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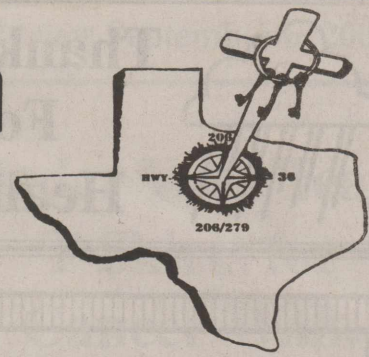
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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: Billy Bell, pastor of Believer's Fellowship in Cross Plains, brought by this fantastic story. He said Ronnie White handed this out at the teacher's luncheon held recently. With school just starting, this is perfect timing. Vanda Anderson

"The Special Story of Miss Thompson

By Anthony Campolo

I know of a school teacher named Miss Thompson. Every year, when she met her new students, she would say, "Boys and girls, I love you all the same. I have no favorites." Of course, she wasn't being completely truthful. Teachers do have favorites and, what is worse, most teachers have students they don't like.

Teddy Stallard was a boy that Miss Thompson just didn't like, and for good reason. He just didn't seem interested in school. There was a dead-pan, blank expression on his face and his eyes had a glassy, unfocused appearance. When she spoke to Teddy, he always answered in monosyllables. His clothes were musty and his hair was unkempt. He wasn't an attractive boy, and he certainly wasn't likable.

Whenever she marked Teddy's papers, she got a certain perverse pleasure out of putting X's next to the wrong answers; and when she put the F's at the top of the papers, she always did it with a flair. She should have known better; she had Teddy's records and she knew more about him than she wanted to admit. The records read:

- 1st Grade: Teddy shows promise with his work and attitude, but poor home situation.
 - 2nd Grade: Teddy could do better. Mother is seriously ill. He receives little help at home.
 - 3rd Grade: Teddy is a good boy, but too serious. He is a slow learner. His mother died this year.
 - 4th Grade: Teddy is very slow, but well-behaved. His father shows no interest.
- Christmas came and the boys and girls in Miss Thompson's class brought her Christmas presents. They piled their presents on her desk and crowded around to watch her open them. Among the presents there was one from Teddy Stallard. She was surprised that he had brought her a gift, but he had. Teddy's gift was wrapped in brown paper and was held together with Scotch tape. On the paper were written the

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Cross Plains ISD reports decline in enrollment of 31 students this year compared to 2006

Clyde CISD was the only public school in Callahan County reporting student enrollment increases this year compared to 2006.

Clyde CISD reported higher first week student enrollment this year compared to last year, while Eula ISD, Baird ISD and Cross Plains ISD all reported a decline in student enrollment compared to 2006.

Although Clyde CISD reported an enrollment increase this year, it was just up by five students over 2006. Clyde CISD reported student enrollment in all grades at 1,473 as of the first day of school Monday, August 27th. The school reported 1,468 during the first day of school in 2006.

Clyde CISD reported 400 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through second grade at Clyde Elementary School. Clyde CISD reported 314 students at Clyde Intermediate School, which includes grades third through five grade. Clyde Junior High School, with grades sixth through eighth at that campus, had 339 students. Clyde High School's campus, which includes grades 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, reported 420 students.

Eula ISD saw a decline of 21 students this year compared to last year. Eula ISD reported 420 students during the first day of school on 2006.

Eula ISD reported 205 students in Eula Elementary School, which includes grades Pre-Kindergarten

Callahan County Student Enrollment

	Clyde CISD	Eula ISD	Baird ISD	Cross Plains
1991	1,488	512	472	446
1992	1,447	527	481	457
1993	1,511	511	491	451
1994	1,532	558	503	454
1995	1,528	568	490	449
1996	1,530	595	438	450
1997	1,543	575	454	470
1998	1,517	558	454	437
1999	1,520	573	427	474
2000	1,497	574	391	430
2001	1,452	513	385	409
2002	1,467	532	373	410
2003	1,460	492	378	393
2004	1,461	519	347	390
2005	1,435	471	345	375
2006	1,468	441	347	386
2007	1,473	420	301	355

through sixth grade. Eula Middle School, with grades seventh and eighth, reported a total of 60 students. Eula High School, with grades 9th, 10th 11th and 12th, reported 155 students.

Baird ISD reported a decline of 46 students compared to the first day of school in 2006. Baird ISD reported 301 students in the first day of school Monday. Baird ISD had 347 students in the first day of school in 2006.

Baird ISD had 123 students at Baird Elementary School, which includes grades Kindergarten through fifth grade. Baird Middle School, with grades six through eight, had 67 students. Baird High School, with grades 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, had 111 students

for the first day of school.

Cross Plains reported 355 students in the first day of school Monday, a decline of 31 students compared to the first day of school in 2006. Cross Plains ISD noted 355 students this year, compared to 386 students in the first day of school in 2006.

Cross Plains ISD reported 191 students at Cross Plains Elementary School, which includes grades Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade. Secondary School, with grades 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th had 164 students report to the first day of school Monday.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007 enrollment increased to 365 at Cross Plains ISD.

No Classes Were Cut at Cross Plains ISD

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

Writers Note: (I was unable to attend the August 27th Special School Board meeting, but was given a copy of the videotape from that meeting).

Board President Frankie Hyles opened the meeting by imploring those attending to remain in a calm posture as they all worked together to sort out the questions parents had over the class scheduling this year. Parent **Joe Holland** was concerned some kids weren't going to be able take all of the classes they normally could have in the past. He mentioned he thought some of the programs have been hurt as a result of the new scheduling.

The TAKS tutorials have not been taken out. They are still offered from 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. for those kids that need the help. So far, no student has taken advantage of that. It was also brought out that because of new implementation, kids who failed Math could be with Math teachers, those who failed English with English teachers, etc. unlike last year.

Some parents wondered why their child was not able to be in the AG classes they had signed up for. **High School Principal, S.D. Loyless** countered that no student who requested to be in AG has been denied. **Mrs. Loyless** went over the Graduation Plan that the 124 high school students had filled out. (A Graduation Plan helps direct students take the appropriate courses to further

their individual goals after High School.) Students were given the option of putting priorities (numerically) on the choices of electives they preferred. If that elective conflicted with a required academic class, it was not given top priority, but everyone more or less got their first choice unless there were extenuating circumstances. Parents are encouraged to contact the school regarding parent/teacher conferences for schedule changes.

The top 3 requests follow: 74-AG, 65-Spanish, 40-Computer, 30-Home Economics and 11-Athletics. The conflict resulted when what they marked on the form was not always what they really wanted. Several students and parents have had meetings with the Loyless' and their schedules were adjusted if possible. It was noted that AG teachers, **Mr. Morgan** and **Mr. Richey**, have been very cooperative in helping kids switch their classes around.

The subject of AP (Advanced Placement and formerly known as "Honors") classes was another issue at hand. Students passing these classes and subsequent test, get not only high school credit, but also college credit for that class. Some parents were upset thinking these academic classes were going to push out the trade classes, such as AG. **It was made very clear that no classes, especially AG was cut out of the curriculum.**

At present, Calculus is the only AP course that's offered. More Pre-AP classes will be offered to prepare college bound students in that endeavor. While AP classes

are not required to get into a private college, they are mandatory to be accepted into a public four-year college. In the last 10 years, if a student graduated in the top 10 percent of their class, they were almost automatically guaranteed enrollment into the college of their choice. That is no longer true since **House Bill 2836** was passed. As of Fall 2008, (this year's graduating class) a student has to be a 'recommended' or a 'distinguished student' to gain entrance.

Principal Loyless went on to say that the State has mandated this new curriculum and increased the number of required courses. "There's a shift that's going to occur. It's going to happen to all of us." He explained that he was simply implementing the "Highly Competitive Curriculum based on the assessed needs of all the students" as laid out by the State of Texas and the Cross Plains School Board.

Loyless stated, "This is a shock wave, a nightmare and ridiculous. It hits these kids right between the eyes." He went on to explain, "This is here and we've got to deal with it."

Another factor is that CPISD gets extra money from the State of Texas for students that are taking Career classes such as AG, Computer and Home Economics. They don't receive that money for Academic courses. If more teachers are needed to teach those required courses, as the State demands, it will require both certifying current teachers as well as hiring new ones to cover all

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One Man Show Jubilee

See Today's Newspaper insert!

Winter is coming this "Fall". (Okay, it's still summer in September in Texas, but stay with me.) It's Mark Winter who's coming. This Sunday, September 9, Mark will speak at First United Methodist Church, meeting at the Presbyterian Church (2nd and D) at 10:45 a.m. On Sunday evening, he will present a dramatic sketch, and his topic is "What Holds Your Life Together?" Evening services on Sunday through Tuesday will be at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

On Monday evening Mark presents a full-length dramatic sketch as "Pete, the Texas Fishing Guide".

Tuesday evening, everyone is invited to a free Hot Dog Supper, followed by Mark's comedy magic show, and closing with worship and gospel message. Mark Winter's One Man Show

Jubilee is a mix of inspirational messages, drama and programs designed to help people discover strength, hope and joy. Winter, who lives in Fort Worth, Texas, formed his One Man Show Ministries in 1999 as a "creative force for God." He is a General Evangelist of the United Methodist Church and author of *If There Is No God*, published by Cook Communications.

First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains warmly invites you to attend all of these services. Experience the Jubilee, come and have a great time! Share the enclosed insert with others.

For transportation to any of these services, call and leave a message at the Methodist Church 254-725-7377, or Carol Bennett at 725-7474.

Submitted by
Carol Bennett

Featured Guest Speaker United Methodist Teen Sunday School Class

The Cross Plains United Methodist Church Teen Sunday School Class would like to invite all area teens to come hear Mark Winter's CD presentation of Ron Bell's "NOOMA". This CD focuses on God's unconditional love for us.

Nooma is an innovative approach to living the Christian life. Emphasis will be on the

Gospel message, presented with Mr. Winter's "blend of humor, stories, drama and fun."

Please come and join us in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, 2nd and Avenue D, Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

If you need a ride, please call Sharon Ames at 725-6375 or 325-668-4809.

Submitted by
Donnel Clark

U.S. Flags on Display at Cross Plains I.S.D.

Just prior to the opening of the 2007 school year, the Cross Plains American Legion Post placed new U.S. flags in most of the elementary school classrooms which standardized the size of flags in the two buildings.

Margie Sowell, Elementary School Principal, stated, "Since our students are taught to honor our country and respect the U.S. and Texas flags, patriotism begins in the first grade and should continue into our adult society."

Bob Kirkham, American Legion Commander, commented that additional flags will be replaced by the American Legion as the need arises.

Tentative arrangements are being made for the elementary students to participate in future National Armed Forces Days. These ceremonies will be developed by the local American Legion Post.

CHANGES COMING to Main Street Pool House & Surf Shop Downtown

With the football season upon us, Main Street Pool House & Surf Shop will **once again be open on Sundays—starting at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, September 9.**

Come on in, have a pizza or some spicy buffalo wings, and cheer on the Cowboys or whatever team is playing on TV that day. We will games on Sunday afternoons, as well as Sunday night (the Cowboys will be playing the Giants this Sunday night at 7:00 p.m) and Monday night. Plus, there will be college games playing all Saturday afternoon. And not only will the games be on, but whenever you order a medium, large or extra large pizza on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, you can get a free order of breadstix (takeout orders as well).

Beside the change in hours for football season, keep your eyes open for a few other additions at The Pool House. Starting Tuesday,

September 11, at 7:00 p.m. we will kickoff our weekly

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Varsity

vs. Miles

September 7, 2007

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254-725-7574 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
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Pastor Max Evans

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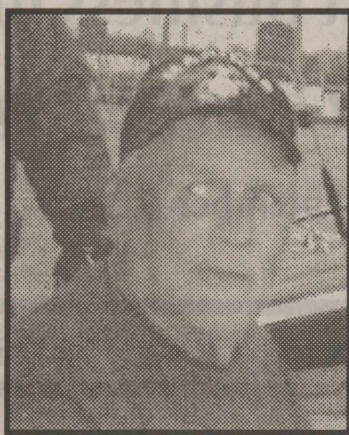
Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Bible Study...10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARY

Gordon 'Sarge' L. Price



Gordon "Sarge" L. Price, age 73, of Cross Plains, passed away Sunday morning after a short battle with cancer in Abilene, Texas.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, September 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating, interment will be at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

"Sarge" was born October 29, 1933 in Fort Worth, Texas to Henry and Virginia (Smith) Price. He served in the U.S. Military for 20 years and worked as a diesel mechanic after leaving the

service. On October 10, 1993, he married Zetta Hawk in Gordon, Texas. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding motorcycles and spent many happy hours on his "bike". He was a member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Goddard; and his father, Henry Price.

Survivors include his wife, Zetta "Reba" Price of Cross Plains; daughters, Cheri Long and husband Butch, Kim Quillen and husband Sean, all of Ft. Worth, Amy Montelongo and Ricky Speer of Gordon, Alicia Davis and husband Kyle of Langtree; son, Lawrence Switzer and wife Daysha of Cross Plains; sister, Sue Muggli and husband Gene of Ft. Worth; 11 grandchildren, Charlie, Cortney, Brittany, Carl, Alex, Brittany, Trevor, Bailey, Victoria, Samuel, and Kyson; Sarge's adopted son, David Mendieta and wife Betty and grandson Junior; numerous nieces and nephews; and lots of wonderful friends.

Cowboy Heritage Church, CHC Arena announces 4th Annual Cowboy Camp Meeting

Round up your family and friends for 5 days of fun Christian fellowship, food, and time spent in God's word.

Cowboy Heritage Church, Clyde, will be holding its 4th annual Cowboy Camp Meeting Wednesday, September 19th through Sunday, September 23rd, with Cowboy Evangelist and singer Ray Perryman, and live music provided by Sammy Alcalá and band.

The events will begin with Wednesday night chuckwagon dinner from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., with a night service to follow. Thursday through Saturday, we will begin each day with a Cowboy Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by a morning worship service. We will meet up again from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., for a chuck wagon dinner (donations accepted) followed by night services with Ray Perryman, and we conclude each evening with an arena event and campfire coffee. Arena events will be Thursday night Team Roping. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$20 per team. Friday night Women's Ranch Rodeo is \$25 per team (4-5 person team) only first 15 teams

taken. You may only participate in one team. Saturday events kick off at 9:00 a.m., with children's events running up until noon and Mutton Bustin' starts at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 per child (70 lb. weight limit). At 2:00 p.m., we start the 1st Men's Ranch Rodeo. The cost is \$25 per team (4-5 person team), only first 15 teams taken. Top 4 teams will return for final round following the night service. Prizes will be awarded for all events. The Camp Meeting will conclude on Sunday with coffee and donuts at 10:00 a.m., with morning services at 10:30 p.m., with Ray Perryman followed by a potluck lunch.

Cowboy Heritage Church, Clyde is located just North of I-20 at 8468 CR 112. Take exit 299 Hays Rd. and go North. The tan metal building on your left. CHC is directly across the interstate from Clyde High School.

To sign up for the Ranch Rodeos, or for more information, contact Pastor Greg Clemmer at 325-338-4287.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Misdemeanor Filings

Richard S. Morgan, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Douglas W. Spurrier II, DWI.
Zane G. Simmons, DWI.
David Paul Coffey, assault.

vehicle, 3 year probation, \$700 fine, \$294 court costs.

Rodney G. Payne, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to prison.

Lauren K. Coy, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Civil Filings

New Falls Corporation vs. Gregory Biehl and Carla Biehl, default on note.

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. James R. Ely, breach of contract.

Civil Minutes

Thomas Siewert and Laura Siewert, divorce granted.

FIA Card Services, N.A. fka MBNA America Bank, N.A. vs. Sharon Terrell, order of non-suit granted.

Kala Sue Stout and Aubrey Lynn Stout, divorce granted.

The misdemeanor filing listed in the August 29 Courthouse News of driving while intoxicated against David Paul Coffey was incorrect. He was charged with assault.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Robert Zacniewski, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Michael Ray Whitmire, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Christopher R. Hewitt, motion to dismiss to assault granted.

Jared W. Ward, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other cases.

42ND DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Wesley Herman Chaney, order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of probation granted.

Buster C. McRae, plea of guilty to unauthorized use of a

CALLAHAN COUNTY DPS REPORT

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from August 26, 2007 through September 1, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—97
Complaints—93

DWI—3
Possession of Marijuana—1
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Shackelford Community Resource Center to open clinics in Baird, Cross Plains

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the August 23rd edition of the *Albany News*.

The Shackelford County Community Resource Center will expand into Callahan County after receiving a grant last week to open health clinics in both Baird and Cross Plains.

The \$712,500 grant award was announced on Monday, August 27th by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Susan Jones, executive director of the local Resource Center, stated that the populations in both Callahan County communities are medically underserved.

She added that no one locally in either town had applied for the federal funding, and community leaders seem eager for the Resource Center to get started on the projects.

"Both communities have been

very cooperative and are providing us locations for the clinics," Jones said.

The grant is aimed at offering supplemental health care for the uninsured or underinsured in Callahan County. As they do locally and at the Resource Center's clinic in Breckenridge, clients must make a minimum co-pay determined on a sliding scale based on their income.

"We already see people from that area anyway and once the clinics are in place, we'll be able to serve them better."

Each of the new facilities will have a clinic manager, along with medical staff members.

With the clinic sites already available, the Resource Center staff plans to begin work immediately to get the health care centers open as soon as possible.

"CRC staff member Mindy

Underwood stated Tuesday that they hope to open as soon as December, or in early 2008 at the latest.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration approved a total of \$7,143,996 in grants to community health centers in Texas.

The Shackelford County Resource Center was third on the list in terms of the grant amount. "Most of the applicants were from a lot larger cities, like Houston and Lubbock," said Underwood.

Awards ranged from \$77,772 to \$750,000.

"Community health centers are an important tool to expand access to comprehensive grants and will help create more of these health centers and improve health care across Texas."

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By NIKKI PEREZ

Hello again everyone. I hope everyone had a fun and safe Labor Day weekend. Now for the news.

Two weeks ago when we had our resident birthday party, I was out so I would like to thank LaJuan Killion for helping Linda serve cake and punch. We had a good party and the band was great. Thank you to Lewis Fortune and Band for providing our entertainment.

On Tuesday, August 28th we took some of the residents to Cross Plains to eat at the Senior Citizens. The residents were Jerry Holmes, Jimmielee Payne, and Billie Lewis. They had a great time.

On Thursday, August 24th we had our first day of our western days, which included calf roping and barrel racing. Our winners for the calf roping were: **1st Place**, Danee Clark and **2nd Place**, Kristi McGinn.

In our barrel racing competition, the staff members ran their

hearts out, or at least I did. And the winner's are: **1st Place**, Kristi McGinn and **2nd Place** went to me (Nikki Perez). Each winner received a very beautiful gift.

Then on Friday, August 25th, we had our watermelon seed-spitting contest, our Frisbee toss, and a horseshoe-pitching contest. In the watermelon seed-spitting **1st Place**- Dorothy Horrell, who spit further than anybody. **2nd Place** belonged to Darla Moore.

In our Frisbee toss Robert Lee took home **1st Place** and Darla Moore shortly followed by bringing home **2nd**. In the horseshoe pitching Jessica Nieto took home **1st Place** and **2nd Place** went to Ava Dodd. Congratulations to all the winners. We had so much fun. We also had a lot of residents to include that participated with us.

They were Jimmielee Payne, Dorothy Clark, Irene Starkey, Nell Lancaster, Billie Lewis, Myrtle Hoggett, Pauline Regian, Wilma Lasater, and Marjorie

Rutledge. I would also like to thank Danee Clark for cooking up some delicious hamburgers. Thank you to everyone for coming up and enjoying our festivities and thanks to everyone who participated in our western day events.

We have a new employee in the dietary department. He is going to be our cook and dishwasher for our evening crew. His name is Shon Amaro. Welcome to Rising Star Nursing Center.

We will be decorating homecoming mums for the children at Rising Star this year. Some of the residents will help make them. We will also be having my favorite, Coke floats, on the 7th. Our residents birthday party will be on the 27th of this month, with the Cross Plains Ladies providing our entertainment.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for reading this week's edition of the Rising Star Nursing Center News. Take care and God Bless.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

A Modern History of Cottonwood

I have recently received several items of historical interest, to only myself, possibly, but, interesting, to say the least. One item is two letters from Lewis Nordyke written to Gorman Parrish's father, who with his family had moved on to "Nubbin Ridge"

when Lewis Nordyke's parents moved to Baird, and quit raising little corn nubbins as a source of income.

Gorman and I had taken a tour of the old Nordyke homestead several months ago and our conversation was spiced by Gorman's memory of living on old "Nubbin Ridge".

The letters talk about hoping the

Parrish family could make a good living on the place and mentioned the possibility of chickens as a source of income. That immediately brought up the vision of Gorman and his sisters chasing chickens around the old place.

Another memory brought to mind was the vision of my grandmother, Emma Coats, ordering a few chirping chicks from the Stephenville, Texas area. The "chirping chicks" would be delivered by the "Mail Hack" out of Cottonwood. Mr. Barnhill drove a horse and buggy to make his rounds and the chicks would be packed in a flat cardboard box, chirping and raising holy Hades every step of the way.

Grandma Coats would then meet the mail hack and carefully carry the chicks to their new home, a chicken house and pen close to the back door.

Another special gift I received came from the Bob Robinsons. They live on the old J.P. Clark place west of Cottonwood. Bob asked me one day if I would like to have Grandpa Coat's old saddle, which was stored in his barn.

The saddle he explained, was given to him by my uncle, Leonard Coats, who gave the saddle to Bob when he got too old to take care of it. I immediately said, yes! It was the only saddle my grandfather ever rode.

And as I think about it, I am not so sure that the saddle did not belong to his father, my great grandpa, John Alexander Coats, was a brother-in-law of Mr. Jim Love, the first known settler in Cottonwood (according to records in my possession).

I have placed the saddle in my barn where I also have, in my possession a "teacher's desk" that came out of the old Caddo Peak School, which I consider the desk used by my other grandfather, Frank Bennett, who taught school at Caddo Peak.

The desk was given to Alton McCowen of Cross Plains, who had received it from Joe Oglesby, who was a contemporary of my age, who lived in the Caddo Peak area. I hope these items can go into a museum, which I dream of, to be established in the old Cottonwood Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

And that is just about all I know about history.

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

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
August 27-31, 2007

Patrons	58
Programs	8
Books Checked Out	37
Copies	25
Reference	3
Internet Users	25

Book Donations: Joan McCowen

Memorials: The following memorials were made in the memory of Alton McCowen, Tom and Arlene Stephenson; Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCowen; Gary Romeo; Wilda McCowen; John and Bettye Adams; Maxine and Mary Davis; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hutson; Tom and Sue Bennett; Richard and Linda Burns; Janet Swanson; Amy and Bernadette Kerr; Glen and Peggy Winfrey; Wilma Lawrence in memory of Alton McCowen and Mallie Hubnik; and Wanda Merryman in memory of R.C. Merryman, Bill Strickland, Odell Golson, Pete Golson, Bob Hill, Nancy Pancake, Mallie Hubnik, Ross Gerking and Alton McCowen

Volunteers For The Week: Azalee Womack, Sue Bennett, Arlene Stephenson and Wilma Lawrence.

News for Veterans

By: Tom Ivey

Surviving spouses of Veterans who are receiving DIC benefits should immediately check with the Callahan County Appraisal Office to be sure that correct property tax relief is being granted. Such relief may even be given although the Veteran was not receiving Service Connected Disability Compensation at the time of death.

Please note that this benefit is for surviving spouses of Veterans who died of Service Connected disabilities. This does not apply to surviving spouses receiving Widow's Pension payments. The key words are DIC vs. Pension.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

SEPTEMBER 10 - 14
MONDAY - Chicken Rice Broccoli Cass., Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, Wheat Bread
TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Vanilla Pudding w/ Cookie, Bread
WEDNESDAY - Baked Ham, Steamed Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, German Chocolate Cake, Cornbread
THURSDAY - Smothered Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Squash Medley, Apricots, Bread
FRIDAY - Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Italian Blend Vegetables, Oatmeal Cookie, Garlic Toast
2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

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Order Your Team T-Shirts for Cancer Walk

The above was designed by Sports Galore of Eastland for the Cross Plains Cancer Walk.

If relay teams would like to purchase t-shirts with this logo please contact Toni Edington Hart

at 254-629-8224. We ask that each team captain please obtain sizes before calling in order.

You may call for more information and t-shirt colors or email Toni at sportsgo@Tx.ol.net.

Remember or Honor a Loved One... Luminaria Order Form

Remember or honor a loved one by dedicating a luminaria candle to be lit during the Community Cancer Walk on September 22, 2007 in a special ceremony at the Cross Plains Football Field. Proceeds from this event will help add to our Cancer Fund.

Forms may be picked up at First Baptist Church Office, Texas Heritage Bank or the *Cross Plains Review* to be completed and brought back with your donation. The luminaria sack can be personalized by you to honor your loved one. Should you have any questions call (254) 725-6651.

To purchase a luminaria, please fill out the form below. You may list several names under each heading. Each luminaria is a donation of \$5.00. Make checks to the Community Cancer Fund and mail to:

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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 may be 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 donated 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; Kelli Switzer; Living Water Ministries; and Custom Tile/Megan's Massage.

Everyone is encouraged to VOLUNTEER for this Community Project!

Submitted by Kathy Purvis

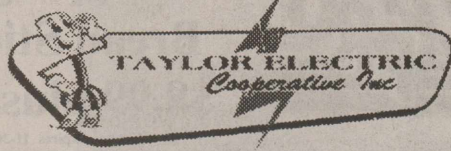
Baird Cemetery Association Annual Meeting Set for Thursday, September 6th

The annual meeting of the Baird Cemetery Association will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2007. We will look forward to seeing you at the Baird Housing Authority Building, 401 Chestnut St. in Baird. Financial statements for 2006 and through July 31, 2007 will be

reviewed along with discussions of recent events and happenings at Ross Cemetery. The meeting will be followed by servings of fine homemade ice cream and cake. We hope you will be able to join us on Thursday night.

Submitted by: Tom Ivey

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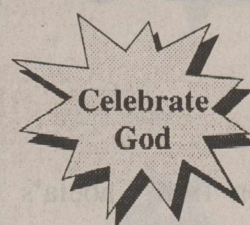
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Someone said, "The best combination of parents for children is a father who is gentle beneath his firmness, and a mother who is firm beneath her gentleness." That not only makes sense, it "makes great kids"! It sounds a lot like the Bible, like what Paul said: "Fathers, nurture your children in the discipline and admonition of the Lord — but do not provoke them to anger" (Ephesians 6:4). It takes the combination of "velvet and steel" to love children enough to rear them properly. Love them and listen to them — but also limit them, giving them discipline and guidelines. Why does this work so well? Because He who created parents and children is the real Author of it...

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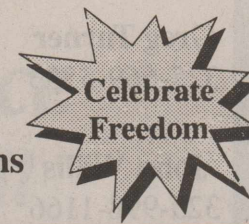
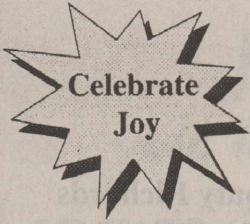
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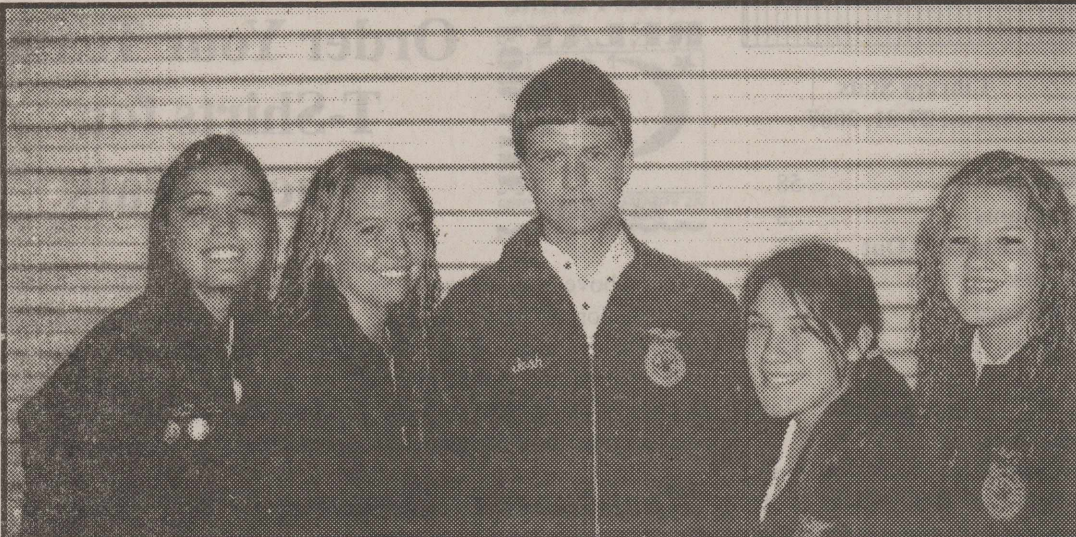
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



MEMBERS ATTENDING STATE CONVENTION—Emma Bennett (from left), Krista Phillips, Markus Maxwell, Tiffany Holland and Shasta Bacon.

Cross Plains Chapter Attends the State FFA Convention

Even though school ends FFA events are just getting started. This summer Krista Phillips, Tiffany Holland, Shasta Bacon, Emma Bennett and Markus Maxwell attended the State Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The State Convention is a four-day gathering of FFA members from all over the state of Texas. Over 10,000 members and guest attended this year breaking the state record. There are many activities that FFA members can choose from. The Cross Plains FFA Chapter attended the FFA concert featuring Johnny Cooper and Stoney LaRue, FFA fun night which included the FFA dance and the talent competition. Along with the FFA events the Cross Plains chapter went to the beach and also enjoyed putt-putt golfing. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree awarded by the FFA. Those who received their State FFA Degree included Hailey Biggs, Tiffany Walker, Markus Maxwell and Betty



LONE STAR RECIPIENTS—Betty Mathews (from left), Markus Maxwell, Hailey Biggs and Tiffany Walker.

Mathews, Tiffany Walker also received runner-up for her Star Lonestar throughout the whole state. The FFA recognizes FFA members along with chapters. The Cross Plains Chapter received the Golden Horizon Award and the Superior Chapter Award. The Cross Plains Chapter has been very successful in the past and intends to progress in future years!

Submitted by Tiffany Holland



STATE RUNNER-UP LONE STAR DEGREE
Tiffany Walker

Cross Plains PTO Membership Drive Underway

It is that time of year again for the Cross Plains PTO membership drive. We would like to encourage each and everyone to join this year. All of the money collected goes straight to the Cross Plains Schools. The membership drive ends September 21st.

We have many new officers this year and we are all excited about the new school year. We would love to have lots of parental involvement. Let us all show our support this year and take a valuable part in our child's school. You do not however have to be a parent to become a member of the PTO. The community is welcome to also show their support of these young people.

It takes everyone helping a little to make a big difference in the life of a child!!

Submitted by PTO Officers
Tina Wyatt, President
Karri Shepard, Vice President
Mariah Goode, Treasurer
Stephanie Bien, Secretary
Stephanie Thompson, Reporter



Scheduling

the bases.

At present CPISD only has one full-time Science teacher. It was acknowledged that this new Bill would hit smaller schools like Cross Plains harder. 4A or 5A schools have the faculty and resources needed when shifts occur. Loyless stated, "We can't say it's got to be AG or it's got to be Academics. It's got to be a team effort."

One parent affirmed, "In a small school we have to band together and not divide over situations and resources. We've got to figure out a way to get the best tools for everybody." It was recognized that there are some tough choices that will need to be made not only in class scheduling, but in other areas so kids will be able to graduate.

Parent David Estes added, "We're in a period of transition right now and we are paying for some things that weren't done in the past. Until we get it figured out, it's gonna be tough." New Principal Loyless agreed, "We rolled into town and coincided with these new laws and changes. We've had to be the bearer of some bad news, some changing news. It wouldn't matter who your principal was; the news is the same. It's not about us, it's about our kids."

It was stressed that there has to be a partnership between students, parents and those in the CPISD. It was stated that internal strife would only make the problem worse. "I hope this meeting has provided clarity and been positive. I hope it has shown that we're just trying to do what's right for the kids," said Loyless. He went on to exhort those present to really realize the treasure they have in the students at CPISD.

"We want to be here. You've got a neat little town. You've got awesome kids." He went on to say that he had walked into the cafeteria and found only one straw wrapper on the floor and all of the chairs had been neatly pushed back in. "I challenge you to go to any school in this state and find the same level of respect as these kids have here. This is heaven."

As the meeting wrapped up, Elementary School Principal, Margie Sowell went over the Employee Handbook. It's title this year is very fitting, "TEAMWORK: Where There Is Unity — There Is Always Victory". Spontaneous applause broke out as she read the title. The Board approved the handbook with its changes to the dress code.

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CHANGES

student-led Bible study for the youth of this community. Free breadstix, cheesestix and pizza will be provided for those taking part in the study. Also, with the school year underway, we will be initiating a tutoring/mentoring program in conjunction with the elementary and high schools.

Students and adults will be involved in this program in hopes of improving grades and community interaction. And, speaking of grades, by the time the first report cards are sent home, we will be offering an incentive/rewards program involving As, Bs, and Cs and pizzas. We're working on a reading incentive/rewards program, too.

And don't forget Movie Night

every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. We're not sure what this week's movie will be but it will be suitable for young and old alike. Call us Thursday or Friday to see what movie we've chosen. We had a good crowd for "Blades of Glory" last Saturday. It keeps us busy making cinnamon stix and 6-inch pizzas, but it sure is neat to see 25 kids in here on a Saturday night.

Changes will continue to come as we continue toward our goal of making Main Street Pool House & Surf Shop more than a pizza parlor and more of a youth/community center. Thanks for your business...and thanks for your support and prayers.

Submitted by
Greg Steidle

Band Booster Parent Meeting
Monday, September 10
at 6:00 p.m. at the Band Hall

Concession Stand Workers
Friday, September 7th
Deanna Black, Sharelynn Bell,
Jamie Apple and Scarlett Koettel



Don't Forget About Buffalo Breakfast this Friday, September 7th

This week's Buffalo Breakfast will be hosted by the Church of Christ at their Activity Center on Highway 36 East.

All football players, parents of players, cheerleaders, coaches and administration are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the meal. There will be a short devotional and everyone is encouraged to stay and partake of the spiritual food also. [The teams will be competing against Miles this Thursday (JV) and Friday (Varsity).]

Submitted by
Bob Pipes

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

SEPTEMBER 10 - 14

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - Waffle Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY - Sausage-N-Blanket, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce

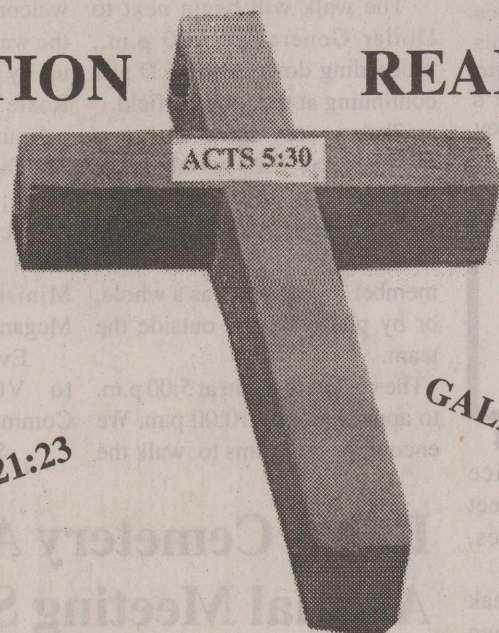
TUESDAY - BBQ Chicken Strips, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls w/Honey

WEDNESDAY - Soft Tacos, Salad, Refried Beans, Vanilla Pudding

THURSDAY-Chicken & Rice, Peas & Carrots, Bread Stick, Orange Slices

FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Cookie

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County Commissioners approve new fence regulations on County Roads

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted to approve new regulations for right-of-way on County Roads during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, August 27th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The commissioners' court discussed setting regulations for right-of-ways on County Roads which are needed in order to provide room to maintain the County Roads.

Commissioners Cliff Kirkham made a motion to accept the regulation which states: Any new fencing put in place by landowners located in Callahan County must be eight foot (8') from the bottom of the ditch or the same line of existing fence, if closer. Commissioner Bryan Farmer seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought

before the commissioners' court included:

—County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Present included 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.

—After a report by Callahan County Emergency Management Coordinator Jan Windham, and discussion by the court, Commissioner Hicks made a motion to post the Nationwide Permits for Disaster Situations present by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at each County Precinct Barn. The motion was sec-

onded by Commissioner Windham and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The minutes for the commissioners' court meetings of August 13th and August 20th were reviewed and signed.

—There was discussion of the FEMA Disaster Plan and progress of the plan. No action was taken.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills. There was a second by Commissioner Windham and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Windham made a second and the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. with a 5-0 vote.

—The commissioners' court met again on Monday, August 27th at 10:55 a.m. for a Public Hearing on the proposed designation of the Cottonwood Wind Farm Reinvestment Zone. During the public comment portion of the meeting, Rodney Callaway spoke to the commissioners' court.

—After discussion, Commissioner Hicks made a motion to execute an order approving the Reinvestment Zone for the Cottonwood Wind, LLC Reinvestment Zone. There was a second by Commissioner Farmer and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Windham abstaining from voting on the motion.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the terms of the tax abatement agreement to be offered to Cottonwood Wind, LLC. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Windham abstaining from voting on the motion.

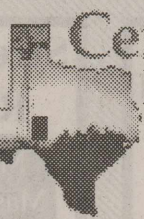
—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting and Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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The month of September is when we traditionally honor Grandparents with a special day and the library we are planning a sharing project with grandparents and children. Grandparents are encouraged to come with their grandchildren for this event. Participants will be working on making a simple Teddy Bear where the child will make two stitches and the grandparent will make two stitches until the bear is completely sewn all around.

Little button eyes will be attached and a small amount of stuffing will take place to give the bear a cuddly and well rounded shape. For children who do not have a grandparent living close by, there will be grandparents available to "Adopt" for the day from our Senior Citizens' Center. We hope you can join us this fun afternoon! We can "Bear-ly" wait!

The ASAP will continue with more exciting programs and activities on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month. Watch for details of upcoming events.

Submitted by Linda Burns, Librarian



60 YEARS OF SERVICE—Donnel C. Clark received his 60-year service award from Cross Plains Masonic Lodge on Tuesday the 28th of August. He was presented a Certificate and pin from District Deputy Grand Master Bill Giles of Clyde, who is a representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F.@A.M. Donnel was raised in Cross Plains and moved to the big city where he worked for many years and upon retiring, moved back home to enjoy life. He and his wife, Imogene are involved in many of the activities in Cross Plains, especially Church, where they are very active.

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 - 24 oz. Beef Back Ribs
 - 1 lb. 80/20 Lean Ground Beef
 - 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenders
 - 4-6 oz. On Bone Pork Chops
 - 1 lb. Ground Turkey
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The other boys and girls began to giggle and smirk over Teddy's gifts, but Miss Thompson at least had enough sense to silence them by immediately putting on the bracelet and putting some of the perfume on her wrist. Holding her wrist up for the other children to smell, she said, "Doesn't it smell lovely?" And the children, taking their cue from the teacher, readily agreed with "oo's" and "ah's."

At the end of the day, when school was over and the other children had left, Teddy lingered behind. He slowly came over to her desk and said softly, "Miss Thompson, you smell just like my mother...and her bracelet looks really pretty on you too. I'm glad you liked my presents."

When Teddy left, Miss Thompson got down on her knees and asked God to forgive her.

The next day when the children came to school, they were welcomed by a new teacher. Miss Thompson had become a different person. She was no longer just a teacher; she had become an agent of God. She was now a person committed to loving her children and doing things for them that would live on after her. She helped all the children, but especially the slow ones, and especially Teddy Stallard. By the end of that school year, Teddy

showed dramatic improvement. He had caught up with most of the students and was even ahead of some.

She didn't hear from Teddy for a long time. Then one day she received a note that read:

Dear Miss Thompson:
 I wanted you to be the first to know I will be graduating second in my class.

Love,
 Teddy Stallard

Four years later, another note came:

Dear Miss Thompson:
 They just told me I will be graduating first in my class. I wanted you to be the first to know. The university has not been easy, but I liked it.

Love,
 Teddy Stallard

And, four years later:

Dear Miss Thompson:
 As of today, I am Theodore Stallard, M.D. How about that? I wanted you to be the first to know. I am getting married next month, the 27th to be exact. I want you to come and sit where my mother would sit if she were alive. You are the only family I have now; Dad died last year.

Love,
 Teddy Stallard

Miss Thompson went to that wedding and sat where Teddy's mother would have sat. She deserved to sit there; she had done something for Teddy that he could never forget.

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Stephens at 254-725-6819.

This is a worthwhile community project that has been in action since 1998. Volunteers will be needed once again to complete these projects, so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of this year. We are excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor.

If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Roxie Thomas, 254-725-6141 or Pat Stephens 254-725-6819. Please return your applications to Texas Heritage Bank or Cross Plains City Hall.
 Submitted by Pat Stephens

Conservation Public Meeting Monday, September 17th

There will be a public meeting in Baird on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the implementation and allocation of funds for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIIP), Wildlife Habitat Program (WHIP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP). These programs provide voluntary conservation to farmers and ranchers to promote agriculture production and environmental quality that are compatible with national goals. These programs offer financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. This meeting is open to the public and all Agricultural Producers, Landowners, and interested citizens of Callahan County are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Callahan County Courthouse on the second floor. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Topics to be discussed at this meeting will be conservation priorities, incentive rates, conservation practices, and application screening process

and a priority ranking system for applications. Your input is very important and all opinions and recommendations will be given to the Local Work Group for their consideration.

Immediately following the Program Development public meeting, there will be a Local Work Group meeting. The Local Work Group is made up of a mandated limited membership that includes the Callahan Divide SWDC Board, Farm Service County Committee, the Callahan County Extension Agent, NRCS DC and FSA representative.

After considering all alternatives available to them, the Local Work Group will advise NRCS on how the local people would like the EQIP program carried out. All of their recommendations will be taken into account by the NRCS Designated Conservationist when finalizing the program.

If you have an interest in how the conservation technical assistance money available through the EQIP program is to be used in Callahan County, PLEASE plan on attending this meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the NRCS office in Baird at 325-854-1349 ext. 3.

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