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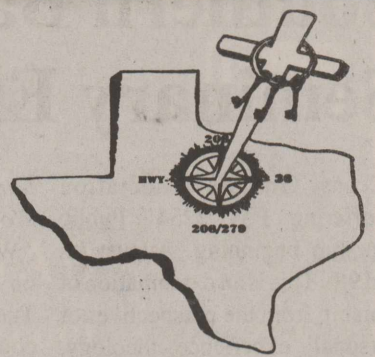
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DOWN HOME

"Hometown Young Lady Dedicated to the Ministry"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Jennifer Long graced our city with her beautiful message in music and Word this past week. I was fortunate to attend the Thursday night meeting at Gospel Mission.

I understanding the salad supper sponsored by the local First United Methodist Church was also a wonderful success. I am continually amazed by the talented people who have come from our little community. Jennifer is the daughter of Tom and Sharon Ames of Cross Plains.

The evening started with some pickin' and grinnin' featuring some local and area musicians. Bobby Jack McCowen (guitar) and Chuck Patrick (guitar) of Cross Plains, Cecil Neff (guitar) of Tuscola, Ashley Matthews (banjo) of Burkett and of course the guest speaker, Jennifer (banjo), pooled their talents to perform some great hymns that everyone was familiar with.

Members of the audience including Maxine Dimitri and Sam Fleming of Cross Plains and Truman and Betsy Matthews of Burkett also sang.

The audience was encouraged to sing along, so all were invited to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Jennifer shared some of her testimony with us and how she came to be a pastor. She currently pastors the United Methodist Church in Cache, Oklahoma and how blessed they are to have such an anointed pastor with a wonderful sense of humor.

She spoke on the subject of "worry". That is something most of us are well acquainted with. Of course, the Bible tells us repeatedly not be anxious for anything and to be of good cheer.

Jennifer explained how Jesus is in His throne room praying for each of us personally. She shared how she was caught in the worry process when she actually heard Christ interceding on behalf of her small son who was hospitalized. I had never heard anyone describe the fact so vivid and that He actually prayed on our behalf. This was very enlightening.

At this point she asked the audience to close their eyes and visualize the throne room of God. She asked if you could see a door? Was the door wooden, metal, glass, etc.? Was your door open, shut or just an opening in a wall? You should try this and find out what you see in your mind's eye.

The door I saw was a huge
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!! ATTENTION !!

Parents - Guardians - Students

There will be a Registration/Academic Organizational Meeting in the H.S. Library August 13th from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for all incoming freshmen and sophomores.

On August 14th there will be a meeting in the Library for the

Commissioners approve flood insurance resolution, flood damage prevention ordinance

Callahan County Commissioners approved two motions relating to flood damage in Callahan County during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, July 30th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn reported damage from the heavy rains which began in Callahan County on June 24th have totalled over \$2.4 million, according to preliminary estimates made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Judge Corn said FEMA representatives were in Callahan County to make a Post Disaster Assessment and said damage to homes, businesses, county roads and city streets throughout the county totalled \$2,437,310.

Judge Corn said FEMA officials reported damage to county roads, bridges and low water crossings totalled \$1,838,010. He said the City of Cross Plains damage amounted to \$168,450, while FEMA officials reported damage in the City of Baird amounted to \$40,900. Judge Corn said the City of Clyde gave no indication of road damages from the heavy rains.

During Monday morning's meeting, Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to pass a National Flood Insurance Program Resolution. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion and it passed with a 3-0 vote.

On a motion by Commissioner Kirkham and a second by Judge Corn, the commissioners' court voted 3-0 to pass a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

The Monday, July 30th commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Judge Corn. Present were Judge Corn, Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

The National Flood Insurance Program resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, certain areas of Callahan County, are subject to periodic flooding, causing serious damages to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Court to require the recognition and evaluation of flood haz-

ards in all official actions relating to land use in areas having these hazards, and

WHEREAS, this body has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to:

CALLAHAN COUNTY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Court hereby:

1. Assures the Federal Emergency Management Agency that it will enact as necessary, and maintain in force, in those areas having flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the criteria set forth in Section 60 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations, and

2. Vests Commissioner's Court with the responsibility, authority and means to:

(a) Assist the Administrator, at his/her request, in the delineation of the limits of the area having special flood hazards.

(b) Provide such information concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) or flood-related erosion areas as the Administrator may request

(c) Maintain for public inspection and furnish upon request, for the determination of applicable flood insurance risk premium rates within all areas having special flood hazards identified on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), any certificates of floodproofing, and information on the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the level of the lowest flood (including basement) of all new construction or substantially improved structures, and include whether or not such structures contain a basement, and if the structure has been floodproofed, the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure was floodproofed.

(d) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) or flood-related erosion areas and cooperate with neigh-

boring communities with respect to management to adjoining floodplain, mudslide, (i.e., mudflow) and for flood-related erosion areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

(e) Upon occurrence, notify the Administrator in writing whenever the boundaries of the community have been modified by annexation or the community has otherwise assumed or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that all FHBM's and FIRM's accurately represent the community's boundaries, include within such notification a copy of the map of the community suitable for reproduction, clearly delineating the new corporate limits or new area for which the community has assumed or relinquished floodplain management regulatory authority.

(f) Submit an annual report to the Administrator concerning the community's participation in the program, including, but not limited to the development and implementation of floodplain management measures.

3. Appoints the County Judge with the responsibility, authority, and means to implement the commitments as outlined in this resolution.

4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the adopted floodplain management measures.

APPROVED:

(s) Roger Corn

DATE Passed: July 30, 2007

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Donna Bell, Callahan County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed by Commissioner's Court at a regular meeting duly convened on the 30th of July, 2007

(s) Donna Bell,
County Clerk

The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on a motion by Judge Corn and a second by Commissioner Kirkham with a 3-0 vote.

Fund-raiser set for Connie Potter on Friday, August 17th

A fund-raiser for Connie Potter, whose house was flooded during the recent rains, has been planned for Friday, August 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains.

A great meal of barbecue and all the trimmings will be furnished. There will be no charge for the meal, but donations will be accepted.

There will be auction items available and you don't want to miss the opportunity to bid on

these. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Shana Hinyard 325-660-5719.

For any other information concerning the event, please contact Teresa Kennedy 254-725-6114 or Matt McGowen 254-725-4599.

The resiliency of this community is once again reflected in the caring of individuals as they organize this benefit. Your support will help Connie restore her home.

Community Cancer Walk Planning Meeting Tuesday

We are making final preparation for our Cancer Walk and we need YOU!

Come to the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. with a willingness to help make this a huge event for Cross Plains.

We still need lots of volunteers to pull this all together—from food booths, to entertainment, to walking teams, to suggestions for our program.

So please come and support your community!

Submitted by
Kathy Purvis

Callahan County Historical Commission to meet Tuesday, August 14 in Clyde

The Callahan County Historical Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Clyde Public Library, 125 Oak Street, Clyde, Texas.

The featured speaker will be Word Estes, a direct descendant

of one of Clyde's earliest settlers, and he will discuss his family's arrival and many contributions to the city's growth.

The public is invited to join us as we honor the 100th Anniversary of the City of Clyde.

Submitted by Beverly Ross

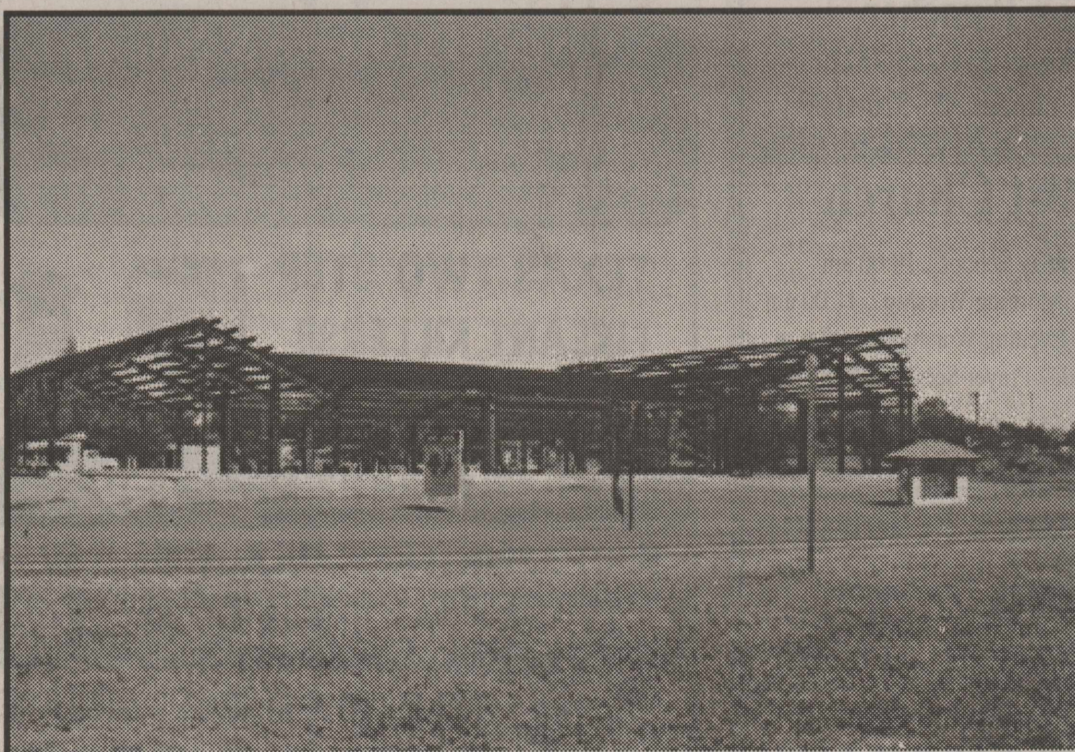
Local Senior Citizens' Center to Host GARAGE SALE on August 24-25 for Renovations

Do you need to clean out your attic or any other cubby holes? If so bring it all over to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center.

The Center is planning a garage sale for August 24th and 25th.

All proceeds will benefit the Center who is in the midst of beautification.

If you have any items that you would like to donate to this cause please bring it by the Center August 8-23, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. We appreciate any and all help with this project.



GOING UP

Construction has begun on the new First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. The church building was a victim of the December 27, 2005 firestorm.

God has provided for us and it is so marvelous to see all the new things that the community has.

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Southern Baptist Seminary Extension

Cross Timbers association is offering **PM 2254 Public Worship** beginning August 7th and 9th. This is an examination of worship from the perspectives of personal experience, theology, psychology, the Bible, Christian history, and music.

Special attention is given to the various elements of a worship service and the development of skills in planning and conducting public worship. The textbook is *Understanding, Preparing for,*

and Practicing Christian Worship, by Segler.

We will meet at Breckenridge on Thursdays and DeLeon on Tuesdays. We should finish the course in early December. If you would like to take part in this study or would like to see about any class forming in your area, contact **Baylis Pope 254-725-7749**.

Submitted by Baylis Pope

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Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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OBITUARIES

Isla Aston Bartley Stroud

Isla Aston Bartley Stroud, age 86, of Cottonwood, Texas passed away peacefully at a family home in Abilene, Texas

Funeral services were held Monday, August 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Cross Plains at Higginbotham Funeral Home with Larry Hooper officiating, assisted by Stan McCormick; burial followed in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Callahan County.

Isla was born August 15, 1920 in Newlynn, Texas to Sam S. Bartley and Una Mae Parks Bartley. She was married to Xana Lee Stroud of Jacksboro, Texas on September 25, 1936, in Tahoka, Texas. They were residents of Cottonwood since 1969 where she was an active member of the Cottonwood Quilting Club. Isla was also a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church and volunteered for the Cottonwood Community Fire Department. She will always be remembered by her family for being a strong, independent woman who worked hard to raise a good family. She will continue to live in our hearts and in our best of memories.

Isla was loving mother to son,

Ray Self

Ray Self, age 64, of Cross Plains, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 1, 2007. Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 6, 2007 at Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Dwaine Clower and Rufus Wilson officiating.

Ray was born to Otis Self and Lora LaVada (Cross) Self on January 19, 1943 in Dennison, Texas. He married Theora May (Cheney) Hitts Self in Stamford, Texas on September 7, 1987. He spent 20 plus years in the Military Service. He enjoyed building things out of wood and

Jimmie R. Stroud and wife Wanell of Odessa; and three daughters, Jeannette Sue Stroud Ray of Cottonwood, Patricia Ann Stroud Morris and husband Wesley of Clyde, and Tammie Lee Stroud Brown and husband Gerry of Abilene.

She is survived by her children; sisters, Jerine Bartley Dorsey of Fort Worth and Loretta Bartley Tekell and husband Wayne of Tahoka, Texas; sisters-in-law, Dean Wright Bartley of Tahoka and Bessie Otwell Stroud of San Angelo. She was a very proud, gracious, and caring grandmother to fourteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren, in addition to numerous nieces and nephews.

Isla was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, one sister, a grandson, and granddaughter.

The family wishes to send a special word of thanks to family friend Viola McClesky and the Somoza family, Dr. Cavouti, and Hendrick Hospice Care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the West Texas Rehab Center, an organization she cared deeply about.

He never met a stranger and was always friendly and outgoing.

Ray is survived by his wife, Theora Self of Cross Plains; sons, Jimmy Ray Self of Austin, Eric VanBraun Self, Shane Cody Self both of St. Sill, Lewis Hitts and Paul Hitts both of Michigan, Foster Hitts of Nebraska, Walter Hitts of Michigan, Jeffrey Hitts of Oklahoma; daughter, Phyllis Dyer of Vernon; sister, Iris Ratliff of Cross Plains; step-mom, Audean Self of Bangs; 3 aunts; 1 uncle; 28 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.



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 Roger Corn, Presiding

Civil Minutes

Misdemeanor Filings

Madeline J. Howard, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Matthew J. Hendricks, DWI.
 Phillip K. Cox, DWI.
 Phillip K. Cox, possession of marijuana.
 Timothy D. Austin, theft by check.
 Rockey W. Gray, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Brandon A. Soto, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$700 fine, \$256 court costs.
 Kunal K. Udeshi, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$1200 fine, \$256 court costs.
 Kunal K. Udeshi, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.
 Cynthia Adams, plea of guilty to theft by check, 30 days in jail, \$206 court costs.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Laci Lea Elskamp and Eric John Elskamp, divorce.
 Cisco Pump, Inc. vs. Mike McConathy d/b/a Petro-Tex Operating Company, default on account.
 Blake Fulenwider, CDJ vs. Texas Department of Transportation, suit for title, 2 counts.
 The State of Texas vs. Ruben Sanchez, motion to set and/or reduce bond.
 Julie Michelle Cooper and Roger Scott Cooper, divorce.
 In Re: Maria De Lourdes Sanders, an adult, name change.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Isla Stroud Laid to Rest in Cottonwood

Isla Stroud age 86, a well known and well loved resident of Cottonwood, was laid to rest in Cottonwood Cemetery on Monday, August 15, 2007. She was married to Xana Lee Stroud in Tahoka, Texas in 1936, and the couple came to Cottonwood in 1969.

Isla Stroud was active in the Cottonwood Quilting Club and the Cottonwood Community Center, and had been a member of the Cottonwood Fire Department. Her husband preceded her in death and she is survived by many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She became a member of the Baptist Church of Cottonwood and will be remembered as a strong, independent woman who worked hard to raise a good family. She will be remembered by her friends and family of Cottonwood with the best of memories.

Cottonwood Historical Association Receiving Updates for 2nd Printing of Cookbook

The Cottonwood Historical Association is receiving updates and revisions for its recently published cookbook, The cookbook has had good sales and the Association has decided to replenish the cookbook by adding pages for new recipes and

Historical Statements of current and former Cottonwood Residents.

Send recipes and a short historical statement to Beverly Brown, 14394 CR 429 Cross Plains, TX 76443. Historical photos are also welcomed. However, *emailed photos do not print well*, so either send in original photos or good copies.

Ethel Champion's Deceased Father Honored

On August 4, 2007, the anniversary of his death in 1966, in the line of duty, Officer Thomas Snyder, father of Ethel Champion, of Cottonwood was honored with a graveside memorial.

Current Police Chief Felix Pantoja of Roscoe, Texas presented a plaque to the family and gave the memorial address. He said, "...so we stand here today, almost 41 years after Officer Snyder's untimely departure, to recall what seemed at the time to be just another simple watchman's tour of duty in a sleepy rural community, and recognize that the daily deeds of our peace officers should never be taken for granted."

(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474, or email at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11039 CR 440, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

RISEING STAR NURSING NEWS

By Nikki Perez

Howdy ya'll. It looks to be a hot week this week. Hope everyone is staying cool. We have a little bit of news this week.

Last Tuesday we went to Cross Plains to the Senior Citizens' Center. We took Jimmielee Payne, Frances (Lurlene) Fortune, Helen Walker and Jerry Holmes. We had a wonderful meal.

On Thursday we had ice cream sundaes. We had strawberry, chocolate, and peaches that Jimmielee had made that morning. Frances Fortune's family came up and enjoyed some sundaes and visited a while with her. Dr. Carpenter even joined us on this occasion.

Friday, August 3rd, one of our employees got hitched. We would like to say congratulations to Robert Lee and his new wife, Heather Lee. Lori Osborn donated a puppy, a pek-a-pom, to them as well. She's a black puppy so they named her shadow.

On August 24th and 25th we will be having western days. On the 24th in the morning we will have a roundup, barrel racing, and calf roping. Prizes will be awarded. Then we will play bingo that afternoon at 2:30. On the 25th we will have a watermelon spittin' contest and we will play horseshoes. Prizes will be awarded as well. At 12:30 we will have a buffalo burger cookout. With all the trimmings.

The Cross Plains Ladies will be here on August 30th at 2:30 to sing for our residents.

We would like to give a special thanks to the recent deceased, Dwayne Marler, for donating a feeder pump. May he rest in peace.

I would also like to thank Ava Dodd for bringing up tomatoes and sharing with all of us.

I would like to thank all of you for reading this article. We will see ya'll next week. Take care and God Bless.



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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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The ad was a little out of season but it was one of a woman with a rather "different" fur coat on, and the caption was, "Teach your old furs new tricks." Then the question, "Do you have a sentimental fur stole, jacket or coat hanging in the closet not being worn?" — and the suggestion, "Let us perform an 'unforgettable transformation' by having our expert furrier convert it..."

Jesus says, "Teach your old self 'new tricks.' Do you have some old lifestyle ways, words or habits hanging in your life? Let My father perform an extraordinary transformation by having them converted into the likeness of His and My ways, words and good habits." It's like what Romans 12:2 says: "...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." — as you "present yourself a living sacrifice...to God..." (verse 1).

Please join us for worship and Bible study as we strive to learn right choices, and "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

After so much controversy and hurt feelings in our community over the last several months, I just wanted to publicly thank the city for making the quality decision to allow our Seniors to remain in their present building.

I appreciate Mayor Purvis' insight to do the best things for our Seniors and for "hearing" public's opinion. This decision fulfills their desire to stay where they are "at home" and happy.

I also appreciate Kathy Anderson for her love and care of our Seniors and for being a great advocate for them.

These Seniors are a wonderful part of our community and the very backbone of our little town. We need to treat them with honor, respect and to grant them their wishes as best we can, whether there are four or forty of them in daily attendance at the Center. The Mayor and city's decision reflect this type of caring and respect.

If you have not seen the printed pictures or the pictures via computer you can't fully appreciate the work the city has done on the roof. Stuart and Doug did a wonderful repair job on the roof and so far it hasn't leaked. This will allow us time to raise the money for a new roof when needed. And hopefully get the roof in 'good standing' with the insurance company.

A committee is being formed to make some improvements inside and outside of the building. We want it to be an attractive, clean fun place for our Seniors to eat and fellowship.

I would also like to encourage everyone to get past the hard feelings and bitterness that this conflict birthed into our town. The roof is fine right now and when the need arises, we will come together to put on a new roof.

The Seniors are content and happy. Now let's try to repair the "broken" and "leaking" relationships and work together to better our wonderful town. Let's try to restore the loving, caring compassionate attitude we had after the fire in '05. "I'm sorry", "Please forgive me" are healing words!

United We Stand...
Divided We Fall! Let's Unite!!
Phil. 2:1-4.
God Bless Cross Plains.
Connie Kirkham

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Teston Family Reunion Held Recently in Cross Plains

The Cross Plains Community Center was the sitting of the 27th reunion of the descendants of the late Elzie and Lila Teston, held July 27, 28, 29. There was a nice crowd and everyone reported a good time.

There was much conversation about happy times that brought back memories of days gone by. This helped bind them together and reinforced their hopes for the future.

Oddie Kivlehen won the quilt. There were several members of the family who had never attended before and we were glad to have them.

Those present were: Oddie Kivlehen, Abilene; S.E. Braly, Spur; Floyd and Diane Carter, Roaring Springs; David and Marsha Kivlehen, Arlington; Lessie Baum, Cross Plains; Casey, Mackenzie and Jonathan Wasson, Abilene; Mark and Chanda Harris, Potosi; Jordan Harris, Abilene; Bill and Barbara Teston, New Deal; Justin Harris, Micael, Valerie and Madelyn Harris, McKinsey; Jeff, Rhonda and Carson Braly, Spur; Leigh and Kaden Kivlehen, Arlington; Bob and Nancy Braly, Cross Plains; Jennie Brooner, John and Janie Fabian, Lubbock; Roy Carter and Roxie Strain, San Angelo; Kenneth and Gayle Lowry, Spring; Matt and Alyssa Lowry, Wimberly; Ashia and Dinas Dominguez and Sophia, Madolyn and Anthony, Humble; Judy Harris, Abilene; Jon Tonne, Cross Plains.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
July 30 - August 3, 2007

Patrons	101
Programs	37
Books Checked Out	130
Copies	17
Reference	6
Internet Users	48

Book Donations: Charles and Lou Rodenberger; Janet Swanson
Volunteers this Week: Jennifer Wootton, Leslie Jones, Kayla Lawrence, Lauren Goode, Katharine Goode, Azalee Womack, Sue Bennett, Wilma Lawrence, Ginny Hoskins, Arlene Stephenson.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Memories

I remember when you had to lick a postage stamp.

Hey, Dad one of my kids asked the other day, what was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?

We didn't have fast food when I was growing up. Grandma cooked it every day and when Grandpa got home from work we all sat down and ate. If I didn't like what was on my plate I sat there until I did like it.

Some parents never owned their own home, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country, or had a credit card. In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was only good at Sears and Roebuck.

My Parents never drove me to soccer practice. That was mostly because we had never heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that probably weighed 50 pounds and only had one speed (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was eleven, but my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue, like the sky. The bottom third was green like the grass, and the middle third was red.

Some people had the lens taped to the front of the screen to make it look larger.

I was thirteen before I tasted my first pizza. It was called "Pizza pie." When I bit into it I burned my tongue and the cheese slid off and plastered my chin but I thought it was the best thing I had ever tasted.

We didn't have a car until I was 15. Before that, the only car in our family was my grandfathers, Ford. He called it a machine.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line.

Pizzas were not delivered to the front door, but milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys. I delivered a newspaper six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which I got to keep 2 cents. I had to get up at 4 am every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorites were the ones who never seemed to be at home on collection day.

If you share these memories with your children, be prepared for them to laugh. "We lived in the olden days."

From the Internet

Down Home

ornate metallic-gold wooden door that was closed, but I knew that all I had to do was push it open.

She expounded on how we need to have faith that we are in His Hands. I think for the very first time, I really grasped the idea of how important it is not to be overly anxious.

Jennifer was able to convey the depth of how much we are loved by our Creator and how truly unique each individual is. "You would have to travel around

the world 7 times to find a DNA or fingerprint even similar to yours," she noted.

It was a delightful evening ending with fellowship and food. There were members from 12 different churches represented.

Michael Ingram, pastor of Gospel Mission, summed it up when he remarked, "The walls of denominationalism are coming down and Christ is preparing to come back to get His Bride (the Church)!"

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
July 30 - August 3, 2007

Patrons	101
Programs	37
Books Checked Out	130
Copies	17
Reference	6
Internet Users	48

Book Donations: Charles and Lou Rodenberger; Janet Swanson

Volunteers this Week:

Jennifer Wootton, Leslie Jones, Kayla Lawrence, Lauren Goode, Katharine Goode, Azalee Womack, Sue Bennett, Wilma Lawrence, Ginny Hoskins, Arlene Stephenson.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

AUGUST 13 - 17

MONDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Vanilla Pudding, Bread

TUESDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Pea Salad, Yellow Squash, Mixed Fruit, Bread

WEDNESDAY - Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich,

Oatmeal Cookie, Apricots, Crackers

THURSDAY-Chicken Spaghetti, Brussel Sprouts, Salad, Pineapple Upside-Down Cake, Bread

FRIDAY- BBQ Brisket, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Apple Crisp, Bread

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HOW FUN!!

Jennifer Wootton demonstrates to the children how to make fun shapes with the food.

Large Crowd enjoys the productive day at Local Library with 'Fun Foods'

"Fun Foods" at the Library brought in a crowd of 26 children last Wednesday when Jennifer Wootton, Family Consumer Science Educator from the Cross Plains High School, gave demonstrations and fun cooking lessons.

The children made delicious ice cream cone cupcakes in the

microwave, which were frosted and sprinkled before eating. They each had the opportunity to squeeze a lemon to get the juice to make fresh lemonade, and they also learned how to make attractive designs and amusing shapes from watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew melons.

This week's program will be "How to Paint a Mural" by Bobby Golson. He will inform the children of the stages from planning and beginning the design to the final results of his artwork.

Next Wednesday the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and Truck will be at the Library. All programs begin at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS

The Summer is quickly coming to an end, and a new marching season is upon us. I hope that each of you had a wonderful summer. It is now time to start making plans for summer band practice.

Summer band will begin on the 20th of August and run through the 24th. Practices will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night.

We will go the full 4 hours each night, so be prepared!

Please make arrangements with employers if you have a summer job, and try to schedule work around these practice times.

Summer band is mandatory! If you have special circumstances please contact me at 725-4838 (home) or (325) 669-0569 (cell). If you have to miss any practice, it will be mandatory to make it up.

If you are planning to be in band and go on a trip in the

spring, you must be in band both semesters. You must also attend the summer band rehearsals. If you wait until the spring to get in, you will not be allowed to go on the trip.

**You need to be at every rehearsal!!!
I cannot stress this enough!!!**

Submitted by Matthew Sowell
Band Director

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 21, 2007 in CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL, 700 N. MAIN STREET CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS 76443. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.90000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.07791/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	(11.77) % (decrease)
Debt service	6.38 % increase
Total expenditures	(10.56) % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$245,037,560	\$350,660,630
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,314,730	\$4,269,910
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$69,293,750	\$76,638,653
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,314,730	\$4,269,910

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$692,712

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operatins	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.12800	\$0.08100	\$1.20900	\$2,349	\$6,554
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.86000	\$0.07131	\$0.93131	\$2,170	\$6,956
Proposed Rate	\$0.90000	\$0.07791	\$0.97791	\$2,284	\$7,044

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$23,723	\$25,358
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$6,350	\$7,823
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.20900	\$0.97791
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$76.77	\$76.50
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$(0.27)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.11796. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.11796.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$800,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$9,900

Hinten Posts Cross Plains ISD given 'Academically Acceptable' rating

The school year is rapidly approaching, so I want to let parents know what supplies are needed for my classes. I look forward to a great year. Thanks for your continued support.

Seventh Grade

Several #2 pencils (mechanical ok as long as lead equals a #2 pencil)

- 1- large pink eraser
- 1- red pen/pencil for grading
- 2- highlighters
- 1- thick spiral notebook or 1 inch polybinder for journal writings and notes
- 1- black or blue ink pen
- Plenty of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1- folder with brads

Eighth Grade

Several black or blue ink pens
Several #2 pencils (mechanical ok as long as lead equals a #2 pencil)

- 1- red pen/pencil for grading
- 2- highlighters
- 1- thick spiral notebook or 1 inch polybinder for journal writings and notes
- Plenty of notebook paper (wide or college ruled)
- 1- folder with brads

Theatre Arts

- Spiral Notebook
- Pens/Pencils
- highlighter

Submitted by Rhonda Hinten

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Fax Any School Related News To Us At 254-725-7225

Cross Plains ISD given 'Academically Acceptable' rating

All four Callahan County school districts received the "Academically Acceptable" accountability rating which was released by the Texas Education Agency last week.

Baird ISD, Clyde CISD, Cross Plains ISD, and Eula ISD were all given "Academically Acceptable" accountability ratings.

Only three of the 12 school district campuses in Callahan County received the "Recognized" school campus accountability rating, while the remaining nine school district campuses were rated as "Academically Acceptable."

In Callahan County, Cross Plains Elementary School, Baird Middle School and Eula Middle School all received the "Recognized" rating.

County school campuses rated as "Academically Acceptable" included: Cross Plains High School, Clyde Elementary School, Clyde Intermediate School, Clyde Junior High School, Clyde High School, Baird Elementary School, Baird High School, Eula Elementary School and Eula High School.

The 2007 accountability ratings for school districts statewide were released Wednesday,

August 1st by the Texas Education Agency.

The TEA rates school districts as "Exemplary", "Recognized", "Academically Acceptable", or "Academically Unacceptable", mostly based on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test scores. TAKS testing is administered in grades three through 11 in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. The subjects tested vary at each grade level.

Statewide, individual schools and districts earned a record number of "exemplary" ratings under the state's four-year-old accountability, according to the TEA.

The number of "Exemplary" ratings may have hit a record statewide this year, but the same wasn't true for the second highest ranking -- "Recognized."

According to a TEA press release, tougher standards this year resulted in hundreds of schools and districts dropping from "Recognized" to "Academically Acceptable."

To earn an "Exemplary" rating, all student groups in a district must have a passing percentage of 90 or higher, among other requirements.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **August 14, 2007**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- * Open Meeting
- * Budget Workshop
- * Read and Approve Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct
- * Adjourn

If, during the course of the

meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on **August 6, 2007**, at **1:30 p.m.**

Jackie Tennison
For the Board of Trustees



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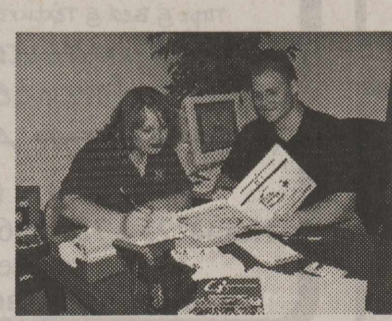

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In some cases, a three-hour hitting camp will be held the same day. The goal of the hitting camp is to help players improve their hitting fundamentals as well as their mental approach as a hitter. Players may attend one or both events.

Events will be held at:

Abilene Cooper HS
Abilene, Texas
Saturday, October 13
Tryout: 12 p.m.
Temple College, Temple Texas
Saturday, August 18
Tryout: 2 p.m.
Camp 10 a.m.
Friendship HS
Wolfforth, Texas
Saturday, August 25
Tryout: 2:30 p.m.

Camp: 9 a.m.
Integrity Park
Argyll, Texas
Saturday, September 15
Tryout: 10 a.m.

Camp: 2 p.m.
Spring Westfield HS
Spring, Texas
Sunday, September 23
Tryout: 3 p.m.

Camp: 11 a.m.
University of Incarnate Word
San Antonio, Texas
Saturday, October 6
Tryout: 10 a.m.
Camp: 2 p.m.

Over the past 8 years, Coast to Coast has taken nearly 1500 players from 46 different states to compete around the world. Currently, our alumni play at every level of college baseball and even professionally. For more information, players can visit our website. Players interested in registering for one or both events may do so on our website or by calling our office.

Payment is not necessary to pre-register.
www.CoastToCoastAthletics.com
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Central Texas Opportunities offering computers to recent graduates

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Community Services is giving away computers to graduating seniors of 2007 that can demonstrate how poverty has touched their lives.

Newly refurbished by Computex, the computers are being awarded to seniors that submit a 1 to 2 page essay explaining why poverty exists in the United States. Students must write what they would do about poverty and how it affected them personally. Winners will be judged on these points.

Central Texas Opportunities has a mission of assisting low income families transfer out of poverty by addressing the households' needs in developing goals for energy self-sufficiency through case management, education and a co-payment utility plan. Assistance provided by the Community Service Block

Grant Program to individuals may be obtaining employment, form completion, referrals, case management, computer access, scholarships and emergency assistance. The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program offers utility assistance to low income elderly and/or disabled households most vulnerable to high cost of energy for home heating and cooling.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS AUGUST 31, 2007. Seniors that graduated in 2007 and are interested in entering the contest should send submissions addressed to Attention: Computer Scholarship Program, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., P.O. Box 820, Coleman, Texas 76834. For more information call Hanna Adams at 1-800-625-4167 for more information.

New Tax Law will not affect teacher salaries in upcoming school year

DALLAS—Moving to clear up confusion about a recent tax law change, the Internal Revenue Service today reassured teachers and other school employees that new deferred-compensation rules will not affect the way their pay is taxed during the upcoming school year.

"Many teachers are busy preparing for the start of school, so we don't want them to be worried about this issue as the summer winds down," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

Recently, the IRS has received inquiries from teachers who had been told that they had to make certain decisions about their pay, this month, or risk severe penalties. At issue is a 2004 law change that applies to people who decide to defer compensation from one year to a future year. In April, the Treasury Department and the IRS issued final rules implementing this law change.

Under the 2004 law, when teachers and other employees are given an annualization election - that is, they are allowed to choose between being paid only during the school year and being paid over a 12-month period - and they choose the 12-month period, they are deferring part of their income from one year to the next. For instance, a teacher who chooses to get paid over a 12-month period, running from August of one year through July of the next year, rather than over the August to May school year, falls under this law.

The IRS clarified that the new rules do not require school districts to offer teachers an annualization election. Thus, school districts that have not been offering teachers this election are not required to start.

School districts that offer annualization elections may have to make some changes in their procedures. The IRS announced that the new deferred-compensation rules will not be applied to annualization elections for school years beginning before Jan. 1, 2008, so school districts and teachers will have time to make any changes that are needed.

More information, including answers to frequently-asked questions is posted on IRS.gov.

4th Annual DOVE Warm-up Scheduled August 18th

The 4th annual Dove warm-up will be held Saturday, August 18th, from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Range between Clyde and Baird off FM 18.

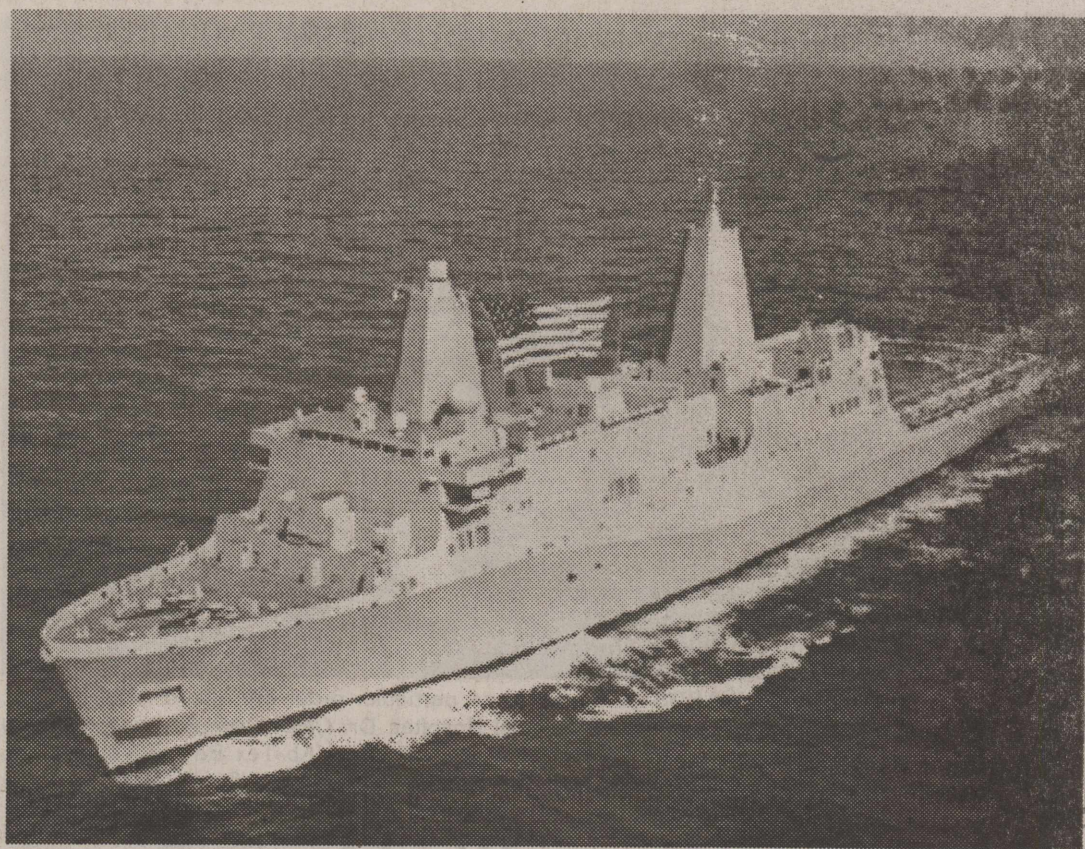
5-stand will be shot by 5 member teams and the cost will be \$125 per team.

Individuals may shoot skeet and/or trap for \$ per round. There will be a Longbird event, 5 birds for \$5.

Prizes will be awarded for 5-stand teams 1st through 3rd. Female individual awards 1st through 3rd, and youth (12 & under) 1st through 3rd. Trap and awards given 1st through 3rd.

There will be a drawing for a shotgun. Number of chances determined by tickets from events shot. The shotgun is donated by White's Drilling/White's RV Park. Other prizes made possible by Blake Fulenwider Chrysler Dodge, Jeep, and 1st National Bank of Baird-Clyde. A concession stand will also be available.

For more information or to reserve 5-stand team times, call Kevin Meier at 672-9521 or 893-2174 after 7 p.m.



Twin Towers Live on

USS NEW YORK—Here SHE is, the USS New York, made from the World Trade Center! It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center. It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters

and assault craft. Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept. 9, 2003, "those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence," recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. "It was a spiritual moment for everybody there. Junior Chavers, foundry opera-

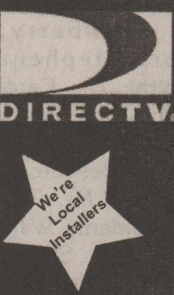
tions manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the "hair on my neck stood up." "It had a big meaning to it for all of us," he said. "They knocked us down, they can't keep us down. We're going to be back." The ship's motto? "Never Forget!" Please print this so everyone can see what we are made of in this country!

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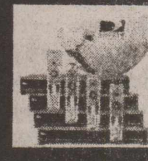
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Board of Directors of the Callahan Appraisal District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2008 budget. The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Appraisal District offices at 132 West Fourth in Baird, Texas on Monday, August 20, 2007. The 2008 budget proposal follows:

Total Proposed Budget \$369,810

This represents a 6.66% increase over the 2007 budget of \$346,700.

Number of employees compensated in 2007 6

Number of employees compensated in 2008 6

The Callahan County Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the district. If approved by the Appraisal District board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the Appraisal District. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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West Central Texas Workforce Board presents Friend of Workforce Awards

Abilene, Texas-- In an effort to show appreciation to the many individuals and organizations who have supported the efforts of the West Central Texas Workforce Center System, the Workforce Board created the Friend of Workforce Award. The five recipients for this award were honored guests at a luncheon on Friday, August 3, 2007. The event was held at 11:30 a.m., in the Taylor Room of the Workforce Center, located at 400 Oak Street in Abilene.

Individuals, groups of individuals, or organizations may be nominated for the Friend of Workforce Award for any of the following: 1) personal or corporate involvement in workforce efforts, 2) positive communication to others

regarding workforce services and the regional workforce system, or 3) creating awareness and/or affecting positive change in the regional workforce. According to Mary Ross, Workforce Board Executive Director, "This award is one way that we can say 'Thank You' to those who partner with us, who promote our services, and who make our jobs easier." Individuals or organizations recognized at the awards presentation were: Mr. Robbie Dewberry, Administrator, Stephens Memorial Hospital; Dr. Carol Dupree, Provost, Cisco Junior College; Mr. David L. Jones, Director of Human Resources, Ab-Tex Beverages; Mr. Tim Manley, Vice-President, Wind Clean Corp; and Ms. Stacey Sparks, Benefits Planner,

Imagine Enterprises.

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is one of 28 boards in the state charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in a nineteen county region. For more information on the Friend of Workforce Award, contact Steve Collins, Business Resource Consultant, for the Workforce Board, at (325) 795-4200 or by e-mail at steve.collins@workforcesystem.org.

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is an equal opportunity employer. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities (1-800-735-2989 TDD or 1-800-735-2988 voice) for accessible communication.

County to participate in Public Assistance Pilot Program

Callahan County Commissioners voted to participate in the Public Assistance Pilot Program in an effort to obtain disaster relief for Callahan County during a commissioners' court meeting held Thursday, August 2nd at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

Also present were Tom Windham, Michael Smith with FEMA, Paula B. Rohne, Jr. with FEMA, Bob Hauser with Texas DPS/DEM, Michael Gullette with FEMA, William A. Ciccarelli with FEMA, Mark Shipman with Texas DPS/DEM, E. Don Andrews with FEMA, County Emergency Management Coordinator Jan Windham, and Court Administrator Cami Robinson.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials met with the commissioners' court to discuss the process for disaster relief for Callahan

County. After much discussion, Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to participate in the Public Assistance Pilot Program. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-0 vote.

Damage from heavy rains, which began in Callahan County on June 24th, have totalled over \$2.4 million, according to preliminary estimates made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. on a motion from Commissioner Farmer and a second by Commissioner Hicks with a 4-0 vote.

Brown Bag seminar to cover new minimum wage law

On July 24, 2007, the new Federal Minimum Wage went into effect. Many businesses may have questions about how the new wage will affect them. Does the new law apply to every business? Which workers are covered? How does it affect full-time students or workers who receive tips? What other exemptions may apply?

If you would like more information about the new federal minimum wage and how it will affect your business, you are invited to attend a brown bag lunch on August 23, 2007. Locations for the Brown Bag are the Workforce Center in Abilene, Western Texas College in Snyder, Winters High School in Winters, the Brownwood ISD Administration Building in Brownwood, and TSTC in Breckenridge. The cost is only \$10. Call Robert Puls, Business Development Consultant, at (325) 795-4200 for more information.

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Scenic Trip to Canada Discovered Beauty and Patriotism in States Along the Way

By Rhonda Crawford

I am the daughter of Eugene and Nelda (Woody) Wilcoxon. My husband Don and I just returned from a wondrous 2,700 mile one-way car trip across America and the southern regions of Ontario Canada (we flew back home). This tour took us from our home near Austin across part of Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, around the northern and eastern shores of Lake Huron, and over to Toronto and Niagara Falls on the western shore of Lake Ontario. This marvelous trip was a meandering sight-seeing trip on which the emphasis was "seeing" rather than merely getting there.

In Arkansas we visited Hot Springs and from the top of the Hot Springs National Park tower we could see seven rows of rolling mountain ranges fading slowly away into the foggy haze that lay below us. Initially I was terrified of the height of the tower but once I saw the gorgeous view, I forgot my fear, that is until I had to go back down in the glass elevator.

We crossed the grand border of the Mississippi over an awesome bridge and went to Graceland to hunt for Elvis. We didn't find him, but we did find the awesome columns and vast wings of his little cabin there, along with the beautiful trees and manicured grounds of the estate, the innumerable scribbled expressions of love and devotion of fans on the stone walls surrounding Graceland, the turquoise '57 Chevy convertible, and the jet liner emblazoned with "Lisa Marie" on its nose.

Then we went onto Nashville and spent time at the amazing Parthenon, a 2/3rd scale exact replica of the ancient Greek Parthenon in Athens. The grandeur of this replica made it hard to comprehend that the original, constructed more than 2500 years ago, is 50 percent larger than the Nashville structure that dwarfed its human visitors.

We drove out to he new "Grand Ole Opry" and the Gaylord Grand Ole Opry convention center and resort. The original Grand Ole Opry, a warehouse structure in downtown just a few blocks from the state capitol, let me just say—because I can't find words to describe the fabulous nature of the new Opry and its surroundings—this ain't ANYTHING like the old one. For those who loved country before it was cool, this place will make you burst with pride.

Then it was on to Cookeville, then heading north through the eastern stretches of the Smoky mountains with its renowned smoke blue haze lying gracefully over its peaks and valleys, and then into Kentucky and the bluegrass, horse racing country of Lexington.

Beautiful horse ranches and horses were everywhere. We visited several incredible race tracks and discovered the previously unknown to us, incredible "Castle Farm of Thomas R. Post, the newspaper man. This castle was an authentic, full-size medieval castle with massive gates, battle turrets at the corners, along with perimeter walls and the majestic conical spires—right out children's story books—rising above the interior building. This was the most authentic looking castle we had ever encountered in

America, and it was so astounding that we are amazed it is not a better known "have to see" site in Kentucky. Its worth going out of your way just to let your kids see it.

From Lexington we headed north through Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. In Ohio, we saw the John Glen museum with the capsules from his Gemini mission and the Apollo lunar module. Then on to the industrial, and seemingly economically depressed areas of Cincinnati, Toledo and Detroit. Cincinnati included the three rivers convergence at Three Rivers Stadium, and majestic old building looking much more ancient than anything found in Texas metropolis. Detroit had the phenomenal river front development with its casinos and convention center looking out across the Detroit River at Windsor, Canada.

Instead of heading east into Canada, we headed up I-75 to Bay City, Michigan, at the southern tip of beautiful Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron. We took the slow route along the western shore of Lake Huron to Mackinaw City and the incredible five-mile extension Mackinaw bridge which spans the Mackinaw straits that link Lake Huron with Lake Michigan.

Overlooking these straits is the idyllic Mackinaw Island, on which no motor vehicles are allowed, limiting transportation to foot, horse, horse drawn carriage or bicycles. This historic hotel, the largest wood building in the world with the world's largest, 600 foot porch lined with huge rocking chairs, sits majestically overlooking the absolutely deep blue water of the Straits of Mackinaw and the ships of the world passing through that treacherous channel.

We continued on I-75 to Sault Saint Marie, a city spilt by the U.S.-Canadian border long its channel and ship locks that link Lake Huron with Lake Superior. On the Canadian side we picked up Canadian Hwy 17 and headed east long the channel by the northern shore of Lake Huron that is formed by the historic islands of Drummond and Manitoulin lying just south of the shoreline. At Espanola, we headed south on Highway 6, crossing over Manitoulin island to its southern most point at South Bay Mouth, a dreamy little village that has only 50 residents who stay there year round.

Twenty-five miles south across Lake Huron lay the city of Tobermory at the northern point of Grey Bruce Peninsula. We could have driven 450 miles around Georgian Bay, however connecting South Baymouth on the north to Tobermory is the huge Chi-Cheemaun ferry. This hold not just cars and pickup trucks, but camper, trailers and even those massive tandem trailer 18-wheelers (which Canada have 8-wheel-axles along their full length, making them 34-wheelers plus 16-wheel tandem trailers, themselves quite a sight).

Once off the Chi-Cheemaun we continued down the Grey Bruce peninsula until we reached the unbelievably beautiful little city of Owen Sound where we stayed a few days. During that time, we took a one day tour down to see the shoreline of Toronto on Lake Ontario, the awesome Niagara Falls (U.S. and Canadian sides), and then drove along the Niagara River that flows north out of Lake

Erie, over the falls, and then some 20 miles north into Lake Ontario at the beautiful Canadian arts community of Niagara On The Lake.

After returning to Owen Sound for a few more days, we returned to Toronto, went through customs, almost missed our plane, flew back to DFW and then drove back to the Big Country of West Texas. We are glad to be back home, but you can tell we had a marvelous trip.

But all the "tourist" sites and places I have described, though wonderful, were not the thing that made the trip so special multi-faceted, ever changing, breath-taking beauty of this land we are privileged to call home, America. As one travels, a dynamic vista like an ever-changing kaleidoscope unfolds before him: from the majestic desolate vistas of Big Country, into the rolling hills and Piney Woods of East Texas, and then into the amazingly dense forests, streams, and reddish rock cliffs of Arkansas.

As one crosses the Mississippi, like the Ole Man River, the beauty of America keeps gently rolling along in Tennessee, with the rolling hills, and freshly mowed fields (yes, they mow huge uncultivated pastures—not a weed to be seen standing anywhere—it brings wonder as to why, but it is beautiful), endless lakes and rivers, and dense woodlands covering mountains and deep forges and ravines of Tennessee. On seeing it, one cannot help but wonder: "How did the pioneers ever get through or keep track of where they were?"

In Kentucky, the mowed pastures lined with endless white wood fences and filled with stunningly beautiful horses fades into rich bottom lands where on a remote road one suddenly happens upon the log cabin home of Abraham Lincoln where he lived until he was 11 years old.

And soon those bottom lands fade into the endless farms of Ohio and their classic red barns and never-ending fields containing hundreds and hundreds of rolls of baled hay, Holstein and Angus cows and Clydesdale mares and their huge colts who in spite of their size still have that cut baby look.

In Michigan the huge rolling hills of forests continue right up to a shoreline of large grey stones and boulders leading into the richest deep blue waters one can imagine speckled with the ever-present sea gulls, and the endless species of song-birds including the constant fluttering and singing of red-wing black birds constantly singing in their high pitched voices, something almost totally missing in the south in the last 50 years. In Michigan there are dozens of historic lighthouses that carry our spirits back in time.

The second thing that struck us once we left the interstates, taking the slower scenic routes, is that middle America, the America that built American freedom and greatness, still exists. At endless remote gas stations and remote stores at isolated intersections of country roads, we encountered hundreds of friendly and hard-working people who had a cheerful greeting, willing to give directions to a stranger, and who seemed to be happy in their work.

It was greatly different—and better, more refreshing, and more encouraging—than the America presented to us by the mainstream

media.

The third thing of which we took great notice and joy was the love of this nation exhibited by endless Americans in fly-over country. Beginning as we entered Tennessee and continuing through Kentucky, Ohio and all the way through Michigan, were endless flags virtually on every third house. There were big flags, huge flags and little flags on porches and flag poles in front yards.

There were flags on mailboxes, on farm wagons, on old wagon with horse powered wood cutting machine, on children's train homemade out of barrels and drawn by a tractor, on miniature and large replicas of the statue of liberty, on sides of barns, painted on entire roofs of homes and business, on trees and picnic tables, painted as the entire body of cars in Toledo, hanging from huge derricks out OVER freeways in Cincinnati and Detroit, painted on huge oil tanks at refineries in Ohio and Michigan, as the clothing of full-sized dolls by drive-ways in upstate Michigan, add infinitum.

And there were not just the stars and stripes. There were Statues of Liberty and Bald Eagles painted everywhere, along with Uncle Sams and MIA and POW signs and declarations that we would never again forget out soldiers painted on barns and building everywhere.

My husband would stop and talk to these people. They all had out these flags, symbols and signs because they love America, are grateful for the privilege of living here, and are grateful for our military who purchased our freedom with their blood, sweat and tears. It was inspiring to hear their stories. And it, with the beauty of the creation and the genuine warmth and goodness of the American people, were the most memorable and rewarding aspects of our trip.

Big Country Beef Cattle Conference is Thursday

The Big Country Beef Cattle Conference will be held Thursday, August 9th at the Taylor County Expo Center Big Country Hall beginning at 8:00 a.m. Registration after August 3rd or at the door is \$15.00 per person. Registration includes entire program and noon meal. To preregister contact the Taylor County Extension Office at (325)672-6048 and send check, made payable to Extension Council, to the Taylor County Extension Office at 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, Texas 79602.

The morning session will include: Future of the cattle industry. Herd Health Management.

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Afternoon session includes: Utilization of small grains by beef cattle.

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Red Cross plans several safety classes

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Tuesday, August 14th- Babysitters Training, cost \$35.00.

Wednesday, August 15th- Pet First Aid and Longfellow's Whale Tales, cost \$15.00.

Thursday, August 16th- Masters Of Disasters, cost \$10.00.

Camp will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. daily and participants will need to bring a sack lunch every day.

The Babysitting class is designed to provide individuals, ages 11-15, with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism; basic care; safety and safe play; and first aid.

Pet First Aid teaches basic

first aid and proper care of household pets such as cats and dogs and this class is designed for ages 5-15.

Longfellow's Whale Tales is a fun, interactive water safety class for intended for ages 5-15.

Masters of Disasters teaches preparedness for disasters such as tornados, wildfires, lighting, floods, home fires as well as home safety for ages 5-15.

Class size is limited and prepayment is required to register a participant. You may register by coming by the American Red Cross office at 1610 North Second Street or by calling 325-677-2622. Participation in the health and safety programs enables the Local American Red Cross to provide disaster services within the community. We truly value your support!

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Merlin George Franke, deceased, were issued on March 26, 2007, in Cause No. 5654 pending in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, to: Larry Eugene Franke,

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Any person indebted to said Estate is hereby notified to pay same to Larry Eugene Franke, Independent Co-Executor Estate of Merlin George Franke, P.O. Box 310706, New Braunfels, Texas 78131.

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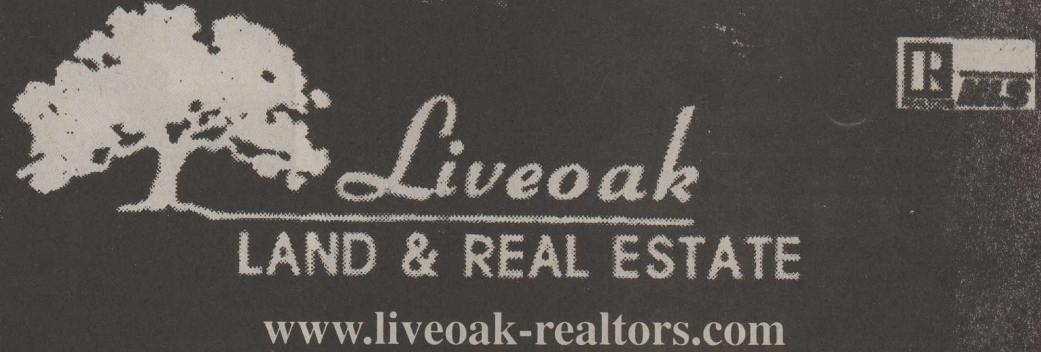
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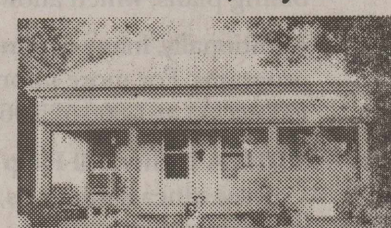
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Clark-Mauricio United in Marriage on July 7th

Melissa Clark and Hugo Mauricio, both of Cross Plains, were united in marriage on July 7, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Matt McGowen officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Erwin and Donna Clark of Cross Plains. The groom is the son of Angel and Marina Mauricio also of Cross Plains.

Melissa was escorted by her father, Erwin Clark. The brides

maid of honor was Nikki Clark and bridesmaid was Angela Williams. The groom's best man was Sean Jones and the groomsmen were Jamie Mauricio. The couple's daughters, Alexis and Hailey, served as flower girls.

Following the ceremony and reception, the bride and groom enjoyed a honeymoon to Galveston Island.

The couple will reside in Cross Plains.



KIWANIANS LEARN ABOUT CHILDREN'S LEARNING PROGRAM—Linda Burns, Librarian, told the Kiwanis Club about the exciting program for kids, at the Cross Plains Public Library. The LAP program this year started with a program on meteorology by Randy Turner, one on oceanography by LeaJean Wyatt, DPS by Jim Cook, with future programs on mural painting and horseshoeing. She was the guest of Charles Rodenberger.

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Paul Wright
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Kati Wooten
Junior Brown</p> | <p>AUGUST 17
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It's A Girl!

Courtney Johnston and Landon Westerman are happy to announce the birth of their little princess,
Keara Duff Westerman.
Keara was born July 11, 2007 at 7:21 p.m. at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Proud maternal grandparents are Patrick and Duff O'Dell of Grapevine, Marc Johnston of Watauga, TX and Ronda Worth of Caro, MI. Paternal grandparents are Betty Westerman of Cross Plains and Gary and Denise Westerman of Rising Star. Great-grandparents are Yvonne "Mimi" Johnston of Grapevine, Jeanette Worth and Truman Worth of Caro, MI. Paternal great-grandparents are Noel King of Eastland, and the late Alma King, and Sybil and L.D. Westerman. Keara was also welcomed by her Aunts Megan Johnston and Mandee Jacobs along with her cousin and future best friend Kinlee Jacobs. The new little family will make their home in Stephenville while Mommy and Daddy finish college at Tarleton State University.

CALLAHAN COUNTY DPS REPORT

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 29, 2007 through August 4, 2007 include:
Cases Investigated
Warnings—47
Complaints—27

DWI—2
Possession of Marijuana—1
Public Intoxication—1
Vehicle Accidents
There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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99 Taurus,V6, looks,runs good, cold air, Car #35	\$2,150
00 Taurus,V6, Looks,runs fair to good, cold air, Car #22	\$2,750
00 Lincoln Town Car,Loaded, Super Nice & clean	\$6,995
04 Ford Crown Victoria,43K miles, Super Nice in & out, Wifes Car	\$9,800
98 Ford Contour,4cyl,4DR, looks,runs good (Silver Green)	\$2,750
96 Mercury cougar XR7,Looks, Runs good (White)	\$2,450
91 Mercury Cougar XR7,Special Bostonian Edition (Silver w/Blue top)	\$2,150
88 Chrysler 5th Ave,Under 100,000, Looks very nice inside & out	\$1,295

VANS & SUV'S

01 OLDS Bravada,V6, Auto, cold air, new tires, runs,looks super good, Power leather seats, 4DR, Fully loaded (Gold)	\$6,450
00 Ford Explorer,V6,4DR, cold air, AM-FM-Cassett, Looks,runs good (Red)	\$6,250
99 Ford Explorer,V6,Sport,power seats,new tires,clean, runs good	\$5,995
99 Ford Explorer,V6,Sport,cold air, looks,runs good (Red)	\$5,995
97 Ford Explorer 4x4,4DR, V6, looks,runs good (White)	\$4,750
01 Ford Windstar,V6, cold air, looks,runs very good	\$5,750
99 Ford Windstar,V6, cold air, 7Pass, looks,runs good (Burgandy)	\$5,450
95 Dodge Grand Caravan,V6, looks, runs good (Red)	\$1,595
90 Dodge Conversion Van,V8, Auto, 3rd seat makes bed	\$1,295
90 Dodge 15Pass Van,All seats very good, very nice inside & out (White)	\$1,595
79 Chev. Suburban, in Fair Condition (Red)	\$895

DIESELS

00 Ford F350 Super Duty Power Stroke,6spd, fully loaded, Western Hauler type bed, chrome wheels, new tires, H.D. grill guard, capt. chairs (Red)	\$10,500
00 F350 Power Stroke Crew Cab, 6spd,looks,run good (White)	\$8,500
99 F250 Super Duty Power Stroke,185K miles,new Auto, 4DR (Gold)	\$8,950
99 F250 Power Stroke Super Cab,6spd, 4DR, High Miles, Runs good	\$5,500
97 F250 Super Cab Power Stroke,5spd,runs good (White)	\$5,750
95 F250 Super Cab Power Stroke,5spd,cold air, looks,runs good	\$5,250
94 F250 Turbo Diesel Super Cab,5spd, cold air	\$3,950
90 F350 4x4 Turbo Diesel,5spd,flat bed, dual rears, looks,runs good	\$4,250
91 F350 Super Cab Dually,(Black)..... Was 3,250.SPECIAL	\$2,750
85 Ford F350 Diesel,90 model cab & front end, Hyd. wheel lift	\$2,500

GAS TRUCKS

01 Ford F150,4DR, Super Cab, V8, Auto, Super Nice Truck	\$5,950
97 F 250 Crew Cab,4DR, V8, Auto, chrome wheels, cold air, nice truck	\$4,950
95 Chev 3/4 Ton Ext Cab,V8, Auto, runs good, weak paint	\$2,395
91 Ford F250,V8, Auto, runs good, looks fair (Tan).Was.\$1,395.....Now	\$1,295
91 F250,V8, 5spd, Looks, Runs good (Tan)	\$1,295
87 F150,V8, Very clean and good truck (Tan & Brown)	\$1,295

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84 F250 Super Cab 4x4,Wrecker, everything works good (Tan),Special	\$2,250
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Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

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

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

Need some help?

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

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

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