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At Callahan County Commissioners' Court

Citizens Address Road **Problems**; Resolution Is Passed; Cooperation **Contract Approved**

the Belle Plaine area in Callahan County were present at the Callahan County Commissioners' Court on April 12, 2004 to address problems on County Roads in Precinct #4.

Mike Konczak, who was ask. on the meeting agenda to discuss County Road 464, said he was surprised at the number of people who had come to speak about the conditions of their roads.

We need help with our roads," Mike Konczak said, describing the roads as in Commissioners that hauling poor condition and in his opinion below the standards required for county roads.

This opinion was echoed by Jerry Rodan, who said that he had been stuck in the middle of a county road where he lives with his 5th could use on the roads. wheel after a rain.

"I invite the Commission- Mike Konczak replied. ers to take a ride [on the road] when it rains, just to see the shape it is in," he said.

Others expressed their concerns about school busses and disabled citizens traveling the roads.

One citizen spoke of transporting her husband after he had been trampled by a cow. She contemplated how the situation would have been if the road had been muddy and barely passable.

Mike Konczak said he realized that there were budget

A number of citizens from problems, but he felt that Precinct #4 had more hands and equipment and money than other precincts, and that the citizens of Precinct #4 paid as much in taxes as other citizens of the county.

"Can we expect help?" he

Commissioner Grider (Precinct #4) answered that the roads in his precinct were some of the best in the county, and that the people living there were not alone with their problems.

It was pointed out by the millings was costly and once put down on the roads, there were other problems to deal

Commissioner Grider said that he had five dump truck loads of material which he

"Give us what you can,"

Judge Roger Corn said that the Commissioners' Court understood the dilemma, and that they appreciated the citizens coming to discuss their problems.

"Hopefully we can get something done," he said.

The Commissioners' Court also passed a resolution proclaiming April 18th - 24th, 2004 as County Government Week.

County government is the oldest form of local government in the United States, the resolution stated, and continued that county government

Gov. Perry Calls Special Session To Address **Educational Excellence, Property Tax Relief**

AUSTIN, April 13 - Gov. Rick Perry today announced he is calling the Texas Legislatur back to work on April 20, 2004 for a special legislative session on Educational Excellence and Property Tax Relief.

The governor noted that the months leading up to the special session call made it clear that regardless of party or philosophy, there is broad consensus among legislators, educators, employers and families that the current school funding system is outdated and unworkable.

"Property taxes are too high, and fast action is needed to help our taxpayers and our schoolchildren," Perry said. "We agree on many of the broad goals, but there is nothing like the certainty of a session to bring greater consensus on the details."

Baird '48 Study Club Offers Scholarship

is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to students who will be attending college or vocational schools.

To be eligible, the student must be a graduating Baird High School senior or a graduate of Baird High School who is already attending college or vocational

High school seniors who are interested in applying for the scholarship may pick up

in Texas has been a major provider of services to Texas citizens since the early days of the Republic.

The resolution continues that "all 254 counties supply services to their citizens; and counties are on the front line of addressing many of the nation's most critical issues including environmental protection, indigent health care, special assistance for elderly, job training, and public safety, and the mission of Texas county government is to meet the needs of all our citizens without placing an undue hardship on local taxpayers."

All citizens are encourof the history and more involved in the future of Callahan County.

The resolution was signed by County Judge Roger Corn, Harold Hick, Commissioner Prec #1, Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Prec #2, Tommy Holland, Commissioner Prec #3, Charlie Grider, Commissioner Prec #4, and Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk.

The Commissioners also approved an inter-local cooperation contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and Callahan County.

The purpose of the Contract is to implement the provision of Texas Transportation Code Chapter 706, Judge Corn explained.

The Baird '48 Study Club an application form at the High School Counselor's office. Forms will also be available at Kelton's Flower Shop.

> The completed application forms may be returned to the Counselor's office or mailed

Tereva Hunter, President The Baird '48 Study Club 700 West 6th St.

Baird, Texas 79504 Application forms must be

received by May 7, 2004. The Contract states: "A local political subdivision may contract with the TDPS

to provide information nec-

essary to deny renewal of the

driver license of a person

who fails to appear for a

complaint or citation or fails

to pay or satisfy a judgement

ordering payment of a fine or

cost in the manner ordered by

the court in a matter involv-

ing any offense within the jurisdiction of the justice of municipal court." Also approved was the request for a new printer for the Tax Office. The printer will cost approx. \$2520.00. Money for its purchase could be taken from the Record aged to become more aware Management and Preservations Fund, it was noted.

> Callahan Commissioners also reviewed and signed minutes of 2 sets of previous meetings, and discussed and approved the payment of bills.

> There were no public comments at the April 12, 2004 Open meeting.

Carrillo Wins **GOP Runoff**

Incumbent Texas Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo defeated his challenger Robert Butler in Tuesday's Republican primary runoff.

With 97 precincts reporting, Carrillo received 64 percent; Butler 36. The numbers were according to unofficial

Planning A Controlled Burn? Commissioners Ask Citizens To Inform Fire Department

At the April 12, 2004 Open Meeting, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court issued an appeal to Callahan County citizens to notify the Fire Department of controlled burns.

Citizens seeing smoke from fires often alert the Fire Department, Judge Roger Corn said.

The Fire Department is then informed after arriving at the scene of the fire, that it is a controlled burn.

Notifying the Fire Department of where and when a controlled burn will take place could save costs and time for county fire departments and personnel, he continued.

Judge Corn emphasized that this was not a restriction placed on citizens by the court, but rather a curtesy to county fire departments.

"The Callahan County Commissioners' Court would greatly appreciate if citizens planning a controlled burn would call the Fire Department ahead of time," Judge Corn said.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

How Community Service Programs Work

Community Services Programs are apply for the assistance with the assistance being determined on a case-tocase basis depending on availability of funds.

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May provide assistance with heating and cooling systems including repair/ retrofit replacement.

election returns.

The unofficial returns for Callahan County were Butler 7, Carrillo 28; for Eastland County Butler 22, Carrillo 72.

In Taylor county -Carrillo is a native of that county - Butler received 110

May address the needs of not the household in developing "entitlement" programs goals for energy selfwhich means one must sufficiency through case management, education and a co-payment utility plan.

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Disabled

Households with the highest energy cost and lowest income.

For more information and to determine eligibility for CEAP, CSBG or other programs available in your county, the local Outreach Center has community meetings as follows:

EASTLAND 300 N. for home heating and Lamar-Thursday at 2 p.m.

Brownwood- 1500 Dublin- Thursday-2 p.m. Clyde- N. 1st Street-

Tuesday at 2 p.m.— Comanche 1005 S. Austin-Monday at 2 p.m.

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Coleman 400 W. College-Monday at 2 p.m.

Brady- 601 W. 10th St.-Monday at 2 p.m.

Winters 604 W. Pierce-Wednesday at 2 p.m. votes, Carrillo 1,843.

Carrillo will face Bob Scarborough (D) - retired minister from Fort Worth in November - for a seat on the 3-member commission.

Carrillo was named to the commission by Gov, Rick

Baird Elementary Student Of The Week



Russell Hess - Mrs. Clyburn's 4th grade Son of Michael and Sherry Buchanan

CALLAHAN COUNTY BAIRD STAR TEXAS CATTLE EXCHANGE MARKET REPORT

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500-600 lb. \$104-\$117

600-700 lb. \$98-\$104 Med. & Large #2 300-400 lb. \$100-\$111 400-500 lb. \$93-\$98 500-600 lb. \$93-\$102 600-700 lb \$90-\$97 Med & Large #3 300-400 lb. \$90-\$99 400-500 lb. \$80-\$92

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Friday, April 16 Gloria Dogs, French Fries, Oranges, Rice Krispies, Milk Monday, April 19 Submarine Sandwiches, Let-

tuce & Tomatoes, Celery &

Carrot Sticks, Chips, Fruit,

Tuesday, April 20 Chicken Pot Pie, Fried Squash, Fruit, Crackers, Milk

Wednesday, April 21 Fish, Cole Slaw, French Pudding, Fries, Hushpuppies, Milk



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April 15 Area Track Meet April 30 Regional Track Meet

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

rather cold day, but we had a wonderful service at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

There were many visitors each one.

The visitors were: Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains, Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and Glenda Black of Abilene, Judy and Sarah Porter of Elgin, Scarlett and Amanda Porter of Austin, Stacy Webb and Renee Fox and grandchildren Ireland and Liberty, and Randall, Kaci and Aaron Suniga all of Comanche, Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning all of Graham, Mandy and Brylee Johnson and Bailey Underwood of Gorman, Mary Jo Shaw of Gorman, Jennifer Eaves Weatherford, Roy and Michaelyn Squires of Ranger, Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis, Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton and Ben Burgess of Gorman and Erik Segura of Gorman. If I've left anyone out I apologize. Be assured that we were glad you came and joined in our worship service.

"He Arose" was beautifully rendered by the choir: Crystal and Rachel Snider, Aletha Burgess, Donna Gatlin, Lesley Gatlin, Norma

Easter Sunday was a Jimmy Little, Joe Bond, Gary Browning and Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano.

"Happy Anniversary" was and we were so glad to see wished to Gene and Kay Snider who were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary and to Delmon and Joyce Eaves who celebrated their 52nd anniversary on Saturday. Delmon and Joyce weren't with us because of Joyce's illness, but we wanted them to know that we were thinking of them.

Following a wonderful message by the pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson, The Lord's Supper was observed.

Then it was time for the children's Easter Egg hunt. The children braved the cold and had a good time hunting the eggs, but some of the parents and grandparents hurried to the cars to get in out of the cold wind. Easter is always a happy time at Kokomo as we get to visit with those who have come back "home" to spend Easter with family and friends.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor in Gorman for the Sunday afternoon church service were Bro.Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe Bond and Nancy Hendricks.

Those visiting with Johnny and Catherine Eaves were Jennifer Eaves Weatherford, Michaelyn and Roy Squires of Ranger, Mary Webb, Kay Snider, Sylvia Jo Shaw of Gorman, Doyle

Larry and Paula Morrow on Easter Sunday. of Plains had lunch with her mother, Imogene Norris on Little were in Abilene on Sunday.

On Friday night, LaVon Snider was invited to Dale, Collum's home to celebrate Matt's birthday.On Sunday Gene and Kay Snider's family. Dwayne and Connie Snider and Kelly Parham of Stephenville and LaVon ate in Gorman on Saturday with Icy Munn's family.

Donna, Gary, Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca, ham visited from Friday until Sunday with their parents and grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Larry Thackerson of Carbon, Falyn Fields and Lisa Fields of Carbon and Caylea and Jamie Thomas of Gorman were Easter visitors and Michael.

Laverne Carr of Lake ery. Whitney, Mickey Carr of Scitern, Kris, Kristen and Karsyn Scitern, and Nicholas, Keri and Kelsie Guthery of Gorman visited during the weekend with John and Troy Scitern. While visiting they also helped John and Troy do some painting and decorating in their home.

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

Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, James. Jill, Ashley and Breckley

Jimmy and Verna Lee Monday for Verna Lee to get medical attention to her back.

Glenda Black, Wade, Kathy, Matt and Scott Sheii, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene had lunch with their mother and LaVon enjoyed lunch with grandma, Zelda Jordan on Sunday. A nephew, Jimmy Nelson, of Fort Worth visited with Zelda on Saturday evening.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson night and enjoyed visiting and three of their grandchildren, Alexis, Tiffany and Ethan Nelson of Fort Worth Lesley, Melanie and Garrett spent a couple days at the Nelson farm near Caroon and Emily Browning of Gra-during the Easter Holiday. David and Cassie Brasher also visited with them.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Mike Capps Richard and Teresa of Angleton, Katherine Klotz Nachtigall of Morgan Mill, of Wallis, TX, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan.

Nancy Hendricks underwent surgery in the De Leon hospital on Monday, and was permlitted to come home with Joe and Barbara Fields later in the afternoon. We wish Nancy a speedy recov-

Dave and Laneta Freeman Dallas, Johnny and Jo Ann had lunch with Sylvia Buchanan on Easter Sunday.

Deliah, Randy, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis spent the Easter weekend with Delmon and Joyce Eaves.

Johnnie B. Griffith visited with Hattie Griffith of Forsan and her family who were spending the Easter weekend at their Lake Leon home. Hattie had breakfast with Johnnie B. before leaving for her home in Forsan on Monday morning.

Kathy, Dale, Scott and

At Majestic Theater Anyone who missed "The Monday, April 19.

'The Alamo' Held Over

Alamo" during the Easter

holiday has another chance to

see this new picture. Majes-

tic manager Ed Allcorn is

holding the film over for an-

There was a good turnout

for the epic last week, and

comments have been

favorable. This Touchstone

picture, directed by John Lee

Hancock, is different from the

new research, and bring out

things the public has not

thought of before. For ex-

ample, Davy Crockett (Billy

Bob Thornton) plays an old

violin which supposedly be-

longed to Crockett. And the

final battle, which occurred

March 6, 1836, is filmed be-

fore daylight, the time of day

This movie will show

again at the Majestic Theater

from Friday, April 16 through

Snider had lunch with Gene

and Kay Snider on Easter

Sunday. Donna, Gary,

Gatlin of Graham visited with

Those visiting with

Durwood and Aletha Burgess

during the Easter weekend

were Glenn, Donna, Reba

and Seth Burgess of

Jourdanton and Ben Burgess

of Gorman and Aline Garrett

of Gorman. On Sunday after-

noon the families of the Bur-

gesses and Buckley's had a

them in the afternoon.

it really happened.

The filmmakers used some

other "Alamo" pictures.

other weekend.

Curtain time will be 7:30 nightly, with admission \$4 at the box-office. There will also be seats available in the balcony at \$5.50 for adults only.

"The Alamo" is rated PG-13 for intense battle sequences. War is not glorified in these battle scenes - some of the misery and horror comes through.

The heroism comes through also, as the movie tells the story of men who died for Texas.

These fighters held the old fort at the Alamo for 13 days against thousands of Mexican soldiers commanded by dictator Antonio Lopez De Santa Anna. (Emmelio Echavvaria) These Mexican soldiers were in a situation about as bad as those inside the Alamo. Reportedly Santa Anna had marksmen behind them to shoot them if they didn't get the Texans.

The Alamo defenders Lesley, Melanie and Garrett were commanded by three men, Crockett, Wm. B. Travis (Patrick Wilson) and James Bowie (Jason Patric)

> These men were very different in background, education and personality. It began to dawn on them that they would not get help in time, but they hung on anyway.

After their death the Alamo became the emblem of a new Republic - a rallying cry for Sam Houston's army at San Jacinto.

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Ables - Kenny

Paula Ann Ables, daughter of J.D. and Shirley Ables of Silsbee, Texas, and Aaron Kenny, son of Valerie Siref of Baytown, Texas and Daniel Kenny of Albany, Oregon, were married at Edgewood Country Club in Lake Tahoe, Nevada on March 7th, 2004.

The day could not have been more perfect if they had placed an order with God himself. Paula wore a simple ivory wedding gown with a bouquet of red roses and ivory calla lilies. Paula also carried an old ivory family bible and had her mothers lucky six pence in her shoe. The bridesmaids wore a beautiful black two-piece

formal of velvet and taffeta, made by Clara Glueck (bride's aunt). They also wore an ivory faux fur shawl and carried an ivory faux fur muff, also made by Clara Glueck. The bride thought the outfits should fit the snowy atmosphere of Tahoe and its season. The groom wore a traditional black tuxedo with an ivory vest and tie. The groomsmen wore the same traditional black tuxedo with a black vest and tie. The wedding party looked dashing!!!

The ceremony began at 4:30 pm in the Lobby. There was a fire going in the large stone fireplace. You could gaze out the windows beyond to the lake and snow overed mountains as the sun was beginning to set. They had a string trio playing EV through out parts of the that ceremony. Reverend Ron

amazing. The ceremony was beautiful. They laughed, cried, said their vows and kissed, then on to the party.

Darby, the officiate chosen

for the ceremony, was

Edgewood knows how to throw a party. Hors d'oeuvres were served in the South Room while the wedding party and families took pictures. The string trio moved into the reception room to continue the background music during the appetizers and part of dinner. The day was so beautiful; they took as many pictures outside as they possibly could. The menu included blackened salmon and a carving station with roast beef at the buffet. The food was great. After dinner,

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everyone moved on to toasts the bride and groom. The best man (Robert Bottema) and matron of honor (Kalynn Lynch) gave two wonderful toasts followed by Terrell Gates, one of the groomsmen who has known Aaron since high school, who gave a very moving toast as well. The focus then moved on to the (The part...YUMMMM!!!) The couple served a chocolate with raspberry liquor first layer; the second layer was vanilla cake with orange liquor. They were both amazing. There was not a crumb left of the cake.

their first song to be "Unforgettable" sang by Nat King Cole and his daughter Natalie. The second song Paula danced with her Dad and Aaron danced with his Mom. The couple burned their own music for the dance part of the wedding. Jeff Szarek (friend of Aaron's from college) served as the MC of the evening. He did a great job. You were never quite sure what he was going to say next.

Next was the bouquet toss (twice). The first time Paula was a little overzealous and overthrew the girls behind her by a mile. J.D. Ables ended up with the bouquet in front of him on the table (Oops! It was all of that weight lifting before the wedding). Julie Glueck (bride's cousin and bridesmaid) caught the second throw. The garter toss was caught by Ed Figueras (one of Aaron's friends and groomsmen). After this was over, the wild dancing began. The dance floor was packed all the way to the end of the evening. Paula and Aaron left the reception thr ugh a sea of bubbles being blown by our guests. The whole evening was magical.

The guests all adjourned back to the hotel where an "After Wedding Party" It was commenced. complete with a keg and Karaoke machine. (Provided by Aaron's cousin Jen Kenny-Baum) Everyone celebrated into the night with family and friends.

Paula and Aaron decided to delay their honeymoon till April 28th, so they could have a little recovery time from the wedding. They will be flying in to Rome for 16 fun filled days of running around Italy.

More pictures available at their website: http://www.theknot.com/ Arizona, Jennifer and

Paula and Aaron chose ourwedding/PaulaAbles. Jackson & Aaron Kenny

The Wedding Party included: Kalynn Lynch (bride's sister) of Vidor, Texas, as Matron of Honor, Bridesmaids-Bentley O'Dell of Raleigh, North Carolina, Sharon Lewis-Webster of Leander, Texas, and Julie Glueck (bride's cousin) of Austin, Texas.

Robert Bottema of Plant City, Florida, as Best Man, Groomsmen-Edgar Figueras of San Antonio, Texas, and Terrell Gates of Austin,

Bride's family who attended the festivities included: Shirley and JD cess. We need to protect tax-Ables of Silsbee, Texas. Bryan Lynch (brother-in law) of Vidor, Texas, Clara and Herman Clueck (aunt and uncle) of Cisco, Texas, Polly Smith (grandmother), Shirley Ann Ables (aunt) and Debbie Cox (cousin) of Eastland, Texas, and Hagen Black (cousin) of Austin, Texas. The Groom's family who attended the festivities included: Valerie Siref of Baytown, Texas, Daniel Kenny of Albany, Oregon, G.B. Kenny-Bridenbough and George Bridenbough and Joe and Connie Kenny of Omaha, Nebraska, Jack and Donna Kenny of Wilsonville, Oregon, Hugh and Marilyn Kenny of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Anne Wilson of West Hartford, Connecticut, and Jen Kenny-Baum of San

Francisco, California. Friends in attendance included: Karen Bogisch, Mike and Annie Bottema, Gary Ellis, Eliza Evans, Amelia Gates, Bob and Jeane Goldsmith, Johanna Hermes, Miles Miller, and Anne Jones of Austin, Texas, Sabrina Beleck of New York City, New York, Tami Bottema of Plant City, Florida, Tom DeShiell of Carlsbad, California, Alexis Lukens of Raleigh, North Carolina, Natalie Russell of Pheonix,

Tramel Alexandria, Virginia, Tom King of Baytown, Texas, Craig Stenson and Peggy of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, Juff Szarek of San Antonio, Texas, Roger Webster of

Thursday, April 15, 2004 Leander, Texas, and Garrett Young and Theresa Carpenter of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Kenny plan to continue residence in Austin, Texas.

Gov. Perry Says Taxpayers Deserve **Voice In The Education Debate**

By Governor Rick Perry

As the debate begins in Austin over how best to fund payers and control property taxes by confronting the critical cost drivers that cause many Texans to continue to pay more.

Since 1999, total statewide property tax levies have increased by on average 10.4 percent a year. This increase is more than twice the combined annual rate of growth for inflation and our popula-

For too long Texas homeowners and employers Instead of raising rates to generate more revenue, local governments often depend upon the local appraiser to generate additional money for them.

in 1997; but when they woters for approval. opened their bills many found that their rate cuts were offset by appraisal San Antonio, Allen Hinkle of hikes. I want a tax cut to be a tax cut, not a sleight of hand stand that Texans have not where the end result means and researcheir property tax

> Protection Plan that will ensure we not only cut property this time to give taxpayers taxes, but cap and control a voice in the education re-

homesteads at 3 percent each

The median value of a Texas home is just under education in Texas, I believe \$129,000. The annual propit is important to make sure erty tax bill on that home is that the people who pay the just over \$3,500. Under curbills have a voice in the pro- rent law, even without a property tax rate hike, that Texas homeowners could see their bill increase.\$350 in one year and even more year after year.

It's a phenomenon called appraisal creep and it is nothing less than a tax hike by any other name.

In order to make sure a tax cut actually is a tax cut, I also believe we need a cap on the annual growth in property tax revenue that local governments can raise. We need to develop a measure that have been the victim of an will allow property tax revinsidious, back door property enues for cities, counties, tax hike that comes in the schools and special taxing form of higher appraisals. districts to grow in proportion to their population and rising prices.

However, if local governments want to raise property tax revenue beyond what it costs to keep up with growth Texans were told a prop; gand inflation, under my proerty tax cut was on the way U posal they will have to ask

Democrats, Republicans and Independents all seem to agree in that property taxes are too high. We all under-Texans pay more. ni animuratas rise, they have been vic-One of my priorities in any timized by an appraisal sysspecial session on education tem that too often seems arwill be to pass a Taxpayer bitrary, cumbersome, unfair, and unaccountable.

First, I want to cap ap-sure that any property tax praisal growth on Texas, relief is real homesteads at 3 percent.

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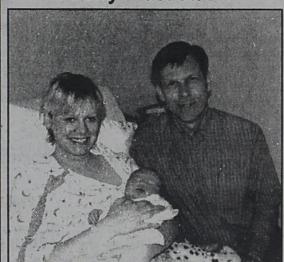
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"Losing the war is no

option. On 9-1-1 we were

attacked on our own soil, and

it probably will happen again

- unless we stop them first.".

with Viet Nam, only in the

potential of getting bogged

down over there," the

should have had more United

Nations support. Also, I

agree with Senator McCain

that more troops should have

been sent in, and more are

gasoline, Stenholm said that

the oil recession of the '80's

and '90's put a lot of

independent drillers out of

business, and we are paying

the price for that. Also, most

have already been produced,

On the high price of

"Hindsight shows we

Congressman stated.

needed now."

"No, I don't compare Iraq

8-14M Illegals Intolerable, Cannot Afford To Lose War, S.S. In Danger In Future

Stenholm Comments In Eastland, Callahan:

U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm swung into Eastland County for a "Meet and Greet" stop at the Hilton Center in Cisco on Monday afternoon, April 12.

This was combined with a trip across Callahan County that day. The first stop was at Golden Kiwanis Breakfast Club meeting in Clyde at the Masonic Lodge.

Then Stenholm was in Cross Plains at the Texas Heritage Bank Lobby from 11-2 p.m. He reached Cisco at 2:30 p.m. and stayed about a half-hour, taking time to answer questions about current issues.

· From there he went back to Callahan County for a 3:30 to 4 p.m.stop in the District Courtroom at Baird.

One of the questions at easy fields in this country Cisco was about his race in the new 19th District, a configuration that wiped out the long-time 17th District.

Stenholm, an incumbent and Democrat nominee, will face Randy Neugebauer, Republican, in the November General Election.

Stenholm said his race seemed to be going well, although it was going to be a tough one.

He remarked that it was a strange thing that U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay could wield enough power - with the Texas House and Governor concurring - to redistrict all this area against the will of the people who live here.

"People are mad and angry about this in all the 27 counties I am running in veteran now," the Congressman said.

"In a way, that may help me in the election."

He said the Supreme Court could still rule against the redistricting in Texas, but he didn't anticipate them doing that - at least not now.

The High Court is still considering redistricting cases.

Stenholm turned to another question, one on immigration.

"Since 9-1-1 we have really understood the need to protect ourselves," he said. "Right now there are 8-14 million illegal immigrants in this country, and that's intolerable.

"Historically we've had immigration into this country, but not illegal immigration. We still have a need for legal immigration, but not for people to come in to destroy us".

He added, "We are not talking here about the immigrates from Mexico, who are generally friendly to

"But the war on terrorism is real. Hopefully next year (after the election) we will deal more with illegal immigration. It's all about protecting ourselves."

On the war in Iraq, Senholm said: "The war is very real. The flag-draped coffins bringing our soldiers back to the Big Country reminds us of that," he commented sadly.

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and it takes more technology to get the oil out of the wells.

of supply would drive down oil prices," he said. "But one of refineries. We haven't built many refineries in this country lately, due to environmental concerns. California hasn't built any."

Stenholm explained that the complicated ways of formulating gas adds to the problem.

On another topic, Stenholm said that nothing had changed on Social Security since he was here last, and nothing probably would until after the election.

He said it was important to clear up statements that "Social Security is going

"It is impossible for the system to 'go broke' as long as anyone is paying into it," he remarked. "The trouble is not now, but with our children and grandchildren.

2005, maybe "In "Obviously an abundance lawmakers will get serious about Social Security!"

He said that many who of the real troubles is the lack have studied the new prescription drug bill are "disappointed" with it.

> "I voted for it because part of the bill helps small rural hospitals," Stenholm explained. "Also, we had to start somewhere on the prescription drugs."

He declined to comment on the current investigation of Rep. DeLay and Texas Speaker of the House Tom Craddick on the handling of political contributions.

"That's a legal matter," he

On another topic, he commented that there was a lot of opposition to the idea of moving the 11th Court of Appeals from Eastland County.

As Congressman Stenholm left the Hilton Center, he promised to be back in Eastland and

Callahan County soon and stay longer.

Thursday, April 15, 2004 "Every vote here counts," he reminded his friends.

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Appeal Dismissed

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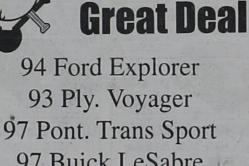
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centre North of Stephenville. Baird was second with 275and Rich rd Hall also of Clyde was fourth ith 258-0x. Stephen Riggs of Desemona finished eighth scoring 235-0x and Bill Thompson of Abilene was 13th with 217-0x. All shooters listed above used .30-06 calibre M 1903A3 rifles in this well attended

Following the bolt gun match Tarleton sponsored its first ever "Garand Match" also held at TAC-PRO. Wallace McDaniel came out on top scoring 281-3x followed by Robert Boyd 277-3x and David Guthery with 268-2x. Richard Hall with fifth with a 259-0x. Stephen Riggs took seventh with 243-1x, Bill Thompson tenth with 235-1x and Robert Moore of Clyde was 12th with a 219-0x.

On March 14, David Guthery was the sole marember to attend the Ft Wolters mid-range match fired at 300 and 500 yards.

finish with a 361-7x.

Abilene Gun Club held a "Garand Match" on March 28th, Richard Hall won the Tarleton State University match with a score of 256-High Power rifle team held 2x. Bill Thompson was its third "Vintage Bolt gun second with 248-0x followed Match" on March 6, 2004 at by Robert Moore in third the TAC-PRO shooting with 239-2x. The club then held a 30-shot "Service David Guthery of Carbon ran Rifle" match fired on a 100 away with the match scoring yard reduced course. Kevin 285-6x. Robert Boyd of Jackson of Abilene won this matcl: with a 281-3x. 1x. Wallace McDaniel of Richard Hall was second Clyde took 3rd with 272-3x with 271-6x, Robert Moore third with 253-0x and Bill Thompson fourth at 251-2x. Thursday, April 15, 2004 Lorie Boyd of Baird also shot in the match. Match directors were Valeska Schrader and Kobert Boyd.

Ft. Wolter's "National Match Course" was also held on March 28th. The windy conditions played havoc with shooters at the 600 yard line but everyone enjoyed the challenge. · Wallace McDaniel won the match firing a 465-8x. David Guthery finished ninth with a 431-3x. A special thanks to Jim Rackley of Clyde who served as "Put Boss" for the match.

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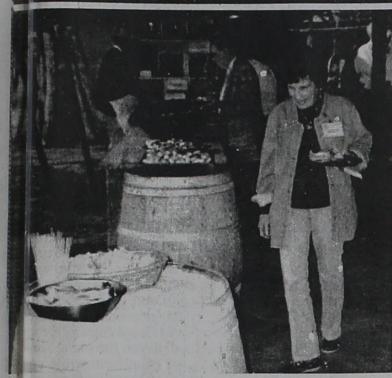
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industrial city began its

longer life as a colorful ghost

town- visited mainly for a

great restaurant finally de-

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ry Belated Apologies or Poetic License on Thurber

Tonstant weaders" (as Drothy Parker used to call th faithful) may recall this comn was birthed as a serie of apologies from an unre instructed "durable sin-

lere's the latest apology, re rring to a poem I wrote at ut Thurber some 55 years opening "No one knows hev many people walked ver streets; sidewalks must hi e bowed low underneath r feet..." (It's in my pobook "HASTA L UREACION".)

actually, somebody does kow how many: Joe mshaw with the new Gord Museum at Thurber, w) was among many histoin is speaking at the recent V st Texas Historical Assoc tion conference in lene, and who seems to kow nearly everything abut the original 1900ish c / surrounding the longle ely smokestack below Rager Hill on Interstate 20. The community grew to e loit a seam of coal to p ver the Texas and Pacific I lroad that gave birth to st towns between Fort orth and El Paso in the late

1)0's. The now-famous Thurber ck plant was added to n ke use of pebble-sized all too small for stoking loe notives. And countless ldings in West Texas rein sturdy memorials of lese bricks. Not only thatllions of Thurber bricks of ifferent composition were ued in paving historic

asked Grimshaw specifily about Abilene's Grape eet bricks, and he said y were among early maoutput at Thurber; and a sure Thurber brick must ve been used-and remain use- at Post, the Caprock vn created by the cereal ignate who was so imagitive as to try using dynate blasts to encourage rain-I, because he had noticed illery battlefields were ofi visited by rains.)

The great black gold of xas sidelined Thurber's al when oil was struck ound Ranger in 1917. By 30, what had been a major

stroyed by fire near the base of the smokestack. (I hadn't taste-tested it as of this writing, but presumably the replacement eatery in another historic building still has toothsome fare.)

In fact, the WTHA sessions at Hardin-Simmons (with detours to the Grace Museum and Perini's at Buffalo Gap for dinners) were rife with new realizations for this history buff admittedly bemused by the work of the pros mostly associated with colleges and a few painstaking grassroots researchers such as Barbara Barton of Knickerbocker, who traced a number of "pistol-packin" preachers who brought the word to West Texas on horseback and Model T and often with sidearms as dea-

(I'm supposed to be researching my own greatgreat-great-great uncle, Methodist Bishop Robert Richford Roberts, who settled in Indiana in the early 1800's but saddlebagged the gospel from there to Louisiana and Florida and Penn-

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sylvania as the first Methodist Bishop west of the Alleghenies and founded De University Pauw Newcastle, Indiana. And I'm devastated that my friend Dr. Joe Stamey was transferred to heavenly research before he could help me with Methodism matters.)

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Home. Family will receive

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Obituaries

Lester James Nicholas



ODESSA — Lester James Nicholas, 76, of Odessa passed away peacefully on Friday, April 9, 2004, in Odessa after a short illness.

He was born in Eastland County in the Corinth community on December 15, 1927, to John and Adelia Nicholas. He attended school in Carbon, Texas, and later married Betty Jo Young on August 1, 1946.

After moving to Odessa in 1948, he owned and operated Nicholas Painting until his retirement in the early 1990s. Even though he had four daughters, he coached Little League Baseball for many years. He was a lifetime MOJO fan and was a longtime member of the Permian Panther Booster Club and Band Boosters. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, camping and football (especially the Dallas Cowboys!) But the greatest joy in his life was spending time with and helping his family and many friends. He was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church in Carbon, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and four brothers.

He is survived by his daughters, Sherry Westbrook of Plano, Sandy Goode of Eastland, Leslie Nicholas of Austin and Lana Nicholas of Odessa. Also surviving are grandsons Grady Goode of Richardson, Levi Goode of Denton, and Michael

Evelyn Beth Wefer

Evelyn Beth Wefer, 88, of Abilene, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at a nursing home in Abilene.

A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at Murray Cemetery in Carbon, TX. Jonathon Elms officiated, directed by Community Memorial Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mrs. Wefer was born in Fannin County, TX on September 1, 1915 to Mary Ann (Burch) and James T. Snow. She moved to Abilene from Ranger about 3 years ago. She was a homemaker and very proud of her family. She was the widow of James William Wefer, whom she married in Callahan County, in 1968.

Survivors are three nephews, James Snow and Ray Timmons, both of Abilene, and Bill Snow of Spanaway, WA; grandchildren; a cousin, Maggie Lou Barnes of Snyder; and other family members, Frank and Wanda Snow of Milsap.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; six brothers, Thurman Lee, James Irlon, Haley Jack, Harry Hubert Snow, Vernon Green and Anderson Green.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, TX 79604.

Cora Mae Willingham

CISCO- Cora Mae Willingham, 86, of Cisco died Monday, April 12, 2004 in Eastland Memorial Hospi-

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at East Cisco Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. C.P. Floyd. Burial was in Romney Cemetery directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mrs. Willingham was born June 3, 1917 in Bartlett, TX. to William Jesse and Annie Marie (Miller) Keeton. She married H.D. (Willie) Willingham on August 25, 1934 in Kemp, TX. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1989. She worked at Boss Manufacturing and retired from the housekeeping department at Eastland Memorial Hospital in 1982. She was a member of East Cisco Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughters Peggy Jackson of Bronte, Brenda Parsons and husband Waverly of Peaster; H.D. (Butch) Willingham, Jr. and wife Brenda of Cisco; eight grandchildren, David Jackson of Bronte, Donnie Jackson of Eden, Darryl Jackson of San Angelo, Aaron Parsons of Dayton Trent Parsons of Peaster, Stacy DeHart, Jana Mong both of Ft. Collins, CO., Misti Pyles; and 10 great-grandchildren, Garrett Jackson, Kaleb Jackson, Mason Jackson, Cody Jackson, Dalton Webb, Connor DeHart, creighton DeHart, Cameron DeHart, Hailey Webb and Kaycee Jackson.

. Memorials may be made to East Cisco Baptist Church, Romney Cemetery, or First Baptist Church Building Fund.

Roberts

There is a celebration of praise in heaven today! Ina Roberts' Lord and Savior called her home to be with Him and her loved ones who preceded her.

She passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 in San Angelo, TX after a lengthy illness. A celebration of her life and praise service was held at First Baptist Church in Rising Star on Saturday, April 10, 2004 at 2 p.m. Gre ings by David Williams, Pastor of First Baptist Church, who also led the song service. Eulogy was given by grandsons, Bruce Chadwick, Evanglist and Scott Cotton, Minister. Interment was in the Rising Star Memorial Park Cemetery.

She was born October 4, 1914 in Sydney, Arkansas to John and Mary Campbell. At age 10 the family moved from Zion, Ark, to Hollis, Okla. There she met and married Emmit Morris Roberts on October 12, 1930 in Hollis. They moved to Rising Star in 1943 where they made their home for over 50 years, they were blessed with

ebrated 63 years of marriage before he passed away in

She was preceded in death by her husband; their son Bobby Eugene Roberts; two sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include three daughters, Deanie Chadwick and husband Daryl of Mid land, Alice Dombrowa o Houston, and Markie Cottor and husband Wayne of Sar Angelo; 14 grandchildren 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchil dren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Firs Baptist Church of Rising Star, where she was an active member serving faithfully especially in the Benevolen Ministry and her Sunday School Class. She was a wonderful homemaker, avid cook and prepared food or many needed occasions. She loved Gospel music, she sang and played the piano for he own enjoyment while enter taining family and friends.

Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church o Rising Star, Texas, or to the



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ALBANY, TX - The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center is gearing up for the 18th annual fund-raiser, Polo on the Prairie, which will be held May 1 at the Musselman Brothers Lazy 3 Ranch in Albany. After losing his mother to cancer and seeing the effects of the disease of several friends and family members, M. D. Anderson Board of Visitors members Henry Musselman, along with his wife, Melinda and her mother, Mary Anne McCloud, also a board member, turned a portion of

his family ranch into a

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prevention and education. This year, approximately 1,500 guests will enjoy barbecue, fireworks, music by country and western artist Gary P. Nunn and a U. S. Air Force fly over, but the real draw is the competition of the matches. More than 100 horses and approximately 30 polo players and their families will arrive the week of the event - one that takes most of the year to organize. "The fast pace and thundering hooves of the horses thrill the crowd, but for us, the excitement is the Prairie makes to cancer patients at M. D. Anderson. Because we have seen our comes by giving to others." loved ones suffer through cancer and treatment, we felt compelled to do something about the terrible disease," McCloud says. "M. D. Anderson's mission of eliminating cancer is

incredible place." "At the first Polo on the Prairie, we didn't anticipate that it would become an annual event, but people kept talking about 'next year,' so we started organizing it," says Melinda Musselman. "That was 18 years ago. Our son, Luke, was only three years old then - this will be his third year to play in Polo on the Prairie."

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Participants are either amateur or professional players registered with the States Polo United Association (USPA), and travel to West Texas from various parts of the United States. Twenty-six year-old Floridian, Jeff Blake, is touted as one of the best polo players in the country. Having won the USPA Gold Cup" with the Outback Steakhouse team in 1999, Blake competes nationwide, but anticipates playing in Polo on the Prairie.

"Last year was my first to play in Polo on the Prairie, and I'm looking forward to seeing all my friends and fellow players again this year," Blake says. "But the most exciting part is the opportunity to play for such a great cause."

With year-round

preparation required, teams TNN's Texas Connections, are organized, paddocks for more than 100 horses are erected, and the field is prepared for play. Water pumps are put in place for field and livestock watering and power is run to light up the prairie. Feeding and exercising the horses keep players and grooms busy.

"This event could not happen without the incredible commitment of more than 100 people who donate their time and services to make it a success," Henry Musselman says. "We are so appreciative of that selfless support, which includes everything from BFI hauling our trash and providing dumpsters to Neff's Nursery donating the beautiful red geraniums and Wal-Mart contributing the

Activities surrounding Polo on the Prairie begin long before the matchesstart. Since 1995, sixth grade teachers in nearby Eastland have incorporated polo and cancer topics into their curriculum. The rules and history of the game, as well as cancer education, prevention and science find their way into mathematics and health classes. Students then take a field trip out to the ranch where they watch the playoff games and meet some of the players.

"The children understand the game and the purpose for seeing the difference Polo on Polo on the Prairie," says McCloud. "Most importantly, though, they learn that joy This year, Texas artist Gary P. Nunn will perform at the event. Nunn began his musical career as a seventhgrader in a garage band in Brownfield, Texas. He has produced seven albums and made several national television appearances, including Nashville Now.

and Austin City Limits. Nunn has written numerous songs recorded by Willie Nelson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Michael Martin Murphey, Roseanne Cash and David Allen Coe, earning him several gold and platinum records for writing, publishing and performing. His sound is an eclectic blend of rock, folk and

Key M. D. Anderson programs that this year's Polo on the Prairie will support include: Science Park/Library - The library links researchers at M. D. Anderson's Smithville, Texas campus to scientific literature and journals. It furthers the work at M. D. Anderson's Department of Carcinogenesis headquartered there, a facility that researches the causes of cancer. The Anderson Hospitality Room - Proceeds will support this special "patient oasis" at M. D. Anderson where patients or family members may stop in for refreshment, comfort and assistance from volunteers who have had similar cancer experiences.

Polo on the Prairie also will

support three programs at M. Anderson called Specialized Programs of Excellence Research (SPORE). These programs promote interdisciplinary research and speed the exchange between basic and clinical science to move basic research findings from the lab to the clinic. Melanoma SPORE - Money will fund melanoma research fellows and/or non-tenured junior faculty members for two-year commitments to identify melanoma-specific DNA mutations and molecular alterations, leading to new treatments and prevention approaches. These

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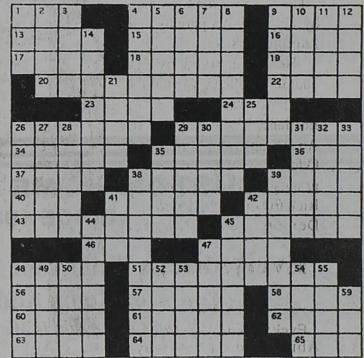
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The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

Scriptural as it sounds, the oft-quoted statement originated just 45 years ago-on Broadway-when Rogers and Hammerstein unveiled their classic musical, The Sound of Music. "When God closes a door, He opens a window somewhere.."

slowly toward his final putt at Augusta National Golf Club on April 8, a door was quietly closing on 50 straight years for the golfing king at the Masters. Meanwhile, in another venue almost a thousand miles away, a 23-yearold Texas Ranger baseball player led his teammates in opening a window of hope for a downtrodden franchise where too much has gone miserably wrong for too long..

The kid is Laynce Nix-a guy whose first name looks misspelled-on a team of no-

NO DOGS IN RANGER names. At this point, they are mere pups, but they are a band of brothers committed to proving the pundits wrong. Nix, a Midland High School graduate drafted by the Rangers straight out of high school, was a bonafide star in the home opener. He batted .500, including one homerun into the teeth of a As Arnold Palmer walked brisk breeze. He also made against-the-fence catches in centerfield; there were "oooohs and ahhhhs"

> more than 50,000 fans. Lost in the roar of a massive crowd were cheers from his "designated relatives," a dozen fans including cousins, uncles, aunts and a grandmother. On the phone a few dozen times was his uncle, Ross Williams. In fact, it was phone-to-ear more often than not. Ross was trying as best he could to keep Laynce's folks apprised about Ball Park happenings..

> from the record crowd of

Leslie Nix of Midland-were in Tulsa for a minor league baseball game. Wait a minute-they weren't shunning Laynce. Their younger son, 21-year-old Jayson, is a baseball professional, too, and he was penciled in to start at second base for the

And the game was rained

Rough Riders.

Drillers against the Frisco

Jayson, drafted by the Colorado Rockies in 2001, was his brother's teammate at Midland High School. Both were MHS baseball stars, both have won numerous minor league honors, and both bring smiles to proud parents who pledge to give "equal time" to sons in their baseball pursuits-like in everything else.. And Uncle Ross, or another designee. will man the phones so mom and dad can know what's going on with their other son

Clearly, Ranger baseball is fun again. (If A-Rod wants to be a part of the Texas

His parents-Laynce and legacy, he should pony up some of his Texas millions to buy naming rights for The Ball Park. They could call it ARF-an acronym for A-Rod Field.)

> I pick the band of brothers over Alex Rodriguez-and all prima donnas-now and later. Such bands don't make demands of preferentiality, they don't point fingers of blame, and they don't describe their 24 teammates as "boys." The Rangers are frisky, energetic, and funloving, so the "pup" moniker is okay. BUT-not "boys," the word A-Rod threw out to describe his former teammates the other day.

> Their average age is 27, and 20% of the roster wasn't old enough to vote in the last presidential election. BUT-these "pups of summer" are on the same page, playing a new song, and it is NOT cellar music.

What a magical beginat another park-all season ning! Time will tell if they can maintain the gains shown so far and if the window to. better days is really opening. May these young men determine to be athletes of class, say like Mr. Palmer. It's their call..

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talk to on the telephone?

Were the conversations busi-

ness or pleasure? How

many letters did you get in

your mail box or by e-mail?

What percentage of those

was junk mail or bill? Dwell

on those that were day

day!

Morton Valley Past & Present

The phone rang and a neighbor just up the road told of an experience that had frightened her earlier in the day. She and her children had returned from town. Her young boy started around the house and began to scream. She got out of the car and went to see what was going on. She was shocked to see a mountain lion with her cat's tail in its mouth. It dropped the cat, went to the front of the car port and watched them. After several minutes it got up, went under their privacy fence and around their swimming pool and finally on through the back of the privacy fence and off into the woods. This is a real story. Oddly enough it is not the only one of its kind being told right now. Someone that lives near the Lakeside golf course had also seen a mountain lion just a few weeks ago. Another told of seeing one run over on the highway between Morton Valley and the Gulf terminal just last week. It may be very wise to be alert to your surrounding and be cautious about letting the little country boys go into the woods alone, especially those who are too young to be aware of

the danger. We had some underpinning done at Harmony last week and we also had people mowing the lawns on the

most of or lives are filled

big I. I encourage you to use

every resource you have to

bring smiles and joy by be-

ing one who reaches out from

one to another. Don't add to

the collection of junk mail

but be a day brightener.

One To Another

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

this very second and think How many people did you

about the events of yester- see face to face? Notice that

Stop what you are doing brightening experiences.

How many people did you with someone other than the

same day. Both did wonderful jobs and we are very happy with their work. But when they left we found a rattlesnake with head and rattlers cut off that was about 8 inches long and not even an inch around. This is another danger that we all need to be

aware of at this time of year. The garage sale went very well and we want to offer special thanks to all those who donated items for the sale, as well as those customers who braved the cold the day of the sale. The youth want to say thanks for the enjoyment they will have at Super Summer. Sunday I saw more yards filled with cars than I have seen since Christmas time. I guess everyone loves to go to the country to hunt Easter eggs. I hope all of the children had a good time and did not eat so much candy they were ill.

Harmony Baptist services were blessed Sunday by a mime done by three of our young ladies, A singing of "Three Nails" by Trish & Lyndell Garrett, a children's sermon by Wanda Skinner and a sermon by James Teel. We enjoyed the visit by several people who had ties to Harmony from earlier days.

Desdemona Cemetery Assoc. To Meet Saturday

The annual Desdemona Cemetery Association meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17, at the First Baptist Church annex at 11:00 A.M.

Bring a covered dish for the lunch and enjoy visiting with friends. A short business session will be held between 11:00 A.M. and noon. Leo Williams, President

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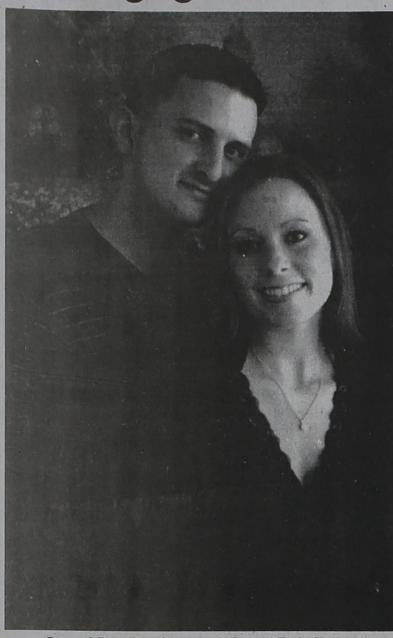
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Engagement



Jerrod Lee Rinehart and Cassie Dale Tollett

Randy and Julie Tollett of Baird are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassie Dale Tollett, to Jerrod Lee Rinehart, son of Jerry and Vicki Rinehart of Snyder, Texas.

The bride elect is a 2000 graduate of Baird High School and is currently pursuing a degree from The Uni- vada.

versity of Texas at Arlington.

The prospective Bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A & M University. He will be attending Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in the

A June 7, 2004 wedding is planned in Las Vegas, Ne-

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Baird First Baptist Church Events

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week of April 14-20

Wednesday April 14 at meeting. 6:30 pm another AWANA adventure is happening so we will look forward to seeing you here - don't miss the Fun and Excitement!

Wednesday at 7 pm Prayer Clyde, Texas. meeting in the sanctuary. Study on Corinthians.

not have choir practice.

Sunday April 18 at 5 pm we extend an invitation to everyone in the community to join together in the sanctuary for prayer time. If you have a prayer concern and cannot come please call the church office 854-1574.

Sunday April 18 at 6 pm we will have a short devo-Schedule of Events for the tional and follow with the regular monthly business

Monday April 19 at 6:30 pm Callahan Baptist Association will hold the Executive Board Meeting at Cherry Heights Baptist Church

Coming Soon: Ladies Night Out Monday April 26 Wednesday night we will at 7 pm. All ladies in the community are invited to attend for fun, fellowship and food (Pot Luck).

Coming in May: The AWANA Store will be back and we are preparing for our Awards Ceremony. Please contact the church office for more information.

Baird '48 Study Club News

The Baird '48 Study Club met on Monday, April 12, 2004 at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00

The Club met in the Fellowship Hall for a salad supper. Each member brought a dish to contribute to the sup-

Hostesses for the evening were Chasity Pritz, chairman, and members of the social committee.

President Tereva Hunter opened the business meeting with discussion about the Club scholarship which will be presented to a student who will be attending college or vocational school. Notice will be in the Baird

newspaper.

President Tereva Hunter passed out assignments for the standing committees for the 2004-2005 year.

The next meeting will be in the home of Sue McNeil on May 10, 2004. Kristi Belcher and Barbara Corn will be the hostesses.

Members attending were Kristi Belcher, Barbara Corn, Irma Crow, Billie Ann Earp, Frances Greenway, Linda Hart, Pat Holland, Tereva Hunter, Georgie Manion, Chasity Pritz, Cheryl Roach, Joanie Shrader, Dyanne Thompson, Dana Voigts, Donna Bell and Debbie McElmurray.

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Baird First United Methodist Church News

United Methodist Women The U. M. W. met Sunday March 14, with 14 members present; Lanethat Walker presided. Our hostess was Sue McNeil.

Bridgitte Roady gave a review on the book, "Listening for a God Who Whispers" by Peggy Benson, which was concise, yet spîritually uplifting as well.

Sunday, April 4th following the morning church service.

Our next meeting will be April 18th. Dyanne Thompson will give the program, tion for their own class. sharing on Interfaith Communities. Hope to see you all

Lanetha Walker, President Kids Club

Kids's Club will be closing for this school year on April 28th due to so many scheduled events with the school year ending and summer start-up programs.

On Wednesday, April 28th, Pastor Larry's plan is to have an outside hot dog A bake sale was held on cookout for all the kids K through 6th grade if there are no objections. After supper the individual teachers will paln an end of year celebra-

We will be praying that all of you, children and parents alike have a blessed and restful summer.

We have had a really good year and THANKS, just doesn't seem to be enough, but unitl I can think of something better, THANKS in God's Love.

National Day of Prayer Prayer is Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Baird Senior Citizens News

be going on a field trip to Rising Star on Thursday, April 15, 2004. We will leave the center at about 2:00 pm and plan on visiting the Hardwick Nursery, but we will mainly enjoy the drive and spring flowers. If anyone would like to go with us, please call 854-1937.

In the Month of March, we served 250 congregate meals, delivered 911 meals to the home bound. We went on 5 shopping trips going 230 miles with the van. We go shopping on Wednesdays of every week. If you need a

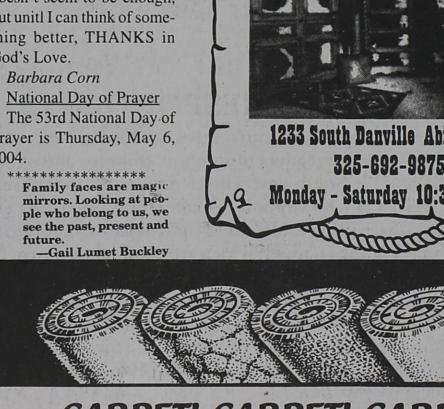
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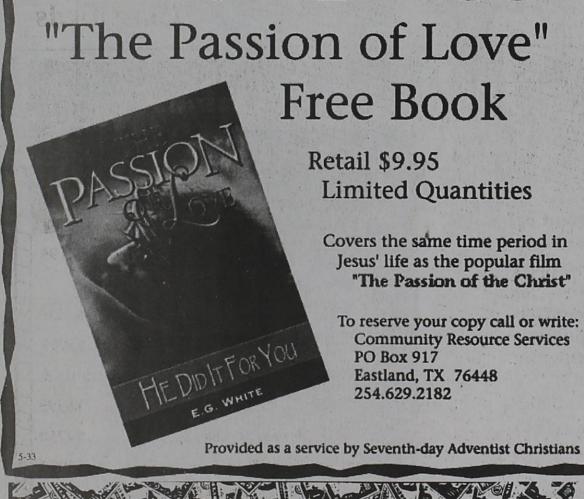
We have a few out due to illness but we are still serving our meals at 12:00 noon. We would like to invite any one to join us and eat a hot lunch with friends. We serve meals 5 days a week.

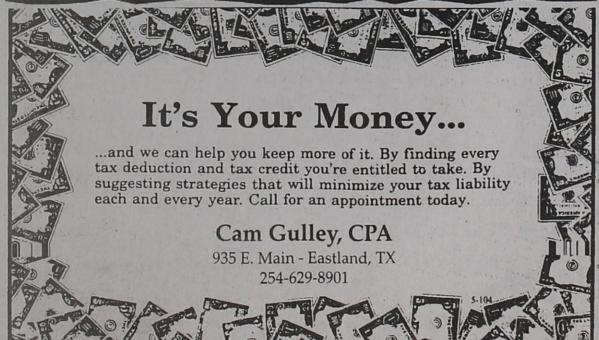
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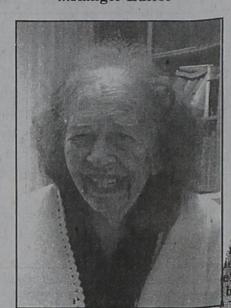
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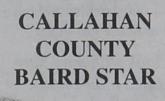
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