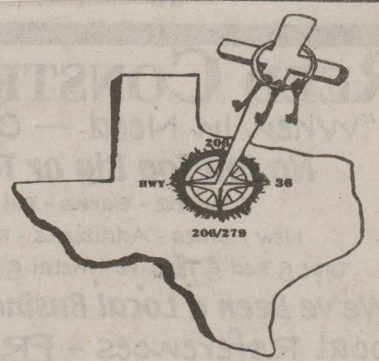


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THURSDAY, December 11, 2008

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COTTONWOOD'S NEW FIRE TRUCK—A 1988 Ford F350 with a 400 gallon water tank, hose reel and firefighting equipment.



READY TO GO—Firemen Arnie Smith and Tim Smith check out the hose reel and hoses on the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's new fire truck.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group Obtains New Fire Truck

Christmas came early in Cottonwood last Friday night, when the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group unveiled their new fire truck at the Cottonwood Community Christmas Party.

The truck, new to Cottonwood, is a 1988 Ford F350 Diesel equipped with a 400 gallon aluminum water tank, 10 gallon foam tank, electric hose reel with hose and whipline, firefighter platform, lights and siren. As Fire Chief Joe Terstegge said, "It's loaded up and ready to go." Guests watched a demonstration of the lights and the firemen each took a turn checking out the equipment on the truck.

"We've been looking for this truck for along time," veteran firefighter Arnie Smith added. "After the Cross Plains fire in 2005, we received many generous donations and we decided then that the money would go toward getting a new truck." He added, "It's taken a couple of years, but we found the right truck."

The new fire truck was a surprise to everyone at the party. "We didn't want to say anything about the truck until it was here in Cottonwood," Smith said. "This new truck will be such a benefit to the community. It will make a lot of difference in how fast we can respond," Smith went

on to say, "and how quickly we can get water onto a fire."

The new fire truck is a much needed addition to the organization's two aging fire trucks that have seen their share of battles in Cottonwood, Cross Plains and surrounding areas.

The Fire Control Group also has a large military 2 1/2 ton 6X6 brush fire truck from the Texas State Forest Service that has been undergoing repairs and modifications to get the truck road-worthy and fire-ready. "Just a few more adjustments, sandblasting and paint and it'll be ready," Terstegge added, mentioning to the Christmas Party guests that the truck will be painted bright yellow with black tanks. A few of the guests joked that the brush truck could be called "The Bumble Bee". Terstegge said, "I'm thinking we'll call it 'The Enterprise' because we'll be able to go where we've never been before," referring to the truck's brush fire fighting capabilities.

Because of the size of the brush truck—27 feet long and over 9 feet tall, the organization is having a Benefit Prize Drawing to raise money to build a building to house the brush truck. "We more than ever need a new building for both the brush truck and this new fire truck," Smith told

the crowd.

Volunteer Fireman Ken Farmer reported on the ticket sales for the prize drawing and passed around two of the Prize Catalogs for the party guests to look at. "This week we added another prize," Farmer said, "Wal-Mart's come through with a \$100 gift card."

"We have over \$9,000 in prizes now," Farmer added, reminding party guests that the firemen would be out in front of Village Market every Saturday selling tickets for the drawing. "Also, you can get tickets at the bank (Texas Heritage Bank), Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, the Movie Store and Ray's Barber Shop," he added. "I even have a few tickets right here with me."

"There's a lot of great prizes—calves, a rifle, a quilt, handmade cross, gift certificates, sand, cords of firewood, services, haircuts, and many other things. We have over 80 prizes right now," Farmer added. The handmade beverage cooler was on display at the party.

The guests enjoyed cookies, bread, pudding, finger foods, coffee and punch and decided that this Christmas party was one they would talk about for years.

Submitted by
Terri Brown

ELVIS PRESLEY Impersonator to Perform at Lake Brownwood Lions Club this Friday

"Sincerely Elvis" presented by James Wages will be performing Friday, December 12th, at Lake Brownwood Lions Club.

The meal will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. and the show will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the both the meal and show are \$10 each.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Diabetes Association.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

1st Annual Bill Dillard Christmas Bike Giveaway

There is nothing more special to a child than waking up Christmas morning with a brand new bike under the tree! We realize that in this uncertain economic time that we all face, buying a new bike may be hard to do.

If you are not able to grant your child's wish of a new bike—we would like to help out. Send a letter of why your child deserves a new bike, their age and if a boy

or girl.

We will select four (4) boys and four (4) girls, one from each age group—3 and under, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years old.

This will be 8 new bikes total.

Send your letters in by December 20th with a story about your child, name, address and phone number. If your letter is selected you will be contacted a few days before

Christmas to pick up your bike.

This is done in honor and loving memory of a wonderful man, Bill Dillard, who left us 11 years ago. He loved this town and its people.

Send your letters to:

Dean Dillard
P.O. Box 718

Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Submitted by
Vicki Dillard



JOAN MCCOWEN DAY CELEBRATED SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH—Joan McCowen (in the cute black hat) is surrounded by Cross Plains Library Board of Directors and former Librarian—Wilma Lawrence (back row, from left) Charles Rodenberger, Ann Beeler, Arlene Stephenson, Linda Burns (Librarian), Judy Killgo and Bettse Rosson; Cherry Shults (former Librarian)(front, from left), Joan, Judy Luter and Ginny Hoskins.



WORLD TRAVELERS COME TO HONOR JOAN—Todd Wood (from left), Rusty Burke, Joan McCowen (honoree), Dennis McHaney and Dave Hardy. Photos courtesy of Vanda Anderson.

Cross Plains ISD Reports Highly Qualified Teachers

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all core subject area teachers meet highly qualified (HQ) teacher requirements. Each district is required to publicly report the percentage of teachers meeting this status.

Cross Plains I.S.D. reports that for the 2007-2008 school year that 94.85 percent of the core academic teachers in the district meet this federal requirement.

Cross Plains I.S.D. has a commitment to recruit, hire and retain

highly qualified teachers for every classroom in the district. For those teachers who do not meet the "highly qualified" status when hired, the district will work with the teacher and the certification entity in order to reach 100 percent HQ status.

For more detailed information regarding the federal highly qualified teacher requirements, you may go to the internet at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/hqteachers.html> or contact the school office at 254-725-6121.

Open House Set for December 18th at Texas Heritage Bank

Texas Heritage Bank invites everyone to join them in celebrating the Christmas Season at their Open House on Thursday, December 18th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Cookies and punch will be served. Come and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments compliments of the local banking establishment.

Have a Merry Christmas!!!!

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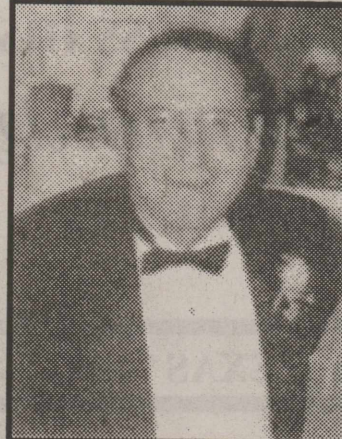
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Pastor Max Evans
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church
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Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES



Harold Dale Gary
 Harold Dale Gary, 70, of Flatonia, Texas, passed away November 23, 2008, due to an automobile accident. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. November 29, 2008 at Flatonia Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Rowell officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home of Flatonia.

Harold was born July 4, 1938 in Cross Plains, the son of Dale and Rozell Johnson Gary. He was a graduate of Cross Plains High School and Sul Ross University in Alpine. Harold served in the U.S. Navy and played football for the Navy when he was stationed in Japan. He was a school teacher in Bandera and Flatonia. He also served as manager for Smith Farms and Calmein in Flatonia. Harold had a special place in his heart for children. He repaired and restored bicycles for children in need. He also provided extra training in football for young players. Mr. Gary was a member of Flatonia Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Katy Gary, on August 2, 2007.

Survivors include a son, Todd Gary and wife Jodie of Bryan and a daughter, Mylinda Zapata and husband Robert of San Marcos; two brothers, Joe Gary of Streetman and David Gary of Abilene; three sisters, Julene Franke of Cross Plains, Mary Francis Callaway of Denison and Gena Fleming of Abilene; five grandchildren, Hilary, Weston and Iain Gary, Erin and Noel Zapata; and four aunts, Leona Gary of Coleman, Mildred Johnson of Port Arthur, Bonnie Mulherin of Herald, California and Ruth Lusk of Cisco.

Pallbearers were Patrick Caballero, Bobby Joe Sellers, Steven Morrill, Stephen Lev, Bryan Burger, Tim Masek and Hank Novak.

Herbert Sowell
 Funeral services for Herbert Sowell, 94, of Brownwood, was held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 5, at Davis-Morris chapel. Interment was at Rocky Creek Cemetery.

Herbert passed away Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Herbert was born in Brown County on October 3, 1914, to Tommy and Alice (Bennie) Sowell. He was married to Jewel Turner in 1932 and she preceded him in death in 1955. Four children were added to the family including Evelyn Sowell of Phoenix, AZ, Sharon Ford of Eastland, Duane Sowell of Lubbock, Norm Sowell and wife Diane of Dallas; grandchildren are Shay Johnston and husband James, Wanda and Winter Johnston; one brother, Roland Sowell of Bronte; three nephews, Kenneth Sowell and wife Margie of Cross Plains, Stuart Sowell of Cross Plains and Richard Sowell and wife K Lynn of Clyde.

He is survived by his wife, Vertis Horton Sowell of Brownwood.

Herbert was lifelong resident of Brown County, a 50 year member and active deacon of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, as well as a choir member, a businessman and rancher. He was a 60-year member of the Masonic Lodge and rode with the Brown County Sheriff Posse.

He was loved by all that knew him and adored by those shared in his many gardens. He was a very kind man and always smiled.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 30th through December 6th included:

Cases Investigated
 Warnings—130
 Complaints—77
 Driving While License Invalid—1

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

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes
 Billy Ejem Jr., motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 Benjamin Strahan, order amending conditions of probation granted.
 Abel Lee Sanchez, request for extension of probation granted.
 John C. Jones, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

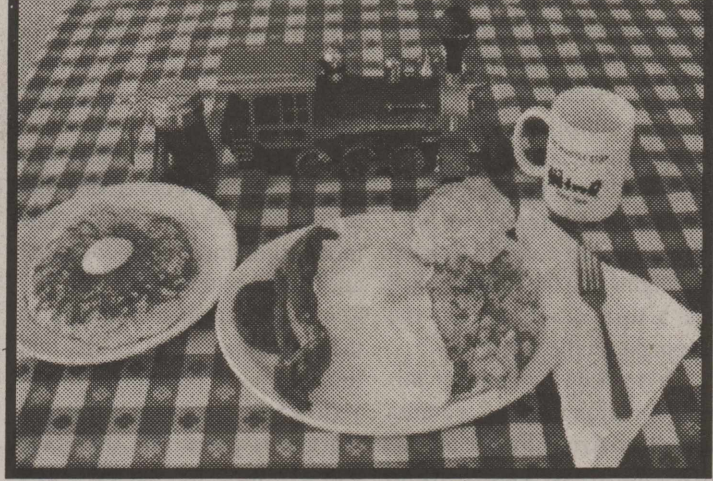
Civil Filings
 In the matter of the estate of Joseph David Burchard, deceased, declaratory judgment.
 David L. Canada and Ladonna Canada, divorce.
 Cindy Webb Phillips and Robert W. Phillips, divorce granted.
 Joshua Dean Falvey, order granting adult name change.
 Nolan Paul Corder and Angela Renee Corder, divorce granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

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 ~ Matthew 1:21
 We invite you to join us for our
Open House at Texas Heritage Bank
 Thursday, December 18th from 9am - 3pm
 Cookies and Punch will be served.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Unveils New Fire Truck

The Christmas Party last Friday night was a success and gave the Cottonwood Volunteer firemen an opportunity to unveil their new (old) fire truck. While the men stood outside kicking the tires of the new firefighting piece of equipment, honking the horn, turning on the lights and discussing merits and demerits of the new equipment, the ladies and a few old grumpy men met in the kitchen discussing other topics. However, it was a good party; the Christmas spirit prevailed throughout the evening and everyone went home happy and joyful. Sorry you missed it.

The new acquisition is a 1988 Ford 350 diesel, holds 400 gallons of water, plus foam, which when mixed with water about doubles its fire fighting capability.

This truck was purchased from Eden Fire Department for \$6,550.

It replaces a much older truck that was built as a project performed by students as a shop class in high school.

Arnie Smith said the truck is like going from a Model T truck to a brand new Cadillac automobile. It is much easier to start and drive, gets to a fire much quicker, has a solid floor board, which the old truck did not have, is much more dependable and firefighters will no longer face the possibility of being stranded at a fire with no way to get home. Atta way to go Cottonwood!

Quilting Club Members Enjoy Brunch at Southwest Rehab Center

Lavonne Childress, Norma Farmer and Sue Bennett represented the Cottonwood Quilting Club in an Abilene Brunch meeting of all the Quilting Clubs in the Big Country that donated quilts for the upcoming auction of the Rehab Center.

Conner Elliot, Former Citizen of Cottonwood, Dies

We have been notified that Cornelius Elliot has died, but have no particulars about his death. He was living in Lake Brownwood but had moved to San Antonio to be near his son. We could not locate any obituary anywhere. Anyone who has information about Conner, please contact Beverly Brown or Wallace Bennett. He was a former resident of Cottonwood, an active booster of the Cottonwood Historical Association and its activities. We will publish more details when we can receive them.

(Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local news items about Cottonwood or people living there concerning personal or local business at 254-725-7474, e-mail csb555@dishmail.net. Please remember, I can't print it, if I don't know about it.)

CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

December 1-5, 2008

Patrons	146
Programs	
LAP	11
ASAP	36
Other	17
Books Checked Out	177
Copies	70
Reference	11
Internet Users	27

Donations

Judy and Larry Killgo
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Memorials

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hutson
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In memory of Sharon Koenig
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Book Donations

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Ginny Hoskins
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Arlene Stephenson

RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER



PLAYING DARTS DURING EXERCISE CLASS—Dona McIntire (from left)(Activity Director) and Jerry Holmes.



CHRISTMAS TREES MADE FROM PINE CONES—Lois Miller (from left), Kay Justice, Hazel Campbell and Joan McCowen.



MAKING PECAN PIES FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER—Wesley Stuart and Joan McCowen.

Here we are in the middle of the Christmas Season and it is just as busy as it always is. Seems like every year we vow to get all of our shopping and preparations done early and it never seems to work out.

Thanksgiving Day was enjoyed by all here and the turkey, dressing and all the fixings disappeared as I am sure they did at your house, too. The residents enjoyed making 5 pecan pies and when I came to work on Friday not a crumb was left. Wesley Stewart instructed me and the other residents on how to make them and he must have been right on the mark.

We enjoyed making a Christmas tree out of pine cones last week. It was a lot of fun and the end result was terrific. The imagination used to create these trees would amaze you. Lois Miller grew up in Minnesota and of course, her version had the most snow on it. The calendar is filled up with so many special events and fun things to do, I hope we survive!

The residents voted last month to add more exercise to the calendar and we have tried to come up with a larger variety of games. This week we tried

throwing darts. Since it was our first attempt, I was truly amazed at how well they did. Well, where did you say you got your expertise from????

We found out this past week that we have a celebrity in our midst. Cross Plains declared December 6th as Joan McCowen Day. They had a reception for Joan at the library and she is still glowing. Joan and her late husband, Alton, gave of themselves to the community and what better gift could we give. What a blessing to know that so many peoples' lives were touched by something you did. Joan is truly a loving and giving person.

A couple of employees have some outstanding news to share too. Pat Jones, our dietary supervisor, received her certification this past week after MANY long hours of studying and testing. Pat, we are all so proud of you. Also, we found out Kristi McGinn, LVN, will be having a new addition to her family—another boy. Congratulations Kristi!

As you go through the next few weeks leading up to Christmas Day may you feel in your hearts the true meaning of Christmas.

Submitted by
Dona McIntire

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 15-19

MONDAY- Steak Fingers w/ Beans, Pineapple Upside Down Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Butterscotch Pudding, Bread
TUESDAY- Beef Enchilada Caserole, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit, Crackers
WEDNESDAY- Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Bread

THURSDAY- Sausage, Potato Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Pears, Oatmeal Cookie, Bread
FRIDAY- Baked Ham, Dressing w/ Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, English Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad, Roll

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- 5 - 5 Subway Sandwiches- Subway- in Cross Plains- Peevy
- 3 - 1 Large & Small Leg Mag Stylus Flashlights- Big Country Supply - Abilene
- 1 - \$100.00 Gift Certificate- Wal-Mart

Checkout our website at cottonwoodtexas.com and updated catalog at Ray's Barbershop, The Movie Store, Lawrence Feed Store and Texas Heritage Bank.

The drawing is to raise money for a new building to house our tanker/fire truck.

BREAKTHRU

By Don Davis
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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(254) 725-6117



"In everything I did, I showed you by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'". (Acts 20:35 NIV).

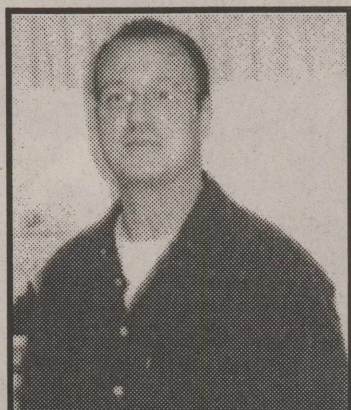
This compassionate attitude of Jesus has become so universally admired that it is usually thought of as "the proper thing to do" even by those who give no thought whatever to obeying Christ.

As Jesus said it is more blessed to give - for many reasons. First, if we give, it means we have something to give and we are not ourselves destitute. Second, when we give, we imitate the grace and goodness of Jesus Himself. Third, when we give, we relieve the suffering of a fellow human. Fourth, when we help others, that service is remembered by God - and He will reward us as He sees fit. Fifth, when we serve, we encourage others to be compassionate too.

Good deeds spread like ripples on a pond and affect the lives of many others for good. It is more blessed to give, and the blessings just go on and on.

I would like to encourage you to come and share in Bible study and worship this Sunday.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus



Howard House Visitor— David Place picked a busy day to visit the Museum last Saturday. He found himself surrounded by Rusty Burke of Washington D.C., Dave Hardy, Todd Wood and Dennis McHaney of the Austin area who were in town for the Joan McCowen Day at the Cross Plains Public Library. Coming from a background of journalism and communications, Place is a long time fan of Howard writings. He is currently on the TSTC faculty, teaching Digital Imaging and Design.

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Santa at the Bank Deadline is Friday, December 12th

Come enjoy the season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the Texas Heritage 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 12, 2008. The gifts will be wrapped and delivered by the Key Club and the American Legion the next week. Also, this year the Teen Leadership Class will be collecting toys for the Santa at the Bank.

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 ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweat-

ers, hats, gloves and purses for older girls, and video games, sports related items, sweaters and hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks, or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might like Legos, trucks, cars, action figures, etc.

Christmas is a time for giving and kindness, so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year. If you know of any children in need, please call Pat Stephens with your information—home 725-6819 or 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 so much for helping the children of our community.

Submitted by
Pat Stephens

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A professional photographer will capture their work on film during your photography session. You will receive a free 8X10 of a pose with the opportunity to purchase copies of the other poses taken. The pictures will be taken January 2-5, in the new gym at Cross Plains High School. Session tickets must be purchased by December 16th.

A representative from Glamour Magic will call you after Christmas to set up your appointment. You must be over five years of age

to participate.

You may purchase your tickets from any of the following FCCLA members: Jayten Ames, Sheena Apple, Patrick Border, Beau Brown, Amanda Carpenter, Cheyenne Cowan, Samantha Dickson, Shera Gary, Tiffany Holland, Lauren Loyless, Justin Pope, William Pope, Steven Reynolds, Bobby Simpkins, Dillon Whiteley, Joe Wyatt, Britney Adams, Shasta Bacon, Doug Bowden, Stanley Farris, Dania Gonzalez, Brooke Haile, Nathan Koettel, Cayson Martinez, Shaun Munian, Tawni Nichols, Cierra Odom, Acaila Radle, Mandy Rose, Rene Salazar of from their adviser Mrs. Jennifer Wootton.

Please contact their adviser at jwootton@cplains.esc14.net or call her at school 254-725-6121 extension 365.

Thank you for supporting the Cross Plains FCCLA, these funds will help us pay for our trips to competition. We hope to advance and place at Nationals again this year. Be sure to purchase your session at only \$9.95—they will make the perfect stocking stuffer!

C.P. Junior High Girls Basketball Teams Sweep the Baird Bears

Last Thursday night the Junior High Girls Basketball Team loaded the bus and headed to Baird to take on the Bears.

For anyone who has been to Baird, this is a tough gym to play in and for Junior High girls playing for the first time can be really tough.

In the first game the Purple Team took on Baird and this game was rough and tough from the start. The 1st quarter score was 0-0, the 2nd quarter was 4-2 in favor of Baird. In the second half I guess they took the covers off the baskets and the game continued to be exciting. The girls hung in there and played a good ball game.

In the 4th quarter the Cross Plains girls finally took the lead and held on for a hard fought 13 to 12 victory. The girls were excited and played a good game, hanging in there for the victory.

Playing and scoring were Texas - 4 points; Shelby - 2; Krista - 2;

Nicole - 4; Lindsey-1; and Victoria.

In the 8th Grade game, it was just as exciting. The girls played a tough defense and had open shots that for some reason did not fall in. Still they scored enough to keep the game close 14-11 Cross Plains.

In the 2nd half the C.P. girls put the clamp down on Baird with a tough defense, some timely shooting and clutch free throw shooting led to a 30-19 victory for Cross Plains.

Playing and scoring were Cheyenne - 16 points; Maci - 8; Katharine - 2; Chelsea - 2; Shahala - 4; Megan Brown; and Megan Pointer.

This Thursday, Friday and Saturday is the High School Basketball Tournament, so if you want to watch some basketball game, come to the gym. See you there!

Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley

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Pee Wee Basketball Meeting Set for Sunday, Dec. 14th

It's time for Pee Wee Basketball to start. An organizational meeting will be held Sunday, December 14th, at 2 p.m. in the high school gym.

Pee Wee Basketball is designed for 3rd to 6th grade students to participate in the sport and learn basic skills.

Parents and interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Semester Exam Schedule

December 17th	
1st Period	8:00-9:50
BREAK	9:50-10:00
3rd Period	10:00-11:50
LUNCH	11:55-12:30
7th Period	12:35-2:25

• Buses will run at 2:30

December 18th	
2nd Period	8:00-9:50
BREAK	9:50-10:00
4th Period	10:00-11:50
LUNCH	11:55-12:30
6th Period	12:35-2:25

• Buses will run at 2:30

December 19th	
5th Period	8:00-9:45
8th Period	9:50-11:35
LUNCH	11:35-12:00

• Buses will run @ 12:10

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 15-19 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Waffle Stick, Sausage Link, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - P.B. & J Sandwich, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

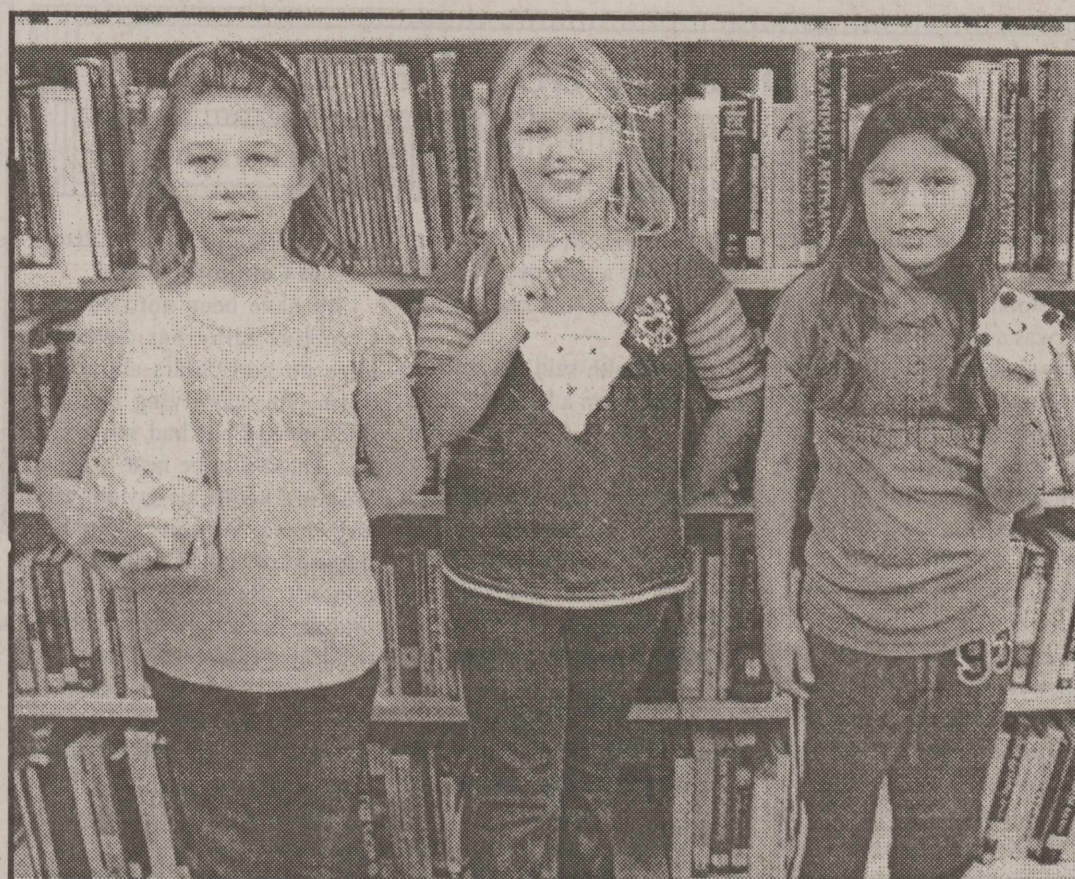
MONDAY- Burrito w/ Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Mixed Fruit
TUESDAY- Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajitas, Corn Salad, Strawberries & Bananas
THURSDAY- Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Garlic Stick, Fruit
FRIDAY- Sandwich, Salad, Baked Chips, Pickle Spears, Cookie

Commissioner Staples Celebrates Texas-Grown Christmas Trees, Poinsettias with Donations to Ronald McDonald House

Austin—Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples marked the start of the Christmas holiday season December 4th at the Ronald McDonald House of Austin where Texas growers donated Christmas trees and poinsettias.

"The Ronald McDonald House of Austin provides a loving home-away-from-home to families whose children are faced with critical injuries or life-threatening illnesses," Commissioner Staples said. "We hope these freshly cut Texas Christmas trees and poinsettias donated today will make this house feel more like home to these families."

At the event, Commissioner Staples encouraged Texans to take advantage of the Lone Star State's choose-and-cut tree farms. Currently, Texas has 150 Christmas tree farms producing more than 200,000 trees annually. Sales of Texas Christmas trees generate about \$12 million for the



JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS— Mackenzie Byrd (from left), Piper Winfrey and Alexis Mauricio.



"CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"— The children enjoyed learning about other countries traditions and they made ornaments from various countries.

Junior Girl Scouts Present After School Adventure Program

Junior Girl Scouts presented the After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, last Wednesday at the Cross Plains Public Library. Mackenzie Byrd, Piper Winfrey and Alexis Mauricio, from Troup # 7206 led by Angela Bogart, presented "Christmas around the World" to

the 36 children attending. The girls selected the countries of Russia, Switzerland and France and explained the Christmas traditions and customs of each country. They gave details about the specific ornaments of each country and then demonstrated how to make them. All the

children attending had the opportunity to make the ornaments to take home and place on their Christmas trees. They also were given information about foods from the different countries and treated with samples from a variety of snacks.

Christmas Holidays

Semester Exam Schedule

Wednesday, December 17th	School will dismiss at 2:25 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 18th	School will dismiss at 2:25 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
Friday, December 19th	School will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. Buses will run at 12:10 p.m.

• Christmas Holidays- December 22, 2008 through January 2, 2009.
 • School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009 at regular time.

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IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT— Higginbotham's windows are decorated in many Christmas themes.



Project Pride Brings Christmas Spirit to our Local Community

Project Pride presents "Peace this Christmas" through the elaborate decorations in Higginbotham's windows.

Susan Casby Horton and Paulette Foster are the creative pair who thought up a different theme for each window. The Project Pride members helped assemble this glorious production.

Starting for the south window, we're in the forest and behold the huge star which guided the wise men to the precious baby Jesus. The manger scene is perfect—using antique nativity pieces from the Cisco Catholic Church - and we pause to remember this is the

REAL reason for the season! Moving along, it's obvious Santa has already put presents around his tree. The bright red suit is laid out for his upcoming special night of delivering packages all over the world.

The kitchen and living area appear quite cozy and inviting. Did you check out the antique stove?

In the Bridal Corner, each area is brightly decorated in red. Have you ever seen a dress form look so stylish?

Be sure to see the windows at night too- as the lights offer a different look.

First Baptist Church of Baird Living Nativity Schedule

First Baptist Church of Baird, 240 Race St (southeast parking lot), is proud to present a Living Nativity for the community. Everyone is invited to attend.

Schedule for Living Nativity:
Thursday, December 18th 6:30 -8:00 pm
Friday, December 19th 6:30 -8:00 pm

Come and reflect on the past and share in the hope, joy and peace for the future.

Learn, Love and Live ...It was a simple scene...not like a Hallmark moment!

Once upon a time -a long time ago in the city of Bethlehem Jesus was born in a stable, His cradle was a manger. How glorious a King, He could have been born in a palace, but because He was born in poverty He understands the poorest of poor and the weakest of weak. Jesus is the Reason for the Season...the gifts remind us of the gifts the wisemen brought to Baby Jesus. Families give gifts to show their love to one another. God gave us the greatest gift of all! First Baptist Church of Baird wishes you and your family a blessed holiday season and a wonderful new year.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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DECEMBER 16
Kathy Jo Woody

Kiwanis Stew Supper and Annual Christmas Program

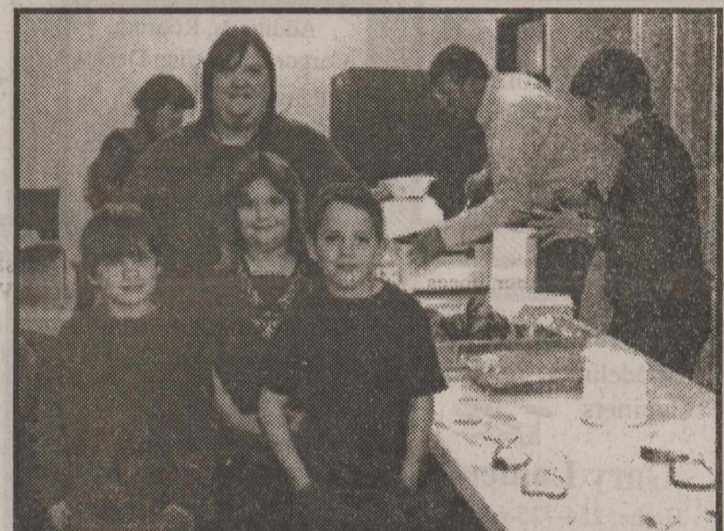
(Delicious Stew, Entertainment and Drawings for Turkeys and Cash Highlighted the Evening)



ENTERTAINING THE CROWD— Cross Plains Elementary students, under the direction of Matt Sowell, performed Christmas songs to the delight of everyone.



LADIES WHO SERVED AT THE STEW SUPPER— Susan Schaefer (from left), Karen Lenz, Mindy Estes, Kathy Anderson and Nancy Davis.



IN THE SERVING LINE AT THE KIWANIS STEW SUPPER— Angela Bogart and her triplets, Noah (from left), Ashlyn and Zachary Millican.



RECITING HER CHRISTMAS LIST— Kaitlyn Brown sits with Santa Claus at Kiwanis Christmas Program last Friday evening at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center.



NOT A HAPPY CAMPER— Noah Key, reaches for Dad as his sister, Makayla looks on. Parents are Jeff and Wendy Key.

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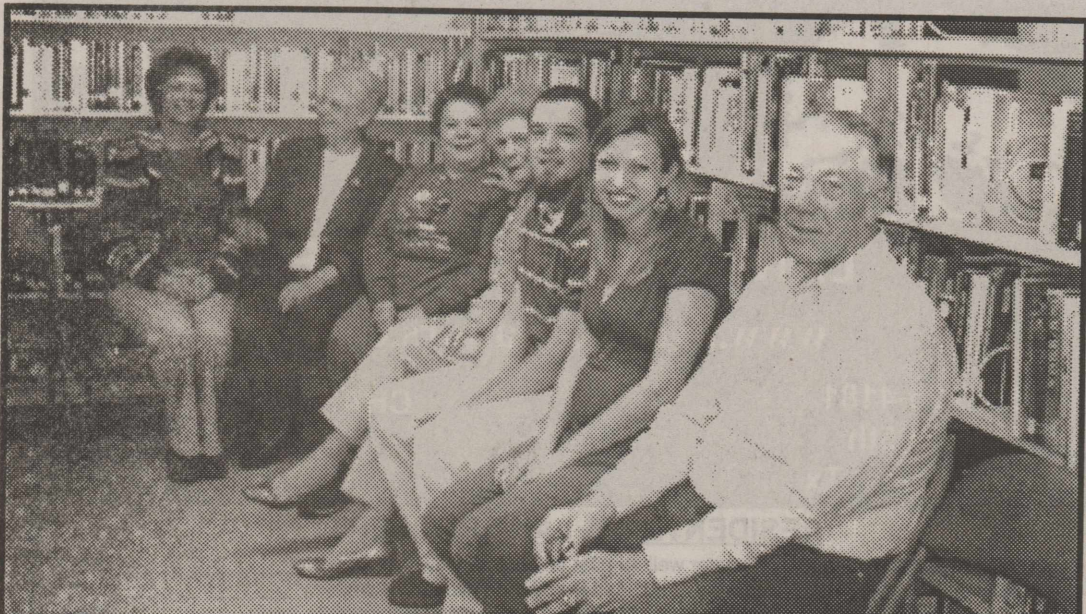
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ENJOYING JOAN MCCOWEN DAY—Among the 50 attending were Beverly Ross (from left), Cherry Shults, Susan Hunter, Esther Kerr, Matt and Sonda McGowen and Hollis Shults, Jr.

Kiotti Tractor announces Smith & Son Farm Equipment as 5-Paw Certified Dealership

Clyde, TX- KIOTI Tractor, a division of Daedong Industrial Co., Ltd, unveiled a new 5-PAW Dealer Excellence Certification Program at their annual dealer meeting.

The program features five evaluation areas: Sales, Service & Parts, Customer Satisfaction, Issue Resolution and Facility Appearance, which includes providing ample parking, a clean and pleasant purchasing environment, an attractive product display, and ample parts, service and sales areas. Every year, the criteria for this program in each of these categories will become more stringent, to ensure that dealerships are consistently maintaining superior customer service and an attractive and functional sales facility.

Following an extensive review program that began just after the annual dealer meeting, the

company is pleased to announce that C. Smith & Son Farm Equipment of Clyde, Texas has earned their 5-PAW Certification for the program's first year, which will run from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

KIOTI's new 5-PAW Dealer Excellence Program was initiated to recognize KIOTI dealerships who promote professionalism, have a high level of customer satisfaction and provide superior service on an ongoing basis. "Each of the dealers issued a 5-PAW Certification is exceptionally valuable to KIOTI and is an essential part of our past and future successes," states CG Kim, President of KIOTI.

As part of their new certification, C. Smith & Son Farm Equipment will be advertised as a KIOTI 5-PAW

Dealer in trade publications, regional advertisements, on KIOTI's website and through signs, banners and plaques provided to them for display around their showroom. All of these items will contain a unique KIOTI 5-PAW program logo that only certified dealers will have permission to use. Additionally, special marketing programs will be offered exclusively to 5-PAW dealers. KIOTI manufactures 18 tractor models in the 22 to 90 HP range, all of which are backed by their industry leading 4-Year, Full-Fleet Warranty. KIOTI Tractor is a member of AEM and several other trade associations serving the farm equipment and related industries. For more information on KIOTI or C. Smith & Son Farm Equipment, please contact KIOTI directly at 1-877-465-4684, or visit www.KIOTI.com.

Community Blood Drive

A community blood drive will take place on Tuesday, December 16th. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church from noon until 6:00 p.m. Meek Blood Center supplies blood to fifteen area hospitals. The blood supply is critically low at this time and all blood types are needed.

"There is no artificial substitute for the precious resource," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "One hundred percent of the blood is supplied by volunteer donors who share their good health and vitality to help others."

A recent article in *Parade Magazine* listed blood donation as the number one way to stay healthy. According to Dr. Mark Liponis, a long-term Scan-

dinavian study of more than one million blood donors found that giving blood was linked to a lower risk of cancer (liver, lung, colon, stomach and throat) in men. Cancer risk dropped as blood donation increased. Blood donation may also reduce the risk of heart disease by as much as forty-two percent.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and present a photo ID or a Meek Blood Center donor ID card. The minimum weight requirement was recently raised from 110 pounds to 120 pounds. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a free mini-physical, a total cholesterol test and a T-shirt.

CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

We're counting our blessings this holiday season, and your kind friendship is among them. With thanks and best wishes from our family to yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year!

Callahan County Farmers Co-op

will be closed
Thursday, December 25th
Friday, December 26th &
Saturday, December 27th

Candlelight Service

There will be a Candle Light Service on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the **Rowden Baptist Church, 2990 State Highway 36 East (12 miles West of Cross Plains).**

A Chili & Steu dinner has been planned immediately following the Candlelight Service provided by Rowden Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend!

Burn Ban reinstated

Callahan County Commissioners voted to reinstate the Countywide Burn Ban effective immediately.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, December 8th at a regular meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to reinstate the Countywide Burn Ban, along with order's two attachments.

The Countywide Burn Ban order follows:

Callahan County, Texas Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County created a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that the following regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County; Texas.

1) Action prohibited;

A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly engages in any activity outdoors which

could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

(2) Enforcement:

A. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County.

(3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days after the date of adoption which is indicated below.

(4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or, harvesting of agriculture crops.

(5) Further, a person is not in violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.

(6) See Attachment A for welding precautions and Attachment B for grilling precautions.

ORDERED by the Callahan County Commissioners Court on the eighth day of December, 2008, and executed on the same date.

Attachment A

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not in-

tended to take away a person's livelihood.

WELDING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN

- The individual welding must have a spotter.
- Two wet fire extinguishers must be available.
- Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
- Must have water sprayer available for use.
- Must wet down sufficient area (and re-wet as often as necessary).

These safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgment if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency put it off until another date.

Violators will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

Attachment B

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the citizens and their property in Callahan County.

OUTDOOR GRILLING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN

- Individual grilling must attend the grill at all times.
 - Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
 - Cooking must be done in an enclosed cooker.
- Violators will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

2009 County Holiday Schedule approved

Callahan County Commissioners approved the 2009 Holiday Schedule for county employees during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, December 8th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the county commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the 2009 Holiday Schedule, excluding January 31st.

The 2009 Holiday Schedule in which the county courthouse in Baird will be closed includes:

Thursday, and Friday, January 1st through January 2nd: New Year's Day.

Monday, January 19th: Martin Luther King Day.

Monday, February 16th: Presidents' Day.

Friday, April 10th: Good Friday.

Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day.

Friday, July 3rd: Independence Day.

Monday, September 7th: Labor Day.

Monday, October 12: Columbus Day.

Wednesday, November 11th: Veterans Day.

Thursday and Friday, November 26th and November 27th: Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday and Friday, December 24th and December 25th:

Christmas Day. Thursday, December 31st: New Year's Eve.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by County Judge Roger Corn. Present at the meeting 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.

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

—Under time set aside for public comments, there were none.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to appoint Tom Windham as the new Judge Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirkham and approved with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Kirkham to pay all approved bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion which was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Kirkham to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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99 Ford Taurus, V6, Looks, Runs Good, (Green).....	\$3,150
94 Ford Probe, 4 Cyl. Automatic, Cold Air, Runs Drives Good (Silver).....	\$1,850
00 Taurus, V6, Cold Air, Looks and Runs Good (White).....	\$2,750
95 Mercury Cougar XR7, Very Nice Car, for ONLY.....	\$2,450
98 Ford Contour, V6, Runs good.....	\$2,450
93 Mercury Cougar XR7, Very Nice Car.....	\$2,450
94 Dodge Intrepid, V6, Runs good.....	\$1,695

VANS & SUV's

01 Olds Bravada, Loaded Leather Seats, etc.....	\$4,950
99 Ford Explorer Sport, V6, Automatic, Look, Runs very good (Blue).....	\$4,750
01 Ford Winstar, V6, Very nice inside & out (Blue).....	\$4,995
00 Ford Explorer, V6, Auto, 4DR (Red) Very Good.....	Special \$5,450
97 Ford Explorer 4x4, V6, 4DR, Auto (White).....	Special \$3,595
97 Ford Explorer XLT, Fully Loaded, Nice.....	Special \$3,595
95 Ford Aerostar, V6, A good clean van..... (Red).....	\$1,675
90 Ford Bronco, V6, Very nice inside & out.....	\$1,750
98 Ply. Voyager, Looks, Runs Good.....	\$2,450
88 Ford Club Wagon, 15 Passenger, Very Nice Interior.....	\$1,850

DIESELS

01 F250 4 Dr. Super Duty, Super Cab, Power Stroke, Very Nice	\$6,950
02 F350 Crew Cab Super Duty Power Stroke, 6spd.....	\$6,950
01 F350 Crew Cab Super Duty Power Stroke, 6spd, Nice trk.....	\$6,950
99 F350 Crew Cab Power Stroke, Runs good.....	\$6,650
99 F250 Super Cab Power Stroke, 6spd, Runs good.....	\$6,650
97 F250 Super Cab Power Stroke, 5spd, Runs good.....	\$4,850
95 F350 Power Stroke, 5spd, Dually, Flat bed, Looks, Runs good.....	\$4,500
95 F250 Power Stroke, Super Cab, 5spd, Runs good.....	\$4,250
94 F350 Crew Cab, Turbo Diesel, A Nice truck.....	\$4,750
96 Ford F250 Super Cab, Power Stroke, Automatic, Good Work Trk.....	\$3,250

GAS TRUCKS — MISC.

New 20' Tandem Trailer, Ramps, Beaver Tail, 8 1/2 wide.....	\$2,100
01 Ford F150, 4 dr., Super Cab, 4.6 V8, Automatic, Looks Runs Good.....	\$4,995
96 Chev. S-10, 4 cyl., 5 speed, Nice Truck.....	\$3,695
88 Chev. Dually, Automatic, Alum. Wheels, Nice Truck.....	\$1,850
99 Ford Kanger, Super Cab, V6, Automatic, Runs good (Black).....	\$4,850
97 F250 Crew Cab, V8, Auto, A Super Nice Truck.....	Special \$4,195
91 Ford F250, 350, V8, 5 Spd., Looks & Runs Good.....	\$1,495
83 Chev. 3/4 V8, Looks, Runs good.....	\$1,650
88 Ford Ranger, V6, Automatic, Runs good, Bad Paint.....	\$1,095
84 Chev 3/4 Ton Pickup, V8, A good buy at only.....	\$995