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The Reigning Mrs. Texas International 2006 also Mrs. International 2006, Suzy Bootz.

Reigning Mrs. Texas International 2006 (who was also crowned Mrs. International 2006), Suzy Bootz. Photo credit: Ladd Photography

Applications are now being accepted for the title of 2007 "Mrs. Callahan County"! Mrs. Callahan County will have the honor of representing her county at the Mrs. Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas May 4-6, 2007.

The woman chosen as "Mrs. Callahan County" will become an ambassador from the Callahan County area and receive an official title and sash!

The woman chosen as Mrs. Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$11,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the "2007" Mrs. International Pageant. The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of the Mrs. Texas Pageant.

The current reigning "2006" Mrs. Texas is Suzy Bootz of Canyon Lake, Texas. As Mrs. Texas, Suzy speaks on her platform "Saving Lives Through Early Detection & Awareness of Breast Cancer". Suzy lost her mother to breast cancer after a long battle with the disease. Her goal as Mrs. Texas is to educate as many women as she can about the importance of early detection. Suzy has partnered with the Lois Caldwell Breast Cancer Foundation as well as the American Cancer Society to promote the cause.

Mrs. contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition!!!)

Married women living in Callahan County interested in applying should write for bio. form: Mrs. Texas

International Pageant
14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197
San Antonio, TX 78232
or call or e-mail for more information:
210.403.0589
Director@TXBeautyQueens.com

County Commissioners Lifts Burn Ban effective 9-11-06. Burn Ban will be discussed again on Monday, September 11, 2006 at the Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

American Red Cross Needs Your Help

With the extreme heat and drought conditions, the American Red Cross has found itself busier than usual responding to a rash of wildfires across the Big Country.

As of August 21, most people are aware that the American Red Cross responds to large disasters such as tornadoes and hurricanes, and that the organization assists with food, clothing and shelter. But fewer people know that the Red Cross is also called on to assist emergency workers such as police and firefighters. Since the wildfires broke out in the Big Country, the American Red Cross has been working hard to provide plenty of bottled water, Gatorade and meals to countless firefighters. Now, the organization needs your help to keep their supplies stocked.

The American Red Cross is asking the community to make financial gifts to the local Disaster Relief Fund. Financial Contributions allow the Red Cross to purchase materials in bulk, stretching the donated dollar even further. Additionally, financial contributions to the local disaster relief fund make it possible to help families displaced by house fires and other disasters, for the Red Cross. To make a gift to the local disaster relief please call 325-677-2622 or mail it to Big Country Region American Red Cross 1610 N. 2nd Abilene, TX 79601. For free

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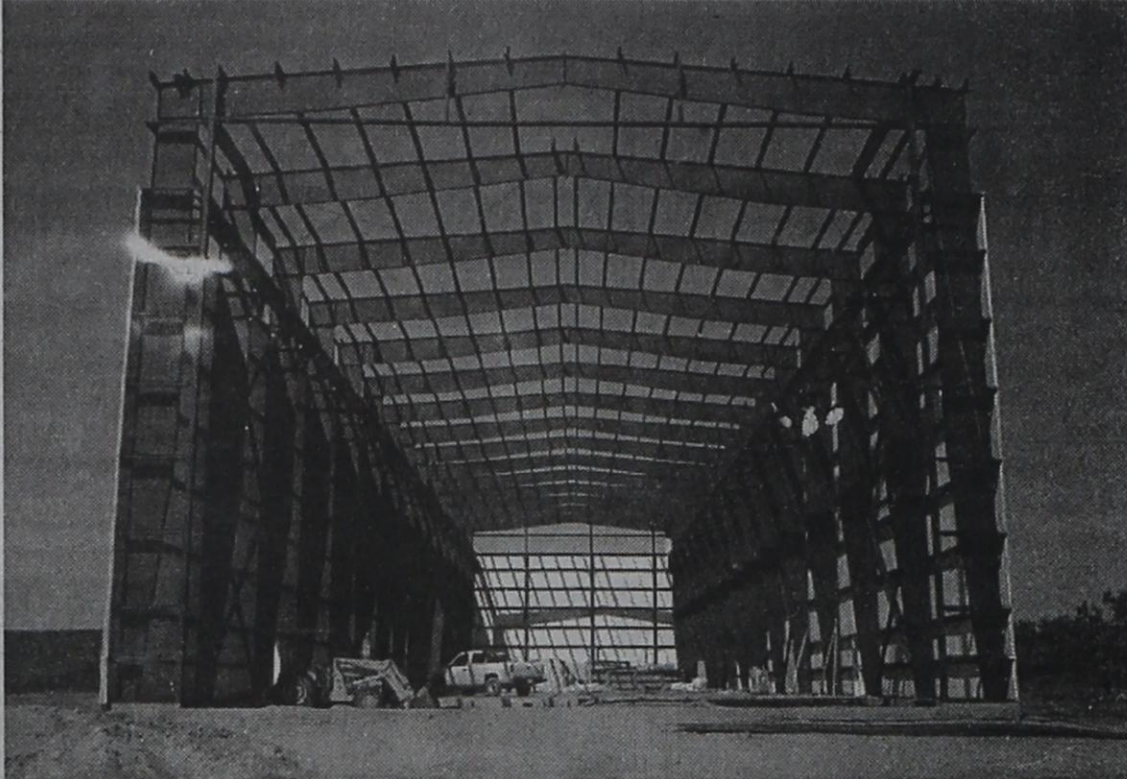
information on how to protect your home from a wildfire, or for tips on staying safe in extreme heat, please visit the site www.redcross.org.

Callahan County SWCD is Now Taking Custom Map Orders

The Callahan County SWCD is proud to announce that we have recently purchased a plotter and is now offering to design maps for landowners, hunters, and interested individuals. The plotter will produce up to 36" maps in color or black/white. The cost will depend on the size and design of each individual map.

For more information on how to purchase a land map contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th St. Baird, TX or Call (325) 854-1349, EXT 3. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany NRCS at 325-762-2552, EXT. 3.

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Businesses under construction in Baird's T&P Industrial Park include Tank & Vessel Builders of which two shots are shown here, with siding afixed. (Photo by Barry Alexander.)



Construction on overpass viaduct over E-W railroad tracks in Baird.

Callahan County Schools' Enrollments Predominantly Increase

Three out of the four Callahan County public schools report higher first week student enrollments, increases, compared to 2005. Clyde C.I.S.D., Baird I.S.D. and Cross Plains I.S.D., compared to last year, saw higher enrollments. The only county school reporting a decrease in first week enrollment was Eula I.S.D. Compared to last year, Clyde C.I.S.D. reported the largest increase in 2005 over 05, by 33 students. Student enrollment was reported as 468 in all grades as of the week ending Sept. 1, reporting an increase from 1435 over 2005.

Baird I.S.D. reports that 347 enrolled this year in comparison to 345 students for the first week of school in 2005. Baird High School consisting of ninth grade through twelfth reported 123 students for the first week of 2006 with Baird middle school reporting 69 students in grades seventh through eighth. At the Baird Elementary School, comprised of Pre-Kindergarten through sixth, 155 students reported for 2006-07.

The Clyde Independent had 470 students in high school, Junior High had 227, in grades seven through eight and Intermediate school with fourth/fifth and sixth grade had 325 students. Elementary school consisting of pre-K through third grade had 452 students.

The second highest student enrollment increase of the four county schools this year was Cross Plains which increased 11 students over 2005's first week of classes enrollment of 375 students.

386 Cross Plains students reported this year.

Cross Plains, in comparison by campus, had 176 students report for high school in grade seven through twelve. At the elementary school 210 students reported to Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

A decline in enrollment was seen only for Eula I.S.D., slowing to 35 students in 2006 compared to 2005; 476 students were reported to be enrolled the first week of this year's classes.

158 students reportedly enrolled in ninth through twelfth grade. In grade sixth through eighth, Eula Middle School saw 97 students in grades six through eight. Eula Elementary School including Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade saw the first school week's enrollment of students at 186.

Addresses Needed for Baird Ex-Students

We're listing the students from the classes of 2001 through 2005 that need updated addresses. If you have any information about any of the following, please contact the Baird Ex-Students' Association, P.O. Box 954, Baird, TX or 854-1947. 2001-2005:

Anthony Dean,

(Continued inside)

Texas Department of State Health Services

Immunization clinics of Callahan County
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Wednesday, September 13,

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Please bring Child's Immunization Records

If Child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the Card.

For More Information call 325-754-4945



State Capital Highlights
By Ed Sterling

Plans made for nuclear plants

AUSTIN -- Dallas-based TXU Corp. on Aug. 31 announced plans to build one to three new nuclear power plants in Texas.

TXU will file applications for the plants with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for licenses that would allow the company to produce two to six gigawatts of power generation capacity at the sites.

The applications will be filed by 2008, and if approved, the power plants would be up and running between 2015 and 2020, according to a company news release.

Part of the plan is to in-

crease capacity at the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant near Glen Rose.

Students' math scores improve

Students improved their math scores but received lower reading scores this year on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Texas Education Agency announced in an Aug. 29 news release.

"The average math score of the 129,784 Texas students enrolled in public and private schools who took the SAT was 506 out of a possible 800. That compares to a score for Texans of 502 in 2005.

"While the Texas score showed improvement, it fell short of the national average math score of 518. Nationally, math scores dropped two points in 2006," the TEA said.

New biodiesel plant to open

This month, Hawaii-based Pacific Biodiesel Inc. is bringing online

Willie Nelson's vision: a biodiesel fuel plant in Carl's Corner, the truckstop about

60 miles south of Dallas.

The plant will process locally produced cottonseed oil and used cooking oil to make the fuel, B20. The plant is designed to make 3 million gallons of B20 a year.

Nelson has long promoted biodiesel as a way to reduce the nation's dependency on fossil fuels and to create a new revenue stream for family farms.

Drought relief loans to come

Texas will get a share of a \$780 million pot the U.S. Department of Agriculture will divide up to give farmers drought relief. But Texas' share won't be much compared with the \$4 billion in crop and livestock losses this year in the Lone Star State.

Relief will come to qualified farmers and ranches in the form of low-interest loans capped at \$500,000.

Best behavior urged for drivers

The Texas Department of Public Safety planned to have officers out in force over the long Labor Day weekend.

No one can afford a ticket (Continued inside)

AREA MEDICAL DIRECTORY

The Creative Cook

By Julia Merla

Today's recipe is Maple Barbecued Chicken. This easy dish tastes as delicious as any made on the grill, and it can be served in any weather.

Maple Barbecued Chicken

- 1/2 cup bottled chili sauce
- 1/2 cup pure maple syrup
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons Crisco oil
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon hot red pepper sauce

3 pounds bone-in chicken pieces (with or without skin) or 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts flattened to even thickness

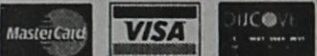
Heat oven to 375F. Line 13x9x2 inch pan with heavy duty aluminum foil. Combined chili sauce, maple syrup, vinegar, oil, mustard, salt and hot red pepper sauce in small saucepan. Heat on medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 6 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Rinse chicken. Pat dry. Arrange in pan. (If using bone-in pieces, arrange with underside up). Brush generously with sauce. Bake at 375F for 20 minutes for bone-in pieces and 15 minutes for boneless pieces. Remove from oven. Turn chicken with tongs. Brush generously with sauce. Return to oven. Bake 30 minutes for bone-in pieces of 15 minutes for boneless pieces.

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GIRLING HOSPICE



Pictured (l-r) Brea Pogue (Volunteer Coordinator), Caryon Garrett (Volunteer) and Mary Ann Troxtell (Volunteer). Victoria Jimenez not pictured.

Would like to announce that we have three new volunteers, Victoria Jimenez, Caryon Garrett, and Mary Ann Troxtell that have graduated from our 20 hour program on Thursday, June 29, 2006. They have received their certificates and are ready to help the Hospice program. Thank you for becoming part of the Girling Hospice team.

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and fund raising. The Girling Hospice program likes to do fund raisers so that if a patient cannot afford to pay for bills or for groceries we can help. If you or anyone you know is

interested in becoming a volunteer for this wonderful program please call the Girling volunteer for this wonderful program please call the Girling volunteer coordinator, Brea Pogue at (254) 629-1268 and please leave a message if she is not in. Thank you and God bless.

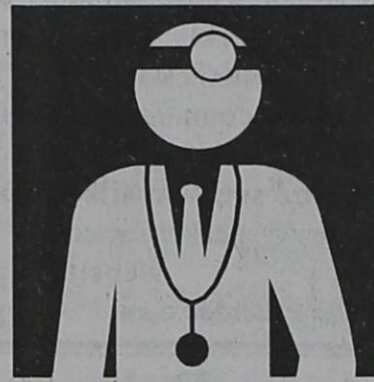


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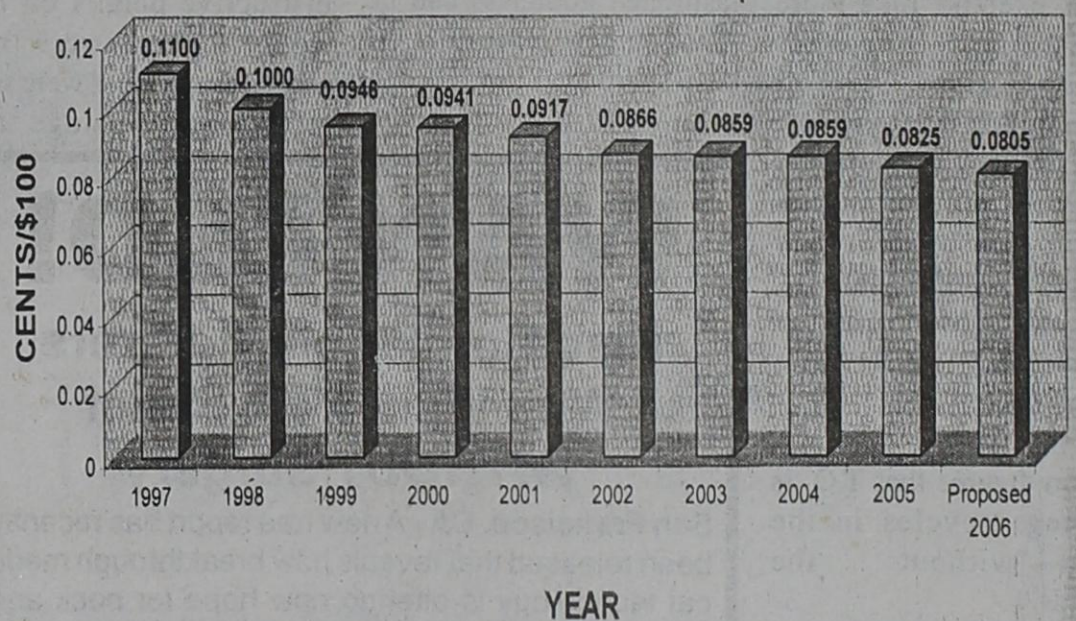
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Tidbits...by H.V.O.

ANNIVERSARIES ARE usually times for reflections, and at this 45th Labor Day Weekend in this saddle, we can honestly say that there are many things we've learned, a few things we've had to unlearn, and a great many more that we need to learn.

Right up near the top of the things we've learned is the virtue of tolerance; everybody doesn't think the same things we think or believe the same things we believe. Especially in the news business, one must accept the fact, and one of the things we stress over and over, is that everyone is due their say--within legal and good taste bounds. We've tried hard to practice that creed,

and know at the same time, that we've often fallen short.

At times we have even printed submitted verbal intolerance of ourselves. No more?

TOLERANCE: The disposition to be patient and fair toward those whose opinions or practices differ from one's own; freedom from bigotry...Random House American Dictionary.

TOLERANCE: A willingness to be tolerant and patient toward people whose opinions or ways differ from one's own. SYN.: forbearance--World Book Dictionary.

Is tolerance an American exclusive? Not necessarily. In the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations,

drafted shortly after WW II, we read in part:

"We the people of the United Nations

"Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war...

"To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal right of men and women and of nations large and small..."

"To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors..."

Much further back: from "Corinne" (1807), Germaine de Stael: "To understand everything makes one tolerant."

Earlier? Consider Paul's comment in Ephesians, 4-1: I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation to which ye are called, and 4-2: "With one another in love." Also in Colossians 3-13: "Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel

against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

The supreme example of tolerance we know of course, was the life of Jesus Christ in teachings and deeds.

In a world whose people often seem so intolerant toward others, it behooves all of us to consider where it starts anyway. We wouldn't have to look far to see that intolerance too often starts in each of us, in our homes, in our communities, in the work places, the schools, the public officials and certainly in the state and federal systems in more ways than we want to admit.

What's the prescription for the antidote?

Starting with the Golden Rule, certainly.

Or even this from the Yule songs: "Let there be peace on earth--and let it begin with me." --H.V.O.

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507 W. 7th, Cisco - renovation started, needs finishing, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 carports, storage shed, 2 lots. \$20,000.
28.177 ac; old building, access to electricity and water; one stock tank, no minerals on Hwy. 6 N. of Cisco to right of Country Club Rd., sign on property, \$70,442 firm.
4 lots w/2 buildings 1000 Block of W. 8th, Cisco. Gas tanks gone. \$24,000.
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Cisco Schools Facilities Partners Alliance To Host The First Annual Chesley Field Fall Football Classic Saturday

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annual Chesley Field Fall Football. A full day of West Texas high school football at its best is on top for the event.

Baird vs. Lubbock Christian 10:00 a.m.

DeLeon vs. Hico 2:30 p.m.

Albany vs. Ranger 7:30 p.m.

In addition to Lobo and Wrangler football, Chesley Field and the Cisco Schools Facilities Partners Alliance will host many other events, including CJC soccer, Best of the West Marching Contest and 2006 playoff games.

Keeton Strayhorn, also running as an independent, wants kids to take TAKS at

Glory, Light, And Fire Ladies Conference Sept. 23

Mountain Top Church Ladies Committee of Cisco, Texas will host keynote speaker Aimie Dockery from Dallas, Texas during their 18th annual Ladies Conference. Aimie has recently co-authored a book, "On

the beginning of the school year rather than at the end, so teachers can get an early assessment and make needed adjustments.

She also wants to give teachers a \$4,000 a year raise, bring back a \$1,000 health care stipend taken away by the Legislature and offer high school graduates tuition-free junior college.

Use The Classifieds

Daddy's Shoulders," with the distinguished author, Tommy Tenney (God Chaser Series).

Ladies from all over Texas will be preparing to attend this exciting conference. The theme: "Glory, Light, and Fire - Our God is a Consuming Fire" will encourage the woman who is battling depression, sickness, mothers of children and teens, marriage discontentment, break-up, and divorce, self-esteem issues, disappointed singles, single moms, or just needing a refreshing in her spirit to be nurtured in the environment of God's love and His passion for each one. If you are tired of being stirred and not being changed - this is your opportunity to receive what's been missing in your life!

Register now for the September 23rd 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Ladies Conference. We will have area teens performing from Eastland County churches, praise and worship music by local singers and musicians, and Kim Pence performing an interpretive dance regarding God as a Consuming Fire. A \$5.00 ticket can be purchased at time of registration to attend the noon gourmet luncheon with guest speaker, Aimie Dockery. Each lady will receive a gift at the close of the afternoon session. So plan now to attend and bring your friends. For more information, please call Jennifer at 254-442-4479.

Writers Club Contest Awards On Sept. 12

It's time for Awards Night for the Cisco Writers Club 2006 Contest.

Winners will be announced and cash prizes awarded on Sept. 12 in the Community Room, American State Bank in Cisco.

The program will begin at 7 p.m., with Dr. Duane Hale, Club President, in charge.

The annual Contest was held this summer and judged anonymously, with professional writers rating each of the winners

The Writers Club hopes it will be a way to recognize and encourage talented writ-

ers. This is the 31st year the Club has sponsored this competition. Entries always come in from the local communities and across the state.

The public is invited to come out and enjoy this program on Sept. 12, with a special invitation to all who entered the Contest.

This event will begin the Writers Club meetings for the fall season. Winners of the Contest will be invited to come back to the Oct. 3 meeting and read their manuscripts.



State Capital Highlights
By Ed Sterling

Candidates have their own take on TAKS
AUSTIN - Now that the kids are back in school, gubernatorial candidates are talking about what they would do to improve education.

Candidates focused on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS.

Incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry seems to be saying TAKS matches the curriculum, things are fine the way they are, and stick with the program.

Democrat Chris Bell said TAKS should be a diagnostic tool to help schools get an idea of students' academic strengths and weaknesses, but not to be the keystone to public education in Texas.

Independent candidate Kinky Friedman has one of the bolder ideas, which would be to kill TAKS, the test students must pass to advance at intervals in the elementary and secondary grades, and finally, to graduate.

State Comptroller Carole

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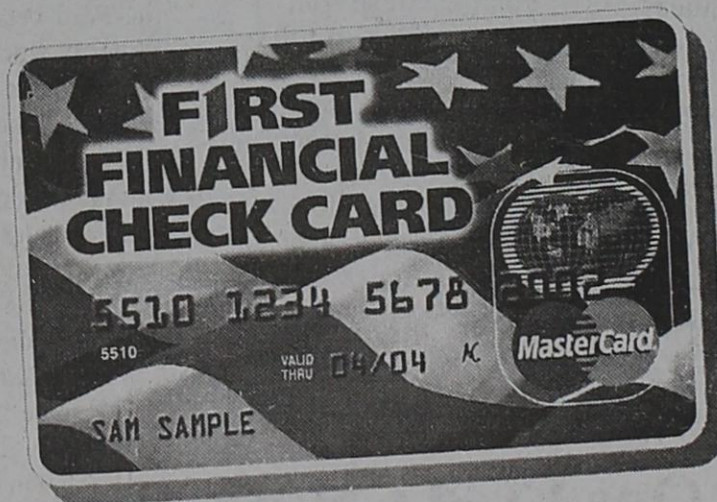
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Opening Night Is Learning Lesson For Local Teams

First grid games of the season for local teams proved to be generally sad for the record book, but valuable for the training experience.

A number of teams learned right quick what they need to do; time will tell if they will have profited from the losses.

Clyde Bulldogs were the exception: Clyde 31, Ballinger 6
Early 32, Cisco 20

Hawley 41, Ranger 40
Gustine 50, Gordon 0
Albany 19, Eastland 0
Roby 21, Gorman 18
Brooksmith at Rising Star

(N)
Baird (Saturday game)
Bronte 21, Cross Plains 12
Moran 50, Sidney 12
2nd Week Schedule
Sept. 7
Gordon at Rule

Sept. 8
Ranger at Albany
Cherokee at May
Gorman at Covington
Jacksboro at Eastland
Clyde at Graham
Cisco at Seymour
Cross Plains at Miles
Sept. 9
Baird at L. Christian, 10 a.m.

Addresses Needed for Baird Ex-Students (from Page 1)

Candace Ellis,
Shanna Taylor, Casse Cook,
Ashley Pugh,
Matthew Ramirez,
William Ross,
Jessica Garnett,
Vickie Blair,
Blake Mendez,
Clesey Hasha.

State Capital Highlights (from Page 1)

for drunken driving: the penalty is a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to 20 years in jail.

Last year, DPS troopers arrested 751 people for driving while intoxicated during the Labor Day weekend.

AG launches anti-violence effort

Attorney General Greg Abbott and the Texas Council on Family Violence launched the public awareness program "Red Flags: Know When to Raise Them."

The program is offered to "help young Texans form healthy relationships by learning to detect and deter date-related violence."

Not that he wasn't a nice guy, but age will do that to a person.

Now, did I say person? Well, that is just what Old Tom thought himself to be. He just loved to get behind the wheel of the old Ford and pretend that he was driving right through the middle of downtown Eastland. He would imagine looking for a good catfish restaurant where all the other catfish would be hanging out. He was never aware of the consequences, had he ever found one. You see, a good catfish restaurant would have served him up on a platter, if they could have found one that big. This of course, never crossed his mind because he was always safe in the old Ford.

I could never imagine a better home for Old Tom than the Ford, because it offered him security from all the elements of nature, as well as from these ruthless fishermen. During the winter months he would roll up all the windows and keep snug and warm, when the North wind would blow. During summer he would keep the windows down for ventilation, since the air conditioning had long since played out. Some times though, he would have to roll the windows up in a hurry, and lock the doors, when some nosey scuba diver would come snooping around. This didn't happen too often, but he had to constantly be on his toes, so to speak, because he really didn't have any toes. You see, catfish have whiskers, but no toes, and

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Jane Dement and June Park, Twins, Receive Cross and Flame Award from McMurry Univ.

Twin sisters Jane Dement and June Park received the 2006 McMurry University Cross and Flame Award during the two morning services Sunday, August 27th at the Clyde First United Methodist Church. Established in 2000 by the McMurry Alumni Association the award is given to strengthen the relationship between McMurry University and the United Methodist Church by recognizing individuals for service to their churches and to the university.

June and Jane were nominated for this award by the First United Methodist Church McMurry Ambassador Emily Shoemaker.

The Cross and Flame Award was presented to the twins by McMurry University President Dr. John H. Russell who also gave the morning sermons to the large congregation.

Also present during the two morning ceremonies was Dr. Cyril Stone, a member of the McMurry Alumni Affairs and a retired New Mexico pastor. Dr. Stone is the father of Clyde First United Methodist Church Pastor Robert Stone. Dr. Stone, who was responsible for establishing the McMurry University Cross and Flame Award, was also the first recipient of the Cross and Flame Award. Born in Artesia, New Mexico, Dr. Stone is a 1946 graduate of McMurry University.

After the two morning services, June and Jane sponsored a hamburger and hot dog fundraiser in the church fellowship hall to raise funds for purchasing audio/visual equipment.

Nominees for the award have made an impact by longevity of service in a Sunday School Class which helps recruit students to McMurry bringing students to campus for preview days, service as a McMurry Ambassador to the congregation, establishment of service in founding a ministry, or other activities. The award honors those who have served, but are not always the most recognized.

June and Jane were the Northwest Texas Conference award recipients, while Jolynn Galving, a 1975 graduate of McMurry College, was the New Mexico Conference award recipient.

June and Jane submitted this resume for consideration during the Cross and Flame Award Nomination process.

Our Footprints in Methodism

Submitted by twin sister, Jane Dement and June Park
Our Father, Hubert, Ira Bell

since they never shave, their whiskers grow to be quite long. Old Tom's were getting to be nearly a foot long, and some times they would get tangled in the steering wheel when he was driving the old Ford.

Now Tom had this girlfriend that lived in a hollow log over by La Mancha, and when she would come visiting he would be tickled pink. Ever see a pink catfish? Well, Old Tom was normally yellow, but when he turned pink he would glow like a neon sign. His girlfriend's name was Jerry and did he ever like her! Sometimes they would get over into the back seat of the old Ford, but we can't get into that because this is a "G" rated story.

As for now, I will have to continue this story another time because of newspaper space, but some other time I will tell you why Old Tom just had one eye.

(Eat more Chicken, Says the Old Tom)

On the Links

When you're playing in the wind, the harder you hit it, the more spin you'll put on the ball, and the less distance it will travel. One solution is to try hitting a punch shot by setting up like you're going to hit a pitching wedge. Your weight should be on your front foot, your hands slightly forward, with the ball positioned toward your back foot.

Methodist Church.

Today we are in our second year of Disciple Bible Study with our pastor. In addition to Choir, we do duet specials and also have served on the piano and organ together. We are also instrumental in establishing The Upper Room in our church in which an entire room was duplicated to represent Christ and The Last Supper. Serving the youth in our church has also always been a priority. We have been Co-Youth Minsters chap-eroning them on numerous trips taught Sunday School and led music in Vacation Bible School. In Clyde Schools where we each taught for 31 years, we were instrumental in establishing and leading the S.O.S. (Students of The Shepherd) Christian organization for 10 years. This is still active today.

As long-standing members and program chairmen of Believers Sunday School Class, we help sponsor Fund-Raisers for the different necessities in our church. When called upon, we sing for funerals, weddings or any church function.

We have recorded a Christian album, with credits such as Twila Paris and Michael James Murphy, and have opened concerts for Michael and also for David Meece. Another group with which we have shared the stage is Roy Rogers' Backup vocal Band, The Sons of the Pioneers. Five years ago we also launched an annual Non-profit Christian gospel Concert called Harvest here in Clyde whereby numerous artists perform for charity. All proceeds go to that charity to help the needy.

One of the passions in our lives is caring for the elderly shut-ins or rest home residents. These people are very unique and their spirits live on in our churches and communities. Such a joy it is to be able to make them happy with a few songs and conversations. We try to do this as often as we can.

It is our hope and desire that many graduates from our community will be attracted to the warm, friendly environment of McMurry University. By such reputation the last three generations of our family have been magnetized to this campus.

We attend McMurry Homecomings frequently and are very proud to be among the alumni representing an establishment which for us goes back to 1929.

For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness.
—Author Unknown

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.
—Winston Churchill

Obituary

Jessie Raymond "Ray" Beasley

CLYDE—Jessie Raymond "Ray" Beasley, 84, of Clyde, died Wednesday at his home.

Services were to be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Clyde Church of Christ with Jim Hall officiating. Burial was to follow in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ray was born August 15, 1922, in San Antonio, Texas to Steve and Pearl (Favors) Beasley. He married Wilma Shelnett July 4, 1942, in Baird. He came to Clyde from Baird in 1942. Ray served in the United States Army Air Corps in WWII in the Pacific Theater. He was former owner and operator of Brownwood Welding Supply. He was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma of Clyde; two sons,

Kenneth Beasley and Curt Beasley and wife Libbie, all of Abilene; two daughters, Daphne Clark of Corpus Christi and Catherine Miller and husband Jeff of Dallas; two brothers, Glen (Pete) Beasley and wife Maureen and Roy Lee Beasley and wife Sandra, both of Clyde; four sisters, Ola Pearl LeMay of Abilene, Ethel Hughes of Baird, Mary VanDer Linden and husband Cliff of Clyde and Fay Gilliam and husband Donald of Cottonwood; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one great-grandson.

Visitation was to be from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday at Bailey Funeral Home.

Judith Irene (Judy) Heideman

Judith Irene (Judy) Heideman, 66 of Clyde, died Monday at a local hospital.

Services were to be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday at the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Judy was born December 19, 1939 in Chatsworth, Minnesota to Rex and Ellen Popelka Richer. She grew up and attended school in Preston, Minnesota. She had owned and operated a restaurant in Clyde for several years.

Survivors include her longtime companion, Gary Anderson of Clyde; one son, Michael Heideman of Abilene; four daughters, Teresa Boisjolie of Abilene, Sandra Cole of Hawaii, Debra Dyer of Annandale, Minnesota and Dee Crasper of Jordan, Minnesota; one brother, Ron Richer of Lake Brownwood, Texas; nineteen grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and her dog, Gabby. She was preceded in death by her parents by her parents, one brother and one sister.

Baird I.S.D. Menus

Breakfast

Thursday, Sept. 7
Biscuit and sausage with gravy or cereal and toast fresh fruit assorted juices choice of milk

Friday, Sept. 8
Cinnamon roll yogurt plate or cereal and toast fresh fruit assorted juices choice of milk

Lunch

Thursday, Sept. 7

Chicken Quesadilla

or
beef and bean burrito
Spanish rice
refried beans
lettuce and tomato
spiced apples
fresh fruit
choice of milk

Friday, Sept. 8

Bear burgers
or
Bear dogs
chef salad
french fries
lettuce and tomato
dessert
fresh fruit
choice of milk

Tom the One Eyed Catfish

By J B Johnston

(Caution! The following story is intended to entertain children and senile adults over the age of 60. However, it may be read by anyone with an open mind, who still reads comic books and doesn't mind being laughed at by their friends)

Old Tom, the one eyed catfish lived in an old submerged Ford automobile on the bottom of Lake Leon. A better home one could not imagine. In fact, Old Tom had lived here for more years than he could remember. It had

been a sanctuary from many a ruthless fisherman that would have liked to have him for their next meal. He loved this old Ford, and would not let any other fish come near, less they scratch the paint, or mess up the upholstery. It was many a large mouth bass and old drum he had fought off to keep them out of his castle. He never liked bass anyway, because they were always running their big mouths. The drum had this annoying habit of keeping him awake at night with their ever constant drumming. So, over the years Old Tom had become somewhat of an old grouch.

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 19	Ranger	There	5:00 p.m.
August 25	Bronte	Here	6:00
September 2			
(Sat.)	Jerrell	Brownwood	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9			
(Sat.)	LC.H.S.		10:00 a.m.
Sept. 9			
(Sat.)	Stanford	Baird	7:30 p.m.
*Sept. 16			
(Sat.)	Abilene J.V.	Shotwell	7:30 p.m.
District Game			
Sept. 29	Roscoe	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Albany	Albany	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Open		
Oct. 20	Roby	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Winters	Winters	7:30 p.m.
Novemb. 3	Hamlin	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Novemb. 10	Rotan	Rotan	7:30 p.m.
*Homecoming			