

CRAYTON NEWS

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10 YEARS OF UNITY

After a successful celebration in 2009, I'm excited to inform you that this year's reunion marks 10 years of celebration for the Crayton Family Reunion. Over the years we have grown and become accustomed to the annual reunions. Along the way we have both lost and celebrated the birth of loved ones; but like any great family, the 10-year reunion is about bringing us together again. And this year will be a celebration like no other.

The 2009 Carnival Celebration was a blast featuring clowns, popcorn and cotton candy machines, piñatas and a full sized dunking booth among the normal reunion activities. This year we have a new set of activities in store and a new location.

The 2010 Reunion will be a 3-day event on Fourth of July Weekend starting with a Banquet on Friday July 2nd at 8:00pm - 12:00am at the Hall of Fame building

behind the Seguin Coliseum. The Banquet will be a dress to impress welcoming event that will include music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, a fashion show and more. Saturday the 3rd will host the Annual Picnic at the Starke Park Large Pavilion from 12:00pm - 5:00pm. In addition to the reunion activities we are located next to the Wave Pool so bring a swimsuit and a towel! Also the City of Seguin will be celebrating the Fourth of July Parade the morning of the 3rd and fireworks display later that evening. Sunday will conclude our activities with services at Clear View Baptist Church at 11:00am-12:00pm.

We are encouraging everyone to make a weekend trip out of this year's reunion and come celebrate 10 years of family unity in style. Hope to see you all there and have a 10-year Reunion to remember!

BANQUET 2010

WHAT:

Don't miss out on the classiest reunion event we ever hosted. The 2010 Banquet is a new addition to celebrate our 10 years of unity. This classy affair will include icebreaker activities that get the family ready for a weekend of fun. So come and join us in your finest "dress to impress" clothing and show off your style. While you're there enjoy music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, a fashion show and the fellowship of family!

WHEN:

July 2, 2010, 8:00pm - 12:00am

WHERE:

The Hall of Fame Building (located behind The Seguin Coliseum)

GREETINGS FAMILY!

We cordially invite you to attend the 3-day celebration of the Crayton Family Reunion on Friday, July 2nd - Sunday, July 4th, 2010. The festivities will begin with a Banquet on Friday July 2nd at 8:00pm - 12:00am at the Hall of Fame building behind the Seguin Coliseum. The Banquet will be a dress to impress welcoming event that will include music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, a fashion show and more. Saturday, July 3rd will host the Annual Picnic at the Starke Park Large Pavilion from 12:00pm - 5:00pm. In addition to the reunion activities we are located next to the Wave Pool so bring a swimsuit!

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Reunion Events:

Banquet:

Friday July 2, 8pm-12am, Hall of Fame

Picnic:

Saturday July 3, 12pm-5pm, Starke Park

Worship:

Sunday July 4, 11am-12pm
Clear View Baptist Church

Registration Fees:

Individual:	\$15/person
Couple:	\$25/couple
Group of 3:	\$35/group
Group of 4 or more:	\$10/person
Seniors (65) & Kids (under 4):	FREE

To make this spectacular event possible we need your financial support. The registration fees to attend this year's reunion are on a staggered scale. Individual participants are \$15.00 per person. Couples are \$25.00 per couple. A group of three is \$35.00 per group and groups of four or more people are \$10.00 per person. Seniors (65 and over) and children (under 4) are free. These fees help pay for the cost of all activities and events. Lunch will be provided at the annual picnic but each household is asked to bring a side dish, drinks or ice to add to the provided menu.

Registration fees are due by June 1, 2010. To register, complete the included form and follow the payment and address instructions specified. You can also register & pay online at www.craytonfamily.org. For additional information please call 830.372.5016. Let's all remember to get our money in on time and come support the 2010 Crayton Family Reunion.

DID YOU KNOW?

The history of the Crayton family began with John Crayton and a Native American woman named Riley, reportedly of Tonkawa Indian heritage. John Crayton originated from Tennessee and traveled to Texas. Along the way he met Riley, affectionately known to us as Grandma Riley and had a son named James (Jim) Crayton Sr.

Jim later met and married Jane Bell Allen (Grandma Jane). Together they were said to have 18 children, nine boys and nine girls. Among the known children were Jim Jr., Lizzie, Tennessee, Gurtrude, Minnie, Rhoda, Dock, Baylor, John, Ben and Bruce. It was these 18 children that gave existence to all known relatives in the family today. Many of these ancestors can be found buried in Crayton Cemetery located in the York Creek community on Lemann Road.



Clockwise: Grandma Jane Bell Allen, John Crayton, Ben Crayton & Bruce Crayton

TIME FLYS WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

There have been great memories over the last ten years of reunions. But if you missed anything, here is a quick run-through. After all they say a picture is worth a thousand words!

2001



2002



2005



2006



2004



2007



2003



2008



2009



2010 T-SHIRTS

Order your reunion t-shirt today! Complete the form & send it in with \$15.00 per shirt to the address listed. Orders must be received by June 1, 2010.



2010 REUNION BUDGET

In the past the Planning Committee managed the reunion budget internally, but due to the rising cost of goods over the years we want to inform the entire family of the budget cost and concerns. The biggest hurdle is raising enough money each year to cover the cost of the reunion. This is mainly the result of not receiving enough registration funds before the deadline or participants attending the reunion and not paying the required fees. Unfortunately, for the Planning Committee this means that we must cover the cost with our personal funds.

In order to maintain and continue the reunions in the future, we are asking everyone to get their money in before the deadline to prevent this from occurring again. Please help us continue coordinating this event each year by getting your money in on time. You can also make donations to the reunion fund online at www.craytonfamily.org or via mail by sending funds to 218 Harper St. Seguin, Texas 78155. Checks should be made out to Crayton Family Reunion. Lets all do our part to keep the Crayton Family Reunion going.

BANQUET HALL:	\$200.00
BANQUET MENU:	\$150.00
STARKE PARK PAVILLION:	\$200.00
PARK (PICNIC) MENU:	\$800.00
NEWSLETTER PRINTS:	\$118.57
MAILING STAMPS:	\$66.00
MOONBOUNCE:	\$168.00
DECORATIONS:	\$80.00
PRIZES, MISC.:	\$100.00
TOTAL:	\$1882.57



*Crayton Reunion
July 2-4*

CRAYTONS ON THE WEB

Visit us at our newly designed website, www.craytonfamily.org to see reunion photos, learn about history and register and buy t-shirts online.