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THURSDAY, November 25, 2010



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NUMBER 37



2010 YOUTH HUNT PARTICIPANTS



LOCAL STUDENTS AT RECENT YOUTH HUNT —held at McCallum Ranch in Cross Plains, pictured here with Game Warden, James Brown and Sheriff Windham.

## Happy Thanksgiving Day

### Tree of Faith, Love and Hope to Honor Local Cancer Patients

Help Light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" in honor of or in memory of local Cross Plains area cancer patients.

The Kiwanis Christmas tree will be lit after Thanksgiving in memory of and in honor of loved ones who have passed on or are fighting in the battle with cancer. Look for the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" in the park area next to the Cross Plains Library.

You can help light the tree by purchasing a bulb for each person you'd like to remember or honor. Bulbs are a \$2.00 donation each signifying "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved one or friend. The bulbs will be added to the tree for you. All you need to do is purchase the bulb at Texas Heritage Bank (or by mail) and

give the names "In Memory of" or "In Honor of".

To purchase a bulb by mail, fill out the form below and mail it to: Melissa Richards, P.O. Box 524, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Make checks payable to **Community Cancer Fund.**

**In Honor of**

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**In Memory of**

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Use an additional sheet of paper to list more names for the tree. For questions or more information, contact Melissa Richards at 254-725-6651.

Proceeds from the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" go to help cancer patients in the Cross Plains area. Primarily, the fund helps with transportation costs—gas, food and lodging—when local patients travel the distance to and from the hospital for treatments. Your donations help your friends and neighbors.

Help light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope"—and the entire park. Make this a great Christmas Memorial to those who have gone on before and to those who are fighting the battle with cancer.

### Gospel Mission Homecoming Scheduled for November 28th

Gospel Mission will be hosting their annual Homecoming Sunday, November 28th, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a fellowship meeting with lots of different speakers and musicians featured.

Pastor Michael Ingram invites everyone to come and enjoy the event. Gospel Mission is located at 716 N.E. 1st Street in Cross Plains.

### Local Lady's Life Claimed in Automobile Crash in Coleman County

Linda M. Chandler, 47 of Cross Plains, was driving her white Mercury Grand Marquis West bound on Hwy 206 with her sister, Latricia S. Chandler, 66, as her passenger on Saturday, November 20, 2010, at approximately 9:45 a.m. when she drove her vehicle the wrong direction down the off ramp from U.S. Hwy. The Mercury collided head on with a fuel tanker that was traveling North bound on U.S. Hwy 84. The fuel tanker was

driven by Kermith Johnson, 63, from Abilene.

Both drivers were not injured in the crash, but Latricia S. Chandler was transported to Coleman County Medical Center where shortly thereafter she was pronounced dead by Coleman County Judge Jimmy Hobbs. Chandler's body was released to Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.

The crash is under the investigation of Officer Tia Beasley and the Coleman Police Department.

Texas Highway Patrol, the Coleman County Sheriffs Department, the Coleman Fire Department and Coleman County EMS assisted with the accident.

Funeral services for Latricia S. Chandler were held Wednesday, November 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel.

### Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control to Hold Barbecue Sandwich and Hot Dog Sale

The day after Thanksgiving is the perfect time for a **Barbecue Brisket Sandwich** or a hot dog or sausage link fresh-off the grill.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be serving barbecue, sausage and hotdogs

from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in front of Super S Foods on Friday, November 26th—the day after Thanksgiving.

After your hunting or shopping stop by and get a hot, fresh-cooked lunch.

### Benefit for Jinger Jo Gerngross set for December 4, 2010

A Medical Fund has been set up to benefit Jinger Jo Gerngross. Jinger Jo is the eighteen month old daughter of Jody and Wendy Gerngross of Baird.

Jinger has recently been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid AMLM7 Leukemia and is currently at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth undergoing chemotherapy.

Funds have been set up at both the First National Bank of Baird and First Financial Bank, if you would like to donate just make your check payable to Jinger Jo Gerngross.

A benefit has also been planned for December 4, 2010 at the Oplin Community Center in Oplin, Texas.

Events for the benefit are a silent auction from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., a dance featuring the sounds of *Muddy Creek* from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m., a barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., adults eat

for \$5.00, children are \$2.00 additional donations will be accepted and appreciated. Last will be a drawing for a 40" Samsung Television. Tickets for chances on the TV are \$5.00 each or five tickets for \$20.00. Tickets for the TV drawing will be available at Clyde Farm and Ranch in Clyde, the Eula Drive Inn in Eula, Callahan County Farmer's Co-op in Baird, Robertson's Hams in Baird, Baird Drive Inn in Baird, 1st National Bank of Baird at Baird, TSW Energy (Tony & Lori Robinson) on T & P Lane in Abilene and 5-D Custom Hats at South 7th and Butternut in Abilene.

Items offered for silent auction are listed online at: <http://baird.region14.net/webssjonesjingerjogerngrossbenefit.htm>. Please help fight leukemia and lend a helping hand and kind heart with a donation to Jinger Jo.

## Santa at the Bank 2010

Enjoy the season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank after Thanksgiving with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information, then return your gifts to the bank by Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

The gifts will be delivered or picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion.

A reasonable amount to spend on

the gift is \$25-\$30. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you.

Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for the older girls and video games, sport related items, sweaters and hats for the older boys.

Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might enjoy Legos, trucks, cars, action figures, etc.

Christmas is a time for giving and kindness, so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year. If you know of any children in need, please call Pat Stephens with your information (home 254-725-6819, school 254-725-6123).

Also Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank Tree.

Thank you so much for helping the children or our community.

Submitted by Pat Stephens

## Big "THREE-IN-ONE" December 3 Kiwanis Stew Supper Fund-Raiser Senior Citizens Center Dessert Fund-Raiser SANTA IS COMING TO CROSS PLAINS

The Annual Cross Plains Kiwanis Christmas Program is Friday night, December 3. Santa anticipates meeting all the children and adults at the Senior Citizens Center as he arrives in Cross Plains on the fire truck (6 p.m.).

Every child present will be able to visit with Santa and have his/her picture taken with him. In addition to the visit and free photograph with Santa, each child will receive a sack of candy and one (1) number for drawings at the end of the program. (Additional photographs may be purchased for \$1 each.)

We are combining a STEW SUPPER Fund-Raiser with the Christmas program again this year. This is one of our annual

fund-raisers each year to help with programs of our area, especially the children. We really need your help in order to have enough to meet all the worthy requests and needs that come our way.

The stew supper begins at 5 p.m. —\$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under (very young children who eat from their parent's bowl are free). And the Senior Citizens Center will be selling desserts to add to the evening meal to raise money for their projects.

There will be drawings for twelve (12) turkeys and eight (8) gifts of \$25 each. Drawings will begin immediately after the children are finished visiting and

taking pictures with Santa.

There will be live and taped music to be enjoyed during the children's picture taking time. There is no general registration this year for the drawings, so the only recipients will be the children (and those who purchase tickets for the stew supper fund-raiser). You must remain and be present in order to receive the prizes.

The Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains. Come early and eat, stay afterwards and visit!

Remember, Friday night, December 3, beginning at 5 p.m.!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

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## CAMP PECAN IS LOST

Camp Pecan, on the Pecan Bayou in Callahan County was one of two Texas Ranger camps established by Capt. Frank Collier in 1862. Camp Collier was established on Clear Creek in Brown County and we know the location because it is next to a cemetery.

However, the location of Camp Pecan, which according to several sources was located where the road from Fort Chadbourne - Camp Colorado - Camp Cooper road crossed the Pecan Bayou.

According to a now deceased

Callahan County resident, there is still evidence of Camp Pecan; however, I can not find anyone that knows where this location is.

I am Tom Adams, an Archeological Steward with the Texas Historical Commission and a long time resident of northern Brown County and Cross Plains. I am looking for the lost location of Camp Pecan. If you have information concerning this location I would appreciate you contacting me: Phone -- 325-624-5501.

Email -- tomadams42@live.com

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## Church Directory

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

David Braun, Pastor

Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

### Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am

Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains

(1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)

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

### Burkett Baptist Church

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Church - 11:00 a.m.  
5th Sunday Potluck Lunch and Fellowship after Church  
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## Obituaries

### Elizabeth Ernestine Chapman Wood

Elizabeth Ernestine Chapman Wood passed away Saturday, November 20, 2010, in Brownwood. She was 79.

Services and interment were held at 4 Bar W Wood Ranch, 3690 FM 2940, in Brown County. The Rev. Max Evans of Cross Plains officiated.

Mrs. Wood was born October 6, 1931, in Odessa to Earnest and Lena Mae Wescott Chapman.

She was married to Billy Mack Wood Feb. 28, 1948, in Rising Star. She lived in Longview, different parts of west Texas, Odessa and Big Spring before moving to Lake Brownwood. They moved into Brown County in the early 1980s and were among the families who started the Lake Brownwood First United Methodist Church. Bill and Dean Wood were avid dancers even through their elderly years, dancing the night away at their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Wood, known as Dean, was an accomplished artist in several mediums including oil and acrylic paint. She enjoyed sewing and was talented in a wide array of arts and crafts, the results of which she often shared with friends and family. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and managed the Little League Ball Park Concession in Big Spring. She was a professional musician and vocalist for many years playing keyboards and sharing her sultry, smooth voice in song. This is a talent she shared with her only son, Danny, and she spent many days and nights in Danny's teen years to transport him and his drums from one venue to the next for him to play in his band.

Mrs. Wood was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by her son, Danny Lee and wife Patti Peck Wood of Rising Star; a sister, Evelyn Clarey of Breckenridge; two nieces; and a host of friends who have loved her.

### Latrica Sou Chandler

Latrica Sou Chandler, age 66, of Cross Plains passed away Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Coleman County Hospital. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Burlie Taylor officiating, assisted by Ronnie B. White; burial followed at the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery.

She was born October 26, 1944 in Bowie, Texas to Max L. and Glenda A. (Swann) Chandler, Sr. She graduated from high school in Malvern, Iowa. She worked at the Dairy Queen in Big Spring after moving to Texas. Latrica loved children and enjoyed working in Vacation Bible School and helping in the nursery. Latrica was a member of First Baptist Church. She was a wonderful and caring person. She had a great ministry by encouraging others with her caring words.

She is survived by her sister, Linda Chandler of Cross Plains, aunt, Pat Sanders of Ft. Worth, cousins, Lisa Marquez and Jay Lovenda of Denton; second cousins, Arron Marquez of Ft. Worth, Allen Pippler of Denton, Shea Lalkner, Alalee Miller of Tolar. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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### A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*We come to you with thanksgiving in our hearts,  
For all the blessings you daily impart.*

*Autumn colors brighten the day,  
As we view them along our way.*

*Going to grandma's and loved ones, too,  
To celebrate our thanks to you.*

*In my family, and I hopes yours, too,  
God's grace brings Thanksgiving renewed.*

*Bless our soldiers in their place,  
Help them in their need to seek your face.*

*Sometimes it seems tradition has changed,  
But love of God and freedom remains.*

Geneva Nelson and Vanda Anderson

### OLD FOLKS AND COWPOKES

JAMES NICHOLS

This is the saga of Hugh McDermett and Fred Cutbirth, and due to its length, this saga will be published in parts.

#### Part 1

Fred Cutbirth, who was born May 13, 1886 at Pilot Point, Texas, grew up to be a medium sized man who always was neat and immaculate.

Hugh Henry McDermett, born August 23, 1887 in Coleman County, was a large man who was very handsome when "dressed up" - which was very seldom.

One of Fred's granddaughters said Hugh reminded her of a rumped up unmade bed. Hugh attended country school for a short while and then Mrs.

McDermett and the children moved to Coleman where their schooling was finished.

Hugh and Oscar, his older brother, attended Daniel Baker, a Presbyterian school where they played football in 1901 and 1902.

Fred Cutbirth attended the Baird School and Baird College. Later Fred, Hugh, Oscar and Otis Odom, a Methodist minister's son from Cross Plains, attended Draughan's Business College in Fort Worth.

Hugh was proud of his Spenserian handwriting that he had learned there. He and Fred learned little as they spent most of their tuition money on dance lessons.

To Be Continued

## Courthouse News

### CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Roger Corn, Presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Michael Scott Macartney, theft by check.

Matthew C. Parrott, Jr., theft by check.

Sean D. Rountree, theft by check.

James N. Newbury III, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Scott D. Acklin, theft by check.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

John E. Sartor, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case.

Michael D. Helton, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for completion of PTD Program.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Aden Alvarado; Jason Ray Dunn; Derek Lee Casey Sr.; Fountain Bullard; Angela Davis; Glenn Bass; Grady Joe Groves; Randall Franklin Green; Jesus Medina Jr.; Robert Little; Forrest G. Harmel; Jaime Lomas; Vincente P. Sandoval; Danielle Eppard; Johnny Guerrero Jr.; John Tijerina Jr.; Misty Leeann Ready; Nathan Ireland; Raymond Darner; Randal S. Ferguson; Dallas W. Vaughn; Louis C. Aguirre; John C. Jones; Wilson Syring; Marty L. Yarbrough; Leslie E. Robison; Valerie A. Williams; Brady L. Bowman; Sue Heath; Teddy Robinette; Marc Monson; Justin Armstrong; Gerald Brown

Jr.; Cameron D. Bara; Glen Nixon; Deborah McGuire; Bryan Conner; Thomas Yeary; Scott Adair; Lawrence Bruton; Clay Daniel Galle; Edmond Whalion; Gregory Garin Brown; Jonathan David Wilks II; Fountain Bullard; Jeremy Franke; Benjamin Strahan; Daniel Paul Bushnell; Lupe Palacio; Andrew Ferguson; Billy Mac Chaney; Elizabeth Pelletier; Hamantkumar B. Patel; Stephen McNeely; Cory Haas; Daniel Haas; Leellen Geneva Johnson; Michael Jones; Abel Lee Sanchez.

#### Marriage Licenses

Samuel W. Drummond and Nita L. Vinson, both of Abilene.

Christopher B. Coots of Cantonment, FL and Mary L. Dillon of Pensacola, FL.

#### 42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

#### Criminal Indictments

Roy D. Dillard, tampering with witness.

Casey R. Griffith, possession of a controlled substance.

Kayla M. Hazelwood, burglary of a building.

Dale L. Hoover, burglary of a building.

Veronica McGowan, hindering apprehension or prosecution.

Lisia D. Ortega, hindering apprehension of a felon.

James W. Smith, burglary of a building.

Harold L. Sutton, injury to a child.

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## First Presbyterian Church

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## First Baptist Church

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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

I hope everyone is enjoying Thanksgiving with their families and friends.

Fire Chief Joe has the barbecue brisket ready—for Friday's event at Super S Foods. The fire control group will be out in front of Super S Food Friday—the day after Thanksgiving selling brisket sandwiches, hot dogs and soft drinks. They'll be there from 10 until about 4 p.m., so stop by after shopping or hunting and pick up lunch. Proceeds from the barbecue go in the Fire Control Group's equipment fund.

**Saturday, December 4** is the Cottonwood Community Christmas Party at the Community Center. We'll have the wood-burning stove going in the community center and the coffee pot will be on. There will be punch, finger foods and desserts. So, come help keep the tradition alive. Bring a wrapped white elephant for the gift

exchange and a finger food. If you need more information or have some suggestions—please give me a call at 254-725-7369. We look forward to seeing you there!

A music presentation will be held during the Sunday morning service on **December 5**, at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. **4His Glory**, a musical group from Cross Plains, will sing. Mat and Mandy Sowell and Connie and Rhonda Swift are in the group. The Church's Family Christmas Fellowship Dinner will be held after the service. Everyone is invited to attend. The church will be furnishing the turkey and ham, bread and drinks. Bring a covered dish to with the meal.

Looking ahead to January .....The Fire Control Group's General Membership Meeting is **Tuesday, January 4th**. We'll have the woodburning stoves going, so it will be nice and warm in the building.

Our first **Cottonwood Musical of 2011** is on **Friday, January 7th**. Stew is on the menu, as well as good country music.

The Fire Control Group's **Third Annual Fish Fry** has been set for **Saturday, January 29th**. Fried catfish, French fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw and beans will be served.

The Community Center is still in need of firewood. If you have wood you'd like to donate, please give me a call at 254-725-7369.

**Cottonwood Cookbooks**, the first Supplement to the Cookbook and Volume 2 are available and make great Christmas presents, especially if you're interested in Cottonwood history and old photographs of Cottonwood. They're available at the *Cross Plains Review* office, Texas Heritage Bank, the Library, Connie's Cuts and Curls or call me at 254-725-7369 and we can mail one (or several) out to you.

## Cottonwood Christmas Party Saturday, December 4

The Cottonwood Community Party will be held on Saturday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. All area residents, friends and area musicians are invited to come out and celebrate the holiday season. It's a great time to visit with old

friends and meet new friends. We'll have Christmas music and carols, finger foods, coffee, punch and a lot of fun.

Please bring a finger food and a white elephant for the gift exchange.

## Senior Citizens Center to Offer Internet Made Simple for Seniors

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center will be offering basic computer classes - **Generations On-Line**. Sign up with a peer coach for one on one learning. The classes are free and are held at the Senior Citizens Center. Stop being intimidated by computers! We can help with basic computer instruction. Call Vivian at 254-725-6521 and make an appointment today.

## Grand Ole Oplin Christmas Ball set for December 3rd

The Grand Ole Oplin would like to invite everyone out to our annual Christmas Ball on Friday evening December 3rd. Muddy Creek will be entertaining us all and playing some of your favorite waltzes and two-steps. Our volunteers have filled our community center with beautiful Christmas decorations to get you into the Christmas spirit and invites everyone to wear dressy-dress (think red) or Sunday Best. Admission to our Christmas Ball will be \$8.00 per person and everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and start off the Christmas season with an evening of good music, good friends and a whole lot of dancing.

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Other 28  
Books Checked Out: 190  
Copies: 222  
Reference: 15  
Interlibrary Loan: 1  
Internet Users: 75

**Memorials:**  
Cliff and Connie Kirkham  
In Memory of Mary Moore

**Donations:**  
Christine Mendicino

**Book Donations:**  
Family of Louise Hayes  
Strickland  
Donna Irby  
Sue Bennett  
Tina Cluff

**Volunteers:**  
Beverly Ross  
Lavonne Childress  
Sue Bennett

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

## Call for Community Choir for Next Year's Centennial Celebration

The Planners and Organizers of the Cross Plains Centennial Celebration along with our Mayor and City Hall have called for the formation of a community choir to assist in next year's Centennial Celebrations. An informal commencement will be held at 7:30pm Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. If you and/or someone you know would like more information, please contact Choral Director, Kerry Mann at 725-9490.

## Memorial Fund Established for Micheal Hogrell

A Memorial Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank to assist with funeral expenses for Micheal Hogrell. He is the son of Suzane Hogrell of Cross Plains.

Your kind generosity will be greatly appreciated by his family. You may mail donations to:

**Texas Heritage Bank**  
P.O. Box 699  
Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Please remember this family in your prayers during this difficult time.

## Cross Plains Public Library Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Are you tired just thinking of all the cooking and baking you have to do for Thanksgiving? Let us do some of the work for you!

The Cross Plains Public Library is holding their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Wednesday, November 24th in

the library's conference room from 8:00 a.m. until we are sold out.

Friends of the Library will be busy baking lots of treats for your holiday table: pecan pies, pumpkin pies, fudge, divinity, homemade breads, cakes,

cookies and lots more!

We welcome your donated baked goods, as all proceeds benefit the library. Stop by, hop early and buy extra to freeze for Christmas.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser

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## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES: BY AMBER THOMAS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Monday 29th**- 10:00am Movie Monday. Cokes and Popcorn.  
**Tuesday 30th**- 10:00am Mexican Train Dominos; 11:30am Exercise Class.  
**Wednesday 1st**-Deadline to sign up for Drivers Education Safety Course. Nutrition Education. FLU & PNEUMONIA SHOTS - 10:00AM-4:00PM.  
**Thursday 2nd**- 11:00am Exercise Classes. Computer Classes.  
**Friday 3rd**- 9:30am-11:30am - Manicures. Kiwanis Christmas Program - 5:00pm Stew Supper; 7:00pm Santa Clause.

### KIWANIS STEW SUPPER AND CENTER BAKE SALE

The Kiwanis will be having their Annual Stew Supper and "Meet Santa". The Senior Center will also be having a Bake Sale during the festivities. It all begins at 5:00 p.m Stew Supper; 7:00 p.m. Santa Clause!

### DRIVERS EDUCATION SAFETY COURSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010  
1:30PM - 5:30PM  
COST: \$20.00

### NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CENTER: (2) OFFICE CHAIRS THAT ROLL

HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL TO ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

### NOVEMBER 29- DECEMBER 3

**MONDAY**- Sloppy Joes, Pork-beans, Pickles, Onions, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken Spaghetti, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Bread and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
**WEDNESDAY** - Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
**THURSDAY**- Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Spinach, Bread and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
**FRIDAY**- Soft Tacos, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

## Flu and Pneumonia Shots at Senior Center

**Wednesday, December 1, 2010**  
from 10:00am-4:00pm  
Medicare clients NO COST!!  
\$29.99 If you do not have Medicare  
Sponsored by Walgreens - Shots Available for Ages 13 and Over

## OLD FOLKS AND COWPOKES

BY JAMES NICHOLS

From the early 1900's to the late 1930's the chuck wagon was the most important thing on a cattle drive, or just out working cattle. When out on the trail the chuck wagon was the headquarters, storehouse, doctor's office, and the "cookie" ran the show.

Cookie Jim Smith was known for his weather forecasting. One time Cook Perry Bracer gave his dishes fancy names. Lee Proctor, a black man, would holler out "come and get it" as he announced his order. Homer

Winnet while making an apple cobbler, found the cinnamon box empty and just gave it a dash of Skoal and all seemed to like it.

The names of some of the ranch hands on the Spade Ranch who enjoyed the chuck wagon cooking in 1910 were Perry Bracer, Emery "Ching" Enyart, Sid Rowe, Urda D. Wolfgen, John D. Lane W.L. Ellwood, Sid Jones and D. N. Arnett. Those in 1940 were Otto Jones, Bob May, Cole Smith, Grover Harris and Elby Clepper.

## BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir  
Cross Plains Church of Christ

### Voluntary Slavery

Children often provide an insight into what ails adults. If a child yields to selfishness, we can easily see that he or she is soon enslaved by it. As selfishness progresses, not only does their life get more miserable, but the lives of those around the child are miserable. Addictions all begin with one simple yielding. What we learn from observing children is the power of yielding. Once we yield to a destructive behavior or sin, we find there is nothing within us capable of breaking the bondage we have yielded to.

If we yield even for a second to any lust, we become enslaved. No matter how much you hate yourself for yielding, there is nothing internal to help us break its power over us. The awful truth about every destructive behavior is that we yielded to it and now we're enslaved by it. Most of us have either lied to ourselves or heard someone else lying. I can quit whenever I want, but we find out soon enough that we can't. When you yield to something, even one time, you soon realize its power over you.

There is no relief except through the power of yielding to Jesus Christ. This universal power, which God revealed at the crucifixion of Jesus, is called redemption for a reason. It is our only hope when we have become slaves to destructive behavior.

Take time to assess what you have yielded to. If it is the tyranny of selfishness, and you feel trapped, there is a way to freedom. But there is only One you can turn to.

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**VARSIITY BOYS BASKETBALL RESULTS** — The Buffaloes first game of the season was played last Friday in Cisco. The boys came up short by a score of 49-43. Our free throw shooting was horrendous, going 11 for 30. That itself was the reason we lost the ball game. We still have much to improve on if we are to be the team we expect to be. Top scores in the game were Justin Golson - 15, Blake Hutchins - 10, and Chance Senclair - 10. Cody Ford recorded this season's first charge taken (I love it!). The Buffaloes hosted Rising Star on Monday and traveled to Gordon on Tuesday. Come out and support your teams. Submitted by - Coach Edmonds.

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

November 17, 2010

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Bryan Bennett, Tommy Ames, Jim Cook, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan and Donnie Dillard.

Superintendent Phil Mitchell and Cam Gulley were also present.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McWilliams to approve the audit for 2009-2010 school year. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by McWilliams to

approve the minutes as read. For 5 Against 0 Bennett Abstained

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Ames to add banning K-2 and all synthetic marijuana to the Student Code of Conduct. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan to approve Highly Qualified Teacher Report. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan to adjourn. For 6 Against 0

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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

NOVEMBER 29- DECEMBER 3

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**MONDAY** - Sausage-n-Blanket, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

**TUESDAY** - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

**WEDNESDAY** - Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

**THURSDAY** - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

**FRIDAY** - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**MONDAY** - Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Mixed Fruit, Milk

**TUESDAY-BBQ** Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches, Milk

**WEDNESDAY** - Fiesta Salad (chili beans, corn chips, salad, cheese and rice), Pineapples, Milk

**THURSDAY** - Fish or Hot Pocket, Black-Eyed Peas, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Pears, Milk

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## Cross Plains High School Football All District Selections-District 15-1A

The 2010 Cross Plains Buffaloes were well represented in the recent District 15-1A All District Selection. The following players were recognized:

**1st Team Offense** - Cody Self, Junior. **1st Team Defense** - Ryder Foster-DT, Junior; Blake Hutchins-ILB, Sophomore; Ryder Foster-P, Junior; Cody

Ford-All Purpose, Senior. **2nd Team Offense** - Taylor Savell-QB, Senior; Jeff King-OL, Sophomore. **2nd Team Defense** - Cody Self-DE, Junior; Justin Golson-DB, Senior; Patrick Border-Pride Award, Senior. **Honorable Mention Offense** - Allan Wheeler-RB, Senior; Chance Senclair-TE, Junior;

Justin Pope-OL, Junior. **Honorable Mention Defense** - William Pope-DT, Senior; Luke Thompson-DT, Senior; Zach Hedfelt-DT, Senior; Tristen Stephenson-DB, Freshman.

Submitted by  
Coach Ramsey

## Junior Girl Scouts to Host After School Adventure Program

The Junior Girl Scouts will be presenting the December After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library, Wednesday, December 1st at 4:00 p.m.

The theme for this month's program will be "Christmas Around the World". Each Junior

Girl Scout will tell a little about the country they have chosen, including bits of information regarding traditions, customs and fun facts.

There will be a hands-on craft project, which are traditional crafts originating from each country presented. Children who

attend this program will have the opportunity to make ornaments to take home and place on their Christmas trees.

Come join us as we prepare for the Christmas Holidays!

Submitted by  
Linda Burns  
Library Director

## Immunization Clinic Schedule Announced

Texas Department of State Health Services will hold Immunization Clinics in Callahan County.

Flu vaccine will be available.

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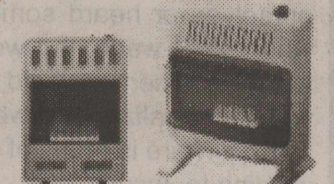
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# News for Veterans

By: Tom Ivey



CROSS PLAINS LADY BUFFS JV — playing against Goldthwaite in recent CP tournament



CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES JUNIOR HIGH — playing at recent CP tournament.



CROSS PLAINS LADY BUFFS JUNIOR HIGH — playing DeLeon in the Championship game at recent CP tournament.

New quarters for the Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic were dedicated November 19th at 2201 S.E. Loop 820 in Fort Worth. The address is tricky as you exit I-20 on Campus Drive, turn left on the frontage, heading West to the Clinic. It seems that 1-20 is considered part of S.E. Loop 820!! The new Clinic opened for business on November 15th and the Rosedale Street Clinic was then closed.

The Clinic contains approx. 239,000 square feet and is the largest leased space in the Department of Veterans Affairs. New features include GI endoscopy suite, outpatient recovery rooms, and imaging for MRI, CT and mammograms in a state-of-the-art facility with overall design characteristics representative of the Fort Worth area.

Existing services that will continue at the new clinic include primary care, mental health, dental, ophthalmology, optometry, laboratory, radiology, audiology, non-sedative surgery, orthopedics, podiatry, social work, EKG, physical therapy, pharmacy, ENT, and home based primary care.

Other new services this space accommodates include endoscopy, methadone clinic, comprehensive women's clinic, and expanded mental health. An additional 1,600 patients are expected to be served in the first year, and 98

new hires will be added to the present staff. (the TEA party may fuss about those new hires! Tom I.)

Veterans can expect a substantially larger clinic that will not only increase space, staff, available services and access but in many cases will prevent a trip to the Dallas VAMC except for certain specialty care. The Texas Veterans Commission has moved to the new quarters along with other service organizations. These personnel are available to help process a claim or to check the status of a claim that has already been filed.

#### NEW AGENT ORANGE CLAIMS:

Veterans who served in Vietnam during the war and who have a "presumed" illness do not have to prove an association between their illnesses and their military service. This "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits. Three new illnesses--B-cell (or hairy-cell) leukemia, Parkinson's disease and ischemic heart disease--are added to the list of presumed illnesses previously recognized by VA.

Other recognized illnesses under VA's "presumption" rule for Agent Orange are: Acute and Subacute Transient Peripheral Neuropathy, Chloracne, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2),

Hodgkin's Disease, Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Porphyria Cutanea Tarda, Prostate Cancer, Respiratory Cancers, Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma), and AL Amyloidosis.

Veterans interested in applying for disability compensation under one of the three new Agent Orange presumptions should go to [www.fasttrack.va.gov](http://www.fasttrack.va.gov) or call 1-800-827-1000, OR YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE. In Callahan County that number is 325-854-5874 and the office is open on Monday and Tuesday AID & ATTENDANCE: Veterans in need of assistance from another person, although not 24/7, are usually eligible for the VA Non-Service Connected Disability Pension with the added Aid & Attendance benefit. A single Veteran with no dependents can receive as much as \$19,736 annually, depending on other income. A Veteran with one dependent can draw up to \$23,396 annually. A Veteran's surviving spouse can receive up to \$12,681 annually. These programs are great assistance to Veterans and their survivors who require nursing care or assisted living quarters. See your County Service Officer for more details.

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## Benefit Roping for Rising Star Livestock Raisers Assn.

A benefit roping for the Rising Star Livestock Raisers Association will be held at the Rising Star Roping Arena Saturday, November 27, 2010.

There will be a #8, #10 and #12 team roping. Runs will be together with separate short rounds, (#8 capped at #4).

Books for the benefit roping open at 12 noon, and roping starts at 2:00 p.m.

Three head for \$20 per team; progressive after one. Must have current USTRC or World Series card.

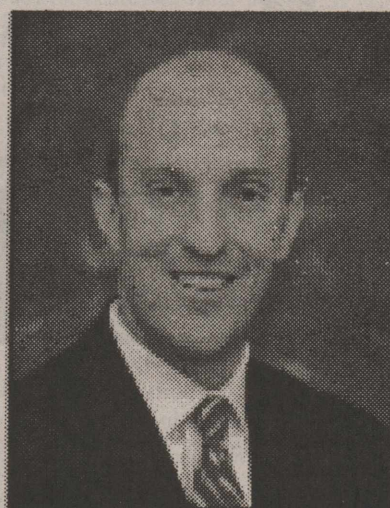
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# Cross Plains Junior High Lady Buffs Begin Their Season

The 2010-2011 Junior High Lady Buffs basketball season has begun with a successful start. The season started with both the A and B teams against Ranger. Both teams came out on top. The first victory had a final score of 37-16. Leading scorer for this was Kelli Sue Bennett with 11 pts., followed by McKenzie Halsel with 10 pts., Shelby McWilliams with 6 pts., and Kristin Savell with 4 pts. Others who contributed to the win are Inez Salazar, Cheyenne Hass, Brittany Bush, Kaitlyn Potter, Billie Pointer, and Debra Land. The A team also defeated Ranger with a score of 27-23.

On November 18 - 20, Cross Plains hosted a tournament with

several schools from the surrounding areas attending. The Junior High Lady Buffs A Team won 2nd Place in this tournament.

The Lady Buffs first faced Coleman and defeated them with a score of 29-23. It was a hard fought game but they came out on top. The leading scorer were Karey Campbell and Missy Broeker each with 7 pts., Allanta Wheeler with 3 pts., and Rebekah Crockett with 2 pts.

Rising Star was the second team in the tournament that the Lady Buffs Junior High A Team played. The Lady Buffs A Team were victorious with a score of 29-23. Jurnee Thomas raked in 12 pts and Missy Broeker scored 7 pts.

for the top scorers of the game to

help contribute to the victory.


In the Championship game of the tournament, the Lady Buffs fell short of the victory against the DeLeon Lady Bearcats with a score of 34-20. Allanta Wheeler and Jurnee Thomas were the leading scorers with 7 pts. each.

Karey Campbell, Taryn Estes, and Missy Broeker each scored 2 pts. Other team members that have contributed to our teams success are Rebekah Crockett, Kelbi Hyles, Bridgette Mayfield, Meghan O'Briant and Megan France. Both of these Lady Buff teams have been working hard and hope to have a successful season.

Submitted by Coach Morgan

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524 SE 1st - Rental Income! Cute home with new roof. 3BR/1B, central heat/air.	38,000
633 NE 3rd - Great starter home or rental income! 3BR/1B, central heat/air. New roof!	46,000
616 SE 3rd - 2BR/2B upper UNDER CONTRACT oak & pecan trees.	40,000
200 SE 1st - Well kept older 3/1 and a half bath home, central heat/air. New roof!	60,000
508 N. Main - 2BR/1B adorable, well maintained home with large open kitchen & dining area.	66,600
216 NW 3rd - 3BR/1B completely remodeled in 2006, open floor plan, nicely landscaped.	74,900
308 SE 1st - Spacious UNDER CONTRACT a, nice yard, needs a little TLC	75,000
700 N Ave E - 2BR-1B. Imi UNDER CONTRACT overed lot, Move in ready! REDUCED	79,900
425 N Ave. D - Updated home has beautiful landscaped yard surrounding the house. REDUCED	82,500
201 S. Beech - Beautiful 3BR-2.5B 2442 sq ft with large living area & den. RV parking REDUCED	89,900
325 N Ave E - Nice 3BR/2B, 2 living areas, chain link fencing, and nice yard. REDUCED	94,500
503 W College - Rising Star. 3BR-2B. Large deck, new central h/a, new appliances. REDUCED	99,000
341 NW 4th - Beautiful 3BR-2.5B home on 4 Acres! Brick fireplace, bay window, tile floors. REDUCED	185,000
811 Amherst - Abilene home, 3BR-2B, with 2 living areas & large back yard. REDUCED	85,000

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10.2 Ac. - 3BR-1B with beautiful views and privacy. Pecan and Oak trees. REDUCED	154,900
13+ Ac. - 6BR-5B home with 2 living areas & office, metal shop, small shed with pens.	154,900
14.184 Ac. - 2BR-2B UNDER CONTRACT views, pond & scattered trees.	65,000
18 Ac. - 2BR-1B Quaint log style cabin, great barn w/ 4 stalls	134,900
20.21 Ac. - 2BR-1B Rustic home with small acreage. Property is fenced. Very cute.	105,000
30.382 Ac. - 2BR-2E UNDER CONTRACT ponds, scattered trees. REDUCED	92,000
51 Ac. - 4BR-2B brick needs work, the land is beautiful 3 stock tanks, large barn beautiful views.	215,000
52.24 Ac. - Nice 3BR-2.5B home, vlt ceilings. Great barn w/ 5 horse stalls. More land available	440,000
68.82 Ac. - 2BR-2B beautiful brick home, newly remodeled, farming & recreational acreage	326,000
80+ Ac. - 3BR-2B home, huge picture window, den/game room. Great hunting property.	349,000
96.24 Ac. - 3BR-2B home UNDER CONTRACT pastal field. REDUCED	275,000
102.25 Ac. - 3BR-1B home UNDER CONTRACT quite cover, 2 stock tanks, seasonal creek.	200,000
148 Ac. - 4BR-2B mr UNDER CONTRACT quite cover, 2 stock tanks. seasonal creek. REDUCED	298,000
150 Ac. - Super nice and well built 3/2 Brk with large barn, Bunk house and 2 stock ponds. REDUCED	629,000

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5 Ac. - 4 Acres cultivation, 1 acre treed. Seasonal creek, fenced. Located near Pioneer. REDUCED	19,900
5 Ac. - New metal barn with wash racks and pens. Large oak, pecan & fruit trees.	75,000
16.198 Ac. - Great b UNDER CONTRACT beautiful views and scattered trees.	48,500
20 Ac. - Great home sites. Underground water and electric. Beautiful oaks, rolling terrain.	75,000
27.5 Ac. - Secluded acreage with great tree cover. Underground water, county water & electric. REDUCED	165,000
43 Ac. - Beautiful tree covered acreage with amazing panoramic views	165,000
50 Ac. - Great small acreage with rolling terrain, covered in various oak trees. Great home site!	105,000
50 Ac. - Beautiful views and great home site locations! Located off Hwy 279, Cross Plains	123,250
77 Ac. - Luxurious home on the Brazos River. Versatile. Lots of wildlife. Guest home/barn.	1,300,000
93.66 Ac. - Beautiful live oak trees, seasonal creek & excellent soil. Great home site! Hunting.	225,000
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142 Ac. - Beautiful 1100' Brazos River frontage. Trees, views, large pond. REDUCED	899,000
145 Ac. - Great views, stock tank, hunting and fishing. Elevation changes and excellent hunting.	412,500
273.71 Ac. - Amazing building sites. Large lake and beautiful terrain! REDUCED	690,000
324.94 Ac. - South of Santa Anna. Very nice game ranch. Bunk house. Large stocked pond.	1,400,000
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301 N. Ave C - 3BR-2B on large corner lot. \$425 deposit	425/mo
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**VACANT LOTS**

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# Cross Plains' retail sales are over 2% higher in 2010

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2010 are running over two percent 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 Thursday, November 11th.

Cross Plains' 2010 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$182,697.37, which is 2.53 percent higher than the \$178,172.49 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2009.

The payment to the city for November 2010 was \$19,253.54, which is 9.13 percent below the November 2009 check of \$21,189.56.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says state sales tax revenue in October was \$1.62 billion, up 6.6 percent compared to October 2009.

"Total sales tax collections have now exceeded year ago amounts for a seventh consecutive month," said Combs. "Once again growth was posted in major sectors like the oil and gas industry, retail trade and construction. We will need to keep monitoring revenue from these and other sectors to see if tax collections maintain an upward trend."

Combs will distribute \$541.4 million in November sales tax rebates to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are up 8.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Combs will send Texas cities \$367.2 million in sales tax allocations, up 7.2 percent compared to November 2009. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are down 0.2 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties will receive November sales tax allocations of \$32.2 million, up 14.2 percent compared to one year ago. For the calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are running 2.2 percent below 2009 revenues.

The 169 special purpose taxing districts around the state are getting \$22.9 million in sales tax, up 18.2 percent compared to last November. Ten local transit systems will receive \$118.9 million in November sales tax rebates, up 7.7 percent compared to a year ago.

November sales tax allocations to local governments represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly tax filers.

For details of November sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate

## CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2009	2010
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$178,172.49	\$182,697.37
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$21,189.56	\$19,253.54

the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html).

Due to the Veterans Day holiday, local governments will receive their November sales tax allocations on Monday, Nov. 15th.

The Comptroller's December local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Dec. 10th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2010 started the year 3.96 percent higher than the 2009 payments. The city has received \$97,718.14 in 2010, while the 2009 tax payments to the city totalled \$93,988.43.

Baird's monthly payment for November 2010 was \$10,923.17, which is 5.37 percent higher than the \$10,365.72 check mailed to the city in November 2009.

—The 2010 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 6.26 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2009. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$437,629.55 in 2010. The 2009 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$411,824.92.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for November 2010 was \$50,283.31, which is 7.79 percent higher than the \$46,646.60 check presented to the city in November 2009.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2010 payments to the town totalled \$12,363.51, down 20.07 percent from the 2009 payments to the city in the amount of \$15,468.24.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of November 2010 was \$1,064.89, which is 45.02 percent lower than the \$1,936.94 check mailed to the city in November 2009.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2010 in Callahan

County are higher by 4.42 percent compared to the 2009 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2010 amounting to \$730,408.57 while the 2009 payments to the county towns totalled \$699,454.08.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of November 2010 were \$81,524.91, which is 1.72 percent higher than the November 2009 sales tax rebates of \$80,138.82.

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 percent 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.

# Recycled Products Help TxDOT Reduce Waste, Cut Costs

AUSTIN - With an agency goal of improving air quality and a desire to reduce waste, cut costs and improve efficiency, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and their contractors have to get creative. The use of recycled or reclaimed materials, such as asphalt shingles or rubber tire scrap, in road building is one way to accomplish that goal.

Approximately 11 million tons of asphalt roofing shingle scrap is generated each year in the United States. TxDOT, contractors, manufacturers, roofers and builders collaborated in blending recycled asphalt shingles into asphalt pavement because of the large quantity of scrap material, rising petroleum prices and increased disposal costs.

"Using recycled asphalt shingles in hot mix asphalt has created a win-win solution between the asphalt paving industry, TxDOT and the environment," said Robert Lee, pavement construction engineer. "Not only are we saving money and stretching taxpayer dollars, using recycled asphalt shingles reduces carbon emissions,

decreases the energy it takes to produce hot mix asphalt and saves landfill space."

Cost savings for materials are also realized through the use of these recycled products. Five percent of recycled shingles added to hot mix asphalt results in a 20 percent cut back on liquid asphalt purchases.

The savings can really add up. Not just fiscally, but also in the consumption of landfill space. Placing a two-inch hot mix overlay with five percent recycled shingles on one mile of a two-lane road uses 80 tons of shingles and saves 40 cubic yards of landfill space. That's as many shingles as roofers would remove from 40 2000-square foot homes.

In the last 18 months, TxDOT has prequalified two dozen shingle processing operations to supply TxDOT projects.

"It's taken a lot of hard work from multiple agencies, the recycling industry and the paving industry to get the process off the ground," Lee said. "We're finally starting to see the benefits of all our efforts."

TxDOT is committed to improving the environment, and in 2009, the department was honored by the Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality with an Environmental Excellence Award for TxDOT's commitment to a cleaner future for Texas.

In fiscal year 2009, TxDOT used more than 2.8 million tons of reclaimed asphalt and the equivalent of about 780,000 tires of scrap rubber in highway projects throughout Texas.

Since FY 2006, TxDOT has reclaimed and reused about 15 million tons of roadway material, saving space in landfills and reducing the environmental impact of new roadway material production and transport.

Using alternative fuels, TxDOT has saved over 52 million gallons of gas since 1993. The use of low emission diesel reduced emissions of nitrogen oxide by approximately 52 tons Sept. 2003 - March 2005.

For more information on asphalt roofing shingles and the application process, please visit [http://www.txdot.gov/business/contractors\\_consultants\\_recycling/asphalt\\_shingles.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/business/contractors_consultants_recycling/asphalt_shingles.htm).

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**DONATIONS STILL NEEDED** — One of the three identical recently purchased trucks that the department will be converting into serviceable fire trucks.

## Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department

**Incidents Responded To:** The department had no incidences during this time. Praise the Lord! This means that everyone had a safe week!

**Other News:** The department wishes everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving! Remember, the Burn Ban is in effect!

Here are some safety tips to

prevent wild-land fires from he Texas Forest Service: Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order and keep an eye out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing; monitor hay-baling operations closely; watch out for sparks while welding; avoid driving or parking vehicles in grassy areas; postpone

outdoor burning; and please, keep cigarette butts inside the vehicle.

The CPVFD serves and protects this community, county and surrounding counties; however, it cannot do its job without your help; donations are needed and very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Submitted by  
Laura Lawson

## Census Bureau facts on the Holiday Season

The holiday season is a time for gathering and celebrating with friends and family, gift-giving, reflection and thanks. To commemorate this time of year, the U.S. Census Bureau presents the following holiday-related facts and figures from its data collection.

**Rush to the Stores**  
\$27.4 billion—Retail sales by the nation's department stores (including leased departments) in December 2009. This represented a 45 percent jump from the previous month (when retail sales, many holiday-related, registered \$18.9 billion). No other month-to-month increase in department store sales last year was as large.

Other U.S. retailers with sizable jumps in sales between November and December 2009 were book stores (98 percent); clothing stores (36 percent); jewelry stores (135 percent); radio, TV and other electronics stores (42 percent); and sporting goods stores (71 percent).

14%—The percentage of total 2009 sales for department stores (including leased departments) in December. For jewelry stores, the percentage was 21 percent.

21%—The growth in inventories by our nation's department stores (excluding leased departments) from Aug. 31 to Nov. 30, 2009. Thanks to the holiday crowds, inventories plummeted by 23 percent in December.

Note: Leased departments are separately owned businesses operated as departments or concessions of other service establishments or of retail businesses, such as a separately owned shoeshine parlor in a barber shop, or a beauty shop in a department store. Also, retail sales estimates have not been adjusted to account for seasonal or pricing variations.

\$30 billion—Value of retail sales by electronic shopping and mail-order houses in

December 2009 — the highest total for any month last year. Source:

21,895—The number of electronic shopping and mail-order houses in business in 2008. These businesses, which employed 332,405 workers, are a popular source of holiday gifts.

If you're not sure where to do your shopping, choices of retail establishments abound: In 2008, there were 155,578 clothing and clothing accessories stores; 8,813 department stores; 9,211 hobby, toy and game shops; 29,390 gift, novelty and souvenir shops; 22,116 sporting goods stores; 26,683 jewelry stores; and 9,708 book stores across the nation. The figures shown are for locations with paid employees.

**Christmas Trees and Decorations**

\$488.5 million—The value of U.S. imports of Christmas tree ornaments from China between January and August 2010. China was the leading country of origin for such items. Similarly, China was the leading foreign source of artificial Christmas trees shipped to the United States (\$28.2 million worth) during the same period.

**Where the Toys are ... Made**  
98—Number of establishments around the country that primarily manufactured dolls and stuffed toys in 2008. California led the nation with 18 locations.

614—The number of locations that primarily produced games, toys and children's vehicles in 2008; they employed 9,163 workers. California led the nation with 99 establishments.

\$5.1 billion—The value of U.S. toy imports including stuffed toys (including dolls), puzzles and electric trains from China between January and August 2010. China was the leading country of origin for stuffed toys coming into this country, as well as for a

number of other popular holiday gifts. These include roller skates (\$37 million), sports footwear (\$218 million) and basketballs (\$32 million). China leads Thailand as the leading supplier of ice skates (\$9 million versus \$6 million), with Canada ranking third (\$4 million).

**Holiday Names**  
Place names associated with the holiday season include North Pole, Alaska (population 2,226 in 2009); Santa Claus, Ind. (2,303); Santa Claus, Ga. (247); Noel, Mo. (1,615); and — if you know about reindeer — the village of Rudolph, Wis. (418) and Dasher, Ga. (821). There is Snowflake, Ariz. (5,686) and a dozen places named Holly, including Holly Springs, Miss., and Mount Holly, N.C.

**Hanukkah and Kwanzaa**  
50.9%—Proportion of the nation's spuds produced in Idaho and Washington in 2009. Potato latkes are always a crowd pleaser during Hanukkah.

\$1.2 billion—The value of product shipments of candles in 2008 by the nation's manufacturers. Many of these candles are lit during Hanukkah and Kwanzaa celebrations.

**New Year's Eve and Day**  
More than 311 million—The nation's projected population as we ring in the New Year.

Editor's note: The preceding data were collected from a variety of sources and may be subject to sampling variability and other sources of error. Facts for Features are customarily released about two months before an observance in order to accommodate magazine production timelines. Questions or comments should be directed to the Census Bureau's Public Information Office: telephone: 301-763-3030; fax: 301-763-3762; or e-mail: <pio@census.gov>

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## Don't Let Food Poisoning Crash Your Holiday Meal

Like few other repeating news stories, restaurant inspection reports are a surefire ratings bonanza. Recycled dinner rolls! Oven-hood grease in the guacamole! Moldy potatoes in the fryer! It's the local TV equivalent of Shark Week on the Discovery channel.

But here's what should really grab our attention: Far more cases of food poisoning happen in our home kitchens than in commercial eateries. This is an especially timely message with holiday time approaching.

Much as we love our seasonal feasts of cheesy casseroles, meaty gravy and creamy everything, it's an equally festive environment for bacteria that cause painful or even fatal food poisoning. And they're never happier than in the perfect holiday storm of marathon cooking, buffet grazing and lots of "sampling" with fingers or unwashed implements.

No one's suggesting that we give up our beloved holiday ham and redevye gravy, but the Texas Department of State Health Services does offer these hints to keep microscopic party-crashers from wrecking your seasonal cheer.

• Wash hands and surfaces often. Bacteria thrive on cutting boards, knives, sponges and countertops. Reduce the risk by using

cutting boards made of plastic or other non-porous materials. Wash your hands in hot, soapy water before preparing food. Each time you finish preparing a food item, wash your cutting boards, knives, utensils and countertops with hot, soapy water.

• Keep sponges and towels clean. Replace sponges often and consider using paper towels. If you use cloth towels, wash them often in the hot cycle of your washing machine.

• Avoid cross-contamination. Bacteria grow fast in raw red meats, poultry and seafood. When they touch other foods they can spread easily and take even careful eaters by surprise. That's why smart cooks separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other food in their grocery carts and store them on the bottom shelf of the fridge so their juices don't drip on other foods. If meats have to be stored on upper shelves, put a plate underneath to catch the juices.

• Don't undercook foods. Always follow recipe instructions to ensure that foods are cooked long and hot enough to kill bacteria. Double-check yourself by using a meat thermometer. Meats should be cooked to an interior temperature of at least 160° F. All poultry should reach a minimum internal

temperature of 165°. Eggs should be firm and not runny. Seafood is ready when it turns opaque and flaky.

• Cook thoroughly. Although your "foodie" friends might disagree, DSHS advises that it's safer to cook red meats until they're brown inside, not pink, and the juices are running clear. They also caution against tasting or eating raw, rare or even pink ground meat or poultry of any type. And it's good practice never to eat raw shellfish, oysters or clams, even if marinated.

• Reheat completely. Reheat leftovers one time only and to at least 165°. Be sure to bring sauces, soups and gravies to a full boil. If you're using a microwave, make sure there are no cold spots.

• Refrigerate promptly. Cool temperatures help keep harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying, so don't leave raw or cooked foods at room temperature for more than two hours. Set your refrigerator at 40° and your freezer at 0° to ensure proper cooling.

Following these steps won't protect you from all sources of holiday pain and distress (for example, an upset loss by your favorite football team), but they can ensure that your holiday feast ends with warm conversation, not a trip to the emergency room.

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## Barb's Cues — By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### AN ENCOURAGING WORD

In the few years I was a teacher I learned a lot of things. Perhaps the most important one of all was the glorious, life changing power of an encouraging word. I discovered it early while I was still in college completing my student teaching hours in a local middle school.

I had read the work Leo Buscaglia had done with his University of Southern California students. In one exercise Leo and his students had made two lists of words, one positive and one negative. Then they had thrown the negative words

in the trash and tried to use only the positive words for one month. They were amazed at how much better their lives became just by using words full of kindness and encouragement.

I decided to try this as well by finding something good to write on each paper my students handed in. It was a lot easier than I thought it would be. No matter how many errors a student's paper contained there was always a funny sentence, beautiful thought, or great idea that I could comment on. I remember glancing over my desk and seeing some of the students rereading those encouraging

words again and again. It was a joy seeing their eyes shine a little brighter, their backs sit up a little straighter, and their learning climb a lot higher.

I recently saw one of my former students from that class and we talked for a while. He was married, doing well in his job, and had two children of his own now. As I was saying good-bye he said, "You know I still have a few of those old papers from your class. I still look at them from time to time. I just hope my kids have as good a teacher as you." I walked off amazed at the effect those few positive words had on his life. I thanked God too for always giving me the words I needed as a teacher and as a writer. May your own life be forever full of encouraging words in your ears, from your lips, and in your heart.

By Joseph J. Mazzella  
From the Internet

No matter the struggles or hardships we face in life, we can

always come to the One who knows us and understands us better than we know ourselves. The Lord is ready to take the burden that is so heavy on our shoulders and lighten it with the lightness of His Spirit. We must always remember God's love for us because it is easy to forget when we focus on the problems before us. His love for humanity is so great that He willingly took upon Himself our sins and died in our place so that we may become the righteousness of God through His sacrifice. The Bible says in Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." We cannot understand such great love because as humans it is not a normal thing to sacrifice oneself for someone else. That is why God's love for us is so special. (Matthew 11:28-30)

He willingly gave His life for our life. It was not an even exchange because He is worth so much more than we can ever be in our

own eyes. Thankfully He sees us as worthy and special and loved and now all who put their faith in Jesus Christ can call Him their Lord, Redeemer and Savior. What a wonderful gift we can each possess if we simply call upon Him. Know that He loves you just as you are and is willing to cleanse you and make you a new creation in Christ. We give Him all of our shortfalls and He gives us a robe of righteousness. That's a wonderful exchange if you ask me and one I'm willing to take any time. (1 Peter 1:18-21) (Isaiah 61:10)

I hope this message inspires and encourages your heart to seek the Lord and know that when you do, He will be right there by your side.

Dwayne Savaya

### Corn Pudding

1 quart corn  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 T. flour  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 cup milk  
1 stick margarine  
1 t. vanilla

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Barbara Hall

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Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States in the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the city of New York, the  
3rd day of  
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## Thanksgiving Holiday remains leading day for cooking fires

Quincy, Mass. — Thanksgiving remains the leading day for cooking fires, with three times as many cooking fires as an average day. That's according to statistics by the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), which also found that cooking equipment fires are still the leading cause of U.S. home fires and fire injuries, and the third leading cause of fire deaths. On Thanksgiving 2008, U.S. fire departments responded to 1,300 home cooking fires compared to 420 such fires on an average day.

"Thanksgiving is a holiday of feasting, but it's also a day of intense cooking, when stovetops and ovens are working overtime," says Lorraine Carl, NFPA's vice president of communications. "These culinary activities bring an increased risk of fire particularly when people are trying to prepare several dishes while entertaining friends and family."

According to NFPA, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 154,700 home structure fires involving cooking equipment between 2004 and 2008. These fires caused an average of 460 civilian deaths, 4,850 reported civilian fire injuries, and \$724 million in direct property damage. Overall, these

incidents accounted for two of every five (41%) reported home fires, 17% of home fire deaths, more than one-third (37%) of home fire injuries, and 11% of the direct property damage resulting from home fires. Three of every five people (59%) injured in a cooking fire were hurt when they tried to fight the fire themselves.

Unfortunately, little progress has been made in reducing deaths from home cooking fire. The average of 460 deaths per year in 2004-2008 was only 7% lower than the 500 per year in 1980-1984. Meanwhile, fire rates among other types of home fires have steadily declined.

Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking equipment fires. Ranges or cooktops were involved in the majority (59%) of home cooking fire incidents; ovens accounted for 16%. Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of these fires, but these incidents accounted for 15% of the cooking fire deaths.

NFPA offers the following cooking safety tips.

Cook with caution:

Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen

for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire: oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains, away from your stovetop. If you have a cooking fire: Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave. If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out. Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. Visit NFPA's website at <http://www.nfpa.org>

### Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 14, 2010 through November 20, 2010 include:

#### Cases Investigated

Warnings—127  
Complaints—50  
Driving While License Invalid—1

#### Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### NOVEMBER 28

Eddie Flippin  
Joan Brown  
Jody Brown  
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Cady Miranda Taylor  
Drue Evans  
Mary Penninger  
Sean Alan Branham  
Perry Neal Clyatt  
Robert Lawrence  
Eddie Smith  
Jessie Ellerbe

#### NOVEMBER 29

Janet Whitley  
Charles Payne  
Alan Neil Byrd  
Mrs. Dora Lilly  
Randal Franke  
Michael Mobley  
Mike Walker  
Cody Zane Knowles  
John Fred McWilliams

#### NOVEMBER 30

Donald Hargrove  
Julie Watson  
Paula Ann (Wright) Winfrey  
Mrs. Bill (Nita) Hines  
Denise (Flippin) Hubbard  
Vernette Rhodes  
Justin D. Hopkins  
Saul Reyes

#### DECEMBER 1

Mark Bland  
Jerry Whiteside  
Craig (Penrod) Rogers  
Darrell Lynn Dillard  
Pamela McCowen  
Stephen Farmer  
Wilda Holland  
Vanda (Livingston) Robinson  
Jennifer Lee  
Dustyn Lee

#### DECEMBER 2

Pat (Vaughn) Best  
Marilyn Maria Perry  
William Johnson  
Jessica Hernandez  
Rex Lee Beggs  
John Long  
Benny Callaway  
Darrell Collier  
Tracy (Erwin) Terrill

#### DECEMBER 3

Amanda Dunaway  
Jeremy Box  
Mary Frances Walker  
Dana Jean Dimitri  
Mrs. J.D. Moore  
Bobby Porter  
Darin Apple

#### DECEMBER 4

James Dixon  
Lynn Hutton  
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Paul Perkins  
Rhonda (Wilcoxon) Crawford  
Wayne Bishop  
Scott Odum  
Judy Casey  
Clifton Bay Kirkham  
Shelby Jean McWilliams

CONTINUE  
TO  
PRAY  
FOR  
RAIN  
TO  
HEAL OUR  
LAND



**KIWANIS PROGRAM** — Linda Burns, the Cross Plains Public Library Librarian, reviewed the activities for children during the summer and the school year for the Cross Plains Kiwanis. The Library sponsored programs for children that took them to visit the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Medical services and a bus trip to watch the launch of two rockets from the site that will host an international rocket contest next June. Programs at the Library taught them how to make origami, decorate pumpkins, make potato turkeys, learn how a cow provides milk, heard a talk from the Butterfield Stage Coach history, and many other activities. Programs are three to five in the LAP program and special programs for school children from grade school to high school. The Cross Plains Public Library was a finalist in the American Library Association recognition to Cross Plains. Linda was the guest of Charles Rodenberger.



**CANADIAN VISITS CROSS PLAINS** — On a weekend break from business trip, Timothy Kallinis from Toronto, Canada drove out from Richardson to tour the Robert E. Howard Museum. Like so many avid readers, he had been introduced to the local author's stories via the comic book route, but rapidly expanded his collection of Howard stories to include other genres. Kallinis is a Linux systems administrator for the HRsmart company that is headquartered in Richardson with other locations in seven foreign countries. The company provides a unified and complete Human Resources and talent management technology that enables over a million companies all over the world to attract, hire, develop and retain top talents. To put it more simply, Kallinis laughed and said, "We provide software for job seekers." Some of their better known partners might be the Container Store, Hunt Petroleum, INTEGRIS Health, DuPont, Sunoco, and Valero Energy.

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