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Thursday, June 17, 2004

Sunshine, Shopping, Culinary Treats Greet Visitors At Baird Antiques Market, Trade Days



Sunshine, shopping, and all sorts of culinary treats greeted visitors at the Baird Antiques Market & Trade Days on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Interesting highlights included the Tea Time Appraisal, a scale model railroad exhibit, and autograph signing by former Baird resident Buddy Hart of a book written by Charles Anderson about Hart's POW experiences during WW II.

Visitors came from the Big Country, and others ventured off the I 20 to shop and eat in Baird.

Guest dealers from 27 cities, along with local merchants, offered a variety of items for visitors strolling through Market Street.

Baird I. S. D. Board Elects Officers, Expresses Appreciation To Outgoing Superintendent

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Joe Clark, Burke Robinson, Allen Wilson and Matt Rogers. Gerry McDowell and Him Dyer Windham, Jr. were absent. Other school personnel present: Supt. Lacy Hogue, Lana Walls, Martha Lynn and Cliff Gardner. Others present: Al Pickett.

Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. Kenneth Brock gave the invocation.

A motion to elect Kenneth Brock as President, Allen Wilson as Vice President, and Joe Clark as Secretary of the School Board was made by Matt Rogers and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

In the Superintendent re-

port, Mr. Hogue stated we should look at setting \$1.36 as the tax rate for 2004-05.

Mr. Gardner wanted to express his appreciation to Mr. Hogue on the way the transition is being handled, and the way Mr. Hogue has helped him in settling in as the new superintendent.

Mr. Brock presented Mr. Hogue with a plaque expressing the boards' appreciation of his dedication to Baird ISD for the last six years.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the payment of bills for June was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Joe Clark. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to allow the superintendent to seek bids for its Student Athletic, Worker Compensation, Property/Casualty Insurance and its milk and bread bids for the 2004-05 school year was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Kenneth Brock.

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B.A.C.A. Holds 2nd Annual 'Rippin Across Texas' Rally

By Jo Turner

B.A.C.A. held its 2nd annual "Rippin Across Texas" rally June 11, 12, and 13 at the Ranger Rodeo Grounds in Ranger, Texas.

A large turnout was evident. You could hear the loud, but musical hum of the bikes as they came from all around and left out for the "poker run."

The rally proved to be a great success and a good time was had by all, especially "the kids". They enjoyed the games and were fascinated by "the bikes."

The event hosted many games for kids such as balloon toss, 3 legged race, potato sack race, bike games, as well as air castles.

It was really a unique event with many activities and some camping there on the grounds.

Live music was played both nights and a Sunday Worship Service Sunday morning.

The Biker's Against Child Abuse gathered a great amount of money to benefit abused children.

Lee Morrow (Tripod), of

Callahan County Picnic Areas To Undergo Rehabilitation

Abilene, TX - Rehabilitation of the Abilene District's 30 picnic areas began in May and is expected to be completed by the end of summer.

Gene Tabb, Inc. of Anson, contractor for the Texas Department of Transportation, began work on this \$177,600 rehabilitation project in Jones County where they are refurbishing four picnic areas. Once work is completed there, they will progress through the 13-county district one county at a time.

In Callahan County, two picnic areas are scheduled for rehabilitation. Both of the picnic areas are located on US 283 south of SH 36.

Scott Mitchell, district design project coordinator, said that work on these picnic areas ranges from a little as painting of litter barrels, cleaning and repainting existing picnic arbors and tables, repairing of concrete sidewalks, replacing metal arbor tops to removing and replacing complete picnic areas, including concrete slabs, tables and arbors.

Officials in the Abilene District determined in 2000 that improvements were needed for all of the 44 picnic areas in the district to

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Commissioners Approve Order Regulating Fireworks In County

With an eye on the upcoming July 4th celebrations, Callahan County Commissioners approved an order on Monday, June 14 prohibiting the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

A motion to approve the order was made by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Grider, and approved unanimously.

The order states:

A. A person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-way of a county road.

B. If the landowners' permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county, as long as:

1. The person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act.

Civ. St. Art 62011-1 (a) (2),
2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation,

3. Children are adequately supervised by adults,

4. Water is readily available for extinguishing fires.

C. An offense under this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00.

The order was signed by Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #1; Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct #3; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #2; Charlie Grider, Commissioner Precinct #4; Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk.

Further approved at the June 14, 2004 Open Meeting were minutes of previous meetings with no additions or corrections, and the payment of approved bills.

No public comment was presented to the court.

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Kiwanis Hole-In-One Shootout Proceeds Benefit Children's Charities

The million dollar hole-in-one contest was held June 10-13 at Willow Creek Golf Course at 1166 Ben Richey Drive in Abilene. First National Bank-Baird was the major sponsor.

Qualifying was held Thursday and Friday, June 10 and 11 from 3:00 till 9:00 pm; Saturday, June 12 - 8:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. Semi-finals began at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday. Finals were at Willow Creek Sunday afternoon.

The event was organized by the eight Kiwanis Clubs

of Abilene, Albany, Clyde, Stamford, and Sweetwater. All funds are for children's charities. The majority of the proceeds is used by CMN/Camp Courage. This program is set up to send children to a 4-day stay at Camp Butman near Merkel. These are children who have lost a loved one through death, divorce or separation. The camp is designed to help them understand they are not alone in their grief. It is well received by the kids and their loved ones.

Canterbury Villa Hosts Blood Drive

Canterbury Villa will host a blood drive in conjunction with their Health Fair on Friday, June 18. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be there from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This blood drive is open to the community. Meek Blood Center supplies blood to seventeen hospitals and medical facilities in this area. The blood supply is

dependent on volunteer donors from the communities they serve in order to ensure blood availability at all times.

According to Frances Baker, Meek Blood Center donor recruiter, the demand of blood and blood components is exceeding the supply. "Medicine and technology continue to improve our

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D. P. S. Report
06-06-04 to 06-12-04

Cases Investigated
Warnings - 105
Complaints - 146
Accidents
There were 3 accidents investigated during this time span.

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

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School Board

Vote was unanimous.
A motion to approve the closed campus policy as presented was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Joe Clark. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to accept Linda Wilson's resignation with regrets was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to hire Kathy Gardner and Barbara Kendrick as teachers to be assigned was made by Joe Clark and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to hire Dana Voigts, Salli Williams, and Evelyn Hughes as 1/2 time teachers to be assigned was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Matt Rogers. Vote was unanimous.

The next regular meeting date was set for Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

Picnic Areas

make them more desirable to the traveling public. And, in some cases, the inspectors recommended closing 14 of those picnic areas for reasons ranging from a high vandalism record at the facility to low usage by the public. Those recommended for closure were eventually taken out of service. The money saved from the maintenance of those 14 facilities is now being spent to rehabilitate the remaining 30 picnic areas.

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TxDOT Hosts Meeting To Discuss Transportation Grant Program

Abilene, TX - the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a meeting on Friday, June 25, 2004, to discuss the FY 2005 Section 5310 Grant program and the recipients of the grant. The projected FY 2005 allocation for the 13-county Abilene District is \$120,332.00.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office, 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Texas.

Recipients scheduled to receive funding for Elderly and Disabled transportation are: Central Texas Rural Transit District, CityLink of Abilene, Spartan, and West Texas Opportunities.

Central Texas Rural Transit District will receive approximately \$68,000.00 for the purchase of a Type 3 van and approximately \$7,000.00 in preventative maintenance to offset operating expenses for their Elderly and Disabled transit service in Callahan, Nolan, rural Taylor and Shackelford counties.

CityLink will be given approximately \$22,000.00 in preventative maintenance to offset operating expenses for their curb to curb Elderly and

Disabled transit service. Spartan will get approximately \$12,000.00 in preventative maintenance to offset operating expenses for their Elderly and Disabled transit service in Mitchell and Scurry counties and West Texas Opportunities will receive approximately \$11,500 in preventative maintenance to offset operating expense for the Elderly and Disabled transit service in Borden and Howard.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting to express their views, and discuss the project with TxDOT representatives.

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11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
June 10, 2004

Affirmed
Henry Garcia v. State of Texas, Mitchell. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Reversed & Rendered
City of Dallas v. Jim Lowenberg et al, Dallas. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed
Donald Crane v. William J. Collier, Individually, and Portland Development Company, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Company, Midland. Appellees' plea to the jurisdiction, response to Appellant's notice of appeal, and request for dismissal of appeal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Appeal Abated
In the Interest of A.N.B., a child, Taylor. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motions Submitted & Granted
Deborah Ann Ferrell a/k/a Deborah Ann Pierce v. State of Texas, Erath. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file motion for rehearing.

Texas Motoplex, Inc. v. John Phelps and Bryce Hawk, Fort Bend. Appellees' motion for leave to supplement brief.

Cedric Williams a/k/a Cedric Dean Williams v. The State of Texas, Midland. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Luther Dewayne Parks v. State of Texas, Midland. Stae's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Alfred Castellon Lopez v. State of Texas, Midland. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the matter of the Estate of Ida Baldwin Denison, Deceased, Stonewall. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motions Submitted & Granted in Part

Guadalupe Hernandez v. The State of Texas, Midland. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motions Submitted & Overruled
Terry Freeman v. State of Texas, Erath. Appellant's pro se motion to proceed pro se and objection to Mr. Stokes brief.

Ray Day, Jr. v. Scott David Edmonds, Shea Stubbs Edmonds, and Romain Stubbs, Knox. Appellee's motion to dismiss appeal.

Cases Submitted
Ray Warren, M.D. and Texas Medical Images, Inc. v KPH Consolidation, Inc., d/b/a Columbia Kingwood Medical Center, Harris.

Dru Allen Ewing v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto.

Daniel Glenn Parker, Jr. v. State of Texas, Eastland.

T.D.L.R. Issues 4 Orders

Austin- The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) has issued cease and desist orders against four unlicensed individuals to prevent them from acting as licensed air conditioning and heating contractors. All actions are the result of investigations into illegal activities.

TDLR encourages consumers to report any contact with these individuals

Center Point-Brown Cemetery Donations

The Center Point-Brown Cemeteries are still accepting donations for the cemeteries. Send donations to P.O. Box 585, Eastland, TX. 76448 or

or businesses so that the agency may take appropriate action. Consumers may contact TDLR at 1-800-803-9202 or via email from the TDLR website at www.license.state.tx.us.

Cease and Desist Orders were issued naming: Michael Rodriguez of San Antonio; Don Gonzales of Robinson; **Tim Freeman of Ranger;** and Edgar Alvin Hall, Jr. of Pasadena

to Eastland National Bank, Eastland, TX 76448.

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The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

When a President Goes Home

It had been a quiet week in the Reagan home, like most of them had been for the better part of a decade. It was as if a fine clock—its hands long still—had morphed into a sundial. A dark cloud snuffed out the shadow at 3:08 p.m. (CST) on June 5 when the remnant of our nation's 40th president took leave to join mind and spirit that had taken flight years earlier.

In that moment, what had been a slow weekend news day moved quickly into high gear. Major news organizations, alerted that the end was near, had obituaries at the ready, with only the date and time of death needed for completion.

have gritted my teeth at unseemly whoops, graduates chewing gum as they received diplomas, and people chatting away during the national anthem. Such circumstances try one's soul, melting into "never let them see you sweat" moments. So it was, I am sure, for Keillor.

Reagan was a tension-easer. "Relax, Garrison," he might have said, "They bought their tickets and are exercising free speech." Remember, when seriously injured by a would-be assassin just a couple of months into his first term, he joked with doctors "hoping they were Republicans," maintaining that he "should have ducked."

What irony that when the 93-year-old signed off, National Public Radio's Prairie Home Companion company was on the road in tiny Gilford, NH, ready to sign on. Host Garrison Keillor had learned of President Reagan's death minutes before the broadcast began. It was a somber opening as he made the announcement to 6,000 peopled crammed into the music hall and to some 4.5 million people listening on 600 radio stations.

But how fitting! Radio was President Reagan's first love, unless you count lifeguarding. He spent a couple of teen-age summers rescuing-by actual count, it is said-77 swimmers. (It is not known how many of these were girls willing to kill to be rescued by this soon-to-be Hollywood heartthrob, or of this number how many suffered heart failure in the process.)

Reagan was an Iowa sports announcer who loved radio so much that he was reluctant to move to Hollywood in 1937 to make 53 movies during a 20-year career.

A big slice of America was to learn of his death from the lips of Keillor—another national treasure long revered for his words, both spoken and written.

After we'd "heard that old piano from down the avenue," Lake Wobegone's favorite son spoke of Reagan, his account poignant and sincere. He seemed totally unruffled by a couple of people-just two-who cheered the news. Keillor described Reagan as "a great man who befuddled us old liberals, mainly by his great, shining charm which never failed him." Then, he offered touching solos: "Lighthouse" and "Where Could I Go."

On a far smaller scale, I

QUOTES

"Democracy means government by discussion, but it is only effective if you can stop people talking." - Clement Attlee

"A person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to. A degree of friendship called slight when its object is poor or obscure, and intimate when he is rich or famous." - Ambrose Bierce

I saw him "up close" just once. It was more than 40 years ago, about equidistant between his "Bedtime for Bonzo" movie and first term as California governor. I was on a chartered bus with other college kids on a two-hour trip to Waco, where Mr. Reagan was to speak. Not yet a candidate for public office, he came across as a caring, sincere and absolute patriot.

We sensed his greatness and left the hall with rekindled feelings for the grand old flag. (We also treasured the ride on what we called a "regular highway bus." It was unlike those we rode to school. Seats faced forward, the heater worked and it wasn't yellow.)

These are days to look past policies, pratfalls and partisanship, and to be thankful

for a man who made us feel better about ourselves. I let there be thanksgiving for a life well lived and for Nancy, his wife of 52 years.

(Six presidential couples have celebrated golden anniversaries; George and Barbara Bush head the pack at 59 years; others still living include the Gerald Fords and the Jimmy Carters.)

As the sun set in the west on his burial day, I imagined President Reagan, urging Ray Charles to hasten his pace. Georgia was on the mind of one, and America on the mind of both. Perhaps Reagan slowed down a bit, scribbling a note to Garrison as he waited for Charles to come alongside. He so loved writing notes. "Hey, Garrison, let me know if you ever have a noisy week in Lake Wobegone. And what do you think of going national with

traits of Wobegoners? It would be great to have a nation where the women are strong, the men are good-looking and the children are above average.."

I vowed, upon the next sunrise, to hold tight to the national spirit President Reagan espoused. I was reminded to do so by the blossom of a morning glory, the first one I've seen this year.

(Personal note: My wife and I visited St. Paul last fall to "see" the NPR broadcast. After microphones were put away, Dr. Keillor held forth in the lobby, chatting as guests lingered. "Where are you from?," he asked one. "Scotts Bluff, Nebraska," she answered, mentioning that her hometown newspaper is the Star-Herald. "What a coincidence," Garrison responded, "In Lake Wobegon, we've got the Harold Star.

Harold has owned the paper for 30-40 years, I guess..")

Dr. Newbury is an author, speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. His new audio book, A Few Geese Short of a Gaggle, is a five-hour compilation of his first year of Idle American columns. Call 817.447.3872 or e-mail newbury@speakerdoc.com to order. His column appears in 100 Texas newspapers.

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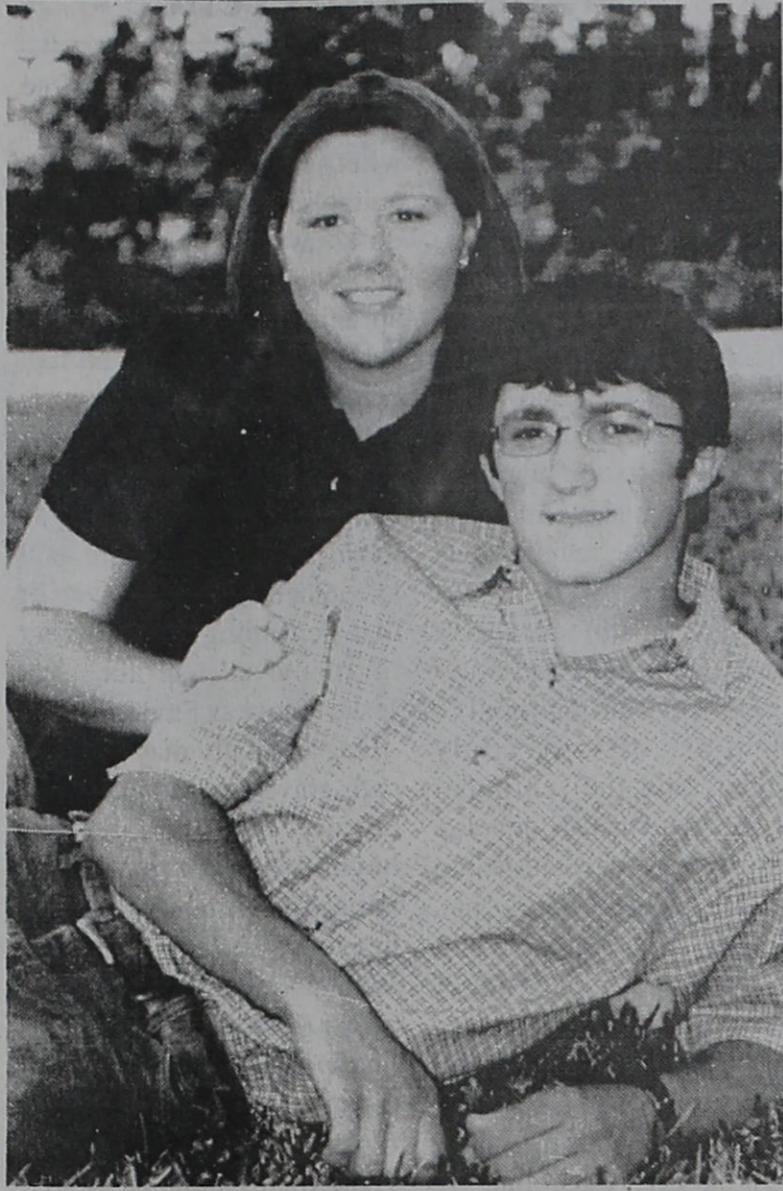
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Engagement Announcements



Donham - Simmons

Mike and Evelynn Donham are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tara Lynn to Joseph Don Simmons, son of Terry and Trish Simmons. Tara's grandparents are Helen Donham of Rising Star and Henry Kipp of Giddings. Joseph's grandparents are Bill and Winona Donahoo and Samantha Simmons all of Bangs.

High in the fall. Joseph is attending Tarleton State University pursuing a degree in agriculture service and development. The wedding is set for Saturday, July 24, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rising Star with Terry Simmons officiating.



Norris - Jaggard

David and Devony Norris of Eastland would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Davina Marie Norris to Bradley Alan Jaggard, son of Harry and Linda Jaggard of Canyon. Brad is a 1997 graduate of Canyon High School and attended Amarillo College. Davina is a 1999 graduate of Eastland High School and attended West Texas A&M, in Canyon. She is co-manager at Simply Seattle in Seattle, Washington. Their upcoming wedding will be on Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at the Space Needle in Seattle.



Stephanie Smith is the new owner of "Country Cuts" Beauty Salon in Eastland (formerly) Cates Color & Cuts. Stephanie was born and raised in Eastland. She is the daughter of Hank and Linda Smith and has a 2 year old daughter Zowie, who is the pride of her life. Stephanie attended Cisco Junior College and received her Beauty Operators License in March 2004. She is excited about establishing her business here in her "hometown."

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Israel is a quarter of the size of the state of Maine.

Mosquitoes are attracted to the color blue twice as much as any other color.

Postage stamps weren't introduced to America until 1847.

Callithump is a real word. It means "a loud parade."

Arabic numerals are not, in fact, Arabic. They were invented in India.

Q is the least used letter in the English alphabet.

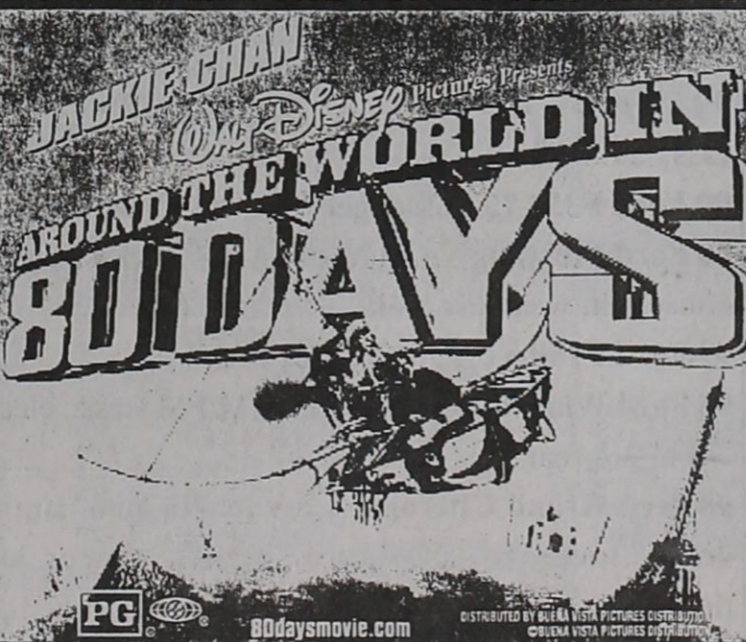
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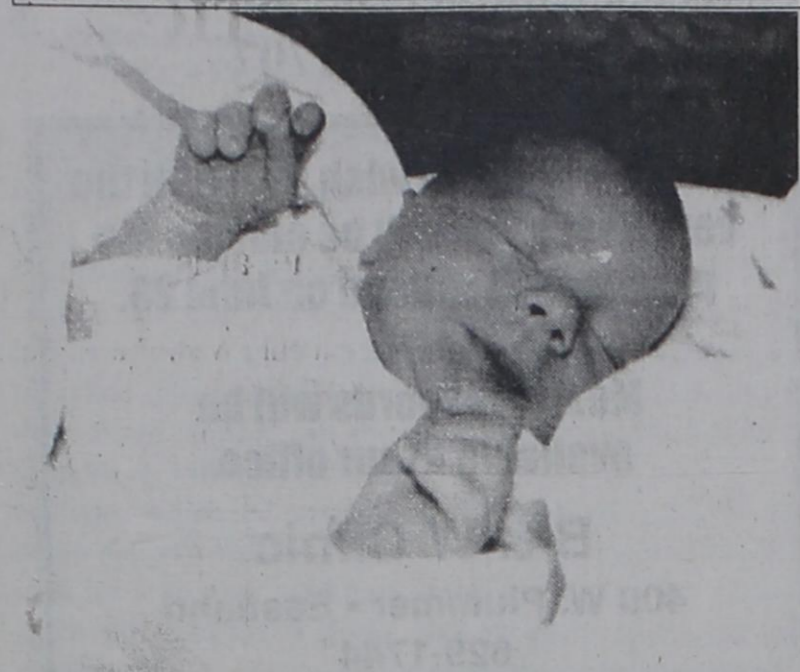
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Birth Announcement



Adam Joseph Mason

Joe and Sarah Mason are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Adam Joseph Mason.

Adam was born May 15, 2004 at Eastland Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by brothers Jacob and Zachary.

Maternal grandparents are Will and Carol Stuard of Eastland County.

Guest Slot

By H.V.O.

Voting in the UN

If this be true:
How they vote in UN...something very wrong with this picture.

Below are the reported voting records of various nations which are recorded in both the US State Department and United Nations records:

Kuwait votes against the United States 67% of the time.

Qatar votes against the United States 67% of the time.

Morocco votes against the United States 70% of the time.

United Arab Emirates votes against the U.S. 70% of the time.

Jordan votes against the United States 71% of the time.

Tunisha votes against the United States 71% of the time.

Saudi Arabia votes against the United States 73% of the time.

Yemen votes against the United States 74% of the time.

Algeria votes against the United States 74% of the time.

Oman votes against the United States 74% of the time.

Sudan votes against the United States 75% of the time.

Pakistan votes against the United States 75% of the time.

Libya votes against the United States 76% of the time.

Egypt votes against the United States 79% of the time.

Lebanon votes against the United States 80% of the time.

India votes against the United States 81% of the time.

Syria votes against the United States 84% of the time.

Mauritania votes against the United States 87% of the time.

US Foreign Aid reported: Egypt receives \$2 billion annually in US Foreign Aid.

Jordan receives \$192,814,000 annually.

Pakistan receives \$6,721,000 annually.

India receives \$143,699,000 annually.

Perhaps it is time to get out of the UN and give the tax savings back to the American workers who are having to skimp and sacrifice to pay the taxes.

Our control of oil amounts could favorably affect foreign control of oil production.

Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

Taking Care of "Dog" and "Kitty"

A few times along the way I've seen pet cemeteries, often with considerable acreage and ornate monuments dedicated to the memory of Dog and Kitty. I've also read of individuals who've left considerable sums of money in their estates for the maintenance of their pets.

I'm not necessarily opposed to Dog and Kitty receiving an expensive send-off. I certainly understand the sentiment that a person can develop after years of relationship with a favorite family pet. There are times when something reminds me of the dog I had for 13 years when I was a kid, and I still miss that dog. She went everywhere with me, and I still have her red collar. We have a big yellow Labrador right now who is 12 years old and showing signs of aging. When this day comes it will be a sorry time for the family.

What concerns me about the expensive pet funeral and burial phenomenon is what it may say about our understanding of the after-life and the value of an animal relative to a human being. There's nothing in Scripture that suggests

heaven will be an animal-free environment. We don't know whether God will include animals in his eternal city. We do know that Dog and Kitty don't "go to heaven." When an animal dies, its existence ceases. Not so for a human being.

When a human being dies, his or her soul lives on eternally. And according to the Bible this after-life will take place either in heaven or hell, depending upon whether the departed has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.

Dog and Kitty may get their own graveyard in an affluent culture. But people live beyond the grave. I don't know if animals will be in heaven, but I know I will. What about you?

(Rex M. Rogers, Ph.D, book author and president of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich., is a syndicated columnist, whose columns reach more than 360,000 homes in 73 newspapers in California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia. Send comments in care of alan@blanchardgroup.net)

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Can anyone help with identification of persons and year of this photo? This is Cross Roads School, just southeast of Ranger.

New Date, Time For June Diabetic Support Group Meeting

The June meeting for the Diabetic Support Group will be on a different day at a different time. This special meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 23 at 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Daugherty Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.** Dr. Da-Thuy Van, an ophthalmologist from the Stephenville Medical Surgical Clinic, and a visiting physician at Eastland Memorial Hospital will be presenting the program on "Diabetic Eye Complications."

Dr. Van will review some of the basic considerations unique to diabetics in relationship to regular eye care. She will discuss the

exam procedure and what the doctor is looking for that are the foundation for a complete eye exam. Seeing your eye doctor regularly can lead to early detection and treatment that can help save your sight.

Dr. Van will also discuss specific signs and symptoms to watch for that you need to report to your physician immediately. High blood sugar can make blood vessels in the eyes bleed. This bleeding can lead to blindness. You can do your part by keeping your blood glucose as close to normal as possible. If your eyes are already damaged, an eye doctor may be able to save your sight and prevent further

damage with laser treatments or surgery.

Vision is precious. You and your eye doctor working together can help prevent complications hopefully before they occur. Early recognition of complications is equally important to prevent further deterioration of your vision and possible blindness.

We look forward to seeing you, (no pun intended) at the June Diabetic Support Group. Remember it is at a different time and day, **Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 12 noon to 1 p.m.** You are welcome to bring your lunch and eat during the meeting. The important thing is for you to come and invest in your health.

SPECIAL REMINDER: The Diabetic Support Group will be taking a vacation over the remainder of the summer. It will resume in **October** after everyone is back in school and vacations are over. Watch the paper for an announcement of the day and time, as it will no longer be on a specific day of the week. It will rotate month to month depending upon the schedule of the guest speaker. **See you in the fall!**

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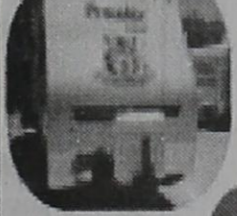
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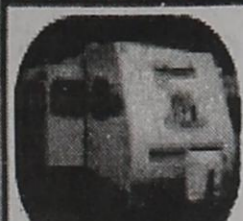
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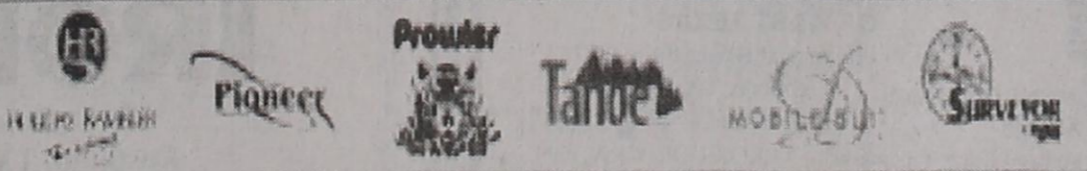
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Obituaries

Mary Belle Preston Morgan



CISCO- Mary Belle Preston Morgan, 91, died Monday, June 14, 2004 at a local hospital.

Graveside services to be held Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 11 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery. Bob Ferguson officiating, directed by Chambers-Wilcox Funeral Home of Cisco.

Mary Belle was born May 16, 1913 in Cisco, Texas to Walter G. and Eva Gude Preston. She was raised in Cisco where she spent most of her life. She later married and had one son Bobby Johnson. She worked for Steam Laundry in Cisco for a number of years.

Mary Belle was preceded 12 & Under Baseball Tournament To Be Held In Baird July 5-10

Baird Baseball, Incorporated is hosting a youth baseball tournament for teams comprised of children ages 12 and under. No organizational affiliation is required. Regular season teams are welcome, but that is not a requirement. The tournament will serve as a last chance for some teams to play a little baseball this summer, and as a warmup for postseason play for others. The tournament will be held July 5th through July 10th in Baird. The tournament will be double elimination.

The entry fee for the tournament is only \$25. No admission to the games will be charged. Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. For more information, please call Shane Deel at 325-665-9945 or email at jsdeel@netzero.net. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt with the first eight comprising the tournament field.

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Jack Quenton Beare

Jack Quenton Beare, 83, died at his home in Jourdanton, TX June 7, 2004.

Mr. Beare was born January 30, 1921 to Fred and Annie Mae Campbell Beare in Sugden, OK. His parents participated in the original Oklahoma Land Rush. He was a member of the Army/Airforce during WW II entering into service on the 14th of December, 1942 at Brooks Field, TX and was separated from the service February 5, 1946 at Lowry Field, Colorado. During this time the army sent him to cook's school where he learned how to prepare food for the personnel of the army organization using a daily menu as a guide. He was Honorably Discharged from the service with the rank of Sergeant. During this time, he received the American Theater Ribbon, The Good Conduct Medal, and WW II Victory Medal. In 1950, he moved to Corpus Christi to make his home, where he met and married Dorothy Lois Croft on October 14, 1951. At the time of his death, they had been married for over 53 years. He worked as a Long-shoreman



on the Corpus Christi docks for over 22 years. After his retirement, he and his wife moved to Houston, TX where he owned and operated an antique store from 1986 to 1988. He liked to go to yard sales and flea markets. His hobby was working with wood. He built furniture and birdhouses for his daughters. He was a devoted husband and father who loved to have his family around him. He was of the Baptist Faith and was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Hubert, Bob, T.C. and Jim beare, one sister Inez Fawbush.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Lois Croft Beare of Jourdanton, TX; two daughters and one son-in-law, Julie and Kenneth Knowles of Pleasanton, TX

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and Jackie Beare Coker of Jourdanton, TX; two sisters, Nadine Livingston of Katy, TX, and Peggy Gates of Fort Worth; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Buddy and JoAnne Beare of Mesa, AZ and Bill and Betty Beare of Ryan, OK; three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Beare was cremated and his ashes taken back to Oklahoma by his family.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Tri-City Funeral Home, Jourdanton, TX. Thomas A. Lange, Funeral Director.

Hope H. Joiner

GORMAN- Hope H. Joiner, 95, died Monday, June 14, 2004.

Arrangements are pending with Higginbotham Funeral Home.

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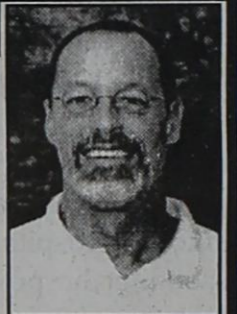
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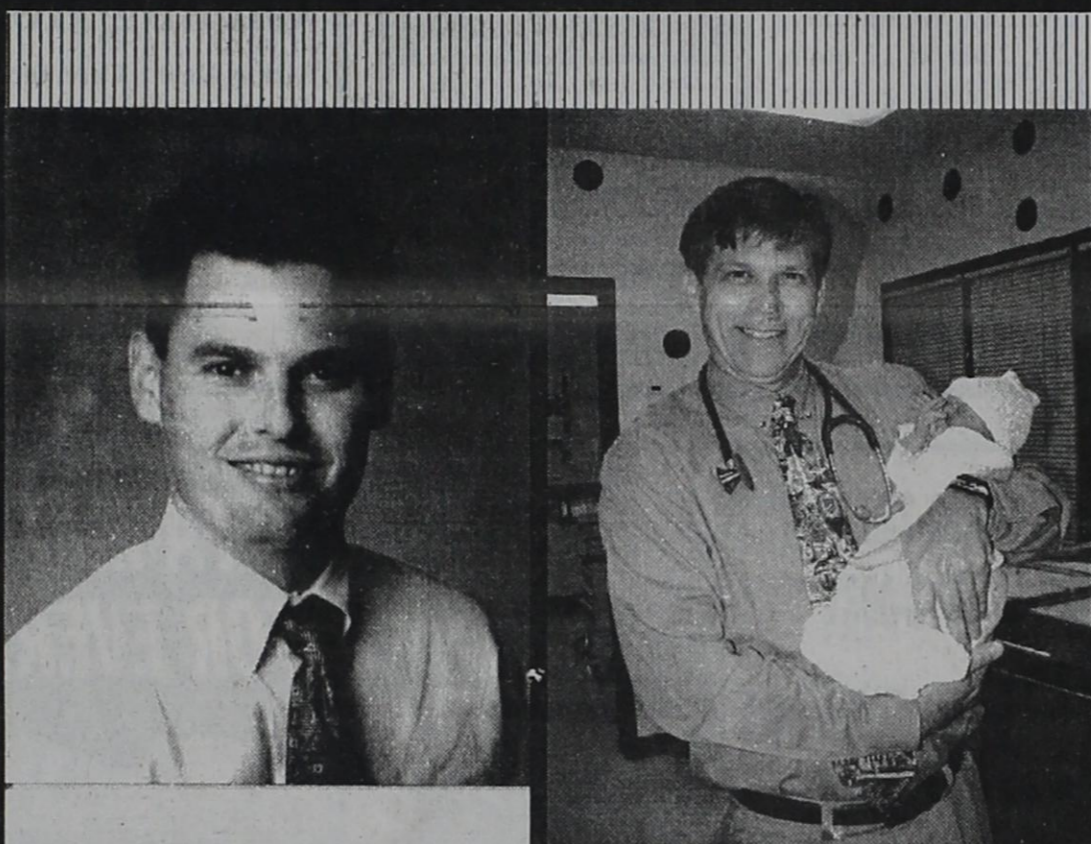
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Dr. Jamie Cox will be starting his practice with B & W Clinic, Monday, July 19, 2004. Dr. Cox is a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He served in the United States Air Force as a Medical Service Specialist. Dr. Cox will be a Family Practitioner and will do Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Dr. Cox is married and has two daughters. Hobbies include hunting, hiking, camping, reading, tennis.

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

Dr. Bob Matthews is a 1983 graduate of the University of Texas at Galveston. He is a member of the Texas & American Association of Family Practice. Since 1986, Dr. Matthews has been Board Certified in Family Practice and in practice at the B & W Clinic. His practice includes maternity & child-care. For more information on our Labor & Delivery Department go to: www.eastlandmemorial.com

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Cisco Junior College 2004 Graduates

Cisco Junior College held its annual commencement exercises in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium on Friday, April 30, 2004. Ninety-seven students representing both the Cisco campus and the Abilene Educational Center received their Associate degrees. Students awarded diplomas were

Spring 2004 Graduates
Cody P. Boyd-AA, Matthew S. Boyd-AAS, Lisa J. Cahill-AA, Brooke C. Cortez-AAS, Virginia G. Koenig-AA, Samantha A. Lavander-AA, Blake E. McDowell-AA, Andrew D. Stroebel-AA, Misty W. Vaughn-AA, Alissa J. Winnett-AA all of Cisco.

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Jessica L. Childers-AA of Cross Plains.

Mandi D. Cauthen-AA, Chad A. Franke-AA, Carrie A. Marsh-AAS, Marian K. Windham-AA all of Baird.

Christopher M. Blue-AA of Moran.

Wharton Family Reunion Held

The grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren of the late Clint and Susie Wharton met for their annual family reunion on Saturday, June 12, 2004 at the Kokomo Community Center.

They began arriving around 9:00 a.m. until about 11:00 a.m. There was lots of visiting and catching up on the family activities throughout the past year. There were lots of pictures to see and many pictures to be taken throughout the day.

A picnic lunch of sandwiches, dips and chips, fruit, assorted desserts, and cold drinks was enjoyed at the

noon hour. Jimmy Nelson gave the prayer of thanks for the food and the opportunity to be together.

Those attending from the late Jim and Clydie Wharton Jordan family were: Zelda Jordan of Kokomo, Glenda Black and Sheri and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Jimmy Nelson, and Travis, Gladys, Alexis, Tiffany and Ethan Nelson of Fort Worth; from

the Dwight and the late Edrie Wharton Gothard family were Paul and Kay Gothard and Summerain Gothard of Blackwell; from the late E.W. and Lila Wharton Lovell family were Doris Neill of Midland, Sheron Graham of Early and Shanna, Nesim and Noah Halfon of Kissimmee, FL; from the late Jake and Faye Wharton Crawley family was Larry Strube; and from the Lucille and the late Garland Wharton family were

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Brenda Harrison of Mansfield and Vanessa Harrison of Venus. The family of Wordene Wharton Hawthorne of Dallas was unable to attend. Betty Strube of Kokomo was ill and unable to attend. All that could not attend were missed.

All too soon it was time for the good-byes, but all left saying, I hope to see you next year at the same place on the second Saturday in June.



New Chamber of Commerce members "Movie Gallery" hosted Red Coats for their ribbon cutting and included special discounts to those who attended their "Welcome to Eastland". "Congratulations" and "Good Luck" to all!

'Around The World In 80 Days' Coming To Majestic

It has been done before, but this is a brand-new version of "Around The World In 80 Days." It's filled with action, predicaments, adventure - and it will open at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Friday, June 18.

The movie will show at 7:30 nightly from June 18 through Monday, June 21. Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats \$5.50 to adults only.

This is a Walt Disney and Walden Media Production, starring Jackie Chan and a number of other international stars.

In the story, an eccentric London inventor, Phileas Fogg (Steve Coogan) has

come up with the secrets to flight, electricity and several other things, but the public is dismissing him as a crackpot.

So he makes a really silly bet with Lord Kevin (Jim Broadbent), the head of the Royal Academy of Science, to circle around the globe in no more than 90 days!

With his valet Passepartout (Chan) and French artist Monique (Cecile De France) beside him, Fogg heads on a wild race that takes the audience to the most exotic places on earth.

The director of the film, Frank Corachi, says that the film aims to be an adventure

with a sense of humor, and bring the audience to new places.

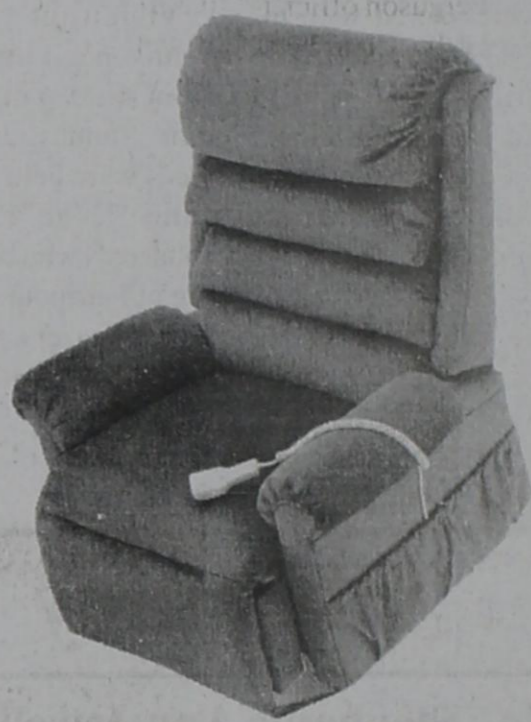
Actually, in the filming, Berlin doubles for several European places, and Thailand is used for some of China, but photography was also done at some out-of-the-way locations. The audience is introduced to various cultures and new actors - as well as some Hollywood personalities Americans are more familiar with.

Hong-Kong born Jackie Chan says he welcomed the acting challenge in this movie. "I really like the audience to treat me like an actor, not just as action star," he remarks. "I'm really happy to be in a movie that spans the globe, and a family movie, too."

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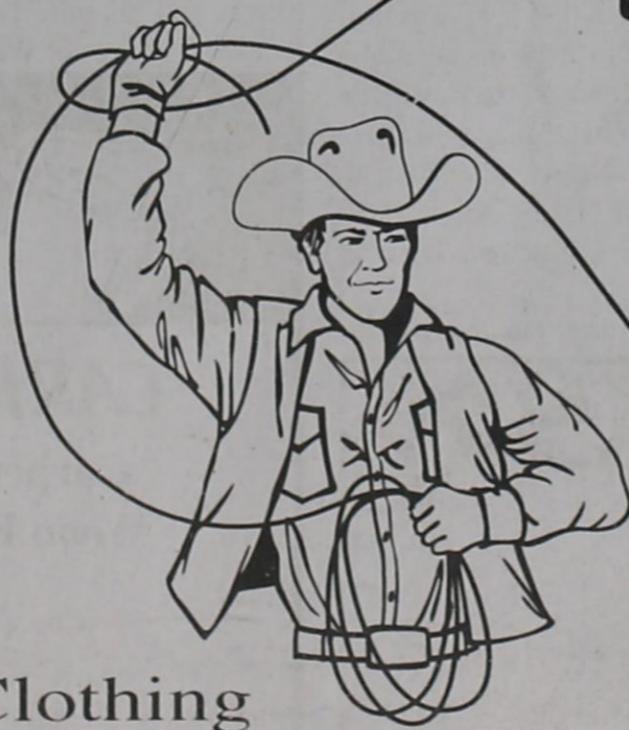
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Obituary

Franklin N. Miller

San Angelo - Franklin N. Miller, 73, of San Angelo, passed away on June 4, 2004 at San Angelo Community Medical Center.

He was born on May 24, 1931 in Baird, Texas and graduated from Baird High School in 1948. Following service in the U. S. Army he returned to Texas and was employed by the Welx Division of the Halliburton Company where he remained for 35 years until his retirement in 1988. He was well known and highly regarded for his log reading skills. His opinions were valued and sought after by some of the most successful oil and gas producers in this area.

More recently, Frank's gentle humor and common sense were shared with his friends, both old and new, in his "offices" at Heather's Cafe and The Donut Shop.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Frenchie Miller and a sister, Dorothy. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Lee Miller, as well as daughters, Judy Bouton and husband Court; son, Daniel Fowler and wife Nancy; and

nephew, Scott Mitchell and wife Brenda. Also surviving are grandchildren, Ross Hail, Amy Jones and husband Bryan, Brittney Bouton, Bryan Bouton, Trevor Soloff, Julie Bateman and husband Mark, Ashleigh Soloff, Kevin Dierschke and wife Becky, Shanna Beth McDonald and husband Scott, Missy Huling and husband Grant; and ten great-grandchildren.

The family is very appreciative of the wonderful care provided for so many years by Dr. Johnny French and to the staff at San Angelo Community Medical Center, especially Mike Wood RN who were so kind and compassionate during these past few weeks.

Visitation was at Johnson's Funeral Home from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 6. Services were held on Monday, June 7, at 12 noon at Johnson's with burial following at Fairmount Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Abel, Clay Bomer, Mike Caraway, H. L. Childs, Henry Curtis, and Frank Ruddell.

Obituary

Frederic Foy Odom

BAIRD- Frederic Foy Odom, 37, died May 31, 2004, of complications resulting from a car accident in 1999.

As a member of the Texas Tech Spirit Organization, the Saddle Tramps, Foy was intensely loyal and devoted both to his alma mater and his friends. With the Saddle Tramps, Foy rose to become the Texas Tech mascot known as Raider Red in 1988, and traveled with the team to all games and finally the Japan Bowl of that same year. He later graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in marketing.

An avid outdoorsman, literature lover, and die-hard Texas Tech supporter, Foy fought valiantly and with great cheer against the devastating injuries that ultimately overcame his body.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sidney and Melba Foy of Baird, and Tom Odom of Philip, SD.

Survivors are his parents,

Steve and Sidney Sue Odom of Baird; one brother, Clay Odom and wife Amy of New York City; one sister, Molly Odom of Fort Worth; other family include Fred and Lynda Foy of Baird, Tommy and Vickey Odom of Rapid City, SD, Bill and Bonnie Shaw of Ogden, Utah; cousins, Beth Foy of Austin, Hank Foy of Baird, Ferree and Chris Rhodes of Austin, Haley and R.J. Odom of Rapid City, SD, Matt, Wendy and Daniel Shaw all of Ogden, Utah; and his grandmother, Gaye Odom of Philip, SD.

A celebration of Foy's life was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Baird at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004. Fred Foy and Ann Ralstin conducted the service. Burial followed in the Ross Cemetery, directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Memorials may be made to First National Bank of Baird for the Red Raider Club in Foy's name.

Obituary

Stephanie Ann Jewell

Stephanie Ann Jewell of Clyde, 20, a loving Mother, died Monday, May 31, 2003 at her home. Services were held Friday, June 4, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at Bible Baptist Church in Clyde. Rev. Larry Hooper officiated with burial in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Stephanie was born June 24, 1983 at Dyess AFB in Abilene. She and her family moved to Clyde from Abilene in 1987. She was a 2002 graduate of Clyde High School. She married Chad Jewell in November of 2002 in Clyde. She worked with the after school children at Grandma's House of Clyde and was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Chad of Clyde; one son, Tyler Chad Jewell of Clyde; her parents, Starleen (Sam) and Chuck Cozby of Clyde; her ex-step father, John Brown of OK; her

mother-in-law and father-in-law, Rick and Stacy Jewell of West Plains, Mo; one brother, Steven Edward Earixson of Abilene; one half brother, Kevin Earixson; one brother-in-law, Dustin Jewell of West Plains; one sister, Sue Ann Brown of Clyde; her maternal grandparents, Virgie and Ed Hinton of Clyde; her paternal grandparents, Charles and Carolyn Cozby of Clyde; grandparents-in-law, James and Wilma Jewell of West Plains, MO, Leon Gillians of West Plains, MO and Sue Barkus of Springfield, MO; and uncle Rodger and Aunt Melanie Brown of Clyde and an uncle Monty Hinton of Lubbock; several aunts including Starla Judy Hinton of Clyde, Starlett and John Golden of Century Florida, Barbie and Kerry McGee of Clyde; Lela and Rick Cozby of Alexandria, LA; and many cousins.

Mandi D. Cauthen - AA, Chad A. Franke - AA, Carrie A. Marsh - AAS, Marian K. Windham - AA, all of Baird, were among the ninety-seven students representing both the Cisco campus and the Abilene Educational Center receiving their Associate degrees at the Cisco Junior College annual commencement, April 30, 2004.

Obituary

Dwight Warren Mayes

Wichita Falls - Dwight Warren Mayes, age 71, of Wichita Falls, Texas passed away on June 12, 2004 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 15, 2004 in Lunn's Colonial Chapel with Charlie Thomason, Minister of Faith Village Church of Christ, officiating. Interment was in Crestview Memorial Park under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Mayes was born January 24, 1933 in Baird, Texas to Harry K. and Roberta Warren of Baird, Texas. Dwight attended school in Baird, Texas where he was voted Most Valuable Football Player and President of his Senior Class in high school. He also attended Abilene Christian College. Dwight married Mary Waldrep on January 15, 1951 in Abilene, Texas and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2001. In 1951 he went to work for Continental Emco and in 1955 was promoted to store manager and transferred to Virden Manitoba, Canada for 2 1/2 years. He was then sent to Borger, Texas, Pampa and Wichita Falls as District Manager.

In 1969, Dwight and his

wife Mary opened the first Taco Burrito Restaurant in Wichita Falls and later 9 more stores in Texas and Oklahoma. All the stores were sold in 1986. Dwight was president of the North Texas Restaurant Association in 1976 and was awarded "Outstanding Restaurateur" in 1977. He was a charter member of Crimestoppers in 1984 and a board member of the North Texas Restaurant Association in 1980. Dwight was presently co-owner of Kamay Convenience Store with his son Gary and a long-time member of Faith Village Church of Christ. Dwight's favorite hobbies were hunting, fishing, and his family. His family adored him and loved him with all their heart. He was the most wonderful and caring father and grandfather. He was our Hero.

Dwight is survived by his precious and loving wife, Mary F. Mayes of the home, three children, Gary Dwight Mayes and his wife Donna Crawford Mayes of Wichita

Baird First Baptist Church Schedule of Events

Each one of you are invited to join us at the First Baptist Church, 240 Race Street Baird, Texas

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

Sunday School - 9:45 am

Worship Service - 11 am

Prayer Time - 5 pm

Evening Service - 6 pm

Wednesday Service - 7 pm

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June 20 (Sun) Celebrate

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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

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Worship Service 11:00

A.M. (nursery provided)

Prayer Time in Sanctuary

5:00 P.M.

Evening Service 6:00 P.M. (nursery provided)

June 28 (Mon) Women's

Night Out with Pot Luck supper

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United Methodist Women Meet

The Baird First United Methodist Church Women met Sunday, May 16, with a majority of members present.

Brigitte Roady and Donna Giger served as hostesses.

Barbara corn began a very interesting study on Exodus.

The next meeting was

scheduled June 13, with a continuation of the fascinating study.

Baird First U. M. C Vacation Bible School is June 23-25, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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Falls, Steven Robert Mayes and his wife Vicki Mobley Mayes of Graham, Texas and only daughter, Patricia Jean Mayes Briscoe and her husband Ronnie L. Briscoe of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren, Braeden Dwight William Mayes and Jarrod Steven Robert Mayes both of College Station, Texas, Justin Warren Mayes of Wichita Falls, and Tara Nicole Butler Mayes of Lewisville, Texas. Dwight is also survived by his precious blonde cocker spaniel, "Chelsea my Baby."

The family was at the funeral home Monday evening from 6-7:00 p.m. for visitation.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls or to the Portales New Mexico Childrens Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, New Mexico, 88130-9411.

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