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TDA Provides \$123,600 Award To Pave Way For Baird Economic Development

Austin - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture provided a \$123,600 Texas Capital Fund award to the city of Baird to provide water and sewer lines for Titan Steel.

Titan Steel is a manufacturer of metal buildings and is looking to expand its operations in the city of Baird. With the help of the Texas Capital Fund program, Titan Steel plans to construct a shop and office building that will bring new business to the community and provide eight new jobs while retaining six previous positions.

"This will undoubtedly attract growth and opportunity for Baird," Combs said. "The end result will be a stronger city and a stronger community. It's an example of good business and great partnerships at work for rural Texas."

The Grant is through the Texas Capital Fund, which is part of the federal Community Development Block Grant program. The Texas Capital Fund provides about \$12.5 million in competitive grants each year to small Texas cities and counties for economic development.

In 2001, the 77th Legislature transferred the administration of the Texas Capital Fund to the TDA. The program is housed under TDA's Rural Economic Development Division which is overseen by Robert Wood, assistant commissioner for Rural Economic Development.

"The Texas Capital Fund is a great tool to help TDA con-

tinue its work to help close the economic gap between urban and rural Texas," Combs said. "Rural Texans have average incomes of about \$18,000 a year compared with \$26,000 a year for urban residents.

"The poverty rate in rural Texas is more than 20 percent compared with a 16 percent poverty rate in cities," Combs said. "In addition, 70 rural counties lost population in the 1990s, with the biggest decline occurring in counties that are dependent on agriculture or oil and gas."

The Texas Capital Fund provides funding for infrastructure, real estate and main street development. Infrastructure Development Program loans and grants may be used for projects that include water and sewer lines, road improvements, fiber optic lines and railroad spurs. Real Estate Development Program loans may be used to acquire, construct or rehabilitate buildings. Both of these programs support companies that commit to job creation for low- to moderate income individuals. The Main Street Improvement Program provides grants to communities designated by the Texas Historical Commission as Main Street cities for rehabilitating downtown areas.

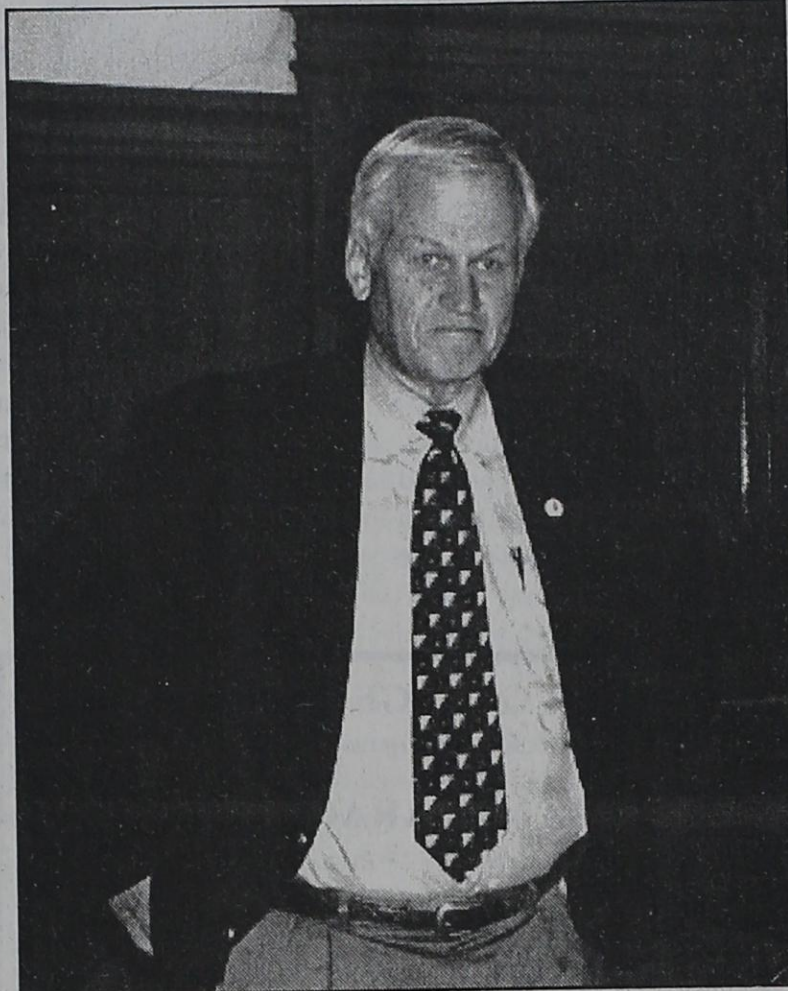
For more information about the Texas Capital Fund contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, Rural Economic Development Division, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, or call the toll-free Rural Assistance line at (877)428-7848.

Baird Elementary Citizen Of The Week



Ivy Byram, Mrs. Salli Williams 5th grade. She is the daughter of Dennis and Kathy Byram.

Call Margaret for all your local happenings and up to date news 254-629-1707



Congressman Charles Stenholm gives updates on pending issues in Congress and answers questions of concerned citizens at a stopover on Monday in Callahan County.

U. S. Congressman Charles Stenholm made a "meet and greet" stopover at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird on Monday on his way to an Eastland County Democratic Political Action Committee gathering in Cisco.

Before arriving in Baird, the Congressman attended a Commemorative Ceremony for Veterans in Anson.

The welfare of Veterans was also high on the list of discussion items, as Callahan County Veterans Agent Tom Ivey presented concerns regarding the closing of the VA Hospital in Big Springs.

Citizens expressed concerns about the growing federal deficit, and ask Congressman Stenholm's opinion regarding COOL (country of origin labeling) and the Medicare-Pharmaceutical Benefits bill, which Stenholm expects to pass next week.

Speaking of redistricting, Stenholm said he was prepared to run in three districts - 17, 13, or 19, and "give them heck." He does not feel, however, that the new district map will pass the Supreme Court. Our present district map was certified by the Supreme Court as being legal, he said.

(more on Stenholm's visit in our next edition)

USDA Service Center Will Host Public Meeting Nov. 17

The Callahan County USDA Service Center will be hosting a public meeting in Baird on Monday, Nov. 17, 2003 at 9:00 AM to provide information and to 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 second floor. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and will end at 12 noon.

If you have an interest in how the Conservation Programs authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill can help you on your farm, Please plan on attending this meeting.

For questions call (325)854-1349 ext. 3.

Nicki Harle Announces Candidacy For State Representative: Hopes To Bring Rural Perspective To Texas Legislature

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003, Baird resident Nicki Harle announced her candidacy as Republican nominee for State Representative in District 53.

Callahan County is the northern tip of the 15 county district, which also includes Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher and Sutton Counties.

District 53 is presently represented by Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville.

Nicki Harle, who announced her candidacy on the Callahan County Courthouse steps, said that this fulfilled a long time dream of hers.

She thanked husband Dr. Rob Harle, who joined her for the occasion, for his support.

The couple was married in 1974, and raised 3 sons who



Nicki Harle, shown here with husband Dr. Rob Harle, announces her candidacy for State Representative, District 53, on the Callahan County Courthouse steps.

First United Methodist Church Invites To Lord's Acre Celebration: Crafts, entertainment, and traditional southern turkey dinner are features which include all community members

The First United Methodist Church of Baird extends an invitation to everyone in the Big Country to join its annual Lord's Acre Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 at the Baird School Cafetorium. The day long event begins at 10:00 a.m. with a craft and bake sale.

Corrinne Walden of Clyde made and donated a gorgeous queen size quilt to be raffled. The quilt is a log cabin design done in regal fall colors such as beige, gold, red and purple. It will be on display in the cafetorium the day of the celebration. Tickets for the raffle are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The winner will be drawn during the auction. You do not need to be present to win.

This year, a special feature has been added to include the children of the community in the day's festivities.

Clowns will be on hand from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. to entertain the youngsters by making balloon figures.

At the same time, there will be a variety of carnival-style

games. There will be a duck pond, ring toss, and balloon darts - to name a few. All games cost a quarter and prizes will be awarded for each.

Once again, a delicious, traditional southern turkey dinner with cornbread dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls and dessert will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, twelve and under. Take out orders, as well as home delivered meals, are available. Anyone needing home delivery should call 854-1080.

Following the dinner, there will be an auction. Some of the many auction items are: a Toy Story Lunch Tote that resembles a saddle bag; Sterling silver fashion pendant and earrings; a seven volume video set produced by the History Channel entitled WW II Chronicles, and a Black and Decker Espresso Mio microwavalbe cappuccino machine. Other items include

a deluxe gift bath and body spa brand basket valued at \$75; a Great American Steakhouse Onion machine; a three piece silver picture frame set; and an Avon Legendary Locomotive Collection train, the Great Northern F-7.

The list of items are too numerous to mention in their entirety, but its safe to say that there is something for everyone on your Christmas shopping list!

As always, everyone is invited to join this annual fundraiser for a day of fun, food, shopping and fellowship.

For more information, call Catherine Brock at 854-2053 or the Church at 854-1080.

The Mission of Miracles Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Council will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at 141 Chestnut and 2nd Street. This is the planning session for Christmas and All are welcome. Ministers or representatives from each church especially wanted.

First Baptist Church Of Baird Events Scheduled

Nov. 16 is the deadline for the Youth of First Baptist Church of Baird food drive to benefit the Clothes Closet food pantry. Some may be going door to door asking for donations. If you would like to contribute, please call Ryan Ward, youth minister, 854-1903 or the church office for the youth to pick up any canned goods or you may bring the items by the church office 8:30 - 5:00 Monday - Thursday.

Nov. 16th is the last collection day for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry led by Franklin Graham. Everyone can participate by filling a shoe box with toys, small gifts, soaps, toothbrushes, puzzles, hard candy, stuffed

animals, cars etc. for a needy child in a trouble country. They will be taken to the regional pickup point in Abilene on the 17th. Each shoe box needs a check for \$5.00 made to Samaritan's Purse to cover shipping costs.

Nov. 23rd Annual Community Thanksgiving service. This year the service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Baird. Everyone in the community is invited to attend the service which begins at 7:00 p.m. There will not be any activities at 1st Baptist Church Baird that evening.

Nov. 26th No services on this Wed. Evening so that families can be together for Thanksgiving.

Dec. 2nd. Men's prayer breakfast with breakfast ready at 6:30 a.m. so that you may get to your appointed place by 8:00. All men in the community are welcome to this time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

Dec. 6th Womens Retreat for All ladies of the community with Peg Forrest. Theme is "Fixing your Eyes on Jesus." It will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Bess Swinson

BAIRD- Bess Swinson, 82, of Baird, died Sunday, November 9, 2003 at an Abilene hospital.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at Ross Cemetery directed by Parker Funeral Home. Rev. Chad King officiated.

Mrs. Swinson was born January 17, 1921 on a farm in Oravada, Nevada. She attended a country school the first eight years. She then went to live with her grandmother in San Francisco, CA. in order to go to high school. After a year, she attended beauty school. She worked in different beauty shops from 1939 to 1945. She married Eldreath, Jeter, a sailor from Baird. They had a daughter, Sharon. Eldreath was killed in 1947. Then she

married Gene Swinson in San Angelo, TX on November 12, 1949. She worked for 30 years ironing, doing child care for four years, for 18 years for Baird Schools, and 30 years in First Baptist Church nursery, where she was a member. She also helped with the Meals on Wheels in Baird. She was a resident of Baird for 58 years.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ella Jean Swinson.

Survivors include her husband Gary Dorman of Clovis, NM and Rae and husband Ronnie Webb of Haskell; one son, Robert Swinson of Abilene; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Meals on Wheels or the Baird Clothes Closet.

Moran High Class of '37 Holds Reunion At Snyder Ranch

Two hundred, fifty-one years and nine months.

That figure represents the combined ages of the three celebrants of the Class of '37, Moran High School, who were "ready, willing and able" to meet recently for dinner with James Snyder at his ranch home north of Baird.

The fiftieth reunion of the class in 1987 at the Moran Homecoming was preceded with a dinner and "slumber party" with the late Nadine Pinnell Brewster in Albany, sister of Veda Ben Pinnell Evans, class of '37. Since that fiftieth reunion, Synder has hosted the class dinner almost every year. Some years conflicts precluded the annual meeting, but not many.

Four other class members of the graduating class of fifteen could not attend this year because of failing health or distance. Also, three persons

who were class members almost the entire four years of high school could not be present this fall.

Members of the graduating class who were not there were Aileen (Gunn) Brewster, Ella Reese (Jackson) Shelton, Minnie Tom (Purves) Pheil and Charles B. Chaney.

Class members present were host James Snyder, who was Senior Class President; Katherine (Freeman) Ricks, who headed the "Pep Squad," usual name for the cheering section "in those days;" and Julia (Ballard) Worthy, valedictorian.

Also present were Julia's daughter Catherine and Catherine's son, Walt; and Denise Berry, a friend whose unobtrusive touches helped make the evening the pleasure it was.

submitted by Julia Worthy

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Stenholm Leads Bipartisan Effort To Defeat EPA Rules That Could Harm Texas Oil, Gas Production


Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) voted to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing overly burdensome regulations regarding storm water runoff from oil and natural gas drilling construction sites. The motion, sponsored by Congressman Bob Filner (D-CA), would have requested the EPA to extend the stormwater permit to include runoff from the production site before drilling actually occurs.

Oil and gas producers "do an excellent job" controlling pollution because the "rules and regulations that Texas imposes upon the oil and gas industry" already provide adequate environmental protection, Stenholm said on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives last night. "My small towns and communities have got real problems" with the unreasonable increase in regulations. "It would have a very damaging effect on economic development," Stenholm said.

Stenholm and Congressman Joe Barton (R-TX) of Ennis worked together to encourage members of Congress to vote against this notion. It was defeated by a margin of 210 to 188 with Stenholm leading 18 other Democrats to vote against the measure. Stenholm and Barton engaged in a lengthy discussion on the floor of the House last night, describing the problems these regulations would cause for independent oil and gas produc-

ers in West Texas. The motion came to a final vote. "I think it's unconscionable that the permit process could be delayed for months--if not years--in certain drilling locations," Stenholm said. "I do not support measures that could potentially harm the environment. However, issu-

ing permits for stormwater runoff from drilling sites where no drilling activity has occurred is not practical." The 2003 energy bill is expected to pass the House of Representatives and the Senate very soon, and it includes language that clarifies the stormwater issue.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Combating Diabetes
Nearly 1.5 million Texans are living with diabetes. Unfortunately, almost one-third of them don't know it. You or someone you love could be one of an estimated half million undiagnosed cases. It's time to take action and reverse those disturbing statistics. November is American Diabetes Month, a perfect time to learn about the threat

of diabetes and what you can do to combat this disease. Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death and one of the most serious health problems in Texas. There is no cure for diabetes yet, but if detected early and carefully managed, diabetics can live healthy, active lives. What is diabetes? Diabetes is a disease affecting the pancreas. A healthy, functioning pancreas releases

a hormone called insulin to help the body store and use sugar and fat from food. In diabetics, the pancreas is unable to properly use sugar. Diabetes can lead to major complications with the body's circulation and nervous systems, such as damaged limbs and organs, and blindness. Diabetics are also more prone to other serious health problems. For example, heart disease is the leading cause of diabetes-related deaths and more than 60 percent of diabetics have high blood pressure. There are three types of diabetes: type 1, type 2 and gestational (occurring during a pregnancy). Type 1 diabetes makes up less than 10 percent of all cases and usually occurs before age 20. People with type 1 diabetes don't produce insulin and require regular injections of the hormone. Type 2 diabetics produce some insulin, but it's either not enough or doesn't work properly. Seventeen million Americans have type 2 diabetes, making up more than 90 percent of all cases. This form of the disease usually doesn't develop overnight. Doctors can often detect the likelihood of type 2 diabetes before the condition actually occurs.

If left untreated, diabetes can be life-threatening, so it is crucial to identify and diagnose it early and treat it properly. Education is the key to fighting this treatable disease. Today, most people who develop type 2 diabetes are over the age of 40, overweight and not physically active. Unfortunately, the number of children with this

due to fatty, high-sugar diets and less active lifestyles. To lower the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, carefully monitor your diet, exercise regularly, and keep cholesterol and blood pressure levels low. How can I tell if I have diabetes?

If you, or someone you know, is currently suffering from extreme thirst, fatigue, frequent urination, and/or unexplained weight loss, you might have diabetes. It is a good idea to check with your doctor, who can properly diagnose diabetes and get you started on a path to better health.

If you are diagnosed with diabetes, you can manage it by maintaining a diet low in fat, salt and sugar. Doctors recommend daily physical activity, lowering your blood pressure, and taking medication as prescribed, to ensure your glucose levels stay within a safe range.


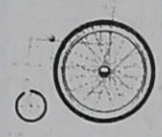
In Congress, we are working to do our part by increasing

funding for diabetes research. The Senate has approved \$1.8 billion for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases to conduct clinical research into the causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment into several disease categories, including diabetes. The funds will also be used to transfer the knowledge gained from the program to health professionals, patients, and the general public, ensuring the research doesn't sit on a laboratory shelf, but is translated into vital resources for the American people. The 1.5 million Texans living with undiagnosed diabetes are 1.5 million too many. For more information about diabetes, contact the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES or visit its Web site at www.diabetes.org <<http://www.diabetes.org>>

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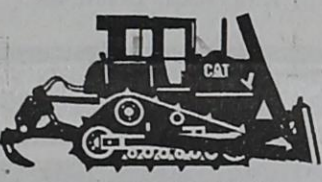
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Troy Fraser, Republican, Horseshoe Bay, Texas Senate, District 24
Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Gillispie, Hamilton, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, San Saba and Taylor.

Charles Stenholm, Democrat, Abilene, Texas U.S. House of Rep., District 17
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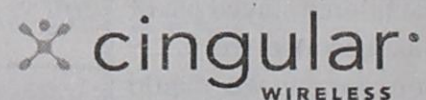
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It's Party Time

Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

I entertained at the Cisco Opry a few nights ago and quite a few people told me they were missing my articles in the paper. I tried to explain to them that the paper does not always have room for my articles. I do appreciate it when they are printed, however.

Two ladies at the Opry told me they especially enjoyed my articles about the early days of Cisco. I promised to write more of those when I have time.

I clearly remember making a slingshot with a piece of leather and two heavy cords, and going hunting for rabbits and squirrels in the area where Hillside Village is now located. A little creek ran through the area and wild grapevines grew in profusion. When the vines were dry, we

would break off about a five or six inch piece of one of those vines and smoke it, or at least we tried to smoke it. If our parents had known about our vine smoking we probably would have had to stand to eat our meals for a while.

We had hours and hours of fun walking on homemade stilts. Oh sure, we would fall once in a while but it was still fun to us.

We had no television, no Little Leagues, no sidewalks to skate on, and certainly no DVD players. We made our own entertainment.

Several of us drank soda pop from the same bottle, and none of us died from that.

Several of our group had bicycles. We played our version of polo on those bikes. None of us wore helmets, yet we all survived. I even remember when our High School Football team was not required to wear helmets.

My mother assigned certain chores to me, and one of my responsibilities was to place the Ice Card in the window at night so that Mr. Fleming, the Ice Man, would know how much ice to bring into our house when he delivered ice the next morning. We had an Icebox, not a refrigerator. We didn't even have electricity.

Another of my assigned chores was securing and cutting wood for the iron washpot in our back yard. I also had to dry the dishes and do the churning. My sister did all the remaining chores.

Mom and Dad took us to church Sunday mornings and Sunday nights and we also attended mid-week Prayer meetings and every service of every Revival meeting. We even attended many Revivals at other Churches and other Denominations.

We children stayed out of trouble, because we knew the punishment we would receive at home if we were involved in any kind of misbehavior.

every minute of it, and I am confident that if our youth today had to live under the conditions we did in our day, everybody would benefit from it.

Keeping Our Promises To Veterans

By Congressman Charlie Stenholm

We must neither forget nor ignore the debt we owe to those who have served the United States so nobly. In wartime, the very best of our young people are asked to risk and possibly lose their lives in order to advance our national interests. In peacetime, answering the call to military service also requires a great deal of hard work and sacrifice. Whether in war or in peace, the sacrifices made to serve our country cannot be ignored, and on Veterans Day, we should be very grateful to those who answered the call to duty.

Veterans Day brings to mind images of war and loss, of victory and triumph, and of the welcome return home. After the conflict is over,

service personnel return as veterans to live out their lives. Their honorable service earned a debt of gratitude to be paid not only in the form of national holidays and parades, but also in the form of access to healthcare and health benefits for themselves and their spouses, and in the form of full pay, both retirement and disability. Veterans are indeed remembered on their special days, but during the rest of the year they are increasingly forgotten. Too many officials have paid lip service to veterans, have made promises to honor old vows, but soon after Election Day these officials cast aside their own commitments.

Can we in good conscience ask today's troops, who are risking their lives overseas, to return home to broken promises and half-hearted funding of hard-earned benefits? Unfortunately, this monstrous request has been made several times this year by those who had waved the flag in front of veterans and told them they will be remembered, only to ignore those same promises when it came time to make tough choices in Washington. This disturbing cycle of

forgetfulness towards our veterans must end. I am proud to have joined the fight to honor the promises made to our veterans. Our nation has been in a state of war for most of 2003, and for me this very fact has brought into sharp relief how we have treated our veterans when their honorable service is done. When we think about our combat troops in Iraq and Afghanistan - who bravely face danger - we are thinking about tomorrow's veterans.

I am fighting to help veterans benefit from the promises that were made to them. I am fighting to help them gain their full retirement and disability pay, to have full access to healthcare at fully funded facilities, to realize the promises made to old cold warriors for dependent care,

and to help the surviving spouses of deceased veterans. The fight I am in is not only for today's veterans, but for the young folks who are in a dangerous fight today, who will become veterans tomorrow.

Fort Stockton Man's Probation Revoked

Presiding Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court revoked the probation of SATDIEL JEREMY DOMINGUEZ, Monday morning after hearing testimony. Dominguez, a Fort Stockton resident, had previously been placed on six years probation on May 3, 2001 for the felony offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Cocaine, 4 grams

or more but less than 200 grams. The Court sentenced Dominguez to eight years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, for violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

BEAUTY TIP

After washing your hair, you should never try to blow-dry it when it's soaking wet. Instead, gently towel-dry it first until it's just damp. Then you can blow it out, styling as usual. Alternatively, you can use the high setting to dry very wet hair until it's just damp, but be careful. All that heat can easily damage hair. Using styling mousse or gel will help your style stay put throughout the day. However, it's best to just apply this to the roots for maximum volume. Otherwise, you could end up with weighted-down hair.

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The First Thanksgiving From The Turkey's Side

By Dr. Gobbler

(Dr. Gobbler is a domestic turkey from Crawford, TX, who is mascot for Dr. Gobbler's compost. At one time, he wrote an advice column for a number of newspapers.)

Much has been recorded about the first Thanksgiving near Plymouth Rock. How the Pilgrims partied with roasted corn, deer meat, and assorted nuts (some weird neighbors dropped by).

Much is true. Some is fabricated. So I will tell you what my feathered ancestors told me, and make up the rest.

A Hunk of History

1620 brought a wretched winter. Brutal cold, icy roads, bad TV (mostly reruns, including the ghastly sitcom "Mayflower Momma").

1621 fared much better. Corn grew higher than the Pilgrims' tallest forefather. "Wow," marveled one kid, "it's taller than Pop!" That, of course, is where we get the term "popcorn".

On December 13 Governor William Bradford decreed that a day should be set aside to feast. So men gathered fish and vegetables. Women cooked corn bread. Nobody made sandwiches, which weren't invented yet.

Then a colonist said, "How about wild turkey?" Another said, "Great idea. I love them on sandwiches." And the first colonist said, "Silly pilgrim. Sandwiches

haven't been invited yet." But both colonists agreed they'd make a great meal. So they dispatched several hunters armed with bows and arrows, slingshots and a single primitive machine gun.

Facts About

My Great Grandpa

The settlers knew my ancestors as formidable opponents, a source of colorful clothing, and tasty treats around the campfire. Wild turkeys boasted beautiful plumage, weighed about 20 pounds, and could cleverly evade their stalkers.

Know why? Because turkeys see much better than people, and signaled each other when danger approached.

Also, these birds could run fast, and fly up to 55 mph. In fact, that's how settlers caught them.

The tricky settlers sneaked out to forest trails, posted 30 mph speed limit signs, then hid to wait for birds. When turkey flew by, hunters turned on a siren, and waved them over to issue "speeding tickets".

The law abiding birds stopped mid-flight -- which made no aerodynamic sense -- then fell straight down into the Pilgrims' trap. (A few escaped, and scrawled the bird-witnessed account you're reading now.)

Finally . . .

Soon many turkeys roasted over the settlers' spit. That's a gross way to moisten tur-

key, but they didn't have margarine.

Many generations of gobblers have flown through history since that first celebration. Today, you humans eat domestic turkeys, who've been raised to give you more protein for the pound.

But Dr. Gobbler will never forget his wild ancestors, and the role they played in nourishing our forefathers and our foremothers too.

Each year, we honor the turkey with a Thanksgiving

Day parade. One day, you might even see Dr. Gobbler himself atop a float.

But that's in the future. The Thanksgiving that counts most is not the first one or some future one, but this one. It's all about family, about sharing food, and football and friendship.

I hope you have a great day. But if you see me before the big event, don't tell anybody.

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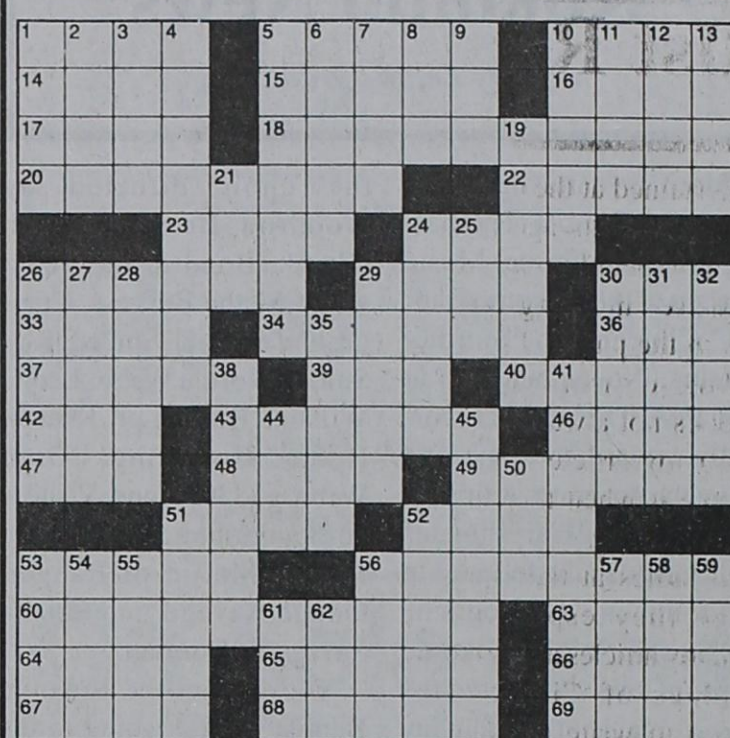
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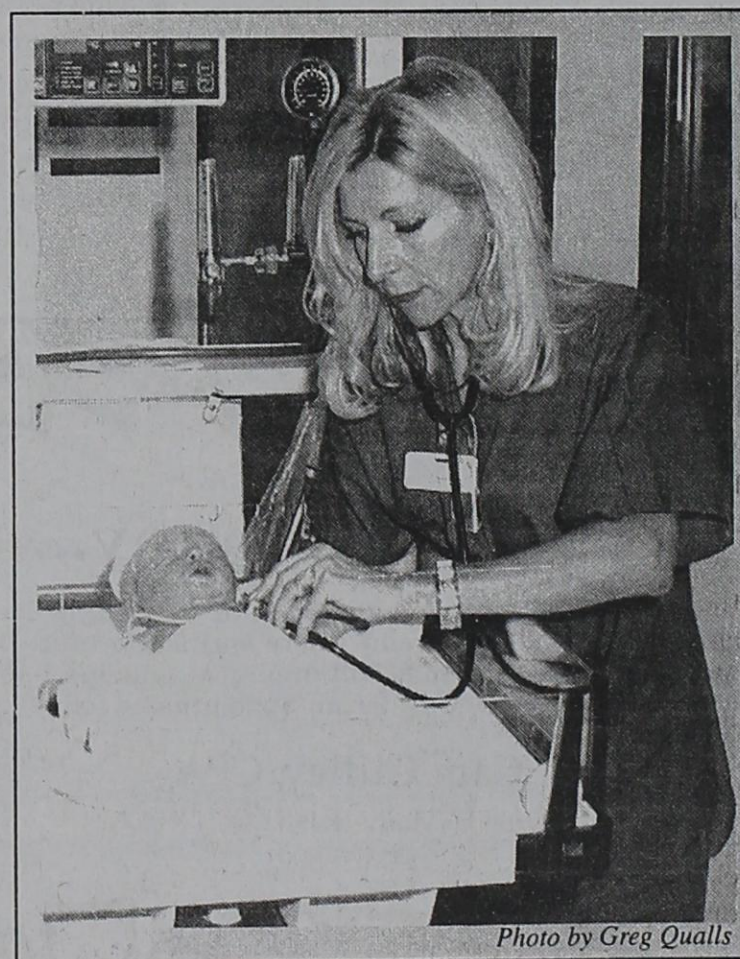


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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Glorify, featuring Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas, will present a Gospel Music Concert at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday evening, November 16th at 6:00 P.M. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy the program. A time of fellowship and refreshments will be held in the fellowship hall following the program.

The choir of the Kokomo Baptist Church rendered the special music at the Sunday morning service. Those in

the choir directed by Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano were: Aletha Burgess, Crystal and Rachel Snider, Kay Snider, Norma Webb, Leona Wilson, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, and Joe Bond. Visitors at the morning service were Myrtle Martin of Ranger, Odene Savage and Trisha Savage of Gorman.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor in Gorman

on Sunday afternoon for the church service were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks.

Dena Roy Cornelius of Lake Palo Pinto and Beverley and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Wednesday.

Oren and Norma Webb were in Brownwood on Saturday to see the 5th and 6th grade football team, coached by their grandson, Jacob Webb of Tarleton University, play in their "Super Bowl" game in Gordon Wood Sta-

dium. They won the game. Congratulations to Jacob and his team. Randall, Kaci and Aaron Suniga of Comanche also attended the game.

Roy and Sharon Davis of Odessa, Darlene Hampton of Carbon, Joe and Glynda Bond, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Norma Webb and Maxine Huddleston visited with Zelda Jordan.

The Thanksgiving Dinner at the Kokomo Baptist Church has been set for Sunday, November 23, following the morning worship service. Visitors are welcome.

The "Kokomo News" will be put on "hold" for a short time while I recuperate from knee surgery.

I'm a little early, but I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. May we be thankful not only that day, but every day for all the blessings that God gives to us each day. Just this past week we received some much needed rain. What a blessing that was.

Phone Home It's Me - God!



People who witnessed Jesus' many miracles took these experiences as proof that Jesus was the Son of God. Yet, Jesus did not perform these feats to prove anything. Always, He was moved by compassion. He preferred that people listen to His teachings and follow them.

In your own life, it shouldn't take a miracle to convince you to believe and follow the way. You may not know it, but you're already surrounded by miracles. They're not necessarily the flashy, in-your-face kind. You can find them in the wonders of nature, the jubilation when a sick loved one gets well, your own unique talents, and your friends and family.

You have as much proof as you need should you just dare to look. And remember, when you pray, I may not always give you the answer you seek - but I do answer, always.

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'Radio' Held Over At Majestic Theater

Due to popular demand, Theater Manager Ed Allcorn is holding the movie "Radio" over for another week at the Majestic Theater. It can be seen at the Theater from Friday, Nov. 14 through Monday, Nov. 17, with curtain time 7:30 nightly. Admission is \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults only for \$5.50.

The film is rated PG, with parents cautioned as to some language and elements in the theme. "Radio" is called a "sports melodrama." But it is as much about people and their relationships as it is football. Not that there isn't a lot of football!

The movie is inspired by

actual events in South Carolina town in 1976, and the town is in a frenzy about football. The High School team is a main topic of conversation, and that team is supposed to win! One day Coach Harold Jones (Ed Harris) finds a mentally challenged young black man, James 'Radio' Kennedy, hanging about the football field in curiosity. Kennedy (Cuba Gooding Jr.) has been nicknamed "Radio" because he collects discarded radios. After witnessing his players harass Radio, Coach Jones starts taking a liking to the man - and invites him into his world of classrooms and life-lessons. Radio reacts to his interest and kindness, and a

strong bond of friendship is formed. But when the Coach starts trying to integrate Radio into the town, he finds resistance at every turn. But regardless of how Radio is treated, there is no downside to him. He does not retaliate. He's around spreading joy to everyone, unable to understand his own real problems.

In a small, supporting role, Debra Winger plays the patient wife of Coach Jones. We find her leaving dinner on the table, waiting for him to come home. The movie touches a number of bases. But it generally leaves a thoughtful, warm feeling, and a realization of the burdens others sometimes bear.

Home School Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday

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Groundbreaking For First Texas State Veterans Cemetery Held

The groundbreaking for the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery was to take place on Veterans Day, November 11, in Killeen, at 3 p.m. Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, hosted the event. Among those expected to attend were William W. McLemore, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards; U.S. Rep. John Carter; state Sen. Troy Fraser; state Rep. Dianne White Delisi; state Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp; state Rep. Sid Miller; Killeen Mayor Maureen Jouett; Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood; and Brig. Gen. Allen R. Dehnert, Assistant Adjutant General of Texas (Air).

The 1st Cavalry Division Band and Color Guard, as well as hundreds of veterans, also took part in the event.

A special Web page with information on the groundbreaking ceremony and future cemetery can be found at www.glo.state.tx.us/killeen. For additional information on Texas State Veterans Cemeteries and other veterans programs offered by the Texas Veterans Land Board, call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387), or visit the Veterans Land Board Web Site at www.texasveterans.com.

WHO: Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office; William W. McLemore, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and Ranger Kiwanis Club Flea Market Sat., Nov. 15

Ranger Kiwanis Club flea market has been rescheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 311 E. Loop 254 (across from Vasquez Conoco). Vendors are welcome with spaces 10 x 15 available for a small fee.

Anyone wishing to donate any items for the flea market, please contact the Kiwanis Club to arrange for pickup of items.

There will be numerous items for sale at flea market prices, as well as snacks & drinks.

Proceeds from the market will be used to help offset youth activities throughout the year including boys baseball and girls softball, scholarships and numerous donations to community activities.

For donation of sale items or information, contact Janice Cozart at 647-5265.

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Jury Convicts Man Of Driving While Intoxicated

Last Tuesday, a petit jury in the County Court of Eastland found Jerry Don Reeves, Jr., 37, of Cisco, guilty of Driving While Intoxicated.

Reeves was initially stopped for speeding by a DPS Trooper on Texas Highway 6. Abilene Attorney Lynn Ingalsbe represented Reeves at trial.

Presiding Judge Brad Stephenson assessed

punishment, sentencing Reeves to one hundred eighty (180) days confinement in the Eastland County Jail and a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00. Since Reeves had not been previously convicted of a crime, Judge Stephenson suspended the

Bring pencil and paper to take notes if you like. Visitors welcome.

For more information call Betty Beggs 254-725-7235 leave message if no answer.

Cross Plains Art Club To Meet

The Cross Plains Art Club will meet at the Multi-Purpose Center 1st at Beech St in Cross Plains Thursday, November 20th at 2 p.m. There will be new types of well known artists to show.

International Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards; U.S. Rep. John Carter; state Sen. Troy Fraser; state Rep. Dianne White Delisi; state Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp; state Rep. Sid Miller; Killeen Mayor Maureen Jouett; Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood; and Brig. Gen. Allen R. Dehnert, Assistant Adjutant General of Texas (Air).

WHAT: Groundbreaking for the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

WHEN: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2003.

WHERE: The northwest corner of Texas 195 at Chaparral Road, about six miles south of U.S. 190.

sentence and placed Reeves on community supervision for a period of eighteen (18) months.

Time: 8:00 a.m. till ???
 When: Saturday, November 15th
 Where: Behind Cisco Post Office (old VFW) "Come One - Come All".

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Justice Wright and Justice McCall).
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Cases Submitted
 Fredrick Lee Anderson v. State of Texas, Dallas.
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The Reader Who Cares

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner
 My thoughts have recently turned to things to meditate or think on. I am reminded that God is working every day in my life. I've seen several artists lately who use their paint brushes to add color, shadow and line to make a finished product that is a thing of beauty and very eye catching. That is what God does on a regular basis in our life to make us into a person of beauty beginning on the inside and working to the outside. Are you accepting the lines and the shadows gracefully?

Probation Revoked In DWI Felony

Presiding Judge Steven Herod revoked the probation of Martin David Sharp, 44, Thursday afternoon after hearing testimony in the 91st District Courtroom in Eastland. Sharp, a former Eastland resident, had previously been placed on seven years probation on December 5, 2001 for Driving While Intoxicated - Third Offense. Judge Herod sentenced Sharp to eight (8) years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division for violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

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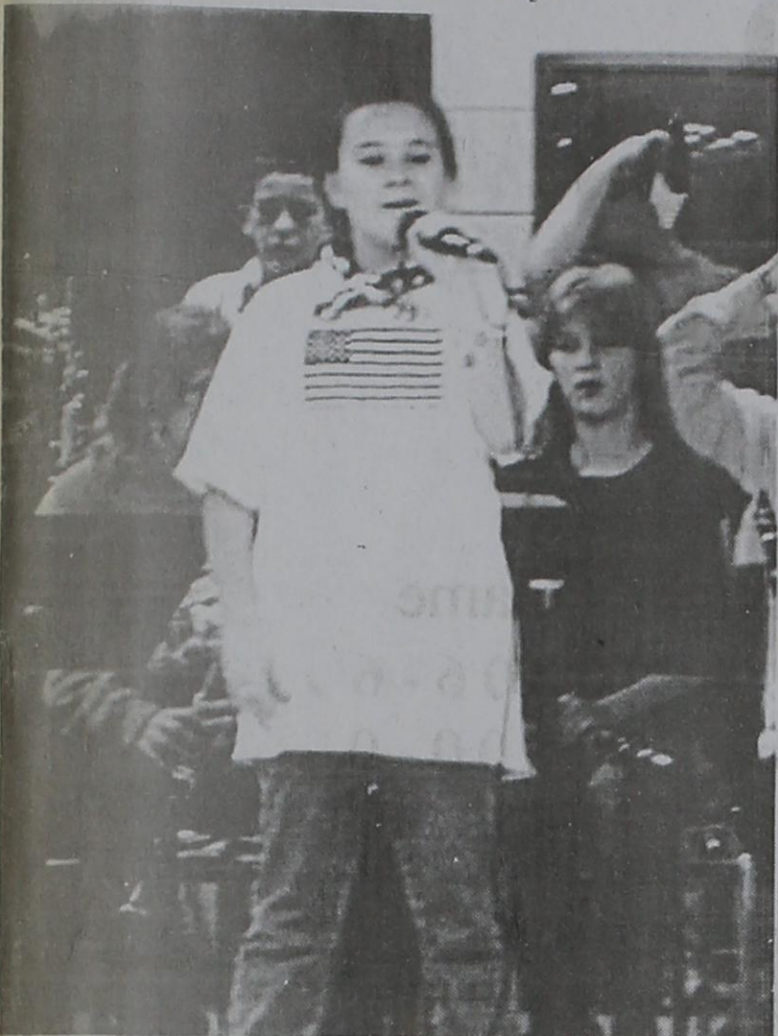
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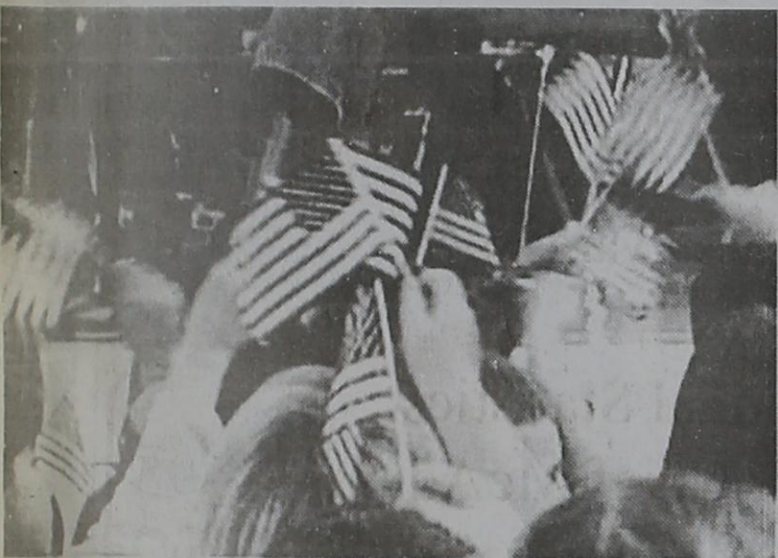

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Elementary School News

Baird Elementary held a short program honoring our nation's Veterans on Tuesday.



Ivy Byram, 5th grader, sang God Bless the U.S.A.



Students waved American flags during the singing of God Bless the USA.



Ms. Sikes, band director and Shelby Strickland, 6th grader played TAPS to conclude program.



Baird 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are reading up a storm. These students were at the top of their class in Accelerated Reading points for the 2nd six weeks of school. The teachers and staff congratulate you on a job well done! Backrow: Emily Sturiale, Karen Pursley, Alex Neal, Amber Clark. Front row: Rainy Burks, Jeremy Matthews, Brittney Russo-absent, Shelby Strickland, Mitzy McDowell, Holley Owens.

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Harle
 ing prevalent in Austin," she added.

Nicki Harle has served as the first and only executive director of the Texas Midwest Community Network, a regional organization covering 25 rural counties working with local elected officials and community leaders in more than 40 small cities on the very problems that face all of rural Texas.

She was appointed by Texas Speaker of the House Tom Craddick to the governing board of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), a state agency established by the 77th Legislature.

"I have gained first hand knowledge of the unique challenges small town leaders must deal with on a daily basis. Infrastructure maintenance and legislative mandates continue to stretch local resources beyond capacity," the Texas native said. "We must not allow rural Texas to be forgotten in the rush to expand the urban landscape."

The Harles are landowners with a small ranching operation, and are members of the Texas Farm Bureau and Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn.

Nicki Harle is a graduate of Texas State University, and is trained in economic development and is also a 1996 graduate of Leadership Texas.

As State Representative, she said she wants to bring experience and an involved rural perspective to the Texas Legislature.

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BAIRD BEARS

Win Over Panthers Clinches Playoff Spot For Bears

Wet and cold weather might have been a factor in the close game between the Baird Bears and the Gorman Panthers on Friday night. A will to fight on both sides was a more likely element.

"It was an important game for both teams ... a real defensive game," a Bear's spokesperson said.

The second playoff spot in District 14 A was on the line, and after battling through 4 quarters, the score stood 0-0.

A fumble by the Panthers, who carried the ball in overtime and were at the Bear's 1-yard line, was taken by Baird's Chance Rodrigues and returned for a 99-yard touchdown. The score of 6-0 clinched the game and the playoffs for the Bears.

The Baird team now faces the winner of the Roscoe - Harper game, scheduled Saturday at 2 p.m. in San Angelo Stadium.

Friday Night's Game

Baird -- 00006-6

Gorman -- 00000-0

Baird:

First Downs 10

Rushes - yards 32-114

Passings - yards 59

Comp-Att-Int 4-9-0

Punts - avg. 4-38

Fumbles - lost 3-3

Penalties - yards 6-65

Baird Girls' Cross Country Team Places 7th In Saturday Competition

In Cross Country, the Baird Girl's Team placed 7 with 248 Saturday in the Region II 1A competition at UT-Arlington.

Individual Statistics

Rushing -- Baird: Chief McAdams 14-95

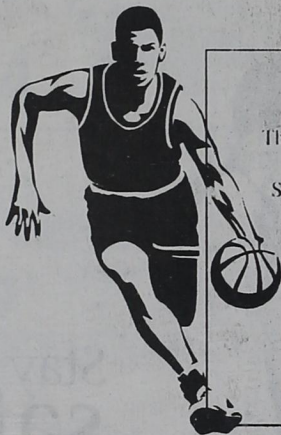
Passing -- Baird: Josh Sims 4-9-0-59 yards

Receiving -- Baird: Scott Bland 3-29; L.J.

Mendez 1-30

Go! Teams

Go!



November Basketball Schedule

High School

Thurs., Nov. 6 Red & White Scrimmage, Baird, 6:00 p.m., JHG, JVG, VG

Thurs., Nov. 13 Hico (Scrimmage), Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Sat., Nov. 15 Rule, May, Tolar (Scrimmage, Baird, 1:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Tues., Nov. 18 Winters, Baird, 5:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Fri., Nov. 21 TBA

Mon., Nov. 24 Roby, Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Tues., Nov. 25 Cisco, Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Junior High

Nov. 17, Albany, There, 6:00, 7G, 8 G

Nov. 17, Albany, Here, 6:00, 7B, 8 B

Nov. 24, Gorman, There, 5:00, 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B

Week 11 Area Football Results

Cisco 45 Anson 8
 Eastland 42 Stamford 6
 Cross Plains 37 Ranger 0
 Baird 6 Gorman 0 (OT)
 Tolar 54 Rising Star 0
 Strawn 54 Newcastle 8

Clyde Hardware And Supply
 119 Pecan
 893-4260

Callahan County Baird Star
 211 Market St.

Canterbury Villa
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Parker Funeral Home
 25 Years Service to Baird
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 854-1133

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