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19th Congressional District Debates Slated for Oct 12 in Lubbock; Oct. 14 in Abilene

The three candidates vying for the 19th Congressional District seat will meet in two debates scheduled for October 12 in Lubbock and October 14 in Abilene.

The hour-long debates in which Congressman Charlie Stenholm, Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Dr. Richard Peterson have agreed to participate, are coordinated by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and are co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the Texas Tech University Student Government Association and McMurry University.

The October 12 debate in Lubbock will be held at 7 p.m. at Texas Tech University's Allen Theater, and the October 14 debate in Abilene is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Radford Auditorium on the McMurry University campus.

Tickets will be required for admission, and all three campaigns will be issued a share of tickets to distribute at their discretion.

Debate organizers are finalizing details for potential live TV and/or radio broadcasts of each event.

A spokesperson in Lubbock told this newspaper that the Lubbock debate will be televised on KCBD - Ch. 11.

Tapes will also be sent to CSPAN and CNN, she said.

A spokesperson for the Abilene COC said that, to her knowledge, all Abilene channels will be broadcasting the Abilene debate live, including KTAB, KTXS, and KXVA FOX.

(This newspaper will publish further information about live TV/radio broadcasting of the debates as soon as available.)

The format for each moderated forum will feature opening statements and a closing from each candidate as well as questioning from a panel.

Ticket contacts:

Congressman Stenholm - Jodi Zweifler, (806) 788-1215

Congressman Neugebauer - Matt Schaefer (806) 687-5086

Dr. Peterson - Richard Peterson, (806) 799-6032

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Honors Volunteers Of The Year

On September 21st the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program held its annual Callahan County Recognition in Baird. A total of 42 RSVP volunteers and guests from Baird and Clyde were in attendance.

Honored were Volunteer of the Year from Baird, Gwen Hickerson and Volunteer of the Year from Clyde, William Worcester. Special mention was given to members contributing 600 hours or more of volunteer service this past year. Those members named were Helen Akens, Billy Beard, Virginia Beard, Lucibel Manion, Pauline Parsons, Nila Towler, Lanetha Walker, and Velma Young.

Recognized for their

achievement as Presidential Service Award recipients were Helen Akens, Billy Beard, Virginia Beard, Brownie Hanner, Nancy Kuhn, Lucibel Manion, Pauline Parsons, Nila Towler, Billie Unrein, Lanetha Walker and Velma Young.

Entertainment was provided by Cross Country Band from Clyde and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

We wish to thank all who attended and the Callahan County Coordinators from Baird and Clyde, Velma Young, and Helen Akens and Delores Stewart, Baird Senior Center Site Director and Vickey Burns, Clyde Senior Center Site Manager for making all the arrangements.

Workshop Highlights Agricultural Diversification For Rural Economies

Austin - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with the U. S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Texas Cooperative Extension to host a conference on agricultural diversification for rural Texas.

The conference, called "Agricultural Diversification: Sustaining Rural Economies and Lifestyles," is scheduled for Oct. 19 at the Cisco Junior College Agriculture Building, 101 College Heights on Highway 6 in Cisco.

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Stephen McGregor Of Baird Among Fallen Texas Firefighters Honored At National Memorial Service

Eight Texas firefighters were among 107 fallen heroes honored at the official national tribute to America's fallen firefighters in Emmitsburg, MD on Sunday, October 3.

The Texas firefighters honored included Stephen McGregor of Baird, who died at age 62 in 2003 in the line of duty.

The 23rd annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on October 3, at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, remembered firefighters from 34 states

and Guam who died in the line of duty in 2003.

The families of the fallen firefighters and fire and emergency service leaders joined federal, state, and government officials in this year's tribute.

The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of plaques listing the names of the fallen firefighters honored this year. Plaques around the monument now bear the names of 2,843 firefighters who have died in the line of duty since 1981.

Student Council To Host Veteran's Day Coffee

The Baird High School Student Council will be hosting a coffee on November 11, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for all veterans and their spouse's. The coffee will be held in the Family and Consumer Sciences (formally known as Home Economics) room. Following the coffee there will be a Veteran's Day assembly to honor those who have and those who are currently serving our country.

The Council asks all Veterans to provide them with name, branch of service, and a picture (if available). Please provide all information on the back of pictures. Please call or bring information to Baird High School office. For additional information please contact Baird High School - (325) 854-1400. School address is 600 West 7th Street.

Clyde COC Invites Everyone to the Annual Pecan & Bluegrass Festival, Saturday, Oct. 9. Parade begins at 10:00 A.M. The Festival will be held west of the Clyde Bulldog Football Stadium.

Texas Department of State Health Services will hold the following clinics in Callahan County
Monday, Oct. 11th
Baird Cafeterium
400 W. 7th
Time 10-12
Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 N. Main
Time 2-4
Wednesday Oct. 13th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
Time 10-12 & 1:30 - 3
Please bring child's Immunization Records
For more information call 325/754-4945

Flu Shots will be given Monday, October 18 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Baird Cafeteria Cost: \$15.00

Cow/Calf Health Management Seminar Oct. 12

Losses caused by disease represent a major obstacle to the profitability of many cow/calf beef operations. Disease results in animal death, failure or decreased efficiency in reproduction, and decreases in growth and productivity. Some diseases exist at "subclinical levels," meaning signs are not observable so losses continue undetected, robbing the cow/calf operator of profits. If high levels of health are maintained, healthy cattle generally will have a higher value at sale time.

To address some of these issues the Callahan County Extension office and Fort Dodge Animal Health are putting together a special Cow/Calf Health Management Seminar October 12th starting at 6:00pm at the Baird Activity Center. Following an industry sponsored dinner we will begin the program at 6:45pm. We will start the program with a brief overview discussing the principles of "Beef Quality Assurance" (BQA) - a proven system of sensible management practices

that help improve the quality and safety of the beef we raise as well as updating ranchers of the fascinating changes occurring in the industry and what we must do to increase demand for our cattle. Dr. Mac Devin with Fort Dodge Animal Health will then discuss vaccination programs for cow herd as well as how to get replacement heifers ready to go into the breeding system with the proper vaccination program. We will then wrap the program up with a panel of local veterinarians and allow them to discuss their recommendation and advice for producers in this local area. This promises to be a very educational program and we hope that all Cow/calf producers in the area will make plans to attend.

This seminar and accompanying meal are Free to those that pre-register by October 8th. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per person. This program is presented by the Extension offices in Callahan, Shackelford, and Taylor Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.

WESTBOUND WATER DISTRICT PLANS EXPANSION

By Viola Payne

It looks like the old prophesy of water becoming more valuable than oil is being fulfilled in Texas.

As this happens, Westbound Water Supply Corp. is proceeding with a major expansion. Its web of lines are being increased.

New storage facilities are planned, and test wells have already been drilled WNW of Rising Star.

The main office of Westbound Corp. is located in Cisco. For some years the Corp. has purchased water from Eastland (Lake Leon) and from the City of Cisco (Lake Cisco) for further distribution.

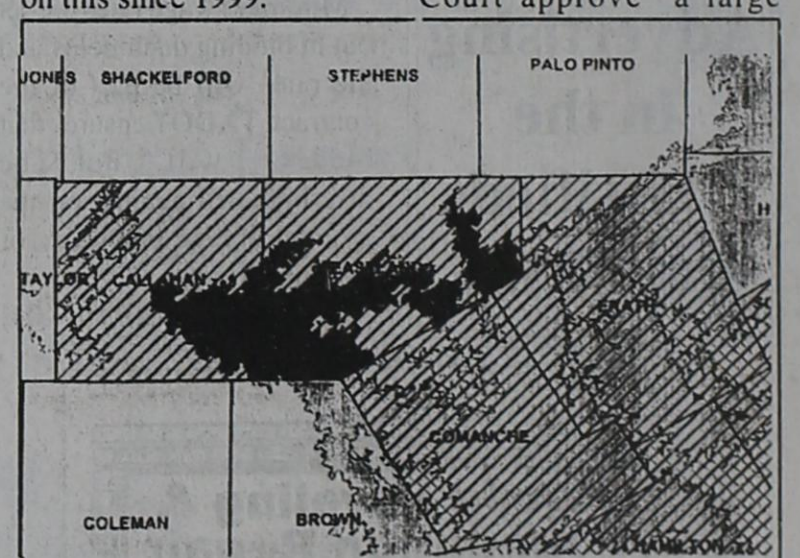
The Corporation was formed in the early 1970's with the goal of furnishing water to rural areas in the county. It also furnishes water to the town of Putnam in Callahan County. Westbound is listed as a non-profit Corporation which is governed by a Board of Directors.

Westbound's expansion is an ongoing story, with more news expected to come in within the next few weeks.

Randy Nix, Manager of the Corporation, tells me that Westbound will have a news release when all details of the project are worked out with government agencies.

"We are into the final

technical stuff now," Nix added. "We have actually been planning and working on this since 1999."



Middle Trinity GCD With Trinity Aquifer

"Of major interest are the three new 'water fields' lying near the line of Eastland and Callahan Counties. One is the proposed Harris King Water Well Field, west of CR 569. Then there is the Kirkham field, situated beside a proposed pump station with large storage tanks. To the northeast of that is the proposed King Water well field."

He stated that the reason for the expansion is that people in the rural areas have been asking for it.

"They are short on water and having to haul it to their homes," he said.

Westbound has been notified that they have been awarded a \$4.5 million grant from the Rural Development Corporation to fund this project. They will receive the money when all plans are finalized and approved.

I first became aware of some of these plans in May

amount of pipeline crossings on roads. There were 62 in Pct. 3, 10 in Pct. 4, and one in Pct. 1 - 73 crossings in all. This was approved with little discussion.

On Aug. 19, 2004 the Eastland County newspapers published a legal notice for Westbound, in which the Corporation asked (among other things) for permission from the TCEQ to provide water service in Eastland,

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Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds
For Sale

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

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Justin Work Boots- 8' lace, oil re-tan leather, D & 2 E width, sizes 7 1/2-13. Regularly \$130. Now \$109.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX.

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Miscellaneous
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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6122-47-001 for **HOT POUR CRACK SEALING** in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on October 26, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$152,264.80.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 14278
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Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

Help Wanted

The Texas Department of Transportation in Eastland has 1 opening for the following position:

Title: Trans. Maint. Tech 1
JVN NUMBER 007028
SALARY \$8.42-\$11.12 per Hour

JOB DESCRIPTION
Performs entry-level transportation maintenance work. Work requires use of maintenance tools and equipment. Work requires contact with private entities. Employees at this level follow standard practices that do not require frequent supervision of details.

Education and Experience
Entry level position. Applicants may submit completed applications either in person or by mail to the nearest TxDOT location. Locations, mailing addresses and phone numbers of TxDOT districts and the Austin Central offices can be found on the back of the Applicant Information Sheet attached to the application packet. Resumes will be accepted for whatever additional information they may contain, but not in lieu of a completed application.

Applications will be accepted from October 4, 2004 until 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2004. For additional information about the job

qualification requirements and application instructions, please call the Brownwood Human Resources office at 915-646-2591.

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From Page One Workshop

The target audience includes landowners, farmers, ranchers, chambers of commerce and others interested in agricultural diversification in their communities.

Rural Texas serves a vital role in the economic health and stability of much of our state," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "Texas cannot prosper unless rural Texas prospers. Through this workshop we want to be able to provide the knowledge and resources necessary for rural business owners to get started, thrive and grow."

The program will feature speakers on economic development, and the conference will cover a variety of subjects related to starting a running a small business as well as specific information on diversification options. Topics will include risk management and marketing. There will also be a panel presentation on small business development, and attendees will hear many agricultural diversification success stories from rural residents.

State Rep. Jim Keffer, who will make opening comments at the Cisco conference, said, "As we look to the future of agriculture, we must take the opportunities to build and diversify our businesses."

To register for the event in Cisco, which takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. call Patsy Harelik at (254) 442-2537 by Friday, Oct. 15. Registration is also accepted at the door. The workshop fee is \$15 per person, and lunch is included.

D. P. S. Report
09-26-04 to 10-02-04
CASES INVESTIGATED
Warnings - 83
Complaints - 152
DWI with Child - 1
Driving While License Invalid - 1
Driving While License Invalide - 2
Criminal Trespassing - 1
Accidents
There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

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60 acres wooded with mostly oak trees, creek, hill, nearby waterline, deer, turkey, dove, hogs, \$950 per acre. **SOLD**
80 acres mostly wooded with oak trees, field, pond, creek, large hills & views, waterline, deer, turkey, dove, hogs, \$220 per acre. **SOLD**
63 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$89,762.
95 acres completely wooded with mature oak trees, large hill, pond, setup with deer blinds & feeders, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$87,875 owner/agent.
97 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, large hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$116,400.
100 acres with 2001 32 ft. travel trailer with slide out, 16x20 enclosed building, fourwheeler, the property is thickly wooded with oak trees, canyons, pond, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$118,500. **SOLD**
155 acres, 100 acres of live oaks & mesquite trees, 55 acres of fields, sunflowers, 3 ponds, hills, canyons, barns, 1 room cabin, waterline, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$123,225.
160 acres wooded with live oak trees, 2 ponds & a creek, hills with views, waterline, electricity, phone line, deer, turkey, hogs, duck, dove & quail, \$895/ac
160 acres, about 50% wooded with oak trees, deer, turkey, quail, co-op water nearby, \$775 per acre. **SOLD**
177 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$212,400.
306 acres, wooded with 35 acre field, creek, and mesquite timber, older rock house, ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$720 per acre. **SOLD**
310 acres, wooded with live oak trees, several ponds, excellent hunting, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$725 per acre. **SOLD**
320 acres, 110 acres of fields and 210 acres wooded with mostly mesquite and some live oak timber, 2 ponds, creek, waterline, **SOLD** bridge, rolling hills, deer, turkey, hogs, duck, dove and quail, \$575 per acre.
326 acres by Lake Cisco, over three miles of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, 2 ponds, will divide, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$391,200.
616 acres, mostly wooded with oak and mesquite timber, field, several ponds, hills, creek. Excellent hunting - deer, turkey, hogs, **SOLD** quail, dove.
850 acres some high game fenced, mostly wooded, oak timber, waterline, large hills, creek bottoms, 4 fields, 6 ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$715 per acre.
HOMES WITH ACREAGE
66 acres with 3 BR home ready to be completed by new buyer, overlooks Lake Cisco, mostly wooded, two ponds, creeks, \$125,000.
13.75 acres with nice 3 BR, 2 bath, **SOLD** LR, kitchen recently remodeled, double carport, water well, pond, storage bldg, hookups for RV or mobile home.
5 acres with recently built 3 BR, 2 bath home, large rooms, many pretty cabinets in kitchen, living room, den and utility room, **SOLD** carport, tall metal bldg., pond, many extras.
HOMES
2 BR, 1 bath home, carport, attached storage, \$172,500. **SOLD**
2 BR, 1 bath, carport with storage, **SOLD**
3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate DR, storage bldg., corner property, \$17,500.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath newer Clayton Sonoma, CH/A, storage bldg, fenced lot, \$18,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, mostly wood floors, garage, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000.
2 BR 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, deck, garage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$27,000.
2 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, **SOLD** many cabinets, CH/A, carport, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$30,000.
4 BR, 2 bath, lg. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, lg. corner property, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, mostly brick home, **SOLD** patio, storage bldg., fenced backyard, \$39,500.
3 BR, 2 baths, many nice cabinets, **SOLD** set, CH/A, approx. 1440 sq. ft., large metal bldg., 12 fenced lots, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath mostly brick home, **SOLD** garage, fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$42,500.
3 BR, 2 bath, lg. LR, with WBFP, some wood floors, CH, double carport, storage bldg., 2 1/2 lots, \$45,000.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, veneer brick home, CH/A, fireplace, storm windows, garage enclosed for 2 extra rooms, chain link fencing, 2 storage bldgs., large trees, reduced to \$47,500.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CH/A, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick, separate **SOLD** garage, double carport, fenced backyard, \$53,500.
4 BR, 2 bath, 2 story, with character, some wood floors, lg. corner prop., many large oak trees, reduced to \$47,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, CH, separate DR, WBFP in LR and WB heater in den, patio, 2 large metal shops, 2 double carports, 3 lots.
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home, lots of character, formal DR, office, lg. rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded by large oak and pecan trees, lg. corner property.
LAKE CISCO
2 BR Home, deck, boat dock, large oak trees, reduced to \$25,000.
3 BR Home, many cabinets, woodburning heater, wooden deck, boat dock with boat house, large trees, reduced to \$28,000.
2 BR Home, CH/A, fireplace, detached guest room, patio, boat dock, 2 car carport, storage bldg., large oak trees, reduced to \$28,000.
2 BR Home, WBFP, nice view of lake from LR and BRs. Some landscaping with sprinkler system, deck and boat dock.
3 BR, full bath plus two 3/4 bath home with CH/A and WBFP downstairs, covered boat dock. Furniture and appliances can remain.
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Three Innocents Abroad... HVO, GNO & Vance

After several years of complications and postponements, the time seemed right this fall for a big adventure across the waters to visit our loved ones over there and to give Vance an opportunity to see the marvels of Italy.

Initially, we thought about doing the British Isles and Ireland in a European tour that ended in Rome where Vince and Amy and the Four Joys live; enjoy a visit with them; and then do another tour to cover the north of Italy. Wisely, we determined that was too much, so Gaynell booked a flight straight to Rome, with a week-long tour on the end. It was a four-week jaunt that taxed the strength of Gaynell and I, but Vance didn't skip a beat.

Packing for unknown weather conditions away is an iffy thing, but finally it all fit, and in late August we launched to DFW where we went through the first of many security checks (without incident this time), parked; and boarded a Lufthansa flight shortly after noon. We landed Frankfurt, Germany about 8 a.m. (Remember, it's seven hours LATER there; you figure the flying time.)

We had to go through customs; (no problem); security, up a flight, down a flight; up a flight, down a flight; and board a commuter over the Alps, and two hours later, into Rome.

Once in the Leonardo De Vinci terminal, because we had loads of luggage we needed a cart which cost one Euro each, which we did not have, because we had not exchanged dollars for the new European currency, which presently is 1.20 to 1-dollar meaning you lose 20 cents. When I went outside the security zone, Daughter Amy

and the Grandchildren were waiting. First to spot and yell "Papa" was second son Luke; we had been to Rome eight years before for his birth. Soon Levi, Laura, Leigha, Amy Leigh joined Luke in Papa's arms. Papa said, "We were looking for the Freeman kids; they wouldn't be as big as you." (It had been over 2 years since we'd seen them.) Papa got Euros, and with a second door guard, got back into the secure zone, to retrieve luggage and sent Nana and Vance who were ready to see the folks.

Some of the bags were a little late from Frankfort so it took some time to get all together, and once loaded, guess where we all went for supper?

McDonalds. (One of four in Rome). Playground familiar; menu slightly different. Gaynell had a shrimp salad; I chose a tomato and FRESH mozzarella cheese concoction; delicious.

Then to Amy and Vince's home—a second floor, four bedroom spacious apartment with a child-safe balcony all around, in a gated compound, complete with security guards, swimming pool and tropical landscaping ala Honolulu. A resort if we ever saw one. It's in the north part of the city not terribly far from the Olympic Stadium. It is an enclave of closely knit military and diplomatic families, from all over the world. They celebrate each others birthdays, and take meals together; shop the little neighborhood shops (10 eggs to the carton; quart milk cartons only, because the native Italians generally have small refrigerators and few have clothes dryers, traditionally hanging their laundry out their windows.) The mili-

tary-related shop the PXs at Lavarro north of Naples south to stock up on American products. There are few American products in the Italian markets and except for Micky Ds, no American franchise quick food outlets. The bars on every corner sell tobacco, cappachinos, bus and lottery tickets, delicatessians and ice cream treats as well as the hard stuff. Actually bars are neighborhood gathering

places for young and old, but no dogs, please, even though virtually every family has a dog. (Which means that, with available but limited green spaces except the big public parks, one must tread sidewalks carefully.)

Weather was summer; we would see the kids swim; exchange family and home news; and call it a day, falling asleep quickly after a long trip.

(His handlers will have No-Doz at the ready.)

Have you thought about likenesses of Texas and Tennessee athletic programs? Both are state universities, both start with "Te," both are in two-syllable cities and both have orange and white school colors. Mascots differ. The Volunteers have a blue tick coon hound named "Smokey," and yes, they got a new mascot this year—Smokey IX—for a tradition dating back to 1953. A final similarity is that the average tenure of mascots at both UT's is six years—about the same as football coaches.*

Not to be overlooked are the Oklahomans, proud of their "wagon-circling" tradition begun in 1965. All the Okies need for "Boomer Schooner" is axle grease; they seem always to have plenty of hosses.

CBS stockholders, lamenting the "double-whammy" of Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" during the Super Bowl in January and Dan Rather's "reporting malfunction" last month, remember better days. Their Walter Cronkite, also a Texan, was cited repeatedly as "the most trusted man in America."

Rather, now several rungs lower on the trust ladder, could have taken a higher road by opening his newscast with an apology. Instead, he pushed it back a dozen minutes or so and then tip-toed around the issue. (Looks like the network's credibility now falls squarely on the shoulders of David Letterman.)

Never has a free press been more important; there must be a new commitment for reporters to "get it right"—

even if they don't get it 100% Americans yearn for honesty and integrity—never mind fines for malfunctions, admissions of padded circulation figures by some major newspapers and assorted other media gaffes too numerous to mention.

Statistical significance eluded me during graduate study and even more so today. This does not deter me, however, in conducting my own survey following the first presidential debate. (It should be pointed out—as always is in "formal" surveys—that there is a margin of error of plus or minus three per cent. We statisticians need all the "padding" we can get.)

Whatever. Ninety per cent of my contacts agree that many answers from both candidates seemed better fits for questions that weren't asked. As to whether they'll watch the next one, about 50% say it is debatable.

A final numbers reference: Of the 50 major college football games last weekend, odds-makers figured only two teams would lose by six touchdowns or more—Baylor (at UT) and SMU (at Boise State). Thirty-seven games were predicted to have single-digit margins.

*It is worth noting that the late Sam Houston was elected governor of Tennessee (1827) and Texas (1859)—when pigs were mighty important, with every part used but the squeal. A soul food mainstay, "chitterlings" (usually reduced to "chitlins"), can be traced way on back—when porcine parts were fried instead of fumbled.

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The Idle American Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Team All 'Washingtoned' Up

Don't think for a minute that major league baseball didn't give the Montreal Expos plenty of chances to succeed in Montreal. Canadians have plenty of national pastimes ranking way ahead of baseball, so, after 36 years of futility, the team is heading to Washington, D.C.

The back-breaking final straw came earlier this year, when a fan phoned to check on game time "What time can you come?" was the answer.

Speculation abounds as name possibilities are considered. One wag suggests "Suckers." Another thinks "Washington Exposeds" has a nice ring to it. Me? I'd like to humbly suggest "Paper Shufflers." The moniker has no racial, ethnic or gender issues and can be reduced to "PS" for headlines. (The only people who might be offended are the paper shufflers in DC.)

Flashing Cheshire cat smiles in Texas are the Rangers, who tossed the "Senators" nickname aside when they rode into town from Washington back in '72. "Texas Senators?" Yuk. That sounds like a team that could bolt to Oklahoma without

notice. BUT—the franchise owns rights to the name, so if the new Washington team wants it back, it can show the money. (My suggestion: Start high, take less and pay down on a pitcher.)

Traditions must not be taken lightly. "Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown," Shakespeare warned, but Bevo XIII (perhaps never noticing all those Roman numerals after his name) may have thought himself to be indispensable. The longest-tenured of all UT mascots, the steer was a sideline faithful for 20 years. Among the memories he's taking to pasture is his trip to Washington for President Bush's inauguration.

His demise was iced in Dallas last year, when he was seen napping during the UT-Oklahoma game. ("What a bummer," he may have thought. "Texas coaches have napped at this game for years without getting fired.") The 88-year tradition continues this fall with Bevo XIV, a two-year-old steer who'll storm into the Cotton Bowl this weekend with plenty of snort.

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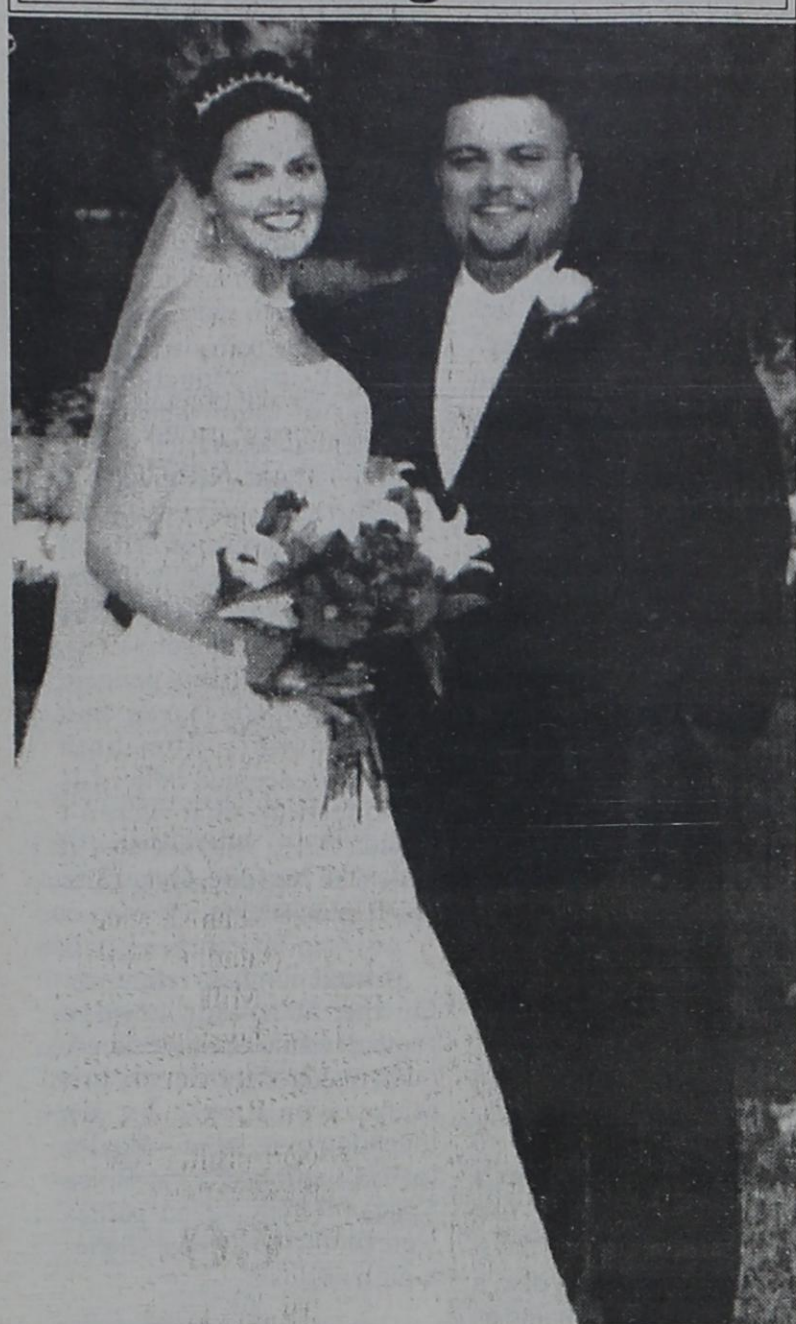
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Wedding Bells



Stennett - Haussman

Brenna Diane Stennett and Dennis Sheldon Haussman joined in marriage on June 26, 2004 on the lawn of Mr. Robert Kamon of Cisco.

Brenna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stennett of Cisco. She is the granddaughter of Omalee Holdridge and the late Carson Holdridge of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stennett of Baird. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haussman of Argyle, TX. He is the grandson of the late Maxine Williams of Oklahoma City, OK, Joyce McLain of Carnegie, OK, and Shirley Haussman of

Jones, OK.

The bridal party was made up of 14 of the couple's closest friends and family members. The Maid of Honor was the bride's sister Marcie Brown of Abilene. Bridesmaids were Larami Bass of Argyle, Brandi Buckingham-Hard of Keller, Jill Scharnberg of Irving, Terri Milks of Arlington, Nikki Thiberville of Cisco, Holly McGalliard of Argyle, and the Jr. Bridesmaid was Emma Haussman, sister of the groom, of Argyle.

The Best Man was the father of the groom, Richard Haussman, of Argyle.

Groomsmen were Brendan Iber of Argyle, Keloia Slane of The Colony, Mark Ligon of Flower Mound, John Ligon of Flower Mound, Kevin Stennett of Cisco, and David Brown of Abilene. The flower girl was Hailey Brown, niece of the couple, of Abilene. The ring bearer, "flower boy", was Gable Cooper Bass, godson of the couple, of Argyle.

The house party was made up of 10 of the couple's friends. Kedra, Hanna, and Halle Keller of Eastland, Jodi and Kinsey Pruitt of Eastland, Beth Fulton of Dallas, Sheri Sandifer of Cisco, Emille Hicks of Argyle, Tory and Abby McGalliard of Argyle. Bruce Stovall of Cisco joined the couple in marriage. Jayci Pruitt of Eastland sang a special song for the couple during the wedding ceremony.

The bridesmaids wore a variety of black formal dresses and groomsmen wore three piece black tuxedos. Philpot's Florist in Cisco made the wedding floral arrangements with an assortment of hot pink and white flowers. The couple would like to thank all of their friends and family members for all of the love and support they have given through out the years. They would like to thank everyone for coming and celebrating their special day. A special thanks goes to Mr. Robert Kamon for letting the couple marry on his beautiful lawn, and Petree's Wedding store in Cisco, for helping out during this special event.

Brenna is a 1996 graduate of Cisco High School and is currently employed by Texas Motor-Speedway. Dennis is a 1995 graduate of Denton High School and is currently employed by AMX Environmental in Dallas. Dennis and Brenna have built a home in Argyle, where they will reside.

Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

While sitting at my computer the other day, trying to unravel the complicated trail leading to the identification of my ancestors, I was reminded of an old song that said, "I'm My Own Grandpa." Well, I know I am not my own grandpa, but my head starts spinning when I try to decipher some of the records, especially marriage records.

Let me cite an example.

My father, Lee Cook, married Cora Foy. My father's cousin, Hugh McCrary, married my mother's sister, Ola Foy. Another of Dad's cousins, Hugh's brother, Dan McCrary, married Velma Hagar. My father's brother, Marse, married Oma Hagar, a sister to my father's cousin Dan McCrary's wife, Velma. Which means that my mother's sister married a McCrary, who is related to the Hagars by marriage, and the Hagars are related to the Cook's by marriage. This means the Cooks are related to the Foy's by marriage, and the Foy's are related to the McCrarys and Hagars by marriage.

This makes Dan and Velma's son, Billy Gerald, my father's cousin's boy, which would be a cousin once removed, but I don't know where it removed him.

Since Billy Gerald's uncle Hugh married my mother's sister, Ola, that makes Billy Gerald my dad's nephew by marriage, and since my dad's brother married Billy Gerald's aunt Oma, my dad's brother's wife, that makes him a double nephew to my dad. (I think).

Complicated? You bet! I could elaborate more, but I'm getting dizzy.

Someone once pointed out that if we go back far enough in our genealogy research we will find we are all related. I have been making an attempt to discover just which links my ancestors formed in that interminable chain.

The people who did my DNA tests assured me that my line of Cooks came from the Vikings.

I told my wife about the report and she made a smart-alecky remark about Vikings having horns on their heads, and for years, she had been sure I came from the Vikings.

I have had a tremendous amount of assistance in tracing my mother's side of the family, My cousin has done

enormous research on the Foy family, and has traced them back to the Huguenots in France. He has put together a large loose leaf book that includes, not only a history of the Foy line, but also many legal records, such as marriage certificates, land deeds, Army records, pictures, and much more.

I am doing the same for the Cook family. Someone must write it so that generations who follow us will have a bit of knowledge about who we are and what we did in this short life span of ours. I only wish someone before me had done the same.

If I don't get the Cooks, Foy's, Hagars, and McCrarys untangled, my book is only going to have about two pages, and one of them will only have my picture on it; with my horns, of course.

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7th Grade

All A's

Henna Betcher, Amber Clark, Fallon Donlan, Mitzy McDowell, Cassidy Miller, Holley Owens, Brittney Russo, Shelby Strickland, Rose Wansley

A-B

Travis Ashcraft, Rainy Burks, Kristen Burns, Matthew Carlisle, Alysa Isenhower, Cody Isenhower, Andy Koch, Taylor Marks, Courtney Nail, Scott Sanford, Andrew Slate, Jeremy Spencer, Joshua Spencer

8th Grade

All A's

Ariel Banks Patsy Dugan, Darryl Fox, Emalie Green, Breanna Patterson

A-B

Becky Blair, Jessica Bowen, Logan Donlan, John Edwards, Garrett Jennings, Jesse Mendez, Ashlen Murff, Billy Nail, Bradley Neal, Stephanie Rollins, Emily Tumbusch, Morgan White, Christopher Whitworth

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All A's

Bessent - 4th

Jenna Cypert, Esperanza

Portillo, Kallie Pruet

Gerngross - 4th

Brenna Coffman, Candis

Gilley

Diller - 5th

None

S. Williams - 5th

None

Clyburn - 6th

Alexis Almanzar, Eric

Ebeling, Cody Hunter, Sara

Kunick, Alex Neal, Elisha

Pritchett

T. Williams - 6th

Michelle Robbins

A-B

Bessent - 4th

Teresa Espitia, Somer

Lewis, Hannah Owens,

Alexandra Villarreal

Gerngross - 4th

Kody Bryant, Amber

Collins, Shayna Daniel,

Sofia Dominguez, Melissa

Nash, Rachel Villarreal

Diller - 5th

Russel Hess, Katelynn

Mitchell, Courney

Ringhoffer, Tyler White

S. William - 5th

Lee Bowen, Brittany

Cook, Danielle Farlye,

Letrisha Hernandez, Ty

Rhoads, Adam Slate Charcie

Voigts

Clyburn - 6th

Jessica Nash

T. Williams - 6th

Colton Fox, Lauren Hare,

Mackenzie Keller, Peyton

McIntire, Adolfo Portillo,

Jameson Rountree, De Janira

Valentin

State Unveils Strategic Plan To Address Traffic Mobility

Abilene, TX - The Texas Transportation Commission has laid the framework for distributing \$3 billion in new transportation funds.

The strategic plan for the Texas Mobility Fund, which is funded primarily through traffic fines, was approved by the commission at its monthly meeting. That action paves the way for disbursement of the money to bridge the gap between transportation needs and available funding.

"Traditional revenue is not sufficient to meet the growing transportation demand in Texas caused by a growing population traveling more miles on already congested roads," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT executive director. "The Texas Mobility Fund is a new source of financing that we need to stretch as far as we can to reduce congestion and improve safety as quickly as possible."

Six principles guide the plan:

* Mange the fund in the most effective way to accelerate needed transportation improvements to reduce congestion, improve safety, expand economic opportunity, and enhance statewide connectivity.

* Implement a multimodal approach including highways, rail, public transportation and other transportation modes to ef-

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CJC HOMECOMING— CJC had a good turn out for the Homecoming 2004. Parents and students enjoyed a tailgate party before the game on Saturday afternoon with the fall weather being cool. They dedicated the Wrangler Corral. Pennie May Ewing, a sophomore from Burleson, was named Cisco Junior College Homecoming Queen, during halftime activities Saturday. The CJC Wranglers lost to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College 31-13.



Pennie May Ewing - CJC Homecoming Queen

Baird I. S. D. Lunch Menu

- Wednesday, Oct. 6
Stromboli, Tossed Salad, Corn, Jell-o w/fruit, Milk
- Thursday, Oct. 7
chicken Pot Pie, Fried Squash, Fruit, Crackers, Milk
- Friday, Oct. 8
Bear Dogs, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Pork -N-Beans, Rice Krispies, Milk
- Monday, Oct 11
Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Corn, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 12
Steak Fingers w/gravy, Mash Potatoes, Green Peas, Rolls, Jelly, Milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 13
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- Thursday, Oct. 14
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Ranger 0Rotan 52
Rising Star 68Mullin 14
May 60Star 0



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Varsity Football Schedule

October 8 *Ranger	There	7:30
October 15*Goldthwaite	Here	7:30
October 22*Gorman	There	7:30
October 29*Cross Plains*	Here	7:30
November 5 *Evant	There	7:30

*Senior Night
*District Games

Athletic Coordinator/Head Coach - Bryan Webb
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Cheerleaders - Jodi Neal, Kayla Windham, Rebecca Tollett, Cassie Nail, Megan Betcher, Victoria Suarez, Katelyn Cumby, Kelsey Barbee
Mascot - Dana Blair
Managers - Emalie Green, Ike Dickey,
Jesse Mendez, Garrett Jennings, Logan Donlan
Band Director - Donna Sikes

Baird Bears 2004 Varsity

2	Blan Scott	11	QB/FS	6'0	170
3	Chance Rodriquez	11	WR/DB	6'1	155
9	Chase Goldsmith	12	WR/DB	5'10	155
15	Matt Reynolds	12	HB/DE	5'10	165
21	Chris Cogburn	10	QB/DB	5'7	150
22	Zach Green	12	RB/DL	5'7	165
29	Justin Patterson	10	RB/LB	5'8	165
30	Chris Jones	9	RB/DB	5'7	150
32	Blake Mendez	12	WR/DB	5'6	140
33	Jed Womack	11	RB/LB	5'9	160
38	Jayce Barbee	9	WR/DB	5'6	130
40	Sid Walton	11	RB/LB	5'9	150
44	Cody Shouse	11	RB/LB	5'6	155
50	Andrew Emmert	9	OL/DL	5'11	170
51	Justin Roberts	10	OL/LB	5'11	190
52	Brad Matlock	11	OL/LB	5'11	215
53	Carter Burford	12	OL/LB	5'11	175
60	Jeramie Brooks	9	OL/DL	5'9	200
62	Kyle Dillard	12	OL/DL	5'11	240
65	Richardo Lopez	12	OL/DL	5'8	150
70	Roger Wamsley	11	OL/DL	5'11	220
72	Judd Clark	10	OL/DL	5'7	245
75	Tim Burns	12	OL/DL	6'0	315
79	Koby Parker	10	OL/DL	6'0	242
80	Jacob Dillard	9	TE/DL	5'8	175
83	Will Green	12	WR/DB	6'0	175
85	Aaron Hazelwood	9	WR/DB	5'4	125
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Disaster Aid Prospects

As I mentioned last week, a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators recently passed an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill that would provide assistance to cover disaster losses for the 2003 and 2004 crop years, as well as providing funding for the Livestock Assistance Program.

I've talked with many groups about this in recent days, and I even held a roundtable discussion on Thursday, September 30th, for producer organizations to plead their case for disaster assistance to the Democratic Leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Like the farmers in West Texas, I understand that a natural disaster caused by drought, flooding, wind or hail in the Plains States is the same as a disaster caused by the recent hurricanes in Florida. It isn't right to differentiate one natural disaster from another. Any assistance that the President asks for must be equitable for all farmers, not just those in specific regions of the country.

If the House Republican Leadership doesn't allow disaster to be addressed before Congress leaves on October 8th, I'm concerned that the chances to get assistance for the 2003 losses and any possible 2004 impacts diminish greatly.

It is still not clear yet whether disaster assistance will make it to the President's desk for approval. Several hurdles, including whether the House leadership and the White House will insist that the assistance be paid for, and what the final vehicle might be for its movement, are yet to be determined.

As you may remember, the 2001 and 2002 disaster program was paid for by putting a cap on the Conservation Security Program.

Additionally, I have expressed my preference that the House and Senate Agriculture

Committees should be involved in determining the policy for providing assistance, not an appropriations conference committee that has no expertise in agricultural issues.

The bottom line is we'll be working next week to make sure that if the President will approve it, we'll get a disaster package for all farmers, not only in West Texas, but also in Minnesota, South Dakota and Florida and other areas. Let's cross our fingers that will happen.

Agriculture Issues On Capitol Hill This Week

As the House of Representatives rushes to wrap up its legislative business before breaking for the election, it was a very busy week for agriculture here on Capitol Hill.

In addition to the disaster aid I discussed a minute ago, the House Agriculture Committee held several hearings and business sessions.

One of our hearings focused on the Farm Credit System.

I also had the pleasure to meet once again with representatives of the Plains Cotton Growers and the National Grain Sorghum Producers.

Of particular importance, I had the opportunity to discuss the WTO's ruling that concerns cotton and other agricultural programs in a pri-

vate meeting with Ambassador Robert Zoellick and J.B. Penn, the undersecretary of agriculture.

Among the issues Ambassador Zoellick and I discussed was my concern about the trade-distorting effects that synthetic fibers policies have on natural fibers like cotton.

I reiterated to Ambassador Zoellick that in order for trade agreements to provide benefits to cotton producers, including those from African countries, distortions in world fiber and textile markets must be addressed in a comprehensive fashion.

It's important for everyone in the trade community to realize that when other countries subsidize synthetic fibers it has a direct effect on the cotton industry.

You can be assured that I will continue to fight for cotton and for addressing synthetic fiber subsidies. Synthetics must be addressed in order for a level playing field to exist for cotton.

Conference Committee Appointment To The FSC/ETI Bill I am pleased this week to have been appointed to the conference committee on the Foreign Sales Corporation/Extraterritorial Income Exclusion corporate tax bill, commonly called FSC/ETI.

The conference committee is responsible for negotiating the differences in the House and Senate passed versions of this legislation and developing a final version of the bill that can be passed by both the House and Senate before the end of next week

when Congress goes out of session for several weeks.

There are many things included in this legislation, but it mainly addresses U.S. trade practices in our global marketplace.

This legislation is necessary as a result of the European Union's plans to continue to increase the tariff being applied to some 1,600 different American products by one percentage point per month until it reaches 17 percent by March 2005. Some agricultural products would be among those items being hit with the penalty tax if this legislation doesn't pass.

Our objective for this tax bill is to repeal the original export tax provisions and replace an outlawed export subsidy program with alternative tax breaks for U.S. manufacturers across the board.

I will fight to make sure this bill is paid for and that it does not add to the current \$7.3 trillion deficit.

I am also hoping the conference committee can agree upon a bill that includes renewable energy and domestic energy production incentives.

Increased domestic energy production, from oil and gas to ethanol and biodiesel, is important to help bring us forward to an energy-independent status.

I will fight to keep these provisions in the final version of the legislation because it is very important for farmers and rural America.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member on the House Committee on Agriculture.

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Letters To The Editor

Re: Neugebauer's fishy claims

To the Editor,
US Rep. Randy Neugebauer's, R-Lubbock, guest column in the Abilene Reporter News on August 15 sounded fishy. I have checked the Congressional Record to find out what really happened.

Neugebauer claimed he got \$28.6 million in family housing for Dyess Air Force Base and \$3.3 million for a refueling maintenance center there. The truth is, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, worked to secure the financing for both projects, while Neugebauer did nothing on either but claimed credit for the work of others. Charlie has proven his ability to work with Republican Sens. Hutchinson and Cornyn for Dyess funding.

Neugebauer says the criticism of his voting against additional military housing construction funding was a misunderstanding over procedure. Really, this was not merely a procedural vote, but a vote of substance on how we treat our troops. Voting with the Hastert/DeLay House leadership- as Neugebauer did and Charlie did not- knocked out the additional provision for military housing.

Neugebauer also claims credit for increasing the B-1 bombers at Dyess, but the truth is that was a result of work by Charlie and others for B-1 bombers in defense bills that passed in May and July 2003. Neugebauer didn't even arrive in Congress until June 2003- not in time to influence these.

Neugebauer's influence as a city councilman/civic leader in Lubbock previously wasn't even enough to keep Reese AFB operational. What effectiveness! I wonder why Randy's TV ads brag about him trying, since he failed.

Alice Spicer
Abilene, TX.

Letter To Editor,
Our United States Constitution says we are to have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Many times, it seems we have a government of Tom DeLay, by Tom DeLay, and for Tom DeLay and others like him who use their power in a self-serving way. If used correctly, power can be good. We need to question the way it is used and judge accordingly.

Those of us locally, who are actively seeking the passage of H.R. 594, have received a large number of calls, emails, etc., from citizens concerned and desiring to help accomplish the passage of this bill. The internet is full of associations, organizations, etc. working to pass this bill. There are 300 cosigners of the bill in the House of Representatives. The people, it seems, have spoken, but are not heard.

Both social security and spousal benefits would be restored to thousands of people in our nation if the Government Pension Offset was repealed by the passage of H.R. 594.

There are heart-breaking stories told by the people who are unable to get adequate medical care, pay their bills, and are forced to live below the poverty level. Receiving these benefits would improve life for them. As a citizen, taxpayer, and human being, I am touched by these people. They are the "of the people" and "by the people" part of our Constitution. Our elected officials, in my opinion, are not allowing the "for the people" part to be activated.

It seems the people are speaking and have spoken. The question is are those in power like Mr. DeLay and Mr. Hastert listening? If so, H.R. 594 will come out of committee and receive a majority vote in the next session of the House.

If a Congreeman cosigns a

bill, we would expect him to vote for the bill and make every effort to see it passed. Are you listening, Mr. Neugebauer?

Mitzi Hart
1102 Bettis
Merkel, Texas 79536

Dear Editor:
Charlie Stenholm is "my" Congressman. Even though a line on some map from Austin now says that I am out of the district, Charlie will always be "my" congressman. He should be your congressman, too.

Charlie has been a strong and independent voice for West Texans for all the years that I have known him. He has not wavered in his determination to serve the people of his district and truly represent their interests in Washington. And he is the same whether he is in the company of constituents in the fields of Texas or at the Capitol with national and world leaders.

Having lived in both Lubbock and Abilene before coming to Mineral Wells, I think I know West Texans. I can tell you that Charlie is one of us. We need to keep him working for us in Congress. Please vote for Charlie on November 2 and go to www.stenholm.org for further information.

Sincerely yours,
Mike A. Smiddy
P.O. Box 752
Mineral Wells, TX 76068

Dear Editor,
This letter is to all of the people in Eastland County, that are not afraid to read it.

To all of you that operate city governments, county governments, all of the Big businesses, Do yourselves a favor, electric companies, phone companies, and all that make up the rules and policies, that you go by, to lie-cheat-and-steal from all the people in this county.

Look in your mirrors, and tell yourselves, all the lies you put forth to us, Then,

convince yourselves you are right, honest, upstanding and honorable.

That will be your first lie to yourselves, look again, in that same mirror, tell yourselves the truth.

You and all the rest of our country, are destroying everything for all of everyone.

Now is the time, NOW, to put America back together. The right way!

If you don't, you will wake some morning, and everything will be gone. Your wives, your children, your homes, your life. I pity smart people that are really ignorant, to what is right and wrong.

You people, that are supposed to be leaders, and protectors, and our advocates are not.

You will be shown that lying, cheating, and stealing, because your rich friends do it, is the wrong path.

Hell is full of believers (after the fact).

A concerned citizen of Eastland County and the U.S.A.

God Bless America!
P.S. Quit stealing from the disabled and elderly to give to the rich!!!!

Dear Editor,
Recently, I have heard two arguments regarding the 19th Congressional District Representative race that greatly concern me.

I have heard Big Country residents say, "It's time for a change," or "We need new blood in Washington!" I've been scratching my head trying to figure out why on earth anyone in the 19th Congressional District would want to trade in Charlie Stenholm, who is ranked 27th in Congressional seniority, for a Congressman ranked 431st out of 435 in seniority. Why would we replace Charlie and his 26 year independently conservative record with a one-term Congressman who has voted with his party 98% of the time? I have never been so baffled by partisan loyalty in my life.

People also say, "I can't vote for Charlie because of

who he's supporting for President." After scouring press clips, the Internet, and contacting both the Stenholm and Neugebauer campaigns, I cannot find record of Charlie's presidential endorsement. In fact, since 1978, Stenholm has served with five presidents from both political parties. Charlie's opponent has no record of working with anyone except Tom DeLay and Washington power brokers since 2002.

Unfortunately, we have no guarantee President Bush will win in November. Texas alone doesn't pick the President, nor does the 19th Congressional District. Personally, I want a Congressman who has a record of working with whichever political party is in the White House.

These are two more reasons I plan to vote for Charlie Stenholm on

November 2.

Kirsten Hancock
1549 Woodard
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Letters To The Editor

Dear friends and neighbors in Congressional District 19,

This type of letter is a first for us, but, because we know Congressman Charlie Stenholm through personal experience, we are asking friends and neighbors to consider him as our Congressional representative for the 19th District in the November election.

We, of course, would never presume to tell people how they should vote, because this is a private and personal privilege in our great, free nation.

However, we want to convey our personal experience and knowledge of Charlie Stenholm. We have known him since 1951 when I worked as an assistant coach for Gordon Wood in Stamford, Texas. Charlie was a junior high athlete, and his father, a local farmer, was on the school board.

We have followed closely his 25-year service in the U.S. House of Representatives, where seniority and length of service are the measure of stature and influence in committee appointments. He is a Democrat of the George Mahon, Omar Burleson, and Harry Truman tradition. He is honest, straightforward, intelligent, fiscally responsible, and has tremendous common sense. His experience on the House Agriculture Committee as the ranking member makes him especially effective as our representative for the new District 19. He is recognized nationally as being one of our most outstanding authorities on the complex issues of agriculture.

Charlie's voting record shows clearly that he will be an independent voice for West Texas and District 19 values. His 25 years of service in Congress and his lifetime in agriculture are vital to West Texas interests.

Thank you for considering Charlie Stenholm. You can learn more about him at www.stenholm.org

With sincere best wishes, Pete and Margaret Ragus 3020 67th Street

Lubbock, TX 79413 *****

Editor,

Again I am seized with industrial strength anger and terminal nausea that a Presidential Election points the fickle finger at the price of crude oil, many of whom, along with the media (I have witnessed the commentary) wishing oil prices would be cut in half. At the pump gasoline prices are too high!!!

Crude prices have only a small part in making that determination (taxes are the major ingredient in gasoline pump pricing).

I have made my biscuits and gravy, red beans and enchiladas, drilling for oil with good oil pricing deciding the quantity and quality of such biscuits and gravy.

Unlike farming, and other pursuits for profit, the oil producer is not blessed with disaster relief.

The recent hurricane in Florida being the latest atrocity, the Red Cross and other freeloader generators, rushing to give aid (funds) to prop up those who chose to live in the very spot where storms are in your house frequently and predictably.

In my industry we have disasters called dusters "dry holes". I have experienced a few, but have yet to greet a Red Cross person or government subsidy hand out.

("Poor C.B.: got a dry hole, here is \$100,000.00 to help with your self imposed loss.") Yes, self imposed. Crops are intentionally planted to yield a profit. I root for such plantings.

The National Election has yet to mention, a loaf of bread, a few ounces smaller than last year, but now twice the price. And to be sure the strange people who buy and sell stocks (Wall Streeters), producing nothing to eat, drink or drive eagerly denounce the price of crude oil to be a biggie in choosing a President.

They spend hours on 'Fox & Friends' TV' actually gloating how they dealt with this or that stock, for reasons I do not understand. I really fail

to see the corollary in which George Bush, Iraqi or Saudi oil changes the way we vote.

Incidentally, our imports of crude from Iraq and Saudi Arabia are a small percentage of our supply. The truth is, we import most of our needs from Venezuela.

The thrust of this diatribe is intended to be my fascination with the results of an election that can be predicated on the price of one commodity, crude oil, when in reality there is timber, wheat, bourbon, Fords, GMs, labor, penicillin, all of which are vote provoking in my book.

I am fond of rib eye steak, which a few years back could be had for \$2.50 per pound; now \$5.00 per pound will purchase all I want.

We oil folks are good citizens, tax payers, furnish a needed product, want to live. Also, know for certain the National Election will not depend on the price of crude, but surely rely on those of you who will vote rationally, for a Vietnam vet or a national guard jet pilot. As did we of WW II, willingly challenged a lunatic paper hanger and a little brown demon of the Tojo variety.

Be advised I have a hero, the young man on Jeopardy who has used a sharp mind to win, at this point, over one million dollars. Will be back on TV soon to continue earning an honorable buck.

That is America at work. He will vote for our next President!!! We should, all of us be willing to earn an "honest buck", one group looking to others, to pay for their red beans and corn bread is terribly wrong. I refer to as lazy and selfish. You know what I mean. Please shape up, now. The laws, you will be affected with the way you feel about yourselves.

When you vote you will be overjoyed having earned that right by earning your keep and paying taxes.

I must go now to check the mail for my Social Security check, which I am happy to have worked many years to be entitled.

By the way, a good price

of crude oil is my right and my livelihood. Oil profits are not 'obscene' as Jimmy Carter, of Plains, Georgia, once referred to them: thus resulting in the infamous 'windfall profits tax'.

C.B. Hazel
Oil producer
Eastland, Texas

Editor,

During the Great Depression, an Eastland County resident convicted of armed robbery got the handle "Spider" by picking up a black widow to escape the prison cotton patch. He then worked in the infirmary but was implicated in the escape of Clyde Barrow of the notorious Bonny and Clyde pair. Spider bandaged the hand of one of Clyde's escape partners. The big bandage covered a small pisol.

Late Spider made his own escape and with his wife hid out in Arizona. But when she returned to Texas he followed and was recaptured.

The book "How Long Must I Hide?" was one I checked out at Eastland Library tells that story.

His wife worked with Dallas and Houston editors to get legislation passed for prison reforms. But gradually most of that gain was eroded by the same bad old mentality. Then came the recent Ruiz case forcing more reform but again the old evil creeps in.

Recently an inmate in Michael Unit Administrative Segregation was bitten by a spider on the back of his leg. Certainly not intentional yet the medical treatment of the 1930s was better than now!

Denied prompt medical attention he tried wet salt to draw out poison but the bite grew worse.

He showed the bite to the nurse when it happened. She gave him antibiotic ointment FIVE DAYS later. This is inexcusable. The spider bite has not gotten better as of his most recent letter though that treatment is used up.

This kind of life threatening mistreatment is common in TDCJ. Does another federal judge have to rule or will the legislature have to act?

Sincerely,
Gordon S. Clark
401 CR 328

Eastland, TX 76448

How Long Has It Been Since You Read?

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

God said to Cain, "You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Cain had sinned and did not ask forgiveness. How many people do you know in this situation? You may be a product of your past but don't become a prisoner of it. Whether you have made mistakes or had great victories, you need to be at peace and live each day as if it were the first day of your life and also as if it were the last day of your life.

"Brethren, I count no myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high called of God in Christ Jesus."

No matter what things are going on in your life, keep pressing on. There are things that are right and good. Who

knows, someone is watching your life at many times and you may be witnessing by the thing you do as well as the things you say.

Challenge: find the location of the above Scripture for yourself!

Mangum Baptist Church 100th Anniversary Sunday

Mangum Baptist Church, 902 CR 194, Eastland will celebrate its 100th anniversary Sunday, October 10, 2004 in conjunction with the annual homecoming. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and morning services at 10:30 a.m. Delbert Cozart, a former pastor, will bring the message. The Messengers from Gorman will provide the music.

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Common Defense Bill Introduced To House, Senate: Referred To Committee On Armed Services

This newspaper recently received information regarding a bill reportedly introduced to the U. S. Senate and House which would require the mandatory draft for young men and women between the ages of 18-26.

With a little research, we found that the bill - S89 and HR 163 - had been introduced to the House and Senate, read and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

The Senate Bill was introduced on 1/7/2003 by Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, and would "provide for the common defense by requiring that all young persons in the United States, including women, perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service in furtherance of the national defense and homeland security, and for other purposes."

As far as we can determine, the bill's present status continues to be in Committee referral.

A reliable source in Washington told this newspaper that she did not think the bill could pass both the House and Senate, and that it certainly would not be acted upon before the November election.

However, a local media source reported that the bill apparently was "under consideration."

A summary of Senate Bill 89 - as of 1/7/2003 - follows:

"Universal National Service Act of 2003 - Declares that it is the obligation of every U. S. citizen, and every other person residing in the United States, between the ages of 18 and 26 to perform a two-year period of national service, unless exempted, either as a member of an active or reserve component of the armed forces or in a civilian capacity that promotes national defense. Requires induction into national service by the President, Sets forth provision governing: (1) induction deferment, postponements, and exemptions, including exemption of a conscientious objector from military service that includes combatant training; and (2) discharge following national service.

Amends the Military Selective Service Act to authorize the military registration of females."

If bill S89 or HR 163 will ever be voted upon in the present form, remains uncertain.

However, if you have a long conviction concerning S89/HR 163, inform your representative(s) in Congress how you would like to see them cast their vote on this bill - should it come up for a vote.

The National representatives for this area are: U. S. Senator John Cornyn - Ph. 202-456-1414; U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson - Ph. 202-224-5922; U. S. Representative

Charles Stenholm - Ph. 202-225-6605.

Staff writer Margaret Hetrick contributed to this report

Pioneer News By Pioneer Quilting Ladies

The Quilting ladies had a good day quilting on Glenda Phillips' quilt. It is a very special one for a very special person. We also quilted some on Lou Grider's top. It is always so nice to see everyone and visit.

This was omitted from Glenda's part in the Review last week. Glenda got to meet Kindall Phillip's boyfriend when she was in Alpine. He goes to Kermit High school and plays football for them. Glenda was glad to see Sonya and Kindall. They all had a good time.

This weeks writing— On Tuesday, Glenda went with Janice to see Krista play basketball. Allen is working at Anson and joined them there. They did great.

Kali spent the afternoon with Glenda on Wednesday. Logan stayed with her for a while on Thursday afternoon. Charlene Chesshir, Bonnie White, and Glenda went to see Jackie LaBlue on Wednesday after ladies Bible Class. Jackie had been in the hospital, but is at home. She fell and injured

both hands. Janice, Allen, and family, Glenda and Charlie, Kali's friend went to Strawn Friday night to see Howard's son, Blake, play football. He plays for Lometa.

They lost but Blake played great. He caught several passes. Blake is a senior. Glenda has three grandchildren that are seniors. Blake, Kali, and Kendall. Howard met then in Strawn. Howard is working in San Saba. They all got to visit with Blake for a little while. It was great for them to see him!

Glenda went to Cisco again on Monday night the 27th with Allen and family to see Krista play basketball. They had a tougher team to play than before. They are going to have to practice their shots, but they have really improved from last year.

Frankie smith traveled to Ft. Worth Thursday. Spent the night with her daughter and son-in-law, Steve and Shirley

Harelsion. Friday morning, Shirley and Frankie traveled to Irving to her other daughter's and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nance. Frankie's daughters took her out for lunch and shopping. They had a great time.

Saturday, Frankie, Bobby, and Roxie went to the home of Laura Rankin. Frankie's grand daughter and Roxie's niece to help with Laura's wedding. The wedding was so very pretty in the outdoors under some beautiful trees.

The bride was beautiful! The groom very handsome! The smiles on their faces were so precious.

After the wedding they were served a great meal and had a slide presentation of the couples early years. Frankie had a time that she will never forget!

Lou and Dick Grider enjoyed her son, grandson, and daughter for a short visit on Thursday. They came for Charlie's Memorial Funeral.

Chuck and Andy live in Houston and Patty lives in Ft. Worth.

Jim Chesshir and William came to the Chesshir farm las6t weekend. Jim had to put a new fuel pumpon the tractor before he could start plowing. He got the south field plowed, fertilized and half of it planted in wheat! Charlene doesn't know how he keeps going, as he's been working 12 and 14 hour days in Odessa. William got all of Charlene's yard mowed and had good luck dove hunting!

Keep thinking about the Quilt Show and Bake sale. It is one week closer.

November 6th! See you all next time!

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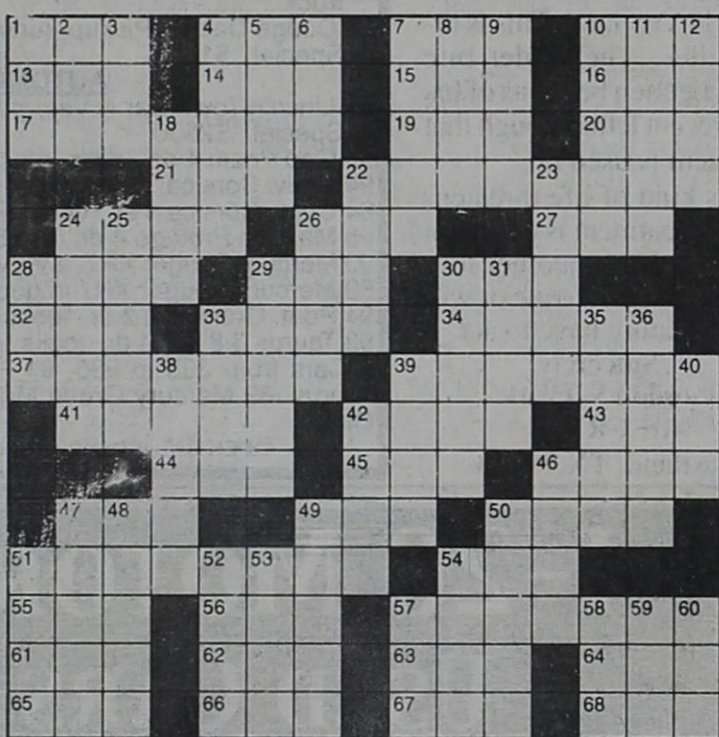
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- Pilot's concern: abbr.
- Hue
- Singer John
- Utah the ___ State
- Dis imposed
- S ___ the mud
- Overlook
- Reverential fear
- Marsh
- ___ Little Spanish town" (2 wds.)
- Genealogy diagram

DOWN

- Bathroom fixture
- Dry ___ bone (2 wds.)
- Small amount
- Plow pioneer
- Attain through work
- Motor coach
- Focus of some dry-dock repairs
- Joel follower ___ facto
- Open, as a bottle
- Brownie ___ (good mark)
- Tots (up)
- Attila's group
- "He ___ Heavy"
- Carries on
- Derby drink
- Vocalize
- Song
- Hack's vehicle
- The Pink Panther costar
- Veldt creature
- Brilliance
- The Crimson (Alabama)
- Belle Scarlett
- More recent
- Prepares to blow the piggy's house down
- Jemima, for one
- Vitamin in milk
- Receptacles
- Fabled archer
- A burger, fries and a large soda, e.g.
- Nourishes
- Warbucks's ward
- No-no
- Fabricate
- Cat's warning
- To ___ his own
- Cocky
- Fruity thirst quencher
- Dublin's country: abbr.
- Miller's noted literary friend
- Shaw's monogram

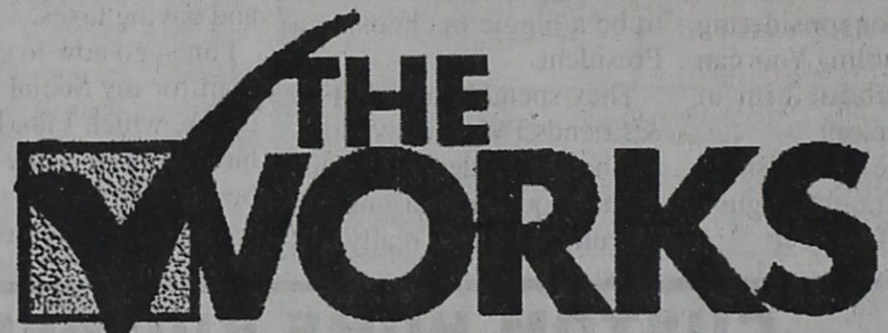
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Obituary

Rozell Gary

Rozell Gary, 88, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, September 28, 2004 at Rising Star Nursing Center.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 2, 2004 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains. Ronnie White officiated. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

She was born June 19, 1916 in Callahan County, Texas to Ode Johnson and Carrie Cook Johnson and has been a lifelong resident of this county. She married Dale Gary on January 7, 1934 in Baird and they made their home in Cross Plains. She was a housewife and a member of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Rozell is survived by her daughters, Julene Franke of Cross Plains, Mary Callaway of Dennison and Regina Fleming of Austin; sons, Harold Gary of Flatonia, Joe Gary of Lake Richland Chamber and David Gary of Abilene; sisters, Mary Murray and Bonnie Mulherlin both of Hearald, CA; sisters-in-law, Leona Gary of Coleman, Ruth Lusk of Cisco, Nadine McKennie of Coleman and Mildred Johnson of Port Arthur; 9 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Dale Gary.

Mother, Daughter Shooting Kills Daughter Of Eastland Man

A phone call was received Sunday, Oct. 3, approximately 4:30 p.m. requesting police response to an unknown situation at a residence on FM 218 West in Hamilton County. Officers of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office responded. Deputy Kenneth Lovell discovered that one adult female, Tasha Marie Simmons, 35, was deceased at the scene as a result of a gunshot wound. A juvenile female, Cheyenne Marie Simmons, daughter of the deceased, was discovered inside the residence and had also been shot. Cheyenne Simmons was transported to the Hamilton Hospital and subsequently died of gunshot wounds. Units from Hamilton County, Mills County, Lampasas County, Comanche County, Hico Police Department, Hamilton County EMS, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Rural Area Narcotics Task Force, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers responded to the scene. Investigation revealed the assailant was Troy Alan Goerdel, who resided at the aforementioned address. Goerdel had fled the scene.

A description of Goerdel and his vehicle was broadcast to surrounding agencies. The Texas Department of Public Safety Aviation Unit assisted in the search for Goerdel.

Cheyenne is the nine year old daughter of Jack Simmons of Eastland. She is the granddaughter of Jessie Simmons of Eastland and niece of Terry Simmons of Eastland and Gary and Billy Jo Simmons of Stephenville. Services for Cheyenne Marie Simmons will be held Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at 10 a.m. at the Lutheran Church in Hamilton, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Monday, Oct. 4, at approximately 10 a.m. DPS helicopter unit located the assailant and his vehicle in a wooded, rural area of Hamilton County. Officers contained the suspect in this remote area. SWAT personnel were deployed and attempted to arrest Goerdel.

Goerdel resisted arrest and fled to an outbuilding on the property. After not being able to contact Goerdel for some time it was discovered that Goerdel had died from a self inflicted gunshot wound.



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Obituary

Mary O'dell Meier

Clyde - Mary O'dell (Mams) Meier, 83, of Clyde died Sunday October 2, 2004 at her daughter's home.

Graveside services were Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at 2 p.m. at the Clyde Catholic Cemetery with Rev. Estell Brewer officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Meier was born April 28, 1921 in Edgewood, Texas to Jim and Kate Ann (Lamb) McMillon. She attended schools in Edgewood and Houston. She was the widow of Johnnie V. Meier whom she married on July 30, 1945 in Dallas. They

moved to Clyde from Edgewood in 1974. She was a homemaker, as well as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by three sons, Johnnie V. Meier, Jr. of Embudo, NM, Robert Leonard Meier of Van Vleck, TX and Reuben David Bonuelos of Houston; one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Cindy Thurman of Clyde; one brother, Jake McMillon of Terrel; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Obituary

Ben Leon Wheeler

Clyde - Ben Leon Wheeler, 69, of Clyde, died Sunday October 3, 2004 at his home. Services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clyde with Dr. Toby Henson officiating with burial in Potosi Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mr. Wheeler was born April 11, 1935 in Synder to Garlin and Cora (White) Wheeler. He married Dorothy Harger on May 28, 1952 in Abilene. They lived in Abilene for many years moving to Mangum, OK in 1988, coming to Clyde in 1991. He

and his wife ran Dot's second hand store. He was a member of the Clyde First Baptist Church.

Mr. Wheeler is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Clyde; three sons, Tommy Lee Wheeler of Abilene, Ben E. Wheeler of Benton, LA and Bill Wheeler of Norman, OK; three daughters, Linda Dorman and Belinda Warner, both of Clyde, and Jenny Pounds of Melissa; one brother, Robert Wheeler of Abilene; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Baird First United Methodist Church
Worship Services
Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 10:45 A.M.
Choir Practice - Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
New Bible Study to begin Oct. 10th
"Why Do Godly People Do Ungodly Things"

Baird First Baptist Church Schedule Of Events

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

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

(Nursery provided for worship services)

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

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

Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Coming Soon

Thursday, October 7 at 8:00 AM - Be a Volunteer at Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders

Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 AM - Ladies Prayer Breakfast - call the office for more details

Tuesday, October 12 - BCBA Senior Adult Day - Call the office to sign up - Last day to sign up is Oct. 6

Monday, October 25 at 6:30 PM - Ladies Night Out - this is a great blessing - Come and Grow in God's Love. All ladies in the community are invited to attend.

Baird First United Methodist Church News

Fit For God Class

We are excited about a new study starting this month. Its Fit for God, by La Vita Weaver. It is the 8 week plan that kicks the Devil out and invites Health and Healing In.

We are offering two time slots each week. One for a day study and one for evenings. They will be Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting Oct. 19th, and Thursday mornings starting at 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 21, 2004.

Please call me for further information, 854-5926 or 370-4323 (my cell). Books can be purchased at either of the Christian book stores in town or at Amazon.com. We are offering the come and Join us, it will be fun!

Donna Giger

Church Charge Conference Sunday, Oct. 17th

We will meet as a cluster;

us, Eula & Patosi, here on our campus starting at:

3:30 p.m. Church at worship. Sermon by D. S.

4:30 p.m. Video presentation "Small Churches Can Make a Difference."

5:30 p.m. Dinner/Pot Luck, prepared by us. Deserts will be provided by Eula U. M. C. 6:30 p.m. Charge Conference Let us worship together. Praising God for all that is has been good in 2004 and begin planning for 2005!

U.M.W. Update

The U.M.W. met Sept. 16 with 12 members present; Lanetha Walker presided. Sie McNeil delivered a very inspirational devotional.

Plans were discussed for the Lord's Acre. At this meeting we decided each member will prepare a basket for the auction.

Next meeting is Sunday, Oct. 10th.

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I. D. Pilot Program Tops TSCRA Fall Meeting Agenda

Development of a national animal identification program, rights of private property owners and pending legislation impacting ranchers and will be the primary topics considered at Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's fall meeting Oct. 28-30 in Oklahoma City.

Of particular interest is discussion of the Texas-Oklahoma Osage Nation pilot project on animal identification. The joint project recently received a \$1.7 million grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to field test an electronic identification system. The project will test "real world scenarios" to determine what will work and what needs fixing.

An auction market component will test how to tag and scan cattle without slowing down the speed of sale. Another component will test systems, tags, scanners and protocols for cattle sold in private treaty transactions with various levels of handling facilities.

State animal health agencies will install and test databases on hundreds of thousands of producers and millions of cattle, making sure they work efficiently and ensure producer confidentiality.

Dr. Burke Healy, Oklahoma State Veterinarian, will describe the project during TSCRA's animal Health Committee meeting at 1 p.m. on Oct. 29.

"You don't have to be a TSCRA member to attend," says TSCRA president Bob McCan. "The committee meetings and general session are open to all registrants."

"We invite all Oklahoma beef producers to take advantage of this opportunity to get first-hand information on the critical issues facing ranchers and enjoy networking and socializing with their industry peers."

Committee speaker and schedule

Several committee meetings are scheduled on Friday, Oct. 29. At 8 a.m. the Wildlife Committee will learn about managing stock tanks for recreational income from Grant Huggins, Resource Stewards, L. C.

At 8:45 a.m., the Natural Resources and Environment Committee will explore mineral rights. Denise Bode, chair of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, will discuss rights of non-mineral owners. Michael L. Williams, from the Texas Railroad Commission, will discuss challenges in dealing with mineral extraction activities.

The subject will be continued during the Legislative and Tax Committee meeting beginning at 10:05. Blair Fitzsimons will discuss legislation on purchasing development rights. Texas State Rep. David Swinford will describe school finance reform and its potential impact on ranchers.

In addition to information on the I. D. project, the Animal Health Committee will be updated on TB and brucellosis programs by Dr.

Terry Beals with USDA-APHIS, Veterinary Services. There will also be a discussion on potential legislation regarding pregnancy tests conducted in Texas.

At 2:15 p.m., the Association Promotion Committee will be updated on membership development recommendations and the expansion of TSCRA's Horse Identification Program.

At 3:15 p.m., the Marketing Committee will get the latest market forecast from Dr. Ernie Davis, livestock economist.

General Session

The general session from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday will feature several speakers and the association business meeting. Participants in a panel discussion on "The Beef Checkoff - the Supreme court and Beyond" will include Richard Wortham, executive director of the Texas Beef Council, and Terry Stokes, chief executive officer of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Also invited to speak are U. S. Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., and DeWade Langley, director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Registration

Most meetings will be held in the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City; hotel headquarters are next door at the Renaissance Hotel.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, in the Renaissance Hotel lobby and runs through 5 p.m. On Friday, Oct. 29, registration moves to rooms 4-5 of the Cox Convention Center from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Social events

A "Welcome to Oklahoma Reception" with cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be held at the Petroleum Club from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28. The club is located in the Bank one Building, one block from the Renaissance Hotel.

TXCRA's Western Heritage Dinner is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29, at the National Cowboy/Western Heritage Museum, Same Noble Special Events Center. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants may tour the museum exhibits from 8 to 10 p.m. bus transportation will be provided from the Renaissance Hotel.

Sponsors

Sponsors for the meeting are Bayer Animal Health; Chisholm Trail Farm Credit and Farm Credit Service of East Central Oklahoma; First National Bank and Trust Co.; and Fort Dodge Animal Health.

For more information, call 1 (800) 242-7820.

submitted by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

From Page One
WESTBOUND

Callahan, Shackelford, Brown and Comanche counties.

The current number of customers was listed at 571. I have been told that the expansion project will add from 125-200 customers to the Water District.

The notice in the paper is a complicated one - just as the whole project is detailed and complicated.

Of major interest are the three new "water fields" lying near the line of Eastland and Callahan Counties. One is the proposed Harris King Water Well Field, west of CR 569. Then there is the Kirkham field, situated beside a proposed pump station with large storage tanks. To the northeast of that is the proposed King Water well field.

It is understood that four wells have already been drilled in one of these fields. The depth is somewhere up to 140 ft., and the test wells are reported to be very good. I understand that the Westbound District is buying the land contained in these water fields.

Apparently these wells were drilled into the Middle Trinity Aquifer. This aquifer lies under about one-third of Eastland County and one-fourth of Callahan County, mostly in the south side of the counties.

There are some local aquifers, and surface water, but generally nothing as dependable as the Trinity.

This is the aquifer involved in the recent attempt to get Eastland and Callahan counties and five others involved in forming a Water District to protect underground water.

After considerable discussion Callahan County (Commissioners) voted to stay out of it. Two years ago the Eastland County Commissioners also voted to stay out of any District. Only Erath and Comanche County voted to go into the District, and they are now in the process of working on regulations to save their underground water.

Like other water, Westbound water is not going to be cheap. The latest figures I have seen are this - The initial membership fee is \$200.00, and it costs \$75.00 to set up a meter. The basic cost of water each month is \$26.00, with \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons, and \$7.00 per 1,000 if you go above that.

Dealing with the many details of running Westbound Water Supply District are three full-time workers and three part time. Amor - these are Randy Nix, Manager, DeAnn Light, Office Secretary, and Martha Joyce, Office Assistant. The Board of Directors are Floyd Fisher, President, Carbon; Ronnie Ingram, Cisco; Franklin Fox, Rising Star; Nancy Bacon, Cisco, and Mary Fry, Cisco.

Baird Senior Citizens' News

We have had good attendance for the past two months. In July we served 174 congregate meals and in August we had 206 eat with us. Then in September there were 246 that joined us for lunch.

We serve at 12:00 noon and would love having anyone join us, especially those that are over 60 years old.

We also serve those who are homebound.

In July there were 741 meals served and in August we delivered 775, while in September there were 692 meals delivered to the homebound.

In September we picked up 156 passengers in our van to either go shopping or to bring to the center.

Our center is planning a spaghetti dinner fund raiser on Thursday, the 21st of October. Skip Parker will be the Chef and there could be not better. We will serve a salad, garlic toast, dessert and your drink.

There will be a suggested price of \$5.00 donation and

the proceeds will go to benefit Callahan County Meals on Wheels and Baird Senior Citizens.

If there are any questions, please call Delores Stewart at 354-1937.

Baird Senior Citizens will host a Flu Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

If you have Medicare, there will be no cost to you. We will need to see your Medicare Card to bill Medicare for the vaccine.

Anyone can get a Flu Shot but there will be a charge of \$15.00 to everyone else.

Please call us in advance at 854-1937 to make sure that we order enough vaccine.

We are in need of some volunteers to deliver the Homebound Meals. It will take 30 to 45 minutes on 3 or 4 days a week of the month, depending on the route you deliver. Anyone who is interested, please call 854-1937.

submitted by Delores Stewart

Special Guest At Country Opry

Al Jones, M. C., announces that there will be a special guest at his Country Opry in Cisco on Saturday, October 9.

Kirsten Hancock of Congressman Charlie Stenholm's Abilene office will represent Congressman Stenholm at the Opry, and will be out enjoying the evening of music.

The music will begin at 6 p.m. at the Hillside Village Center in Cisco.

Al invites all out to welcome the guest and hear a great line up of Country, gospel and western music.

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* Measure success by how quickly and efficiently, a project reduces congestion, improves safety, expands economic opportunity, and enhances statewide connectivity.

In other action Thursday, the commission also approved formation of the state's fourth regional mobility authority. Cameron County requested formation of the RMA to help address transportation issues in the Rio Grande Valley.

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