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It's time to vote for United's Board of Directors & make plans to attend United's Annual Meeting! Mail your ballot in by Friday, Sept. 30 in the postage-paid envelope and you'll be automatically registered for a chance to win one of these prizes:

Grand Prize: \$500 CA\$H
Second Prize: \$200 bill credit
Third Prize: \$100 bill credit

See the ballot on inside of this back cover for more details.

Notice of Meeting

To: Members of United Cooperative Services

From: Patsy Dumas, Board Secretary/Treasurer of United Cooperative Services

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the membership of United Cooperative Services on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at 7 p.m. at the Glen Rose High School Auditorium in Glen Rose, Texas.

The following members have been nominated for the office of Director by the Nominations Committee for a three-year term of office:

District One

Billy Poland

District Two

Forrest G. "Casey" Tipps

District Three

Patsy Dumas

If you plan to attend the meeting, please bring your REGISTRATION CARD below for registration purposes. If you do not plan to attend, you may still participate in the affairs of the Cooperative by mailing the Proxy Card in the yellow envelope provided (see back cover for Proxy Card). No postage is necessary.

Annual Meeting Agenda

Health Fair: 5 – 7 p.m.

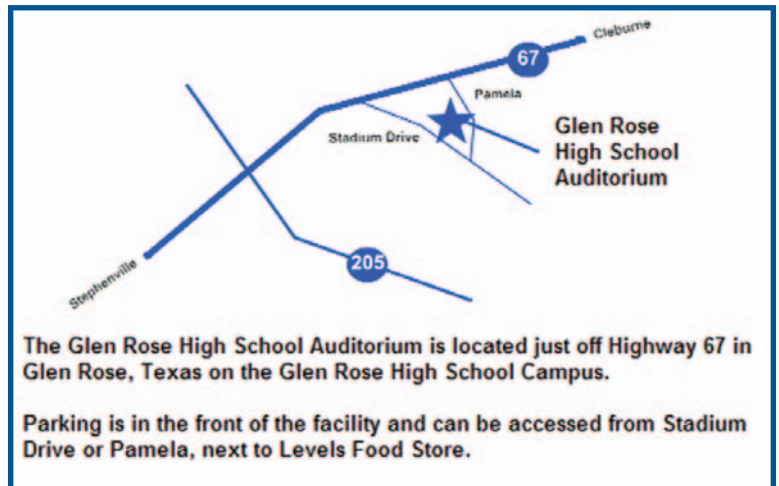
Annual Meeting Registration: 6 – 7 p.m.

Musical Entertainment: 6 – 7 p.m.

**Call to Order for the
Business Meeting — 7 p.m.**

Invocation
Introduction of Special Guests
Introduction of Directors
Notice of Meeting
Director Election
President's Report
General Manager/CEO's Report
Election Results
Adjournment
Door Prize Drawings

Map to the GRHS Auditorium



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REGISTRATION CARD

Please bring this card with you to United's Annual Meeting to register for FREE door prizes!

United's Board of Directors Nominees



Billy Poland — District One (Western Johnson County)

Billy Poland began serving as a director in 1976. He was born in Crowley, Texas but has resided in the Bono area for more than 40 years. Mr. Poland is a retired dairy representative who has spent several years farming and baling hay. He was instrumental in the formation of the North Texas Milk Producers, Inc. (now known as Associated Milk Producers, Inc.), for which he was a voting delegate during the mid-'70s. Mr. Poland is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge, is a board member for the Nolan River Volunteer Fire Department and serves as president of the Bono Cemetery Association. He is a past director of Brazos Electric Cooperative and currently a director with Southwest Energy.



Casey Tipps — District Two (Palo Pinto County Area)

Casey Tipps began serving as director in 1994. He graduated from Jourdanton High School and has lived near Possum Kingdom Lake for nearly 35 years. Mr. Tipps is a Navy veteran of World War II and worked for several years as a quality assurance inspector at Mason & Hanger — Silas Mason Company, producing, researching and maintaining atomic bombs for the federal government. He is a former member of the Lions Club and served as their president for three years. He is also a council member at the Possum Kingdom Community Church and a member of the Mineral Wells American Legion. Mr. Tipps currently works two days a week at the local senior citizen's club and enjoys fishing and gardening with his wife of 56 years, Dorothy.



Patsy Dumas — District Three (Burlison Area)

Patsy Dumas began serving as a director in 1990. Mrs. Dumas has been in the banking industry since 1965 and is currently a vice president and loan officer at First National Bank in Burlison. She has also worked for the Farmers and Merchants State Bank and the Cow Pasture Bank in Burlison. Mrs. Dumas was named Burlison Citizen of the Year in 1990 and was the first in her area to win the Athena Award – a national award for women. She has served on the Huguley Advisory Council since 1992 and spent several terms on the board of the Burlison Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Dumas is a past-president of her local American Cancer Society Unit, the Burlison Rotary Club and a Business and Professional Womens group. She is also on the Character First Steering Committee of Burlison and on the Burlison Beautification Council.

TEAR HERE

OFFICIAL PROXY BALLOT

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

DISTRICT ONE

- Billy Poland (nominee)
- _____

DISTRICT TWO

- Forrest G. "Casey" Tipps (nominee)
- _____

DISTRICT THREE

- Patsy Dumas (nominee)
- _____

Vote for a nominee in each district. Mark the space before the nominee's name with an "X". To vote for a "write-in" candidate, write that candidate's name in the space provided and mark the space before the candidate's name with an "X". You may vote for one director in each district, whether you live in that district or not.

ATTENTION:
SIGN HERE

**Ballot must be received by
Friday, Sept. 30 to be valid.**

Signature

(Ballot must be signed or it will not be counted)

Annual Meeting Health Fair

As part of United Cooperative Services' Annual Meeting, the 2005 Health Fair will offer valuable services for members in attendance. Located again this year in the cafeteria within the commons area of the Glen Rose High School, the Health Fair will take place from 5 – 7 p.m.

Once members register at the Health Fair, they will receive a Health Report Card, used to indicate individual health checks as members travel from station to station. This Health Report Card includes a checklist for nurses and technicians to record levels of lab work, scans and cholesterol levels.

This year's stations will include set-ups for physical therapy, pulmonary function, blood sugar and cholesterol level lab testing, blood pressure checks, bone density screenings, carotid doppler scans and skin cancer checks. Other stations include a senior care booth, an information center with material from health groups such as the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association and a table featuring give-aways and information about the Glen Rose Medical Center.

According to the Health Fair coordinator, Debra Ciccarelli, the Glen Rose Medical Center has provided United with excellent nurses, resources and technology greatly benefiting the wellness of more than 400 members each year at our Health Fair.

"At a time when most providers will not host a health fair without payment to techs, nurses or materials, it is good to note that as our single provider, the Glen Rose Medical Center

host this expensive Health Fair free of charge," Mrs. Ciccarelli said.

Also this year, United will again highlight the flu shot area, located as an extra benefit within the Health Fair. A specially-marked flu shot area will give members an opportunity to go directly to this table or include it with one of the many other screens. The cost of flu shots will remain at the low cost of \$10 each. Full payment will be due upon your registration at United's Health Fair.

Along with registration for the Health Fair, refreshments for this year's Annual Meeting will be in the commons area. United employees will be available to escort members to the commons area and the cafeteria from the Main Auditorium.



Annual Meeting Entertainment — Tarleton Jazz Combo

The Tarleton Jazz Combo will perform at United's Annual Meeting from 6 – 7 p.m. prior to the business meeting in the Main Auditorium. Their live music is sure to infuse the room with vibrant energy as the crowd listens to a mix of jazz favorites mixed with modern pieces.

Led by Tarleton State University jazz director Greg Ball, the ensemble specializes in traditional jazz standards from the 1940s through the present day. This prestigious group builds around a flexible ensemble of 8-10 performers rotating in and out for various performances. Many of

their arrangements were composed by the likes of George Gershwin, Sammy Cahn, Jerome Kern and Richard Rodgers.

According to Jonathan Hooper, Tarleton's director of bands, there is a lot of musical dialogue between the musicians, who feed off of each other's music, bouncing ideas off each other in a very loosely-framed format.

All performers are students at Tarleton State University in Stephenville who are committed to musical achievement. Usually, three to five musicians perform together for any given event, which is a

planned effort to allow the university students to play in a variety of venues and situations, promoting professional skills in an educational format.

The Tarleton Jazz Combo has performed in events ranging from small wedding receptions and banquets held locally to international music festivals in Dublin (Ireland), London, Vienna (Austria), Prague (Czech Republic) and Montreux (Switzerland).

Come a little early to United's Annual Meeting and enjoy the sounds of the Tarleton Jazz Combo.

Instructions for Voting by Mail-In Ballot

- 1) Mark your ballot by placing an "X" in the appropriate boxes.
- 2) Sign your ballot in the space provided. The member's signature is essential because it is part of the validation process of the ballot.
- 3) Place your ballot in the enclosed business reply postage-paid envelope.

Ballots will be processed and counted by the independent accounting firm of Auldridge, Mathews & Von Tungeln, P.C.

To be valid, mail-in ballots must be received at United's Cleburne office by Friday, Sept. 30.