

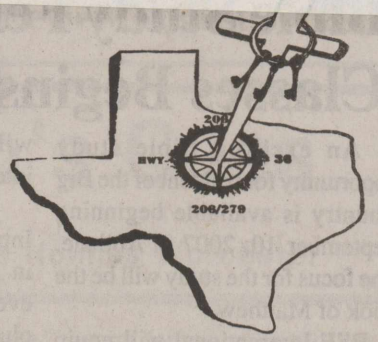


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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: This is an amazing story that proves the power of faith and that the hand of God is always with us. It was published in the *Breaking Christian News* (Exclusive) and written by Aimee Herd, Editor. **Vanda Anderson**

"The Miracle of an Obedient Heart at the I-35 Bridge"

The following is a very special account of a miracle that happened the day of the recent bridge disaster in Minnesota. This is the testimony of a young man named Matthew who is not a stranger to the voice of God. The part of his story that is most remarkable was the fact that his obedience to God ended up saving the lives of many others, who otherwise could've just ended up another statistic in this tragedy.

Matthew's account made me wonder: do we ever stop to think of the lives that are affected by our obedience to the Lord? Not just our own—though we know the Bible says blessings come with obedience to God—but also the lives of those around us. Every one of us is affected by another's actions...but can we actually save lives (even unknowingly) just by doing what we know God has asked us to do? Read on...and you'll see a perfect example of this kind of obedience to the Lord.

(Brooklyn Park, Minnesota) — Wednesday, August 1st, seemed to be a day like any other in the St. Paul, Minneapolis area. But at 6:05 p.m.—in the midst of rush hour traffic—the busy Interstate Bridge that joined I-35 with the city of Minneapolis suddenly broke apart and fell into the Mississippi River.

There have been many accounts already, which have pointed to the grace and protection of God in the midst of such tragedy...due to the construction on the bridge, the traffic was not at the normally full flow, or speed.

There was a train riding underneath the bridge at the time, which may have stopped some of the collapse. And then the school bus, filled with 50 children that rode the concrete on the way down during the collapse, and didn't tip over—all the children were saved.

And then there is Matthew's testimony of God's protection. What happened to Matthew (last name withheld) on the day of the bridge collapse is nothing short of miraculous and amazing!

After being contacted by one of Matthew's family members to inform me of his story, I later spoke with him directly. First, I asked him to go back to that moment, before the bridge collapsed, and explain everything

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C. P. Athletes Challenged to Come Up Higher

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

In the Special School Board meeting on August 21st, the Athletic Code of Conduct was approved. It was stressed that, "Playing sports at Cross Plains ISD is not a right, but a privilege".

High Standards

This year, the expectations of student-athletes will be held to a higher standard than the general district standards and policies. The Athletic Code of Conduct states, "Student-athletes should conduct themselves in such a manner that brings credit to themselves, their teammates, their family, their community and to Cross Plains ISD. Athletes should never engage in an activity or action that can be construed as inappropriate for a Cross Plains athletic team member."

Student-athletes will be subject to random drug testing. If found in violation of drug or alcohol use, there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd

offense consequences. These range in severity from extended hours of community service, local drug/alcohol rehabilitation, suspension from extra/co-curricular activities, to not being allowed to travel with, or even be on the sidelines of games.

Running 'halos' is another consequence. One 'halo' consists of the athlete running one complete lap from goal post to goal post and back to starting point, while carrying a tire above his head in 2 minutes or less. Athletes caught using tobacco products will be required to complete 25 'halos' within one week from the time of the infraction.

And finally, if the athlete persists in violating the drug and alcohol policies, the penalty will be removal from the Cross Plains ISD Athletic Program for life.

The Code affirms, "Athletes are to be held to higher standards.

These higher standards allow the athletes to walk tall and be proud of the program. A program that makes the members proud is well worth the effort and time put into it.

This policy is to ensure that each member who wants to remain a member, will meet or exceed the high expectations upon which this program is built." Coach Jim Sides is the new Athletic Director for CPISD.

Student Development Committee Praised

Superintendent Jackie Tennison offered his congratulations to the Student Development Committee for all of their hard work. Board member Tommy Ames agreed that he had heard some really good things concerning the commitment and goals that have been reached.

Parents and concerned citizens have worked together to better the appearance of the school campus

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New Monthly "After School Adventure Program" for Cross Plains Public Library

ASAP, or 'After School Adventure Program' will begin Wednesday, September 5th at 4:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

The month of September is when we traditionally honor Grandparents with a special day and the library we are planning a sharing project with grandparents and children. Grandparents are encouraged to come with their grandchildren for this event. Participants will be working on making a simple Teddy Bear where the child will make two stitches and the grandparent will make two stitches until the bear is completely sewn all around.

Little button eyes will be attached and a small amount of stuffing will take place to give the bear a cuddly and well rounded shape. For children who do not have a grandparent living close by, there will be grandparents available to "Adopt" for the day from our Senior Citizens' Center. We hope you can join us this fun afternoon! We can "Bear-ly" wait!

The ASAP will continue with more exciting programs and activities on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month. Watch for details of upcoming events.

Submitted by

Linda Burns, Librarian

Applications being taken for Helping Hearts & Hands

If your home in need of minor repairs: painting, plumbing, insulation, and caulking? The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative would like to extend a hand to assist you in the help you might need.

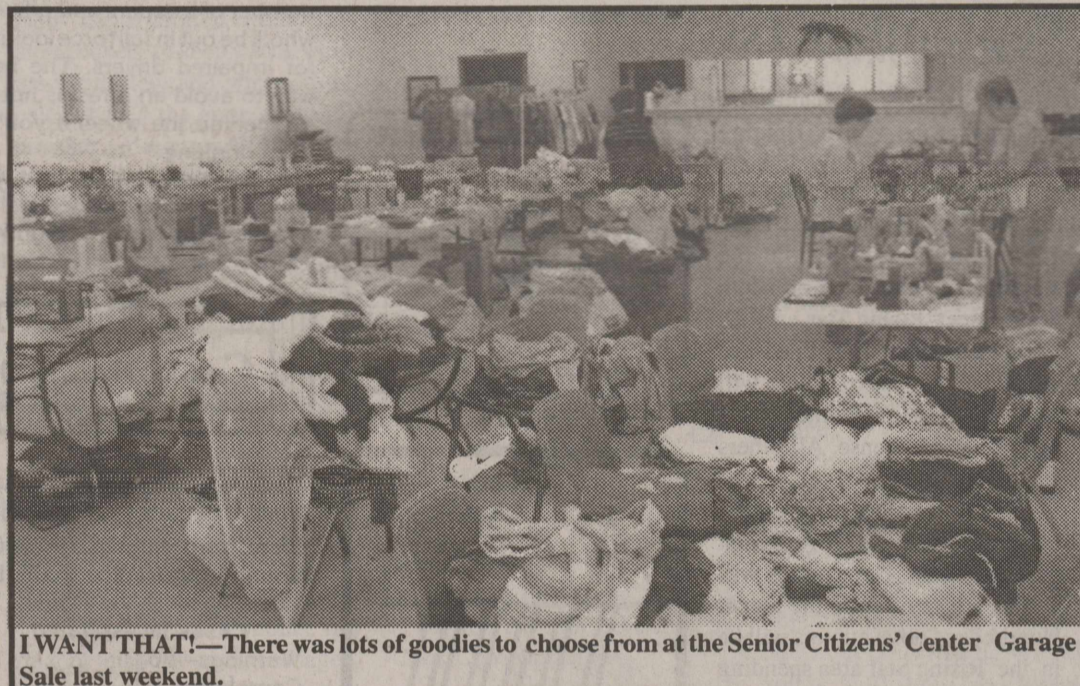
Free assistance is available to homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or very low income. Applications are available now at the Senior Citizens' Center, Texas Heritage Bank, or City Hall. The application deadline will be at the end of September and if you need any assist in filling out the application please call Pat

Stephens at 254-725-6819.

This is a worthwhile community project that has been in action since 1998. Volunteers will be needed once again to complete these projects, so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of this year. We are excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor.

If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Roxie Thomas, 254-725-6141 or Pat Stephens 254-725-6819. Please return your applications to Texas Heritage Bank or Cross Plains City Hall.

Submitted by Pat Stephens



I WANT THAT!—There was lots of goodies to choose from at the Senior Citizens' Center Garage Sale last weekend.

Senior Citizen's Garage Sale was a BIG Success!!

Lots of things were brought in and lots of things went out on Friday and Saturday, August 24-25. Over the last couple of weeks, not only was there a lot of items donated but a lot of money donated, as well. With all the proceeds from the garage sale and from donations, there was a total of \$4,466.15 collected for the Senior Citizen's Center.

With the money we had already received and the proceeds from the garage sale, there needed to be some sort of plan. So, a few weeks ago a group of committed community members met and had a brainstorming time to share ideas and thoughts about what to

do with the funds, and what could be done to make the Senior Citizen's Center an even better place to come, eat and spend time with others.

As a result of the meeting, we set up an account at Texas Heritage Bank and it was decided the name on the account would be Senior Citizens of C.P. Renovation Fund. Our appreciation to Dannes Turner and Bob Pipes for helping open the account.

Any funds that come into the account will be for the sole purpose of renovating the center from the inside to the outside. We also agreed to meet in the next couple of weeks to

come up with some specific project that we want to do based on our brainstorming time.

A BIG Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great success! Thanks to all who donated money and items to the garage sale and to those who volunteered their time for this great event. Most of all we appreciate those who came and bought items.

We are grateful to Higginbotham's for the money aprons and Village Market for the paper bags donated.

Once again, the Community of Cross Plains has blessed others and has been blessed by our Heavenly Father in a great way.

If anyone would like to make a cash donation you can go by Texas Heritage Bank (or mail to P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443) or come by the Senior Citizen's Center.

Submitted by
Kim Crockett

Buffalo Breakfast Begins This Friday, August 31st

The first Buffalo Breakfast for this football season — this Friday morning (August 31), 7:00 a.m. — will be hosted by First Baptist at their Family Life Center.

All varsity, junior varsity and junior high football players, parents of players, cheerleaders, coaches, and administration are invited. There is no charge for the meal.

There will be a 5-10 minute devotional and everyone is encouraged to stay and partake of the spiritual food as well as the physical. Mark your calendar now — Friday, August 31, 7:00 a.m. — First Baptist Family Life Center.

[The teams will be competing against Bronte this Thursday (JV) and Friday (Varsity).]

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Another Local Joins the Real Estate World

I, Norma Evans, am please to announce that I have joined Jimmy Partin Realtors of Abilene, Texas after completing the educational requirements and being licensed and certified by the Texas Real Estate Commission for the state of Texas. The Partin Realtors have been in business since 1946 and strive to make all your real estate experiences pleasant ones, both personally and professionally.

After being retired from the US Postal Service for 2 1/2 years, I made the decision to return to the marketplace. I enjoyed serving many communities as a postal employee and also cherished my baby-sitting duties with my grandchildren during this retirement transition. I am delighted to represent my broker and brother-in-law, Jimmy Partin III as I engage myself in this new chapter of real estate.

Guest Speaker and Special Music Featured at Gospel Mission

R.D. Childers, former resident of Cottonwood, will be bring the message and also play his fiddle at a two-day meeting scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, September 3-4, at Gospel Mission, 716 S.E. 1st Street in Cross Plains. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Childers pastored at Mangum Baptist Church for two years before moving into the field of evangelism.

William Johnson and his wife, Joyce Cisco, will join Childers and his wife, Sharon, who plays the guitar, in presenting the special music. Danny Johnson of Cross Plains is William's brother. Joyce sings and it was reported they write many of their own songs.

Michael Ingram, pastor of Gospel Mission, welcomes everyone to this meeting. He has been graciously opening the doors of the Gospel Mission to other denominations as the saints gather to hear God's Word and give praise.

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JV
vs. Bronte
August 30, 2007
6:00 p.m. Home

Varsity
vs.
Bronte
August 31, 2007
7:30 p.m. There

Bible Study Fellowship Fall Classes Begins Sept. 10th

An exciting Bible study opportunity for resident of the Big Country is available beginning September 10, 2007 in Abilene. The focus for the study will be the book of Matthew.

BSF International will equip you and your children with the tools, environment, relationships and support you need to strengthen your knowledge and understanding of God and the Bible.

Plan to come and join many others from all walks of life who

will share in this challenging interdenominational study.

Bible Study Fellowship Introduction Classes will be held in Abilene as follows: Monday evenings (men's and women's, plus school age children); please call 325-692-3192 for more information.

Wednesday mornings (women's and pre-school); please call 325-692-3192 for more information.

Submitted by Joyce Mundy Class Administrator

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Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
 Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

First Service Will Be May 6th

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Al Taylor, Preacher

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Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Rufus Wilson
 254-725-7574
 Sunday School...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley / 254-643-1977

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday10:00 am Thursday7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES

Fred W. Helm

Fred W. Helm, 83, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, August 21, 2007 in Fort Worth. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Saturday, August 25, 2007 at the Acton Baptist Church. Burial followed in Acton Cemetery under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home.

Mr. Helm was born May 23, 1924 in Wingate, Texas to Brade and Elizabeth Ann Cox Helm. He married Doylene Brannon in 1944 in Wingate, Texas. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Helm was a longtime resident of Acton for 49 years where he served as a deacon at Acton Baptist Church and worked as a furniture refinisher and a machinist for Waples Machine Shop for 14 years. He moved to Cross Plains two years ago and was currently a member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sister; a son, Fred Wayne Helm in 1966.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Doylene Helm of Cross Plains; daughters, Quada Bien and husband, Sammy, of Cross Plains and Mary Ann Dyer of Garner, Texas; 4 grandchildren, Karri Shepard, Jason Bien, Sean Dyer and Brandon Dyer; 5 great-grandchildren, Jacy Bien, Sara Bien, Jackilann Shepard, Madilyn Shepard and Abbigale Hatley of Wingate, Texas.

Memorials can be made to the Cross Plains Fire Department and EMS.

Lunch for Dove Hunters September 1st

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Wolf's Hunting Den will welcome dove hunters to the area with lunch on Saturday, September 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on south Main Street, Rising Star.

Beans/cornbread and sausage wraps will be served. There will be no charge to any hunter with a valid hunting license. All others can eat for \$4.00.

The event will be held on the opening Saturday of Dove Season in this region. Door prizes will be given away during the lunch. Hundreds of dove hunters will be in the Rising Star area spending several thousand dollars in the local community and this is one way the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses can make the hunters feel welcome.

For further information, contact Judy at City Hall, 254-643-4261.
 Submitted by J. Elliott

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We will be Closed Monday, Sept. 3 for Labor Day! Have a Safe & Happy Holiday

Alton Harris McCowen

Alton McCowen, age 75, of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, August 24, 2007 in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27, 2007 at Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Matt McGowen officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery.

Alton was born to Raymond Alton and Donie (Scott) McCowen in Shreveport, LA on September 14, 1931. After graduation Alton joined the U.S. Air Force. He married Joan Thomas in Park Ridge, IL on March 31, 1951. After leaving the service they made their home in San Diego, CA where he worked at the San Diego Gas and Electric Company until 1977 when he retired and moved to Cross Plains. After moving back to Cross Plains, Alton then worked as a general carpenter and handyman. He was one of the original members of the Cross Plains Project Pride and served two terms as President. Alton also volunteered for the Cross Plains Public Library.

Survivors include his wife, Joan McCowen of Cross Plains; numerous cousins including, Burlie Paul McCowen of Abilene, Bobby Jack McCowen, Reuben McCowen and Jimmy McCowen all of Cross Plains, Charlene McGowen of Brownwood and Bonita Horton of VA.

Pallbearers were Reuben McCowen, Bobby Jack McCowen, Jimmy McCowen, David McGowen, Tom Stephenson and Stan Painter.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cross Plains Public Library, P.O. Box 333, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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Pray For Rain

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Christopher Marquez, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
 J. T. Taylor, Jr., DWLI.
 David Paul Coffey, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Tonia A. Ingram, theft by check.
 Charles Thomas Roberts, theft by check.
 Christopher S. Wagner, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael Nichols, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 Jayna K. Miller, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$146 fine, \$204 court costs, \$133.22 restitution.
 Jessica G. Rodriguez, order on motion of surety for warrant granted.
 Dana J. Hogrell, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 90 days in jail, \$401 court costs.
 Billy Joe Moore, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
 Kevin Ray Williams, plea of guilty to no driver's license,

\$200 fine, \$154 court costs. Dustin Wells, transfer request from Tarrant Co. to Nolan Co. granted.

Michelle Derrick, order amending conditions of probation granted.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Timothy Houlihan, criminal mischief.
 Daniel Moreno, criminal mischief.
 Nathan T. Nichols, criminal mischief.
 Brandy Russell, theft.
 Terry Lynn Smith, DWI - 3rd or more.

Civil Minutes

Leslie Ann Manicchia and Billy Craig Manicchia, divorce granted.
 Ronald Alan Freiman and Linda Sue Freiman, divorce granted.
 James Collins and Amber Collins, divorce granted.
 Jeremy Lee Steele and Angela Lynn Steele, divorce granted.

Drunk driving crackdown planned for Labor Day holiday

AUSTIN—With throngs of Texas motorists expected on Texas roadways this Labor Day to enjoy the last holiday weekend of the summer season, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced today that state troopers and local law enforcement will be stepping up enforcement of the state's DWI laws between August 17 and September 3.

"You Drink. Drive. Go to Jail. campaign is about saving lives and preventing injuries," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's director of traffic operations. "This year, we've more than doubled the number of troopers and officers who'll be out in full force looking for impaired drivers. The best way to avoid an arrest is not to get behind the wheel if you've been drinking."

Texas continues to lead the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

reports that impaired driving is a contributing factor in almost half of all Texas fatal traffic crashes. Thousands of law enforcement officers in Texas are expected to participate in the national mobilization effort.

Convicted first-time DWI offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for as long as a year, and serve 180 days in jail. Safety officials say other costs associated with a drunk driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$10,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes and vehicle insurance increases and other expenses.

TxDOT's advice for drivers for the upcoming holiday weekend? If you've been drinking, don't drive. Make plans in advance about how to get home safely. Designate a sober driver, call a cab or someone you trust to pick you up, or stay where you are until you are able to drive.

CALLAHAN COUNTY DPS REPORT

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from August 19, 2007 through August 25, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated
 Warnings—86
 Complaints—75
 DWI—1

Driving Under the Influence—1
 Driving While License Invalid—1

Vehicle Accidents
 There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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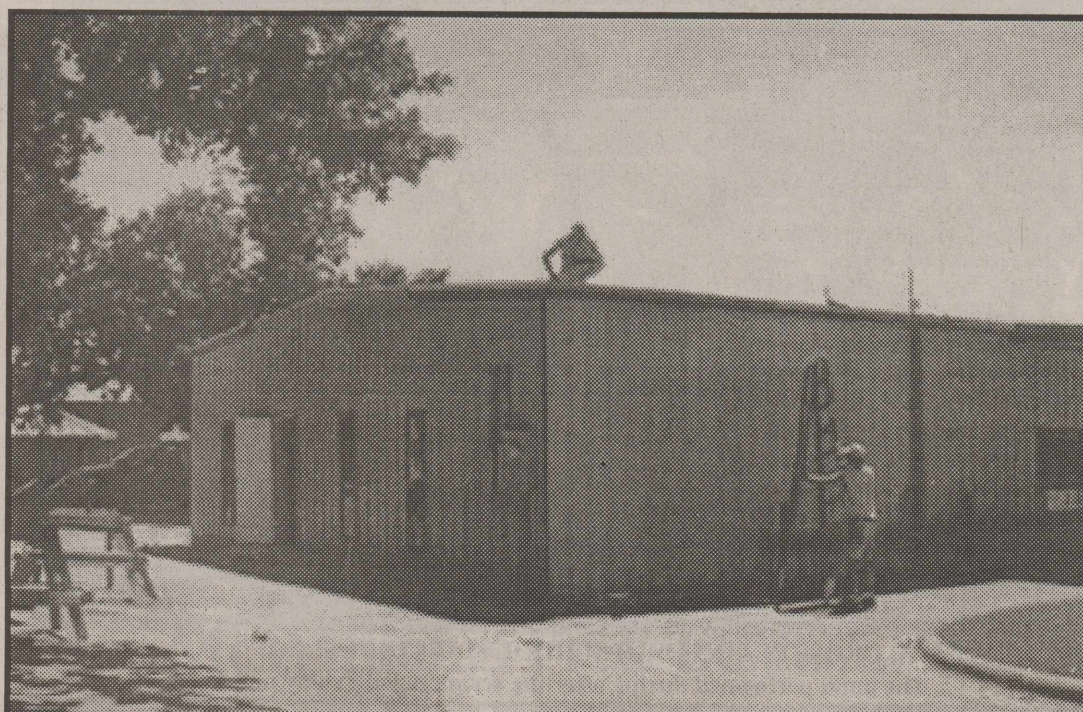
First United Methodist Church

and the

First United Presbyterian Church
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Sunday School 9:30AM
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM
 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM
 (Thursday Jean's Feed Barn)

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 Church Office 254-725-7377



WORKING HARD—Hutton Construction of Cross Plains works diligently on the addition to the Cross Plains City Hall.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Roundup

The Cottonwood Quilting Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Next week the club returns to its normal extended hours and will serve lunch. Everyone is invited to come out to enjoy this time of fellowship with friends and neighbors. There seems to be a sense of real joy and fulfillment people get out of pooling their efforts for each other.

The club is finishing up a quilt for Isla Stroud for her grandson. The quilt was started for Isla before her death and will be finished next week. They are still working on the annual Rehab Quilt and working on a quilt for Lavonne Childress.

Meeting dates for the club in September are scheduled for September 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

I was driving through Cottonwood this weekend and found myself thinking about our July 4th celebration. It was a very dignified and patriotic affair. I hope you were able to attend and if you were not able to do that, mark your calendar for next

year. And thanks again to all who participated and all who came to pay this tribute to our Stars and Stripes.

I Believe! I Do Believe!

Okay folks! I stated in my last column that if I received one more confirmation about the snow storm on the 4th of July, 1924, I would believe it.

The problem of my belief came because I was born in December 1924 and could not have known firsthand the story of my grandfather, whom I heard tell the story several times.

I only had my imagination to see people out in the fields trying to thrash wheat, hovering around an old steam engine with their shoulders humped into the heaviest coat they could find and their hands stuffed deeply into their pockets, to keep warm, while the wind blew and whipped the belt between the engine and the thrasher so vigorously it almost came off the pulleys. A shivering thought indeed.

One confirmation this week came from someone in Rising Star. However, the name he gave was so garbled, I could not

understand it. But, he did confirm the story. And I do apologize for the voice mail difficulty and hopes he calls back.

The last confirmation came by e-mail from Donnell Clark, who states, "According to the stories told by my parents, there was a huge snowstorm in Texas in 1924, the John Westerman, Floyd Guinn and Jeff Clark families were on their summer vacation on the Llano River near Junction in July of 1924. They confirmed a heavy snowstorm that occurred at that time from north central Texas all the way down past Junction. It was so heavy that one or two of their tents went down."

Then Donnell states, "With the number of confirmations you now have, please believe the story." So, I DO believe! The End.

(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474 or e-mail at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Please remember this, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

One Man Show Jubilee Starting on Sunday, September 9th

First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will host Mark Winter of One Man Show Ministries to conduct Jubilee services on September 9, 10, and 11. Sunday worship begins at 10:45 a.m. and evenings services at 7:00 p.m. The morning service will be held at the Presbyterian Church, 2nd and D Street, and each evening service will be held

at the Cross Plains Community Center.

A One Man Show Jubilee is a mix of inspirational messages, drama and programs designed to help people discover strength, hope and joy in God. Rev. Winter, who lives in Ft. Worth, Texas, formed his One Man Show Ministries in 1999 as a "creative force for God." He is a

General Evangelist of the United Methodist Church and author of *If There Is No God*, published by Cook Communications.

At one church where Rev. Winter conducted Jubilee services, the pastor wrote, "Mark brought a unique and refreshing approach to revival that was enthusiastically embraced by our congregation. He held everyone's attention with his blend of humor, stories and gospel message."

You are warmly invited to attend these special services to be renewed in mind and spirit!

Submitted by
Carol Bennett

Regular Meeting of the American Legion Post 423

The American Legion Post 423 will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, August 30th, at 6:30 p.m.

A meal will be provided and all wives of members are always welcome.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend. Audrey Purvis, local member, reported that they currently have 40 members.

Scranton Musical set

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, September 1st at the Scranton Community Center.

The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m., and the music will begin at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians are encouraged to come out to play.

Call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group to play. Mark Ray is the emcee.

Submitted By: Joanie Shrader

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
August 20-24, 2007

Patrons	108
Programs	34
Books Checked Out	125
Copies	39
Reference	5
Internet Users	33
Memorials:	Jimmy and Patsy Harelik in memory of Paulette Foster's Mother
Book Donations:	Scarlett Koettel, Sandy Doss, Ann Beeler and Leslie Lawrence
Volunteers This Week:	Joe McWilliams, Jean McWilliams, Kayla Lawrence, Lauren Goode, Katharine Goode, Azalee Womack, Sue Bennett and Arlene Stephenson.

MA AND PA

BY JAMES NICHOLS

"You know Ma that First United Church Preacher can really dish it out but he can't take it."

"Now Pa you know it is better to be one sided than two faced."

"I guess your right Ma, but did you haft to remind me of it."

Down Home

that happened next.

Matthew's Testimony: "I was coming home to take a shower, and then pick up my friend across the I-35 W. Bridge," Matthew recalled. "I was headed into the city (of Minneapolis), it was bumper-to-bumper."

"I was praying and talking to the Lord, and the next minute—the Lord gave me this vision. In the vision (the bridge was) shaking—it started to snap and broke through. I saw two cars go off the edge into the Mississippi. Then (after the vision), I said, 'What is that all about Lord? You need to talk to me.'"

"God told me to 'STOP!'" (I was 100 feet away from the bridge).

"He said, 'You need to stop right there.' I said, 'Lord, there are cars behind me.' (There were about 100 people in the line of traffic behind him, and many had begun honking their horns at him.) But God said, 'That's okay, you need to stop.' So I stopped. And then the Lord said, 'Look.'"

"People were going around me—about 20 feet away from the bridge. That's when it snapped—(the bridge) broke down and crashed. I saw 2 cars go off the bridge, and I was like... 'wow!'"

"At first I was sitting in the car waiting, thanking the Lord, because it could've been me on that bridge. Then people came up to me and said, 'Thank you.'"

"I got out and looked from the side (at the collapse)...it was traumatic seeing what happened. And the police told me to go back in my car and turn around."

Editor: I asked Matthew what he was thinking at the moment he saw the bridge begin to break... "I was realizing that the Lord is awakening (His people) and saying, 'Listen to Me, you need to listen to Me.' I realized that if I (hadn't) listened to Him, I would've gotten on that bridge and took a ride."

"After that, I called my friend and told him I couldn't pick him up because the bridge broke through. Then I went to the Holy Spirit conference (that was happening nearby) and worshipped the Lord!"

Editor: I then asked Matthew, "As you look back at what God spared you from that day, and at what happened with the bridge, what immediately comes to mind?"

"When I look back," said Matthew. "I realize the Lord has a calling (for me), and He's preparing me to be obedient and ready, and to know it is 'time to roll'...and to know who Jesus is."

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

"Dream No Small Dreams"

School started Monday. What an opportunity! I am writing to teachers first. Be a good friend. You will be long remembered. Just for this year, you have a chance no one else has to make a difference. Will the start of school be? You have choices! I know that reputations can be passed down but they can also be changed with new beginnings and hard work. You may have heard from last year's teacher that so-and-so is not really proficient in such and such, but look with open mind and eyes. He may have decided to really try this year. Give him a hand up. See what the two of you can do.

Now to the students. Make choices. Choose not to just pass the time. Take advantage of opportunities. Many may come only once. Make the most of them.

Live up to your potential. Through God's grace, it is unlimited. You are a magnificent creation capable of great ac-

complishments. Part of the key to success in "knowing and BELIEVING that you CAN, and then taking purposeful action." Self esteem does not mean an ego trip.

You will interact with other people. Try to cause no harm. As with your teachers, you will long remember your friends. There is an old saying, "If you want a friend, be a friend." Choose carefully, then cherish your friends. You can help and be helped by your friends.

"Plan your work and work your Plan." Be on a constant search for that which will help you meet your goals. Once You see definite goals, it is almost surprising how you will come in contact with that which helps you meet them. Remember that answers can come in parts. Don't wait for the whole thing to come your way. Right now, part of meeting goals is the new school ear. Determine to make the best of it. As our new CISD Superintendent, Dr. Gail Haterius has said, "Dream no small dreams." BHW

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

SEPTEMBER 3 - 7

MONDAY - CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	Gelatin, Roll
TUESDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Pea Salad, Pineapple Sherbet, Bread	THURSDAY - Chili Cheese Dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/Raisins, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Pepper Steak w/Gravy, Buttered Rice, Carrots, 2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.	FRIDAY - Baked Fish, Broccoli Pasta Salad, Tomatoes & Zucchini, Ranger Cookie, Bread

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By Bob Pipes
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The Bible speaks of "a wife of noble character whose value is far above rubies" (Proverbs 31:10) — "whose husband's heart safely trust her" (v. 11). This chapter in Proverbs continues to relate the many wonderful qualities of such a woman, and toward the end of the chapter states that "her husband joins her children in rising up to praise her" (v. 28).

On this day, August 30, Patsy and I have been married for fifty years. I can't think of any one of those years, not even a day in all those years, that she has not been the kind of wife spoken of in Proverbs 31. As the chapter ends, so it is with "my Patsy" — "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise in the city gate" (vv. 29-31).

"Pardon me for being so personal," as Paul Harvey would say, but I believe in "giving credit to whom credit is due" regarding one who "signs her life with the excellence of God."

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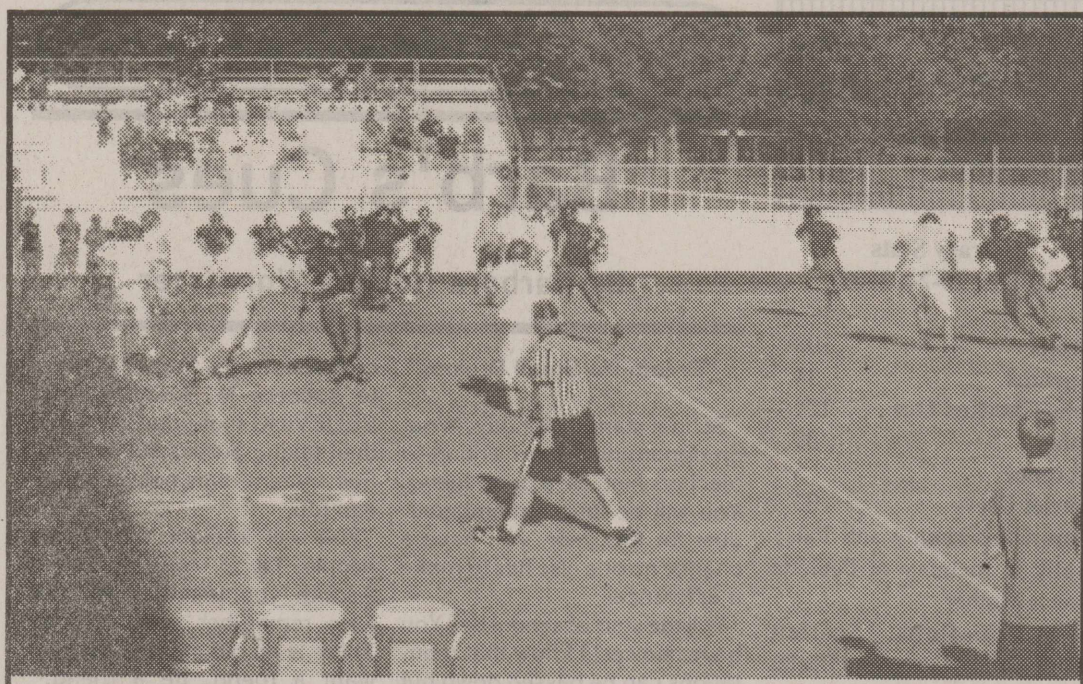
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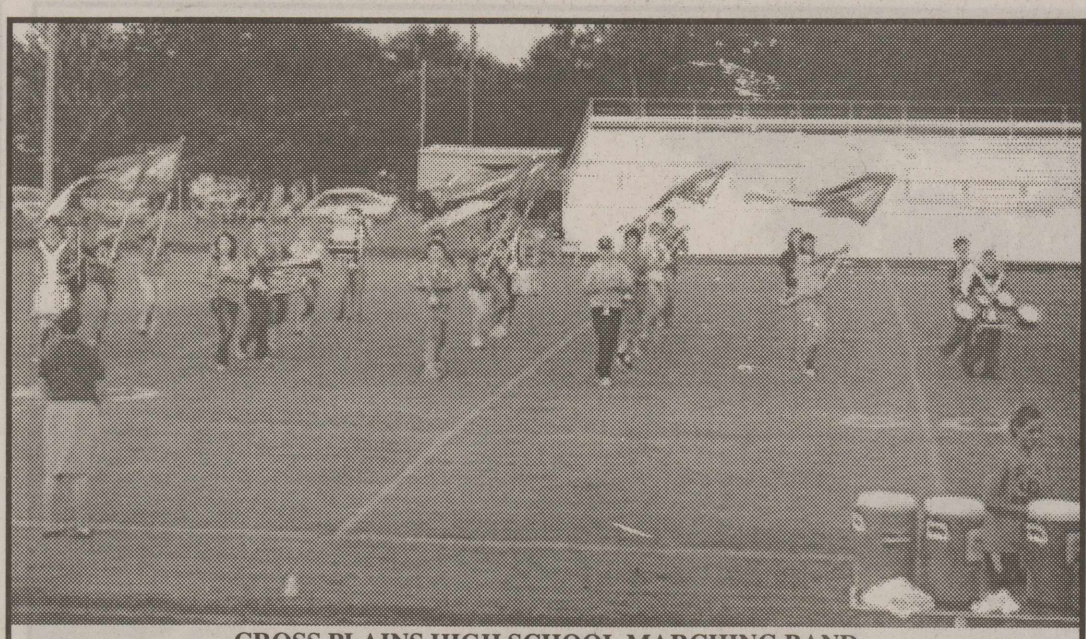
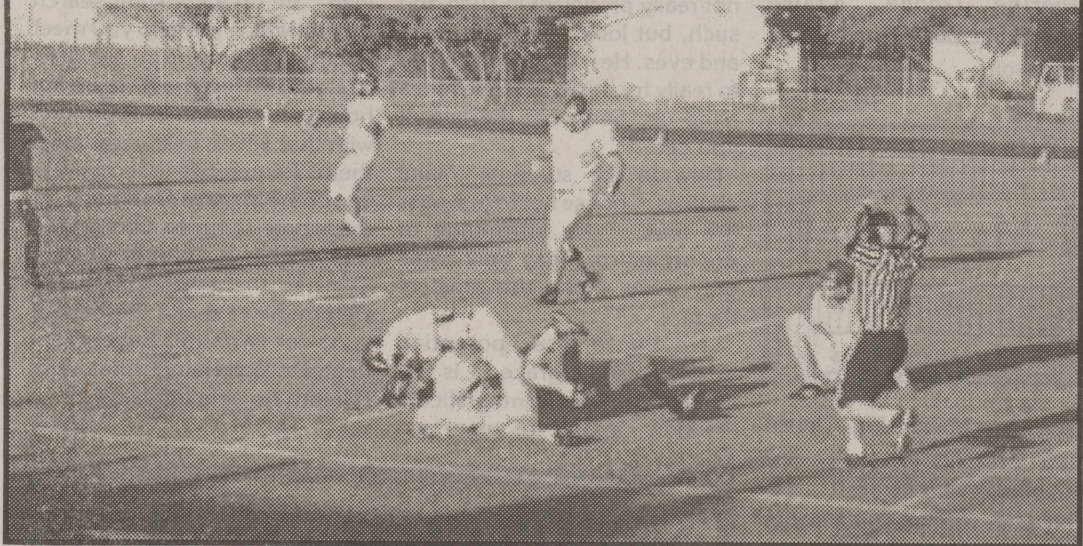
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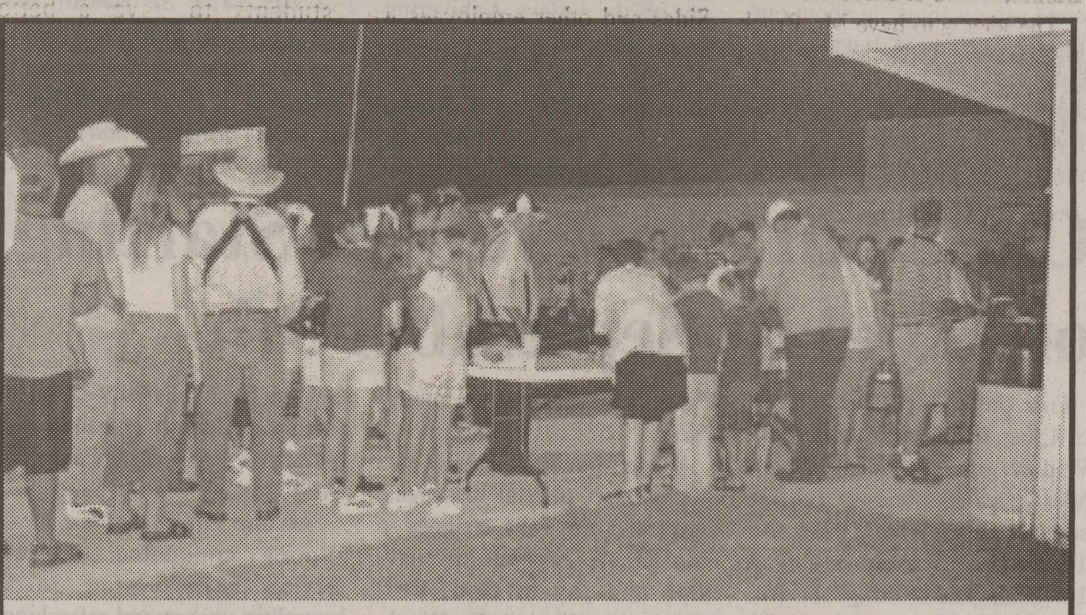


CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
The band performed during after the scrimmaged Friday night.

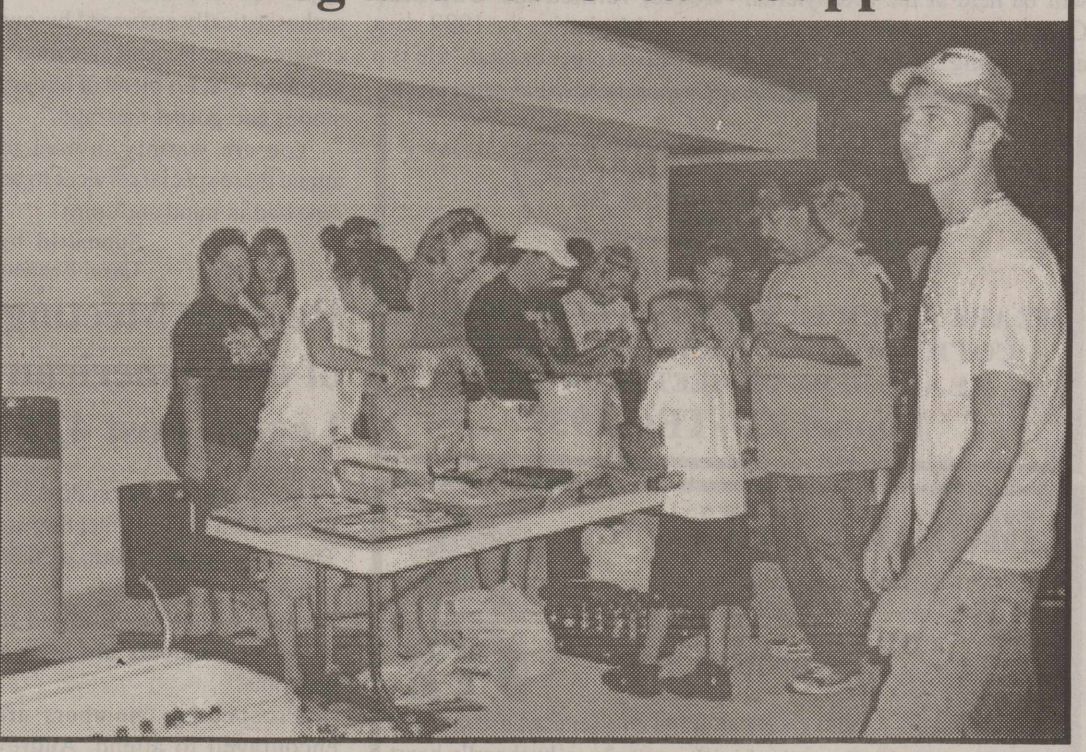
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Highlights From The Meet The Teacher Night



Hot Dog and Ice Cream Supper



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

SEPTEMBER 3 - 7

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - HOLIDAY
TUESDAY - French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Muffins, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

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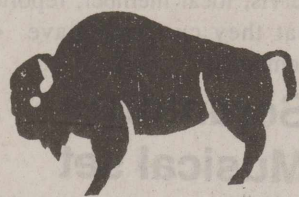
MONDAY - HOLIDAY
TUESDAY - Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Meadow Blend Veg., Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese), Salad, Rice, Pineapples
THURSDAY-Fish or Hot Pocket, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit
FRIDAY - Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Baked Chips, Pickles, Ice Cream

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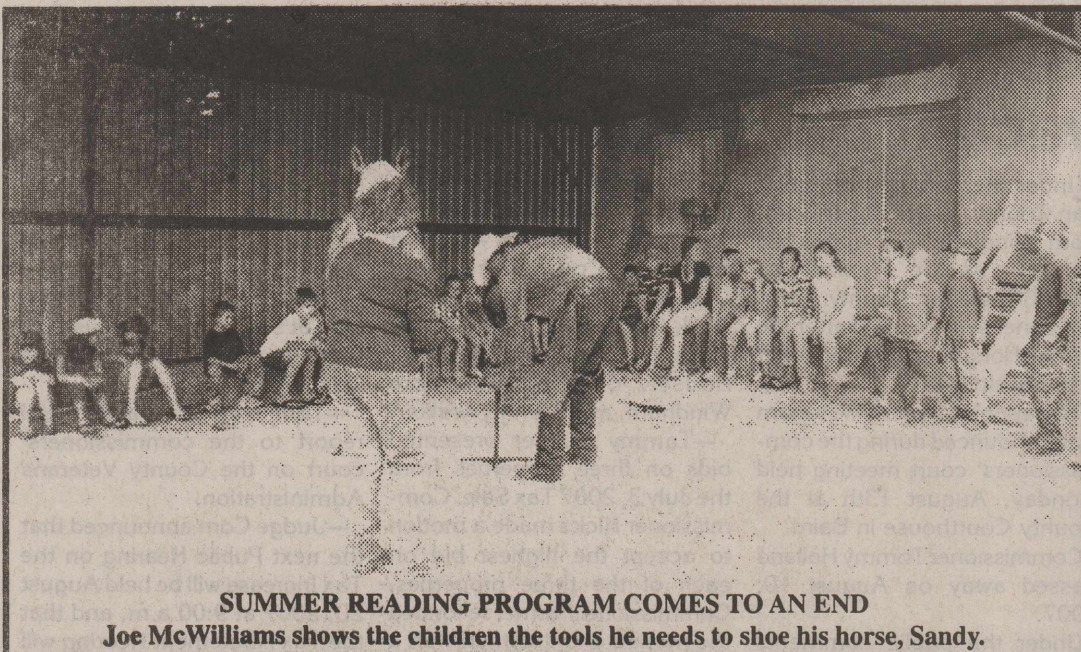
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SUMMER READING PROGRAM COMES TO AN END
Joe McWilliams shows the children the tools he needs to shoe his horse, Sandy.

Joe McWilliams Presents last Program of the Summer at CP Public Library

Joe McWilliams presented the last summer program for our young readers from the Cross Plains Library by bringing his horse, Sunny, and fitting him with new shoes. After putting on his leather apron and getting out his special tools, Joe demonstrated how to prepare the horse's hoof by cleaning around the frog. He then told how to choose the correct shoe for the horse and explained about the nails he would use to attach the shoe to the hoof. Once the nails were hammered

into place, the nail ends were cut and filed, and then the final process of filing and smoothing took place. Later, the children were allowed to pet and talk to the beautiful gentle horse.

Fourteen (14) children finished the required reading set by the Texas State Library System and earned a certificate and a sailor hat. Three exceeded the requirements by challenging themselves to read more. Katharine Goode was the top minute's reader with 1,265

minutes. Ashleigh Dugger read 550 minutes, and Shyler Tillery, who counted book titles, read a total of 80 books. Each earned tickets, one student ticket and one adult ticket, to visit Frontier Texas in Abilene.

The Summer Reading Program next year will be a Jubilee theme. The Texas State Library began sponsoring the program in 1958. We look forward to celebrating the golden anniversary with all the readers in Texas.

Submitted by
Linda Burns, Librarian

Higher

over the summer months. The Board agreed that this type of initiative and involvement would propel CPISD into the kind of school that students, parents are proud of.

Taxation with Representation Discussed

Mr. Kenneth Brock, President of Baird ISD School Board and Callahan County Appraisal District's Board of Directors Nominee, was introduced. Since Cross Plains is a non-taxpaying entity, (no city taxes) there currently is no representation from Cross Plains ISD on the Callahan County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The idea is to have Mr. Brock represent Cross Plains as well and team up with Baird to have a voice on the Appraisal District. Brock has served on the Baird School Board for 14 years and on the appraisal District for 5 years. He has a degree from Hardin Simmons.

Mr. Brock stated he felt that Baird and Cross Plains would work well together in representing the upcoming issues they'd face, if he was nominated. The Board will decide about this nomination at a later date.

Land Goes to Highest Bidder

There were 2 pieces of property that were up for bid because of delinquent taxes. The first was a lot and house located on Ave. D inside of the city limits of Cross Plains. Mr. Kerry Mann had put in a bid of \$579.00 for that property.

The other was 6 acres outside of the city limits, is located adjacent to property owned by Mr. Reggie Stover. Stover bid \$620.00 for this land. The Board agreed to accept both bids as they were. The new owners will not have to pay the back taxes.

Tax Rate Decreases

The tax rate went down by .23 cents. M&O - .90 cents (Maintenance and Operations) and I&S - .0730 (Interest and Sinking: the Bond payment), making it .97 cents. CPISD was the only school in the area that didn't raise its tax rate.

The CPISD Budget for 2007-2008 was adopted in the amount of \$3,785,561.00. Total Estimated Revenues are as follows: General Fund - \$3,474,929.00, Food Service - \$182,550.00, Technology - \$9,295.00, HS Allotment General Operations - \$30,250.00 and Debt Service Fund - \$88,537.00.

Superintendent's Report on Progress of Goals

1.) Expand technology-assisted programs for students needing remedial instruction. We have on hand the Success Maker program which is being used more and in several different areas. Mr. Loyless is very

interested in a new program "Odyssey". This program will be used for credit recovery, remedial training, and summer school programs. This has been placed in the new budget for 2007-2008. For the elementary, Margie and her Site-Base Committee are interested in a "Waterford Technologies" program. This program will be used for the younger group of children (K-2). This will better prepare this age students for the TAKS test.

2.) Continue to hire qualified teachers who exhibit and demand high expectations. With the addition of Mr. Loyless, Jim Sides and other employees we have hired highly qualified employees. We still have a problem with a couple of employees. We will continue to work with these employees and monitor the new employees very closely. Overall, I feel we have a good staff; we must continue to demand high expectations.

3.) Improve TAKS scores across the system in Grades 3-11. We made great strides with TAKS scores this year. The elementary was Recognized and Secondary was Acceptable. Overall as a district our Reading/ELA scores rose 6%, while our Writing scores improved 21%, Social Studies improved 1%, Mathematics improved 8%, while Science improved 3%. At the elementary campus, Reading/ELA improved by 3%, but Mathematics declined by 4%.

At the secondary level, Reading/LEA improved 9%, Writing improved 9%, Social Studies improve 1%, and what I am the most proud of is Mathematics improved 16%. We need to work very hard on the secondary Science where we had a 4% decline. Mr. Loyless and I have already discussed this issue and discussed this issue and discussed improvements.

Our special education students improved, also. The district wide results showed an improvement of 12%, but the secondary improved 28%. I think we are now headed in the right direction.

4.) Improve the attendance in all grades. With the employment of Mrs. Harrison to work directly on attendance and PEIMS, I feel attendance will improve. If attendance improves by 1% we will see an increase in our ADA of 4 students.

5.) Have a shared vision to involve parents and community in the total education and overall development of each child. With the development of the new Student Development Committee and other means of involving parents, we will have better communication with the community. Not only will we be

able to communicate better to the public, but also the public will communicate better with us.

6.) Implement a highly competitive curriculum based on the needs of all students. Separating the high school English classes into AP and regular English will help all students. We have started Reading classes at the Junior High level for slower students that might be lacking reading skills.

The Math labs in Junior High seem to be working well, so we will continue the use of these labs. We have added a Career Investigations class in the 8th grade curriculum. This will allow students to have a better understanding of what classes they need to take in high school to pursue their career choice.

7.) Expand the curriculum to include more dual credits and AP classes. Mr. Loyless and I have discussed with Cisco Junior College about new dual credit offerings and also how they will present the classes to the students. In the master schedule, we have added several new Pre-AP and AP classes from Junior High through High School.

8.) Continue to improve existing facilities and the possibility of adding new features. We have made tremendous improvements on our facilities from adding new flooring in all buildings, painting most of the classrooms and offices, to adding a new surface to the track facility. There are other areas, which have been studied for improvements, such as the tennis courts, parking lots, bus shed, and several small items.

At the present time a construction firm is gathering information on the construction of a band hall facility between the high school and elementary. This is a free service that will provide valuable information for us to make future decisions.

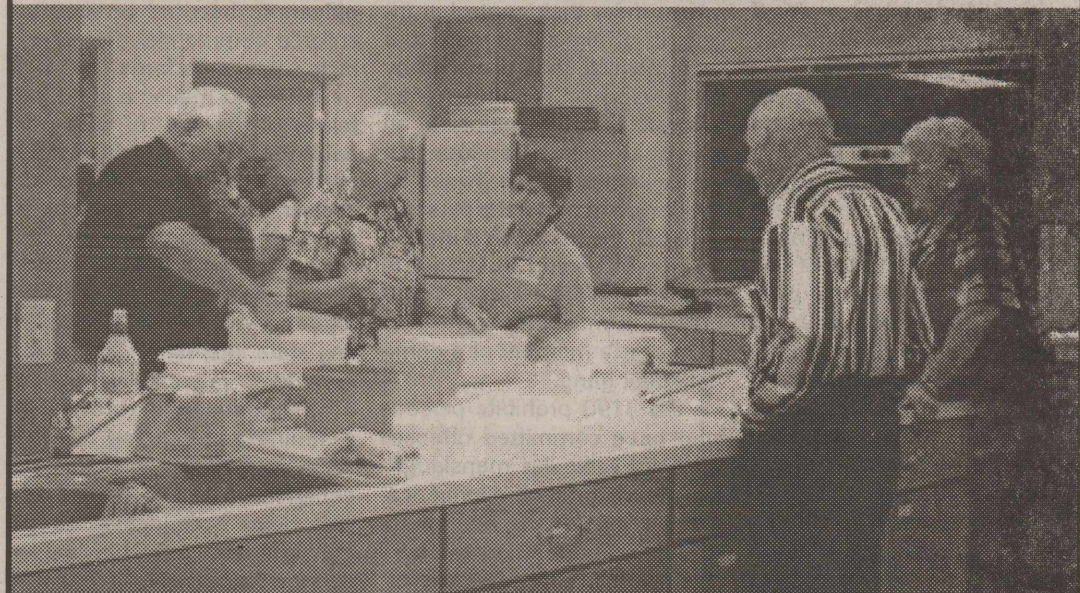
9.) Expand testing program for non-TAKS grades including 2nd grade. As mentioned earlier, I have requested in the new budget a program "Waterford" for elementary. This program will be for K-2 students. The program will prepare students for the 3rd grade TAKS test and provide testing at an earlier age.

The Board of Trustees went into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. and came back at 8:45 p.m. They then adjourned without comment.

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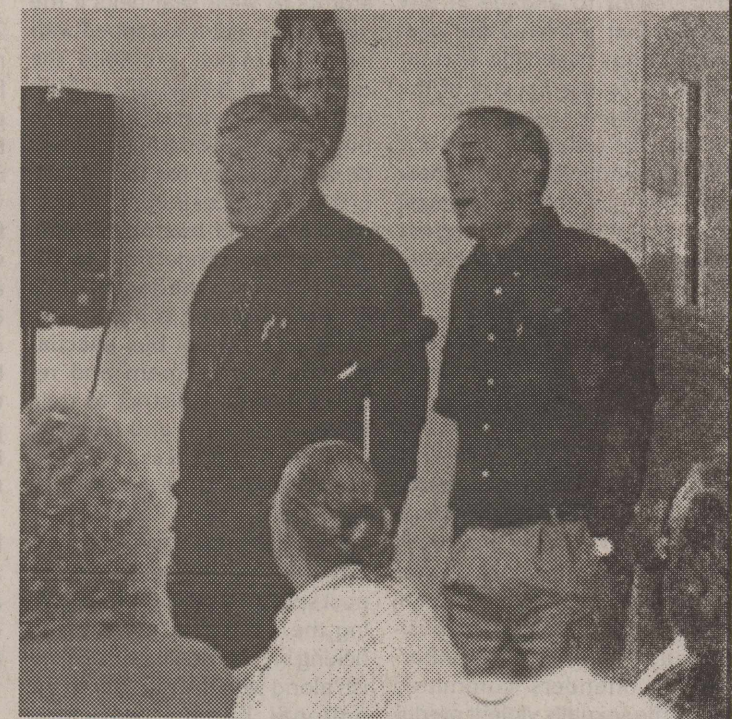


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INTRODUCTION—Superintendent Jackie Tennison (left) introduced all the new employees. Afterwards Pastor Ronnie White (right) led the prayer.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on August 30, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. OPEN MEETING
2. Discuss Master Schedule at Secondary Campus
3. Discuss and Take Action on Employee Handbook for 07-08

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

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on August 27, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

Jackie Tennison
For the Board of Trustees

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Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on September 1st (unless noted otherwise) include the following:

- HB 84, known as Katie's Law, requires drivers 85 years of age and above to pass a vision test to have their driver's license renewed. Licenses will be valid for two years instead of six. Drivers age 79 and older are not allowed to renew their driver licenses electronically.

- HB 586 prohibits a driver who is issued a speeding ticket and found guilty of driving at a speed higher than 95 miles per hour from taking a driving safety class to dismiss the ticket.

- SB 369 prohibits the use of blurring or reflective matter on a license plate that significantly impairs the readability of the state name and license plate numbers and letters; prohibits the use of material or an apparatus that alters or obscures one-half or more of the state name; and prohibits using material that obscures the license plate number or plate color.

- SB 153 makes it an offense for the accompanying licensed passenger of a driver with a learner's permit to sleep, be intoxicated or to engage in any activity that prevents the passenger from observing and responding to the actions of the driver of the vehicle.

- SB 112 (effective April 27, 2007) protects the right to bear arms during a declared disaster or emergency by prohibiting law enforcement officers from confiscating firearms during such emergency periods.

- HB 8, known as Jessica's Law, imposes a 25-year minimum sentence for sexually violent offenses against children under 14 years of age; eliminates eligibility for parole for certain sex offenders; makes a second conviction of a sexually violent offense against a child under 14 years of age a capital felony; mandates global positioning system (GPS) monitoring for offenders committed under the sexually violent predator statutes; extends the statute of limitations for sexually violent offenses against children under the age of 14 to 20 years past the victims' 18th birthday; and clarifies that harboring a sex offender in violation of registration is an offense punishable by up to a third degree felony.

- SB 6 increases the penalty for sexually explicit online communication with a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a state jail felony to a third degree felony and increases the penalty for online sexual solicitation of a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.

- HB 3849, effective June 15, 2007, creates new vehicle registration requirements for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and a penalty if an ATV is driven on public property while the driver and passengers are not wearing required safety apparel.

- SB 1315 requires DPS to develop an alert system for missing senior citizens similar to the current Amber Alert Program for abducted children.

- HB 323 requires all new buses purchased by a school district on or after September 1, 2010 to be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. All buses contracted for use by a school district

on or after September 1, 2014 must be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. (The bill's provisions will not take effect unless the legislature appropriates the necessary funds to school districts to cover the expenses of such changes.)

- HB 1815 excludes from unlawful carrying of a weapon a person who is carrying a handgun, illegal knife, or club on the person's own premises or premises under their control or inside of or directly enroute to a motor vehicle that is owned by the person or is under their control. The bill makes it an offense to carry a handgun in a motor vehicle that is owned by the person or under the person's control if the handgun is in plain view or the person is engaged in certain criminal activity, is prohibited from possessing a firearm, or is a member of a criminal street gang.

- HB 3190 prohibits persons who have committed offenses such as vehicular manslaughter, driving under the influence, and leaving the scene of an accident from operating a school bus for 10 years after the offense; requires school bus operators to wear seat belts if the operator's seat is equipped with such restraints; prohibits the operation of a school bus if the number of persons inside the bus exceeds the manufacturer's design capacity for the vehicle or if the bus door is open; authorizes a school bus operator to prohibit a passenger from standing or sitting on the floor of a bus or anywhere that is not a seat; requires a school bus evacuation training program and requires a school district to train all of its students and teaching staff in the process of emergency school bus evacuation at least twice a year.

- SB 1287 requires certain establishments that sell alcohol to post specific notification regarding the offense of human trafficking in both English and Spanish along with the number to the national human trafficking hotline.

- HB 3613 creates a statewide standard for peace officer identification cards, including ID cards for reserve law enforcement officers and honorably retired peace officers.

- SB 331 (effective May 14, 2007) increases the maximum length for saddlemount commercial vehicle transporter combinations from 75 to 97 feet.

- SB 378, known as the "Castle Doctrine," removes the requirement that persons attempt to retreat before using deadly force to defend themselves.

- HB 2112 prohibits a person from intentionally exhibiting, using or threatening to exhibit or use a firearm while on public or private school property (including in a school parking lot), or while on a school bus being used to transport children to or from school-sponsored activities.

- SB 332 authorizes the state to prohibit a motor carrier from operating in intrastate commerce if the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has prohibited the carrier from operating in interstate commerce because it is deemed unfit or unsafe.

- SB 387 redefines "loose material" in Transportation Code

Chapter 725 by adding the term "refuse," which is defined as "trash, rubbish, garbage, or any other discarded material." It also deletes existing statutory language that exempts a vehicle operated at a speed less than 30 miles an hour from application of this chapter. SB 545, HB 1638 and HB 2077 added more than 40 municipal police departments to those police agencies eligible to have DPS train their peace officers to become certified to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

- HB 1766 makes a state jail felony of the theft of wiring or cable that consists of at least 50 percent aluminum, bronze, or copper metals and that has a value of less than \$20,000.

- HB 244 authorizes a district or appellate court to seal an affidavit when there is compelling state interest for doing so, such as to prevent destruction of or tampering with evidence in a criminal investigation. HB 991 (effective May-23, 2007) makes confidential DPS records about who holds a concealed handgun in Texas. Criminal justice agency officials still have to access this information.

- SB 9 (effective June 15, 2007) requires a national criminal history background check for all certified public school employees; prevents individuals from employment with a school district if they have been convicted of a Title 5 Penal Code felony offense; or a sex offense when the victim of the crime was a child, a primary school student, or secondary school student; and creates a clearinghouse at DPS for criminal history background information on public school employees so this information can be shared between school districts.

- HB 233 provides a concealed handgun license fee waiver for active duty military members and honorably discharged veterans within one year of their discharge from the military service.

- HB 1241 requires any private security business to maintain criminal histories of its security personnel on file at the business and to make them available for inspection by DPS.

- HB 1355, known as Lillian's Law, requires all dog owners to properly secure their dogs on their property. The law provides that a dog owner can be held criminally responsible if the dog causes serious bodily injury or death at a location other than the owner's property in an unprovoked attack during which the owner by criminal negligence failed to secure the dog. It exempts many dog professionals (including peace officers) who deal with dogs on a regular basis from the bill.

- HB 1839 requires concealed handgun license (CHL) holders to take a continuing education course to renew their CHL every 10 years instead of every five years.

- SB 502 increases the minimum liability coverage amounts for automobile insurance. The first increase applies to motor vehicle liability insurance policies issued or renewed after January 1, 2008. A second, larger increase in motor vehicle liability insurance coverage takes effect on January 1, 2011.

Tom Windham appointed to fill vacant Baird Commissioner seat

Under the authority of Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, Tom Windham was appointed to serve as the Precinct #3 (Baird) Callahan County Commissioner seat vacated after the death of longtime Commissioner Tommy Holland.

The appointment of Windham was announced during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, August 13th at the County Courthouse in Baird. Commissioner Tommy Holland passed away on August 10, 2007.

Under the public comments portion of the commissioners' court meeting, County Judge Roger Corn made the following statement concerning the death of Commissioner Holland:

"Commissioner Tommy Holland passed away August 10, 2007. We not only lost a friend, the County lost a wealth of knowledge and information. Tommy was a County Commissioner for 19+ years. He will be sorely missed. We send out heartfelt condolences and prayers to Pat and all the family."

At 8:30 a.m., August 13, 2007 Judge Corn appointed Tom Windham to serve as the Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #3, under the authority of the Local Government Code 87.042 County Commissioner Vacancy.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Corn called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Present included: Judge Corn presiding, Commissioner Precinct #1

Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell. Also present were: Jan Windham, Bob Hauser, Bill Chimley, Tom Windham, and Tammy Walker.

—Tammy Walker presented bids on three properties from the July 3, 2007 Tax Sale. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the highest bid on each of the three properties. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-0 vote.

—Judge Corn made a motion to approve the Records Archive Fee to be charged by the County Clerk's Office with a second by Commissioner Kirkham. The motion passed 4-0.

—Judge Corn made a motion to appoint Evelyn Hughes as election judge for Precinct #3 to replace Jackie Pruet.

—Bill Chimley with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Bob Hauser with the Texas Public Assistance Program, gave a progress report to the commissioners' court on the Disaster Plan. No action was taken by the commissioners' court.

—After consideration of a County Right-of-Way Policy on County Roads, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table any action on the policy until a later date. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay all approved

bills. There was a second on the motion by Commissioner Farmer and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

—There was a public hearing held at 9:05 a.m. to discuss the Tax Increase for Callahan County.

—Tom Ivey gave a financial report to the commissioners' court on the County Veterans Administration.

—Judge Corn announced that the next Public Hearing on the Tax Increase will be held August 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. and that the Tax Abatement Hearing will be held on August 27, 2007 at 10:45 a.m.

—A Public Hearing was held to discuss the Records Archive Fee.

—County Clerk Donna Bell explained that the Records Archive Fee of \$5.00 would be collected on documents filed in the Clerk's Office per Texas Local Government Code, Section 118.025 and SB 1731, and can only be used for the preservation and restoration of documents filed before January 1, 1990. During the fiscal year 2006, the County Clerk's Office filed 3,544 documents. At \$5.00 per document, the revenue collected would be \$17,720.00.

Those records to be preserved/archived include: Probate Records, Deed of Trust Books, Commissioners' Court Minutes, and Assorted Books.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:09 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Farmer. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

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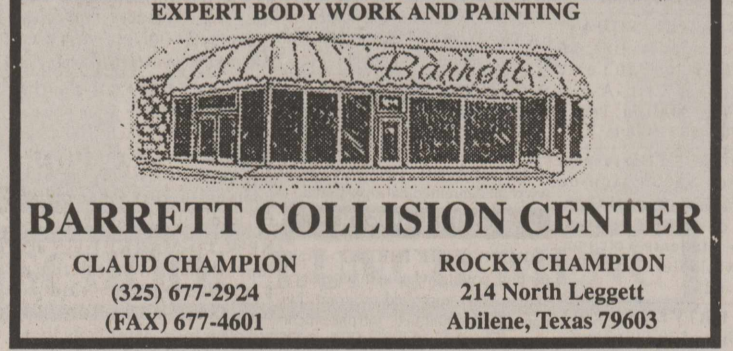
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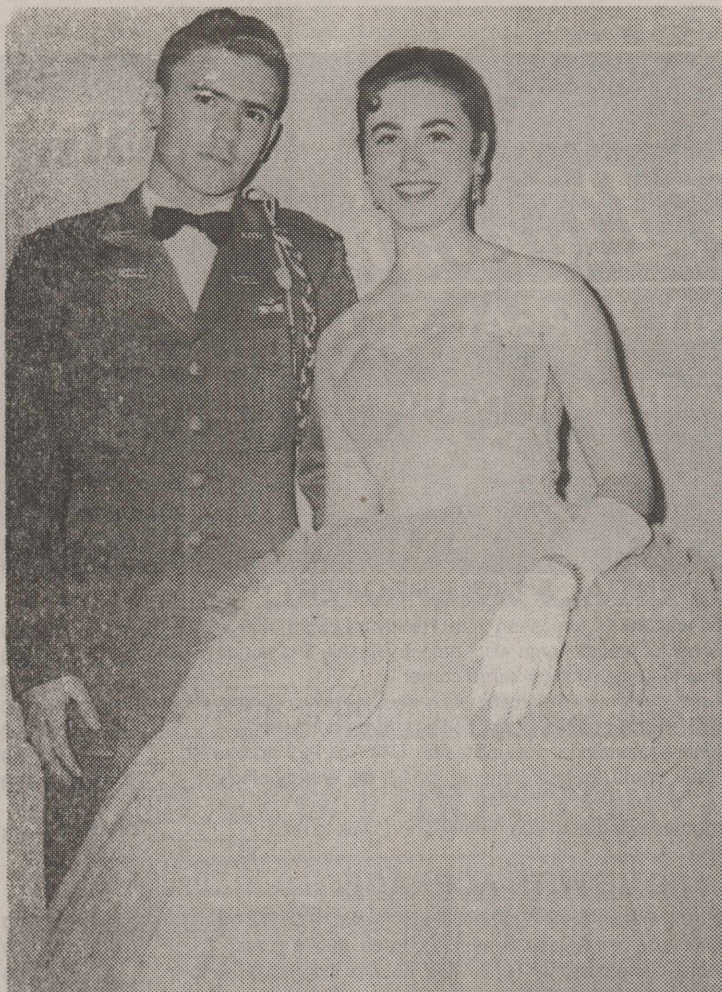
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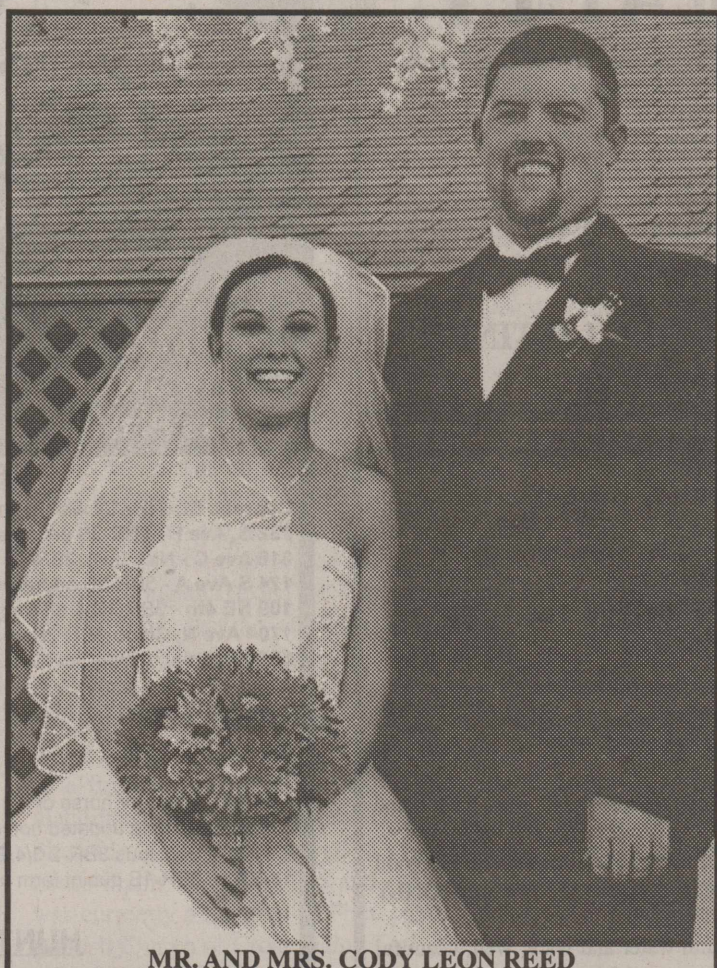
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MR. AND MRS. CODY LEON REED

Shana Trashell Hyles and Cody Leon Reed married on April 28, 2007

Shana Trashell Hyles and Cody Leon Reed were united in marriage on April 28, 2007 at seven o'clock in the evening, at the Weiser Ranch in Cross Plains. Pastor, Ronnie White of Cross Plains, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Frankie and Kelli Hyles of Cross Plains and Shelly Benson of Brownwood. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Cliffadean Hargrove of Cross Plains, Carl and Joan Davis of Lubbock, Cookie Rutherford of Lake Brownwood, and James Hyles of Brownwood. She is also the great-granddaughter of Artie Scitem of Bangs.

The groom is the son of Rusty and Debbie Reed of Cross Plains. He is the grandson of the late Oscar and Faye Tyler formally of Cross Plains and Bud and Martha Reed formally of Coleman.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Christin Hyles, sister of bride, of Cross Plains. Bridesmaids were Krisi Reed, sister-in-law of groom, of Cross Plains; Mykea Douglass, sister of bride, of Cross Plains. Junior bridesmaid was Kelbi Hyles, sister of bride, of Cross Plains. Kati Yates, friend of bride, of Cross Plains served as flower girl.

House party attendants were Candice Bailey, friend of bride and groom, of Cross Plains; Falon Gilliam, friend of bride and groom, of Cross Plains; Jenny Nickerson, friend of bride and groom, of Cross Plains; Stephanie Edington, cousin of groom, of Cross Plains; and Mandi Edington, cousin of groom, of Coleman.

The best man was Matt Reed, brother of groom, of Cross Plains. Groomsman were John Wayne Peters, friend of groom, of Cross Plains; Mark Tyler, cousin of groom, of Brownwood. The junior groomsman was Tristan Hargrove, cousin of bride, of Cross Plains. Ryan Reed, nephew of groom, of Cross Plains served as ring bearer and Sterling Switzer, friend of bride and groom of Cross Plains served as train bearer.

The ushers were Cody Hyles, brother of bride, of Cross Plains and Eugene Ford, friend of bride and groom, of Cross Plains.

A reception and dance followed at the Weiser Ranch facility.

Shana is a 2004 graduate of Cross Plains High School. She is employed by Cisco Junior College in Cisco as a Secretary.

Cody is a 2001 graduate of Cross Plains High School and also graduated from Cisco Junior College in 2006 with an Associates Degree in Business. He is employed by Superior Essex in Brownwood as the Calibration Technician Manager.

Following a honeymoon trip on a cruise to Progresso and Cozumel, Mexico, they reside in Cross Plains with their horse Mesquite.



YOUNGEST VOLUNTEER—Rebekah Crockett (left), daughter of Davy and Kim Crockett of Cross Plains, worked hard during the recent garage sale. She is pictured with Center Director Kathy Anderson.

Conservation Public Meeting Monday, September 17th

There will be a public meeting in Baird on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the implementation and allocation of funds for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Program (WHIP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP). These programs provide voluntary conservation to farmers and ranchers to promote agriculture production and environmental quality that are compatible with national goals. These programs offer financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. This meeting is open to the public and all Agricultural Producers, Landowners, and interested citizens of Callahan County are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Callahan County Courthouse on the second floor. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Topics to be discussed at this meeting will be conservation priorities, incentive rates, conservation practices, and application screening process

and a priority ranking system for applications. Your input is very important and all opinions and recommendations will be given to the Local Work Group for their consideration.

Immediately following the Program Development public meeting, there will be a Local Work Group meeting. The Local Work Group is made up of a mandated limited membership that includes the Callahan Divide SWDC Board, Farm Service County Committee, the Callahan County Extension Agent, NRCS DC and FSA representative.

After considering all alternatives available to them, the Local Work Group will advise NRCS on how the local people would like the EQIP program carried out. All of their recommendations will be taken into account by the NRCS Designated Conservationist when finalizing the program.

If you have an interest in how the conservation technical assistance money available through the EQIP program is to be used in Callahan County, PLEASE plan on attending this meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the NRCS office in Baird at 325-854-1349 ext. 3.



MR. AND MRS. DON AND BETTY JO TABOR
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Don and Betty Jo Tabor celebrate 50th Anniversary

The family of Don and Betty Jo Tabor would like to proudly announce their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 25, 2007.

The couple met while attending College in Denton. He was attending North Texas State University and she was attending Texas Women's University.

They were married on August 25, 1957 in Clinton, Arkansas, Betty Jo's hometown. But, shortly thereafter, moved to Clyde, which was Don's home-

town and they have made their home here in Clyde since 1957.

Don and Betty have three sons, Gil and wife, Becky Tabor of Baird, Bryan Tabor of New Braunfels and Danny Tabor of Clyde.

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