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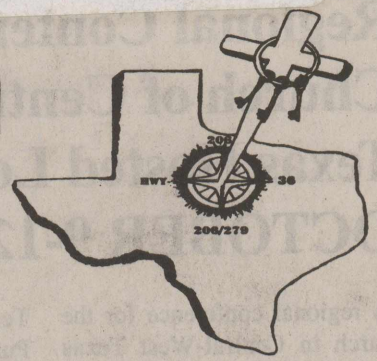
# Cross Plains Review

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THURSDAY, September 22, 2005

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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Former co-worker Deborah Griswold faxed the story below. It is just great! It is similar to a parable like Jesus taught, in that the story makes the point most interesting and memorable.

Victims of Hurricane Katrina must share a common bond with the man in this story. Perhaps this will help us relate to their dilemma. Continue to pray for those who have lost everything. I am impressed by the hospitality extended by Texans during this disaster. Our state is living up to its name once again.

If we could only learn to listen and stay focused on what HE tells us, our lives would flow so much smoother. You have to train yourself to listen for that Still Small Voice, but once you have it—everything changes.

Thank God for the seemingly endless stories for our continuing growth. **Vanda Anderson**

### "Three Bullets"

There once was a man who had nothing for his family to eat. He had an old rifle and three bullets. So, he decided that he would go hunting and kill some wild game for dinner.

As he went down the road, he saw a rabbit. He shot at the rabbit and missed. The rabbit ran away.

Then he saw a squirrel and fired a shot at the squirrel and missed. The squirrel disappeared into a hole in a cottonwood tree.

As he went further, he saw a large wild "Tom" turkey in the tree, but he had only one bullet remaining.

A voice spoke to him and said, "Pray first, aim high and stay focused." However, at the same time, he saw a deer which was a better kill.

He brought the gun down and aimed at the deer. But, then he saw a rattlesnake between his legs about to bite him, so he naturally brought the gun down further to shoot the rattlesnake.

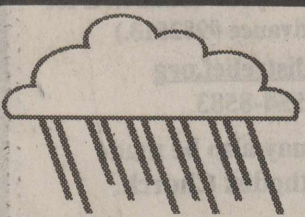
Still, the voice said again to him, "I said, 'Pray, aim high and stay focused.'" So, the man decided to listen to God's voice. He prayed, then aimed the gun high up in the tree and shot the wild turkey.

The bullet bounced off the turkey and killed the deer. The handle fell off the gun and hit the snake in the head and killed it.

And, when the gun had gone off, it knocked him into a pond. When he stood up to look around, he had fish in all his pockets, a dead deer and a turkey to feed his family.

The snake (Satan) was dead simply because the man listened to God.

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**GOD**  
Thank You  
For The  
Heavenly Rain

## COMMUNITY SHOWER FOR Rita (Clark) Purcell & Family

(Lost Home and Belongings Due To A Fire)

Saturday, September 24th 2-3:30 PM

At The Church of Christ Activity Center, East Hwy 36, Cross Plains, Texas

SELECTIONS AT:

Higginbothams, Johnson's, Sun Rayz, Taste of Texas, & Tim's Floral  
Kitchen/Bath Colors: Hunter Green & Tan

## Community Wide Yard SALE Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi

Beta Sigma Phi will sponsor a **Community Yard Sale** on October 8th in Cross Plains to benefit our many community service projects planned for the coming year. Residents who wish to participate and be included on our map for yard sales that day can sign up at Bitter Creek Ranch. Deadline for registration is September 30th. Fee is \$3.00.

Map of participants will be available on the day of the sale at the Beta Sigma Phi booth at the high school, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Booth space is also available at the Senior Citizens' Center for those who live out of town who wish to participate. Fee for the booths is \$7.50, to benefit the Senior Citizens' Center.

## Helping Hearts/Helping Hands Project Next Week

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative has set their annual Helping Hearts/Helping Hands work day for Saturday, October 1. This annual event enlists the support and work of local volunteers to do minor repairs on area residents' homes to help improve the quality of their living area.

Volunteers are needed to help in accomplishing this year's projects. We currently have around 15 projects to complete in this one day event. All ages are encouraged to help out as we work together toward a common goal.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided for those who volunteer. Volunteers are encouraged to call Connie Kirkham at 725-6500 or Roxie Thomas at 725-6141 to let us know if you will be able to help so we can provide a head count for meals.

However, if you get up on October 1st and find you are able

to work and have not notified us, we want to invite you to come and join us anyway. **All volunteers are welcome and will be used.**

If you cannot help by being a volunteer, donations are encouraged as we can use money to purchase materials for completion of these jobs.

This project has been in existence for several years, and it always proves to be an enjoyable day as residents of all ages work together to improve the quality of life for those who need some assistance. I guarantee whether you give money, work on the projects, help in cooking the meals or deliver water to those who are working, you will walk away with a blessing from having contributed to this worthwhile cause.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Submitted by  
Roxie Thomas

## Inviting God's Power to our School

Lifting up their prayers for America, its leaders and its youth, students throughout the U.S. will join together around their school flagpoles on Wednesday, September 21st for the annual "See You At The Pole" (SYATP), a grass roots prayer event that began right here in Texas in 1990. Students will gather around their school flagpoles at 7:00 a.m.

"See You At The Pole" will be

happening here at our school in Cross Plains the morning of Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 a.m. Students of all ages will be coming together to meet at the flagpole to pray, seek God and be a part of this world-wide event!

The night of SYATP there will also be a "Saw You At The Pole" get-together at the First Baptist Church's Gym at 7:00 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

## Cross Plains Football

Junior High  
vs. Christoval  
September 22, 2005  
5:00 p.m. Home

J.V. vs. Christoval  
September 22, 2005  
6:30 p.m. Home



Varsity  
vs.  
Christoval  
September 23, 2005  
7:30 p.m.  
Away

## Our Firsthand Experience with Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston

By Dora Price-Warlick

The following is in response to many requests this week for an article on our experiences in Houston helping with the Hurricane Katrina evacuees. It is written purely from our own experiences and perspectives.

After watching the media coverage of Hurricane Katrina with heartbreaking empathy for the victims, James and I left for Houston early on Labor Day. Volunteering with the Red Cross, we spent the remainder of the week with 29,000 evacuees in three facilities at Reliant Park. By the week's end there were only 9,000 left due to the massive coordinated efforts of many agencies to find housing.

Volunteers have choices about the type of work they want to do, location, etc. While we could have done data entry, paper work, or traffic control, we chose to work directly with the "residents", the evacuees. On different days, we worked in all three facilities with 15,000 residents in the Astrodome, 7,000 in Reliant Arena and 7,000 in Reliant Center. The scenes were much like you have seen on TV, with rows of cots and a sea of people. Families made "pods" of cots for their own space and kept it clean. However, I think the media emphasizes the negative and dramatic, and the good and ordinary is too often left out.

We wrote a detailed journal each night, though we were exhausted. No photography was allowed, and we totally agreed with that. Who wants their picture taken when they are in dire circumstances? We wore work clothes, no jewelry except simple watches, and carried ID in our pockets. Why should we have jewelry when the residents have lost everything? No one told us these things; it just made sense.

We were impressed with the

organization and cleanliness of all facilities. The Red Cross really has it together! There was a strong presence of the Salvation Army and counties Ministries. Each facility had designated areas set up for FEMA, Social Security, Missing Persons, Veterans Services, all kinds of social services such as food stamps, and information regarding employment and housing. Security personnel were everywhere. The Medicaid Centers were awesome, staffed with volunteer doctors and nurses. We did a lot of helping residents find services, directing them to the right places.

During the week, as we went about our tasks, we talked, counseled, listened, encouraged, and helped in every way we could. We folded up cots and stacked them against walls, put linens and blankets in large bags to be outsourced for laundry. James mopped up vomit and diarrhea. Residents asked us for diapers, cleaners, antiseptic wipes, etc. and we found them. One little boy asked James for batteries for his bedraggled Gameboy, and James promised to find some. After much searching, he finally found the supply, but was cautioned about giving them to children. He took the little boy batteries anyway, the child was ecstatic, and they made a deal not to tell where he got them. You must always keep promises, and make a child's day whenever you can!

We sorted clothes and organized a warehouse full of boxes of various sizes of clothing, creating a labeling system for each box. We helped find sizes and distributed some of the clothing. Residents could have on or two sets each day. There were no laundry facilities, so the soiled clothing had to be discarded. We handed out toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, and even diapers, baby food and formula. Wal-Mart, made a huge showing by donating eighteen wheelers with clothing, especially underwear.

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## Callahan County Immunization Clinics Dates Announced

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding Immunization Clinics in Callahan County as follows:

Monday, October 10th

Baird Cafetorium

400 West 7th Street

10 a.m. - 12

Cross Plains Housing

Authority

233 North Main

2 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12

Clyde First Baptist Church

216 Austin

10 a.m. - 12

and

1:30 - 3 p.m.

Please bring your child's Immunization Records!

For more information call (325) 754-4945.

## PIONEER HISTORICAL Association to Meet Monday, September 26

There will be a meeting of the Pioneer Historical Association (Pioneer Cemetery) Monday night, September 26. The meeting time is set for 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Pioneer Community Center. Interested members of the community are welcome to attend as well as a cemetery board member.

Wanda Nelson, cemetery board member, will discuss delays on efforts to obtain the historical marker for the cemetery, and necessary changes for the marker. Other business concerns and issues may be addressed and discussed at this time.

Submitted by  
Kathy Anderson

School Will Dismiss At 2:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

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For The Varsity Football Game

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## Regional Conference for the Church of Central-West Texas Hosted Locally OCTOBER 9-12

A regional conference for the church in Central-West Texas will be held Monday, October 9, through Wednesday, October 12, in the Cross Plains High School Auditorium, located off Highway 206, behind Cross Plains Elementary School. Four sessions are scheduled beginning at 7:00 p.m.

There is NO registration fee. Refreshments will be served each night at 6:30 p.m. prior to the worship for a time of fellowship. Childcare will not be provided.

"Deep in the Heart of Father", embracing the Heart of Father in the Heart of Texas is the theme of the meeting. You are invited to come find the Father's Heart for you, your family, your church, and our nation.

Internationally recognized pastors from all over the state of

Texas including Pastor Simon Purvis, Pastor Scott Beard, Dr. Don Crum, and Pastor William J. Nunez will be coming together to release a greater revelation of the Father's love.

This is a regional Kingdom event open to all pastors and their congregations. Come partake in this rich time of extravagant worship and profound teaching on the principles of Fatherhood and displacing the orphan spirit in the church.

This conference is hosted by Living Water Ministries in Cross Plains, in conjunction with New Life Church of Rising Star and River City Fellowship of San Antonio.

For additional information contact Pastor Max Evans at (254) 725-7418.

## OBITUARIES

### Doris Irene Adams

Doris Irene Adams, age 83, of Cross Plains, died Friday, September 16, 2005, at The Oaks at Radford Hill in Abilene. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 20, 2005, at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains with Michael Ingram officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Doris was born in Cottonwood, Texas to Ira and Pearl (Woody) Hunt on June 1, 1922. She married John W. Adams, Sr. on January 22, 1938 in Abilene, Texas. Doris was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing for her children and grandchildren, as well as gardening. She had a special love for children and was a foster mother for numerous children over the years.

Survivors include her daughter, Francis Joan Schwengel and husband, Jerry, of Cross Plains; sons, John W. Adams, Jr. of San Antonio, Thurman Lloyd Adams of Arizona, David Marty Adams of Abilene and Danny Allen Adams of Cross Plains; sisters, Helen Lions of San Antonio, Ruth Ferrell and Ruby Joyce, both of San Diego, CA, and Betty Joe Eaton of Antioch, CA; 21 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Lillie; two brothers, Carl and Elmer; and a son, Donald Gene Adams.

Pallbearers were Danny Adams, Nick Adams, Dennis Caddington, Calvin Rister, Bill Rister and Eddie Adams.

### Tommy L. Freeman

Tommy L. Freeman, 60, died at his residence in Reno, Nevada, September 9, 2005, after a brief illness. Cremation was under the direction of Sparks Memorial.

Tommy was born at Cross Plains, Texas, November 25, 1944, to Cavin and Faye Renfro Freeman. He was graduate of Eastland High School, Eastland, Texas. He was employed in Reno with Homeland Security.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Pam. Survivors are a sister, Shirley Freeman Bassett and husband, Jim of Midland; a niece Sherri Bassett of Austin; and numerous cousins.

Memorials can be made to your favorite charity or Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

### DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from September 18, 2005 through September 24, 2005 include:

Cases Investigated  
Warnings—56  
Complaints—68  
Public Intoxication—1  
Disorderly Conduct—1  
Fugitive Arrest—Assault—1  
Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

### Laura Exa McCord

Laura Exa McCord, age 90, of Carrollton, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, September 17, 2005, at her home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Burlie Taylor officiating, assisted by Ronnie White. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Exa was born in Fluvanna, Texas to James Ray Patterson, Sr. and Annie Patterson on December 12, 1914. She married J.P. McCord on July 6, 1933 in New Mexico. Exa was a homemaker and member of the Eastern Star. She was District Director of the Garden for several years and former member of the Cross Plains Garden Club. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Survivors include her two sons, Charles R. McCord and wife Macy and Carl P. McCord and wife Kay Lynn; 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, James Ray Patterson, Jr. and Carl Patterson, and a sister, Lenora Nelson.

Pallbearers were Greg McCord, Scott McCord, Freddy Mize, Tracy Bishop, Raymond Wade and Guy McCord.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church for the Remodeling Fund, P.O. Box 130, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

### Betty Weiss to be honored

First Baptist Church will honor Betty Weiss for 22 years of service as Pre-School Coordinator. This Sunday, September 25, Betty will be presented with a covered dish luncheon in the Family Life Center following morning worship services.

A memory book will be compiled for her. Please write a note to her about how she has touched your life and the life of your child. Bring all notes and cards to the office to be included in her book.

The public is invited to join in honoring Betty this Sunday. The church will provide the meat and everyone is to bring a covered dish.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Jeremy R. Franke, criminal mischief.  
Jason C. Moore, theft.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Dennis D. Jackson, affidavit of surety to surrender principal granted.

Brandi Hicks, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Seth Bryan, plea of guilty to theft, 2 year probation, \$250 fine, \$293 court costs, \$120 restitution.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Charlotte Faircloth Cartwright and Jeffrey Alan Cartwright, divorce.

Tara Lea Tounget and Kerry Lynn Tounget, divorce.

Eddie G. Curtis and Cynthia Ann Curtis, divorce.

Herta M. Howard and Don V. Howard, divorce.

Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Amanda K. Whitaker, breach of contract.

Otis Dean Baucum and Deserie Baucum vs. Rick Lee Macke, petition for depositions.

### Criminal Information and Complaints

Travis R. Byram, theft.  
Lee Ann Cavage, evading arrest.

#### Criminal Minutes

End of term order discharging

defendants under deferred adjudication: James Thomas Stewart; Mary K. Williams; John W. Dornier; Jessica Strength; Zair Granado.

End of term order discharging defendants, no deferred adjudication: Fredrick J. Williams, Abel L. Martinez, Vincent Leslie Henkhaus.

John J. Prugel, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 7 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$240 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Ken E. Moseley, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 7 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$351 court costs.

Charles Dale Reutter, plea of guilty to DWI, 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$346 court costs.

Shane E. Harris, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted, evidence suppressed.

Michael B. Harris, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted, evidence suppressed.

Melodie Y. Walton, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted, insufficient evidence.

Jesse Munoz, Jr., plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 10 years in prison, \$251 court costs.

Anna F. Bender, order extending probation granted.

Jason M. Welch, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 8 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$241 court costs.

Kimberly H. Deleon, plea of guilty to forgery, 7 months in prison, \$461 court costs.

Travis R. Byram, plea of guilty to theft, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$281 court costs, \$3975 restitution.

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### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.

Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

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Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

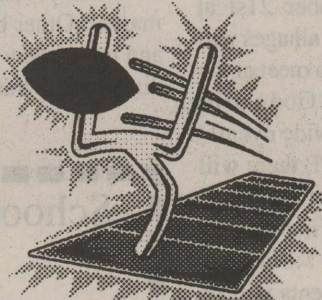
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

### Looky, Looky Who's Turning

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### Life got you down?



Keep Jesus Christ  
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9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Services  
6:30 pm Wednesday Services

First Baptist Church

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Open Hearts; Open Minds; Open Doors



## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

### Fire Sales Draw Large Crowd

Hats off! The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit's month's long effort to gather items for the combined garage and baked goods sale paid off with a good crowd from the area on Saturday night. Many old tools, slightly worn pieces of furniture and "what's that" items were donated, collected and sold last Saturday at the Community Center. You had to see to believe it.

"We really appreciate each person who took the time to help us out at the combined sale," said Beverly Brown, spokesperson for the Fire Control Unit.

Proceeds of the sale will benefit the local fire fighters efforts to keep our community safe and secure. Glenda Meador of North Dallas held the lucky ticket for the Pampered Chef baking stone

and Tom Bennett and Carrie Wheeler won the cheerleader outfits.

"We had a good time," said Beverly Brown. Her daughter, Teri and friend, Gilbert, from the Houston area showed up all of a sudden to assist at the sale and visit with Beverly over the weekend.

### Fall is Creeping Over the Cottonwood Valley

No "blue norther" has swept across the valley yet, but there is a definite feel of fall in the air. Everyone feels in between something.

The stars at night are big and bright, the nights are cooler, and the days are hotter than a "blue norther". Most of the fields have been plowed and planted, but the winter wheat has not yet taken hold. No cold spell has arrived to set the doves stirring, so dove hunters haven't arrived in droves

yet to fill the air with talk and shot.

The leaves are beginning to fall, but not in big bunches yet. All the sports fans in Callahan County are congregating in bunches to either watch Monday Night Football or talk about it. The world of baseball is in-between also, in-between the play-offs and the World Series. High school football is in-between the winning and losing. The local team has not shown what could have been expected, but its potential is still there.

So those in-between days are upon us when the summer is not over but the fall is expected any minute now.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 for news or personal items for this column. E-mail is [csb5@airmail.net](mailto:csb5@airmail.net). Snail mail address is 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

## RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By Linda Merritt



DORTHY HARRELL

Dorthy Harrell was selected as the Employee for the Month of July. She was born December 21, 1945 in Odessa, Texas. She and her husband, James, have two children and they have two grandsons. She enjoys going shopping, watching football, taking walks and cooking.

Dorthy has been an employee at this Nursing Center for 28 years. She has worked as a Certified

Nurses Aide and is now in the housekeeping department. Don't let her size fool you, this little lady can do just about anything. Dorthy is a hard worker, one who takes pride in what she does. She loves the residents and they love her back. Congratulations Dorthy!

Dorthy's son-in-law, Authur Larkin, is in Iraq. We all might remember him in prayer for a safe return home. His address is:

SPC Authur Larkin  
3-112 AR  
56 BCT-36 ID  
AEO PO-09331.

We are proud to announce that our Garage Sale for the residents' Christmas Fund went very well. Special appreciation goes out to these fine people who donated items or money for the sale: Sindy Collins, Annie Ruth Christian, Betty Fisher, Moose Vaughn,

Betty Raybon and Diane Brown. If I have left anyone out, please forgive me—just know that we appreciate you all so very much. God Bless.

Thoughts and prayers for Nola Mirop who is the hospital.

### Attention everyone:

We have a beautiful Afghan of the American Flag that we are selling chances on here at the Center. Come by and have a look. It was made by Volley William's daughter, Toni Johnson.

We will draw for the winner on October 10th at 2:00 p.m.

It was reported that Peggy Dickson went out Sunday with family to church. She enjoyed a mother-daughter tea with Dannes Turner.

Any day is lovely, when we are doing what we love.

## Firsthand

The greatest need was for clothing in large sizes in both men and women. We were able to fit most people, but the large sizes just were not available.

Everyone had plenty food, bottled water and various beverages all day, as much as they wanted. Krispy Creme must have donated a "million" boxes of doughnuts, and Chick Filet furnished sandwiches and coleslaw one day. Snacks, food bars, fruit and drinks were always available, as well as the regular three meals.

In the Astrodome, we served food and handed out clothes. At Reliant Center, we elected to serve the elderly. They had a designated area for the elderly and their families located near the Medical Center. Several needed food taken to their beds. One afternoon we had pizza especially for them, and they called us "Angels". When we finally took time to eat, we chose to eat with the residents. Following are some of the many personal stories we heard through the week.

One 65-year old man was

rescued from his house by a neighbor with a boat. They waited 5 days under the I-10 bridge in New Orleans without food or water before being rescued by a military ship with guns. He was a veteran and said that the VA had already paid him for his home. He was going back to New Orleans to rebuild as soon as possible. The man pointed to a cross around his neck and said that God watched over him and his number was not up yet. He had a marvelous attitude!

A 17 year-old young man said he and his family retreated to their attic when the flood waters rose. With a meat cleaver, his mother chopped a hole in the roof. They poked a 2X4 through the shingles making a hole big enough for them to crawl through. The family spent 3 days on the rooftop before being rescued by a helicopter. They want to start over in Houston.

One lady told me she was there alone and did not know if her husband and 4 kids were dead or alive. She had registered with

Missing Persons. I did not see her again, and pray that her family got together.

An elderly lady in a hospital bed was in the New Orleans Convention Center for five days, and said it was "hell". The gangs had taken over. She was in a wheel chair, got pushed over, and was trampled before being rescued. She was thankful to be in Houston!

An elderly gentleman from Baton Rouge said his wife was still there, and he was waiting for transportation to go back. Somehow they got separated. Most people knew where their family members were or at least they were safe. A few were still unsure, but hopeful.

We met volunteers from several other states—what an inspiration! A young couple in their 30's from California, a young man from Michigan, two retired ladies from Tennessee, and a counselor from Chicago, all came to volunteer. There was a group of police officers from Philadelphia and officers from several other smaller cities around the Houston area. The Houston Police force was really strapped working 12-hour shifts seven days a week.

We witnessed no fights or arguments. Residents were just trying to cope, take care of their families, and get information about what to do next. Most were thankful, gracious, and complimentary. Regardless of prior socioeconomic status, they all needed the same things; basic necessities.

At the end of each day, we were physically and emotionally exhausted, yet had a resolve to do it again the next day. While sad about the circumstances, we are grateful for the opportunity to give back to our fellow man. It may sound cliché, but we know in our hearts that one person (or two) really can make a difference. We have truly been blessed by the experience!

## LIBRARY NOTES

Check It Out!

### Behind the Books

And from last week, I continue my deep philosophical analysis of the role of a library in a community....

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

Such a thought could be attributed to none other than Groucho Marx!!

If you are among the young end of the generation gap and haven't met up with Groucho, come by the Library and check him out. And no, he's not Karl's brother!!

CU-BW

### Statistics September 12-16

**Circulation:**  
Books: 44  
Internet Users: 20  
**Honorariums:**  
Charles and Lou Rodenberger  
**Honoring Cherry Shults Memorials:**  
Eddy D. Edmondson and Gayle Pickering -In Memory of Dr. Scot Edgington and Charlie Grider  
**Donations:**  
Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin  
Bob and Patsy Pipes  
**Donations - Books:**  
Lillian Jackson  
Brenda Spraggins  
Jan Yeager

### Activity Report

**Patrons:** 66  
**Programs:** 21  
**Copies:** 100  
**References:** 0  
**Check In/Out Books:** 25  
**Calls In:** 4  
**Internet Users:** 20

### Down Home

#### Moral of the story:

Pray first before you do anything. Aim and shoot high in your goals, and stay focused on God.

Never let others discourage you concerning your past. The past is exactly that, "the past".

Live every day one day at a time and remember that only God knows our future and that He will not put you through any more than you can bear.

Do not look to man for your blessings, but look to the doors that only He has prepared in advance for you, in your favor.

Wait, be still and patient; keep God first and everything else will follow.

### Grand Ole Oplin Annual Halloween Dance and Costume Contest set

It's that time of the year again! The Annual Halloween Dance and Costume Contest will be hosted by the Oplin Community Center on Saturday, October 29th from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. The Country Classics will be playing all your favorite dancing tunes. Awards for the best costumes will be given in four different age groups and for best couple. A silent auction will be held during the dance. Admission to the dance will be \$5.00 per person. We're giving you plenty of warning so the entire family can get busy planning their favorite costume.

And while you're busy planning, plan on coming out to the Community Center a little early and enjoy a chili/stew dinner benefiting the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department. Dinner and tea will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. for \$5.00 per person with dessert available at an extra charge.

So be sure and mark your calendar for Saturday, October 29th for dinner and a dance at the Oplin Community Center. Don't forget to wear your masks! Please contact Julie Campbell at 529-4301 for further information.

Submitted by: Pam Rumlford

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## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: And now some words of Apple Wisdom. Apple Orchard Annie says, "Remember that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

### "Destination—Our Town USA"

It is so nice to have company, especially relatives. I went home for 72 hours here while back, and had visitors. It was in August, shortly before school started. My sister, Ann, her daughter, Belinda and her two youngest sons (11 months apart), came and spent the day. We had a good visit and a great time. Belinda's older son, Drew, had football practice and stayed for that with Dad, Nol and Paw Paw Sonny.

They strolled and I rolled over to the Staghorn Restaurant for lunch. My sister treated us to lunch in honor of Marvin's birthday, which was the day before. Ann had enjoyed eating there with her husband and us on prior trips. Somehow I had become addicted to their black-berry cobbler. We told Belinda about it and we elected to all have cobbler in lieu of birthday cake. Belinda loved it, too. Late in the afternoon we made some homemade ice cream in our "new" ice cream maker. You can make two different flavors at the same time. Landry and Evan, age 8 and 7, had never had homemade ice cream before. It really seemed to hit the spot for them and they went back for seconds and thirds. It had been about a year since I had seen the boys and they had

lots of questions. One asked about my catheter and they told them I wore it so that I didn't have to get up and down to the bathroom, because I didn't feel like getting up. He said he thought that was cool and he wanted one, also. They asked about my oxygen, etc. There's just so many things that interested them and they wanted to hear all about it. They especially admired my motorized wheel chair. They decided it would be great fun to get them one. Their mother let them walk down to the cemetery. They also enjoyed Uncle Marvin's "Goldfish Pond". They were also very excited that they were allowed to play in the yard without someone watching them.

They all left about 6 p.m. They took Nanny (Ann) to her home in Canyon Lake first before returning to New Braunfels.

Ann called me the next morning and told me that on the trip home the boys decided they wanted to pack everything up and move to Cross Plains. They liked my motorized wheelchair and they wanted one, too. And, when they moved to Cross Plains they could go for walks outside, play outside, get a hammock like Marvin's, eat at the Staghorn, have homemade ice cream, have a pond and just do all sorts of things. On Monday, I returned to the nursing home and around 11:30 a.m. my cousin Billye Jean and her husband, Charles Hancock, paid me a surprise visit. It was so good to see them again. Such a nice surprise.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

SEPTEMBER 26 - 30

**MONDAY** - Chicken Spaghetti, Brussel Sprouts, Gelatin, Bread, Tossed Salad, Italian Blend Milk  
**TUESDAY** - Beef Vegy Soup, Chicken, Angratin Potatoes, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Pears, Green Beans, Lemon Pudding, Chocolate Cookie, Crackers, Bread, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY** - Pork Chops, Salad, Mixed Fruit, Peanut w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Cookie, Crackers, Milk  
**THURSDAY** - Smothered Chicken, Angratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Lemon Pudding, Bread, Milk  
**FRIDAY** - Chili w/Beans, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Peanut w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Cookie, Crackers, Milk  
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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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Someone said that "People used to get married 'for better or worse' — now they get married 'more or less'!" That's just part of the problem along these lines that plague today's society. The number of couples deciding to live together without being married has seemingly grown to outnumber those getting married before living together. And today's society is accepting that as "the norm" more and more! Add to these problems the escalation of premarital sex and the premarital pregnancies and births of babies as a result of that and it seems overwhelming!

If only— if only! — all were willing to listen to God who saw that it was not good for one to be alone (Genesis 2:18), therefore created companionship in marriage, saying, "Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (v. 24). He has much more to say about all this, but these are some of "the basics."

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Buffaloes Beat Bulldogs, 40-13

The Cross Plains Buffaloes rebounded with a win here Friday night over the Eden Bulldogs, 40-13. Offensively, the Buffaloes were able to put together 297 yards of offense while the defense held the Bulldogs to 210 yards. The Buffaloes had 14 first downs to Edens' 10.

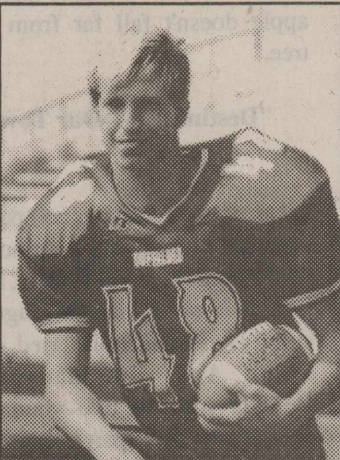
Leading the Buffaloes on the ground was Senior RB Roy Smith who had 253 yards on 24 carries and 4 touchdowns. Senior FB Aaron Phillips had 8 carries for 31 yards and 2 touchdowns. Aaron also was 4 of 6 on PAT's. Sean Williams had 3 carries for 8 yards and Doug Holland had 1 carry for 6 yards.

Junior QB Thomas Estes was 2 of 5 for 21 yards with 1 Int. Chance Watkins had 1 catch for 16 yards and Clay Koenig had 1 reception for 5 yards.

Defensively, Aaron Phillips had 7 tackles, 2 for loss, 3 recovered fumbles and 1 caused fumble. Tackles: Thomas Estes (6), Sean Williams (5), JJ Callaway (5), Brice Bowden (4-1 sack), Chance Watkins (4-1 for loss, cause fumble), Doug

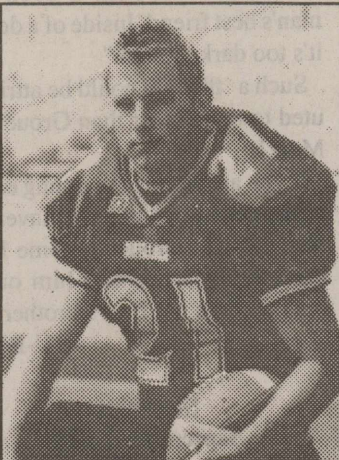
### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### OFFENSE



**ROY SMITH (RB)-SR.**  
24 Carries For 253 Yards  
And  
4 Touchdowns

#### DEFENSE



**AARON PHILLIPS (LB)-SR.**  
3 Solo Tackles (2 for loss)  
4 Assisted Tackles  
3 Recovered Fumbles  
1 Caused Fumble

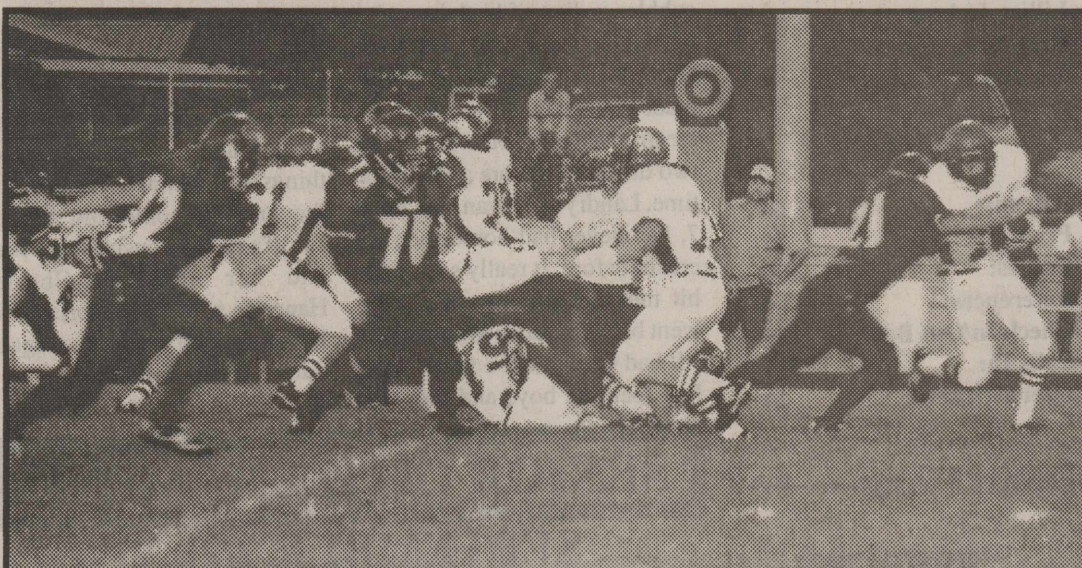
Holland (4), William Meador (4), Justin Dickson (4), Chris Marr (4), Roy Smith (3-2 Int's), Clayton Thomas (2), Zach Bennett (2), Garrett Stephens (2), Jacob Melton (1), Clay Koenig (1), Ricky Daniels (1), and Fili Vasquez (1).

"Our defense played really hard. Offensively, I thought our

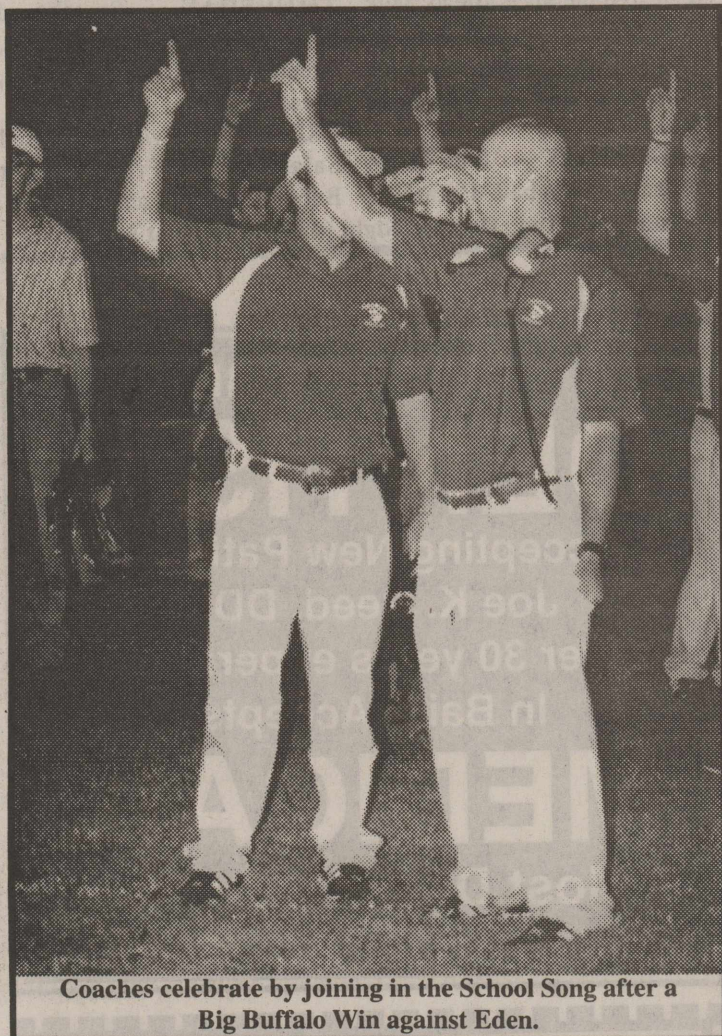
offensive line really stepped up and raised their level of play. It showed with the yardage that we gained. Roy had a big night."

The Cross Plains Buffaloes travel to Christoval this Friday night, kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Coach Hagler



The Cross Plains Buffaloes (in black) stepped up their offense and defense and defeated the Eden Bulldogs 40-13. (Photos courtesy of Teresa Koenig)



Coaches celebrate by joining in the School Song after a Big Buffalo Win against Eden.

## SCHOOL MENU

SEPTEMBER 26 - 30

#### BREAKFAST

**MONDAY** - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY** - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY** - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY** - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY** - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

#### LUNCH

**MONDAY**-BBQ on Bun, Cheese Stick, Seasoned Fries, Fruit  
**TUESDAY** - Sliced Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Honey  
**WEDNESDAY**- Fiesta Salad (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese, Salad, Rice), Fruit  
**THURSDAY**-Fish or Hot Pocket, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Fruit  
**FRIDAY**-Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickles, Chips, Frozen Dessert

Have A Nice Week

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

## Commissioners establish fee for rental on electronic voting machines

Callahan County Commissioners voted to set the fee of two percent of cost for the county's electronic voting machines to lease to municipalities and schools for the year 2006.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, September 12 during the commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Based upon the two percent cost, rental fee for the electronic voting machines is \$111.18 per day. The two percent charge was recommended by a committee. The law states Callahan County could have charged up to 10 percent.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks, and second by Commissioner Doris Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to approve a charge of two percent of cost of the voting equipment for leasing to cities and schools for the year 2006.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting included:

—The meeting of the commis-

sioners' court was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by County Judge Roger Corn. Present were Judge Corn, Commissioners Harold Hicks, Tommy Holland, Bryan Farmer, and Doris Grider.

Also present were County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

—The minutes of the August 22, 2005 commissioners' court meeting were approved as presented.

—During time set aside for public comments, County Attorney Shane Deel informed the court that the defendant charged with capital murder pled guilty on September 8, 2005 and there would not be a jury trial.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the new amended contract with Hart Intercivic for electronic election equipment. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to amend the minutes of the May 23, 2005 commissioners' court meeting. The new

election system was incorrectly listed as Ballot Now and should have been Tally & Servo. This is correcting items V and VII. Commissioner Farmer seconded and motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve amending the budget. Judge Corn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Judge Corn made a motion to approve the Indigent Defense Resolution. Commissioner Farmer seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Sheryl Crabtree was not present to discuss County Road 250. No action was taken.

—Two bids were received by the commissioners' court for a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Big Country Dodge bids was for \$31,000, and Hanner Chevrolet bid was \$28,931.28. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the \$28,931.28 bid from Hanner Chevrolet. Commissioner Grider seconded and the motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Judge Corn abstained from voting on the motion.

—During time set aside for public comments, County Sheriff Eddie Curtis gave an updated report on the new communications tower under construction. Sheriff Curtis said he hopes to be using the new tower by the end of the week.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the deputation of Jacqueline Semmler as a Deputy and Jail Administrator for the Sheriff's Department. Judge Corn seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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

—Commissioner Holland made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded and motion carried 5-0.

## Commissioners approve Indigent Defense Grant resolution

### 2006 Callahan County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Fair Defense Act, 77th Regular Session, counties are eligible to receive grants from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county, and

WHEREAS, this grant program will assist the county in the implementation of the provisions of the Fair Defense Act and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in this county; and

WHEREAS, Callahan County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Callahan County Commissioners assures that the funds will be returned in full to the Task Force on Indi-

gent Defense.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered that the County Judge of this county is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Judge is designated as the Program Director and contact person for this grant and the County Treasurer is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2005.

(s) Roger Corn  
County Judge

Attest:  
(s) Jeanie Bohannon  
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encountered by older persons as their health begins to become more fragile, as their mobility becomes more restricted, and their personal autonomy is challenged.

One participant at a recent seminar describes how helpful this information is, "My mother's health and business matters have needed attention for several years. Now, Mom and I can comfortably visit about her needs. I've avoided with these personal issues, almost to the danger point. After attending Glen's seminar, I have a different and positive attitude. Thanks to this presentation, everything is in order with our family, Mom's attorney, CPA and healthcare providers."

Contact Susan Rulla for more information at (806) 775-1720 or Toll Free 866-329-3522 or E-mail [drc@co.lubbock.tx.us](mailto:drc@co.lubbock.tx.us).

## C.P. Cemetery Association Meets Tuesday, September 27

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association will meet Tuesday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall. Information concerning the new cemetery improvements will be discussed. Construction has started on the east side fence and the new entrance sign has been installed. Drive by and see the changes. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## Grands as Parents Meets Tuesday, September 27

Are you worried about your grandchildren and the circumstances they are in?

Are you already raising your grandkids? Are you overwhelmed with this job you have taken on at your age?

What about finances, healthcare, legal problems, custody, discipline?

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** Join other grandparents from this area in a time of support and sharing. Information will be available on services available to grandparents from area agencies.

**Please join us next Tuesday, September 27 at 7 p.m.** For more information call Helen Parson at (254) 725-4422. We are meeting in the old fellowship hall (south-east corner of building) of First Baptist Church. Join our informal support group on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m.

Submitted by Helen Parson

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### SEPTEMBER 24

Sharon Thornton  
Elmer Graham  
Clayton Smart  
Mrs. Sam Clark  
Shirley Simpson  
Faye Smith  
Dianna Mobley  
Eddie Lawayne Rose  
Sheree Knight  
LeaJean Wyatt  
Annie Lee Bickford  
Pauniece Oglesby  
Diane Stewart

### SEPTEMBER 25

Britain Hollingshead  
Shelly (Strength) Taylor  
Steve Strickland  
Mrs. Karon Huckabee  
Bonita Horton  
Richard Allen  
Ed Stephenson

### SEPTEMBER 26

Rusty Dimitri  
R.D. Corley  
Robert Merrill  
Jennifer Pope  
Elaine Denney  
Mrs. Jim Casey  
R.D. Young  
Billy Wayne Teague  
Faye Freeman  
Randy Hunter  
Bob Illingworth  
Erica (Robertson) Allen  
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Marsha Harris

### SEPTEMBER 27

Beth Savell  
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Ray Purvis  
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Jessica Ann Kitchens

### SEPTEMBER 28

Mary Morris  
R.L. Barnett  
Roy Dewayne Merrill  
Debra (Kennedy) Wagner  
Merlin Franke  
Watson Dillard  
Mrs. Hoyt Holcomb  
Linda Hollis  
Starr Scott  
L.D. Proctor  
Darla Holcomb  
Gary Gardner  
David Jones  
Martha Wood

### SEPTEMBER 29

Amber (Williams) Kleiber  
Mark McCowen  
Johnnie Bland  
Luther Knight  
Diane Koenig  
Myrl Glynn Nickerson  
Brenda Weiss  
Russell McNutt  
Gladys Blackwell  
Wanda (Weaver) Hammel

### SEPTEMBER 30

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Velma Lee  
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**Schedule:**

<b>Wednesday September 28</b>	5:30-6:30p.m. Cowboy Campfire Meal 7:00 p.m. Night service with Ray Perryman After Church Campfire Coffee
<b>Thursday September 29</b>	8:00 a.m. Cowboy Breakfast 9:30a.m. Morning Service 5:00 p.m. Arena event ( Calf Scramble) 6:00 p.m. Cowboy Campfire Meal 7:00 p.m. Night services with Ray Perryman After Church Campfire Coffee
<b>Friday September 30</b>	8:00 a.m. Cowboy Breakfast 9:30a.m. Morning Service 5:00 p.m. Arena event (Mutton Bustin) 6:00 p.m. Cowboy Campfire Meal 7:00 p.m. Night services with Ray Perryman After Church Campfire Coffee
<b>Saturday October 1</b>	8:00 a.m. Cowboy Campfire Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Morning Service 10:00 a.m. Horse demonstration Michael Buchanan 11:00 a.m. Concession Stand Opens Children's games(AirCastles, Etc., Face painting 2:00 p.m. Ranch rodeo 5:00 p.m. Evening Campfire Meal 6:00 p.m. Arena Event 7:00 p.m. Evening service After Church Campfire Coffee
<b>Sunday October 2</b>	8:00 a.m. Cowboy Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Morning Service Potluck lunch following Service 2:00 p.m. Playday

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
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SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

**PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)**  
HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

**PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)**  
HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

**PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)**  
HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

**PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)**  
SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

**PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)**  
SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

**PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)**  
HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

**PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)**  
SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

**PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)**  
SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

**PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)**  
HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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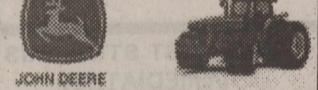
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# Westerman-Jacobs Exchange Vows in Double-Ring Ceremony

Mandee Nicole Westerman and Tony Jacobs, Jr. exchanged wedding vows Saturday, March 12, 2005 in a double-ring ceremony conducted by Rev. Dan Chapman. The wedding was held at the First Assembly of God Church in San Saba.

Mandee is the daughter of Gary and Betty Westerman of Rising Star. Tony is the son of Tony and Janie Jacobs, Sr. of Austin. Grandparents of the couple are Mrs. and Mrs. Noel King of Cross Plains, Manuel and Pauline Soto of Austin, Virgil Jacobs and Joyce Dixon both of Arkansas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Westerman of Rising Star.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. Aspy King followed the bride carrying the train. Mandee wore a strapless, floor-length gown of white satin with a sequin and pearl bodice, a full tulle skirt and cathedral length train. She wore a crystal necklace and earring set given to her by the groom's mother along with elbow gloves accented with pearls and sequins. The floor length veil, made by Shannon, friend of the bride, fell from a crystal tiara. The bride wore the traditional blue garter and carried a handkerchief which belonged to her great-grandmother. The bridal bouquet was purple and lavender spring flowers accented by English ivy.

Tara Bradley of Santa Anna was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Teisha Harrelson of Lubbock, Brandi Goldston of Rising Star, TraDawn Schluzer of Brownwood, Heather Bradley of Santa Anna, and Ashley Cobb of Birmingham, Alabama, all friends of the bride. Each attendant wore lavender floor length dresses and carried small bouquets of purple and lavender spring flowers.

The groom and his attendants wore black tuxedos with silver vests accented with purple rosebud boutonnieres. Best man was Todd Milster of Austin.



MR. AND MRS. TONY JACOBS, JR.

Groomsmen were Michael Rodrigues of Goldthwaite, James Fuller of Brownwood, Will Boswell of San Marcos, and Jeremy Grist of San Saba, all friends of the groom. Landon Westerman, brother of the bride, of Stephenville was also a groomsman. Ben Childers of Lubbock served as usher.

Flower girls were Kynedi Bradley, the brides friend, along with Erin Edmondson and Kaitlyn Jacobs, nieces of the groom. They wore floor length lavender dresses with tulle skirt accented with purple flowers. Ring bearers were Madison Monroe and Dillon Edmonson, niece and nephew of the groom. They were dressed identical to the flowergirls and groomsman.

Music included "Wind Beneath My Wings" which was sang by Michael Vines, brother-in-law of the groom. A reception followed in the San Saba Civic Center featuring country singer Les Hartman. The bride chose an all white three tiered wedding cake with a spiral of lavender flowers, and a waterfall below the bottom layer. The grooms cake was decorated with University of Texas Longhorns. The groom's table also contained a chocolate fountain along with different foods for dipping.

Following a honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico the couple will reside in Leander. Both will help with the operation on Jacobs & Son Co., a landscaping company.

# Cross Plains Roping Club News

The Cross Plains Roping Club will hold a meeting Monday, September 26, at 7 p.m. at the local arena.

All members are encouraged to attend.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Have you ever wondered, as I have, why a young man would attempt to impress a young lady by giving her the chopped off reproductive parts of a flowering plant? The same goes for expressing joys of marriage and motherhood, and the sadness of funerals. Those flowers have done nothing against the giver or the recipient, yet their reproductive organs were lopped off in the full bloom of their short lives.

I think potted plants should be better received, or, in case of a courtship, a packet of seeds to suggest the promise of growing new life together.

No one hears a cry as their sap runs down the scissor blades. Some say plants can't feel; but have you ever watched a sensitive plant, (*Schrankia uncinata*) as it responds to the slightest touch by folding its leaves? Who says other plants don't feel as well, although they move more slowly.

So I suggest seeds for young lovers, potted plants for weddings and births, and plastic flowers for embalmed bodies at funerals and cemeteries. That way nobody gets hurt or deflowered.

Curt Hoskins  
Cross Plains

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## A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

BY JERRY P. BIGGERSTAFF, JR.

Citizens of Cross Plains:

Many of you have told my wife, Chris, and me how much you appreciate the columns from our son, Jay (Jerry, Jr.). His regular column will resume next week. I wanted to take this one to address all of you.

We are very proud of Jay and what he is doing for our country and us. No, it was not his choice to go to Iraq, but it was his choice to join the Army National Guard, knowing that situations like this one could occur.

His feelings for the Iraqi people are mixed; on the one hand he sees what they endured under Saddam and on the other, he doesn't understand why they are continuing to resist the efforts of the U.S. to help. Confusion on these issues is understandable.

A recurring theme in our private communications with Jay concerns how you, the public, feel about the war and the service members involved in it. People like Cindy Sheehan, Jane Fonda and Martin Sheen create doubts in the minds of our "guardians of freedom" and it is up to us to dispel these doubts. The doubts

create severe depression in our soldiers and there is no one they can turn to discuss their feelings, so they just bottle them up inside and when they do come out, the results can be bad.

Cards, letters, e-mail or any other method to let our service members know how we feel, that is what I am leading up to. I will provide an e-mail and a mailing address for Jay and you can send him your thanks if you feel the urge. Even though Jay is only one person in Iraq, he can share your cards and letters with his fellow soldiers. Send them to his address, using his name and put, under his name, "To Any Soldier" or just send them to him. Let them know how much they are appreciated.

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May the Good Lord bless you,

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### WE MUST STOP THIS IMMEDIATELY

Have you ever noticed that when you're of a certain age, everything seems uphill from where you are? Stairs are steeper. Groceries are heavier. And, everything is farther away. Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how long our street had become!

And you know, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in whispers all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same silent message until they're red in the face! What do they think I am, a lip reader?

I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she didn't even recognize me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in so doing, I glanced at my own reflection... Well, REALLY NOW- even mirrors are not made the way they used to be.

Another thing, everyone drives so fast today! You're risking life and limb if you just happen to pull onto the freeway in front of them. All I can say is their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror.

Clothing manufacturers are less

civilized these days. Why else would they suddenly start labeling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices that these things no longer fit around the waist, hips, thighs and bosom?

The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank, but in reverse. Do they think I actually "believe" the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on—but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy, too: they've printed the phone books in such small type that no one could ever find a number in here!

All I can do is pass along this warning: Maturity is under attack! Unless something drastic happens, pretty soon everyone will have to suffer these awful indignities.

Anonymous

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