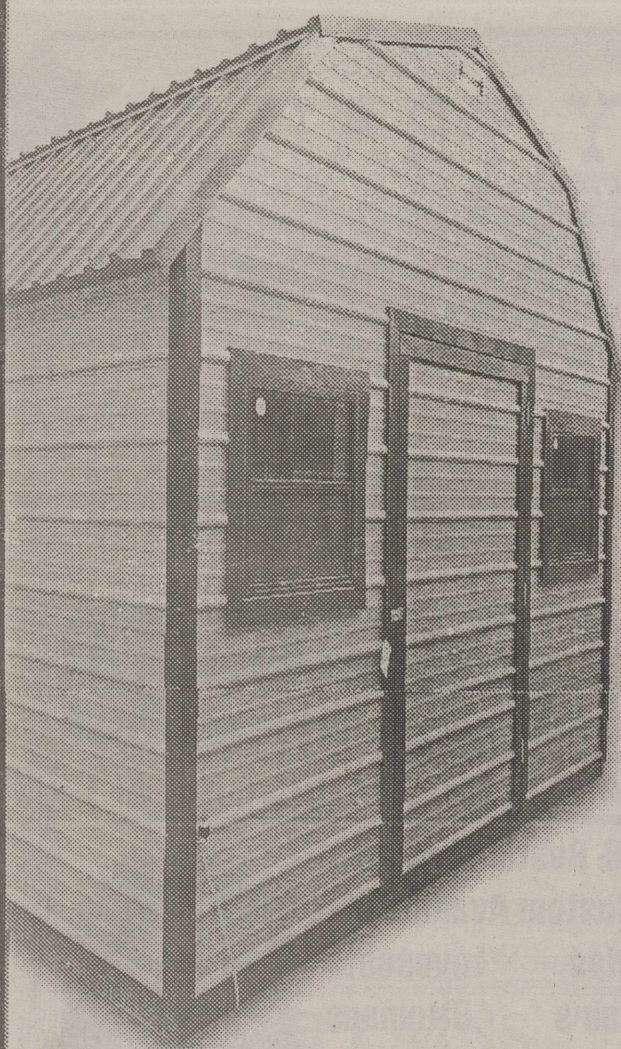
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