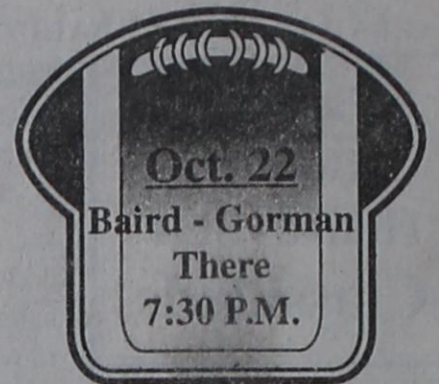


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Thursday, October 21, 2004

Study Club To Hold Tour Of Homes

The Baird 48 Study Club is having a Tour of Homes on Sunday, November 7, 200 from 2:00 to 4:00. The homes on the tour are Anita and Lance Parker at 736 Hilltop in the Shady Oaks subdivision, Chellee and Randy Hill at #1 Saddle Ridge Estates, Debbie Hatchett at 241 West Ninth and Wanda and Buddy Shipp at 276 Arch. Refreshments will be served and a bake sale held at the home of Pat Holland, 240 Vine Street. All proceeds from the tour and bake sale go for a scholarship to a Baird graduate and to local civic

organizations and/or needs. We are fortunate to have several sponsors for the tour this year that want to support a worthy cause. They are Elizabeth Schumaker, Skip and Pat Parker, Trey and Sally Dyer and First National Bank of Baird. We appreciate their support and the willingness of the home owners to show their homes.

Tickets are available from any club member for \$5.00. Tickets will also be available at each house the day of the tour. We hope that you will come out to support this project and enjoy the variety of homes on the tour.

Baird Senior Citizens' News & Events

Oct. 21 - Spahetti Dinner Fund Raiser

Time - 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Chef - Skip Parker

Menu - Spahetti, salad, garlic toast, dessert & drink
Suggested price - \$5.00

All proceeds benefit the Callahan County Meals on Wheels and Baird Senior Citizens

Carry out orders are welcome. Please call 854-1937

Oct. 28 - Flu Vaccine Clinic

Charge - \$15.00
Persons with Medicare receive the vaccine free of charge.

Please bring Medicare Card.

Call in advance at 854-1937

Volunteers are needed to deliver Homebound Meals. The route takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes, 3 or 4 days a week of the month.

Anyone interested, please call 854-1937.

Stenholm: Deadline Nears For Academy Applications

Students Must Submit Applications On Or Before Wednesday, December 1st

Washington, D. C. - U. S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (Tx-17) reminds interested high school and college students and others who may be interested that the deadline for applying to the United States Service Academies for the 2005/2006 school year is just over one month away.

The deadline to apply to any service academy through Congressman Stenholm's office is Wednesday, December 1st, 2004. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Stenholm's San Angelo Congressional office as soon as possible for more information.

Eligible applicants must be at least 17 but not past their 23rd birthday, and they need to have graduated from high school by June 2005. They also must be single with no dependents and be a legal resident of the current 17th Congressional District.

competitive applicants should be in the top 15 percent of their class. They need to have SAT scores above 550 Verbal and 600 Math or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 Math. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and

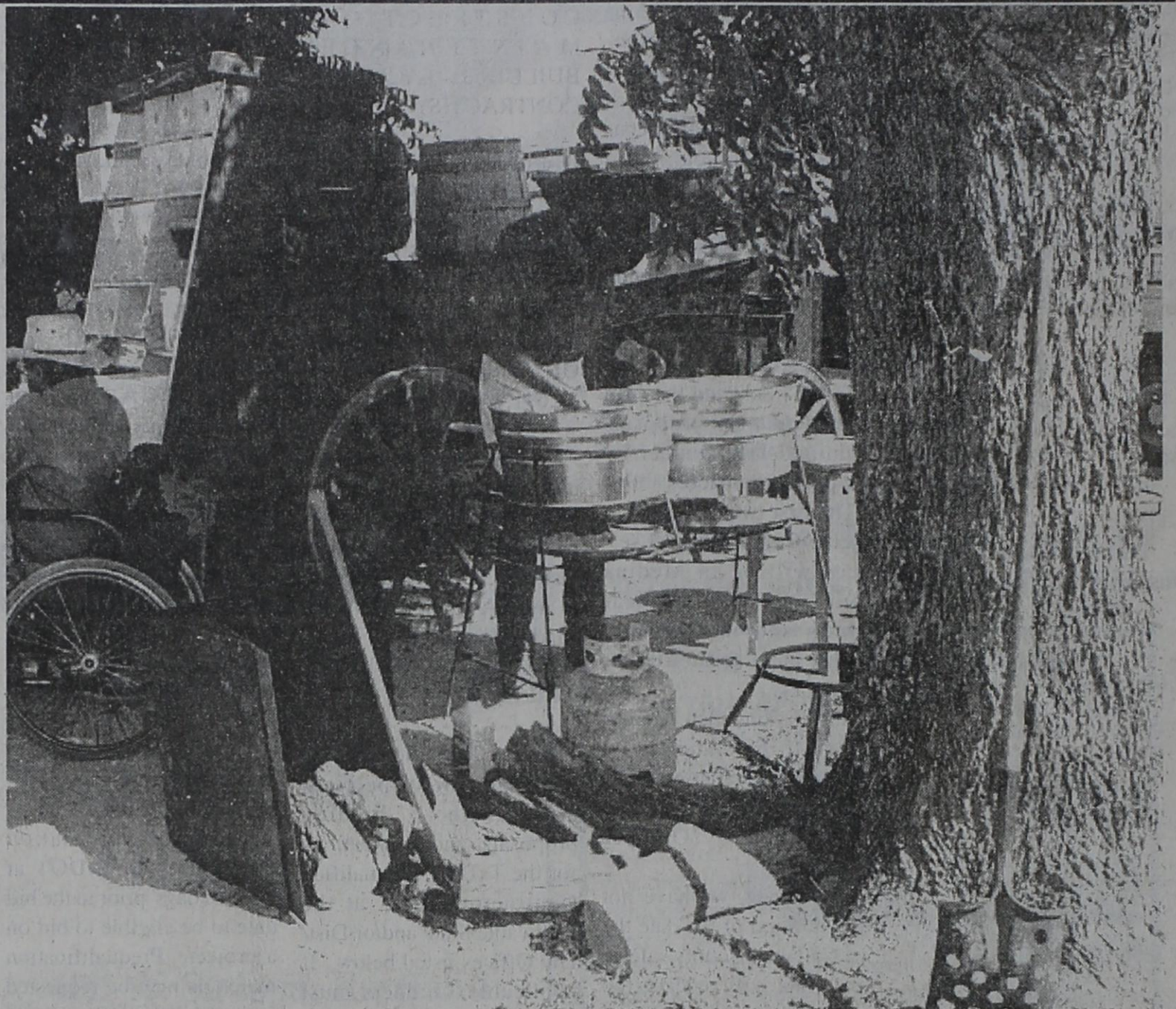
sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

Stenholm will nominate selected individuals for appointments to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Military Academy at West Point, New York; the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

The academies offer young people an excellent education, while also developing skills in leadership and self-discipline. It is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree and a salary at the same time. An education at an academy also guarantees a career upon graduation as an officer in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Applicants who wish to serve as commissioned officers are strongly encouraged to contact Chandra Eggemeyer in Congressman Stenholm's San Angelo office by calling 325-942-8881 or writing 2121 Knickerbocker, Suite A, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

Stenholm will announce the nominees from the 17th Congressional District in late December.



It's wash-up time at the West Texas Rehab Chuck Wagon after a meal of beans, cornbread, and cobbler cooked under the trees was served to people attending the annual "Roundup for Rehab" sale at Texas Cattle Exchange Tuesday. Many great items were donated for the sale, which began at 1 P.M. *staff photo*

Annual Lord's Acre Celebration Is November 3 At Cafetorium

The First United Methodist Church of Baird will host its annual Lord's Acre celebration on Saturday, November 13, 2004, at the Baird school cafetorium. The day's festivities begin at 10:00 A.M. with complimentary coffee and sweet rolls for early birds as they shop the great assortment of crafts and home-made baked

goods. Parents of small children are encouraged to take advantage of the children's carnival to entertain their youngsters from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.; allowing parents to get a jump start on their Christmas shopping and enjoy a leisurely shopping experience!

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Please See Lord's Acre

Baird Chamber Elects Officers; Discusses Plans For Two Events

The Baird Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met recently to elect officers and to discuss plans for the first two events of the new fiscal year.

The board welcomed directors Bernice Varner, Brenda Moore and Missy Oliver who were by the membership in September. The board selected Rick Oliver as board president, Brenda Moore was named to the president-elect position, and Ron Keller and Kim Groce were elected to serve as vice-presidents.

The Welcome Hunters' Supper, scheduled Nov. 6th, is an annual event hosted by the Chamber to show appreciation for the business hunting season brings to the area. Sponsors signed up to help pay for the food that is served to landowners and hunters include First National Bank of Baird, Harle Enterprises, Bill Faircloth Insurance Agency and West-Go Convenience Stores.

Door prizes contributed by local and area businesses will be given away, and Hanner Chevrolet has donated a rifle to be raffled at the Supper. Tickets for the .270 Ruger M77 are now on sale at \$2 each or six for \$10.

Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office, the Baggage House Restaurant, On the Birdwalk Antiques and First National Bank or from board members Kim Groce, Ron Keller, Terry Stevens, Rick Oliver, Missy Oliver, Brenda Moore, Bernice Varner, Peggy Abernathy or Keith Edwards.

The Christmas project planned Dec. 4th includes a classic car cruise, "Uncle T's Chili Supper" and entertainment. A Christmas "Dream Window" which features a myriad of gifts that will be displayed in the 200 block of Market, will also be unveiled, and a drawing to give away the prizes is slated for Dec. 18th.

Callahan Co. 4-H Food Show Saturday, Oct. 23

The Callahan County 4-H Food Show will be held on Saturday, October 23 at the Baird School Cafeteria. The sponsor for this years Food Show is Lawrence Brother IGA-Clyde. Over 20 youth from around the county will compete in four different age divisions in four different food categories. The categories will include Main

Dish, Fruits and Vegetables, Breads and Cereals and Nutritious Snacks. Judging will begin at 3:00 P.M. with a Tasting Bee and Awards Presentation starting as soon as judging is complete.

The Food Show provides for educational and personal development and

Continued Inside

Please see Food Show

Early Voting Continues Through October 29

Early Voting for the Nov. 2, 2004 elections began Monday, Oct. 18 and continues through Friday, Oct. 29.

Early voting in Callahan County is being held in the County Courthouse, Baird, Room 107, located on 100 West 4th St. Early Voting hours at the Courthouse are 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Branch Early Voting is being held in Clyde at the Clyde Justice of Peace Office, 318 North First St., from 8:00 A.M. - 12 Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 5 P.M., Monday through Friday.

In Cross Plains, branch Early Voting is being held at the Cross Plains Justice of Peace Office, 424 South Main, from 8:00 A.M. - 12

Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 5 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Contested races in Callahan County are for U. S. Representative, District 19, and County Attorney.

Running for U. S. Representative are Rep. Randy Neugebauer, incumbent; Dem. Charlie Stenholm, incumbent; and Lib. Richard Peterson.

Running for the office of County Attorney are Rep. Shane Deel, and Dem. Allen D. Wright, incumbent.

County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon reported that Early Voting had been very busy. Almost 300 had already voted in Early voting in the county. 9,274 persons registered to vote in Callahan County.

Correction

In last weeks paper we reported that Doris Grider, newly appointed Commissioner for Precinct #4, was the First Lady Commissioner in Callahan County. After careful research, it was discovered that this is apparently not the case.

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

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B52

Justin Childrens Chukka Boots- Rustic leather, Size 12 1/2-3, \$49.99 at JohnsonOs Dry Goods, Cross Plains, Tx.

B43

Wrangler Men Denim Jackets- 6 pockets, unlined, Size M-XL tall, \$36.99 at JohnsonOs Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX.

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FOR SALE: Elbon Rye Seed- \$7.00 per bag; clean and treated; also bulk. Childress Farms, Cottonwood, 725-6866.

B45

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Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6113-59-001 for GENERAL MAINTENANCE in TAYLOR County, etc will open on November 09, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,691,404.60.

All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6113-59-001 to be held on October 20, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at the TAYLOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE OFFICE, 1350 N ARNOLD BLVD, ABILENE, TX.

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.
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State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas
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Warnings - 107
Complaints - 120
DWI - 1

Accidents

There were 5 accidents investigated during this time span.

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80 acres wooded with mostly oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$950 per acre.
80 acres mostly wooded with oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$500 per acre.
83 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$69,762.
95 acres completely wooded with mature oak trees, large hill, pond, setup with deer blinds & feeders, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$87,875 owner/agent.
97 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, large hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$116,400.
100 acres with 2001 32 ft. travel trailer with slide out, 16x20 enclosed building, fourwheeler, the property is thickly wooded with oaks, pines, cypresses, etc., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$118,500.
155 acres, 100 acres of live oaks & mesquite trees, 55 acres of fields, sunflowers, 3 ponds, hills, canyons, barns, 1 room cabin, waterline, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$123,225.
160 acres wooded with live oak trees, 2 ponds & a creek, hills with views, waterline, electricity, phone line, deer, turkey, hogs, duck, dove & quail, \$95/acre.
160 acres, about 50% wooded with oak trees, deer, turkey, quail, co-op water nearby, \$775 per acre.
177 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$212,400.
306 acres, wooded with 35 acre field, mesquite timber, older rock house, ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$125 per acre.
310 acres, wooded with live oak trees, several ponds, excellent hunting, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$125 per acre.
320 acres, 110 acres of fields and 210 acres wooded with mostly mesquite and some live oak timber, 2 ponds, creek, waterline, deer, turkey, quail, \$125 per acre.
326 acres by Lake Cisco, over three miles of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, 2 ponds, will divide, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$391,200.
616 acres, mostly wooded with oak and mesquite timber, field, several ponds, hills, creek. Excellent hunting - deer, turkey, hogs, duck, dove, quail, \$125 per acre.
850 acres some high game fenced, 6+ ponds, waterline, large hills, creek bottoms, 4 fields, 6+ ponds, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, \$715 per acre.

HOMES WITH ACREAGE
66 acres with 3 BR home ready to be completed by new buyer, overlooks Lake Cisco, mostly wooded, two ponds, creeks, \$125,000.
13.75 acres with nice 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car garage, LR, kitchen recently remodeled, double carport, water well, pond, storage bldg, hookups for RV or mobile home.
5 acres with recently built 3 BR, 2 bath home, large rooms, many pretty cabinets in kitchen, living room, den and utility room, 2 car garage, carport, tall metal bldg., pond, many extras.

HOMES
2 BR, 1 bath home, carport, attached storage, \$12,500.
2 BR, 1 bath, carport with storage, \$12,500.
3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate DR, storage bldg., corner property, \$17,500.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath newer Clayton Sonoma, CH/A, storage bldg, fenced lot, \$18,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, mostly wood floors, garage, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000.
2 BR 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, deck, garage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$27,000.
2 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, many cabinets, CH/A, carport, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$30,000.
4 BR, 2 bath, lg. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, lg. corner property, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, mostly brick home, patio, storage bldg., fenced backyard, \$39,500.
3 BR, 2 baths, many nice cabinets, separate DR, CH/A, approx. 1440 sq. ft., large metal bldg., 12 fenced lots, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath mostly brick home, 2 car garage, fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$42,500.
3 BR, 2 bath, lg. LR, with WBFP, some wood floors, CH, double carport, storage bldg., 2 1/2 lots, \$45,000.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, veneer brick home, CH/A, fireplace, storm windows, garage enclosed for 2 extra rooms, chain link fencing, 2 storage bldgs., large trees, reduced to \$47,500.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CH/A, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick, separate garage, double carport, fenced backyard, \$53,500.
4 BR, 2 bath, 2 story, with character, some wood floors, lg. corner property, many large oak trees, reduced to \$47,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, CH, separate DR, WBFP in LR and WB heater in den, patio, 2 large metal shops, 2 double carports, 3 lots.
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home, lots of character, formal DR, office, large rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded by large oak and pecan trees, large corner property.
2 BR Home, deck, boat dock, large oak trees, reduced to \$25,000.
3 BR Home, many cabinets, woodburning heater, wooden deck, boat dock with boat house, large trees, Reduced to \$28,000.
2 BR Home, CH/A, fireplace, detached guest room, patio, boat dock, 2 car carport, storage bldg., large oak trees, reduced to \$28,000.
2 BR Home, WBFP, nice view of lake from LR and BRs. Some landscaping with sprinkler system, deck and boat dock.
3 BR, full bath plus two 3/4 bath home with CH/A and WBFP downstairs, covered boat dock. Furniture and appliances can remain.
Beautiful 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, WBFP, shop, storage bldg., large landscaped yard, tall oak trees, boat dock, great view of lake from DR, LR, den and master BR, many extras.

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Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

By Attorney General Greg Abbott

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America. The Federal Trade Commission reports that in 2003, more than 20,000 Texans fell prey to identity theft. The results can be devastating, as victims spend large amounts of time and money trying to clear their names.

Identity theft is the theft or misuse of personal or financial information in order to gain something of value or to facilitate other criminal activity. There are numerous types of identity crime, including identity theft, credit card fraud ("skimming"), bank fraud, check fraud and passport/visa fraud. Identity crime can involve multiple victims and often involves a large dollar loss; it may be used by organized criminal groups, and in those instances may be associated with other crimes, such as drug trafficking, mail fraud, terrorism and financial fraud.

Identity theft can begin with what may seem like an unrelated crime, such as a simple theft of a wallet or purse. Victims may not realize their identity has been stolen until they are denied credit, sent a bill for purchases they did not make, or turned down for a job. We have even received reports of victims being arrested for crimes committed by thieves using their identities.

On September 1, 2003, a State law went into effect that sets the venue for reporting identity crime as the city or county where the victim resides. The new law states that regardless of where the fraudulent transaction originates, it is appropriate for the victim to make a police report wherever he or she resides.

If you are a victim of identity theft, it is imperative that you obtain a police report as soon as possible. Many banks and credit agencies require such a report before they will acknowledge that a theft has occurred.

You should then contact the three primary credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion) to have a security alert or freeze placed on your report. Request a copy of your credit report and review it for unauthorized account activity. Report unauthorized charges and accounts to the appropriate credit issuers.

If your wallet or purse is stolen, immediately cancel your credit and debit cards and get replacements. Put a "stop payment" on all lost or stolen checks.

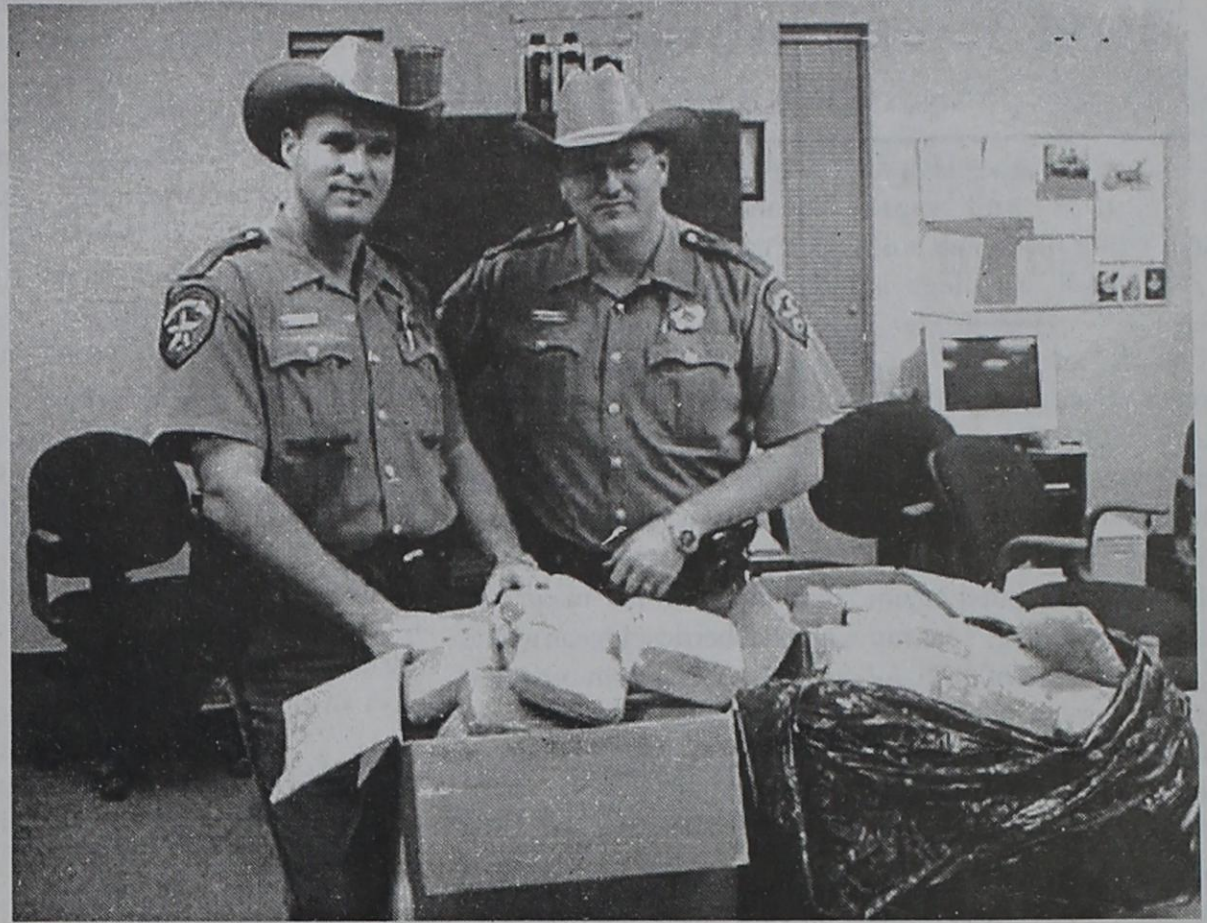
Victims should contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which advocates on behalf of identity theft victims. You can also obtain more information on identity theft by contacting our office.

Check your bank and credit card statements carefully

each month. Early detection is extremely important. Discovering identity theft within one month drastically reduces the chances of monetary loss and damage to your credit. When identity theft goes undetected for six months or more, losses often amount to thousands of dollars.

We urge consumers to be very cautious about giving out their personal financial information. Our office has received numerous complaints of scam e-mails ranging from lottery hoaxes and advanced fee fraud to bogus e-mails from legitimate businesses requesting personal information. No matter what a caller or e-mailer tells you, do not give out your Social Security number, driver's license number or other personal information over the phone or by e-mail.

Unfortunately, identity crime is here to stay. However, we can fight this menace if consumers and law enforcement agencies work together.



DPS Troopers Buddy Wise (L) and Tim Pitts (R) are shown above with 159 lbs. of marijuana found in a Ford Expedition on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 11:30 P.M. on Interstate 20 near Cisco.

The marijuana was found in concealed compartments of the vehicle, DPS Sgt. Stanley Waters reported.

Salvador Machuca of Reedley, California and Alfonso Barbosa were arrested at the scene and taken to the Eastland County Jail.

Assisting Troopers Wise and Pitts with the arrests was the Cisco Police Department.

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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

Each year I receive a list of jams, jellies, and apple butter, being made and sold by students at a college in Arkansas.

For several years I have purchased some of those goodies from them, not only to help them financially, but also because their products are delicious.

My mother excelled in jam and jelly making, but my wife and I never got the hang of it; however, we both have learned how to boil water. I would be happy if we could learn the rest of the procedure.

I wonder if anyone else has some of the same problems I have. I have been searching everywhere for a particular word, and cannot find it. I have looked in several dictionaries, an encyclopedia, two Children's Books and a Sunday School quarterly.

My wife told me the reason I cannot find it, is because I don't know how to spell it. Maybe she is right, but that is the reason I am looking for it in the first place. If I knew how to spell it, I wouldn't be trying to look it up.

When I was a teenager, growing up around Cisco, a group of us would go berry hunting, I do not mean just any old berries; I mean a little pale red berry (almost pink) that grew on a bush whose

Moran Booster Club 'Outsiders Volleyball Tournament' To Be Held November 13

The Moran Booster Club is having the "Outsiders Volleyball Tournament" on Saturday, November 13, 2004. The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Teams are limited to 6 players per team and there is a \$15 entry fee. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams. If you think your team is up to

every leaf was a thorn.

The berry bushes were anywhere from waist high to shoulder high, and you dared not touch one of them.

We placed canvass on the ground, beneath the lowest branches of the bush, and used long sticks to poke the canvass as far under the bush as possible. Believe me; we wore gloves because those bushes had the sharpest thorny leaves of any bush I have ever seen.

After the canvass was securely in place, we would use the long sticks to beat the bush in order to cause the

berries to fall to the canvass below.

The above procedure would leave us with an enormous amount of berries on the canvass; however, in thrashing the bush with the sticks, a multitude of those razor sharp leaves would fall on the canvass also.

We followed all this by pulling the canvass from beneath the bush, and

separating the berries from the leaves, which was accomplished with utmost caution.

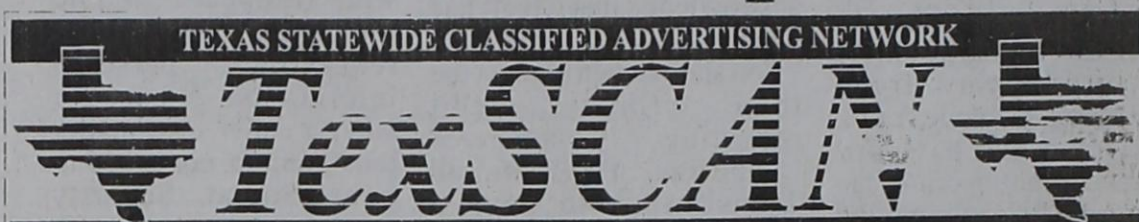
The berries were taken home, washed, and made into one of the finest tasting jellies I have ever eaten.

The name of the berries? I have already mentioned I cannot spell it, and my wife has emphasized the fact that I don't know what I'm

talking about. I can at least spell it phonetically: "el-ger-rita" berries; or is it "al-jure-ceta?"

I sure hope someone writes to me and gives me the correct spelling; otherwise, I am going to appear as stupid as my cousin who said the reason he is so dumb is the fact that he missed a lot of his grade school classes because of having jury duty.

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Obituary

Clyde Cox

Clyde - On Thursday, October 14, 2004, Clyde Cox, 88 of Clyde, passed away peacefully at his home. Funeral services were Monday at the Clyde Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham and Mark Burgess officiating, directed by Bailey Funeral Home. Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery.

He was born April 16, 1916 to Otho and Eunice (Hatchett) Cox in Andrews, Texas. His mother died when he was eight days old and he lived with his grandparents until his father married Marie Moore.

Clyde married Clogene McRae on February 1, 1941 in O'Donnell, Texas. He served and was wounded in World War II with the 96th

Infantry Division. For many years he delivered propane for H. W. Lemens Butane in Clyde. After reaching retirement age, he continued working for Nick Sabb, who became like a son to this family, at Thrifty's in Clyde. Clyde was a faithful member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Clogene Cox; one son, Burl Cox and wife, Carolyn of Clyde; one daughter, Sharon Glaze and husband, Tony of Abilene; four grandchildren, John Cox of Clyde, James Cox of Abilene, Julie Martinez of Midland and Chris Glaze of Seneca, Missouri; eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Obituary

Clara Ruth Buchanan

Clyde - Clara Ruth Buchanan went to be with the Lord and her beloved husband, O.V. "Buck" Buchanan on October 18, 2004 at Lake Forest in Denton, Texas.

She was born August 23, 1926 in Lawrenceburg, TN to Houston and Lillie Mae Hindman. They moved to Texas in 1953, living in Clyde for 48 years. During her life, she was a Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Granny. She loved gardening, was a bookkeeper and truck driver. She was a member of Southside Baptist Church in Clyde, TX.

Preceding her in death was

her husband, Oliver Buchanan, parents, Houston and Lillie Mae Hindman, sisters, Martha Hindman, Mary Goats and brother, Samuel Hindman.

Survivors include daughters, Shirley Brown and husband, Jim and Martha Crep and husband, Greg, all of Denton; three grandsons, Douglas and Philip Brown and Steven Jay Crep; her beloved great-grandchildren, Bliss and Blake Brown, Hunter Brown, Brandon Estetter, and Kilton and Konner Crep and many beloved friends and family. Services were at Bailey Funeral in Clyde, TX, on Wednesday, Oct. 20, with Bro Billy Sellers officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery. Donations can be made to American Lung Association, West Texas Rehabilitation or Southside Baptist Church.

**Baird First Baptist Church
 Schedule Of Events**

Each one of you are invited to join us at the corner of Race and 3rd St., Baird.

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574

(Nursery provided for worship services)

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

Prayer Time In Sanctuary - 5:00 P.M.

Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Coming Soon

Monday, October 25 - Ladies Night Out, Pot Luck at 6:30 pm and the speaker will be Kim Vestal. Make plans to attend and your spirits will be lifted and you will feel encouraged as you fellowship with one another. All ladies in the community are invited.

Wednesday, October 27 - Choir Practice at 6:00 pm Daylight Savings Time Ends on October 31 - Don't Forget to set your clocks back.

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AG TALK

As we're recording this on Friday morning, we're on the road between Brownfield and Sundown, and the crops here range from looking absolutely beautiful to needing a heck of a lot more time. The cotton crop in some places is defoliated and looks excellent, but in other places I have a hard time seeing open bolls, but still I know they're out there, just need more time.

Latest News on Ag Disaster Assistance
 President Bush signed into law the Military Construction Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005 on Wednesday, October 13th. This bill was the vehicle for the ag disaster assistance package for 2003 and 2004 losses.

So producers who suffered quantity or quality losses in their 2003 or 2004 crops are eligible to receive assistance on their losses above 35 percent.

Producers will be able to receive assistance on losses in either 2003 or 2004, but not both years.

I am pleased to have started the discussion on providing disaster assistance in the House of Representatives by introducing bipartisan legislation that 45 of my colleagues, including 18 Republicans, cosponsored with me.

When the House Rules Committee met to consider a supplemental spending bill to pay for costs related to the 2004 hurricanes, I testified before the Rules Committee about the need for disaster assistance for producers in other parts of the country.

I expect that we will hear something shortly from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in regards to how quickly producers will be able to sign up for this assistance and will update you as soon as we hear something.

Ethanol/Energy News
 I am pleased that we have finally been able to pass at least a portion of the ethanol provisions that are of importance to corn and sorghum producers in West Texas.

Producers have been working diligently to bring several ethanol plants into reality to add value to their crops, lessen dependence on foreign oil, and provide jobs.

While we had a partial victory, the fight continues as we need to see a Renewable Fuels Standard enacted to help ensure that the growth in ethanol demand continues. We want the proposed ethanol plants to count on growth in demand, something they will be able to guarantee to their bankers to help ensure continued financing.

I am hopeful that the biodiesel provisions that I supported and was able to vote for will help to make biodiesel more affordable and take some pressure off the skyrocketing price of diesel in the near future. As you may know, we're told that increased demand for diesel is one of the major reasons for the run-up in prices.

I was very disappointed to see comments reported in the press this week that Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton of Texas appears to be giving up on passing a comprehensive energy bill yet this year.

The press reports also indicated that if Congress doesn't pass an energy bill when we return to legislative business in November, then chances for a comprehensive energy bill passing in the foreseeable future are slim since the Energy and Commerce Committee may move on to Clean Air Act issues during the next Congress.

That will be a shame, and a major, major loss for America if we don't get comprehensive energy legislation passed and passed soon.

Grassland Reserve Program

Those of you who submitted applications to enroll acreage into the Grassland Reserve Program have been waiting for some time to find out whether your application will be accepted, and it looks like you'll be waiting a while longer.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) officials indicated that they are working on the easement language after hearing concerns from some livestock and farm groups, so they pulled the easement agreements back from the field.

The easement document is being worked on here in Washington, and it could be later this fall before the NRCS is ready to enter into agreements to enroll acreage.

The Grassland Reserve Program was a new program created in the 2002 Farm Bill and, as with many of our conservation programs, the demand for the program is far outweighing the acres available for enrollment.

Conservation Program Participation For New Fiscal Year

As has been the case for the last several years, the conservation efforts of West Texas farmers and ranchers are suffering because Congress cannot get its work done.

We are two weeks into the new 2005 fiscal year, and yet we still have no idea when your local NRCS and conservation district offices will be able to start working with producers who are interested in signing up for the EQIP or WHIP programs.

Because the ag appropriations bill has not been passed into law (in fact the Senate hasn't even brought it to the floor yet), the Office of Management and Budget, or OMB, is highly unlikely to

let USDA start putting out money for this new fiscal year.

This is just one more way that we're frustrating the efforts of farmers and ranchers out there who want to do the right thing with the help of the federal government.

We know the interest is there because we're facing a total of nearly \$4 billion in backlogged applications that can't be completed because we don't have the money.

I just hope these producers don't get frustrated by the wait and give up on the projects they hoped to undertake.

In Conclusion

Again, as we're traveling today in Terry County, the crops look good. We do need a little bit more time, but hopefully we'll get that time, and the crops will come through.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Ten Free Trees--Autumn Classics

Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October 2004.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The ten trees are 2 Sugar Maples, Scarlet Oak, Sweetgum, Red Oak, Silver Maple, White Dogwood, Washington Hawthorn, and 2 Red Maples.

"These trees will produce vibrant red, orange, yellow, scarlet, and purple leaves in the fall," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between November 1 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

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Guest Slot

Will Rogers on Politics

As our political races begin to heat up, and controversy sizzles, we need Will Rogers here to put it all in perspective. He could poke fun at the process, with his common sense philosophy and folksy humor. Politics was an inexhaustible source of subject matter to him. He would take full advantage of the present hostilities.

His satire did not come from ignorance of the political situation. He kept informed by showing up at every presidential convention, visiting with the known, and unknown politicians, and attending functions with Washington society leaders. He spoke, and wrote what was on his mind, regardless of consequences. He pointed out the fallacies of partisan politics. He was much loved by the people, and much feared by the professional politician.

He explained: "I generally give the party in power, whether Republican or Democrat, the more digs because they are generally doing the country the most damage, and, besides I don't think it's fair to jump too much on the fellow that is down."

It was reported that Will, who probably influenced more ballots than any other living individual, had never voted. He responded to that with, "Nope, if this here country goes to the bowwows, there ain't no one who can blame me for it."

About politicians he said, "Now I read politics, talk politics, know personally almost every prominent politician: like 'em and they are my friends, but I can't help it if I have seen enough of it to know there is some baloney in it." He called politics, "the best show in America," and he seldom made a speech without bringing in something of the political situation.

Some of his observations on the subject include:

"Political elections...are a good deal like marriages, there's no accounting for anyone's tastes."

"A flock of Democrats will replace a mess of Republicans. It won't mean a thing. They will go in like all the rest of 'em. Go in on a promise, and come out on an alibi."

"Sometimes it makes you think we don't need a different man as bad as we need different advisers for the same man."

"We will never get anywhere with our finances till we pass a law saying that every time we appropriate something we got to pass another bill along with it, stating where the money is coming from."

"Always remember this,

that as bad as we sometimes think our government is run, it's the best run I ever saw."

"Liberty don't work as good in practice as it does in speeches."

"When we got our independence, if history ain't an awful liar, we sure wasn't in much shape to handle it."

"Common sense is not an issue in politics; it's an affliction."

"Every time we have an election, we get in worse men and the country keeps right on going. Times have proven only one thing and that is that you can't ruin this country, ever, with politics."

"Nobody wants his cause near as bad as he wants to talk about his cause."

"Slogan: Be a politician; not training necessary."

"A man's thoughts are naturally on his next term, more than his country."

"All legislation is put through by the aid of swaps and trades. They are just a lot of horse traders."

"If we didn't have two parties, we would all settle on the best man in the country and things would run fine. But as it is, we settle on the worst ones, and then fight over them."

"Truth serum would ruin the very foundation on which our political government is run. If you ever injected truth into politics, you would have no politics."

Will Rogers' observations were not limited to politics. He commented on most every subject that related to life in the nineteen twenties and thirties. People counted on his earthy, spontaneous humor, and his ingenuity to in-

terpret the events of the day.

Since he was primarily a speaker and a showman, we miss some of the nuances of his type of humor in the printed word. However, by reading Will Rogers one can get a very comprehensive history of the United States during the years he spoke and wrote.

One of his most quoted remarks was, "When I die, my epitaph, or whatever you call those signs on grave stones, is going to read: I joked about every prominent man of my time, but I never met a man I didn't like..."

It would be interesting to hear Will's take on our elec-

Timely Tips

by Kate Worth

EASY CLEAN-UP - I use my slow cooker a lot during the winter. To help with clean-up, I line the pot with aluminum foil. I fill it with my recipe, close, and cook as usual! When the family has eaten all they're going to eat at that meal time, I just remove the foil, seal it well, and place in a plastic, zipper-type bag. I then place it in the refrigerator. If you do this, it will save you time and soap in scrubbing the pot. It's also a great way to store the leftovers for another meal. Candice K.

NO WASTE - Instead of throwing away the leftover small pieces of soap, I put them in a white sock, tie the end and use as a washcloth. Even the kids like this. Ginny R.

VEGGIE TIP - When you buy fresh broccoli, don't throw away the stalks after eating the flowerettes. There are lots of nutrients in them, and after all, you did pay good money for them. Chop the stalks in your food processor and then freeze for later use when making broccoli/cheese soup. Alternatively, you can use a good sharp knife to slice the peeled stalks into thin circles to use in casseroles or in stir-fry recipes. Camille M.

tions of 2004. He never ran for office himself, but it is said he could have been elected president, if he had chosen to. If he could come back and enter the race, he might even get my vote!

By Evelyn Kirk

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Tree Care Clinic Set For Oct. 27

Trees are one of our first thoughts in landscape development. We're fortunate in Texas to have many suitable species. Special care needs to be given to selecting the tree to the location. You need to have an overall plan or objective for planting a tree. Do you need shade, protection from wind, screening, a pedestrian barricade or a colorful accent? Are you using the tree as a frame for your home? Do you just need to know where to find good trees for this area?

These questions and many more will be discussed at a special Tree Care Clinic held on October 27 at the Childress Farm located near Cottonwood. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with a sponsored lunch at noon. Topic discussed will include Proper

Tree Selection, Tree Planting Challenges, Supplemental Water Decisions, Fertilization, Pro & Cons of Soil Amendments and Weed control options. These topics will be discussed by a panel of speakers including John Begnaud - Extension Horticulturalist from San Angelo, Janet Laminack - Extension Horticulturalist from Abilene and Eric Copeland - Texas Forest Service Regional Forester. Three CEUs for TDA licensed applicators will be available. The clinic and meal are free and interested participant are asked to RSVP by October 25 for an accurate count for lunch. Detailed directions to the Childress Farm can be found on the web at

For more information and to pre-register contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325)854-1518.

Student Council To Host Veteran's Day Coffee

The Baird High School Student Council will be hosting a coffee on November 11, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for all veterans and their spouse's. The coffee will be held in the Family and Consumer Sciences (formally known as Home Economics) room. Following the coffee there will be a Veteran's Day assembly to honor those who have and those who are currently serving our country.

The Council asks all Veterans to provide them with name, branch of service, and a picture (if available). Please provide all information on the back of pictures. Please call or bring information to Baird High School office. For additional information please contact Baird High School - (325) 854-1400. School address is 600 West 7th Street.

Oct. 17-13 Is School Bus Safety Week

DPS is asking motorists to practice safe driving habits around school buses as part of School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 17-23.

This year's theme—"Shh...Railroad Crossing"—is designed to emphasize the need for quiet on a school bus when approaching a railroad crossing. State law requires buses to come to a complete stop before crossing railroad tracks, even if a train isn't present.

"Motorists approaching a stopped school bus with alternating red flashing lights are required by state law to stop," said Charley Kennington, DPS program administrator for school bus transportation. "Violators face fines of up to \$1,000 if convicted."

Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

"There are an average of 22 accidents a year involving a student that was getting on or exiting a bus," Kennington said. "About half of those involved motorists illegally passing a school bus."

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- Thursday, Oct. 21
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- Friday, Oct. 22
Bear Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rice Krispies, Milk
- Monday, Oct. 25
Beef & Macaroni, Mash Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Bread, Milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 26
Meat & Bean Chalupa, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Spanish Rice, Cobbler, Milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 27
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn on Cob, Cake, Milk
- Thursday, Oct. 28
Veg. Soup, Pimento & Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers, Muffins, Milk
- Friday, Oct. 29
Bear Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cookies, Milk

Friday Night's Area Scores

- Goldthwaite 55.....Baird 0
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- Eastland 52 - Hamilton 28
- Rising Star 62 Sidney 0
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- Albany 51 Hamlin 14
- Roby 60 Hermleigh 6
- Strawn 72 Iredell 0



BAIRD BEARS

Varsity Football Schedule

In their third district game of the season, the Baird Bears Varsity will challenge the Gorman Panthers. The game will be in Gorman, and starts at 7:30 P.M. Gorman won over Crossplains 9 to 6 in Friday's game. Go Bears!

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| October 22 | *Gorman | There | 7:30 |
| October 29 | *Cross Plains* | Here | 7:30 |
| November 5 | *Evant | There | 7:30 |

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*District Games

Athletic Coordinator/Head Coach - Bryan Webb
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Mascot - Dana Blair
Managers - Emalie Green, Ike Dickey, Jesse Mendez, Garrett Jennings, Logan Donlan
Band Director - Donna Sikes

Baird Bears 2004 Varsity

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| 2 | Blan Scott | 11 | QB/FS | 6'0 | 170 |
| 3 | Chance Rodriguez | 11 | WR/DB | 6'1 | 155 |
| 9 | Chase Goldsmith | 12 | WR/DB | 5'10 | 155 |
| 15 | Matt Reynolds | 12 | HB/DE | 5'10 | 165 |
| 21 | Chris Cogburn | 10 | QB/DB | 5'7 | 150 |
| 22 | Zach Green | 12 | RB/DL | 5'7 | 165 |
| 29 | Justin Patterson | 10 | RB/LB | 5'8 | 165 |
| 30 | Chris Jones | 9 | RB/DB | 5'7 | 150 |
| 32 | Blake Mendez | 12 | WR/DB | 5'6 | 140 |
| 33 | Jed Womack | 11 | RB/LB | 5'9 | 160 |
| 38 | Jayce Barbee | 9 | WR/DB | 5'6 | 130 |
| 40 | Sid Walton | 11 | RB/LB | 5'9 | 150 |
| 44 | Cody Shouse | 11 | RB/LB | 5'6 | 155 |
| 50 | Andrew Emmert | 9 | OL/DL | 5'11 | 170 |
| 51 | Justin Roberts | 10 | OL/LB | 5'11 | 190 |
| 52 | Brad Matlock | 11 | OL/LB | 5'11 | 215 |
| 53 | Carter Burford | 12 | OL/LB | 5'11 | 175 |
| 60 | Jeramie Brooks | 9 | OL/DL | 5'9 | 200 |
| 62 | Kyle Dillard | 12 | OL/DL | 5'11 | 240 |
| 65 | Richardo Lopez | 12 | OL/DL | 5'8 | 150 |
| 70 | Roger Wamsley | 11 | OL/DL | 5'11 | 220 |
| 72 | Judd Clark | 10 | OL/DL | 5'7 | 245 |
| 75 | Tim Burns | 12 | OL/DL | 6'0 | 315 |
| 79 | Koby Parker | 10 | OL/DL | 6'0 | 242 |
| 80 | Jacob Dillard | 9 | TE/DL | 5'8 | 175 |
| 83 | Will Green | 12 | WR/DB | 6'0 | 175 |
| 85 | Aaron Hazelwood | 9 | WR/DB | 5'4 | 125 |
| 88 | James Roberts | 12 | TE/DE | 6'5 | 210 |

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

The little news item buried on an inside page of the paper with a dozen other inch-long items of assorted trivia. (That's the way it was when Kudzu vines jumped to this continent; news snippets said it might be bad to spread.)

With a California dateline from Apple Valley, the 10-line summary announced that Sunset Hills Memorial Park where Roy Rogers and Dale Evans are interred has opted for artificial turf. Cemeteries will follow suit faster than Kudzu.

Say what? No more grass? That's right. It has to be mowed and water in the picturesque desert community is becoming increasingly precious. The new plastic turf will reduce maintenance costs by \$60,000 annually.

This decision is bound to rile millions of GM's throughout the land.* And it won't set well with horticulturalists. For both groups, cemetery owners are tuning up to offer a mournful exit song, "Happy Trails" to you. (*GM=grass mowers.)

Mentions of "pushing up daisies" will diminish. Daisies, if chosen at all, will be plastic, too. They won't be "pushed up;" instead, tab "A" will slide into slot "B".

The owner is planning to add a small chapel, as well as fake rocks and other plastic décor that will double as repositories for "cremains." And, he may join another California cemetery, Forest Lawn, in booking weddings.

He already has a replica 19th century horse-drawn limousine; it is suitable for funerals and weddings. Gee,

with canned music, plastic waterfalls and fence-to-fence artificial turf, there is potential to revolutionize the business of burials.

"It doesn't have to be a sad place," the proprietor said. "Disneyland is a happy place. This is a happy place. People can come and remember the good times."

He has to be sad, though, that some timing is simply beyond his control. Just last year, the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Museum was moved from nearby Victorville to Branson, MO. Their horses, Trigger and Buttermilk - as well as faithful super dog Bullet - are expertly preserved (mounted, not stuffed) and draw almost a quarter of a million visitors annually.

Trigger, ridden by the "King of the Cowboys" in all of his 81 movies, died in 1965 at age 33. Roy Jr. operates the museum. (Roy Sr. was born Leonard Slye in Cincinnati, OH, and was also famous on stage, television and radio.)

A restaurant, winery and housing development are planned adjacent to the cemetery that is quickly becoming a "happening place." They're selling between 800-900 plots annually.

Watch for similar cemeteries to start popping up all over the place. Some may have golf driving ranges, miniature golf courses and other attractions. If you need water when you visit, BYOB.

Idlings The funeral industry, like others, is changing. One of the biggest occurred more than 30 years ago,

when almost all mortuaries got out of the ambulance business. Funeral home owners, with rare exceptions, were pleased to turn this responsibility over to other folks.

The late Cecil Holman, a personal friend and hero, was a funeral director for more than 40 years, operating an ambulance most of those years. "Most folks call me to bring an ambulance when they don't have cab fare," he used to say.

Who can forget Dr. Billy Graham's oft-quoted observation? You remember it: "Have you ever seen a hearse pulling a U-Haul trailer?"

Idlings II A widow went to the cemetery to visit her

husband's grave, but couldn't find it. She asked the manager to help her locate Rupert Smithee's grave. "We don't have a Rupert Smithee, but we do have an Olivia Smithee," he said. "Oh, that's it," she answered. "We always put everything in my name."

Idlings III Could you believe that the Denton Ryan-Southlake Carroll football game was nationally televised, with tickets hard to come by? Some fans arrived a full eight hours before kick-off and some tickets fetched \$125 EACH! Money like that would buy a flu shot, or make a nice down payment on a burial plot.

Dr. Newbury is an author/pers. He invites feedback via speaker/columnist in the 817.447.3872 or by e-mail Metroplex. His weekly column newbury@speaker.doc.com appears in 100 Texas newspa-

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This Is Not A Medicine Show

Many of us can remember when medicine shows came to town every fall, and what entertainment they were.

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After his spiel, he'd announce "Now, our agents will pass through you, so have a dollar ready for every bottle you want. Get several, it's going to be a long, cold winter."

The elixir was usually sugar-soaked water with maybe a little white lightning for kick, and you could either drink it or rub it on; the results would be same: zilch.

There is this fall, a genuine Professor (read former school teacher) farmer, veteran United States Congressman passing through our district offering no elixir, but honest to goodness American conservatism government.

Charlie Stenholm is presently facing for re-election the least qualified, but most heavily financed and influence-weighted opponent of his long, faithful career.

Rep. Stenholm has been in Washington taking care of business until this past

weekend while his opponent (a freshman representative) has showed up at every service station opening, garage sale and baby shower, getting his picture made with anybody of status with coattails.

Charlie and wife Cindy are visiting in District 19 delivering the message that he has always voted what he believes is best for West Texas, not always with his party. In fact he has that most coveted of records—virtually a perfect conservative scoresheet.

On his lunch stop here Thursday, he asked each of the many supporters present to "go get two" and ask them to vote for him and sane government. He bemoaned the federal debt limit that bottomed out Thursday. "It's what we've let happen in Austin and in Washington," he said.

Why the Democratic "fall-away" a faithful asked? "God, gays and guns," the Congressman said. "Some have gone overboard on these issues and driven others away," he explained.

His appearance schedule is jam-packed.

The voters' obligations are simple—stay with the man you know and trust. What Charlie Stenholm tells you, is the way it is.

EARLY VOTING Began MONDAY. THE ELECTION IS NOV. 2nd.

—HVO

Letter To The Editor

Publisher, (H. V. O'Brien) It was a pleasure to see you at the meeting at the Texas Cattle Exchange and to see so many others who were there to support Congressman Charlie Stenholm. As always it was great to visit with him and listen to his views on problems that need to be addressed in Eastland County and the Big Country.

But, as we listened to stories from several people present recalling how Congressman Stenholm had helped them or their family, or helped with an important issue in this area, I became very sad at how quickly so many can forget. I remember meeting Congressman Stenholm for the first time when I was President of the Student Body at Eastland High School in 1980. I remember how he has always stood for Christian values and morals. I remember how he has stood against his own party when he felt their position was not in the best interest of the Big Country. I remember he and several other southern Democrats being called the Boll Weevils and being called "conservatives." I remember when Congressman Charlie Stenholm would come to Eastland County and every elected official and many others would come out to visit with and support him.

What has changed? Congressman Stenholm has not changed. He has done

nothing but bring honor and respect to his District. He has worked tirelessly to help those in the District in need, whether Democrat or Republican. Just because many of our local politicians chose to change their party designation during the Reagan era should not mean they stop supporting a good and honorable man like Charlie Stenholm. Come out and support those who deserve support regardless of which party they align themselves with. It would have been easy for Congressman Stenholm to have switched parties when so many others did. His views were much more conservative than the National Democratic party and he probably fit better under the Republican banner at times. But he did not take the easy road to insure he would face little or no opposition. He maintained his loyalty to the one that brought him. I respect the man for that. I respect the man for all he has done and will do for our part of the State.

Charlie said something he may not want me to repeat here but I thought it was so profound and appropriate I have to share it. When he hears all the talk trying to paint Republicans as the party of God and implying Democrats are somehow less religious or not as good of Christians as Republicans, he reminds them that "Jesus didn't ride into Jerusalem on an elephant." It is the man, not the moniker that matters.

We shouldn't vote a man out of office who has done

so much good just because he has one party designation or the other behind his name. Please don't follow blindly and vote by party. Please be an "Independent thinker" and vote for the person, and for District 19 I think you will decide that person should be Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Sincerely yours,
Gary D. Peak

Supreme Court Rules Again On Texas Redistricting

On Monday, Oct. 18 the U.S. Supreme Court announced a ruling that ordered reconsideration of Texas redistricting.

The case was sent back to a three-judge federal panel in Texas for further study on whether it was properly done.

Apparently this will not affect the redrawn Congressional boundaries at this time, and the General Election voting will go ahead as planned.

There are hints, however, that if the federal panel finally rules against the redistricting it could throw the election into question.

Or, the case could also make its ponderous way back to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Those opposed to the redistricting hail this latest Supreme Court action as a sort of victory.

In the meanwhile, the voter at least has a chance to support or repudiate the candidates in the new districts.

Letter To The Editor

Some politicians speak with an overtly religious perspective; others, with a moral, but less religiously-toned one. Charlie Stenholm is in the latter group. Recently, I had the opportunity and privilege to interview unexpectedly Mrs. Cindy Stenholm on the subject. She shared unhesitatingly that they actively attended churches both in Washington as well as in the Congressional District.

Furthermore, she said that Charlie was asked to speak to the Right to Life Group at the Democratic National Convention. Mrs. James Dobson of Focus on the Family asked him to represent the House of Representatives on the National Day of Prayer this past spring. At the House Prayer Breakfast, Charlie is the person who reports regularly on those who are sick. She also said that she has been active for six years in Bible Study Fellowship.

This should indicate to us that it is not necessary to wear one's religion on the sleeve while campaigning. What does count significantly is how much we apply the Second Great Commandment of loving our neighbors - including the poor, the disadvantaged, and those who have served us all - veterans, farmers, seniors, teachers, etc.

As this election draws near, let us all pray - thanking God for our many freedoms and asking His guidance before we vote.

Julian Bridges



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