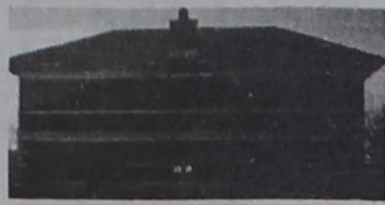


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## Foreseen-Possible Increase in Baird School Indep. Dst. Taxes

After a decrease in school revenues from declining enrollments of \$10,000, the Baird Independent School district is contemplating increasing school taxes.

Capitation funds will be supplemented supposedly by the state to make up for the difference in the loss of local revenue.

Superintendent Cliff Gardner is reportedly "going on" with the budget preparation based on the possibility that the Baird Refined Average Daily Attendance will drop due to nearly 34 students or 9.6 percent from 2005 from 314.611. He stated that the board will "tweak" the budget and get as low as possible without jeopardizing the students, on the assumption that the T.E.A. numbers (refined) are correct.

Since the Weighted Average Daily Attendance is around \$3,921 the drop in enrollment is foreboding and combined with a House Bill 1, reduction of nearly 12 cents per \$100 for valuation for Baird taxpayers, bodes much deliberation for the School Board Budget Preparation, according to Gardner's workshop last Thursday which preceded the scheduled monthly meeting.

Currently the Baird ISD fund balance is less than, but slightly, one month's operating costs which is \$221,097. This is contradistinction to the recommendation by the TEA to maintain a fund balance to cover at least three month's operating expense. However according to member Gerry McDowell, there is not much leeway because losing a staff member would eat up salary which right now makes up around 17 percent of the current budget, and would have "to be absorb[ed]..."

## Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration at Baird Elementary School

Baird Elementary School will hold a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year beginning on Thursday, August 3, and ending on Friday, August 4th. The registration will be held at the Baird I.S.D. Cafeterium from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

### Pre-Kindergarten:

The Baird I.S.D. Pre-Kindergarten program is pleased to announce that the Pre-Kindergarten program will operate on a full-day basis (8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) during the 2006-07 school year.

According to Texas State Law, a child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is 4 years of age as of September 1, 2006, and is 1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; 2) educationally disadvantaged; 3) is homeless; or 4) is identified with special needs or whose parent (s) are on active duty in armed forces including

## Work Continues as Scheduled in Callahan County on Overpasses

Scheduled work on two overpasses in Callahan County will make possible the expediting of traffic on the venues between and in Baird and Clyde, According to Texas Dept. of Transportation.

A cramped underpass will be made possible by an overpass in Baird in order to eliminate the "sticking of 18-wheelers" in low-clearance underpasses, according to Alan Hufstutler, Abilene area engineer for Tx DOT.

Driving distance for motorists will be reduced for motorists in enabling motorists wanting to continue traveling on FM 604 from north of Clyde to south of town, Hufstutler said as well as the project to eliminate the waiting for passing trains.

At present the FM 604 overpass is going over the railroad tracks as well as Clyde's North 1st St. and FM 18, said the same source.

Also currently southbound FM 604 leads to a dead-end in the south access road of Interstate 20, requiring motorists to turn left on the access road and travel east about a mile, then loop back through Clyde, connecting again with FM 604, he said.

The U.S. Hwy. 283 overpass the railroad tracks in Baird is constructed around 150 feet to the east of the outdated underpass, Hufstutler said.

The 4.25 million U.S. Hwy 283's contractor for the overpass project is Stephens-Martin Paving of Abilene. The completed overpass will be 190 feet long and 44 feet wide, with one traffic lane each way. Being started last December, the project's target completion is December of this year.

The \$6.43 million FM 604 overpass project's contractor is Earth Builders Inc. of Decatur. The completed structure will be 500 feet long and 60 feet wide, with two traffic lanes in each direction. The completion date is June 2007, with work begun in January.

## Baird Middle and High School Registration, Aug. 3 and 4

The Baird Middle School and High School will hold registration for H.S. and New Student Registration and schedule Pick-up for all enrolled students for the 2006-07 school year on Thursday, August 3, and Friday, August 4. The registration and schedule pick-up for middle sch. will be held at the Baird I.S.D. Cafeterium from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the High School office.

For new students to register, parents need to bring copies of their child's birth certificate, shot records, social security card and proof of residence. If you have any questions concerning student registration, please contact the High School office, at 325-854-1400, ext. 302.

## 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.

### Kindergarten:

To be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old as of September 1, 2006.

### Completing Registration:

To complete registration, parents will need to bring copies of their child's birth certificate, shot records, social security card, proof of residence, and proof of income.

(Proof of income is required therefore parents must bring either a statement from employers showing monthly wages or a paycheck stub.)

### Any new students 1st-8th grade may register at this time also.

If you have any questions, concerning student registration, please contact James Wyatt, Elementary School Principal, at 854-1400, Ext. 309.

The first day of school for students of Baird Independent school District is Wednesday, August

## Baird Methodist Youth Garage Sale is HUGE SUCCESS

The Youth of Baird Methodist Church are excited to report that the recent garage sale raised over \$638. The money will be used for their many

projects, including Disciple Now and a trip to Six Flags on July 31st. Many thanks to Burke and

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## Baird Cemetery Association News

The Directors of the Baird Cemetery Association met for their monthly meeting on July 17, 2006. They are now officially a Historical Cemetery, thanks to the work of Dana Voights, Bruce Bell and Tom Ivey. They all need a big pat on the back for all this work. They will have a dedication, but at a later date.

The mowers are hard at work. They sure do keep our cemetery in good shape. Our donations and memorials have been coming in real good. We can't say "thank you" enough.

Memorials and donations are as follows:

Elsie Baines, M/M F.J. King. Skip and Pat Parker, Jesse & Lois Evans, Mrs. Wilburn Young, Dorothy Chambles, Mrs. J.J. Jernigan, Deborah Hatchett, Beth Davis, Bonnie Conely, Bill Gunn & Marlie, John and Charity Allen, Pearl

Brown, M/M Don Price, Felix and Barbara Manion, Jane Black, M/M Fred Hopkins, M/M Harid Miller, Ioma Shaw, Irma Crow, Wayne and Joy Mooney, Scotty & Brenda Mitchell, Jamie Hill, M Doyle Nordyke, Conrad Neubauer, Barney Whitt, Jerry Loper, Aubrey & Charlotte Loper, M/M Richard Windham, Ellen Nutt, Carol and Evelyn Gillet.

**Maintenance Fund:** Joyce Harris, Dorothy Browning and Ida Mae Waddell,

Again, our appreciation for all that is being done to make sure that the cemetery is in good shape.

### Board of Directors

### D.P.S. Report

7-23-06 to 7-29-06  
Cases Investigated  
WARNINGS-83  
COMPLAINTS-116  
DUI-1  
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA-2  
POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUG-1  
ACCIDENTS-There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span  
Drive Carefully, and Enjoy the Summer!

## Election Judges, Alternates, and Polling Places Named for County by Commissioners

Polling places for the elections to be held in Callahan County were decided by a unanimous vote of 5-0 in the July 10th meeting of the Commissioner's.

The polling places include:

**Prec. #1:** Clyde Lions Club Building, FM 18 & Rusk Street in Clyde.

**Pct. #2:** Eula Lions Club Building, FM 603 S. Clyde.

**Pct. #3:** Baird Housing Authority Building, 401 Chestnut in Baird.

**Pct. #4:** Cross Plains Community Center, 9th & Beech in Cross Plains.

**Pct. #5:** Putnam Community Center, 120 W. Travis in Putnam.

**Pct. #6:** Clyde Southside Baptist Church, FM 604 South in Clyde, TX

**Pct. #7:** Oplin Community Center, FM 604 S. in Oplin.

**Early Voting:** Baird Courthouse Room #107 at 100 W. 4th St. in Baird.

**Branch Early Voting:** Clyde Justice of the Peace Office, 208 Oak Street in Clyde.

**Branch Early Voting:** Cross Plains Justice of The Peace Office, 424 S. Main in Cross Plains.

**Election Judges & Alternate Judges include:**

**Pct. #1 Susan McCool, Judge; Silas Tucker, Alternate.**

**Pct. #2: Roxane Schoen, Judge; Pat Logan, Alternate.**

**Pct. #3: Jackie Pruet, Judge, Johanna May, Alternate.**

**Pct. #4: Joh Swift, Judge; Joyce McCoy, Alternate.**

**Pct. #5: Randy, Petty, Judge; Beth Petty, Alternate.**

**Pct. #6: Sharon Gage, Judge, Fannie Froman, Alternate.**

**Pct. #7: Trent Gee, Judge, Clarice Yandell, Alternate.**

**Ballot Board Judge, Dorothy Watson.**

## Baird High School Homecoming Set for September 16, 2006 (addresses needed)

The Baird High School Homecoming has been set for September 16, 2006. All the activities this year will be on Saturday, September 16th including the game. We are trying to update our address file and are needing addresses for the following people from the

class of 1984-1988; Wayne Fox, Lisa Hodges, Ronald Munns, Richard Swan, Matt Berry, Natalie Gillian, Van Hughes, Doobie Moore Sanford, Randy Thornton, Dee Turpen, Tina Weeks, Ginia Whitmire, Cay Shelton Wolf, Brenda Branum, Dub Scott, Dallas Titsworth, Brent Uehling, Carla Barron, Dwayne Burns, Chris Gulley, Scotty Johnson, Tina Whitmire Smith, Brad Summers, Conon Emmons, Russell Hargrove, Tina Dunn Hart, Toni Turek Kohl, Lelana Wagley McEish, Brenda Pearce Munsen, Loyd Thurman, Julie Wilson, Oddie Freehling, Cherry Cabus Vogel.

We are putting a few names each week and will continue for the next several weeks. If you have any information about these former students, please let us know at P.O. Box 954, Baird, Texas 79504, or call 854-1497.

Continued Inside

## Baird Elementary School Supplies

### Kindergarten School Supply List

- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 20 pencils
- 1 pair Fisher Scissors
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 small bottles of glue
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box Washable Markers
- 1 lg. Box of Cray-ons
- Nap Pad
- Back Pac
- Baird Pre-K
- Please put your child's name on all supplies:
- \*Paint shirt
- 1 box of jumbo Cray-ons, 1 box Regular Cray-ons.
- 1 box Q-tips
- Package manila paper
- Package colored construction paper.
- Fiskars student Scissors
- 12 glue Sticks
- 1 Box of Kleenex.
- 1 Box jumbo Markers
- Small plastic school box
- Back pack
- 1 roll of paper Towels
- 1 jumbo eraser and individual pencil erasers
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue.

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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## Red Planet Causes Royal Blush

Bill Stribling, 82, never met a "t" he didn't cross or ignored an "i" in need of a dot. He's simply wound that way—a "by the book," God-fearing, country-serving, wife-honoring, community-building kind of visionary guy.

Bonded by his word, he endeared himself to teachers, students and parents alike wherever he served. When school superintendents make such marks, it's worth noting.

Now 25 years into retirement, he rarely "skips a beat" in daily "t'-crossing/i'-dotting" routines. Earlier

this month, though, he skipped one, trusting an e-mail that caught his eye.

"What a deal," he thought, pondering the "news" that on August 27, Earth and Mars will be closer together than they've been for 5,000 years. And to think it might be 60,000 years before they're just 35 million miles apart again!

This was a call to action. He forwarded the e-mail to several dozen friends. He also sent it to his son, Danny, who is Community Director at Carriage Inn, a retirement community in Bryan. That's where Bill and wife Joyce

landed last year after living 34 years in Burleson.

"As usual, Dad's wheels were spinning on this deal," Danny said. "He suggested an outdoor cook-out for our community. His heart warmed at the thought of dozens of friends, munching on hamburgers under the stars. He even wondered where we might find some high-powered telescopes. For the spectacular evening he envisioned, he figured we should go all-out," his son added.

That was just the beginning. Stribling dreamed of having Mars bars for dessert, and maybe a contest to see who could tell the biggest "whopper" about space. They'd have *Age of Aquarius* playing in the background.

A few hours later, however, an e-mail from a friend turned Stribling's world upside down, or at least sideways on its axis.

The friend cited "snopes.com," a website that checks out the validity of yarns starting out with "rumor has it."

While the site confirms many of the claims of the e-mail, it refutes some. In fact, it tells us that the two planets actually align about this closely every 15-17 years.

Oh, and it confirmed that this particular e-mail's genesis was actually pointing to August 27, 2003—three years ago!...

Stribling spent the rest of the day e-mailing "I'm

sorry" to his friends, hoping they hadn't already run out and bought telescopes.

They've called off the big party at the retirement community, and Bill now includes "snopes.com" in his file of favorites.

He has no plans to fall for such hoaxes in the future, but if he does, he won't take a bunch of friends down with him.

I'll spend about half of the month of August traveling around Texas, encouraging school employees at in-service programs to kick off the 2006-2007 school year.

One story I'll tell concerns 7-year-old Nicholas and 5-year-old Benjamin, sons of Jerry and Layna Chase.

The Chases overheard Nicholas' recent bedtime prayer: "Dear God, help me to be a better reader and a better 'mather' this yearÖ."

And Ben has picked up reading at a tender age. Like many pre-schoolers, he's been curious about letters' sounds, and the words some arrangements of letters spell.

What shocked his parents, though, was his recent recitation of the names of all 42 presidents—in order and without notes. They were slack-jawed, eager to learn how Ben had committed the list to memory.

"Their names are on my place mat, right under my Cheerios," was his in-all-innocence reply.

Speaking of the alphabet, one nameless superintendent who DID NOT have a school

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named for him (as Stribling does in Burleson), says he might have been more effective if he had better understood the whole alphabet of education.

He claims he didn't do well with the first four letters—A, B, C and D.

"Those letters hung me out to dry," he grinned. "They stand for 'athletics, band, cheer-leading and drill

Thursday, August 3, 2006 teams."

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## A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newswire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept

broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

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480 acres @ Gilpin in Dickens Co., TX - cultivation; some minerals, \$400 ac (owner/agent).  
1011 W. 14th - Classic Spanish Home, Cisco - beautiful yard, 2 story, up 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath; down living room, dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, kitchen w/ builtins, 1/2 bath - total 1900 sf. Guest house bedroom, kitchenette, bath, laundry room, living room w/ 2 car garage. Italian tile roof, plus adjoining near lot. \$225,000.  
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.  
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**State Capital Highlights**

**Strayhorn stops trying to be Grandma; polls reveal order in gov's race**  
 By Ed Sterling  
 AUSTIN - Carole Keeton Strayhorn ended legal efforts to have "Grandma" included as part of her name on the Nov. 7 election ballot.

Strayhorn, who is running for governor as an independent candidate, appealed Secretary of State Roger Williams' decision not to allow the nickname.

A state district court rejected the appeal, and soon after, Strayhorn told her lawyers she would not continue to pursue the matter.

**Candidates to debate in October**

Three of the five candidates running for governor plan to participate in a broadcast debate Oct. 5.

So far, Democratic candidate Chris Bell of Houston and independent candidates Richard "Kinky" Friedman of Medina and Carole Keeton Strayhorn of Austin have agreed to take part in the event at the KERA television studios in Dallas.

Incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry has not committed to join in.

Debate sponsors have not decided whether to invite Libertarian candidate James Werner of Austin.

**Poll shows where candidates are**

The Zogby/Wall Street Journal tracking poll for July showed Perry in first place with 38.3 percent; Bell with 20.8 percent; Friedman in a statistical dead heat with Bell at 20.7; and Strayhorn trailing at 11 percent.

Perry's polling data is up 0.6 percent since June; while Bell's is up 1.1 percent; Friedman's is up 3.2 percent; and Strayhorn's is down 3.1 percent.

**List of coal plant sites narrows**

The U.S. Department of Energy narrowed its search to include four possible sites for FutureGen, the world's first "near-zero emissions" coal-fired power plant.

Gov. Perry said a site near the East Texas town of Jewett and a West

Texas site near Odessa are being considered. So are two

sites in Illinois.  
 Final selection will be in the fall of 2007 with groundbreaking in 2008. The billion-dollar facility may be up and running as early as 2012.

According to Environmental Protection Agency records, coal-burning power plants in Texas are among the nation's worst in toxic mercury emissions.

**Smoking ordinances put on line**

Now that the U.S. Surgeon General has confirmed the health dangers of secondhand smoke, more towns and cities may adopt anti-smoking ordinances.

How are such ordinances worded? It's easy to find out, using the online database <http://txshsord.coe.uh.edu/>.

The database, developed by the University of Houston and funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services, contains "all known Texas municipal ordinances designed to restrict exposure to secondhand smoke."

**Sales tax holiday coming up**

Texas' annual sales tax holiday will be observed by merchants Aug. 4-6.

State tax law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes over the three

days, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Merchants who sell items that do not qualify for the exemption may not advertise or promise they will pay customers' sales tax. However, merchants may advertise that tax is included in the sales price of the taxable items sold.

**Judge hears open meetings case**

In Pecos on July 26, U.S. District Judge Robert Junell heard arguments in a lawsuit with statewide implications.

Brought by Alpine city council member Avinash Rangra and former council member Anna Monclova, the suit questions the constitutionality of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Rangra and Monclova said the act compromised their freedom of speech by making it illegal for them to discuss, including via e-mail, city business anywhere but in an open meeting.

Defendants are the State of Texas, Attorney General Greg Abbott and Brewster County District Attorney Frank Brown.

Junell gave the parties two months to file papers relevant to the case before he rules.



Shown (l-r) are Greg Simmons, Larry Monroe, Rhonda Pipkin with electric scooter.



(l-r) Greg Simmons, Charles Carlisle, Ronnie Jones, Larry Monroe shown with electric scooter donated to VFW.

The VFW Post 4136 of Eastland would like to extend a very special thank you to Rhonda Pipkin, Greg Simmons, and Janet and Clinton Eaton who represent Allegro Mobility and the Eastland Fire Relief Center who donated an electric scooter for use at the VFW and in our van. These folks do a great job in the community and we thank them. Larry Monroe, Commander, Ronnie Jones, Quartermaster, Charles Carlisle, Adjutant

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# AREA MEDICAL DIRECTORY

## Type 2 Diabetes: How To Step It Up To Get It Down

If you or a loved one has type 2 diabetes, you're not alone. More than 18 million Americans have type 2 diabetes.

For many people with type 2 diabetes, controlling blood sugar is a struggle every day. In fact, a report issued last year by the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) showed that two out of three Americans with type 2 diabetes analyzed in a study were not in control of their blood sugar.

It is important to control blood sugar because it lowers the risk of serious health problems later. Diabetes can cause heart disease, stroke, blindness, loss of limbs and kidney disease.

But now, there's new help to better manage type 2 diabetes. Life and fitness coach Bob Harper of NBC's "The Biggest Loser" and a panel of diabetes experts created easy-to-understand and motivational steps people can take to get their blood sugar down. They are called 6.5 Steps Toward Better Blood Sugar Control. These steps are different because they can fit easily into everyday living.

"Through my years of coaching and training, I've worked with many people with type 2 diabetes and have seen how hard it can be to live with this disease," said Bob Harper. "But I learned that anyone can change their life. It's all about finding the right tools and motivation. I urge people with type 2 diabetes to step it up and use the 6.5 Steps and make them a part of their daily lives."

### 6.5 Steps Toward Better Blood Sugar Control

1. Be honest with yourself. Diabetes can be tough, but it doesn't have to control you.
2. Think about your reasons for living a healthier life and feeling better. Always keep them in mind.
3. Team up with your doctor or other health care professional to make a plan. This plan may include taking one or more medicines. You are in this together with the same goals.
4. Make healthy eating and regular physical activity part of your life.
5. Check your blood sugar as often as your doctor tells you and know your A1C number. A1C is your average blood sugar level for the past

two to three months.

6. No quitting. Not today. Not tomorrow. Never give up!

6.5 The HALF STEP--Getting started is HALF the battle!

The 6.5 Steps can help people with type 2 diabetes every day because they focus on the basics of diabetes management: eating healthy, being physically active, monitoring blood sugar and, when appropriate, taking one or more medicines. These all play a part to help lower

blood sugar.

**Healthy Eating:** Healthy eating reduces the risk for complications such as heart disease and stroke. Good choices include many foods, such as vegetables, whole grains, fruits, nonfat dairy products, beans, and lean meats, poultry and fish. There is no one perfect food, but watching portion sizes is key to a healthy diet.

**Physical Activity:** Regular physical activity can lower blood sugar levels. It can also help manage weight and reduce the risk of developing heart disease and high blood pressure. There are little things people with type 2

diabetes can do every day to be more active, such as walking with a friend or taking the stairs instead of the elevator.

**Blood Sugar Monitoring:** There are two tests for checking blood sugar. One test is the blood sugar monitoring that patients do on their own. It gives people with diabetes a check of their blood sugar level at the time the test is taken. The other one is called the A1C test. The A1C test shows a person's average blood sugar levels over the previous two to three months. Experts say that a good A1C goal is 6.5 percent or less for most people with type 2 diabetes.

**Medicines:** Most people with type 2 diabetes take medicine to help control their blood sugar levels. Many need more than one medicine

to help treat the disease in different ways.

For people with type 2 diabetes, it is important that they team up with their doctor or other health care professional and think of them as a partner. They should

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# Mental Health Budget Proposed To Be Cut 10%

In June, the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy and the Legislative Budget Board issued "budget instructions" to all Texas state agencies--including the Department of State Health Services that funds Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation Centers and North Star-- that will require them to submit to the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2008-09 funding a **baseline budget request that is 10% less** than the amount of funding the agency received during the previous legislative session. If the agency wants any funding over and above those cuts they must submit that as a special request or "exceptional item."

This means that even if a state agency knows the amount of appropriations it is asking for is not enough to provide assistance to even the **minimum** number of individuals in Texas that it served in the previous year, the agency still has to ask for an amount that is 10% less than they received during the last budget cycle.

Requiring an agency to submit a budget request to the Legislature that is lower than what the agency knows is essential to serve even its existing consumers creates a false impression of what the need in Texas is. Once inflation (currently 3.55% per year) and population growth (9.6% since 2000) are considered, it is obvious that even allocating the same amount of funding as the prior session's budget bill would not be sufficient to keep up with the growing need.

Maintaining current mental health services should not be an "exceptional" event; with these instructions, agencies will have to slash already bare-bones programs before they can even submit a budget request. Getting any increases will be an uphill battle.

Mental health funding is already seriously underfunded even in the current budget:

Texas is the 2nd largest state and 2nd in rate of population growth, yet we spend fewer dollars per person on the public mental health system than 46 other states. In fiscal 2003, Texas spent \$39.02 per client on mental health services, placing Texas 47th in the nation.

After adjusting for inflation, Texas spent nearly 15 percent less on mental health in fiscal 2002 than it did two decades earlier in 1981.

**Only 14% of the children estimated to have a serious emotional disorder and eligible for services receive them from DSHS- funded services now.** Since data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that more than 40 percent of uninsured children in Texas went without medical care for an entire year, to have private health insurance that puts caps or limits or exclusions on mental health care, it is likely that a large number of children who need support for a mental or emo-

tional disorder are not currently receiving it. A 10% cut in publicly funded mental health care will further devastate this population.

Children in other state-funded systems are also in desperate need of care:

- 75% of children placed in foster care have parents with behavioral health problems;
- 75% of youth in the juvenile justice system have behavioral health problems;
- 30% of youth in the juvenile justice system will end up in the adult justice system;
- 30% of all truancy is related to behavioral health problems.

An estimated 900,000 adults in Texas met the DSHS mental health priority population definition in 2005, and approximately 450,000 are estimated to have the greatest need (targeted priority population). Yet DSHS data indicates that **only about a quarter of those with the greatest net received mental health services from DSHS- funded services in 2005.**

Adults with mental illnesses are also involved with other agencies:

- 27% of adults on parole had mental illness, but only 33% of those parolees received mental health services;
- 13% of adults on probation had a mental illness, but only 25% of those probationers received mental health services;
- 16% of inmates in Texas

jails and prisons are estimated to have a mental illness, only a fraction of which are receiving appropriate mental health care.

Consequences of not treating individuals with mental disorders

•Economic impact--In 2003, mental illness in Texas cost the state \$16.6 billion, which includes \$13.3 billion lost income due to reduced workforce participation, \$2.6 billion for mortality costs and more than \$700 million for lost income due to family care giving. The total fiscal impact to state and local governments was \$1.5 billion, including \$934.5 million in cost shifting and unrealized state revenue and \$620.9 million in cost shifting a unrealized local government revenue.

•Cost shifting to other systems--Inadequate treatment leads to an increase in indirect public costs related to crime and criminal justice, homelessness and uncompensated health care. Local agencies, especially emergency rooms and jails, are already reporting a sharp increase in patients with mental illness that have nowhere else to turn.

•Human impact--Suicide claims the lives of thousands of Texans each year. On average, nearly six people a day die from suicide every day in Texas-- more than the number that die of homicide or of HIV/AIDS. Over ninety percent of suicide victims have a significant mental illness at the time of their death.

Treatment- When it is

available- works! Treatment success for serious mental illnesses ranges from 60 to 80 percent, whereas the treatment success rate for heart disease ranges from only 40-50 percent.

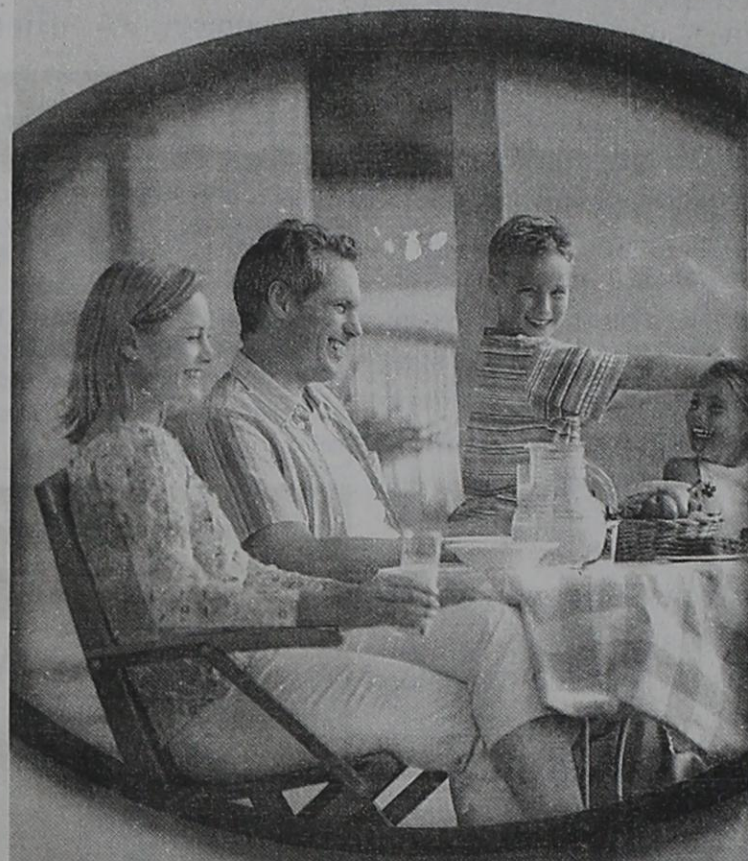
However, the mental health system in Texas is in crisis, and starting off the legislative budget process with a 10% cut to critical mental health services will have a devastating impact on thousands of children, youth and adults with mental disorders.

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 The last U.S. president to be born in a log cabin was James Garfield.  
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 The total number of Americans killed in the Civil War is greater than the combined total of Americans killed in all other wars.  
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 The Union ironclad, Monitor, was the first U.S. ship to have a flush toilet.  
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The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

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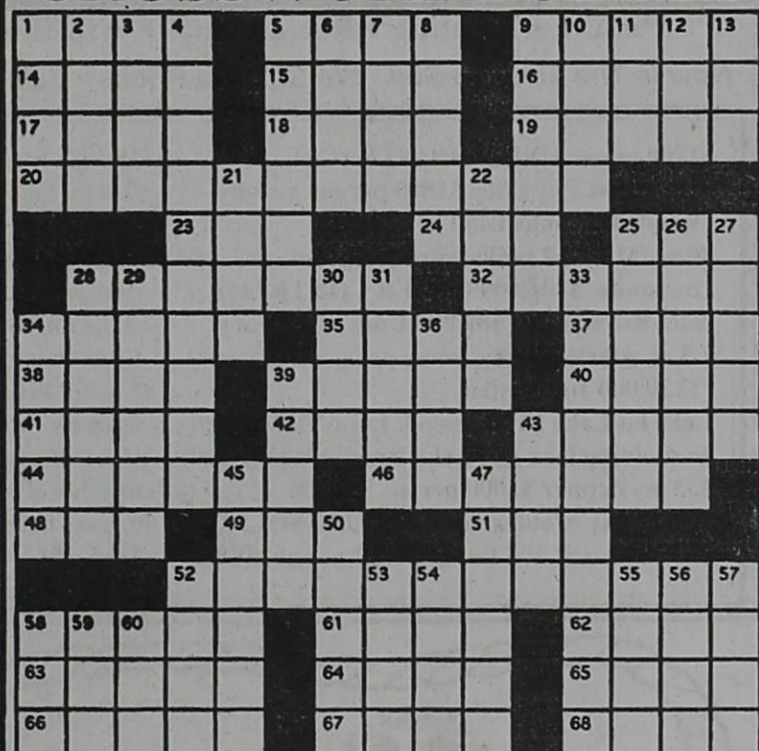
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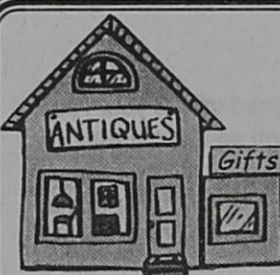
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  - 24 Head appendage
  - 25 Koch and Bradley
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  - 51 Vowel reciter's beginning
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  - 68 Appear
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  - 6 Reel upwards
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  - 8 Fine china
  - 9 Romp
  - 10 Summit
  - 11 Numerical prefix
  - 12 German article
  - 13 Literary monogram
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  - 25 Bedtime, for some
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  - 28 Of a musical group
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  - 30 Pronoun
  - 31 Rocklike
  - 33 Teetotalers
  - 34 Author of 1852's most famous novel
  - 36 Carousel
  - 39 Gamut
  - 43 Observed
  - 45 Merited
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  - 50 Welcome refuge
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  - 53 Car blemish
  - 54 Common verb
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## Tidbits...by H.V.O.

WORD JUST received that a BANKS OF EASTLAND Texas Historical Marker has been approved, according to Ed Allcorn of the County Historical Society who has worked so hard to get all the data together for the State Historical Commission. These designations are much harder to get now, since the Commission spokesman says, "We're now looking for quality, not quantity." They apparently believe that there are plenty of markers in the state. Persons wishing to contribute toward the purchase of the \$1,250.00 Bank marker they do so by contacting Allcorn at 254-629-2600. Wording will be developed after the Commission receives funds for the marker. Further plans for dedication, etc., will be announced later.

ROB KING and JAMES FULLEN have their respective auto lots FULL, out on E. Main St., so now probably is BEST TIME to talk NEW CAR TURKEY with them.

INA, LONGTIME operator of Antiques and Uniques, has expanded with the purchase of Commerce St. Merchantile (formerly Hogs n' Clover). In between is The Tumbleweed operated by Helen Cooper and Patsy Davis has developed a top shop (Somewhere In Tyme) at the east end of that South-of-the-Square block. Further east on Commerce, one finds

Vicki Carlisle's FLEA MARKET of vast domain. And don't forget the North-side-of-square where Mrs. Jaycie Storm has a collection...We hear rumors of two more antique centers on the drawing boards...

OVER THE years we've been "audited" by Bullock's Raiders, (remember that State Tax operation) and came out smelling like unto a rose; the I.R.S. (painless); O.S.H.A. (ouch!); and questioned by FBI, NSA and CIA about other individuals; and Postal Inspectors, who always gave us clean bill. We've recently been interviewed by Medicare operatives looking into circumstances in this area...The National Security Agency agent some time back was a talkative fellow and shared some exciting stories about intriguing events he'd lived through around the world.

WOW! YOU must see the Eastland Room at the County Museum--it is a top drawer attraction accurately detailing this town's history in artifacts, prose and pictorials. A salute of the top hat to Ellyssa Ford and Jeanne Griffin (and possibly a number of others) for putting together such an exciting addition to a GROWING institution...Also we had early peeks at the Olden Room where Mrs. Tommy (Mary) Warford, with help-ers, is going to have another

exciting addition...Down the hall apiece, the Carbon room is a 'building under the pert guidance of Callahan Mayor Dale Walker and others...Jeannie Pruet as pro tem seems promising as become mayor of Ranger...allowing a couple of (relations there) promises us that the Ranger and its related Oil-Boom history will definitely be a major attraction. Do we understand that this could include Desdemona and other oil boom related neighbors?...Dr. Duane Hale has made MAJOR contributions for the Cisco Room, which is still in a state of development...(A Hint:

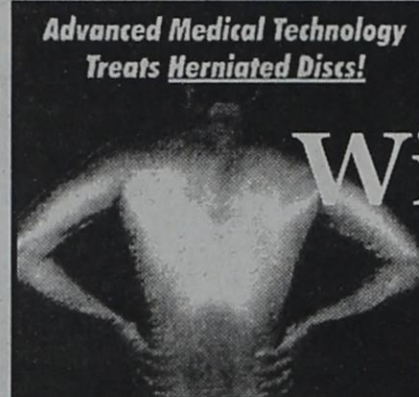
We're putting together what we hope will be a major exhibit extolling the county's history as a major poultry and poultry product center. There'll be some surprises along the way)...P.S.: If you were granted the invitation, what would YOU recommend as an attraction for the Museum? There are collections (barbed wire, bottles, bricks, hub caps and what-have-you) that would be of interest...However, the overall theme is to tell the country's history--not be a depository of assorted bric-a-brac...Except a major traveling exhibit for some time later this year.

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# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

I'll start the column this week by asking everyone to PRAY FOR RAIN. It is so hot and dry, and we at Kokomo, and I, m sure others, get uneasy when we hear of the grassfires in the area like the one in the Comanche area on Sunday.

We know first hand what a fire out of control can do.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. The scripture was from Luke 24:13-35. The title of his message was "A Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day", telling us that when life doesn't make any sense, and we are having a very bad day we should go to the scriptures for help and comfort. Jesus Christ is the answer.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to James Little. "Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It" was beautifully rendered by the choir: Ruth Rodgers, Karen Patterson, Helen Browning, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Woodrow Browning, Joe Bond, Oren Webb and Thomas Seay with Glynda Bond at the piano. Oren and Norma Webb were on a mission trip to help at the Big Country Baptist Assembly at Lueders from Monday until Thursday last week and gave a brief report of the activities at the camp.

The Sunday night services were dismissed so members could attend the 5th Sunday

Singing at the First Baptist Church in Gorman. We had a wonderful time lifting our voices in song together and enjoying the special music. A time of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed in the fellowship hall following the singing. Our thanks to the ladies who prepared the food.

Bro. Jimmy Nelson will preach at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, August 6.

A great time was had by all at the hamburger and ice cream supper, and game night at the home of Joe and Glynda Bond on July 22. The hamburgers were so good and there was plenty of delicious homemade ice cream to enjoy following the games of 42.

Our community was saddened to hear of the death of Phyllis Donaldson Wright of Eastland. Phyllis was a former resident of Kokomo and had many friends here. We extend sincere sympathy to her sister, Wanda Bryant of Carbon, and brothers, Jake Donaldson of Eastland, Glenn Donaldson of Artesia, NM and Danny Donaldson of Houston and other family members. Phyllis was buried in the Simpson Cemetery on Tuesday, July 25.

Sharon and Roy Davis of Odessa, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Sylvia Buchanan

and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Justin Snider of Gorman visited with LaVon Snider.

James and Chelsea Webb of Granbury visited with Oren and Norma Webb on Saturday.

Joe and Glynda Bond met Shannon, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove in Goldthwaite on Thursday and Raegan and Sydnie came home with their grandparents for a visit until Saturday when Joe, Glynda and the girls met Shannon, Stephanie and Joey at the park in Goldthwaite for a visit, then all had dinner together at a restaurant in Goldthwaite before returning to their homes.

Zelda Jordan was called to the bedside of her brother, Arvel Lewallen of Denver City who was critically ill in the VA hospital in Amarillo last week. Arvel passed away on July 20. His funeral was held in Denver City on July 22 with burial in the Lazbuddie Cemetery. Arvel

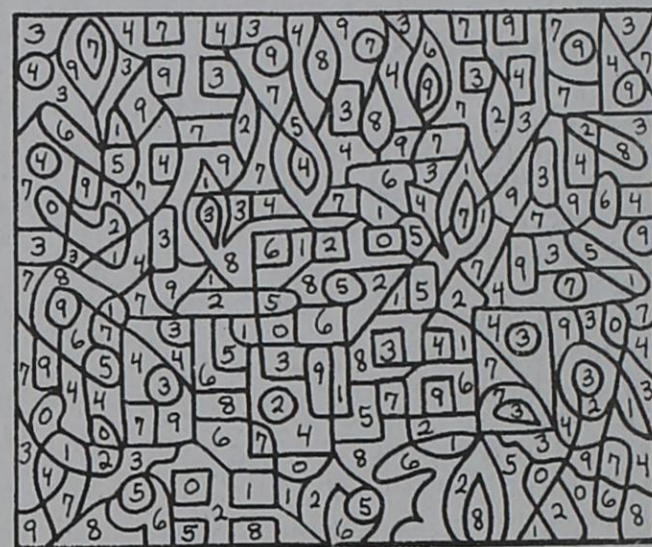
who will be remembered here as "Popeye" was a former resident of Kokomo in the mid to late 1940s and attended school at Carbon, and had visited here many times since.

Glenda Black and Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene and Zelda visited in the home of Cindy and Kayla Jordan in Lubbock and all attended the funeral for Arvel. Zelda also visited in the homes of Wanda Russell in Floydada, Barbara and Bo Bell in Denver City and Laverne Winn in Muleshoe before returning home. Glenda, Cindy and Kayla, Wanda and Barbara and Bo also visited in Laverne's home and Cindy, Kayla, Glenda and Zelda visited in Littlefield with Cindy's parents, Carl and Wanda Thompson.

Many thanks for the flowers, telephone calls, cards, words of comfort and the prayers that has uplifted us so much during our time of losing our dear brother.

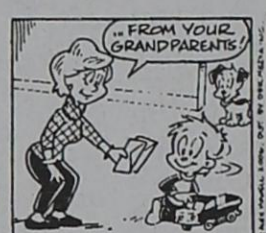
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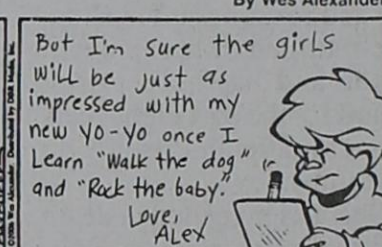
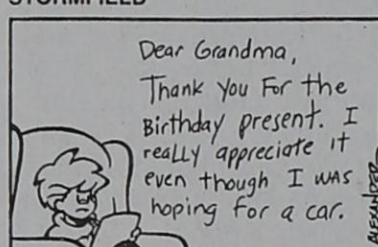
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**Obituary**

**Christine Dugan**

**BAIRD-** Christine Dugan, age, 86, of Baird passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2006 in an Abilene Hospital. A Graveside service was held at 1:0 a.m. on Saturday, July 29,

2006, in Ross Cemetery Annex, directed by Parker Funeral Home. Jim Hall officiated.

Christine was born January 27, 1920 in Dudley, TX to Albert Rister and Irvie

**Gloria Kay Dugan**

Gloria Kay Dugan, 58, of Clyde, passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2006 after a battle with cancer. Graveside services were to be Saturday, July 29th, 10:00 a.m. at the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of the Parker Funeral Home of Baird with James Hallmark officiating. Visitation was to be Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Parker Funeral Home.

Gloria was born on October 25, 1947 in the Tye community to Paul and Mattie Burns. She attended and graduated from Clyde High School and Glen and Lottie's School of Cosmetology, in Abilene. She was the owner and operator of Gloria's Beauty Salon in Clyde for a number of years before moving and residing in Houston. She returned to her home in Clyde and has been prison guard for the past eight years at the Middleton Prison Unit in Hamby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Robert Anthony, "Bobb" Dugan and two Sisters, Virginia Burns and June VanCleave. She is survived by her son,

Curtis Sean Dugan of Clyde; her sister, Barbara "Bobbie" Snowden and husband Bill of Abilene; her brother Paul Burns, Jr. of Clyde and Terry; six grandchildren; Amber, Anthony and Alisha Dugan of Clyde, Bella Jackson and Brittney Rice of Abilene and Tracy Gillespie of Sherman, two great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, her puppy, Emma Lou and many friends.

Pallbearers will be Ronnie McCoy, Denis Utley, Gary Van Cleave, Eddie McCartney, Larry Cornoyer, and Robert Miller, W.A. MCKeever, Mark Brown & Bruce Baker will be honorary pallbearers.

The family would like to thank Texas Oncology, Hendrick Hospice Care, and a special thank you to Dr. Anton Melnyk and his staff. In addition, our love and thanks to all of our good friends who have provided so much support.

Memorials may be made to the Noah Project, the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

Armstrong Rister. She had lived in Baird since 1984, moving here from Ruidoso, N>M> She was retired business owner and a member of Church of Christ.

Survived by: Longtime companion, Zeno Anjady; one daughter, Brenda Anjady, James of Baird; nieces, nephews, and many more children she raised.

**Parker Funeral**

**Velma Mae Morrison**

**CLYDE--** Velma Mae Morrison, 82, of Clyde died Sunday at a local hospital

Services were at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Clyde with Dr. Toby Henson officiating. Burial was to follow in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morrison was born August 28, 1923 in Callahan County to Silas Alexander and Elizabeth (Judd) Barton. She then grew up in Clyde and graduated from Clyde High School in 1942. She married Ted B. Morrison in Abilene on July 29, 1945, who preceded her in death August 7, 1983. She had retired from the Abilene State School and was a member of the First Baptist Church Clyde.

She is survived by : two

**Evelyn Alberta (Petty) Taylor**

**Clyde-Evelyn Alberta (Petty) Taylor**, 81 of Abilene, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at a local hospital.

Services were to be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday at the First Baptist Church Chapel of Clyde with Rev. Robert Lyon officiating. Burial followed in Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Taylor was born November 16, 1924, in Weinert, Texas to Ammon and Maggie Azilee (Medley) Petty. She graduated from Clyde High School in 1942 as Valedictorian. She was the

sons, Larry Morrison and wife, Fay of Sanger, and Ted Morrison and wife, Nancy of Abilene; one daughter Marcie Lipham and husband, Fred of Abilene; one daughter-in-law, Marie Biggs of Princeton; three brothers, Ralph Barton and wife, Frances, Bill Barton & wife Alice, and Royce Barton and wife, Betty all of El Paso; one sister-in-law, Leta Barton of El Paso; a special friend, Kenneth Anfenon of Clyde; three grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Velma was preceded in death by, a son, Michael Biggs, three brothers, Robert Barton, Raymond Barton, and Perry Barton; and a sister, Annie Lou (Tucker) Mashburn.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

widow of Ralph G. Taylor whom she married on February 8, 1946 in Clyde. The two moed to Abilene from Clyde in 1943. Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker as well member of the First Baptist Church in Clyde since May of 1937.

Survivors include one son, Michael Taylor of Clyde; one brother, Paul Petty of Orlando, Florid.; one sister, Dorothy Alexander of Pasadena, TX and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation was to be Sunday 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

**BAILEY FUNERAL -HOME**

**2007 U.S.D.A. Conservation Program Meeting**

The Callahan County U.S.D.A. Service Center will be hosting a public meeting in Baird on **Monday, August 21st, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.** to provide information and discuss the implementation of the various conservation programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill). This meeting is open to the public and all agriculture Producers, Landowners and interested citizens of Callahan County are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the **Callahan County Courthouse in the County Courtroom located on the 2nd Floor.** The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 12 noon.

A Brief description of the Conservation Program and topics to be discussed at this meeting include **Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP)**-provides annual Rental Payments and cost-share assistance to establish long term, Resource Conserving covers on eligible Farmland.

**Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)**-restores and protects grassland, including rangeland and pastureland and certain other lands, while

maintaining the areas as grazing land.

**Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)** - provides financial and technical assistance to landowners to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land.

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**- offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.

**Resolution Adopting Hazard Mitigation Action Plan**

**Callahan County Resolution Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan**

**WHEREAS,** Certain areas of Callahan County are subject to periodic Flooding and other natural and man-made hazards with the potential to cause harm to people and damages to property within the area, and

**WHEREAS,** Callahan County desires to prepare and mitigate for such circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that local jurisdictions have in place a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan as a condition of receipt of certain future Federal mitigation funding after November 1, 2004; and

**WHEREAS,** to assist cities and counties in meeting this requirement, the West Central Texas Council of Governments, and its contractor, H20 Partners, Inc. of Austin, TX has initiated development of multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan covering Jurisdictions within the West Central Texas Council of Governments, including Callahan County;

**NOW,** therefore, be it resolved, that the Commissioners Court of Callahan County hereby

1. Adopts those portions of the Plan Entitled "West Central Texas

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2. Vests the Callahan County Judge with the Responsibility, Authority, and The Means to:

(a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.  
(b) Develop an addendum to this Hazard Mitigation Plain if the County's unique situation warrants such an addendum.

3. Appoints the Callahan County Judge to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan be reviewed at least annually and that any needed adjustments to the County's Addendum to the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan be developed and presented to the Commissioners' Court for consideration.

4> Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Approved and Adopted by the Callahan County Commissioners' Court, this 10th day of July, 2006.

(s)igned, Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge.

signed, Jeanie Bohannon, Callahan County Clerk

**Read the Callahan Star-Baird Star, Anyway Thanks for Reading!**

**August 4-6**

**Upcoming Sales Tax Holiday**

Consumers across the state will soon be able to take advantage of the upcoming back-to-school sales tax holiday, announced State Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). The annual Sales Tax Holiday is set for the first full weekend in August.

"Texans have the opportunity to save millions of dollars during this program," said Representative Keffer. "I strongly encourage the citizens of District 60 to invest in their community by shopping locally, and parents can then focus their resources on their children's education, healthcare or whatever they deem most necessary."

From Friday morning to midnight on Sunday, August 4-6, shoppers will be able to purchase most clothes and shoes without paying any sales taxes. The holiday will help expand parents' spending power to more easily obtain much needed items for their children's education.

The tax break will apply to both state and local sales taxes adding up to a large amount of savings. Retailers have seen an increased number of shoppers during the holiday comparable to the days after Thanksgiving and Christmas.

During the period, clothes and shoes, including boots that sell for less than \$100 will not be taxed. However, tax will still be due on athletic and protective clothing that is not normally worn except for their intended use. For example, items such as metal baseball cleats, rarely worn except for when playing baseball, will still be taxed. Additionally, taxes will still be due on sales of accessories, jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, and similar items.

For more information about the sales tax holiday, please visit the Texas Comptroller's web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) or call toll free at 1-800-252-5555.

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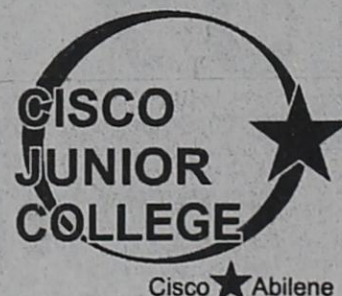
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a local Work Group meeting. The Local Work Group is made up of amandated limited membership that includes the Callahan Divide SWCD Board, Farm Service Agency County Committee, the Callahan County Extension Agent, The NRCS and FSA employees.

If you have an interest in how the Conservation Programs authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill can help you on your farm or, If you have questions, please call NCRS office in Baird at 325-854-1349, EXT 3.