# SERVING ENTIRE AREA - FROM $\triangle A I R D ~-~ C L Y D E ~$ <br> HOURS: 8-5-Mon. - Fri. 

# 4th Celebration Enjoyed By All Referendum Set At Special City <br> The Fifth Annual Fourth of July Country Fair Celebration sponsored by the Baird Chamber of Commerce was enjoyed <br> Tatom. <br> Baird's search for its male equal to Bo Derek ended when Richard Mendez was 

by all who attended. Food, games, and entertainment highlighted the traditional day.

Booths sponsored by the following clubs and organizations provided food and games: Baird M.F.T.- homemade ice cream; Baird ' 48 Study Club- snowcones; B\&PW Club- homemade baked goods; Garden Club- plants; Catholic Churchmexican food; Methodist Church- ice tea and corn on the cob; Little League- soft drinks; The looking Glass- games and crafts; Presbyterian Church- country store; Callahan Hospital Auxiliary- baked goods; Baird Volunteer Fire Dept.- bingo; BHS Cheerleaders- hay ride and balloons; John Lanker- toys, balloons; Chamber of Commerce- dunking booth; American Cancer Society-information booth.
Special guests highlighted the day on the dunking booth included Steve Martin, "Dolly" Parton and "J.R."
The Famous Courthouse Lawn Games were held at 2 p.m. Winners in each game are: Egg Toss- 1. Jud Gilliland and Tom Barton, 2. Felix Manion and Ron Baird, 3. Mike Devenport and Daryl Greene.

Sack Race (under 12)-1. Bobby Voigts, 2. Shannon Mendez, 3. Stephanie Treadway. (over 12)- 1. Michelle Keith, 2. Mike Moore, 3. Dion Mendez/Bobby Keith.
Horned Toad Race- 1. Sage Diller, 2. Jimmy Brooks, Jr., 3. Shane McPherson.
3 Legged Race (under 12)- Cody Parkhill and Guy Duncan, 2. Danny Bell and James Hopkins, 3. Dion Mendez and Renee Thurman. (over 12)- 1. Joe Clark and Ronnie Casey, 2. Mike Moore and Bobby Voigts, 3. LeAnna Parker and Rhonda Clarida.
Tricycle Race (kids)-1. Bobby Voigts, 2. Brian Smith, 3. Michelle Edmiston. (adult)- 1. Mike Devenport, 2. Bobby Keith, 3. Nita Graham.
Wheelbarrow Race- 1. Ronnie Casey and Joe Clark, 2. Jay Moore and Jody McDonald, 3. Jimmy Newcomb and Alan named a "Ten" by a panel of distinguished judges. Richard was sponsored by Rogers Food Store and delighted the crowd with his antics and costume. Robert Martin, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers, Local \#4510, was named runner-up and was appropriately honored with a "pie in the face." Sheriff Bill Skinner, sponsored by the Baird ' 48 Study Club, received a Special Judges Award of a toilet plunger and paper to match as the "Most Likely to be Run Out of Town by Sundown." He was doubly honored by the award as The honorable Buddy Brame, Mayor of the City of Baird, presented Sheriff Skinner with the award. Competition was rugged as other participants put up a terrific fight for the title. Participants included Jeff Day as Dolly (?) Parton, sponsored by the Rough Riders; Scotty Mitchell as Gen. George Patton, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; Jack Bruce as a "long, tall Texan, sponsored by The Looking Glass; Steve Bowen tried to give John Belushi a challenge as Baird's own "Soul Man" sponsored by Chamber of Commerce; Davy Vestal, sponsored by the Chamber, just wanted to show everyone "that a Vestal really does have it!!" and advised all parents to go home and change your kid's diaper!!! Nicki Harle was commentator and interviewed the contestants asking many thought-provoking questions.
A street dance featuring Baird's own Sierra Light Band finished off the day that night and saw the downtown streets crowded
The Chamber of Commerce thanks everyone who participated, especially those who made the day with their booths. Also a special thanks to those who helped clean up after the Courthouse activities and the dance. We look forward to another bigger and better celebration next year!!

## Callahan Takes Jump In Census

There was both pleasure and surprise at Callahan County's $33 \%$ jump in the 1980 Census. Callahan's population jumped by almost a third in the preliminary Census Bureau report released Thursday in the Abilene District. Baird was also given a $14 \%$ vacancy rate for the number
of housing vacancies in town.
Local government have 10 days to view the statistics and question discrepancies and inaccuracies. Official figures will be released after the Census officials recheck some of the vacant housing and other areas as suggested by local government.

## Ladies Hosts Scramble

Shady Oaks Ladies Gold Association hosted a two day. Scramble July 5th and 6th. Twenty-four persons participated in the scramble. Winners were as follows: First Place- Terry Bates, Clark Tabor, Price Stephenson, Steve Collins, 130 Second Place- Jim King, A.V. Curtis, Tex Cloud, Jon Hardwick, 130.

Third Place- Ed Burke, Bobby Voigts, Betty Hardwick, Dr. Raul N. Calvo, 132. Fourth Place- Ray Kemper, Don Tabor, Curtis Chiappone, Mattie King, 134. Fifth Place- Bill Griffin, Leo Dixon, Vic Cogburn, Erma Kemper, 135. Sixth Place- Curtis Sutphen, Frank Chiappone, Lucille Griffin, Oscar Witte, 136.

In a special called meeting on Monday July 7, at 7 p.m. the Baird City Counci voted to let the voters of the City decide what to do with the City's power plant.
Three bids have been proposed to the council for the system. One bid was received for the equipment alone for $\$ 40,500.00$ from Coastal Maintenance and Engineering Inc., out of Pasadena, Texas, and two were received from West Texas Utilities Co., one for the distribution system and power plant for $\$ 248,224.00$ and another for the distribution system only for $\$ 145,724.00$.
Baird has been receiving all of its power from WTU for about two months, but has held its right to distribute the power. The council has now set an August 9th referendum date to decide if the City should
sell its generating plant to WTU. Council members passed that vote by a 3-2 margin. Voting in favor were council members, Scotty Mitchell, Lee Roy Brooker and Robert Martin, against were Virginia Shanks and Gilmer Hughes.

Those in favor of selling the plant say that there is no way the system can be maintained without the cost being carried by the citizens since Baird has no reserve money for the system up-keep.

The proponents claim that WTU's price is too low and that revenue loss from the plant will have to be made up in increased taxes.
Sould the referendum pass on August 9 , the citizens will be buying all of their power directly from WTU.

## Red Sox In Play-Off Game

The Baird Pony League finished their final regular season game with a loss to the Clyde Braves
The Red Sox played the Braves, Monday the 30th and came from behind in the 7th inning to defeat them with a score of 7-6.
Thursday the 3rd the Red Sox met and defeated Albany at Albany with a score of 10-4.
Monday the 7th the Baird Red Sox played the Clyde Braves in a play off game for 2 out of 3 for the 1st half.
The Red Sox defeated the Clyde Braves with a score of 7-6.
The Red Sox team consists of Alan Tatum, Scott Norman, Ronnie Casey, Billy Deel, Mark Allen, Chris Graham, Gregg Holland, Mark Harris, Jody Turnbow, Ben Mendez, Scott Graham, Michael Cerda and Ishmal Villaveal.

SENIOR LEAGUE
the Baird Senior League met June 27 and defeated Cisco here at Baird with a score of 8-1.

Tuesday the 1st they met and defeated Ranger at Ranger
July 5, the Red Sox met and overtook Breckenridge with a score of 10-2.
Tuesday, the 8th the Senior League will meet with Albany at Albany and Friday the 11th they will meet and try to defeat Eastland, the only team who has taken a win against them. That game will be played at Baird

LITTLE LEAGUE
The League Championship tournament has begun in Breckenridge. On July 7, at 8 p.m. Monday evening the Baird Yankees played a game against the Clyde Yankees and overtook them with a score of 8-3.
The Coleman and Cisco teams played a game Tuesday night the 8th of July and the Baird Yankees will meet with the winners of that game on Wednesday, July 9 at 8 p.m. at Breckenridge.
The Championship Game will be played July 10 at Breckenridge at 8 p.m.

## Ladies Golf Association Holds Meeting

Shady Oaks Ladies Gold Association met July 2, 1980 for the regular monthly meeting.

Twelve members were present Officers for 1980-81 were elected: Viva Peek-President
Laverne Tabor-Vice President Helen Curtis-Secretary Cubelle Harris-Treasurer Lanetha Walker-Yearbook Chairman Laverné Tabor-Reporter-Clyde Cubelle Harris-Reporter-Baird Beverly Holley-Cheer-Clyde Theresa Sutphen-Cheer-Baird Betty Hardwick-Tournament Chairman

Rene Cloud reported the winners of the play days held in June.

6/11- Regular Play-Erma Kemper.
6/25- Hidden Partners-Rene Cloud and Lanetha Walker.

Plans were made for a 9 hole Scramble to be held July 15, 1980 at 6 p.m. with a potluck supper to follow. After the scramble and meal there will be a semi annual membership meeting.
Plans were also made for a Membership couples tournament to be held Saturday August 9, 1980 at 1:30 p.m. Covered dish supper will follow the couples tournament.


## State Dept.

Desires Bids

Bids will be received in July by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for the repair of an overpass on Interstate Highway 20 in Callahan County.

District Engineer Roger Welsch of Abilene said the facility was damaged when a truck carrying jet fuel burned between the structures.
N.A. Billingsley of Abilene will be the department's engineer in charge of repairing heat damage to the concrete overpass.

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

## COUNTY COURT

Judge Mack Kniffen Pre siding:

CRININAL DOCKET
Cindy Muller Carlson, DWI
Byron Robert Wilson, DWI
Robert Edward Lawles, illegal parking
MARRIAGE LICENSES
Nicky Hal Harris, Baird, \& Evelyn Marie Bartek, Coleman.

Owen David Norris, Clyde, \& Karen Ann Mooney, Midland.
Kenneth Wayne Swanson, Clyde, \& Lesa Diane Poe, Clyde.

Andrew Lee Whitehead Clyde, \& Audrey Gayle SMith, Clyde.
George Nelms Parks, Baird, \& Nancy Carol Jernigan.
CRIMINAL MINUTES
Vernon Hayden, speeding, dismissed
Billy L. Lytle, speeding,

## Baker Completes

 Internship2nd Lt. CaroI J. Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holden of Clyde, Texas recently completed her internship as a dietitian at Brooke Arny Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
Bäker's husband, Clarence, is with her at the fort.

## dismissed

Dan Charles Choate speeding, dismissed
Tyre Brown, speeding, dismissed

Carle Wayne Lee, speeding, dismissed
Bennie Albert Flynn, speeding, dismissed
Rupert William Franklin, speeding, dismissed
Rupert William Franklin, illegal parkingk $\$ 30, \$ 57 \mathrm{cc}$ Carl Wayne Lee, illegal parking, \$30, \$57cc Bennie Albert Flynn, illegal parking, \$75, \$57cc CIVIL DOCKET Frank Anson Windham, Jr. and Edith Irene Windham, divorce.

TAX ASSESSOR' OFFICE
NEW VEHICLES Harry T. Varner, Baird, 80 Pont. 2 dr .
H.C. McBride, Woodson 80 Coachman, T/T.
Bruce L. Williams, Baird 80 Chev. PU.

## Baird Honor List

Three Baird students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester at the University

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll include Crecia Gayle Hardwick, an accounting major, Tammy Lynne Holland, a business major, and Carol Diane Rowley, a Biology major.

## Elmdale School Plans Reunion

"Elmdale School-Taylor County School District Number $29^{\prime \prime}$ is no more. It exists only in the hearts and memories of those fortunate persons who were served by it or who served it. That is part of the preface of a new book entitled "Elmdale-Echoes of the Past" which will be sold at the August 2, 1980 Elmdale School Reunion. This book is not a narrative history, but a collection of historical information compiled by Dora Sue Christian, a former Elmdale student and presently, a teacher at Anson Jones Elementary School in Abilene.
The book contains a copy
of the County Commissioners Minutes of May, 1895 when the Elmdale School District officially came into being. It also contains copies of interesting historical items as well as a complete list of faculty members from the year 1896 to 1969 when the school was destroyed by fire. A list of trustees who served the school from 1916 1969 is included as well as date about the Parent Teacher Association. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to help finance the 1982 reunion.
The reunion will be August 2. 1980 at Briar-
stone Manor in Abilene from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. An evening meal will be served at 7 p.m. at a cost of $\$ 4.00$ a plate. Reservations are necessary prior to the reunion and can be made by phoning Mrs. Melba Boozer, 673 -1347 or by writing her at 1300 Lakeside Drive Abilene, Texas 79602
Officers for the 1980 reunion are: Pres., W.H. Blackburn, III; First Vice Pres., Dora Sue Christian; Second Vice Pres., Mrs. Kay Watson; Sec., Mrs. Melba Boozer. In charge of displays of memorabilia will be Leonard Antilley and Mrs. Eldon Landers.
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## Local Law Officials Challenge Teen Girls

This coming Sunday, July 13 at $8: 30$ p.m. theBaird-Clyde Chevettes, winners of the Abilene South Fast Pitch Softball Team will tangle with an overpowering and intimidating team of our county law enforcement officers and officials. The men are overwhelming favorites since every ball they hit at their practice Monday night went over the fence. The girls wanted to play on the big field, but the
men had their choice of fields and wanted the advantages of a smaller Little League fence. The girls accepted the challenge in preparation for the Regional Tournament in a couple of weeks.
Both teams urge everyone to come and enjoy a nice and exciting evening. Remember Sunday, July 13, 8:30 p.m. at the Baird Little League Park. Come out and help the girls break the law!

## BARGAIN BARN

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## Charles Baker Dies Tuesday

Charles Vinson Baker, 88 of Clyde died at 2:30 p.m. Tues. at West Texas Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Thurs. at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.
Frazier Connly, minister of Clyde Church of Christ officiated. Burial was at 2 p.m. Thurs. at Lubbock City Cemetery. Bill James Church of Christ minister in Lubbock officiated at graveside:
Born July 8, 1891, in Arkansas, he married Nellie May Vernequate Oct. 20, 1923, in Cooper. He moved to Bell County as a young boy. He farmed in Delta County until 1933, when he moved to Haskell County, living there until 1947. He worked as a carpenter in Lubbock and Brownwood, moving to Clyde in 1969. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ. Mr. Baker was a veteran of

World War I.
Survivors include his wife; three sons; three daughters; two brothers; five sisters; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Big Country

Savings Holds Celebration
Big Country Savings, formerly First Federal, invites everyone to join the all-free celebration party in the parking lot at 122 West McHarg, Friday, July 11, 1980, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
"It's going to be an exciting day with several special guests and lots of activity," commented John W. Harrell, president of Big Country Savings.
Special guests will include Joe Montana, Dallas' own mink-clad gunslinger, and the famous rodeo clown, Snuffy.

There'll be big country fun with a country western band, bouncing in a bubble bounce, clown-face painting and refreshments. Be sure and meet the "Lady-in-Red" and get a heliumfilled balloon.
"Come join the excitment," continued Harrell, "and help us celebrate the change to Big Country Savings."
First Federal Savings of Stamford recently changed its name to Big Country Savings in conjunction with official conversion to a state-chartered mutual savings and loan. This change gives First Federal a much broader base of lending power allowing for expansion of current services to offer a wider range of loans including better and more flexible home loans.
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## Outstanding Young Farmer, Ramcher Sought

The search is now on for tion listed on the entry 1980 Outstanding Farmer and Rancher contest participants. If you are a Farm Bureau member family actively farming and or ranching and the husband ranching and the husband is not older than 30 years as of Dec. 31, 1980, then you are eligible to enter this contest.

Entry forms are now vailable at your county Farm Bureau office. After completion, the forms should be mailed directly to the home office on Waco where the information is held strictly confidential Three finalists will be chosen from the informa-
tion listed on the entry forms and their operations will be visited by the judges before final selection of the winner is completed. All information contained in news releases and the film to be shown at the state convention about the three finalists and the eventual winner is confidentail and must be cleared with those individuals before release. Also, entry forms are returned to contestants after the selection process is completed.
The three state finalists and their wives will receive an expense paid trip to the
vention in San Antonio Texas, during the November 30-December 3, 1980, and the American Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Leaders Confer-

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ence in Louisville, Kentucky on Feb. 8-11, 1981.
In addition to these trips, he YF\&R contest winner and wife will receive an expense paid trip to the AFBF annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, during Jan. 11-15, 1981. T

## DENCE TO THE MUSIC OF THE SIERRA LIGHT BAND APPEARING EACH FRIDEI AND SATURDAY AT THE SAWMILI CLUB

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On Saturday, July 12 from 3 to $4: 30$ p.m. there will be a reception honoring Vida Hill at the Community is invited.
The reception will be a going-away party for Mrs. Hill who is moving to Lubbock to be near her son, Lewis and his family, of 6219 Lynnhaven Drive, Lubbock. Vida is well known locally for her musical activities, as well as for her leadership in the Methodist Church and numerous clubs and organizations. She taught piano for many years and was a violinist in the Abilene Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.
The 87 year old Baird resident is the daughter of the late Martha Jane and William Lewis Gilliland. The Gilliland family came to Callahan County as open range ranchers in 1878. Vida has many interesting stories to tell about growing up with her twin sister, Verda, and her older sister Alice on the ranch, which is located about twenty-five miles south

## Clyde Native to

 Hold MeotingNorman Bales of Cedar Rapids, Iowa will conduct the summer gospel meeting at the Baird Church of Christ beginning July 1520 , services will be at 7:30 each evening except Sunday which will begin at 6:00.
Bales is a Clyde native, having graduated from Clyde High Scool in 1953 and graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1957. He started preaching in this area when he was 18 years old and held his first gospel meeting at age 19 at Manitou, Okla.
He has preached in several states and has helped with campaigns throughout the United States. He helped establish the Church in Jamestown, New York in 1962 and continued to preach there for 6 years. He also taught in the School of Preaching in Kansas City for 4 years and worked with the Sharpstown congregation in Houston for 3 years.
He has written several articles for publication throughout the country and has been preaching on radio for many years, he currently has a daily radio message in Cedar Rapids.
Bales is the son of Burl and Ruby Bales of Clyde
The Church of Christ in Baird extends a special invitation to all the people of this area to come and hear the word of God preached in love and simplicity.
r. Virgil E. Hill, who wa a Baird dentist and com munity leader. They had two sons, Lewis, Professor of Economics, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, and the late Clifton Hill of Tulsa Oklahoma. She now has four granddaughters and two great granddaughters. All of Vida Hill's friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend the reception on July 12. thent
of Baird. Theland today is ranched by her nephew, Billy James.
Vida's husband, also of a

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