

Cross Plains Review

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THURSDAY, September 13, 2007



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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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DOWN HOME

"Need Motivation???"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Have you ever put off doing something until the point it became ridiculous? I'm ashamed to admit this, but I just completed my bedroom a few weeks ago and I moved into my home two years ago.

As Kyler would say, 'the problem was...' I started utilizing my room for stacking extra boxes that hadn't been unpacked. The first thing I knew I was surrounded!

I told my friends that I was living like "Miss Mollie". She was a dear friend of my late Granny Ethel. She lived in a huge two-story house, but was a bit of a pack rat. There were items stacked on her bed, leaving just enough room to lie down, and only a small trail wound through her bedroom.

At night I would just laugh and say, "Okay Miss Mollie, it's time to go to sleep—if you can find your bed."

Several weekends were assigned for the project of getting this room in order, but something would consistently change the plan. A couple of times my daughter Leah made visits and it was our intention to undertake the task, but it never transpired. When the boys went to visit their family in Sweetwater I would once again determine to get the room organized, but something seemingly more important would override the chore.

The week that Abilene was dealing with all the flooding, I got in gear! I was thinking, it's liable to come a tornado since I've tackled this. Maybe it was a flood instead???

My friend, Deborah asked me what I did with all the boxes and I told her I used nearly everything in them to decorate the room. I had forgotten about some of the items since they had been packed for so long. She thinks this accomplishment has spiritual significance since I've cleaned up the place where I am suppose to rest. I sure hope so! Maybe I've rounded some important bend.

Leah told me she read that if you sleep in a room with a lot of clutter it is disruptive to your rest. Well, I guess I had become so accustomed to the clutter that I slept very little the first two nights. I decided it was because it was too clean! The first morning I woke up and looked around and had to remember where I was.

It has been very refreshing to finally get all the rooms in order. I got my bathroom decorated, too. I even made up my bed for almost a week. Well, so much for that!

I don't know about you, but I have to be motivated to accomplish any big project anymore. If I know someone is coming for the weekend, I can get things accomplished.

Actually, I think my granddaughter Tatum's sincere confession about procrastination is what inspired me. I found myself encouraging her not to put things off and to overcome. I knew that was exactly what I had to do.

If you are going to talk the talk, you have to be willing to walk the walk.

Final Planning Meeting for Cancer Walk September 18

On Tuesday, September 18, at the First Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. all teams leaders of events and activities are asked to come to one last planning meeting.

We will meet to finalize all booths, entertainment, walking teams, parade, and program.

Please be sure to come!

We are still asking for volunteers to help; especially with the parade route and the organization of the Luminaria Program.

Thanks again for supporting a worthy cause!

Submitted by Kathy Purvis

Cross Plains PTO Membership Drive Underway

It is that time of year again for the Cross Plains PTO membership drive. We would like to encourage each and everyone to join this year. All of the money collected goes straight to the Cross Plains Schools. The membership drive ends September 21st.

We have many new officers this year and we are all excited about the new school year. We would love to have lots of parental involvement. Let us all show our support this year and take a valuable part in our child's school.

You do not however have to be a parent to become a member of the PTO. The community is welcome to also show their support of these young people.

It takes everyone helping a little to make a big difference in the life of a child!!

Submitted by PTO Officers
Tina Wyatt, President
Karri Shepard, Vice President
Mariah Goode, Treasurer
Stephanie Bien, Secretary
Stephanie Thompson, Reporter

Two Locals Walk for PKD

Two local ladies, Barbara Young and Sandra Jones, will participate in a National Walk for Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) on September 15th, 2007 in Longview, Texas. Their team will also include their sister, Patty Turner, and her daughters, Tracy and Trisha.

The PKD Foundation is the only organization in the world that is devoted to promoting research to find a cure for Polycystic Kidney Disease and improving

the care and treatment of those it affects. This disease often time leads to dialysis or a kidney transplant. There is no cure at this time but a cure may be just around the corner.

If you would like to sponsor either of these ladies on this walk you may contact Barbara at 254-725-7186 or Sandra at the bank, 725-6141.

We walk until no one suffers the full effects of PKD.

42 Tournament and Cake Walk Added to 2007 Cancer Walk

The Community Cancer Walk will host a "42" Tournament starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, at the old gym at the high school campus.

The entry fee for each team is \$20 and entrants may sign up until Friday, September 21, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Mae Parker at 325-280-0233 to enter.

Prizes will be given to the 1st and 2nd place winners donated by Parker Ironworks.

Anyone who loves to play "42" this is the place for you. Come join in on the fun and help make your contribution to the Cancer Walk.

Also, a **Cake Walk** will be held at the old gym. The community is requested to help prepare cakes, pies and other sweet items to be brought to the old gym between 12 noon and 5 p.m. Saturday, September 22.

Please call Gene Dillard 254-725-6552 if you plan to bring a baked good for this worthy cause.

Junior High & JV vs. Hamlin
September 13, 2007
5:00 p.m. There

Varsity vs. Hamlin
September 14, 2007
7:30 p.m. Home

The City of Cross Plains would like to remind it's citizens that it is **illegal to use the dumpsters** of local businesses located within the City limits of Cross Plains unless you are paying for the use of those dumpsters.

If you are caught using a dumpster that you are not paying for, charges will be filed against you. The City as well as the business owners respectfully request that you refrain from using their dumpsters, and contact BFI to obtain a container of your own to avoid further action being taken. If you need information on how to obtain a container, please contact City



EDC VISITS BRECKENRIDGE CLINIC—Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation board members Joe McWilliams (from left), Dannes Turner, Mandy Curry (clinic director), Era Lee Hanke and W.G. McCoy took a tour of the Community Health Center in Breckenridge. EDC board members not pictured are Bryan Bennett, Mark Norris, Jerry Cassle and Debbie Gosnell, executive director.

Next Stage for New Cross Plains Clinic, Location

Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation board members were in Breckenridge and Albany the past Thursday where they met with Susan Jones, executive director, and the staff of the Shackelford County Community Resource Center, which provides health and dental services in both cities. The group toured the clinic in Breckenridge, which has been in operation for three years and the Albany clinic which has been operating for over twelve years. Everyone was very impressed

with the many health related services offered in such a friendly and professional atmosphere. The Cross Plains EDC and Mrs. Jones have been working for the past several months to obtain funding for a health center in Cross Plains with a branch in Baird. The announcement came this past week that over \$700,000 had been approved for the Callahan County project. The next step for Cross Plains is a location for the clinic. The EDC is very excited about all the possibilities a project of this type

brings with it and is committed to obtaining a location. If all goes as planned general medical services could be available in Cross Plains as soon as January 1. The clinic will be accepting Medicare, Medicaid and most other insurances. The uninsured will be charged a co-pay based on family size and income. The goal is to make health care affordable for everyone. No one will be turned away.

Submitted by Era Lee Hanke

Longhorn Show Slated for Saturday, September 15th

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The Chisholm Trail Texas Longhorn Association is making their second attempt at holding a Longhorn Show on Saturday, September 15th. Back in May they were rained out, but they didn't let that discourage them. The event will be hosted by Stan and Jimmie Jernigan at Rocky Oaks Ranch, 23422 FM 2707 (Old Coleman Highway), 3.7 miles from the Cross Plains

Roping Club Arena. This is the first Longhorn Show ever hosted in Cross Plains and it is sure to be of great interest. Festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. with the Grand Entry, consisting of the presentation of the flags and individuals riding Longhorn steers. At 10:45 a.m. the Haltered Show will commence. A Youth Show is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the

Longhorn Show. A concession stand will be provided. Don't miss this unique experience!

Reminder to All Residents in the City of Cross Plains

Hall at 254-725-6114 or BFI at 800-374-4234.

The City of Cross Plains would also like to remind its citizens of the **Nuisance & Weed Ordinance**. Due to the large amount of rain that we have received over the summer, the weeds have grown extremely tall and over the limit for what the Ordinance calls for. If you own lots that have not been mowed, you must take care of having them mowed to avoid the City having the lots mowed and attaching a lien against your property.

Another citizens reminder is of the **Animal Control Ordinance**.

The citizens are reminded that if their dog is picked up, not only will they be fined \$100.00 for the first offense, but they will have to go to the Clyde pound to retrieve their animal. Each and every offense thereafter can result in a fine of up to \$500.00. Also, for the animals that can not be seized, the owner will be issued a fine as if the animal were picked up.

If you have any questions concerning these Ordinances, please contact City Hall at 254-725-6114.

Submitted by Debbie Gosnell

Texas Heritage Bank

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Walter Pope Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Study...7:00 PM
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COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM
Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
Church (254) 725-6266
 Friendly Church Bible Teaching

Brushy Creek Cowboy Church

112 W. Travis in Putnam
Pastor: Sam Stone
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
 Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM
First Service Will Be May 6th

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For Information
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Every Sunday at 10:30 am
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 (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)
Al Taylor, Preacher
Phone: 254-725-7522
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Sunday School....10:00 am
Rufus Wilson Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am
 254-725-7574 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

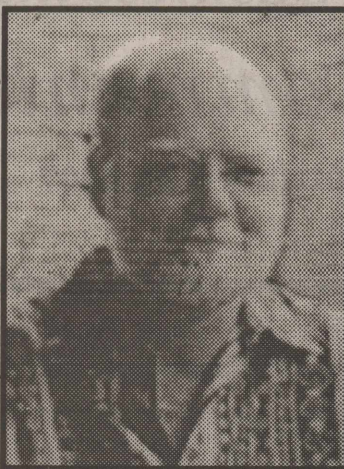
Restoring And Equipping The Saints
 Sunday10:00 am Thursday7:00 pm
Pastor Max Evans
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

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

OBITUARY

Donald Eugene 'Donny' White, Jr.



A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille in Lafayette, LA for Donald Eugene (Donny) White, Jr., who passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 2, 2007 at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette, LA after a long and courageous battle.

Reverend Wayne Howington, Pastor of Northwood United Methodist Church in Lafayette, conducted the service. Born in Hobbs, New Mexico and a resident of Lafayette for most of his life, Donny graduated from Lafayette High School in 1972, and then attended U.S.L. Donny was a very compassionate man who courageously endured, with patience, a 28 year battle in life stemming from a spinal cord injury resulting from a car accident. He was a constant source of inspiration to all who walked this walk with him.

He was an avid fan of the great outdoors and had a deep love for the many animals he shared his life with. He owned his own cabinet making business before his accident and was a member of Northwood Methodist Church. He was a loving father, grandfather, son, brother and a friend to all.

The family would like to thank Dr. Milton Jolivet and his staff, Dr. Masoud Yazdi and his staff, Kidney Care of Acadiana and their staff, Acadian Ambulance personnel, and all the doctors and home health personnel over the years, that made his life what it was. They would also like to thank the endless devotion of his personal care assistant, Nellie Fluitt, who was continuously by his side for the last seven years.

Survivors include one daughter, Jaime Wiley of Lafayette, LA; one step daughter, Lelia Kestner of Lafayette, LA; mother, Jean Guilbeau and her husband Carrol of Lafayette, LA; father, Donald White, Dr. and his wife, JoAnn of Cedar Park, Texas; one brother, Jimmy White and his wife Melissa of Lafayette; one seven month old granddaughter, Parker White of Lafayette, LA; one stepbrother, Colby Guilbeau and his wife, Susan of Lawrenceville, Georgia; step sisters, Roxanne Provost and her husband, Chuck of Woodlands and Tina Comeaux of Cedar Park; and three nephews, Jimmy, Jesse, and Jeremy White.

Cowboy Heritage Church, Annual Cowboy Camp Meeting

Round up your family and friends for 5 days of fun Christian fellowship, food, and time spent in God's word. Cowboy Heritage Church, Clyde, will be holding its 4th annual Cowboy Camp Meeting Wednesday, September 19th through Sunday, September 23rd, with Cowboy Evangelist and singer Ray Perryman, and live music provided by Sammy Alcala and band.

The events will begin with Wednesday night chuckwagon dinner from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., with a night service to follow. Thursday through Saturday, we will begin each day with a Cowboy Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by a morning worship service. We will meet up again from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., for a chuck wagon dinner (donations accepted) followed by night services with Ray Perryman, and we conclude each evening with an arena event and campfire coffee. Arena events will be Thursday night Team Roping. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$20 per team. Friday night Women's Ranch Rodeo is \$25 per team (4-5 person team) only first 15 teams

taken. You may only participate in one team. Saturday events kick off at 9:00 a.m., with children's events running up until noon and Mutton Bustin' starts at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 per child (70 lb. weight limit). At 2:00 p.m., we start the 1st Men's Ranch Rodeo. The cost is \$25 per team (4-5 person team), only first 15 teams taken. Top 4 teams will return for final round following the night service. Prizes will be awarded for all events. The Camp Meeting will conclude on Sunday with coffee and donuts at 10:00 a.m., with morning services at 10:30 p.m., with Ray Perryman followed by a potluck lunch.

Cowboy Heritage Church, Clyde is located just North of I-20 at 8468 CR 112. Take exit 299 Hays Rd. and go North. The tan metal buildings on your left. CHC is directly across the interstate from Clyde High School. To sign up for the Ranch Rodeos, or for more information, contact Pastor Greg Clemmer at 325-338-4287.

Conservation Public Meeting

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.

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2007

Donations	
Howard Andrews I/M of Raymond Andrews	\$ 50.00
Gayna Dodds	200.00
Coleman	200.00
Jimmielee Payne	150.00
Reserved Plots	
C.W. Casey	\$ 300.00
Old Cemetery Section A 16, 17, 18, 19	
Lela Lambert D-15 - 20	100.00
Randy Montgomery (5 Plots)	375.00
Old Cemetery B-12 7,8,9,10,11	
John Montgomery	
Old Cemetery B-12 12,13	150.00
Margoni Wilson	
Old Section C Row 12 Space 20-21	200.00
Connor Elliott	
Old G-18-27	75.00
April Panels	
Gloria Curry	100.00
Jack Strickland	100.00

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2007

Donations	
Nora Green	\$ 25.00
H.L. Gary	100.00
George & Patricia Friend	100.00
L.S. Sutton	250.00
Lawrence I/M of Glenn Payne and Hadden Payne	40.00
Grave Openings	
Theresa Kay Allen	
Old C Row 8 Space 14	100.00
Reserved Plots	
Gaylia Brick	150.00
Old D Row 1 Space 30,31	
V or J (Joyce) Hutchins	150.00
C-4 - 7 & 8	
Jan Price	150.00
Old C 4 11 & 12	
Bob and Barbara Vaught	150.00
Old C Row 3 Lot 13 & 14	
Georgia "Wagner" DeWitt	75.00
Old C 3 Lot 11	
Darvel Hutchins	75.00
Old C 3 7	
Steve and Evelyn Parker	150.00
New L 12 A & B	
A.M. and H.J. Brown	150.00
Old Sec B Row 8 -7 & 8	
R.L. and Barbara Vaught Estate	450.00
Old Row 3 15 & 16 Row 4 - 13,14,15,16	
O.D. and Oleta Ferguson	200.00
New - 4 Row B A & B	
May Panels	
Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Huntington	\$ 200.00

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2007

Donations	
Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Trevey	\$ 50.00
I/M of Sterling and Ivon Odom	
Nancy Palmer	25.00
Grave Openings	
Junior Baugh	\$ 75.00
Old E - 9-17	
Kay Mosley	100.00
Reserved Plots	
Donald R. Purvis	100.00
Old D - 10-31	
Arlene Laney	75.00
Old B Row 4 32 1/2	
Sarah Austin	75.00
Old B 7 4	
Henry and Linda Ring	150.00
Old Sec. D Row 13 23 & 24	

First Baptist Church

Sunday
 9:45 am Bible Study 11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wednesday
 7:00 pm Prayer/Worship
Monday & Tuesday Nights
 Basketball & Volleyball 8-10PM
 Everyone Invited
Ronnie B. White, Pastor
 (254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THE

First United Methodist Church
 and the
First United Presbyterian Church
 (200 Ave D & 2nd Street)
 Sunday School 9:30AM
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM
 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM
 (Thursday Jean's Feed Barn)
Rev. Margaret A. Friend
 Church Office 254-725-7377

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Fall Weather Comes to Cottonwood

Fall fell on Cottonwood yesterday (as I write), Monday, September 10, 2007. It rained about 2 inches, leaves started turning and falling off the trees, squirrels were hunting feverishly for food to store up for winter, and there was a smell in the air.

I guess you knew all that, however, I just wanted to keep my dates straight for the journal I started keeping yesterday. And, like several times before, I probably will not keep this one up, either.

Does That Star Spangled Banner Yet Wave

Yes! Over Cottonwood, thanks to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control folks. The flag pole and the flag flying from it, which you will see on special days, are the

work of the fire department and their concern for this community.

A little donation might be in order for these folks who care enough about our community to keep their training up enough to become the first responders for the community emergencies.

And hats off to Joe Terstegge for the flag poles and flags that now fly over the two cemeteries.

It is just a good sight to see those old "Stars and Stripes Forever" flying over Cottonwood, Texas.

Teri Brown and Gilbert Ibarra visited in the home of Beverly Brown last week. They are completing the work on the next edition of the "Cottonwood Cookbook". Flyers have been mailed to all those who purchased a copy recently. A DEADLINE of NOVEMBER 1, 2007,

approaches for families who did not get in on the first edition.

The latest testimony of the snow on July 4, 1924 comes from Donald Baird, formerly of Dressy, and other men who were threshing grain on the Ed Henderson farm one mile east of Dressy. "It was very, very cold and everyone had on warm winter coats. We kept watching for snow. But, I did not see any snow. But, I heard that some saw snow in Cross Plains."

(For news 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 it.)

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

God's Work Ministry Inspirational FAITH AND DEEDS

I am a mother of three (ages 14, 12, 3), and have recently completed my college degree. The last class I had to take was Sociology. The teacher was absolutely inspiring with the qualities that I wish every human being had been graced with. Her last project of the term was called "Smile."

The class was asked to go out and smile at three people and document their reaction. I am a very friendly person and always smile at everyone and say, hello, anyway...so, I thought, this would be a piece of cake, literally. Soon after we were assigned the project, my husband, youngest son, and I went out to McDonald's, one crisp March morning. It was just our way of sharing special play time with our son.

We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did. I did not move an inch...an overwhelming feeling of panic welled up inside of me as I turned to see why they had moved. As I turned around I smelled a horrible "dirty body" smell...and there standing behind me were two poor men.

As I looked down at the short gentleman, close to me, he was "smiling." His beautiful sky blue eyes were full of God's light as he searched for acceptance. He said, "Good day" as he counted the few coins he had been clutching. The second man fumbled with his hands as he stood behind his friend. I realized the second man was mentally deficient and the blue eyed gentle

man was his salvation. I held my tears...as I stood there with them.

The young lady at the counter asked them what they wanted. The man doing the ordering said, "Coffee is all Miss," because that was all they could afford. To sit in the restaurant and warm up, they had to buy something...hey, they just wanted to be warm. Then I really felt it...the compulsion was so great I almost reached out and embraced the little man with his blue eyes. That is when I noticed all eyes in the restaurant were set on me, judging my every action.

I smiled and asked the young lady behind the counter to give me two more breakfast meals on a separate tray. I then walked around the corner to the table that the men had chosen as a resting spot. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue eyed gentleman's cold hand. He looked up at me, with tears in his eyes...and said, "Thank you." I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, "I did not do this alone for you...God is here working through me to give you hope."

I started to cry as I walked away to join my husband and son. When I sat down my husband smiled at me and said, "That is why God gave you to me honey...to give me hope." We held hands for moment and at that time we knew that only because of the Grace of God that we had been given, that we were able to give. We are not church goers but we are believers. That day showed me the pure Light of God's sweet love.

I returned to college, on the last evening of class, with this story in hand. I turned in "my project" and the instructor read it...then she looked up at me and said, "May I share this?" I

slowly nodded as she got the attention of the class. She began to read, and that is when I knew that we, as human beings and being part of God, share the need to help people and be helped.

In my own way I had touched the people at McDonald's, my husband, son, instructor, and every soul that shared the classroom on the last night I spent as a college student. I graduated with one of the biggest lessons I would ever learn...Unconditional Acceptance. Much love and compassion is sent to each and every person who may read this. Learn how to love people and use things — not love things and use people.

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LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
September 4 - 7, 2007

Patrons	81
Programs	36
Books Checked Out	95
Copies	25
Reference	3
Internet Users	24
Interlibrary Loans	1

Book Donations: Joan McCowen, Connie Kirkham, Tom and Sharon Ames

Donations: Chad and Kim Cunningham; Jewel Purvis

Memorials: Lawrence Farm and Ranch in Memory of Fred Helm; Memorials listed below were in Memory of Alton McCowen, Vernon and Janet Jensen, Howard and Kate Jensen, Charleene McGowen, Jack and Barbara Baum, Christopher and Yoshiko Gruber, James and Jean Alexander, and Curt and Ginny Hoskins

Volunteers For The Week: Jennifer Wootton, Ginny Hoskins, Arlene Stephenson, Sue Bennett, Wilma Lawrence and Henry Ring.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

SEPTEMBER 17 - 21 MONDAY - Soft Taco (Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese), Salad, Mexican Corn, Refried Beans, Fruit
TUESDAY - Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Sugar Cookie, Pineapple, Crackers
WEDNESDAY - Pork Chops w/Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Carrots, Lemon Pudding, Roll
THURSDAY - Lima Beans, Beets w/Onions, Hominy Cass., Tomatoes & Okra, Spice Cake, Cornbread
FRIDAY - Ham Salad Sandwich, Cream of Chicken Soup, Mixed Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Crackers
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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Order Your Team T-Shirts for Cancer Walk

The above was designed by Sports Galore of Eastland for Cross Plains Cancer Walk. If relay teams would like to purchase t-shirts with this logo please contact Toni Edington Hart at 254-629-8224. We ask that each team captain please obtain sizes before calling in order. You may call for more information and t-shirt colors or email Toni at sportsgo@Tx.ol.net.

Remember or Honor a Loved One... Luminaria Order Form

Remember or honor a loved one by dedicating a luminaria candle to be lit during the Community Cancer Walk on September 22, 2007 in a special ceremony at the Cross Plains Football Field. Proceeds from this event will help add to our Cancer Fund.

Forms may be picked up at First Baptist Church Office, Texas Heritage Bank or the Cross Plains Review to be completed and brought back with your donation. The luminaria sack can be personalized by you to honor your loved one. Should you have any questions call (254) 725-6651.

To purchase a luminaria, please fill out the form below. You may list several names under each heading. Each luminaria is a donation of \$5.00. Make checks to the Community Cancer Fund and mail to:

Melissa Richards, PO Box 524, Cross Plains, TX 76443
IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OR:

Total Due: \$ _____

Thank you for your interest and support!

Cancer Walk Needs Relay Teams for Upcoming Event

We would like to encourage families, church groups, organizations and businesses to enlist relay teams for the upcoming Cancer Walk, September 22. Walking may be done in memory of loved ones lost to cancer, cancer survivors or those currently fighting cancer.

The walk will begin next to Dollar General at 5:00 p.m., proceeding down Avenue D and continuing at the football field.

Teams may have as many members as they would like. Donations to the local Cancer Fund by the teams may be done in numerous ways: by each member, by the team as a whole, or by pledges from outside the team.

The walk will begin at 5:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. We encourage the teams to walk the

entire time - but it is not mandatory. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

A team captain is requested to sign them up and collect the donated funds for the team. You may wear matching shirts if you would like.

Individual walkers are also welcome and encouraged to join the walk at any time. Please sign up by notifying Dannes Turner, Roxie Thomas or Cindy Payne.

A current list of teams include The Duke Family; Texas Heritage Bank; Cottonwood Baptist Church; Methodist Church; Kelli Switzer; Living Water Ministries; and Custom Tile/Megan's Massage.

Everyone is encouraged to VOLUNTEER for this Community Project!

Submitted by Kathy Purvis



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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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In the "Frank and Ernest" comic strip, one of them, with phone in hand, tells the other one, "I'm having trouble with this new phone — it has more capabilities than I do." Do you join me in really being able to relate to that? I sometimes wish we could go back to "The good ole ways" and send this modern technology ahead to the next century!!

But I feel short on capabilities in other areas of my life also, do you? I find some consolation in remembering what Paul said: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13), but I still find myself meeting up with things that "have more capabilities than I do" — that are bigger than what I can figure out or do anything about. That's when it's time to depend more upon God and less on self — to do what I can, but only after seeking His help, guidance and strength.

Now let me see — which one of these buttons am I suppose to push first...

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BEARY FUN
Children and volunteers had a great time at the Library's After School Program.

One Great Big Bear of a time had by all at Library After School Program

The first ASAP or "After School Adventure Program" at the Cross Plains Public Library last Wednesday afternoon brought five grandparents, one great-grandparent and seven grandchildren together to make teddy bears by taking turns stitching the material until the bear was

complete. Jennifer Wootton, Family Consumer Science Educator from the Cross Plains High School, provided the large choice of colorful fabrics, ribbons and buttons that were creatively used to construct the adorable and cuddly bears. Mrs. Wootton's high school had previously cut out

the bear patterns and conveniently bagged them with the required supplies to sew and adorn the bears. Everyone involved had a Gr-r-r-reat time!

Watch for information on upcoming ASAP montly events at the Library.

Submitted by Linda Burns

Cross Plains FFA Members Compete at West Texas Fair

Several members of the Cross Plains FFA competed this past weekend in the Market Lamb Show at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo.

Those who participated were Tiffany Holland, Joe Holland and Teagan Fortune. The show was a two day event and the students could choose to participate

on Saturday or Sunday or on both days. Results were as follows: Saturday Show- **Tiffany Holland**-6th place heavy weight finewool and 8th place heavy weight mediumwool; **Teagan Fortune**-6th place light weight Southdown, 6th place middle weight Southdown and 6th place middle weight mediumwool. Sunday Show- **Tiffany Holland**-7th place heavy weight finewool and 8th place heavy weight mediumwool; **Joe Holland**-5th place heavy weight mediumwool.

Next weekend students will be participating in the Market Steer Show.

FUMC to Host Buffalo Breakfast September 14th

This week's **Buffalo Breakfast** will be hosted by **First United Methodist** at the **First Baptist Family Life Center** beginning at 7 a.m.

All football players, parents of players, cheerleaders, coaches and administration are invited and encouraged to attend. There is **no charge** for the meal. There will be a short devotional and everyone is encouraged to **stay and partake of the spiritual food** also.

The teams will be competing against Hamlin this Thursday (JV and Junior High) and Friday (Varsity).

Submitted by Bob Pipes

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

SEPTEMBER 17 - 21 BREAKFAST

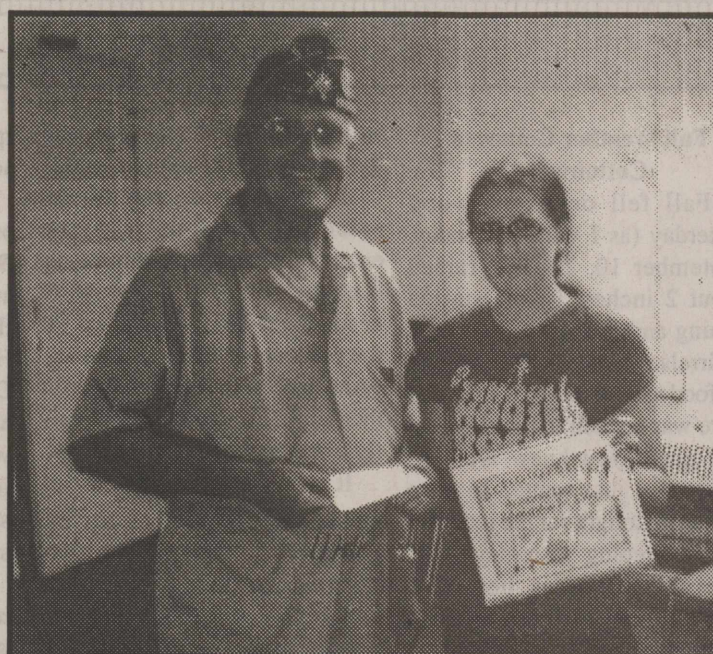
MONDAY - Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Pineapples
TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Beef/Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Fruit Crisp
THURSDAY-Grilled Cheese, Beef/Veg. Soup, Crackers, Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Wedges, Rice Krispie Treat



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AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT—Mitzi Anderson (right) received a \$500 scholarship from the Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 to use for college. Mitzi is the daughter of David and Karleen Anderson of Cottonwood. Bob Kirkham (left), local Commander is shown presenting her with the check.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **September 18, 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:

OPEN MEETING

1. Open Forum
2. Read and accept minutes from previous meetings

3. Annual ESL Report presented and action taken
4. Discuss and take action on agreement of bookkeeping services with JLH Enterprises
5. Review Finances/Bills
6. Adjourn

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on **September 11, 2007**, at **3:00 p.m.**

Jackie Tennison

For the Board of Trustees

Parenting In A Media Filled World Seminar

"In the 'popular' media, strong attempts are made to overshadow the negative impacts of excessive TV, movie, music, video games

and internet consumption."

PARENTS, have you ever struggled with something seen or heard from the media, and then heard or seen how that can or even now still does play into your child's development?

Would you consider joining me for "an informative and enlightening presentation of both the beneficial and the harmful aspects of the 21st Century's most established forms of entertainment and information?"

I pray and trust that you will consider joining me on Sunday, September 23, as Delton McQuire, Director of Development for the Cherokee Home for Children, presents to us this **FREE** parenting seminar focused on Parenting in A Media Filled World. Mark your calendars and be watching for more information coming next week.

Again, September 23, at the church of Christ. Join us and God Bless.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for project costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Roger Corn, Presiding

Wilma Y. Harris of Checotah, OK.

Misdemeanor Filings

Gilbert D. McGough, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Sheena L. Archie, theft by check.
Harold Chance Brown, theft by check.
Lisa D. Smith, theft by check.
Miranda D. Willis, theft by check.
Ernie M. Delacruz, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
James E. Davis Jr., DWLI.
Ronald C. Smith, DWI.
Herbert Sawyer, Jr., DWI.
Bryan B. Taylor, DWI.
Jose S. Aquirre, DWI.
Andrew M. Ostenberg, DWI.
David M. England, assault.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Justin Nichols, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
Michelle Derrick, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Cameron Lee McRae, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.
Lynden D. White, Jr., motion to dismiss to DWI granted, evidence suppressed.
Thomas Lee Dishman, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.
Joshua Wade Raney, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.
Andrew Jacob Ferguson, motion to withdraw as surety.
James Earl Davis, motion to withdraw as surety.
Billy Ray Floyd, request for extension of probation granted.
David Flores II, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicated granted.
Jose Munoz Jr., order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Marriage Licenses

Adam C. White of Clyde and Jennifer L. Stone of Baird.
Charles C. Talbot of Baird and

42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes
Travis B. Hart, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 1 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$299 court costs, \$1893.50 restitution.
Bobby R. Tackett, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 1 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$299 court costs, \$1893.50 restitution.

Civil Filings

Barbara Ann Sanders and Eddie Lee Sanders, divorce.
Kathy McLaurey and William McLaurey, divorce.
Terry Soileau vs. Commissioners Court of Callahan County, Mr. Bruce A. Boyd, and Mr. John W. White and purported Mrs. white, ex parte for permanent injunction.

Civil Minutes

Barton E. Kendrick and Linda Jane Piel nka Linda J. Kendrick and 548 Stella Avenue, Baird, TX 79504 and Wells Fargo Financial Texas, Inc., default home equity foreclosure order granted.
D-Bar Leasing, Inc. vs. Mike McConathy dba Petro-Texas and Charles D. Reutter aka Bubba Reutter, default judgment against Mike McConathy dba Petro-Texas, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$18,774.19 from defendant granted.
Ricky Dan Beasley and Deborah Michelle Beasley, divorce granted.
Maria De Lourdes Seward, an adult, order granting name change.
Alda R. Smith and Tommy D. Smith, divorce granted.
Sarah Elaine (Zell) White and Scott Fitzgerald White, divorce granted.
Johnnie Knott and Rickey Polk, divorce granted.
Jimmie Loyd McCloud and Susan Elaine Henson McCloud, order of dismissal granted.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from September 2, 2007 through September 8, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—143
Complaints—19
DWI—2
DWI with Child—1
Deadly Conduct—1
Driving While License Invalid—1
Driving Under Influence of Drugs—1
Possession of Controlled Substance—1
Possession of Marijuana—2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
Fugitive Arrest-Theft—1
Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

West Central Texas Workforce Development Board announces new officers

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is pleased to announce the election of new officers. Dave Dalzell, owner of Dalzell Realtors of Abilene, was elected Chair of the Board. Chance Barr, Vice-President of Barr Fabrication in Brownwood, was elected Vice Chair and Dr. Tom Winter, Associate Provost at Abilene Christian University, was elected as Secretary-Treasurer. The officers assume their new responsibilities on September 1, 2007. Regarding the new officers, Mary Ross, Executive Director, said, "We are pleased to have these three individuals in leadership roles for the Workforce Board. Their knowledge of workforce issues and commitment to improving the region's economy will be a tremendous asset during the coming year."

ON THE WATER WITH LARRY NIXON

Going to the grass for bass

After the warmth of summer, there's no doubt that your favorite fishing hole has some vegetation built up in it. In summer, when the water warms, the different aquatic vegetations are able to bloom. And if you are a bass angler, there's nothing that makes you happier than grass in a fishery.

Grass is important to a fishery for a multitude of reasons. First, young fish (called fry) are able to retreat into the dense aquatic vegetation and escape predation. These fry could be young bass or any other species, but because they are able to get some refuge in the grass, there is more likely to be a better survival rate - meaning more bass or bass forage in the future. Secondly, when there is grass in a fishery, these aquatic plants will provide forage for baitfish like minnows. If there's a healthy minnow population present, the bass benefit, as well.

As a professional angler, I can tell you that the presence of grass excites me when I get on the water. Mostly, I am excited because I know I can start my fishing efforts around grass; employing techniques that typically do well near this vegetation. There's no shortage of ways to attack grass in the late summer, but here's three that are very productive.

Sen. Hutchison delivers \$1.7 Million for Dyess AFB

WASHINGTON --U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Ranking Member of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, today secured \$1.7 million for Dyess AFB as the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill passed the full Senate by a vote of 92-1.

"These critical military construction funds will help ensure that Dyess remains one of America's top Air Force bases," said Sen. Hutchison. The approved bill includes \$1.7 million in planning and design funds for a runway paving project.

This appropriations bill funds military construction projects for the U.S. Department of Defense for FY 2008. Sen. Hutchison successfully secured more than \$1.5 billion in the bill for Texas military construction projects and base realignment projects.

The overall bill provides \$8.9 billion for active duty military construction. It also provides \$2.9 billion for family housing construction and operations and \$201.4 million for the NATO Security Investment Program. The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) fund provides \$8.2 billion for BRAC 2005 implementation.

If you like to catch largemouth bass, then you're already acquainted with flipping and pitching. It's an amazing effective way of getting a bait into a small area, putting it right in the bass's face and delivering it with accuracy and without disturbing the fish with a big splash. One of the best ways to attack grass is to scope the grass beds through your polarized sunglasses and look for holes in the vegetation.

Once I find such a hole, I like to pitch a Berkley PowerBait Chigger Craw into the hole. Rigged on a 4/0 wide-gap hook with a 1- to 1 1/2-ounce weight using 20-pound Berkley Trilene 100% Fluorocarbon line, I put a Green Pumpkin-colored Chigger Craw in the hole and let it sink. Often, bass will hit these baits on the fall. If not, I drag it through the hole. Pulling bass out of heavy vegetation requires tough line and a rod with a lot of backbone.

If flipping and pitching holes doesn't work, I like to Texas rig a Berkley Gulp! 5-inch Watermelon Jerk Shad on a 3/0 weighted hook. I like to use a smaller weight on the weighted hook - like 1/2-ounce or smaller - to help that Jerk Shad stay up in the water column. I twitch this bait and let it swim past the edges of the grass line and hope that a bass will come and attach. For this technique, I use

the same rod and reel set up but drop down to 12-pound Trilene 100% Fluorocarbon to give the bait more action.

Finally, if the bite is really tough, I will turn to a shaky head. For this set up, I use 10-pound Trilene 100% Fluorocarbon. With a 7-inch Gulp! Shaky Worm on a 1/2- or 3/8-ounce shaky head jig, I cast parallel to the grass line, letting the jig head fall to the bottom. Very slowly, I drag the jig along the bottom, careful to keep it from dragging into the grass. This is a very slow technique and not much fun when you are used to more active fishing patterns, but when the fish are only feeding in the morning and evening and spending all day hiding in the grass, this can be very effective.

After working so hard to keep the grass in your yard looking good, why not let a little grass work for you? Try focusing your efforts around aquatic grasses when you hit the water and try to put together a pattern that will keep fish tugging on your line through the end of summer.

Larry Nixon is a former Bassmaster Classic champion with more than \$1.5 million in career earnings on the BASS Tour. Nixon lives with his wife and three children in Bee Branch, Ark.

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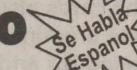
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Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo announces a real Back-to-School Special for Texas Youth

Aug. 27, 2007 - Houston—Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials announced today that all of the Show's four-year college scholarships will increase from \$12,000 to \$15,000 each, a 25 percent increase. The increase takes effect with the scholarships to be awarded in 2008, and brings the Show's total yearly commitment to the youth of Texas to nearly \$16 million.

"Texas students who are about to enter their senior year of high school are getting a great opportunity," said Skip Wagner, president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships always have been highly sought after by the state's best students. We're proud to be able to increase our help for the top Texas students as they and their families deal with the increasing cost of a college education."

In 2008, the Show will award 534, \$15,000, four-year scholarships to deserving high school seniors to attend a Texas college or university. With this increase, more than

\$8 million will be awarded to Texas youth through the Show's scholarship program.

"This increase comes on the heels of a very successful 75th anniversary Show," added Wagner. "We celebrated this milestone in a big way, honoring almost 19,000 Show volunteers who brought the Show to what it is today. This scholarship increase is a tribute to the time and talent that volunteers provide to the Show each and every year."

Annually, the Show's scholarship program awards scholarships for Houston-area high school students (Metropolitan and Opportunity), and scholarships for students across Texas (including 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Area Go Texan and School Art).

The scholarship program is just a part of the Show's annual commitment to the youth of Texas. In addition to the scholarship increase, the Show has committed an additional \$500,000 toward Rodeo Institute for Teacher Excellence - a program that trains teachers with specialized

reading and classroom skills for students in pre-kindergarten classes through third grade - bringing the annual commitment to \$1.5 million. The Show has committed an additional \$100,000 for wildlife and range management educational programs. Other youth commitments include more than \$5 million awarded to livestock show participants through premiums, junior auctions, calf scramble and judging contests.

For more information on the Show, its scholarship program and other educational commitments, visit www.rodeohouston.com. Since the Show began in 1932, more than \$220 million has been committed to the youth of Texas.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation.

The 2008 Show will run March 3rd-22nd.

4-H Dove Warm-Up a Success

Many thanks to our sponsors and participants for making the 4th annual Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Dove Warm-Up held Saturday, August 25th, a huge success. We had 70 participants (14 teams) for 5-stand, threw 73 rounds of trap and 45 rounds of skeet. All proceeds went to support this fast-growing and worthwhile 4-H project. Prizes were awarded to the top three places in the following events:

5-Stand team results
1. Blake Fulenwider Dodge-201 2. Eastland Gun Club-190 3. John White-187.

High Female 5-Stand
1. Drucilla Meier-38 2. Kaysi Dean-32 3. Kelley Jordan-32.

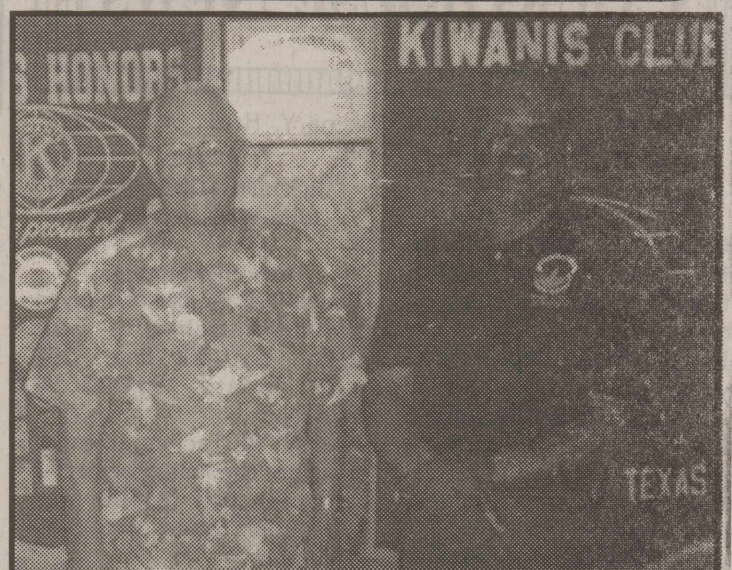
High Youth 5-Stand (12 & Under)
1. Will White-26 2. Ted Pitzer-23 3. Kinsey Dean-14.

Trap High Individual
1. H.T. Gleason-22 2. Drucilla Meier-22 3. Phillip Tippen-21.

Skeet High Individual
1-Brad Johnson-25 2. Aaron Anderson-25 3. Marvin Jarrat-23.

We also had a drawing for a new 12 ga. Shotgun, which was won by Jody Bowers. Many thanks to John & Irene White for donating the shotgun. We are still selling raffle tickets for a new Tikka T-III, 270 Win, rifle with Leopold scope to be drawn November 5th. Contact Monty Ancinec, Amy Hart or any of our 4-H shooting sports kids for tickets. Thanks again to all those who came out on a hot day and please watch the Cross Plains Review for announcements of future events at our range.

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SPRATT SPEAKS AT AUGUST 28th KIWANIS CLUB MEETING—Robert L. Spratt (right) was the guest of Donnel Clark (left) at the Kiwanis Meeting. Mr. Spratt is a Retired Lieutenant from the Washington D.C. Capitol Police. He retired after 25 plus years. Mr. Spratt is now a LF/ICS Instructor Trainer. He presented a slide show of the Capitol Police from before the Civil War to the present.

Veterans of Foreign Wars 20th Annual Bicycle Rodeo

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6873 and Auxiliary will be having their 20th Annual Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, September 15th, at the VFW Post located at 1049 Veterans Dr. in Abilene.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., and continue until 10:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded from 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m.

Awards will be given in the following three grade groups: 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade, and 5th & 6th grade. The 1st place winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate, 2nd place will receive a \$75 gift certificate, and 3rd place will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

There will be free hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, sno cones, and cotton candy to all participants! Door prizes will be given away every half hour, and there will be free games.

There will also be a registration and safety inspection of bicycles. The bicycle obstacle course is sponsored by Safety City, Say No to Drugs, and Lite-A-Bike (bicycle visibility).

All participants must wear helmets, and there will be some available if you don't have one. All contestants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 or over. You must be present to win!

Texas AFT test watch teams encourages teachers to take back their classrooms

Texas AFT today launched a campaign to begin monitoring testing in schools to ensure that instructional time isn't lost to an overemphasis on testing.

"We're telling teachers, parents and students that it's time to reclaim your classroom as a place for real learning, inspiration and creativity," said Linda Bridges, Texas AFT president. "It's time to reclaim your classroom as a place that isn't judged solely by TAKS tests and isn't bogged down in the drudgery of endless test preparation. It's time to reclaim your classroom as a place where students receive the help they need to succeed, rather than confusing and sometimes arbitrary determinations of success and failure."

Texas AFT is distributing "Reclaim Your Classroom Test Watch" cards in schools across the state and on the internet so that teachers, parents and students can track how much time is spent on testing—including standardized tests like TAKS. The cards also track the inordinate amount of time spent preparing for and even developing tests.

"More than half of the teachers surveyed told us they're spending more than 50 percent of their class time on testing, and a large majority note that testing is taking away valuable instruction time and hurting other course work," Bridges said.

"That's just insane, and we've got to start putting the pressure on local officials, state lawmakers and Congress to change our testing system now."

Bridges noted that Texas AFT's work in the past on reforming the testing system has produced notable results. For example, state Senate Bill 1031—passed last spring—bans the use of more than 10 percent of instructional days for district-mandated tests for any student in grades subject to standardized testing.

District testing does not include the TAKS test, but it does include the often time-intensive benchmark testing.

"Our Test Watch Team members will be our eyes and ears on campuses across the state to make sure that administrators are complying with the recent law limiting district testing," Bridges said.

Why is now the time to reclaim our classrooms? Texas AFT began the movement to change testing in Texas in 2005, after it heard from scores of member teachers that the current testing system is destroying educational opportunities for our schoolchildren. Surveys of teachers confirmed the anecdotal evidence, and Texas AFT learned that more than half of all teachers spend more than half their time preparing for and taking standardized tests. Some 87 percent said that the TAKS

test resulted in a significant loss of instructional time. More than 93 percent reported the quality of education had dropped in subjects not tested by TAKS.

In response, Texas AFT formed a task force to develop a detailed plan for reform, including three simple action steps:

Give students credit for the progress they make, instead of penalizing them for not meeting accountability standards based on tests that don't accurately measure growth in student achievement.

Eliminate the confusion and contradictions between state and federal accountability systems. Currently, a school campus can be rated unacceptable on the federal level and acceptable on the state level, or vice versa.

Restore the authority for test preparation to teachers and ensure the appropriate use of standardized testing as a diagnostic tool that helps focus resources where they are needed.

To learn more about "Reclaim Your Classroom" visit www.texasaft.org

Texas AFT (formerly the Texas Federation of Teachers) represents more than 57,000 teachers, paraprofessionals, support personnel, and higher-education employees across the state. Texas AFT is affiliated with the 1.3-million-member American Federation of Teachers.

Dept. of Agriculture posts gas station violations online

AUSTIN—With gasoline prices hovering around \$3 a gallon, Texas drivers want to make sure they are receiving exactly what they are paying for. Now, keeping an eye on their local gas station is as easy as logging on to the Internet.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced today, July 31st, the Texas Department of Agriculture is now posting results of gas station inspections on its web site, so consumers can see which stations around the state failed their recent gas pump inspections.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture is committed to consumer protection. We want Texans to know our inspectors are


on the frontlines ensuring they are receiving what they are paying for," Commissioner Staples said. "By visiting the TDA Web site, drivers will have the information they need at their fingertips to know where gas pumps have been found out of compliance."

TDA has 72 weights and measures inspectors throughout the state checking more than 65,000 fuel pumps a year. An inspector will place an "out of order" tag on any pump not dispensing the correct amount of fuel within the allowable tolerance.

The station owner or operator is responsible for having a pump repaired by a service company licensed through TDA before the

pump can be further used to sell fuel. A TDA inspector will then place a new seal on the pump after it has been tested and found to be operating properly. TDA recently increased penalties for any fuel pump found out of tolerance in the state. This was the first increase in fines since 1996.

To check out the new online reports go to the Texas Department of Agriculture's Web site at www.tda.state.tx.us and click on "public information reports." Besides gas pump inspection reports, consumers can also review weights and measures enforcement action reports to find out how much gas stations owners had to pay for the out of order violations.



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Since **AEP Texas** and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?


Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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Commissioners approve budget, tax rate

Callahan County Commissioners voted to adopt the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget and approved adoption of the 2007 tax rate of \$0.38308 during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, September 10th at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by County Judge Roger Corn. Present included Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell. Also present at the meeting was County Sheriff Eddie Curtis and County Attorney Shane Deel.

After some discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adopt the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to adopt the 2007 tax rate of \$0.38308 per \$100 of property value. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer. The vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Hicks, yes; Commissioner Farmer, yes; Commissioner Windham, yes; Commissioner Kirkham, yes; and Judge Corn, yes. The motion to adopt the 2007 tax rate of \$0.38308 passed by a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:34 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

The commissioners' court held a second meeting beginning Monday morning, with Judge Corn calling the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Those items considered by the commissioners' court included: —The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—During time set aside for public comments, no one spoke to the commissioners' court.

—There was discussion of the progress of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Plan. No action was taken.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to sign the commissioners' court order to remove the part of County Road #273 south from the intersection with County Road #252 from the HB 1117 County Road Map. That part of the road is not a county road and was added to the HB 1117 County Road Map in error. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the resolutions and contracts for Joint Elections with Eula ISD and Baird ISD. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

—After discussion of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service Tower request, the commissioners' court took no action at this time.

—After discussion and consideration of renewing the application with the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to not reapply. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills and Judge Corn seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

—Johnny Tabor with Tabor Engineering gave a report on the road inspection for the application for the ORCA grant. Roads were prioritized by need of repair by the county commissioners.

—At 12:05 p.m., Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

DRI 7th Annual Dove Hunt

On Friday, September 14th through Sunday, September 16th, celebrities, including Steve Kanaly of the TV series Dallas, artist Michael Collins, former NFL offensive lineman David Lutz, actor/artist Johnny DiSanti, wildlife artist Jimmie Partee, and knife maker Ross Tyser will gather in West Texas for quality dove hunting, and the opportunity to support Disability Resources Incorporated.

The three-day event is the 7th annual West Texas Celebrity Dove Classic, founded by Dr.

Norman Dozier. Base for the hunt will be Dr. Dozier's White Rock Lodge. The three day event offers hunting, a clay shoot, and shooting clinics, great meals, awards, and an auction. The event is open to men, women, and children.

To participate as a hunter or sponsor, or for more information, contact Kris at 325-677-6815.

Disability Resources Incorporated is a nonprofit organization providing residential training and work opportunities for adults with disabilities.

Abilene announced as new site for State Veterans Cemetery

WASHINGTON — Continuing its mission of providing a final resting place for Texas veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today the award of an \$8 million grant to establish a state veterans cemetery in Abilene.

"This new cemetery will provide a final resting place that pays tribute to veterans' service," said the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson.

Nearly 30,000 veterans and their families live within the service area of the future Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Jones County.

Construction is scheduled to begin this fall. The grant will fund construction of 2,300 full-casket burial sites, 600 in-ground burial cremation sites, 624 columbarium niches, a memorial walkway, administration and maintenance buildings, a committal service shelter, a storage building, utilities, landscaping and irrigation. Interments are expected to begin in spring 2009.

The closest national cemetery is Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas,

approximately 185 miles away. The nearest state cemetery is Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, approximately 160 miles away.

VA's State Cemetery Grants Program is designed to complement VA's 125 national cemeteries across the country. This state cemetery grant program helps states establish, expand or improve existing cemeteries. The VA program has helped establish 67 state veterans cemeteries in 35 states, Saipan and Guam, which provided more than 22,000 burials in fiscal year 2006. Since the program began in 1980, VA has awarded 158 grants totaling \$294 million.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from national cemetery offices, from the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov>, or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. Information about Texas state veterans cemeteries is available from the Veterans Land Board at: <http://www.TexasVeterans.com> or (512) 463-5350.

Food Protection Management Training available to food service establishments

A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held Monday, October 22nd through Monday, October 29th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension office in Abilene.

The training will allow food service establishments permitted by Department of State Health Services to meet their certification requirements if they pass the exam. Food service establishments permitted by Environmental Health Section of the City of Abilene are also invited to attend. The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest man-

agement, foodborne illness and related areas.

The course is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension in Taylor, Nolan and Jones Counties; Environmental Section of the City of Abilene and Department of State Health Services. Cost for the class is \$89, which includes the exam and book. The cost for the exam only is \$50. Registration deadline will be Friday, October 5, 2007. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at 672-6048 or the Jones County Extension Office at 823-2432. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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Dianne is the granddaughter of the late Flem and Hester Johnson and the late Everette and Lorena Wright. Both grandparents are former residents of Cross Plains. Emmanuel is the grandson of the late Emmanuel and Magdeline Pirgioti and the late Nicholas and Penelope Alvertos. Both grandparents are former residents of Volos, Greece.

Dianne is employed by Abilene ISD and Emmanuel is retired from the United States Air Force. The couple will be married on October 20, 2007 at the Beltway Park Baptist Chapel in Abilene, Texas.

The Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society Welcomes Shirley Shumate

Shirley J. Shumate, a professional genealogy researcher, will be conducting an Early Texas History genealogy workshop, Friday, September 21, from 1-3 p.m. at Cross Plains. The workshop which had been scheduled for the Cross Plains Library, has been moved from the Library, to Jean's Restaurant, on West Highway 36. The workshop will be preceded by lunch at 11:30 a.m. Those who are interested in genealogy, or plan to trace your family roots, will enjoy hearing the history of our area, all are invited to attend.



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Shirley has been researching the Russell Families for over 30 years. As Editor of The Russell Register for 10 years, she has collected data and researched families from all over the U.S. as well as traveling to research locations. Her research is not limited but includes All surnames.

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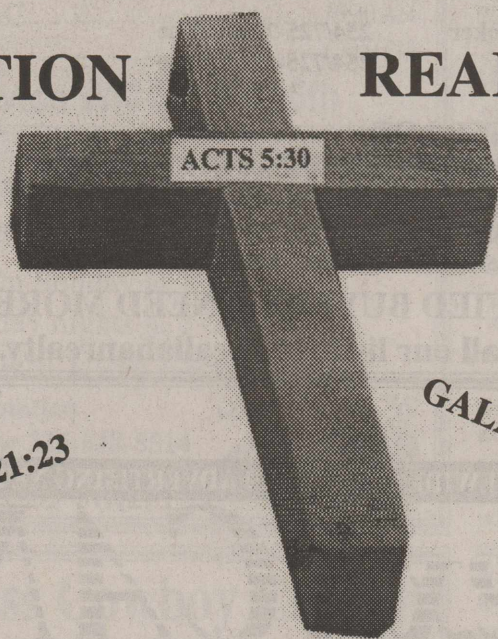
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