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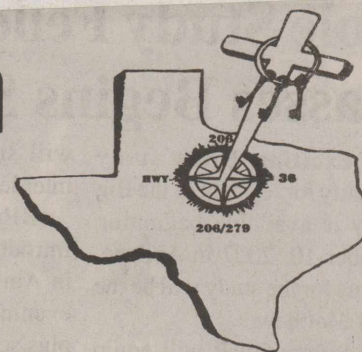
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CPISD School Board Gives Cross Plains Review 2007 Media Award

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

For the first time ever, the *Cross Plains Review* was presented with a 'Media Honor Roll' Award by the Cross Plains ISD on August 16, 2007. The *Review* was recognized for its "fair and balanced reporting, providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, parents and patrons."

Board Member Kim Crockett presented the award by reading, "If every district took the time to acknowledge the media when they do a good job, the view of public schools could be drastically different. We appreciate these reporters for their fair and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes

achieved by local teachers and students. Their work adds local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public school we can for every child."

Crockett then added, "Thank you for your service to our school and our Community." Special Writer, Deborah Lowitzer thanked the Board and accepted the award on behalf of the newspaper.

Board President Frankie Hyles thanked those from the public who took the time to show up and be a part of the meeting. He encouraged those attending by saying, "Thank you all for being a part of what's going on here in our school, and showing the interest you do."

Let Us Pray
In Open Forum, Tina Bradley asked if she could pray a blessing over the children, teachers,

faculty and school for the coming year. In her prayer, she asked that CPISD would have favor with the LORD, and that the school would be known not just for its TAKS scores, but for its love of God.

Bradley asked that when people stepped into the school's atmosphere, they would have peace and be able to feel God's Presence. She ended with, "Let this be a place that's a banner for You LORD."

Discussion was held regarding The Right of Student Religious Expression. The "Alternative" policy was adopted concerning this issue. It was stated that if the students of Cross Plains wanted to pray, then they would have the free expression to do so with the Board's approval. Students may

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

Lots of goodies have been flowing into the Senior Center for their Garage Sale scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A Bake Sale will also be held during this time. If anyone would like to donate a baked good for this worthy cause, it would be greatly appreciated. Select a tasty dessert for the upcoming weekend.

Local and area citizens have been graciously donating items for the sale. There is a wide

variety to choose from including glassware, lamps, twin bed mattress/box springs, cookware, pressure cookers for canning, all kinds of decorating items, and MORE!!!!!!

Don't forget to stop by and shop. All the proceeds will benefit the Senior Citizens' Center Beautification Project. Volunteers are planning renovations for the Senior Center to make it more attractive and pleasant for the senior community residents.



FAMILY—Kara Potter, Connie's daughter-in-law (from left), Connie Potter (honoree), Rickie Brown (Connie's daughter) and Dena Nickerson (Connie's mother).



GREAT FELLOWSHIP—Mardell Harmes (from left), Mary Jones, Ann Beeler, Kenneth Beeler, Melissa Richards and Nora Odom enjoyed the wonderful food during the benefit dinner.

Connie Potter Benefit Dinner/Auction a Success

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The Benefit Dinner and Live Auction for Connie Potter was a great evening of good food and fun as community residents came together to assist one of their own.

Over \$4,300 was raised from the barbecue dinner and live auction.

The barbecue brisket and sausage was prepared by Dana Hall, while the potato salad, coleslaw and beans were prepared and donated by various ladies of the community. May Parker made the Mexican apple and peach cobbler for dessert. All the food was delicious!

Kerry Mann provided musical entertainment on the piano before the auction began.

Individuals volunteered to assist in the serving and cleanup after the meal. Others helped with the auction. It is wonderful to see the caring attitudes reflected in the service to others.

The generosity of many was evident with the tables full of items to auction, plus a table of

baked goods. The auctioneer was Wendell Draper and he was very entertaining. He kept the auction running smoothly.

Connie appeared overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness of the community. The funds raised will help her restore her home or replace furniture lost during the flooding of her home. Giving always bring out the best in everyone. Happiness was mirrored in the faces of those who attended and gave with caring hearts.

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Editor's Note: The other day I asked you to picture the Throne Room of God and I hope you took time to do that. Now take a few minutes and try to picture what might happen in Heaven when the prayers are being sent up. Compare your vision to the dream someone recorded below. The dream appears very realistic and should motivate all of us.
Vanda Anderson

"What Happens in Heaven"

I dreamed that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side in a large workroom filled with angels.

My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting our petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them."

I noticed again how busy it was there. Many angels were working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally, at the farthest end of the long corridor, we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing.

"This is the Acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted. He seemed embarrassed. "How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings they ask for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked. "Simple," the angel answered, "Just say thank you Lord."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of this world," the angel stated.

"If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy," the angel continued.

"And if you have a computer, you are part of the 1 percent in the world who has that

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City Council Forgives Alleged Overcharge

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

Rick Potter discussed the Annual Railroad Commission Audit for Dal-Mar Energy. Mr. Potter requested that the Council forgive the \$14,465.01 that the Railroad Commission says Dal-Mar owes its customers. Mr. Potter reminded the Council that he had met previously with them in 2003 for this same request.

Potter explained that if Dal-Mar is required to refund the amount the Commission says they owe, then they will have no other option than to start selling all of their gas to Enbridge. He stated that this will result in approximately a \$1.86 per MCF, per customer increase in Cross Plains customers bill.

Potter pointed out that it would not be in their customer's best interest if Dal-Mar is forced to bill the way the Railroad Commission says they should be billing.

Mr. Potter stated that Dal-Mar

would like to continue to bill their customers as they are currently doing. Potter assured, "We're giving them a 20 percent discount on any gas that Gaylyn sells to Dal-Mar."

James Nichols moved to grant the waiver of \$14,465.01 that the Railroad Commission says Dal-Mar owes its customers. Peg Terrell seconded the motion and it carried.

Housing Ordinance

Dean Pittman asked the City Council if they'd consider letting him move his "well-built, well-kept" 14' wide mobile home into the city limits of Cross Plains. He said it had a 6' overhang and a nice porch with underpinning. Mr. Pittman explained he needed to be closer to family and also had medical reasons for wanting to move here.

Mayor Ray Purvis explained that after the fire in 2005, the City had instituted an ordinance to help beautify the town. The ordinance states that new mobile homes set

up in the City limits of Cross Plains must be at least 16' wide. The only exception was residents who lost a mobile home (less than 16') in the fire could replace theirs with one the same size or larger.

Pittman responded that his mobile home is very nice and in very good shape and he has seen some houses in worse shape here in town.

City Administrator Debbie Gosnell

added that there have been several others who have requested the same thing, but have been turned down too. "If we make an exception for you, we'll have to make an exception for all of those too, and that would defeat the ordinance," Gosnell stated.

Pittman said, "I don't understand. It's just a 2-foot difference. I already have this house. I'm too old to start over. Ya'll need to help people move in here."

Mayor Purvis asked him if he had looked for land outside of the city limits. Pittman responded

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Cancer Walk Needs Relay Teams for Upcoming Event

We would like to encourage families, church groups, organizations and businesses to enlist relay teams for the upcoming Cancer Walk September 22. Walking maybe done in memory of loved ones lost to cancer, cancer survivors or those currently fighting cancer.

The walk will begin next to Dollar General at 5:00 p.m., proceeding down Avenue D and continuing at the football field.

Teams may have as many

members as they would like. Donations to the local Cancer Fund by the teams may be done in numerous ways: by each member, by the team as a whole, or by pledges from outside the team.

The walk will begin at 5:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. We encourage the teams to walk the entire time but it is not mandatory. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

A team captain is requested to sign them up and collect the

donations funds for the team. You may wear matching shirts if you would like.

Individual walkers are also welcome and encouraged to join the walk at any time. Please sign up by notifying Dannes Turner, Roxie Thomas or Cindy Payne.

A current list of teams include The Duke Family; Texas Heritage Bank; Cottonwood Baptist Church; Methodist Church; and Kelli Switzer.

Everyone is encouraged to VOLUNTEER for this Community Project!

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Wednesday mornings (women's and pre-school); please call 325-692-3192 for more information.

Submitted by
Joyce Mundy
Class Administrator

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Wednesday Night Bible Study...7:00 PM



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Pastor Max Evans

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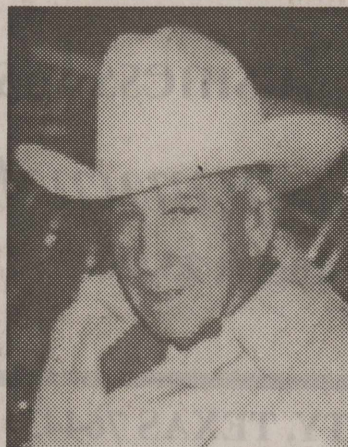
Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES



Fred Carlton Klutts

Longtime resident and rancher in Hamilton, Texas passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2007. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 18, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Todd Pylant officiating. Burial was in Cottage Hill Cemetery in Shive, Texas. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Fred was born March 23, 1921 in Dressy, Callahan County, Texas to Carl and Jessie Long Klutts. He farmed in Callahan County, worked in the copper mines in Bisbee, Arizona and then settled in Hamilton County where he ran a successful ranching operation until he retired in 1999. At that time he moved to Wheatland, Texas to be near the extended family he loved so much.

In the 1950's he was Deputy Sheriff of Hamilton County and served on the Pottsville School Board. For 20 years he served on the Board of Directors of the Production Credit Association.

Fred was loved and admired by his family and friends and he in turn loved them. His greatest joy came from his relationship and time spent with his adoring family who will deeply miss him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Goldia Edington and Wilda Edington, a brother, Barney Klutts, and grandson, Jeffrey Vick.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Wynell Nettleton Klutts, three daughters, Donna Vick, Paula Fuqua and husband Joe, and Jan Mckee and husband Danny and son Michael Kornegay and wife Judy, grandchildren, Sammy Vick, Russell Fuqua and wife Amy, Steven Fuqua and wife Tonya, Scott Fuqua, Nicole Minter and husband Stephen, Alexis Mckee, Wendi Sorage and husband Chris; great-grandchildren, Channing and Brady Vick, Melinda and Anthony Fuqua, Sabrina and Courtney Fuqua, Kaylee Sorage; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to James L. West Hospice House, 1111 Summit Avenue, Ft. Worth, Texas 76102.

Lillie Mae Reed

Lillie Mae Reed, 73, of Sweetwater, passed away August 14, 2007 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 19, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Roby with Ted Posey officiating. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Lillie was born July 10, 1934 in Stamford, Texas to Herman Karl Raphael and Alvina Schaae. She grew up in Stamford and graduated from Stamford High in 1951. In 1952 she married B.W. Reed of Sylvester.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Willie Karl, Herman Frederick and Glen Raphael, step-mother, Emma Raphael and in-laws, James Robert and Velma Reed.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Schroedter and husband, Bobby of Roby; sons, Jimmy Reed of Roby, Gary Reed and wife, Jill of Abilene and Larry Reed and wife, Dana Sue of Roby; grandchildren, Shawna Runyan and husband, Zane of Roswell, N.M., Nikki Reed of Cross Plains, Cody Reed of San Diego, CA, Brandon Reed of Dallas, Tara Schroedter (along with her special dog, Cheyenne) of Roby; great-grandchildren, Michelle and Blaze Runyan of Roswell, N.M., Devin, Gabby and Savannah Perez of Cross Plains; sister-in-law, Mary Raphael of Lubbock; step-sisters, Mae Stegemoeller, Dorothy Clark and Ruby Olson; step-brother, Leslie Baitz; numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Cody Reed, Zane Runyan, Garland Raphael, Brandon Reed, Scooter Stuart and Roy Schroedter.

Down Home

opportunity. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day," he said.

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 700 million people in the world," the angel explained.

The angel said, "If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare. If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair," he declared.

OK, what now? How can I start? If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Remember how blessed we all are and send in some acknowledgments to God.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Colby R. Stevenson, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Douglas M. Brady, Ct. I - driving while intoxicated (DWI), Ct. II - unlawfully carrying weapon.
Justin Lee Nichols, DWI.
David P. Bryan, DWI.
Michael A. Williams, DWLI.
Scott B. Nelson, DWI.
Manuel M. Ortiz, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Rachel Murray, motion to be released off bond granted.
Michael Ray Whitmire, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant.

Seth Bryan, motion to revoke probation granted.

David Williams, Jr., plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine, \$215 court costs.

Rockey W. Gray, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, defendant sentenced to prison.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Justin Todd Rodriguez; James J. Connally; Dusty Cooper; Billy Cortez; Efrain Velez, Jr.; Timothy Dale Reed.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Tyrann Lange; Suzie Fortney.

Monica Elena Moreno, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to jail.

Sandra M. Carter, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to jail.

Kaci Ann Echols, order amending conditions of probation.

Rick Flores, order amending conditions of probation.

Scott Nelson, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 30 days in jail, \$381 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Billy R. Bisbee II of Weatherford and Jamie A. Bisbee of Cisco.

Calvin E. Chapman of Clyde and Ineke A. Vandenvrijhoef of Eastland.

Jonathon A. Tibbit and Jolie L. Rose, both of Clyde.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

Monica Self vs. Lonnie McNulty, breach of contract.
Melba Linda Roberts and Cody Alan Roberts, divorce.

Commissioners to approve budget, tax rate at August 30th meeting

Callahan County Commissioners will vote to adopt the tax rate and approve adopting the budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year during the commissioners' court meeting to be held on Thursday, August 30th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, August 20th during the commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Before approving the tax rate and adopting the budget, the commissioners' court held a public hearing on the tax rate. No one spoke during the public comment portion of the public hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to adopt the tax rate for Thursday, August 30th at 9:00 a.m. The commissioners' court are expecting to set a total tax rate of .38308 cents per \$100 of property value. The tax rate is .03389 cents per \$100 of property value lower than last year's tax rate of .41697 cents. This year's proposed tax rate includes .28957 cents per \$100 of property value for the County's General Fund and .09351 cents per \$100 of property value for the

Road & Bridge Fund.

On a motion by Commissioner Kirkham and a second by County Judge Roger Corn, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to set the meeting to adopt the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget for Thursday, August 30th at 9:00 a.m.

This year's total budget is \$4,111,547.67, up from last year's budget of \$3,976,019.70.

This year's budget includes \$3,029,250.91 for the General Fund and \$1,082,296.86 for the Road & Bridge Fund.

Other items brought before the commissioners' court meeting included:

—County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Present included Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and a second by Commissioner Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:17 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Sunday

9:45 am Bible Study 11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Prayer/Worship

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM

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We will be Closed Monday, Sept. 3 for Labor Day! Have a Safe & Happy Holiday

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

More Confirmation On Snow Storm

This time the confirmation about snow on the 4th of July came from Cliff Kirkham. He paused at a community function a few nights ago and said he had heard the same story about a snow storm on the 4th of July also and was glad to hear the date July 4th, 1924.

If this story gets more confirmation I am going to start believing it myself.

Another Person Converted To Cottonwood

Bill Thompson, oldest son of Leo Thompson, recently deceased, sent a note the other day and said his father, really

enjoyed his connections with the Cottonwood Historical Association and he himself wanted to belong to the Association. I called Beverly Brown and she promptly enrolled Billy Thompson from Mansfield on the rolls of the Cottonwood Historical Association.

That's what I like about the folks around Cottonwood. Once a person plants some roots in the soil of Cottonwood, they never pull them up. And that is what Buster Woody expressed so eloquently in his poem, "I Remember Cottonwood." Buster realized that once you live in Cottonwood, it will always be home.

Speaking of Buster Woody's poem, and thinking about the newly printed Cottonwood Cookbook, where the poem appears, I will remind all of you who intend submitting recipes and information about your Cottonwood family for the planned update of the cookbook, the deadline for submission of this material is November 1, 2007.

(For news items or personal information about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474 or e-mail at csb5@airmail.net or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443. Remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

BY NIKKI PEREZ

August is almost over and it is time for school to start up again. In fact, school starts next Monday. My kids are ready to go back to school. They have been asking for the last three weeks if they could go to school tomorrow. I kept telling them just a few more weeks. Now let's see if I can get them up in the mornings to actually go to school.

Friday is our last western day, so we will close our festivity with a buffalo burger cookout, complete with all the trimmings, as well as some homemade cookies that our residents made themselves.

Here are some upcoming events we will be having at the Center. On Tuesday, August 28th we will take a trip to the Senior Citizens in Cross Plains. The Cross Plains Ladies will be here to sing for us Thursday, August 30th, at 2:30 p.m.

I would like to thank Don and Raymona Dudas for bringing up some homemade cakes and sharing with all of us. Thank



JIMMIELEE PAYNE AND HIS TOMATO PLANTS

you so much.

Now, I would like to talk a minute about Jimmielee Payne and his 4 foot tall tomato plants. Jimmielee has worked out in his garden almost all summer. Tying up loose or heavy tomato limbs. He's done a very good job at making sure his plants get tended to. He's a hard worker, and he's probably been like that his whole life. And at 80 something years

old, he gets out there in the 100 degree weather and still makes sure there are no ripe tomatoes left on the vine. He also loves to get out there and just look at what he has grown. And they are loaded with tomatoes.

Okay, I guess that's it for this time. Take care and God Bless. Ya'll come back next week, ya hear.

4th Annual Dove Warm-up Scheduled

The 4th annual Dove warm-up has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 25th., 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.

A few openings for 5-stand teams are available. To reserve one, or for more information call Kevin Meier at 672-9521 or 893-2174 after 7:00 p.m.



Thank You
God For
The
Healing
Rain

LIBRARY NOTES

August 13-18, 2007

Statistics

Patrons	104
Programs	42
Books Checked Out	90
Copies	11
Reference	6
Internet Users	46
Interlibrary Loans	2

Book Donations

Joan McCowen
Ann Beeler
Sylvia King

Volunteers of the Week

Gerald Brown
George Mathews
Henry Ring
Lauren Goode
Azalee Womack
Ginny Hoskins
Arlene Stephenson
Sue Bennett
Wilma Lawrence

MA AND PA

BY JAMES NICHOLS

Pa's youngest grandson, who was five at the time, was running around the house playing with his shoes untied. Pa had got on to him about running around with his shoes untied a few days before.

A little later the five year old stopped what he was doing and asked, "Pa are you still mad at me." Pa replied, "No I'm not mad at you." At hearing that the boy immediately stated, "Good will you tie my shoes for me."

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Forgives

that so far he hasn't found anything.

It was suggested that if there was a mobile home park in Cross Plains, then there would be a designated place for smaller house trailers.

The Mayor told Mr. Pittman that he wished there was something more he could do to help him. Pittman said he did too, and thanked the Council for their time.

FEMA Help

Kathy Anderson asked about the Public Hearing concerning the grant through the Department of Housing and Community Affairs at the August 14th Council meeting. Anderson wondered if the Senior Citizens Center would be eligible for any type of assistance because of the water damage it sustained in the recent heavy and destructive rains.

Gosnell told her that she wasn't sure what the grant would cover or exactly what FEMA was offering, but would certainly check into it and get back to her as soon as she found out. It was noted that the FEMA representative wasn't present at this meeting.

Audit Report Highlights

City Auditor/CPA Cameron Guley went over the 2006/2007 Annual Audit. He said that the City is in better shape than he had expected following the 2005 fire. There is a combined governmental fund balance of \$515,096.00, an increase over last year's balance of \$413,062.00.

Guley stated that, "Water and sewer are carrying the bulk, as opposed to the General Fund."

He explained that a city is not 'revenue-driven', it's 'cost-driven'. He noted that the City has CD's in the bank totalling \$506,372.00.

Sales tax jumped up \$46,000.00. Dollar General was credited for much of that revenue, with donations and FEMA's partial reimbursement accounting for the rest.

Fines were collected in the amount of \$14,000.00 over the last period. New software was instrumental in helping with those collections and it was mentioned that Judge Jan Yeager was doing a great job.

Central Distribution Center County Commissioner, Cliff Kirkham proposed using the 3 lots located at Farmer Street and Liveoak, southwest, across from the cemetery, to store and station material and equipment for County use.

The main objective will be to have a central location to stockpile the material for road use, instead of having to make numerous time consuming trips out of town each time they need to work on the roads.

Kirkham stated that this central distribution center could benefit both parties and offered to let the City use a portion of this property as well for their equipment. The Council agreed to a short-term (4 year) agreement, with an option to extend or terminate as both parties see fit.

The "Official" Minutes can be obtained at City Hall. The next regular meeting will be September 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

AUGUST 27 - 31

MONDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Tossed Salad, Spice Cake, Garlic Steamed Rice, Stir Fry Veg., Peanut Butter Cookie, Bread
TUESDAY - Salmon Patties, Buttered Corn, Spinach, Fruited Gelatin, Bread
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti w/Meatsauce, Italian Veg.,

2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.
THURSDAY - Hearty Chicken Soup, Broccoli Pasta Salad, Pears, Chocolate Cookie, Crackers
FRIDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Coleslaw w/Raisins, Pork-N-Beans, Ice Cream Cup



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By Bob Pipes
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The plastic surgeon, Dr. _____, advertised: "At its essence, plastic surgery is about improving quality of life." I don't know of much, if any, "plastic" that has anything to do with "improving quality of life"! Plastic milk cartons — even plastic credit cards — may be convenient, but quality of life is about more than plastic in any form or fashion...

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10b). He wasn't talking about things that thieves could steal or destroy (v. 10a), rather spiritual life, given by the One who gave His life that we might have life indeed (vv. 11-18).

Plastic surgery can be really beneficial to those disfigured by an accident, etc., but remember what is said about the woman whose worth is far above rubies: "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (Proverbs 31:30). Spiritual heart surgery — that's the surgery that improves real quality of life!

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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.
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HARD AT IT—Tim Smith (far left), Joey Westerman (center) and Markus Maxwell (right).



WORKING DILIGENTLY—Josh Harrison (left) and Joey Westerman (right).



PUSH EM' BACK—Jacob Melton.
Please Come Out And Support These Young Men Throughout The Season

CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES
2007 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
8/24	*Roby	Home	6:00
8/31	Bronte	There	7:30
9/7	Miles	Home	7:30
9/14	Hamlin	Home	7:30
9/21	Evant	There	7:30
9/28	Tolar	Home	7:30
10/5	Ranger	There	7:30
10/12	Perrin-Whitt	Home	7:30
10/19	Santo	There	7:30
10/26	**Gorman	Home	7:30
11/2	Open		
11/9	DeLeon	There	7:30

JV & Junior High

8/24 (JV Only)	*Roby	Home	6:00
8/30 (JV Only)	Bronte	Home	6:00
9/6 (JV Only)	Miles	There	5:00
9/13	Hamlin	There	4:00
9/20	Evant	Home	5:30
9/27	Tolar	There	5:30
10/4	Ranger	Home	5:30
10/11	Perrin-Whitt	There	5:30
10/18	Santo	Home	5:30
10/25	Gorman	There	5:30
11/1	Open		
11/8	DeLeon	Home	5:30

*Scrimmages District Games **Parent Night

AD/Head Football Coach: Jim Sides
Assistants: Mitchell Atchley, Donnie Dillard,
Ryan Edmonds, Jessie Ellerbe, Tim Harrison
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Principal: Stacey Loyless
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Buffalo Breakfast to begin soon

With school beginning (August 27), and football games beginning (August 30), so will **BUFFALO BREAKFASTS**. The first one will be hosted by **First Baptist** at their **Family Life Center** on Friday morning, August 31, beginning at 7:00 a.m.

All varsity, junior varsity and junior high football players, parents of players, cheerleaders, coaches, and administration are invited. There is no charge; everyone is

encouraged to eat heartily (but please do not be wasteful). There will be a 5-10 minute devotional on each breakfast date, shared by one of the area preachers. Everyone is encouraged to stay and partake of the spiritual food as well as the physical. Mark your mental and physical calendars now — **Friday, August 31, 7:00 a.m. — First Baptist Family Life Center.**

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Cross Plains VFD Visits Children at Local Library

Gerald Brown, Rural Fire Chief, and George Mathews, City Fire Marshal, from the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department gave the summer readers from the Cross Plains Library a tour of the fire station where they learned about the two fire engines and their different purposes.

The fire protective suit was demonstrated along with the oxygen tank and other gear used by emergency personnel and firefighters. Fire safety was

discussed and the children were reminded to have a family meeting place outside the home, and in case of fire get out of the house immediately and go to the prearranged site.

The children also got to go inside an ambulance to see all the equipment used in emergency situations.

The firefighters concluded the program by giving each child a fire helmet and a coloring book.

Submitted by Linda Burns

Award

get together as a group or individually and select someone as their spokesman to express that prayer at school gatherings such as games, etc.

Drug Dogs

It was agreed that Global Training Academy out of Sweetwater would be used to conduct random drug inspections, using their highly efficient and trained 'drug dogs'. **New High School Principal S.D. Loyless** commented that he has worked with these type of dogs before and "They've even sniffed out something as small as a seed!" No one, not even the Principals will know when these inspections will be executed.

Food Police?

The Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Division has handed down a new policy requiring all Texas Public Schools to enforce new nutrition rules. Therefore, this year the **Student Handbook/Code of Conduct prohibits the sharing of any food consumed on school property.** Parents will be required to sign a permission slip before their child, grades 9-12 will be able to order and consume food brought in from outside the school.

Students in the lower grades are not allowed to order from outside vendors in any case. No students will be allowed to order food using the school phones. All parents may bring food to their child and only their child, **but sharing of any kind of food, in any of the grades not be allowed.** Food brought in from the outside may be eaten in or outside of the cafeteria, but cafeteria food must only be eaten inside the cafeteria.

The only exception to food being brought in for groups will be for designated class parties that are scheduled at certain times of the year and supervised. If someone is found violating the food rules, their privileges will be revoked. It was stressed that schools could lose their Federal Funding for breaching these new food rules.

Code of Conduct

Athletic Director Coach Sides presented the Athletic Code of Conduct. He said that this proposal was just a framework to review. He added that he wants it to fit what the Board thinks the Community of Cross Plains

wants. "We all need to work together and get everyone on the same program. We need consistency with all the coaches. This needs to be easy to learn and enforce," emphasized Sides.

He added that he wanted the Community to know the rules (they are asking the athletes to abide by) and what the enforcement is. The Code of Conduct was tabled until the meeting on August 23rd so some changes could be made.

Daytime Minutes

For safety purposes, students may carry cell phones, but use of those phone will be restricted. *Students possessing phones must turn them off during all instructional and testing times.* That means no calls or texts can be sent or received. No cell phones will be allowed to be on or used between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:29 p.m., except in special circumstances with the Principal's permission. This will be strictly enforced.

There will be a slight increase in the school breakfasts and lunches this year. Basically both meals will go up by 15¢ each. The last price increase was in 2005. **Borden** was accepted as the school's milk provider with a bid of .2195 per 1/2 pint carton.

Approval was given to keep **Texas Heritage Insurance Co.** as the school's property insurance representative. There was a slight increase in the premium and the deductible will be \$25,000 for claims.

Also given the green light was **Annie's Pest Control** for integrated pest management. It was noted that "not just anything can be sprayed and not just anyone can spray". Spraying is usually done on a Friday afternoon and signs are always posted before spraying occurs.

Ruth Rios will be hired as **Composite Science** teacher and there was an adjustment made to **Elementary Principal Margie Sowell's** salary.

The nomination of a candidate for the Central Appraisal District was tabled until the Board can get further information regarding this issue.

There will be a Special School Board meeting held on Tuesday, August 21st and another on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Tommy Ames, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook, Scott Childress and Kim Crockett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, and Elementary Principal.

At 6:05 p.m. the Budget Workshop began. The board proposed a tax rate of 97 cents—Maintenance and Operations - 90 cents and Interest and Sinking (bond payment) .0730.

Motion was made to adjourn by Childress and seconded by Cook.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- AUGUST 27 - 31 BREAKFAST**
MONDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
LUNCH
MONDAY- Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Toasted Ham & Cheese, Tater Tots, Peas & Carrots, Pear
THURSDAY-Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Bread Stick, Fruit, Freeze
FRIDAY - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Wedges, Cookie

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Adopt proposed Budget for 2007-2008

Adopt Resolution for Tax Rate for 2007-2008

Discuss and Take Action on Investment Portfolio for 2007-08

Discuss and Take Action on 2006-07 Budget Amendments

Discuss and Take Action on Delinquent Tax Property

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on August 14, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

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- Addendum
1. Discuss issues with Callahan Appraisal District's Board of Director Nominees
 2. Discuss and take action on Athletic Code of Conduct
 3. Superintendent's Report on Progress of Goals
 4. Executive Session
 - a. Personnel items
 5. Action on Executive Session items
 6. Adjourn

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on August 20, 2007 at 10 a.m. was posted by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

If You Pre-Ordered School Supplies You Will Be Able To Pick Them Up Thursday August 23rd 12:00 - 2:00 PM If Unable To Make It On This Day, Pick Them Up The First Day Of School.

Meet the Teachers Evening Thursday August 23rd 5:00 to 6:00 PM

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By Barbara Holmes Worcester

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We should always keep in mind that tomorrow is not promised to us and that this day is meant to be used to bring accomplishment, cheerfulness, joy and a sense of servitude that will make us proud if we are still here in the years to come. If you allow yourself to be led of the Lord, He will

use your life in ways you never imagined. We must remember that God is the potter and we are the clay. He is able to shape and mold us in ways that will make our life of great use for both ourselves and for His purposes.

Be encouraged to live your life with a renewed vigor knowing that you are meant to accomplish great things. Before God

created the world, He had you in mind for this day in time to accomplish and fulfill your destiny which He has perfected. (Psalm 51:10-23) (Isaiah 64:8-9) (Ephesians 1:3-4)

I hope this message encourages and inspires your heart to see that you have much to offer to this world. Believe in yourself just as God believes in you and accomplish all that God has placed within your heart.

LIFE IS MEANT TO BE LIVED

Life is to be lived. No excuses. No reservations. No holding back.

An enchanting story about vio-

linist Fritz Kreisler tells how he once came across a beautiful instrument he wanted to acquire. When he finally raised the money for the violin, he returned to buy it and learned that it had already been sold to a collector.

He went to the new owner's home in order to try to persuade him to sell the violin. But the collector said it was one of his prized possessions and he could not let it go. The disappointed Kreisler turned to leave, but then asked a favor. "May I play the instrument once more before it is consigned to silence?"

Permission was granted and the great musician began to play.

The violin sang out a quality of music so beautiful that the collector himself could only listen in wonderment. "I have no right to keep that to myself," he said after the musician finished. "The violin is yours, Mr. Kreisler. Take it into the world, and let people hear it."

William Arthur Ward said, "If you believe in prayer, pray; if you believe in serving, serve; if you believe in giving, give." For you and I are exquisite violins - our music is meant to be heard.

I want to live my life that way to take it into the world and live it fully. I'd rather burn out than rust out. I'd rather be used up

than die not having done whatever I could wherever I could.

I'm not talking about wearing ourselves out on over-activity.

Happiness is never found in excessive busyness. But it is found in investing our lives in others. Saying yes when asked for a hand. Volunteering our time for a worthwhile organization. Spending an hour with a lonely relative.

In the end, I know that my happiness will not have been about my ability or my inability. It will have been about my availability. My life is meant to be lived.

By Steve Goodier

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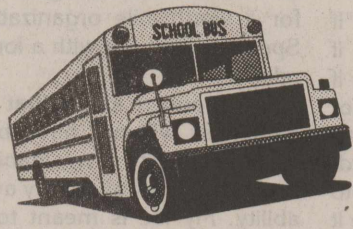
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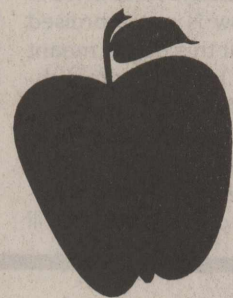
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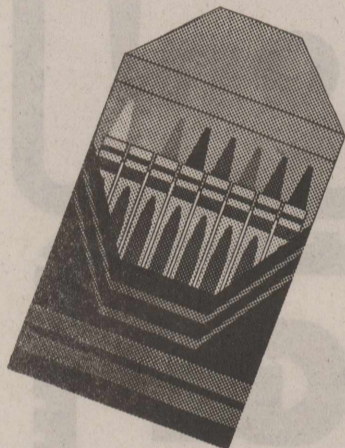


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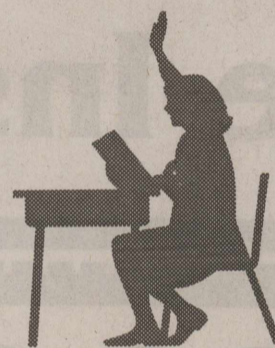
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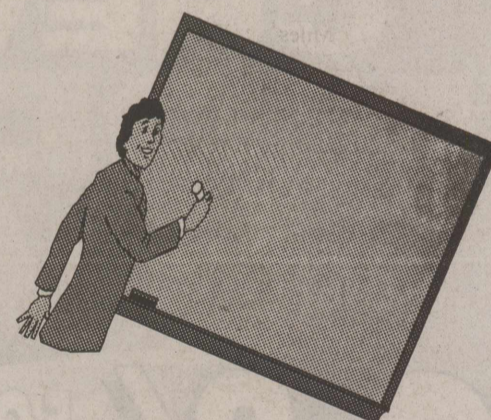
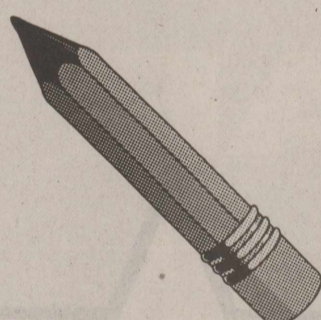
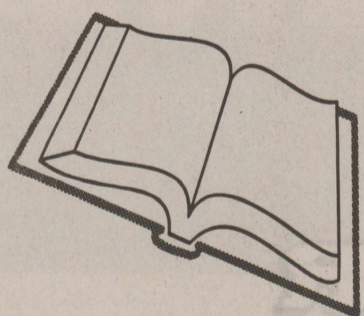
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Six Bridges in Callahan County Bio-diesel Main Topic at Kiwanis meeting

AUSTIN - After careful review of state and federal regulations governing the release of infrastructure data, the Texas Department of Transportation released a list of the state's 2,024 structurally deficient bridges today. TxDOT's decision was reached after examining rules that strictly limit the release of bridge information collected for federal reports and additional homeland security constraints on the publication of data regarding the state's critical infrastructure.

TxDOT's records indicate that 4 percent of the state's bridges are listed as structurally deficient. The Bureau of Transportation Statistics reports that in 2006, 12 percent of the nation's bridges were identified as structurally deficient. TxDOT's aggressive program to inspect all 50,000 of the state's bridges and rehabilitate and replace bridges that require improvement is producing results. In 2002, Texas was home to 2,928 structurally deficient bridges. The current figure is a 31 percent reduction in structurally deficient bridges.

The term "structurally deficient" is a technical term that has recently been used in news accounts and public discussions to describe a bridge that is unsafe or presents an imminent danger to the driving public. It is a term used by the Federal Highway Administration to classify and prioritize bridges for federal funding. Structurally deficient bridges receive priority for limited rehabilitation on replacement funds from the federal government. Bridges that are unsafe or present an imminent public danger are closed to traffic.

Of the state's bridges classified as "structurally deficient," 445 are on the state highway system and 1,579 are off-system structures. 282 bridges classified as structurally deficient are currently under contract to be rehabilitated or replaced. Another 1,303 bridges classified as structurally deficient are under development as part of the state's Unified Transportation Plan. The state's remaining 439 bridges classified as structurally deficient are not currently scheduled for rehabilitation or replacement, and no funding has been identified for them.

The Texas Department of Transportation has a very thorough bridge inspection program. TxDOT inspects every bridge in Texas at least once every 24 months. These inspections include an on-site evaluation of each component of the bridge. As part of the inspection, the

bridge is load rated by engineering analysis to determine its safe load capacity. If the load rating determines the structure cannot safely carry the state legal load -80,000 pounds - then the bridge is load restricted and signs are posted. If the condition of the bridge reaches an unacceptable level, the bridge is closed. This inspection and load rating process ensures all open bridges are safe.

Quick Bridge Facts:

- Texas has more than 50,000 on- and off-system bridges, more than any other state. This constitutes 1/12th of the nation's bridge infrastructure (600,000 bridges in U.S.).

- Approximately 33,000 bridges are on the Texas state highway system, and approximately 17,000 Texas bridges are off-system.

- 2,024 bridges, only 4 percent of all Texas bridges, are categorized as structurally deficient. 445 bridges categorized as structurally deficient are on the state highway system and 1,579 are off-system structures. Less than 1.5 percent of the state's on-system bridges are rated as structurally deficient.

- 282 bridges categorized as structurally deficient are currently being rehabilitated or replaced. Another 1,303 bridges classified as structurally deficient are under development as part of the state's ten-year Unified Transportation Plan. The state's remaining 439 bridges classified as structurally deficient are not currently scheduled for rehabilitation or replacement, and no funding has been identified for them.

Definitions of Bridge Terms:

- Structurally Deficient - The term "structurally deficient" is used by the Federal Highway Administration to designate bridges eligible for federal funding. Bridges are considered structurally deficient if significant elements of the bridge are deteriorating or damaged, extreme restriction on load carrying capacity or the adequacy of the waterway opening under the bridge is extremely inadequate. A structurally deficient bridge should not be confused with an unsafe bridge. Through regular inspection, TxDOT identifies unsafe conditions and closes unsafe bridges. A structurally deficient bridge, when open to traffic, typically requires significant maintenance and repair to remain in service and eventual rehabilitation or replacement to address deficiencies. To remain in-service, structurally deficient bridges are often posted with

weight limits to restrict the gross weight of vehicles to less than the maximum weight allowed by Texas law (80,000 pounds).

- Sufficiency Rating - The federal government uses inspection data compiled by TxDOT to calculate a complex formula called the sufficiency rating to determine federal bridge program funding eligibility. The sufficiency rating is a number calculated for each bridge from numerous variables that evaluate structural adequacy and safety, serviceability and functional obsolescence and essentiality for public use. Sufficiency rating values range from 0 (low) to 100 (high). For a bridge to qualify for federal Highway Bridge Program funds the sufficiency rating must be 80 or below and the bridge must be classified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. A low sufficiency rating number does not necessarily mean that the bridge is in need of immediate repair. Unsafe bridges are closed to traffic.

- On-system bridge - These bridges are part of the designated state highway system, are administered by TxDOT, and are typically funded with a combination of federal and state or state-only funds.

- Off-system bridge - These bridges are not part of the designated state highway system and are under the direct jurisdiction of a local government entity such as a county, city, or special district with authority to finance a highway improvement project. These projects may be funded locally or with state administered federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds (80% federal, 10% state, 10% local).

The six bridges in Callahan County considered structurally deficient as of July 13th include:

Callahan County
County Road 484, Deep Creek, 0.8 miles east of FM 2228, Sufficiency Rating out of 100 - 30.1. Scheduled to be let in next 10 years under the fiscally constrained Unified Transportation Plan.

County Road 432, Turkey Creek Bridge, 0.3 miles south of County Road 461, Sufficiency Rating out of 100 - 35.7. Scheduled to be let in next 10 years under the fiscally constrained Unified Transportation Plan.

County Road 452, Turkey Creek, 1.1 miles south of County Road 461, Sufficiency Rating out of 100 - 40.5. Scheduled to be let in next 10 years under the fiscally constrained Unified Transportation Plan.

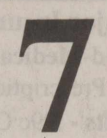
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Workers' Compensation Educational Session Offered in Midland on September 6th

AUSTIN—The Midland Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), Division of Workers' Compensation is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers and employee organizations on Thursday, September 6, 2007. The topic is Compliance and Enforcement. This free session will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Midland Field Office, 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 310. Following a presentation, the session is an open forum in which participants may ask questions.

For more information, contact the TDI Public Information Office or Ida Baca of the Midland Field Office at 432-699-1281 extension 520, e-mail ida.baca@tdi.state.tx.us.

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FM 2228, Draw, 3.85 miles south of Interstate 20, Sufficiency Rating out of 100 - 56.5. Under construction.

FM 1864, Battle Creek, 0.40 miles east of FM 880, Sufficiency Rating out of 100 - 61.4. Under construction.

Improving safety is TxDOT's most important goal and is a sacred obligation to the state's driving public. TxDOT will continue to monitor the state's bridges through its aggressive bridge inspection program. In addition to enhancing safety, TxDOT is committed to reducing congestion and expanding economic opportunity, improving air quality and increasing the value of the state's transportation assets.

The challenge for Texas is that as the state's transportation system ages, demand is increasing. TxDOT is committed to maintaining the safety of the state's roads and bridges, but as the department has said before, it will not be easy.

Recognizing this goal, TxDOT staff reported in June that more than \$6 billion would need to be transferred from new construction to routine maintenance to ensure the safety and quality of the state's highway system over the next five years.

The situation points to the need for balancing two important goals: maintaining the existing highway system and reducing traffic congestion. Finding just the right balance is tough. Texans deserve both a well-maintained highway system and the ability to get where they want to go in a timely manner.

The complete list of the state's structurally deficient bridges is available on the department's website: www.txdot.gov

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 15,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and increasing the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov.



VERY INTERESTING—Randy Young, judge from Brady, was the program for Kathy Chesshir, August 14, 2007 at Kiwanis. Bio-diesel and used vegetable oil used for fuel in his diesel pickup was the subject. He was in the autoparts business for 10 years before becoming a judge, and has an e-bay business selling "How to Manuals" on various vehicle/fuel subjects.



CHECKING IT OUT—David Estes (from left), Randy Young and Ronnie White gather around Young's "vegetable oil" driven pickup after the Kiwanis meeting was over. Kiwanis meet each Tuesday, 12 noon, at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is encouraged to attend and new members are welcome.

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Also we thank all the family and friends who came, called, brought food and gifts, and all the prayers. It meant so much to us. Thank You.

Carl, Debbie & Clayton Thomas

CARD OF THANKS

Our family wants to thank the people of Cottonwood and Cross Plains for everything that was done through mother's passing. Thanks to the Cottonwood Baptist Church and Cottonwood Quilting Club. A sincere appreciation to all the kind and gentle friends.

Again we thank the communities of Cottonwood and Cross Plains. With Many Blessings.

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Andy Sanders and family want to say thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts and food that you sent to Andy. We sincerely thank the EMS for their help. His leg and ankle are getting better daily. So again, thank you. It is a real blessing to live in a caring town.
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Rickey Carouth and Family want to say thank you for all your prayers, calls and cards after his surgery. Thank You.
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I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who came out to enjoy the benefit meal and auction held to help me get back into my new house that was flooded with sewage after the rains of June 25th.

A special thank you to Pastor Matt McGowen for his guidance and planning, to everyone who donated food for the meal, baked goods and items for the auction, to Shana Hinyard, Debbie Gosnell and Wendell Draper for running the auction, to those who bid so generously on the donated items, the kitchen crew who served and cleaned up, and to First Baptist Church for the use of their wonderful Family Life Center.

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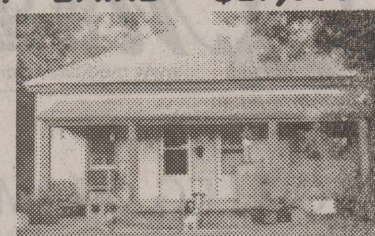
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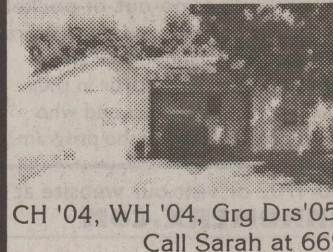
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Blood Drive August 28 at FBC Cross Plains

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 28th from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

"Meek Blood Center has experienced a critical blood shortage since the beginning of August," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "I urge all of our regular donors to please give blood. I would also like to challenge those who have never donated blood to give it a try. Blood donors save lives by making blood transfusions possible for patients in fifteen area hospitals. There is no artificial substitute for human

blood. The blood supply is totally dependent on volunteer donors who give from the generosity of their hearts."

Those who have questions regarding donor eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org. There have been some recent changes regarding eligibility and those who were deferred in the past may now be eligible to donate blood.

Each donor will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

News from Our Best Friends

Our Best Friends—*Full Bowls* received a wonderful donation via check from Pixie of Austin, Texas. Her only request was to purchase cat food with the donation. We have done that and fellow feline friends will be enjoying a full bowl just as Pixie told us she has at all times.

Another wonderful donation was made by the youngest member of our organization, Cheyenne Cowan. She had a lemonade stand and made a sizable donation from her proceeds. Thanks Cheyenne what a wonderful generous act!!!

Our organization is working on a project to help our seniors with

the flea and tick problem. Also in the future we hope to be able to have a rabies vaccination clinic and a program to help with spaying and neutering our senior's pets. Hopefully this dream can come true with future money donations. Thanks for the food and funding!!

Remember to spay and neuter your pets to help alleviate unwanted animals.

Memorials and honorariums are always welcome, please mail them to:

Our Best Friends
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5th Annual Blake Fulenwider Baird Bear Kickoff Classic set for Sunday, August 26th

The 5th annual Blake Fulenwider Baird Bear Kickoff Classic will be held Sunday, August 26, 2007 at Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird. The event will be a 9 hole four man scramble, with an entry fee of \$25 per player. The entry fee covers the 9 holes of golf, a cart, and a hamburger meal provided by the Baird Booster Club.

New to the event this year will be the \$1000 hole in one challenge. \$1000 will be given to any player(s) who make a hole in one on their tee shot

from hole number two. In the event that more than one player makes a hole in one, a tiebreaker will be in effect to determine the winner of the \$1000. Blake Fulenwider Dodge, Jeep, Chrysler is the title sponsor of the event.

The tournament will tee off at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 26th. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. Full teams or individuals are welcome.

For more information or to register early, please call Shane Deel at 665-9945.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS TOGETHER—Cecil and Naoma Wilson

Cross Plains Couple Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary

Cecil Wilson and Naoma Goble Wilson will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, August 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. A reception will be hosted by their children, Melinda Barker of Early, Robbie and husband Richard Allen and Pam and husband Tommy Phillips Jr., all of Cross Plains. They have nine grandchildren, Chris and Jared Nowell, Ricky, Russell and Rachelle Allen, Wendy Phillips Key, Cory, Aaron and Cameron Phillips. The couple also have four great-grandchildren, Haley and Ryan Phillips, Makayla Key and Jaden Nowell, and two more are on the way. Their children

would like to invite all friends and family to join them in this celebration.

The couple was engaged July 4th, 1957, after years of asking, Cecil finally convinced Naoma to marry him. The couple married August 27, 1957 in Cross Plains at the First Baptist Church parsonage. Pastor V.D. Walters officiated. The maid of honor was Frances Wilson Thornton, the groom's sister. The best man was Harry Childress, the bride's cousin. Others in attendance were the late Myrtle Wilson, the groom's mother, Delilah Goble and the late Cecil Goble, the bride's parents, and Stanley and Lenley Goble, the bride's

brothers.

After the ceremony the couple enjoyed refreshments at the home of the bride's parents, along with family and friends. The couple then departed on a trip to West Texas where they spent their honeymoon.

After returning to Cross Plains, Cecil returned to work in the Oil Field, where he was employed for 35 years of their married life. Later Cecil went to work for Superior Cable in Brownwood for fifteen years where he retired.

Cecil has served the church for many years in the area of Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Director, Baptist Men's Director, R.A.'s Leader and has helped

establish and build churches in the area.

Along side of Cecil, Naoma has worked for Haney's Office Supply as a secretary, Gibson's Department Store of Abilene, as well as being a homemaker, where she keeps a showcase home. Naoma was also a Girl Scout and Brownie Leader, Sunday School Teacher, G.A.'s leader, Beta Sigma Phi President and room mother for their three daughters and grandchildren.

The couple credits their great marriage to putting God first in everything they do. Cecil and Naoma have dedicated their lives to faith, family and helping others.

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