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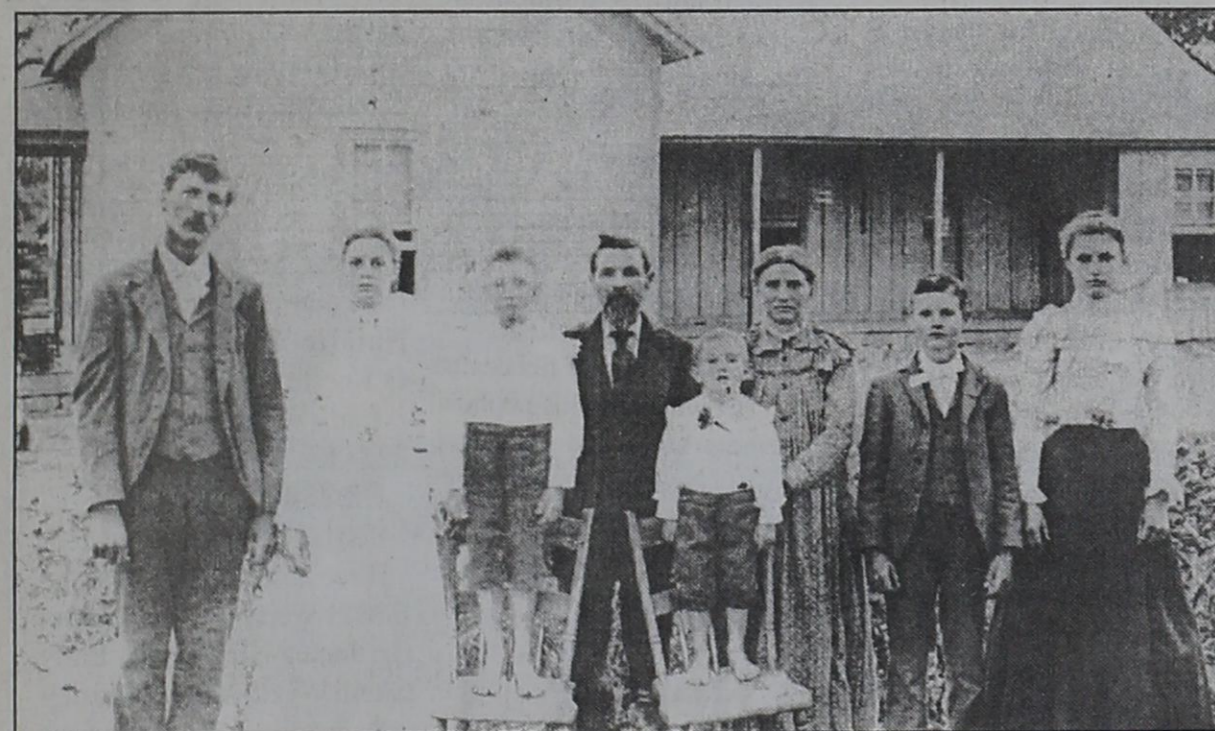
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Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recognized Maxine Johnson and her two daughters, Mallie Wilson and Mary Sherrard, of M. Johnson Ranch in Callahan County. The M. Johnson Ranch has been in operation by the same family since 1892 and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of operation at a recent ceremony in Austin.



M. Johnson Ranch Is Honored At Texas Family Land Heritage Ceremony Founded in 1892, Ranch Has Been Family Operation for 100 Years

By Margaret Hetrick

Who would dream that the trim, attractive lady with the engaging smile sitting across from my desk at the Baird Star had continued the operation of a large ranch - through a flood, two droughts and a tornado, as she put it - after the death of her husband Maurice in 1980.

This same lady, Maxine Johnson of the Oplin community in Callahan County, was recognized as Outstanding Conservation Rancher of the year in 1989, and continues to manage her land to this day.

On March 21, 2003, Mrs. Johnson and her family received another recognition regarding 640 acres of her land, which belongs to the M.

Johnson ranch of Callahan County.

The 640 acres have been owned and operated by the family for over 100 years, and the ranch was honored by Susan Combs, Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner, at a ceremony held in the LBJ Auditorium in Austin, TX, recognizing 2002 Texas Family Land Heritage farms and ranches.

The number of farms and ranches meeting the requirements for the Texas Family Land Heritage is not thickly sewn, - particularly in this part of Texas. The land under consideration must meet the "old U. S. Census definition of a farm", and must have been agriculturally

productive and owned by members of the family for 100 years or more.

The family members submitting the application must actively manage and direct the everyday operation.

The M. Johnson Ranch of Callahan County (founded 1892), the Lovell Farm of Eastland County (1889), and the English E-Bar Ranch in Shackelford County (1902) were among the few added to the honor roll from this region.

The history of the M. Johnson Ranch started many years ago as an enterprising young man, Thomas E. Johnson, born in Norway and seeking "more opportunities and a better life", came to Callahan County in 1875.



A big Easter basket Pinate full of candy spills its contents after several hard hits.



Ready to go! A big crowd of children enjoyed hunting easter eggs, and refreshments of cookies and punch after the hunt.



Maverick Thompson (L) and Autumn Shouse (R) were the "Grand Prize" Winners at the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Bell Park on Saturday. The event is hosted by the Baird Chamber of Commerce.



All dressed up for Easter this young lady is ready to hunt Easter Eggs.

CORRECTION

An article in our Thursday, April 17 Edition titled **May 3rd Marks Baird School Board, City Council Election** should have read as follows:

The Baird School Board Trustee election will be held on May 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 600 West 7th St. in Baird. Early voting by personal appearance begins April 16 to April 29 and will be conducted each weekday at 600 West 7th in Baird from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Johnson Ranch

In 1880 he married a young woman born in Strausburg, Germany, Mary Betcher, whose family had immigrated to Texas and settled at Colony Hill in 1878.

The number of acres in the founder's original ranch was 125 8/10 acres. Thomas Johnson acquired his title to the land on May 1, 1901. He added 640 acres to this amount. The land track can be traced back to the original grant holder, George Hancock, - granted to him by Texas Governor E. M. Pease.

Thomas Johnson raised cotton, milo, wheat, oats, corn, cane, cattle, horses, mules, hogs, chickens and turkeys on his land.

If that wasn't enough to keep any one person busy, he also worked as a rock mason, and hand dug water wells for himself and his neighbors. He dug tanks with a mule team, and cleared his land of rocks and brush so that it could be plowed.

Thomas and Mary Johnson donated land for the town site of Oplin, and also gave the land on which the Oplin Church of Christ was built.

The couple had eight children. Two died in infancy. A reporter for the Baird Star wrote an obituary for Thomas Johnson honoring him after his death in 1915.

"He was an honorable, upright man, modest, unassuming and straight as a gun barrel in all his dealings," the article - signed W. E. G. - read.

It continued: "He has been a subscriber to The Baird Star most of the time for 27 years and we feel that we have lost a valued subscriber."

Mary Johnson's obituary stated "Mrs. Johnson was converted to membership

Church at the age of 13 and since that time had lived a consistent Christian life and was an active church worker."

Hard times would befall the ranch in the years following the death of Thomas Johnson. His son Edd, who then became owner, died at a young age. His widow Mary Elizabeth (Mamie) Johnson, appointed guardian of the land, was left with three young boys - Frank Edward, Eldon Maurice, and Tommie Waymon - and would face the dust bowl and depression years.

Maurice Johnson became next in line to own the ranch. He married Mary Maxine, also a native of Oplin, in 1948.

Maxine had received a teaching degree from Abilene Christian University, and taught in Oplin until the couple married.

Maurice and Maxine Johnson had two children, Mary Maurice, and Mallie Elizabeth.

Maurice served overseas during World War II. "He was happy to serve to preserve the freedom of our country," Maxine stated.

Later, they both were 4-H project and demonstration leaders, and thus helped young people attain their goals. Maurice also helped with the Future Farmers of America.

As Maurice Johnson acquired the ranch, it consisted of 640 acres. He added 300.

Crops of wheat, oats, milo, and hay grazer, were raised on the ranch, along with cattle, horses, hogs and chickens.

Maurice Johnson was very proud of his land, and open to ways of improving it. In 1979, he entered into a Watershed Critical Area Treatment (CAT) contract, but was unable to see all the final results of his efforts before his passing away in 1980.

His widow Maxine, however, who shared his pride and interest in the land, did not give up. She, with the help of her brother Lowell, continued to run the operation.

In 1988 Maxine entered the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and was recognized as Outstanding Conservative Rancher of the year by the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District in 1989. She now manages a ranch operation totaling 1680 acres, which produces wheat, hay grazer,

permanent grass for hay and grazing, and cattle.

The M. Johnson Ranch is presently owned by Maxine and co-owned by her two daughters, Mary (Johnson) Sherrard of Houston, TX, and Mallie Elizabeth (Johnson) Wilson of Ranger, TX.

The family loves to spend time on the ranch, Maxine said. "Good and wise stewardship on my part will ensure future generations a beautiful and profitable land," she stated.

Immunization Clinic

Texas Department of Health will hold the following Immunization clinic in Callahan County Wednesday, May 7th 1:30-5:30.

Clyde Community Resource Center 306 N. 1st. Monday, May 12th 10-12. Please bring child's Immunization records.

For more information call



Shown above is Russ Gill at the Brownwood Support Out Troops Rally. Gill was one of the speakers at the rally which was attended by hundreds.)

Russ Gill Speaks At Support Troops Rally

Russ Gill, Callahan County rancher, Delta Airlines pilot, and decorated Airforce pilot, was one of the key speakers at the Brownwood Support Out Troops Rally held Saturday, April 12 in Gordon Wood Stadium.

Master of Ceremonies Douglas Boone Jr. described him as a blueprint for children to set their achievement goals by.

Boone spoke of Gill's military duty in the Persian-Gulf war. The former pilot flew 59 combat missions over Iraq during the conflict.

Gill said that even though he knew of the danger, he always wanted to see his name come up for a mission.

Etched into his memory were the briefings before the combat missions, - getting his gear ready, - his boot knife, life vest - Gill added.

Usually the missions were flown at night, he continued. He would get up, light up his engines, and when the canopy went down, he knew it was time to taxi. "I said one last prayer, - 'God, thank you for the opportunity to serve my country' - and three seconds later, we were in the air."

He flew his missions with the knowledge that the American people supported the troops, he said.

Russ Gill would never forget returning to his base after his first mission. "Boys, everybody made it home tonight," his commander said. That wasn't always the case, Gill recalled.

Gill (R), who announced his candidacy for the U. S. House of Representatives, District 17, on Feb. 22, 2002, is an advocate for veterans. He said he has seen veterans of

Desert Storm with serious health problems who were not getting the medical attention they needed.

"We can not allow that to happen!" he emphasized, - in reference to veterans of all wars.

Gill also showed a flag that his wife Judi sent him to carry on his missions over Iraq during the Persian-Gulf war. The Airforce pilot knew that if the enemy captured him and found his flag, they would most probably not only execute him, but also torture him before the execution.

In spite of this knowledge, he proudly carried the treasured flag with him on every mission, he said.

Russ Gill, now a rancher and pilot with Delta Airlines, lives with his wife Judi and sons Brandon and Taylor in Abilene. The family spends as much time as possible on their ranch west of Baird, TX in Callahan County. Gill's parents, Russ and Hurley Gill also live in Callahan County.

The two-hour rally also included patriotic music, speaker State Rep. Jim Keffer (District 61), and speaker Dr. Jim Hays, a retired lieutenant colonel from the Texas Army National Guard.

A Gold Star flag, representing the loss of a family member during a military conflict, was presented to the parents of Maj. Jay T. Aubin, Tom and Carol Aubin of Bangs. Maj. Aubin was killed in the first helicopter crash in the Iraqi war.

The uncle of Marine Pvt. Nolan R. Hutchings, missing in action in Iraq, spoke in honor of his nephew. Brown described his nephew as a sincere Christian, and said that he was proud to serve his country. "It really hits home," Brown said. A moment of silent prayer for Marine Hutchings' safe returned was held.

Later that night, however, the family of the Marine Private received the sad news that the Marine's status had been changed from missing in action to killed in action.

After learning of his death, Jim Brown called his nephew his new hero, and asks that prayers be continued for the troops in Iraq.

Putnam Homecoming

All Putnam friends, ex-students, and ex-teachers are invited to attend the 2003 Putnam Homecoming. Registration, fellowship, and visitation will begin at 9:00 AM on May 10, 2003 in the schoolhouse. Bar-be-Que andham sandwiches with drink and dessert will be served at 11:30 PM.

The cost of the meal is \$5.00. The General Session will begin in the auditorium at 1:00 PM. The master of ceremonies will be Carl White.

Carl is prepared to have some ex-students and teachers share some of their experiences while they attend school at Putnam.

The present schoolhouse was open in 1937, and was closed in 1976. For more information, please contact Mary Green at 325-662-3631 or Hubert Donaway at 325-662-3334. Visit our website at www.putnamtexas.com.

City School Plan Election May 3

The following is a list of contestated races in the May 3 election. Cities and schools nto listed have canceled elections because candidates are unopposed.

Early voting began Wednesday.

BAIRD
City

Three at-large seats- Jeff Barton (I), Dale Brewer (I), Kelly Corn (I), Lonnie Keith
Early voting is at city hall, 328 Market St.

School Board
Three at-large seats- Burke Robinson (I), Allen Wilson (I), Joe Clark (I), Larry McIntyre

Early voting is at 600 W. 7th St. in the Superintendent's office.

CLYDE
City
Mayor- Steve Livingston (I)

Two at-large council seats- Natalie Hermes (I), Bill O'Keeffe (I), Tom Marlatt Jr.

Early voting is at city hall, 222 Oak St.

CROSS PLAINS
City
Three at-large council seats- Edwin Weiss (I), Joe Ingram (I), James Nichols (I), Eddy Glenn Wyatt, Marvin Mosley

Proposition- For or against a quarter-cent tax for street repair and maintenance.

School Board
Two at-large places- Donnie Dillard (I), Tony Wyatt (I), Larry Thomas, Michael Smith, Reggie Pillans.

Early voting is at city hall.

DPS Report

04-06003 TO 04-12-03
Cases Investigated
Warnings 103,
Complaints 144, DWI 1,
Delivery of Marijuana 3,
Delivery of controlled Substance-Cocaine 3,
Driving under the Influence of Alcoholic Beverage Minor

1, Consumption of Alcohol by Minor 2,
Accidents
There were 3 accidents investigated during this time span.

People arrested on outstanding warrants 20 for a total of \$6,301.00 collected.

The Baird Star would like to encourage our readers to share with us the names of local servicemen and women. We would like to show our support for our troops, and honor them in a special way. Please send names to the Callahan County Baird Star, 211 Market St., Baird, Texas 79504, call us at 915-854-1008, fax us at 254-629-2092, or reach us by Email at telegram@eastland.net.

Men In Service

April 08, 2003 (FHTNC) Marine Corps Cpl. Scott Norwood, son of David E. Norwood of Baird, Texas, recently landed on the shore of Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Norwood is one of more than 4, 000 Atlantic Fleets Sailors and Marines who deployed aboard the ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

The 24th MEU has been deployed for more than seven months. During the deployment, Norwood's unit has participated in training, humanitarian assistance and peace support operations in Spain, Italy, Kosovo, Kenya and Diibouti, Africa.

Norwood joined the Marines Corps in January 1999.

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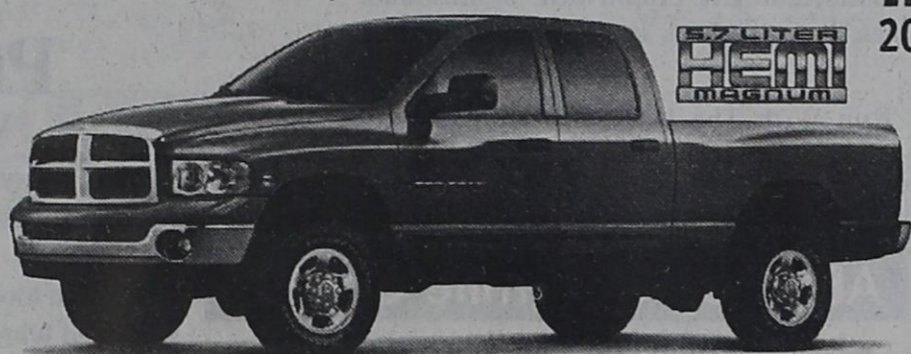
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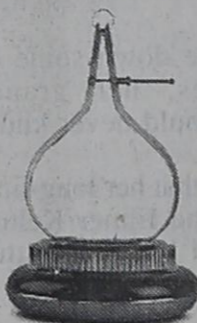


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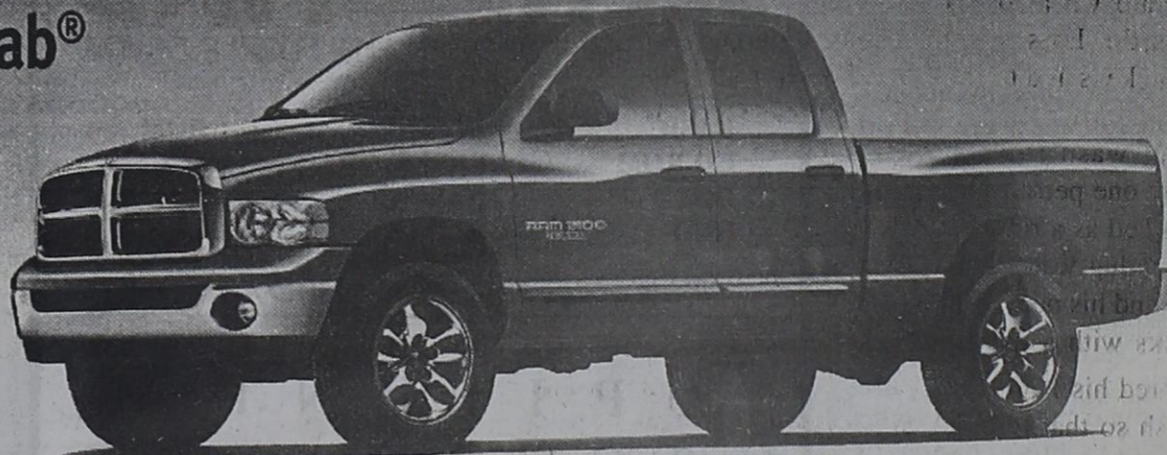
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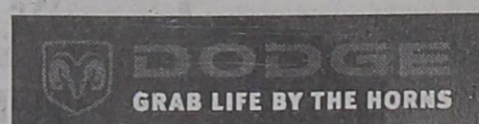


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Author Joan Stocks Nobles Brings Spirit To Big Bend

By Viola Payne

Eastland Memorial Library was filled with people on April 11 who had come to meet Joan Stocks Nobles and hear about her book, "Run With The Horses."

Mrs. Nobles was dressed in ranch attire, something she felt quite comfortable wearing. She showed an old boot jack which held carvings by her grandfather, Joe Stocks. Her book is dedicated to him.

Joan Nobles and the audience were welcomed by hostesses of the event, Kay Mabry, Librarian, Melba Carter, Dorothy Perkins, and Mary Lou Perkins.

Dorothy Perkins, a special friend of Joan Nobles, introduced the author to the crowd. She explained that they first met in Midland.

There were others in the audience who were acquainted with Mrs. Nobles and her family.

Before the review began it was fun to listen to their brief exchange of Big Bend ranch lore.

One guest who understood this first-hand was Tom Nevill of Eastland, who lived on a ranch near the Rio Grande when a child.

As Joan Nobles told about her own life, the audience found her personal experiences just as riveting as her book.

"Run With The Horses" is actually a spin-off from those early years she spent on a ranch west of Fort Davis.

She described the Big Bend this way: "It's the most fascinating country in the world. If you've ever lived out there you'll never get over it!"

She explained that the story in "Run With The Horses" is a tale she heard from her grandfather, Joe Stocks, as she lay in the ranch home with red measles.

You could die with that kind of measles, and nine year-old Joan was apparently dying. Her inborn toughness and her grandfathers lessons on endurance were failing.

Then Joe Stocks began this family epic to encourage her to hand onto life so she could hear it all!

The saga begins in 1866, with little law and order in the Big Bend. Confederate veterans were attempting to survive on outlying ranches. Union soldiers were at Fort Davis, Apaches were roaming through the mountains, and Mexican bandits were raiding north of the Rio Grande.

The husband and son of Carie McKittrick, a tough young grandmother, are kidnapped by bandits, who demand a large bunch of horses as ransom.

Carie enlists the help of her three young grandchildren - and anyone else who is decent - and begins the impossible task of rounding up and delivering the horses.

But she also has other plans - she is going to capture the bandits when the horses are delivered.

Joan Stocks Nobles uses vivid prose to describe the bitter beauty of the land, the strong people, the habits of animals, and especially the horses.

"I've had a fantastic life, all wrapped around horses," she said.

She explained that she first won a horse show at age 3, when her family had ranches in the San Angelo area.

Later they sold out, and Joe Stocks bought his ranch in the Big Bend.

Joan's parents divorced, and she and her brother Banky lived on the ranch with the grandparents.

When she was nine years old one of Joan Nobles jobs was breaking five year-old thoroughbred horses in the corral at the ranch.

Long before the "horse whisperers" became famous she had learned that kindness and communication goes a long way.

Joan mentioned seeing the last of the horse calvary from Fort Bliss, El Paso out on bivouac in the Big Bend. Her grandfather furnished a lot of horses for the calvary. It was disbanded in 1944.

Joan said she married into a wealthy Midland family in 1947. After her divorce some years later she took her three children to Van Horn to live.

"So they would have some idea of what the real world was like, and what it would take to make it," she said.

She raised them there, then later ran a hotel in Fort Davis.

She said that when she was 70 years old she got sick, and realized that if she



Pictured at Joan Stokes Nobles' book review at Eastland Memorial Library are (left to right) Dorothy Perkins of Eastland, Mrs. Nobles, and T.K. (Tom) Nevill of Eastland. Mr. Nevill's family, like Joan Nobles, were ranchers in the Big Bend.

didn't write down some of her stories, her grandchildren would never know them.

She said that her long-time family friend Elmer Kelton encouraged her to get this down.

"Run With The Horses" has been a tremendous success. Joan Stock Nobles said she planned to follow it

up with another book called "Fly With The Eagles." This new one will be the story of an Indian boy.

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She is living in Midland again now, where some of her children also reside.

Joan said she dedicated "Run With The Horses" to Grandfather Joe Stokes for several reasons. The first one was that it was his story, and next because of all the things he did for her.

"He gave me the strong backbone to survive - to never give up," she said.

"He told me: 'You can survive!' He showed me the last of what made our country what it is."

After her Review the audience stayed to visit and enjoy refreshments served by the hostesses.

Many had Joan Nobles autograph their copies of her book.

Most realized she was leaving some things even more priceless - a glimpse of ranch life as it really was, and a liberal dose of her courage and spirit.

POEM

MY ANGEL

On a cold winter morning
Snow slowly drifting to the ground.
You look out your frost covered window
To see the icicles hanging all around.
A little mother kneels beside her bed
A tear stained pillow is all that needs to be said.
For God called His little angel home
To join other angels gathered around the throne.
She prayed for guidance from above
That in her heart may be His love.
An empty space that cannot be filled
A broken heart that needs to be healed.
She dreams of that glorious day
When the Lord will call all His children away.
There will be no more sorrow, troubles or tears
And His love will be with us throughout the years.
Bob Harbin

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Baird 48 Study Club

The Baird '48 Study Club met in the home of Pat Holland on Monday, April 14, 2003. A salad supper was hosted by the Social Committee for all members that were present. The meeting was opened by President Jane Black. The roll was called by Secretary Tereva Hunter. Minutes for the February, 2003 meeting were read by Secretary Tereva Hunter. Correspondence was read by Corresponding Secretary Georgie Manion.

President Black asked for old business and for new business. The Baird '48 Study Club Scholarship was discussed. The scholarship will be offered to students who will be attending college or vocational schools.

Applications can be obtained from the high school counselor.

President-elect Tereva Hunter passed out the list of standing committees for the 2003-2004 club year.

Frances Greenway introduced the program for the evening. Barbara Corn gave a wonderful program on Patriotism and American history. The program ended with all members singing "American The Beautiful".

President Jane Black closed the meeting. Members present were Kristi Belcher, Jane Black, Barbara Corn, Irma Crow, Billie Ann Earp, Frances Greenway, Judy Gulley, Linda Hart, Pat Holland, Tereva Hunter, Amanda King, Georgie Manion, Chasity Pritz, Cheryl Roach, Joanie Shrader, Joyce Smauley, Elaine Stephenson, Dyanne

Thompson and Dana Voigts. The next meeting will be May 12, 2003 at the home of Sue McNeil.

Submitted by
Dyanne Thompson,
Reporter

48 Study Club Offers Scholarship

The Baird '48 Study Club is offering a \$350.00 scholarship to students who will be attending college or vocational schools.

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

High School seniors who are interested in applying for the scholarship may pick up an application form from the High School Counselor at Baird High School.

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

Georgie Manion
317 Spruce
Baird, Texas 79504

The forms must be received by Friday, May 9, 2003.

Callahan County Ag News

Submitted by Robert Pritz,
County Extension Agent

Pond Management Seminar To Be April 30

Small pond owners, or those who want to be, have an excellent opportunity to learn more about small pond management at the Callahan County Farm Pond Management Seminar on April 30th.

Callahan County Extension, in cooperation with the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District, is hosting a pond management seminar featuring biologists who specialize in management of ponds. The seminar will be held at the Baird Activity Center located at 208 Walnut beginning 9:00 a.m., and concluding at 12:00 noon with a fish fry meal.

Gary Franke, Soil Conservation Technician with Natural Resources Conservation Service will start the day discussing how to design and construct ponds. Spencer Dumont, Fisheries Biologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife will follow with discussion on the permitting process and pros and cons of

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grass carp for week control. Dr. Michael Masser, Extension Fisheries Specialist, will be our final speaker and will discuss elements of successful pond management including: renovation of ponds, fertilization, pond stocking strategies, maintaining balance and identification and management of aquatic plants.

There will be 3-hours of Continuing Education Credits

for re-certification of private and non-commercial applicators available through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District will also be taking fish orders during the program. Cost of the program will be \$5.00 per person, for those who RSVP by Friday, April 25, \$10.00 at the door.

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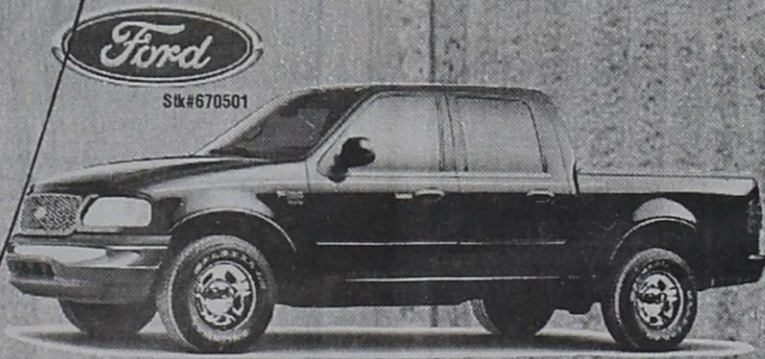
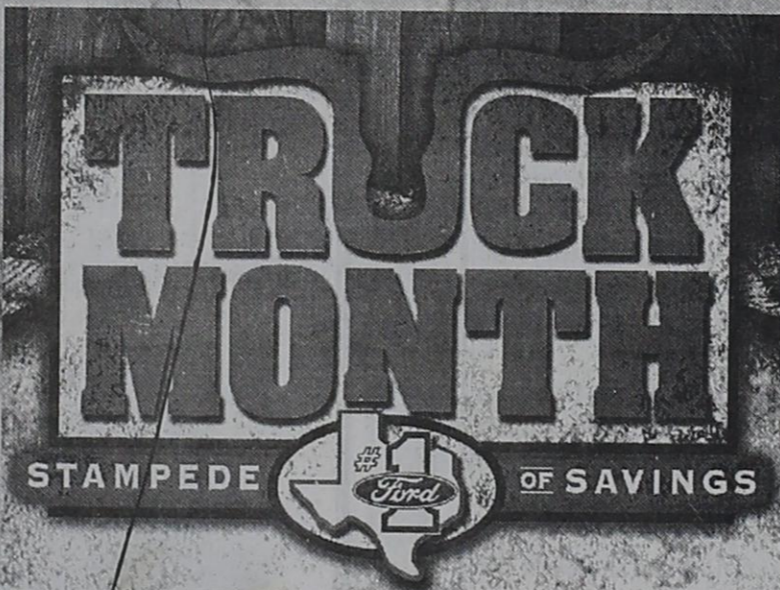
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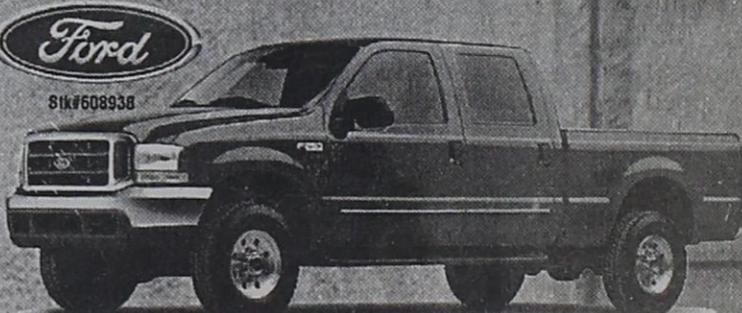
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B.A.C.A. Riders Saturday To Raise Awareness About Child Abuse

Canton Texas, April 26th 2002 - In an effort to raise awareness about child abuse, the Big Country Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse will ride 100 miles throughout East Texas on Saturday, April 26th. The Big Country Chapter will not be alone. Over 30 Chapters in 16 states will be riding at the same time.

At Noon on April 26th multiple chapters of B.A.C.A. Texas including: Big Country, Cross Timbers, Ft. Worth, Wichita Falls, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, will depart from the Piney Woods Biker Blowout Rally in Canton Texas. B.A.C.A. is hired each year to work security at this Rally and this year seeing as how this event is at the same time we will incorporate our ride into the scheduled Poker

Run which is 70 miles. We will add an additional 30 miles to ride to make our 100 mile ride.

- Ride will begin and end in Canton Texas and include 100 miles of the scenic Piney Woods area

- This ride is solely for the means of raising funds and awareness of the horrific injustice that abused children have endured.

- B.A.C.A. Big Country is a non profit 501 (c) 3 organization and your pledge will go directly to helping children who have been abused who have contacted us for our support.

In the November 2002 B.A.C.A. Big Country Chapter was formed. Since that time our chapter has already assisted 4 children. During the month of April there are already 5 new adoptions scheduled. We adopt the children into our fold and help to empower them to be strong and not to be afraid of the world in which they live. In all of the cases in Texas where B.A.C.A. appeared in court to support the children last year we received a guilty verdict or strong probated sentence in ALL but one of cases.

The group works with abused children and their families by empowering them to face what has occurred and put closure to the tragedy that has struck their lives. All families need to remember that anyone can be a perpetrator and that any child can be a victim. All individuals within the organization are volunteers

and must pass a criminal background check.

For more information about the organization or about the 100 Mile Ride, phone (254) 442-1671 (Croc) or (254) 629-1333 (Zoom).

Also, check out the B.A.C.A. Texas website at WWW.baca-tx.org and our B.A.C.A. merchandise at <http://store.yahoo.com/bacabigcountry/>.

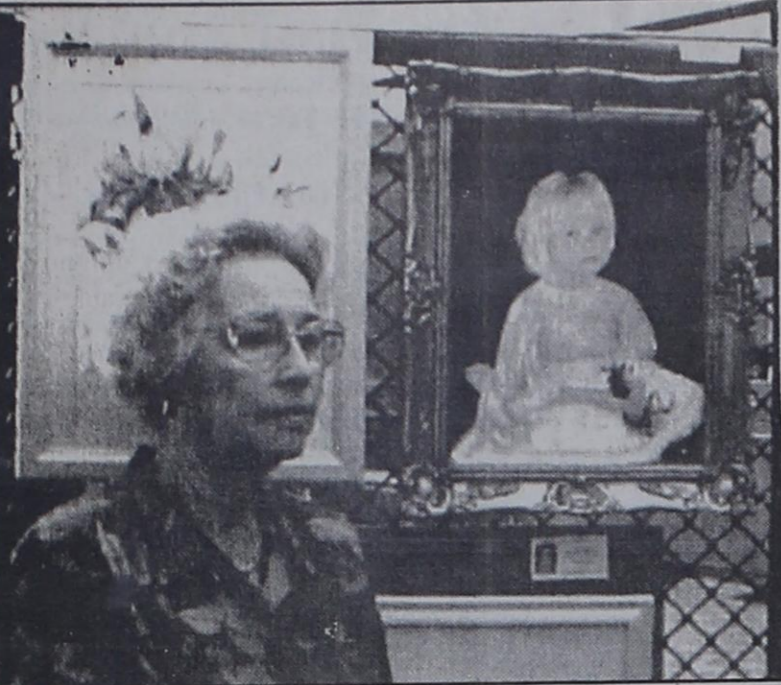
The Reader Who Cares
By Wanda Skinner

Life sometimes seems to be a treadmill where we run and run and get nowhere. We seem to dream dreams that appear unrealistic.

We strive for goals we cannot reach and we become discouraged and seem unfulfilled. Why can't we care enough to reach out and make our dreams and goals correspond to being and doing the best we can each day we are allowed to live on this earths.

Care enough to tell how much you appreciate what they do and what they mean to you.

Care enough to be a friend to those who need more friends.



LaJuan Killion

Cross Plains' Art And Flower Show Saturday

The Paint and Palette Club and the Garden Club of Cross Plains join together April 26th 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to see pictures and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for intricate flower arrangements.

Awards will be given in both shows separately. For the art show, LaJuan Killion will judge the pictures and photographs. She has been painting most of her life, doing a lot while overseas in Borneo. She helped to paint the back drop for the stage play, "My Three Angels" when it came to Borneo. LaJuan also worked with the British Saturday Club, teaching other artists. She has studied with Leona Turner of Albuquerque in Abilene and with Odom Hullenkremer from Santa Fe, New Mexico. La Juan is a member of the Brownwood Art Assoc. and will have some of her work in their show in May. We are so pleased to

have her. She is a new member of our club.

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He Said - She Said

By Dr. & Mrs. D. P. Sadowski

"IT WAS ONE DARK NIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY"

HE SAID:

Luke 23:44-46

"And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

According to history, the sixth hour of the day in scripture is from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Can you imagine this? They had a dark night in the middle of the day at Jesus crucifixion. No wonder the soldiers became jumpy and spooked! They had never seen this before - no training for anything like this!

What was happening made even the sun ashamed and refusing to shine. The Holy Ghost overshadowed a virgin of Israel and she conceived the flesh of God - named Emmanuel meaning God with us. He lived and now at 33 years old He was dying. But the flesh of God could not die until the spirit of God (the Holy Ghost) had returned to where it came from.

But in just a few days - after a risen Christ and an empty tomb - He sent that same Holy Ghost back to His believers on the day of Pentecost. Thank God for His salvation.

SHE SAID: I cannot imagine what Calvary must have been like. I cannot imagine Bethlehem - much less Calvary. The fact that God himself left glory and all its splendor to redeem my lost soul is more than I can comprehend.

Blood had to be shed for the redemption of sins. In the Old Testament they sacrificed bulls and goats. These sacrifices would just roll people's sins ahead for a year. But the supreme sacrifice of Jesus' blood at Calvary meant that God had made a way that our sins could be blotted out. It is very symbolic that the veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom. That meant we could go into the Holiest of Holiest for ourselves! We can have a genuine experience with God for ourselves! Thank God for blood bought, exciting, and life changing salvation!

NOTE: This is a time of real soul searching for many people. We all want answers from God's Word about world events, relationships and personal problems, Bible questions, prophecy questions, etc.

Please contact us with any question you may have:

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'Higher Ground' To Perform At Folklife Festival

Question: What do you get when you cross four guys with full-time regular jobs with guitars and drums, and mix in the Cisco Folklife Festival?

Answer: good non-nonsense rock'n roll delivered by a band isn't taking itself too seriously.

Fresh off their most recent gig at Stoker's Ice House in Dallas, where they rocked a crowd of at least 30 bikers, Higher Ground storms into town Saturday, April 26th for its second annual appearance at Cisco's Folklife Festival. The band will kick off its 2-hour rock extravaganza at 3:00 p.m. Higher Ground won't be hard to find on the festival grounds. "When my ears stopped ringing last year, I thought, Hey, those guys were pretty good!"

Marked one local fans. Higher Ground is comprised of four Dallas-area "Musicians", Ken Hawari (raised in Cisco and son of Kay Hawari and Diz Howell, who actually preferred not to be named in this article), Mike Cooper, Paul Holser and Lee Brookman. Although the four men hold real jobs as attorney, marketing manager, software engineer and advertising guru, and practice only once a week in a church youth hall, they bring a passion and flare to the music that can only be described as fanatical. "Speaking of fans," said Mr. Brookman, the band's drummer, "we sure hope the preschooler that actually got up and danced to our music last year comes back for more this year!"

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Keep Your Cool Texas

By Wes Sims
Texas Farmers Union President

A few corporate giants, and the groups that represent them, would have us believe the country-of-origin labeling law (COOL) that was included in the 2002 farm bill is actually a farm-of-origin labeling law (FOOL). However, that claim lives up to its acronym.

The COOL provision requires grocery stores to label fresh meats, fish, fruits, vegetables and peanuts with the country in which it was grown and processed. Beginning in September 2003, this new law will give American consumers the ability to make informed choices about their food and will give farmers and ranchers the opportunity to stand behind the commodities they produce.

As an independent Texas agriculture producer, I am offended by the scare tactics that large agribusinesses are using to deter farmers and ranchers from supporting this beneficial law. Unfortunately, their claims are being backed up by recent USDA cost estimates that assume each of the 2 million farmers, ranchers and fishermen in the country will need to implement a record-keeping system. That's just not COOL.

The COOL law states that the secretary of agriculture "shall not use a mandatory identification system to verify the country of origin of a covered commodity." This puts the burden of proof on the importer, not the individual farmer or rancher.

It doesn't make sense to impose unnecessary paperwork on Texas' farmers and ranchers when records are already kept on animals and produce imported into this country. The COOL law encourages use of certification programs that are already being used by federal agencies.

Many producers have received threats of third-party verification from meatpackers. Don't be FOOLed. There is nothing in the country-of-origin labeling law that requires third-party verification or burdensome audit trails. While packers may impose their own interpretations of COOL, the law is directed at retailers, not packers. There has been some question about whether these threats violate the Packers and Stockyards Act.

I believe that country of origin labeling, long supported by Farmers Union and many other farm, ranch and consumer groups, is one of the most important efforts to ensure the survivability and enhance economic opportunities for the U.S. independent livestock and produce farmers. In the global economy, our producers play on an unlevel playing field, disadvantaged by the value of our dollar and forced to compete with countries whose farmers, ranchers, and processors produce in a system with much lower labor, environmental and sanitation standards.

As an American producer, I am very proud of the "Cadillac" quality products U.S. farmers provide. Yet, at

the current marketplace, this "Cadillac" product is not differentiated from the lower valued, imported model with its uncertain assurance of quality and safety. Surveys prove that consumers, if given a choice, will demand our U.S. premium product and support the U.S. farmer and the U.S. worker who provide them with that quality product.

I am excited about the potential benefits of a successfully implemented COOL law. I believe that stronger farmer-consumer relationships will be forged. Consumers will support our U.S. farm families and demand and choose our quality products. Family farm operations will become more profitable and the consumer will be assured safe, wholesome food. It's a win-win situation.

The COOL law was written

to protect producers, not additionally burden them. For this reason, Texas Farmers Union has advocated country-of-origin labeling for years and will continue to stand behind the law and make sure it is implemented in a farmer- and rancher-friendly way.

Texas Farmers Union works to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life of rural citizens through legislative representation, educational opportunities and support for farmer-owned cooperative ventures.

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Lawn And Garden Seminar Is Set May 1 At Clyde Lions Club

All lawns are not created equal nor do we all have the expectations for our lawn. In this seminar, you will learn about some of the more common misconceptions regarding various lawn and garden care practices.

The Peoples State Bank of Clyde and the Callahan County Extension Office have teamed up to sponsor the 5th annual Lawn & Garden Seminar on Thursday, May 1st at the Clyde Lions Club. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is free of charge.

Current up to date Lawn & Garden information is important to many people in Callahan County, and with the conditions that we have experienced the past several years many people will need to update their methods of keeping their lawn and gardens productive. The purpose of this

seminar is to bring homeowners up to date on what they can do to get more from their lawns and gardens.

Mr. John Begnaud, Extension Horticulturist from San Angelo will once again be on hand to cover a variety of topics important to help keep lawn and gardens productive as well as dispel some common misconceptions related to home gardening. Janet Laminack, Extension Horticulturist from Abilene will be on hand to discuss Xeriscape as an option for homeowners. Once again we will incorporate a Special Diagnostic Session into the program to allow participants to bring samples of their plants

for symptom diagnosis. Mr. Begnaud will be able to discuss symptoms and cures for various problems gardeners have been experiencing. So if you have a special plant, shrub or tree that is giving you problems, be sure to bring a sample with you to the seminar.

This program promises to offer something to everyone that attends, regardless of your gardening background. So mark your calendars for May 1st at 7:00 p.m. and let us help you improve your green thumb.

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His outfit was the only unit in the regiment to land at the designated spot and went on to accomplish the mission of the regiment. The regimental commander and the rest of the outfit finally caught up to Sayre's company.

After Sicily, he went on into Italy and Germany.

He later served in the Korean Peace-Keeping effort and was on the general staff of Gen. Westmoreland during the Vietnam war.

He was the principal speaker at a Gulf War Support program in Eastland in the early '90's.

He praises the troops today and the fantastic execution of the general war plans in Iraq.

Retired today and living in Breckenridge where he helps see to the needs of his wife, a retired Lt. Colonel, now in ill health.

Mr. Ed retired in 1968 as a full Colonel after his last assignment in the Planning Division of the Joint Chief of Staff at the Pentagon in Washington.

He is the older brother of the Frank Sayre, longtime Eastland resident now of Abilene. Ed remembers that Frank and their brother Kelly joined the Army in 1939 at 17 and at one time, when they were 19, were both the youngest first sergeants in the entire Army.

Both Frank and Ed were active in the National Guard units in this area in times past.

In that connection, a letter and a clipping about National Guard Units camping in Fairfield in the summer of 1941 from Katie LeMay of Dennis, said in part:

"I read this and 36 Division, Co. 1, 141 Inf. was Ranger Tx, Nat. Guard. Thought you would like to read this and pass it on to the ones who remember it. I lived in Ranger at this time (at age 14). I remember that summer." The article tells of the National Guard units "holding up" there because the camps in Louisiana were not ready to receive them."

Mr. Ed Sayre remembers that his unit "held up" at Monroe.

The Fairfield newspaper "remembering history" article said in part:

Prior to Pearl Harbor, with the threats of war prevalent with what little military as had was mobilized, the Texas National Guard 36th Division was called in and Camp Bowie at Brownwood created. Freestone County had young men involved in this Unit as there was a National Guard base in Mexia.

In the summer of 1941 prior to the Japanese sneak attack at Pearl Harbor one of the largest War Games ever was

planned for most of U.S. Army in Louisiana. The 36th Division enroute to these war games came through Freestone County. Notified they were not ready for them in Louisiana they camped for a week or so in a wooded area near Reds Lake. The whole area was swamped with thousands of GI's who had really nothing to do. All this created much excitement and confusion locally. My father was Sheriff with I believe only one Deputy at the time, Mr. Homer Robertson. The Military Police helped to control this, road blocks and check points set up to try and keep soldiers out of neighboring counties, especially where alcohol legal. This also brought a lot of social activities in the area to help. Bill and Gertie

Boyd entertained the commanding General Walker (I believe) officers and many locals with a big Bar-b-que at the Boyd's Lodge. Bill Boyd was a big wheel in the Roosevelt administration and very important in WW II. I spent a great deal of time involved with this group as Fairfield Band Boosters had a concession stand with many of us teenagers working there.

The 36th went on the maneuvers in Louisiana and made history in Europe in WW II, as in some of the bloodiest campaigns fought. Many never returned to their native Texas.

I don't think Freestone County ever really was the same again after the 36th Division departed; I know I wasn't.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
Patrick Henry said that the Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed.

George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern people without God and the Bible." He also warned against becoming entangled with foreign nations. Since we believe that George Washington knew more about what is best for this nation than some of our present leaders, especially the Supreme Court, we want restoration of the following:

1. The right for unrestricted Christian prayer in our public schools.
2. "One nation under God" included in the pledge to the flag.
3. The right to read and/or

teach the Bible in our public schools.

4. Since the United Nations is controlled by terrorist, atheist, heathen, pagan, dictator, and communist countries; and also since one of the UN's main objectives is to confiscate all of our personal guns, and also that the majority of the members of the UN have no reason to tell the truth, we believe that we should withdraw from that organization.

Thursday, April 24, 2003

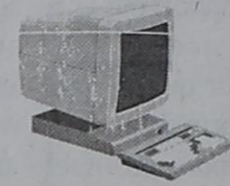
Moreover the money which is spent on the UN could be used better at home.

The above four resolutions should be put in the form of a joint-petition to the President of the United States, the two Senators, and the U. S. Representative, all named as the joint-petitioner.

After the endorsements are obtained, the original copies could be retained while copies are mailed to the President, Senators, and the Representative.

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Guest Slot

WHEN I TOLD MY WIFE, LUCILLE, I WAS DRIVING TO STEPHENVILLE TUESDAY MORNING, SHE SAID, "YOU WILL NOT!!!"

By Cousin Hugh O'Brien
I said, "I WILL TOO!" She said, "If you think you are going to drive all the way to Stephenville by yourself, you got another "thing" coming! What is so important you think you have to drive to Stephenville by yourself?"

I said, "I got word that Russ Gill, candidate for the job Charlie Stenholm has held for some 20 plus years will be there and I want to meet him and hear what he has to say."

She said, "If you think he or anyone else has a chance to beat Charlie Stenholm you might as well forget it. Anyhow, you are not going!"

I said, "I AM TOO!"
"YOU ARE NOT!"

I said, "my head is made up and I am going!"

After some time, during which such comments were made like a ninety year old man with limited vision and slow reflexes driving a long wheel base, 4/wheel drive pickup in traffic is a danger not only to himself but to any other pedestrians or traffic he might encounter.

I said, "Lucille, for some 80 years I have driven T Models, Chevrolets, Dodges, Army jeeps, weapons carriers, homemade tractors, Fergusons, Allis Chalmers, Fords and John Deere's to name a few and it is very seldom I ever ran over, bruised or killed anyone, actually never!"

End of discussion. Sometimes a man has to let his woman know who is boss.

Lucille thought it was a lost cause. She said, "Charlie has all the advantages. He has the organization. Free publicity in all the newspapers every week, a paid staff, all paid for by the taxpayer and the power of the office. No one can defeat him. But if you are still bound and determined to go,

I'll take you."

She did, and we are both glad.

Those Republican ladies of Erath County know how to host a political meeting. The 'Trifles Cafe' on the square was spacious and very nice. After being greeted by the welcoming committee and being registered, we were escorted to the buffet where a delectable selection of food awaited. Don't tell, but I think Comanche Republican ladies are better cooks though I may be prejudiced.

I think Lucille and I both felt, though warmly welcomed, we were outsiders until we met one of our favorite Comanche girls, Kerry Dudley. Later we met Sid Miller's local representative

and Becky Farrar, our former representative who still stays very active in State and National politics.

But the main objective of our visit was to meet Russ Gill and his charming wife Judi, who spoke briefly and mentioned with pride their two young sons, Brandon and Taylor. Russ gave us a short biography: Baptist, active in his church, rancher who grows wheat and runs some 200 stocker calves. He is also a DFW based airline pilot flying 737s for Delta. Russ has 9 years combat experience, during which he spent time in Saudi Arab during Desert Storm. Russ Gill, rancher, veteran, pilot has BEEN THERE, DONE THAT and he will make us a real good representative. You will have the opportunity to meet and hear him and then make up your own mind.

Seeds From The Planter

By Wanda Skinner

Galatians 6:4 NIV "Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else."

People today seem to be finding fault with things that others so on a regular basis.

Let's plant seeds of making certain our actions are not giving others reason to criticize us.

If we could learn to keep our own lives under control, we could soon find that the

actions of others would not bother us quite as much.

We each come from different backgrounds and different places and parents, so we are different people.

Stop and think for just one minute what the world would be like if every person in the world was exactly like you!

Plant seeds of accepting others as they are and being the guard over your own actions.

Scott Norwood Is Deployed

April 08, 2003 - Marine Corps Cpl. Scott Norwood, son of David E. Norwood of Baird, Texas, recently landed on the shore of Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Norwood is one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines who deployed aboard the ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

The 24th MEU has been deployed for more than seven months. During the deployment Norwood's unit has participated in training, humanitarian assistance and peace support operations in Spain, Italy, Kosovo, Kenya and Djibouti, Africa.

Norwood's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Norwood's unit supplies and sustains itself for quick mission accomplishment and for clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Norwood joined the Marine Corps in January 1999.

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Callahan County Commissioners Approve Land Purchase, Arbor Day Celebration

Callahan County Commissioners approved the purchase of land to erect a radio tower, and an Arbor Day Celebration scheduled for April 26, 2003 on the Courthouse Grounds at their regular meeting held on April 14, 2003.

The land for a radio tower consists of 4.9 acres near Belle Plains, according to a reliable source. The Commissioners approved \$5,000 for its purchase, the source added. The cost of the new tower is estimated at \$110,000.

A Baby Treaty Oak Tree donated by the Texas Forest Service will be planted on the Callahan Courthouse Grounds at 4:30 p.m. on April 26 to mark the Arbor Day Celebration. The Commissioners also approved a proclamation in support of Arbor Day.

Also approved by the Commissioners was a transaction confirmation for electricity supply, price and contract term through the Texas Association of School Board, and the publishing and

posting notice of Callahan County's intent to contract with a Depository Bank.

No action was taken to approve granting a pipeline easement from Randal L. Wiginton, located in Commissioner Precinct 4.

No public comment or discussion was presented to the Court at their April 14 meeting.

The Commissioners voted to sign the minutes of the previous meeting, approved the Treasurer's Report, and voted to pay approved bills before the Court was adjourned.

Spotlight

By Julia Worthy

Who's going to bell the cat? And just why does it need a bell? Or does it?

The editorial in Sunday's (4/20) Abilene Reporter-News is titled: "Bill could wreck school standards."

It goes on to indicate that Before Perot, Texas students' opportunities for "higher education" were severely limited because there was no way of knowing if the educational preparation from "Roscoe" would be anywhere near the

same as that to be obtained from "Highland Park."

"Individual school districts were left to devise their own methods of operations --which naturally varied from town to town and school board to school board."

One of the big beefs of the editorial seemed to be that all Texas children don't have the same opportunities for an "equal" preparation

The editorial writer's opinion seems to be that standardization is a great

goal and it will fix all the ills of any educational system. (If I have the wrong take on it, I apologize.)

Standardization goes a long way, but not for every subject nor for everyone. Math, for which "basic" might be a better term, can be considered "standard," a world-wide "language." If everyone spoke the same language, communications between countries should be better, quicker and maybe less irritating, but I don't envision a "common" language any time soon, though I believe George Bernard Shaw devised one

that should be much easier to learn than English.

My problem with "standard" is a question. How many discoveries, inventions and explorations can be designated as "standard?"

True, preparation for Roscoe High School students in Roscoe, Texas, is not exactly the same offered as that offered students in Highland Park High School in Dallas, Texas. My guess is that there are several schools in Dallas that don't offer the same courses that Highland Park does.

It seems to me that legislators have been pouring money into the school system with the idea that money will fix any kind of problem. It does fix a lot of them

Another question: Has anyone considered how "standard" could be closely equated with "stereotyped?"

Never have I met a school board member who was not concerned about the education students in "his" school were offered or got.

Apparently, state adopted texts aren't standard enough for a guideline.

With teachers all over the state being "encouraged" to "teach to the text" (whether admitted or not), more memorizing is taking place than viable learning. TAAS

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wasn't a big enough stumbling block; perhaps TAKS will be.

Can you imagine a school with an "exemplary" rating removing itself from all the practices that enabled it to attain that rating? I can't, but the editorial writer apparently envisions just that happening.

HB857 and HB973 may devastate Texas' public schools as the A R-N expects if they pass. My personal take on the topic is that Texas parents still represent a terrific amount of "rugged individualism," and they will not take the "devastation" of any school system without strong opposition.

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