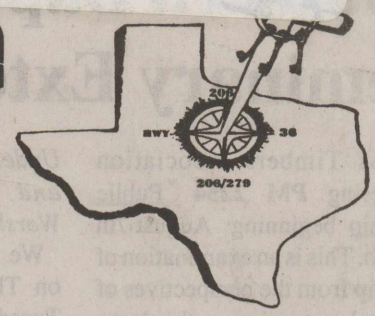


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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: My new neighbor, Sally Roady, gave me the following information and it needs to be shared with everyone. There are some great suggestions within.

Come to think of it, this proves the verses in the Bible that talks about the power of the tongue. It is very difficult understand that you can change circumstances just by speaking it. **Vanda Anderson**

Your Word Is Your Wand

Your word is your wand, filled with magic and power. You have the power to change any unhappy condition by changing your words.

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Certain words can interfere with our inner peace and keep us from the attainment of our goals.

Words and Phrases to Eliminate

- Impossible
- Can't (really means "I won't")
- If only
- difficult
- ought to
- should
- have to
- I don't deserve
- I can't stand
- I can't afford it
- I never have enough time
- I'm so worried
- I'm always in a hurry
- I'm lonely
- I'm afraid
- One of these days.

Be gentle with yourself. Choose gentle words. When you catch yourself ready to speak some of these words, replace them with gentle, positive words—then feel what happens within you!

Author Unknown



FARM OWNER RECOGNIZED—Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples recently recognized Randall Kyle Foster and Michael Blake Foster of Randy and Judy Foster Farm at the Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin at the Capitol. Randy and Judy Foster Farm in Callahan County was honored for their acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation. Randy and Judy Foster Farm has been in continuous agricultural production since 1904 by the same family. Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program recently honored owners of 126 farms and ranches from 76 counties for maintaining their property in continuous agricultural production within the same family for 100 years or more. Since the Family Land Heritage Program began in 1974, the Texas Department of Agriculture has honored more than 4,200 farms and ranches from 232 Texas counties.

Services Held Friday for Local Justice of the Peace Bob Hill

Robert Wayne "Bob" Hill, Sr., age 72, of Cross Plains, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, July 3, 2007.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2007 at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Ronnie White officiating assisted by Charles Chesshir. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas.

Bob was born on March 26, 1935 to Granvel Sherman and Nophlet Louise (White) Hill in Rising Star, Texas. He graduated from Abilene High and attended Hardin Simmons. He served in the National Guard and was a Mason.

He married Sharyn Tucker on September 26, 1981 in Rising Star. Bob served as the City Judge of Rising Star for 3 years and of Cross Plains for 18 years. He was Justice of the Peace for Precinct

#4 and #6 at the time of his demise. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. Bob loved Cross Plains and serving this community. He made so many wonderful friends who supported him in every endeavor.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Sharyn Hill of Cross Plains; sons, Robert Hill, Jr. of Ashland City, TN, Landon Hill of Cross Plains and Deron Duffey of Arlington; a sister, Kay Barber and husband David of Garland; 3 grandchildren, Robert III, Lora Criner and Gabriel Hill; 1 niece, 1 nephew and 1 great-niece and several cousins.

Pallbearers were Don Gosnell, Donald Strength, Randy Foster, W.G. McCoy, James Cox, David McGowen and James Caffey.

Italian Night to Benefit Local Public Library

A fun evening with author Carol Walt is in store for those making reservations to attend the benefit event on Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center of the Baptist Church. Carol's latest story, *Dreaming in Italian*, will provide the focus of an evening of lasagna and laughter, as the Rising Star author regales the audience with her own experiences in Rome that led her to write the book.

All proceeds from the dinner will go to benefit the library's renovation project of the Children's Resource Center. Judy Luter, President of the Board of Director's and event coordinator, promises an unforgettable evening with lots of good food, door prizes from Johnny Carrino's restaurant in Abilene and a few surprises. Who can forget the Miss Beulah contest at the Cowboy Poet Dennis Gaines event three years ago? Yes, that was Judy's idea!

The rumor has been confirmed that a "distant cousin of Fabio's"



CAROL WALT

will be dropping by at some point in the evening.

Dreaming in Italian is a lighthearted romance that takes place in Rome. On a whim, two typical young Dallas school teachers enroll in a cultural exchange program that takes them to the Eternal City for the summer.

Andy is a conservative, serious young woman in a long-running, but going nowhere, relationship

See Benefit Page 3

Fund Established at Texas Heritage Bank to Assist Local Resident, Connie Potter, following Recent Disaster

It is great to live in a community where people care about each other and help one another. Very few towns, I imagine, approach the generosity of Cross Plains when it comes to helping out a neighbor in need. With in mind, I would like to let the community know about one of our own who needs our help.

With all the rains of the past week, our sewer system took on an incredible amount of rainwater and apparently built up pressure in the line. Looking for a way out, the sewer took the path of less resistance right into Connie Potter's house, located by the baseball park.

Many of us have had sewer water come up under our toilets or a little in our tubs. Some folks

here have even had quite a bit of sewer come into the house. Connie's position is unique, however. She had four inches of solids and sewer water covering her entire home. The situation is made even worse by the fact that she had just moved into her new home after losing her house in the fire a year and a half ago.

Now, everything is ruined again. Sheet rock has been removed, floors will be ripped out, and there is much to put back together. The worse part is that insurance will not pay for any of this!

This has happened twice before to Connie, but this time is worse than ever. The City is exploring options of how to prevent this from happening again, but in the

meantime we have a neighbor who has suffered three major sewer backups and a fire.

One person can only take so much. Let's take the initiative as a community to help Connie. If a crisis like this happened to any one of us (especially several crises in a row) and the insurance that we were paying good money for refused to help, we would be feeling pretty helpless.

There is a fund set up at the bank, if you would like to donate to help Connie put her house back together. If anyone has a fund-raising ideas or would like more information on how you can help, please call Matt McGowen 325-660-1744 or Theresa Kennedy 254-725-6114.

Special Council Meeting Discusses Local Disaster Caused by Excessive Rains

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

As the rains fell and the water rose in the streets and neighborhoods of Cross Plains, **Connie Potter** woke to a major catastrophe. More than just water flooded into Connie's home. She stepped out of bed into raw sewage that had backed up out of her toilets and onto her carpet. **As shocking as this was, it wasn't the first time.**

In the 17 years that Connie has lived at this address, it is the 3rd time in 5 years that wastewater has backed up into her home. To add insult to injury, her home was among those that burned in the 2005 firestorm. She had just built this new home and was still adding the finishing touches when this latest disaster happened.

The sheetrock is contaminated all throughout the house and has to be removed. The carpet in her bedroom, tile in the dining room and the new hardwood flooring were all destroyed. Various other items, adding up to quite a considerable sum were damaged was well and have to be thrown out.

It seems Connie's homeowners insurance has denied the claim saying the damage was caused by flooding, and she did not have that type of insurance. The City's insurance says that the damage was not caused by any wrongful act on the part of the City, and therefore has denied the claim too.

Several members of her church, Cottonwood Baptist showed up at this Special Council Meeting on July 2nd to show their support and to ask the Council what could be done to fix the situation.

Connie Potter's Pastor, **Matt McGowen** asked what type of assurance the City could give to guarantee this would not happen again. He asked how many times this would have to happen before anything was done to stop the problem.

He assured the Council that he wasn't trying to take anybody to task, but there is just *so much a person could take*. McGowen said, "As a Community we all need to get together and find a way to help Connie. That's the kind of Community we have. We help one another!"

City Secretary Debbie Gosnell explained that the City's wastewater lines were filled to capacity because of the excessive runoff from rainwater. The wastewater just had no place else to go. Connie Potter's house was not at the very end of the line, but is at the very lowest place along that line.

City Employee **Mark Norris** then explained the numerous reasons behind why the occurrence happened. He said that over the years about 75% of the houses in Cross Plains have had wastewater stoppage problems. Homeowners have called out plumbers who have knocked holes into those lines. When heavy rains come, these breaches allow extra water to seep into the lines and cause problems for the City lines.

There are also manholes that leak, old clay lines that have ball joints every 10 feet and leak, and open taps around town where homes burned or trailer houses used to sit, that need to be plugged. All these unresolved issues add to the dilemma.

The sand that settles into the See Disaster Page 5

Burlie Taylor appointed as Cross Plains Justice of Peace

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted to appoint Burlie Taylor to the position of Justice of Peace in Cross Plains after the recent death of Cross Plains JP Bob Hill.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, July 9th during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Hill, age 72, who won the Republican nomination for Justice of the Peace in April 2006 over Taylor, died Tuesday, July 3rd. Hill took the oath of office for the Cross Plains JP on January 1, 2007.

Because of the death of JP Hill, the commissioners' court had extensive discussion about Mr. Hill's replacement.

According to Section 87.041 of the Local Government Code, the commissioners' court of a county may fill a vacancy in the office of judge, clerk, district

clerk, sheriff, county attorney, county treasurer, county tax assessor/collector, constable and justice of the peace.

The person appointed by the commissioners court to fill the vacancy shall hold office until the next general election.

Cross Plains Commissioner Cliff Kirkham made a motion to appoint Taylor to the position of Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4. The motion was seconded by Eula Commissioner Bryan Farmer. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Harold Hicks abstaining from voting on the motion.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Present were Judge Corn, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner

Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the June 24th and July 2nd commissioners' court meetings were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment received.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks to increase the right of way on County Road 115. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A list of precinct judges was presented to the commissioners' court for approval. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the precinct judges. A second was made by Commissioner Holland and the motion

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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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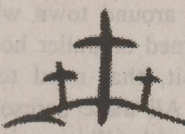
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OBITUARY

Clyde Woody

Clyde Anderson Woody, 54, of Padang Island of Sumatra, Indonesia, passed away on Thursday, May 10, 2007. He was born on October 20, 1954 in San Diego, CA.

He graduated from high school in 1978 in Flagstaff, AZ. After serving with the United States Navy, he spent many years working for the government in the Deep Space Optical Tracking Station on the Island of Maui, HI. Late in life, Clyde found his true calling teaching English to children. Before moving to Indonesia, he lived several years in China teaching his children. He had a true gift with children and they all loved him. He made a difference in everyone's life that he has touched in his teaching career and he will be missed.

Clyde was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Woody.

Survivors include his mother, Marie Woody and maternal grandmother, Iris McKay, both of Angleton, TX; His five sisters, Sheila (Larry) Keeney and Ava (Dan) Gibson, both of Taft, TX, Karen (Nathan) Loveland of San Antonio, TX, Lorenda Taylor of Cookeville, TN and Iris Woody of San Diego, CA. He also has eight nephews; three nieces; eight great-nieces; two great-nephews; many aunts, uncles and cousins who loved him.

Clyde is to be cremated and his ashes will be scattered in the Indian Ocean. A memorial will be held at a later date.

VBS Scheduled for the Nimrod Baptist Church

Come and learn how to be a game day hero. Nimrod Baptist Church is holding their Vacation Bible School Monday, July 16 - Wednesday, July 18th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ages 3 years old through 5th grade.

Come and join the fun. Contact Cheree Livingston 254-629-1837.

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 1, 2007 through July 7, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings—79
Complaints—59
DWI—2
Driving While License Invalid—1

Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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AEP contributes \$50,000 to help low income electricity users in West Texas

AUSTIN, Texas, June 28, 2007 —AEP Texas North Company (TNC) today presented a \$50,000 contribution to the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA) as part of the recent settlement of its rate case before the Public Utility Commission of Texas. TNC will make similar contributions on an annual basis until its next rate case.

Under the agreement, TNC intends for the contribution to be used to help low-income electricity users within its West Texas service territory. Allocation of the \$50,000 throughout the TNC service territory will be determined by TACAA.

The PUCT approved the TNC settlement in May and implementation of the new rates that TNC charges Retail Electric Providers began with the June billing cycle. The settlement was designed to result in no increase in charges by the REPs to residential and small commercial customers. TNC charges to REPs for large commercial and industrial customers increased by approximately 17 percent as compared to the 20 to 40 percent increase in rates originally requested.

TNC is a part of AEP Texas, a unit of American Electric Power, which delivers electricity to 900,000 homes, businesses and industries in west and south Texas. AEP Texas provides regulated energy delivery service to consumers, regardless of which

Retail Electric Provider they choose. The region headquarters is in Corpus Christi.

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning nearly 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes more than 765 kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP's transmission system directly or indirectly serves about 10 percent of the electricity demand in the Eastern Interconnection, the interconnected transmission system that covers 38 eastern and central U.S. states and eastern Canada, and approximately 11 percent of the electricity demand in ERCOT, the transmission system that covers much of Texas. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

Consumer Tips for July 2007

I'm Still Young. Why Worry About Retirement?

Most Americans today are ill-prepared for retirement tomorrow. While we dream of and look forward to an active, independent and carefree retirement, the reality is that far too many Americans have saved little or nothing for their "golden years."

The Internet is filled with retirement calculators that will provide worksheets to help you know how much money you are going to need after you retire. Take some time to determine how you are going to pay for your retirement lifestyle.

Before you set a retirement date:

- Decide what you want your annual income to be after you retire.
- Determine the average rate of return on your investments before and after you retire.
- Determine the market value of all your investments.
- Obtain an estimate of your company's pension plan.
- Obtain an estimate of your

Social Security benefits.

You should already receive an annual "Personal Earnings and Benefit Statement" from the Social Security Administration. Be sure to review this statement for errors that might prevent you from receiving your full share of benefits.

One easy way to make sure that you will have some money to enjoy retirement is to participate in your employer's 401k program. Employers are now allowed to enroll their workers in a 401k program and workers need to specifically opt-out of the retirement plan. But why would you? This is your future! The 401k is another tool to help you diversify your investments so that you can lessen the financial burden when you do retire.

Try to contribute all you can to your workplace 401k program. Earnings are tax-deferred and many employers will add money to the plan as an extra incentive. Be sure

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"The Call" — Just the Beginning of Powerful Prayer Meetings to be Held

The individuals who answered "The Call" on Saturday, July 7, 2007, participated in a mighty prayer meeting. The original event was organized by Lou Engle in Nashville, Tennessee but individuals all over the United States and other countries formed their own prayer groups to participate in this marked day in history.

As the Call went out for Christians to repent on behalf of Christians, forty prayer warriors (40) from around the area representing twelve (12) churches, combined their prayers requesting repentance for our nation. Some of the topics repented for were:

- * Serving Idols and False gods
- * Pride/Arrogance/Unbelief

- * Greed/Money/Materialism
- * Lust/Gluttony
- * Lying/Cheating/Stealing
- * Sexual Unrestraint/Perversion
- * Pornography
- * Homosexuality
- * Prejudice/Racism/Sexism
- * Abuse/Neglect/Children, Elderly, Spouses
- * Divorce/Adultery/Family Deterioration
- * Abortion (75,000 babies murdered just in Texas alone last year!)
- * Violence/Murder
- * Chemical Abuse (all kinds)
- * Governmental Positions (Corruption)
- * Schools/Prayer Removal
- * Media/TV/Music: Evil Influence

* The Church - Not standing for Truth, Righteousness, Gossip, Backbiting, Ignoring God, etc...
The Holy Spirit was so powerful as individuals poured out their hearts in the spirit of forgiveness. Those gathering were honored to have been a part of this day where Christians from every domination humbled themselves and asked God for His forgiveness to wash away the sins of each individual, Community and Nation.
Dalton Brown remarked, "This was wonderful. Don't let this movement end." Several people voiced their agreement that prayer sessions like this should be held perhaps on a quarterly basis. Please watch the newspaper for the next scheduled event... and keep looking up!

Microfilm of the Cross Plains Review Soon to be Available in Library

The local Genealogy Society is in the process of buying past issues of *The Cross Plains Review* on rolls of microfilm. They will be available in the local library for everyone's use. The Society thanks all who bought note cards at our booth during Howard Days which has helped to make this initial purchase possible. Some cards are still available. Call Sandra

Ingram (725-7118) if you are interested in getting a set or two. They also are available at Connie's, Tim's Floral and the Library in Cross Plains. The Society continues to meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays at the Cross Plains Library. Please join us if you are interested in tracing your family roots.

Submitted by
Lavonne Childress
Reporter

Love Fund Established for Tammy Strickland

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank to assist Tammy Strickland following hernia surgery. She has experienced several set-backs and has been hospitalized three separate times. Tammy has no health insurance and the expenses are becoming overwhelming. She has not sufficiently healed to return to her employment at Skinny's. Your generosity and prayers for her recovery are requested. You may make contributions at the Texas Heritage Bank to this special account during their regular working hours.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

BENEFIT

with "boring Doug", while her roommate Gracie is totally the opposite — the party girl. Gracie, being Hispanic with just a touch of Portuguese tossed in for good measure, finds herself immediately at home in Rome with its related language, abundance of handsome men and parties. Part of the twisting and turning plot involves the fact that two attractive young Italian women arrive to spend the summer in the apartment shared by the two teachers in Dallas. The adventures of the summer in Italy change the lives of everybody forever. Andy learns that the place she feels most at home may not be in Dallas or with Doug. She also finds that love can, perhaps, make you sing and

dream in Italian. Carol does a great job of introducing the reader to the sights, the music and the warmth of the Italian people as she weaves the romance in and around the total exchange program. Reservations for the dinner are \$15.00 each and may be made by contacting the Library at 254-725-7722 or by going by the Library any afternoon, Monday through Friday. Why not reserve an entire table for eight and round up some friends or associates to join you for the evening? Priority seating will be provided for the reserved tables. The deadline for making reservations will be July 17.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor and Citizens of the Cross Plains Community:

My first introduction to Cross Plains, Texas occurred on a Sunday morning, must have been about 10:30 a.m. First thing I noticed was there were a lot of churches and that most of the parking lots were full to running over. This was impressive to the point that it was interfering with the directions I had been given to reach my destination as to the correct place to turn.

My first introduction to Public Service, as is usual for me, was the Cross Plains Library. It was impressive the first time I entered and I can assure the people of this community you have a library to be proud of, and if you aren't taking advantage of it, you are "missing the boat".

After doing business around town, for awhile, I was beginning to wonder if this was one community where the people really worked together for the good of all. Man!! Wouldn't that be GREAT!!!!

Well, it didn't take long until I learned that I was simply thinking in the dream world.

What a bummer!!
Case in point; an article in the *Review* dated Thursday, June 21, 2007 entitled "Seniors Waiting For Roof Bid Results". Citizens, this lady, Kathy Anderson, is an Angel in Disguise, and she deserves your help.

How is she going to do the job alone when she is desperately, hanging on, fighting this always present Clique that seems to be present in every community? Please wake up folks and give her a hand. The citizens of this community are just too good not to step up to the plate and give her your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Audie Tomlinson

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Think

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a gift from God, and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the preacher stepped off

of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test!

Always be on guard — and remember — you carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself "Christian."

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

I'm glad a friend forwarded this to me as a reminder.

God bless you; I hope you are having a wonderful day!

If you don't pass this on to anybody, nothing bad will happen; if you do, you will have ministered to someone.

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not PROTECT you... Stay FAITHFUL and Be GRATEFUL!

From the Internet

71st Wood Reunion Well Attended

The 71st Woody reunion was held this past weekend at the old Cottonwood Schoolhouse/Community Center. Relatives came from all over Texas as well as from Alabama, Arizona, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Utah. Those attending over the weekend were: Alan and Diane Woody and daughter Victoria; Alice Clark; Billy and Estelle Woody; Billy Dean Woody; Bob and Ray Champion; Bobby Jr. and Betty Woody; Carolyn and Jerry West; Carrie Fritz and daughter Hailey with friend, Ron; Charlie Woody; Christine Webb; Church Woody; Claud Champion; Clay Meadows; Cody Clark; David and Shirley Summers; David and Viola Turnbough; David and Mandy Fritz and son Josh; Debbie Crowley; Deena Mitchell; Don and Frances Thornton; Don and Rhonda Crawford; Donna and Howard Cogan; Dorothy Woody; Ethel Champion; Fannie Clard; Frances (Sally) Whiteley; Gary and Brenda Clark; Glenn and Randi Champion; Gloria Strahan; J.W. Woody; Jim and Myrle Willis; Jim and Thaila Robertson; John Brooks; Josh Clark and Jaime Clark; Kandle Clark and twin daughters, Shawna and Brittney; Karen Loveland and daughter, Kim; Linda O'Dell; Marie Brown; Marie Woody; Marvin Wilcoxon; Mary and Mike Sanders; Matt Robertson; Menville Dillard; Mike Ingram; Jeff and Misty Champion;

Monty and Kim Champion and daughter, Shelby; Ned and Billie Ruth Clark; Nelda Wilcoxon; Pete and Marilyn Barbar and sons, Matt and Scott; Ray and Hayley Underwood; Rhoda and Dee Robbins; Rocky Champion; Sam and Alice Woody; Sheila Keeney; Tami Tuffin; Traci Woody; Tyler Champion; Weldon Bennett and grandson, Jake. There were also several others who didn't sign the register and we can't remember who all they were.

We had lots of food, lots of visiting and lots of fun. We played cards, dominos, and poker. The kids used the extra boxes of dominos to build bridges and towers. We had several little girls blowing enough bubbles for a Lawrence Welk show. We had albums, envelopes and laptops full of pictures to share. Beverly Brown came by on both Saturday and Sunday and sold out of the Cottonwood Cookbooks that she brought with her on both days. On Saturday evening we had ring games/square dancing and Sunday we had an auction which included CDs of interviews of relatives who are no longer with us and pictures of some of them as well. We also had a surprise wedding! Charlie and Marie Woody tied the knot with minister Don Crawford officiating. (Please see the wedding announcement section next week for more information and a picture of the happy couple.)

Cross Cut Reunion set for Sunday, July 15th

The annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 15, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All Alumni, Cross Cut residents, friends and family are invited to attend, as we enjoy a delicious covered dish luncheon followed by a silent auction and a brief Cross Cut Cemetery Association annual business meeting.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

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APPLICATION NOTICE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Cross Plains HOME Program Fund provides help to eligible homeowners within the city limits for home reconstruction (replacement) for homes affected by the December 27-28, 2005 disaster. A program information sheet is available from Cross Plains City Hall. Applications will be taken at Cross Plains Community Center, 108 North Beach on July 19, 2007 at 9:00 AM. Applications will only be taken one day unless there is further notice. If you cannot attend the intake, please call Sandy Livingston at (210) 834-3100 to make other arrangements.

Please bring the following:

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
\$26,600	\$30,400	\$34,200	\$38,000	\$41,050	\$44,100	\$47,100	\$50,150

2) Homeownership: warranty deed or other proof; NO CONTRACT FOR DEED.
3) Tax receipts verifying ALL property taxes paid. 4) Proof of Occupancy: driver's license or photo I.D.
5) Verification of disability, if applicable 6) Social Security Card for all household members.
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BREAKTHRU
By Bob Pipes
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There are books that share "the biography of Paul," but the original account in bits and pieces, here and there, in the New Testament part of **The Book**, the Bible, is the best source to learn of him and the focus of his life.
When Paul is first mentioned, called "Saul" then, he is far from a "saint"! Acts 7:8 introduces him as a conspirator to murder, then he is identified as making havoc of Christ's church (8:3). Something happened to this man however; he "changed his name." I'm not taking about from "Saul" to "Paul," rather from "Jew" to "Christian." Acts 9 tells of his conversion which culminated in Damascus, as he was baptized to "wash away his sins" (Acts 9:18; 22:16).
Yes, the focus of his life was to share the message of Christ and His crucifixion, and the salvation that is found in no other, or any other name (1 Cor. 1:23; 2:2; Acts 4:12).
Come join us in seeking to know "Paul's 'Christ and Him Crucified'" — and thus letting that be the focus of our lives also.
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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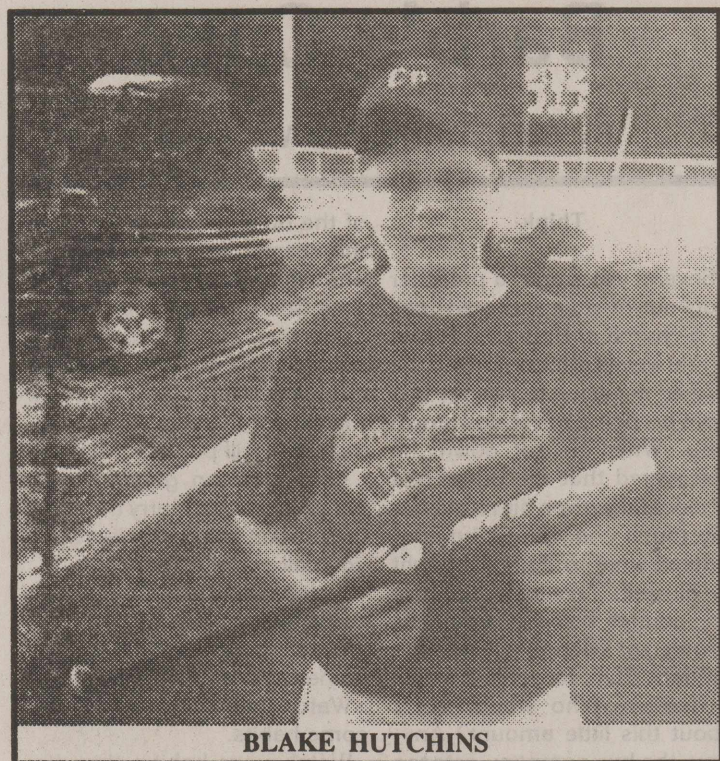
SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

- JULY 16 - 20**
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TUESDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Steamed Peas, Carrot-Gelatin Salad, Yellow Squash, Bread
WEDNESDAY - Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Fruit, Crackers
THURSDAY - Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Tomatoes & Zucchini, Cherry Gelatin, Bread
FRIDAY - BBQ Brisket, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Butterscotch Pudding, Bread
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

LIBRARY NOTES

July 2 - 6, 2007

Patrons	56
Programs	12
Books Checked Out	56
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Joyce T. Odom - In Memory of Sterling Odom and Ivon Odom	



BLAKE HUTCHINS

Blake Hutchins wins Home Runs Derby at Coleman and Comanche

The Cross Plains Little League All-Stars competed in the Coleman Tournament on June 28-30th. Teams participating in the tourney were Cross Plains, Eastland A & B teams, Coleman A & B teams and Winters, which included a total of 60 athletes.

During the tournament a Home Run Derby was held. Players from all teams could enter the contest. Blake Hutchins won the contest by blasting four homeruns over the fence. He won a bat for his efforts after a battle to break a tie with a player from Winters. The grand prize was an aluminum Nitro bat.

Comanche held an All-Star Tournament on the weekend of July 5-7th. Again many of the area teams were involved. They were

Bangs, Comanche, Cross Plains, Eastland and Coleman A & B teams. A similar homerun Derby was held, with three players being chosen from each team to participate. Each player was given seven pitches and Blake hit every pitch and also the winning hit over the fence. He won another bat at this competition. Congratulations Blake on a job well done.

Blake is the son of Stacy and Brenda Montgomery and Greg and Toni Hutchins, all of Cross Plains. He is the grandson of Alvin and Vondean Hutchins and Randy and Charlotte Montgomery, all of Cross Plains. He has two sisters, Ashlee Matthews and Jarrah Hutchins also both of Cross Plains.

C. P. Summer League Baseball Fund-raiser Friday

Cross Plains 15 and under boys baseball team qualified for the district tournament in Colorado City. They faced Clyde in the first round of play on Monday, July 9th and played well defeating Clyde 15 to 3. We will play throughout the week and if the boy's capture 1st or 2nd they will advance to the State Tournament starting July 23rd in Lancaster, Texas.

Our high school eligible team has already qualified for the State Tournament in Hillsboro, Texas starting July 20 - 22nd. All these boys have worked very hard this summer to reach these goals.

On Friday, July 13, 2007 volunteers will be cooking hamburgers in town to help raise money to offset the expenses we

will encounter due to travel and lodging. We will go to all the businesses in town taking orders for "Brown Bag Specials" (hamburger, chips and Coke), for a \$5.00 donation per bag. Feel free to make a larger donation if you would like and know that it will be used to support kids. We will also have a Bake Sale that same day, just find the smoking cooker in town on Friday and you will be in the right place.

Remember there is nothing better than supporting our youth in our great community. Contact Marty Callaway, 325-624-5563, 325-214-0249 or James Ames at 325-669-6140 for any further details.

Submitted by Glenda Callaway

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **July 12, 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:

- Call meeting to order
- 1. Review evaluation process for new members
- 2. Discuss House Bill 2563
- 3. Discuss having two meetings per month for Workshop discussion
- 4. Executive Session
 - A. Set and discuss Superintendent Goals and Evaluations
 - B. Personnel

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 **July 9, 2007**, at **2:30 p.m.**

Jackie Tennison
For the Board of Trustees

Area Students Graduating from Tarleton State University

Area students graduated from Tarleton State University, a member of The Texas A&M University since 1917, at the Spring Commencement held May 4-5, 2007.

The following undergraduate students have satisfactorily met the university's requirements for their individual degree programs and have been awarded their diplomas.

- Baird**
Ashley Lauren Rodriguez - Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Studies
Cross Plains
Paul Matthew Sowell - Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
Natoschia Renee Tennison - Bachelor of Science in Human Science
May
Justin Wayne Purcell - Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Studies
Lanna Jerilyn Reid-Switzer - Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies

- Rising Star**
Stephen Lee Hughes - Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
Jacob Dean Massey - Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Studies



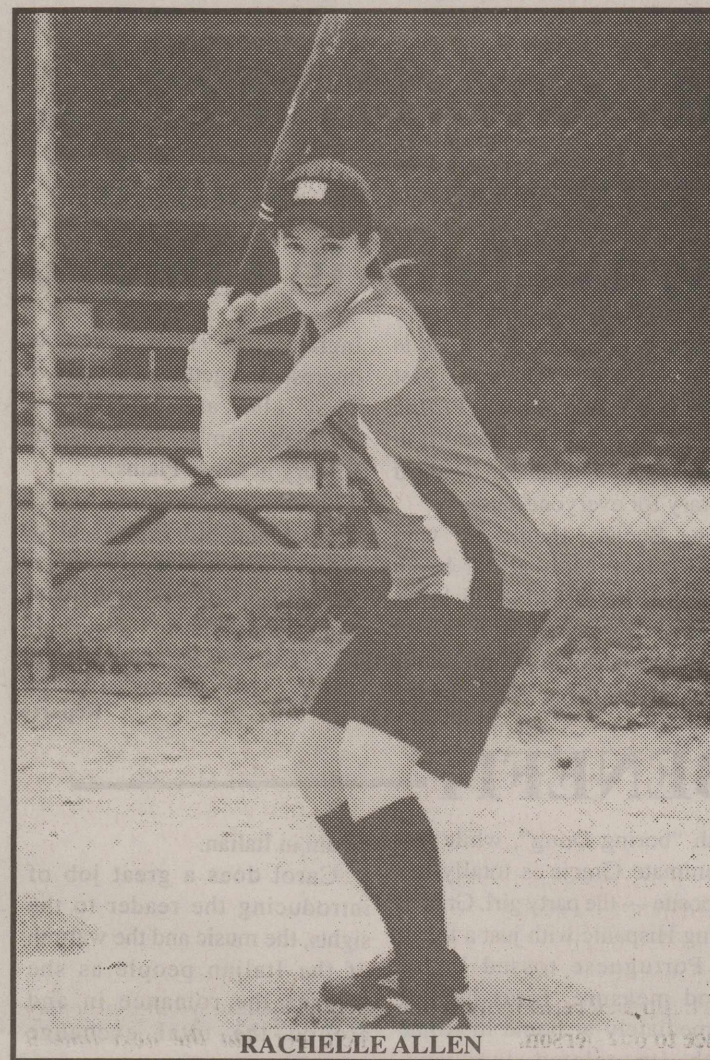
HOT SHOTS—Coach Michael Cowan (back, left) and Coach Richard Allen; Texas Sanders (front, from left), Megan Pointer, Cheyenne Cowan, Sara Hagler, Rachelle Allen, Zoie Walker, Shahala Trammell, Samantha Dickson, and Lindsey Ames. Not pictured are Megan Brown and Coach Colby Walker. (Photos courtesy of Teresa Koenig.)

Allen State Bound, Hot Shots have great year

Rachelle Allen, pitcher for the Cross Plains Hot Shots 12-under freshman girl's softball team, is headed to Rockdale, Texas to play in the Texas Teen-Age Softball State Tournament July 16. She was chosen to play in the Texas Teen-Age Softball District 8 Tournament with the Comanche Red Raiders. The tournament started on Monday, July 2nd. The Red Raiders drew Stephenville and came away with a Victory. Rain washed out Tuesday's games and so the tournament wrapped up on July 4th.

Beginning the day at 8 a.m. the Red Raiders faced off with the Cisco Sledgehammers; the Red Raiders walked away with winning smiles. Now with two wins under their belt the Raiders would have to face Cisco again, because they had fought there way back around. This set up a rematch at 3 p.m., which Cisco won, in a close game. Now both teams had one lose. This would set-up a battle for District Championship. With no time to rest between games. The call came, Batter Up!

The Cisco Sledgehammers didn't have a chance. The Red Raiders were a fighting force with a determination to walk away with the Championship. And they did! Rachelle or Shot-Gun Chell as assistant coach Mark calls her helped her team with 3 RBI's and 3 runs. Rachelle is the daughter of Richard and Robbie Allen of Cross Plains and the granddaughter of Cecil and Naoma



RACHELLE ALLEN

Wilson of Cross Plains and Marie Martin and the late Rev. Max Martin of Cisco. And great-granddaughter of Delilah Goble of Cisco.

If you would like to make a donation to help Rachelle and her team go to State please contact Robbie at 254-725-6690 or Mary at 1-325-330-0185. All held would be greatly

appreciated. The Hot Shot (Cross Plains) tied for 3rd with the Comanche Aggies in the Comanche 12-under freshman girl's Softball League. Congratulations to all the girls and coaches (Richard Allen, Michael Cowan and Colby Walker) for all the hard work this season.

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

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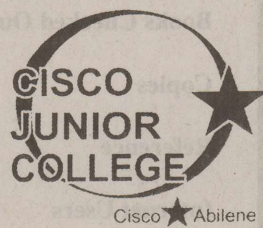
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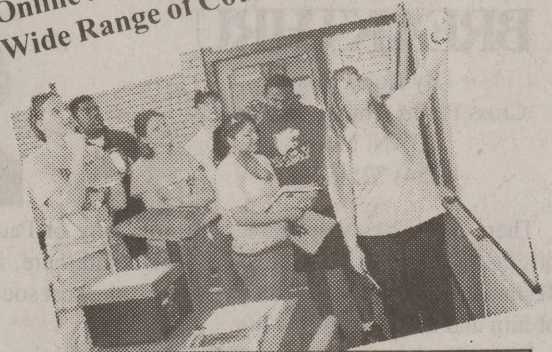


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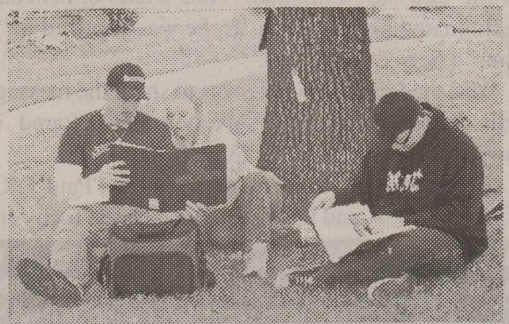


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DISASTER

lines was brought up as another obstacle, as it narrows the diameter the water has to run through. Mayor Ray Purvis stated that they do have a sewer machine that is used from time to time to push the sand out of the lines.

Norris also explained that there was an enormous buildup of hydrostatic pressure in the lines. The water all rushed from the highest end of town to the lowest end and all converged at Connie Potter's house, causing it to rise 17 inches. It was noted that it wasn't just water coming up out of the lines at her house. Her son, Porcious Potter reported, "It was black, solids about 4 inches deep!"

Greg Turner asked about the possibility of putting a grate in the street. Ellen Steinle asked if an engineer could be brought in to look at the problem. Norris explained that engineers were brought in when the City went to a gravity-system instead of a lift-system in 1982. At that time, (25 years ago) the new wastewater lines were installed. Steinle stated that it might need to be re-engineered.

McGowen said, "It's not a simple fix, but it would be awful to fear that everytime it rained, your house would do this again." He asked if there was anything that would change the City's position, "Will the City not ever pay for it?"

Gosnell answered, "The City's insurance will never assume responsibility. They say it is an 'Act of God' and won't pay for it." Connie's mother, Dena Nickerson spoke up and said, "It's not an 'Act of God'!" Gosnell replied, "I'm just telling you what the insurance company said. If the City pays, it'll come out of the City's General Fund."

McGowen stated, "We understand your position, but what's the solution?" Several asked if the City would be willing to take responsibility since this is such an unusual occurrence and has happened repeatedly at one place to one person.

Gosnell explained that if the City takes responsibility for Connie Potter's wastewater back up, then they'll have to take responsibility for all wastewater backups.

Mayor Purvis discussed the problems he has had personally with his house flooding. It was mentioned that other homes in the area had also flooded. Gosnell emphasized, "We would love to help everyone, not just her. Where would the funds come from?" McGowen replied, "If you're paying for water and sewer, you don't expect your sewer to keep coming up over and over..."

David Estes asked, "Can the City say because this is not a 'normal' thing... it's 'unique enough' to help her? It seems like it would be equitable without creating a precedent for others."

Clay Richardson asked if Federal or State assistance was available. Councilwoman Peg Terrell stated, "Because Cross Plains has no property tax, we can't apply for any type of grants to help us with a new sewer system."

Gosnell added, "Because we don't have property taxes, we just barely fund everyday operations. If we had them we'd have more revenue and grants. We'd be eligible for much more."

It was then explained that when a city has property taxes, it becomes qualified for many programs and resources that only apply to cities in that category. Opportunities other cities are exposed to are cut off to cities without a tax base.

It was stressed that State and Federal entities basically feel that 'you need to help yourself before we can help you'. Those offering grants feel that when a city doesn't help their citizens by requiring taxes, that city doesn't get much of a register on their radar screen.

Gosnell noted that the City had no way of guaranteeing that this wouldn't happen again to Connie Potter's house. Peg Terrell asked if a septic system would help matters. Potter pointed out that she could not afford a new septic system.

Mr. Norris answered that a septic system would probably help her, but the next time it rained like this, the water would still have to come up somewhere else. He reiterated that it's not just the fullness of the line, it's the pressure that is built up. He added, "I've seen the water

push up those manhole covers."

Pastor McGowen stressed that he would like to see the City at least help Connie with the installation of a septic system. It was estimated that the cost could be \$3,500.00 to \$5,000.00. Gosnell said she'd investigate the situation and have the information available at the next Council meeting to be held on July 10th.

Mayor Purvis stated that they were trying to help. A Declaration of Disaster was signed and will be sent to the Governor, asking for emergency assistance. It said in part, "I am requesting that the City of Cross Plains be declared a disaster area and hereby asking for financial assistance to the City and its residents."

Discussion followed concerning how best the community of Cross Plains could hold fund-raisers to help Connie Potter in this ongoing catastrophe.

Peg Terrell then asked that the City's insurance agent be added to the next agenda so he could be present before bids for the roof on the Senior Citizen's Center were presented.

Present from the public were: Connie Potter, Larry Hinten, Linda Slaymaker, Alfred Birch, David Estes, Karen Lenz, Dustin and Shana Hinyard, Ellen and Greg Steinle, Clay Richardson, Greg Turner, Charles Chesshir, Matt and Sondra McGowen, Porcious and Kara Potter, Billie Kelly, Dena Nickerson, Mary Weaver and Annette Nickerson.

The "Official Minutes" of each Council meeting can be read at City Hall. Regular City Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Angel Food Ministries July Menu Announced

The Angel Food Ministries July Menu includes:

- (4) lb. IQF Chicken Thighs
- 12 in. Supreme Pizza
- 2 lb. Banquet Lasagna Dinner
- 1 lb. Chicken Breast Fajitas
- 12 oz. Philly Steak Portions
- 2 lb. Popcorn Chicken
- 16 oz. Smoked Sausage
- 2 lb. Breaded Frying Chicken
- 10 ct. Flour Tortillas
- 2 lb. Fresh Yellow Onions
- 16 oz. Gourmet Bean Soup
- 24 oz. Home Style Hash Browns
- 7 oz. Healthy Seasoned Vegetables
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- 7.5 oz. Mac/Cheese
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- 1 Dessert Item
- Dozen Eggs

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Appointment

carried with a 5-0 vote. Election judges and alternates included:

Precinct #1: Judge Clint Kniffen, Alternate Silas Tucker. Precinct #2: Judge Roxanne Schoen, Alternate Pat Logan. Precinct #3: Judge Jackie Pruet, Alternate Johanna May.

Precinct #4: Judge John Swift, Alternate Joyce McCoy. Precinct #5: Judge Randy Petty, Alternate Beth Petty.

Precinct #6: Judge Sharon Gage, Alternate Fannie Froman. Precinct #7: Judge Pat Chrane, Alternate Clarice Yandell.

Early Voting Judge: Dorothy Watson.

—There was discussion and consideration of fees collected in accordance with Transportation Code 502.172 and 502.173. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to retain the current County Road and Bridge Fee of \$10.00. There was a second made by Commissioner Kirkham and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to retain Grantworks to help Callahan County apply for grants for disaster relief. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Judge Corn stated Grantworks will be applying for grants for Callahan County due to the March 30th flooding in Cross Plains. There were several roads as well as tin horns washed out from the seven inches of rain, five 1/2 inches of that falling in one hour on March 30th in the Cross Plains area.

Judge Corn said Grantworks will receive a percentage of any grant funding Callahan County receives. He said if the county does not receive any grant funding, Grantworks will not receive anything.

—Judge Corn made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 16th at 5:00 p.m. to meet the application guidelines for the Texas Community Block Grant Program for the Disaster Relief Fund. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The commissioners' court considered the contract between the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Callahan County Child Welfare Board. Judge Corn made a motion to sign the nonfinancial contract #23379581. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the

motion and it carried 5-0. —After discussion of flood damage and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) application, no action was taken by the commissioners' court.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Holland and a second by Commissioner Farmer. The motion passed 5-0.

Flood damage in County estimated at over \$2.4 million

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. Judge Corn said if Callahan County receives a Presidential disaster declaration, FEMA officials will make a more thorough assessment of the damage estimates.

Callahan County commissioners' court approved a disaster declaration in the County at the commissioners' court emergency meeting held Monday, July 2nd.

Judge Corn said flood damage statewide must total over \$27 million in Texas before FEMA assistance is received. He said because the flood damage on March 30th in Texas was only \$17 million, FEMA assistance was not received. The county judge said he feels confident that flooding damage throughout Texas will total over \$27 million for the June flooding and Callahan County will qualify for FEMA assistance.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Did You Know

It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore, it is very hard to understand why there is such a mess about having the Ten Commandments on display or "In God We Trust" on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance. Why should the 14% minority outweigh the 86% majority. Why don't we just tell the other 14% to sit down and "Shut up."

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As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each

lower portion of each door. DID YOU KNOW? There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington D.C.

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1789. DID YOU KNOW? The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said, "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

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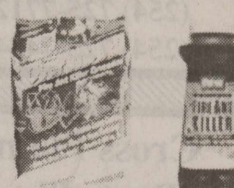
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Roger Rudloff (left) and his father, Kenneth Rudloff.

Senior Corporal Roger Rudloff Receives National Award

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) recently named Senior Corporal Roger Rudloff as a 2007 TOP COP award recipient. The TOP COP awards pay tribute to outstanding law enforcement officers across the country for actions above and beyond the call of duty. His nomination was submitted by the Dallas Police Association, which awarded him Officer of the Year in January 2007. Corporal Rudloff is a 12-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department.

Each year NAPO receives nominations from its 348,000 members or approximately 2,000 police organizations from all over the United States. The TOP COPS are selected by an Awards Selection Committee comprised of national law enforcement representatives who choose one TOP COP case from each state and U.S. territory. The cases are then ranked and the top ten case winners are flown to Washington,

D.C. for an awards ceremony hosted by John Walsh of America's Most Wanted. The ceremony was held on May 12th at the Warren Theatre during National Police Week.

NAPO's associate members review the ten winning cases and vote for whom they believe is the top TOP COP. The case with the most votes represents the Citizens' Choice Award. The winner is revealed on the evening of the awards presentation. Corporal Rudloff was also the recipient of this award, naming him TOP COP in the Nation.

Corporal Rudloff was accompanied to Washington, D.C. by his wife, Michelle and his father, Kenneth for this prestigious honor. Corporal Rudloff was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on June 11, 2007. He and his wife have two children, Hunter (4) and Haiden (1) and reside in Mansfield. His mother is Nora Odom of Cross Plains.



MR. AND MRS. ROY YOUNG



60 YEARS TOGETHER—Roy and Lela Young

Coleman Couple Celebrates 60th Wedding Anniversary

Roy Deane Young and Lela Christine Porter Young will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, July 12, 2007.

The north Coleman County couple were engaged after high school and married July 12, 1947 in Coleman at the Church of Christ parsonage. The minister, D. Lee Hukel officiated.

After the ceremony, the couple left on a trip to southwest Texas staying in Alpine and visiting Ft.

Davis and other points of interest in that area. After returning to their home on the Young Ranch, Roy began work as a ranch hand for this great uncle, Arthur E. Young. The couple have resided on this ranch their entire married life and they continue on with this work to this day.

Roy currently serves on the Coleman County Special Utility District Board of Directors. Lela has spent her entire married life helping Roy in various farming and ranching pursuits and nurturing and supporting her family.

Lela is the daughter of Cleo Boyle Porter and Andrew Reese Porter. Roy is the son of Margaret Arthur Young and Andrew A. Young. Their children include two daughters, Margie and husband Kenneth Sowell of Cross Plains and Connie and husband Bruce Benfield of Austin; two sons, Royce Alan Young and Andrew M. Young and wife Elizabeth, all of Coleman County; two grandchildren, Deane Alan Young and Alana Mae Young.

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