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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 40

## Cross Plains' retail sales still running 4% higher than 2008

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2009 are now running over four percent higher compared to 2008 sales tax payments, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Monday, December 14th.

Cross Plains' 2009 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$194,748.46, which is 4.05 percent higher than the \$187,156.86 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2008.

The payment to the city for December 2009 was \$16,575.97, which is 14.3 percent lower than the \$19,304.20 payment made to the city in December 2008.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today said the state collected \$1.70 billion in sales tax in November, down 14.4 percent compared to November 2008.

"Sales tax collections, declining since February 2009, continued to be weak in November," Combs said.

"Compared to a year ago, sales tax collections were down across all major sectors of the Texas economy, including oil and natural gas production, construction, manufacturing and retail trade."

The Comptroller sent cities, counties, special purpose districts and transit systems \$417.1 million in December sales tax allocations, down 14.6 percent compared to last December. The final sales tax allocation of 2009 brings local sales tax revenue for the year to \$5.6 billion, 5.1 percent less than in 2008.

Combs sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$279.6 million, down 14.9 percent compared to December 2008. Counties' December sales tax allocations totalled \$24.6 million, down 20.2 percent compared to December 2008.

Ten local transit systems received December sales tax allocations of \$96.5 million, a 12.1 percent decline compared to December 2008. December sales tax allocations of \$16.3 million went to 163 special purpose taxing districts, a decrease of 15.4 percent compared to last December.

November state sales tax collections and December sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in October.

For details of December sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Sum-

### CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

Total yearly sales tax payments	2008	2009
	\$187,156.86	\$194,748.46
Total monthly sales tax payments	2008	2009
	\$19,304.20	\$16,575.97

mary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/alltocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/alltocsum/compsum.html).

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, January 8th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2009 started the year 3.90 percent lower than the 2008 payments. The city has received \$100,574.43 in 2009, while the 2008 tax payments to the city totalled \$104,658.49.

Baird's monthly payment for December 2009 was \$6,586.00, down 10.98 percent from the \$7,398.95 payment made to the city in December 2008.

—The 2009 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 9.42 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2008. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$446,669.94 in 2009. The 2008 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$493,138.85.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for December 2009 was \$34,845.02, down 1.50 percent from the \$35,378.41 payment made to the city in December 2008.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2009 payments to the town totalled \$16,920.26, up 17.72 percent from the 2008 payments to the city in the amount of \$14,372.64.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of December 2009 was \$1,452.02, up 38.78 percent from the \$1,046.21 payment made to the community in December 2008.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2009 in Callahan County are down 5.05 percent compared to the 2008 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales

tax payments in 2009 amounting to \$758,913.09 while the 2008 payments to the county towns totalled \$799,326.84.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of December 2009 were \$59,459.01, down 5.81 percent compared to the \$63,127.77 payment made to Callahan County in December 2008.

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 percent, 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 taxes 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.

## Presbyterian Church Presents 2nd Annual Christmas Cantata

The Presbyterian Church of Cross Plains invites you to join them Sunday evening, December 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m., for their second annual Christmas Cantata.

His Glory and Friends will be presenting "Christmas Mosaic, a Festival of Carols" by Marty Parks. This year's program includes songs that span

generations, even centuries, and express the broad spectrum of moods we all feel at Christmas...a holy hush, moments of quiet introspection, jubilant praise and full-voiced celebration.

Please join us for a service of worship centered on the Messiah-exploring the mystery of His being and the wonder of His

incarnation through timeless musical expressions that capture the sounds, colors, and emotions of Christmas.

Please stay after the musical presentation for a time of fellowship. Refreshments will be served.

Submitted by Rhonda Swift



WINNER OF BROWNING SILVER AUTOLOADING 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN—James Mueller of Ballinger. The gun was donated to a recent fundraiser by the American Legion Post 423.

## The Marksmen Quartet to Perform at First Baptist this Wednesday

Don't miss the performance of The Marksmen Quartet, a grass roots gospel music group, that will be in concert Wednesday, December 16th at First Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church is located at 301 North Main in Cross Plains.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the special presentation. This group has performed locally on several occasions and are always a great inspiration. If you haven't experienced their music, come and enjoy the evening!

## Open House at Texas Heritage Bank will be Thursday, December 17th

Texas Heritage Bank will be celebrating the Christmas Season with an Open House on Thursday, December 17th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cookies and punch will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Kirkham Christmas Open House Planned for Saturday

Cliff and Connie Kirkham, of Cross Plains, invite everyone to their annual "Kirkham Christmas Open House" this Saturday, December 19th from 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

You will be warmly welcomed for the sharing of Christmas food and great fellowship. Add this to your Christmas schedule of events you don't want to miss!!!

## Annual Christmas Band Concert Slated for Thursday, December 17th

The annual Christmas Band Concert will be presented Thursday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains I.S.D. Auditorium.

Performances by students in Pre-K through 12th grade will be featured.

Parents and grandparents are cordially invited to this special musical presentation.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Submitted by Matt Sowell Band Director

## Cottonwood Fire Control Bake Sale This Saturday

Looking for fresh home-baked Christmas goodies? The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will have a Bake Sale this Saturday, December 19th in front of Village Market, starting at 9 a.m.

The Texas-sized "Snowball" Quilt will be on display at the Bake Sale. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

If you'd like to bake a cake, pie,

cookies or other goodie for the bake sale, bring it to the bake sale at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the Bake Sale go toward the "New Firetruck" Fund. The Volunteer Fire Control Group has received a grant for 90 percent of the cost of a new firetruck and needs to raise about \$8,000 to pay for the rest of the firetruck.

## First Baptist Church's Christmas Cantata "A Joyous Occasion"

By Vanda Anderson Editor

First Baptist Church of Cross Plains presented their Christmas Cantata "Here We Come a Caroling" Sunday evening to a large crowd.

The choir surprised everyone by entering through the front door and walking down each aisle while singing their first song. It was an original idea that got the program off to a great start.

Unlike some cantatas, the audience was invited to join in the singing of several Christmas carols at the beginning and it was invigorating. The true "Spirit of the Season" was enhanced by the combination of many voices.

Various tunes had a great sense of rhythm and it was very uplifting and high energy. My personal favorite song was their version of "Go Tell It on the Mountain". This particular rendition made you really want to get into the swing of things.

The Children's Choir of First Baptist, under the direction of Amber Kleiber, highlighted the evening with their performance of Christmas favorites. Their sweet and innocent faces glowed in the spotlight.

Even Santa Claus got into the scene as he arrived with gifts for the choir children.

The duet of "Only Love" performed by Amanda Potter and Kerry Mann, music director for

First Baptist Church, was very touching and professionally presented. We are blessed to have such wonderful local talent!

Brief videos telling the story of the birth of Christ were shown intermittently. It was very endearing how children were used to relate the ageless story.

Pastor Ronnie White summed up the importance of this precious time of year with a final analogy about how important Christ's life really is to everyone.

If you weren't in the Christmas spirit when you arrived for the concert, you certainly were when you departed. The crowd was invited to refreshments following the cantata and fellowship rounded out a beautiful evening.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
209 S.W. Hwy 36 CROSS PLAINS, TX  
**Welcomes You!**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
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**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  
**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  
(CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)  
**Al Taylor, Preacher**  
Phone: 254-725-7522  
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

**Pioneer Baptist Church**  
Pastor: **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

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## OBITUARIES

**Olga Joy**  
Olga Joy, 94, of Amarillo went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. Service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen United Methodist Church, with Rev. Rich Jones, associate pastor, officiating. Private burial was held in the New Cottonwood Cemetery in Cottonwood, Texas at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements were by Rector Funeral Home.

Mrs. Joy was born in Bisbee, Arizona to Jovan Kullnovich and Mashe Porobich Kullnovich. She grew up and attended public schools in Bisbee. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

She married O.B. Colquit Joy on December 16, 1939. They taught school together in Whiteriver, Arizona and Miami, Arizona. They also lived in Kingman, Arizona, Bisbee and Mayer, Arizona where O.B. was Superintendent of Schools.

Upon O.B.'s death, she moved to Amarillo to be close to one of her sons. She lived there with her sister until her sister's death. She then lived alone for a number of years, and then with granddaughter for four years.

She was preceded in death by her husband after 52 years of marriage, her parents, three brothers and one sister, two nephews and one niece.

She is survived by her sons, Gerald Joy and wife, Laura of Amarillo, Michael F. Joy, M.D. and wife, Barie of Cheyenne, Wyoming; seven grandchildren, Michael W. Joy and wife Luisa of Geneva, Illinois, Timothy L. Joy and wife, Jennifer, of Imperial, Missouri, Jared Joy and Resa Joy, both of Amarillo, Anne Joy of Denver, Colorado, Karl Brown and wife, Stacey of Amarillo, and Paul Brown and wife, Tina of Amarillo, Kerry Fitzgerald and Lauren Fitzgerald, both of Denver, and Katie Fitzgerald of Cheyenne; and many great-grandchildren; three nieces; and two sisters-in-laws.

She will be missed by her family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Karl Brown, Paul Brown, Resa Joy, Michael W. Joy, Timothy Joy and Jared Joy.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, 6977 Main St., Houston, TX 77030 - 3701.

### M.F. (Malcom) Williamson

Our precious husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, M.F. (Malcom) Williamson, walked into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, December 10, 2009. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services were held Monday, December 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eastland with Dr. Shawn Brewer officiating. Burial followed in the Eastland City Cemetery.

M.F. was born on December 30, 1928 in Morton Valley, Texas to Bon and Nola Jane Williamson. He attended Morton Valley schools and lived in Eastland County almost his whole life.

He married Naida West in Abilene, Texas on June 23, 1957. M.E. spent his spare time enjoying his family, working outside, repairing small equipment, and playing the guitar and harmonica.

Preceding M.E. in death were his parents; four brothers, Varner Williamson, Coleman Williamson, B.J. Williamson and Joe Williamson; and 2 grandsons, Alan Gentle and Michael Carter.

Survivors include his loving wife of 52 years, Naida Williamson; two sons, Jim Williamson and wife Mallie of San Angelo, and Bobby Williamson of Eastland; three daughters, Pam Smith and husband Jason of Edom; Patricia Carter of Eastland, Linda Ervin and husband George of Abilene; grandchildren, Ginger Kunkel, Malcom Williamson of Cross Plains, Amanda, Jodie and Cassie; Dustin and Deana; Timmy, Shannon, Missy and Bradley; Darrell and Tina; Kelly, Kathlinda and Naida Lynn; brothers, S.L. Williamson of Albany and Dub Williamson of Eastland; sisters, Clara Paterson of Albany, Willie Mae Hudman of Albany, Virgie Beutel of Abilene; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lillie and Gene Patton of Eastland, Syble and Bob Hamrick of Eastland and Shirley and Roy Notgrass of Alvarado; sisters-in-law, Patsy Williamson of Abilene, Vonceil Williamson of Eastland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Cross Plains Review Deadlines**  
Ads Noon on Tuesday  
Articles Noon on Monday

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURTHOUSE

**Roger Corn, Presiding**

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Jason C. Sanders, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Kenneth D. Robinson, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 90 days in jail, \$345 court costs.

Becky Hawkins, plea of guilty to theft by check, 15 days in jail, \$280 court costs.

Robert K. Morris, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Trevor Smith, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 18 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$310 court costs.

David J. Lucas, Jr., plea of guilty to assault/family violence, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$260 court costs.

Tandy Morrow, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$310 court costs, \$2,444.11 restitution.

Trevor Smith, judgment revoking probation granted.

Danny Bamber, Jr., plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$260 court costs.

Michael Davis, plea of guilty to driving while license invalid (DWLI), 10 days in jail, \$285

court costs.

Bryan W. Elrod, plea of guilty to theft, 2 year probation, \$3000 fine, \$310 court costs.

#### Marriage Licenses

Trevor M. Carlisle and Stephanie R. Rollins, both of Baird.

#### 42nd DISTRICT COURT

**John Weeks, presiding**

#### Criminal Indictments

Cody Toler, burglary of a building.

Kayla Parker, burglary of a building.

Bobby G. Keith, forgery.

Roy D. Dillard, sexual assault, 2 counts.

Lenora G. Botts, theft.

#### Civil Filings

Melanie Elizabeth Jones and Brian Edwin Jones, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Alisha Anne Adams Comer vs. Bobby Randaul Tackett and Blake Fulenwider Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Ltd., order granting defendant Blake Fulenwider Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Ltd.'s motion for summary judgment.

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

**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  
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**HIGGINBOTHAM'S**  
Will be closing at 12 noon Saturday, December 19th for inventory purposes.

We will be open on December 19th from 8am-12noon



**The Marksmen Quartet**  
Grass Roots Gospel Music Group  
will be in concert  
Wednesday, December 16th 6:30 pm  
First Baptist Church  
301 N. Main  
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Admission is Free!!!

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

WALLACE BENNETT

### Cottonwood Roundup

The Volunteer Fire Control Unit is sponsoring a Bake Sale this coming Saturday from 9 a.m. until sell-out time. Please bring your baked good to Village Market by that time and buy something to take home for the holidays.

### Olga Joy Laid to Rest in Cottonwood

Olga Joy, wife of O.B. Joy and formerly of Cottonwood, is to be laid to rest this Wednesday, December 14, with graveside services at 2:00 p.m. She died in Amarillo and she and her husband were former residents of Cottonwood.

### Grady Ramey Buried in Cottonwood

A kind and true friend, a friend's friend and a friendly person that was Grady Ramey. I first met him as a cousin to Annie

Ruth and Geneva Stallings. Mrs. Stallings and Mrs. Ramey were sisters, as I remember the relationship, but I cannot recall whether the maiden name was Stallings or Ramey, or something else.

But what I do remember is that when the Ramey's moved to Cottonwood the children of the bunch: Dorothy, Grady, Ruth, Geraldine and twins, Edgar and Edwin, were the friendliest bunch of brothers and sisters I had ever met. And nothing has happened in the meantime to dampen that feeling.

Then when Gloster Thompson and Dorothy Ramey got married, it seemed like a natural progression of things, good relationship, but when Grady Ramey married Gloster's sister, Dorothy Thompson, I thought, as did everyone else, that well, we

still have a Dorothy Thompson and a Dorothy Ramey, but two different persons living in Cottonwood.

The Class of 1942 will especially miss Grady, as he and Dorothy were always with us at our annual "get togethers", although Grady had not graduated with us, Dorothy did.

Grady Ramey's military service and his subsequent life-long service to the Special Olympics of Texas demonstrated his commitment to people other than himself. A tribute indeed.

If you have any personal news or about your organization of interest to the Cottonwood folks, please contact Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 or mail to 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, TX 76443, or e-mail csb555@dishmail.net. Remember, if I don't know about it, I can't print it.



PICTURED ABOVE IS JOY WILEY— AND THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT THE O.E. COUNTRY QUILTERS QUILTED FOR THE CALLAHAN COUNTY NUTRITION CENTER AND MEALS ON WHEELS TO OFFER FOR DONATIONS!! LOOKS LIKE... JOY WON THE DRAW!!

## Wiley wins Callahan Nutrition/ Meals on Wheels Quilt

The winner of the O.E. Country Quilters beautifully appliqued quilt is Joy Wiley of Clyde, Texas. The quilt was pieced and quilted by the O.E. Country Quilters of Eula, Texas. Your participation in this Callahan County Nutrition Program /Meals on Wheels has been invested in an important and effective community

resource, with these two wonderful groups benefiting Senior Citizens throughout the county.

The agencies above and the O.E. Country Quilters wishes to thank everyone who bought tickets and sincerely appreciates your generous support of this community project.

## Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Austin

**Rick Perry**, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.

**Harvey Hilderbran**, State Representative, P.O. Bos 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0536.

**Troy Fraser**, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Bos 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512-463-0124.

Washington

**Barack Obama**, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000 or call 202-456-1111. www.whitehouse.com

**Randy Neugebauer**, Congressman, 19th Texas District, 429 Cannon HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone 325-675-9779 or 325-675-5038 for Fax. For email access, go to <http://www.house.gov/neugebauer> and click on the appropriate link.

**John Cornyn**, 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-2934. Fax 202/228-2856. For email access, go to <http://Cornyn.Senate.gov>

**Kay Bailey Hutchison**, 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-5922. Fax 202/224-0776. For email go to <http://Hutchison.Senate.gov>

## C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met December 11, at 1 p.m. at Mexico City Cafe. A delicious meal was enjoyed by Eva Fleming, Mary Ella Weaver, Julene Franke, Sandy Lusk, Joyce Odom and guest, Regina Fleming of Brownwood, a sister of Julene.

Eva conducted the meeting which was "A Time to Remember".

Show and tell was an aloe vera plant by Julene and a jasmine sprig with a yellow bloom by Joyce.

Canned goods were brought for the Cross Plains Food Pantry.

A memorial gift was given to the Cross Plains Library for Jack Martin. Also a memorial gift was given to the Cross Plains Library for Noah Johnson.

A card was signed for Esther Kerr, who recently broke her leg. Julene passed around a financial statement.

Door prize was conducted by Sandy and won by Joyce. It was a pretty tote bag.

The meeting was adjourned to meet the second Friday in January 2010 at Mary Ella Weaver's home.

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LAP	6
Lapsit	2
Other	6
Books Checked Out:	128
Copies:	379
Reference:	6
Internet Users:	59
Interlibrary Loans:	1

### Memorials:

Bob and Lavonne Childress  
In Memory of Sharyn Hill  
In Memory of Jean Draper

### Donations:

Richard and Sharo Parr  
Barbara Barrett

### Book Donations:

Janet Swanson  
Curt and Ginny Hoskins

### Volunteers:

Beverly Ross  
Lavonne Childress  
Sue Bennett  
Arlene Stephenson  
Wilma Lawrence  
Suzy-Stiver Nash  
Ginny Hoskins

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

## Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Seminary Extension January 2010

If you have an interest in joining our study of the book of Nehemiah OT 133 in the spring 2010 (January-May) notify Baylis Pope at his home phone, 254-725-7749.

Classes will begin the last week of January. We will need to know your plans to purchase the Study Guide and the *New American Commentary: Nehemiah*, vol. 10, the first week of January. The course will cost \$102.

Our most recent classes were held in Breckenridge and De Leon. If you are not near either place, but would like to see about taking the course; give me a call.

Submitted by  
Baylis Pope

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## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Monday, 21st**- Movie Day @ 10:00 am; Cokes & Popcorn.

**Tuesday, 22nd**- Exercise Class @ 11:00 am. Computer Class 10:00 am.

**Wednesday, 23rd**- Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30-11:30

**Thursday, 24th**-Center closed, no meal served, Merry Christmas.

**Friday, 25th**-Center Closed, no meal served, Merry Christmas.

### Senior Center Needs

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

## Do You Know Someone Who Would Benefit From a Home Delivered Meal?

The Cross Plains Senior Center would always like to know if you or someone you know would benefit from a Home Delivered Meal. The meals are delivered Monday-Friday from 11:45-12:45 pm. A

hot, nutritious, and delicious meal is available for those who qualify. Please feel free to call the Center Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm to see if we can help. 254.725.6521.

## Coupon Corner at the Senior Center

Do you have coupons that you do not use? A sweet lady from the community, Geneva Nelson has started a Coupon Corner at the Center for the seniors in the community! There is a table with baskets to sort coupons for the seniors to use. With the economy like it is what a great way to save

money by using coupons. This really helps our seniors, since so many are on a fixed income. So if you have coupons from the Sunday paper, and don't plan on using them, drop them by the Center and we can put them to use!

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 21-25

**MONDAY**-Catfish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

**TUESDAY**-Tostadas, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

**WEDNESDAY**-Goulash,

Cornbread, Fruit, Milk/Tea/Coffee

**THURSDAY**-Center Closed, No Meal Served. Merry Christmas.

**FRIDAY**-Center Closed, No Meal Served. Merry Christmas.

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## Cottonwood Fire Control Sets Date For Annual Meeting

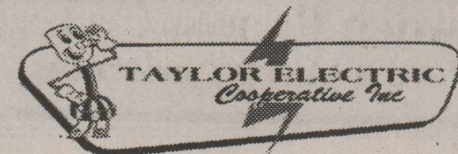
The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Members of the Cottonwood

Community are encouraged to attend and hear about the upcoming projects for the Fire Control Group. Officers for 2010 will also be elected at the meeting.

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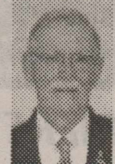
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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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The kids in the *Family Circus* comic strip are going through the lineup of kissing grandparents and parents goodnight, and the first one through the line says, "Boy, we're lucky! We've got a LOT of people to kiss goodnight!"

Family is so important. Having someone (s) to kiss goodnight is such a blessing. Sometimes it takes the children to bring us back to the reality of what's quite important and a blessing.

As we near the Christmas and New Year's holidays, let those of us who have someone (s) to "kiss goodnight" be sensitive toward those who have lost loved ones and will be missing a special person all the more, unable to kiss them goodnight.

It may also be good time to be reminded of how important our spiritual family is. As Paul wrote from Corinth he reminded his spiritual families in Rome and Thessalonica to "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (Romans 16:16a; 1 Thess. 5:26), and said the same thing to those at Corinth as he wrote them from Ephesus and Phillipi. Peter said the same to the ones he wrote his first letter (1 Peter 5:14). Boy, they must have felt so lucky-no, blessed!- to have such a large spiritual family!

Though some may be reluctant to give ones of our spiritual family a "holy kiss," surely we can at least give on another a hug!

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
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## Varsity Boys Basketball Team Wins Cross Plains Tournament

This past week was an exciting week for the Buffaloes, who are now 10-3 on the season. The team hosted the Evant Elks this past Tuesday, posting their 6th win with a 68-38 victory. This past weekend the boys and girls hosted the 40th annual Cross Plains Christmas Classic.

The girls took 3rd place overall and the boys took home the championship trophy. It was a great feeling for the boys to win their tournament, they were ready mentally throughout the entire 3 days and represented the basketball program with class and humility. I was extremely proud of their success.

The 1st game of the tournament, the Buffaloes were matched up with the Priddy Pirates, one of the toughest teams in the tournament. It's always tough playing a school that plays basketball year round, but I knew the boys had what it took to beat any team at this

tournament... the Buffaloes beat the Pirates with a score of 56-47. Priddy ended up winning the Consolation trophy on Saturday.

The team's second game was against the Ranger Bulldogs that same day. This was the Buffaloes' 2nd time to play Ranger this season. The team played well over all beating the Bulldogs 79-36. Cross Plains didn't have much time to rest, as 10:30 a.m. rolled around the next morning, the team had to face a very disciplined May Tiger team.

The game was close throughout, with the Buffaloes prevailing 40-32. The team then faced a tough Abilene Christian School for the championship game. The Buffaloes were ready from the start and executed the game plan beating the Panthers 61-39 for their 1st tournament championship in several years.

Junior guard, Cody Ford, and

freshman guard, Blake Hutchins, were voted by the coaches to the All-Tournament Team. Junior guard, Justin Golson, was also voted by the coaches as the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Justin averaged 18 points, 8 rebounds and 2 assists throughout the 4 games of the tournament. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and workers who helped to put on a great tournament.

The Buffaloes will host the Dublin Lions this Tuesday (12/15) and will travel to De Leon Friday (12/18) to take on the Bearcats for a second time this season. The team will also be participating in the Breckenridge Tournament December 28-30. Come out and support your Buffaloes. Team stats can be found at [www.statsandgo.com](http://www.statsandgo.com)

Submitted by  
Coach Ryan Edmonds

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 21-25

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
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TUESDAY-Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	TUESDAY-Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baby carrots w/ranch, Orange, Cookie, Milk
WEDNESDAY-Christmas Holiday	WEDNESDAY-Christmas Holiday

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December 17, 2009

### Semester Exam Schedule

**Wednesday, December 16, 2009**  
1st period exam: 8:00-9:50  
Break: 9:50-10:00  
3rd period exam: 10:00-11:50  
pledges & announcements @ 11:50  
Lunch: Regular-JH & HS with Buff Pride  
5th period exam: 1:05-2:50  
Release at 2:50, buses run at 3:00.

**Thursday, December 17, 2009**  
2nd period exam: 8:00-9:50  
Break: 9:50-10:00  
4th period exam: 10:00-11:50  
pledges & announcements @ 11:50  
Lunch: Regular-JH & HS with Buff Pride  
6th period exam: 1:05-2:50  
Release at 2:50, buses run at 3:00.

**Friday, December 18, 2009**  
7th period exam: 8:00-9:50  
8th period exam: 10:00-11:50  
pledges & announcements @ 11:50  
Lunch(Combined): 12:01-12:31-no Buff Pride  
Follow pep rally schedule for afternoon classes.  
release at 2:50, buses run at 3:00.

**Monday, December 21, 2009**  
Follow pep rally schedule, release at 2:50, buses run at 3:00.

**Tuesday, December 22, 2009**  
Regular morning schedule, release at 12:31.

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## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

December 14, 2009

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

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Phil Mitchell; no guests.

View and pay expenses for the month of November.

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by D. Dillard that the minutes be approved with corrections. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Ames to pay the bills For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by Foster to accept the bid on the security system from FTM Enterprises for \$12,392. For 5 Against 0 Bennett Abstained

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Ames to approve stipends for employees. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Foster to join

West Texas Food Service Cooperative. For 6 Against 0  
The board took no action on the Coleman County Tax Appraisal Board.

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by D. Dillard to vote for Callahan County Tax Appraisal Board Kenneth Brock. For 5 Against 1 Tommy Ames

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by Foster to accept resignation of school board member Vickie Dillard. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Ames to enter a Facilities Use Agreement with American Red Cross. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ames to stagger certificates of deposit from the generating fund in an effort to increase interest revenue. Members to sign bonds were Jim Cook, Brian Bennett and Michael Cowan. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ames to adjourn. For 5 Against 0 Bennett left early

## It's Time Again for "Santa at the Bank"

Come 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. Please return your gifts to the bank by Tuesday, December 15, 2009. They will be delivered or picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion. A reasonable price to spend on the gift is \$25. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweater, hats, gloves and purses for older girls, and video games, sports related items, sweaters and hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweater, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might like legos, trucks, cars, action figures, ect. 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 725-6819 School 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 all so much for helping the children of our community.

## Christmas Holidays

**Wednesday, December 16, 2009-Monday, December 21, 2009**  
School will dismiss at 2:50 p.m. Buses will run at 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 22, 2009**  
School will dismiss at 12:31 p.m. Buses will run at 12:40 p.m.

**Christmas Holidays**  
December 23, 2009 through January 5, 2010

**Monday, January 4, 2010**  
Teacher Staff Development

**School will resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2010**  
at regular time.

**Friday, January 15, 2010**  
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# County holidays for 2010 approved

The Callahan County Commissioners approved the 2010 Holiday schedule in which the County Courthouse in Baird will be closed.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, December 14th during a regular meeting of the commissioners court held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the 2010 Holiday Schedule.

The holiday schedule follows:  
Friday, January 1, 2010: New Year's Day.

Monday, January 18, 2010: Martin Luther King Day.

Monday, February 15, 2010: Presidents Day.

Friday, April 2, 2010: Good Friday.

Monday, May 31, 2010: Memorial Day.

Friday, July 2, 2010: Independence Day.

Monday, September 6, 2010: Labor Day.

Monday, October 11, 2010: Columbus Day.

Thursday, November 11, 2010: Veterans Day.

Thursday/Friday, November 25th & 26, 2010: Thanksgiving.

Friday, December 24, 2010: Christmas.

Friday, December 31, 2010: New Year's Eve.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

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

—Under public comments, there were none.

—After Sheriff John Windham gave the Sheriff's Report for the month of November, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Windham seconded the

motion, which then carried with a 4-0 vote. Commissioners Hicks abstained from voting.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reinstate the Burn Ban. The motion died for a lack of a second.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to appoint Commissioner Kirkham as Judge Pro Tem for the year 2010. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioners considered

approving a project for Eagle Scout Jeremy McCormick. On a motion by Commissioner Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Farmer, the commissioners' court tabled the item until Commissioner Kirkham talks to Mr. McCormick.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to amend the budget of the Agriculture Extension Agent by \$500.00. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to retain the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, LLP for the Census 2010 and the possibility of redistricting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

## Commissioners approve order prohibiting fireworks in Callahan County

Callahan County Commissioners voted Monday, December 14th to approve an order prohibiting the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Day holiday seasons.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer to prohibit certain fireworks and the use and sale of certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of the county and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners court voted 5-0 to approve the order prohibiting the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

The order follows:

### Callahan County Order Prohibiting Fireworks in Unincorporated Areas of Callahan County

A. A person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-way of a county road.

B. If the landowner's permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county, as long as:

1. The person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act. Civil Statutes Article 62011-1 (a) (2).
2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to

structures and flammable vegetation.

3. Children are adequately supervised by adults.

4. Water is readily available for extinguishing fires.

C. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00.

The order was approved the 14th day of December, 2009, by the Callahan County Commissioners Court.

(s) Roger Corn  
County Judge

Attest:

(s) Donna Bell  
County Clerk

State of Texas

County of Callahan

### ORDER PROHIBITING USE OF FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Callahan County; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of December, 2009, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Com-

missioners' Court of Callahan County adopts this Order prohibiting the use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

A. No persons may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks, and "Missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Callahan County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives.

2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009, BY THE CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

(s) Roger Corn  
County Judge

Attest:

(s) Donna Bell  
County Clerk

## 6th Annual Big Country Christmas Ball Benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center

The sixth annual Big Country Christmas Ball benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and sponsored by the Scurry, Fisher and Kent County Round-Up for Rehab Chairmen and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will be held on December 19th at The Coliseum in Snyder. Charles Church, D.V.M. says this year's featured entertainer will be Bobby Flores and The Yellow Rose Band.

Bobby Flores is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, arranger, producer, composer and first call session musician. Bobby has played with artists such as: Conway Twitty, George Strait, Tanya Tucker, Garth Brooks and Johnny Bush. Bobby is featured on over four hundred albums, CD's and singles, including performances with numerous artists on major labels. He feels at home doing western swing and country music. He also composes for and performs with string quartets.

Tommy Riley says the doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the dance will start at 8:00 p.m. Come and join us for an evening of good entertainment and dancing that

will help raise needed funds for the Rehab which has treated over 200 patients from our area for 2008.

Kinney Hart says tickets will be \$15 per person and they will be available at the door. Tables will be provided on first come, first served basis.

The West Texas Rehab Center is a private, non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1953 in Abilene. Today, the Center is a nationally respected organization with approximately 200 full-time staff in three facilities providing out-patient rehabilitation care each year to more than 25,000 children and adults.

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## Input Sought at Community Natural Resource Conservation Meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public, and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group (LWG) meeting to be

held at the Callahan Co. Courthouse on the second floor. This meeting will be on **January 11th at 9:00 am.**

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an

interest in natural resources conditions and needs in Callahan County.

Input received will allow the LWG to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, payment rates, and ranking for county-based funding. These recommendations will be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS. The EQIP program offers financial assistance to eligible producers to implement conservation practices such as brush management, cross fencing, grass planting, water

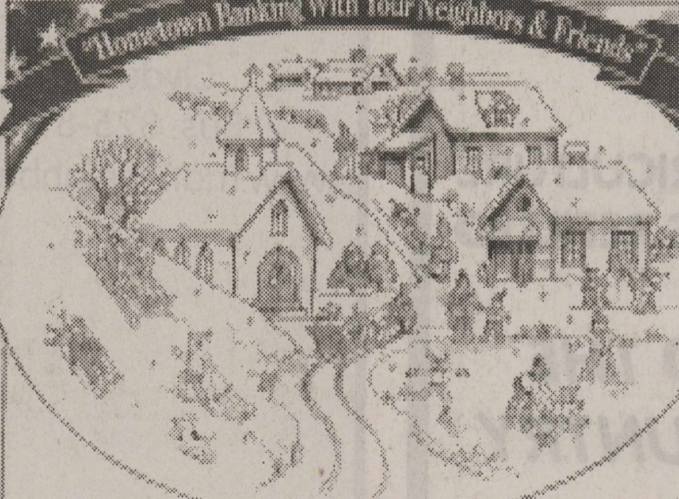
development etc. on eligible land.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Baird at 325-854-1349 ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

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## Combs announces federal stimulus appliance rebate program

(AUSTIN) Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today announced the state will use approximately \$23 million in federal stimulus funds for a mail-in rebate program for consumers who purchase certain energy efficient household appliances.

The U.S. Department of Energy approved the rebates for consumers who buy eligible Energy Star appliances and replace the same type of old appliance that's functional. The Texas program will also offer an incentive to recycle old appliances.

Flat rebates will be given on Energy Star certified refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, central air conditioners, heat pumps, water heaters, clothes washers and dishwashers, Combs said. "An additional \$75 recycling rebate will go to consumers who buy an eligible appliance and recycle the same type of functional old appliance."

### THE REBATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Appliance	Rebate	With \$75 Recycling Rebate
Refrigerator	\$240	\$315
Freezer	\$180	\$255
Room Air Conditioner	\$45	\$120
Clothes Washer	\$150 or \$180*	\$225 or \$255
Dishwasher	\$110 or \$140*	\$185 or \$215
Central Air Conditioner	\$600, \$800 or \$1,000*	\$675, \$875 or \$1,075
Heat Pump	\$1,200 - \$1,600*	\$1,275 - \$1,675
Water Heater	\$255 - \$640*	\$330 - \$715

\* depending on appliance type and energy efficiency of model purchased

The mail-in rebates will apply to eligible appliances purchased between April 16 and April 25, 2010. The 10-day period will coincide with Earth Day. Offering the program next spring will give retailers time to stock up on appliances, give the state time to select a vendor to administer the rebates, and allow ample time to inform consumers about details of the rebate program.

We want to create a program that works for Texas, one that stimulates retail, helps consumers save money and energy and conserves our natural resources by responsibly disposing of as many old appliances as possible," Combs said. "The rebates will focus on the appliances that will save the most energy and water for Texas."

Consumers will have an opportunity to reserve an appliance rebate by calling a toll-free number or registering online approximately two weeks prior to April 16, 2010. After the reserved mail-in rebates are awarded, any remaining funds will be rebated to consumers on a first-come, first-served basis. Shoppers will be limited to two appliance rebates and two recycling rebates per household.

The Comptroller's State Energy Conservation Office is also working with retailers and recycling facilities to create a system to help consumers replace functional old appliances and recycle them where available.

Further information on the rebate program will be announced as details are finalized. Consumers can sign up for e-mail updates on the rebate program at [www.secostimulus.org/rebate](http://www.secostimulus.org/rebate).



CALLAHAN COUNTY SGT. JULIE GRIMES—pictured above accepting a plaque from Callahan County Sheriff John Windham. Sgt. Grimes was named Callahan County Sheriff's Office 2009 Employee of the Year. This is the first year for this award.

## Grimes receives sheriff's office first employee of the year award

The Callahan County Sheriff's office has awarded their first "Employee of the Year" award to Sgt. Julie Grimes, Dispatcher/Jailer for the Callahan County Sheriff's office.

Sgt. Grimes has been employed with the Sheriff's office for the past two years, rising to the rank of sergeant quickly. Julie is the senior dispatcher under the rank of

Supervisor.

Julie was awarded a Plaque, a Certificate of Appreciation, and gift certificates from Lytle Land and Cattle Company and TaMollys Mexican Restaurant, as well as Walmart and Academy.

Sheriff Windham praised Sgt. Grimes for her dedication to service and the good work she does, as well as her

contribution to the department.

Julie was selected for this award by her peers, and co-workers and is very deserving of this, the very first Employee of the Year Award.

Sheriff Windham states he is very proud of all the employees of the Callahan County Sheriff's Department and thanks them all for their dedication to the department.

## Central Texas Opportunities uses American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to help local residents achieve job training

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., a local non-profit organization, has received funding to help residents of Brownwood, Callahan, Comanche, Coleman, Eastland, McCulloch, and Runnels achieve the dream of career training in Medical Billing, On-line Pharmacy Technician, Cer-

tified Nurse's Aide, Phlebotomy, and Wind On-line Program. These funds come as a result of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

To help local families achieve self sufficiency through career training program Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. has worked

with Texas State Technical College and Ranger College to provide career training classes at no cost to participants.

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## Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Honored at 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Workforce Conference For 'Career Pathways Initiative'

ABILENE, TEXAS—Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas was recognized at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Workforce Conference, held December 2-4<sup>th</sup> in Grapevine, for their Service to Community work. The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas received the Service to Community Award and \$50,000 for its workforce efforts with the Career Pathways Initiative. The award recognizes a local workforce development board that has demonstrated a commitment to its community through local coordination and collaboration efforts that have significantly improved services through the Texas workforce system.

The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas developed the Career Pathways Initiative to address employer needs and limited educator resources, and to bring awareness to students about postsecondary education, training, and career opportunities. The program's three tiered approach includes a Career Day, with emphasis on career exploration; development and distribution of Career Pathways handouts, which are one-page guides to area education and career opportunities; and the use of a Career Pathways Consultant, a West Central Texas representative who guides students through small classroom presentations and one-on-one career counseling. More than 3000 students have been served



**TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**—Left to Right (top row) Steve Cunningham—Workforce Solutions of WCT Board Member, Chance Barr—Workforce Solutions of WCT Board Chairman, Brenda Church, Robert Puls, Steve Collins—Board Staff, (bottom row) Kathy Turner, Lisa Colyer—Board Staff, Mary Ross—Executive Director Workforce Solutions of WCT Board, Stephanie Woods—Board Staff.

throughout a seven-county area.

Questions regarding this event may be directed to Steve Collins, Business Resources Consultant, for the West Central Texas Workforce Board, at 325-795-4304 or by e-mail to [steve.collins@workforcesystem.org](mailto:steve.collins@workforcesystem.org).

The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is one of 28 boards in the state charged

with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in a nineteen county region. Additional information on the Board's economic development efforts or services for business customers may be obtained by calling the Workforce Board at (325) 795-4200 or by visiting the website at [www.workforcesystem.org](http://www.workforcesystem.org).

## Valerie Walker and Arlinda Williams attended Sex Offender Registration Conference

Valerie Walker, Communications Supervisor, and Arlinda Williams, Administrative Assistant for the Callahan County Sheriff's Office attended the bi-annual Sex Offender Registration Conference held in Galveston by the Crime Records Service of the Department of Public Safety November 16-20, 2009.

This conference is held every two years, beginning in 1999 this being only the 6<sup>th</sup> conference, and Ms. Williams has attended all 6. The conference is held to instruct those new to Sex Offender Registration and update the personnel already registering the offenders at this time. It also informs agencies of new legislation in Sex Offender Registration laws, sets forth the

responsibilities of each department involved in this process, and answers any questions or problems an agency might have.

Either of the ladies can help you with any questions you may have or help you register if you are an offender living in this county. The Callahan County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to notify any person convicted of a sexual offense that they must register with the Sheriff's Office no matter where they live in the county. Even if they live within the city limits of Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains, they must register with the Sheriff's Office in Baird. You can register between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the office in Baird.

## Larry Chittenden Cowboy Celebration to be held December 19th in Anson

The Anson Opera House will be hosting the Larry Chittenden Cowboy Celebration on December 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

We are pleased to announce that Don Edwards will be returning, and Gary Ball & his band from the Ball Ranch will be opening for Don Edwards.

A Barbeque supper will be held before the show. Serving starts at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$6.00 per plate and that includes a drink and dessert.

Tickets for the celebration are: \$12.50 in advance or \$15.00 at the door.

For further information or advanced tickets contact the Anson Chamber of Commerce at (325) 823-3259 or Marlon Smith at (325) 823-3523 or Betty Sue Foster at (325) 823-3703.

## Grand Ole Oplin Announces New Year's Eve Dance

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out to their annual New Year's Eve dance on Thursday evening, Dec. 31st. Muddy Creek will be playing all your favorite country songs beginning at 8:00 p.m. and ending somewhere around midnight. Black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served during the band's break and everyone is invited to bring a

snack to be shared by all. Admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$8.00 per person.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersections of F.M. 604 So. and F.M. 2926. Smoking and alcohol is not permitted at any Oplin Community Center function.

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So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and help us bring in the New Year with good music, good friends and a real good time. The Grand Ole Oplin wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

## Golden Spread EC Announces New Plant to Be Built in Hale County

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative will construct a new electric generation facility near Abernathy in Hale County to meet the growing needs of its 16 member distribution cooperatives and to replace expiring wholesale power contracts. Coleman County Electric Cooperative purchases all of its wholesale power from Gold Spread Electric Cooperative and is one of the 16 member owners.

Initially, the new gas-fired power plant, Antelope Station, will be capable of generating approximately 170 megawatts, enough new capacity to meet the peak load requirements of 55,000 homes. It is expected to achieve commercial operation in early 2011 and maybe expanded in future years.

Golden Spread will install eighteen 9 Megawatt reciprocating engine-generator sets. A primary reason for choosing this technology is its "quick start" capability. The engines are designed to achieve full operation in less than 10 minutes. Traditional gas-fired generation can take from one to four hours to start. "The growing summer electricity demand and the large

amount of wind generation that is locating in the Panhandle and South Plains drove Golden Spread's choice of quick-start generation technology," said Mark W. Schwartz, president and general manager of the generation cooperative. Wind generation output varies based upon wind speed. Reductions in wind generation output must be offset immediately by a corresponding increase in output by other generators.

"Quick-start generation works well in meeting this type of electric requirement," Schwartz said. The new units also are fuel efficient and use almost no water. Additionally, by adding eighteen separate units Golden Spread reduces its risk from unit failures.

Antelope Station is expected to create as many as 15 permanent jobs in its initial phase, with the potential for additional permanent positions if the facility grows. "Golden Spread's decision to locate Antelope Station in Hale County as influenced by the location of existing electrical and natural gas infrastructure and Hale County's grant of certain tax

incentives to the project," Schwartz said.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit exempt, consumer-owned public utility, organized in 1984 to provide low-cost, reliable electric service for its rural distribution cooperative members. Golden Spread's member systems serve approximately 208,000 retail consumers located in the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau Regions of Texas, an area covering 24 percent of the state, and in the Panhandle of Oklahoma and in Southwestern Kansas. Golden Spread owns directly or through its affiliates 550 megawatts of generating capacity under a power purchase agreement. In addition, Golden Spread purchases up to 705 megawatts of capacity and energy from various suppliers.

General Manager Witt commented that Coleman County Electric Cooperative joined Golden Spread Electric Cooperative in late 2003 and this once again shows innovative ways that we hope will save our members now and in the future.

## Nominations sought for Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame

Nominations for the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame are now being accepted for the 2010 class.

Nominations should be sent to Bill Hart by e-mail [hartbf@msn.com](mailto:hartbf@msn.com), fax (325-854-2812) or by mail (640 Arch St., Baird, TX 79504). No phone calls please.

To be eligible for the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame, the athlete must have graduated from a high school in one of the 19 counties around Abilene (Brownwood, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Fisher, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton) and been out of high school for 10 years (1999). Coaches must have quit coaching in the Big Country for at least five years.

There are also categories for media and officials, but they are not inducted every year. Send all high school statistics and honors that your nominee earned. The more information sent the better chances he or she has.

Names of athletes who have been nominated before are still on the list of names to be considered. That list now includes more than 100 names.

The ninth annual Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony will be held May 10 at the Abilene Civic Center.

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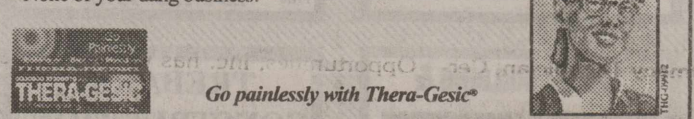
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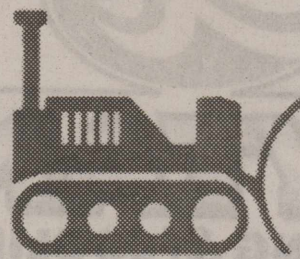
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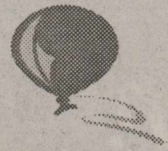
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## DECEMBER 19

Brittany Franke  
Dwayne Wilson  
Ruth Letney  
Weldon McCorkle  
Melissa Parrish  
Max Watson  
Mrs. Betty Jones  
Greg McNutt  
David Reed  
Betty Micham  
Regina Curry  
Karen Scott McClure

Roselyn Holmans  
Mrs. Kenneth Thate  
Janet Riser  
Weston Jones  
Cliff Waddell III  
Barbara (Purvis) Batton  
Lauretta Johnson  
Tommie Neff  
Star (Dodds) Burleson  
Mrs. Bertha Hoyt  
Lawana Freeman  
Ida Witney  
Brian Haun  
Vanessa (Taff) Mathison  
Sheila McWherson  
Laura Johnson  
Danielle Marion  
Don Baskin

## DECEMBER 20

Candace Nadine Nickerson  
Shaela Fulcher  
Robert Ray Simons  
Don Penn  
William Reynolds  
Bonnie Sheppard  
Rocky Champion  
Ted Don Archer  
Peggy Lee Mireles  
Hannah Chambers  
Patricia (Meador) Hopkins  
Betty (Hicks) Gary

## DECEMBER 24

Brandy Hutton  
Jim Bassett  
Judy Steele  
Tonya (Steele) Berge  
Courtney Taylor  
Dena Jo Nickerson  
Justin Richey  
Mike Moore  
Frankie McGough  
Christy (Dewbre) Fox  
Patricia Webb  
Getrude McIntoch  
Carol (Foster) Bectold  
Ethel Eastham  
Mrs. Emma Morgan  
Jim Alexander  
Laci J. Koenig  
Christy Driskill  
Rita Falkner  
Theresa Adams  
James Conor Sweetman

## DECEMBER 21

Rylan Mills  
Allen Woody  
Cranz (Skipper) Nichols, Jr.  
Jimmy Crawford  
Carsyn Walker  
Eddie Hedrick  
Beth Meador  
Tommy Phillips, Jr.  
Riley Allen  
Peggy Brock

## DECEMBER 22

James (Bim) Goble  
Cody Ford  
Cody Joe Sliger  
James Illingworth  
Peter Perry  
Mrs. B. Crow  
Gary D. Gilland  
Jerry Walker  
Thurman Furry  
Lindsey Meiron

## DECEMBER 23

Bo Barr  
Douglas Dallas  
Kenneth Sowell  
Jason Beauchamp  
Bobby Sipes

## Merry Christmas!

### DECEMBER 25

Klay Wilson  
Robert Floyd  
Leanne Gibson  
Donald Stover  
Leslie Reed  
Karin Sabatis  
Wesley Webb  
Brent Hutchins  
Blanche Thrasher  
Charlotte (Brown) Lee  
Roger Crawford  
Joseph Jackson  
Daniel Bushnell

# Help Light the Tree of Faith, Love & Hope for 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 tree, a 10 ft. Afghanistan Pine, donated by Childress Farm, has been planted in the park area next to the Cross Plains Library and is lighted with multi-colored bulbs in memory of and in honor of loved ones who have passed on or are fighting in the battle with cancer.

You can help light the tree by purchasing a bulb for each person you'd like to remember or honor. Bulbs are \$2.00 donation each and are accompanied by a ribbon signifying "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved one or friend. The bulbs and ribbons 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 for the "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" ribbon that will go on the tree.

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 your checks payable to **Community Cancer Fund.**

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Her proud grandparents are Michael and Sue Arbour of Baton Rouge, LA and Cliff and Connie Kirkham of Cross Plains. Great grandparents are Lawrence Arbour of Baton Rouge, LA, Alice Roby of Cross Plains, the late E.G. Roby, the late Laura Arbour, the late James and Birdie O'Keefe, and the late Jay and Iva Kirkham.

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2006 Ford Taurus SE, 76,000 miles, \$5,850.00

2007 Dodge D1500 Reg. Cab, Manual Trans., 33,000 miles, Only \$8,950.00.

2006 Ford Ranger XL, Reg. Cab, 78,000 miles, \$5,950.00.

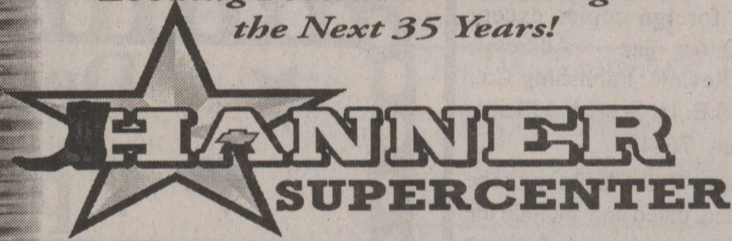
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