

## A Trip To Remember

Recently, the Baird Sixth Graders took a field trip that they will not forget to the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. First of all, the sixth graders had lunch at the Medieval Times Dinner Theater while watching knights joust and sword fight. Afterwards, the group went to the Irving Mall and shopped while looking around.

Shortly after visiting the mall, the class went to The Ballpark in Arlington to see the unveiling of the Nolan Ryan Statue. At the ceremony Governor George Bush, Jr. made a short speech about Nolan Ryan's career. The sixth graders stayed at the ballpark for the Rangers game. Although the Rangers did not win, the students and sponsors still had a blast.

We really appreciate the people who helped us raise the money to go on the trip. We would really like to thank the sponsors who went with us and the administrators for supporting our endeavors.

By Melissa Henley & Sage Goldsmith

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**Area Playoff Baseball Game will be at San Angelo Central Stadium, Friday, May 23 at 12:00 Noon. The Baird Bears will play Buena Vista High School from Imperial, Texas.**

## Memorial Day 1997

By Tom Ivey  
Veterans Service Officer

Callahan County, TX  
May 26 will be just another holiday for many people but not to those who have served in the Armed Forces of this great nation or to those who have lost loved ones in the defense of our country.

"Decoration Day" was begun as a day to put flowers and mementos on the graves of soldiers killed in the War Between the States. Great cemeteries were necessary to bury the dead of that terrible time when over 600,000 American lives were lost. The dead of that bitter conflict exceeds the combined dead of ALL OTHER wars involving American troops.

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**Bi-district champs.** The Bears huddle up prior to game time against Bryson in the Class A Bi-district state playoff game held on the campus of Ranger College in Ranger Friday. Baird defeated the Cowboys and will advance to the area round of state competition against Buena Vista in San Angelo this Friday, May 23 at noon.

## Seminary extension courses now accepting applications

Courses are being offered this summer by the Cisco Baptist Association. These courses have been evaluated and recommended for college by the American Council on Education (A.C.E.). Students should clear plans to transfer credit with the institution of choice before enrolling with Seminary Extension. A number of colleges have accepted Seminary Extension diploma courses toward baccalaureate degrees.

Three courses will be offered this June, July and August. These three semester hour courses will be offered in two locations and on two different nights. The courses will take 13 weeks, three hours per week. The following are the courses, locations and days to be offered.

**BB3100 How to Understand the Bible** is an introduction to the doctrinal, historical and literary nature of the Bible. Textbooks used are, *Understanding the Bible*, Scott and *The Nature and Purpose of the Bible*, Cate & Knight. The cost for both books will be \$22.00. This course is scheduled to be taught by Dr. Tom Goodman, pastor at First Baptist Church, Eastland. It will be offered on Thursday nights in Eastland.

**TH 3202 Christian Evidences** is the study of the quest for truth

about some of the profound questions of life and how we know and experience God. Textbook used is, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Roger and Baird. The price of the book is \$17.00. This course is scheduled to be taught by Joe Stewart, pastor at Bethany Baptist in Breckenridge. It will be offered on Tuesday nights in Breckenridge.

**PM 3258 Pastoral Leadership in a Small Church** is a study of the unique dynamics of a small church, styles, and methods of pastoral leadership. Textbooks used are, *Leading the Small Church*, McCarty and *Small Churches Are the Right Size*, Ray. The price for both books is \$17.00. This course is scheduled to be taught by Elvis Whaley, pastor of Mangum Baptist Church. It will be offered on Tuesday nights in Eastland.

If you are interested in studying with us, please call one of the following numbers to register; 442-4568, 442-3030 or 559-5083. Time is critical so please respond immediately. We hope to start classes the first week of June.

**Costs:**  
\*Registration fee - \$50.00.  
Course fee for A.C.E. diploma course - \$31.00. (Course without diploma - \$23.00.)  
Books - depends upon the course.

\*Registration fee will be needed the first day of class. The remainder can be paid before the course is concluded.

## Policy for use of Old Gym

It has been the policy of Baird Independent Schools that the school facilities may be used by the public if proper procedures are followed. To use most of the facilities, one merely needs to call the superintendent's office to verify what the facility to be used has not been reserved by someone else for the same date and time, and then on the day that you plan to use the facility, or the last working day prior to that time, you go by the superintendent's office to pick up a key to the facility. Employees are not to give a key to anyone to use the facilities.

In regard to the old gym facilities the policy differs slightly as the use is sometimes more than just a one occasion event. Anyone wishing to use the old gym has been asked to sign a contract with the school and put up a hundred (\$100) dollar deposit. The key

for this use to be picked in the superintendent's office during working hours and return to that office at the earliest possible time the office is open. Please do not contact an employee at home for use of a key to any of the facilities. If an emergency arises, the principals or superintendent should be notified.

When the contract for use of the old gym has expired, the deposit will be returned to the person leaving it unless damage to the facilities is traceable to that party's use of the facilities.

The school is here to serve the community and we are glad to do so, but ask that you respect the property and the rights of the employees who work there. Please do not ask an employee to use to any of the facilities as they are instructed not to loan their keys out. The superintendent's office will be happy to work with you between

the hours of 8 to 4 during the school term and 9-4 during the summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 854-1400.

## Teaching pro sets Eastland Golf clinic

Brad Higgins of Fort Worth, PGA teaching professional, will conduct a Junior Golf Clinic and general golf instruction for adult and junior players beginning Thursday, June 5th at Roy's Driving Range in Eastland. Sponsors of the event are Roy's Driving Range, Lakeside Country Club, and Sterling Monument Company.

Brad is the son of Doug Higgins who resides at Lake Leon. He is currently the teaching professional at Golf Driving Range of Texas located in Arlington. While attending Texas Wesleyan University he was named an NAIA college All-American.

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**Best of the Best.** At the Baird High School Athletic Sports Banquet held Saturday, Eric Wall was selected as the Best Male Athlete for 1996-97 and Adrienne Kerbow was selected as the Best Female Athlete of the year for 1996-97.

## BHS Commencement Exercises are Friday



**VALEDICTORIAN MARIE MOORE**  
Commencement Exercises for the 1997 graduating class of Baird High School will be held Friday, May 23 at 8:00 p.m. at the Baird High School Auditorium.

Celeta Marie Moore is this year's class valedictorian. She is the daughter of Danny and Kay Faircloth.

Bryan Tyler Abernathy is this year's class salutatorian. He is the son of Peggy Abernathy.

Members of the 1997 graduating class are Amanda Abernathy, Bryan Abernathy, Nicholas Bailey, Christopher Barron, Weather Barry, Jennifer Benton, Joseph Buchanan, David Chapman, James Collins, Stephen Crow, Kory Dapron, Micah Duke, Kimberly Edmondson, Kayla Hatchett, Kelly Hat-



**SALUTATORIAN BRYAN ABERNATHY**

chett, Michael Ivy, Frank Jones, Travis Kerbow, Stephen Koch, Pam Mason, Christopher Mendez, Celeta Moore, Daniel Palacio, Kristal Pruet, Kari Roan, Justin Rodriguez, Artie Rollins, Ryan Sims, Sheri Waldrop, Sally Walker, Eric Wall, Steven Ward, Dianna Wilcox, and Audra Wilson.

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Senior Class Profiles Inside This Edition



# Congratulations, Senior Class of 1997



**HEATHER BARRY**  
Heather Barry is the 18 year old daughter of Bun and Rea Barry.

Her high school activities include: Throughout her years in high school she has participated in Basketball and golf from '93-'97, Cross Country '95-'97, and have been a part of the Baird Band since '93. She was a member of the Future Homemakers of America and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which she is currently treasurer. From '95-'96, she was a member of the Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. her junior year.

Her plans for the future are to complete her college education and get established in a career.

She plans to attend Texas Christian University in Fort Worth during the fall.



**JAMES WELDON COLLINS**

James Weldon Collins is the 18 year old son of Sonny and JoLynn Collins of Putnam.

His high school activities include: He played basketball for 4 years and tennis for 3 years. He also played baseball for 2 years and ran track and Cross Country for 2 years each. He was a member of FFA for 3 years and FHA for 3 years.

He plans to attend CJC or South Plains to get his basics. Then he plans to attend a 4 year university. He plans to major in Sports Medicine or Physical Therapy.



**DIANA WILCOX**

Diana Wilcox is the 18 year old daughter of Lester and Linda Wilcox.

Her plans for the future are to attend CJC for two years and then go to a larger university when she decides what her major will be.



*Congratulations to a great group of graduates*



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**JENNIFER BENTON**

Jennifer Benton is the 18 year old daughter of Darrell and Fredda Benton.

Her high school activities include: Throughout high school she was active in Varsity Track for 4 years, J.V. Basketball for 2 years, and Varsity Basketball for 1 year. She has been a cheerleader all four years and head cheerleader her junior and senior years. She participated in Cross Country for two years and have been a member of FCA for three years. She held a class office her junior and senior years.

She plans to live in the Fort Worth area and have a good stable job that she enjoys.

She plans to attend Tarrant County Junior College for one year and then get the rest of her education from Texas Christian University.

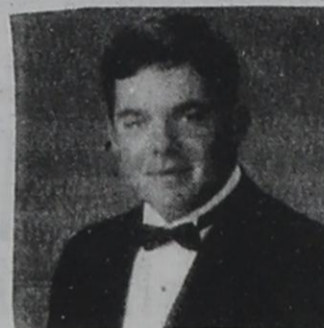
**The Callahan County Star welcomes news from your clubs, organizations, birth announcements, weddings, engagements, etc.**



**RYAN GARRETT SIMS**

Ryan Garrett Sims is the 18 year old son of Robert and Susan McCool of Baird and Boxer Sims. His high school activities include: In his one year at Baird, Ryan was elected senior class treasurer.

He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Political Science and he plans to get a law degree.



**STEVE CROW**

Steve Crow is the 18 year old son of Richie and Sara Crow.

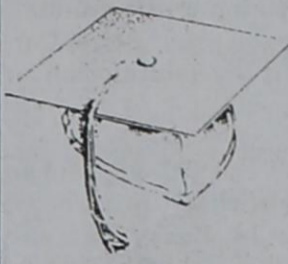
His high school activities include: Football all four years; Track for four years; he had an animal project in FFA for four years.

He plans to move to Midland and attend college there. He plans to get a job in computers.

He plans to attend Midland College and major in Computer Technology.

*Congratulations*

*Class of 1997*



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**KORY DEPRON**

Kory Depron is the 19 year old son of Don and Linda Depron.

His high school activities include: He was a member of FFA for four years; involved in raising and showing livestock. He played football his freshman year. He was a V.I.C.A. welding member. He participated in Sr. Bullriding Rodeos.

He plans to get a well paying job. He wants to travel. He plans to make some kind of career in Rodeo and he hopes to win the Lottery.



**KRISTOPHER CHAD BARRON**

Kristopher Chad Barron is the 18 year old son of Butch and Sharon Barron.

His high school activities include: He participated in Football, Basketball, Track and Baseball for four years. He has been listed "Who's Who" Among High School Football Players. He has been in Band for three years and was voted Band President his junior year. He has been in FCA for three years and two of those years he served as an officer. He was a member and officer in Beta. He was a member of the National Honor Society and was voted Best All-Around as a senior.

His plans for the future are to graduate from college and get a well paying job that will allow him to begin a life with a beautiful woman and start a family.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Education or in Sports Medicine.

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**STEPHEN MICHAEL KOCH**

Stephen Michael Koch is the 18 year old son of Tony and Mary Koch.

His high school activities include: football for four years, baseball for three, track for two years.

His plans for the future are to attend law school after receiving his Bachelor's degree. He plans to major in English.

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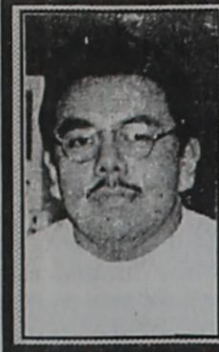
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**Well, hello there.  
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**Lupe Garcia, Jr.  
Editor**

Pardon me. But I have failed to write you, the readers of the Callahan County Star and give you the scoop on my background and my job responsibilities here in Baird.

I have currently been associated with the Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers for the past three years. My title before accepting the job of City Editor at the Star was, and still is the Eastland County Sports Editor. So as you can tell already, my life is hectic.

As for myself, I'm a native Texan born and raised right here in the Big Country. I attended the Cisco public school system and after attending Oregon State University my wife and I are happy to live in the "good country."

As for our town of Baird, I was so amazed that such a beautiful city existed. As a sports editor and a high school athlete, I have often visited the high school football and baseball fields, and gymnasium, and through my eyes, Baird only existed from I-20 to only a few blocks south, inward as far as the county courthouse. But on January 1, all that changed. With my office located in the midst of the Antique Capital of the World, I was so thrilled that I would be part of your community that I would stay till late hours in the evening dusting and polishing up my new domicile.

As for the people of our community. My first impression of Baird came from an elementary school teacher that the public knows well. **Mrs. Sarah Hatfield.** The kind hearted elementary teacher is a vital asset to this newspaper. Due to her tireless effort, we have been able to keep up with the Baird high school athletics program. Another plus for the community is the business men that I am in contact with every time I'm in Baird.

Insurance man **Jack Corn** is an avid sportsman that enjoys the game of golf. **Mike Konzak** is the handy do-it-yourself man that gives me the assistance in the small repairs that we often encounter. The owners of **Trails End** always want me to come by and lounge in their antique wooden recliners and chat for awhile. But the one big plus that downtown Baird has is the locations of vital businesses.

I was amazed and found it a big plus in the midst of our downtown area, that all of the daily businesses that I visit daily are only a short distance away.

The banker, **Mr. Sammy Edington**, and the First National Bank of Baird is just a short distance away, and the go between person, **Kelley** is a great asset to me and their establishment. The Post Office is around the corner. And our city mayor, **Steve Bowen**, who visits the office when I'm available, is only located on the next block. That is a person who is as busy as I am. When I call to inquire about him, he is busy with his daily chores as well. But a big plus when I visit City Hall is the time I have in talking to the city secretary, **Nancy Turnbow.** She gave me words of confidence in time of need and for that a big Kudos for you **Nancy.**

One of the most unexpected occurrences came in late February when I ran into a few friends of mine from my Cisco High days at Baird Drive Inn. Current residents of Baird, **Tommy Thackerson** and **Billy Bisbee.** The encounter was bizarre to me because here were friends quick to point me out and I stood there like a heel as if I were being picked out of a line up.

And finally, speaking of grocery stores, I

haven't seen anything like **B&B Grocery** store since I was a kid. A family run business with fresh meat on display. Know that is the kind of place that makes me think of good times. **Brian** will let you pick your own meat, rather than you having to pick from the display as you do in other stores.

Yes, this plus many more businesses in Baird add a big plus in my book for our community. One that I enjoy working for.



**Sir Issac Newton at work.** Shelley Abernathy's Physical Science Class at Baird High School takes a time out during the spring weather last week to go outdoors and study the effects of Centripetal Force and Circular motion. (Staff Photo)

**TO THE VOTERS OF BAIRD ISD**

Just a word of thanks for your vote of confidence on May 3, 1997. I will work diligently to fulfill my obligations to the taxpayers of Baird ISD, and continue to work to ensure quality education awaits all students attending Baird ISD.

Thank you  
Butch Barron.  
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"Education is that which discloses to the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding."  
**Ambrose Bierce**

**DPS Report**

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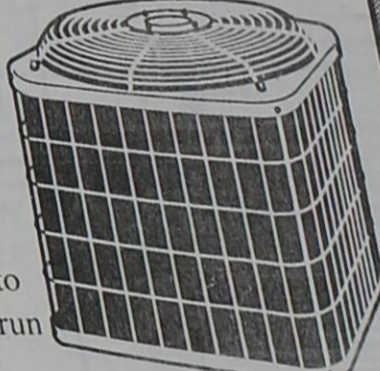
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**Ranger Livestock Market Report**  
The market at Ranger Auction was \$2 to \$5 higher on stocker and feeder calves. Packer cattle were steady to \$2 higher from last week on a run of 819, according to David Coan, market reporter. Next sale will be May 22nd.  
Cows:  
Fat 33-38  
Cutters 38-43  
Canner 25-33  
Stocker 8-10-8-10

Bulls:  
Bologna 45-55.50  
Feeder Steers and Steer Calves:  
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300-400 lbs. 85-1.08  
400-500 lbs. 80-1.00  
500-600 lbs. 75-90  
600-700 lbs. 65-84.50  
Feeder Heifers and Heifer Calves:  
200-300 lbs. 90-1.08  
300-400 lbs. 86-96  
400-500 lbs. 75-90  
500-600 lbs. 70-83  
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Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

### The Joneses Can't Keep Up With Themselves

Editor's note: This is the first column in a two part series.

Dear Readers: Be careful what you ask for because you just might get it. Several months ago I ran a contest and asked that entries be sent in care of "A Snowball's Chance In Hell." I was looking for either support or opposition to my view that society was going to hell in a hand basket. The question posed was, "What color is the sky in your world?" I offered \$1,000 for each response printed. Let me share what I've learned since that initial column appeared.

Two commonalities, regardless of viewpoint, are one—people certainly didn't need money as an incentive to write. The bulk of the mail gone through cites if they are a winner, "Please keep the money, Mr. Ross, and give it to someone who really needs it." And two, an overwhelming majority feel I probably need a vacation from the philanthropy business. There is a lot of concern that my heart may have hardened over time and that maybe I'm experiencing "burn-out." There may have been some truth to that the day I wrote the contest column, but nothing could be further from the truth at the time of this writing. Talk about a good dose of chicken soup for the soul! Your letters rejuvenated my enthusiasm. I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for all the complimentary comments you wrote on my attempts to help people through this column.

So, is society going to hell in a hand basket? From what letters I've read there's a 50-50 split on yes and no. For every letter that stated we are, there is another that claims blue skies without a turbulent cloud in sight. For the sake of argument let's first look at the glass being half empty. Among the culprits:

**Television**—too much violence portrayed. A child, by the time he or she is 21 will have witnessed some 200,000 murders or other assorted criminal acts on the boob tube. And don't forget commercials. Children, as well as adults, are continually bombarded with ads that tell us we need this blankety-blank to be successful or popular or hip or square or whatever. Even the act of watching TV is less than desirable. It's passive. Now we hear talk of interactive TV. Who wants to interact with a television set? When we lose the desire to interact with people, we'll pretty much have one foot in the grave. Watching television used

to be thought of as a way to relax in the evening. How many of you feel relaxed after watching the evening news? In having made the move from the industrial to the information age, we now get to see wars in progress. Technology is a mixed blessing.

**Prayer**—many people feel that modern day society's decline began when prayer was removed from public schools. God first, family second and other people third was given as a popular prioritization. Some wrote that all my questions could be answered in reading the Holy Bible. While my own religious beliefs favor the Old Testament, I say to each their own. I, for one, find comfort in learning that most people believe in a Creator. Like it or not, God is an integral part of our lives. The day we took prayer out of our public schools is the day we stepped a little closer to moral decay.

**Discipline**—for ourselves, for our children. What was once thought to be disciplining your child is now construed as child abuse. What was once thought to be "sassing" your parents is now referred to as "expressing" yourself. We've gone so overboard in protecting and preserving the rights of the vulnerable, i.e. children, that now they have all the rights and parents have none. Evidently state and federal government feel they can do a better job raising our children than we can. I beg to differ.

**Government**—far, far, far too much taxation and regulation. We're like mindless working machines who feed "Big Brother" everything we work so hard to earn. And we all know what a wonderful job government does with handling our money—just look at the national deficit.

**Respect**—or more aptly stated, lack thereof. We have no respect for ourselves, let alone each other or the planet we live on. It's time to think globally but act locally. Whatever happened to knowing who your neighbors are?

Remember the Joneses? Those infamous folks everyone tries to keep pace with in terms of material acquisition? I have news for you, the Joneses have since gone bankrupt and have been forced to scale way back in their lifestyle. Join me next week for part two of this series. We'll be looking at this same issue from the perspective of the glass being half full.

Write Percy Ross, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number and the name of this publication. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

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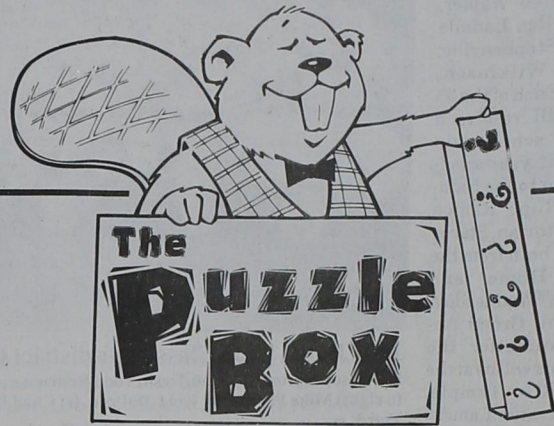
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2. What do lawyers wear to court?
3. Why does electricity shock people?
4. What do you call a rooster that wakes you at the same time every morning?
5. What do you get when you cross an elephant with a kangaroo?

Answers:  
 1. Well, the label said wash and wear.  
 2. A law suit.  
 3. It doesn't know how to conduct itself.  
 4. An alarm clock.  
 5. Potholes all over Australia.



### Kite Logic

By Martha J. Morrison, Candor, NY

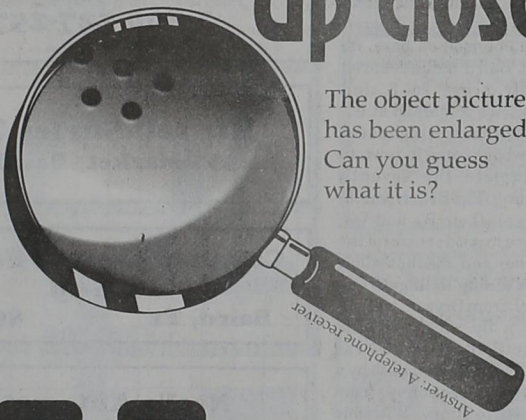
It was windy and a great day for the Candy children, Andy, Randy, Mandy and Sandy, to fly their new kites in the park. Whose kite flew the longest? Who had the blue kite? Use the grid to help you. Put an "x" in each incorrect box and an "o" in each correct box.

1. The red kite got caught in a tree just before the blue kite ripped and came down.
2. A boy's yellow kite flew the longest.
3. Sandy brought her kite down early so she could go home when Andy left.
4. Mandy's kite was not green or blue.

	Andy	Randy	Mandy	Sandy	Red	Blue	Green	Yellow
Flew longest								
Caught in the tree								
Ripped								
Taken down early								

Answer: Randy's kite flew the longest. Andy's kite was blue.

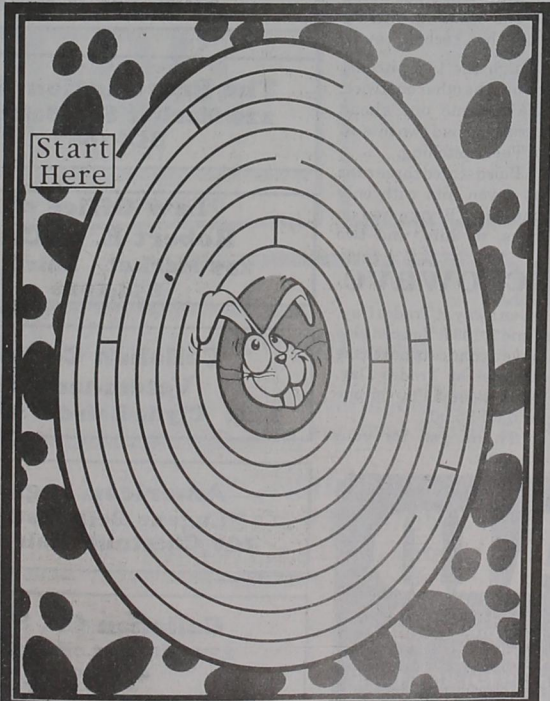
## Up close



The object pictured has been enlarged. Can you guess what it is?

Answer: A telephone receiver.

## Maze



## Color Mania





# Guest Slot

By HVO

RED GERANIUMS only for Texas buyers and maybe some pinks and white, but rarely if ever, blue, says TexA&M. In other states lavender is preferred.

**ELECTRIC DE-REGULATION?** What's a consumer to think? Do? Wait and pray, based on what's happened to other de-regulated industries. It's a HOT, HOT topic right now in Austin (as the session winds down). Competition, says CAP-Texas (telling us by wire, fax, press release and telephone) will cut rates for most residential consumers by 12% over years, cut rates for most small business and commercial customers by 4%, and freeze rates for industrial customers; make reliability of service a top priority; and let the consumer choose provider end of 2001. A call to 800 651-1430 will generate a "for" letter to your legislator in support of S.B. 965.

**HOWEVER**, on the other side of the coin a fax from Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. says that deregulation may not be in the best interest of cooperative consumers. A spokesman for the 75 co-ops and 11 generation and

transmission co-ops says "...several key elements of the draft bill are not fully understood and that more time is needed to review them." "Dramatic changes are being proposed that will impact how the electric industry in Texas operates...unfortunately, this proposal does not necessarily assure lower electric rates or reliable service for co-op members." (Co-Ops serve some 3 million consumers in 244 of Texas's 254 counties.) We predict that we will hear MUCH more from many sources in the days ahead.

**WHERE HAVE** all our heros gone? Master Magician Harry Blackstone Jr., son of the legendary Blackstone Sr., died of pancreatic cancer at Loma Linda, Calif., at age 62. We first met him in the '50s at a Texas Magician's Convention when he was a University of Texas student preparing to carry on the tradition of his father in magic. Highly successful, he was active in many arenas and as recently as last December was headliners at a major showplace in Atlantic City, still doing the dancing handkerchief and floating light bulb his father, a contemporary of Houdini, had made famous all over the world.


**EQUAL UTILITY** time: Lone Star Gas tells us that recommendations made to the Railroad Commission "would jeopardize the reliability of gas service for residential and commercial customer." It boils down to this: Lone Star (for the first time in 14 years) asked to increase rates they charge for transporting and storing gas for the 550 cities they serve in Texas. Instead, Hearing Examiners proposed applying factors which reduce Lone Star's capacity to provide reliable service to the cities in order to propose rate reductions. Lone Star

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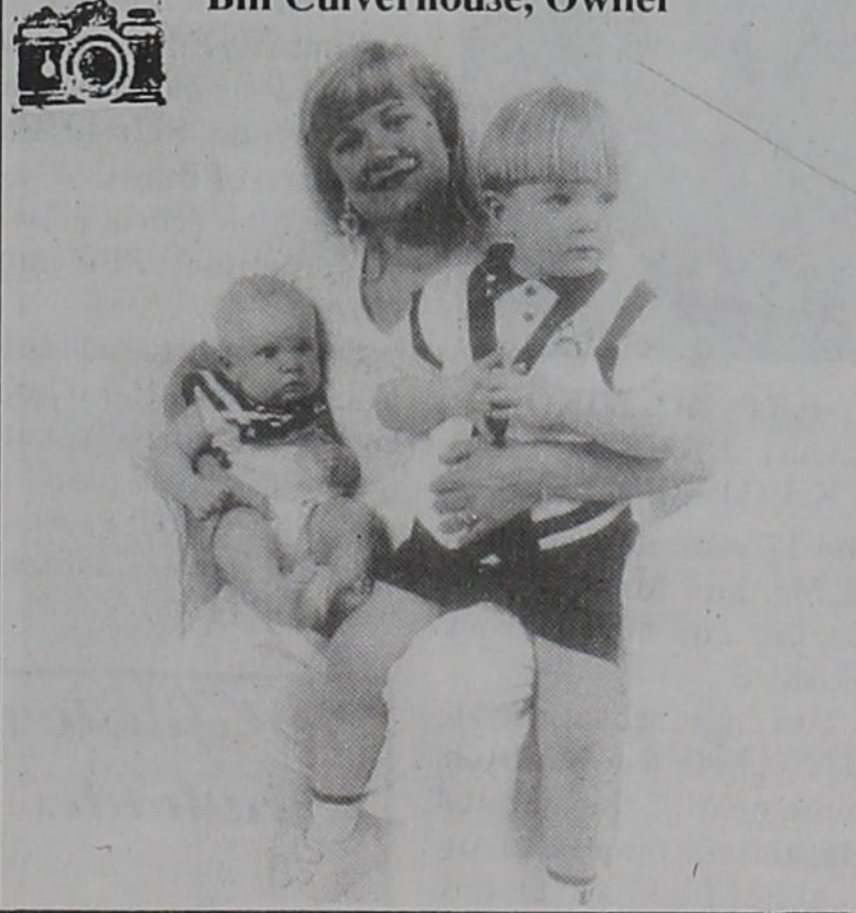
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# 'The Brazilian' Opens CJC Summer Dinner Theatre Season May 27

The 1997 Conrad Hilton Dinner Theatre summer season will get underway soon with a performance of "The Brazilian" by Henri Meilhac and Ludovic Halevy. The play is a vintage comic piece set in Paris in the 1860's. The plot revolves around two amorous actresses named Rafaella and Micheline and the wealthy producer they both hope to marry. The wily Micheline spreads the rumor that Rafaella is being courted



Michael Baidas (left) and Perry Crafton (right) in scene from 'The Brazilian', a CJC Summer Dinner Theatre production.

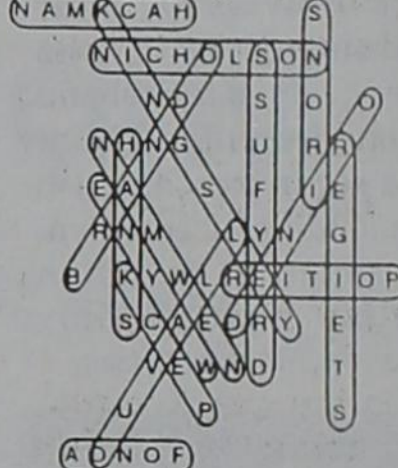
says Examiners are considering off-peak figures rather than high-peak. "We have had to deliver 13% more gas for human needs customers than the Examiners have allowed for..." Also the Examiners recommended restrictions on gas purchases, says Lone Star, and the end result would turn a \$39 million profit to a \$50 million loss. "The economic survival of Lone Star is at stake."

**ANOTHER HERO** gone! As it is with all of us when we learn of the death of special people, it was a heart-breaker to hear of the passing of Mrs. Dan (Nancy) Childress of Cross Plains, and formerly of Eastland. Our sincere sympathy to Dan and the family. When they were in Eastland she was the first woman mayor of the city, and was a mover and shaker for many good causes, not the least of which was the library here as she was in Cross Plains. The obituary pointed out that she died in her native and beloved Albuquerque. There are so many fond memories of the "city wars" and "project battles" that she and the rest of us old-time commissioners fought in those days. She helped spur the effort to revise the old city charter. It has come to pass. We'd guess that she probably is a volunteer today at the Pearly Gate Lending Library. We remember that Dan wouldn't let her put authentic anise seed (licorice) on the Mexican cookies served at a dinner they hosted for the commissioners and wives, but everything else was truly authentic, just as she was.

by a murderously jealous Brazilian. Her plot backfires when instead of cooling his passions down, the producer's interest heats up. Micheline is non-plussed when the tempestuous Brazilian suitor actually shows up at Rafaella's house. The mad improvisation which follows is a romp in the best tradition of door-slaming French farce. The production features Carolyn Ainsworth as Rafaella, Tammy Scarbrough as Micheline, Michael Baidas as Monsieur De Fleurdelys, Perry Crafton as Monsieur LeRoue and Kathy Toof as Nannette. Special musical entertainment will be provided by Elizabeth Webb and Susan Wester.

"The Brazilian" will be performed Tuesday through Sunday, May 27 through June 1, at the Conrad Hilton Community Center in downtown Cisco. Wednesday through Saturday are full dinner nights with ticket prices at \$12.00. Tuesday night and Sunday afternoon are "dessert only" performances with tickets at \$6.00. Dinner/Dessert service begins at 7

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Celeta Marie Moore is the 18 year old daughter of Danny and Kay Faircloth.

Her activities during high school include: She has participated in UIL Academics and One Act Play. She has been a Student Council member for four years and a Beta Club member for two years.

Her plans for the future are to attend Tarleton State University. After graduating TSU, she hopes to have a husband and children after obtaining a secure teaching job in a middle-sized town. She plans to major in English and possibly minor in Mathematics.

## Salutatorian



**BRYAN TYLER ABERNATHY**

Bryan Tyler Abernathy is the 17 year old son of Peggy Abernathy.

His activities during high school include: He participated in Basketball all four years. He participated in FFA his junior year. During his junior and senior year he was involved in FCA, Beta Club, UIL Number Sense, and UIL Science, and one year of UIL Mathematics. He was also a band member all four years.

He plans to attend Cisco Junior College while majoring in Computer Science or Mathematics. Then he plans to attend at larger school and continue in his major.

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**TODD RODRIGUEZ**

Todd Rodriguez is the 17 year old son of Efrain and Sue Ann Rodriguez.

Her high school activities include Varsity Football for 3 years, Varsity Baseball for 4 years, Varsity Track for 3 years, FFA, Gifted and Talented, UIL Science Team, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among High School Students.

He plans to go to college to become a coach.

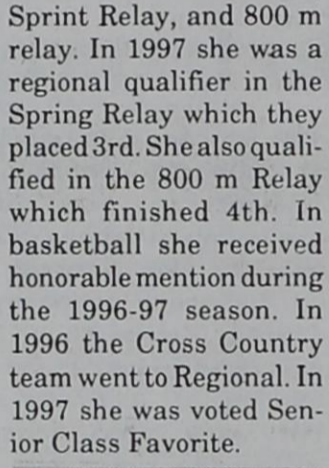
He plans to go to McMurry University.



**SALLY WALKER**

Sally Walker is the 18 year old daughter of Joey and Janie Walker.

Her high school activities include: She participated in track and basketball all four years of high school. She participated in Cross Country her junior and senior years. In 1995 she was a regional qualifier in the 400 m dash. In 1996 she was a regional qualifier in the 300 m hurdles, Sprint Relay, and 800 m relay. In 1997 she was a regional qualifier in the Spring Relay which they placed 3rd. She also qualified in the 800 m Relay which finished 4th. In basketball she received honorable mention during the 1996-97 season. In 1996 the Cross Country team went to Regional. In 1997 she was voted Senior Class Favorite.

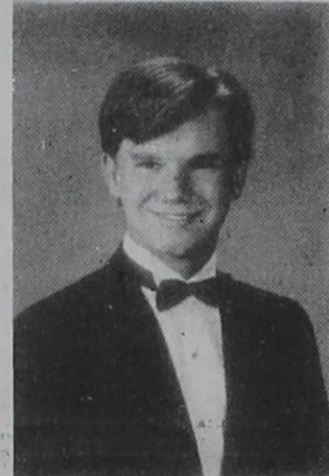


**KAYLA DAWN HATCHETT**

Kayla Dawn Hatchett is the 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hatchett of Baird.

Her high school activities include: She has participated in varsity basketball all four years and was team Captain in '96 & '97. She ran track in '94-'96 and Cross Country in '96-'97. She also qualified for regional in Cross Country and in the 1600 m run in track. In '95-'96 she played tennis. Her freshman and junior year she was active in FCA and have been in FFA since '95. She was also a Class Officer in '94 & '97.

Her plans for the future are to attend Southwest Texas State University in the fall. She plans to major in Animal Science.



**MICHAEL C. IVY**

Michael C. Ivy is the 18 year old son of Cleo and Leona Ivy.

His activities during high school include: For all four of his high school years, he has participated in the Gifted and Talented program. His freshman year he played JV basketball. During his sophomore year he joined the ranks of Student Council as a representative; he has remained in this position through his senior year. His junior year he participated in UIL Ready Writing. He has been in One-Act Play, Ready Writing, FCA, and the Yearbook staff during his senior year.

He plans to attend Cisco Junior College and receive an Associates Degree. He will then attend Hardin-Simmons University to receive his Bachelor's degree.

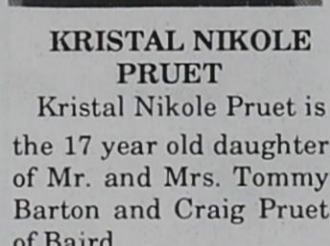


**KIMBERLY EDMONDSON**

Kimberly Edmondson is the 18 year old daughter of Lee and Shirley Edmondson of Baird.

Her high school activities include: FFA and FHA.

She plans to move to Lubbock and attend Lubbock Christian University in the fall. She plans to major in Child Psychology and be very successful in that field.



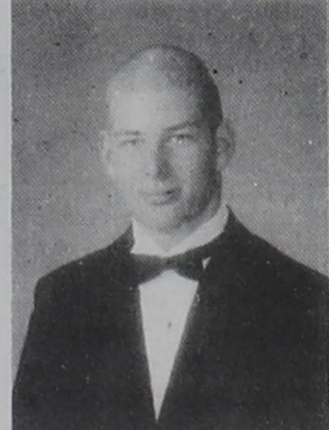
**KRISTAL NIKOLE PRUET**

Kristal Nikole Pruet is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Barton and Craig Pruet of Baird.

Her high school activities include: She has been a member of the Varsity Basketball team all four years of high school and served as a captain her junior and senior years. She has also been a Varsity Cheerleader all four years. She ran track as a freshman and Cross Country as a junior and senior. She was a member of the FHA her sophomore year. Band her freshman, sophomore and junior years, and FCA her freshman and junior years. She served as a class officer and FCA officer her junior year.

Her plans for the future are to attend college and one day have a very successful career.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She plans to major in Nursing, specializing in neonatal care.



**NICHOLAS BAILEY**

Nicholas Bailey is the 18 year old son of Charles and JoAnn Bailey.

His activities during high school include: He played basketball for 4 years, ran track for 1 year, and he is a member of FFA and FHA.

He plans to attend Cisco Junior College to get his basics and then go to a 4 year university. He plans to major in Physical Therapy or in Sports Medicine.

## Congratulations



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**ARTIE ROLLINS**

Artie Rollins is the 18 year old son of Clint Rollins and Pat Rollins of Clyde.

He was a member of FFA, and have had animal projects both years. He was awarded Reserve Breed Grand Champion for Duroc hogs in the 1996 Callahan Co. Stock Show.

His plans for the future are to go to an art school and then he wants to become a tattoo artist. He hopes to open his own tattoo parlor.

He plans to attend Cisco Jr. College and then an art school. He plans to major in Art and Cooking.



**STEVEN RYAN WARD**

Steven Ryan Ward is the 18 year old son of Steve and Sue Ward.

His high school activities include: As a freshman he participated in Football, Basketball, Baseball, Band, FCA, and UIL Number Sense. As a sophomore he participated in Football, Basketball, Baseball, Band, and UIL Number Sense and Mathematics. As a junior and senior she participated in Football, Baseball, Band, FCA, and UIL Number Sense.

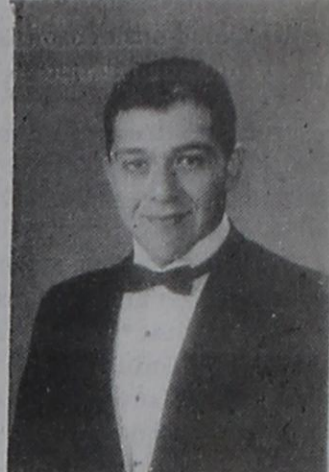
After attending Cisco Junior College, he plans to attend a university and continue his major. He plans to major in Mathematics and minor in Physical Education or Computer Science.



**JOSEPH MORGAN BUCHANAN**

Joseph Morgan Buchanan is the 18 year old son of Anita Buchanan and Blyane Buchanan of Putnam.

His plans for the future are to move to Wyoming and work. He plans to major in Diesel Mechanics.



**CHRIS MENDEZ**

Chris Mendez is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Asapito Mendez.

His high school activities include: He played varsity football all 4 years; was Captain his Senior year.

His plans for the future are undecided but he plans to finish college and then go from there. He plans to attend Southwest Texas State University. He would like to major in a field of Science; Medicine.



Congratulations and Best Wishes  
**First Baptist Church**



**KARI ANN ROAN**

Kari Ann Roan is the 17 year old daughter of Gary and Marsha Roan.

Her high school activities include: She has participated in golf from '93-'97, played basketball from '93-'96, and ran Cross Country '95-'97. She was the Baird Mascot in '95-'96. She is currently the senior class president. She has been a member of FCA '93-'94, '95-'97 and held an office '95-'97. She has been a member of the Beta Club since '95 and she is currently Parliamentarian of the Beta Club. She has been a member of the Baird Band since '93. She was in FFA since '94.

In the future she hopes to get an excellent education at college and find a well paying job in a great hospital. She wants to get married and someday start a family.

She plans to attend Midwestern State University at Wichita Falls in the fall. She plans to major in Nursing and specializing in Surgical Nursing.



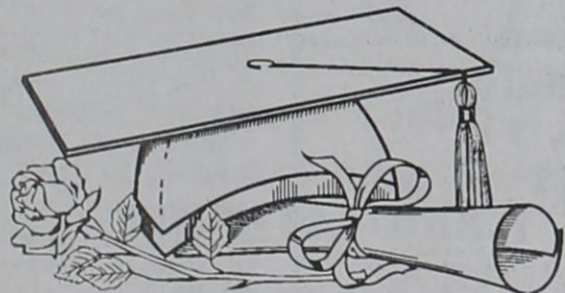
**TRAVIS KERBOW**

Travis Kerbow is the 18 year old son of Tony and Kathy Kerbow.

His high school activities include: Football, Tennis, Track, Gifted and Talented.

He plans to attend Midwestern State University.

## Congratulations Seniors



Graduation is a mark of achievement, and preparation for greater things.

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## Mother-Daughter Look Alike Winners



**First Place Winners**

Venora Sullivent - Janith Price  
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**Second Place Winners**

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## News From Your Local Library

Sorry, I have not done an article for the Library for some time; there just doesn't seem to be time to do all those things you want to do. There have been a number of new books added to the library. In this article I want to acknowledge the memorial books that have been given to the library. Giving a book to the library is a good way to honor a loved one. The following books were given in memory of Anne Hill Davis by Gene and Elaine Logan, DID YOU EVER MEET A TEXAS HERO? vol. II, by Marj Gurasich; EVERYBODY WINS! by Jody L. Blosser; TWENTY-TWO TEXAS WOMEN by Michele Bennett; and SURVIVING ON THE TEXAS FRONTIER, by Sarah Warkey Hall. JOWBOYS: ROUNDUP ON AN AMERICAN RANCH in memory of James Eubanks; WATKINS REYNOLDS MATTHEWS: Biography of a Texas Rancher; Lawrence Clayton in memory of Glen Curtis. Mary Higgins Clark's PRETEND YOU DON'T SEE HER was given in memory of Darlene Saunders Nisle. A special thank you who gave these books.

In addition to memorial books there have been a number of books for children. Sonia tries, not only to get children books for entertainment, but books that will help expand their knowledge, but still enjoyable. I encourage all kids to come in and join the summer reading club, the title for this

summer is THE INCREDIBLE DREAM MACHINE. Each child who signs up will receive a packet with fun things to do and prizes will be given at the end of the program. I will have more details later.

Until next time happy reading.

Library hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ouida Walker

### Citizens State Bank completes acquisition

Cross Plains - Steven S. Mack, President and CEO of Citizens State Bank announced that the Bank through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Southwestern Bancorp Insurance Agency, Inc. has completed the acquisition of the Greenwood Insurance Agency of Cross Plains.

The Bank purchased the Agency from Gene Greenwood who had owned and managed the Agency since 1955. The Agency has its roots in an agency originally founded in Cross Plains in the 1920's.

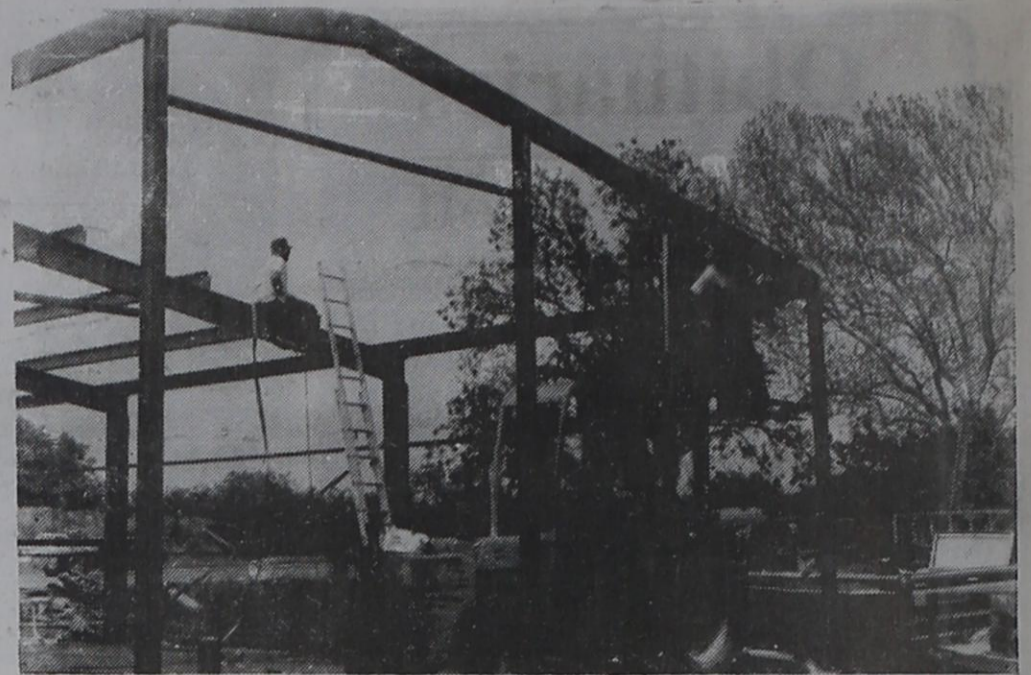
The Agency will continue to operate out of its office on Main Street in Cross Plains, and will retain the Greenwood Insurance Agency trade name. The Agency offers a broad line of property and casualty insurance products and services.

Mack also announced that the Agency had appointed Ronald D. Bagley, LUTC to Vice President and Manager of the

Agency. Bagley and his wife, Garnette, are 22 year residents of Cross Plains. He will be responsible for insurance sales and day-to-day management of the agency. Most recently, Bagley was Manager of the Callahan/Shackelford County office of Farm Bureau. He had been with Farm Bureau for nine years and is a four time winner of the National Quality Award for Life Insurance.

Mack said, "The Greenwood Agency has always provided top quality insurance service and products to the Cross Plains area. We hope to continue the high level of service that Greenwood's customers are used to, and are excited about the opportunity to offer insurance products and services to our customers. We are also excited to have Ron Bagley join our team. His experience and knowledge will greatly benefit our insurance and bank customers."

*Congratulations  
graduates of  
1997!*



Once a "going" business in Clyde, Wes Auto burned, and closed. But now like the legendary phoenix which rose from ashes, a new building has been erected by Carrigan and Son Construction of Eula, and Wes Auto is expected to reopen soon. Building construction is pictured here.

## Advertise in the Classifieds Use the Classifieds Gifts for Project Graduation

ABILENE, Texas Baird High School is among four in Callahan county and 28 in the Abilene district receiving a \$300 mini-grant each from the Texas Department of Transportation for Project Graduation 1997. This is \$50 more

than was presented to each school last year.

High schools in Callahan County receiving these grants are Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains and Eula.

In addition to the grant, Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety

coordinator, visited the high schools and presented the Project Graduation chairpersons key chains for each of the graduates who attend their high school event. These members bare the slogan, "Party Sober, Smart and Safe."

We, at the Callahan County Star, welcome all news articles from Baird, Clyde and Putnam. Call us, bring it by, or fax to 817-629-2092. Birth announcements, anniversaries, any kind of news.

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