

# Baird Star

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## Revival At First Baptist Church Set for April 9-12

A revival will be held running from April 9-12 at the Baird First Baptist Church. Revival Time for Sunday is 6:00 p.m. and Monday, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Wayne Shuffield, Evangelist will be the guest speaker and the Kellers will be the music leaders. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy.

Wayne Shuffield is the Director of the Missions,

## Community Leaders To Meet For Lunch

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces its annual network luncheon series set for April. Community leaders throughout the region meet for lunch and discuss topics that affect quality of life and local economies.

Civic leaders in every small city in the region are invited to attend the most convenient location to meet with neighboring community leaders. Luncheons are scheduled in Robert Lee - April 6th, Eastland - April 7th, Early - April 12th, Snyder - April 27th and Anson - April 29th. All luncheons are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

According to TMCN President Kirby Andrews of Sweetwater, "The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a brighter future for their respective city. This year's series of luncheons will focus on issues that will be addressed in the next Legislative Session. City

## Runoff for the Office of Pct. #4, J.P.

Callahan County election officials say that the early voting for the Republican Party Runoff Election consists of just one early voting location, the Room is #107 at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Early voting for the Republican run-off will occur on: April 11, 2006 with Early Voting from Monday, April 3 and continue through Friday, April 7. Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the Early voting locations open through 12 to 1 p.m.

The election pits candidates Burlie Taylor against Bob Hill and the regular Tuesday April 11 runoff election will consist of just two locations. Republican party voters in Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #5, Precinct #6 and Precinct #7 will vote in the Southside Baptist Church in Clyde. The Republican Callahan County voters in Cross Plains Precinct #4 will cast their votes at the Cross Plains Community Center in Cross Plains. Poll on Tuesday, April 11 will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early voting in the the Democratic Party Runoff

### D.P.S. Report

3-19 until 3-25-06

#### Cases

Warnings.....148  
Complaints.....130  
Fugitive Arrest--Abandonment.....1  
There were -- 3 accidents investigated in this time span.

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Evangelism and Ministry Team for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He is a graduate of H.S.U. (B.A., 1980) of Abilene and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div., 1985, D. Min., 1990 of Fort Worth).

He and his wife, Becky, have a daughter, Amy, who is a senior of Midlothian High School.

Dr. Shuffield served ministry positions for local Texas

and county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives, health professionals and ISD leaders are invited to participate.

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## Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinics in Callahan County

Monday, April 10th  
Baird Cafeteria--400 W. 7th St.  
10 a.m. to 12 a.m.  
Cross Plains Housing Authority  
233 N. Main  
2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12th  
Clyde First Baptist Church  
216 Austin

10 to 12 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 P.M.

Please Bring Child's Immunization Records  
For More Information call 325-754-4945

Baptist congregations from 1976-1999 including Youth Evangelical Administration, and Senior Pastor. he joined the B.G.C.T. Evangelism staff in 1999 and moved to his current position in 2005.

Dr. Shuffield has taught as adjunct Professor at two universities, served as Interim Pastor to six churches, authored four books, and written numerous magazine and journal articles.

His current ministry assignment is to give direction and Lead B.G.C.T. staff teams to encourage, facilitate and connect churches in their work to fulfill God's mission of reconciling the world to Himself.

The Democratic Primary Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 11 will be held at the Baird Activity Center with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Keep Baird Beautiful Summer Projects

Baird's summer bulb sale is now officially over. The Extension agents and KBB project participants would like to personally thank all the KBB Team Member for their active participation in this sale as well as of those who purchased bulbs not only to beautify their home but to support Keep Baird Beautiful. Bulb orders may be picked up Sat., April 22nd from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Baird Activity Building.

Earth day is Saturday, April

## Baird School Board Election to Be May 13th, Early Election Starts May 1

The Baird School Board election will take place with a slate of candidates which include Alfred "A.L." Hunter, a resident of Putnam, and a retired Principal, who takes position One on the Ballot drawing, followed at 2 with Joe Clark, 3 with Kenneth Brock, 4 for Sandra Collins, 5 for Burke Robinson, and 6th with Julie Patterson.

Early voting for the Baird School Board Election will begin Monday, May 1 and continue through Tuesday, May 9th, 2006.

The Baird School Board election is on May 13 and

22 and in observance of the day, KBB is excited to announce its first "table top gala" called **Celebrate Our Earth**. Tables purchased by a Table Hostess who is responsible for decorating her table to the theme of what **Celebrating Our Earth** means to her. She is also in charge of personally inviting seven other guests to assemble at 11:00 a.m. for a day of festivities, food,

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scheduled from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 P.M..

Election officials said the location of the early voting and May 13 school board election are to be in the Superintendent's office of the Baird Administration (High School complex).

Candidate filing is now concluded as of Monday March 13. Before this date two new candidates filed Julie Patterson and Sandra Collins; these and the above opposed now for re-election are Brock, Clark and Robinson, now on the School Board.

## Baird Ensures A Viable District After Turning Around District Opener Loss Against Eula

After a regrettable loss in the first stages of district play, to Eula, Baird improved its beginning District Record by an only three hit game to both

## Callahan Groups Participate In 20th Annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

ABILENE, Texas — Drivers saw something different along Texas roadways April 1, when approximately 200,000 volunteers around the state participated in the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off — one of the nation's largest one-day litter clean-up events.

So far, two Callahan County Adopt-a-Highway groups have signed up to take part in this annual event. They are the Baird Chamber of Commerce and 4-His Kids, Inc.

Trash-Off will launch a spring and summer filled with special events and contests commemorating the 20th anniversary of Don't Mess with Texas. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is a partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The public is invited to participate by contacting your local TxDOT district office at 325/676-6806 or the Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353 to adopt a stretch of highway or by signing up online at www.ktb.org.

"When you see thousands of volunteers coming together on one day to help keep Texas beautiful, it's truly inspiring," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "There's so much to celebrate this year as the Don't Mess with Texas campaign turns 20, and Trash-Off is certainly one

In addition to the media campaign, TxDOT is sponsoring a "Real Texans Don't Litter" Cleanup Contest, challenging "Real Texans" to volunteer at one of 25 cleanups around the state. The locations will be unveiled the day of Trash-Off, April 1, and the events will take place between May and mid-August. Visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org on April 1 for exciting news and additional information.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to encourage the public to refrain from littering for one designated day. Each year, approximately 830 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas' roadways and today, litter pickup costs taxpayers approximately \$36 million annually. Paid contractors clean 90 percent of these roadways, with groups such as Adopt-a-Highway doing the rest.

Ranger and Eula, the first of which with only three Baird hits.

In the Ranger game, the Bulldogs took a 4-3 lead up to the fifth inning, followed by Thomas Chavarria and Chris Whitworth runs, to add to the initial bunt single and double by Rodriguez and Cogburn.

Blan Scott took base on an error in 7, then he stole second and scored on a missed ball.

Against Cross Plains, the Bears lead in the fifth being the opponent, then scored 6.

Baird took six across the plate in the sixth to end the game with 10 runs.

After scoring three hits each by Justin English and Whitworth, Scott, Rodriguez and Orlando went to second, bringing Baird to 16-hits.

Victory was capmarked by Cogburn striking out six in 2-1/3 relief innings, after relieving Garrett Jennings.

## Pond Management Seminar To Be Held April 19th, Baird

Small pond owners, or those who want to be, have an excellent opportunity to learn more about small pond management at the Callahan County Farm Pond Management Seminar on April 19.

Callahan County Extension, in cooperation with the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a pond management seminar featuring biologists who specialize in management of ponds. The seminar will be held at the Baird Activity Center located at 208 Walnut beginning at 12:00 noon with a catered meal. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Gary Franke, Soil Conservation Technician with the Natural Resource Conservation Service will start the day discussing how to design and construct ponds.

Ricky Linex, Wildlife Biologist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service will follow with discussion on the Riparian buffers.

## Soil and Water Conservation Dist. Offering Low Cost Grass Seed to Landowners

Callahan S.W.C.D. would like to remind you that we are offering grass seed at an inexpensive price for landowners and operators in Callahan County and surrounding areas. We are offering a wide variety of seeds, which include over 89 varieties of native and improved grasses, Forbs and Legumes. We are also offering 15 different varieties of Wild Flowers and 11 kinds of Texas Perennial Wildlife Mixes. We have varieties that are suitable

for all soil types in this area. We can also custom design a mixture for your particular situation. We are also offering the use of our broadcaster to any landowner at a \$25 a day rental for help in seeding.

For more information on planning and planting or how to purchase this low cost grass seed contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th Street, Baird, T or call (325) 854-1349, EXT. 3.

## Fish Orders Now Being Taken By Callahan Soil and Water Conservation District

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for the Annual Fish Program. Each year the Annual Fish program offers through the District, these fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, TX. This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Hybrid Bream, Red Ear Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluecat, Crappie, Goldfish, and Koi. In addition we are also offering Red horse minnows, Fathead and Goldshiners.

Fish orders will be taken from April 19th, 2006 through May 25, 2006 or until supplies

run out, whichever comes first. The fish will be delivered to Baird on Thursdays. Appointments to pickup fish will be set up at the time of the order. All orders are prepaid with a check or money order and delivery is guaranteed.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird, TX at (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. The office is in Baird and located at 141 W. 4th.-Suite B.

Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany, TX, N.R.C.S. The number is (325) 762-2552, EXT. 3.

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# Baird Head Start Now Accepting Applications

A free child development pre-school program is available to qualifying families through Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Head Start.

Limited space is available for children three and four years old to help them make the transition to elementary school. Eligible children receive individualized teaching

and a variety of educational activities through Creative Curriculum. These stimulate mental, emotional, physical and social growth.

"Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. is a viable and substantial resource for Coleman, Brown, Callahan, Eastland, Comanche, McCulloch and Runnels County."

## Notice

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist./Div: Abilene  
Contract 6137-48-001 for STREET SWEEPING in CALLAHAN County, etc will be opened on May 03, 2006 at 2:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$98,170.40.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 19672

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

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awards, and special programs. They will be honoring three Baird I.S.D. students who participate in the Earth Day Grocery Bag Project through I.G.A. Lawrence Brothers in Clyde. Leslie Andrews, Keep Abilene Beautiful coordinator, and Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent will be providing the programs. Around 2:00 p.m., we will be winding down with the festivities and that's when you are invited to the Activity Building to pick up your bulb order. What a special day we are going to have!

Our Saturday, April 29th, in observance of Arbor Day on Friday, April 28th, Keep Baird Beautiful will host a special tree planting at the new girls softball park. We

wished our sincere appreciation to Garden Place for donating a Bur Oak for this special planting! Everyone is invited to join us on the 29th, and we will let you know the exact time and location of planting!

All proceeds from the bulb sale and the tabletop gala will benefit Keep Baird Beautiful. Your support and contributions keep KBB continue with the Lawn of the Month award and will help us to determine which new projects we will be able to take on.

KBB participated in the State's largest one-day Cleanup, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off on Sat., April 1. Please join us in making our state a cleaner and more beautiful place to live.

Abilene District District Engineer  
4250 N. Clark  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
(4-6-06, 4-13-06)

## Meals On Wheels Need Donations

The Callahan County Nutrition Project as well as the Meals on Wheels is in need of donations, due to the increases in fuel, food and repairs and a need to stay in budget. The project delivers food to those who cannot travel to the Center to have their lunch and serves about 200 meals a day while the Center serves about 150. Donations to the program may be sent to the Callahan County Nutrition Project, Ste. 302 Courthouse Baird, TX 79504.

Your support of this project is much appreciated. Several fund-raisers are in progress at the present time, such as quilts, cook books. If you choose to donate in this way.

You may contact: Project Director Katie Dunn, 854-5658 at the Office in the Courthouse or one of the site managers, Bruce Bell, Baird Center 854-1937, Vickey Burns, Clyde 893-4556 or Kathy Anderson, Cross Plains, 254-725-6521.

## Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

### For Sale

Tell your neighbors  
Tell your friends  
The best eggs come  
From country hens  
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**ACRIFAGE**  
29 Acres with 2-story cabin, mostly oak trees, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$55,000. **SOLD**  
38 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, hill that overlooks two creeks that cut through the property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$57,000. **SOLD**  
50 Acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquite trees, 2 ponds, county road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$75,736.  
51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields, Interstate 20 road frontage, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$61,200.  
51 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, one field excellent for food plot, 1 pond, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,450 per acre.  
60 Acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yds of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded. **SOLD** King Lake Cisco, canyons, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail. \$72,000.  
65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower side, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
80 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 ponds with 1 being stocked with fish, remote, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,000.  
81 Acres wooded with oak & mesquite trees with a very large hill, 1 pond, creek. This property is surrounded by large **SOLD** property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,895.  
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$105,825.  
84 Acres by Desdemona mostly wooded with post oak, live oak, spanish oak, hills, canyons, good creek that cuts through the middle, 1 smaller coastal field. Water well, one pond, potential lake site. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,595 per acre.  
93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including parts of Lake Daniels, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.  
101 Acres with house several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan & cottonwood trees, 3 ponds, water well, **SOLD** 3 BR, 1 bath, needs some work, older large barn, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$160,000.  
112 Acres, wooded and cleared, very large canyon on property, hills, older mobile home with CH/CA and older frame house, highway frontage. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$145,600.  
116 Acres on large creek, wooded with oak trees, one larger field in the middle, good for cattle or hunting. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,350 per acre.  
118 Acres Comanche County, wooded & open, two creeks, 1 runs most of year round, 3 ponds, 3 water wells, oak, pecan **SOLD** in creek bottom, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,300 per acre.  
127 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, **SOLD** half of another large pond stocked with fish, creeks, hills, two small ponds, water well, **SOLD** duck, quail, \$1,250 per acre.  
151 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 8 water wells, wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$196,490.  
151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 BR, 2 bath home with outbuildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$220,183.  
160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land, 2 large ponds in a canyon in the oak timber, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$236,000.  
166 Acres approximately 60% wooded with oak and mesquite & 40% open, pond, creek, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$176,550.  
217 Acres 65% fields & grassland, **SOLD** hill, 25% oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$236,000.  
275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$328,625.

**COMMERCIAL**  
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath, CH/A on each side, \$29,500. 3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$39,500. Call for details. Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call for details.  
Close to I-20 & Hwy. 206 intersection on 1.375 acres with 2 large metal bldgs., lots of potential for this property for business or warehouse storage. \$59,500.  
Large restaurant, approx. 3752 sq. ft. (per cad) with 3 dining rooms. 2 CH/A units, eqpt. and furniture included for \$79,500. On approx. 2 acres, 1-20 frontage. Call for details.

**HOUSES**  
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, **SOLD** fenced storage, fenced backyard. Reduced to \$22,500.  
3 BR, 2 bath home with double carport, workshop or storage bldg., lg. trees, \$27,500.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just being replaced, double carport w/fenced storage, corner lot, large trees, \$28,500.  
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate LP, **SOLD** detached garage with storage, lg. trees, \$29,500.  
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen, 3/4 bath and CH/A on each side, it can be used as single family home. Reduced to \$29,500.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large room, **SOLD** pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, **SOLD** double carport, shop or storage bldg., lg. corner property, \$62,000.  
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate dining room, CH/A, carport, garage, privacy fenced backyard. \$35,000.  
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home with CH, storm windows, covered patio, carport, RV parking, 2 storage bldgs., large pecan trees, reduced to \$34,000.  
2 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, large rooms, separate LR, DR and den, many kitchen cabinets, double carport, 2 storage bldgs. **SOLD** backyard, very spacious inside & out.  
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, deck, carport, storage bldg., fenced backyard, corner property, \$36,000.  
3 BR 2 bath home, CH/A, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double garage, \$48,500.  
Spacious 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with CH/A well decorated and landscaped, 2 living areas or dining room, lg. utility room, **SOLD** double carport, shop or storage bldg., lg. corner property, \$62,000.  
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/A on 24 lots, \$65,000.  
3 BR, 2 bath home, recently built, CH/A, WB htr, patio, double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water plus water well, \$69,500.  
5 BR, 2 bath 2 story home. Lots of character, formal DR, office, lg. rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded by **SOLD** lg. corner property, several fireplaces, fenced backyard. REDUCED TO \$76,500.  
4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CH/A, woodburning fireplace, large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras on corner lot. \$79,900.

**LAKE CISCO**  
Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home CH/A, W/BFP, great view of lake from DR, LR, den & Master BR, lg. landscaped yard, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bldg. & many extras. Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home. 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced.  
Beautifully landscaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with W/BFP and 2 CH/A units. Large kitchen with many nice cabinets and builtins. Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees and many extras.

Ann Williams, Broker Jimmy Williams

**Baird Baseball Roster 2006**

Feb. 23-25	Olney Tour.	TBA	
Feb. 27	Abilene H.S. JV	H.	4:30
March 2-4	Eastland Tour.	TBA	
March 6	Abilene H.S. J.V.	H	4:30
March 9-11	Anson Tour.	TBA	
March 14	Eastland	H	1:00
March 16	Anson	H	12:00
March 20	Eula*	T	4:00
March 24	Cross Plains	H	4:30
March 27	Ranger*	T	4:00
March 31	Albany*	H	4:00
April 3	A.C.H.S. %	T	6:00
April 7	Gorman*	T	5:00
April 11	Eula*	H.	5:00
April 13	Snyder	T	7:00
April 17	Cross Plains*	T	4:00
April 21	Ranger*	H	5:00
April 25	Albany*	T	5:00
April 28	Tolar	T	6:00
May 2	Gorman	H	5:00

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Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

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**Officials differ on scope of special session**

By Ed Sterling  
AUSTIN - Something is floating in the Texas sky and it's big enough to obscure the sun. To some observers it looks like a spring cloud, to others, it's more like the airship Hindenburg. But really, it's just a question: How will the Legislature, in a 30-day special session, fix the state's unconstitutional tax system?

Since the late 1980s the Legislature repeatedly has failed to agree on something better than "Robin Hood," the court-ordered wealth-sharing formula that requires rich school districts to contribute a portion of their tax revenue into a pot divided among poor school districts.

And, during those 20-odd years, the Legislature forced school districts to pay an ever-increasing share of the cost to fund education. Now hundreds of districts are taxing at the cap rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Texas' top officeholders are looking toward April 17, opening day for the 79th Legislature's third called session, each with different perspectives on how to proceed.

Gov. Rick Perry called the special session with the sole purpose of getting lawmakers to fix the state's broken property tax system.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, wants to expand the call to include school finance reform.

Even House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, who heretofore has kept a lid on

any proposal that smells like a new tax or throws money at a problem, is talking in conciliatory terms.

But Perry seems firm in his resolve to limit the Legislature's business to property tax reform, because the Texas Supreme Court ruled the property tax system must be made constitutional by June 1 "or else."

Adding pressure to the court-imposed deadline are Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman and Chris Bell, candidates for governor.

The challengers are banging drums and tooting fifes for reform, and if Perry's leadership fails to produce acceptable results, they likely will win points with voters in the November election.

All three say they are for teacher pay raises, and Perry says he is, too.

But Friedman has given his teacher-pleasing idea the catchiest title: "The No Teacher Left Behind Act."

**Comptroller cuts off payments**

Also, Strayhorn, in her role as state comptroller, stopped a \$10,000 payment to a Washington, D.C., lobbying

and public relations firm used by the governor's Office of State-Federal Relations.

Strayhorn said an audit by her agency found that payments made to The Federalist Group were to go to a third party, Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide, a firm that does not have a contract with the state of Texas.

Earlier, Strayhorn stopped further payments to Cassidy & Associates, another Washington, D.C., lobbying firm that is under contract with the Office of State-Federal Relations. She said an audit shows payments to the firm have already exceeded the contracted limit of \$330,000.

Gov. Perry's office brushed off Strayhorn's action, calling it a publicity stunt, and saying the money was used to promote tourism.

**Strayhorn files suit against state**

On March 24, Strayhorn sued Secretary of State Roger Williams for making it unreasonably difficult for independent candidates to get on the ballot for the November statewide election.

Williams said his office would manually examine the

signatures on her petition, rather than sample enough signatures at random to be statistically accurate and quicker.

The Strayhorn campaign wants the state's chief election officer and an appointee of Gov. Perry, to audit signatures now through the end of the signature-gathering period on May 11.

Williams refused, and said his office would not begin the task until after May 11.

Strayhorn and Friedman need 45,540 valid signatures each in order to get a spot on the ballot.

**TABC enforces aggressively**

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has begun to send officers into bars to arrest drunken patrons. The fine is \$500 and/or jail time.

**April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to focus on the protection and care of our most vulnerable and trusting resources - our children. Governor Perry has proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas.

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time, individuals and organizations have joined during April to raise the public's awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

Nearly 200,000 Texas children are reported as abused or neglected every year, according to Child Protective Services, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. April is child abuse prevention month in Texas and in the nation.

"It's a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent

abuse from ever occurring," said Wendell Teltow, Executive Director for Prevent Child Abuse Texas. "This is our opportunity to make a difference in young lives."

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse, according to the state agency charged with protecting children.

"Yes, children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised," said Teltow. "But parent's are not alone. We need to raise the public's awareness of these distressing statistics," says Teltow, "and to encourage people to become involved in the prevention of child abuse. One small, but public way of showing your support, is wearing a blue ribbon during April. Remember, children are helpless, you are not."

According to Prevent Child Abuse America forty-three percent of American parents report spanking or hitting their child, 37 percent report insulting or swearing at their child, and two percent report having kicked, bit or punched their child. More than 3 million children were reported to child protective service agencies as alleged victims of child abuse or neglect each year, and approximately 1 million of these reports are confirmed.

Prevent Child Abuse Texas is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in all its forms. Its network works in a collaborative manner with community, state, and national groups to turn information into action by developing sound child and family oriented community-based prevention programs, public awareness activities, educational initiatives, and

training programs. For more information, please call 800-CHILDREN or visit [www.preventchildabusetexas.org](http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org).

**Youth Lifestyle Advance April 6**

It's pretty clear from what you read in the papers and see on television what is capturing our youth is a message that you should have sex early, often and with many. There is a concerted effort in Hollywood and the mainstream media to turn our youth away from traditional values. We live in a culture hostile to traditional values that has produced shocking statistics on the state of our youth.

The question is, "What are you going to do about it?" As youth, are you going to stand up and be heard for what you know is right? Come join with us if you want to be empowered to cope with peer pressures regarding dating, sex and all the related emotions.

On April 6, River of Life Church hosts a monthly meeting for girls, grades 7-12 in the Children's Cathedral at the River of Life complex. The time is 6:30 pm.

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# Guest Slot

By H.V.O.

AS YOU no doubt have observed we get letters and/or opinion pieces that sometimes, even by our estimation, are a bit farafield. We've printed a lot, round-filed a great deal more, and pondered (as is evident by our piled up desk) others before doing either with...Point: there are so many important things a 'stir in our own neck of the woods that deserve, yeah beg, further explanation and/or exploitation, that we sometimes overlook the fact that the "bigger" factors "out there" are important to all of us...A lot of unsolicited mail consists of columns and opinions from all sorts of folks, and you'd probably guess that the bulk of these, no small number, decry guess what? The United Nations. And we've all read reports hither and yon about the abuses of the U.N. and why the U.S. should pull out and kick out. We'd guess just about everybody has an opinion on this; and we'd wager that a lot of the local opinions would be that we could do very well without the U.N., thank you. Here, we try to think independently, and work hard to consider both sides. On the one hand we can see the value of world cooperation; the argument to that is the question: "With savages, criminals, terrorists and assassins?" We'd suggest that isolationism isn't desirable and/or possible in the world we live in today...So as the King

of Siam might have said; "It is a puzzlement."  
The most damning prose we've ever read about the excesses of the United Nations comes from excerpts from a speech by Mark Steyn, a columnist for major newspapers in this country as well as Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Jerusalem. The speech was in December at the Hillsdale College 6th annual Churchill Dinner in D.C., and is excerpted in the College's Publication Imprismis. (Hillsdale is an independent (no federal funds) located in Michigan.) His abbreviated remarks:  
The UN is a shamefully squalid organization whose corruption is almost impossible to exaggerate. If you think--as the media and the left do in this country--that Iraq is a god-awful mess (which it's not), then try being the Balkans or Sudan or even Cyprus or anywhere where the problems been left to the United Nations. If you don't want to bulk up your pension by skimming the Oil-for-Food program, no need to worry. Whatever your bag, the UN can find somewhere that suits--in West Africa, it's Sex-for-Food, with aid workers demanding sexual services from locals as young as four; in Cambodia, it's drug dealing; in Kenya, it's the refugee extortion racket; in the Balkans, sex slaves. On a UN peace mission, everyone gets his

piece.  
Didier Bourguet, a UN staffer in Congo and the Central African Republic, enjoyed the pleasures of 12-year-old girls, and as a result is now on trial in France. His lawyer has said he was part of a UN pedophile network operating from Africa to southeast Asia. But has anyone read anything about that? The merest glimpse of a U.S. servicewoman leading an Abu Ghraib inmate around with girly knickers on his head was enough to prompt calls for Donald Rumsfeld's resignation, and for Ted Kennedy to charge that Saddam's torture chambers were now open "under new management." But systemic UN child sex in at least 50 percent of their missions? The transnational morality set can barely stifle their yawns. If you're going to sexually assault prepubescent girls, make sure you're wearing a blue helmet.  
The child sex racket is only the most extreme example of what's wrong with the UN approach to the world. Developed peoples value resilience: when disaster strikes you bounce back. A hurricane flattens Florida, you patch things up and reopen. As the New Colonial Class, the UN doesn't

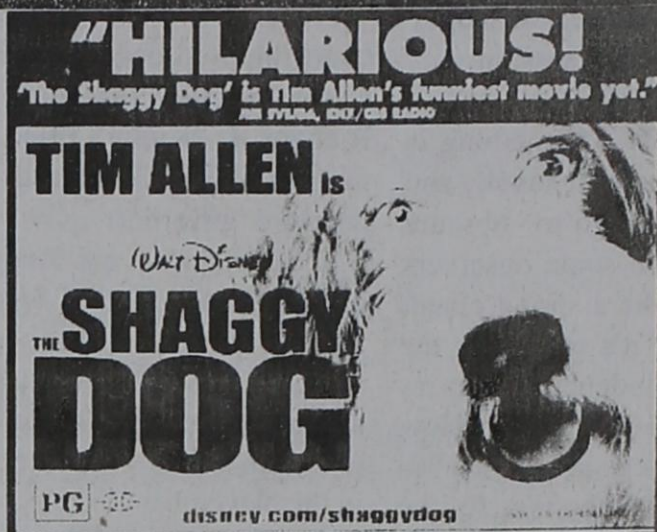
look at it like that: when disaster strikes, it just proves that you and your countrymen are children who need to be taken under the transnational wing. The folks who have been under the UN wing the longest--indeed, the only ones with their own permanent UN agency and semi-centenarian "refugee camps--are the most comprehensively wrecked people on the face of the earth: the Palestinians. UN terrorists like Kosovo are the global equivalent of inner-city housing projects with the blue helmets as local enforcers for the absentee slum landlord. By contrast, a couple of years after imperialist warmonger Bush showed up, Afghanistan and Iraq have elections, presidents and prime ministers.  
"Let's just take one of the scandals that go widely unreported in the American media--the UN Oil-for-Food program. Among the targets of the corruption investigation was Kofi Annan's son Kojo--who had a \$30,000-a-year job but managed to find a spare quarter-million dollars sitting around to invest in a Swiss football club. The investigators then broadened their sights to include Kofi's brother Kobina Annan, the Ghanaian Ambassador to Morocco, who

has ties to a businessman behind several of the entities involved in the scandal--one Michael Wilson, the son of the former Ghanaian Ambassador to Switzerland and the childhood friend of young

Kojo. Mr. Wilson is currently being investigated for bribery involving a \$50 million contract to renovate the Geneva offices of the UN World Intellectual Property Organization.

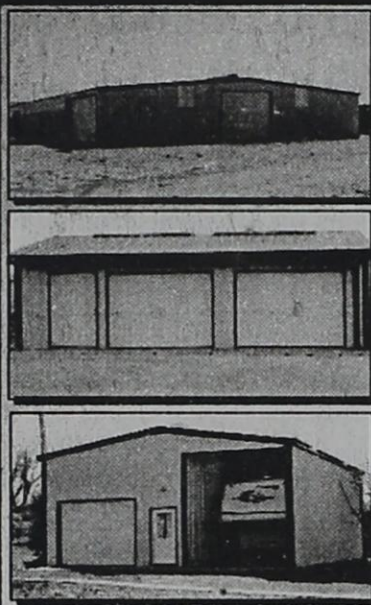
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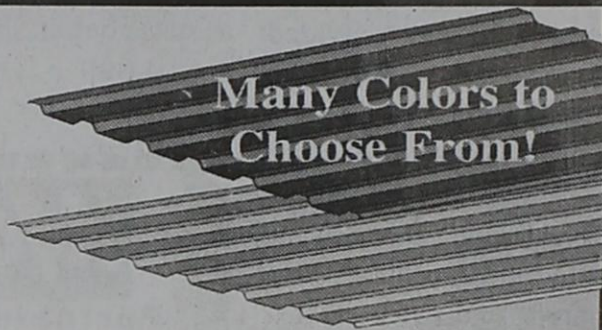


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Many different types of patients benefit from donated blood. A cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy may use six or more pints of blood during treatment. An accident or trauma victim may use as many as forty pints of blood while as little as three teaspoons of blood

can save the life of a premature baby. "There is no substitute for human blood," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "It is truly the gift of life that is given from a healthy person to someone whose life is dependent on a volunteer blood donor."

Blood donors must be a minimum of 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and in good health. Those who have questions regarding donor eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org)

Each donor will receive a T-shirt and a free total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

## Make The Most Of Your Medical Appointments

By Andrew B. Crocker-Extension Gerontology Health Specialist  
Submitted by Beth Stone, CEA-FCS

For some people, a visit to the hospital or physician's office can be a very stressful experience - a long drive may have been involved, almost certainly a long wait. By the time you actually see your health professional, you may forget to tell him or her something important. To ensure the best quality care for you or your loved one, take an active role in preparing for your health visits so that you may take full advantage of your time with the health professional.

Most people don't leave their house for the supermarket without a list of things to buy, right? A visit to your health professional should be no different. A suggestion for keeping this list might include purchasing a spiral bound notebook so that all your information is kept in the same place. Make a list of questions, comments and concerns before going to your health provider's office, leaving space to write down any instructions you might be given. Your list should address:

- Your main reason for visiting your health provider
- Your list of health concerns and/or complaints, in order of importance
- When did it start? What makes it better? What makes it worse?
- Your list of medications. Include dosages, why you take that medication and any side-effects you may be experiencing.

During your visit you will be able to work your way down this list, making sure that each item is addressed. By having this information ready, you will be able to maximize your time with your health provider. Your part of the visit with your health provider includes listening to his or her

responses to your questions and concerns. Since you left space under each one of your questions, comments or concerns, you should be able to write down the response from your health provider.

When you get home, you will be able to go over the instructions that your health provider gave you during the office visit. The time in between your office visits is also the time to begin making out your new list of questions, comments and concerns for your health provider. Your spiral bound notebook has now become your own health record! Remember not to keep

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A spiral bound notebook will serve as an excellent personal health record. However, if you want something a little more "official", the Administration on Aging has a publication entitled "Personal Health Care Journal" which may help you "get organized" for your next visit with your health provider. You may download this journal or order a free copy from <http://www.aoa.gov/press/publications/publications.asp>.

For more information on preparing for a visit with

your health provider, contact your local County Extension Agent, Beth Stone at 254-692-2222.

Caring for a seriously ill person is very stressful. Whether they are at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing home, it is a difficult time for the primary caregiver as well as the immediate family. Hospice care is an important source of help and support to patients, caregivers, and their families in this situation. A team of healthcare professionals and counselors works together to assist families in caring for their loved ones. However, one of the most valuable members of the hospice team is not a healthcare professional or a trained counselor. It is the hospice volunteer.



VEDA ADAMS

Hospice volunteers are individuals in the community who give their time and talents to help others in their time of need. After some training by the hospice team, they assist patients and their families in a variety of ways such as reading to patients, running errands, or delivering supplies. Volunteers also help without having direct contact with the patients. They bake cookies for grief support group meetings, address envelopes, and file charts.

Veda Adams of Olden has been a Girling Hospice volunteer for several months. A retired nurse, Mrs. Adams is able to give several hours a week visiting patients and has become a vital part of the team. Girling Hospice would like to thank Mrs. Adams for all her time, her delicious cookies, and her beautiful smile that blesses the patients, their families, and the Girling team.

Girling Hospice of Eastland is always in need of more volunteers. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Girling Hospice Volunteer Program can call the Girling office at 629-1268.

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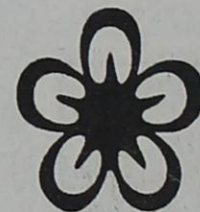
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# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Bro. Andy Hansen of Morgan Mill was the speaker at both services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. His wife, Gidget, also attended the services. The morning message was on the "Purpose of a Church", saying that a church should be a worshipping church, a service church and a witnessing church. Thomas Seay rendered the special music "In The Shelter Of His Arms", with Daryl Hirst at the piano. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Helen Browning and Ben Burgess. Vernon Bennett of Crane, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona, Ben Burgess of Gorman and Ed and Ruth Rodgers of Gorman were visitors.

The evening message was "Why Our Prayers Are Not Effective" listing 12 reasons from various scriptures. Cookies and cold drinks were served during a fellowship time following the service.

Bro. Jerry Speer of Ranger will be the speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, April 9th.

The Kokomo Baptist Church will have a sunrise service at 7:00 A.M. at the Little Family Cabin at Lake Leon, on County Road 579 off the Staff Road, on Easter Sunday. There will be no regular service. An egg hunt for the children will be held following the sunrise service. Visitors are welcome.

Jimmy and Verna Little, Betty Little and Zelda Jordan were among the large crowd that attended the Gospel Music Concert, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Thursday night, March 30 featuring the Messengers of Gorman, Marvin KcKeehan of Comanche, Crosswalk,

Richard Rossander, and Elvis who delighted the audience with some special songs. A very enjoyable program.

Beverly and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited with Betty and Larry Strube.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Daisy Slaton and little granddaughter, Kaity, Icy Munn, Opal Burton, Diane Tumey of Wichita Falls, Doris Bradshaw,

Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Zeldia Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Graham with Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Donna,

Gary, Leslie, Melanie and Garrett and helped Melanie celebrate her 13th birthday and to see Emily and Garrett play T-ball on Saturday.

Norma Webb visited with Zeldia Jordan.

# Obituary

## Harold Feltner

Harold Feltner of Murfreesboro, IN passed away at home after a hard fight with Lou Gehrigs disease.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 1, 2006 at Jennings & Ayers Chapel in Murfreesboro, Texas.

He was operations manager for Flextronics in Lebanon. He was a member of World Outreach Church. Harold is survived by his wife

Marsha; 3 daughters, Natasha, Sudie, Malia and son Harold Feltner Jr. all of Murfreesboro, IN; his parents, Dale and Dottie Holleman of Rising Star, Walter and Bonnie Feltner of Florence, KY; brothers Bobby Feltner of San Antonio, James Feltner of Brookessmith; sister, Leisha Self of Rising Star; half brothers, Kyle and Cliff of Florence, KY; stepbrothers, Wayne Holleman of Mineral Wells, Bart Holleman of Early, Blake Holleman of Lake Brownwood; and sister, Angela Babbs of Lubbock.

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**Girls**  
**Team Totals:** 1. Wylie J.V. 107; 2. Gorman, 93.5; 3. Poolville, 89; 4. Albany, 86; 5. Bryson, 82; 6. **Ranger, 54;** 7. Millsap, 27.5; 8. Woodson, 23; 9. Breckenridge, 21; 10. Graham, 14; 11. Merkel, 6.

**High Jump:** 1. Mezker, Poolville, 4-8; 2. Keenum, Wylie J.V., 4-6; 3. Carlton, Gorman 4-4; 4. Viertel, Albany, 4-4; 6. Jones, Gorman, 4-4.

**Triple Jump:** 1. Martinez, Poolville, 30-9; 2. S. Hagle, Woodson, 30-7; 3. Morgan, Wylie J.V., 29-11.5; 4. Carroll, Albany, 29-6; 5. Perez, Gorman, 29-5; 6. C. Hagle, Woodson, 29-4.

**Long Jump:** 1. Thornburg, Bryson, 33-3; 2. Rodriguez, Albany, 30-10; 3. Berry, Poolville, 29-9; 4. Nichols, Wylie J.V., 28-8; 6. Davenport, Woodson, 27-1.5.

**Discus:** 1. Berry, Poolville, 114-6.5; 2. Thornburg, Bryson, 93-9.5; 3. Rodriguez, Albany, 87-4.75; 4. Trejo, Albany, 84-11.5; 5. C. Hagle, Woodson, 82-0.75.

**Pole Vault:** 1. Norton, Albany, 8-6; 2. Thornburg, Bryson, 6-6.

**3200-M Run:** 1. Pinnell, Gorman, 13:23.54; 2. Thackerson, Gorman, 13:38.56; 3. Walton, Poolville, 14:16.13; 5. Jones, Gorman, 14:49.33; 6. Vasquez, Wylie J.V., 15:00.28.

**800 M Run:** 1. Walton, Poolville, 2:44.97; 2. Carlton, Gorman, 2:45.82; 3. Jordan, Wylie J.V., 2:49.27.

**400 M Relay:** 1. Ranger, 54.13; Wylie J.V. 54.49; 3. Bryson, 54.94. 4. Albany, 55:22. 5. Gorman, 56.10.

**100 M:** 1. Fischer, Ranger, 13.6 5; 2. Cogburn, Gorman 13.67; 3. Volcko, Merkel, 14.07.

**300 M Hurdles:** sans times listed. 1. Viertel, Albany; 2. Thornburg, Bryson, 3; Keenum, Wylie J.V.; 4. Lewis, Gorman; 5. Willingham, Wylie.

**800 M Relay:** 1. Wylie J.V., 1:55.09; 2. Ranger, 1:58.85; 3. Bryson, 2:00.94; 6. Gorman, 2:02.94.

**200 M Dash:** 1. Hartsfield, Wylie, J.V.; 27.19; 2. Stanford, Millsap, 27.39; 3. Johnston,

Gorman, 28.83.  
**400 M Dash:** 1. Vickers, Woodson, 1:07.68; 2. Rincon, Graham, 1:08.58; 3. Carlton, Gorman, 1:08.67; 4. McManus, Wylie J.V., 1:08.68; 5. Purvis, Wylie J.V., 1:09.12.

**1600 M Mar.:** 1. Powell, Gorman, 5:42.78; 2. Hodge, Ranger, 5:56.41; 3. Thackerson, Gorman, 6:17.38.

**1600 M Relay:** 1. Albany, 2; Wylie J.V. 4:35.31; 3. Woodson, 4:36.30.

**Division II**  
**Team Totals:** Wylie 221; 2. Clyde, 142; 3. Breckenridge, 94; 4. Eastland, 47.5 5. Merkel, 45; 6. Vernon, 26.5; 7. Graham, 25.

**High Jump:** 1. Carter, Merkel, 5-2; 2. Brown, Graham, 5-0; 3. Hobson, Graham; 5-0; 4. Stoker, Breckenridge, 4-10; 6. Wells, Eastland, 4-8

**Triple Jump:** 1. Yates, Clyde, 35-6; 2. Wright, Wylie, 35-1. 3. Snyder, Eastland, 32-0.5; 4. Edwards, Wylie, 32-8.5; 5. Williamson, Eastland, 32-2.5; 6. Viertel, Clyde, 31-0.5.

**Long Jump:** 1. Wright, Wylie, 17-7.75; 2. Yates, Clyde, 17-0. 3. McGee, Vernon, 16-5.5; 4. Edwards, Wylie, 16-4; 5. Sampson, Clyde, 15-10; 6. Hobson, Graham, 15-8.75.

**Shot Put:** 1. Hall, Vernon, 36-6.5; 2. Lawson, Breckenridge, 32-2; 3. Laina, Wylie, 34-5; 4. Villanueva, Clyde; 33-0.25. 5. Chrane, Wylie, 31-11.75; 6. Ramos, Clyde, 32-4.5.

**Discus:** 1. Johnson, Eastland, 119-2; 2. Laina, Wylie, 113-5; 3. Adams, Wylie, 106-8.5; 4. Jackson, Clyde, 103-4; 5. Villanueva, Clyde, 101-5; 6. Pack, Eastland, 99-10.

**Pole Vault:** 1. Wells, Eastland, 10-6; 2. Jenkins, Clyde, 9-6; 3. Light, Wylie, 9-6; 5. Thompson, Breckenridge, 6-0.

**3200 M Mar.:** 1. O'Connell, Wylie, 13:02.14; 2. Fittler, Merkel, 13:18.28; 3. Valencia, Breckenridge, 14:00.17; 4. Mathis, Wylie, 14:16.37; 5. Burke, Wylie, 14:20.15. 6. Duran,

Breckenridge, 14:30.27.  
**400 m Relay:** 1. Clyde, 50.18; 2. Wylie, 50.26; 3. Breckenridge, 52.46; 4. Eastland, 53.97.  
**800 M run:** 1. Portlock, Clyde, 50.18; 2. Jujas, Wylie; 3. Lachiphian, Wylie; 4. Shugart, Merkel; 5. Nies, Merkel; 6. Johnson, Wylie.

**100 M Hurdles:** 1. Korzenewski, Clyde, 15.71; 2. Macnoll, Wylie, 16.82; 3. Felts, Wylie, 17.20; 4. Thompson, Breckenridge, 17.24; 5. Speung, Breckenridge, 16.38; 6. Harris, Clyde, 17.49.  
**100 M Dash:** 1. Parks, Breckenridge, 13.09; 2. Wright, Wylie, 13.11; 3. Bartlett, Clyde, 13.13; 4. Mendez, Merkel, 13.45; 5. Wylie, 13.46; 6. Lawson, Breckenridge, 13.67.

**400 M Dash:** 1. Doby, Wylie, 1:01.361 2. Loflin, Wylie, 1:01.86. 3. Portlock, Clyde, 1:02.28; 5. Lawson, Breckenridge, 1:50.04; 4. Eastland, 1:54.28.  
**800 M. Relay:** 1. Wylie, 1:47.05. 2. Clyde, 1:47.65; 3. Breckenridge, 1:50.04; 4. Eastland, 1:54.28.

**300 M Hurdles:** 1. Hobson, Graham, 48.10; 2. Pease, Wylie, 49.53; 3. Harris, Clyde, 50.00. 4. Stutz, Breckenridge, 50.61; 5. Gregg, Wylie, 50.99; 6. Steph, Clyde, 51.95.

**200 M Dash:** 1. Edwards, Wylie, 25.37; 2. Yates, Clyde 25.52; 3. Sampson, Clyde, 26.67; 4. Langford, Breckenridge, 27.22; Gray, Wylie, 27.52; 6. Bellah, Merkel, 28.35.

**1600 M Relay:** 1. Wylie, 5:14.16; 2. Breckenridge, 4:22.04; 3. Clyde, 4:28.60; 4. Merkel, 4:29.82.  
**Boys**  
**Div. III**  
**Team Results:** 1. Millsap, 77 points; 2. Ranger, 73; 3. Woodson, 72; 4. Graham, 69; 5. Clyde, 53; 6. Poolville, 49; 7. Bryson, 47; 8. Gorman, 45; 9. Merkel, 41; 10. Wylie, 36; 11. Comanche, 28; 12. Albany, 26; 13. Vernon, 16.

**Discus:** 3. Stoker, Woodson, 120-5.5; 4. Hawkins, Albany, 108-7.  
**High Jump:** 1. Perez, Woodson, 6-2; 2. Rodriguez, Gorman, 6-0; 4. Smith, Wylie, 5-4; 6. Canada, Ranger, 5-2.

**Long Jump:** 3. Smith, Clyde, 18-8; 6. Rodriguez, Gorman, 18-4.5.  
**3200 M Run:** 2. Channell, Wylie, 11:48.20; 3. Hagle, Woodson, 11:53.37; 5. Browning, Wylie, 12:15.23. 6. Gardenhire, Albany, 12:25.15.

**800 M. Run:** 1. Perez, Woodson, 2:16.71; 3. Martinez, Comanche, 2:19.10. 4. Thompson, Merkel,

2:19.27.  
**Pole Vault:** 1. Boyd, Woodson, 13-0; 3. Smith, Clyde, 10-6; 5. Kitchems, Albany, 10-6; 6. Burnhill, Merkel, 10-0.

**Shot put:** 2. Stoker, Woodson, 40-5; 5. Huggines, Wylie, 38-10.5.  
**Triple Jump:** 2. Burnhill, Merkel, 38-8; 3. Martinez, Clyde 38-7; 5. Thomasson, Merkel, 38-8; 6. Holsen, Albany 37-8.

**400 M Relay:** 2. Gorman 46.40; 4. Wylie, 47.40; 5. Albany, 47.69; 6. Clyde 47.41.  
**110 M High Hurdle:** 1. Coulter, Comanche, 16.85; 2. Smith, Clyde, 17.37; 3. Burnhill, Merkel, 17.51. 4. Woodson, Clyde, 17.59 ; 5. Olguin, Ranger, 17.82.

**400M** 1. Perez, Woodson, 54.77; 3. Ibarra, Gorman, 55.31; Boyd, Albany, 56.54; 5. Reynolds, Wylie, 56.60.  
**200 M Dash:** 1. Stewart, Ranger, 22.28. 3. Brown, Gorman, 23.48; 5. Perez, Woodson, 24.35.

**1600-M Relay:** 1. Clyde, 3:52.03; 3. Ranger; 3:54.68. 4. Merkel, 3:55.46; 5. Wylie, 4:00.32; 6. Comanche, 4:02.02.

**800 M. Relay:** 1. Ranger, 1:34.93; 4. Merkel, 1:40.11; 6. Wylie: 1.41.48.  
**300 M Hurdles:** 1. Holsen, Albany, 44.66; 2. Coulter, Comanche, 45.17; 5. Olguin, Ranger, 47.17; 6. Woodson, Clyde, 47.97.

**1600 M. Run:** 1. Hagle, Woodson, 5:07.05; 5. Martinez, Comanche, 5:23.43.  
**Division IV**  
**Team Results:** 1. Graham 219 Pints; 2. Vernon, 92; 3. Comanche 83; 4. Merkel, 71; 5. Clyde 67; 6. Breckenridge, 33; 7. Albany 30; 8. Eastland 28.

**100 M:** 1. Feist, Comanche, 10.77; 2. White, Merkel, 11.27; 3. Durtis, Clyde, 11.34; 4. Reyes, Comanche, 11.45; 6. Bradford, Breckenridge, 11.55.

**400 M. :** 1. Salazar, Albany, 51.82; 2. Gonzales, Merkel, 5.86; 4. Whitmire, Merke. 54.27; 5. Terrell, Clyde, 55.08; 6. Keith, Comanche, 56.83.  
**200 M Dash:** 1. White, Merkel, 22.41; 2. Reyes, Comanche, 22.73.

**1600 Relay:** 1. Clyde 3:34.99; 3. Eastland, 3:35.72; 5. Albany 3:39.13; 6. Merkel, 3:43.62.  
**800 M Relay:** 3. Clyde, 1:34.08; 4. Breckenridge, 1:35.27; 5. Eastland 1:35.49; 6. Albany, 1:39.29

**300 Hurdles:** 1. Feist, Comanche 39.86; 3. Barteec, Eastland, 42:10; 5. Gabaldon, Merkel, 42.98.

**1600 M mar:** 1, 4 Ryburn, Comanche, 5:08.00; 5. Terrell, Clyde, 5:13.73.  
**Discus:** 3. C. Kevil, Clyde, 125-0; 5. Jones Eastland, 123-10; 6. Steele, Merkel. 122-7.5.  
**Triple Jump-2.** S. Fedt, Comanche, 40-5; 6. Gabaldon, Merkel, 39-2.5  
**Discus:** 3. C. Kevil, Clyde, 125-0; 5. Jones, Eastland, 123-10; 5. Terrell, Clyde, 5:13.73.

**High Jump:** 2. Salazar, Breckenridge, 6-0; 3. Hudson, Albany, 6-0; 4. Davis, Albany, 5-10.  
**3200 M Mar:** 4. Gonzales, Comanche, 11:34.77; 6. Ward, Breckenridge, 12:56.70.  
**800 M :** 1. Gonzales, Merkel, 2:04.32; 2. Ryburn,

Comanche, 2:09.68; 4. Burgardera, Albany, 2:18.41; 6. Whitmire, Merke. 2:20.13.  
**Long jump:** 2. Maxey, Merkel, 20-5; 5. S. Fedt, Comanche, 19-4.5; 6. B. Vick, Breckenridge, 19-3.  
**Shot put:** 2. Tindel, Comanche, 47-1.25; 4. Brooks, Merkel, 46-7; 5. C. Meyers, Clyde, 45-1; 6. Kevil, Clyde, 43-2.5.

**Pole Vault:** 1. Salazar, Breckenridge, 13-6; 3. Cantrell, Clyde, 13-6; 1. Morgan, Comanche, 13-6; 3. Felts, Eastland, 12-6.  
**400 M Relay, 3. Merkel, 44.87; 4. Clyde, 45.16; 5. Breckenridge, 45.41.**  
**110 M Hurdles:** 1. Feist, Comanche, 14.82; 5. Barteec, Eastland, 16.56.

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**Letter**

Dear Friend,  
Our religious freedom is on the line today, literally, as never before.

Our national motto--"In God We Trust"--may soon be eradicated from our nation's currency.

You know how the Pledge of Allegiance had been attacked--the words "one nation under God" have been under fire from atheists.

When that assault began, I warned that our national motto, "In God We Trust," would be next.

Now the same atheist lawyer who sued for removal of "one nation under God" has sued for removal of "In God We Trust" from our coins and bills.

If "In God We Trust" is deemed unconstitutional, what expressions of our faith will be banned next? "So help me God" in the presidential Oath of Office?...the Supreme Court of the United States and the U.S. House of Representatives opening sessions with prayer?...the President saying, "God bless America"?

This is an abomination. I shudder to think of the many men and women who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our nation...freedom from tyranny...freedom from religious intolerance and persecution. What would these great heroes think of what is happening in our country today?

This new assault is an affront to history itself. "In God We Trust" has appeared on our nation's money since the Civil War.

My friend, I submit to you today that this attempt to remove the motto is no idle threat by one renegade atheist. There is a tragic movement in this country to wipe out every last vestige of religious faith in the public square. This effort is often strongly supported by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Americans United for the Separation of Church and State (AU), activist federal judges, and a host of other anti-faith individuals and organizations.

Furthermore, the man behind these lawsuits--Michael Newdow--is an intelligent and tenacious attorney. I understand that he is also a medical doctor, and some say, with tremendous financial resources available for pursuing his pernicious agenda.

So we cannot simply sit and wait and hope the problem goes away.

We must pray and we must act; we must take godly action to stop these ceaseless encroachments on our religious liberty, our religious heritage.

And today, I am pleased to tell you that there is hope.

I thank God that a number of members of Congress have united to propose a Constitution Restoration Act, which would protect our national motto and other expressions of our Judeo-Christian heritage from such onslaught.

The passage of this Act would be the single strongest weapon we could have, short of prayer, for the protection of our national motto and other public expressions of our Christian faith. It needs to be the first priority for Congress, right now, with a new session under way.

But passage of this Act is by no means guaranteed--the anti-God forces hate it.

It will take the concerted efforts of caring Christian citizens --people like you--speaking with a strong and united voice, to make their values known in the halls of

Congress.

For this cause, I suggest letters of appeal to your U.S. Senators and your Representative in the House, calling for speedy passage of this crucial legislation.

D. James Kennedy, Ph.D.

**In God We Trust**



**A Brief History**

In the early days of the Civil War, Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase instructed the director of the U.S. mint at Philadelphia to prepare a motto for the nation's coins.

"Dear Sir," his memo began: "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins."

After a few options were considered, Chase settled on IN GOD WE TRUST; Congress passed the necessary legislation, and the motto first appeared on the 1864

two-cent coin.

IN GOD WE TRUST has been in continuous use on the penny since 1909, and on the dime coin since 1916.

In fact, since 1938, all United States coins have borne the inscription.

(When the motto was left off of a new double-eagle gold coin in 1907, the public's outcry led Congress to order it restored.)

In 1956, the Congress and President Eisenhower agreed to declare IN GOD WE TRUST the "national motto of the United States."

The motto then began to appear on our paper money.

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**Victoria L. Shearer**

March 28, 2006(FHTNC)—Navy Seaman Victoria L. Shearer, daughter of Jacqueline M. Semmler of Baird, Texas, and her fellow shipmates assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan made a port visit to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates while on a scheduled deployment as part of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 7.

The port visit gave Shearer's unit a chance to experience a different culture and strengthen the rela-

tionship between the United Arab Emirates and the coalition of maritime forces. CSG-7 has been conducting maritime security operations (MSO) in the 5th Fleet area of operations.

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Shearer is a 2005 graduate of Marble Falls High School of Marble Falls, Texas and joined the Navy in July 2005.

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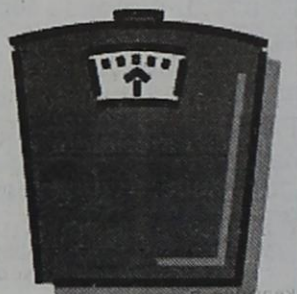
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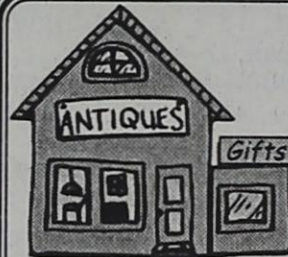
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**Buckaroo Relays**

**Girls**  
**Team Totals:** 1. Wylie J.V. 107; 2. Gorman, 93.5; 3. Poolville, 89; 4. Albany, 86; 5. Bryson, 82; 6. Ranger; 54; 7. Millsap, 27.5; 8. Woodson, 23; 9. Breckenridge, 21; 10. Graham, 14; 11. Merkel, 6.

**High Jump:** 1. Mezker, Poolville, 4-8; 2. Keenum, Wylie J.V., 4-6; 3. Carlton, Gorman 4-4; 4. Viertel, Albany, 4-4; 6. Jones, Gorman, 4-4.

**Triple Jump:** 1. Martinez, Poolville, 30-9; 2. S. Hagle, Woodson, 30-7; 3. Morgan, Wylie J.V., 29-11.5; 4. Carroll, Albany, 29-6; 5. Perez, Gorman, 29-5; 6. C. Hagle, Woodson, 29-4.

**Long Jump:** 1. Thornburg, Bryson, 33-3; 2. Rodriguez, Albany, 30-10; 3. Berry, Poolville, 29-9; 4. Nichols, Wylie J.V., 28-8; 6. Davenport, Woodson, 27-1.5.

**Discus:** 1. Berry, Poolville, 114-6.5; 2. Thornburg, Bryson, 93-9.5; 3. Rodriguez, Albany, 87-4.75; 4. Trejo, Albany, 84-11.5; 5. C. Hagle, Woodson, 82-0.75.

**Pole Vault:** 1. Norton, Albany, 8-6; 2. Thornburg, Bryson, 6-6.

**3200 M Run:** 1. Pinnell, Gorman, 13:23.54; 2. Thackerson, Gorman, 13:38.56; 3. Walton, Poolville, 14:16.13; 5. Jones, Gorman, 14:49.33; 6. Vasquez, Wylie J.V., 15:00.28.

**800 M Run:** 1. Walton, Poolville, 2:44.97; 2. Carlton, Gorman, 2:45.82; 3. Jordan, Wylie J.V., 2:49.27.

**400 M Relay:** 1. Ranger, 54; 13; Wylie J.V., 54.49; 3. Bryson, 54.94; 4. Albany, 55.22; 5. Gorman, 56.10.

**100 M:** 1. Fischer, Ranger, 13.6; 5; 2. Cogburn, Gorman 13.67; 3. Volcko, Merkel, 14.07.

**300 M Hurdles:** sans times listed.

1. Viertel, Albany; 2. Thornburg, Bryson; 3. Keenum, Wylie J.V.; 4. Lewis, Gorman; 5. Willingham, Wylie.

**800 M Relay:** 1. Wylie J.V., 1:55.09; 2. Ranger, 1:58.85; 3. Bryson, 2:00.94; 6. Gorman 2:02.94.

**200 M Dash:** 1. Hartfield, Wylie, J.V., 27.19; 2. Stanford, Millsap, 27.39; 3. Johnston, Gorman, 28.83.

**400 M Dash:** 1. Vickers, Woodson, 1:07.68; 2. Rincon, Graham, 1:08.58; 3. Carlton, Gorman, 1:08.67; 4. McManus, Wylie, 1:08.68; 5. Purvis, Wylie J.V., 1:09.12.

**1600 M Mar:** 1. Powell, Gorman, 5:42.78; 2. Hodge, Ranger, 5:56.41; 3. Thackerson, Gorman, 6:17.38.

**1600 M Relay:** 1. Albany, 2; Wylie J.V., 4:35.31; 3. Woodson, 4:36.30.

**Division II**  
**Team Totals:** Wylie 221; 2. Clyde, 142; 3. Breckenridge, 94; 4. Eastland, 74; 5. Merkel, 43; 6. Vernon, 26.5; 7. Graham, 25.

**High Jump:** 1. Carter, Merkel, 5-2; 2. Brown, Graham, 5-0; 3. Hobson, Graham, 5-0; 4. Stoker, Breckenridge, 4-10; 6. Wells, Eastland, 4-8.

**Triple Jump:** 1. Yates, Clyde, 35-6; 2. Wright, Wylie, 35-1; 3. Snyder, Eastland, 32-0.5; 4. Edwards, Wylie, 32-8.5; 5. Williamson, Eastland, 32-2.5; 6. Viertel, Clyde, 31-0.5.

**Long Jump:** 1. Wright, Wylie, 17-7.75; 2. Yates, Clyde, 17-0; 3. McGee, Vernon, 16-5.5; 4. Edwards, Wylie, 16-4; 5. Sampson, Clyde, 15-10; 6. Hobson, Graham, 15-8.75.

**Shot Put:** 1. Hall, Vernon, 36-6.5; 2. Lawson, Breckenridge, 32-2; 3. Laina, Wylie, 34-5; 4. Villanueva, Clyde, 33-0.25; 5. Chrane, Wylie, 31-11.75; 6. Ramos, Clyde, 32-4.5.

**Discus:** 1. Johnson, Eastland, 119-2; 2. Laina, Wylie, 113-5; 3. Adams, Wylie, 106-8.5; 4. Jackson, Clyde, 103-4; 5. Villanueva, Clyde, 101-5; 6. Pack, Eastland, 99-10.

**Pole Vault:** 1. Wells, Eastland, 10-6; 2. Jenkins, Clyde, 9-6; 3. Light, Wylie, 9-6; 5. Thompson, Breckenridge, 6-0.

**3200 M Mar:** 1. O'Connell, Wylie, 13:02.14; 2. Tittle, Merkel, 13:18.28; 3. Valencia, Breckenridge, 14:00.17; 4. Mathis, Wylie, 14:16.57; 5. Burke, Wylie, 14:20.15; 6. Duran, Breckenridge, 14:30.27.

**400 M Relay:** 1. Clyde, 50.18; 2. Wylie, 50.26; 3. Breckenridge, 52.46; 4. Eastland, 53.97.

**800 M Run:** 1. Portlock, Clyde, 50.18; 2. Juas, Wylie; 3. Lachiphan, Wylie; 4. Shugart, Merkel; 5. Nies, Merkel; 6. Johnson, Wylie.

**100 M Hurdles:** 1. Korzenewski, Clyde, 15.71; 2. Macnoll, Wylie, 16.82; 3. Felts, Wylie, 17.20; 4. Thompson, Breckenridge, 17.24; 5. Speung, Breckenridge, 16.38; 6. Harris, Clyde, 17.49.

**100 M Dash:** 1. Parks, Breckenridge, 13.09; 2. Wright, Wylie, 13.11; 3. Bartlett, Clyde, 13.13; 4. Mendez, Merkel, 13.45; 5. Wylie, 13.46; 6. Lawson, Breckenridge, 13.67.

**400 M Dash:** 1. Doby, Wylie, 1:01.36; 2. Loflin, Wylie, 1:01.86; 3. Portlock, Clyde, 1:02.28; 5. Lawson, Breckenridge, 1:50.04; 4. Eastland, 1:54.28.

**800 M Relay:** 1. Wylie, 1:47.05; 2. Clyde, 1:47.65; 3. Breckenridge, 1:50.04; 4. Eastland, 1:54.28.

**Rodeo Championships Represented By Local Callahan Countians'**

Three Callahan County Students won championships for the year in the Region X Texas High School Rodeo Texas High School Rodeo Association-Rainey Bacon, River Dillard and Sloan Hendley

Rainey and River are senior at Cross Plains I.S.D. and Slain is a junior at Eula I.S.D.

These students competed at ten THSR this year starting in August and ending Sunday, March 12th in McGregor TX.

**Year END RESULTS:**  
 ~Team Roping Partners River and Soan earned 1st in the Team Roping event. The points River collected this year gave him the 2006 Region X Champion Heeler title and saddle.

Rainey and River were also awarded a THSRA Scholarship that Region X gave to four 2006 seniors.

These High School Rodeo Athletes (Rainey, River and Sloan) have advanced to 2006 Texas High School Rodeo "State Finals" June 10-18 at the Expo Center, Abilene.

All the T.H.S.R. Regions will have their Top Ten con-

testants in each event participate during the THSR Finals for a spot at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Springfield ILLINOIS, on July 24-30.

Rainey Bacon is the Daughter of Jeff and Debbie Bacon of Cross Plains. Dillard is the son of Bud and Becky Dillard of Cross Plains. Sloan is the son of Cindy Hendley of Abilene and Scott Hendley of Potosi.

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**Dance, BBQ and Silent Auction to Benefit Doris Broadus**

On December 9, 2005, a friend of the Callahan County Community, Doris Broadus was seriously injured in a M.V.A.-motor vehicle Accident. Doris has spent almost three months in the hospital and in rehab. Doris does not have any medical insurance and the medical bills are tremendous. A large group of friends see the struggles Ronnie and Doris are facing with these large medical bills.

We are hoping to do our part in assisting these wonderful people. With your assistance, we will have a Dinner at the "Old Light

House", 228 Walnut in Baird, TX. (The location had to be moved due to some unforeseen circumstances.) We will start serving dinner at 6:00 p.m. The music and dancing will begin about 8:00 p.m.. Dinner includes Bar B-Que, Beans, Potato Salad, Bread, Tea and Dessert. (Alcohol will not be permitted at the Dinner or Dance.) Dinner tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for those under 12 years of age or over 65 years.

The Silent Auction has many wonderful items in it. Some of the items include a legal size pool table, a guided exotic hunt, a two person beautiful trail ride, both metal and wood work, and more.

**Applications Being Taken for Bailey Johnson Memorial Scholarship From Seniors**

Applications for the Bailey Johnson Scholarship are available in the Clyde High School Counselor's office. All students planning to enter college following their 2006 graduation are urged to apply. This scholarship is provided by donations and memorials and managed by members of the Ex-Student Association. All applications should be returned to the Counselor by April 14, 2006.

Donation or Memorials can be made to the fund at First Financial Bank in Clyde, Bailey Johnson Scholarship, account no. 15020344242.

Submitted by: J. May

**Emergency Farm Fire Loan Applications Being Accepted**

Applications for emergency farm loans caused by extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Richard G. Young said.

"Callahan is one of 9 primary counties in Texas recently named by the President of the United States eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing."

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of production to be eligible

for a FSA emergency loan," Richard G. Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have a figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

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The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

**Erin Hughes Hicks Graduates from Hardin-Simmons University**

Erin Leigh Hughes Hicks received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Hardin-Simmons on December 10, 2005. While attending H.S.U., Erin held the office of Class Historian; as well as participating in several community volunteer activities. She also organized and attended a mission trip to Piedras negras, Mex, with her P.T. Class. While in Mexico,

they provided therapy services along with distributing food and clothing to local residents.

Erin earned her professional license to practice therapy in Texas in March 2006. She and her husband, Brad, are employed as Reflectx Staffing Travelling physical Therapists. They plan to begin their traveling experiences in April 2006. They will be working in clinics all over the United States.

**Obituary**

**Wanda Lee**

**Poteet Stovall**

WandaLee Poteet Stovall, 77, of Terlingua, died April 1, 2006 in the Odessa Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 3, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Big Bend Baptist Church in Terlingua. Burial followed at the Lajitas Cemetery. Geeslin Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Stovall was born October 27, 1928 to William Tomas and Sybil Harris in Stephenville, Texas. She married Robert Daniel Stovall on January 23, 1947. They were in their 50th year of marriage when Robert died on November 19, 1996. She had lived in Stephenville and Coleman while Robert was in the US Navy. Afterwards, they lived in Brownwood, Lohn, Pyote, Moran, Baird and Terlingua, where Wanda helped Robert with his teaching career with her love and support. She resided in Terlingua the past 22 years where she worshipped her Lord and Savior. She loved and prayed for all her many friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Daniel Stovall and her mother and father.

She is survived by her children, Robert Daniel and Judy Stovall, Deborah Kaye and Tommy Varner, and Donald Cam Stovall; grandchildren, Dana and Roman Zamarrilla, Delight and Scott Dehorty, Darby

Stovall, Trisha and Matthew Varner, Cara and Landon Hayes, Chelsea and Camri Stovall; great-grandchildren, Jack and John Zamarrilla, Delaney Stovall and Tristan Dehorty. Close second family, Socorro and Lauren Rios and children.

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Bid packages can be obtained by calling 888-887 or (512) 782-6910 or sending an e-mail to tina.burford@tmfc.state.tx.us.

Site visits will be held at the property on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 starting at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Call the number(s) listed above to make an appointment.

**2006 Baird Bears Tennis**

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March 22	@ ACU	1:30 p.m.	Girls/Boys
March 30	@ Clyde	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
April 6	@ Albany	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
April 11-12	San Angelo	TBA	Girls/Boys (District)
April 24-29	Abilene	TBA	Girls/Boys (Regional)
May 8-9	Austin	TBA	Girls/Boys (State)

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### Baird Baseball Roster 2006

1-Chris Whitworth	Fr.	IF/P	5'8"	130	R/R	----
2-Blan Scott	Sr.	P/C/IF	6'0"	179	R/R	3L
3-Chance Rodriguez	Sr.	P/C/IF	6'0"	175	R/R	----
4-Cody Gibbs	Jr.	OF/IF	5'8"	140	R/R	----
5-Jesse Mendez	Fr.	OF/IF	5'8"	140	R/R	----
6-Justin English	Soph.	OF/IF	6'1"	155	R/R	----
7-Chris Cogburn	Jr.	P/SS	5'8"	140	R/R	2L
8-Chris English	Jr.	OF	5'11"	165	R/R	----
9-Justin Patterson	Jr.	3B/OF	5'11"	160	R/R	2L
10-Rustin Williams	Soph.	Utility	5'9"	150	R/R	1L
11-Tim Ringhoffer	Soph.	Utility	5'9"	135	R/R	----
12-Tyler Orlando	Jr.	IF/P/C	6'0"	165	R/R	----
13-Cody Shouse	Sr.	IF/OF	5'6"	145	R/R	1L
14-Thomas Chararria	Soph.	1B/P	6'2"	230	R/R	1L
15-Tyler Culp	Jr.	IF/OF	6'1"	180	R/R	----
16-Garrett Jennings	Fr.	Utility	6'2"	175	L/R	----

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### Powerlifting Tournament

Two Clyde High School varsity girls powerlifters' placed in the Class AAA State Powerlifting Meet held Saturday, March 18 at Killeen.

C.H.S. junior Brittany Chance finished in third place in the state meet in the 165 pound class with a three lift total of 870 pounds. Allyson Winans finished in fourth place in the state meet at the 123 pound class with a three lift total of 750 pounds.

Also competing at the state meet were Tracy Havner, Brandi Offield, Sheri Burkhalter, Kayla, Kayla Scaramuzzo, Angela Noble and Ashlyn Satterfield. Five Clyde High School seniors have been members of the third place team at the Regional Powerlifting Meet in 2004 and were members of the two-time defending Regional Powerlifting champions in 2005 and 2006.

The Were (inclusive):  
Kayla Scaramuzzo--Four year letterman, four time regional qualifier, three time

state qualifier, regional champion in 2004, fifth place finish in state in 2004, regional champion in 2005, best dead lift at the regional meet in 2005, silver medalist and state runner-up at the state meet in 2005, best dead lift at the regional meet in 2006, and the regional dead lift record holder at 320 pounds.

Sheri Burkhalter-Three year letterman, three time regional qualifier, two time state qualifier.

Allyson Winans-Three year letterman, three time regional qualifier, fifth place finish at the state meet in 2006, best bench press of 170 pounds, and a fourth place finish at the state meet in 2006.

Jennifer Garcia--Three letterman, three time regional qualifier.

Nicole Dodder: Two year letterman, two time regional qualifier in 2005 and 2006, one time state qualifier in 2005.

### State Regulates Placement of Campaign Signs Along Highways

Texans take pride in their beautiful state, especially during the spring when everyone can enjoy the beautiful wildflowers that grow along the highway rights of way. However, during campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower \* the political sign.

Texas Department of Transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election.

TxDOT officials say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public.

According to Mary Beth

Kilgore, Abilene District public information officer, signs in the public right of way include posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs, and other objects on the right of way.

"TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible by TxDOT employees, a county sheriff or a constable, depending on jurisdiction," Kilgore said.

If you have questions regarding placement of political signs in Callahan County, call TxDOT's Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353, or Kristy Gardner, the Abilene District's highway beautification coordinator, at 325/676-6831. Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other federally-funded highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

# Emergency Farm Drought Applications Being Accepted

"Applications for emergency farm loans caused by drought that occurred on April 1, 2005, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson," Richard G. Young said.

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The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Obituary

#### Bill Ratliff

CLYDE-Herman Ray "Bill" Ratliff, 76, died Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Grave services are 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2006 in Ross Cemetery, Baird, under the

direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Memorial services were 11:00 a.m. Friday, at the First Baptist Church, Baird.

### Texas To Receive \$1,916,800 in Drought Relief Funding

WASHINGTON, March 15, 2006-Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner today announced that USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will allocate close to \$20.1 million in Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding to 26 states affected by Natural Disasters.

"The Emergency Conservation Program is an important tool for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate and strengthen environmental stewardship of their lands," said Conner. "These funds will help farmers and ranchers rehabilitate farmland damaged by floods, drought, wildfires and other natural disasters in recent years."

E.C.P. gives producers resources to remove debris from farmland, restore structures, provide water for livestock in drought situations and grade and shape farmland damaged by a natural disaster. Locally-elected F.S.A. county committees implement ECP for all disasters other than drought, which is done by FSA's national office. Eligible producers receive cost-share

assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost of approved practices, as determined by F.S.A. county committees. The \$20.1 million in E.C.P. funds allocated today are from unused funds from various states.

Among the 26 states receiving the funding announced today are Texas and Oklahoma, which are continuing to face drought and severe wildfire conditions. Texas will receive more than \$3.9 million, while Oklahoma will receive \$2.7 million. F.S.A. is allocating \$20,142,400 in E.C.P. funds to 26 states including \$1,916,800 in drought disaster funds in Texas.

Producers can contact their local F.S.A. office regarding E.C.P. sign-up periods, which are set by the county F.S.A. committees. For a producer's land to be eligible, the disaster must create new conservation problems that, if left untreated, would impair or endanger the land and affect its productive capacity. Conservation problems that existed before the applicable disasters are not eligible for E.C.P. assistance.

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### Texas Trash-Off Continued from Pg. 1

The locations were to be unveiled the day of Trash-Off, April 1, and the events will take place between May and mid-August. Visit [www.DontMessWithTexas20.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas20.org) on April 1 for exciting news and additional information.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to encourage the public to refrain from littering for one designated day. Each year, approximately 830 million

pieces of litter accumulate on Texas' roadways and today, litter pickup costs taxpayers approximately \$36 million annually. Paid contractors clean 90 percent of these roadways, with groups such as Adopt-a-Highway doing the rest.

Southwest Airlines, McDonald's and the AT&T Cotton Bowl are proud sponsors of the Don't Mess with Texas 20th anniversary.

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### Texas Midwest Community Network

Interested participants are encouraged to select the most convenient location and make reservations online at [www.texasmidwest.org](http://www.texasmidwest.org) or by calling the host city: Robert Lee at 325-453-2831, Eastland at 254-629-2332, Early at 325-649-9317, Snyder at 325-573-3558 and Anson at 325-823-2411. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 325-676-0329 or 800-845-3563.

In addition, U.S.D.A. has several other programs to help farmers and ranchers recover from damages caused by natural disasters. These programs include the Emergency Loan Programs, Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

More Information can be obtained on E.C.P. and other disaster assistance programs at local F.S.A. offices and online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.

TMCN Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters..

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