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THURSDAY, August 27, 2009



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100th YEAR

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 24

Junked Vehicle Ordinance to Be Cross Plains Public Library Hosts Celebration **Enforced Beginning September 1st**

Texas Tech University

LUBBOCK, TEXAS 78408

The City of Cross Plains passed does not respond to the notice. a "Junked Vehicle Ordinance" in public property more than 30 copy of the ordinance.

The Cross Plains Beautification Beginning September 1, 2009 Committee would like to remind that needs to be cleaned up, please the City will begin tagging junked citizens of Cross Plains that contact City Hall for information vehicles that have been on homecoming is just around the on how to dispose of the debris, public or private property more corner. Although this a great time than 30 days and will have the to get things cleaned up, we vehicles removed if the owner would like encourage all citizens

to take pride in their neighbor-If you have questions concern- hood and homes and make this 2004 prohibiting allowing junked ing the ordinance, you may a beautiful community for vehicles to remain on private or contact City Hall or request a all seasons and not just at homecoming.

If you have an excess of debris You may be able to remove the debris at no cost to you during the month of September.

American Legion Meeting Thursday

The American Legion Post #423 will meet Thursday, August 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on N.E. 1st Street in Cross Plains.

A meal will be served and all wives are cordially invited.

All members and prospective new members are encouraged to

Pride

The August meeting of Project Pride will be Tuesday, September To qualify for this certificate, 254-725-7521. Cost of the 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross

> Folks are encouraged to drop by earlier to participate in the open Reporter, CPAGS house celebration of the expanded Kingirby@eastland.net library and to hang around for the Pride meeting.

The Board of Directors of the
The Cross Plains Public Library

quilt of 1948, an ongoing display staff, and volunteers. dedicated to the veterans, a polio exhibits and answer questions.

residents, the City of Cross Plains, the day go by. and Callahan County, the Barr stocked shelves, and provided the are now open! necessary furnishings—the Cross

Grand Opening of The Children's Discovery Center

and 30th Anniversary

new annex. Board members will to our current director, Linda the book. be there to guide you to the Burns, our Library outgrew the original building. The adjacent Cross Plains Public Library has In 1978, during a town meeting, McCowen building and a vacant been asked to speak at the 2010 a dream for a library was born. lot next to it were purchased. The Texas Library Association Thanks to the hard work and lot has been developed into park Meeting in San Antonio to donations from Cross Plains for the enjoyment of all who wish explain how the Cross Plains school alumni, current and former to sit and read a book or just watch Public Library has become so

Through years of additional Building was purchased. Donated hard work, grants and donations, programs, Robert E. Howard books were received from the annex has been renovated, original manuscripts and individuals and from publishing shelves and furniture have been memorabilia, "Meet the houses. After volunteers installed, and the new Author" program, complete set renovated the front half of the Community Conference Room of Caldecott & Newberry building, built, painted and and Children's Discovery Center award-winning books for

Plains Public Library opened in accomplishments and would like feel set us apart. to share some of them with you.

*Did you know that the Cross Cross Plains Public Library is a non-profit corporation Plains Library is featured in invites everyone to the grand operated by its Board of Heart of the Community: The opening of The Children's Directors, and is run by a library Libraries We Love, a book by Discovery Center and our 30th director, an assistant and many the Berkshire Publishing Group Anniversary Celebration. Stop in volunteers. The City of Cross LLC? Cross Plains Public Library and visit us on Tuesday, Plains, Callahan County and the (CPPL) was one of 80 libraries September 1st from 3:00 to 7:00 State of Texas contribute a little chosen from the United States p.m. and enjoy refreshments less than 25 percent of the and Canada to be included in this provided by Texas Heritage Bank. operating budget. It is funded book that celebrates the role There will be an exhibit of primarily by private donations libraries play in our lives. the 1989 Project Pride quilt, from generous, loyal supporters Alongside stories of the main the Callahan County Home and by fund-raisers organized by libraries of Houston, Boston, Demonstration Club Extension the Board of Directors, library Toronto, and many more, pages 108-109 tell why Cross Plains Thanks in part to our former Public Library, in a town with a exhibit dedicated to Susan Barr, Library Directors, the late Billie population of only 1068, is some surprises and, of course, the R. Loving and Cherry Shults; and special enough to be chosen for

> *Recently, the director of the successful.

*Our many children's children, and oral history project We are so proud of our are just some of the things that we

So come celebrate with us!

Plains, the Cross Plains Area tation such as Bible records, birth Genealogy Society wants to and death certificates, tombstone honor the Early Settlers of the records, obituaries, published biographical records and country Cross Plains Area. histories, probate records, land attend. The goal of this endeavor is to identify and honor our direct line records and newspaper stories and **Project** ancestors who settled this area circumstantial evidence (which and to give recognition to their will be individually evaluated) Holds Monthly

Genealogy Society

Early Settlers Awards

upcoming centennial of Cross to receive the award. Documen-

In conjunction with the resident of the area at this time

will be acceptable. descendents. Forms are available at the Meeting All proceeds from this project will be used to benefit the Library or from any member of genealogy section of the Cross CPAGS. For more information

Plains Public Library. you need to furnish proof that you certificates are \$15.00 and are Plains Public Library. are a direct descendent of a per- suitable for framing. son who was in the Cross Plains area before 1920.

You do not have to be a

call Ann Beeler Sylvia Lacy King

City Council Accepts Bid of \$76,541 for a Pivot System Sanitation Rate Increase to Begin October 1, 2009

were Mayor Ray Purvis, Lewis install the meter at \$1,300.00. Peg Fortune, Bob Kirkham, Jerry Terrell seconded and motion Terrell.

Employees present were Don insurance. Gosnell, Stuart Sowell, Doug Dugger and Teresa Kennedy.

Members of the public meeting Ken Martin and David Estes.

meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. By general consent the council approved the minutes as presented. By general consent the council approved the police and judge's report as presented.

bills. Bob Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

opening bids for the sale of the 1998 Ford F150. No bids were received and therefore the coun-received a letter from have installed both Mater Meters cil decided by general consent to Callahan County Judge Roger and Sensus Meters and they are keep the pickup a couple of Corn explaining that the both good meters. Mark Norris, months in order to allow some Commissioner's Court had voted who was also present stated that needed repairs to be done to the on July 30, 2009 to raise the state is bearing down on other maintenance vehicles.

another forty-five days to install. and Karen Lenz voting nay. Therefore, Bob Kirkham moved

the contract with bonds and

request for a three (3 percent) shall be adjusted annually, as Mayor Purvis called the reflected by fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index for US percent in 2008, we are only Lewis Fortune moved to pay the asking for 3 percent." Jerry Cassle

received for the pivot system from 1, 2009, that is based on a Leonard Irrigation in the amount percentage of calls received. The Leonard to install a flow meter for which total \$215,295.00. This install the meters. \$1,300.00. This meter will allow amount includes benefits and taken out of the system once the will be a total of \$3,626.64. Peg permit is issued and Leonard has Terrell moved to allow the that time. The bid states that it will Kirkham seconded and motion ried. take approximately fifteen days to carried with Terrell, Kirkham, get all the materials together and Fortune and Cassle voting aye

Jerry Cassle moved to amend

This was a regular meeting of to accept the bid from Leonard the budget to allow for the the Cross Plains City Council. Irrigation in the amount of increase in dispatching fees in the Members of the council present \$76,541.00 and to have them amount of \$1,826.64. Fortune seconded and motion carried.

Doug Dugger informed the Cassle, Karen Lenz and Peg carried. Martin is to prepare council that both the meters at the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants are out of calibration Allied Waste has submitted a compliance. He informed the council that the meter currently at increase in the sanitation rate. The the water plant has been there were Kerry Mann, Mark Norris, contract states that the base rate since 1982 and had been in compliance since that time. If we take this meter out and have it calibrated, it will cost \$1,100.00. Department of Energy's Diesel The meter is so old it is obsolete Fuel Update. Allied Waste stated, and won't be able to have it "Although the annual increase for calibrated after this year due to its the past year shows to be over 5 age. He explained that if we purchase a new 8 inch Master Meter for \$2,300.00 it can be moved to allow the price increase calibrated for \$350.00 when effective October 1, 2009. Lewis needed. He advised the council First item on the agenda was Fortune seconded and motion that we have talked with Ken Martin, City Engineer, and he The City of Cross Plains stated that he knows cities who dispatching fees for the City of water loss and explained that a Ken Martin, City Engineer, met Baird, City of Clyde, City of new meter will help with with the council. He advised the Cross Plains, as well as the keeping up with water loss council to accept the only bid Citizens EMS effective October better. He explained that sometimes there is not actually a loss, but due to poor metering, it of \$76,541.00. He also recom- letter explained that Callahan looks like you have a loss. It was mended that the City allow County pays for six dispatchers noted that City personnel can

By general consent the council us to take it in and out of the line insurance. The county will be proclaimed September 16, 2009 to clean as needed. Also in the bid charging all entities the cost of as "American Legion Day" is a "Stop" in the amount of one dispatcher in the amount of recognizing them for their \$450.00 that will be able to be \$29,614.64. Cross Plains' portion contribution to the community and their military service.

Kirkham moved to adjourn and agreed to buy this "stop" back at increase as requested. Bob Lenz seconded and motion car-

> Ray Purvis, Mayor ATTEST: Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

a Bake Sale Saturday, Sept. 5th The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire for the Forest Service Brush

Control Group will hold a Bake Truck. Sale on Saturday, September 5th time to pick up some baked each time we add equipment to goodies for your Labor Day the truck, we use up the funds we

The Bake Sale starts at 9 a.m. Control Group has recently used at 254-725-7281, or bring it by the

"We're so close to having the in front of Village Market on Brush Truck ready for use," Fire Highway 36. This will be a great Chief Joe Terstegge stated, "but

have set aside for it." If you'd like to donate a pie, Proceeds from the Bake Sale will cake or other baked good to the help replenish funds the Fire sale, call Fire Chief Joe or Deana

purchasing parts and equipment bake sale at 9 a.m.

Supper and Songfest '09 at First Presbyterian Church

United Presbyterian Church desserts. would like to invite the music, Saturday, August 29th.

The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the lawn directly behind the church building which is located at 202 North Avenue D in

Supper will be barbecue brisket and friends, and a lawn chair.

The congregation of the First with all the fixin's and homemade

Music will be mix of old time community to join them for an Southern Gospel favorites and evening of food, fellowship and fresh contemporary worship pieces sung by local quartet, 4His Glory, consisting of Rhonda and Connie Swift and Matt and Amanda Sowell.

> All you need to bring to join in the fun is yourself, your family

2009 Homecoming Parade Entries Are NEEDED!!!!!

NEEDED!!!!!! The Ex-Students four-wheelers and golf carts. would like to encourage all classes, organizations, clubs and kindergarten, first and second friends and family who just want grade, third and fourth grade, and to be seen and have fun to par- fifth and sixth grade. ticipate in this year's Homecoming Parade.

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th at 2:00 p.m. Participants will line up in p.m. in order to be judged for tions.

egories of float, bicycle, tractor and automobile. There will also

Homecoming Parade Entries be a category for three-wheeler,

The bicycle divisions will be

The parade route will head south toward downtown for all the viewers to enjoy. Please contact Susan McNeel at 254-725-6498 or Roxie Thomas at front of the school area at 1:00 254-725-6436 if you have ques-

We look forward to seeing you Awards will be given in the cat- and enjoying your decorations.

Submitted by **Roxie Thomas**

Cottonwood Fire Control to Hold "Buffalo Breakfast" this Friday, August 28th

The First Baptist Church will host this week's Buffalo Breakfast, Friday morning, 7:00 am, at their Family Life Center. All football players, cheerleaders, band members, parents of those students, coaches and administration are invited. There is no charge for the meal. There will be a 5-10 minute devotional and everyone is encouraged to stay and partake of the spiritual food as well as the physical. (The Varsity team will be playing Ponder there, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Go and support our team if you can!)

Submitted by **Bob Pipes**



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School Board Minutes

Sunday Morning Bible Study ... 10:00 AM Morning Worship.....11:00 AM Evening Worhsip......6:00 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:00 PM

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Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time	7:00 PM

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599 Church (254) 725-6266 Friendly Church

Bible Teaching

Brushy Creek Cowboy Church

112 W. Travis in Putnam

Pastor: Sam Stone

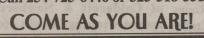
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 AM
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CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Join Us On Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. 16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas

Pastor: LEN SMITH For Information

Call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514



Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)



Al Taylor, Preacher Phone: 254-725-7522

Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: **Rufus Wilson** 254-725-4589

Sunday School....10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am Sunday Evening Worship....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-725-4589

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

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Pastor: Wayne Lenz Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

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companion Pat Hennigan; four

grandchildren; five great-grand-

children; one great-great-grand-

Elmer Kelton Statue Fund, 2201

County Library in San Angelo.

Kenneth Webb Whitley

officiating; burial followed.

George and Frances Mae (Webb)

Whitley. Kenneth served in the

U.S. Army. He married Faye

Harris on December 27, 1947 in

Henrietta, Texas. Kenneth and

Faye lived in several different

places including Odessa, where

he worked in the oil fields as a

tool pusher, before retiring to their

home in Brown County, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Faye

of the home; two sons, Mike

Whitley and wife, Anne and Pat

Whitley and wife Carla, all of

Odessa; three brothers, Harry

Whitley of Crowell, Don Whitley

of Pecos and Ed Whitley and wife

Carol of Henrietta; two sisters,

Sally of Iowa Park and Evelyn of

California; three grandchildren,

He was a Methodist.

wife Peggy of McCamey.



Elmer Kelton

Western novelist Elmer Kelton, whose novel "The Good Old Boys" was made into a TV movie starring Tommy Lee Jones, has died Saturday, August 22, 2009. Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in downtown San Angelo.

Kelton wrote 62 fiction and nonfiction books. He was known for "The Man Who Rode Midnight" and "The Time It Never Rained."

His latest novels include "Six Bits a Day", "Jericho's Road", Texas Vendetta" "Ranger's Trail," The Way of the Coyote", "Badger Boy", "The Buckskin Line" The Smiling Country", "Cloudy in the West" and "The Pumpkin Rollers."

Three of his novels have appeared in Reader's Digest

Condensed Books. His first novel, "Hot Iron," was published in 1956, and he recently finished his last book, "Texas Standoff," due out next year. Another novel, "Other Men's Horses," will be released this fall. The Western Writers of America

voted Kelton "Best Western Author of All Time" and gave him its Spur Award seven times. Four Shawn, Stephanie and Shelby of his books won the Western Whitley; and one great-grand-Heritage Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame including "The Time It Never Rained", "The Good Old Boys", "The Man Who Rode Midnight" and the text for "The Art of Howard Terpning."

In 1987 he received the Barbara McCombs/Lon Tinkle Award for "continuing excellence in Texas letters" from the Texas Institute of Letters. In 1990 he received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Western Literature Association. The Texas Legislature proclaimed Elmer Kelton Day in April, 1997. In 1998 he received the first Lone Star award for lifetime achievement from the Larry McMurtry Center for Arts and Humanities at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls. He received honorary doctorates from Hardin-Simmons University and Texas Tech University, and was given the 2003 Bookends Award by the Texas Book Festival in Austin. He has also been honored by the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock. He was invited to participate in the 2006 National Book Festival in Washington

He was born April 29, 1926 in Andrews County. He is a native of Crane, Texas, where his father, the late R.W. "Buck" Kelton, was with the McElroy Ranch Co. 36 years. After graduation from Crane High School he attended the University of Texas in Austin in 1942-44 and 1946-48, earning a B.A. degree in journalism. He spent 15 years as farm and ranch writer-editor for the San Angelo Standard-Times, five years as editor of Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine and 22 years as associate editor of Livestock Weekly, from which he retired in

He served two years in the U.S. Army, 1944-46, including combat infantry service in Europe. He and his wife Ann, a native of Austria, have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Kelton, of San Angelo; sons Gary Kelton of Plainview and Steve Kelton of San Angelo, with wife Karen McGinnis; and a daughter Kathy Kelton, of San Angelo and

dismiss to theft by check granted, defendant in prison.

child; and three brothers, Merle Kelton and wife Ann of May, Bill miss to assault granted for plea Kelton and wife Pat of Atlanta, to other case. Texas and Eugene Kelton and

Memorials may be sent to San in jail, \$285 court costs. Angelo Area Foundation, ATTN:

dismiss to sale of alcoholic bev-Sherwood Way, Suite 205, San Angelo, TX 79601 for the life size erage to a minor granted for DWI, 3rd or more. statue of Elmer in bronze to be plea to other case. placed in the new Tom Green

Jerry J. Bales, motion to dismiss to assault granted, victim unwilling to prosecute.

Kenneth Webb Whitley, age 82, to withdraw as surety granted. of Brownwood, passed away Billy H. Ancell, plea of guilty Thursday, August 20, 2009 in to theft by check, 1 year pro-Abilene. Graveside services were bation, \$100 fine, \$310 court vorce. held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, costs, \$289.40 restitution.

August 22, 2009, at the Cross Cut Cemetery with Brad Davis bation, \$500 fine, \$410 court He was born in Clay County on September 16, 1926 to James

of guilty to DWI - Class B, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, York Mellon, application for \$410 court costs.

Billy Joe Moore, plea of guilty to assault - family violence, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$310 court costs.

Trevor Smith, plea of guilty to DWI - Class B, 2 year probation, \$500 fine, \$410 court

child, Addison. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

COURTHOUSE **NEWS**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Miscellaneous Filings

Joe D. Cruz, criminal mis-

Harry Luttrell Jr., theft. Antonio Zaragoza, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Andrew T. Johnson, theft by

Cody J. Hurley, assault family violence.

Miscellaneous Minutes

Reynaldo Samaneigo Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 180 days in jail, \$243 court costs.

Travis R. Byram, amended motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Christopher Mendez, motion to dismiss to DWI granted in the interest of justice.

Sharon Hendrix, order re-

leasing cash bond granted. Avin Whiteley, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate

Billy Mac Chaney, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Billy M. Chaney, order releasing cash bond granted. Anthony Fiorentini, order amending conditions of proba-

tion granted. Sue Heath, request for extension of probation granted.

Christine A. Ramon Des Rosiers', motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Trevor Smith, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Christina M. Word, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of jus-

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Steven Don Zell, order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudica-

Stephanie Escobar, motion to

Billy J. Moore, motion to dis-

Robert D. Pruitt, plea of guilty to theft by check, 30 days card abuse.

to DWI - Class B, 1 year pro-

Marriage Licenses

Valerie J. Price, both of Clyde. Darriel M. Collins and Kenali K. Kendrick, both of

Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictment

Salvador Salinas, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Vickey L. Feeler, possession of a controlled substance.

Teresa L. Kovalsky, debit

Charolotte M. Mendez, DWI Johnnie P. Wilson, motion to with child passenger.

James Michael Tucker,

Civil Filings

In the estate of Jo Ann Joshua Brian Rudder, motion Wagby, deceased, partition for transfer from county court.

> Stacey R. Anderson vs. Sidney C. Anderson Jr., di-

Astry Rochelly Rivera vs. Cody J. Hurley, plea of guilty Anthony Dwight Livingston,

In Re.: Order for foreclosure concerning Timothy Lowe and Johnathan D. Carrion, plea 333 Callowhill St., Baird, Tx. 79504 and The Bank of New home equity foreclosure order.

Civil Minutes

Cach, LLC vs. Vonda Purcell and Randey Purcell, order granting non-suit.

Blake Fulenwider, CDJ vs. Texas Department of Transportation, unopposed final judgment granted.

Linda Kaye Williams and Johnathan C. Harris and Don L. Williams, divorce

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THE **First United Methodist Church** Rev. Harris Worcester

Sunday School 9:30AM Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM

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First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM Music-Connie Swift & Betty Lewis Lead Singers: Rhonda Swift **Amanda Sowell** Matt Sowell Pastor Kathy Monroe 208 N. Ave. D 23-tfn

First Baptist Church

Sunday School

Sunday **Morning** Worship

10:45 am

9:30 am Sunday **Evening Worship** 6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm Children Choir 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

(254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

WALLACE BENNETT

First Things First

gust 17, 2009, about the Cross istration that is still being felt. Plains Public Library.

The Annex to the Cross Plains

The park area was purchased Center. from Dale Bishop, as that had Sharon Parr.

Library.

also that I forgot Sharon Parr's a member of the club. role was enormous at a former

time when she was on the library OOPS! I am in error and need Board and made a tremendous to correct my last column on Au- contribution to the library admin-

Cottonwood Roundup

The Cottonwood Historical Library was purchased from the Committee met last week and wanted, so pack you needle and late Alton and Joan McCowen. discussed several things that will The couple had planned to gift it be going on in the near future. The to the library after their death, but Cottonwood Homecoming will the Board voted to purchase it be held September 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community

been the old Chevrolet car lot. Cross Plains School Homecom-"The EDC provided the library ing and will be over in time for with a grant of \$250 to do work folks to attend the homecoming on the front of the building," said football game. Bring finger foods Also, Gene Dillard was listed as will be a good time to meet and a board member for the Library get acquainted with your neighand he is an employee at the bors and enjoy the fun and frivol- any personal or local news items ity before the game.

And since my effort in that The Cottonwood Quilting Club living in this valley at column was to pay attention to the will be putting the Club's annual role Cottonwood folk played in Rehab Quilt in the frame this csb555@dishmail.net. Please rethe work of the library, I regret, week, according to Mary Weaver, member this, I can't print it if I

The Quilting Club has been donating a quilt to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene for many years. Details of this quilt will be disclosed at a later date. New quilters are needed and thread and join the club on each Tuesday morning at about 10 a.m.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit will be having a Bake Sale in front of the Village Market in Cross Plains on Sep-This will coincide with the tember 5th. So-all you good cooks in Cottonwood and elsewhere, load up your wagon and deliver the cakes, pies and other goodies to the Village Market by and meet with your neighbors. It 9:00 a.m. Then pick out some

> (Please call Wallace Bennett for about Cottonwood or people 254-725-7474 or e-mail me at don't know about it.)

goodies for yourself and family.

Barbara Pittman elected to place five serving Callahan and Taylor Counties

Mrs. Barbara Pittman was rethree year term.

Barbara was elected by the Barnes and Williams Drug Store Texas Tech University. in Abilene along with her exten-

sive educational experience. cation includes being a Teacher, dedicated to education.

She loves children, education, school board members of the people, and serving on boards. forty-two districts in Region 14. Mrs. Pittman received her BS She brings a variety of experi- from Abilene Christian Univerence to the board with her cur-sity and her Masters in Educa-which is Callahan and Taylor rent status as Co-owner of tion and Administration from

Presently Barbara is an Executive Board Member for the Bap-Mrs. Pittman's career in edu- tist General Convention of Texas

Diagnostician, Elementary As- and Board Member of the Allicently elected to serve on the sistant Principal, Consultant at ancefor Women & Children (for-Board of Directors of Region XIV Region 14 ESC, and Junior High merly YWCA). Barbara teaches Education Service Center for a Principal for a total of 33 years Sunday School and is a mem-

> band, Larry Pittman, currently reside in Clyde.

> Counties except for the Abilene School District which is currently served by Dr. Gene Shelhamer. Chairman of the Board and Dr. Herman Schaffer, Vice-Chairman of the Board in Place 6.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Hosts Fall Meeting in Austin; Includes Seminar for Young Ranchers

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will host its annual fall meeting in Austin, Texas, September 30th through October 2nd at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

TSCRA's Young Leadership Series (YLS) seminar will kick off the event Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC)

Fort Worth, Texas The with an update on current educate young people on issues affecting the Texas cattle industry.

> educational programs, networking opportunities and fellowship with cattle raisers. YLS serves to aid in the development of new leaders in the cattle industry as well as

current cattle industry issues. The YLS program is open to TSCRA's YLS is an individuals ages 19-39 and is opportunity for young farmers free to registered attendees. and ranchers to gather for To register for the YLS Fox at 800/242-7820 or sfox@texascattleraisers.org.

TSCRA committees will meet on Thursday for an in-depth review of all TSCRA policy. Each committee will be provided ample time to discuss

relevant issues and create new policies or to renew or sunset existing policies. These working committee sessions will prove invaluable to all members with concerns about the critical issues facing today's ranchers.

The meeting will conclude Friday at noon after the general session/board meeting. The meeting is open to all TSCRA members and industry friends. Early registration rates are available until September 4. For a detailed schedule or to register, please visit http:// www.texascattleraisers.org/

meetinghighlights.htm. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 132-year-old organization and is the largest livestock association in Texas. TSCRA has more than 15,000 members who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement services, livestock inspection, legislative and regulatory advocacy and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

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ber of the Abilene Womens Club. Mrs. Pittman and her hus-

She will be serving Place 5

LIBRARY NOTES

August 17-21, 2009

atrons:	148
rograms:	15
ooks Checked Out:	108
Copies:	101
Reference:	3
nternet Users:	92
nterlibrary Loans:	1

Living Tribute Joyce Odom Honoring Barbara and Bob

Books and Other Donations: Angela Bogart Michelle Kaiser Bob and Ellen Hebert Diane Smith Mary Weaver

Volunteers: Suzy Stiver-Nash Sue Bennett Michelle Kaiser Wilma Lawrence

Cross Plains Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society Searching for Photos of Old **School Buildings** Can You Help????

The Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society is searching for old school building photos for our next post card/note card you may do so!

Do you have a photo of an early school building you can share with the group? If so, you can drop it off at the Cross Plains Public Library, and be sure to pick up a package of note cards or post cards while you are there.

The sale of the cards benefits the Genealogy Section of the

Join us for our meetings at the library on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 1 p.m.



The Cross Plains Garden Club met August 20, at 11:00 a.m. at Julene Franke's office The purpose was to plan a theme for the upcoming club year.

Members present were: Eva Fleming, Mary Ella Weaver, Julene Franke, and Joyce Odom. Sandy Lusk was not able to attend, but is a member.

The theme "There Is a Time" was chosen as our program guide, and we will meet the second Thursday from September throughout the year until the following May at that time.

We enjoyed a lunch that each one brought.

We are few in number but are dedicated members. Once a Gardener-Always Gardener!

We convene to meet the 2nd Thursday in September.

Alcoholics Anonymous **Meetings**

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are now being held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Church of Christ Activity Center on East Highway

For additional information contact Wanda at 254-725-7499.

SENIOR CITIZEN **CENTER ACTIVITIES:**

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 31st - Movie Day @ 10:00am/ Cokes & Popcorn Tuesday, 1st- Free Manicures @ 10:30 am / Exercise Class @

Wednesday, 2nd - Nutrition Education Thursday, 3rd-Computer Class @ 10:30 am / Exercise Class @

Friday. 4th- Melody McWilliams will sale stamps and other

supplies from the CP Post Office / Bingo @ 11:15 am SENIOR CITIZEN NEEDS! A few items the Center could really benefit from:

ROASTER OVENS . LARGE CROCK POTS

Coupon Corner at the Senior Center

seniors to use. With the economy use! like it is what a great way to save

Do you have coupons that you money by using coupons. This do not use? A sweet lady from the really helps our seniors, since so community, Geneva Nelson has many are on a fixed income. So started a Coupon Corner at the if you have coupons from the Center for the seniors in the Sunday paper, and don't plan on community! There is a table with using them, drop them by the baskets to sort coupons for the Center and we can put them to

Senior Center has 6 computers up and running!

computers available to any senior the Center. They will be each to use. You may use the internet, Thursday starting at 10:30am. play computer games, make a Classes can be as basic or document or even setup an email advanced as needed. What a great account. They are available opportunity for the Seniors in the Monday-Friday from 9:00am - community to learn computer 2:00pm. If you would like to at-skills!

The Senior Center has 6 tend a computer class please call

Monthly Pool Tournament is planned for August 11th

monthly pool tournament on This will be the last pool August 11th beginning at 5:30 tournament they will be able to pm. You may come as early as attend since they are moving. If 4:30 pm to practice and then the you did not know, it was Sharon fun begins. Men, women and who started the pool tournaments. children of all ages are welcome The Popes will be greatly missed to participate. Come join some as great servants of the real pros and try to win a prize! community. They have been There is no charge for the dedicated volunteers for the home tournament but if you would like delivered meals for many years. to make a donation to the center Come tell them goodbye and they

This is also be a going away

The Senior Center will have it party for Del and Sharon Pope. will be missed!

Apply for Helping Hearts & Hands NOW

Is your home in need of minor the application, please call Pat repairs: painting, plumbing, insulations and caulking?

Initiative would like to extend a tion since 1998. Volunteers will hand to assist you with the help be needed once again to complete you might need. Free assistance these projects, so be looking for is available to homeowners who a date to be set in the fall of this are elderly, handicapped and/or year. low income.

Applications are available now at the Senior Citizens' Center. Texas Heritage Bank and City

The application deadline will be the end of September and if you need any assistance filling out

Stephens 254-725-6819.

This is a worthwhile commu-The Cross Plains Area Housing nity project that has been in ac-

We are excited and are 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

AUG. 31 - SEPT. 4

MONDAY- Chicken Strips, Dessert, Milk/Tea/Coffee Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread THURSDAY-Pork Roast, & Dessert, Milk/Tea/Coffee

TUESDAY-Beef & Cheese En- Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk WEDNESDAY-Salmon Patties, Dessert, Milk/Tea/Coffee Mac & Cheese, Carrots, Bread &

Potatoes, Lima Beans, Bread & chiladas, Spanish Rice, Salad, FRIDAY- Chicken Salad Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk Sandwich, Tomatoes/Pickes,

2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FAX (254) 725-7225

The Board of Directors of the Cross Plains Public Library cordially invites you to our

Grand Opening of The Children's Discovery Center

30th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, September 1, 2009 3:00—7:00pm

> Refreshments provided by Texas Heritage Bank



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By Don Davis

Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 N. Main (254) 725-6117

A LAW OF LIFE

The other day a boy refused to obey his mother. Angrily he ran to a ravine and cried, "I hate you!" Suddenly the words came echoing back, "I hate you!"

Frightened, he ran to his mother and said, "There's a bad man in the woods. I heard him say, "I hate you."

Knowing what had happened, she said, "Go back and say, 'I love you.' And the same words came back to him. "Son," she said, "This is a law of life. What you give you get. What you say you hear.' The Bible says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap" (Galatians 6:7).

I encourage you to join with us for worship and Bible Study this Sunday at the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

Sunday Morning Bible Class..9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship....6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

The following administrators 5 Against 0 and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High Keeka Byrd, Nora Odom, Annette Against 0 Bennett Abstained Nickerson, Tonja Walker, Judy Luter and Mitchell Atchley.

the expenses for the month of July-August.

and seconded by Ames to pay Abstained July-August bills.

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by D. Dillard to and seconded by Foster to accept the Budget Amendment's 08-09. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Ames and buses. For 6 Against 0 seconded by D. Dillard that the proposed tax rate change M&O .95 cents I&S .078 total tax rate 1.028. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by Foster to accept bid for fuel from Cross Plains and seconded by Ames to Juice, Milk Petroleum at .5 cents above their reimburse the superintendent's cost. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ames that they session at 8:41 p.m. and returned Assorted Juice, Milk accept bid for 09-10 from Borden. at 9:00 p.m. For 5 Against 0

Dillard and seconded by Foster Shepard for highly qualified Development and Appraisal Against 0 System Calendar for School Year Motion was made by Foster and Roll w/ Honey, Milk 2009-2010. For 5 Against 0

seconded by D. Dillard to approve instructional aide. For 6 the substitute list for 2009-2010 Against 0 school year. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and and seconded by Ames to adjourn. Sliced Peaches, Milk seconded by Ames to approve For 6 Against 0 Integrated Pest Management

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board Program 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by D. Dillard members present: Tommy Ames, and seconded by Foster to Jim Cook, Michael Cowan, approve the Employee Handbook for 2009-2010 school year. For

Bennett came in late.

Motion was made by Foster and School Principal and Elementary seconded by Ames to approve the Principal and guests, Scott Byrd, minutes with corrections. For 5

Motion was made by Foster and seconded Ames to accept the bid They viewed and paid for a fire alarm, bell and clock system for the Primary Building from B.E.S.T. Securtiy System. Motion was made by Foster For 5 Against 0 Bennett

> Motion was made by Bennett accept the property and vehicle insurance for 1009-2010 year with added comp and collision on

> Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Bennett to accept the Student Handbook for 2009-2010 school year with changes. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard Sausage Link, Fruit, Assorted mileage. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by D. seconded by Bennett to hire Kerri approve Professional instructional aide. For 6

seconded by Bennett to hire Motion was made by Foster and Keeka Byrd for highly qualified Chalupas, Salad, Cinnamon

Callahan County 4-H Registration Meeting

Callahan County 4-H will be holding its first meeting on Monday, August 31, 2009 at the Clyde Elementary Cafeteria. The meeting which will be hosted by the Clyde 4-H Club will start with registration for Baird 4-H Club, Clyde 4-H Club, and Eula 4-H Club at 7:00 p.m.

Clyde 4-H members are required to be there for officer elections at 6:30 p.m. Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA-Ag

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

AUG. 31 - SEPT. 4 **BREAKFAST**

MONDAY- Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk TUESDAY-Sausage-n-Blanket, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk WEDNESDAY- Waffle Sticks,

THURSDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

The board went into executive FRIDAY- Cereal, Toast, Fruit, LUNCH

Motion was made by Ames and MONDAY- Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Tossed Salad, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

> TUESDAY-Barbequed Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, WEDNESDAY - Meat & Bean

> Apples, Milk THURSDAY- Spaghetti w/ Meat

Motion was made by Bennett Sauce, Broccoli, Bread Stick,

FRIDAY- Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickle Spears, Baked Chips, Ice Cream, Milk

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Callahan County 4-H Photography **Project Kicks Off** with Workshop September 15th

The Callahan County 4-H is gearing up for the 2010 4-H Photography Project. The first Workshop/Orientation will be held on Monday, September 14th at 5:30 pm at the Taylor County Fair Grounds. Participants will meet at the round building for a 30 minute orientation, where Nancy Capra will discuss the West Texas Fair Photography Contest entries so that you can learn about the different aspects of photography. Then you will have the rest of the afternoon to walk through the fair and take pictures and ride some rides.

The 14th is "Dollar Ride Night" as well as "School Day", so if you have you school tickets you can get in free and ride/rides for a dollar a piece. We hope to see you there and look forward to a great 2010 4-

H Year! Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA-Ag **CPHS Buffalo Football** Season Begins Friday

Tackle; Juniors—Taylor Savell- Defensive End and Tight End. Quarterback and Line Back; Running Back; Allan Wheeler - Atchley and Billie McKinney. Corner and Running Back; William Pope - Defensive End Santo. and Tight End; Hayden Wyatt -Defensive End and Tight End;

The Cross Plains Buffaloes Sophomores—Cody Self finally start their regular season Defensive End and Tight End; this Friday when they travel to Chance Sinclair - Safety and Tight Ponder to take on the Lions at End; Justin Simons - Safety and Wide Receiver; Justin Pope -The Buffs started practice Guard Defensive Tackle; Peyton August 3 and after two weeks of Porter - Offensive and Defensive 2 a days, and 2 scrimmages the Tackle; J.T. Thomas - Offensive Buffs are ready to play for real. and Defensive Tackle; Garrett The two scrimmages went well Moenning - Tackle and Defensive for the Buffaloes and they are still End; Ryder Foster - Guard and working hard for the upcoming Defensive Tackle; Austin Thomas Center and Noseguard;

Playing this year for the Buffs Freshmen —Blake Hutchins are Seniors - Reese Allen - Quarterback/Line Back; Chris Safety and Wide Receiver; Jerred French - Running Back and Eisenbach - Center and Corner; Nathan Craft - Running Noseguard; Nick Adams - Guard Back and Line Back; Preston and Line Backer; Ben Schaefer - Posuk - Offensive and Defensive Noseguard and Tackle; Nathan Tackle; Joe Holland - Corner and Creamer - Guard and Defensive Wide Receiver; Dakota Gilliam -

The coaches are Athletic Cody Ford - Corner, Wide Director and Head Football Receiver and Running Back; Coach Kevin Bryant and Patrick Border - Safety and Full Assistants Jessie Ellerbe, Ryan Back; Thomas Haile - Corner and Edmonds, Brock Tyrrell, Mitchell

The Buffs' first two games are Zach Hedfelt -Defensive End on the road, after Ponder they and Tight End; Stanley Farris - travel to Menard. Their first home Tackle and Defensive Tackle; game is September 11th against

Submitted by **Coach Mitchell Atchley**



CLASS OF 1952— Picture taken around 1945-1947 (Photo courtesy of Audrey Purvis).



EARLY 1990'S BUFFALO SUMMER LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM— Clint Bailey (front, from left), Jaden Winfrey, Chuck Norris, Unknown, Jackson Worsham, Colby Richards; John Worsham (back, from left), Carlton Thomas, Jared Richards, Michael Fox, Greg Turner (Coach), Joseph Turner, Dusty Hinkle and Sam Nixon.



GRADUATED 69 YEARS AGO— Joe Kendrick (front row, from left), Robert Anderson, W.C. Pinkston, Eldon Freeman, Louise Hayes, Billie Ruth Aiken, Earline Barnett, Patsy McNeel, Betty Jo Davidson, Dickie Huntington; Melvin Tate (second row, from left), Henry Armand Hemphill, Emma Jean Settle, Winnie Kent, Bertha Tennison, Suana Clark, Mary Souder, Horace Smith, Vernon Huntington; Wagner Childress (third row, from left), Ross D. Jackson, Vernie Placke, Mamie Jordan, Mildred Browning, Johnye Frances Baldwin, Doris Jean Barr, James Clye Lane, George Ruth Clifton; Gene Blitch, Wilhemina Porter, Mary Carey, Ruth Havens, Cheryl Dennis, Emma Jane Williams, Ruthie Pannell; Milton Newton, Eugene Rhodes, Mrs. Underwood, and William Upton.

Cross Plains I.S.D. Will Be Closed Monday, September 7th in Observance of Labor Day Holiday Classes Will Resume Tuesday, September 8th at 8:00 a.m.

Cross Plains Ex Students Association Invites You To Join Us At

HOMECOMING 2009

The scheduled events for the weekend are as follows: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 6:00 pm Community Hot Dog Supper

Friday, September 18, 2009

7:30 pm Pep Rally Football Field honoring the State Finalist **Baseball Teams**

9:00 pm Kickoff Party and Dance Treadway Park with the band

Southbound

Saturday, September 19, 2009

9:00 - 11:00 am 11:00 - 11:30 am 11:30

2:00 pm

Coffee & Registration - High School Library

Business Meeting - Auditorium

Lunch in Lunchroom Sponsored by the Band Boosters Parade Downtown (Coming Home King & Queen will be honored) Immediately following the parade we invite you to visit

Veteran's Memorial **Class Meetings**

FOOTBALL GAME 7:30 pm

9:00 pm After Game Coffee - High School Library Dance Treadway Park with the band Southbound 9:00 pm

Please indicate your King and Queen nominations from the 20's - 90's on your registration. We will announce this during the business meeting.

Ex-Student Association:

Rusty Reed, President 254-725-7363 **Greg Turner, Vice President** 254-725-7755 Connie Roby Kirkham, Secretary/Treasurer 254-725-6500 **Dannes Dickson Turner, Registration** 254-725-7755 Connie Roby Kirkham, Morning Coffee 254-725-6500 Susan McNeel & Roxie McConal Thoams, Parade 254-725-6498 254-725-6436 (Deadline 9-14-09) 254-725-6652 Charlou Richardson Cowan, Class Meeting **Debbie Tyler Reed, Coronation** 254-725-7363 Bobbie Lou Wooten Hinkle, After Game Coffee 254-725-6792 Rusty Reed, Dance 254-725-7363 254-725-6111 Vanda Anderson, Publicity

There is a lot of hard work and planning involved in this weekend. We do it for YOU. YOU will be missed if you do not attend.

Due to the increase cost of postage and expenses, there will be a registration fee of \$5.00. Please make checks payable to the Cross Plains Ex-Students.

Please detach and return the following registration if you plan to attend Homecoming

2009 or register online at CrossPlainsExes.com. Class Year Name (Including Maiden Name) Address I would like to Nominate:

_Class of ___for King and

Please return to: Dannes Dickson Turner, P.O. Box 323, Cross Plains, Tx 76443 The last several years have been financially challenging for the Cross Plains Ex-Students. An donations will be very much appreciated.

Class of ___for Queen

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MEMORY STORIES FOR PUBLICATION

To THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW PRIOR TO CPHS HOMECOMING - SEPT. 19

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Commissioners vote to post 40 MPH speed limit signs on 5 County Roads

The Callahan County Commis- Implement Co. for \$51,987.75 vember election. The motion was sioners voted to post speed limits on five county roads during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, August 24th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Three residents of County Road vote 527 attended the Monday commissioners' court meeting to voice their concern over the high rate of speed at which cars and trucks travel on the road. Attending the Monday morning commissioners' court meeting were Mary Lynn Melton, Joanne Moomaw and Ted Moomaw.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to set the speed limit at 40 Miles Per Hour and to post speed limit signs on County Road 276, County Road 279, County Road 504, County Road 527 and South Fourth Street. After the vote, the residents said they were placed on the county roads.

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

-Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell. Also present at the meeting were Mary Lynn Melton, Joanne Moomaw and Ted Moomaw

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

-Under public comment, there

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to purchase a John Deere tractor from Johnson

\$1,000 Vocal Competition

Underway at Song Fest at

St. Mary's in Brownwood

St. Mary's Catholic Church in \$500 for 2nd place and \$1,000 for

a vocal competition for soloists 15 Michelle Kaiser of Cross Plains

times will be held at St. Mary's hard to get the word out for more

Church on September 26th from contestants this year." Rock

Preliminary judges will providing the prize money.

who will perform at St. Mary's at St. Mary's Catholic

Fall Festival on October 10th Church, 1101 Booker St.,

where three finals judges and the Brownwood, or Facebook.com

public will vote. Three prizes will (SongFest at St. Mary's),

Brownwood is hosting the 2nd 1st place.

annual Song Fest at St. Mary's,

Entry forms are now being

accepted for auditions the week

of September 29th - October 3rd.

Walk-in sign-ups for audition

determine the top ten competitors

be awarded: \$250 for 3rd place, or e-mail:

years of age or older.

10 a.m. until noon.

and a Diamond Boom Mower for \$38,474.88 from Triple Blade Precinct #1. Commissioner Farmer second the motion, which was approved with a 5-0

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to renew the lease with the Department of Human Services on the building they are currently leasing. Commissioner Hicks included in the motion that DHS will be responsible for all new improvements. Commistion, which carried with a 5-0

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to consolidate voting a.m. with a motion by Commisprecincts and open just the early voting located at the County Courthouse in Baird for the No-

seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried with a 5-0 & Steel, Inc. for Commissioner vote. The voting precincts consolidated will be Precinct #2 and Precinct #7 at the Eula Community Center, Precinct #3 and Precinct #5 at the Baird Activity Center, and Precinct #4 and Precinct #6 at the Cross Plains Community Center. The one Early Voting location will be at the County Courthouse in Baird.

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Windham sioner Kirkham second the mo- seconded the motion, which then carried with a 5-0 vote.

> -The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 10:10 sioner Hicks and a second by Commissioner Windham. The

Commissioners set tax rate, grateful for the new speed limit adopt 2009-2010 budget

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve the 2009-2010 budget and adopt the tax rate for 2009 during the special commissioners' court meeting held Monday, August 24th at the commissioners' courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

County Judge Roger Corn called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adopt the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion was approved

Long singer/songwriter

is again chairperson for the event.

"We are so excited to be able to

expand our prizes to include the

top three. In these tough

economic times, we are trying

Chalk Ranch of Cross Plains is

Entry forms are available

with a recorded vote of yes from Judge Corn. Commissioner Hicks, Commissioner Farmer, Commissioner Windham, and Commissioner Kirkham.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to adopt the General Fund Effective Tax Rate of .32727¢ combined with the Road and Bridge Effective Tax Rate of .11638¢ for a total Tax Rate of .44365¢. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The recorded vote on the motion included: Judge Corn, yes; Commissioner Hicks, yes; Commissioner Farmer, yes; Commissioner Windham, yes; and Commissioner Kirkham, yes.

The special meeting of the commissioners' court was adiourned at 9:19 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Windham with a second by Commissioner Hicks and a 5-0 vote.

Callahan **County Riding** Club Schedule

The schedule for the 2009 Callahan County Riding Club season is below. All regularly scheduled play days will begin with trainers/exhibitions at 6:30 and the events beginning at 7:00 pm. Check us out on the web for updates at HYPERLINK "http:///www. callahancountyridingclub.com" http:///www.callahan countyridingclub.com

AUGUST DATES Saturday, August 29th.

Any rain-outs or make-up days will be held on the open weekend or on Fridays or Sundays, depending on weather and options of membership. If you have questions call Sue Underwood at 325-669-9411.

Texas Civilian Labor Force expands to 12 million for the first time

Texas Adds 37,900 Jobs in July

AUSTIN-Total nonagricultural employment in Texas rose by 37,900 positions in July with significant job growth in Professional and Business Services, Education and Health Services, and Construction.

The number of employed Texans remained relatively steady in July, however the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 7.9 percent in July due to the number of people entering the workforce. Last month, the Texas labor force totaled more than 12 million people for the first time. The Texas unemployment rate is up from 7.5 percent in June. The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July stood at 9.4 percent.

"The national economic recession continued to have an adverse impact on the Texas economy. Nonetheless, the Texas unemployment rate remained well below the national rate, and there were signs of positive growth in certain industries," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom

Texas employers recorded broad-based job gains in seven of eleven industries in July regaining some of the lost ground from earlier in the year. Professional and Business Services jumped by 18,700 jobs in July for the third monthly increase this year. **Education and Health Services** employment grew by 14,400 positions in July, bringing the industry's total job growth to 63,800 jobs since July 2008.

"At more than 12 million workers, the Texas labor force is larger than ever," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "TWC is here to help those joining the labor force with work search assistance, skills training and other services."

Construction posted a job gain in July of 3,000 jobs after several months of job losses. Leisure and Hospitality employment increased 2,800 positions in July bringing the annual job growth to 14,300 positions. Financial Activities employment increased by 1,800 jobs in July marking the

third month of job growth. "Although the Texas unemployment rate was up in July, Texas continued to trend well below the national unemployment rate of 9.4 percent," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "Job growth in many industries in July provided job opportunities for those entering the labor force."

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 5.8 percent (not seasonally adjusted) followed by the Lubbock MSA with 6.1 percent and the Midland MSA with 6.3 percent.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit HYPERLINK "http:// www.teaswakfarearg"u.u.u.teasu.u.kfarearg

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

2009 C.P.H.S. Homecoming **Class Meetings** Announced

Class of 1943 -

Betty Browning's Home, 617 N. Avenue E. Cross Plains

Classmates from the 1930's and 1940's are invited to join them.

Class of 1951 - Anita Newton's Family Home -South of Cross Cut on Road #114

Class of 1957 -High School Library

Class of 1963 Class of 1964 Class of 1967 -

Home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham

Class of 1989 -

Class of 1990 -

High School Room #108

High School Room #106

Class of 1991-High School Room #107

Class of 1999 -

First Baptist Church Playground

Class of 2000 -Community Center Gazebo

Contact the Cross Plains Review with your class meeting locations for publication.

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Information Needed for the Polio Exhibit Featured in the Children's Discovery Center at the Library

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Library will feature an exhibit honoring polio patients from this

This section has been dedicated to the memory of Susan Barr, the daughter of the late Clara Nell (McDermett) Spencer. Clara Nell's daughter, Pat Wiese, has also contributed a selection of children's books for this section.

Anyone who has polio or had a child or family member who was effected by the disease is encouraged to contact Connie Kirkham 254-725-6500

Baird Masonic Lodge to loan handicap equipment

The Baird Masonic Lodge #522 has a limited amount of handicap equipment to loan on a temporary basis at no charge to anyone who needs it.

To use the equipment contact any member of the Baird Lodge or Alton Payne 854-1269 or Harold Hass 854-1662.

The Children's Discovery (home) or 254-725-6318 (shop), Center at the Cross Plains Public Jane Bonner 254-725-6257 or the Library 254-725-7722 with their name, date of birth, date of death, parents name, when the disease was contacted, length of time suffered, etc.

Your cooperation in this matter will greatly assist the Children's Discovery Center in their efforts to revere these individuals, and educate children about this disease and the hardships it presented for families in Cross Plains and surrounding communities.

Callahan County **DPS Report**

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from August 16, 2009 through August 22, 2009 in-

Cases Investigated Warnings—133 Complaints—60 Driving While License In-

Vehicle Accidents There were six vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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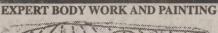
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account country.

It worried Alexander too, because he smelt of the air and brayed kind of plaintively. I pulled him up and smelt the air too, because critters run like that before a forest fire, but I couldn't smell no smoke, nor see none. So I rode on down the slopes and started across the flats. and as I went I seen more bobcats, and wolves, and painters, and they was all heading west, and they warn't lingering none, neither. They warn't no doubt that them critters was pulling their freight because they was scairt of something, and it warn't humans, because they didn't 'pear to be scairt of me a mite. They just swerved around me and kept trailing. After I'd gone a few miles I met a herd of wild hosses, with the stallion herding 'em. He was a big mean-looking cuss, but he looked scairt as bad as any of the critters I'd saw.

The sun was getting low, and I was getting awful hungry as I come into a open spot with a creek on one side running through clumps of willers and cottonwoods, and on the other side I could see some big cliffs looming up over the tops of the trees. And whilst I was hesitating, wondering if I ought to keep

looking for eatable critters, or try to worry along on a wildcat or a wolf, a big grizzly come lumbering out of a clump of spruces and headed west. When he seen me and Alexander he stopped and snarled like he was mad about something, and then the first thing I knowed he was charging us. So I pulled my .44 and shot him through the head, and got off and onsaddled Alexander and turnt him loose in grass stirrup-high, and skun the b'ar. Then I cut me off some steaks and started a fire and begun reducing my appertite. That warn't no small job, because I hadn't had nothing to eat since the night before.

Well, while I was eating I heard hosses and looked up and seen six men riding towards me from the east. One was as big as me, but the other ones warn't but about six foot tall apiece. They was cowpunchers, by their look, and the biggest man was dressed plumb as elegant as Mister Wilkinson was, only his shirt was jest only one color. But he had on fancy boots and a white Stetson and a ivory-butted Colt, and what looked like the butt of a sawed-off shotgun jutted out of his saddle-scabbard. He was dark and had awful mean eves, and a jaw which it looked like he could bite the spokes out of a wagon wheel if he wanted to.

He started talking to me in Piute, but before I could say anything, one of the others said: "Aw, that ain't no Injun, Donovan, his eyes ain't the right color."

To be continued.



DPS rolls out new vehicle inspection designs

As of August 1st, Texas vehicle inspection stickers will feature a western cowboy motif. Various images of cowboys will appear on different types of inspection stickers. The new stickers are rolling out over the next several months across the state.

"We wanted to present a new certificate design that was immediately identifiable as being Texan," said JoJo Heselmeyer, director of Vehicle Services for the DPS.

Texas issues 10 different inspection certificate designs, dependent upon factors such as the age of the vehicle, whether it is designated as a commercial vehicle and whether emissions testing is required.

Inspection certificates issued in previous years will remain valid until their listed expiration

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Woman To Start Professional Tug-Of-War League

BEXAR COUNTY - Mary Ann W. applied Thera-Gesic® pain creme to her sore shoulder and hands and felt so great she decided to start a professional tug-of-war league. When asked who would be the target audience for the new TOW league, she painlessly replied, "None of your dang business!

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SPECIAL SPEAKER AT KIWANIS— Cross Plains City Adminstrator Debbie Gosnell updated the club on activities of the City August 25th. She was the guest of David Estes. Kiwanis meet at Jean's Feedbarn each Tuesday at noon. Everyone is welcome.

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The Doctors Prescription for Health

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THE POWER OF SLEEP

Eat your vegetables and get plenty of rest! Your grandmother's words ring true today as it was in the past!

The wisdom of our grandmothers is now brought out by scientific research.

Such research has now shown that a link exists between insufficient sleep and a person developing heart disease, cancer, a weakened immune system response, and last but not least, obesity.

Articles appearing in Archives of Internal Medicine, The Journal of the American Medical Association, and research from such institutions, as the University of Worwick Medical School in England all bear these facts out.

A risk that is three times the average for getting a cold occurs if you sleep less than seven hours per night, as opposed to sleeping over eight

Beginning in the 30's and 40's, an individual who gets insufficient sleep has an increased development of plaque in their arteries, as opposed to folks who sleep the recommended amount of time. Interesting studies found that getting just one additional hour of sleep per night would decrease the odds of calcification of plaque by 33%. Additionally, an extra hour of sleep was found to routinely lower the systolic blood pressure (the top number) by 16.5 points.

We do know that decreasing the amount of ones sleep will increase their serum cortisol leyels, and most likely the generalized amount of inflammation in the body. Perhaps this increase in cortisol levels is why obesity has been

linked to poor sleeping habits. Studies have shown that routinely losing one hour of Index), the measure for healthy.

enough? involving the human body is to maintain a general state of

authorities have set the diabetes is a factor. recommendations for sleep to be as follows.

School-age children require should sleep 9-10 hours per of sleep per night for optimal diabetes management plan.

person's productivity.

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happiness, and peace.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Hosea 4:6 KJV A prudent person profits from of high and low blood sugar, personal experience, a wise one from the experience of others.

Back to School With Diabetes Offering Great Suggestions

Back to school can be stressful for everyone, but for children living with diabetes, preparing to go back to school is much more complicated. It often involves parents, teachers, administration, school nurses, cafeteria staff sleep leads to an increase in a and coaches teaming up to persons BMI (Body Mass ensure the child remains

Proper diabetes So how much sleep is management, especially Average important for children, requires requirements for anything a large time commitment and significant understanding of always based on averages, the disease from diabetic Consequently, an occasional children and from the people person will do the outside of the they spend time with every average recommendations. day. Marc Wolf RPh, founder However, the large majority of and CEO of Diabetic Care individuals will require at least Services, a leading mail order the overall recommendations provider of diabetic supplies and prescriptions, offers some tips for parents to help their Nationally recognized children return to school when

> Tips for Managing Diabetes at School

Before school begins, an average sleep time of 10-11 schedule a meeting with your hours per night. Adolescents child's teacher, administrator, school nurse and cafeteria staff night. Adults require 7-9 hours to discuss his or her personal

 Bring written copies of the None of these numbers would plan to leave with each person include the after lunch nap who may be responsible for which has also been shown to, your child. It should include among other things, information on your child's significantly increase a medication, including when it should be taken, proper As time progresses, we dosage, proper technique for continually see science verify administering the medication, the wisdom of our forefathers in who should administer so many ways. Sleep is only medication (your child, the one of the many bits of wisdom school nurse, or another designated staff member) and Until next time, to your health, the reasons why your child takes it, as well as who to contact and what actions to take in case of emergency, how to recognize warning signs

> and a nutrition plan for both Joseph Collins regular meals and snacks.

Review the personal

diabetes management plan with your child.

· If he or she is old enough, your child will be able to manage most testing and medication independently, but should also know who he or she can turn to when help is

· For younger children, explain that another person will be taking over the tasks their mom or dad might usually perform while at school.

· Seek feedback from your child daily to ensure he or she feels comfortable with the or she feels throughout the

· Pack healthy snacks for your child to battle sudden low blood sugar, and ensure school staff will allow your child to access these snacks when needed.

· Ask the school nurse to store extra testing supplies and medications as back up.

· Teach your child not to share snacks or trade food items with other students while

• Establish a routine for your child right away so he or she adapts habits for eating, testing and taking medication at the same time each day whether in school, at practice or at home after school. Most importantly, ensure your child distractions to prevent them mechanical damage it causes

from falling asleep. head back to school, but it is are few outward signs of all the important to remain as calm as internal damage being caused feels relaxed. High stress levels along. can cause spikes in blood adrenaline released by the

an active participant in physical education class and

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Heartworms: Growing Problem in the Callahan County area with an increase in Mosquito numbers

Dogs with heartworms are being diagnosed on a regular basis in our area. Over 40 cases were diagnosed in 2008. Over 30 cases have been diagnosed since the first of the year. Our area was once thought to be a low incidence area, however, increased awareness of the problem has increased the testing for heartworms. With the rapid increase in the situation and to assess how he numbers of heartworm cases, we must take a more aggressive approach to the problem. Heartworm checks and preventatives must be initiated to decrease the incidence of the disease.

Heartworms are on the

· Mild winters with increased rainfall resulting in more mosquitoes and year round exposure.

 Owners traveling with their dogs either to or from areas with severe heartworm

· Owners more aware of the problem which results in more testing of infected dogs.

This is such a deadly disease that it is well worth reminding owners of certain facts:

• The net result of heartworm goes to bed on time with no disease is the serious to a dog's heart, lungs, liver and • It is normal for parents to kidneys. While it is stopping up feel stressed when children kidneys and blood flow, there possible so that your child also until the disease is very far

 Mosquitoes are key carriers glucose levels due to of heartworm disease. When an infected dog is bitten by a mosquito, blood is carried • Encourage your child to be away, which may include tiny, immature forms of heartworms called microfilaria.

 It takes about three months for these microfilaria to travel to enter the heart. Dozens of these larvae travel through the tissues of the body to enter the heart. These larvae (some of which actually become up to 14 inches long) become adults within another three months. By that time, much of the mechanical damage just mentioned has become fact.

Thanks to research and modern preventative medicine, there is a lot you can do to avoid heartworms in the first place or see that it is successfully treated if it hadn't progressed too far:

· Since its possible for an infected dog to have adult heartworms without microfilaria, a thorough examination and other lab tests may be needed to confirm heartworm infection

· After the disease has progressed, symptoms can include frequent coughing, sluggishness, rapid tiring and finally, labored breathing.

• If caught in time, a series of injections of an organic arsenical drug can be used to kill heartworms. Then another drug must be used to kill the microfilaria.

 No vaccine is available for heartworm disease. You can give regular doses of a medication, which can prevent infection larvae from developing into adult heartworms. Prevention can be in the form of a tablet or a chewable treat once a month, or an injection that will last six

Also, recently, a preventative for cats has become available Cat heartworms are on the increase nationwide but is not at the high incidence levels as in dogs. We have diagnosed only one case of feline heartworms.

Submitted by: Monty Anicnec Callahan County Veterinary Clinic

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AUGUST 20, 1959



OSCAR LARRY MCANALLY & BARBARA JEAN MERRILL

Couple Celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversary

McAnally celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August

They were united in marriage on August 20, 1959 by Rev. Gordon Dennis at First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

They have three children: Mark McKinney.

Larry and Barbara (Merrill) McAnally of Abilene, Randall McAnally and wife Cindy of Brownwood, and Kristi White and husband Sean of McKinney. They are blessed with four grandchildren, Christopher and Carson McAnally of Brownwood and Katherine and Claire White of years and was a purchasing agent and have made their home in

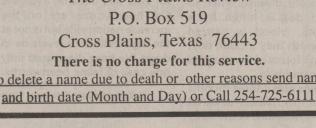
The family celebrated with a General Manager for KOXE/ dinner at Perini Ranch in Buffalo KBWD radio stations in Gap. Their children sent the Brownwood and has been couple to Ruidoso, New Mexico, employed there for 19 years. and the entire family will Larry and Barbara are active celebrate on a trip at a later date. members of the First United

when he retired. Barbara is Brownwood for 42 years.

Larry worked for 3M for 34 Methodist Church of Brownwood

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Class of 1959 **Planning Meeting** Set for Sept. 3rd

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All classmates are encouraged to attend and contribute ideas for the upcoming event.

Diabetes-

even to join an athletic team. Just be sure to meet with coaches in advance to discuss your child's personal diabetes management plan.

• Ask your child's teacher to invite a diabetes educator to speak with the class. The local diabetes association can provide resources for locating an educator, who can explain the basics of diabetes to your child's classmates (i.e. that it is not contagious) and answer any questions they might have. Your child will feel more comfortable managing diabetes while at school if he or she isn't greeted with questions or stares.

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"There are no problems, only solutions." Unknown

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During the onset of our struggle I was angry, frustrated and felt overwhelmed. "Why us. God? Why us?" I would ask, and although my answer did not come as immediately as I would have preferred, the Lord did reply later by showing me truth. This truth was the knowledge that there is no such thing as earthly perfection, and each and every human being will face adversity at some time in their life. However, God

is greater than any problem. Whether it is sickness, disease, relationship struggles or some other hardship, our life journey will never be perfect because perfection is only found in the Divine. Along with the beauty of laughs and smiles will be the sting of painful tears, disappointments and shattered dreams. Relationships may fail and jobs may fall through, yet will we allow these bumps along the path to alter our ability to possess peace and joy?

The answer, my dear friends, is not how we perceive crisis when it occurs can either make or break our peace of mind as well as affect the outcome of the situation. As the above quote conveys, nothing is really a problem because there will always be

The greatest lesson I have learned this year is a phrase adopted by Alcoholics Anonymous; "Let go, and let God." The most successful solution to any problem we may face, no matter how large or small, is to trust in God.

As we act to resolve problems, we should never go at it alone, but to lay the issue in the hands of the Lord; knowing that where our earthly abilities may be limited, He alone is able to do all things! While man may tell us a situation is hopeless, with God there is always hope!

And so, after doing everything possible to resolve my family's personal crisis on my own, I remembered my faith in God, and began to cleave to the Lord in a way that I had never before surrendered in trust. Daily I pray about the matter, and then I hand the matter over to God, knowing that I have done my part, and now it is time for Him to take over.

As hard a period as this has emotionally been, it has ironi-

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

overwhelmed by the problem,

because I now know that all the

worry in the world will not help

resolve the matter, and in fact,

will only add to my own emo-

Today, I encourage you to

hand any problems you may be

facing over to the capable arms

of the Lord. Feel the peace and

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