

Board of Trustees Meet Tonight To Take Action on Several Important Matters

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight at 8:00 p.m., at the Cross Plains High School faculty work room.

The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PRAYER
3. MINUTES
4. OPEN FORUM
5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INSURANCE PROGRAM
6. ACCEPT BIDS ON MILK, GAS, AND DIESEL
7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ELEMENTARY GRADE REPORTING
8. DISCUSS AND TAKE AC-

9. ADOPT PDAS CALENDAR
10. PERSONNEL
 - A. ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS
 - B. NAME NEW A.D.
 - C. HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES
 - D. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AUXILIARY SALARIES
11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON STUDENT HANDBOOK
12. DISCUSS DATE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
14. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS
15. ADJOURN

Jackie Tennison, Superintendent

Sanders presented the council with an itemized cost run down on the requested items as well installation costs.

Cassle made a motion to amend the City Budget by \$1,700 to cover the cost of the requested items. Weiss seconded the motion which was then approved. The funds will be taken out of the general fund.

Gosnell informed the council of a complaint by Felix Munoz who had been stopped by the City Police Department. Munoz claimed that while the drug dog was used to check his vehicle, the paint on the pickup was scratched. Munoz had presented the city with three estimates for repairing the damage with the lowest estimate being \$750. Munoz, however, requested to do the repairs personally and would settle for \$450 to do this. Weiss made a motion, seconded by Cassle, to pay Munoz \$450 for the damage to the pickup and have them sign a release to relieve the city of any further liability. The motion passed.

City Maintenance Employee Frankie Hyles met with the council to discuss street repair in the city. After checking with the Texas Surplus Property's Agency, Hyles said he thought the city work crews could perform most of the city's street re-

pairs if they had the equipment that is available through the surplus agency.

By general consent the council approved for Hyles to buy a water tank immediately. They also told Hyles to continue to look for equipment that could be used by the city.

Councilman W.C. Pringle was appointed as the City's Health Officer, with the stipulation that it does not interfere with his council position. Motion by Cassle and seconded by Womack. Gosnell was instructed to check on the holding of duel offices.

Cassle moved to accept City Judge Bob Hill's monthly report. Motion was seconded by Weiss and approved.

Police Chief Tim Sanders had his report approved with a motion by Womack and seconded by Pringle.

The annual audit was approved with a motion by Cassle and seconded by Pringle.

Pringle made a motion to pay the bills that was seconded by Womack and approved.

Jack Tunnell, a Cross Plains citizen, told the council that he would like to commend the animal control personnel for the excellent job they did in their first week of operation. He stated he felt they did a very good job.



STENHOLM HONORED—ATPE State President Amy White, a teacher in Wylie ISD, presents the 1998 ATPE Guardian of Education Award to Representative Charles Stenholm at a June 24 ceremony in Washington D.C. ATPE bestows the Guardian Award upon U.S. Congressional members who support state and local control of public education.

Stenholm honored for education support

AUSTIN—Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) recently was presented the ATPE Guardian of Education award by the state's largest educators' group, for his support of federal legislation benefiting public education.

Stenholm was among eight members of the Texas congressional delegation who were honored by the Association of Texas Professional Educators during a Washington ceremony.

ATPE recognized the lawmakers for several key votes during the first session of the 105th U.S. Congress. Among them, the Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1997, which promotes mediation instead of lawsuits and gives teachers more input in deciding educational plans for students with disabilities.

Stenholm also was honored for his support of the Goodling Amendment to the appropriations bill, which would prohibit any funds to

be used to develop, implement or administer national testing programs in reading and math. Additionally, he was recognized for his support of public education on issues related to funding, vouchers and vocational education.

"We are appreciative of congressman Stenholm and other members of our delegation who consistently stand behind and beside public school children and educators," said Amy White, president of the 88,000-member group. "He supports the needs of public education even when it is not necessarily the politically correct thing to do."

In addition to being the largest educators' group in Texas, ATPE also is the largest such non-union group nationwide. Its members consist primarily of classroom teachers but also includes paraprofessionals, administrators, college students and retired educators.

Congressman Stenholm Announces Emergency Haying on CRP Land

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman announced today that emergency haying will be permitted on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in some areas suffering from drought, according to Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

"Emergency haying will be permitted in the same counties that have been approved for emergency grazing," said Stenholm. "To be eligible, these counties must have suffered at least a 40 percent variation from normal precipitation in the four most recent months, resulting in at least a 40 percent loss of pasture and forage and a livestock emergency."

The Agriculture Department (USDA) authorizes each area, based

on recommendations by county Farm Service Agency (FSA) committees and State FSA Committees.

As of July 6th, the following counties have been approved for emergency grazing and now haying: Coke, Concho (partial), Fisher, Howard, Jones, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry and Taylor.

Producers within these counties must request approval to hay eligible acreage, and must obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying requirements. Participants must leave at least 50 percent of each field unharmed.

For further information about the specifics of the haying provisions, contact your local FSA office.

Ft. Worth Sidewalk Astronomers To Meet July 25

The Fort Worth Sidewalk astronomers will be at Fort Griffin State Park Saturday, July 25, to present an evening program. They will have large aperture telescopes set up to observe the night skies. This will be an adventure in deep space with stunning views of planets, galaxies, star clusters, moons and comets. The milky way and moon craters will be explored, the planets in their full glory and many of the constellations will be observed. Everyone will get to view through

the telescopes and should be an unforgettable experience for the whole family.

All anyone will need is their curiosity to have an enjoyable evening. All the events will be starting about dusk.

The program is free, however, normal park fees will apply.

Fort Griffin State Park is located on US Highway 283, 15 miles north of Albany and 20 miles south of Throckmorton on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River.

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days a week transportation service and 2-way video conferencing would be included for the price.

Several area counties have already committed to a three year contract with the Haskell facility said Montgomery. July 31st is the cutoff date for counties to sign on with the regional institution that will be run by a private company, he added.

Another option is to use the regional facility for overflow prisoners only. The \$40.50 per day per prisoner would still be the price but without the benefits of the transportation or video agreements.

The commissioners agreed that they would require the input of Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis before a decision could be made. Curtis was out of town on business Monday.

The court said they would put the item on their July 27th agenda for a decision at that time.

Representatives of the City of Cross Plains were at the meeting to discuss the possibility of an inter-local agreement with Callahan county for the exchange of equipment usage for road repairs.

Grider said, "We're not looking at tying up county equipment and hands for an extended period, but just helping the city workers with improving their streets." "I expect to spend about 1 day a year doing this, if

that much," he said.

An agreement will be drawn up and presented at the next meeting.

City of Clyde outside manager Norman Smith presented the commissioners with a charge schedule for the Clyde Animal Control Officer to handle the County's Rabid Animal Calls.

The commissioners said they would study the agreement and make a decision at the next meeting.

A road in a development area in Precinct 4 was offered to the county by the developer Word Estes.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Grider said he had inspected the road and it was acceptable to him for county maintenance. Grider made a motion seconded by Hicks to take the road. Estes said the property would be deeded to the county so they would have control over the road. Motion passed.

A Baird Fire Department representative was not present to explain his request for a contribution to the Forest Service so no action was taken.

It was agreed for Judge Johnson to write a letter requesting Capital Credit Funds from Taylor Electric Co-op for use by the county's economic development corporations. The funds will be divided between Clyde, Cross Plains, and Baird EDC's since the county has no EDC.

Advocacy Group for Self-Employed Names Area Representative

The National Association for the Self-Employed has announced that James McMillon is the newest membership representative in the Central and West Texas areas.

The NASE was formed in 1981 by a group of small-business owners seeking the kinds of benefits and services once available only to large corporations. Today the NASE represents more than 320,000 of the smallest of small businesses.

To appropriately represent the views and attitudes of members, the NASE conducts surveys on a regular basis, and responses from the foundation for action on issues being debated by Congress. The NASE has used its powerful voice to fight for the reduction of estate taxes on small businesses, increased tax deduction of health insurance

expense for the self-employed, the home office tax deduction, social security reform and the clarification of independent contractor status.

The NASE also offers more than 100 benefits geared to small businesses and self-employed individuals, including unique tax savings programs, affordable health insurance, association motor club, toll-free business consultant services and discounted long-distance telephone service. The NASE's award-winning web site (<http://www.nase.org>) also offers a variety of small-business information.

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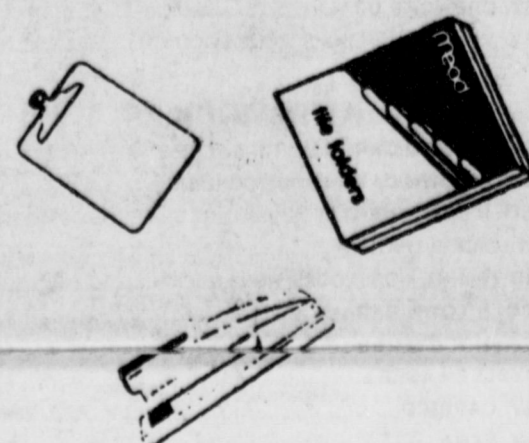
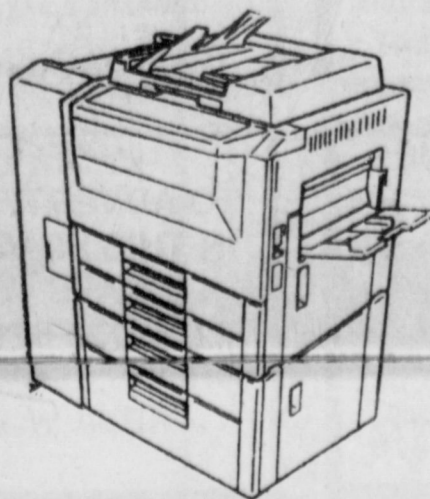
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PORCIUS POTTER AND KARA HUNSAKER

Hunsacker - Potter Tell of Approaching Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hunsaker of Rising Star announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Lee, to Porcius Howett Potter.

Porcius is the son of Connie Potter and Tom Potter of Cross Plains.

The couple will be wed Saturday, July 25, 1998, in the home of the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Nickerson.

The bride-elect earned her associate degree from Cisco Junior College this summer. She plans to attend Hardin-Simmons in the fall.

The prospective groom is employed by Kohler in Brownwood. He also plans to attend Hardin-Simmons in the fall.

Hello to everyone in Cross Plains,

How have things back there been going? I know it has been a while since I've written, but I've been busy. The rainy season is over here ended about 3 weeks ago, but around the same time typhoon season started.

The base has just ended its 3 day festival for the Fourth of July. During the festival (America Fest) the base is open to the public. Every year they have fireworks on the 4th and 5th and bands supply the entertainment. This year they had some local bands and the rock-n-roll band "Great White." The USO arranged for "Great White" to come over from the states and perform a concert. All in all it was a good time if you didn't mind the bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Some of you may have heard that we were going to try to come back for a visit this summer. Well, due to circumstances beyond our control,

we will not be able to make it. We are hoping for some time in the fall now.

For all of you who will be going to school this year -- remember to always strive to do your best at everything, even if it is something you don't like. For those who will be participating in extra curricular activities -- remember that pride and winning is not everything. The main things that you should remember is that team work, self-confidence, humility and dedication is what will ultimately make a winner in the end.

Remain dedicated to your school work and your training for whatever extra curricular activity you choose. Listen to your teachers and coaches, you have some good ones and take what they say to heart.

Well I guess that is all for now. I will close by saying the "Power is in the Herd."

Warren L. Parson, U.S.A.F.
Kadena Air Base
Okinawa, Japan

Norma Cundiff Member of Phi Theta Kappa at North Central College

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee of Cross Plains, Norma Cundiff, became a member of "Phi Theta Kappa" at North Central College in Gainesville this past spring semester. Ms. Cundiff, a former student of Cross Plains, was inducted into the national scholastic honor society along with 78 other inductees with the promises of hope, encouragement and humor. To become a Phi Theta Kappa

member, a student must be enrolled in at least 6 college hours with a 3.5 GPA, acquired at least 12 college hours, by working toward an Associate Degree and be of good moral character.

Ms. Cundiff hopes to get her Associate of Science degree from NCT and go on to Texas Womens University to major in special education.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JULY 17
Robert V. Montgomery
Perry Cloud
Kelly Westerman
Mrs. Mack Pancake
David Hutchins
Melissa Luter
Mrs. Ed McNally
Christopher Hal Harris
Lewis Fortune
Josh Nelson

- JULY 18
Taylor Johnson
James Apple
Joy Woodruff Pancake
Raymond Holland
Deana Strickland
Misty DeLayne Strickland
Max Lovett
Mark Allen Brown
James O. Koenig
Terry Jane Wyatt
Billy M. Gardner

- JULY 19
Mrs. Harold Oliver
Done Wise
David Hinkle
Don McNutt
Cynthia Hickman Brown
Son Barnett
Mrs. Glenda Laster
Iraloma Rogers
Kim (Draper) Champion
Troy Watson
Jeannie Roe
Mrs. Max Lovett
Toni Mae Wyatt
Claudell Joy
Modie Mosley
Gayna Dodds
Ricky Apple
Journey Buitron

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Harrline Fleming
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Mrs. Noah Johnson
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Kyle Malone
Edie Switzer
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Jacquelin Brook Waggoner
Bobby Self

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Dana Purvis
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C. B. Hutchins
Scott Nabers
Tina Morphis Belick
Barbara Vest

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Thomas Markham
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Sarah Catherine Jordan
Kathren Brown
Lorene Jennings
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Delesa Gilland
Sheri Steele
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Travis Parson
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Annie Mae Wright
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	Rank number	Rank number	Rank number
Total area square miles	2nd 267,277	16th 79,423	2nd 187,854
Population in millions, July '96	2nd 19.1	24th 3.9	3rd 15.2
Married-couple families as a percent of all households	23rd 57.8%	6th 60.4%	29th 57.2%
Births per 1,000 population	3rd 17.2	1st 21.0%	7th 16.2
Employment growth annually '91-'97	10th 2.7%	9th 2.9%	11th 2.6%
Unemployment rate	10th 5.4%	1st 8.0%	40th 3.7%

The 43 counties that make up the Border region include: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kinney, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kieberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, San Patricio, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, and Zavala.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, county- and state-level data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Bureau of the Census, National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, Texas Department of Health, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Texas Workforce Commission.

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