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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 46

Graveside Services Held For N.L. "Razz" Dillard Sunday

N.L. "Razz" Dillard, 78, passed away Friday, January 22, 2010 at an Abilene hospital. Graveside service was held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, at the Cross Plains Cemetery, officiated by Reverend Paul Matta and assisted by Chaplain E.J. Chafin, both of Abilene.

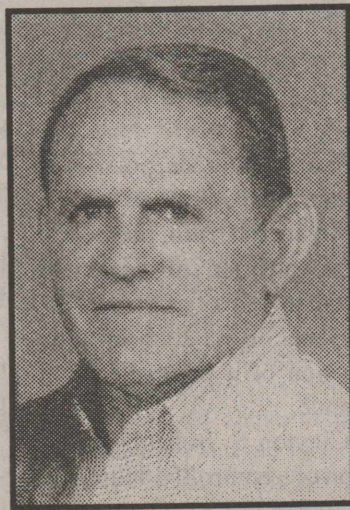
N.L. was born January 4, 1932, in Pioneer, Texas, to Neal Monroe Dillard and Lora Marie McGee Dillard. He attended Cross Plains Schools where he graduated in 1949. He married Martha Austin on June 13, 1953 in Kermit, Texas.

He was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains where he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee. He enjoyed singing in the choir with his family. N.L. was a member of the Pecan Valley Emmaus Community.

For many years N.L. served on the Board of Directors of Citizens State Bank, now Texas Heritage Bank. He spent most of his life working in the oil field. He was owner and operator of Dillard Drilling Company in Cross Plains for over 30 years.

N.L. was a strong supporter of youth athletic activities in the community. For many years he was a sponsor for numerous summer league baseball teams. He was a big fan of the Cross Plains Buffalo athletic teams. One of his greatest joys in life was watching his kids and grandkids participate in their various sports activities.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Dillard, of Abilene and his sweet little dog, Trixie. He is also survived by a son, Tim Dillard of Abilene; a daughter, Terry Nixon of Abilene; and a son, Donnie Dillard and his wife, Barbara of Cross Plains. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren include Lori Dillard Snow and husband, Troy and daughter, Tristin, of



N.L. "Razz" Dillard

Weatherford; Donnie Dillard Jr. and wife, Taylor and children, Stryker and Harper of Cross Plains; Samuel Nixon and wife, Angela, of Burleson; Amanda Dillard Hagler and husband, Chris, and children Drew, Emma and Ava of Breckenridge; Joseph Dillard of Stephenville; and Sara Nixon of Abilene. He is also survived by five sisters, a sister-in-law, three aunts and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his father and mother-in-law, Garland and Zelna Austin, a brother-in-law, Joe Austin, Jr., and his son-in-law, Leon Nixon.

Serving as "paw"—bearers to lay their paw to rest were N.L.'s sons and grandsons.

The Dillard family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all the care and loving support given to them and to N.L. the past 5 1/2 years by the nursing care members of Hendrick Medical Center Collier 6, Hendrick Trauma Center, the Hendrick Hospice Care Unit, and Mesa Springs Nursing Center.

The family request that memorial donations be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, TX 79604 or the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund c/o Texas Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

FLU CLINIC Set for Monday

Texas Department of State Health Services is offering a H1N1 Flu Clinic at NO CHARGE for the H1N1 and Seasonal Flu \$10 donation or Medicaid/Medicare on Monday, February 1st.

This clinic will be held at Intermediate School Cafeteria, 505 Hays Road from 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information call 325-754-4945.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group Fish Fry January 30th

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be having their 2nd Annual Fish Fry this Saturday, January 30th, from 5 until 8 p.m. This time the Fish Fry will be held downtown Cross Plains, at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church, 301 North Main Street (Hwy 206).

Fish and chicken for the event is being catered by Mexico City Cafe.

Tickets for the Texas-size

Snowball Quilt will be available at the Fish Fry, up until the time of the drawing for the quilt, which will be held at the event. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are also available at Texas Heritage Bank, Cross Plains.

Proceeds from the fish fry go toward the new firetruck that's being built for Cottonwood, thanks to a grant from the Texas Forest Service will cover 90 percent of the cost the truck. The

Fire Control Group needs to raise the remaining 10 percent about \$7800.

If you are unable to attend the benefit fish fry, but would like to help with the firetruck, you can send your tax deductible donation to:

**Firetruck Fund
Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group
13210 CR 429
Cross Plains, TX 76443.**

Last Chance to get your Voters Registration up to date or Register to Vote

You must have a current registration to vote on March 2, 2010 in the primary elections.

Other opportunities to voice your opinion will occur in the City elections in May and the General Election in November.

For new voters registration, you must have an application in the County Tax Office (Voter Registrar) by February 1, 2010 in order to vote in the March primary.

You can make address corrections to your current 2010 registration on line or by contacting the Registrar 30 days prior to the election.

Protect your right to vote in local, State, Federal Elections by updating your voters registration:

- if you have moved from the county where you are registered,
- moved from the precinct where you are registered

- if you have never registered in Texas
- if you have changed your name,
- if you are a first time voter, (17 but will be 18 by March 2 or Nov 4 2010
- if you have lost your 2010 voters registration
- if you have not voted in two or more elections, and do not have a current blue 2010 voters registration card

For further information or details, please contact the County Tax Office, 854-5820, (Voter Registrar) If you have questions about polling places, your rights to vote, please contact Donna Bell, County Clerk, 854-5815. To research further, detailed information can be located on the internet at the following address: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/>

Cross Plains High School Athletes Recognized on 2009 All Big Country Team

Four Cross Plains High School football players were named to the 2009 All Big Country Team by the Abilene Reporter-News including:

- Jerrad Eisenbach** - Senior, Honorable Mention Defensive Line
- Allan Wheeler** - Junior, Honorable Mention Running Back

Blake Hutchins - Freshman Honorable Mention Linebacker.

Athletic Director Kevin Bryant is proud of these young men's accomplishments during this past football season.

Congratulations to each one for this outstanding personal recognition and for their representation of the local high school.

Who Is Lucy Gilligan?

And why is someone looking for her?

On Tuesday, February 9, we're looking forward to an entertaining Meet the Author evening with Murray H. Edwards of Abilene.

His collection *Looking for Lucy Gilligan & Other Stories* contains award-winning short stories that range from sweetly nostalgic, through quirky and entertaining, to just plain funny.

Mr. Edwards is the son of Weldon Edwards and grew up on the Hereford ranch south of Clyde, so he is well-acquainted with our part of Texas. Many of his fictional characters are a lot like that fellow at the next table having lunch at the local cafe.

We hope you'll join us at 7:00

p.m. at the Library, where you may learn who Lucy Gilligan is and why someone is looking for her. You may also hear how an elderly rancher with a bad leg manages to save a cow and newborn calf from a range fire, and if you listen closely, you just might find out why an aging never-been-married mortician likes to date women who chew Doublemint gum.

We'll have refreshments for you, and Mr. Edwards' book will be available for sale. There is no charge for the event. You can call the Library at 254-725-7722 for more information.

Submitted by
Ginny Hoskins

HELP US HELP THEM Contribute to Haiti

There are many who want to know how to help the earthquake victims in Haiti and many organizations are responding quickly. If you would like to help us build health kits which will be shipped to Haiti in the next few weeks, our First United Methodist Church will be gathering the supplies and delivering to the shipping point on January 31.

Health kits provide basic necessities to the people who have been forced to leave their homes or whose homes were destroyed. These items will be sealed inside a one-gallon plastic bag.

The estimated value of each kit's supplies is \$12. If you prefer to donate toward the purchase of supplies instead of buying them yourselves, please consider dropping off your donation or the supplies at FUMC for the kits or during worship service on July 24.

- Items to be included in each kit:
- *1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
 - *1 washcloth
 - *1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
 - *1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
 - *1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

- *1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- *6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- *\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste. (The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is buying toothpaste in bulk to be added to the health kits.)

Please donate only new items. For more information or to volunteer to help assemble the kits to be shipped, call Pastor Harris at the church at 725-7377 or Julie Worcester at 725-7694 or contact any member of the Mission Committee, Sharon Ames, Arlene and Tom Stephenson, Bonita Horton, Bryan Bennett, Judy Porter and Angus Worcester.

If you ever worry that your donations are used for other things besides getting to the actual victims, then know that all monies donated to UMCOR go directly to the disaster relief as the overhead costs of UMCOR are paid for by the United Methodist Church. If you would like to donate funds online, go to www.umc.org/haiti.

Thank you very much for your participation.

Submitted by
Carol Bennett



KING SIZE BEDSPREAD—Donated to the Senior Center for their current fundraiser, tickets available at the Center.

Breakfast Fundraiser Set

The Senior Center will be holding a Breakfast fundraiser benefit on Friday, February 5th.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 am and will continue until they are sold out. Egg, cheese and sausage burritos will be served for only \$2.00 each.

There will also be tickets on sale

for a chance to win a king size crocheted bedspread. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 to benefit the Senior Center. The bedspread was donated by Therennie McCrohan, and was crocheted by Arlene Gillit Laney. Tickets are available at the senior center.

Local Roping Club to Meet

The Cross Plains Roping Club will meet Thursday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains.

A membership drive and the election of new officers will be on the agenda.

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Cross Plains Review DEADLINES
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Texas Heritage Bank
"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER
Presents: "What's Inside"

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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.
Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word *** Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
"An Apostolic Church"
PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School9:45 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

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH
Pastor: Len Smith
"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you"
JOHN 13:15
As an example to us, Christ gave his all for us. How much are we giving?
Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Nights at 7:00 p.m.
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OBITUARIES

Flora Carlene Gibbs

Flora (known by many as Flo) Gibbs of Ozona, TX went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 15, 2010. Mrs. Gibbs left this world to reside in her eternal home after a short illness while in a local hospital in San Angelo.

Flo was born in Rowden, Texas on June 19, 1930 to Lillie Ann Swafford and John Roberson Swafford.

Flo's life was centrally based around her two children: Benny Gibbs of Ozona and Claudia Gibbs Hernandez of Fort Stockton, Texas. Flora was also blessed with five beautiful grandchildren: Michael Gibbs of San Angelo, Texas, Brian Kneisley of Odessa, Texas, Brittani Gibbs of Tucson, Arizona, and Julia Hernandez of Midland, Texas and Ashley Hernandez of Fort Stockton, Texas. Three great-grandkids that always made her smile were also a big happy part of her life.

Flo was preceded in death by her late husband, Douglas Gibbs, parents Mr. and Mrs. John Swafford. Preceding Flo also were three brothers, W.L. Swafford of Ranger, Texas, Carlos Swafford and Pete Swafford of Cross Plains, TX.

Flo is survived by two sisters Nita Rawson and Katie Dunn of Baird, Texas, along with a brother Leonard Swafford of Anson, Texas.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 18, 2010. Mr. Mike Andress of Hospice of San Angelo officiated at the Ft. Stockton East Hill Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be directed to the Crockett County Care Center in Ozona, Texas. God Bless You.

Mertie Melrose Brown

Mertie Melrose Brown, 101, of Bangs, died Friday, January 22, 2010 in Coleman County Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Burkett Cemetery, under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Mertie Melrose Brown was born August 19, 1908 on the Cordon Ranch in Callahan County, the daughter of James Clinton McGee and Minnie Cavanaugh McGee. She grew up in Callahan and Coleman Counties and attended school at Caddo Peak, Dressy and Gouldbusk.

She met John Franklin Brown, while standing in line at a carnival in Burkett. They married in 1929 in Burkett and later they moved to Bangs in 1965. After the death of Mr. Brown on August 27, 1967, she went to work in restaurants. She later worked as a nurse's aide at Twilight Nursing Home in Bangs. She retired in 1988, at the age of 80, and received a 20 year plaque from the nursing home. She made many quilts for her family. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Bangs.

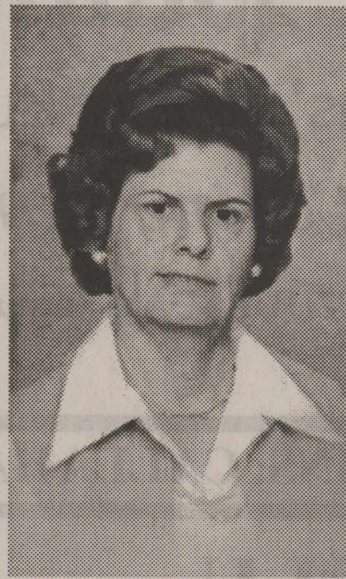
Survivors include four sons, Earl Howard Brown of Hobbs, New Mexico, Foy E. Brown of Tucson, Arizona, Harold Kenneth Brown of Bangs, Clois Ray Brown of Andrews; 17 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, Hillary Everett Brown in 1979, one daughter, Ernestine Brown Brinkley in 2009, two brothers and two sisters.

To Guarantee Publishing in the Cross Plains Review

Please Have Articles in By 2 p.m. Monday

Ads in by Noon Tuesday of The Week You Need It Published



RUBY PEARL BILBREY

Ruby Pearl Bilbrey

Ruby Pearl Bilbrey, 83, of Clyde died Thursday, January 21, 2010 at a Clyde Care Center. Memorial Services were held Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the First Assembly of God in Clyde. Pastor Charles Farina officiated, under the direction of Bailey-Howard Funeral Home.

Ruby was born September 25, 1926 in Cash, Oklahoma to Henry L. and Willie Pearl (Moore) Bilbrey. She graduated from Cross Plains High School and attended Scoggins Beauty College in Abilene in 1959. Ruby married George Carrol Purvis October 28, 1945 in Cross Plains. They moved to Clyde from Stephenville in July 1998. She worked as a beautician.

Ruby is survived by her daughter, Carolynn Purvis of Clyde; two brothers, W.C. Bilbrey and Ben Bilbrey both of Abilene; one grandson, Dennis Whitmire of Clyde; and four great grandchildren, Michael, Melanie, Chelsie, and Taylor.

Online condolences may be made at www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com

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Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Here are their addresses:

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>

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT-HOUSE NEWS

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Nelda C. Stewart, theft by check.

Teresa K. Yearwood, theft by check.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Melissa G. Thomas, DWI, 3rd or more.

Oscar L. Sell, DWI, 3rd or more.

Jose A. Quezada, possession of marijuana.

Alvaro Marrufo, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Dequalin K. Johnson, possession of a controlled substance.

Clayton S. Ireland, possession of a controlled substance.

Steven W. Crawford, taking wildlife without consent.

Justin L. Brewster, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Brittany N. Diefenderfer, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Joshawa S. Pharris, burglary of a habitation.

Criminal Information & Complaint

Aubrey A. Tatum, unlawful possession of firearm.

Aubrey A. Tatum, possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture.

Criminal Minutes

Jessica A. Kitchens, plea of guilty to theft, 3 year probation, \$750 fine, \$358 court costs, \$162 restitution.

Bryan W. Elrod, motion to burglary of a habitation granted for plea to other case.

Desira L. Peterson, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Adam J. Carroll, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

WHEN RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW PLEASE BRING THE RENEWAL CARD SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL THANK YOU

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

Sunday School 9:30AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM
1000 North Main Street • Church office: 254-725-7377

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
Ronnie B. White, Pastor
(254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN



NEW FIRETRUCK—The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group is holding a Fish Fry on Saturday, Jan. 30 to raise money for a new firetruck.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group is having their annual Fundraiser Saturday, January 30 at the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

A fish fry dinner plate for \$7.00 consists of fish or chicken, French fries, beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies and dessert will be served by the fire volunteer firefighters. Serving time starts at 5:00 p.m. Take out plates will be

available. A special thank you to the ladies and Mr. H. of the community for their donations of baked goods for dessert.

Please remember if you are going to do any burning and or a control burn, contact the Callahan County Sheriff Department at 325-854-1444 and our local fire chief at 254-725-7281. We have had a lot of moisture in recent weeks, but conditions are still dry.

Reporting to your local fire fighting group helps us have a timely response in case of your control burn gets out of control.

The Cottonwood Community Center is available for reunions and reception for \$75.00 a day. There is no charge of meetings of community organizations. For further information and scheduling please call 254-725-4127 or 254-725-7369.

LIBRARY NOTES

January 18-22, 2010

Patrons:	115
Programs:	30
LP	7
LS	2
Other	21
Books Checked Out:	104
Copies:	41
Reference:	6
Internet Users:	52
Interlibrary Loan:	1

Book Donations:

Ed and Angela Bogart
Tom and Anne Rone

Volunteers:

Suzy Stiver-Nash
Arlene Stephenson
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Helen Parson
Ginny Hoskins

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

Cross Plains Student Named to Fall Dean's List at Southwestern University

Kasha Mitchell of Cross Plains has been named to the 2009 Fall Dean's List at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. To be selected, students must have at least a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded hours and be in good standing with the university. Southwestern University is a selective, nationally recognized undergraduate liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,300 students. It is the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas. For more information on Southwestern, visit www.southwestern.edu.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 1st- Movie Monday 10:00 am, Cokes and Popcorn.
Tuesday, 2nd- 11:00am Exercise Class, Mexican Train Dominoes.
Wednesday, 3rd- Nutrition Education
Thursday, 4th- 11:00 am Exercise Class, Washer Tournament 10:00 am.
Friday, 5th- Breakfast Fundraiser Starting at 7:30am. Breakfast Burritos \$2.00, Bingo 12:30pm.

Senior Center Needs

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

Senior Citizen's Weekly News

Volunteer for the week is Dannis Turner, with 5 years of service to the seniors. Thank you, Dannis!

Donations were brought by Wanda Merryman, Mexican Train Dominoes; Therennie McCrohan donated a crocheted bedspread, crocheted by Arline Gillet Laney, T.V. Antennae donated by Barbara Cook, and numerous items brought by several friends,

for bingo prizes.

Many thanks to Bob Pipes, Uncle Bob Kirkham, Wendell Draper and May Dyer for cooking the fish for Friday's Fish Fry.

Enjoying that meal with us was Joe Crawford, visiting from Gatesville. If you missed out on this event, you missed a wonderful day of laughter and fellowship. Come join us soon!

Fellowship, Friends, Fun, and Food!

How would you like a delicious homemade meal, fellowship, huge amounts of laughter, and numerous activities? That's what we offer at the Senior Citizens Center. Join your friends and neighbors for a rowling game of dominoes, put your feet up and relax in a living room setting, for a movie or a good read from the large selection of books. We'll

even provide the popcorn! We offer computers, puzzle tables, game nights, and honor your birthday on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Foot care provided by Girling Health Services also that day.

So, don't sit at home with that same ole dry sandwich....come have a full, hot, homemade meal with us, you'll be glad you did!

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 1-5

MONDAY-German Sausage, Augratin Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk.
TUESDAY-King Ranch Chicken, Rice, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
WEDNESDAY-Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Peas, Bread &

Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
THURSDAY-Beef Enchilada, Refried Beans, Fiesta Corn Salad, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
FRIDAY-Sauerkraut with Weenies, Mac and Cheese, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met January 15th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Ella Weaver for their regular monthly meeting. The title for the meeting was "A Time to Look and Learn" we saw the many kinds of birds that were feeding in her back yard from feeders placed all around.

During the snow Mary Ella said the ground was covered by feeding birds of all kinds.

We enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Mary Ella.

Eva Fleming conducted the business meeting by opening with the Conservation Pledge. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Joyce Odom.

Guests were introduced including Lajuaina Haynes, Diana Miller, Norma Farmer and

Billie Kelly. All four of these ladies joined our membership for which we are most grateful, and we are extending an invitation to others, also.

During this time Mary Ella made a motion to send one half of the proceeds from hosting the District VIII Fall Convention along with the Cross Plains Garden Club.

Beta Sigma Phi (prepared by Dora Warlick) sent a card of thanks for Eva presenting a talk for their sorority and it was read at the meeting. The members voted to bring canned food to the Cross Plains Food Pantry instead of a door prize.

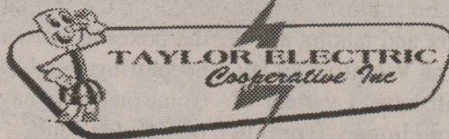
The video titled "A Gardener's Diary" featured a couple who lived in Georgia who had turned

a former horse farm comprised of 4 acres into a beautiful garden. This couple had transformed it with roses, snap dragons, larkspur, grass, and places of relaxation.

We thank Mary Ella for her warm hospitality. Our next meeting was at Julene's office. Members present were Eva Fleming, Mary Ella Weaver, Sandy Lusk and myself.

Sandy won the door prize conducted by Joyce.

I really enjoyed getting out for the meeting since the bad weather had kept me out of things. I'm catching up with my age at last. I don't see as well, definitely can't hear, and can't walk a straight line, but I'm still trying. I enjoy being with people!



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BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir
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The Trouble

Trouble finds us. It comes in different flavors and from different directions. On one occasion it is disappointment: a cancelled vacation, a new tooth cavity, a rebellious child getting into trouble, etc. On another occasion it is the unexpected: an accident, an illness, loss of job. And then, there is real trouble: a broken relationship, the inability to forgive, unwillingness to love without condition, betrayal replacing commitment.

The net result of trouble is a hurting life. The tears are filled with guilt, anger, hate, fear, embarrassment, and a desire to run away. These destructive feelings always accompany the lies that come with trouble and give us insight to the creator of trouble.

The creator of trouble is introduced in scripture as Satan and always stands in rebellion of God. Those who are deceived by trouble and blame God for trouble, have difficulty seeing the face of Jesus through the tears, or hearing his voice over the screaming. But He is always there saying "come, you who are weary, burdened with trouble, and I will give you rest."

Trouble ignored can rob you of years and even snuff out life. Fighting back makes good sense, but even if we are strong enough to fight we know we're going to lose. The power to overcome trouble rests only in Christ. He alone can restore love, remove guilt, replace anger with forgiveness, overcome fear and embarrassment. That is just the beginning of the real good news.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
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PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Ladies are back at work! They have already finished the sampler quilt. They are working on Nona's and Glenda's tops.

D.P. and May Jones' kids, Skip, Susan and Brandon, were visiting on the weekend from Aransas Pass. That little grandson, Brandon, is his grandmother's special boy.

Charlie Rogers graduated from Weatherford College Fire Academy on January 9th. There were 39 graduates. They even showed videos of some of the things they did while training.

He will be a third generation fireman. His granddad from Cottonwood has retired from the fire department and his uncle is

still a fireman at Houston. They both attended Charlie's graduation. There were 22 family members and friends present and most of the group went out to eat and visit after the graduation.

Glenda went with Allen, Janice, Logan, Kalie, Charlie and Caleb to see Lamar University play U.T. Arlington in Arlington on January 13th. Lamar won the game. They got to visit with Krista for a short time. It's always good to see her. She was anxious to see little Caleb. They have several more games for the season and Krista likes school and basketball.

Keep supporting the basketball teams! See you next time!

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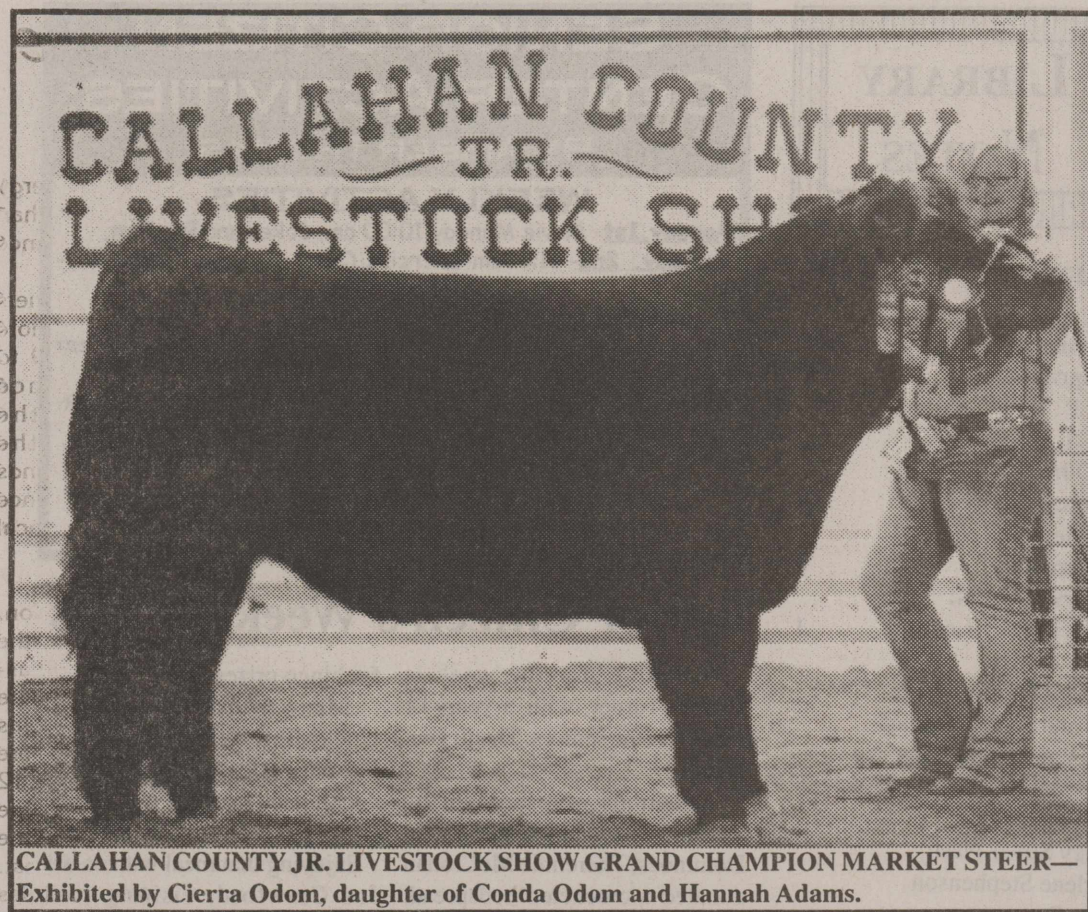
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WEDNESDAY-Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk
THURSDAY-Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk
FRIDAY-Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY-Burrito w/chili & cheese, Salad, Crackers, Diced Apricots, Milk
TUESDAY-BBQ Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll w/Honey, Milk
WEDNESDAY-Tacos, Corn, Salad, Pineapples, Milk
THURSDAY-Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Peaches, Milk
FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, Baked Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, and Pickles, Cookie, Milk

Have a great week!

Junior High Girls Basketball

The girls have played 2 more games since the last report. The girls played Bronte and last Monday played Eula.

The purple team scored 14 pts. while holding Bronte to 7 to take a 14-7 half time lead. The 2nd half the girls scored 12 while holding Bronte to 6 to win the game CP-26 Bronte-13.

Playing Megan P.-7 pts., Nicole E.- 7, Lindsey A., Shelby A., Christa P., Allanta W.-4 pts., Texas S.-6 pts., Jurnee T.-2 pts.

The gold game was a strange game. Bronte made a 3 and Cross Plains missed all their shots. Bronte 3, CP 0. In the 2 quarter CP scored 4, Bronte 0. Half time CP 4-Bronte 3. In the 3rd quarter CP scored 12, Bronte 2. End 3rd quarter CP-16, Bronte-5. Neither team scored in the 4th quarter.

Final CP-16, Bronte-5.

The girls next game was against Eula, this was a close game till the last 2 minutes of the game. Score at half time CP-8, Eula-7. End of 3rd quarter Eula-10, CP-9. The game stayed close, with several steals and good shots. The girls scored 9 points while holding Eula to 1. Final score CP-19, Eula 12.

The gold team fell behind early, and at half time Eula-11, CP-4. The 3rd quarter ended Eula-13, CP-6. In the 3rd quarter the girls played hard, scoring 8 points while holding Eula to 2, but they fell short by one point. Final Eula-15, CP-14.

The girls have 3 more games. Albany at home, then they travel to Baird and Bronte to close out their season.

Powerlifting Meet Results

A Powerlifting Meet was held Saturday, January 23, 2010 at De Leon and following athletes placed:

2nd Place 148 Wt Class Girls
Tiffany Holland
Total= 585 lbs.

3rd Place 181 Wt Class Boys
Nick Adams
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4th Place 242 Wt Class Boys
Austin Thomas
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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

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

The Superintendent was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by Foster to approve the audit for 2008-09. For 4 Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Ames to approve the minutes as read. For 4 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ames to approve the bills. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett

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

Superintendent Phil Mitchell was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Bennett to designate \$700,000 for future building purposes. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Foster to adjust the 4th quarter 941 by \$10,768.80 as auditor requested. For 7

and seconded by Foster to appoint John Fred McWilliams to the Board of Trustees. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Ames to match state mileage reimbursement at .50 cents per mile. For 5 Against 0

The board went into executive session at 8:13 p.m. and returned at 9:25 p.m.

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Bennett to extend the superintendent's contract for one year. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ames to give the superintendent a 3 percent raise. For 5 Against 0

Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Foster to call for the School Board Election on May 8, 2010. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Foster to have joint election with the City of Cross Plains. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ames to accept recommendation of School Board Election decisions. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by D. Dillard to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

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After School Adventure Program

The next After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library will be Wednesday, February 3rd at 4:00.

We will be making a cute Valentine box and talking about the history of Valentine's Day. Students will have a variety of supplies to choose from to

decorate the special boxes. After the boxes are decorated we will be putting candy inside them. Come on by, we have a box waiting just for you!

Library Writing Contest Welcomes Home-Schooled Students

The Cross Plains Public Library is again sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades Pre-K through 12 in the Cross Plains schools. All home-schooled students who are eligible to attend the Cross Plains schools are encouraged to enter.

Students may enter any one of the three categories: poetry, essay or short story. Poems may be of any kind: blank verse, haiku, etc. (Only one entry per student will

be accepted.)

If your student(s) would like to enter, you may pick up an entry form and instructions at the Cross Plains Public Library between 1 and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and return the entries there by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 2010.

The library also has lots of books available that can help you with your writing or explain about the many types of poems.

The entries will be "blind" judged, as in previous years, and we will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall, and the three best overall entries will be printed in the *Cross Plains Review*.

For further information, please contact the Library at 254-725-7722.

Submitted by
Ginny Hoskins

Taylor Electric Cooperative offers free trip to Washington for two area students

Taylor Electric Cooperative invites all area high school students who live within its 11-county service area to participate in the annual Government-in-Action - Youth Tour essay contest and win a trip to the nation's capital. This long-running contest and trip to Washington, D.C., is part of a national program that brings together high-achieving students from all over the country for meetings with legislators, social events and educational tours.

This year's essays should address "What are the biggest energy issues for your generation?"

Students should write

between 1,500 and 2,000 words on the topic. Essays will be judged by local educators.

The contest is open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or 16 years of age or older who attends classes in the following school districts: Abilene, Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Cross Plains, Eula, Hawley, Highland, Jim Ned, Merkel, Trent, Sweetwater, or Wylie.

Winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., leaving June 10th and returning home June 18th. The itinerary will include tours to national monuments, the Smithsonian, The FBI, the Capitol building,

the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, The Ford Theater, time for shopping and many more activities throughout the eight-day trip.

For more details, contest information is available from local school counselors and entry forms and details can be downloaded online at www.taylorlectric.com. Click the "Community Connections" tab to learn more about the Youth Tour and the Taylor Electric Scholarship program.

The contest deadline is March 1, 2010, when submission entries will close at 5 p.m. For more information, call 325-793-8538.

Radon Gas Identified as a Leading Cause of Cancer: January is National Radon Action Month in U.S.

The World Health Organization and Environmental Protection Agency have announced a call to action for Americans to test their homes for Radon Gas, which has recently been identified as the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers in the U.S.

The EPA has officially designated January 2010 to be National Radon Action Month in the United States. The press, local health departments, and the media are encouraged to help save lives in 2010 by promoting this last week of National Radon Action Month.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, radioactive gas that seeps out of

the ground and can enter homes and other buildings. Since Radon is invisible and odorless, the only way to know if a home has dangerous levels of gas is to conduct a Radon test. Radon problems have been found in every county in the U.S. so the Surgeon General is recommending that all homes are tested.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that as many as 8 million homes in the United States currently have elevated levels of Radon Gas. They also predict that if action is not taken to correct this problem, between 15,000 and 22,000 deaths will

occur in 2010 from exposure to the gas. This is a health threat of epidemic proportions that needs immediate attention.

Radon causes more deaths each year in the U.S. than any other in-home hazard including fires and carbon monoxide deaths combined.

We encourage you to help spread awareness about National Radon Action Month. Together, we can save lives by stopping America's leading in-home killer.

For more information about Radon Gas, visit The National Radon Month website: www.RadonMonth.WordPress.com

Comanche Electric Cooperative Members Could Win a \$10,000 Home Energy Makeover

At least four electric cooperative members in Texas will each win up to \$10,000 in energy-efficiency upgrade this fall as part of the Texas Co-op Power Home Energy Makeover Contest.

Co-op member homeowners are eligible to enter their primary residences in this statewide competition. At least four winners will be selected to receive energy-efficiency improvements, including new ground-source or air-source heat pumps, insulation, water heaters and other upgrades.

Texas Co-op Power magazine, with a circulation of 1.2 million electric cooperative households, is sponsoring the contest to promote energy efficiency

and educate consumers about affordable home upgrades that can save significant electricity costs. Corporate sponsors include Lennox, Rheem Marathon Water Heaters and others who have agreed to donate equipment and services for the home energy makeovers.

Contest entries will be accepted from January 1 to March 10, 2010. Homeowners whose permanent residences are on Comanche Electric Cooperative lines are eligible to enter. Applications will be available in the January and February issues of Texas Co-op Power magazine and online at www.texascoopower.com.

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Robert E. Howard Western Series

MEET CAP'N KIDD

Continued

Then I wins! gloated Donovan, jumping up. I riz too, quick and sudden, but Donovan had me covered with that cussed shotgun.

Git on that hoss and ride him over to our camp, Red, says Donovan, to a big red-headed hombre which was shorter than him but jest about as big. See if he's properly broke. I wants to keep my eye on this hillbilly myself.

So Red went over to Cap'n Kidd which stood there saying nothing, and my heart sunk right down to the tops of my spiked shoes. Red ontied him and clumb on him and Cap'n Kidd didn't so much as snap at him. Red says: Git goin, cuss you! Cap'n Kidd turnt his head and looked at Red and then he opened his mouth like a alligator and started laughing. I never seen a hoss laugh before, but now I know what they mean by a hoss-laugh. Cap'n Kidd didn't neigh nor nicker. He jest laughed. He laughed till the acorns come rattling down outa the trees and the echoes rolled through the cliffs like thunder. And then he reched his head around and grabbed Red's laig and dragged him out of the saddle, and held him upside down with guns and things spilling out of his scabbards and pockets, and Red yelling blue murder. Cap'n Kidd shaken him till he looked like a rag and swung him around his head three or four times, and then let go and throwed him clean through a alder thicket.

Them fellers all stood gaping, and Donovan had forgot about me, so I grabbed the shotgun away from him and hit him under the ear with my left fist and he bit the dust. I then swung the gun on the others and roared: Onbuckle them gunbelts, cuss ye! They was bashfuller about buckshot at close range than I was. They didn't argy. Them four gunbelts was on the grass before I stopped yelling.

All right, I said. Now go catch Cap'n Kidd.

Because he had gone over to where their hosses was tied and was chewing and kicking the tar out of them and they was hollering something fierce.

He'll kill us! squalled the men.

Well, what of it? I snarled. Gwan!

So they made a

desperate foray onto Cap'n Kidd and the way he kicked em in the belly and bit the seat out of their britches was beautiful to behold. But whilst he was stomping them I come up and grabbed his hackamore and when he seen who it was he stopped fighting, so I tied him to a tree away from the other hosses.

Then I throwed Donovan's shotgun onto the men and made 'em get up and come over to where Donovan was laying, and

they was a bruised and battered gang. The way they taken on you'd of thought somebody had mistreated 'em.

I made 'em take Donovan's gunbelt offa him and about that time he come to and sot up, muttering something about a tree falling on him.

'Don't you remember me? I says. I'm Breckinridge Elkins.

To be continued.

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Commissioner Staples announces \$250,000 in grants to expand Texas Wine Industry

Funds will help support state's booming wine sector

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today announced the Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for its Wine Grape Investment Grant Program from farmers wishing to expand existing vineyard operations by at least five acres or start new ones.

"The grape grants are an important investment that will produce results for production agriculture and the Texas wine industry," Commissioner Staples said. "The Texas wine industry ranks fifth in the nation and contributes \$1.35 billion annually to our state's economy. It is critical to continue the expansion of this important industry. The wine grape grant will help support growers committed to increasing their wine grape production."

TDA initiated this first-of-its-kind program in 2008 and awarded \$250,000 in grants to 10 Texas vineyards. Those grants yielded a total new capital investment of \$1.4 million into the grape industry.

The Wine Grape Investment Grant Program is housed under TDA's Rural Economic Development Division. Applications will be accepted through March 3, 2010. For program details and eligibility requirements, producers may visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov.

About the Texas Wine Industry

Texas produces nearly 2.5 million gallons of wine each year and supports:

- More than 180 wineries;
- More than 280 family-owned vineyards;
- More than 9,000 Texans; and
- More than 958,000 wine tourists annually.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to supporting and growing the Texas wine industry through:

- Education and research related to vineyard management, grape growing and wine making;
- Extension expertise and resources; and
- Marketing, marketing research and promotion.

Texas Unemployment Rate 8.3 Percent in December

After two months of employment gains, Texas employers reduce jobs

AUSTIN—The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.3 percent in December, up from 8.0 percent a month ago, but continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December of 10.0 percent. Total nonagricultural employment in Texas decreased by 23,900 jobs in December. Texas has gained nearly 50,000 jobs in the last three months.

"Texas continues to feel the effects of this serious national recession with unemployment in our state now at 8.3 percent," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Nonetheless, unemployment in Texas remains well below the national level of 10.0 percent."

Education and Health Services employment increased by 4,800 positions in December, representing the addition of 60,400 jobs in the past 12 months. Mining and Logging employment posted a modest gain of 300 jobs in December.

"December job losses offset some of the gains from the last couple of months," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "TWC and the 28 workforce boards

are committed to assisting Texas job seekers and connecting them with available jobs."

Trade, Transportation and Utilities represented the bulk of December's job losses at 7,400 jobs. Leisure and Hospitality employment was down 6,500 jobs in December, and Professional and Business Services recorded a loss of 5,300 jobs.

"Education and Health Services continued to add jobs while other industries experienced a tough month in December," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "Job seekers are encouraged to register on WorkInTexas.com, TWC's online job matching Web site."

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 5.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted), followed by the Lubbock MSA and the Midland MSA, both with 5.4 percent. The unemployment rate stood at 5.9 percent in the College Station-Bryan MSA.

Texas Workforce Commission 512-463-8942 <http://www.texasworkforce.org> Equal Opportunity Employer Relay Texas 1-800-735-2989 (TDD) 1-800-735-2988 (Voice).

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Forage Seminar set for Feb. 9th in Cross Plains

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 9th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include Forage/Soil Sample Management as well as Forage Insect Control.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Chris Sansone, AgriLife Extension Entomologist - San Angelo, Dr. Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension Economist - San Angelo, Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension Agronomist - San Angelo, Hugh Aljoe, Noble Foundation Pasture & Range Specialist, Robert Frost, FSA County Executive Director, and Cheryl

Howerton, Texas Department of Agriculture - Eastland. Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage Insect Control, Dr. Bill Thompson will be discussing Economics of Forage Production. Dr. Drake will discuss Forage/Soil Sample Management. Mr. Aljoe will discuss Forage Varieties. Mrs. Howerton with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$10 to those that pre-register by February 1st, after February 1st there will be a \$15.00 fee to be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

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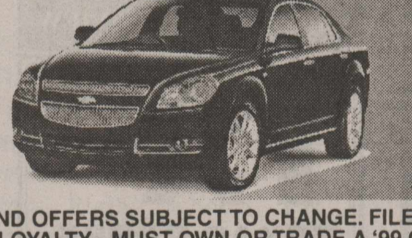


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With the mail-out of 2010 Census questionnaires slightly more than a month away, the Census Bureau will run three ads promoting census awareness during the Super Bowl telecast and two during the pregame show and one during the third quarter.

New Orleans (Saints)
55th—Where New Orleans ranked on the list of the nation's most populous cities. The estimated population of New Orleans on July 1, 2008, was 336,644. New Orleans' population climbed by 48,531 from July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2008.

25%—Percentage of New Orleans residents 25 and older who had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2008; 82 percent had at least graduated from high school. The respective national figures were 28 percent and 85 percent.

23 minutes—Average amount of time it took New Orleans residents to get to work. Sixty-seven percent of the city's workers drove to work alone, 13 percent carpooled, and 7 percent took public transportation. Nationally, it took workers an average of 26 minutes to get to work.

9%—Percentage of New Orleans residents 5 and older who spoke a language other than English at home. The national average was 20 percent. (The figure for New Orleans is not significantly different from that for

Indianapolis.)
\$37,751—Median household income for New Orleans. The national median was \$52,029.
\$194,300—Median home value of owner-occupied homes in New Orleans, not significantly different from the national median of \$197,600.

Indianapolis (Colts)
14th—Where Indianapolis ranked on the list of the nation's most populous cities. The estimated population of Indianapolis on July 1, 2008, was 798,382. Indianapolis gained 3,517 people from July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2008.

28%—Percentage of Indianapolis residents 25 and older who had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2008; 85 percent had at least graduated from high school. The respective national figures were 28 percent and 85 percent.

23 minutes—Average amount of time it took Indianapolis residents to get to work. Eighty-two percent of the city's workers drove to work alone, 10 percent carpooled and 2 percent took public transportation. Nationally, it took workers an average of 26 minutes to get to work.

10%—Percentage of Indianapolis residents 5 and older who spoke a language other than English at home. The national average was 20 percent. (The figure for Indianapolis is not significantly different from that for New Orleans.)

\$43,652—Median household income for Indianapolis. The national median was \$52,029.
\$125,500—Median home value of owner-occupied homes in Indianapolis. The national median was \$197,600.

Miami (host city)
43rd—Where Miami ranked on the list of the nation's most

populous cities. The estimated population of Miami on July 1, 2008, was 413,201. Miami gained 6,317 people from July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2008. The Super Bowl actually will be played in suburban Miami Gardens, Fla., which had a July 1, 2008, population of 109,346.

25%—Percentage of Miami residents 25 and older who had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2008; 67 percent had at least graduated from high school. The respective national figures were 28 percent and 85 percent.

27 minutes—Average amount of time it took Miami residents to get to work. Seventy percent of the city's workers drove to work alone, 9 percent carpooled, and 12 percent took public transportation. Nationally, it took workers an average of 26 minutes to get to work.

77%—Percentage of Miami residents 5 and older who spoke a language other than English at home. The national average was 20 percent.

\$28,333—Median household income for Miami. The national median was \$52,029.

\$313,300—Median home value of owner-occupied homes in Miami. The national median was \$197,600.

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>.

Private Sector Job Growth in 10 Largest States from 12/99 to 12/09

STATE	DEC. 1999	DEC. 2009	DIFFERENCE	PERCENT CHANGE
California	12,081,500	11,753,200	-328,300	-2.72%
Texas	7,790,000	8,514,300	724,300	9.30%
New York	7,206,400	7,131,200	-75,200	-1.04%
Florida	6,026,100	6,285,600	259,500	4.31%
Illinois	5,225,600	4,783,000	-442,600	-8.47%
Pennsylvania	4,957,100	4,871,900	-85,200	-1.72%
Ohio	4,897,700	4,322,700	-575,000	-11.74%
Michigan	3,988,800	3,208,500	-780,300	-19.56%
Georgia	3,354,600	3,170,000	-184,600	-5.50%
New Jersey	3,393,500	3,282,900	-110,600	-3.26%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics

Texas has largest 10-year growth in Private Sector Jobs among all States

AUSTIN - Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Pauken today released figures showing that Texas created more private sector jobs than any other state in the nation over the last 10 years and has the lowest unemployment rate among the 10 largest states in the nation. Pauken cited the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics January 22, 2010 release of Current Employment Statistics for December 2009 showing Texas created 724,300 more net private sector jobs as compared to December 1999, the largest private sector job gain nationwide over the last decade.

Pauken also noted that among the 10 largest states as ranked by civilian labor force size, Texas was well ahead of all other large states in private sector job growth with a percentage net gain of 9.30 percent as compared to December 1999. Florida was the only other large state to realize a net gain in private sector employment over the same period with 259,500 net jobs gained for a percentage net gain of 4.31 percent from December 1999 to December 2009. The other 8 large states showed a net loss of private

sector jobs over the same period.

Nationally, over the last decade, the private sector experienced a net employment loss of 1.408 percent or 1,549,000 jobs lost.

"While these are obviously difficult economic times even in Texas, it is important to recognize what happens when a state has economic policies which encourage private sector job creation," said Pauken. "While the rest of the nation has only seen net growth in government jobs, Texas' business, tax, and economic policies have created an environment where businesses can succeed and create the jobs that will allow Texas to lead our nation out of this national recession."

For December, Texas showed the lowest overall seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate of large states at 8.3 percent, compared to 10 percent nationally. Comparing the other of the two largest states, California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was over four percentage points higher than Texas at 12.4 percent. Over the last decade, California saw a net decline in private sector

employment of 2.72 percent. "When Texas faced declining revenues in 2003, Gov. Perry and the Legislature cut spending rather than raise taxes or run massive government deficits to finance government growth as they did in Washington and in states like California," said Pauken.

"Our nation cannot continue to spend its way out of the recession by incurring ever increasing amounts of government debt. The debt bubble is already hurting our nation's efforts to grow private sector jobs and decrease unemployment. That's why states with large amounts of debt like California are performing markedly worse than low debt states like Texas in both unemployment and private sector job creation."

Pauken concluded, "For more than a year now I have been warning that Washington policymakers have failed to develop an economic policy designed to encourage capital investment and private sector job creation here in the United States. We need to act quickly in order to avoid a jobless recovery. Let's put Americans back to work."

Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo Set for Feb. 23rd-24th in Abilene

ABILENE—The annual Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo is set for Feb. 23rd-24th on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. The center is located at 1700 State Highway 36 in Abilene. Show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Feb. 23rd and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Feb. 24th.

The event is sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The show features educational seminars, equipment exhibits, product demonstrations, the Town and Country Women's Fair, the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual meeting, and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce's annual membership luncheon. Highlight of the luncheon is the naming of the Taylor County Farm Family of the Year.

Eighteen Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units are offered during the educational seminars.

The women's fair starts at 9:00 a.m. Feb. 23rd in the Modern Living Mall.

The show's agricultural-related educational programs begin at 8:00 a.m. Feb. 23rd with the seminar Big Country Range Management in the Extension Classroom.

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual

meeting followed by their membership luncheon starts at 10 a.m. in the Big Country Hall. The afternoon's sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. and include Cotton Production in 2010 in the Big Country Hall and a "Wildlife Habitat Management Seminar" in the Western Heritage Ranch House.

Concurrent programs on Feb. 24th include an 8:00 a.m. Texas Department of Agriculture re-certification course in the Big Country Hall, a Prospective Wine Grape Producer Seminar at 8:00 a.m. in the Extension Classroom and a Tools VI—Technology as a Tool for Managing Range, Livestock and Wildlife in the Western Heritage Ranch House also at 8:00 a.m.

SEQ CHAPTER-The Texas Farm Ranch Wildlife Expo will once again be offering a Hunter Safety Education Course. This will be a two day course and will take place in the Extension classroom each day starting at 5:00 p.m. Participants must attend both sessions, and pass the end-of-course exam to receive credit and certification.

The chamber of commerce luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 24th in the Big Country Hall. Keynote speaker will be, humorous story teller, Tumbleweed Smith.

For Additional Information Robert Pritz, 325-672-6048, E: pritz@tam.u.edu

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 10, 2010 through January 23, 2010 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—108
Complaints—48
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HPU creates new marketing and communications division

BROWNWOOD - January 21, 2010 - Dr. Bill Ellis, Howard Payne University president, recently announced the creation of a new division to meet the university's marketing and communications needs. The Office of University Marketing and Communications will develop and manage a wide range of programs designed to more effectively present the university's image and objectives. The division will become effective February 1, 2010.

Among the initiatives to be overseen by the new division are integrated marketing, branding, strategic communication, and media and public relations, as well as an array of publications and special events.

"In the past, HPU's marketing and communications efforts have been handled through various offices across the campus, depending on immediate needs and available funding," said Dr. Ellis. "By centralizing and coordinating our marketing and branding efforts into a new, specially designed division, I believe we will be much better positioned to promote effectively and efficiently the university's mission and message. I'm excited about our new Office of University Marketing and Communications and look forward to working closely with this team as we spread the good news about what's happening at HPU."

Through the creation of the new division, four HPU personnel will receive promotions. Louise Sharp, currently chief development officer, will lead the division as chief marketing officer and associate vice president for

marketing and communications, as well as special assistant to the president. Kyle Mize, director of publications, will serve as assistant vice president for communications. Kalle Lowrie, alumni and media relations assistant, will join the division as director of media relations. Kathy James, office manager for the Office of University Advancement, will support the team as special events coordinator and executive assistant to the chief marketing officer. The new division's offices will be located on the first floor of HPU's Packer Administration Building.

Long-term plans for the division include the creation of additional staff positions to further support the university's marketing efforts.

Sharp has a wealth of marketing and public relations experience, having served in lead roles in corporate communications prior to her joining HPU's Office of University Advancement in 1994. At HPU, she has worked with the university's marketing initiatives and has led HPU's development efforts for the past 9 years. She was instrumental in the planning, implementation and successful completion of the \$25 million Sharing the Vision Capital Campaign, the largest fundraising campaign in HPU history.

Mize joined HPU's Office of University Advancement in 1996, after four years as an advertising art director in Fort Worth. His graphic design and writing have received more than 40 honors from organizations, publications and competitions such as the

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (District IV), Baptist Communicators Association, Higher Ed Marketing Report, Rockport Publishers' Designer Posters, the Tenth District of the American Advertising Federation and American Advertising Federation - Fort Worth.

Lowrie, a 2006 graduate of HPU's Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom honors program, began working for the Office of Alumni Relations during her junior year. She joined the staff as a full-time member upon graduation. She has worked for the alumni office as well as the Office of Enrollment Services, gaining a wide range of experience in media relations, public relations, photography and website development. Additionally, while a student at HPU, she held internships for U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Texas State Senator Kel Seliger.

James joined the Office of University Advancement in 2000. In her role as the division's office manager, she has provided support for the university's development activities including special events, recordkeeping, supply and inventory control and more. Additionally, she has worked closely with the chief development officer on matters regarding HPU's Board of Trustees and the President's Development Council. She also has lengthy experience working for the Brownwood Independent School District.

University administration is formulating plans to cover the development-related responsibilities of personnel moving to the new division.

"Tuna Does Vegas"

Tuna Does Vegas, hilarious

new installment from the legendary "Greater Tuna" creative team, rolls into Abilene for a strictly limited engagement of two performances beginning March 1st.

Tickets go on sale Monday, February 8th by phone at 800-869-1451 and online at Celebrity Attractions.com.

Starring the incomparable duo **Joe Sears and Jaston Williams**, *Tuna Goes Vegas* re-unites the lovable and eccentric characters from the 'third smallest town in Texas' as they take a rambling romp in Sin City.

Written by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard, *Tuna Does Vegas* will feature the favorite characters from the award-winning "Greater Tuna" productions with some new characters, too—all staged under the directorial hand of Mr. Howard.

Tickets are priced at \$30-\$45 (not including handling fees) and go on sale Monday, February 8th by phone at 800-896-1451 and online at Celebrity Attractions.com. For more information call 800-859-1451. For more information about *Tuna Does Vegas* log onto www.tunadoesvegasthetour.com.

Clyde Fire Department receives check from Texas Farm Bureau

The Clyde Fire Department received a check for \$150 recently from the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as an expression of thanks for the Department's work on the property of Nora Darnell.

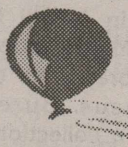
The money will be used for the loss prevention program. The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount when the Department works a fire in a rural area, involving property insured by the company.

The insurance company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fire. It is their hope this money will help the Clyde Fire Department in their program.

Submitted by: Karen Johnston, Texas Farm Bureau

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