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## VA Secretary To Visit Big Spring, Conduct Veteran's Forum

The Department of Veterans Affairs and the West Texas VA Health Care System announced that Secretary Anthony J. Principi will be conducting a Veteran's Forum in Big Spring on August 24.

The forum will be conducted at the Coliseum located on the campus of Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. and the Forum will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Representatives from Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA), and Regional Vet Center staff will be available to answer questions prior to the beginning of the Forum. Secretary Principi will answer questions that are submitted in writing prior to the beginning of the Forum. Written questions will be accepted until 1:45 p.m. If time permits, questions from the floor will be allowed.

Interested attendees are encouraged to arrive one hour prior to the Veteran's Forum. Access to the coliseum will be through the East Ramp entrance. Assistance will be provided to those in wheelchairs and others needing assistance with the ramp.

For more information, please call 432-264-4824.  
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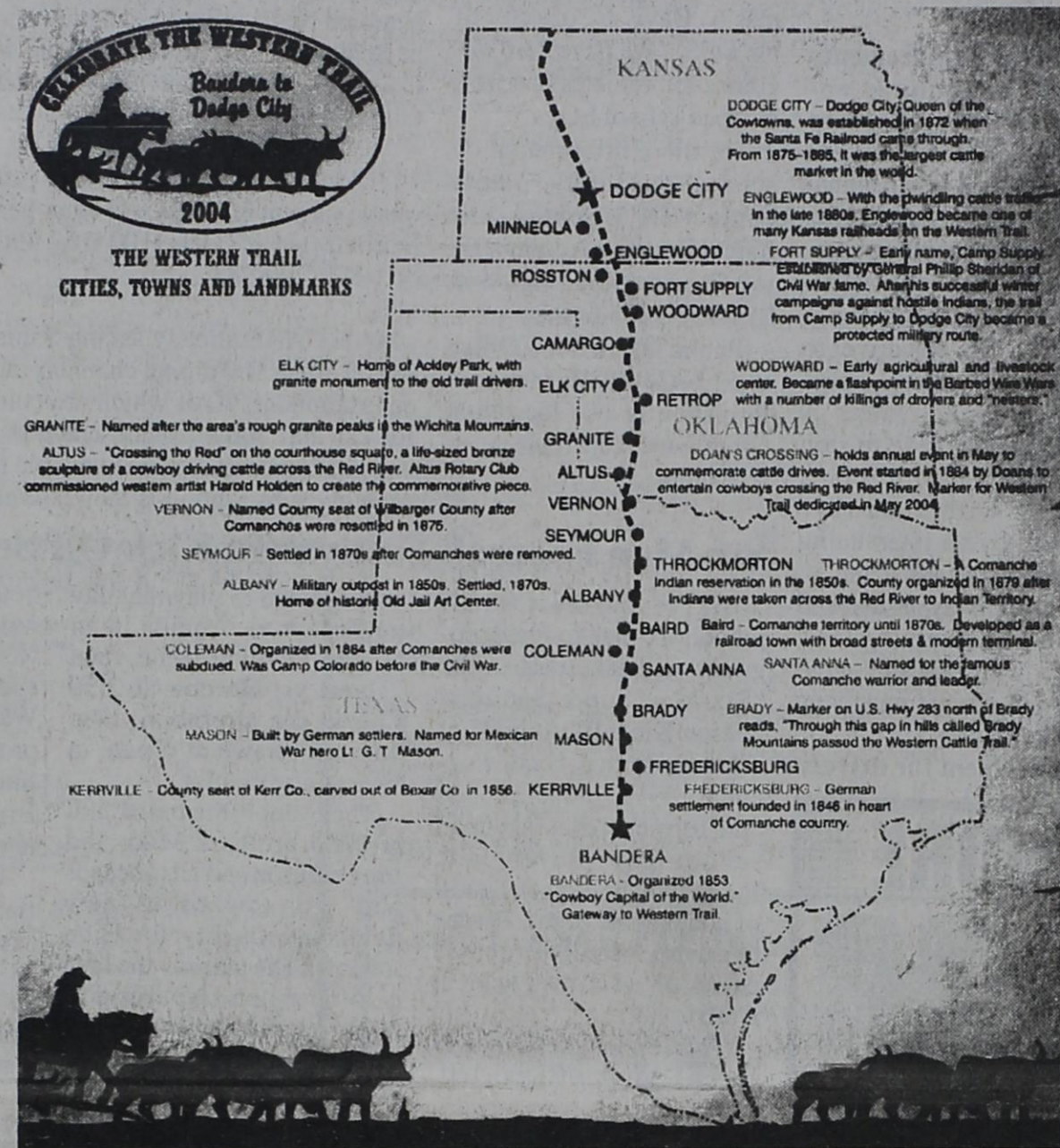
## Blood Drive In Cross Plains Tuesday

First Baptist Church in Cross Plains will host a community blood drive on Tuesday, Aug. 24. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Meek Blood Center is the blood provider for seventeen hospitals and medical facilities in this area.

According to Frances Baker, donor recruiter, only 5% of the population eligible to donate blood actually do so. However, approximately 72% of the population will need a blood or blood product at some time in their lives. Blood and blood products are used on cancer patients, accident or trauma victims, newborn babies, dialysis patients, surgical patients and new mothers following childbirth. "Blood is life to these patients, and blood donors are their lifeline," said Baker. "Blood

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## Celebrate The Western Trail: Bandera To Dodge City



On Labor Day, horses, riders, mules and wagons will embark on a three-state journey through Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas up the historic Western Trail, arriving in Dodge City on October 23. Among other stops, the trail ride will come through Baird on September 21st.

BANDERA, Texas - Court House for the Opening Ceremonies that will launch *Celebrate the Western Trail*. "Celebrate the Western Trail is a charity event organized to raise money for historical markers on the Western Trail and to raise public awareness of its contribution to our history and western heritage," said Dan Wise, chairman of *Celebrate Bandera* and *Celebrate the Western Trail*. Bandera Regional Community Foundation sponsors both the trail ride and *Celebrate Bandera*. In 2003, the foundation started Friends of the Western Trail to encourage local support for the trail ride and to find volunteers to assist with the massive logistics. Organizers are expecting several thousand riders over the course of the trail ride. Some for a day or two, some for a week or two, and some will go the distance. Riders can join the trail ride at any point on the trail.

According to Wise, "People from all over the country have signed up to make the ride. These are people who are passionate about trail riding, or else they are history buffs who are passionate about the Western Trail." **Trail Carried Most Cattle To Market** *Celebrate the Western Trail* starts in Bandera because Bandera was a major staging area for cattle

drives in the 1870s. The Western Trail was opened in 1876 after the Chisholm Trail was fenced in. Bandera Pass served as the gateway to the Western Trail, the trail that carried more cattle to market - more than six million head - than any other trail in history. Towns along the trail are planning their own celebrations in honor of the trail ride and the Western Trail. The ride will pass through Kerrville, Fredericksburg, Mason, Brady, Santa Anna, Coleman, Baird, Albany, Throckmorton, Seymour and Vernon in Texas, and about the same number of towns in Oklahoma and Kansas. The Y.O. Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas, will provide longhorns for cattle drives through Bandera and Kerrville. Trail ride organizers will contract with other ranches to take cattle through Vernon and Dodge City.

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## Baird Bears Varsity Football 2004

- August 19 - Scrimmage - Haskell - 5:00 PM - Here
- August 27 - Miles - Here
- September 3 - De Leon - There
- September 10 - Homecoming - Meridian - Here
- September 17 - Roby - There
- September 24 - Knox City - Here
- October 8 - \*Ranger - There
- October 15 - \*Goldwithe - Here
- October 22 - \*Gorman - There
- October 29 - Senior Night - \*Cross Plains - Here
- November 5 - \*Evant - There

\* 13 A District Game

Athletic Coordinator/Head Coach - Bryan Webb

## !! Meet The Bears !!

Thursday Night, Aug. 19  
Following Baird - Haskell Scrimmage

## !! Coming Next Week !!

Bears Football Page  
Stats, Reports, Photos & More

## Meetings, Events & Fundraisers

- \* Public Hearing on County Tax Increase, Aug. 23, 9:00 AM, Callahan County Courthouse
- \* City Council Meeting, Aug. 24, 6:00 P.M., City Hall
- \* Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Dove warm-up Fundraiser, Aug. 28, 4-H Shooting Range, Information: call Kevin Meier @ 672-9521
- \* Callahan Baptist Association Senior Adult Day, Cottonwood Baptist Church, Aug. 23, Meal 6:30 P.M., Program 7:00 P.M.

## Celebrate The Western Trail

by Dan Wise

**Bandera, Texas.**

Hundreds of horses, riders and wagons will head out of Bandera on Labor Day, bound for Dodge City, Kansas. This 48-day, 679-mile trail ride has already attracted riders from all over the United States. Why? What is the attraction? To have fun, certainly. But it is also to be a part of history. This trail ride, with its national publicity, has the ambitious purpose of rewriting the history of the great cattle drives.

Everyone knows about the Chisholm Trail. It has long been the subject of stories, books, movie epics and TV series, most of which are myths. The promotion of the Chisholm Trail myth has been so pervasive that the Chisholm is the only cattle trail that most people can name.

They would be shocked to learn that the Western Trail, now buried in near-obscure, carried more cattle to market than all the other trails combined! We have this on good authority:

C.F. Doan, who operated Doan's Crossing at the Red River between 1876 and 1895, kept meticulous records. He put the total number of longhorns that

waded into the river beyond his store at "more than six million." Some historians say the total was closer to seven million.

In the forward of the new book,

*THE WESTERN - The Greatest Texas Cattle Trail*, by Gary and Margaret Kraisinger, Tom Saunders reports that "The large migration (of longhorns) lasted only some 20 years, but during that period over ten million head of cattle left Texas and brought back some 250 million dollars to the Lone Star State." Which means that about 70 percent of them were driven up the Western Trail!

It is hard to imagine what that trail meant to Texas—which literally was deliverance from poverty that Civil War Reconstruction visited on every Southern State—until you read the granite monument at Doan's Crossing that honors the riders of the Western Trail:

*IN HONOR OF THE TRAIL DRIVERS WHO FREED*

*TEXAS FROM THE YOKE OF DEBT AND*

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# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Now that summer and vacations are about over, attendance was up some at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. The choir rendered the special music and those singing were: Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Dwayne Lesley of Austin and Wayland and Wanda Lesley of Lampasas were recent visitors with their sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Woodrow Browning.

Durward and Aletha Burgess and granddaughters, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona met Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth Burgess of Jourdan in Marble Falls last week for several days of fun and visiting.

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

Recently, LaVon Snider met Dwayne and Connie Snider and Dan and Connie DeVivo of Stephenville in De Leon for lunch. LaVon visited Carolyn Eaves in Brownwood last week. She also visited with Gene and Kay Snider.

Those visiting LaVon were Ted Snider, Dan Snider Belinda, Isaac, Audri, Ella, and Belle Segura.

LaVon Snider got phone calls from dear friends, Oleta (Warren) Custer and Lena Mae (Eaves) Hawkins. What a wonderful surprise!

James and Grace Lawrence of Sherwood, AR were overnight guests of Zelda Jordan on Tuesday night.

"Happy Anniversary" to my grandson and his wife, Kyle and Stefanie Jordan of Lubbock who celebrated their first wedding anniversary on August 15, from Grandma Jordan.

Glen and Shirley Clement and Maxine Huddleston of Lake Leon, Ken and Mary Rogers of Eastland, Shorty Treadway of Ranger, and Zelda Jordan enjoyed a meal together at the Lone Star Restaurant at Eastland on Thursday night and then all went to Ken and Mary's home for games of "Train".

Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon, Shorty Treadway of Ranger and Jared and Amy of Eastland visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday night and played "Train".

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# Precious Cargo On Board

As school starts, all Texans share the responsibility of making sure students arrive safely. Drivers should remember to slow down in neighborhoods where children are walking and waiting for the bus. They should also follow school zone laws and know when and where to stop for school buses.

School buses are the safest form of transportation for students, but the most dangerous time of the journey is when kids are entering and exiting the bus. When a school bus is loading or unloading students, the law requires that drivers stop on most roadways.

**State law requirements**

State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier.

(If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

**Punishment for drivers**

**who do not stop**  
Drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine of up to \$1,000. If a driver is convicted of this offense more than one time,

DPS can suspend their license for up to six months.

Injuries among passengers and drivers on school buses increased from 826 in 1991 to 1,058 in 2001, marking a slightly more than 28 percent increase.

"For the safety of our children, drivers need to slow down, obey school zone speed limits and stop for school buses," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "We have zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses."

For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-759-7235 or the

Public Information Office at 512-424-2080. More information is also located at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/schoolbus>.

# Six-Man Football Festival To Kick Off Season In Hico

Six of the best small school, six-man football programs will take part in the "Six-Man Super Saturday Season Kickoff" Aug. 28 at Tiger Stadium in Hico. Legendary NFL player, coach and former Texas six-man school boy player Jack Pardee will be a special guest of honor at the event. Pardee began his incredible football career on a six-man team at Christoval.

The day-long festival will feature three official UIL games.

**Guest Slot**  
By H.V.O.  
HAVE TROUBLE with the telephone (and who doesn't, but this refers to hearing difficulties.) Help might be available from the Texas Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing. They can be contacted at TCDHH, P.O. Box 12904, Austin, TX 78711; or 512-407-3250. Equipment is available to those eligible.

AMONG THE many good things Cong. Charles Stenholm pointed out in Eastland Thursday is the fact that Eastland Memorial Hospital and local pharmacists are the best sources for finding out about the new "government" prescription drug cards. Beware: there are scam cards out there. Talk to somebody you trust.

FELLOW PUBLISHER Jerry Tidwell of Hood County News at Granbury, and program chairman advises that two other longtime Texas publishers will be honored at the National Newspaper Association annual meeting in Denver in September. To be honored are Boy Eaton of the Wise County Messenger at Decatur and Sarah Greene of the Gilmer Mirror.

TEXAS DEPT. of Health offers information confidentially on the subject of STDs and other health problems. They can be contacted at TDH, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, TX 78756 or 1-800-299-243.

MANY ARE already asking Santa for the new XM radio which offers 100 digital channels of music, news, sports and entertainment, 36 of which are commercial free. Available for car and home. Music channels now commercial free, and package-unit sets are available from about \$130.00. The monthly subscription is \$9.99. Available locally.

Scheduled to play that day are Zephyr vs. Aquilla in an 11 a.m. morning game, then Calvert vs. Gordon at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon, then Rule vs. Strawn at 6 p.m. in the evening contest.

The event is the brainchild of Hico brothers Mike and Jim Ferguson and all proceeds will go toward a new fieldhouse facility for Hico schools. The pair say the idea is to raise non-taxpayer dollars to put in on a new athletic and multi-purpose facility for Hico youngsters. Many other extras are also

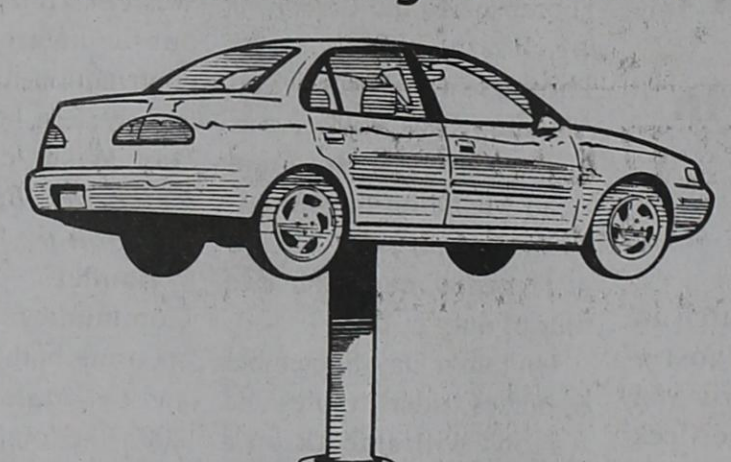
in the works. A number of volunteers are already working with the Fergusons and Hico athletic director Wade Williams on the project. Corporate sponsors like H.E.B., Texastar Ford, Bruner Motors, Dr Pepper and more are also lining up.

Organizers are expecting between 3,000 and 5,000 visitors to Hico on that day. Tickets will be available at the gate only for one game (\$5) or all three (\$10). For information, contact Hico High School at 796-2181.

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West of Anson - 159 Under Contract pasture. Water well, 2 tanks, hill, 65/acre  
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Peanut dryer for sale, in city limits of Rising Star. 3 warehouses, office building, scales, peanut drying equipment, small outbuilding. Much more. 140000. Call Pauline.  
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# Obituary

## Wanda Floyd Arnold

EASTLAND- Wanda Floyd Arnold, 71, of Eastland, died Friday, August 13, 2004 at her home, Valley View Healthcare Center.

Services were held Monday, August 16, 2004 at 1 p.m. at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Shawn Brewer officiated. Burial followed at 4 p.m. at the Ross Annex Cemetery in Baird under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

Wanda was born June 20, 1933 in Cottonwood, Texas to William J and Beulah Seaton Floyd. She attended school in Hawley and Baird where she attended as Valedictorian of her class. She married William "Bill" Arnold on May 6, 1952 in Clovis, N.M. Wanda worked as a switchboard operator at

Dyess Air Force Base; a sewing machine operator in Cisco and Eastland; and a nurse's aide in nursing homes in Winters and Eastland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; granddaughter, Linda Chapman; 2 sisters, Janice Stockton and Eva Dean Bloomer; and 2 brothers, Doyle Floyd and Adrian Floyd.

She leaves behind a daughter, Delores Chapman of Eastland; a son, Byron Arnold of Odessa; sister, Adrian Nettles of Putnam; brother, Silas Floyd of Cross Plains; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and her extended family the residents and staff of Valley View Healthcare Center.

## Baird First United Methodist Church News

### UMW News

The United Methodist Women met on July 11th, with 12 members present. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read.

It was reported that Lucibel has had surgery and was recovering nicely. We hope to have her back good as new next month. Also Beulah will be having surgery soon but the date has not yet been set. Let's remember to keep both these ladies in our prayers.

Quida Walker presented the program, which finishes our District Study on Exodus.

The next meeting was on Aug 8th. Joy Corn gave the devotional.

U.M.W. President, Lanetha Walker  
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### Connecting Kids to Christ Workshop

Connecting Kids to Christ Workshop, is a 1 day workshop sponsored by Children's Ministry magazine. It takes place Saturday, September 25, at first Christian Church, 2323 Broadway, in Lubbock. They guarantee you won't find a better, more

relevant, engaging, and life-changing workshop for you and your whole team! Everyone who ministers to children from nursery through sixth grade including ministers, ministry leaders, teachers and volunteers should attend. The one-day workshops could change your ministry forever! Take your entire team for renewed vision, innovative ideas, support and encouragement. The cost for groups of 10 or more is \$29.00 ea. To register call 800-888-5991 or log onto [www.cmmag.com/cmml2004](http://www.cmmag.com/cmml2004).

### Roundup 2004

This year Roundup will be August 28th, and as always it will be held at First U. M. Church in Lubbock.

The theme is "Equipping the family of God for active ministry in the world today and tomorrow."

We all ought desire to learn and grow. We must admit we don't have all the answers to becoming a more effective church. Roundup offers us the opportunity to add new skills and sharpen old ones. And it's free to boot.

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## Be Active With First Baptist Church, Baird

### Schedule of Events August 11th - 18th

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

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

(Nursery provided for worship services)

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

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

Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Coming Soon

Monday, August 23 - The Callahan Baptist Association Senior Adult Day will be held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church - Meal 6:30 pm/Program 7:00 pm - You must register in the church office no later than August 18th.

Monday (Aug 30) - La-

dies Night Out -- Potluck at 6:30 P.M. and the speaker will be Penny Bogard. Make plans to attend and your spirits will be lifted and you will feel encouraged as you fellowship with one another. All ladies in the community are invited.

Ladies Bible Study will begin September 12th and will continue through October 24th. This will be each Sunday for 7 weeks at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This is a Beth Moore study "Why Godly People Do Ungodly Things." Leaders are Bridget McDowell and Kim Vestal. Call the church office to sign up - August 31st will be the last day to sign up.

The first 13 ladies to register will receive a discounted book for \$10 - make your check payable to the First Baptist Church. We are looking forward to this Bible Study and hope you can share with us as we grow in Christian faith and love.

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## Country Cowboy Church

710 N. Seaman Eastland  
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Coffee & Donuts.....10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

Pastor Chad Gosnell

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## SPORTS SHORTS

### Lightweight Gear

(NAPS)—The day her mother took her to watch the 1996 Olympic Trials at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome, just down the road from her hometown, Perkasie, Pennsylvania, Quark Cycling Team member Sarah Uhl knew she had found her athletic calling at age 12.



Lightweight aprés sport shoes are as essential to cyclists as their bikes.



**Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds**

**For Sale**

FOR SALE: 40 acres fenced in, Spring Feed Tank, Sipe Springs area. Comanche Co. \$46,000. Call 254-643-1088.

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FOR SALE: 8 lots with old house, city water, and well water, some fruit trees. \$16,000. Call 254-643-1088.

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Justin Children's Boots- Tan leather foot, green top, crepe soles. Sizes 2-6, \$49.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX.

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For Sale: Eldon Rye Seed \$7.00 per bag; clean & treated; also bulk. Childress Farms, Cottonwood, 725-6866.

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**Help Wanted**

Help Wanted: Cleaning lady on monthly or twice monthly basis in Cisco and Eastland. References required. Rainbow cleaner experience helpful. Call after 7 p.m. only 254-629-1670 or 254-629-2413.

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Help Wanted: Convenience Store in Putnam seeking experienced Cashier, for 2:30-closing shift. Call 325-945-2317.

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**Miscellaneous**

**Herbalife Independent Distributor Announces Shake Party**  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GLEN D> RHODES, Deceased, were issued on July 27, 2004, under Cause No. 5,537 pending in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, to: Glen Darrel Rhodes.

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Dated this twenty-seventh day of July, 2004.  
Joe L. Cope  
Attorney for the Executor

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Thursday, Aug. 26  
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Friday, Aug. 27  
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Monday, Aug. 30  
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Tuesday, Aug. 31  
Taco Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Cobbler, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 1  
corn Dogs, PotatoeSalad, Pinto Beans, Cake, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 2  
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Eastland, Texas  
Proceedings (En Banc)  
August 12, 2004

### Motions Submitted & Granted

Victor Bastardo v. State of Texas, Brown. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Randy Hibler v. Nancy Groce Puckett, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Larry C. Groce, Jr., Taylor. Appellee's motion for permission to file supplemental brief.

Al Wayne Juergens v. State of Texas, Eastland. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Perry Jeffery et al v. Robertson Sales & Service, Inc. et al, Gaines. Appellee's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the matter of P.B.B., a juvenile, Brown. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In re M.R.L., Ector. State's motion for extension of time

to file brief.

Matthew Esquivel v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

Jimmy Ray Seastruck v. State of Texas, Eastland. Appellant's second motion to extend time to file brief.

Allan Waddell and Sweetwater Professional Fire Fighters Association v. City of Sweetwater, Texas, Nolan. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Kenneth Russell Nelson v. Bessie Mae Nelson, Erath. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

\$808.00 U.S. Currency v. State of Texas, Coleman. Appellant's pro se "Respondent's response to Clerk's Notice" (motion to continue appeal).

### Motions Submitted & Granted in Part

Samuel Mondragon-Garcia v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion to

withdraw appellate record for petition of discretionary review. (Per Curiam Order)

(Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

## Letters To The Editor

### A Letter of Great County, School History

Due to changes in family ownership, we four Cate brothers have sold our interest in our ranch which was on the far west side of Eastland County. There obviously is some sense of nostalgia as some of the ownership vested in my great-great grandfather Ramsey going back to pre-1900.

I wonder if you might remember a little family vignette where I shared with you, I think, that we traced a relationship with Mr. Perkins going back to Pilgrim days in New England.

We relied on Mr. Perkins' machine shop when we brought chain-saws, mowers, and other machinery for maintenance.

One further favor which you could do for me would be to give - remind me of the name and mailing address of our commissioner who operated his yard on the west side of Cisco.

He had told me of a cornerstone on the old college campus which referred to the Add-Ran College, which originated there (on the Cisco Jr. College campus) as I was led to believe.

My grandmother, Mercy Perkins Ramsey, started college there, and later went to Waco where she continued college with a brother, Noah. She ultimately went back to Add-Ran, which became T.C.U. in Ft. Worth.

Seemingly, the Baptists, as

I recall, subsidized their move to Ft. Worth, and Baylor stayed in Waco.

Add-Ran, to my best memory, were the abbreviated first names of Addison and Randolph Steele.

Part of the history, as I later learned from Louis Welch - at one time the Mayor of Houston - that one brother founded the Church of Christ (no musical instruments) and the other the Disciples of Christ which became the Christian Church, which did have pianos, organs, violins, (my grandmother Ramsey played one almost her entire life - I remember her telling me that her violin was termed a "lesser instrument to the stradivanus - I want to think that instrument is still in the family.

I wish much blessing and happiness to your family.

Sincerely,  
Charles C. Cate  
Attorney at Law  
Katy, Texas  
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### Terrorists Win If We Spend Into Bankruptcy

Editor:  
It was a fine bit of "Hollywood Magic" for the man to make a video of himself supposedly being beheaded but some TV commentators are demanding he be prosecuted.

He broke no law I ever heard of but maybe they will charge him under those new Patriot Acts I hear questions about.

Who knows but what under those they could file a posthumous charge against

the author of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow? But that would require some of those paranoids to be literate which is questionable.

Actually more blood chilling scenes are shown in movies almost any day.

Personally I was more offended by the false statement accompanying the announcement of new anti-radiation treatments. The statement the news terrorists put out was that this protection might be needed if somebody exploded a dirty bomb "which would render

an area "uninhabitable for generations."

Come on now. How long were Hiroshima and Nagasaki uninhabited?

If the aim of government and media is to have us living in fear and trembling they fail in my case.

We may lose the land we love but not to foreign terrorists unless they frighten us into spending ourselves into bankruptcy for security and legislating freedom out of existence.

Gordon Clark  
Eastland, TX

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This year's 30-week study is entitled "The Wisdom of Solomon and Pastoral Letters" and will include the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon 2 & 3, John, and Jude.

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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## Ups and Downs All Around

He was sub-standard by most standards. Yet, like others who grew up poor during depression years on the working end of hoe handles, he considered himself to be, well, average. Crops came first, and schooling second; dreams of finishing high school faded, so he was off to World War II, then back home to start a family. (Looking back, he thinks "broke" might have been a better word than "poor." If you're broke, you can fix it, he reasoned.)

Armed with honesty, a strong work ethic, energy of a tiger and resolve for his kids to have it better than he did, he filed applications with several companies, promising to learn the trade if he could "get on." He "got on" as the elevator operator—a job he would hold for 50 years. It was longer, really, than he was needed. His last 10 years, staffed elevators were relics. Most had become automated. Riders pushed buttons and heard elevator music whether they wanted to or not.

His bosses weren't about to turn him out. They knew that his worth far exceeded his "up and down" duty. Riders looked forward to each new day. He greeted them with smiles, his eyes locked warmly with theirs, and jokes—he always had a joke for the day! (He perked 'em up better than Starbucks, long before the litany of exotic coffee flavors and ex-

travagant charges by the syllable.)

Late in his life of "ups and downs," he talked his dentist into a way early morning appointment, then hurried to work with his mouth wired shut. He scrawled a note on a small chalk board for each rider. It read: "Ben to dennist. No descent joke to day anyway."

"Any good ascent jokes?" a rider asked. The elevator crowd laughed; he smiled. Despite being unable to talk, he hummed his way through the day, showing folks his chalk board. He was degreeless, but not humorless. And, though not formally educated, he was not dumb.

In fact, he and educators have much in common. They, too, give jumpstarts daily, and the best ones don't take themselves too seriously. May those who teach in this brand new school year be so committed, so good-humored and so wise in their daily "ups and downs at the school house."

What's wrong with this picture? A Texan, often on the receiving end of law enforcement citations, was weaving his way home in the middle of the night, most of his sorrows drowned. During his lock-up, he was told to expect to be confined for four hours. He glanced at his watch, saying, "Thank goodness. If I can get out by 7:30, I can be on the job at 8 bells."

Oh, I didn't mention his line of work, did I? He's a

prison guard a few miles from town.

David Noble, high school and college stand-out in track who spent nearly 40 years as one of the nation's most respected coaches (Angelo State Relays now is named in his honor), thinks one of the most tragic mistakes made in his sport came in 1976. That's when the United States and Great Britain "pulled the plug" on the English system of measuring distances. They felt the metric system closing in.

"It wasn't smart," he insists. "Few Americans will take the time to equate metrics to yards, feet and inches." A dozen years ago, Southwest Texas State's Charles Austin was about to try a record high jump in San Angelo. The public address announcer droned that he was attempting a jump of 2.23 meters. The crowd yawned.

"Somebody tell him that he's going for 7 feet, 3 inches," Noble urged, and when the announcer changed it to feet and inches, the fans rushed closer to the jumping pit. (Austin cleared it, and later was a world champion at 7-8. He won Olympic gold in 1996 on his third try at 7-10, or, if you prefer, 2.4 meters. Anyway, it was nearly two feet above his head!)

Meanwhile, metrics are being held at bay in other sports. You might hear a football announcer say, "Third and long, but never third and 1.1 meter."

This 'n that: Around our state: At one school, the year

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has begun minus one flagpole. A vandal (or vandals) sawed it off near the ground, presumably to extract the copper. At another, hooligans drove two new school vehicles into the lake. And what about the kid, hearing that Toys-R-Us is trying to get out of the toy business, altered the sign at his local store to read: "Toys-AREN'T-Us." ('Course, he could have written "Toys-Are-Them" or "Toys-Were-Us.")

Finally, at Wichita Falls, they are greasing sprockets and lining up first-aid sta-

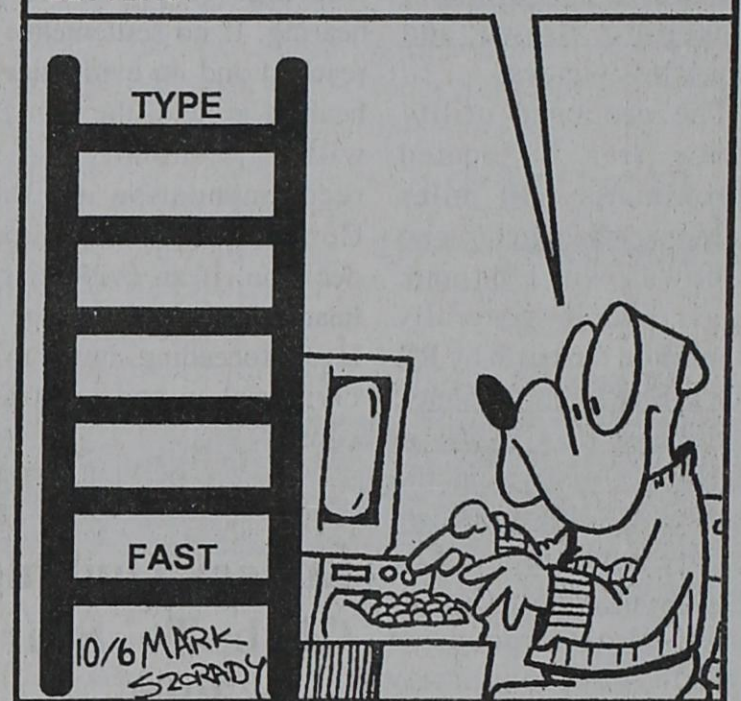
tions for hundreds of bike riders gathering for what they call the "Hotter 'n Hell" race. With one of the coolest summers on record, maybe they should re-name it "Milder 'n Usual Bicycle Race."

Dr. Newbury, long-time president of Howard Payne University, is now an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. His weekly column appears in 100 Texas newspapers. Call him 817.447.3872 or by e-mail, newbury@speakerdoc.com

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Westbound Water Supply Corporation has filed an application for a CCN and to decertify portions of Coleman County WSC, Shackelford WSC, Comanche County WSC, City of Eastland and the City of Cisco with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide water utility service in Eastland, Callahan, Shackelford, Brown, and Comanche Counties.

The proposed utility service area is located approximately 30 miles southwest and 24 miles west of downtown Eastland, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by RR 2408 in Shackelford County; on the east by CR 361 in Eastland County; on the south by CR 428 in Brown County; and on the west by CR 454 in Callahan County. The total area requested includes approximately 193,500 acres and 571 current customers.

A copy of the proposed service area map is available at 201 East 8th Street, Cisco, Texas 76437. Phone Number 254/442-3348.

A request for a public hearing must be in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number; (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement, "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application for a CCN; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the application or CCN which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment should write the:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Water Supply Division  
Utilities and Districts

Section, MC-153

P.O. Box 13087

Austin, TX 78711-3087

Within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication or notice. A public hearing will be held only if a legally sufficient hearing request is received or if the Commission on its own motion requests a hearing. Only those individuals who submit a written hearing request or a written request to be notified if a hearing is set will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled.

If a public hearing is requested, the Executive Director will not issue the CCN and will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, the SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. If an evidentiary hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

(8-12, 8-19-04)

## Bullock Quilting Club To Start Aug. 30th

The Bullock Quilting Club will start Monday, August 30th to sign up and draw our numbers. We will start sewing Sept. 30th. If you can come and have lots of fun with us. If you don't know how to quilt, there are plenty of people to teach you how. Hope to see you there.

## Read the Classifieds

## Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

Oh my! The schools start early these days. It certainly was different the 1920s and 1930s.

I can remember when I started to school in 1921. In those days, and for many years afterward, school began immediately following Labor Day.

Labor Day weekend was the time I usually returned to Cisco from my Uncle's farm where I had been working since school recessed in the latter part of May.

I was always anxious to start back to school, to study, and to be with my friends; however, I was reluctant to leave the farm. I enjoyed doing all the things on a farm that a farmer does, but I was always a little saddened to leave my pony that carried me to Church every Sunday. On weekends that little pony and I visited folks for miles around.

We had several children enrolled in our school that lived on farms and could not start back to school each autumn until they had harvested their cotton. They were usually in school by mid-October.

Some of Dad's relatives lived on a farm near Dothan. We often spent our Saturdays helping them pick their cotton so the children could start to school a little sooner.

I have had a lot of jobs in my day, and have done a lot of things, but I believe picking cotton was the hardest job I ever had. I hated to wear those old black leather kneepads, crawling along between two rows of cotton, pulling that long canvass cotton sack with the strap over my shoulder. Where was the

inventor of the Cotton Picking Machine when I needed him?

I did my share of picking cotton, but I could never pick more than 200 pounds in a day, which was not a very good average.

Sometimes, when I was only visiting the farm during cotton picking season, my uncles would let me ride with them when they took the cotton to the gin. I would pretend I was riding a roller coaster as I sat high atop the wagon with its oversized sideboards. That was really the only thing I enjoyed about cotton farming.

We did not have "tax free" days where the stores were overflowing with parents buying clothes and school supplies.

We did not have a school supply list. We were only expected to have a tablet and pencil.

In the first place, we did not have the taxes we have today, and secondly, we did not have the money to purchase a lot of new clothes. We had more than one family whose children came to school barefooted because they did not have money to buy shoes.

Inoculations were not required, and we didn't have a dress code. If there had been a code forbidding overalls, most of us could not have attended school.

Oh yes, we were expected to pay attention in school and behave like our parents had taught us.

My, how times have changed!

## Letter To Editor

Editor:

I am conducting genealogical research on the surname LOTT and affiliated surname POWELL.

I would like to place a classified ad asking for anyone who has information about these families please contact me or if you have a free community page.

Ruth Ann(a) Lott POWELL, born 8 Jan. 1885 Kansas; died 13 Nov. 1948 Ranger, TX. Two sons: Rex and Arthur Noel POWELL. Contact Dr. Diane McClure-Lott at jefflott01@cox.net or 2161 Clematis Street, San Diego, CA 92105.

## Be Safe: Thunderstorm Safety Precautions

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Thunderstorms always include lightning and can also bring heavy rains, flash floods, strong winds, hail and tornadoes.

### Safety Tips

**Install surge protectors on all major appliances--**If lightning strikes your home, the charge can destroy appliances that are plugged into wall outlets, including TVs and computers. Proper surge protectors are inexpensive, easy to install and stop the charge before it reaches valuable equipment.

**Check for hazards on your property--**Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and injure someone or damage your home or power lines during a severe thunderstorm.

Do not handle any elec-

trical equipment and do not use the telephone except for an emergency--An electric charge from lightning could be transmitted through the wires. Television sets are particularly dangerous during a lightning storm.

**Do not take a bath or shower and avoid water faucets--**Water and metal pipes can conduct electricity.

**Stay away from damaged or downed power lines--**Report power outages and downed or damaged power lines by calling 1-866-223-8508.

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## First United Methodist Church, Cisco Rummage Sale Aug. 19 & 20

First United Methodist Church of Cisco Rummage Sale will be Thursday and Friday, August 19 & 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. It is located at 405 West 8th Street in Cisco. If we don't have it you won't find it! This is always a huge sale! So don't miss it! There's new stuff, old stuff, collectibles, furniture, clothes, books, knick knacks, etc. Plus delicious homemade pie and coffee for \$1.25.

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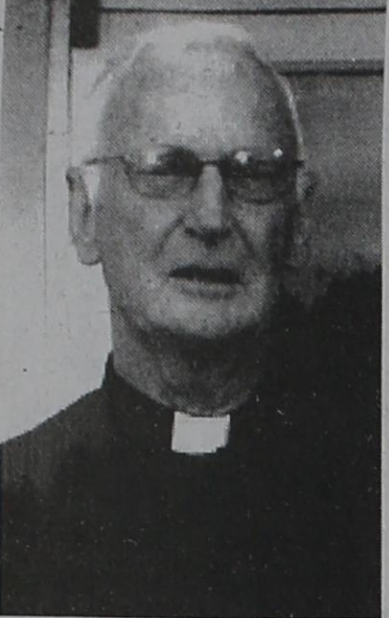
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# In A Land Not My Own Grahams 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



**Father George Foley**

Sometimes there are movers and shakers that move among us, largely unnoticed. Our area recently lost one. He is most commonly known as Father George. The majority of us live every day in individual worlds with schedules, appointments, and destinations, moving through each day driven by these forces, bumping into the lives of others as we go. Those fortunate enough to have shared time with this man, found themselves moved and shaken by his contagious love for Jesus Christ and the Lord God, as he worked tirelessly and non stop to keep Them in our daily lives. At 70 years of age, he conducted regular services at six different churches, Eastland, Ranger, Cisco, Breckenridge, Albany, and Dodson Prairie, working hard, caring for the needs of parishioners in each area. All of that will be changing now, as he will be moving to the metro area to serve a single parish of several thousand. This was not his choice, but rather an assignment from his superiors, which he dutifully accepted. He has referred to this assignment as a move to the East.

He came to America from South Africa, and struggled with periods of loneliness, longing for the comfortable surroundings of the world he left behind, as he worked hard to understand and accept the many cultural differences between the continents. His devotion to his faith helped him conquer barriers and challenges of these changes. Father George captured and shares some of these experiences in this poem. God Bless you, Father George.

**In the Land Not My Own**

By George Foley

In the land not my own  
I came full of hope and fear  
And the land welcomed me  
and gave me joy

In the land not my own  
I searched for dwelling; a  
pillow for my head  
And the land gave me a  
home and a bed

In the land not my own  
I tried to understand its  
people and its cultures  
And the land taught me  
how to live with them

With the people not my  
own  
I offered gifts of God and  
of my hands and of my heart  
And the people showered  
me with gifts from their  
hearts

With the people not my  
own  
I talked of what is right and  
what is wrong

And the people told me of  
that which is good

With a people not my own  
I was loney many times  
And the people comforted  
me for all I missed

In the cultures not my own  
I worked tirelessly with  
time  
And the cultures taught me  
patience and calmness

In the cultures not my own  
I walked hurriedly to the  
finish of the day  
And the cultures slowed  
me to find the way

In the cultures not my own  
I spoke a language some-  
times strange  
And the cultures taught me  
acceptance of what is

In West Texas, the land not  
my own  
I will always remember to  
call it my home  
For so it is, so it was, so it  
always will be

In a land not my own  
God sends me East, to an-  
other place  
May He in His grace let me  
too, love that place.

## Anniversary Celebration

A special "THANK YOU" goes out to the over one hundred friends and family members of Nora Faye and J.D. Graham who came from all parts of the great state of Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia and Washington, D.C. to share in their 50th Anniversary Celebration. The celebration began on Saturday, August 7 as the family came together for a barbecue Rehearsal Dinner at the Graham family ranch. Sunday, August 8, family and friends gathered to celebrate at the Conrad Hilton Community Center in Cisco. The guest book was attended by Kristy Delk, niece of Nora Faye. The guests were greeted by Tyler Gould and Jeremy Crabtree, great nephews of J.D. and given programs de-

signed and written by Nora Faye. The guests were then entertained with a one act play titled "The Preacher's Daughter and The Peanut Farmer" written by Nora Faye, directed by son-in-law, Earl Stigler, performed by their daughter Cheri Stigler, grandchildren, Sean, Shaina and J Allen Stigler, Jeremy and Shelton Johnson and family members Alicia Williams and Linda Farrow. The play was followed by a mimed wedding of "1954" in the "Old Mt Top Brush Arbor". The bride wore Nora Faye's wedding dress for the ceremony. Special music and songs were performed by Jeremy Johnson, Shaina Stigler, Linda Farrow, Elsie Wipff and Justin Farrow. A power point presentation of family photographs and their many travels was presented

by Walter Williams and narrated by Earl Stigler.

A Renewal Ceremony for Nora Faye and J.D. was performed by Rev. Walter Williams. A poem written by Nora Faye was read. Special music and song was by their granddaughter Shaina. The bride wore a cream crepe chiffon three piece dress adorned with sequins and beads and carried a bouquet of red roses. The groom wore a black pin stripped suit. Their attendants were their daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, great grandson and granddaughter-in-law. The guest tables were decorated with white cloths, bouquets of red and white roses, bowls of popcorn and pretzels, J.D.'s favorite snack, and center pieces depicting the hobbies of Nora Faye and J.D. The family tables and Nora Faye and J.D.'s table were decorated with white cloths, red roses and white lilies, candles and "50th" Anniversary heirlooms. A bride and groom figurine from their "1954" wedding cake sat atop one of the three white wedding cakes wrapped in gold ribbon and

Thursday, August 19, 2004 topped with red roses, made by Marcia's Creations. The cakes sat atop crystal hearts on crystal cylinders wrapped in ivy. The table was covered with a cream lace cloth that was used at their daughter Cathy's wedding. The cake knife has been used at both daughters and a granddaughters weddings. The grooms cakes were three chocolate bundt cheese cakes surrounded by strawberries dipped in dark and white chocolate. A smorgasboard of meat dishes, salads, vegetables and fruit prepared by their daughter, was enjoyed by the guests. A "toast" was made to the bride and groom by their granddaughter Brandy Stigler. They drank from glasses used at their daughters and granddaughter's weddings. Afterwards the bride and groom, family members and guests danced to favorite songs from the past. A great time was had by all.

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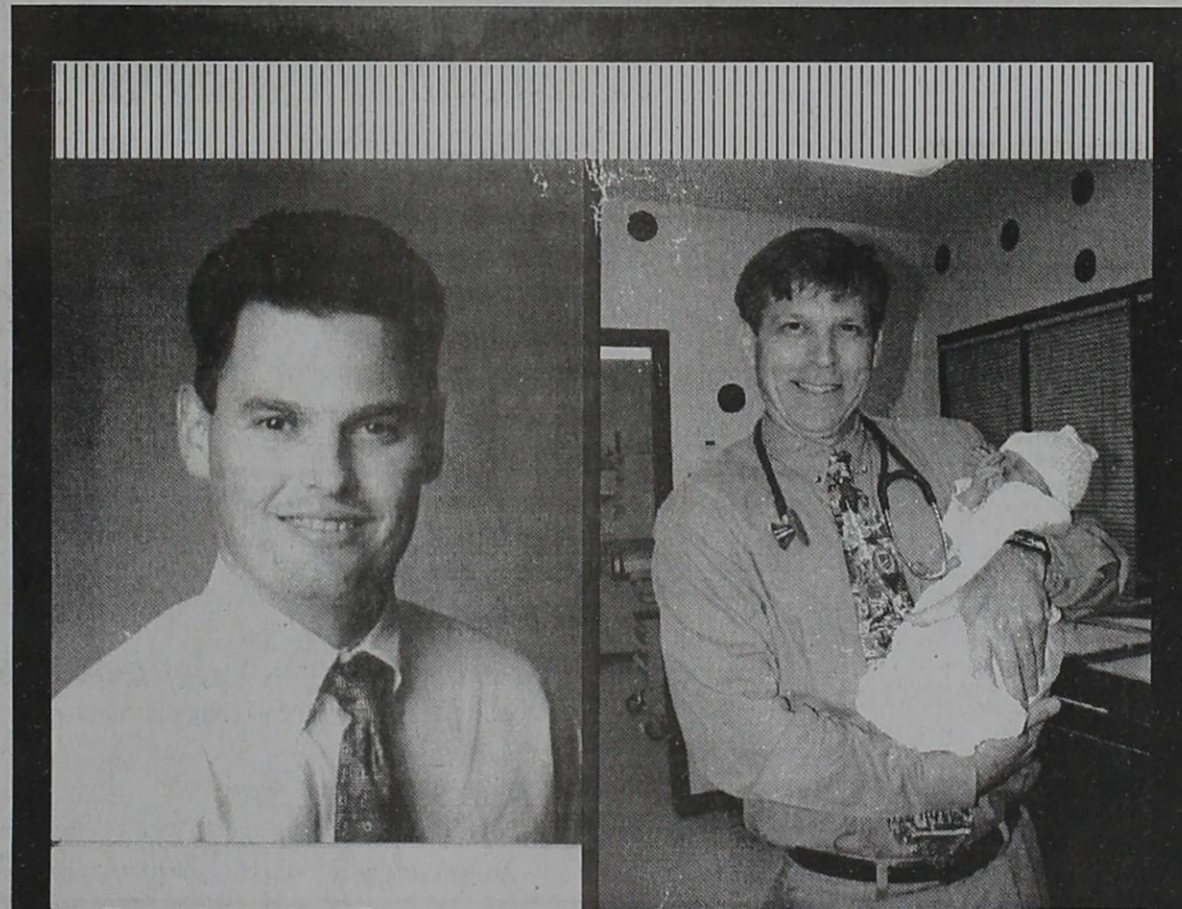


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On behalf of Eastland Memorial Hospital we would like to welcome Dr. Cox

**Dr. Bob Matthews is**

a 1983 graduate of the University of Texas at Galveston. He is a member of the Texas & American Association of Family Practice. Since 1986, Dr. Matthews has been Board Certified in Family Practice and in practice at the B & W Clinic. His practice includes maternity & child-care.

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- 20. Slammer
- 21. Palm reader
- 22. Explosive letters
- 23. Sherman, for one
- 26. Peevish mood
- 28. Comic-strip Alley
- 31. "... thou cream-faced ..." (Shakespeare)
- 33. Window type
- 37. Angelic headgear
- 39. Grow-up miss
- 41. Wide-eyed
- 42. PDQ, in a memo
- 43. Rocker John
- 45. Farm implement
- 46. Is an apartment dweller
- 48. Unsorted wheat flour
- 49. Japanese drink
- 50. Questioning
- 52. Edward IV's House
- 54. Sparks or Rorem
- 55. Taurus and Aries
- 57. Farrah's sweetheart
- 59. Famed Giant
- 62. Tears

**DOWN**

- 1. Worth: abbr.
- 2. Onassis and namesakes
- 3. Broadcast
- 4. Unsaid
- 5. Liza Jane
- 6. Actress Sheridan
- 7. Bulldozes
- 8. Genuflection joints
- 9. Tea Two
- 10. News item, for short
- 11. Horse color
- 12. Tuna
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- 19. Celestial hunter
- 24. Alaskan port
- 25. Eucalyptus muncher
- 27. Ambushes
- 28. Tara's owner
- 29. Fertile spots
- 30. Hook's threat
- 32. Sharply dressed
- 34. Two Gentlemen of Verona setting
- 35. Call forth
- 36. Take a new mate
- 38. fiber
- 40. Outboard, e.g.
- 44. a one (none)
- 47. Springe
- 51. Question closely
- 53. Porter heroine via the Bard
- 56. Caught sight of
- 58. Tibet's neighbor
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- 60. Marvel Comics superhero
- 61. Easy gait
- 63. Abyeance
- 65. Full-flavored
- 66. Ideas
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- 71. Mrs.: Sp.

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**CALLAHAN COUNTY BAIRD STAR**

From Page One ...  
**Western Trail**

staff, support from the State of Texas and the participation of Texas Parks and Wildlife. In addition, several hundred Western Trail enthusiasts from San Antonio to Dodge City are helping with the logistics of feeding, bedding and entertaining the trail riders.

An outstanding Ride Staff has been assembled to handle the logistics of a trail ride on the move. Riders will hit the trail at about 9 a.m. each morning, average 12-16 miles a day at a pace of four miles an hour and have a one-day layover each week. The staff includes a Trail Boss, Assistant Trail Boss, Wagon Master, Assistant Wagon Master, Advance Man, Camp Boss, Head Scout, Assistant Scout, three Scouts, Communications Coordinator, Western Trail Coordinator, Registrar, two Emergency Medical Techs and a Camp Helper.

**Trail Boss Is Grandma And Trail Driver Descendant**

Trail Boss Suzie Heywood is a 65-year-old grandma

from Bandera. Born into a Texas ranching family, Heywood learned to ride horses before she could walk. For her, the trail ride is "what I have been living every day of my life getting ready for and just didn't know it." She is the granddaughter of one of the legendary trail drivers who took three herds of longhorns up the Western Trail in 1876, 1881, and 1886.

Heywood will celebrate her 66th birthday while on the trail ride and might just have a birthday party at the trail's end in Dodge City. Says Heywood, "My kids and grandkids are going to be there waiting for Grandma to bring the herd in. It will be my legacy to them."

For more information about *Celebrate the Western Trail*, contact Genie Strickland, event coordinator, at (830)796-4447. Information is also available on the Celebrate Bandera website at [www.celebratebandera.com](http://www.celebratebandera.com), Celebrate the Western Trail website at [www.western-trail.org](http://www.western-trail.org), or by sending an e-mail to [coordinator@celebratebandera.com](mailto:coordinator@celebratebandera.com).

**Bestselling Author To Speak In Abilene**

Jodi Thomas, historical romance writer, to speak and sign books at Abilene Writers Guild's meeting August 26, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress Street, Abilene, Texas. Everyone is welcome.

This native of Texas has 24 published books, many

winning awards including New York Times and USA TODAY bestselling author. Her program will be "Why I gave up the exciting life of a home economics teacher to become a bestselling author."

For more information visit our website [www.AbileneWritersGuild.org](http://www.AbileneWritersGuild.org)

**Airman Seider Graduates From Military Training**

Air Force Airman Justin C. Seider has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field

training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Sam Seider of Clyde, Texas.

Seider is a 2003 graduate of Eula High School, Clyde.

From Page One ...  
**Western Trail II**

**DESPAIR BY THEIR TRAILS TO THE CATTLE MARKETS OF THE FAR NORTH; WE DEDICATE THIS STONE, SYMBOL OF THEIR COURAGE AND FORTITUDE, AT THE SITE OF**

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When it was founded in 1853, Bandera lay just inside the Comanche Barrier, which was a string of forts built by the U.S. Army on the western frontier to protect settlers from the marauding Comanche, but the raids continued to be a common and deadly occurrence.

With the outbreak of Civil War in 1861, the Army withdrew, and life on the frontier became unsustainable. Men left their

Thursday, August 19, 2004 farms and ranches to serve in the military. Their wives and children moved back to live with families in San Antonio or further east, abandoning crops and livestock. Out of that tragedy, more than a decade later, came a new industry for Bandera County: open-range cattle round-ups.

Earl Hardin writes about this new industry in his History of Jose Policarpo Rodriguez, Leopold Haby remembered his first open-range roundup beginning at the ranch of August and Celeste Pingent in Bandera County, August Pingent joined the party and they hunted and rounded up cattle throughout the country around Bandera, penning at the ranch of Polly Rodriguez, at the Jack ranch, at the Bandy ranch, and at Bladen Mitchell's.

Returning after the war, Bandera families discovered that their abandoned cattle had escaped to the hills, breeding unfettered for nearly a decade. Tens of thousands of head of cattle were rounded up and driven through Bandera Pass to market on the new Western Trail, which opened in 1876. For the next 19 years, Bandera Pass served as the gateway to the Western Trail, and to the rebirth of Texas prosperity.

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**Public Invited To Address TPW Commission On Aug 25**

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