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## City of Comanche Animal Shelter now open and in full operation . . .

The City of Comanche Animal Shelter is currently open and operating. For several months the animal control officer has been answering calls for service in the city. Access to the animal shelter is controlled due to a critical infrastructure being at the same location. Access to the animal shelter for adopting an animal or surrendering an animal will be done by appointment. The appointment can be made by contacting the Animal Control officer at 325.356.5685. There is still an ongoing search for an Animal Control Technician. If anyone is interested they should contact the police department at 325.356.3074. A person interested in this position will be required to complete an application and pass a thorough background investigation.

The City of Comanche requires a ninety five dollar (\$95.00) fee for the adoption of an animal. For citizens to surrender their animals to the shelter the following cost apply: residents of the City of Comanche, cats \$25.00, dogs \$25.00, litters of cats or dogs \$45.00 and for individuals who are not residents of the City of Comanche the fee will be \$50.00. Large animals (livestock) will not be accepted for owner surrender. Animals that are surrendered will be kept by the animal shelter for a period of 72 hours to allow time to see if the animal can be adopted or sent to a rescue.

The current schedule for the Animal Control Officer will be Monday and Tuesday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Wednesday 10 A.M. to 7 P.M., Thursday and Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. The Animal Control Officer's primary duty station on Wednesday will be the animal shelter, unless she receives a call for service.

## Comanche Lions Club Scholarship Chili Supper

Tuesday, February 5th the Comanche Noon Lions Club will have a Chili Supper at the high school Commons. The supper will coincide with the district basketball game between Comanche and Early. The supper will begin at 5:00 p.m.

All proceeds go into the Memorial Scholarship Funds for former Lions, Dr. William "Doc" Calhoun, H.R. Jeffries, and Jim Wilkerson. Each year the Lions give scholarships in memory of each of these gentlemen at the annual scholarship program at Comanche High School.

The supper will include chili, cornbread, and dessert. Please come out and support the Lions and the students of Comanche High School and also enjoy some exciting basketball action.

## 2018 3A All-Big Country football Player of the Year, Kade Mercer

From Abilene Reporter News

There was rarely a time Mercer was on the sideline. As the team's leading rusher and tackler, Mercer's presence was felt on both sides of the ball. His endurance allowed him to be where Comanche needed him. And it wasn't just this season. Mercer has started for the Indians since his freshman year and never missed a game.

The Indians entered District 6-3A Division II play at 2-3 and opened with one of the toughest opponents in Jacksboro. Mercer responded with 92 rushing yards and two scores to go with 13 tackles and a sack in a 24-14 victory. "That was the win that kind of got us (saying), 'All right, here we go. Let's go win another district title,'" Comanche coach Stephen Hermesmeyer said.

"When you're trying to win ballgames, it's hard to get a kid like that off the field," Hermesmeyer said. "Quite a few of those games, he didn't come off the field much, especially in the second half when the game was on the line. And he wanted to be in there. That's the kind of kid he is. He wants to be right in the middle of it when the game's on the line, and he thrives in those situations."

Mercer, who is exploring opportunities to play at the college level, ran for 1,419 yards and 20 TDs, adding 10 catches for 211 yards and another score. On defense, the senior racked up 116 tackles, 17 for a loss, 10 sacks, five interceptions, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries to help Comanche reach the third round.

Mercer also received first team running back and line backer honors.

Kendal Beck received All-Big Country offensive lineman first team honors. The senior finished with 42 pancakes and 53 cut blocks while grading out at 91 percent.

Dakota Moreno received All-Big Country defensive lineman first team honors. The senior totaled 71 tackles, including eight for a loss. Moreno also had six sacks and 10 QB pressures.

## U.S. stamps increase

The price of a "Forever" stamp has gone up a nickel to 55 cents.

While not exorbitant, the price increase is part of the biggest price jump on stamps in the United States Postal Service history. And it's a result of the pressure the agency is facing to dig itself out of a deep financial hole.

In November, the agency reported a loss of \$3.9 billion for fiscal year 2018, despite seeing growth in its shipping and packaging business.

Stamps with the "Forever" designation retain their value no matter how prices change in the future.

In addition to the new price of "Forever" stamps, the shipping prices and prices for flat rate boxes also went up. The cost of a small flat rate box is now \$7.90 — from \$7.20.

The USPS' board of governors say these rates will keep the Postal Service competitive.

## Texas State Historical Marker dedication program at Comanche County Museum was fantastic . . .

On Saturday, January 26 a dedication ceremony was held to honor the unveiling of the T.O. Moore Texas State Historical Marker at the Comanche County Historical Museum.

The Master of Ceremonies was David Moore Waggoner, the great-great grandson of T.O. Moore.

Garry Steele, president of the museum board of trustees welcomed everyone and then the Sons of Confederate Veterans district #1904 from De Leon presented the flags and pledges of allegiance.

The proclamation and recognition were presented by Hon. Stephanie Davis, Comanche County Judge and Robert Cobb, City of Comanche Mayor Pro-Tem. Then Rose Taylor read the very interesting biography of T.O. Moore. The marker honors T.O. Moore's legacy in Comanche from his service in the Confederate Army, to his appointment by President Grant as the postmaster of Mooresville (now Proctor), to his service to Comanche as School Trustee and City Secretary. He is honored for promoting Comanche and taking extraordinary steps as the leader of the Comanche County Confederate Veterans to begin healing and restoration after the civil war.

Fain McDaniel, chairman of the Comanche County Historical Commission, unveiled the marker and read the text. Born in Talladega, Alabama, in April 1842, Thomas Oscar (T.O.) Moore was a civic leader in Comanche. After Moore's father's business failed in 1854, the family moved to Texas, settling in Hays County in 1855. By the fall of 1857, the family had moved to Garden Valley in Smith County where T.O. Moore ran engines for his family's mills.

After the Civil War began in 1861, Moore joined Confederate Captain William Smith's Company in Tyler, which later organized into the 71st Texas Volunteer Infantry. Moore served in Company F. In February 1862, the infantry went to Fort Donelson in Tennessee and fought a battle against Union Troops led by Ulysses S. Grant. On February 16, 1862, the Confederate Troops surrendered and Moore was separated from his Company. In March 1865, Moore was granted a leave of absence because of an illness and went back to Tyler.

In 1865, Moore visited Galveston on business, where he met his wife Sarah Adeline Thomas (1850-1933). Because of his poor health, the recently married couple moved to Comanche County in 1872. From 1872 until his death in 1910, Moore served as a community leader in a variety of roles. He served as City Secretary of

### Comanche Chamber of Commerce news

The annual Comanche Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet is scheduled for Friday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS commons. Tickets will be \$25 each which include a catered dinner, networking opportunities and an evening of awards and entertainment.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

\*Citizen of the Year, a man or woman who contributes to the community, contributes by occupation, and contributes to personal citizenship.

\*Agriculture Family, goes to a type of agriculture operation, that excels in technology and conservation methods and is involved in the community.

\*Cornerstone Award, a man or woman 62 years old or older who has made contributions to the community during their lifetime and has exemplified personal citizenship.

\*Organization of the Year, to a organization that has made vast contributions to the community.

\*Business of the Year, to a business that has made vast contributions to the community by services and products offered or has expanded in size or in products.

You are also invited to become a sponsor, either a bronze brochure sponsor (\$150), a silver table decorating sponsor (\$175), or a gold sponsor which includes a Gold Sponsorship should read: includes a Bronze Brochure Sponsor, a Silver Decorating Sponsor, and you will be recognized in the Annual Banquet Brochure. Six(6) seats will be included in the price of the table. Additional seats may be purchased for \$25.00. Or you can donate an item for the table decorations as door prizes.

Call the Chamber for more information 325-356-3233 or e-mail Comanchetxchamber@gmail.com.

An experience unique to Comanche, Texas! This food truck meets a legendary Texas Country Music lineup. Fun for the whole family!

The event is presented by the The Comanche Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and sponsors.

The music line up currently consist of Cody Canada and the Departed, Mike McClure Band, Copper Chief, with acoustic sets by Clayton Landua, Zach McGinn, Kylie Rae Harris, Jerrod Hicks Music, Clint Janisch Poncho Reyes, and Holly Jo.

The food trucks will start serving at 11:00 a.m. on March 23 and the vendors will start selling at that time as well.

Adult tickets (ages 18 and up) are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Children's tickets (ages 9-17) are \$5 in advance and at the gate. Children 8 and under are free. Refunds not available. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.Com.

All vendors are wanted at the 2nd Annual Food Truck Rodeo on March 23 in Comanche.

There are only a few spots available.

If you are interested in providing a vendor space, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office with your information at comanchetxchamber@gmail.com or call the office during business hours at 325-356-3233.

If you know of a vendor who may not have gotten this message, please let them know about the upcoming event.



**VOLUNTEERS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THE CABIN TO THE MUSEUM:** Pictured l-r, Jim Roberts, Randy Chisholm and Charles Chisholm.



**T.O. MOORE CABIN DEDICATION:** Pictured are David Moore Waggoner and Ruth Adele Waggoner.

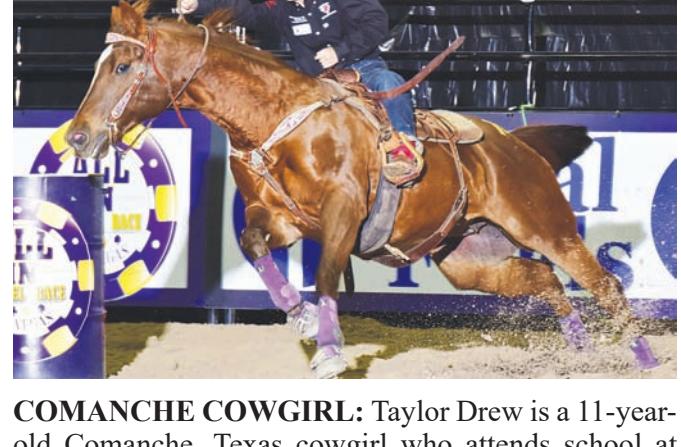
Comanche, Director of the Comanche Foundry, an elected trustee of the public schools of Comanche, and in many other positions. In 1892, desiring to heal some lingering sectional tension after the Civil War, Moore invited a Union soldier, Dr. James Thomas, to Comanche so that Moore could return Thomas' New Testament that was found on a battlefield in 1862. When Thomas arrived, the town had a large celebration. As a civic leader, T.O. Moore played an important role in post-civil war growth and recovery in Comanche.

Then the Sons of Confederate Veterans gave a six-gun salute.

Ruth Adele Moore Waggoner a descendant of T.O. cut the ribbon to the Moore Log Cabin where the marker sits in front of the grounds of the museum and presented the cabin. Visitors are welcomed inside the cabin where you can get a glimpse of how it was to live in the past frontier days. Ruth Adele's daughter, Beth Fairbrother, gave some closing remarks and the benediction before everyone in attendance went inside the museum for refreshments.

The program went without a hitch and was very interesting.

## Comanche Cowgirl



**COMANCHE COWGIRL:** Taylor Drew is a 11-year-old Comanche, Texas cowgirl who attends school at Gustine, Texas. In December of this year she competed and won \$2,188 in the Youth Championship Round at the All in Barrel Race held in Las Vegas, Nevada. This race goes on during the National Finals Rodeo. She won the money on her horse Smart Mitzi Quixote and also competed on her horse Count Mia Kay. This barrel race happened during the same time as the National Final Rodeo and this is Taylor's second time to attend. Last year she also competed and won a round and placed in another round winning a total \$2,250. Taylor has also had some other big wins in 2018 to include being the year end Youth Champion at the Central Texas Barrel Racing Associate. Also placing 3rd for the Youth with her other horse and being in the top 12 for the Open with 2 horses. Placing at the Youth Elite Barrel Race in Round 2 and then Championship round. She also placed on 3 different horse at the Ogden Barrel Race for Youth and then an average winner in the Open. Along with a big win at Hayden Help Benefit Barrel Race. In 2018 she finished the year with \$10,000 in earning. Barrel racing is a family affair and it takes everyone in her immediate family and extended family to make things happen to include her parents Kerry and Crystal Drew along with her little sister Talon. Her grandparents Richard and Debbie Pope of Comanche, Texas and David and late Wanda Drew of Early, Texas are very big supporters of their granddaughters. Taylor is currently competing on two horse that have been raised, trained, and owned by the Pope family members to include her grandparent Richard and Debbie, and Aunt Darcie Pareo. Taylor would like to give a big thank you to her amazing sponsors that have helped her work toward achieving her dreams.

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## Mount Pleasant has some historic planes

Scott Glover owns a pet food company in Mount Pleasant. He has a deep love for aviation and founded a museum five years ago to hold some of his planes. He named it The Mid America Flight Museum. Eight hangars are full of military and vintage aircraft. The oldest is a 1925 Waco 9 and the newest is a 1951 Albatross. Matt Bongers is Director of Maintenance and Manager.

"When I started here six years ago to get the museum started we had 7 aircraft. Now we're pushing 60 aircraft. One of them is a TDM Avenger that saw action during World War 2. It was involved in the sinking of 2 different battleships on the same day. Then it was part of the flyover during

the signing of the Japanese surrender at the end of the war."

The museum is open Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM.

"On an average day we'll have a couple of hundred people walk through here. We've had people from all over the world. Some former military pilots plan their vacations around visits to the museum."

Some planes go back to the dawn of aviation when there was little night flying. Matt showed me a Transcontinental Air Transport, a tri-motor plane.

"You could take it from New York to California. You would get on the tri-motor and fly all day long, and then get off the plane

and board a train overnight. The next morning you'd get back on a plane and fly the rest of the way. You bought one ticket for both the plane and the train." The hangars are huge. In one you hardy notice 2 DC-3s in the rear of the hangar. Some of the planes were flown by flying aces who left diaries. Those are at the museum and are on the museum's website Mid America Flight Museum.org. Matt showed me one plane with a significant history.

"We know the 18 paratroopers that jumped out of this aircraft on D-Day. We know their names, ranks and serial numbers. We have a gentlemen now doing an internship with us and he is doing deeper research into those men and getting to know their families."

Dedicated volunteers help keep the planes in good shape. They all fly. Silver planes are polished to a mirror finish. There is no admission to the museum. Matt says the planes are here to preserve them for future generations.

"You don't very often see this many historic and vintage planes in one place. These are meant to

be shared. We promote history and want to honor the veterans for what they did for us."

One of the planes was the personal aircraft of General Hap Arnold, military aviation pioneer.

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You can find more help and strategies at [www.str8ts.com](http://www.str8ts.com) along with more puzzles, Apple apps and books.

### The Comanche Chief Weather Summary

#### Comanche Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy 53 / 36	Mostly Cloudy 55 / 45	Mostly Cloudy 59 / 46	Few Showers 63 / 50	Partly Cloudy 65 / 52	Mostly Cloudy 72 / 59	Mostly Cloudy 67 / 54

#### Local UV Index

	0-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-11+
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure									

#### Weather Trivia

How long does it take light to travel from the sun to reach the earth?

ANSWER: It takes about 8 minutes.

#### Weather History

**Jan. 30, 1977** - The great "Buffalo Blizzard" finally abated after three days. The storm added a foot of new snow to 33 inches already on the ground. Winds gusting to 75 mph reduced visibilities to near zero and produced snow drifts 25 feet in height.

**JAN. 31, 1911** - Tamarack, Calif. was without snow the first eight days of the month, but by the end of January had been buried under 390 inches of snow, a record monthly total for the United States.

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 53°, humidity of 34%. South southeast wind 9 mph. The record high for today is 85° set in 1917. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 36°. South southeast wind 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 29°. The record low for tonight is 21° set in 1905. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 55°, humidity of 65%. South southeast wind 9 to 14 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly cloudy, overnight low of 45°.

#### Detailed Local Forecast

**Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week**

Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Wed	7:42-9:42	8:07-10:07	Sun	10:59-12:59	--
Thu	8:32-10:32	8:56-10:56	Mon	11:22-1:22	11:46-1:46
Fri	9:21-11:21	9:46-11:46	Tue	12:09-2:09	12:31-2:31
Sat	10:10-12:10	10:35-12:35			<a href="http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com">www.WhatsOurWeather.com</a>

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Full
New 2/4	7:29 a.m.	6:06 p.m.	3:19 a.m.	2:02 p.m.	2/19
Wed	7:28 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	4:15 a.m.	2:47 p.m.	
Thu	7:27 a.m.	6:08 p.m.	5:08 a.m.	3:34 p.m.	
Fri	7:27 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	5:57 a.m.	4:24 p.m.	
Sat	7:26 a.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:43 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	
Sun	7:25 a.m.	6:11 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	6:10 p.m.	
Mon	7:25 a.m.	6:11 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	6:10 p.m.	
Tue	7:25 a.m.	6:12 p.m.	8:02 a.m.	7:04 p.m.	

#### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
1/21	63	34	60/32	0.00"	1/21	0	1/25	0	
1/22	63	37	60/32	0.00"	1/22	0	1/26	0	
1/23	51	26R	60/32	0.00"	1/23	0	1/27	0	
1/24	62	28	60/32	0.00"	1/24	0	1/27	0	
1/25	58	28	60/32	0.00"	1/25	0	1/28	0	
1/26	58	34	60/32	0.00"	1/26	0	1/29	0	
1/27	60	38	60/32	0.00"	1/27	0	1/30	0	

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

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BY CAROLYN BALZEN

January is Family Fit Lifestyle Month which makes it a great time for the whole family to create healthy lifestyle habits.

Physical activity is important for children and adults of all ages.

Being active as a family can benefit everyone. Adults need 2½ hours a week of physical activity, and children need 60 minutes a day.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Choose MyPlate offers these tips to add physical activity to you and your family's busy schedule.

#### Set Specific Activity Times

Determine time slots throughout the week when the whole family is available. Try doing something active after dinner or begin the weekend with a Saturday morning walk.

#### Use What is Available

Plan activities that require little or no equipment or facilities. Examples include walking, jogging, jumping rope, playing tag, and dancing. Find out what programs your community recreation center offers for free or minimal charge.

#### Plan Ahead and Track Your Progress

Write your activity plans on a family calendar. Let the kids help in planning the activities. Allow them to check it off after completing each activity.

#### Plan for All Weather Conditions

Choose some activities that do not depend on the weather conditions. Try mall walking, Indoor swimming, or active video games.

#### Family Fit Lifestyle

Include Work Around the House

Involve the kids in yard work and other active chores around the house. Have them help you with raking, weeding, planting, or vacuuming.

#### Turn Off the TV

Set a rule that no one can spend longer than two hours per day playing video games, watching TV, and using the computer.

#### Start Small

Begin by introducing one new family activity and add more when you feel everyone is ready. Take the dog for a longer walk, play another ball game, or go to an additional exercise class.

#### One Pan Tex Mex Beef and Rice {6 servings}

This easy, one pot beef and rice dish is great for groups and as a filling for tacos or by itself! It serves six and requires only five ingredients!

#### Ingredients

1 pound lean ground beef  
1 15-ounce can of black beans  
1 cup cooked rice  
1 cup chunky salsa  
½ cup fat-free cheddar cheese, shredded

#### Directions

1. In a large skillet, brown ground beef; drain off fat.
2. Add beans, cooked rice, and salsa; heat through. Add cheese and stir until melted.

For a complete meal add a side salad and cup of fruit.

### Senior Citizen Lunch Menu

Monday, February 1  
Barbecue on bun, tater tots, carrots and zucchini, ambrosia and milk

Tuesday, February 2  
Hamburger steak, corn, carrots, gelatin, bread and milk

Wednesday, February 6  
Beef taco stew, Mexican rice, lettuce tomato salad with dressing, fruit and milk

Friday, February 8  
Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, fruit and milk

## DPS warns of the dangers of "Puffing"

LUBBOCK — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) warns motorists the dangers of Puffing which refers to leaving unattended vehicles running waiting for it to warm-up. As the temperatures around the state drop, many motorists leave their vehicles unattended as they try to warm-up the car.



Puffing is very serious for two reasons. The first concern is if you leave your engine running for 10-15 minutes, that is a lot of emissions released into the air and a waste of gas. Secondly, car thieves are on the lookout for the white puffs emitted from tailpipes on cold days and when the car is unattended, this makes for an easy target.

Authorities in Amarillo reported 939 stolen vehicles in 2018. Out of those reported stolen, 819 vehicles had the keys inside and the car was left running. That is 87% of the total number of stolen vehicles.

Motorists should also know that leaving a vehicle unattended with the keys inside can be a Class C misdemeanor.

This law does not apply if you use a remote starter and your vehicle requires the key to be present in the vehicle or in the ignition before the vehicle can be operated.

The state law applies to vehicles on public roadways unless a city has a separate ordinance making it applicable to private property as well. Check with local authorities for city laws, if different, and statistics.

**Happenings at the Library**

By HOLLIS McCRIGHT

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the clinic. But Wren is not alone. She will share the next and tensest few hours of her young life with a cast of unforgettable characters: A nurse who calms her own panic in order to save the life of a wounded woman. A doctor who does his work not in spite of his faith but because of it, and who will find that faith tested as never before. A pro-life protester, disguised as a patient, who now stands in the cross-hairs of the same rage she herself has felt. A young woman who has come to terminate her pregnancy. And the disturbed individual himself, vowing to be heard. Picoult will tell each one's story as only as she can.

Lisa Scottoline's Feared (F SCO) can be found on our 'New Books' shelf (as can the two books above). Scottoline is a prolific writer and this is one of her Rosato & DiNunzio law novels. The news is full of women filing discrimination cases against various firms; indeed in the news a couple of days ago, the NFL teams fired five black coaches and those who replaced them were all Anglo. In Feared, three men announce that they are suing the Rosato & DiNunzio law firm for reverse sex discrimination, claiming that they were not hired because they were men. Mary DiNunzio and Bennie Rosato are outraged. To make matters worse, it is one of their one male employee, John Foxman, intends to resign, claiming that there is some truth to this case. The plaintiffs' lawyer is Nick Machiavelli, who has already lost to Mary once and is now back with a vengeance. He is determined not to not only win, but destroy the firm. It soon becomes clear that Machiavelli will do anything in his power to achieve his end, even when a murder occurs. Now Mary and her associates have to keep Machiavelli at bay, solve a murder, and save the law firm they love or they could lose everything they've worked for. It gets pretty intense, especially right at the end.

A Spark of Light (F PIC) is Jodie Picoult's latest novel, a story of a warm, fall day at the Center, a woman's reproductive services clinic where its staff offering care to anyone who passes through its doors. The routine is shattered when a distraught gunman crashes in, shooting indiscriminately and taking everyone hostage. After rushing to the scene, Hugh McElroy, a police hostage negotiator, sets up a perimeter and begins making a plan to communicate with the gunman. As his phone vibrates with incoming text messages he glances at it and, to his horror, finds out that his fifteen-year-old daughter, Wren, is inside

average vision and hearing, their ability to taste is comparably weaker than the human sense of taste. Patterson explained that cats lack the sweet taste receptor, so even if they seem attracted to some sweet foods, they are likely detecting only the fat and texture.

"Whiskers are strategically located on a cat's face to transmit critical sensory information, such as the ability to fit through passageways, potential obstacles, and even a sense of overall balance," she explained.

Although house cats tend to spend more time napping than hunting, their senses give them abilities that are shared with many of the world's top predators. Next time you watch your cat play, you'll know that their dilating pupils, rotating ears, and other characteristics are signs that they are using their senses.

### PET TALK

By The Texas A&M University

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 18, 2019 — In the animal kingdom, big cats have developed several adaptations that allow them to be top predators in a variety of ecosystems. While modern house cats may not need to hunt to the same extent as wild cats, our pets have still kept several interesting abilities that enhance their senses.

Dr. Carly Patterson, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, shares some interesting facts about cats' senses and unique abilities.

Cats are often seen playing and wandering around at night, leading many to believe cats can see in the dark. While this is not strictly true, Patterson said cats can see in near darkness much better than people and many other animals.

"Cats can dilate their pupils in low-light situations and they have a special

reflective layer called the tapetum lucidum that allows them to reflect more light to the back of the eye."

In addition, cats, like many other animals, have an extra fold on their ears, called Henry's Pocket. According to Patterson, the exact function of this feature is not known, but many believe it helps to enhance high-frequency sounds. Sounds that may be inaudible to people, such as the squeak of a mouse, are easily heard by cats.

"Cats hear sounds of varying frequencies and they are especially adept at hearing high-frequency sounds," Patterson said. "Sounds that humans may perceive as normal background noise could be stressful to the cat."

For example, high-pitched noises that are barely audible to human ears, such as the buzz from an LCD computer screen, can be loud and annoying to cats. This problem can be greatly reduced by turning electronics off when not in use.

While cats have above

book, retelling her life and adventures in the early days of television.

Marie Kondo has been back in the TV world again with her de-cluttering techniques. Her catch-phrase is "spark joy"? Does the item "spark joy" when you look at it? I pulled from the shelves our copy of The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up (648 K82I) which explains Kondo's tidying techniques. It takes tidying to a whole new level, promising that if you properly simplify and organize your home once, you'll never have to do it again. Most methods advocate a room-by-room or little-by-little approach, which doom you to pick away at your piles of stuff forever. The KonMari Method, with its revolutionary category-by-category system, leads to lasting results. In fact, none of Kondo's clients have lapsed (and she still has a three-month waiting list).

With detailed guidance for determining which items in your house "spark joy" (and which don't), this international bestseller featuring Tokyo's newest lifestyle phenomenon will help you clear your clutter and enjoy the unique magic of a tidy home.

A Spark of Light (F PIC) is Jodie Picoult's latest novel, a story of a warm, fall day at the Center, a woman's reproductive services clinic where its staff offering care to anyone who passes through its doors. The routine is shattered when a distraught gunman crashes in, shooting indiscriminately and taking everyone hostage. After rushing to the scene, Hugh McElroy, a police hostage negotiator, sets up a perimeter and begins making a plan to communicate with the gunman. As his phone vibrates with incoming text messages he glances at it and, to his horror, finds out that his fifteen-year-old daughter, Wren, is inside

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Although house cats tend to spend more time napping than hunting, their senses give them abilities that are shared with many of the world's top predators. Next time you watch your cat play, you'll know that their dilating pupils, rotating ears, and other characteristics are signs that they are using their senses.

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# OBITUARIES

## Lopez

Markus Lopez, age 57, died on Thursday, January 24, 2019, in Comanche.



He was born on March 29, 1961, in Deleon, Texas to Mike Lopez, Sr. and Angelita "Vasquez" Lopez. Markus owned "Salon Markus" for many years. He was infamous for his style and personality. He had clientele from all over and became a sought-after stylist. He had flair and charisma and made everyone feel special.

He is survived by his life partner, Bobby Cantrell of Comanche; brother, Mike Lopez and wife Janie of Blanket; nephews and niece, Mike Lopez III and wife Clarissa of Brownwood, Cynthia Torrez of Blanket, Jamie Lopez of Brownwood, Joshua Lopez of Blanket, Mark Lopez of Blanket, and Phillip Lopez of blanket; and fur babies, Bella and Armani.

Markus was preceded in death by his parents, Mike Lopez, Sr. and Angelita "Vazquez" Lopez. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## McNutt

Dale McNutt, age 85, formerly of Comanche, Texas, passed away Monday, January 21, 2019, in Carrollton, Texas.



He was born October 5, 1933 in Comanche, Texas to Truman L. McNutt and Ruby Mae McNutt. Dale married his wife, Patti, who preceded him in death. He worked and retired from Navistar International Trucks after 42 years of service.

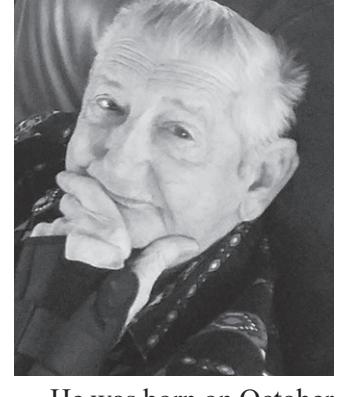
Dale is survived by his children, Cindy Ferguson and Jason McNutt; grandchildren, Tara Ferguson, Gabby McNutt

and Cattta McNutt. He was preceded in death by a son, Terry McNutt; grandson, Ted Ferguson and a brother Billy McNutt.

A service to celebrate Dale's life will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. that same day at Oakwood Cemetery in Comanche. The family will receive friends from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 25, 2019, at the funeral home. The family requests memorial contributions to be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For online condolences please visit www.mulkeymason.com.

## Hunt

Charles Corum Hunt, age 82, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Western Hills Healthcare Residence.



He was born on October 1, 1936 to Ozza and Emma Bell (Cook) Hunt. He was self-employed as a rancher. He loved old cars and loved ranching.

He is survived by his daughter, Deborah and husband Mike Cutler of Comanche; three sons: Paul Lynn Hunt and significant other Donah of Dublin; Joseph Carroll Hunt and fiancée Stephanie Herrera of Comanche; James Jensen and wife Hope of Garland; and numerous grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Charles Lee Williford; stepson, Chance Avery; sister, Wanda Gay Williford; brother, Randall Williford; and parents, Jessie R. and Wanda May Williford.

Family will receive friends at Comanche Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at Comanche Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Alan Wallace officiating. Burial will be in Mercer's Gap Cemetery in Comanche County. Condolences may be offered on line at www.comanchefh.com.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 804 W. Wrights Avenue, Comanche, Texas; or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, Virginia 22312.

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### Williford

Harold Gene Williford, age 66, passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2019, in Comanche, Texas.



He was born on April 17, 1952, in Odessa, Texas, to Jess R. Williford, Jr. and Wanda Mae (Cook) Williford. On June 3, 2000, he was united in marriage to Doris N. Evans in Proctor, Texas. Harold loved spending time with his family and especially the grandchildren. He was a truck driver employed by Kohler Trucking of Brownwood and later drove for Southern Ag in Comanche. Harold was an outdoorsman, spending time hunting, fishing and camping whenever he had some extra time. He was a big fan of western movies and his favorites were those starring John Wayne or Clint Eastwood. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Williford of Comanche; son, Tommy Williford of Dublin; stepsons, Roddy Evans of North Richland Hills and Bradley Avery of Lampasas; stepdaughter, Cristal Gilligan of Comanche; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Joe Williford and wife Julie of Brownwood; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Faye (Beam) Harris and brother, Billy Harris.

He requested no service. Condolences may be offered on line at www.comanchefh.com.

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### Harris

Kenneth Ray Harris, age 77, passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at his home in Comanche, Texas.



He was born on April 30, 1941, in Gorman, Texas, to Frank and Faye (Beam) Harris. On August 21, 1989, he was united in marriage to Katherine Culwell in Las Vegas, NV. He was a Refractory Consultant. Kenneth traveled the world in his profession and was held in high esteem wherever he traveled.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Harris; son, Richard Kent Harris; daughter, Janella Harris; daughter, Rae Ann Nail; son, James F. Harris and wife Kathy; stepson, Tracy A. Lummus and wife Noi and granddaughter, Nickole C. Lummus; Allee Anderson, mother of James Harris; niece, Carla Leverett and husband Charlie and daughter Reagan; nephew; Steve Harris and wife Sheila and their children Brendon and Kylie; sister-in-law, Joyce Harris. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Faye (Beam) Harris and brother, Billy Harris.

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two great-grandchildren. Special survivors include Rosie Franco and Capt. Kathy Wills who lovingly cared for Leslie in his last months.

Leslie was more than just an attorney. Wherever he worked or wherever he went, he was a mentor, teacher, counselor, mediator, cheerleader, advisor, role model and friend. He loved an audience to hear his 'stories' and reveled in making each retelling better than the one before. He spread his joy as he delivered his gifts of peaches, pecans, tomatoes and his mother's 'famous' cinnamon rolls to so many of his friends.

Arrangements under the care of Jenkins Funeral Home, Burnet, Texas.

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# OBITUARIES

## Midkiff

On Saturday, January 26, 2019, Robert "Bob" Herd Midkiff, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at the age of 82.



Bob was born in Midland, Texas on June 10, 1936, to Herd and Julia Midkiff who were both from pioneer Midland ranching families, their parents having settled in Midland County in the 1890s. He graduated from Midland High School and attended Sul Ross State College. After leaving college to care for his ailing father, Bob and his brother, John, formed a partnership where together they operated the family ranch and farm. They also started and ran a cattle feed lot together. In 1959 Bob met the love of his life, Alice Antoinette "Toni" Akers, when they were introduced by mutual friends. They were married three years later on July 14, 1962, in the First Presbyterian Church in Brownfield, Texas. They settled in Midland, Texas where they had two children. In 1968 Bob became the agency manager for Farm Bureau Insurance in Midland County and in 1981 he and his sister, Julia Edith Drake, formed an insurance agency in Midland. For many years Bob and Toni hosted the Midland Independent Insurance Agents' annual barbecue and dance at their ranch. It was always a highlight for Bob to host the party. After twenty-five years in the insurance business, Bob sold the agency went back full-time to his first love, ranching. After their children went to college and Bob and Toni had more time on their hands, they began their hobby of taking extended road trips. Bob loved "seeing the country" and always thought something was lost when you traveled on an airplane. For Bob the journey was as important as the destination. Bob and Toni always wanted to travel Texas so they decided to visit all 254 courthouses in the state. After dutifully documenting their courthouse visits with pictures, they next set their sights on visiting every state in the union that could be reached by car, and on

May 2009 they completed this goal when they arrived in Alaska after many a hard-earned mile. Bob loved Midland and felt a special kinship with the land and the community. He served as a Deacon in the First Presbyterian Church, delivered Meals on Wheels for several years, and served on the Boards of the Midland County Livestock Show and the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District. In 1985 Bob participated in the Midland Centennial parade through downtown Midland by driving a wagon with his beloved team of horses, Gina and Clipper. The next year he participated in the Texas Sesquicentennial wagon train parade and he drove his restored buggy from Odessa to the Scharbauers' ranch north of Midland over the course of two days. In recent years Bob was an active supporter of the annual Hunt For Heroes banquet that supports wounded military veterans, and on most mornings Bob could be found having coffee at the Petroleum Club of Midland where he and his friends held court on the day's events. One of Bob's final acts of service was in January 2019 when he and his wife endowed a scholarship at Texas Christian University that will benefit students enrolled in the TCU Ranch Management program. Bob personified the pioneer families who settled in the Permian Basin with his quiet manner, his penchant for hard work, his fair treatment of others, and his love of God and family. Bob was preceded in death by his father Herd Midkiff, mother Julia Evelyn Potter, and daughter-in-law, Shannon Anderson Midkiff.

Bob is survived by his wife, Toni Akers Midkiff; daughter, Kris Stephens, her husband, Randy, and their son, Robert; son, Herd Midkiff, his wife Claire, and their daughter, Caroline; brother, John Midkiff, his wife Mary Lou Midkiff; sister, Julia Edith Drake and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at the First Presbyterian Church in Midland at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Haley Memorial Library & History Center or the First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

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### Hilley

James Marion Hilley, 88, a retired car body repairman left this life Friday, January 18, 2019, in Decatur.



James was born on February 17, 1930, to John and Eula (Chambers) Hilley in Sidney, Texas. He was united in marriage to his first wife Gwen Rainey and second wife Guillermina "GiGi".

James was a retired car body repairman. He was a member of the Jehovah Witness Church. James proudly served his country in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his 2 wives; his sisters, Shirley Steinnan, Alice, and Lorene; his brothers, Oscar, Alton, John, James, Carl, and Gene Hilley.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are son, Phil Hilley of New Braunfels; his daughters, Lora Hilley of Midland, and Roxann Burns and husband Bill of Newcastle; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur, Texas, 940-627-5959 is in charge of arrangements. Also at www.hawkinsfuneralhome.com.

### Kolar

Don Kolar, 72, died Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in Stephenville.



Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, January 25th at Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with Chris Roberson officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Dale Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday at Stephenville Funeral Home.

Don was born on February 1, 1946 in Corpus Christi to the late Frank and Leona Hartmann Kolar. He spent most of his life in the Fort Worth/White Settlement area. Don loved the outdoors, and loved to fish. Don spent most of his life in construction doing dry wall, and as a painter.

Survivors include his children, Mike and wife Renee Kolar of Lake Worth, Donna and husband Charlie Elston, Karen Henry and Michael Pruitt of Jacksboro, and Tim Kolar of Azle; grandchildren, Kenzie and husband Kody Krause; Emily, Hannah and Holly Kolar; great grandson, Kutter Krause; sisters, Dorothy and husband Jimmy Dishman, Kathy Morrison, and Pat Burnett; brother, Junior and wife Tammye Kolar; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Don was also preceded in death by a brother, Daniel Kolar.

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

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### Elliott

Thelma Elliott, 68, of Woodway TX, passed away after losing her battle with cancer in Waco TX, Saturday January 26, 2019.

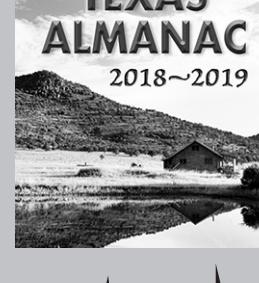


A graveside service, under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home of Comanche, was held at the Sardis Cemetery in Comanche County, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday January 30, 2019. Per her request, the family did not have a visitation period at the funeral home. Condolences to the family can be left online at www.heartlandfuneralhome.net. Thelma was born April 29, 1950, in Tarrant County,

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to Lonnie Elliott and Edna Buckmaster. She attended school in Comanche. She was semi-retired from the insurance industry, working part time in Customer Care for Pilot Catastrophe Services. She loved to travel and made it to almost all 50 states.

Thelma is survived by daughters, Lisa Fields and husband Nick, and Lynnette Prickett, all of Woodway; granddaughters, Jessica Hernandez, Maegan Pennington, Morgan Fields all of Woodway, and Ashley Prickett of Brownwood, and grandson, Brian Prickett of Austin, and great grandson, Hudson of Woodway; sisters, Glenda Morris and husband Jerry of Comanche, Cathey Weidebusch and husband Vernon of Bangs, Kerren McNutt and husband Roy of San Angelo; brother, David Buckmaster of Hasse, and her best friend, Roger Lubka of Point Venture. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lonnie Elliott and Edna Buckmaster; sister, Jean Coolbaugh; brother, Charles Buckmaster and her beloved dog, Max.



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## Comanche Maidens Basketball

The CHS Maidens varsity basketball team took on the Dublin Lady Lions this past Friday in Dublin.

The first half was close with Comanche taking a one point lead into half time 29 to 28. This theme continued in the third quarter with both teams tied at 41. The Dublin jazz band kept the crowd entertained during halftime and time-outs.

The fourth quarter went back and forth until Dublin hit a three pointer with 1:35 left giving them a 53 to 50 lead which they took to the final buzzer.

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Comanche	13	16	13	9	51
Dublin	13	15	13	14	55

A. Lopez (15), V. Lopez (11), H. Lorta (10), L. Constancia (6), A. Tyson (3), M. Welch (3), M. Carter (3)

Top Rebounds: L. Constancia (14), V. Lopez (9), M. Welch (6), H. Lorta (6), A. Lopez (5),

Top Steals: V. Lopez (4), H. Lorta (3), M. Welch (2)

Top Assists: V. Lopez (4)

The varsity Maidens also took on Bangs here in Comanche last Tuesday. Below are those stats.

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Comanche	6	3	7	11	27
Bangs	14	13	9	13	49

V. Lopez (10), A. Lopez (6), M. Carter (6), H. Lorta (5)

Top Rebounds: H. Lorta (10), V. Lopez (5), M. Welch (4), A. Lopez (4), M. Brawley (4), M. Carter (4)

Top Assists: A. Lopez (3), V. Lopez (2), M. Welch (2)

Top Steals: L. Constancia (3), M. Welch (2)

## Junior class to hold stew supper, auction

The CHS Junior Class will be holding their annual stew supper and cake auction on Friday, Feb. 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM in the COMANCHE High School Commons.

The cost is \$6 per person and will include a bowl of stew, cornbread and/or crackers, a dessert of choice and tea!

The cake auction will take place during the halftimes of the basketball games and the proceeds will benefit the Junior Class in funding this year's prom.

## Comanche ISD Sports

**Friday, February 1** CHS Boys/Girls basketball here vs Eastland Jv2, JV1, 5:15pm, V girls 6:30pm, V boys 8:00pm

**Saturday, February 2** CHS Softball @ Ballinger Scrimmage

12:00 – 1:00pm

**Saturday, February 2** CHS Baseball scrimmage here vs Breckenridge 2:00 – 3:00pm

**Monday, February 4** CHS Softball scrimmage @ Llano 4:00 – 5:00pm

**Monday, February 4** JH boys b-ball here vs Dublin 7B, 8B 5:30pm, 7A 6:30pm, 8A 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 5** HS Boys/Girls B-ball here vs Early Sr Night Jv2, JV1, 5:15pm, V girls 6:30pm, V boys 8:00pm

**Thursday, February 7** CHS Baseball scrimmage @ DeLeon 4:30pm

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JV 1

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Comanche	12	6	11	4	33
Dublin	3	5	4	2	14

S. Victoria (7), G. Arreola (7), K. Brawley (7), M. Martin (6), L. Cervantes (2), K. Carr (2), G. Wilson (2)

JV 1

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Comanche	4	9	6	12		31
Bangs	11	9	9	11		40

B. Sanchez (8), M. Martin (6), G. Arreola (5), L. Cervantes (4), S. Victoria (4), K. Carr (4)

## Comanche Indians Basketball

The CHS Indian basketball team took on the Dublin Lions in Dublin last Friday and played Bangs here in Comanche last Tuesday.

The varsity Indians played well in the first quarter but Dublin pulled ahead in the second quarter and did not look back.

VARSITY

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
COMANCHE	19	9	17	10	55
Dublin	19	32	18	20	89

Kade Mercer 20, Ryan Stephens 10, Kasey Middleton 9, Cash Cook 6, Price Odom 4,

Taelon Sorrells 2, Zach Foster 2, Dev Bhakta 2

VARSITY

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
COMANCHE	10	15	9	9	43
Bangs	6	10	16	14	46

Kade Mercer 16, Taelon Sorrells 9, Kasey Middleton 8, Ryan Stephens 4, Cash Cook 4, Zach Rodriguez 2

TEAM: COMANCHE JV 2

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	FINAL
COMANCHE	4	8	10	13	35
DUBLIN	13	18	21	13	67

TOP SCORERS: CAMRON SPELLS (12), MATTHEW MARTIN (8), SUREN BHAKTA (6), JOSHUA JOHNSON (4), MASON COTTEN (3), JATON PATE (2)

JV1 VS. DUBLIN

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	FINAL
COMANCHE	19	16	13	14	62
DUBLIN	18	23	9	11	61

TOP SCORERS: TRENT ODOM (19), JOHN GILLIAM (18), LUKE WILSON (10), OSCAR RIOS (10), JUSTIN CUELLAR (5)

JV COMBO VS. BANGS

TEAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	FINAL
COMANCHE	12	9	12	14	47
BANGS	4	6	4	7	21

TOP SCORERS: HUDSON WELCH (7), JUSTIN CUELLAR (7), SUREN BHAKTA (6), TRENT ODOM (6), OSCAR RIOS (6), MASON COTTON (4), LUKE WILSON (4), JOHN GILLIAM (4), CODY FEIST (3)

## CHS Powerlifting



Powerlifting meet at Comanche High School last Saturday

DIVISION: Girls

Name	Wt. Class	Total	Place
Emily Guerrero	148	700	3rd
Alliyah Rios	148	530	7th

Team Place: 8th with 3 points

DIVISION: Boys

Name	Wt. Class	Total	Place
Omero Arrendondo	114	500	4th
Yancy Perkins	114	540	3rd
Juan Hernandez	123	685	3rd
Aaron Suniga	132	760	2nd
Zach Foster	165		

EZEKIEL MEDRANO (1), PIERSON SORRELLS (2)

**7TH GRADE B Boys**

TEAM	1ST	2ND	FINAL
COMANCHE	2	11	13
COLEMAN	5	10	15

**TOP SCORERS:** CUTTER JACINTO (8), ANTHONY ALVARADO (3), BILL BRUMBALOW (2)

**8TH B Boys TEAM**

	1ST	2ND	FINAL
COMANCHE	15	12	27
COLEMAN	4	11	15

**TOP SCORER'S:** DOM RIOS - 7; ERNESTO SAN-CHEZ - 6

**8TH A Boys TEAM**

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	FINAL
COMANCHE	9	12	21	6	48
COLEMAN	8	17	3	6	34

**TOP SCORER'S:** MIGUEL MARTINEZ - 18; ACE JONES - 15; CONNOR FAILS - 10



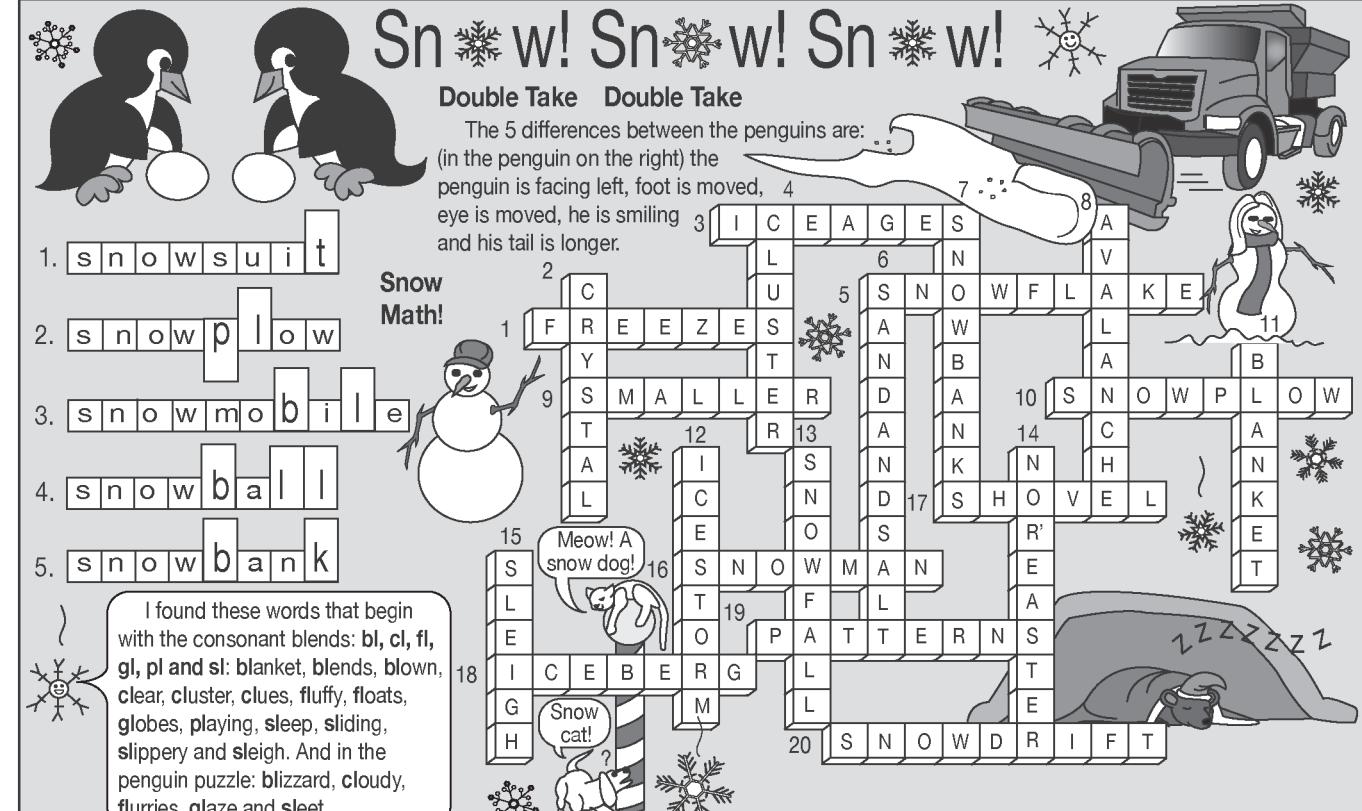
Comanche Early Headstart  
Monday, February 4  
Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit and milk  
Lunch: Chicken strips, steamed broccoli, mixed fruit and milk  
Tuesday, February 5  
Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, fruit and milk  
Lunch: Meatball with sauce, breadstick, ranch beans, diced peaches and milk  
Wednesday, February 6  
Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, eggs, fruit and milk  
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, carrots, applesauce and milk  
Thursday, February 7  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk  
Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, diced pears and milk  
Friday, February 8  
Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, fruit and milk  
Lunch: Hamburger, smiley fries, mandarin oranges and milk  
Comanche Headstart

## The Comanche Chief

beans, rosy applesauce and milk	beans, rosy applesauce and milk
Wednesday, February 6	Wednesday, February 6
Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, eggs, gravy, fruit and milk	Breakfast: Sausage, egg, biscuit, gravy and jelly
Lunch: Fish sticks, mac and cheese, green beans, oranges and milk	Lunch: Fish sticks, mac and cheese, coleslaw, green beans, oranges and milk
Thursday, February 7	Thursday, February 7
Breakfast: French toast, bacon, fruit and milk	Breakfast: French toast, bacon and syrup
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, broccoli bites, fresh fruit and milk	Lunch: Cheeseburger, garnish, broccoli bites, sweet potato fries, fruit, Rice Krispie treat and milk
Friday, February 8	Friday, February 8
Breakfast: French toast, bacon, fruit and milk	Breakfast: Waffle and oatmeal
Lunch: Pizza, baby carrots, fruit cup and milk	Lunch: Pizza, garden salad, baby carrots, fruit cup and milk
Comanche Elementary	Jefferies Junior High
Monday, February 4	Monday, February 4
Breakfast: Pancake wraps, yogurt, and syrup	Breakfast: Monte Cristo and syrup
Lunch: Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, strawberry cup and milk	Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, charro beans, tomato cup, salsa, fruit and milk
Tuesday, February 5	Tuesday, February 5
Breakfast: Muffin and cheese stick	Breakfast: Breakfast pizza and oatmeal
Lunch: Chalupas, salsa, zesty cucumbers, refried	Lunch: Breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes,

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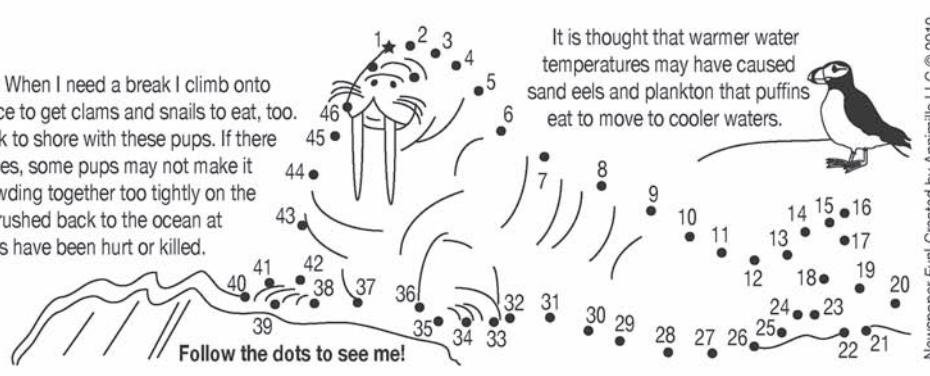
gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk	and oatmeal
Wednesday, February 6	Lunch: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, or x-treme burrito, salsa, street corn, fresh veggie, cup, garnish and milk
Breakfast: Biscuit, sau- age, eggs and gravy	Wednesday, February 6
Lunch: Country pot pie, steamed broccoli, fresh veggie cup, snowball salad and milk	Breakfast: Eggs, sausage, biscuit, gravy and jelly
Thursday, February 7	Lunch: Taco soup, corn- bread, or oven roasted chicken, broccoli bites, baked beans, roll, apple pineapple d'lite and milk
Breakfast: French toast, bacon and syrup	Thursday, February 7
Lunch: Texas basket, fresh veggie cup, fruit and milk	Breakfast: French toast sticks, bacon and syrup
Friday, February 8	Lunch: Nachos grande, refried beans, salsa or corn dog with tater tots, toma- to cup, cucumber slices, peaches, lime sherbet and milk
Breakfast: Rolled taco, salsa and yogurt	Friday, February 8
Lunch: Pizza pocket, mari- nara cups, Tuscan veggies, garden salad, fruit, cookie and milk	Breakfast: Sausage ko- lache and yogurt
Comanche High School	Lunch: Tangerine chick- en, eggroll or hamburger steak, gravy, biscuit, roast- ed potatoes, salad, fruity gelatin and milk
Monday, February 4	
Breakfast: Monte Cristo and syrup	
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, or ham and cheese on pret- zel bun, Sun chips, baby carrots, crunchy broccoli salad, fruit, brownie and milk	
Tuesday, February 5	
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza	



## Who Am I?

I take long swims in the cold ocean waters. When I need a break I climb onto icy shores or ice floes to rest. I dive from sea ice to get clams and snails to eat, too. We have our babies on ice and then swim back to shore with these pups. If there is less ice and we have to swim longer distances, some pups may not make it to the shore. In some areas we have been crowding together too tightly on the ice. Sometimes, when frightened, we have all rushed back to the ocean at once resulting in a stampede where some of us have been hurt or killed.

I am a \_\_\_\_\_  
s l r a w u



Crossword Puzzle Solution  
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Scientists are studying animals in their...



# New

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# Studying Earth's Climate

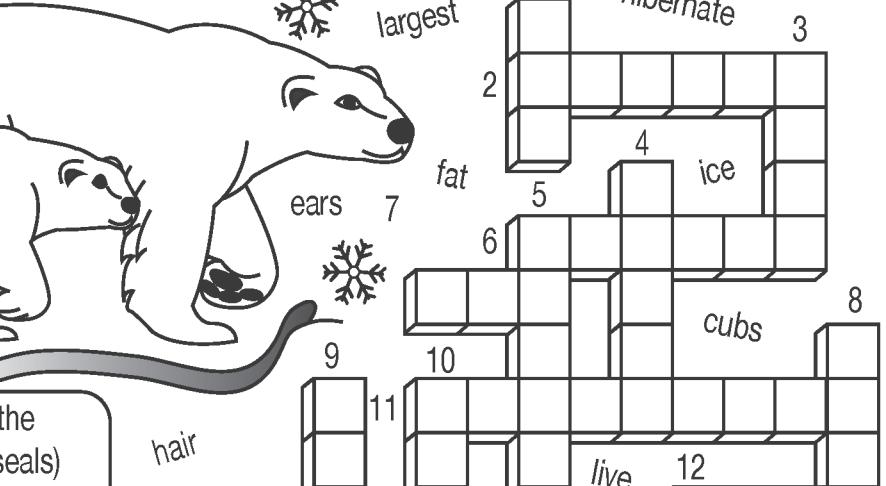
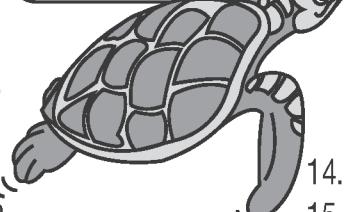
For many years, scientists have been charting the world's changing temperatures. It is natural for some movement of temperatures to occur, but many people wonder how the changes in climate that result will affect animals and people in their habitats and daily lives.

In the coldest northern parts of the world, scientists are studying ice and the way it freezes and melts. Some are also studying the region's polar bears, marine animals that spend most of their time at sea rather than on land. Scientists have seen that the ice that these bears live and hunt upon is starting to melt earlier in the season than it once did. The bears are swimming farther from home to hunt for food (seals) and some are not making it back. Some reports say that polar bears are getting thinner and that more of their cubs are dying. By studying such changes, scientists hope to understand how people can respond to protect themselves and wildlife around the globe.

**Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about polar bears:**

1. A polar bear's \_\_\_\_\_ layer can grow up to 4 inches thick.  
It provides warmth and can keep them from going hungry.
  2. Polar bears live in the \_\_\_\_\_ region around the North Pole.
  3. Mothers care for their \_\_\_\_\_ for about 2 1/2 years.
  4. The "food" or prey for polar bears mostly lives in the \_\_\_\_\_
  5. The foot of a polar bear is partially \_\_\_\_\_ to help it swim.
  6. Polar bears have been known to kill Beluga \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. The layer of \_\_\_\_\_ under the skin helps to insulate the bear.

People check the temperature of the sand at the green sea turtles' nesting area. They want to see if any changes affect the eggs.



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# City of Comanche News

## Junior class to hold stew supper, cake auction

The junior class will be holding their annual stew supper and cake auction on Friday, Feb. 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 in the high school commons. The cost is \$6 per person and will include a bowl of stew, cornbread and/or crackers, a dessert of choice, and a glass of tea.

The cake auction will take place during the halftimes of the basketball games and the proceeds will benefit the junior class in funding this year's prom.



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## Heritage Club Meeting January program about the Cunninghams

The Comanche Heritage Club met on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 in First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses Beth Fairbrother, Ruth Adele Waggoner, and Missy Jones had decorated for the meeting in 'picnic style' with a long table and red/white checked cloth and refreshments of the same vintage to set the stage for our speaker.



Beth Fairbrother introduced our guest speaker, Janice Williams. Janice is from Austin and is the Historian for the Captain James & Susannah Cunningham held annually here in Comanche at the Cunningham Reunion Grounds every August. The reunion is currently in its 130th year. The first reunion was held in 1889.

Janice told us about her love for genealogy and the keeping of genealogy records. She initially became interested as a teenager pouring over family archives. At that time, her family lived in the Texas Panhandle and did not get to come to the reunion every year. Janice was particularly interested in the family tree structure given that James and Susannah had twelve children and 101 grandchildren. The early documents were prepared by Alma Meadows Cox in 1929. There were all prepared by hand, certificates of birth, marriage and death had to be obtained by writing letters and searching documents in archives. Many of the early courthouses in this area of Texas were destroyed by fire (common in those days) and it was a time consuming process.

In 1889, the reunion held its 100th anniversary under the oak trees at the grounds. Approximately, 450 to 400 people attended and at that time, an updated genealogy record book was prepared by F. Lee and Bill Lawrence of Tyler, Texas. That book was presented to family members and included many of the stories about Captain James and Susannah. This book was prepared with the aid of computers but was privately published for the event and a digital copy was not available.

In 1914, the reunion held its 125th anniversary. For that event Janice undertook the updating of the genealogy (by this time a very huge task as there are over 2000 descendants to keep track of. She was thankful for digital records, the ability to search online, and self-publishing companies of the Internet. She did not use an official genealogy program but used many advanced features of Word such as outlining formats to distinguish generations, embedded pictures and stories, and indexing. It was a huge task. In the picture, she is holding the book published for the family in 1914. Since then, she keeps up with births, marriages, deaths and other significant events in an annual update.

We had an official 'photo op' with members in the cardboard cutouts for the 12 children of James and Susannah Cunningham featuring Janice with the book she published. The business meeting followed. Donations were made to Girls Town. The formal meeting was adjourned and then members stayed behind to prepare valentines and decorate special individualized boxes for Western Hills under the direction of Sue Gott.

## DISPATCH LOG

The following are 911 calls made to the Comanche County Dispatch from January 20 to January 26:

January 20	4:09 p.m.: W. Oak, warrant service
	4:43 p.m.: E. Mill, property damage
8:00 p.m.: E. Duncan, disruptive person	8:46 p.m.: W. Central, line down
2:31 a.m.: N. Austin, suspicious activity	9:22 p.m.: W. Ross, smoke
6:07 a.m.: CR 451, medical, EMS transport	11:44 p.m.: N. Pearl, barking dog
8:06 a.m.: Comanche, medical, EMS transport	January 24
10:06 a.m.: N. Houston, medical, EMS transport	5:03 a.m.: Alamo Dr, medical, EMS transport
12:14 p.m.: Gustine, medical, EMS transport	8:50 a.m.: E. Grand, sexual assault
3:24 p.m.: Clark, smoke, fire report	12:58 p.m.: Hwy 16, unpermitted burn
6:21 p.m.: Hwy 2247, livestock out	3:26 p.m.: N. Houston, disruptive person
7:11 p.m.: N. Texas St, shoplifting	3:35 p.m.: CR 418, fire
7:54 p.m.: Hwy 2247, livestock out, penned	4:31 p.m.: W. Central, animal control
9:52 p.m.: E. Fleming, warrant service	5:12 p.m.: Humphrey, officer initiated investigation
January 21	5:27 p.m.: W. Grand, domestic disturbance
1:16 a.m.: S. Houston, warrant service	8:31 p.m.: N. Houston, medical
1:49 a.m.: Hwy 67/377, livestock out	January 25
11:37 a.m.: Hwy 67/377, oversize load	4:16 a.m.: N. Austin, security bldg. check
1:41 p.m.: N. Austin, burglary	9:50 a.m.: E. Walcott, keys locked in vehicle
9:07 p.m.: CR 418, obscene phone call	1:31 p.m.: N. Hall, officer initiated investigation
January 22	1:41 p.m.: E. College, solicitors
7:51 a.m.: N. Austin, shoplifting	6:42 p.m.: E. Central, accident/crash
9:39 a.m.: E. Oak, property damage	January 26
1:55 p.m.: E. College, truancy	12:26 a.m.: Apache Dr, suspicious activity
2:31 p.m.: Gustine, harassment	1:14 a.m.: N. Pearl, loud noise complaint
6:38 p.m.: E. Navarro, medical, EMS transport	10:49 a.m.: Hwy 1689, livestock out
6:57 p.m.: Comanche, missing property	3:06 p.m.: N. Austin, suspicious activity
January 23	4:01 p.m.: De Leon, unpermitted burn
10:58 a.m.: Hwy 587, livestock out	6:11 p.m.: E. Central, security bldg. check
12:09 p.m.: De Leon, elder abuse	10:20 p.m.: S. Austin, loud noise complaint
3:24 p.m.: N. Pearl, suspicious activity	10:55 p.m.: Dublin, unwanted subjects

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## COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES

January 22, 2019

**BE IT REMEMBERED**  
That the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 22nd day of January, 2019 with the following members present: Judge Stephanie L. Davis, Presiding; Gary "Corky" Underwood, Commissioner Precinct #1; Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2; Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3; and Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 9:03 A.M.  
Commissioner Johnson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the January 7, 2019 Commissioner Court Regular Meeting as presented. Commissioner Underwood seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the Minutes from the January 10, 2019 Special meeting to approve payroll. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Clinton Bradley with Equify Auctions presented information about the company's online auction service for disposing of county surplus equipment. Equify Auctions is based in Fort Worth and owned by the Wilks Brothers of Cisco. Equify Auctions will arrange for marketing, advertising and sales of items placed in their auctions. Auctions are conducted on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month unless there is a conflict with another auction service. Equify will inspect, appraise and photograph each piece of equipment listed for sale. There is a \$200 inspection fee and a \$75 minimum commission fee or 4% of the sale price if under \$500,000 or 3% if sale is over \$500,000 for each item to be sold. This is an online bidding auction. Other counties using this service include Nolan, Coke, Kent and Callahan. No action was taken on this item.

Grace Everhart, County Tax Assessor Collector discussed repairs for water damage in her office.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to accept insurance estimates and authorize repairs to the Tax/Assessor Office. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion and second to authorize repairs from water damage to the second floor hall and District Courtroom in conjunction with repairs to the Tax Assessor Office. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to increase employment status from part time to full time status for the Courthouse Maintenance position and increase the salary from \$13 to \$13.50 per hour. The position is at 25 hours for part time and will increase to 40 for full time. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion and second to appoint Nancy Brown and Gale Easley to the Comanche County Child Welfare Board for terms expiring August 31, 2019 and Shirley Johnson, Juvenal Sierra, Carolyn Merworth and Mike Hare for terms to expire August 31, 2020.

All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to approve advertising for bids for the County Depository. All approved. Motion carried. The current Depository contract expires in May 2019.

Judge Davis presented a Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates for Court approval. The Resolution is in support of legislation that would prohibit Texas counties from being unduly burdened by mandated programs that supply no funding from the State.

In the most recent year Comanche County expended tax payer money to fund the following mandatory financial obligations imposed by the State of Texas; \$77,093.00 to support the appointment of attorneys in criminal cases; \$37,593.00 to support the appointment of attorneys in Child Protective Services; \$18,851.00 to support and maintain state prisoners in county jails pending transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; 3,285.00

to fund the State Judicial System; \$135,662.00 to fund the operation of the Central County Appraisal District which operates at the direction of the State of Texas; \$48,807.00 to support the services of Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department(Adult Probation) and Juvenile Probation Department; \$15,944.00 to support staff, office facilities, utilities, and equipment for locally stationed Texas Department of Public Safety troopers; These and other state mandatory services require \$337,181.00 from Comanche County tax payers and amount to 5.42% of the county tax rate.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to submit the Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates. All approved. Motion carried.

Patsy Phifer, County Treasurer submitted the forms to guarantee minimum interest rate change option with Nationwide Life Insurance Company. This is in reference to employees who have deferred fixed annuities thru the Nationwide.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the participation in Option 2 of the Amended Nationwide Life Insurance Company Group Flexible Purchase Payment Deferred Fixed Annuity Contract. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to approve a Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the period of February 1, 2019 thru January 31, 2020, Texans Feeding Texans-Home Delivered Meal Grant Program pending correction of signature line changing the County Judge name from James R. Arthur to Stephanie L. Davis. All approved. Motion carried.

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The program delivered approximately 3300 meals thru this grant in the prior year. The grant funds allotted to Comanche County in FY 2018 amounted to \$8015.02, and will be for \$12,511.84 in FY 2019.

Chris Pounds, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented the Sheriff's Annual Racial

Profiling Report for 2018.

The report indicated 444 traffic stops. Nine were African, zero was Asian, 339 were Caucasian, and 96 were Hispanic. Sixty eight searches were conducted with contraband discovered in 26 stops. Contraband included discovered in 37 stops, alcohol in 14 stops, drugs in 27 stops, 1 weapon and 1 other. The locations of stops include city street-94, US highway-310, state highway-3 county road-25 and private property or other-12. Written warnings given-360, citations-51, and arrest-32. Race or ethnicity known prior to stop included 10-yes and 434-no. Reasons for stop included; violation of law-34, pre-existing knowledge-1, moving traffic violations-287 and vehicle traffic violations-122.

Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion and second to acknowledge the Sheriff's Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2018.

All approve. Motion carried.

Quarterly reports have been submitted to FEMA.

The Burn Ban will remain in effect.

The Sheriff had no report for Sheriff and Jail Operations.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve Officer's Reports. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of December, 2018. All approved. Motion carried.

One Emergency Budget Amendments were presented for approval.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the Emergency Budget Amendment. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment thereof in the amount of \$273,727.99. All approved. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 22nd day of January, 2019 with a motion and second by Commissioners Underwood and Sides.

All approved. Motion carried.

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## Comanche County News

### Artist Jonathan Ceniceros demonstrates for Comanche County Art Association



From the Comanche County Art Association

for the Stars of Texas Juried Art Show, and has been a member of the Brownwood Art Association. Jonathan works and demonstrates mainly in pencil and ink drawing, watercolor, and pastel. His work is most often categorized by diverse subject matters and bright colors. For Jonathan art is a way to express and share who he is with the world around him.

Jonathan will be conducting a watercolor workshop here in Comanche on Saturday, March 16, starting at 9 a.m. at the Lindsey Building, 404 E. Cedar St. Cost is \$50 for the day. For more information contact Kay Zimmerman: 817-800-5542.

We welcome anyone interested in art—creating or admiring—to join us for our regular meetings. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is February 26. Our guest artist will be Kit Timmons of Brownwood. She is an accomplished pastel artist who has won many awards. Plan to come and join us on Tuesday, February 26, at 6:00 at the Lindsey Building. Check out our website at: www.comancheartassociation.weebly.com

**Patsy Phifer**  
**Comanche County Treasurer**  
**Quarterly Report**  
**10/01/2018 thru 12/31/2018**

The attached Treasurer's report includes, but is not limited to, money received, disbursed and invested. The report is intended to meet the requirements of LGC 114.026(a).

In accordance with the requirement of LGC 114.026(b), the records of the County Treasurer are available for examination by members of the Commissioners' Court and further detail relating to the cash receipts, disbursements, account balances and other financial transactions can be provided upon request. The financial records of the County Treasurer have been made available to the County Auditor for audit purposes.

Pursuant to LGC 114.026(c) & (d), the total amount of cash and investments ("other assets") in the custody of the County Treasurer as of the period covered by this report was \$6,334,660.47

(Due to the timing of reports from financial institutions holding County investments, all interest or dividends earned during the reporting period may not yet be reflected in this reported amount, but will be recorded in due course).

#### AFFIDAVIT

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 114.026 of the Texas Local Government Code, we the undersigned hereby certify to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the foregoing and attached information is a true and an accurate reflection of the financial transactions of the office of the County Treasurer, County of Comanche, Texas, and that the balance of cash and other assets stated above is correct as of the period stated above.

Therefore, I, Patsy Phifer, County Treasurer, being fully sworn, state under oath that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed & Date: *Patsy Phifer 10/01/2018*  
Patsy Phifer, County Treasurer

Commissioners' Court having reviewed the Treasurer's Report as presented, having taken reasonable steps to ensure its accuracy and based upon representations of the Treasurer, find that the report satisfies the requirements of LGC 114.026 and hereby approve the report. It is ordered that this affidavit and its attachments be filed with the official minutes of this meeting in compliance with LGC 114.026(d).

*Stephanie L. Davis*  
Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

*Gary D. Underwood*  
Gary D. Underwood, Comm., Pet 1

*Sherman Sides*  
Sherman Sides, Comm., Pet 3

*Russell Gillette*  
Russell Gillette, Comm., Pet 4

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Fund	FUND CASH CHANGE - COMANCHE COUNTY				PERIOD 1 THRU PERIOD 3			PAGE 1
	Beginning Cash	Beginning Investments	Current Revenues	Current Expenditures	Non Cash Expenditures	Ending Investments		
GENERAL FUND 005	62700.15	1706000.00	1367984.97	-1457936.44	6052.29	1206000.00	478800.97	
SHERIFF'S DRUG FORFEITURE 006	2225.30	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2225.30	
JURY FUND 007	18842.27	13500.00	6193.87	-2288.61	.00	13500.00	22747.53	
COUNTY CLERK/RECORD MANAGE 008	67535.20	97000.00	7870.18	-1521.81	.00	97000.00	60283.57	
CENTRAL DISPATCH FUND 009	124559.03	101000.00	95455.05	-138682.27	1559.91	101000.00	82891.72	
ROAD & BRIDGE #1 FUND 011	270480.49	685500.00	135849.40	-200189.87	622.82	685500.00	206762.84	
ROAD & BRIDGE #2 FUND 012	91243.62	239000.00	127303.29	-605992.95	-1331.26	390000.00	-188777.30	
ROAD & BRIDGE #3 FUND 013	355669.44	770650.00	158873.81	-515963.05	387.10	770650.00	-1032.70	
ROAD & BRIDGE #4 FUND 014	470719.12	665650.00	135367.54	-154159.05	86.18	665650.00	452013.79	
RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND 015	8253.49	3000.00	781.86	.00	.00	3000.00	9035.35	
COURT REPORTER SERVICE FEE 016	6791.88	.00	465.00	.00	.00	.00	7256.88	
LATERAL ROAD & BRIDGE 017	-285.04	.00	27460.88	-27424.12	.00	.00	-248.28	
COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND 018	9635.47	30000.00	1971.34	-421.07	.00	30000.00	11185.74	
SHERIFF'S TRAVEL FUND 019	251.72	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	251.72	
DUMP SITE 020	17279.19	33000.00	8206.75	-10099.84	18.09	33000.00	10854.19	
VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS P 022	4957.44	14000.00	240.00	.00	.00	14000.00	5201.44	
CO CLERK RECORDS ARCHIVE 024	40522.53	94500.00	7557.45	.00	.00	94500.00	48079.98	
CITY/COUNTY LIBRARY FUND 025	6381.14	31000.00	37289.37	-41235.20	93.63	31000.00	2534.94	
LAW LIBRARY FUND 026	2658.09	48000.00	1765.63	-3133				

# Politics

## Charitable Bingo~a year round economic gift, new study finds

Austin, TX – It's just a fun game. We all played it as a kid. Still today, in communities all around the state, Texans of all ages play bingo. They play for fun. They play to spend time with friends and family. They even play for a chance to win some extra cash.

What few know is bingo in Texas only exists to fund charitable causes. Fewer still know the impact the game has on the Texas economy. A new economic analysis by TXP, Inc. tells that story.

Texas Charity Advocates (TCA) sponsored the study. TCA is statewide association for the Texas charitable bingo industry. The full study is attached or can be downloaded here: The Economic Impact of Charitable Bingo in Texas.

"Holiday giving may have just ended," notes Jon Hockenjos, president, TXP, Inc. "But, this study shows that charitable bingo is a year round economic gift to Texans with significant impact on the state economy."

**Key Findings (source: TXP, Inc.)**

- \$462.8 million in total economic impact
- \$258.1 million in value added economic impact
- \$110.9 million labor income
- 2961 direct and indirect employment

**Other Key Stats (source: Bingo Division, Texas Lottery Commission, 2017 Annual Report)**

- \$590.5 million prizes to players
  - \$33.9 million net proceeds to charities
  - \$30.4 million total revenue to state/local governments
- "Our focus is on making something old new again," said Trace Smith, chairman, TCA. "Why – because bingo helps people in communities all across Texas. This study helps us tell that story, which is especially important as the legislature convenes. It will help us make the case for changes that make the game more fun for more people. And, the more people who play, the more people are helped."

**About Texas Charity Advocates:** Founded in 2005, TCA is a statewide organization made up of all segments of the charitable bingo industry in Texas. Its mission is to promote and grow the game to the benefit of Texas charities, their clients and their bingo-playing customers. About TXP, Inc.: TXP, Inc. is an economic analysis and public policy consulting firm founded in 1987 in Austin, Texas. It consults on a range of projects across the country. Members of TXP are involved in the community and understand the challenges faced by an increasingly complex world, as heightened media attention and an ever more diverse set of stakeholders shine a brighter spotlight on public decision-making and public policy.

## Surrounding Area

### "Texans need to be vigilant against human trafficking"

Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick: "Texans need to be vigilant against human trafficking"

Border security is getting much needed attention right now to ensure law enforcement has the tools they need to stop human and drug traffickers. But these problems don't stop at the border and often victims of trafficking aren't limited to those smuggled into this country. This month, we recognize January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is modern day slavery and reports of sexual assault and labor abuse crimes can be seen across Texas. We have a duty as Texans to be vigilant and help law enforcement to stop this terrible crime.

As the chair of the Texas Railroad Commission, I have prioritized modernizing your state's oil and gas regulator to meet the demands of the public and keep up with the constant innovation occurring in the oil plays of Texas. Producers in Texas now lead the world in production efficiencies to deliver high-quality commodities to Texans and the world market. Along the way, we have asked more from industry in helping combat transnational criminal organizations or cartels that threaten our safety and economic wellbeing.

Newly-elected Texas House Speaker Dennis Bonnen has also prioritized combating human trafficking and the legislature is responding with proposals to increase resources for law enforcement and judges to put traffickers in jail. In the Senate, Senator

The Comanche Chief  
**Don't mess with Texas Scholarship applications due**

AUSTIN — The application process for the 2019 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest is now open. Any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school, and planning to attend an accredited Texas college or university in the coming year, is eligible to apply.

The 2019 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest is presented in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful and the Moody Foundation. The contest will award one \$6,000 scholarship and two \$2,000 scholarships in May 2019. The scholarships recognize the achievements of high school seniors who are taking an active role in preventing litter in their schools and communities while working to build awareness for the Don't mess with Texas initiative. "We are looking forward to hearing about the creative ways students are taking the Don't mess with Texas message into their schools and their communities," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas campaign. "Over the years, the scholarship contest has proven to be a catalyst for jumpstarting innovative litter prevention programs across the state, thanks to the efforts and leadership of Texas students."

TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas program has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful as well as spring "Trash-Off" community outreach events.

To apply for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship, visit the web dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. (CST) March 29, 2019.

Jane Nelson has proposed legislation to better marshal the state's resources to combat this crime with a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council at the Texas Attorney General's office. Made up of various state agency heads, they are charged with "developing and implementing a five-year strategic plan for preventing human trafficking in this state."

Raising awareness and educating yourself and others on the signs reduces the places these traffickers can hide their victims and may stop them from finding new victims. Learn more at the Texas Attorney General's website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/human-trafficking> and the National Human Trafficking Hotline at <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/> or call 1-888-373-7888 if you suspect human trafficking. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

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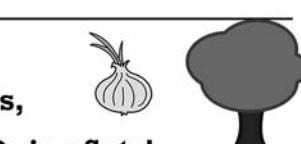
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**CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**

By ED STERLING

**Senate Finance panel starts work on state budget**

AUSTIN — Jane Nelson, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, on Jan. 22 said she would follow an aggressive agenda to deliver a budget ready for floor debate by the end of February.

"There are a lot of things this committee and the full Senate will decide to add, subtract, change, before we actually recommend out of this committee a budget," she said. At the top of the list are school finance and property tax relief.

Nelson, R-Flower Mound, has chaired the powerful committee for three consecutive sessions. On Jan. 15, Nelson filed Senate Bill 1, a base budget for the 2020-2021 biennium, and scheduled daily meetings for the panel to consider the particulars that go into a document that typically exceeds 1,000 pages in length.

Important in the budget-writing process is the state comptroller's revenue estimate, an amount based on economic indicators and models that predict how much revenue the state will collect over the next two fiscal years. That number also serves as a constitutional cap on spending; the legislature cannot appropriate more in spending than the comptroller forecasts in revenue.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar estimated just over \$119 billion would be available in general non-dedicated revenue —nearly \$7 billion more than the \$112.2 billion in the Senate's base budget — in the upcoming fiscal biennium.

**Speaker names committees**

House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, after weeks of meetings with individual members, on Jan. 23 announced committee assignments for the 86th Texas Legislature and named Rep. Joe Moody, D-El Paso, as speaker pro tempore.

Chairs and vice chairs are as follows:

— Agriculture & Livestock: Drew Springer, R-Muenster, and Charles "Doc" Anderson, R-Waco;  
— Appropriations: John Zerwas, R-Richmond, and Oscar Longoria, D-La

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# The legend of Isaac Brock: Was Waco man the oldest person who ever lived?

By Terri Jo Ryan, Special to the Tribune-Herald

When Isaac Brock, of China Spring, shuffled off this mortal coil more than a century ago, one thing was certain — his date of death: Sept. 3, 1909.

It's his alleged date of birth that gives folks pause; if it was true, it made him one of the oldest people to have ever lived. According to some of his descendants who have tried to nail down the claim, Isaac Brock, the "Walking Man," was 122 years and 184 days old when he strolled into eternity.

That audacious claim would have him besting the world's oldest verifiable human life (Jeanne Calment of France, who died on Aug. 4, 1977, at 122 years and 164 days). Heck, it puts him in league with biblical patriarchs.

A thoroughly weathered tombstone with faded lettering in the China Spring Cemetery hints at the curious tale:

"AT REST: Isaac Brock. Born March 1, 1787. Died September 3, 1909.

Aged 122 years, 6 months and 2 days.

He died as he lived — a Christian."

## Conflicting life stories

So many newspaper clippings and contemporary accounts of the old man's life contain so many discrepancies, it's difficult to gauge what really took place during his many decades.

Some accounts had him a fearsome teenage hunter, responsible for feeding his entire Tar Heel mountain community with game. Some accounts say he came to Texas before the 1836 war for independence from Mexico. Still other tales say he made it to Waco by the 1850s to operate a blacksmith shop near the old ferry that later was replaced by the Waco Suspension Bridge.

The short version of his story is that as a young man, he went to Georgia to work in the gold mines, and after several years went to DeKalb County, Ala., to apprentice himself to the blacksmithing trade, later opening his own establishment.

About 1837, he married wife No. 1, Lucinda Carolina Hill (some records say Hall) of Alabama, who bore him four children before she died in 1849. Isaac married within four years, on Sept. 30, 1852, in Rusk County, Texas, to Sarah Jane Sparks, an Alabama woman age 19. They had 12 more children before her death in 1907 at age 74.

## Tales of Confederate service

Roger Conger, Waco historian of the mid-20th century, wrote that about 1858, Isaac Brock moved back to East Texas and in the 1860s tried to enlist in the Confederate Army as a blacksmith.

Various sources say either that he was turned down for being too old or that he was accepted at last when he agreed to take the place of another man. Still other contemporary newspaper accounts say Isaac was pressed into service and that "in his heart he was a Union man."

What is definitely known is that after the Civil War, he appeared in McLennan County and settled on the north side of the North Bosque River.

One of his many children, Sallie Brock Ballard, recalled the long trek from Smith County to Waco in 1872. She also remembered how her scrappy pappy made his own furniture, shod horses into his 90s and walked the 35-mile round trip from his China Spring home into town just two years before Brock died from "a sudden attack of old age," as one reporter put it.

Indeed, some accounts said he died in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ed Drahns, while others contend he died in the county poor house.

According to the Waco Semi-Weekly Tribune of Sept. 8, 1909, the blind and feeble Brock has been ejected from his home of many years in China Spring by his kin who contended that Isaac "was off his mental balance, was fretful and inclined to be fractious and liable to hurt somebody." At his "lunacy trial," as such legal proceedings were known in the day, Judge John W. Davis defended the old man before County Judge McCullough, who ordered him to be admitted to the county poor house on the county farm east of the river. Superintendent John S. Moore told the paper, "He died easy, like a baby going to sleep. There was no pain, no struggle, not a word. The candle of life had burned to its limit."

"So much has been printed about Isaac Brock, his alleged great age, his adventurous and ever romantic life (much of it pure invention) that it might have been supposed that even though a poor man, as to this world's goods, he would have been laid to rest with more of pretentiousness," read the Waco Semi-Weekly Tribune.

Annette Foster Ditto, married to Brock descendant Stephen Wayne Ditto, said that she thinks Brock was likely born around 1805. It was his father, David — who married a first cousin, Eunice — who was born around 1788 in Anderson County, S.C., she said. The Isaac who was born in 1787 in Buncombe Co., N.C. was actually Eunice's brother, she said.

## Census records

Indeed, according to the 1880 U.S. Census, Isaac Brock of McLennan County, Texas, was a 75-year-old farmer (not a 93-year-old one). He was listed as a 48-year-old blacksmith in the 1860 federal census, when he was a resident of Rusk County. His enlistment papers as a private with Company H, 19th Texas Infantry in 1862 list his age as 53. Of course, he told one newspaperman that he gave officials the wrong age so he could get in.

Annette Ditto added that she believes several of Brock's line still live in the greater Waco area.

However, another descendant, named Carolyn Brock Fetherlin, said that after years of skepticism about Brock's age, she's come around again to being a true believer.

Fetherlin's father, George Brock, was the first son of Lafayette America Brock, who was the second son of Isaac Brock and Sarah Jane Sparks.

"I really can't prove either (birthdate)," she said, "I have more things saying he was that old than the other way."

Just a big joke?

Carolyn Ballinger reported on the Brock family genealogical forum that: "Isaac 'Texas' Brock, as he is called, was a man who liked to 'pull one's leg' and gave the (birth) date of his uncle as a jest — you have to know the Brock men to understand what I am saying. The reporter who put all the misinformation in the paper didn't check his facts very well. Dear ol' Isaac also told people he was once a Texas Ranger, served in the Mexican-American War, etc. And if you check you find that none of it is true."

The controversy brings to mind the 1962 film *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. When the newspaperman learns the "truth" about the infamous deed of the title, his response was: "This is the West, sir. When the legend becomes fact, print the legend."

Sources: Ancestry.com, FamilyTreeMaker.genealogy.com; USGArchives.net; Roger Conger: A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF WACO (1964); WACO Semi-Weekly Tribune (Jan. 15, 1908); WACO Tribune-Herald, Jan. 9, 1971.)

## What Great Legislators Have in Common

By Lee H. Hamilton

Each of the great politicians and legislators I've known over the course of my career in Congress was very different. They were masters of the rules, or unassailably knowledgeable about a given issue, or supremely watchable orators. But they also shared key traits that I wish more elected officials possessed.

For starters, the great politicians I've met enjoyed the game, and they worked on the skills needed to play it well. They were good speakers and adroit persuaders, whether on the floor of the Congress or sitting in a supporter's living room with a dozen strangers.

They also embraced a life in politics because they believed they could make a difference. They had confidence in themselves, their ideas, and their ability

to find their way out of tough spots. They were not dismayed by the give and take of politics — if anything, they relished it.

And they could master legislative detail. This may be hard to see from afar, but serious legislating requires mind-numbing work. Effective legislators not only don't mind this, they see it as an opportunity to put their imprint on the law. Many of the strongest political leaders I met over the years had a passion for leadership. There are 435 members of the House and 100 senators; they're already leaders. So the people who in turn rose to the top of those ranks had something extra: they wanted to be leaders of the leaders.

And not just in Congress. Their attitude toward the presidents they served with was interesting. They had a deep respect for the office

## Polls from The Comanche Chief

The greatest football player of all-time from Texas. Poll from November 30 at TheComancheChief.com. 55 voted for Earl Campbell, 14 "Mean" Joe Green and 11 for Sammy Bough.

Which of the following did you pick for your New Year's Resolution. The results were a three way tie between; eat better,

exercise more and spend less money.

Poll results from twitter @comanchechief1 for the question, Will the U.S. Government Shutdown be good for the country in the long run? %30 yes and 70% no.

For more polls go to TheComancheChief.com at twitter @comanchechief1

of the presidency, but they insisted that the president display equal respect for Congress. They took the idea of a co-equal branch of government seriously.

They applied the same sensibility to their colleagues. They were serious about strengthening the institution from the inside. They sought to build its capabilities — for research and analysis, for oversight, and for all the capabilities a branch of government charged with making policy might need. When he first arrived in what he called the "President's house," John Adams let his wife Abigail know he had arrived. "May none but honest and wise Men ever rule under this roof," he wrote. Forgiving him his assumption about a president's gender, isn't that the hope we all have to possess as citizens? That our political leaders are ever honest and wise? I certainly do.

## Sudoku Solution

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4	1	6	3	2	9	5	8	7
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5	3	7	1	4	2	8	6	9
6	8	4	9	3	7	1	5	2
9	2	1	6	8	5	7	4	3
7	4	2	8	6	1	3	9	5
3	9	5	2	7	4	6	1	8
1	6	8	5	9	3	2	7	4

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## 10 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1, 2009

- Chris Lambert, now full time Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Comanche.
- Johhny McCarty of Gustine was chosen as a Lenox Extra Mile Hero.

## 20 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 4, 1999

- In 1998 the Comanche Fire Department received 176 calls.
- Comanche High School students Angie Burns and Taylor Abbey came away with All-Area Band honors in the recent area competition.

## 30 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 26, 1989

- Margaret Bane, 20 year old University of Texas at Austin, pilot student on a cross country flight Monday afternoon managed to steer her dead engine Piper Tomahawk plane to a wide open pasture 2 miles west of Comanche. Bane was not injured.
- Ryan Huett makes six 3 point shots for the CHS Indians varsity basketball team against Merkel. He scored 22 points in the contest.

## 40 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 25, 1979

- Career Day at Comanche High School will feature keynote address by Shirley Cothran Barret, Miss America 1975. Shirley is married to former Comanche citizen, Richard Barret.
- 1978 Peanut Box Score: 893 Farms, 47.850.8 acres threshed, 71,313,224 pounds harvested, 1,490 pounds averaged per acre.

## 50 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 31, 1969

- Brucellosis testing lagging in Comanche County. Comanche County is in the process of testing for recertification of the Modified Certified Brucellosis Area.
- CHS Cagers open 2nd round of district play for the varsity basketball teams. Captains of the Maidens are Vicki Gore and Judy Gleaton. Captains of the Indians are Billy Williams, Royce Lubke and Max Parker.

DID YOU KNOW?  
As the legend goes, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow on Feb. 2, six more weeks of winter weather lay ahead; no shadow indicates an early spring.



## COMANCHE COUNTY AG REPORT

BY MICHAEL BERRY  
COMANCHE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

### Private Applicator Training

The Comanche County Texas AgriLife Extension office will be hosting a Private Applicator Training on Friday, February 8th from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the Comanche County Community Center. This training is only for folks that need to get a private applicator license to use restricted use herbicides on their property. You are required to purchase the training manual for \$40.00, and the training will cost \$15.00. Please call the office if you have questions. There will be no CEU's offered for this training.

#### Continuing Education Units for Applicator Licenses

You can always tell when February rolls around, because many folks start realizing their Private Applicator license are about to expire, and they are short on the required continuing education units required to keep their license. Most private applicator license expire in the spring on the 5th year of the license. Be sure to check your license expiration date. You should get an expiration notice from TDA, but if you have moved or had a change of address, you may not receive the notice.

If you have a private applicator certificate or a private applicator license, then you are required to have 15 hours of Continuing Education Units "CEU's" every 5 years. Of the 15-hour total, you must receive a minimum of 2 hours of Laws and Regulations and 2 hours of Integrated Pest Management. If you fail to get the required hours by the anniversary date on your license you have one year to renew with a late fee. After one-year folks with a private applicator license will be required to retrain and retests.

We are in our third year of the new license fees imposed by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The fees apply to all applicators, except for the certificate holders. The new fees are as follows: Private Applicator- \$100.00, Certified Private-still \$0, Commercial Ag- \$200.00, Non-Commercial Ag- \$75.00, Structural Applicator (all)- \$125.00, Structural Business License- \$300.00.

We offer several programs throughout the year that not only provide great education, but also an opportunity to get those CEU's. We have several good trainings in the next couple of months. If you need information on these programs give us a call here at the Comanche County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office 325-356-2539.

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### Texas Agriculture Law Weekly Round Up

By Dr. Tiffany Dowell Lashmet

Ag law stories in the news:

\* Solicitor General weighs in on Clean Water Act groundwater as a conduit case. Recall from this prior blog post that the U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering whether to hear cases on whether the Clean Water Act is applicable to indirect discharges through groundwater. Before Christmas, the Court asked the solicitor general to weigh in on whether it should take the cases. The solicitor general filed a brief in the cases with a position that the Court should take at least the County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Foundation case to address only the issue of the current circuit split on whether the Clean Water Act applies to pollutants released from a point source that travel through groundwater and end up in navigable waters. [Read brief here.] The Court has yet to announce whether it will hear either of these cases this term.

\* Pipeline planned through the Texas Hill Country. I've gotten numerous calls and inquiries about a proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline that will travel from the Permian Basin, through the Hill Country to the Gulf Coast. Understandably, landowners along the potential route are concerned and scrambling to learn what they can about the law and their rights. The Braun & Gresham law firm has a website devoted to this pipeline that includes maps from Kinder Morgan. There have been a couple of good articles in local newspapers like "Permian Highway natural gas pipeline planned to run through Hays County by 2020," and "Texas landowners fight \$2B pipeline proposal," mentioning various concerns and outlining legal considerations for landowners. Additionally, with regard to eminent domain, I recommend listening to this prior podcast episode I did with Luke Ellis, as well as getting a copy of the Texas Landowner Bill of Rights and my Texas Pipeline Easement Negotiation Checklist.

\* Farm bill allows industrial hemp production; still illegal in Texas. The farm bill legalized hemp production on the federal level, by removing hemp (with less than .3 percent THC) from the Controlled Substances Act and allowing states to regulate hemp production. Thus, on the federal level, hemp will be treated as a commodity for purposes of various programs like crop insurance. Importantly, however, until laws and regulations are passed at the state level, industrial hemp production remains illegal in Texas. Changing this will likely require removal of hemp as a controlled substance under the Texas penal code, passing statutes naming a state agency to draft regulations related to hemp production, and then that designated agency (likely the Texas Department of Agriculture) promulgating rules related to hemp production. There is at least one bill currently pending in the Texas Legislature, SB 116, that would allow hemp production and research in the state. [Read bill here.] For more details on the current status of hemp and what the new Farm Bill provisions authorize, read this blog post from my friend Peggy Kirk Hall at Ohio State University.

\* U.S. Supreme Court declines to consider cases challenging California & Massachusetts animal welfare laws. You may recall from this prior blog post that numerous states, including Texas, filed lawsuits against California and Massachusetts alleging that the states' animal welfare laws related to egg production violated the dormant commerce clause and were unconstitutional. Essentially, the plaintiff states argued that while California and Massachusetts can pass laws regarding agricultural practices in their own states, they should not be able to govern practices in other states by requiring all products sold—not just raised—in the state to comply with the states' rules. Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court denied the petitions to file the cases.

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## Cattlemen applaud filing of Eminent Domain Reform Legislation

AUSTIN, Texas — Robert McKnight Jr., president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), joined Rep. DeWayne Burns, Sen. Lois Kolkhorst and other prominent property rights advocates at a news conference Wednesday to announce the filing of HB 991 and SB 421.

The legislation was touted at the conference as a means to vastly improve the eminent domain process for thousands of Texans who are faced each year with the prospect of losing their private property through forced condemnation.

Eminent domain is a power granted to governments to seize private property for public use, usually thought of in relation to roads, schools or other such projects. In Texas, however, many private for-profit entities, such as pipeline and transmission line corporations, can use the same governmental power.

"I would like to thank Rep. Burns and Sen. Kolkhorst for their steadfast commitment to fixing an eminent domain system that is commonly abused and designed to favor private companies who subsidize their profits with the power of condemnation," said McKnight at the news conference. "Texans deserve better. We deserve an eminent domain process that is open and transparent, that is fair and respectful of our partnership in energy infrastructure, and that holds private condemners accountable if they don't do it right."

McKnight and others at the conference stressed the importance of better transparency, accountability and fairness in the eminent domain process, noting that for private entities, especially oil and gas pipelines, those virtues are practically nonexistent today.

During the news conference, the bills' authors discussed some of the provisions that would accomplish those goals. Mandating a public meeting to ensure property owners understand the process and can have their question answered, stipulating minimum protections that must be present in the contact and holding condemners accountable if they offer property owners less compensation than they are owed.

According to Rep. Burns, the bills have already received bipartisan support from legislators who represent both rural and urban Texas. Still, the legislation will face strong opposition from oil, gas and pipeline company lobbyists who like the advantages they currently enjoy.

"Texas' rapidly growing population and thriving energy industry are at crossroads that will determine the future of our state," said Rep. DeWayne Burns. "HB 991 will ensure Texas property owners are respected partners in building our critical infrastructure while preserving our strong tradition of property rights."

Sen. Kolkhorst also noted the broad support and that it is indicative of how widespread the problems are, and how seriously private property rights are taken in Texas. "Since the days of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin, Texans have valued on our freedom to own private property," said Sen. Lois Kolkhorst. "To continue that proud tradition, I filed SB 421 to see that the eminent domain process used by private entities is fair, transparent and that those entities are held accountable when they take private land."

Now that it is filled, the legislation must be referred to a committee and scheduled for a hearing.

McKnight urged all Texans to follow the progress by visiting [www.TexansForPropertyRights.com](http://www.TexansForPropertyRights.com) and signing up for updates. He also called on property owners to contact their state legislators and ask for their support.

"This is an issue every legislator can support to protect their constituents," he concluded. "Ask them to sign on to HB 991 or SB 421 as a co-author to show their support for your private property rights."

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# Changes in aquaculture have consumers landing 'higher value' fish

By Adam Russell

COLLEGE STATION – Consumer trends continue to drive an industry change from traditional aquaculture species like catfish to higher value species including redfish and hybrid striped bass, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Todd Sink, AgriLife Extension aquaculture and fisheries specialist, College Station, said catfish, a longtime staple for Texas fish production, has experienced a recent decline in pricing and popularity, causing producers to look at other options.

Catfish prices were around 93 cents per pound compared to the high of \$1.35 per pound two years ago. As a result, discerning U.S. consumers are buying less catfish as household wealth and expendable income increase and because other options in the market are perceived as higher quality. Those include salmon, redfish and hybrid striped bass, which are a cross between white and striped bass, he said.

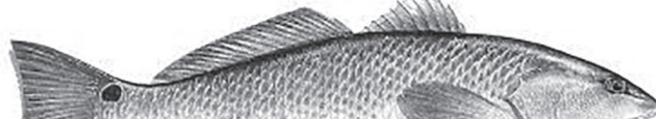
Sink said poor prices and consumer trends have some catfish producers switching at least a portion of production to other species like redfish and hybrid striped bass, which bring higher prices - \$3-\$3.30 per pound and \$3.30-\$3.60 per pound respectively – and are experiencing increased demand.

"It's fairly clear that consumer tastes are changing from what is perceived as lower-quality fish to higher-end, higher-value fish," he said. "The cyclical movement on catfish has been downward for a while, so you have a lot of producers looking to diversify with other options that are trending upward in both price and consumer demand."

Redfish and hybrid striped bass can handle a range of salinity levels. Bass prefer fresh water to 10 parts per thousand salinity, while redfish are typically produced at five parts per thousand to full-strength seawater.

Redfish growth rate stalls when waters are 50 degrees or below, and freezing waters can cause die-offs without proper management, which limits production to warmer climates, Sink said. Hybrid striped bass are more tolerant

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of cool waters and are grown throughout the U.S., although their growth rate can also decrease drastically below 50 degrees.

Catfish production densities in Texas are around 12,000 pounds of fish per acre compared to 6,500 pounds of hybrid striped bass per acre and up to 8,000 pounds of redfish per acre, Sink said.

Texas is the No. 1 producer of redfish and hybrid striped bass, including around 98 percent of the nation's redfish production and more than half of hybrid striped bass, Sink said. Established producers continue to expand their capacity to meet demand.

It's difficult to ascertain redfish and hybrid striped bass production levels because U.S. Department of Agriculture census reports are infrequent, but Sink estimates Texas produces up to 2.7 million pounds of bass and 2.3 million pounds of redfish annually based on their 2013 report and farm expansions since that time. By comparison, Texas ranks No. 4 in U.S. catfish production with 18.9 million pounds per year.

Several farms are expanding redfish production across Texas with one currently adding 200 acres of production capacity to its operation, which represents a 30 percent increase in overall production, Sink said. Hybrid striped bass production has been expanding at a 3-5 percent rate annually in Texas and southeastern states.

"We don't expect to see any slowdown in the expansion of both the market and production to meet that market demand over the next five to 10 years," Sink said.

"They're expanding as they can to supply consumers in a market that is just starting to take off."

Sink said 90 percent of Texas' hybrid striped bass production serves demand from high-end restaurants on East and West coasts, while nearly all of the state's redfish production serves restaurants in large cities such as New Orleans and Houston.

"Producers are getting a premium price for their product, many farms are looking to expand, and some restaurants are operating their own farms just to ensure they can supply their consumer demand," he said. "Right now they are serving niche markets, so there is room and reason to expand."

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Sale Compared to Last Week: Feeder Steers & Heifers: 2-4 higher. Slaughter Cows: 4-6 higher. Slaughter Bulls: steady.

Bulk Supply of Sale: Feeder cattle accounted for 70% of the sale. Slaughter cows and bulls accounted for 30% of the sale. In the feeder supply: steers 60% and heifers 40%.

Cow & Calf Pairs: Good: 980-1225; Plain: No test.

Bred Cows: Good: 925-1175; Plain: 600-900.

Cows: Utility: 44-48, Few High Dressing: 49, Cutters: 40-42, Canners: 38-40, Old Shell: 30-34, Stockers: 65-94.

Bulls: Bologna: 70-74, Few High Dressing: 77, Stockers: no test, Utility: 60-77.

Steers: Med. & Large #1: 300# & Under 190-192; 300-400# 179-188; 400-500# 166-178; 500-600# 156-167; 600 - 700# 142-159; 700# & Up 109-121.

Steers: Med. & Large #2: 300# & Under 175-184; 300 - 400# 117-151; 400 - 500# 133-144; 500 - 600# 126-139; 600 - 700# 109-131; 700# & Up 70-81.

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Heifers: Med. & Large #1: 300# & Under 150-166; 300 - 400# 143-159; 400-500# 130-148; 500 - 600# 138-145; 600 - 700# 120-130; 700# & Up 118-129.

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# Some new surprising Super Bowl facts for 2019

By Louis Baragona

The Super Bowl is arguably the most exciting event for football fans across the country.

The Super Bowl has been around since 1967.

It's the second biggest eating day of the year for Americans.

Some tickets to the Super Bowl can cost nearly \$100,000.

Come February, talk of the Super Bowl is pretty much inescapable. And the 2019 Super Bowl is no exception. Everywhere you turn, football fans are discussing who will win, who will perform, and which ads will have everyone talking the next day.

So, what else is there to learn about the big game if it's all anyone can talk about? There are actually a few little-known facts about the Super Bowl.

Whether you're rooting for the Patriots or the Rams, you probably didn't know these 12 things.

The Super Bowl has been around since 1967.

In the very first Super Bowl, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on January 15, 1967. Sixty million people tuned in for the first broadcast, a number that has since nearly doubled.

After their win, each player on the Packers team took home a \$15,000 bonus. In comparison, every Patriots player received a \$107,000 bonus for their win in the 2017 Super Bowl.

Super Bowl Sunday is the second biggest eating day of the year for Americans. If you don't like to watch the game, you

can keep busy by eating.

Even if you're not a sports fan, you're probably heading to the Super Bowl parties for the food. Chances are you're eating at least a few of the 1.25 billion chicken wings consumed on Super Bowl Sunday.

One hundred twenty million pounds of avocado, four million pizzas, and 50 million cases of beer are all scarfed and guzzled on what is the second biggest eating day of the year—Thanksgiving is the first. Many NFL teams have never won the Super Bowl. Many NFL teams have never won the Super Bowl. The Buffalo Bills have never won the Super Bowl.

According to Business Insider, 12 NFL teams have never taken home the rings, the bonuses, or the big W from the Super Bowl. The Eagles just recently took themselves off of the list with their 2018 Super Bowl win.

Meanwhile, teams like the Cleveland Browns, the Buffalo Bills, and the San Diego Chargers have never won the big game.

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As of 2017, Super Bowl ads cost advertisers about \$5 million for 30-second spots. When the Bowl first began, ads were a much more conservative \$40,000, but they've climbed in cost every year since then.

The reason these ads are so expensive is because the games draw in extremely

high viewership, which can potentially lead to revenue. The advertisements have also become a heavily valued tradition over the years, each more elaborate than the next.

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Though their teams may differ, many Super Bowl quarterbacks share the same alma mater.

As of 2017, universities Notre Dame, Michigan, and Stanford were tied for the most alumni with Super Bowl appearances, each with seven. Purdue came in second with six.

Tied for third place were Louisiana Tech, UCLA, Alabama, Tennessee, Navy, California, and Miami.

Tom Brady is the most successful quarterback in Super Bowl history. Tom Brady after his 2017 Super Bowl win. Adrees Latif/AP

New England Patriots fans may know this, but 40-year-old Patriots quarterback Tom Brady has

had the most Super Bowl appearances and wins of any quarterback in history.

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Lamar Hunt, the former owner of the Kansas City Chiefs, came up with the Roman numerals system after NFL officials wanted to avoid confusion based on the fact that the championship game is played the year after the corresponding season has ended.

Football is usually played beginning in the autumn of one year, then the Super Bowl falls in the beginning of the next year. The tradition began with Super Bowl V in 1971 and has continued ever since.

Super Bowl tickets are only getting more expensive and can cost more than the average American's annual salary. Super Bowl tickets are only getting more expensive and can cost more than the average American's annual salary.

For this year's Super Bowl, the cheapest ticket costs over \$2,900. From there, the average ticket

price is about \$5,682. The most expensive tickets cost upwards of \$93,000.

By comparison, the median salary of Americans working 40 hours a week is \$44,148, which is about less than half of the price of the most expensive ticket.

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The NFL does not pay bands or artists to perform at the halftime show.

There have been contradictory rumors for years that halftime performers are either paid exorbitant amounts or that the performers pay the NFL a huge sum to perform. Both of these assumptions are incorrect.

According to the New York Times, the NFL does not pay an "appearance fee" but does cover all expenses for the performer(s) as well as the cost of things like lighting, bodyguards, and stagehands.

But, as Upvenue.com pointed out, the idea of a performer paying isn't necessarily true either. The NFL allegedly asks performers to ensure their performance offer with cash, but Katy Perry confirmed that she did not pay to perform at the Super

Bowl in 2016.

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One of the NFL's top concerns is making sure that footballs are properly inflated in order to avoid cheating. For regular games, each team typically breaks in 12 footballs ahead of time that are then used during the game, according to USA Today. These footballs are presented to officials and inspected two hours and 15 minutes before the game, where they are tested for air pressure and proper protocol.

During Super Bowl XLIX, each team got 54 balls, making a total of 108 balls.

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**NEW LISTING! 603 E WALCOTT** Perfect starter home, everything has been updated, electrical, plumbing, sheetrock, windows, everything. 2 bed 1 bath with open concept living and its on 1.894 acre lot in town! \$89,900

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**NEW LISTING! 1314 N LANE** Cozy 3 BR, 2BA brick home located in a nice neighborhood. This home is very neat and well kept. It features a \*\*SOLD\*\* aluminum siding, updated exterior doors/windows, a storage shed, & all appliances convey. \$99,000

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**REDUCED!! READY FOR YOUR FAMILY! 604** Longhorn Beautiful 1,927 sqft 4 bed 2 bath Brick with open concept design, kitchen has large island, there is a game room, new AC unit, patio, privacy fenced yard, & storage! \$173,000

**313 SUNSET DRIVE REDUCED!! NEWLY REMODELED:** 2052sqft, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, large living & dining, beautiful kitchen, nice quiet neighborhood, & great for a large family! \$138,500

**GONE FISHING! 3490 Bounding Main** 2 Bedroom 1 bath Lake front home w/covered dock that has a boat lift & gorgeous water views! This home is right on the water & set under beautiful Oak trees! Perfect Lake get away! \$99,000

**REDUCED! 908 W Wrights** Perfect first home or for the family & located in a great neighborhood. Office, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, and a large utility building, attached carport, and hardi-board siding for that insurance break! \$69,900

**GREAT LAKE HOUSE! 281 St Thomas** 1 Bed 1 bath w/ separate utility building. Beautifully fenced in yard with trees, plenty of \*\*SOLD\*\* boats and other vehicles, plus there are storage buildings for all your other toys! \$42,000

**242 TREASURE BEACH - READY TO GO FISHING!** 1 bed 1 bath combo living, dining, & kitchen makes this the easiest place to stay at Proctor Lake. Cozy cabin that is easy to keep clean so that all your time can be spent fishing! \$45,000

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**REDUCED! PLENTY OF SPACE!** This four bedroom two bath Brick home sits on 4.73+-acres just on the edge of town! There's room for the kids and all the animals at this place! \$125,000



**NEW LISTING! 2450 HWY 2247** Large Brick home with 4 bedrooms split on each end of the home, 3 baths, 1 w/walk-in tub. Fireplace w/insert, co-op water & a well. Set on 1+-ac, it has a storage building, a shed, a storm cellar, and a new roof this year! \$179,000

**NEW LISTING! COUNTRY HOME IN BEATTIE!** 1600 Hwy 588 3 bed 2 bath Frame \*\*PENDING\*\* another wooded acre behind it. Co-op water & a well, detached 2-car garage, screened in porch, appliances convey, & a storage building! \$125,000

**1425 HAVEN** Beautiful Austin stone home, 3,420 sqft, 3 bed, 3 baths, fireplace, 2 central air units, 2 water heaters, a water softener, & a well for the yard! 27+-ac cross fenced, has a tank, a metal shop, sheds, working pens, storage, gazebo & a hot tub! \$499,000

**GREAT \*\*SOLD\*\* PROPERTY!** 90+-ac with 3 tanks, good hunting really good hunting & a Brick home in need of some love. \$325,000

**HORSES WELCOME!!** Well maintained acreage that's fenced and cross fenced. Beautiful 3 bed 2 bath home new flooring, custom cabinetry and plenty of room for your family. 24X24 Barn w/ electricity, 14x6 storage! \$199,000

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**PRIME COMMERCIAL LOCATION!** Great business opportunity 3 blocks from the square with over 6,000 sq ft! \$375,000

**A-1 LOCATIONS!! 3+-ac with 750 sqft office facing Hwy 36! 48 storage units, & 40x40 metal building.** Owner/Broker \$375,000

**FRONTS HWY 377!** Nice metal shop building with electricity and roll up door on concrete slab facing Hwy 377! \$35,000

**OVER 9,000 SQFT OF OPPORTUNITY!** Currently has three businesses under one roof with room to spare! \$157,000

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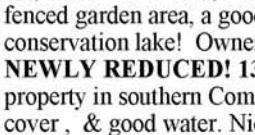
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**NEWLY REDUCED! 138.7+-ACRES!** Exceptional property in southern Comanche County with abundant wildlife, great cover, & good water. Nice elevation changes make it perfect to build on with wonderful views, a well & electricity! \$2,700/ac



**NEW LISTING! 189+-AC!** Great cattle place but good cover too, lots of Live Oak, Red Oak, & Mesquite, 35-acre field, 2 ac high fenced garden area, a good set of pipe cattle pens, & a 10 acre soil conservation lake! Owner/Broker \$3,000/ac

**NEWLY REDUCED! 138.7+-ACRES!** Exceptional multi-use property in southern Comanche County with abundant wildlife, great cover, & good water. Nice elevation changes make it perfect to build on with wonderful views, a well & electricity! \$2,700/ac

**NEW LISTING! 20+-ACRES AT MERCERS!** Build your dream house in this private community with access to the lake! \$48,000

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**NEW LISTING! RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL!** 1.61+-ac with Sipe Springs that you could build a house on or you could make it a metal warehouse that would be great storage! \$30,000

**NEW LISTING! 0.41AC \*\*SOLD\*\* residential lot!** \$

## 'Plan While You Can' campaign aims to reverse trend in alcohol-related crashes during Super Bowl weekend



### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS VS LOS ANGELES RAMS

AUSTIN — With the excitement of Super Bowl weekend just days away, the Texas Department of Transportation is urging football fans to "Plan While You Can" for a sober ride before enjoying game-day watch parties and other activities that may involve alcohol.

"Super Bowl weekend is a potentially dangerous time for alcohol-related crashes," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass.

"With so many transportation options available, there is absolutely no excuse to drink and drive. If you plan to drink alcohol, plan ahead for a sober ride.

It's a game plan that

could save a life."

During last year's Super Bowl weekend,\* there were 258 alcohol-related crashes in Texas. Those crashes killed eight people and seriously injured another 21.

Drivers under the influence of alcohol not only risk killing or seriously injuring themselves or others, but also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license.

As always, TxDOT urges drivers to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Designating a sober driver.
- Contacting a cab or ride-share service.
- Using mass transit.

• Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.

• Spending the night. Since Nov. 7, 2000, at least one person has died on Texas roadways every single day.

In an effort to end this deadly streak, TxDOT encourages everyone to drive sober, buckle up, slow down, drive to conditions and respect other drivers. Driver education efforts such as "Plan While You Can" are key components of TxDOT's #EndTheStreakTX

awareness campaign that reminds drivers it's a shared responsibility among all of us to keep our roads safe.

Please help us end the streak.

## NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS DAY

Since 1910, boys across America have been doing good deeds, learning survival skills and developing moral foundations through the Boy Scout of America. February 8th annually recognizes National Boys Scouts Day. The Boy Scouts of America has roots in the British Boy Scouts organization which was created in 1908 after the success of the book Scouting for Boys by Robert Baden-Powell.

On a foggy day in London an American newspaperman, William Dickson Boyce, became lost when a Boy Scout came to his assistance. With the boy's guidance, Boyce arrived at his destination. When Boyce offered payment for the assistance, the Boy Scout refused explaining it was a good deed. On February 8, 1910, Boyce filed papers and the Boy Scouts of America was born.

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### RESIDENTIAL:

Family living in 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, vaulted ceilings and lots of full windows give the living space plenty of breathing room. Covered patio adds to spaciousness, large laundry room, granite counter tops, slatted back splash. Outside is open under large mature shade trees, storage building, and courtyard entry way. Yard on well. Text PROPID 545012 to 46786 103 Acorn Lane \$210,000 Well-Constructed: very comfortable 2 bed, 1 bath Frame home. AC and Hot Water heater installed 2016. New roof July 2016. Garage is closed-in as storage. Carport. 102 10th St. \$55,000

### ACREAGE AND HOME:

116+ Acres, 3 bed 2 bath brick home, 2 car garage. Large workshop, water well plus 45+ acres costal Bermuda balance in native pasture and oaks. Spring fed stock tank, small working pens. Lots of road frontage and great views. Text PROPID 543037 to 46786 2150 CR 103 \$550,000

7 acres 3 bed 2 bath brick ranch home in Mullin TX. Open living area with fireplace. Built-ins in kitchen, 2 car garage, RV storage, metal storage building, livestock barns, water well, Postoak's, live oaks and pecans. Text PROPID 535454 to 46786 20 CR 549 Mullin TX. \$225,000

Totally Remolded Charming Country Home on 5 acres. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, exceptional kitchen, lots of storage, tile and hardwood floors. Outside features a beautiful covered patio, lawn sprinkler system, RV hook up, water well, 1800 square foot barn with lush coastal. 209 Sand St. PROPID 525631 to 46786 \$295,000

92 Acres with excellent views, elevations changes, 3 water wells, manufactured home, highway frontage, unusual hunting, cattle pens. West of Sidney TX. in Comanche County. PROPID 522686 to 46786 5970 CR 1689 \$268,000

### COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL:

Multipurpose building ready to use. 2 restrooms, office and a large room used as a sanctuary. Can be converted easily into office or living facility. In-wall vacuum. Large cement parking lot. Located on Hwy frontage. PROPID 543048 to 46786 1310 S. Austin \$75,000

Office, Retail, Commercial: 5,000 sq ft span building with attached storage half block off square. Building has exceptional store front. Currently divided into large rooms with free standing walls, but can be opened up for large showroom or many possibilities. Street and side parking. 215 N Houston \$179,000

Retail location on north side of Historic Revitalized Comanche Square. 1,525 sq ft, store front windows, lots of storage. Excellent for retail or office. FMI: Text PROPID 484311 to 46786 119 W Grand \$169,000

A Block west of the square with 150 ft of Highway 377/67 frontage on a corner lot, perfect for office or retail shop. Remodeled, move in ready! FMI: Text PROPID 484310 to 46786 303 W Central \$269,000

Commercial Property: 18,725 sq ft metal frame building, retail space, display windows, needs some repair and ready to build out. See map and details Text "PROPID 441748" to 46786. 103 Indian Creek Dr. REDUCED \$175,000

### ACREAGE:

157 acres mixed woods and improved grasses. Sandy soil established Bermuda 70 acres, 80 acres of wooded area. Creek runs through the property will hold water and pipe working pens. PROPID 543048 to 46786 351 CR 181 Sidney TX \$387,500

92 acres Good water wells, Double wide home, stock tank fed by water well, massive oak trees, barn, equipment shed, and working pens. Property has good fencing on 2 sides with excellent roads throughout. PROPID 538439 to 46789 6016 FM 1689 Sidney \$268,000

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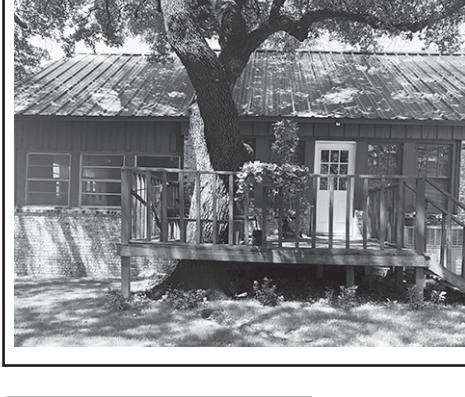


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**REDUCED! \$93,000 Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home** on nearly an acre, close to downtown Comanche! The house sits on the back side of the property nestled in mature live oak trees for privacy, also pecan and peach trees! The property has a water well, fenced in backyard, a 12X24 shop, an oversized mud room. The AC unit was installed in 2016! Its a must see! Motivated seller, come look today!

### Homes on Acres

AN ABUNDANCE OF SPACE! 3 bedroom 2 bath SWMH with 1,216 sq ft (CAD) nice 2004 mobile home on 21 304+ fenced acres with coastal and native grasses. This home includes large kitchen and living area, spacious master bedroom & bath, and front and back deck. Newly installed 1,075 gallon water reservoir. \$115,000

RE-REDUCED TO \$460,000 FAMOUSLY DESIGNED HOME BY FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT Trained architect Charles Schiffner! This one of a kind 3 bed 3.5 bath Home on 17.292 Ac(CAD) Open concept kitchen,white washed red oak cabinets, ceramic tile,Speaker system,Pella Windows,Beautiful fireplaces to keep cozy in that cold weather,baths for every room,Built in Vault,Paved Private driveway,Concrete Drive in @ house,w drive through Porter Coche's Entry 2 Car Garage,Sprinkler system,Private well,Best view in Comanche Architectural furniture will convey. Home Also Backs up to an Additional 190+ Ac can be purchased if wanting more land to go with this amazing home. Come have a look at this remarkably unique home don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity.

### Land

20 BEAUTIFUL ACRES Adjacent to City Park and Indian Creek Estates. It has a 10 acre irrigated Pecan Orchard with Registered 40 gpm Well, many beautiful building sites, City Water available on south side. Indian Creek Drive. \$150,000

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME! Breathtaking piece of heaven on the edge of Comanche. This a beautiful 199+ acres tucked away just outside of town offering rolling hills of pasture for grazing on coastal and native grasses as well as brush covered creeks and two 1-2 ac tanks. There's ample mesquite covered flats that provide great cover for the vast number of deer and turkey found on the place. Could also be subdivided into 10, 20, or more acre tracts for the developer minded buyer. \$797,772

GOLFER'S CUSTOM PARADISE HOME!!! This is a dream home for anyone looking to live on a beautiful golf course out in the country. Newly rebuilt and addition. Home is basically brand new. Barely lived in. 10' ceilings in the entry, living and dining. Granite countertops throughout. Brazilian hardwood floors. Outdoor living spaces on the upstairs covered deck and out back on the ground level. Golf cart garage on back side of the house with roll up door opener. Smart home wiring throughout. Propane plumbed to all three fireplaces. Central Vac. Crown molding throughout. So much more. It's a must see!!! \$375,000

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UNIQUE SPANISH style home with tons of charm. 4 bedrooms 2 baths, hardwood floors, Breakfast Room,huge backyard and great price for the square footage. \$129,000

BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED HOME on almost 6 acres in the highly desired neighborhood of Indian Creek. This home sits nestled in five or six huge mature Live Oaks. The home is almost entirely new on the inside and the Austin Stone with the green metal roof is the classic TX ranch style look. It features 3 full bedrooms with a master suite and guest bath as well as a second sitting room or game room off the kitchen. There's a nice large covered back porch and fenced in back yard. A small storage shed is in the back yard as well as a 40x60 insulated metal shop with 2 12 ft. roll up doors, on slab with electric and plumbed for a bathroom. This is move in ready!! Country living on the outskirts of town. \$345,000

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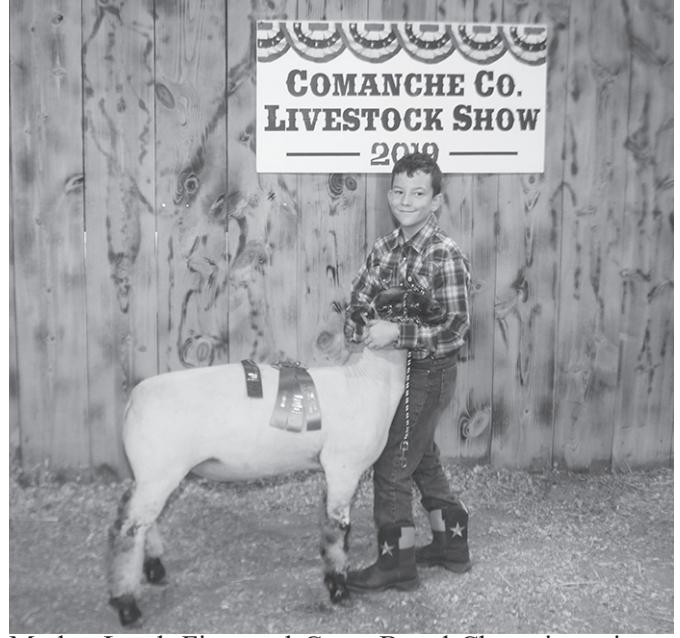
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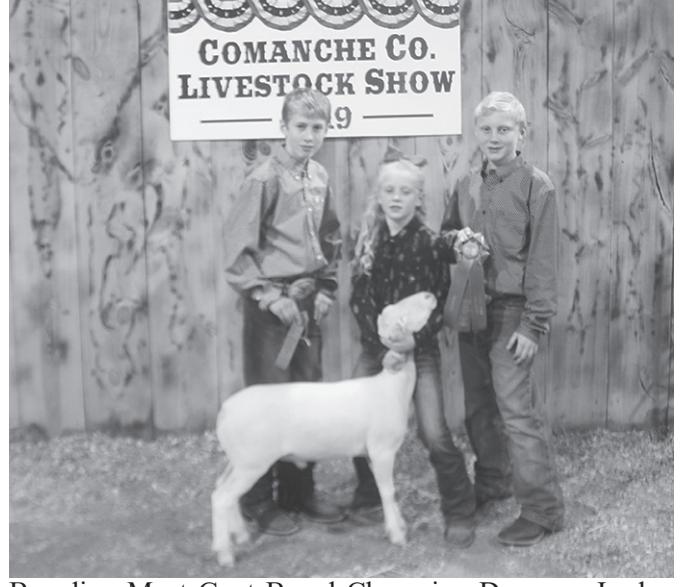
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Market Lamb Finewool Cross Breed Champion winner was Caleb Vineyard from Sidney FFA.



Breeding Meat Goat Breed Champion Doe was Jordan Terpstra of the Sidney FFA. She is pictured with her brothers.



Market Lamb Breed Champion hair Sheep was Jordan Terpstra of the Sidney FFA. She is pictured with her brother.

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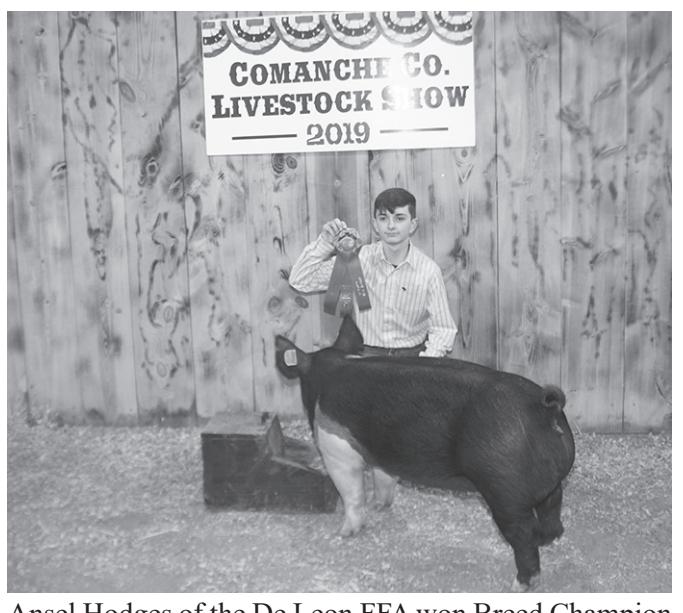
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## CISD new electronic devices guidelines

Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Mobile Telephones (Cell Phones)

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones (Cell phones); however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing. Additionally, rules for each campus must be followed. A student must have approval to possess other telecommunications devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers.

The use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

### Comanche High School

Students will be allowed to use personal devices ie. cell phones inside the building during breakfast, during lunch, before 7:45 am, and after 3:45 pm if it is outside of any instructional setting. Student will also be allowed to use their cell phones for academic purpose only inside classrooms when deemed appropriate and with the permission of the classroom teacher. All other times cell phones must be turned off and out of site.

If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day or is caught with a cell phone in restricted areas, the following will occur:  
1st offense- The device will be confiscated and kept in the principal's office for the remainder of the day.

2nd offense- The device will be confiscated and will need to be picked up at the end of the day by (student/parent) for a fee of \$15 or will be kept in a secure location for 15 days. (Parent will be notified)

3rd offense- The device will be confiscated and will be picked up at the end of the day by the student's parent for a fee of \$15 or will be kept in a secure location for 15 days.

### HR Jeffries Junior High School

Students will be allowed to use personal devices ie. cell phones inside the building after 3:45 pm if it is outside of any instructional setting. Student will also be allowed to use their cell phones for academic purpose only inside classrooms when deemed appropriate and with the permission of the classroom teacher. All other times cell phones must be turned off and out of site.

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If problems arise, the cell phone policy may be modified for a short period of time for the safety of students and staff at the principal's discretion.

Excessive offenses could warrant additional discipline by principal.

Additionally, devices may be confiscated upon the first offense for the following actions:

- Used for cheating
- Containing inappropriate, vulgar or pornographic pictures or messages
- Used to send threatening messages in limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel.

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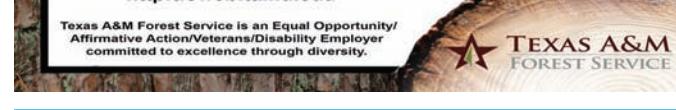
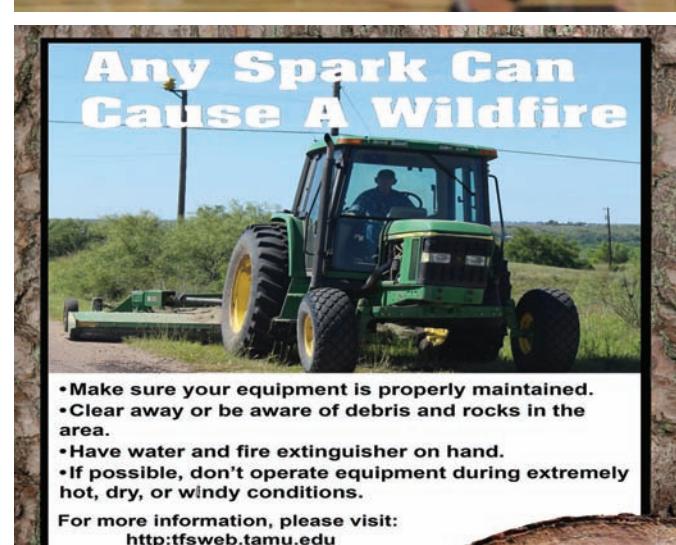
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## The Texas Almanac coming soon to the Chief's book store

The first edition of the Texas Almanac was issued by The Galveston News in January 1857, 21 years after Texas won its independence from Mexico and only 12 years after it became a state.

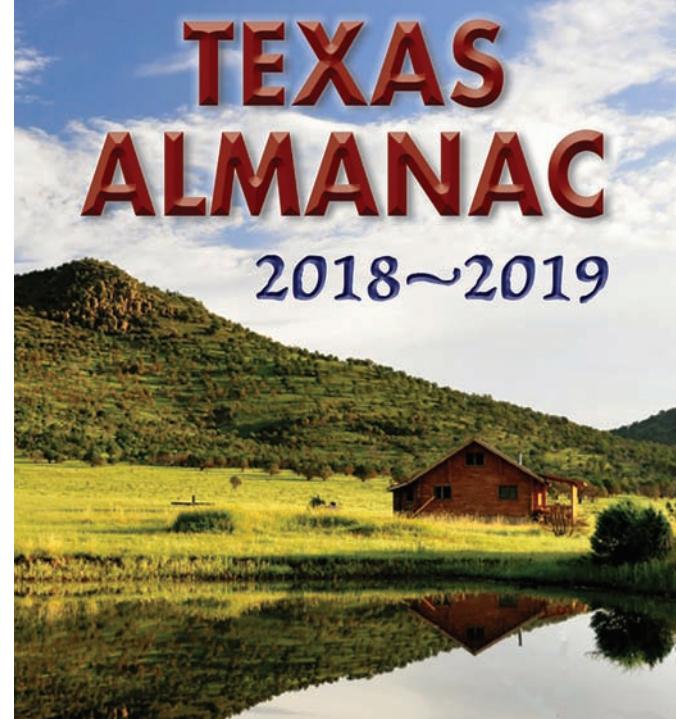
The focus of the earliest editions of the Texas Almanac was on history and the workings of the state government. These 19th century editions included many first-person accounts of the Texas Revolution and the early days of the Republic and of statehood. An edition was published each year through 1873, except for 1866, totaling 16 annual editions.

The editions for the years 1862–65 were of pamphlet size, ranging from 48 to 64 pages. Because Galveston was one of the Gulf Coast ports blockaded by the Union Navy and there was constant threat of armed conflict during the war, production of the 1862 edition was moved to Houston, and the next three editions were published in Austin.

Post-Civil War publication was resumed in Galveston in 1867. With the 1869 edition, the name was changed to The Texas Almanac and Emigrant's Guide to Texas, reflecting the state's need to attract settlers.

The 1873 edition was the last 19th century edition, as Willard Richardson died in 1875, and no one at the Galveston paper was interested in continuing the publication.

In 1885, The Galveston News spun off The Dallas Morning News as a sort of North Texas branch newspaper. George Bannerman Dealey was sent from Galveston to Dallas to establish the Dallas paper. Dealey thought that the Almanac would be a way to encourage the economic development of the state. In 1904, The Dallas Morning News resumed publication of the Texas Almanac. Just three years earlier, the Spindletop Oil Field had been discovered near Beaumont, boosting Texas into the petroleum and industrial age.



Following another hiatus, the Almanac resumed publication with editions in 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1914. Another gap in the series ensued with the outbreak of World War I. The present series was begun in 1925 by The Dallas Morning News, with annual editions through 1929, when the effects of the Great Depression caused a change to a biennial cycle. This schedule has been maintained, with only a couple of exceptions.

Beginning with the 1941–42 edition, all Texas Almanacs have carried a two-year designation. Besides the Sesquicentennial Edition of 2006–07 marking the 150th anniversary of the Almanac (1956–57); the George Bannerman Dealey memorial edition (1958–59); the 110th anniversary of the first issuance of the Texas Almanac and the 125th anniversary of the founding of A.H. Belo Corporation (1966–67); and the Texas Sesquicentennial edition (1986–87), celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Texas.

By 1950, the Texas Almanac had become a reference book on resources, industries, commerce, history, government, population, and other subjects relating to the political, civic, and economic development of Texas.

Stuart Malcolm McGregor, who had edited the Texas

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Almanac since 1925, retired in 1961 after publication of the 1961–62 edition, which was dedicated to him by the publishers. The editorial policies and format that he established were continued in later editions. In 1961, Walter B. Moore became editor of the publication. Fred R. Pass succeeded him in June 1973. Upon Pass's resignation in 1981, Michael T. Kingston became editor.

Kingston served as editor until his death in 1994, at which time Mary G. Ramos was named editor. Ramos had worked for the Texas Almanac since 1985, when she was named assistant and then associate editor, replacing Ruth Harris, who had worked for The Dallas Morning News for 49 years. Ramos retired as editor in 2003 and replaced by Elizabeth Cruce Alvarez, who left in 2017. Today the Almanac is edited by Rosie Hatch and Robert Plocheck.

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## PREDATOR CONTEST FEB. 9-10

### MILLS COUNTY GENERAL STORE PREDATOR HUNT RULES

#### TURN IN:

Sunday, February 10, 2019, 11:00 a.m.  
Mills County General Store, 1108 Fisher St., Goldthwaite, TX 76844

Late turn-in results in disqualification and forfeiture.

1. 4-man team maximum. All must be present at turn-in. Must hunt together.
2. Hunters must be entered in the contest.
3. No hunting baited areas.
4. Any animal showing signs of traps, snares, aging, or "loading" will result in team disqualification.
5. Animals must be harvested by team members between 11 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday.
6. Winners will be subject to polygraph.
7. Texas hunting regulations apply including:
  - a. Must have valid hunting license
  - b. Must have permission of landowner
  - c. May not shoot from public road
8. Must be registered team member to enter heavy pots.
9. Team members must dispose of animals in legal manner.
10. Team with most total points wins.
11. Any ties will be split.

### SCORING GUIDE

Mountain Lion 50  
Bobcat 12  
Coyote 10  
Red Fox 7  
Gray Fox 5

7 animal cap at full points, 1 point per animal after cap.

Heavy Pots \$10.00 per team to enter, winner take all: Coyote, Bobcat, and Raccoon.

If there are less than 10 teams, only 1st and 2nd place will be paid.

Gray Fox Heavy Pot: \$5.00 from all entries will go into the gray fox heavy pot and all teams will be entered.

11 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Registration 10:00 a.m. Saturday 2/9/2019

Begin hunting 11:00 a.m.

Check-in 11:00 a.m. Sunday 2/10/2019

\$125.00 per team, up to 4 hunters

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All entries will be examined and may be disqualified at the discretion of Mills County General Store.

All entry money will be awarded. After Gray Fox Heavy Pot, all winners will be awarded:

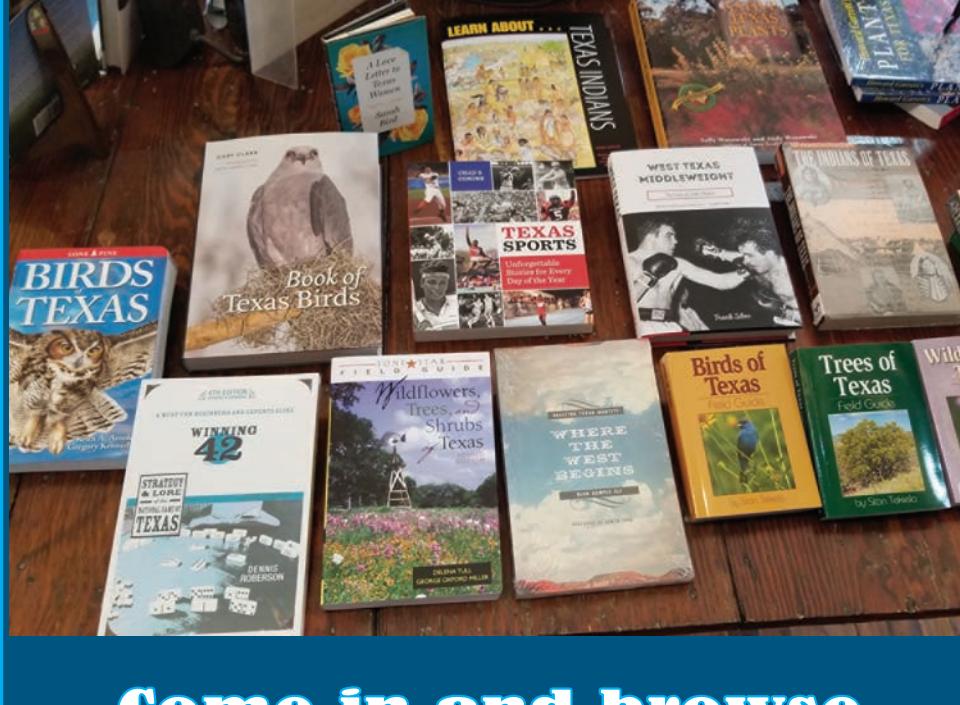
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