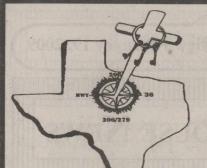
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## **CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443**

# **Cross Plains Review to Celebrate Its 100th Year Anniversary**

#### **By Vanda Anderson** Editor

The Cross Plains Review will celebrate its 100th Anniversary March 2, 2009. News stories and Local and area businesses and occasion more memorable.

individuals are invited to join the festivities and be a part of this photos of have your family, historic publication.

there will be two sizes of ads prepare whatever you like. available-\$25 and \$50.

could be utilized in your ad (the The date is drawing near, so larger size) to document the past please call the Cross Plains and exhibit the progress our Review at 254-725-6111 and community has experienced. It is make arrangements for your ad.

also a perfect opportunity to announce how many years your business has been in operation. Another idea is to use some old, old photos of Cross Plains that Ray Purvis has provided us or photos from the past 100 years some that we had at the Review will be the highlight of this very in your ad. These photos are special edition of the newspaper. priceless and will make this

You may want to feature some special occasions, whatever in If you would like to participate, your ad space. We will be glad to

We hope that you will want to Old photos of your business be a part of this historic edition.

### Additional testing dates at Cross Plains Community Center given

The Census Bureau has fort for every person in our nation to "Be Counted" in the 2010 Census that will affect the apportionment of congressional seats, and how the federal government annually allocates \$300 billion in federal assistance to communities. Operations have already begun and the Census Bureau needs to recruit hundreds of workers in the area to ensure a complete and accurate count in 2010. Call the 2010 Census job line (866) 861-2010 to schedule a basic employment test. Four additional Census Bureau testing and application dates for encouraged to apply. United the 2010 Census will be held at States citizens are given preferthe Cross Plains Community ence and applicants must be 18 Center, located at 1008 No. years of age or older. Beech, according to a local Census representative. The application and testing periods are Thursday, February 26th; Thursday, March 12th; Thursday, March 19th; and Thursday, March 26th.

The Dallas Region of the Cenlaunched a critical national ef- sus Bureau is testing applicants

in Callahan County. Census employees receive competitive pay on a weekly basis. Pay rates are from \$8.00 to \$19.25 per hour depending upon position and locations. In addition, Census employees will be reimbursed for authorized mileage and related expenses. All Census employees must be able to speak English, but bilingual skills in English and other munities that have large numbers of residents who speak a language other than English. If you have such skills, you are

Community Shower Co-Hosted by Cottonwood and Cross Plains for Fred, Dana and Family who recently lost their home to a fire

Friday, February 27th 6:30 - 8:00pm **Cliff and Connie Kirkham's Home** 20235 FM 2707 - Cross Plains

Selections at: · Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones · Higginbotham's Johnson's Dry Goods • Dollar General • Tim's Floral and Gifts (Prefers Western Cowboy Style Decor) • Earthstone throughout house • Kitchen: Earthstone with yellow and light blue • One king-size and two full size beds

Refreshments will be provided 

### Love Fund Established for Former **Resident**, Thomas Bomar

A Love Fund has been have already been exceeded and languages are needed in com- established at Texas Heritage he is need of financial aid. The Bank for former resident, Thomas family would appreciate your Bomar, a 1992 graduate of Cross support during this very difficult Plains High School.

time, and especially your prayers Thomas has been diagnosed for his recovery. You may make

# **Cross Plains Lady Buffs End Play-off Drought**

experiencing drought conditions trophy case. all over the Big County, fire hazards everywhere across the it came with some much needed showers this past week.

to play for a gold ball.

Cross Plains finished their Mitchell Atchley. district campaign with a 7-5 mark, taking the third place spot behind Albany (25-6) and Roscoe (24-4), ranked.

tough and competitive again in working unit. 08-09. It is a major accomplishoverall.

successful all year winning the on this night. Rising Star Tournament and the to their achievements.

With all the dry weather in the want more than just making the last few months we have been Play-off, we want gold balls in the

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The Lady Buffs are led by a good group of returners and some state. This past Friday one of the hard working under classmen. We longest droughts in Cross Plains have three seniors, Emily Harris, has ended and ironically enough Krista Phillips and Terrah Augustine; three juniors, Emma Bennett, Amanda Dunaway, and The Cross Plains Lady Kayla Lawrence; and four Buffaloes are in! Back in the freshmen, Lauren Goode, Zoie Play-offs for the first time in close Walker, Samantha Dickson and to a decade...WOW. These Shelby Ames. Managers are girls were any where from Emily Foster, Shasta Bacon, kindergarten to second grade the Cheyenne Cowan and Jayten last time the Buffs took the court Ames. Coaches are Shawn Bullock, Jessie Ellerbe and

Leadership has been shared by all this year and all have contributed to our success. They who tied for first, and are state have really had a good chemistry with each other and kept their District 11A was extremely circle tight, and have been a good

The Lady Buffs will travel to ment for these young ladies to go Lingleville Tuesday night to take from 0-10 two years ago, 1-9 last on the Tolar Lady Rattlers, a team year, to 7-5 this year and 22-8 that defeated the Lady Buffs earlier in the year. Look for the The Lady Buffs have been Lady Buffs to be a different team

Thanks to all the parents, Cross Plains Tournament to add students, exes (parents and players), teachers and the community I am extremely pleased with for their support, and last but not where we are and the progress least, those two ladies from that we have made, though Pioneer who have stood by the pleased, I don't think that any of girls for three years. We play for us are satisfied at all. These girls you all from here on in, for Cross

The application and testing process at the Cross Plains Community Center will begin at 1:00 p.m.

two forms of identification. Besides good pay, you'll have flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work within your own community.

For more information, visit the Census Bureau website at sons, Stetson, Anthony and www.census.gov/rodal/www/ Tristan, moved to Tawakoni so he emply.html or call toll free 1- could receive medical treatment. 866-861-2010.

with stage 3 colon cancer and donations at the bank or mail is currently undergoing both them to: chemotherapy and radiation daily. Those applying need to bring After six weeks of treatment he is scheduled for surgery and will resume chemotherapy.

> Thomas is on medical leave sister, reported that he has a good from Dan Hill in Brownwood. He attitude, but would enjoy hearing and his wife Heather and three His medical insurance limits

**Texas Heritage Bank** P.O. Box 699

Cross Plains, TX 76443. Samantha Beaty, Thomas'

from Cross Plains friends. You may send cards to him at: 909 Dogwood Drive

Tawakoni, TX 75474.

have had a plan and worked hard. Plains! Go Lady Buffs! We are ready to be done-we

Submitted by **Coach Shawn Bullock** 

# **Coffee, Dessert and Missions Scheduled for this Saturday**

You are invited to an evening of coffee, dessert and missions at about this dynamic country, the the home of Cliff and Connie work God is doing there, and Kirkham. You will hear from a discover ways you can get missionary who has worked involved. throughout Africa for several years and is now preparing to move to the nation of South Africa.

Come join in hearing her share

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, February 21st, at the Kirkham home on 20235 Farm Road 2707, Cross Plains.

# **50th Anniversary for the Class of 1959 to be Planned**

Class of 1959 will meet at Jean's suggestions for the occasion. Feed Barn (East Room) on West Let's make this special !!!! Highway 36 in Cross Plains on If you need further information Saturday, February 28 at 2:00 contact Sharon (Ingram) Pope at p.m. to plan their 50th celebration. 254-725-6560 or Betty (Childers)

#### **NO Candidates Have** Applied for City or **School Board Elections**

Three terms are expiring on the City Council including those of Edwin Weiss, Audrey Purvis and Peg Terrell. All these are two-year terms. No applications have been filed.

Applications may be filed in the office of the City Secretary on from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Also the terms of three school board trustees are expiring. Burlie Taylor and Kim Crockett's full term (three years) are expiring. No one has currently filed an application for the school board.

Michael Cowan was appointed Bi a 1-year term. There will be a Cl two-year term available.

Applicants may file in Co superintendent's office from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00

The deadline to file for both elections is March 9, 2009.

The Cross Plains High School encouraged to attend and bring

All classmates and spouses are Thomas at 254-725-6808.

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# **Local Library Requests Annual Financial Aid from City**

#### **By Kim Lambert Special Writer**

A regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council was held Tuesday, February 10.

First on the agenda was Judy Luter, with assistance from others comrades, to discuss the Library contribution.

Bob Childress explained the operating budget of the library, showing the council the amount of money needed to operate the library for a year, and the various avenues the library receives funding to meet their budget.

Luter, recognizing the current economic state, noted that the council may need to cut the library budget some, but the library can't afford to have that happen. She explained that each year the library has to spend at least the amount that it spent the year before in order to stay in the Big Country Library System. Through the Big Country Library System the Cross Plains Library receives technical support for their computers and internet, the inter-library loans, homework help for school children, the continuing education that is

get on the internet, both from the Author, Genealogy, and history to be able to place the ordinance library or at home, to access research. Big Country Library in effect immediately, but felt it different types of information), Systems says that the value of was best to refrain from doing so and helpful advice on any problems they might experience in the library. Ms. Luter stated that all of these things increase the value of services that the library provides their patrons and that if they lose this status then they will also lose state funding. Sue Bennett spoke to the coun-

cil about all of the children's programs available in the library and explained how wonderful these programs were for our children's development and how much they thoroughly enjoy them.

Vicky Worley showed the council about a book she discovered, called The Heart of The Community-The Libraries We Love. Inside the book was a large map, and inside the state of Texas was recognition of the Cross Plains Public Library. Our library was one of three libraries in Texas chosen for their outstanding services and for being the heart of the community. The Cross Plains Public Library necessary for the librarians and draws many out-of-town

tech-share (information you can children's programs, Meet the commented that they would like their services in 2007 was at this time so they would have a \$167,571 for a budget of \$34,216. better chance to study the This means for every dollar ordinance, and/or make changes the library spent, they provided if any were needed. They wanted \$4.90 worth of service. Also, the the ordinance to be reviewed by library averages 214 volunteer hours per month, and according to the BCLS, this is a value of \$3,638 monthly.

> Luter pointed out that the funding received from the City that the center is currently has been \$3,500 a year for the last averaging 35 home delivery ten years (with the exception of meals served daily, they served a decrease last year) even though 522 meals total to citizens 60 the cost of living went up. She years and up, and 50 meals to asked that the Council try to do people under 60. what they can to make sure the Library receives the \$3,500 that she had been under the dollars this year.

> what they could with the budget to be 60 years or older or the guest to try to get the library the amount of someone who was at least 60, of funding needed.

> of an ordinance that would require center to eat anytime, but those uninvited, outside salesmen and peddlers to register at the City pay a different price for their meal than the seniors. Hall building before being able to solicit to sell goods to members of the Cross Plains Community.

available for board members, residents and locals in for The City Council members the City's attorney. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

Amber Thomas presented the Council her monthly report on the Senior Citizens Center. She stated

Amber informed the Council misconception that in order to eat The Council said they would do at the center a person either had and that this is not actually the The City Council read a sample case. Anyone is welcome to the who are under 60 are required to

> She has tried to apply for grants See Library Requests Page 3

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



**Jim Bassett** 

On Friday, February 13, 2009,

Memorial services were held

Monday, February 16, 2009 at

5:00 p.m. at Crestview Baptist

Church with Rev. Ty Morris

officiating and Tuesday, February

17, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at

Higginbotham Funeral Home in

Cross Plains with Rev. Bennie

Jim graduated from Cisco High

School and Cisco Junior College.

His career include 25 years with

**Employers Insurance Company** 

and later as a real estate broker.

He was a longtime member of

Crestview Baptist Church, where

Shirley Bassett, of Midland; one

daughter, Sherri Bassett and

husband, Rick Pearson of Austin;

his sister, Barbara Callaway and

husband, Rodney of Cross Plains;

Survivors include his wife,

he was faithful to the Lord.

Hagan officiating.

Arvel Leslie Pickett, age 94, passesd away Saturday, February 14, 2009, in Odessa. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains; burial will follow in the Cross Cut Cemetery.

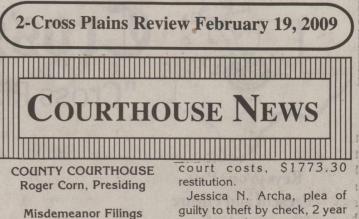
He was born April 27, 1914 in Brown County to G.W. and Nettie Pickett. He joined the Army on Mary 7, 1942. In 1952 he moved to Goldsmith, Texas where he worked for GQ Salmon and Sons until he retired in 1976. He moved to Brady in 1978 to spend the rest of his days fishing.

Those left behind to cherish his memory include his brother, Gaylen Pickett and wife Brenda; two daughters, Patsy Estes of Brady and Sondra Turner of Odessa; one son Jacky Pickett and wife Carolyn of Devine; grandchildren, Damie Robertson and husband David, James Pickett, Cherie Wells and husband Thomas Guy Estes, Sammi Sanchez and husband Lee; 12 great-grandchildren, 1 greatgreat-grandchild; and 7 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Lillian Sessions, and a nephew, Terry Pickett.

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Michelle L. McDorman, theft by check.

Renee R. McGrew, theft by check Lance C. Mershon, theft by check

Brandi M. Ortez, theft by check Charles T. Posey, theft by check

Robert D. Pruitt Jr., theft by check.

#### **Misdemenor Minutes**

Addison Sprayberry, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 180 days in jail, \$1000 fine, \$256 court costs. Lanequida Brewster, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$91 fine, \$209 court costs.

Devin Underwood, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jessica N. Archa, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$260 probation, \$260 court costs, \$849.48 restitution.

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**Marriage Licenses** 

James M. Brandon and Belinda W. Warner, both of Baird.

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

> > **Civil Filings**

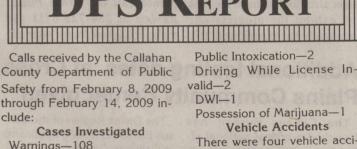
Keneth Eugene Boyd, Jr. and Vickie Lynn Boyd, divorce.

**Civil Minutes** 

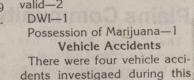
Callahan County Farmers Cooperative, Inc. vs. Steven Ray Goldsmith, default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$23,254.80 from defendant.

**Criminal Indictments** 

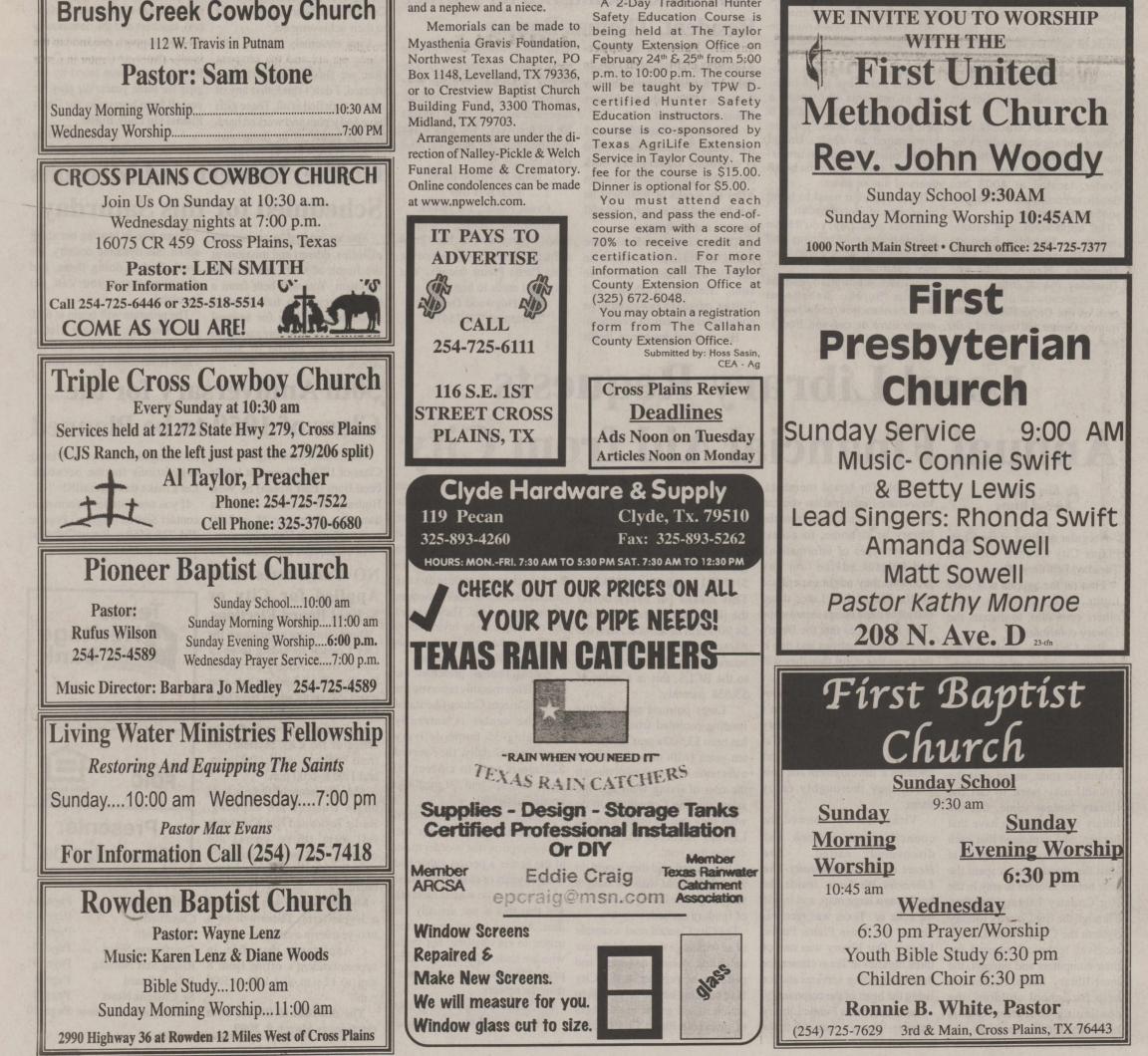
Cheryl F. Hollis, theft.

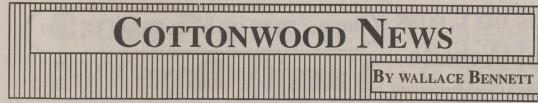


Warnings-108 Complaints-53 time span. Fugitive Arrest-1



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#### **Cottonwood Roundup**

Well folks, the news is sparse this week, due to sickness. I have the old galloping crud and I maze and beginning to breathe some fresh air now. I just hope I have not given it to others.

Fire Control Volunteers will meet this Thursday, February 19th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire House.

Association is planning a fund-raiser that will help defray

The fund-raiser will be a to the club. Spaghetti Supper that will take (Please call Wallace Bennett for believe I am coming out of the place on the evening of Saturday, any personal or local news items April 18, 2009. Proceeds of the about Cottonwood or people evening will go towards repairs living the Cottonwood Valley and upkeep of the building.

this dinner, please call Beverly 254-725-7474, e-mail address Brown at 254-725-7369. Stay csb555dishmail.net. Please The Cottonwood Historical tuned to this station for further remember, I can't print' it if I information.

The Quilting Club is meeting

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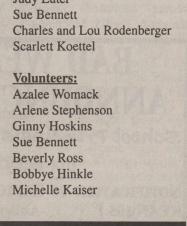
#### February 9-13, 2009

Patrons:		9
<b>Books Check</b>	ced Out:	10
Programs:		1
LAP	12	
Lapsit	1	
Other	6	
Copies:		6
<b>Reference:</b>		
<b>Internet Use</b>	rs:	4
<b>Donations:</b>	19. 19	
Dr. Richard a	nd Mary A	nn
Chaffin		

Janet Swanson In Memory of Douglas Ingram **Book Donations:** Ed Walt Judy Luter Sue Bennett

Chaffin

**Living Tributes:** Mildred Hoegler **Honoring Michelle Kaiser** 



some of the cost of keeping the every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Community Center operational. would welcome any newcomers

concerning personal or If you would like to help with local business. The phone is don't know about it.

### **BINGO** Night at **Senior Citizens'** Center Feb. 20th

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center, located on Main Street, is having a Community BINGO Night Friday, February 20, starting at 5:00 p.m. It is hopeful that the Bingo Night will be held once a month for the

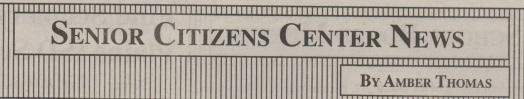
ready to have lots of fun and win some great prizes donated by local merchants and individuals.

prize or monetary gift, please contact Amber Thomas at

participate in the fun event!!!

**Kiwanis** Pancake Supper, March 12th

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains announces "EARLY NOTICE" of the date for their annual Pancake Supper-Thursday night, March 12th. In case you have not attended a Kiwanis Pancake Supper before, you are in for a real treat- and if and also receive food from a food you have attended before, you know all the more that you don't thus far due to the fact that the want to miss it! You will want to mark your calendar NOW! "All the pancakes you can eat for one price." More details will be shared next week but be sure and mark your calendar now for Thursday night, March 12th and don't miss it!



Wow! What a month! The Cross citizens who were under 60. The needed. suggested donation for citizens 60 delivered Monday through Friday join all the fun. to those who are not able to come to the center. A great community is planned for Friday, February of volunteers delivers the meals 20th. It will begin at 5:00pm with daily. If you or someone you a potluck supper and then begin know is homebound and would like information about how to begin receiving meals please call

meet. The Center's number is 254-725-6521. It is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-2:00pm. Lunch is served from 11:45am - 12:30pm. It is helpful joining us for lunch so we can be prepared.

Plains Senior Citizen Center community have used the center volunteer's year long to provide with the month of January. The place to meet and then stay for need. Below is a continuous list Center served a total of 522 meals lunch or have your meeting of items needed for the Center: and 172 different individuals during lunch! Please call ahead to • Deep freezers through out the 18 days we were let us know you are coming and • Refrigerators open. We also served 50 meals to we can even reserve tables if • New games and puzzles

There are plenty of activities for • Books all in the community to come and center. Come and join us each day (58 qt or larger) see what everyone is talking for dominoes, puzzles, and just • You may also make a monetary about. The price for citizens good conversation. Each Monday donation in honor of a senior in under 60 years of age is \$5.25. morning at 10:00am is a time to your life or in memory of a This price is greatly appreciated bring a friend and enjoy a movie. special senior. and includes a meal, drink and On Tuesday's and Thursday's at • Volunteers are always needed to dessert. And just like we said, the 11:00am Jane Holmes leads men deliver meal and help in the delivery of meals to homebound and women in a low impact kitchen. (You may volunteer citizens had continued as usual. exercise class. Each month new weekly or monthly or even be a A total of 35 meals daily were activities are scheduled. Plan to substitute as needed.)

> playing an all time favorite game-BINGO soon after. Lots of prizes have been donated by local prize please call the center. All best Seniors in Texas! ages are welcome.

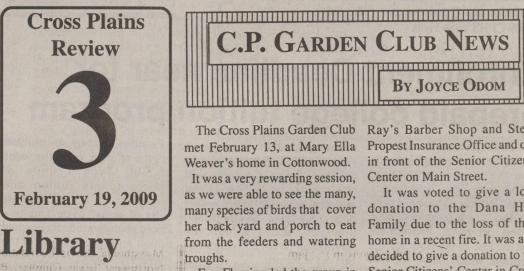
The Center could not continue off the donation and volunteer list if you can call ahead the day without the great citizens from for January by mistake; a before to let us know you will be Cross Plains and the surrounding heartfelt thank you goes to both area making a donation or of them: Linda Slaymaker and volunteering in some way or Bill Rav!!

Many groups from the another. We rely on donations and could not have been more pleased as a meeting place. This is a great activities and items the seniors

- Bookshelves
- and over is \$3.50. We welcome people of all ages to enjoy at the Clear plastic storage tubs lids

If you have not been to the The first monthly BINGO night Center since all the remodeling has taken place, please know you are invited to come and take a look! The City has made so many improvements on the building in the past few months, and is not finished yet. A huge thank you the center and set up a time to merchants and individuals from goes to the City employees and the community. If you or your the City Council for making a business would like to donate a huge difference in the lives of the

The following people were left



repeating the Conservation Pledge.

The Cross Plains Garden Club Ray's Barber Shop and Steve met February 13, at Mary Ella Propest Insurance Office and one in front of the Senior Citizens' It was a very rewarding session, Center on Main Street.

**By JOYCE ODOM** 

It was voted to give a love many species of birds that cover donation to the Dana Hall Family due to the loss of their home in a recent fire. It was also decided to give a donation to the Eva Fleming led the group in Senior Citizens' Center in Cross Plains.

Sandy Lusk picked up the John Joyce Odom led the roll call Deere Mug set she recently won



enjoyment of the community. Bring a pot-luck dish and be If you would like to donate a

254-725-6521.

Everyone is cordially invited to Submitted by

**Amber Thomas** 

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BREAKTH By Don Davis **Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main (254) 725-6117

#### **Riches**

On January 6, 1822, the wife of a poor German preacher had a son, never dreaming that he would one day achieve world renown and great wealth. When Heinrich Schliemann was seven years old, a picture of ancient Trojan flames captured his imagination. Contrary to what many people believed, Heinrich argued that Homer's great poems, Iliad and the Odyssey, were based on historic facts and he set out to prove it. In 1873, he uncovered the ancient site of Troy, along with some fabulous treasure which he smuggled out of the country, much to the anger of the Turkish government. Schliemann became a famous, wealthy man because he dared to believe an ancient record and act on faith.

We, too, can become "rich" when we trust in Christ. To find out about this vast spiritual wealth we must learn of the account we are given through Jesus Christ. The Christian life has two dimensions: faith toward God and love toward man. Let's read carefully the "bank book" known as the Bible.

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship with us at the Cross Plains Church of Christ this coming Sunday. Sunday Morning Bible Class..9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship....6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

## **EDC/ Planning** Committee Semi-annual Meeting

The EDC in conjunction with the Cross Plains Planning Committee announce their semi-annual meeting to discuss progress concerning initiatives for the enhancement of our community. Building on ideas presented at last year's meeting, our goal is to meet and discuss ideas we feel are relevant for the continued success of our city. Ideas to be discussed are funding, growth, and infrastructure. The funding aspects of this plan will indicate the need for discussion of property taxes. The public's input in these matters are vital and your attendance is requested Thursday, February 26th, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Submitted by

**Rick Potter** 

# Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

**Alcoholic Anonymous** meetings are now being held in Cross Plains every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Highway 206 Baptist Church . located on North Main Street.

For additional information, contact Claude at 254-725-4496.

bank and has been unsuccessful Center is not a non-profit organization. She suggested to the council to "get the ball rolling" on establishing the Center as a non-profit organization, as it usually requires around 45 days to achieve a non-profit status.

Mrs. Thomas asked the council to consider hiring another cook to help in the kitchen due to the volume of people they are now serving, and because the current cook is only allowed to work a limited amount of hours.

The Council went into executive session to discuss personnel, and upon their return, they voted to put an advertisement in the newspaper to receive applications for a second cook for the Senior Center.

The council made a motion to pay the bills, and by general consent they approved the judges and police reports. The council also made a motion

to order the election for the expiring terms on the City Council, which will be held May 9, 2009.

Council members in attendance were Peg Terrell, Jerry Cassle, Bob Kirkham, and Mayor Ray Purvis. Audrey Purvis and Edwin Weiss were absent.

City employee present was Teresa Kennedy.

Guests present included Mark Ring, Amber Thoms, Arlene Stephenson, Era Lee Hankee, Judy Luter, Ginny Hoskins, Lavvonne Childress, Bob Childress, Vicky Worley, Linda Burns, Nora Odom, Sue Bennett, Mark Norris, Helen Parson, James Nichols and Kimberlee Lambert.

**Fax Any** School **Related News** To Us At 254-725-7225 with a jasmine stem in bloom and Mary Ella Weaver answered with an African violet for her "show and tell." Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Sandy Lusk, and Barbara Powell were also present. Guests a frog-shaped container. were Dena Nickerson, Billie Kelly and Emory Lusk.

invitation was read from the VIII the warm hospitality we shared. District Spring meeting on March 6-7 at Colorado City. Also we are second Friday in March. to replace the trees in front of

from the purchase of the Garden Club tickets from the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control drawing. Julene conducted the door prize won by Mary Ella. The prize was

Mary Ella served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed In the business meeting an by all. The club thanked her for

The next meeting will be the

# SENIOR CITIZENS MENU **FEBRUARY 23 - 27**

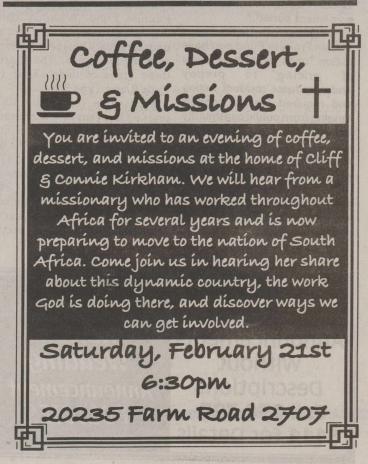
MONDAY-King Ranch Chicken, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk Corn Nuggets, Black Eyed Peas, THURSDAY-Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/ Chicken, New Potatoes, Broccoli, Milk

TUESDAY- Cheeseburgers, Porn Milk N Beans, Seasoned Fries, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk WEDNESDAY- Chef Salad w/ Turket and Ham, Fruit, Crackers,

Baked Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/

FRIDAY-Popcorn Chicken, Peas, Tator Tots, Bread, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.



CHOOL BOARD MEETING 

A regular meeting of the Board 7. Discuss and Take Action on of Trustees of the Cross Plains ISD will be held on February 19, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Call Meeting to Order
- 1. Open Forum
- 2. High School Principal Report A. Girl's Basketball **B. Benchmarks**
- C. TAKS
- D. Focus on Student Code of Conduct 1. Cellphones
- 2. Dress Code
- 3. Appropriate Behavior 3. Read and Accept Minutes from
- **Previous** Meeting
- 4. Discuss and Take Action on Notice of School Board **Elections**
- A. Pass Resolution to Have Joint Election with City of Cross Plains
- B. Date of School Board Election
- C. Location of Polling Place **D.** Election Judge
- E. Early Voting Clerk
- F. Early Voting Place
- 5. Discuss and Take Action on **Project Pride Using School Facility and School Equipment for Barbarian** Festival
- 6. Discuss and Take Action on Location and Details for the 2009 CPHS Jr/Sr Prom

Membership in the West Texas Food Service Cooperative 8. Discuss Replacing Roof on

- Ag Building 9. Executive Session A. Discuss Margie Sowell, Elementary Principal,
- **Evaluation and Contract** B. Discuss Kevin Bryant, Athletic Director,
- **Evaluation and Contract** C. Discuss Interim Principal
- Contract/Agreement D. Discuss Interim Superintendent Contract/
- Agreement and Current Superintendent Agreement E. Other Personnel
- 10. Take Action on Elementary Principal Margie Sowell's
- Contract 11. Take Action on Athletic **Director Kevin Bryant's**
- Contract/Agreement 12. Take Action on Interim
- Principal's Contract/ Agreement 13. Take Action on Interim
  - Superintendent's Contract/ Agreement and Agreement with Current Superintendent or Consultant
  - 14. Review Bills/Financial Report
- 15. Adjourn.
- This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 13, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

# **Find Scholarships on Cross Plains ISD School Website**

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www.fastweb.com one of many

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Cross Plains ISD has (College & Career Preparation) constructed a webpage to help all http://www.crossplains.esc students and parents search for **<u>4.net/student pages.htm</u>** college and technical school scholarships. Scholarships are Counselor's Page (School code listed by submission date and College Info and More) there are multiple links to local colleges and websites where www.crossplains.esc14.net/ scholarship forms can be counselors page.htm obtained. Below are three pages that contain beneficial information for preparing for career and available scholarships at college choices.

Scholarships by Date (Updated sites that provide multiple http:// Weekly) www.crossplains.esc14.net/se- parents can set up an account that nior scholarships.htm

Student Information Page student's chosen degree of study.

**SCHOOL LUNCH MENU** 

#### **FEBRUARY 23 - 27**

BREAKFAST MONDAY -Breakfast Burrito, TUESDAY- Salisbury Steak, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk TUESDAY- Waffle Stick, Sausage Link, Fruit, Assorted Milk Juice, Milk

Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk Juice, Milk

FRIDAY- Donut, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk LUNCH

MONDAY- Pizza, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Rosie-applesauce,

Milk Brown Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Peaches,

WEDNESDAY - Chalupas, WEDNESDAY- Muffin, Yogurt, Salad, Strawberries & Bananas,

Milk THURSDAY - Hot or Cold THURSDAY- Fajita Chicken Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Over Rice, Broccoli & Cheese, Seasoned Corn, Bread Stick,

Frozen Cherry Bar, Milk FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Wedges, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk

4-Cross Plains Review February 19, 2009 **Varsity Boys Basketball Results** 

This past week the Buffaloes Border-2, and Self-2. traveled to Winters (3-21, 1-11) The Buffaloes (6-24, 1-11) lost on Tuesday and Albany (12-8, 7- to Albany 29-48 in their last game 4) on Friday. This concluded the of this season. "The first half we

season. between the Blizzards and the adjustments and things went a Buffaloes, "I didn't think we little smoother offensively. As a were mentally prepared for the team, we played well defensively, game, I felt the guys were too tallying 12 steals and holding the relaxed on the ride over there and in the locker room," said head team goal of ours." Taylor Savell coach Ryan Edmonds. "That's and Joe Wyatt led the Buffaloes part of being a young with 10 points and 3 steals each. team...learning to mentally Other scorers included: Cody prepare yourself for a game, Self-7, and Pat Border-2. especially against a team that you have already beaten. These young web at www.statsandgo.com. The men have done a lot of growing 2008-2009 varsity team roster up this season, particularly in a included: Senior- Joe Wyatt, very tough district as the one Juniors- Cody Knight, Ben they're in." Winters won the Schaefer (film), Sophomoresgame 38-49. Joe Wyatt led all the Justin Golson, Taylor Savell, Joel scorers with 13 points, grabbing Hinten, Cody Ford, Pat Border, 11 boards and 3 blocks. Other Zach Hedfelt, Freshman-Cody scorers included: Savell-7, Self, Ryder Foster and Garrett Knight-6, Ford-5, Moenning-3, Moenning.

Buffaloes 2008-2009 basketball couldn't buy a bucket," said Edmonds. "We went into halftime This was the second meeting with only 6 points, we made some lions under 50 points, which is a

Team stats can be viewed on the

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# **Enrollment Deadline near for** prepaid college tuition program

(AUSTIN) Texas Comptroller school graduation to prepay a Susan Combs reminds parents year of tuition at a community or type of units, up to the value that the current enrollment college. Parents of a 7-year-old period ends Feb. 28th for the who want to prepay the weighted undergraduate tuition and Texas Tuition Promise Fund, average cost of one year's tuition required the state's new prepaid college at a four-year Texas public Cost of units: Type I units tuition program. Enrollment opened last September for the program, which allows families to lock in college tuition and

university could spread the Priced at undergraduate resident payments over 10 years for tuition and required fees at the \$81.53 a month.

required fees at current prices Fund allows families from any purchase. Current price=\$98.50 of Texas public colleges and economic background to per unit. offers many flexible options to achieve their education goal " whether it is a four-year college degree or a training program at a community college to gain the technical skills that good, well-paying jobs require," Combs said. "The U.S. Department of Education estimates about 80 percent of the fastest-growing job categories in the near future will require some education beyond high school, but not a bachelor's degree. Texas employers report a growing shortage of workers with technical skills needed for the jobs in Texas' future." Chance, Every Texan, can help undergraduate resident tuition families plan and save for college. The Web site provides information on careers that will be in demand in the future and the education requirements for various fields. It also includes tools to help families calculate Combs said. "When the current college costs and determine resident tuition and required fees whether they are saving enough money. To learn more about the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, www.EveryChance EveryTexan.org or go directly to the Texas Tuition Promise fund Web site at http:// new contract prices for the next www.TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com. Summary of Texas Tuition the weighted average cost at Promise Fund. A family can the time of college enrollment buy "units" to prepay a student's Tuition Promise Fund purchase undergraduate resident tuition and required fees. There are at any Texas public two-year three types of units (Type I, Type II and Type III). What units represent. 100 units = One year of tuition and required fees (based on an difference or redeem additional academic year of thirty units to make up the difference. credit hours). 1 unit = 1% of a year's tuition During the current enrollment and required fees; 2 units = 2% period, parents of a newborn of a year's tuition and required can pay as little as \$15.16 per fees; 10 units = 10% of a year's month until their child's high tuition and required fees, etc.

Families can buy any number of 600 Type I units of fees. most expensive Texas public "The Texas Tuition Promise four-year school at time of

Type II units - Priced at

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Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, Tx 78711. Harvey Hilderbran, State

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prepay those expenses before a child is ready for college.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund makes it easy to save for college, even in these challenging economic times, Combs said. "If your child attends a Texas public college, you don't have to worry about the volatile stock market, and you can prepay for as much of your child's college costs as your family budget allows."

During the current enrollment period, more than 4,800 children have been enrolled in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. The contracts purchased are worth almost \$100 million in future college tuition and required fees.

"You must enroll your child in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund by Feb. 28th to take advantage of current contract prices," enrollment period ends, enrollment will close until September, except for newborns born in March through August. visit We will survey colleges and universities regarding their future tuition and fees and set Texas Tuition Promise Fund enrollment period."

Families enrolled in the Texas tuition "units" with three levels of pricing to prepay undergraduate resident tuition and required fees at schools ranging from public community colleges to four-year state universities. (A detailed explanation of prepaid tuition units is below.)

weighted average cost of undergraduate resident tuition and required fees across all Texas public four-year schools at time of purchase. Current price = \$67.65 per unit.

Type III units - Priced at weighted average cost of undergraduate resident tuition and required fees across all Texas public two-year schools at time of purchase. Current price = \$16.99 per unit.

Redemption of units when student enters college

100 Type I units - Will cover Combs' Web site, Every one academic year's and required fees (30 credit hours) at any Texas public fouryear school.

100 Type II units - Will cover the weighted average cost at the time of college enrollment of one year's undergraduate at any Texas public four-year school. If a school's tuition and required fees are above the weighted average cost, the family has to either pay the difference or redeem additional units to make up the difference.

100 Type III units - Will cover of one year's undergraduate resident tuition and required fees school. If a school's tuition and required fees are above the weighted average cost, the family has to either pay the Contracts could have unused Type I, II or III units if a student attends lower cost schools. The value of unused units can be refunded or transferred to a 529 college savings plan or another beneficiary.

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Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Tx 78711 or call (512)463-0124.

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# **Cross Plains' retail sales in** 2009 are higher by 8.99%

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments began 2009 almost nine 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 Friday, February 13th.

Cross Plains' 2009 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$33,589.47, which is 8.99 percent higher than the \$30,816.54 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2008.

The payment to the city for February 2009 was \$18,491.13, which is 11.00 percent higher than the \$16,657.67 payment made to the city in February 2008.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today the state collected \$1.92 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 3.9 percent compared to January 2008.

"Growth in state sales tax collections remains modest," Combs said. "While overall growth has continued for the first five months of fiscal 2009, collections from important sectors such as retail trade and construction have decreased."

Combs sent \$665.5 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 3.9 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2008.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis

The Comptroller sent \$445.2 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 2.5 percent compared to February 2008 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$41.4 million, up 9.9 percent compared to last February.

The 148 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$26.7 million in sales tax, up 24 percent compared to February 2008. Ten local transit systems received \$152.1 million in February sales tax payments, up 3.3 percent compared

Total yearly sales tax	2008	2009
payments	\$30,816.54	\$33,589.47
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$16,657.67	\$18,491.13

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The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 13th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

-The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2009 started the year 1.44 percent lower than the 2008 payments. The city has received \$19,247.59 in 2009, while the 2008 tax payments to the city totalled \$19,529.10.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2009 was \$11,400.47, down 6.17 percent from the \$12,150.96 payment made to the city in February 2008.

-The 2009 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 9.65 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2008. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$76,989.89 in 2009. The 2008 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$85,219.85.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2009 was \$46,893.49, down 7.06 percent compared to the \$50,459.13 payment made to the city in February 2008.

-The City of Putnam reported the 2009 payments to the town totalled \$2,892.39, up 40.68 percent from the 2008 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,055.93.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2009 was \$1,362.15, up 96.03 percent over the \$694.84 payment made to the community in Feb2008 payments to the county

towns totalled \$137,621.42. The tax rebate in Callahan County for the month of February 2009 were \$78,147.24, down 2.27 percent compared to the \$79,962.60 payment made to Callahan County in February 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 1.75% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 0.75% is allocated for economic development in the town.

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

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city. All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

# **Texas Main Street Program Applications Available**

Applications for the 2010 Texas Main Street Program are now available from the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The Main Street effort brings Texas history to life and helps enhance a community's economic and social health through a program focusing on the revitalization of the state's historic downtowns.

The THC's Texas Main Street Program is based on the National Main Street Center's Four-Point approach of organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring, all within the context of historic preservation. Communities selected to participate in the program receive a range of continual services from the Texas Main Street Program, including technical assistance in design, economic development and strategic planning.

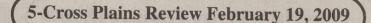
Communities selected to participate in the program agree to fund and staff the effort at the local level.

"The Texas Main Street Program helps preserve the real places that tell the real stories of Texas," said Debra Farst, state coordinator of the Main Street Program. "Communities that are selected to participate in the program exemplify a dedication and passion for safeguarding their rich cultural heritage." Applications, which are due

July 31, can be downloaded from the THC's website at www.thc.state.tx.us or obtained through the mail by contacting and word. Texas Main Street Program staff at 512-463-6092.

Communities with a population of fewer than 50,000 should submit a small city application through their local government. Those with populations greater than 50,000 should submit an urban application through a nonprofit downtown organization. Complete information on the organization type is con-

tained in the applications. Recertification applications for communities which formerly participated in the program are also available on the THC website. Communities are requested to submit a Letter of Intent by May 15, 2009. Successful applicants officially enter the program Jan. 1, 2010. Since its inception in 1981. the Texas Main Street Program





**CLAY JACOBS** 

# **Clay Jacobs to be at Cross Plains Cowboy Church** Sunday, February 22nd

Clay Jacobs will be at the Cross

There will also be a potluck Plains Cowboy Church Sunday, dinner after the service. Pastor February 22, 2009 at 10:30am. He Len Smith invites everyone to will be bring the message in song attend. You will be blessed by this service

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being with us. We had this placed on your headstone and we thank Jackie Dale and Roxie Thomas for giving us the framed plaque that describes our feelings.

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to a year ago.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web

ruary 2008.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2009 in Callahan County are down 3.56 percent compared to the 2008 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2009 amountsite at www.window.state.tx.us/ ing to \$132,719.34 while the cities across the state. The program has stimulated more than \$1.3 billion in private sector downtown reinvestment; helped retain, expand or recruit more than 6,000 businesses, and created more than 23,000 new jobs in Texas. There are currently 89 Main Street communities in Texas.

has worked with more than 140

For more information on the Texas Main Street Program or the application process, contact Debra Farst at 512.463.5758 or debra.farst@thc.state.tx.us.

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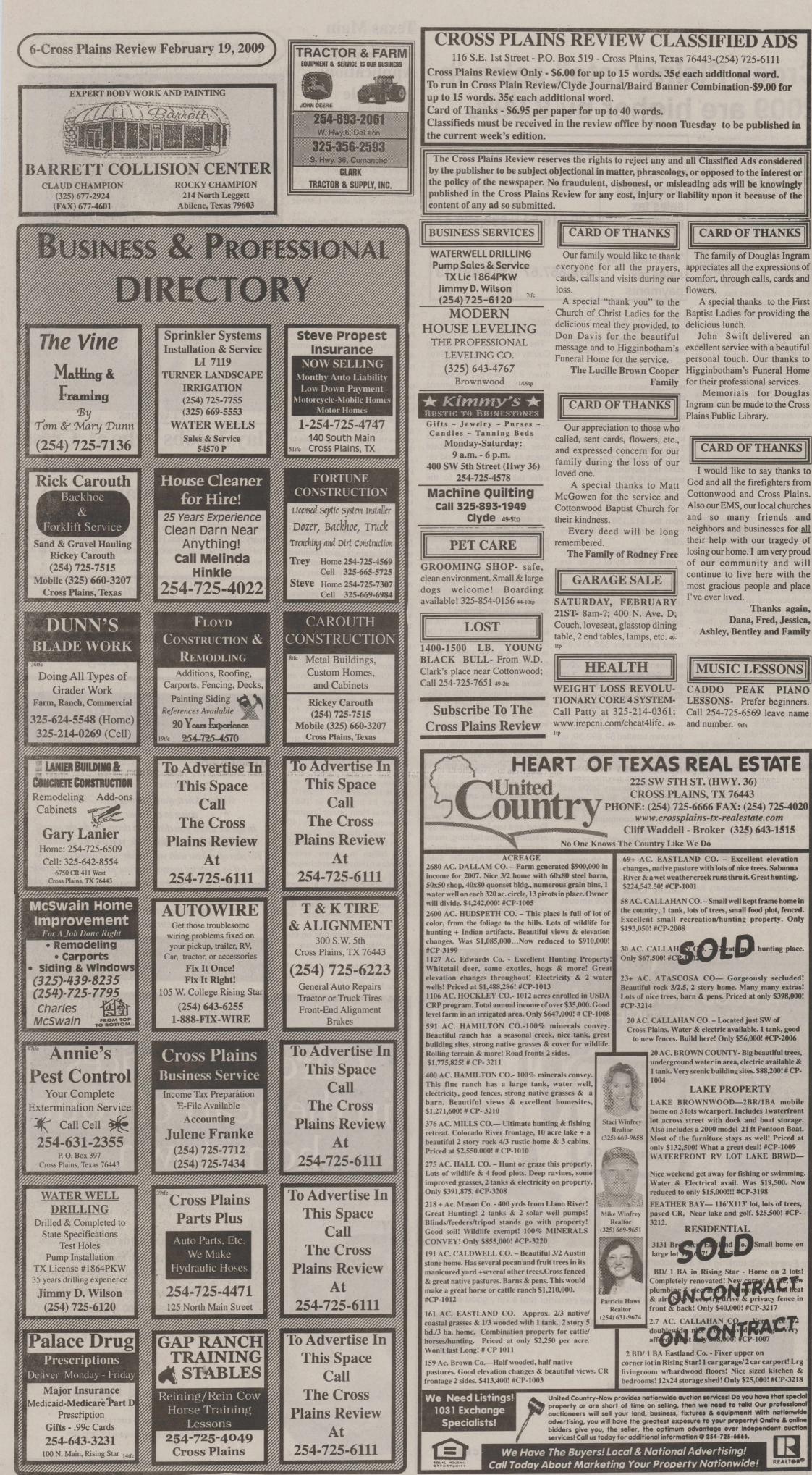
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400 Ave D 3 BR Charming, Victorian recently remodeled home on 5 city lots REDUCED	140,000

#### **HOME WITH ACREAGE**

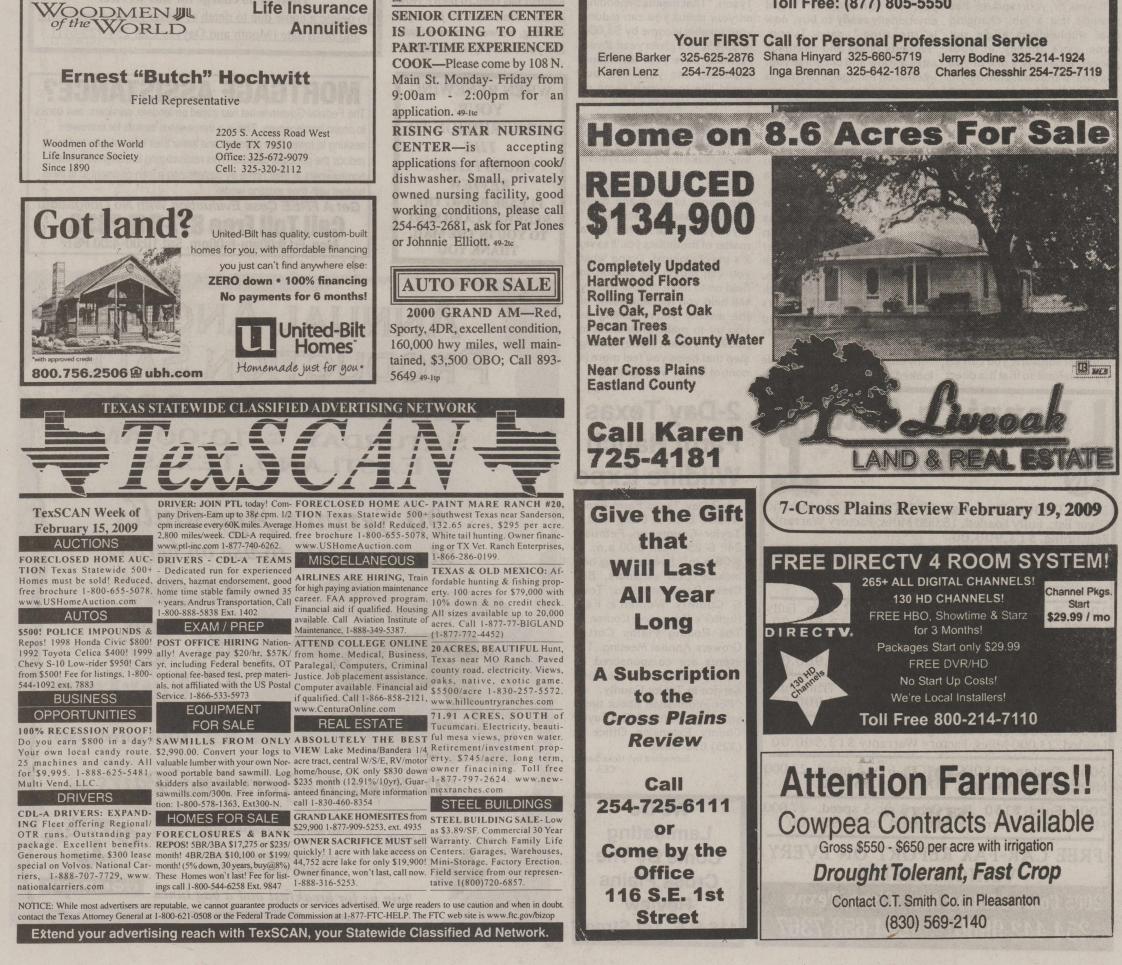
1.377 Ac Edge of Cross Plains. 2 BR-2B, lots of Pecan and Oak trees	68,900
1.94 Ac Great for horse or ag projects with small field, outbuildings, creek, nice 2/2 MH	63.900
4.1 Ac3 or 4BR-2 1/2B brick home, fireplace, Ig. den, nice large shop, much more REDUCED	240.000
8.6 Ac Charming home.Large oaksBeautiful small acreage. Completely remodeled REDUCED	134,900
7.5 AcLarge 2BR-1B w/guest house, firding wrong on a part of animals	_216,900
18.5 Ac 3BR-1B quaint farm house on paved road with good underground water	99,500
20.2 AcCute new home, seasonal creek INDER CONTRACTION house	_107.000
30 Ac Well built3BR-2 3/4 B home, oaks, stocked pond, 20x30 shop, beautiful views, paved road	_299,000
78 AcGreat views, exc. Underground water, old livable 3BR-1B home with utilities	_210.000
105 Ac Nice double wide. Looking for hunting and fishing? Look no further, this is it REDUCED	284.900
113 AcHorse lover's dream! Beautiful home, horse barns, indoor & outdoor arenas, much more1	1.350.000
133.16 AcHome with incredible view, ALNDER ICONTRACTplenty of wildlife	400.000
150 Ac Luxurious 5,169 sq. ft. rock home, deer breeding facility, deer, turkey, hogs and dove	998,000

#### **HUNTING & RECREATIONAL PROPERTY**

	19.5 Ac Barn, county water, 12 acres coastal, scattered oaks	73,900
	20 Ac- Small pond, 15 acres coastal, county water, excellent fences	68,250
	34.4 Ac Nicely wooded hunting & pasture land. Oak, pecan, mesquite. Secided get away	102.000
	39.83 Ac- Small barn, windmill, county water, 20+ acres of excellent coastal	129,900
	40.249 Ac2 ponds, large oak trees, view of rolling hills, quiet and secluded, good hunting	120,747
	50 Ac Hill top view, Clear-fork of Brazos, Ft. Phantom Lake, hunting, 15 min. from Abilene	160,000
100	50 Ac Beautiful views, some large oaks, good fences, great place to build your dream home	89.000
	77 Ac Quiet, secluded country setting. Trees, water wells, electric	207,900
ľ	97 Ac3 tanks, haygrazer, beadall, oak groves, 3 birms, recreation or cattle, secluded	242.850
No.	98.5 Ac Nice small ranch, great home sites, 2 excellent water wells, oaks, electricity, pecan trees_	186,658
	100 Ac Rolling terrain, thick oak cover, excellent hunting, metal barn, travel trailer	249,500
	100 Ac Excellent hunting property, seasonal creek, negotiable acreage. REDUCED	260,000
-	110 Ac Great combination for hunting, fishing, and cattle, mesquite, oak, pecan, sandy soil	287,500
1 and	124 Ac Secluded along Clear-fork of Brazos, thick live oak, post oak, shinnery for hunting	
No. of Lot of Lo	136 Ac2 tanks, 2 water wells, barn, 100 ac coastal field, fertile soil, fenced, cross fenced	327,336
-	148 AcExcellent hunting, beautiful hill for home site. within 30 min. of Abilene - Jones county	296,000
- North	160 AcCultivation, trees, brush, & 1 tank, great for deer, quail, and turkey hunting	192,000
CORNEL IN	208 Ac Great hunting on Clear-fork of Brazos, huge oak, pecan & elm, 3 small fields	543,504
	220 AcMesquite, oak, hackberry for wildlife, 4 irrigation wells, Klein grass, coastal for livestock	264,000
	237 AcRolling with coastal, oak, & pecan, 18 ac & 3 ac lakes, 40 ac brush, 68 ac under pivot	711,522
	249 AcWell stocked ponds & plenty of deer, beautiful 6yr old home, hunter's cabin_REDUCED_	649,000
	324.94 Ac South of Santa Anna, Very nice game ranch, bunk house, large stocked pond	1,400,000
1000	331 Ac Scenic hills, lots of Liveoak, Post Oak, and Native Pasture. Abundant wildlife, near I-20	759,645
	350 AcLots of oak & food plots. Excellent hunting & cattle property. N. Coleman County	_875,000
	356 Ac. South of Coleman, excellent fences, 1 tank, great bird and deer hunting, cultivation	450,000
	497 Ac River front, fertile valley, scenic hill, lots of trees, plenty of deer, & wild turkey-WILL DIVIDE	
Concession of the local division of the loca	840 AcBeautiful lake, ponds, good fences, hunting, Ig. pretty pre built 3BR-2 1/2B home	_1,750,000
	COMMERCIAL	
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# Seven tax tips to keep more money in your pocket

Tax time in a taxing time: deposited into your bank as too much trouble in the past, Seven tips to help you keep account. more money in your pocket now and in the future.

Tax Year 2008 challenaina for many Americans, and with April 15th just around the corner, most folks aren't looking forward to bestselling author Eric Tyson: of your money

What three words do people little longer. least want to hear in the middle laid off," that is.) "It's tax time! Yes, by now you should have already dreading having to file. Tax season isn't all bad news, says financial counselor and Even if you're not expecting a fat refund check, the looming inspire you to make some credit. changes that will keep more of your cash out of the clutches of the IRS now and in the future.

"Many people have had a tough year," Americans have faced job losses, pay cuts, foreclosures, and constricting budgets, and now, here comes Uncle Sam with his hand out! But the good news is that a smart tax strategy can help you keep more money in your pocket right now when you need it most.

Tyson has some advice that will allow you to cross "taxes" off of your list of worries and even help you put some money back in your pocket right away. Here are a few of his tips:

Revisit your withholdings. Do you dread April 15th because it means you have to dole out a huge check to pay your tax bill? Or maybe you have to skimp and save throughout the year last three years. (Previously, but then get a big tax refund those who took advantage of the funds in your HSA can be when you turn in your taxes? Either way, you need to adjust your withholdings. You can do so by filling out a Form W-4, one of the many forms you is no pay back clause.) Right costs under your policy, but filled out on your first day at now this opportunity extends to your job and probably haven't homes purchased before July thought about since and turning 1, 2009. it into your employer. You'll see paycheck within a month.

will go into your account in was about ten days, great news for time on your tax return can cash-strapped households who make. The IRS gives you two are making the most of every methods of determining your penny right now," notes Tyson. "The flipside, of course, is that pick the method that leads to the drudgery of filing their if you know you are going to the largest total deductions and returns. Cheer up, says have to write a check to the IRS. you might as well wait as long Craft a tax strategy to save more as possible to file, because you clear, so be prepared to do some can hold on to the money just a figuring. Taking the standard

Keep an eye on the new of a recession? (Besides "You're stimulus package. (And if it passes, hands off the tax credit!) paycheck, a rented apartment, The new stimulus package is your W-2 in hand, and you're still being knocked around the medical bills, moving expenses, halls of Congress, and if it passes, there may be some beneficial tax credits coming bestselling author Eric Tyson. your way. The bill proposes that singles receive a \$500 payroll tax credit and married couples presence of April 15th can receive a \$1,000 payroll tax

> "Just be sure that you spend it wisely," says Tyson. "It's easy to look at these kinds of stimulus checks as free money and spend the cash on something we want rather than need. But in the down economy, you're probably better off rolling the money into your IRA or using it to make a safe, long-term investment. In examination.' this way you can make that check go much further than a help you keep thousands of new flat screen TV.

> your first home, now might be a good time to take the plunge. Home ownership has always yielded tax benefits for smart, unfamiliar with how HSAs work, sensible buyers. And if the here are the basics: An HSA stimulus package passes, there's a little something in it to sweeten the pot: a proposed tax credit of \$7,500 to first-time homeowners or those who haven't owned a home in the expenses. If you get sick and the tax credit eventually had to used to pay it off. Once your pay it back, so it was more of a loan than a true credit, but under insurance plan will kick in and the new stimulus package there cover any subsequent medical

I would never expenses. While an adjustment in how much recommend that anyone make you're bringing home on your such a big decision for tax \$3,000 to an HSA and families benefits only, I do feel that if "If you or your spouse has you're financially and Tyson. "That means depending recently lost a job, changing emotionally ready to buy, now on your status you can reduce your withholdings might put is the time," says Tyson. your taxable income by \$3,000 some extra money in your "Property prices and mortgage or \$5,950 in a given year. If you pocket, especially if one of you rates are low and of course your normally have your tax refund has been withholding too much, interest on mortgage payments deposited into your IRA, but says Tyson. "Just be sure that is tax deductible. The fact that would like to deposit some of your withholding matches your you might get the \$7,500 tax the money into your HSA, you tax liability. Adjusting your credit is just icing on the cake." withholding just so you get more It can't be said too often: Fund refund split between as many out of a paycheck isn't a good your retirement. When you as three accounts. It's a great idea if you're not prepared to funnel your savings dollars into way to make the U.S. tax system pay the bigger tax bill when retirement accounts, such as a yourtaxes come due next year." 401(k), 403(b), SEP-IRA, Be a fast filer. Too many of us Keogh, or IRA, you can earn one wants to send any more get our W-2s just after the new substantial upfront tax breaks year begins and hold on to them on your contributions. Tyson until we finally file a week or two says you might even consider matter of the dollars you'll save; into April. You can file now and investing your tax refund check have refund money in your bank there. And please, he adds, account within a few weeks. don't let worries about the stock Thanks to e-filing, there is market's ups and downs absolutely no reason to wait dissuade you from making the anxiety you're feeling as until April 15th. If you e-file either smart, long-term investments

now is the year to start. You "Usually, your refund money might be surprised what a difference spending a little more total deductions and you get to the lowest tax bill. But sometimes the choice isn't so deduction usually makes sense if you have a pretty simple financial life, a regular and no large expenses, such as or loss due to theft or

> catastrophe. "The other method of determining your allowable deductions is to itemize them on your tax return," says Tyson. "The painstaking procedure is definitely more of a hassle, but if you can tally up more than the standard deduction amounts, itemizing saves you money. Schedule A of your 1040 is the page summing up your itemized deductions, but you won't know whether you have enough itemized deductions unless you give this schedule a good

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"Single people can contribute can contribute \$5,950," says

# Anson Opera House Musical is Saturday

The Opera House Country Musical Show will be held Saturday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Opera House located in Anson, Texas.

The musical show will have special guests, so come and be surprised

A Bar-B-Que supper will be held before the musical, which will start serving at 5:00 p.m. for \$6.00 per plate, which includes a drink and dessert

Door prizes will be given away. There is no admission fee. For additional information, call Marion Smith at (325) 823-3523 and leave a message.

## **Rolling Oaks Golf Club News**

Saturday, February 7, was the date of our winter 4 Man Scramble. Tee time was 10 a.m. and the first group finished at 3:30 p.m.

The 4 Man Team of Kobey and Korey Morris and Terry and Chaz Odom, all of Rising Star, won the scramble with a score of 57. Second place went to Steve Tieman, Troy Love, Ed McClelan and Arthur Cantwell, all of Brownwood, who finished with 61. The Rising Star team have proven to be unbeatable so far in our tournament.

Closest to the pin was awarded but this reporter was not told who won. So much for knowing everything that goes on out here!

On March 7th, we will have another 4 Man Scramble. Tee time is set for 10 a.m. and the cost is \$200 per team with 2 carts and \$175 without carts. Mulligans are \$5.00 each with a limit of two per person. Lunch will be incuded.Play is limited to the first 18 teams, so call 254-643-4563 early to reserve your spot.

Next Saturday we willhave our monthy 2 Man Scramble with tee time at 1 p.m., weather permitting. Scramble cost is \$14.00 and closest to the pin will be \$4.00, bringing the non-member price to \$36 each.

Playing is picking up as the weather has been so pretty. Now, if the wind would just quit 8- Cross Plains Review February 19, 2009

#### **Cottonwood Historical Association to Hold** Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 18th

The Cottonwood Historical Association announced today that Supper will go toward the care they will be having a Spaghetti and maintenance of the Supper Night on Saturday, April Cottonwood Community Center, Center in Cottonwood.

HAPPY

18, 2009 at the Community formerly the old school building.

Proceeds from the Spaghetti

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can now choose to have your work for you."

"In this down economy, no than necessary to Uncle Sam." says Tyson. "But it's not just a it's psychological. Doing what you can during tax season to hold on to more of your money will help you manage some of you try to make ends meet in 2009. Any small, money-saving step that helps you feel more in

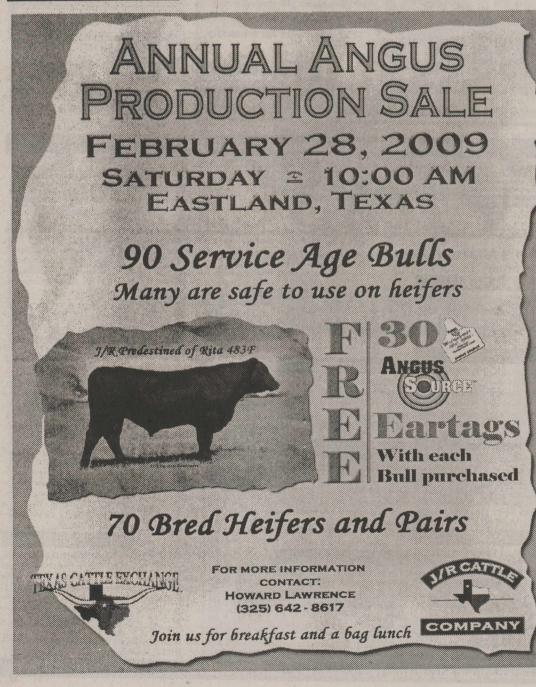
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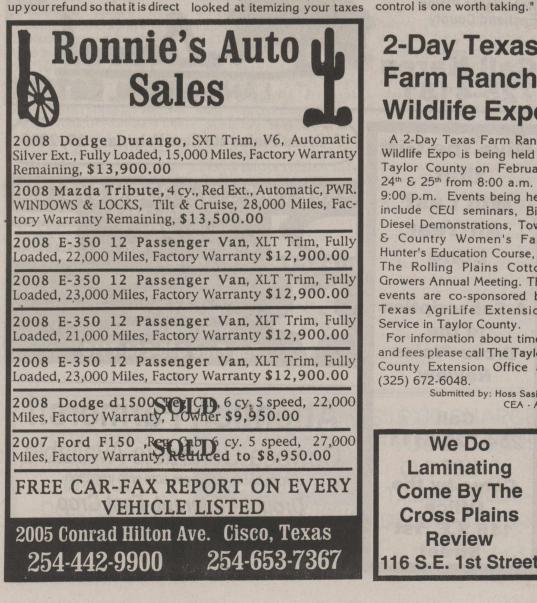
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# 2-Day Texas **Farm Ranch** Wildlife Expo

A 2-Day Texas Farm Ranch Wildlife Expo is being held in Taylor County on February 24th & 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Events being held include CEU seminars, Bio-Diesel Demonstrations, Town & Country Women's Fair, Hunter's Education Course, & The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting. The events are co-sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County.

For information about times and fees please call The Taylor County Extension Office at (325) 672-6048.

Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag

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# Wasteful Spending dresses in 'Stimulus' clothing

By U.S. Senator John Cornyn For months, Americans across the country have been grappling with the results of our nation's economic downturn: layoffs, foreclosures, salary cuts, and the tough family budgeting decisions that go hand in hand with a recession. While Texas has fared better than most states largely due to our probusiness economic policies and the can-do spirit inherent to the Texas culture we are not immune. According to Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Paulken, "Our state's economy has been fairly resilient during these months of economic uncertainty, but the national economic storm has reached Texas." In January, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs predicted a loss of 111,000 Texas jobs and announced a 10.5 percent drop in tax revenue in this fiscal year. In North Texas, the jobless rate has climbed to 5.6 percent, a significant ascent from one year ago, when the rate was 4.1 percent. The jobless rate for the entire state recently hit 6 percent, nearly two percentage points higher than a year ago. The housing crunch has taken its toll in Texas as well. In 2008, Texas was listed as one of the top ten states in foreclosure totals. Meritage, one of the nation's biggest homebuilders with more than 65 percent of its communities located in Texas, reported that its fourth-quarter orders in Texas fell 61 percent. Experts claim that a decrease in prices in some of Texas' top industries like oil and natural gas is having a negative impact on the state's housing market. In the U.S. Senate, I have been working with my colleagues to stop the recession in its tracks

and turn the economic tide back by Senate Democrats. Another in our favor. This has been no important amendment, offered easy task. Unfortunately, while by Sen. John Ensign, would the new President has indicated have provided much-needed his desire for bipartisanship, relief to the struggling housing Democrat leaders in Congress market by reducing mortgage have taken a different approach, rates to as low as 4 percent for attempting to jam an enormous millions of homeowners. More spending bill totaling more than \$1 trillion down the taxpayers' throats. Instead of producing a refinancing under this measure, plan aimed at reviving the housing market, providing signifi- benefited from \$293 in savings cant tax relief to hard-working on monthly payments. This Americans, and creating quality jobs for men and women Sadly, while the American looking for work the Democrat plan instead reflects a political slush fund brimming with billion-dollar pet projects that will flects bipartisanship and innot have an immediate, tangible effect on our nation's economic health. With respect to Texas' interests in the economic lion "stimulus" package is no rescue plan, the most simple such product. We need to work analogy that comes to mind is together to craft legislation that 'robbing Peter to pay Paul.' In Texas, we have embraced low taxes and pro-growth policies that support our small businesses and middle class families. The Democrats' plan would take billions in Texas taxpayer dollars and reward reckless and small businesses. Hardstates with pet projects dressed in 'stimulus' clothing. Some of the more absurd examples include a request for \$600 million see fit. Finally, any proposed to build an "ethnic heritage trail" or a request for \$6 million to build three aquatic centers with water slides. My Republican colleagues and I have sought to improve this inflated bill by offering low-tax, pro-growth amendments. I offered an nancial decisions, the federal amendment that would have government should follow suit. lowered the 10 percent tax bracket to 5 percent, providing much needed relief to every taxpayer who pays income tax and Texans weather the economic files their taxes by April 15. Unfortunately, this was blocked

than 3 million mortgages in Texas could have qualified for and each household would have amendment was also defeated. people were counting on Congress to present a final economic rescue product that recludes true tax relief and tangible economic growth measures, the Democrats' \$1.2 trilprovides real relief for everyday Texans. It should begin with providing much overdo relief to the struggling housing market. Secondly, the majority of any economic stimulus plan should be tangible tax relief for families working Texans deserve to keep more of their own money to spend, save and invest how they new spending must be made fully transparent to ensure Congress is not spending taxpayer dollars on unnecessary or ineffective projects. If American families are having to tighten their belts and make tough fi-I will continue to fight for a common-sense plan that incorporates these principles to help storm and emerge stronger and more prosperous



2009 VALENTINE'S DAY KING AND QUEEN-Wesley Stewart and Louise Bond.



ENTERTAINING THE RESIDENTS—Perry Reeves (right) played his guitar as Hazel Campbell and Wesley Stewart enjoy the music.

# Notes from Rising Star Nursing Center By Dona McIntíre

February and I don't believe the warm weather we have been apron or just a half apron was would like to thank everyone who having. It was great to get the rain, priceless. One comment was if helped serve and clean up. Also, and hopefully more will be headed our way real soon.

guitar playing and singing one afternoon in the dining room. He is from Colorado and is the scientists would have trying to honoring all employees and grandson of our resident Hazel figure out just how much letting them know how much they Campbell. He sang a variety of bacteria was on that apron and are needed and appreciated for the songs from gospel to John how come no one ever got sick care and love they put into each

It is now the middle of made of, the amount of pockets and we had a lot of family they had, whether they were a full Perry Reeves blessed us with you could also just flip it over to decorations. the other side. We ended up with

members and friends join us. I it was dirty on the front and thanks to the residents who someone showed up at your door, assisted me with putting up the

On February 10th we had wondering what a hard time a Staff Appreciation lunch



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all of the things an old fashion and Queen. The residents and but also the extra effort they put apron used to do. It was amazing staff voted and we had a close forth to attend the care of our the amount of things they race all the way around. I know it residents. Danee Clark cooked remembered. We discussed how was hard for anyone to vote for hamburgers for us on the grill and it could remove a hot item from just one, as all of our residents are they were great! Pat Jones and her the oven, dust the furniture so near and dear to us and to each staff saw to all the trimmings and quickly when you saw company other. coming, gather up eggs from the hen house, dry the tears of a little Stewart as King and Louise Bond helped to provide the gifts that tyke, etc., etc. The pictures they as the Queen. We sang "Let Me were given away. painted in our minds of all these Call You Sweetheart" to them.

from grandma's apron.

celebrated Valetine's Day with a they go above and beyond to We reminisced last week about party and the crowning of a King provide not only a clean facility,

events and the fabrics they were The punch and cookies were great and keep you.

and every position. We are very On Friday, February 13th, we proud of our team and the way dessert. We would also like to This year we crowned Wesley thank all of the vendors who

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**CROSS PLAINS VETERANS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL** PARK-J.W. Fore (left) and Logan Long.

### **Local Veterans Memorial Continues to Receive Donations**

The Cross Plains and Area Veterans Memorial has recently greatly appreciated for the upkeep honoring the memory of two memorial. local men:

In Memory of Howet Wilson Teri, Bobby, Josh, Mandy, Clay, or a donation, please mail it to: Macie, Caden and Charles Coburn

Randy Keller

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Teri, Bobby, Josh and Charles Coburn.

received the following donations and cost of adding names to the If you would like to send a

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memorial honoring an individual **Audrey Purvis** 

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Cross Plains, TX 76443. The generosity of so many have made this memorial honoring the Billy, Marvie, Richard and Tim veterans of this area a reality, and it will long remind us of the brave men and women who served their country proudly.

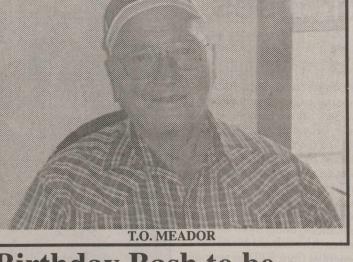
# **Area Tarleton State University Fall 2008 Graduates Announced**

Stephenville, Texas -Tarleton State University's fall commence- Cisco ment was held December 13, 2008. The following area undergraduate degree candidates have Erica Stover - BBA in satisfactorily met the university's requirements for their individual Randall Webb programs and have been awarded their diplomas.

Honor designations are: Summa Joseph Dillard -Cum Laude (Highest Honors), Honors) and Cum Laude (Honors).

Benjamin Stoval -**BBA** in Management Interdisciplinary Business **BBA** in Marketing **Cross Plains BBA** in Management Magna Cum Laude (High Cole Koenig - BS in Wildlife

Management **Rising Star** 



# **Birthday Bash to be** hosted February 21st

everyone to help us celebrate. We Shirley Smith. 48-2

T.O. Meador turned "80" will be hosting a Birthday Bash February 10th. His family and on Saturday, February 21st at friends would like to invite 2:00pm in the home of Jerry and

# This fire season, perhaps landowners should to take a 'defensive driving' perspective on fire prevention and control

Hoss Sasin, AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in Callahan County, said in most cases the people traveling down the highways and county roads are not going to be worrying about the landowner's grass. So as landowners with something to protect, you need to take a lesson from the defensive driving course. You need to be watching out for them, and taking evasive actions. With the drought conditions that have set in across much of the state, that means thinking in terms of mitigation, fuel management and prescribed burning. AgriLife Extension range management and beef cattle specialists tell us that land owners need to think about fuel management shred it, graze it, burn it down to keep from getting in a situation where fire can do significant damage.

As a tool in fuel management, removing that fuel is important. Whether it's a welding spark, thrown cigarette or hot box on a railroad, if the fuel is not there, the fire won't have a chance to grow and spread. The Texas Forest Service has urged citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to a low pressure fronts that drop humidity levels and produce high winds. Tom Spencer, Forest Service predictive services department head, said these conditions could lead to wildfires that spread quickly, pose containment problems and

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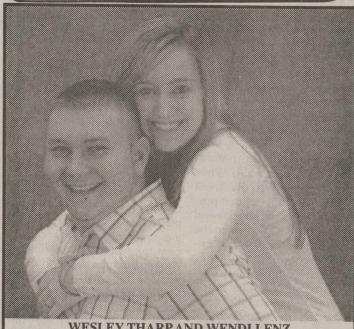
endanger public safety. Spencer warned that while some precipitation has fallen, prolonged drought conditions have not improved, and freezing temperatures only cause drought-cured grasses to become even drier. The Forest Service's Predictive Services Department forecasts that through the month of February, fuels, such as grasses and trees, are expected to remain critically dry. The wildfires on the wintercured grasses in the High Plains can spread up to 2-1/2 mph with flames reaching six to 10 feet in length. Some tools that land owners can use to mitigate and lower

the risk are: Make sure the roadside ditches are mowed adequately along their property line. Contact the highway department if necessary.

Prescribed burning can be an option to manage brush and high grasses, where burn bans are not in effect. The Forest Service has an updated list of counties enacting burn bans at: http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/ wildfires/decban.png

Establish fuel breaks (fire

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# WESLEY THARP AND WENDI LENZ Lenz - Tharp to Wed on February 21, 2009

Wayne and Karen Lenz of Convenience Bank and attending Cross Plains, and Kevin and Kelly Lone Star College in Kingwood. Bailey of Cleveland, Tx, wish to announce the engagement of their Spendora High School and is daughter, Wendi, to Wesley currently employed by First Tharp, son of James and Laura Convenience Bank. Tharp of Spendora, Tx.

Spendora High School and is Heather's Glen in Conroe, Tx. currently working at First

Wesley graduated from

The wedding will be held Wendi graduated from Saturday, February 21, 2009, at

# **Critical wildfire danger** alert for much of Texas says Forest Service

(COLLEGE Texas- Texas Forest Service difficult to control. (These po-(TFS) is urging citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to high winds and low relative humidity levels on Tuesday and Wednesday. (The areas of highest concern are the Panhandle, West Texas, Central Texas, the Hill Country and South Texas. This includes the cities of Paris, Witchita Falls, Childress, Perryton, Dalhart, Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, Brownwood, Midland/Odessa, Pecos, El Paso, Presidio, San Angelo, Del Rio, San Antonio, Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Victoria, La Grange, Austin, Waco and Dallas/Fort Worth. ("The combination of dry fuels, strong winds and critically low humidity will make fast moving wildfires," said Kent area conditions, go to http:// Prochazka, a National Weather texas forestservice.tamu.edu Service meteorologist working and click on Fire Danger/Adviwith TFS.

STATION, day or Wednesday will be very tentially devastating wildfires can quickly endanger public safety and property. Citizens should be aware of the conditions and should not engage in activities that could lead to an accidental wildfire starts.

> In Texas, humans cause 95 percent of wildfires. (Since the beginning of the winter 2009 wildfire season, which began on January 22, 2009, TFS has responded along with local fire departments to 167 wildfires which burned 27,563 acres.

During the same period, local fire departments have reported. an additional 1,149 wildfires

Brownwood Kirk Hornsby - BS in Wildlife Management

Teisha Childers -BS in Exercise and Sport Studies, Magna Cum Laude

### **Tarleton State Names Distinguished Students for Fall 2008 Semester**

Stephenville, Texas-The Cisco Distinguished Students list for the Lori Alford spring 2008 semester has been Rainey Bacon released by Tarleton State Chloe Byers University.

Distinguished Students include Kimberly Weiser freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 GPR Cross Plains and no grade lower than a C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade May lower than a C. All must be in Sunni Brown good standing with the university. Vicky Jenkins Area students included in the Kayla Turner

elite group are: Baird Chance Rodriguez Erica Stover

Ryan Payne

**Rising Star** Rebecca Bates Tylan Long.



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lanes) along tences, roadways and between buildings and fields.

When welding, be sure the work area is free of grass and debris, have a spotter and a water source handy.

More information about protecting against and preventing wildfires can be found at: http:// texashelp.tamu.edu/ .

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