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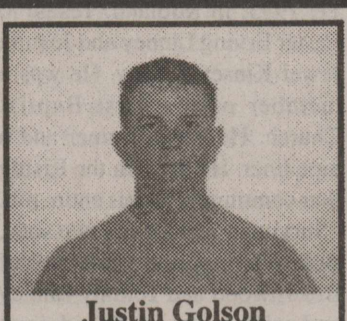
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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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Blake Hutchins



Justin Golson



Taylor Savell

Blake Hutchins, Justin Golson, and Taylor Savell Among the Many Honored in 2009-10 District 11A—Div I Boys Basketball

Congratulations to all the players and coaches on another exciting basketball season. District 11A, was again one of the toughest class A districts in Texas. The Bronte Longhorns made a great run, advancing all the way to Austin to play for the State Championship. The Longhorns were matched up against this year's football State Champions, Cayuga Wildcats. It was an exciting and well-played overtime game for Bronte, but they came up short of the title. The Eula Pirates were this seasons District Champions and advanced to the Regional

Tournament eventually losing to the Italy Gladiators. Next seasons district will include the following schools: Albany, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Eula, Ranger and Santo. District 11A honors this year are as listed: MVP-Dakota Rawls, Jr., Bronte; Off. MVP-Kainon Irons, Jr., Eula; Def. MVP-Elijah Hudson, Sr. Albany; Co-Newcomers-Blake Hutchins, Fr., Cross Plains and Riley Ripley, So., Winters. All District 1st Team: Leif Johnson, Jr., Albany; Kerwin Rawls, Jr., Bronte; Jacob Archa, Jr., Eula; Caden Smith, Jr.,

Roscoe; Christian Sandoval, So., Winters; Madison Galle, Sr. Eula. All District 2nd Team: Heath Richey, Jr., Bronte; Jeremy Corbin, Jr., Albany; Trae Howard, Sr., Roscoe; Cody Petree, So., Albany; Justin Golson, Jr., Cross Plains; Devin Martinez, Jr., Winters; Hayden Bergman, Sr., Winters; Rob Rosson, Sr., Bronte. Honorable Mention: Zach Guitierrez, Sr., Roscoe; Braden Mikeska, Sr., Winters; Blake Hutchins, Fr., Cross Plains; Taylor Savell, Jr., Cross Plains; Devon Riley, Sr., Eula; Mike Carrigan, Sr., Eula; Will Russell, Jr., Baird; Eric Eblins, Jr. Baird.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Screening

Parents are asked to register their children who will enter Pre-Kindergarten next fall. Cross Plains Elementary offers Pre-Kindergarten to all children who will be four years of age on or before September 1, 2010. Pre-Kindergarten will be offered if a sufficient number of four year olds register for the program. Determination of whether Pre-K will be a 1/2 day program or a longer program will be based upon enrollment numbers. It is important that students register as soon as possible in order to plan classes for 2010-2011. Class sizes for Pre-K may be limited, so first to register will be assigned first to class. Students who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2010 are eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergarten is a full day program. Kindergarten is a basic part of the Cross Plains School system and the service is available to all students. If you child is currently enrolled in

Pre-K at Cross Plains Elementary, you will NOT have to go through the screening process. If your child has not been enrolled in Pre-K, and will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, please register for screening. Early childhood screening will be conducted at the same time as regular Pre-K and Kindergarten screening. The early childhood program is a program to help those children ages 3-5 who show to be developmentally delayed or have a suspected disability. Early Childhood, Pre-K and Kindergarten screening will be conducted Monday, April 19, 2010 at Cross Plains Elementary School. Please call the Elementary Principal's Office at 725-6123 to make an appointment for your child. The screening will take about sixty minutes. Each student's hearing, vision, speech, motor skills, language ability, and developmental growth will be evaluated at this time. Parents will be given a report on

their child's progress at the time of the screening. Parents are reminded that, in order to enter school in Texas the student must have a state approved birth certificate, social security card and a current immunization record. Immunization requirements: Hepatitis B - 3 doses by age 4 DTaP - 5/4 doses w/one after 4th birthday Polio - 4 doses w/one on or after 4th birthday, 3 doses if 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) 2 doses w/ 1st dose on/after 1st birthday Varicella - 2 doses on/after 1st birthday Hepatitis A - 2 doses w/ the 1st dose on/after the 1st birthday Please bring the birth certificate, immunization record and social security number for the child at the time of registering.



SELECTED TO ALL-BIG COUNTRY BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM—Emma Bennett.

District Overall		
Eula	10-1	28-7
Bronte	9-2	23-6
Albany	8-3	13-6
Winters	5-6	14-14
Roscoe	4-7	9-15
Cross Plains	1-10	12-20
Baird	1-10	6-20

DON'T FORGET BREAKFAST served this Friday at the Cross Plains Senior Center

BREAKFAST will be served Friday, April 16th, at the Cross Plains Senior Center, 108 North Main, beginning at 7:30 a.m. You can enjoy breakfast burritos (sausage, egg and cheese) which will be sold for \$2.00 each. Coffee will be available. Call 254-724-6521 to place your order and they will deliver to your business. All proceeds from the fundraiser will help the Cross Plains Senior Center purchase the following items: Wii Fit (exercise activity), big screen TV (for exercise and movies), new lights and new ceiling tile. Don't forget to go by or call in your order!

Cross Plains High School Senior Honored with Selection to All-Big Country Basketball First Team

Emma Bennett, Senior at Cross Plains High School, was honored by being selected to the All-Big Country Basketball First Team by the Abilene Reporter News. A four-year Varsity letter winner, Emma closed her career at Cross Plains High School with

impressive averages of 17.8 pts, 12.1 rebounds, 4.0 steals, and 3.0 assists per game. A three-time All-Tournament selection, Emma was also First Team All-District and was chosen as a Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star team member.

Cross Plains High School Ex-Student Nominated for UIL All Century Team

Former Athletic Director of C.P.H.S., Bill Boyd, received notification from a colleague stating that Brandi Richey has been nominated for the UIL All Century Team. He noted that it was a well-deserved honor and nomination. Boyd recalls that Brandi was in the 4th grade when he moved to Cross Plains. Her mother, Karen Richey, asked him to help Brandi learn to hurdle. On the hurdle drill days for all of her elementary years, (on the Cross Plains football field because the track was asphalt) Brandi came out to be a part of the workouts. "I remember her falling soooo

hard that first year as a freshman. I told her if she were going to be a hurdler, those falls would happen. She bounced up, and the rest is history. I was blessed in my career to have some outstanding athletes and students," Boyd remarked. Brandi won the 300 hurdles at State 4 years and in the 100 hurdles placed 1st and 2nd for 3 years. "I have not counted in a while, but during my seven years at Cross Plain, I think we competed in 23 events at the state track and field meet. It does my heart and competitive spirit good that we

have a nominee on the All Century Team," Boyd commented. Brandi Richey Purvis is now a science teacher and coach at Rio Vista. She has already made a name for herself in the coaching world. On more than one occasion her athletes have qualified for the state track and field meet. Coach Boyd requests that you go to <http://www.uil100.org/vote-trackfield-girls.php> and vote for Brandi. She is still the 1A record holder. Way to go Brandi!!! Everyone remember to VOTE FOR BRANDI!!!!!!!

Estimado Padre o Guardian:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Cross Plains ofrecera un programa de pre-Kindergarten si hay quince niños que cualifiquen para tal servicio. Para poder ser elegible para este programa, un estudiante debe tener al meno cuatro años de edad

y satisfacer por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos:
*incapacidad de hablar y entender ingles
*desventajas educacionales
*sin hogar
Si usted cree que su niño (a) o

un niño (a) que usted conozca satisfice uno o mas de estos requisitos, por favor se comunica con la escuela. Sinceramente, Margie Sowell Director de la Escuela

A FAVORITE Meet the Author
Bob Favor
Author of "My Rangering Days"
Former Texas Ranger, Cowboy & Hunting Guide
TUESDAY May 4, 2010 7:00 P.M.
Cross Plains Public Library

Vocal Talent Show Featured at this Year's Barbarian Festival

\$500 Prize Money is up for grabs in this year's Barbarian Festival Vocal Talent Contest, slated for Saturday, June 12, 2010. Contestants will compete in three categories: Children, Teens and Adults. The Talent Contest, an audience favorite at the Barbarian Festival, will be a competition between Solo Vocalists performing with CD or acoustic guitar accompaniment. No electric guitars, equipment or amplifiers. The top finalists will perform live on the state at the Barbarian Festival. More details on the contest and the registration form can be found on the Barbarian

Festival's website, <http://www.barbarianfestival.net>. You can also get more information on the contest and have a registration form mailed to you by calling Talent Contest Coordinator Mary Dunn at 254-725-7136. Registration fee is \$25.00. Deadline for entry in the Talent Contest is May 17, 2010. The Barbarian Festival, held the second Saturday each June in conjunction with Project Pride and Robert Howard Days, features a Parade, Car Show, Antique Tractor Show, Games, Kids Booths, Craft Booths, Antiques & Collectibles, Food, Live Music and other family attractions.

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Deadline to apply for Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship will be here soon! Seniors may pick up an application from the School Counselors office or contact her at 725-6121. Other applicants can also stop by the CPHS counselor's office to pick up an application or you may contact Wanda Merryman at 254-725-4492 for an application

to be mailed to you. This annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Don't forget.....the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship is April 30, 2010. Submitted by Lavonne Childress

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Bloodmobile Coming to Cross Plains

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 20 from noon until 6:00 p.m. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at fifteen hospitals in this area. "We have seen a large increase in blood usage at the hospitals we serve," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "We feel that this trend will continue as the Baby Boom population gets older. There is no artificial substitute for this precious resource, so we must

rely on volunteer donors to give enough blood to take care of every patient in need of a blood transfusion." Baker continued. Donors must be at least 17 years old or age 16 with signed parental consent, weigh a minimum of 120 pounds and have a photo ID. Blood can be donated every eight weeks. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

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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
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am

Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains
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Al Taylor, Preacher

Phone: 254-725-7522

Cell Phone: 325-370-6680



Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor:
Billy Smith
254-725-6268

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

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

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

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

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Pastor: Len Smith

"Evening and morning, and at Noon, Will I pray, and cry aloud: And He shall hear my voice"

PSALM 55:17

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Obituaries



Billie Jean Hughes

Billie Jean Hughes, 85, peacefully passed away early Tuesday morning, April 6, 2010. Raised in May, Texas, Billie was the daughter of Charlie and Correta Myrick and married Albert R. Hughes in 1942 just prior to Albert's military service during WWII. For over forty years they made their home in Ft. Worth where they served faithfully at the Trinity Baptist Church. At Trinity, Billie enjoyed expressing her faith by singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, ministering through the W.M.U. and working as the pastor's secretary, along with numerous other places of responsibility. During their retired season of life, Billie and Albert moved back to her childhood community where they became members of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains and then later joined Cottonwood Baptist Church in Cottonwood, Texas. While living in Cottonwood, Billie enjoyed quilting, working in her flower beds and keeping their bird feeder filled. In May of 2005 they moved to Dallas where they became residents at the Buckner Retirement Village and members of Casa View Baptist Church.

Billie had a special love and dedication for her family and truly was an example of the Proverbs 31 woman. Her self-giving, other-centered attitude led her to support and complete her husband as well as give sacrificially, yet cheerfully, to her children and grandchildren.

Along with having a great love for her Lord and family, perhaps Billie will be best remembered as a person who had a genuine concern for others. Whether providing a meal, giving transportation, hosting a bridal shower, lending a listening ear or offering counsel, she was always interested in helping and encouraging others.

Billie is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother, Truett Myrick, and her brother-in-law, Rev. Jesse Bigbee. She leaves many precious memories to be cherished by: her daughter and husband, Cindy and Chris Liebrum, their son Cory Liebrum and their son and his wife, Clay and Melanie Liebrum; her son and wife, Craig and Katha Hughes, their daughter, Hannah Hughes, and their son, Caleb Hughes; her sister, Hazel Bigbee; her sister-in-law, Lorea Myrick; her brother and wife, Danny and Glendora Myrick; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Family visitation was held Thursday, April 8, 6-8 pm at the Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rowlett with the memorial service on Friday, April 9, 10 am at the Casa View Baptist Church in Dallas, officiated by Rev. Richard Blair. A graveside service took place at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in May, Texas, at 4 pm with Dr. Gary Gramling officiating.

Memorials may be made to Buckner International Senior Care and Assistance Fund, 600 N. Pearl, Ste. 2000, Dallas, TX 75201

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Leverle Moore Ames

Leverle Moore Ames, 88, of Hobbs, passed away Monday, April 5, 2010 in Hobbs, New Mexico. Mrs. Ames was born on August 23, 1921 in Cross Plains, Texas to George and Cora Westerman Moore. She attended Kilgore Junior College in 1941 and was a member of the original group of the Kilgore Rangerettes. During World War II, Mrs. Ames worked in the assembly lines at the Red River Arsenal in Texarkana, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and 3 siblings.

Survivors include her son, George Ames of Hobbs; brother, Monk Moore of Oklahoma City, OK; cousin, Wanda Lee Martin of Cross Plains, Texas; her dearest friend, Milissa Morgan of Hobbs and her faithful companion, Budee. Arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs.

Billy Wayne Hester

Billy Wayne Hester, Sr., age 81 of Clyde, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2010 in Abilene. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Graveside in the Pioneer Cemetery with Doyle Roberts officiating.

He was born on November 25, 1928 in Cross Plains to C.B. and Gertrude (Brown) Hester. He married Lucille Horton in Colorado City on May 3, 1955 she preceded him in death on February 9, 2008. He was self employed as a Dairy Farmer and later as a restaurant owner. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clyde and a Mason.

He is survived by his daughters, Karla Roberts and husband Craig of Clyde, and Nancy Bacon and husband Truman of Cisco; sons, Kenneth Hester of Hurst; Billy Hester Jr. and wife Martha of Conroe; Rickey Hester of Conroe; several nieces and cousins; eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Lucille, daughter Shirley, Grandson, Bruce Phillips and sister, Mildred Naylor.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 4, 2010 through April 10, 2010 include:

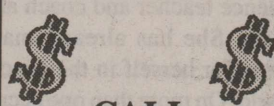
Cases Investigated

Warnings—152
Complaints—47
DWI—1
Possession of Marijuana—2
Possession of a Controlled Substance—1
Driving While License Invalid—3

Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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L.J. "Blackie" Linney

L.J. "Blackie" Linney, 74, of Rising Star, passed away on Friday, April 2, 2010, in Rising Star Nursing Center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Rising Star, with Terry Simmons officiating.

Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star in charge.

Blackie was born on November 11, 1935, in Midland, Texas, to Lester Erving Linney and Juanita Jewel Kinsey-Linney. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a farmer and a pipe liner. He lived in the Rising Star community for his entire life.

Survivors include his two sons, Bobby Linney and wife April of Brownwood and Tommy Linney and wife Vicki of Grandview; brother Billy Don "Bud" Linney of Rising Star; five sisters, Barbara White, Sandie Hutton and Patricia Hutton, all of Rising Star, Carolyn Chambers of Brownwood and Debra Ann Chambers of May; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Bobby and Tommy Linney's mother, Geneva Bethany; best friend and longtime companion, Dale Hammer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Aubrey Gale, Ervin Dale and Lonnie Ray Linney, and a sister, Peggy Lynn Roan.

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WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THE

First United Methodist Church

Join Us For Worship

Sunday School 9:30AM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM

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First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM

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& BETTY LEWIS

LEAD SINGERS: RHONDA SWIFT

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MATT SOWELL

Pastor Kathy Monroe

208 N. Ave. D

First Baptist Church

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 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

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

Imagine my surprise when Ricky called me from Village Market to say that I had won the deep freeze that they were giving away! It's been 40 or so years since I won something—and then at J.R.B. Grocery in Cross Plains. I remember Jimmielee Payne handing me a \$25 gift certificate. \$25 bought a lot of groceries in those days.

The Cottonwood Community Center is available for reunions, meetings and family gatherings. To book your event, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771. This is a new phone number for Cookie.

Professor Art Allen of Howard Payne University in Brownwood filled the pulpit in the absence of the preacher at the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Debbie and Walter Stewart of Garland are visiting with her mother, Faye Gillam, this week. Tuesday night—April 20th is the

Fire Control Meeting at the Firehouse. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. I'm sure Fire Chief Joe will be talking about the new firetruck that's being built for Cottonwood.

The New Supplement to the Cottonwood Cookbook will be available soon. "Volume Two" features a second ring binder and about 70 or so pages of recipes, history and photos. It'll be a great addition to your Cottonwood Cookbook and Supplement. You can pre-order the New Supplement and they will be shipped out during the first week of May. Send \$20 plus \$4.50 shipping to Cottonwood Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Give me a call for shipping costs on multiple books at 254-725-7369.

You can also pick up the New Supplement at the Cottonwood Historical Association's Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 1st at

the Cottonwood Community Center. The New Supplement will be available after lunch. Coffee and visiting starts at 9 a.m. the meeting starts at 10 a.m. and lunch is served around noon. Joe will be cooking the barbecued brisket. Bryan and Phillip are cooking the sausage and chicken. And, we'll have beans, bread, coffee and iced tea. So bring a covered dish—a salad, vegetable or dessert to go along with the meal.

Guest speakers for the Annual Meeting are local residents Frances Wilson Thornton and Bob Robinson. They've got some interesting stories about growing up in Cottonwood and about some of the old timers who used to live here. Bring your best Cottonwood stories and tales to share at the meeting, too. Whether you're from Cottonwood or are new to the area—we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Ladies' Night Out

Special guest speaker will be **Dr. JoAnne Paulk** for the "Ladies' Night Out". She will be speaking about Women's Health Issues. All ladies are invited to attend this special night, Tuesday, April 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church Cross Plains.

The Alliance for Women & Children will have a display of their services available for women and children who have no

hospitalization, such as free mammograms, etc. Cindy Payne, a Registered Nurse, will be checking blood pressures for all ladies desiring that service.

A Ladies' Ensemble will provide entertainment, performing songs that promote "women's good health". All the above and "door prizes," too! The cost? Just bring your favorite salad!

Sponsored by the Women's Ministry of FBC of Cross Plains.

Celebrate Recovery Meets in Cross Plains

Have you had enough of anger, guilt, addiction, bitterness, anxiety, depression, pain, reliving the past? Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to get real about your hurts, habits and hang-ups. You're invited to be a part of Celebrate Recovery.

CR is a Christ-centered and Bible-based 12 step Recovery Program. By working the 12 Steps and the 8 Beatitudes Principles, groups open up, share experiences, and explore hope. In

this way we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our problems.

This group is sponsored by the Cottonwood Baptist Church. The leaders are Christians who have been through 12-step recovery themselves. They understand.

Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 pm on Wednesdays at the Main Street Pool House in Cross Plains. A light meal is served at 6:30. (Child care is not available)

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Cross Plains Rodeo Club Meeting set for April 29th

The Cross Plains Rodeo Club will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center.

If you have any questions or would like to join, please call 254-725-4469.

Are you Living with Osteoarthritis? (Here is how to get more information)

Today, more than 10 million Americans suffer from osteoarthritis of the knee, making it the most common form of arthritis in the U.S.

What are frequent causes of this type of arthritis, and what can you do to protect your knees, reduce the symptoms, and support your doctor's treatment.

With advice from some of the world's leading knee specialists, the American Arthritis Society has compiled useful and practical tips for self-care. Each tip is interesting and easy to follow.

These and many more suggestions regarding osteoarthritis can be viewed online at:

www.americanarthritis.org.

Cross Plains Genealogy Wants to Document "Old Settlers Reunions" CHECK IT OUT!!!!!!

The Cross Plains Genealogy Society would like to document and preserve pictures and records of past "OLD SETTLERS REUNIONS" that were held in Treadway Park. If anyone has copies of these, we would like to copy them to be kept in the genealogy section of the local library.

You may bring them to Linda Burns at the library or call Judy Porter at 325-665-9144. Your help would be appreciated.

LIBRARY NOTES

April 5-9, 2010

Patrons:	178
Programs:	65
LAP	5
Lapsit	1
ASAP	38
Other	21
Books Checked Out:	147
Copies:	36
Reference:	12
Internet Users:	65

Books and Materials Donation:

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Arlene Stephenson
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Wilma Lawrence

Living Tribute:

Curt and Ginny Hoskins
In Honor of John Pecoraro

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 19th- Movie Monday 10am, Cokes and Popcorn.
Tuesday, 20th- 11 am Exercise Class. Mexican Train Dominoes 10am. Game Night 4:30-8pm. Pool Tournament 5:30pm, Pot-luck finger foods 6:15 pm, Bingo 7pm.
Wednesday, 21st- April Birthday's Celebrated. Free Foot Care Clinic by Girling 12:30 am.
Thursday, 22nd- 11:00 am Exercise Class.
Friday, 23rd- No Planned Activities.

Senior Center Needs

A few items the Center could really benefit from...
ROASTER OVEN - LARGE CROCK POTS

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 19-23

MONDAY-Salisbury Steak, fee/Milk
Noodles, Mixed Greens, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
TUESDAY-Salmon Patties, Lima Beans, Green Salad, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
WEDNESDAY-Chicken and Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Cof-
THURSDAY-Beef Spaghetti, Broccoli, Fruit, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
FRIDAY-Chef Salad w/Ham, Turkey, Cheese, Tomato, Egg Wedges, Crackers & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

James L. Wages' "Sincerely Elvis" Benefitting the Diabetes Assoc.

James L. Wages, a well-known Elvis impersonator in this area, will be presenting his "Sincerely Elvis" show April 16th at the Lake Brownwood Lions Club, 6751 N. Highway 279.

A barbecue sandwich meal will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. and the show will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each at the door

and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Diabetes Association.

The Lake Brownwood Lions Club will be sponsoring this fun-filled evening. For more information contact Jean 325-213-0344 or Don 254-725-6308.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this worthy cause.

FREE Scrapbooking Crop Night Planned for Saturday, April 24th

A FREE Scrapbooking Crop Night will be held Saturday, April 24th, at the Custom Tile Building, 117 N. Mains Street in Cross Plains from 2 p.m. until (?). You will need to bring all your supplies, and scrapbook pages to work on. Tina Thomas will be available to give advice as needed.

For your convenience, there will be large tables to work on, small kitchen (micro and fridge) and restroom.

Come prepared to have a GREAT time scraping with friends!!!

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Beth Moore* Simulcast Event

The Women's Ministry of the First Baptist Church Cross Plains will be attending the Beth Moore's Simulcast Event, "So Long, Insecurity", Saturday, April 23, at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood.

The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Child-care is not available. To reserve your ticket, call or come by First Baptist Church 254-725-7629.

The title of Beth Moore's teaching is So Long, Insecurity and will cover knowing what to do when:

1. You feel you are never good enough.
2. Your value and worth are based on the way you look, your worldly success, or your group of friends.
3. You can not be honest with yourself about who you really are.

4. You feel God can never forgive you because of the poor choices you've made in your life.

5. You have had trauma and/or been abused in your life.

6. Someone abandoned you, sending you the message "you have no value or worth."

7. You carry painful secrets that keep you living emotionally detached and alone...afraid to tell someone, for fear they won't believe you or they would no longer want to be your friend.

8. You carry undeserved guilt and shame which truly belongs to the person who wronged you...sending you the message that "something must be wrong with me."

9. I can never forgive the person who hurt me.

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Our Thoughts

Paul said, "We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." II Cor. 10:5 The Lord declares in Isaiah, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways."

There is a dark path we can take away from Christ, harboring selfish-desire or holding grudges. Lust for things and personal pleasure is akin to idolatry. Holding a grudge against someone or wishing them ill is equated by Christ to the unthinkable sin of murder.

Isaiah encourages "the wicked to turn from his ways and the evil man to forsake his thoughts. Turn to the Lord and He will have mercy, and to our God, for he will freely pardon." Isaiah 55:7

We must choose between siding with evil, which is the easy route to take, or turning back to God. God teaches us to say no to evil thoughts. As God has mercy and pardon for us, we in turn have mercy and pardon for every trace of injustice we suffer from others.

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ yet walk in darkness, we lie...but if we walk with our Lord in the Light, we have fellowship with one another and His blood purifies us from every sin, including those that are just OUR THOUGHTS.

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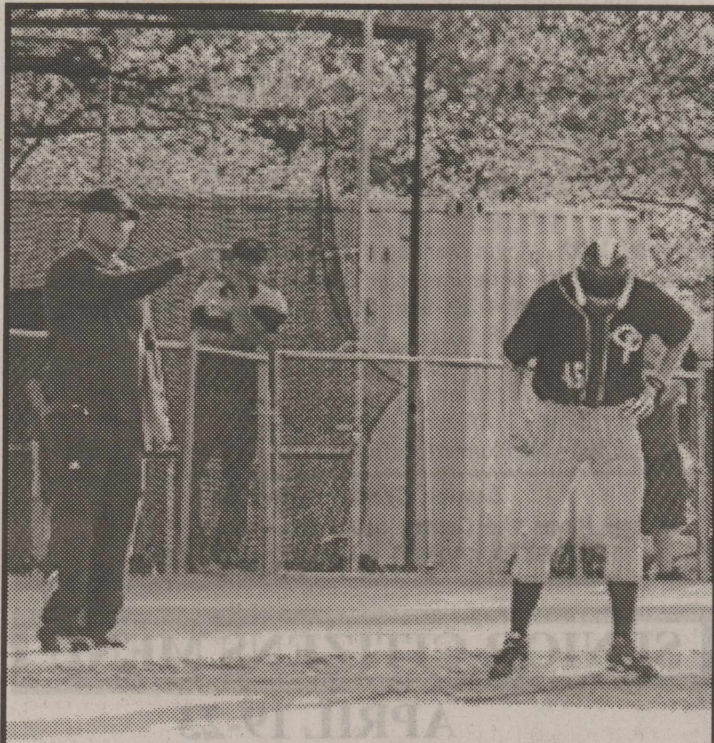
A Wake-up Call to City Hall

Our City Fathers have made the people think they were doing them a favor by reinstating city taxes into the budget without a public vote, then for good measure they raised the water and sewer rates—taxes. And to put the icing on the top of it all, they expect you to donate a dollar a month to their pet project (Treadway Park), that is not even in the Cross Plains City Limits.

To cover their tracks, they won't submit the City Minutes to the paper in a timely manner to be published. In short, they want to keep you, the people, in the dark.

People—people, get your heads out of your rump and next year elect three new councilmen, not three hand picked "yes" people—but three honest, conservative people who will spend your tax money wisely.

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GAME AT GOLDTHWAITE—Coach Atchley (left) lining up his players. Pictured with player #45, Zach Hedfelt. (Photo courtesy of BuffTuff.com)

Buffalo Baseball Now 5-2 in District

The Buffalo baseball team played two games last week, Evant and Goldthwaite.

In the Evant game, the final was Cross Plains 21 Evant 3. Pat Border started on the mound and pitched the first 4 innings giving up 4 hits and 7 ks. Allan Wheeler pitched the 5th for the save.

For the Buffaloes Cody had 3 hits, 1 RBI; 1 hit, Chris French 3 RBI's; and Allan had 3 hits including a 2 run home run and 4 RBI's. Pat had 2 home runs and 4 RBI's. Taylor had 2 hits, a home run, 1 RBI; Nick had a home run; Dustin Thomas had 1 hit and RBI; Jerrad 2 hits; Yannick 1 hit; and Justin and Ryder 1 hit each.

Friday the Buffs traveled to Goldthwaite to play the Eagles. This game was going to be a tougher ballgame.

In their 1st inning, after 2 outs, Allan and Pat were hit by a pitch. Taylor's double scored 1 and the other 2 were stranded on base.

In the Eagles' 1st inning a walk and single put men on 1st and 3rd base when a ground out scored 1. A base hit drove in 1 more run and a throwing error allowed the third run.

The Buffs failed to score in the 2nd inning. In the Eagles' 2nd inning they scored 2 more runs. After 1 out, 2 players reached bases on two errors and scored on a fly ball and a base hit.

In the 3rd the Buffs scored 3

runs. Allan singled, Pat reached base on an error and Taylor's single drove in 1 and his double drove in two runs.

The Eagles failed to score in the 3rd inning. At the end of the 3rd the score was Eagles 5 Buffs 4.

The Eagles scored 1 in the 4th inning. This was a strong inning, after 1 out, a walk, then a fielder's choice, the tag was missed so it put two men on and a walk loaded the bases. A catcher's interference was called and this forced the run in.

The Buffs scored 1 in the 6th on Taylor's single drove in Allan. The Eagles scored 2 in the 6th, a walk, a single put men on 1st and 2nd. A base hit got by an outfielder which allowed 2 runs to score. The Buffs loaded the bases in their last at bat, but failed to score. The final was Goldthwaite 8 Buffs 5.

Taylor pitched 6 innings, giving up 6 hits. He had 10 k's, but 6 walks and 3 errors allowed many unearned runs.

The Buffs had 10 hits but left 15 men on base. This left the Buffs with a 5-2 district record and 10-4 season record.

The Buffs play May Wednesday then travel to Gorman Friday. The regular season ends on April 20th when they host De Leon. See you at the games!

Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley

"Thank You" from Athletic Boosters

The officers of the Athletic Boosters would like to express great appreciation to all the parents, grandparents, and volunteers who worked in the concession stand during the basketball and track seasons. It takes many to make this program a success. The more workers and helpers that are involved the

lighter to load on each of us. We scheduled workers for 152 hours just from the end of November through the first of April and also the banquet. Tickets are now for sale for the banquet May 17th. These can be bought for \$8 a plate in the superintendents office. Also remember to prepare pictures and senior collages for the banquet.

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

Have a great week!



MAKING CASCARONES AT ASAP—Lili Vasquez and Rosa Salazar shared a Mexico Easter tradition with local children

Children Learn About the Mexico Tradition of Making Cascarones for Easter

Two students from Cross Plains High School presented the April After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library.

Lili Vasquez and Rosa Salazar shared a Mexico Easter season tradition of decorated eggs called cascarones. The student gave the history of cascarones and the traditions of the decorated

eggshells that are filled with confetti. Each child attending the program received an egg that had been drained, cleaned, and dried. They painted the egg shells in various colors and designs and then filled it full of confetti and sealed the opening with tissue paper.

When a cascarone is hidden at Easter and found, the finder runs

up to a friend and squishes it over his or her head. Many people make a wish as they break the egg. According to tradition, a confetti shower brings good luck to both the one who breaks the shell and the one above whose head it is broken.

Everyone attending the program had an egg-cellent time!

Firehouse 'Beef-Up' competition at Houston Livestock Show

AUSTIN, TEXAS—Beef was the star once again at the second annual Firehouse Grill-Off at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo where teams of firefighters participated in friendly competition and put their grilling skills to the test.

The competition, sponsored by the Texas Beef Council (TBC), pitted teams of firefighters from Houston Area Fire-Rescue stations against one another to grill the best steak. Each team prepared 10 strip steaks, using their own unique rub or marinade recipe and put them to an audience taste test.

"Our event marketing team is on-hand at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo sharing beef recipes, samples and nutrition information with consumers," said Roger Hall, TBC consumer events coordinator. "By adding this competition to our existing outreach efforts we've not only attracted more consumers to the TBC exhibit, but also increased our reach through the media coverage generated by the event."

Pre-event media coverage included interviews on a popular morning radio show and two live

segments on the local NBC morning television show. The event was also covered by the local ABC news station as well as the Houston Chronicle. The Houston Firehouse Grill-Off reached over 600,000 consumers through online, television and radio media outlets.

"The Firehouse Grill-Off continues to be a successful event for the beef checkoff," said Robert Bruner, cow-calf producer and chairman of the TBC board of directors. "This is a great example of how the beef check-off is leveraging dollars and reaching consumers through multiple touch points."

Fire station 17, located in downtown Houston near Minute Maid Park, edged the competition with their signature steak rub taking home the 2010 title. The winning team received a deluxe outdoor grill, \$250 beef gift certificate, rodeo tickets and bragging rights until next year when the firehouses will be back to compete.

For more information on this and other checkoff-funded programs, please visit www.texasbeef.org or call (800) 846-4113.



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The tour has featured performances from groups like The Rubyz and Mission Six - as

heard on Radio Disney, Disney's "Next Big Thing" featured artist, Jasmine, and star of "How to Eat Fried Worms" and Disney's "Minute Men", Luke Benward. Also a young teen cancer survivor and nationally known speaker, Paige Armstrong, with an encouraging message about finding what matters most to Christ amidst the questionable values that the world promotes.

ISHINE is sponsored by River of Life LIVE at 103 Pogue Avenue in Eastland, Texas.

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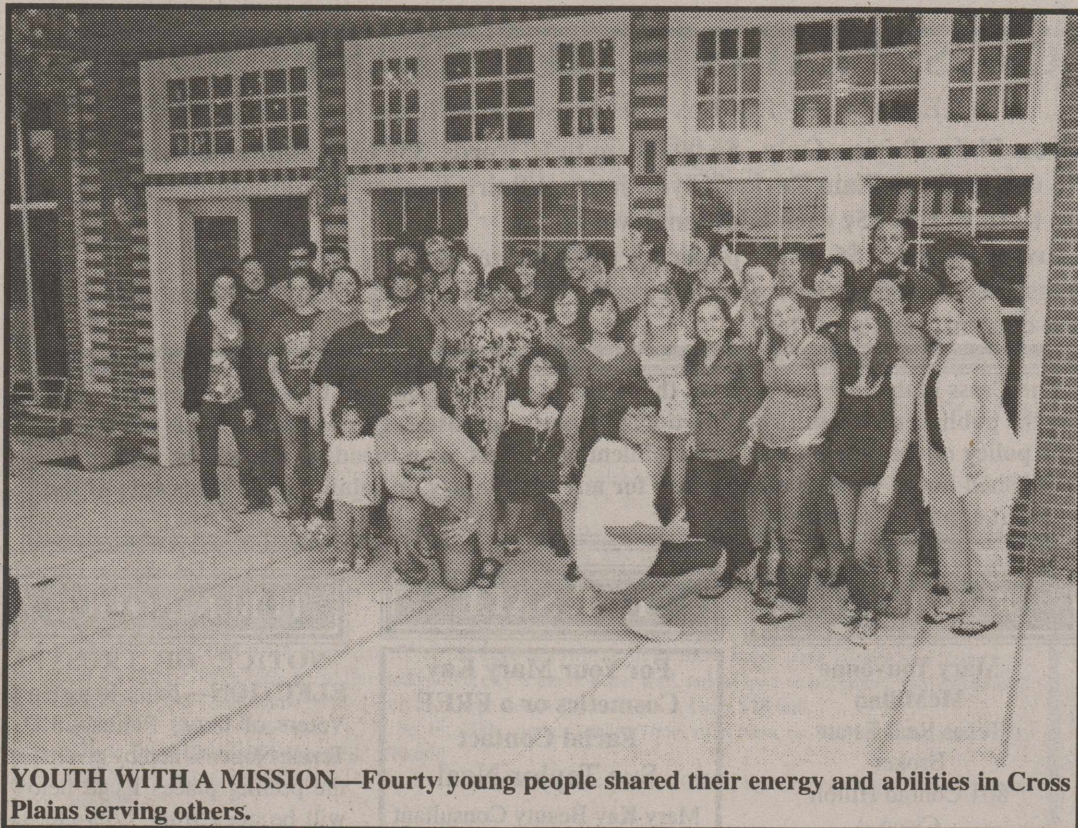
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YOUTH WITH A MISSION—Forty young people shared their energy and abilities in Cross Plains serving others.

Youth With A Mission Assisted Cross Plains' Residents

Noticed anyone different working around town? Catch a snippet of conversation between a Korean and a Canadian? Wonder if Cross Plains has been invaded?

Be assured fellow townsmen, our helpless young and fair maidens are safe from harm, though our hometown has indeed been seized; embraced by workers for the Kingdom of God. The force behind the invasion? The graduating class from Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Tyler, Texas.

A local young man, Beau Brown, left for Disciple Training School (DTS), which is offered by YWAM, in early January of this year. Upon completion of DTS, the first phase of his missionary training, Beau and his graduating class left for two weeks of stateside missions. Beginning on the Gulf Coast, the group of forty helped the House of Hope reconstruct housing damaged by a recent hurricane. The House of Hope is a Christian organization dedicated to the rescue of women and children from the sex-slave trade, headquartered in the city known as the world's largest importer of modern slavery, Houston, Texas.

Five days later, the YWAM group arrived at their next work project in the heart of downtown Dallas. There amongst the

skyscrapers and museums, they helped a church minister to the needs of families who find themselves homeless due to divorce, domestic or substance abuse, or economic distress.

Finishing out their two week mission outreach, the team stopped at Beau's hometown, Cross Plains, where they were generously housed by Judy Luter, Jerry and Shirley Smith, and David and Mindy Estes. Meeting for breakfast every morning at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, the team would break up into four teams of ten people, and plan out their day's work with their team leaders: Clay Richardson, Bryan and Carrie Brown and Mindy Estes.

Many people in Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Pioneer were blessed with new sheetrock erected, windows and doors caulked, and homes painted. There were lawns mowed, flower beds weeded and leaves raked. Brush piles were hauled off, rotted porches were demolished and quickly rebuilt and much to the delight of the city-born team members, orphaned calves were carried back to the barn to be reunited with the confused mother cows.

Although the mission team battled the wind, fatigue and suspicious states of locals worried the YWAM'ers were a touring

group of scam artists preying on the elderly, they never gave up. The unified heart of a servant was apparent in them all, despite their varying nationalities. There were representatives from dozens of states within the USA, and also included international students from such diverse countries as Canada, Chile, Peru, South Korea and Holland.

When asked to perform a new task, regardless of how daunting it would seem, they would reply, "Great!" "Awesome!" or "Fantastic!" And to all who had the privilege of being the object of their devotional work, they felt the energy and excitement the team carried with them. Those who worked alongside the team learned a new attitude of servanthood towards their neighbors. And perhaps the greatest work of all was the blurring of denominational lines as the Body of Christ stood and worked together in the mission field called Cross Plains.

Please pray for the YWAM team as they begin their international missions work in Scotland, Czech Republic and India. If interested in working or training with Youth With A Mission, or to donate to help these wonderful servants of God accomplish their work, you can find this and more information at YWAMTyler.org.

Cross Plains' retail sales in 2010 slightly higher than 2009

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2010 are running slightly higher than 2009 sales tax payments, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, April 7th.

Cross Plains' 2010 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$61,606.58, which is 0.30 percent higher than the \$61,416.47 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2009.

The payment to the city for April 2010 was \$12,889.15, which is 1.17 percent above the April 2009 check of \$12,739.01.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today the state received \$1.46 billion in sales tax revenue in March, down 7.8 percent compared to March 2009.

"For the second month in a row, the decline in sales tax collections continued to moderate," Combs said. "Following an eight-month stretch of double-digit declines, the pace of revenue losses is slowing. The oil and gas, construction, manufacturing, and retail industries registered lower sales tax revenue collections than one year earlier. We expect further declines in the near term followed by a return to sales tax revenue growth later this year."

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive \$394.1 million in April sales tax allocations, a 3.9 percent decrease compared to April 2009. So far in 2010, monthly sales tax allocations to local governments lag 7.4 percent behind 2009.

On Friday, Comptroller Combs will send April sales tax allocations of \$265.7 million to Texas cities, down 3.6 percent compared to April 2009. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 7 percent lower than last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$24.0 million, down 7.7 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 12.9 percent lower than last year.

In addition, 164 special purpose taxing districts are getting \$15.7 million in sales tax, down 1.8 percent compared to last April. Ten local transit systems will receive \$88.6 million in sales tax rebates, down 3.9 percent compared to a year ago.

March state sales tax revenue and April payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in February. For details of April sales tax

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
Total yearly sales tax payments	2009	2010
	\$61,416.47	\$61,606.58
Total monthly sales tax payments	2009	2010
	\$12,739.01	\$12,889.15

payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports page on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's May sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, May 14th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2010 started the year 0.62 percent higher than the 2009 payments. The city has received \$33,599.30 in 2010, while the 2009 tax payments to the city totalled \$33,388.96.

Baird's monthly payment for April 2010 was \$7,197.74, which is 2.39 percent lower than the \$7,374.16 check mailed to the city in April 2009.

—The 2010 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 22.20 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2009. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$168,719.14 in 2010. The 2009 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$138,058.30.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for April 2010 was \$32,155.99, which is 16.36 percent higher than the \$27,633.46 check presented to the city in April 2009.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2010 payments to the town totalled \$5,120.16, up 1.36 percent from the 2009 payments to the city in the amount of \$5,051.01.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of April 2010 was \$945.03, which is 3.54 percent lower than the \$979.74 check mailed to the city in April 2009.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2010 in Callahan County are up 13.08 percent compared to the 2009 pay-

ments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2010 amounting to \$269,045.18 while the 2009 payments to the county towns totalled \$237,914.74.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of April 2010 were \$53,187.91, which is 9.15 percent higher than the April 2009 sales tax rebates of \$48,726.37.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.)

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

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border town: beggars with tin cans,
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stray cats.

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Rio Grande."

Steve heads up the English Department at UT Pan Am in Edinburg. He says when he first saw his wife's drawing of that little street vendor, he wanted to create words to go with it. Reefka says the project had a lot of personal meaning for her. I had been seriously injured in a car accident and was in a lot of pain all the time. There was so much pain in the eyes of the people I was drawing I felt a kind of sharing and wanted to honor the strength and dignity that was in them." Steve first got involved with poetry while attending Syracuse University as an undergraduate. For a long time it was secondary to his academic career, but the last couple of years he has been a productive poet, with two books published.

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Alzheimer's Association Host Spring Caregiver Seminar

A person caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease, will face many challenges. Preparing for these challenges can lighten the load for the caregiver and reduce stress. The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter is pleased to present "The Confident Caregiver" featuring Andy Crocker, MS, Extension Program Specialist-Gerontology Health for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The seminar will be held on Friday, April 23, 2010 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:15 P.M. at Southern Hills Church of Christ, located at 3666 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene.

The seminar will cover such topics as early diagnosis, driving, intimacy and end-of-life choices. The program will include segments from the Emmy award winning HBO documentary series, *The Alzheimer's Project*, to draw on themes and issues related to dementia care. The cost for this event is \$20 for family caregivers, with limited scholarships available. Respite assistance is available for qualifying family caregivers through the Area Agency on Aging of West Central Texas. Program cost for professionals is \$30, with continuing education credits approved for the following disciplines: Activity Professionals, Assisted Living Administrators, Long-Term Care Administrators, Nurses and Social Workers. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CAREGIVERS AND PROFESSIONALS.

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The topic is Workers' Compensation Compliance: Making it a "Win" for Everyone. This free session will be held from noon until 1:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Field Office, 22

Briercroft, Office Park, Suite A. Following presentation on compliance in the Texas workers' compensation system with the Texas Labor Code and TDI-DWC rules and the compliance responsibilities of insurance carriers, health care providers and other system participants, this session is an open forum in which participants may ask questions.

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Open-House Style Public Meeting Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration will host two series of open house-style public meetings for the development of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The purpose of this first series of meetings is to present an overview of the project and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and videos about the planning process. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.


The open-house style public meeting in the Abilene District will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm at:

Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene Area Office
1350 N. Arnold Blvd.
Abilene, Texas 79603

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the State can be found at http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open house-style public meeting, written comments will be accepted on the project website at: http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm key word: transportation plan 2035, by email at: (TPP_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us), or by mail at: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224 Houston, Texas, 77027.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District Public Information Officer, at 325-676-6806. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.



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Misdemeanor Filings

Justin Burnett, abuse of a volatile chemical.
Roy Lee Lamoree Jr., assault - family violence.
Jennifer R. McKelvy, theft by check.
Lorenzo Cerda, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Allen B. Pugh, assault - family violence.
Sharon J. Taylor, attempted delivery of a controlled substance.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Kathy A. Springer, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Antonio G. Escovedo, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$600

fine, \$243 court costs.
Nathan R. Chastain, motion to dismiss to criminal trespass granted in the interest of justice.
Joe E. Dealva, order releasing cash bond granted.
Dallas W. Vaughn, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
Missy Offield, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
Dana James Hogrell, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
Betty J. Dean, order releasing cash bond granted.
Randall L. Ferguson, plea of guilty to assault/family violence, 30 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$264 court costs.
Kriselle Guajardo, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 20 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Tammy Champagne, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Kayla Parker, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Richard B. Spicer, request for extension of probation granted.
End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Joseph Brett Mobley; Julie Lynch.

Civil Minutes

Bonnie J. Strength and Wesley C. Strength, divorce granted.
Citibank (South Dakota), N.A. vs. Barbara Diaz, final default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$24,896.51 from defendant.

Cottonwood Historical Association Annual Meeting Slated for May 1st

Cottonwood history, old friends and good food come together on Saturday, May 1st, when the Cottonwood Historical Association holds its Annual Meeting at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood. Everyone in the area with an interest in Cottonwood—past and present—is invited to attend.

Guest speakers for this year's

meeting will be Cottonwood residents Frances Wilson Thornton and Bob Robinson. Come and hear them talk about growing up in Cottonwood and about people from Cottonwood's past. Bring a few stories of your own to tell.
Coffee and visiting begins at 9 a.m. The meeting starts at 10 a.m., followed by lunch. Bring a covered dish: a vegetable, salad

or dessert. Barbecued brisket, sausage and chicken, as well as bread, iced tea and coffee, will be furnished by the association.
The long-awaited "New Supplement" to the Cottonwood Cookbook will be available after lunch at the meeting. This new supplement features a ring binder with more recipes, history and photos.



CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF—front row (l-r) Christy Kanady, Desma Cantine, Julie Grimes, Valerie Walker. Middle row (l-r) J.D. Ravenscroft, Arlinda Williams, Sheriff John Windham, Ed Bogart. Back row (l-r) Michael Bennett, David Wright, Michael Marlow, Daniel Vinson and Ronnie Broadus.

National Telecommunicators Week activities

National Telecommunicators Week started off strong with the Callahan County Commissioners Court approving a Proclamation from County Judge Roger Corn making the week of April 11th through the 18th as National Telecommunicators Week in Callahan County Honoring these silent heroes.
The proclamation was framed and presented to Ronnie Broadus and Valerie Walker, Supervisors Communications at the Callahan County Sheriff's Office.

All of the Dispatcher/911 Operators would like to thank the Commissioners Court and Judge Roger Corn for this honor.
Sheriff Windham then presented all with a stainless steel coffee mug. Inscribed with 911 and its logo, and a 911 tote bag as a gift from the Sheriff's Office. He also praised the Telecommunicators as dedicated and hard working employees and commended them on a job well don. The day ended with a hamburger

and ice cream social held at the jail, all were in attendance, with several visitors from the public. The hamburgers were grilled outside by the Sheriff, and the ice cream was home made and everyone had an evening of visiting and just relaxing.
Above is a picture of the Staff of Callahan County Sheriff's Office, if you see any of these people THANK them for a job well done, and if you need assistance with anything they will be glad to help you, all you need to do is ask.

12th Annual Barbarian Festival Looking for Sponsors

The 12th Annual Barbarian Festival is Saturday, June 12, 2010 on the large lot next to Dollar General. You can be a sponsor of the Barbarian Festival.
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If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Kandy Jones at 254-725-4458, Susan McNeel at 254-725-6498 or Cindy Payne at 254-725-6692 or mail to P.O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443. More details on line at BarbarianFestival.net.
The Festival Committee would like to thank the sponsors for their continued support.

USDA rural development has office day in Callahan County

BAIRD, TEXAS, April 9, 2010 - USDA Rural Development representatives will be in Baird on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at the City Hall Council Room, 328 Market Street, from 09:00 a.m. to 11 am. Information will be provided about USDA Rural Development's Housing, Community, and Business and Cooperative Programs.
USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global marketplace, by providing programs that assist rural Americans in building strong economics and to increase economic opportunities and improve their quality of life. Representatives will be available to answer individual questions and assist applicants with their applications in all program areas.
USDA Rural Development's housing programs offer loans and grants to very low to moderate income households in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Loans are primarily used to help income eligible individuals or households purchase homes in rural areas. Funds can be used to build, repair, and renovate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage

facilities. For very low income families who own homes in need of repair, the Home Repair Loan and Grant Program offers loans and grants for renovation. Money may be provided, for example, to repair a leaking roof; to construct a front-door ramp for someone using a wheelchair; make repairs to damaged or faulty wiring or to install a septic system for the home.
USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by providing funds to governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes for essential community facilities and services. Funds may be used for a wide range of various community projects. These include, but are not limited, to projects such as those which will enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, farmers markets, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers and fund new and improved water and wastewater facilities. Funds are also available for entities to purchase public safety equipment such as ambulances, firefighting equipment, and other emergency required

implements.
Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development's Business Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can gain access to funds that normally would not be available to them. USDA Rural Development's business and cooperative programs provide the needed capital to expand economic opportunities and development in rural areas throughout Texas by working with banks and community lenders. The Rural Energy for America Program offers grants, guaranteed loans, and combination grant/guaranteed loans to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements in rural areas.
We invite anyone who is interested in learning more about these or any of our programs to please come by and visit with us. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Brownwood Sub-Area Office at (325) 643-1585, ext. 4 or by visiting our website at HYPERLINK "http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/" www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

TEMPLE, TEXAS, April 9, 2010 - Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development, announced today that Section 504 loan funds are available to qualified applicants to make their homes more energy efficient. Loan funds may also be used to make general repairs to improve or modernize the property, as long as the dwelling remains modest.
"The Section 504 Loan Program not only helps homeowners repair their homes and make their homes more energy efficient, but is an important component of USDA's economic development efforts," said Paco Valentin.
Having an energy efficient home can be accomplished very easily. Examples of making a home more energy efficient include installing double pane

windows, more insulation in the attic, weather stripping the doors, caulking existing windows, and the installation or upgrade of a heating or cooling unit with higher seasonal energy efficiency rating for the purpose of removing health hazards. Doing such would reduce the costs of heating and cooling a home.
Section 504 loans have an interest rate of 1 percent and a maximum term of 20 years. Maximum loan amount is \$20,000. To qualify for a Section 504 loan, the applicant must have a reliable income source sufficient to allow repayment of the loan. Applicants must also have a credit history that indicates a reasonable ability and willingness to meet debt obligations. The adjusted

household-income at the time of loan approval and at loan closing must not exceed the USDA Rural Development applicable very low income limit.
In order to be eligible for a Section 504 loan, the applicant must own and occupy the property. The property must be considered modest for the area, must not have an in-ground pool, and must not have a value in excess of the area loan limit.
For the purpose of USDA Rural Development housing assistance the property must be located in an eligible rural area. To determine if your property is located in an eligible rural area, please contact the USDA Rural Development area office that serves your area, which can be located at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app> or call (254) 742-9770 for assistance.

Texan's calls swarm appliance rebate program

(AUSTIN) - With more than 38 million Web hits and nearly 39,000 rebate reservations made, Texans swarmed online and phone reservation systems to grab rebates for energy efficient appliances from the Texas Comptroller's office. There was unprecedented response to the reservation program, approximately 2,400 Web hits per second and about 1,000 calls per minute. The Comptroller had 550 people answering calls on the reservation phone lines. Due to the overwhelming popularity of the Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate program and the extremely high volume of traffic on the Web site www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org, the Comptroller's office worked throughout the day with the company administering the rebates to alleviate delays related to extremely high demand on the Web site, as well as the phone reservation system. "We understand the difficulties many experienced getting into the reservation system, and we appreciate the patience of Texans who tried to call in or go online a number of times before getting their rebate reservations," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

The Comptroller's office will also investigate what appears to be a Web attack that may have flooded the online reservation system early in the day, using nearly 75 percent of the available capacity.
Texans reserved 38,864 guaranteed rebates; of that total, 32,283 reservations were made online and 6,581 over the phone. Regrettably, we were only given approximately \$23 million to implement and administer the rebate program in a state of this size, and there were some people who were not able to get through in time to reserve a guaranteed rebate," Combs said. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of other rebates and incentives on Energy Star products offered at the federal, state and local levels, including the state's Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday coming up over Memorial Day weekend." Information to other rebates and incentives can be found at www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org/incentives. Consumers have to be on the guaranteed rebate reservation list or the waitlist in order to print or receive the application forms necessary to mail in to claim rebates. Residents must mail in their

rebate forms and a copy of the sales receipt, along with any other required documents, postmarked within 60 days of today's reservation date. Rebate applications mailed in from waitlist participants will be processed in the order received, pending available funds.
Texans can use the rebates to buy energy efficient appliances in eight appliance categories. The purchase period for all appliances begins April 16, 2010. For refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers and room air conditioners, the purchase period ends April 25, 2010.
For central air conditioners, hot water heaters and air-source heat pumps, the purchase period ends 60 days from the rebate reservation or waitlist request date. Disposal of the old, functional appliance of the same type is required for all rebate applications. There is an additional \$75 rebate for recycling the old appliance.
For further details on the program, visit www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org. The Web site also has information on more rebates and incentives that would benefit consumers.

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Smith & Son Farm Equipment preparing for annual spring open house Saturday, April 24th

Smith & Son Farm Equipment will hold its annual spring open house on Saturday, April 24th at the farm equipment location at 1635 South Access Road and Interstate 20 in Clyde.

This year's event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Smith & Sons Farm Equipment owners Curtis and Debbie Smith invite all Callahan County residents to stop by and help them celebrate their seventh year at their Clyde location. Refreshments will be served all day during the spring open house.

This year's open house will include a sales event offering special pricing for all 2009 Arctic Cat All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's).

Curtis said that all remaining 2009 Arctic Cat ATV's will be sold at "Dealer's Invoice", which means all remaining 2009 Arctic Cats will be sold at his cost. Smith said the remaining 2009 Arctic Cats he has in stock are being offered at this special price because all the 2011 model year ATV's will be arriving in June of this year. Curtis said the Arctic Cat new model year comes out one-half a year early and these remaining new 2009 Arctic Cat ATV's he has in stock are priced similar to used ATV's.

He said that all 2010 Arctic Cat ATV's and Prowlers are also being discounted at this year's spring open house. Curtis said that all Arctic Cat ATV's come with a two-year warranty, while most other ATV manufacturers offer only a six month warranty. Curtis said Arctic Cat ATV's are manufactured in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Curtis said there is currently excellent in-house financing available on all ATV's and tractors. He said all Kioti tractors are financed through Agri Credit, while Sheffield finances all Arctic Cat ATV products.

Curtis said the ATV market appears to be changing due to the economic conditions in the country. He said that financing for ATV's has tightened up and that it's tougher on who they (financing companies) choose to finance.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment will also be offering a 10 percent discount on all new 3-point tractor equipment and a 10 percent discount on all parts and accessories will be offered during this year's open house event.

The company also handles the Stihl lawn trimmers, blowers, chain saws, brush cutters, and hedge trimmers, as well as the Texas Bragg trailers.

The company owner said that Smith & Son Farm Equipment also sells and services the Land Pride zero-turn radius mowers.

Curtis said all Kioti tractors come with an industry-leading four year full-fleet warranty. Kioti



READY FOR OPEN HOUSE—Smith & Son Farm Equipment in Clyde will hold its annual spring open house on Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Smith & Son Farm Equipment owners Curtis and Debbie Smith invite all Callahan County residents to their annual open house event.

tractors are manufactured in South Korea.

He also said during this year's open house, those who purchase a CK Series tractor in the 22-34 horsepower range, will also qualify for a free loader.

Curtis said the company no longer carries the Zetor tractor product lines because the lowest horsepower Zetor is a 78 horsepower tractor. He said however, Smith & Son Farm Equipment still handles the Zetor parts and provides service for the tractor manufacturer.

Curtis said that most customers coming in are wanting the tractors in the 30 to 55 horsepower range.

Curtis said Smith & Son Farm Equipment services everything they sell. Smith & Son Farm Equipment celebrated its seventh year in Clyde this past January. The farm equipment company moved to Clyde from its former location on State Highway 36 in January 2003. Smith & Son Farm Equipment had previously been located on Highway 36 for 27 years before relocating to Clyde.

The Smith & Son Farm Equipment owner also said the ATV market is changing to owners now wanting to purchase the ATV's (Utility Terrain Vehicle). Curtis said that the UTV or Side-By-Side vehicles are "growing a bunch." He said the Side-By-Side UTV's have two seats side-

by-side and are much easier to get in and out of than the ATV. He also said the UTV has a much greater cargo capacity than the ATV.

He said another product development he expects will improve sales is that Kioti is now coming out with a diesel engine tractor. Curtis said many farmers in the area use diesel to power their equipment and the new Kioti diesel tractor has a larger capacity. He said the new diesel Kioti engine is a three-cylinder engine like the gasoline powered tractors.

Curtis said that Smith & Son Farm Equipment's sales appear to now be picking up again. He said 2009 was not a great year for the company. He said things began to turn when the company suffered its first theft in December, 2008 when thieves cut a fence south of the property and stole several ATV's, a trailer, cash and some 22 Stihl edgers, trimmers and chain saws. Despite getting all but one of the ATV's back, Curtis said those he got back were in awful condition. He said it would have been better for the company if the ATV's were not recovered.

The company owner said that after the theft, he has installed security cameras around the site to prevent future thefts. He said now the problem he's having is getting up at all hours of the night and coming to Clyde for an alarm, only to find it's a false

alarm. Curtis said that his business suffered in 2009 with 75 percent of the decline coming from the economic slowdown in the country, and 25 percent from the drought in the area.

Curtis said however conditions in 2010 appear to be improving with the economic recovery in place and the recent late winter rainfall.

Curtis said that despite doing business in Clyde for seven years now, he still has customers living in the area who don't know what all the products Smith & Son Farm Equipment sells.

Curtis said that Smith & Son Farm Equipment was again named a Kioti tractor 5-Paw certified dealership. The Kioti 5-Paw dealer program is an excellent program that recognizes and rewards dealers who excel in many areas that make them dealers who truly "run ahead of the pack." The program features five evaluation areas, including Sales, Service and Parts, Customer Satisfaction, Issue Resolution and Facility Appearance which includes providing ample parking, a clean display room, and ample parts, service and sales areas. Every year, the criteria for this program in each of these categories becomes more stringent, to ensure that dealerships are consistently maintaining superior customer service and an attractive and functional sales facility.

Curtis said of the 300 Kioti tractor dealers in the United States, there are just 19 dealerships which were awarded the 5-Paw certified dealership award. He said of the top 25 Kioti dealers in the United States in tractors sold, Smith & Son Farm Equipment is number five on the list.

He said Smith & Son Farm Equipment has the largest inventory of ATV's in the Big Country with over 80 units in stock. "Nobody has a larger inventory on the floor than we do," Curtis said.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment is also a community-minded company. The company has sponsored the Eula Christmas Holiday Basketball Tournament for the past seven years. Curtis said they sponsor the tournament because both he and his wife Debbie are graduates of Eula High School. He said even his boys and grandkids are involved in basketball at Eula.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment's normal operating hours are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday. The company telephone number is (325) 893-4242. Smith & Son Farm Equipment can also be found on the world-wide-web at their web address located at www.smithandsoninc.com.

TxDot Seeks Public Comment to Improve Transportation Planning, Project Development Processes

AUSTIN — For the next several weeks, Texans will have the opportunity to provide suggestions to improve the way their transportation system is planned. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is soliciting comment on revisions to department transportation planning and programming rules in Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 15. The request will be posted in the Texas Register on March 19th.

On July 30, 2009, the Texas Transportation Commission created the Transportation Planning and Project Development Rulemaking Advisory Committee made up of 11 representatives from metropolitan planning organizations, local government, transit organizations, tolling authorities and the Federal Highway Administration.

The department and the advisory committee have been working on development of draft rules in order to establish a comprehensive transportation planning and project development program that is transparent, well-defined and understandable. Information gathered from public comments in response to the Texas Register Notice will assist in development of those rules.

Following this pre-review comment period, TxDOT and the advisory committee will present draft rules to the Texas Transportation Commission for its consideration, with final approval likely later this year.

The latest version of the draft planning and programming rules may be viewed on the TxDOT website, www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/public_comment/planning_programming_input.htm. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 19th.

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TSCRA and Holistic Management Texas to host five day course on planned grazing

Fort Worth, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) and Holistic Management Texas team up to offer a new "Planned Grazing" course at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, Texas, April 21st-25th.

The five-day course, taught by Kirk Gadzia, will emphasize grazing planning, rangeland monitoring, financial planning and land planning. Classes runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. each day.

Gadzia is the co-author of the National Academy of Sciences book, "Rangeland Health," founder of Resource Management Services and a certified educator with Holistic Management International. Gadzia works directly with producers to achieve profitability in their operations. He also provides customized training and consulting to a wide variety of conservation organizations.

Planned grazing is a specific method of planning to have the right animals at the right place in the right time frame for the right reasons. Although complex, this concept is not complicated and can result in dramatic improvements to land health, animal performance and financial success.

Participants will learn to plan for profit; manage land,

animals and people; understand the water cycle, mineral cycle, community dynamics and the flow of sunlight energy toward profit; read the land to determine its health; plan infrastructure and land design; and plan grazing for maximum land and animal health.

Class participants will receive textbooks, workbooks, grazing planning books and software, PowerPoint slides, worksheets and course participant list. Registration is open through April 12th.

Please visit www.hmitexas.org or call Amy at 830-868-2427 for registration information and pricing.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 133-year-old trade organization. As the largest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses 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 and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

April Designated as National Fair Housing Month TWC's Civil Rights Division resolved more than 350 Fair Housing Cases in 2009

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Civil Rights Division (CRD), which enforces fair housing laws, resolved more than 350 cases involving allegations of housing discrimination in Fiscal Year 2009.

The month of April is designated as National Fair Housing Month, and TWC reminds Texans that laws are enforced to ensure that all individuals have equal access to housing. Fair Housing laws are federally mandated by the Federal Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing based on disability, race, color, religion, national origin, sex and familial status.

Complaints filed by prospective renters or home buyers can include being denied the chance to rent or purchase housing, or being told housing is unavailable when it is on the market. Other discriminatory practices

include being shown apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods, or being refused information about mortgage loans. Additionally, housing providers and homeowners' associations must allow occupants with disabilities to make reasonable structural modifications to residences that would enable full accessibility of the premises.

To file a complaint with TWC's Civil Rights Division alleging housing discrimination, you may:

- File a complaint in person at the CRD office, 1117 Trinity St., Room 144-T in Austin, Texas;
- Call the CRD office toll free at 1-888-452-4778 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT, weekdays; or
- Write to Texas Workforce Commission, Civil Rights Division, 1117 Trinity St., Room 144-T, Austin, Texas 78701

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Abilene Post Office will offer two midnight collection points for tax returns

ABILENE, TEXAS—Postmaster Lewis Alambar today, April 9th, announced local plans for the Post Office's Thursday, April 15th tax deadline operations. To accommodate last minute tax filers, all mail put in the collection boxes at the Abilene Main Post Office, 341 Pine St., with outside collection boxes located at 926 North 3rd St. and 925 North 4th St., and the Southern Hills Branch Post Office, 2501 Buffalo Gap Rd., before 12 midnight will receive the April 15th postmark. There will be no other late night collection points in the city, and no extended window services will be offered beyond normal retail hours of operation.

The Postmaster said this year's Post Office operations have been scaled back because demand for late night mailing services on the April 15th tax deadline has decreased significantly in recent years, largely due to increased use of electronic tax filing.

Only IRS returns collected at these two Post Office locations (Abilene Main Post Office and Southern Hills Branch PO) before 12 midnight will receive the April 15th postmark. This does not apply to mail dropped in any other collection boxes after normal collection times posted on the box. Postal customers should look for the last collection time posted on the collection box to ensure their return will have an April 15th postmark.

Customers needing to purchase postage for their tax returns after normal retail hours may do so from the Automated Postal Centers (APCs) located in the lobby of the Main Post Office and the Southern Hills Branch Post Office. APCs accept debit or credit cards, have scales available to weigh mail and calculate correct postage, and are available for purchasing books of stamps or postage 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mail collected from the collection boxes adjacent to the APCs before midnight will also receive the April 15th postmark.

For last minute filers, here are some Postal Service mailing tips:

- Use First-Class postage.
- Use pre-addressed labels where possible. Write clearly. Take special care to ensure that

handwritten envelopes are legible, and include a return address.

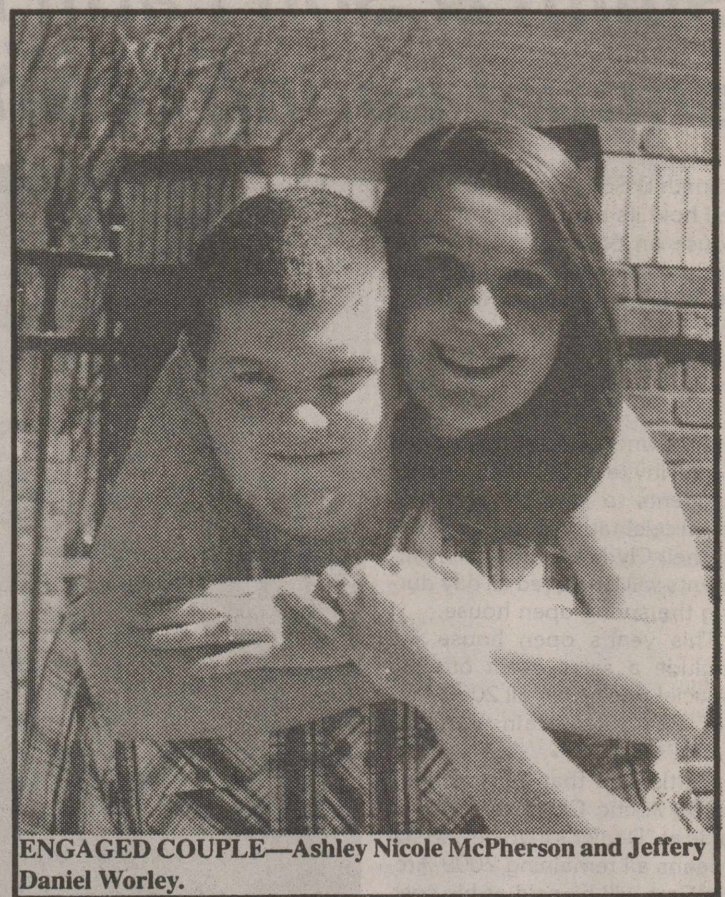
- Affix sufficient postage. One ounce is 44-cents; each additional ounce up to 3.5 ounces costs 17 cents per additional ounce. Oversized envelopes and mail weighing over 3.5 ounces cannot be mailed at the First-Class letter rate and will require additional postage. Customers may call 1800-ASK-USPS or go online to usps.com to obtain correct rate information

- Double-check postage. Weigh any return that feels heavier than one ounce. The IRS will not accept postage due mail; tax returns bearing insufficient postage will be returned - meaning taxpayers may be penalized for filing late tax returns.

- Avoid the mad rush at the post office. Mail returns in local collection boxes, but remember to make certain that the posted pick-up time has not passed to ensure returns will have an April 15th postmark.

- For customers who send original receipts, registered mail is a good choice.
- Make certain bulky envelopes are securely sealed.

A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 150 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars. With 36,000 retail locations and the most frequently visited website in the federal government, the Postal Service relies on the sale of postage, products and services to pay for operating expenses. Named the Most Trusted Government Agency five consecutive years and the sixth Most Trusted Business in the nation by the Ponemon Institute, the Postal Service has annual revenue of more than \$68 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail. If it were a private sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 26th in the 2008 Fortune 500.



ENGAGED COUPLE—Ashley Nicole McPherson and Jeffery Daniel Worley.

Upcoming Wedding Announced

Peggy and Dalton Hardin along with Gilbert McPherson from Eastland announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Ashley Nicole McPherson to Jeffery Daniel Worley, son of David and Vicki Worley of Cross Plains.

Ashley is a 2009 graduate of Masters ISD and Jeffery attended

Cross Plains High School. Ashley is employed by Valley View Healthcare Center and is attending Ranger College for a degree in nursing. Jeffery is employed by Eastland County, Precinct #3.

The couple will be married on April 18, 2010 at Grimes Memorial Garden in Eastland.

Explore the 2010 First Lady's Texas Treasures Award winning communities online

AUSTIN, Texas—Videos featuring the cultural and historic assets of Nacogdoches, San Marcos and Waxahachie are now available on the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) web site, www.thc.state.tx.us. These three communities are the 2010 winners of the First Lady's Texas Treasures Award, which recognizes up to five communities each year that showcase a passionate commitment to community preservation efforts through participation in THC programs. The videos bring to life Nacogdoches' five historic National Register Districts, San Marcos' Victorian homes and Waxahachie's beautifully restored historic county

courthouse. The First Lady's Texas Treasures Award, sponsored by the THC and the Office of the First Lady, acknowledges communities that recognize the economic benefits of researching, identifying and preserving the structures, archeological sites and landscapes that emphasize an authentic sense of Texas place.

Be inspired by the video clips of Nacogdoches, San Marcos and Waxahachie to assist your community on its own preservation journey. For more information about the First Lady's Texas Treasures Award, contact the THC's Community Heritage Development Division at 512.463.6092.

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