

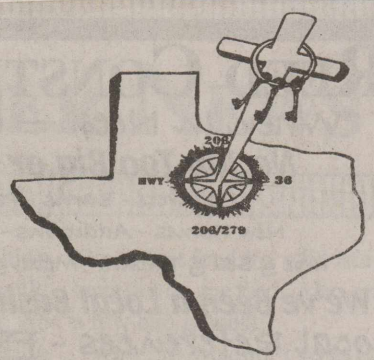
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Editor's Note: It's difficult to believe Thanksgiving is already here—where did the rest of 2007 go???? It's at this time that we focus on being truly thankful for our many blessings. Sometimes they may not arrive in the package we anticipate, as you will see in the following story, but your attitude makes all the difference. This story puts a whole new light on bad hair days! While you are preparing for holiday visitors keep in mind "the reason for the season" and consciously list the things that you are thankful for. Give God your appreciation for your blessings. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Holiday!
Vanda Anderson

"Attitude"

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.

"Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today?" So she did, and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.

"H-M-M," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today?" So she did, and she had a great day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head.

"Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did, and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

"YEA!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything!
Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly.....
Leave the rest to God.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.

It's about learning to dance in the rain!

God Bless You!

Author Unknown

Cross Plains' Students Discover Worth of Local Veterans

An Older Generation Passes on Its Values

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

At the November 15th School Board meeting, **Elementary Principal Margie Sowell** expressed the excitement that her students had experienced this past week. They had the privilege of being a part of the Veteran's Celebration held at the newly built Veterans Memorial in Cross Plains.

Veteran and Board Member Burlie Taylor personally stepped off the platform and emphasized to the children the importance of honoring those who had fought and died for our country.

"This was an awesome experience. The kids had a great time and we were proud to participate," said Sowell. She added that she hoped to make this an annual affair. The Veterans have already sent a letter of appreciation to the school and those who joined them in this memorable event.

Mrs. Sowell also voiced her thanks to all of the fathers and those who showed up to the "Dad's and Donuts" event. She said they counted a total of 158 signatures. Sowell also commented that as everyone knew, Cross Plains has a lot of men who wear cowboy hats. She said one little girl exclaimed at the donut breakfast, "Look at all those cowboys!"

High School Principal Stacey Loyless also echoed the same sentiment regarding the Veteran's Day gathering. He said that he hopes in subsequent years that more and more Vets from surrounding counties will be involved in the occasion. Loyless added, "It's good for kids to give thought to what the Veterans have done for us."

Mr. Loyless observed, "Both gyms are blazing with basketball events in full swing. There's lots of basketball going on. We have

lots of teams and everyone is having a good time."

Loyless praised the school newsletter that's compiled by **Mrs. Webb** and her class. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the web portal where the newsletter is posted. "It's chocked full of good information," added Loyless. The CPISD web site is: http://www.crossplains_esc14.net.

Principal Loyless also wanted the Board to know that Mrs. May is putting together a presentation to *deter teen dating violence*. This multifaceted educational program will take place in February of 2008.

Superintendent Jackie Tennison reiterated how much he also appreciated the teachers, band and everyone who made the Veteran's Day event a huge success. He said it was awe-inspiring to hear the little children know the words and sing the National Anthem.

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Cross Plains Senior Citizen Fund Raiser Drawing and Chili Luncheon December 5th

Tickets for sale! Tickets for sale! Yes, we are still taking donations for the fund raiser, if you have not made your donation to win one of the donated \$500.00 gift cards from **Academy Sports & Outdoor**.

Thanksgiving is upon us and I felt it would be a good time to give thanks to the "very special" people who generously donated the money to purchase the gift cards. They gave out of concern for the seniors and ask only to be known as "Friends of the Seniors".

Thanks again to the merchants who donated so many wonderful give-aways for the Hunters' Feed. The nocturnal feeder donated by the Taste of Texas and

displayed at our table certainly brought the hunters to our table.

Without "Friends of the Seniors" and the merchants of Cross Plains, we would not have been that successful. Everybody who has purchased tickets, the donation of \$500 from the children of Byron and Louise Richardson, in memory of their parents, and Barr Fabrications' generosity has been appreciated. No matter how small or large your contribution, it takes all of us working together to make this work. Thank you, citizens and neighbors, who donated "sweets".

The drawing will be on **December 5th around 12 noon** at the Senior Citizens' Center. We will be serving a **Chili Luncheon** for \$5.00 per person. All

proceeds will benefit the seniors.

The chili will be donated by **Dana Hall of Dana's BBQ** with many locals donating combread, cheese, crackers and condiments. **Bring your friends and family and enjoy some great food and visit with our seniors.**

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Submitted by
Teri Coburn

Solution Formulated to Control Cross Plains' Stray Dogs

\$100 Fine Imposed to Retrieve Dogs

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

At the November 13th City Council meeting, **Mr. Forrest McCray**, the new City Attorney introduced himself to the Council. He will be checking into the legality of how to notify title holders and unknown heirs of condemned property.

***Numerous packs of stray or unrestrained dogs** have been seen roaming the streets of Cross Plains. **Mayor Ray Purvis** emphasized that something must be done about all of the dogs. He stated, "Someone has already been bit!"

In light of these events, the City of Cross Plains has entered into a

contract with the **Animal Control Unit of the City of Clyde**. Under this agreement, Clyde Animal Control will come to Cross Plains to pick up stray animals a minimum of 12 days a year, at the rate of \$345.00 per day.

If the owners want their pets back, the fine to retrieve each animal is \$100 and they have to go to the Clyde Animal Shelter to pick them up. The fines will help to reimburse the City of Cross Plains.

***Fire Chief Ricky Carouth** updated the City Council on matters concerning the Fire Department. He stated that from

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Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for New Health Clinic

The **Shackelford County Community Resource Center**, along with its Board of Directors, is proud to announce the **Grand Opening** of their newest clinic **Cross Plains Community Health Center** on Monday, November 26th from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This will be a come and go celebration. The clinic is located at 200 North Main Street.

A **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** will be held at 2:00 p.m. with

the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Board of Directors are Ross Montgomery, President; Mary Alcaraz, Vice President; Charleen Donoway, Secretary; Sharon Trigg, Treasurer; Gary Fuller; Maria Duran; Cindy Johnson; Jeanie Stephens; Rosa Martinez; Debbie Gosnell; and Susan H. Jones, Director of all the health centers.

Everyone is invited to come by and get acquainted.

Commissioners make changes to Farm Service Agency's prescribed burns

By a 3-2 vote, Callahan County Commissioners voted to make changes to the Farm Service Agency's rules concerning a "prescribed burn" during the commissioners' court meeting held Wednesday, November 14th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the United States Department of Agriculture normally requires a representative of the FSA be present with a county rancher performs a "prescribed burn." Instead, the commissioners' court approved changes to the "prescribed burn" application stating a representative of the FSA is no longer required to be present during a "prescribed burn."

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 3-2 that a representative of the FSA need not be present during a "prescribed burn" as long as the applicant goes through the proper process.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Present at the meeting included: 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.

—The commissioners' court meeting minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

—There was no public discussion or comments.

—On a motion by Commis-

sioner Farmer and a second by Commissioner Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to pass an order that all goods-in-transit, as defined by the Texas Tax Code 11.253 shall remain subject to taxation by Callahan County, Texas.

—After discussion of the ballot for the 2008-2009 Central Appraisal District Board of Directors, Commissioner Windham made a motion to cast all of Callahan County's votes for Jimmie Easter. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—After reviewing the November 6, 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election Canvass Report, Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the canvass report. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The commissioners' court also held a public hearing at 9:10 a.m. to seek public input on an order to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise be exempt pursuant to Section 11.253 of the Texas Tax Code. The meeting was not attended by anyone outside of the commissioners' court. The public hearing was closed and on a motion by Commissioner Farmer and a second by Commissioner Kirkham, the commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

Jackpot Team Playday set for November 24th

Mark your calendars and finish off that turkey. Need to burn off some of that holiday calorie collection? Then join us (the CowPokes Riding Club) for a **Jackpot Team Playday** on Saturday, November 24, 2007 and the CPRC Arena Highway 36, Cross Plains.

Books open at 9 a.m. with events beginning at 10:30 a.m. Teams will consist of three persons (\$75 per team/\$50 to jackpot). Events will be Spur, Poles, Double Bucket Flag, Straight Barrels, and Cloverleaf Barrels.

For more information contact Jamie Wootton at 325-201-1140.

ATTENTION REGARDING BFI PICK-UP
Due To The Thanksgiving Holiday
BFI Will Be Running A Day Behind
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OBITUARIES

Don Henry Neff

Don Henry Neff, age 70, of Baird, Texas, passed away Wednesday, November 14, 2007, in Abilene.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 16, 2007, at the graveside with Fay Simons officiating. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas.

He was born May 15, 1937 in Coleman, Texas to Mr. John Henry Neff and Dora Lee (Hyden) Neff.

Don is survived by his sisters, Margie and husband Steve Simons and Cathy and Larry Wishert, all of Liberty, Texas; brother Jimmy Lee Neff of Putnam; special friend, Shirley London of Baird.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lillie Fay Dupriest; and brother, Carl T. Neff.



Brendi McKinley Molin

Brendi McKinley Molin entered into the Glory of God's presence on Thursday, November 15, 2007, in Orange, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 18, 2007, at First Baptist Church in Bridge City, Texas with Rev. Bob Boone officiating. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Chad Franke and Chad Molin.

Brendi was born October 1, 2007, in Port Arthur to Bryan and Brooke (Franke) Molin.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Merlin and Betty Franke, James and Destene Morgan, Oscar Molin, and Buck and Alice Dunn.

Survivors include her parents, Bryan Joseph Molin and Brooke Franke Molin of Bridge City; sisters, Breanna Molin and Braleigh Molin; grandparents, Steve and Becky Molin of Orange, and Steve and Traci Franke of LaGrange; great-grandparents, Lana and Essie Fontenot; aunts and uncles, Deshaye Franke, Terri and Jarred McCall, Chad Franke, Chad and Belinda Molin.

Dee Elbert Breeding

Dee Elbert Breeding, age 82, of Lamesa, died Saturday, November 17, 2007, at Medical Arts Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Second Baptist Church with Rush Coffman and Clifton Igo officiating. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park with Branon Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Breeding was born April 17, 1925 in Cottonwood, Texas. He married Marcella Edmonson May 18, 1946 in Midland, Texas. A longtime resident of Dawson County, he was a cross country truck driver. He served 3 years in the U.S. Navy, of which 20 months were spent in the Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Shayne Deatherage in 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Marcella Breeding of Lamesa; three daughters, Carolyn Hogg of Lamesa, Jeanne Deatherage of and Sharon Trumble, both of Lubbock; a sister, Maxine McGlothlin in Encinada, CA; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and good friends, Elbert and Alice Richards and Mike and Dana Ruiz.

Memorials may be made to the Second Baptist Church of Lamesa Baptist Association River Ministry.

Grand Ole Oplin Xmas Party Told

The Grand Ole Oplin wants everyone to get out the classy clothes and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin Christmas Ball. Our Christmas Ball will be held on Saturday, December 15th. The dress code for this dance will be "dressed dress," "Sunday best," or simply wear red. Muddy Creek will be playing all of your favorite tunes from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided during the band's break, but you are still invited to bring snacks to be shared by all. Our volunteers will be taking pictures for a nominal fee (donated to the Oplin Volunteer Fire Dept.) under our beautiful Christmas Arbor. Admission to our Christmas Ball will be \$4.00 per person.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. All of our dances are hosted by the Oplin Community Center.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Rick O. Branham, theft by check.
 Joshua L. Gilliland, theft by check.
 Cable Neff, interference with public duties.

Misdemeanor Minutes

John W. Anderson, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
 Joshua Kitchens, order extending probation granted.
 Dylan J. Morgan, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Rafael Gomez, Jr., order extending probation granted.
 Mark Johnson Jr., motion to withdraw as surety granted.
 Eric J. Sims, motion to dismiss to theft granted for plea to other case.
 Patrick Hill, motion to revoke probation granted.
 Daniel Gandy, motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Ross S. Andreas of Putnam and Darla G. Bowman of Cross Plains.

42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Joshua Harrell, driving while intoxicated (DWI) with child passenger.
 Tony Hawk, possession of a controlled substance.
 Bryan Taylor, possession of a controlled substance.
 Saeed Ashofteh Fadafan, possession of a controlled substance.
 Raymond French, possession of a controlled substance.
 Douglas M. Brady, possession of a controlled substance.
 Ali M. Saifi, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Robert Alcantar Jr., order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of probation granted.

Lisa D. Jordan, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 years probation, \$500 fine, \$249 court costs.

Michael L. Miller Jr., plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 10 years in prison, \$284 court costs.

Robert Prickett, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication granted.

John R. Dunnam, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to prison.

Civil Filings

Brad O. Watson and Chrystie Jean Watson, divorce.
 Billy Michael Miller and Tasha Naomia Miller, divorce.
 Pallino Receivables II, LLC vs. Deborah Hatchett, confirm arbitration award.
 Keith Edwards and Tammy S. Edwards, divorce.
 Shawn Randell McKibben and Becky Ann McKibben, divorce.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 11, 2007 through November 17, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated
 Warnings—87
 Complaints—34
 Driving While License Invalid—1

Vehicle Accidents
 There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

THANKSGIVING: Watching God Make Nature

Thanksgiving always seems like the beginning of something big, the beginning of a season that culminates in New Year's Day, the start of a new year.

Most of us get caught up in the preparations for Thanksgiving Day and probably miss the important thing, being thankful for the best things in life, such as friends and family and relationships that mean a lot.

We seem to waste our time concentrating on and thinking about the small things of life like toys for the kids, or toys for men like a new boat. (Okay,

I'm going easy on the women, but they have toys, too.)

When this momentous day started, the Pilgrim fathers, and mothers, must have known something we have forgotten, how necessary it is to give thanks, not only for our material blessings, but for life itself, families and friends.

Did you ever just sit and watch God make nature? That is not easy to do. God seems to be awfully slow doing His job. But He gets it done, though nature's progress is imperceptible to us, it can give us pause, time to think. Time to slow down and give thanks for our earth, our loved ones, and for

some of us, our work.

So, here's wishing for you, at the beginning of this Holy Season that you get to spend some time just sitting and watching God make some nature, and give Thanks. If you haven't spent time with your loved ones lately, I hope you get to do that too.

For personal or organizational news items for this column, please contact Wallace Bennett, 254-725-7474, or write 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, or email csb5@airmail.net. Remember, I can't write about it if I don't know about it.

BIG "THREE-IN-ONE" DECEMBER 7

**Kiwanis Stew Supper Fund-Raiser
Santa is Coming to Cross Plains
Senior Citizens Dessert Sale**

The Annual Cross Plains Kiwanis Christmas Program is Friday night, December 7th. Santa anticipates meeting all the children and adults at the Senior Citizens Center as he arrives in Cross Plains on the fire truck (6 p.m.).

Every child present will be able to visit with Santa and have his/her picture taken with him. In addition to the visit and free photograph with Santa, each child will receive a sack of candy and one (1) number for drawings at the end of the program. (Additional photographs may be purchased for \$1 each.)

We are combining a STEW SUPPER Fund-Raiser with the Christmas program again this year. This is one of our annual fund-raisers each year to help with programs of our area, especially the children. We really need your help in order to have enough to meet all the worthy requests and needs that come our way. **The stew supper begins at 5 p.m.** --\$5 for adult, \$3 for children 12 and under (very young children who eat from

their parents' bowl are free). The Senior Citizens will have a Dessert Fund-Raiser. You may buy desserts by the piece (to eat by itself, or to go with your stew meal) or by the entire pie or cake.

There will be drawings for twelve (12) turkeys and eight (8) gifts of \$25 cash each. Drawings will begin immediately after the children are finished visiting and taking pictures with Santa.

There will be live and taped music to be enjoyed during the children's picture taking time. There is no general registration this year for the drawings so the only recipients will be the children (and those who purchase tickets for the stew supper fund-raiser). You must remain and be present in order to receive the prizes.

The Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains. Come early and eat, stay afterwards and visit! Remember, **Friday night, December 8, beginning at 5 p.m.**

Submitted by Bob Pipes

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Callahan County FSA Reminds Voters of 2007 County Committee Election

(Baird, TX) - November 19, 2007 - Robert Frost, Executive Director for the Callahan County Farm Service Agency (FSA), reminds eligible voters that County Committee elections are underway. On November 2, 2007, FSA mailed ballots to all eligible voters. Completed ballots must be postmarked by midnight on December 3, 2007.

"FSA County Committees make decisions on commodity loans and payments; allotments, yields, marketing quotas, eligibility for conservation programs as well as disaster assistance," said Frost. "This Committee is the producer's voice in making national programs fit local situations - representing the customers for the individuals USDA programs are designed to serve," he added.

Frost stressed that the FSA County Committee system will only work well if all of FSA's customers are actively involved in how the agency's programs are administered. FSA's County Committee system needs diverse representation - small and large farm/ranch operators, truck farmers, specialty crop producers, livestock producers and local businessmen and women.

"Diversity is a must in today's changing world of agriculture - from people on the business side of the operation to those who plant for specific markets. The County Committee should represent the demographics of the communities they serve," said Frost.

Frost encourages all eligible voters to cast their ballots this

LIBRARY STATS

Library Stats
November 12 - 16, 2007

Patrons	88
Programs	46
LAP	8
LAPsit	8
Books Checked Out	100
LAP	14
LAPsit	20
Copies	76
Reference	3
Internet Users	20

Book Donations: Kim Crockett and Ann Beeler

Memorials: Charles and Lou Rodenberger in Memory of Jack and Juakana Scott

Volunteers: Azalee Womack, Ginny Hoskins, Arlene Stephenson, Sue Bennett, Beverly Ross, and Catherine Bass.

PIONEER NEWS

We had a "great" day quilting on Tuesday. Olena's quilt should come out at our next meeting. We still have Barbara's and Lou's top in the frame. We are taking a break this week, but will meet on November 27th.

Charlene Chesshir and Christy Dallas took a trip to Edmond, OK. over the weekend to see Charlene's new great-grandson. Little Silas James Gromer was born on October 31st. His mother is Abby, daughter of John and Margaret Chesshir. They have a granddaughter who is 5 years old. We are all happy about this baby. Of course, Charlene thinks he is beautiful. While Charlene was gone Jim and Fran came and tended to the farm life. They gathered a lot of pecans.

James and Jean Alexander's grandsons, Will and Jack, spent the weekend with them. The boys

like to just feed the wild life and hang out on the farm. Also, watch a few ball games!

Wow! If you didn't go to Cross Plains this weekend you really missed some great basketball games. A lot of teams around the area were playing in the Junior High and Junior Varsity Tournament. All teams did a good job!

We are still waiting for some rain. It has gotten very dry! Suppose to get some cooler weather so maybe it will bring some rain.

There is so much for all of us to be thankful for. Everyone have a "Happy Thanksgiving"!

Words of Wisdom: If you haven't all the things you want, be grateful for the things you don't have that you wouldn't want.

Santa at the Bank 2007

Come enjoy the season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information. Please return your gifts to the bank by Friday, December 14th. They will be wrapped and delivered by the Key Club the next week. Also, this year the Teen Leadership Class will be collecting toys.

A reasonable price to spend on the gift is \$20-\$25. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories,

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If you know of any children in need please call Pat Stephens with your information, home 254-725-6819, school 725-6123. Also Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you much all so for helping the children of our community.

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By Bob Pipes
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Thanksgiving is a big deal! Oh I'm not talking mainly about the holiday. I'm sure you join me in enjoying Thanksgiving Day and all that goes with it - families getting together, enjoying a great meal, watching the games on "Turkey-Day." But "thanksgiving" is a lot more than that - more than a holiday, more than just a day or weekend each year. Thanksgiving is "thanksgiving" - living with an "attitude of gratitude."

The sacrifices of the Old Testament were to be offered to God "with thanksgiving." When the Jerusalem temple and walls were rebuilt, then dedicated, there was much thanksgiving—even two "large thanksgiving choirs" that sang as they all "rejoiced with great joy...so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off" (read Nehemiah 12:31-43)!

Add to the instances where "thanksgiving(s)" is mentioned in Scripture, the instances where "thanks" is, and perhaps Paul wrapped it up most appropriately by saying, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (I Thessalonians 5:18). Surely he meant "every day" as well as "in everything"!

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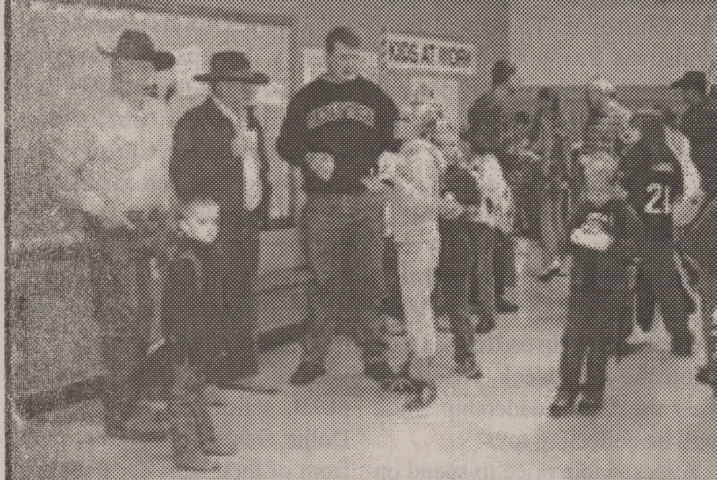
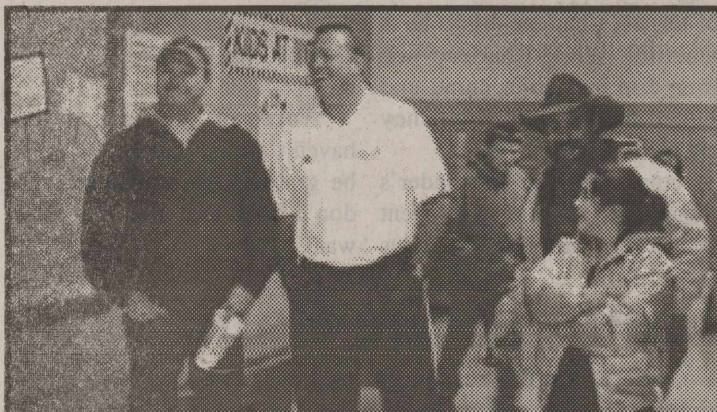
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2007 Dad's & Dunuts A Huge Success

There were 158 Dads and Kids that signed in at the event. The PTO would like to give a BIG "Thank You" to Borden's for donating the milk and juice. Thank you also to everyone who was in attendance.



Rhonda Hinten (front, center) and the Theatre Arts Class

Theatre Arts Class Experiences Medieval Times

The Theatre Arts Class at CPHS, taught by Rhonda Hinten, enjoyed a midday meal and show at the Medieval Times Theatre in Dallas. The group arrived at school at 6:20 a.m. on November 14, and with many yawns, boarded the bus. With Coach Atch in the driver's seat, the yellow dog rolled out of the parking lot and headed toward Dallas.

Upon arriving, the group was greeted by hosts and hostesses and led into the grand Coat of Arms Hall. There were many eye-catching sights inside to enjoy.

The most intriguing and startling displays were found in the torture room. The "executioner" guarded the entrance. Once inside, the class and teachers gaped at numerous grim and ghastly torture devices used during a time period where heresy and speaking out against the monarchy could cost one his

or her life. After about an hour-long wait, trumpets sounded and the king's trusted chancellor announced the time had come to enter the arena area. The class had excellent seats on the bottom row in the yellow section. This meant the group would cheer for the yellow knight, who the girls blushingly admitted was "so handsome!"

Students enjoyed a meal of baked chicken, baked potato, bread, cookie, and drink served Medieval style; they all ate with their fingers and sometimes in the dark all while the story of the knights unfolded before them. The knights fought valiantly with numerous weapons and performed skills of accuracy on beautiful horses. The knight even threw roses to a few lucky ladies in the audience.

All enjoyed the breathtaking show. The students commented on the athletic ability of the

Cross Plains Teen Leadership Toy Drive

Help the 7th grade Team Leadership Class have a successful Toy Drive by bringing a new unwrapped toy to the high school office by Friday, December 14th.

All toys donated will be given to Cross Plains children in need. You could be one of those who will light up a child's face.

Submitted by Mrs. O'Briant

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

NOVEMBER 26 - 30

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Assorted Juice	MONDAY - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pudding
TUESDAY - Waffles, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Sausage-N-Blanket, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Chalupas, Salad, Mixed Fruit
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - Fish or Hot Pocket, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Pears
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Have A Nice Week!!

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2007-2008 "A" HONOR ROLL

2ND SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Chelsea Branch, Cheyenne Cowan, Victoria Creamer, Dania Gonzalez, Katharine Goode, Joe Holland, Riley Lawrence

8th Grade: Samantha Dickson, Lana Gary, Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar, Cody Self, Kenzie Taff, Zoie Walker

9th Grade: Shawna Lewis, Hayden Wyatt

Sophomore: Emma Bennett, Melissa Black, Amanda Dunaway, Emily Foster, Shera Gary, Tiffany Holland, Kayla Lawrence, Cole Luter, Cody Sliger, Zachary Snell

Junior: Terrah Augustine, Jacob Estes, Mandy Rose

Senior: Hailey Biggs, Christiana Burrhus, JJ Callaway, Mitchel Gibbs, Amber Gregory, Betty Mathews, Starla Schaefer

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2007-2008 "AB" HONOR ROLL

2ND SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Ashleigh Dugger, Christopher French, Daniel Higgins, Blake Hutchins, Brandon Skidmore, Maci Whitson

8th Grade: Rebecca Allen, Jayten Ames, Shelby Ames, Charleen Avants, Ryder Foster, Hunter Moreno, Hayley Phillips, Payton Porter, James Sullivan, Kristin Willis

Freshman: Tru Avants, Justin Golson, Joel Hinten, Lauren Loyless, Kodi Roberts, Chad Switzer, Madison Wells, Miranda Williams, Savana Wyatt

Sophomore: Shasta Bacon, Kimberly Case, Cierra Odom, Amber Parker, Ben Schaefer, Liliana Vasquez

Junior: Sheena Apple, Emily Harris, Kay Jones, Quenton Koettel, Krista Phillips, Acaila Radle

Senior: Cody Baker, Brice Bowden, Macayla Cook, Jerry Daniel, Ricky Daniels, Jacquelyn French, Jennie Lewis, Markus Maxwell, Tiffany Walker

CPHS Received Five Gold Performance Acknowledgments

A big congratulations are in order for those who are on board for the 2006-2007 school year.

Gold Performance Acknowledgments have been released by TEA and Cross Plains High School received **Gold recognition in 5 of the 14 categories.** This is very impressive GP Acknowledgments:

1. # of students - 25 percent or more "Commended" in Reading

2. # of students - 25 percent or more "Commended" in Writing

3. Comparable Improvement in Reading

4. Comparable Improvement in Math

5. "Texas Success Initiative" in English/Language Arts 11th grade- College Readiness.

Congratulations staff and students on this job well done and keep working hard so that we can continue to improve and achieve in the 2007-2008 school year.

Submitted by
Stacey Loyless
Cross Plains High School
Principal

Sophomore Class Holding Drawing for Cash, Gift Cards

Could you use a little extra cash or gift cards this holiday season? The sophomore class will make that happen for two lucky winners on December 21st.

The class is hosting the drawing to raise money for next year's Fall Festival and prom. A registration table will be set up in the gym foyer during home varsity basketball games for anyone who would like to purchase a chance to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Two prizes will be given away during the last home games before Christmas on December 21st. One name will be drawn for the gift cards at halftime of the girls' game, and another name for the \$100.00 cash prize during halftime of the boys' game. Winners do not have to be present to claim their prizes. Come out and support our basketball teams and the sophomore class. The lucky winner could be YOU!!

Submitted by
Rhonda Hinten, Class Sponsor

Junior High Girls Play Winters

The Junior High girls started their regular basketball season this Monday in Winters.

In the first game, the Purple Team played Winters, and in a close game lost 21 to 16. The game was close throughout the contest, with Winters scoring 6 points in the last 2 minutes of the game to win. Scoring and playing was Maci Whitson-8pts; Katharine Goode-2pts; Hunter Moreno-2pts; Chelsea Branch and Kenzie Taff-2pts each; Renee Robertson, Sammie Tollett, Victoria Creamer, Shahala Trammell, Dania Gonzalez, and Meagan Brown.

In the second game, the Gold Team pulled away in the second half to win, CP 33, Winters 24.

This was a very physical and fast paced game, with both teams playing man to man defense and

pressing on inbound plays, there was a total of 33 fouls called. Cross Plains was 3 of 16 in their free throws. Winters was 4 of 12. The first half ended with Winters leading 15 to 9. At the end of the third quarter the score was tied 19 all. In the fourth quarter Cross Plains outscored Winters 14 to 5 to pull out the nine (9) point victory. Playing and scoring for the Gold Team was: Samantha Dickson-2pts; Lana Gary, Shelby Ames, Rosa Salazar, Torri Robertson, Zoie Walker-3pts each; Cheyenne Cowan and Lauren Goode -15pts; and Charleen Avants.

The girls next games are this Monday at Cross Plains against Baird the Purple Team plays at 5:00 - then the 7th Boys - then the Gold Team, then the 8th Boys. See you at the games.

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November 22, 2007

Cross Plains Junior High/Junior Varsity Host Tournament

The Cross Plains High School played host to a tournament last Thursday and Saturday. It was a Junior High and JV tournament. If you were there, there were kids all over the gym, either eating or playing basketball. There were a lot of parents supporting their children and a lot of parents working in the concession stand. Thanks a lot for supporting the kids at Cross Plains and working hard.

In the tournament each team played three games. I'll start with the Purple Girls team. Their first game was against Eula 8th grade team. The final score was **Eula 31, CP 8.** Katharine Goode-3pts; Maci Whitson-2pts; Sammie Tollett-2pts; and Kenzie Taff-1 pt; also playing was Renee Robertson, Hunter Moreno, Victoria Creamer, Chelsea Branch, Shahala Trammell, Dania Gonzalez, Kristin Willis and Megan Brown. In their second game they played Gorman 8th grade. The final was **Gorman 27, CP 6.** Maci Whitson-4pts and Megan Brown-2pts. In their final game the girls played Baird 7th grade team. **Final score CP 26, Baird 16.** Maci Whitson-9pts; Katharine Goode-6pts; Tollett-1pt; Hunter Moreno-2pts; Chelsea Branch-2pts; Shahala Trammell-2pts; and Megan Brown-4pts.

The Gold Girls Team opened up by playing May. **Final score was CP 33, May 2.** Playing and scoring was: Lauren Goode-16pts; Lana Gary-2pts; Cheyenne Cowan-5pts; Zoie Walker, Shelby

Ames, Samantha Dickson-7pts; Charleen Avants, Rosa Salazar-2pts; Torri Robertson-3pts; and Rachele Allen.

In their second game, the girls played Rising Star. **Final score was Rising Star 31, CP 28.** Lauren Goode-18pts; Lana Gary 6pts; Cheyenne Cowan-6pts; Zoie Walker-4pts.

In the third game they played Gorman. **Final score was CP 29, Gorman 14.** Lauren Goode-19pts; Zoie Walker-4pts; Rosa Salazar-4pts; and Torri Robertson-2pts.

The Purple Boys team opened up against Bangs. **Final score Bangs 29, CP 8.** Playing and scoring: Jayton Ames, Stetson Brown, Dakota Bomar-2pts; Riley Lawrence, Justin Pope-2pts; Joe Holland-2pts; Daniel Higgins-2pts; and Preston Posuk. Their second game was against Rising Star. **Final score RS 32, CP 6.** Bomar-2pts; Holland-2pts; and Higgins-2pts.

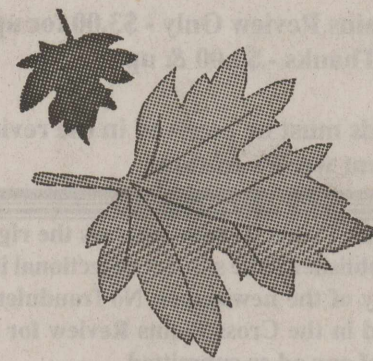
The Gold Boys team played May first. **Final score CP 19, May 12.** Scoring and playing: Justin Hass-4pts; Blake Hutchins-2pts; Cody Self-4pts; Zach Harrison, Shawn Muniain-2pts; Garrett Moenning-4pts; Dakota Gilliam and Payton Porter-3pts. In their second game they played Bangs. **Final score CP 44, Bangs 4.** Hass-6pts; Hutchins-7pts; Self-9pts; Muniain-4pts; and Moenning-16pts. In their final game they played Bangs. **Final score Bangs 43, CP 18.** Hutchins-2pts; Self-6pts; and Moenning-10pts.

In the Junior Varsity side of the tournament, the girls played Rising Star. **Final score CP 18, RS 16.** Playing and scoring: Shawna Lewis, Kodi Roberts, Kayla Lawrence-2pts; Miranda Williams, Madison Wells-8pts; Delaney Ames, Cierra Odom-6pts; Lauren Loyless and Savana Wyatt-2pts. Their second game was against Eula. **Final score CP 24, Eula 14.** Lewis-4pts; Lawrence-3pts; Wells-6pts; Odom-6pts; Wyatt-5pts. Their last game was against Baird. **Final score Baird 36, CP 12.** Roberts-2pts; Lawrence-1pt; Williams-2pts; Odom-2pts; and Wyatt-5pts.

The JV boys played Rising Star first. **Final score CP 44, RS 29.** Playing and scoring: Patrick Border-2pts; Cody Ford-6pts; Zach Hedfelt-6pts; Taylor Savell-12pts; Justin Golson-16pts; Cody Knight-2pts; and Thomas Haile, Kemp, and Joel Hinten. Their second game was against Bangs. **Final score Bangs 48, CP 15.** Border-1pt; Hedfelt-2pts; Savell-6pts; Cody-2pts; Haile-4pts. The JV final game was against Eula. **Final score CP 36, Eula 27.** Border-2pts; Hedfelt-5pts; Savell-10pts; Golson-13pts; Cody-4pts; and Hinten-2pts.

The tournament was a great success, except for getting behind in a few games, but I think everyone enjoyed watching their children play hard and have success. Thanks for your support.

Submitted by
Coach Atchley



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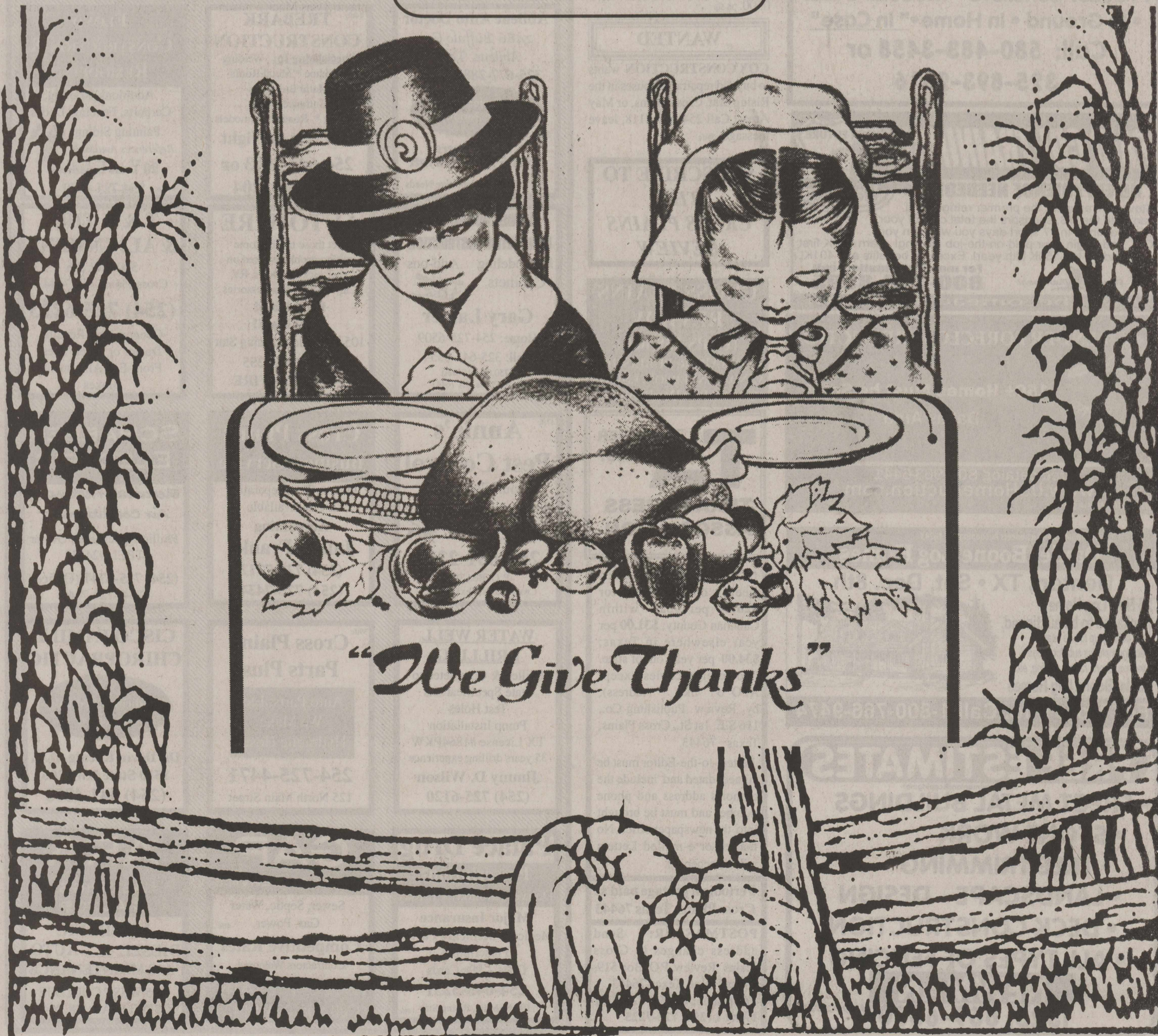
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Values

*Mr. Tension went over the Updated District Goals. He said that he felt the entire staff was working together to reach their objective.

1. **Expanding Technology:** The Odyssey and the Waterford program for secondary students are having an amazing impact in improving their learning skills.

2. **Continue to hire qualified teachers who exhibit and demand high expectations:**

Tension stated, "Our new employees have helped our school tremendously. Along with the outstanding employees we had on hand, I feel we have a top-notch staff." He went on to say, "Mrs. Rios and Mrs. Sides are doing an outstanding job at the secondary level and Mrs. Cowan is also performing well. I hear great things about the Elementary P.E. Program. The kids are happy about P.E. this year."

3. **Improve TAKS scores across the system in grades 3-11:**

"I'm very proud of the improvement made on TAKS," Tension said. Principal Sowell agreed, "Twenty-five percent of the students who took the TAKS got Gold Performance Acknowledgments. The bar has been raised and the students and teachers have met the new standards."

She added, "Texas nationally outranks all the other states in testing scores!"

4. **Improve attendance in all grades:** This year's attendance has already shown improvement over last year's count.

5. **Involve parents and community in the total education and development of each child:**

The PTO, Athletic Boosters and Band Booster Club have been very active this year. The parents of FFA students have organized an FFA Booster Club. "I'd like to personally thank (Board Member) Tommy Ames for his part in the Student Development Committee," stated Tension, "They have been very busy this fall beautifying the campus and it looks great!"

6. **Implement a highly competitive curriculum based on the needs of all students:**

It was noted by Mrs. Sowell that sign language is being taught and is accepted as a second language.

7. **Expand to include more dual credit and AP classes.**

8. **Continue to improve existing facilities and possibly add new ones:**

The new flooring project is complete in all the schools, the old athletic facility has been improved and the track surface

was rejuvenated.

9. **Expand testing for non-TAKS grades, including 2nd grade:**

The Waterford program, is preparing these younger students to take the TAKS.

*Bids were discussed concerning purchasing multi-passenger vehicles. The winning bid was from Hanner Chevrolet in the amount of \$28,153 for a 2008 Suburban, subject to the agreement that they will sell only 1, not 2 as originally bid.

The Board would like to look into buying a "program" vehicle, instead of another one at full price. The 2nd vehicle will be discussed at the next meeting.

*The CPISD Trustees voted unanimously to limit their terms to the standard 3-year period. They had the option to extend their terms by 1 year. CPISD will continue to hold joint elections with the City of Cross Plains. They also voted to not exempt certain goods in transit from taxation.

*The Board sanctioned the Callahan County 4-H as an extracurricular activity. Kenneth Brock was accepted to represent CPISD on the Callahan County Central Appraisal District's Board of Directors, giving them 350 votes. Vicky Hambricht was chosen to represent them regarding the Coleman County Tax Appraisal District, giving CPISD 30 votes.

*The acceptance of the education of non-resident students with the Terrell County ISD for the 2007-2008 was approved. This program referred to as the "Sale of WADA", is actually the Weighted Average Daily Attendance program. This enables poorer school districts to be able to function on a higher economic plane, as it levels the playing field, so to speak, by borrowing from richer districts and supplementing the less advantaged districts.

The next scheduled School Board meeting will be December 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Solution

January to October of 2007, Callahan County has had a total of 118 calls for service. The Cross Plains Fire Department has responded to 62 of those calls.

Within those calls were 21 wildland fires, with a total of 619 acres affected. There were 10 vehicle-related calls, 3 Haz-Mat (hazard material) calls, 4 structural fires and 18 miscellaneous calls that they responded to within that 10 month time period.

*Due to the lack of substantial rainfall, citizens are urged to be especially cautious at this time of year. You are especially urged not to throw lit cigarettes out of vehicles!

The surrounding area is extremely dry and grass can ignite very easily, causing the potential for disaster. Please note that there is a BURN BAN in effect for the County.

*Carouth went over the various grants they have been able to obtain and others they are working on. He added that they are still waiting to hear from the Texas Forest Service about the request to sell the fire truck received through a Forestry grant. If the sale is approved, then the CPFD can proceed with the next truck upgrade that will better serve the citizens of Cross Plains.

Mr. Carouth told the Council that the Hawley Fire Department and the Fort Davis Fire Department are both interested buyers. Carouth is expecting to hear back from the Forest Service any day now.

In the event that everything goes as planned, the Fire Department will still have to come up with \$75,000. There is a possibility that the City of Cross Plains may consider earmarking a portion of the needed money in next year's budget.

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*The subject of acquiring a 30-yard dumpster for local contractor debris was discussed. The original idea was to be able to transport the dumpster to a work site instead of the contractor having to pay outright for the delivery and disposal themselves to BFI.

Another proposed idea was for contractors to haul their trash to a stationary secured dumpsite overseen by the City. City Administrator, Debbie Gosnell is concerned that the latter will constitute a "transfer station", which would be illegal for the City to operate. She will check with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCQ) about the regulations and get back to the Council.

*Gosnell also requested that a resolution be submitted for a grant to obtain a New Chipper through the West Central Texas Council of Governments and the TCQ. The Council will advertise for bids on the sale of the Tire Cutter and Dodge truck, that was formally used for welding.

*Gosnell presented the prices she had obtained on copiers to replace the one that is now in use. Councilman Jerry Cassle asked Debbie to get literature for them to look over and Councilwoman Peg Terrell asked that Gosnell also check out the prices of toner on each one before a decision is made.

In the Police Report there were 103 Calls for Service:

14 Criminal Mischief, 6 Reckless Driving, 6 Thefts, 3 Terroristic Threats, 3 Accidents, 3 Alarmed Responses, 3 Mule/4-Wheeler Complaints, 3 Loud Music, 3 Warrants Served, 2 Family Disturbances, 2 Prowlers, 1 Drug Possession, and 1 Dog Bite.

of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI) is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claim adjuster, case managers and employee organizations on Friday, December 14, 2007. The topics are the Change of Treating Doctor Process and House Bill 724 (Medical Dispute Resolution, Death Benefits and Sub-claimant Reimbursement). This free session will be held from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the West Texas Health and Human Services Complex, Room K-101, 4601 South 1st Street in Abilene. This session is an open forum in which participants can ask questions and give input on topics to discuss at future brown bag sessions.

For more information, contact the TDI Public Information Office or Joanne Wilson of the Abilene Field Office at 325-695-4992 or e-mail: Joanne.Wilson@tdi.state.tx.us.

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