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To All Residents of Baird and Vacinity

I will be picking up the news articles from the Baird Star Office and getting them to the Eastland office for the paper each week. If you will drop any news articles you may have in the mail slot at the bottom of the door in the Baird office, I will pick them up each week. If you know of any event that is going to be happening in Baird or Callahan county, or vicinity, please drop a not in the mail slot and I will let someone know about the event in order to be covered in the Baird Star. We need any and all news articles that you may be able to provide.

I will not be in the office as I have a full time job. I am just doing this on the side. So, if you can give me any information or have questions you will need to call the Eastland office at 2540629-1707. Thank you from: Carol Smith

Community Leaders To Meet For Lunch

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces its annual network luncheon series set for April. Community leaders throughout the region meet for lunch and discuss topics that affect quality of life and local economies.

Civic leaders in every small city in the region are invited to attend the most convenient location to meet with neighboring community leaders. Luncheons are scheduled in Robert Lee - April 6th, Eastland - April 7th, Early - April 12th, Snyder - April 27th and Anson - April 29th. All lun-

cheons are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

According to TMCN President Kirby Andrews of Sweetwater, "The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a brighter future for their respective city. This year, a series of luncheons will focus on issues that will be addressed in the next Legislative Session. City and county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives, health professionals and ISD leaders are invited to participate.

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15th Annual Spring Swing To be Held April 29th

West Texas Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) proudly announces the 15th Annual Spring Swing women's golf tournament sponsored in part by Lawrence Hall Abilene. The tournament is a four-woman scramble to be held April 29, 2006 at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course (soft spike shoes only), in Abilene. This fundraising event allows the West Texas Catclaw ABWA chapter to award educational scholarships to area students.

Tee-off is at 9:00 a.m. with team and special event prizes. Players will have an opportunity to win a Hawaii trip, Dell Computer, Hogan Irons, the chance of a trip for two to Hawaii, Boise radio/CD player, every participant will get a coupon good for a Free Magique Rescue Wood valued at \$125, cash prizes and more. If you need a golfing partner, no problem, as arrangements will be made to get you on a team. There is a registration fee of \$60.00 each, which includes green fees, golf cart and awards luncheon. For more information contact West Texas Catclaw Chapter members, at 325-675-6164, 695-7914 or 695-1389, or mail registration and fees to ABWA Spring Swing, PO Box 1902, Abilene, Texas 79604. The "Spring Swing" tournament has grown from 44 entrants in the first year increasing to 136 with women coming from San Antonio, Waco, Huntsville, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa. The tournament has become the largest ladies golf tournament in Texas west of Fort Worth and people keep coming back because they have so much fun. Our Chapter can be described in three words: friendship, leadership and scholarship. ABWA offers an opportunity

to discover and extend friendship to a diverse group of women. Leadership positions offer the opportunity to practice skills and develop self-confidence. Leadership and teamwork are the backbone of an ABWA chapter and of putting together a successful golf tournament.

ABWA is a national network of women dedicated to helping each other reach new heights in their careers. ABWA is all about support, about reaching out to each other, giving a hand, learning from each other, being there for each other, and growing together. Nationally ABWA has 45,000 members in 1,100 chapters across the United States.

Keep Baird Beautiful Summer Projects

Baird's summer bulb sale is now officially over. The Extension agents and KBB project participants would like to personally thank all the KBB Team Member for their active participation in this sale as well as of those who purchased bulbs not only to beautify their home but to support Keep Baird Beautiful. Bulb orders may be picked up Sat., April 22nd from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Baird Activity Building.

Earth day is Saturday, April 22 and in observance of the day, KBB is excited to an-

Baird School Board Election to Be May 13th, Early Election Starts May 1

The Baird School Board election will take place with a slate of candidates which include Alfred "A.L." Hunter, a resident of Putnam, and a retired Principal, who takes position One on the Ballot drawing, followed at 2 with Joe Clark, 3 with Kenneth Brock, 4 for Sandra Collins, 5 for Burke Robinson, and 6th with Julie Patterson.

Early voting for the Baird School Board Election will begin Monday, May 1 and continue through Tuesday, May 9th, 2006.

The Baird School Board election is on May 13 and

Project Graduation To Meet

The Baird Project Graduation meeting will be held on April 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in Lauen Rodriguez's classroom in the high school building for the Senior parents.

Cross Plains Library News

The Cross Plains Public Library received two grants, totaling \$75,000, from two private foundations.

The Tocker Foundation of Austin provided \$50,000 for new shelving and furniture. The Dodge Jones Foundation of Abilene, provided \$25,000 to renovate a newly purchased building that abuts the library. The building will become the Children's Resource Center.

The library was not damaged in the Dec. 27th Grass Fires that damaged a large portion of the community. Abilene Reporter News-Regional Department...

Have A Happy Easter

FREE SEMINAR APRIL 12TH IN ABILENE

There will be a Free Seminar April 12, 2006 in Abilene, Texas to learn about "Turtles and Turtling for Pay". The seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the WCTCOG Main Conference Room (the old CJC Campus), 841 North Judge Ely Blvd.

Come and see what we are all about. We can show you how you can earn while you play. Bring a friend and put it on your list of where to be on April 12th.

We are the buyers of turtles and we need harvesters to go out and catch turtles.

Celebrate Our Earth

announce its first "table top gala" called Celebrate Our Earth. Tables purchased by a Table Hostess who is responsible for decorating her table to the theme of what Celebrating Our Earth means to her. She is also in charge of personally inviting seven other guests to assemble at 11:00 a.m. for a day of festivities, food, awards, and special programs. They will be honoring three Baird I.S.D. students who participate in the Earth Day Grocery Bag

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Callahan County Primary Runoff Election Results

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8 R

Terry Keel 66 *Charles Holcomb 109 Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4 R

Burlie Taylor 148

*Bob Hill 174 United States Senator D, *Barbara Ann Radnofsky 12 Gene Kelly 8 Lieutenant Governor D Maria Luisa Alvarado 7 *Benjamin Z. Grant 14

News for Veterans: By Tom Ivey

Forfeited Land Sale: The Texas Veterans Land Board will open bids on sales of forfeited land at 9:30 a.m. April 25, 2006 in Austin.

There are no tracts offered in Callahan County or in the counties surrounding Callahan. For more information, Veterans may call 1-800-252-VETS or your Callahan County Veterans Service Office on Monday and Tuesday at 325-854-5874.

Home loans: The Department of Veterans Affairs has increased the limit on home loan guaranty from #359, 650 to \$417, 000. No down payment is required. More information is available on the web at http://www.homeloans.va.gov or by calling 1-800-827-1000.

Traumatic Injury: The Department of Veterans Affairs new Service Member's Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection (TSCLI) program became effective Dec. 1, 2005. This new Insurance program (with Prudential Financial Inc. as the insurer) is designed to provide financial help to military families through extended periods of medical care and healing. Benefits are also payable retroactively to Oct. 7, 2001 for service members and Veterans who suffered certain traumatic injuries while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. Veterans with eligibility questions can visit the VA's website at www.insurance.va.gov or call the Office of Service member's Group Life Insurance at 1-800-419-1473 for more information.

Texas Veterans Land Board: Loans for land, homes and home improvement are available from the TVLE at attractive rates. Call 1-800-252-VETS for more information. State Veterans Homes are now open in Big Spring, Bonham, Floresville, Temple, El Paso and McAllen with another under construction in Amarillo. The State Veterans Cemetery is now open in Killeen and work has begun on the one at Mission. It will be followed by Cemeteries in Abilene and Corpus Christi.

Prescription Drug Plans: There is another prescription drug plan in addition to Medicare Part D. Persons with low income (\$14,700 for singles, \$19,800 for couples) and assets below \$11,500 or \$23,000 (homes and autos do not count). Seniors in Medicaid or a Medicare Savings Program or who receive SSI automatically qualify. Others must apply and there is no deadling. To

apply call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or Online visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Experts Needed to Help Rebuild Cross Plains

According to A-R.N. writer Celinda Emison (emisonc@reporternews

The Volunteer groups helping Cross Plains residents rebuild their homes "need expert guidance".

Since most residents are on their own to rebuild their homes (some 116 and other damaged buildings of the fire-storm) and residences and are absorbing the building costs and labor costs themselves: "Our residents are rebuilding but they need help from a contractor to guide them on what to do next," according to City Manager Debbie Gosnell, and they would "love to have someone like a retired contractor to volunteer to assist" them, Gosnell is matching volunteers from churches and other organization in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma with residents in the building process. She has "volunteers booked to assist homeowners through the end of the year and on into next spring.

According to estimates the Cost of rebuilding a home is \$75 to \$85 per square foot, and with many residents trying to cut "labor costs, which make up about half of the total cost" Gosnell said that Cross Plains is also short on volunteer labor

Soil and Water Conservation Dist. Offering Low Cost Grass Seed to Landowners

Callahan S.W.C.D. would like to remind you that we are offering grass seed at an inexpensive price for landowners and operators in Callahan County and surrounding areas. We are offering a wide variety of seeds, which include over 89 varieties of native and improved grasses, Forbs and Legumes. We are also offering 15 different varieties of Wild Flowers and 11 kinds of Texas Perennial Wildlife Mixes. We have varieties that are suitable

Fish Orders Now Being Taken By Callahan Soil and Water Conservation District

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for the Annual Fish Program. Each year the Annual Fish program offers through the District, these fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, TX. This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Hybrid Bream, Red Ear Grass Carp., Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluecat, Crappie, Goldfish, and Koi. In addition we are also offering Red horse minnows, Fathead and Goldshiners.

Fish orders will be taken from April 19th, 2006 through

Annual Baird FFA Rabies Clinic Set Apr. 18

The annual Baird FFA Rabies Clinic is set for Tue. April 18, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Ag Building. Rabies shots will be \$10 each. Also available is a combo shot for \$25 each. All proceeds go to the Baird FFA. If you need any information please contact Danny Vestal at Baird, High School at 854-1400.

from plumbers, electricians and those who work in the air conditioning and heating businesses.

With currently about 10 homes under construction and four in the "planning stages" in Cross Plains, Seven families have put in mobile or modular homes rather than build "from the ground up".

Seven mobile homes and two travel trailers have been delivered by FEMA for fire damaged residents, according to Gosnell.

The city will be paid 75/25 in matching funds to remove debris from the disaster, which has been declared so by FEMA as of last Monday, ie., a debris removal disaster who made the funds available.

Donations to match the government's 75 percent portion will be needed and appreciated-"our 25 percent match [will be supplemented by donations which] would be greatly appreciated, according to the City Manager.

To date about \$145,000 has been spent by the city on the clean up, said Gosnell.

To date the city has spent over 4145,000 on the clean up, according to Gosnell.

We can also custom design a mixture for your particular situation. We are also offering the use of our broadcaster to any landowner at a \$25 a day rental for help in seeding.

For more information on planning and planting or how to purchase this low cost grass seed contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th Street, Baird, T or call (325) 854-1349, EXT. 3.

May 25, 2006 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first. The fish will be delivered to Baird on Thursdays. Appointments to pickup fish will be set up at the time of the order. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order and delivery is guaranteed.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird, TX at (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. The office is in Baird and located at 141 W. 4th.-Suite B.

Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany, TX. N.R.C.S. The number is (325) 762-2552. EXT. 3.

D.P.S. Report

4-2 until 4-8-06

Cases

- Warnings.....41
Complaint.....59
Fugitive Arrest--
Ketamine.....1
Fugitive Arrest--
.MTR..DWLI.....1
Fugitive Arrest....Amphetamine.....1

There were -- 8 accidents investigated in this time span.

Baird Head Start Now Accepting Applications

A free child development pre-school program is available to qualifying families through Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Head Start. Limited space is available for children three and four years old to help them make the transition to elementary school. Eligible children receive individualized teaching

and a variety of educational activities through Creative Curriculum. These stimulate mental, emotional, physical and social growth. "Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. is a viable and substantial resource for Coleman, Brown, Callahan, Eastland, Comanche, McCulloch and Runnels County."

Notice

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

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: 19672

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 6137-48-001 for STREET SWEEPING in CALLAHAN County, etc will be opened on May 03, 2006 at 2:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$98,170.40.

State Office

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

Dist/Div Office(s)

CASH FOR YOUR 2-BR HOUSE in BAIRD PRIVATE PARTY, Send name, address, phone to: ARNOLD COLCLEASURE 1519 Vivian St. Longmont, CO 80501-22526

FOR SALE: Mostly highway driven, '90 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme - V-6—loaded. 64,000 miles. Call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to see. \$3995.00.

Baird Baseball Roster 2006

Feb. 23-25	Olney Tour.	TBA	
Feb. 27	Abilene H.S. JV	H.	4:30
March 2-4	Eastland Tour.	TBA	
March 6	Abilene H.S. J.V.	H	4:30
March 9-11	Anson Tour.	TBA	
March 14	Eastland	H	1:00
March 16	Anson	H	12:00
March 20	Eula*	T	4:00
March 24	Cross Plains	H	4:30
March 27	Ranger*	T	4:00
March 31	Albany*	H	4:00
April 3	A.C.H.S. %	T	6:00
April 7	Gorman*	T	5:00
April 11	Eula*	H.	5:00
April 13	Snyder	T	7:00
April 17	Cross Plains*	T	4:00
April 21	Ranger*	H	5:00
April 25	Albany*	T	5:00
April 28	Tolar	T	6:00
May 2	Gorman	H	5:00

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Pastor Chad Gosnell

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Project through I.G.A. Lawrence Brothers in Clyde. Leslie Andrews, Keep Abilene Beautiful coordinator, and Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent will be providing the programs. Around 2:00 p.m., we will be winding down with the festivities and that's when you are invited to the Activity Building to pick up your bulb order. What a special day we are going to have!

Our Saturday, April 29th, in observance of Arbor Day on Friday, April 28th, Keep Baird Beautiful will host a special tree planting at the new girls softball park. Appreciation goes to Garden Place for donating a Bur Oak for this special planting! Everyone is invited to join us on the 29th, and we will let you know the exact time and

location of planting! All proceeds from the bulb sale and the tabletop gala will benefit Keep Baird Beautiful. Your support and contributions keep KBB continue with the Lawn of the Month award and will help us to determine which new projects we will be able to take on.

KBB participated in the State's largest one-day Cleanup, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off on Sat., April 1. Please join us in making our state a cleaner and more beautiful place to live.

Web Press Time available call 254-629-1707. B52

Abilene District District Engineer 4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas 79604-0150 Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. (4-6-06, 4-13-06)

Meals On Wheels Need Donations

The Callahan County Nutrition Project as well as the Meals on Wheels is in need of donations, due to the increases in fuel, food and repairs and a need to stay in budget. The project delivers food to those who cannot travel to the Center to have their lunch and serves about 200 meals a day while the Center serves about 150. Donations to the program may be sent to the Callahan County Nutrition Project, Ste. 302 Courthouse Baird, TX 79504.

Your support of this project is much appreciated. Several fund-raisers are in progress at the present time, such as quilts, cook books. If you choose to donate in this way. You may contact: Project Director Katie Dunn, 854-5658 at the Office in the Courthouse or one of the site managers, Bruce Bell, Baird Center 854-1937, Vickey Burns, Clyde 893-4556 or Kathy Anderson, Cross Plains, 254-725-6521.

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For Sale

It's Straw Hat Time! Bangora straw hats 4" brim, cattleman crease, eyelets, dented crown, \$23.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, Tx.

Help Wanted

Career stalled out? Get a new start with Richeson Restaurants. 49-unit company now hiring for Manager at our Albany location. Need to love working with people, meeting new faces, drug and smoke-free environments. Call District Manager Nita Frazier 325-938-6329. B15

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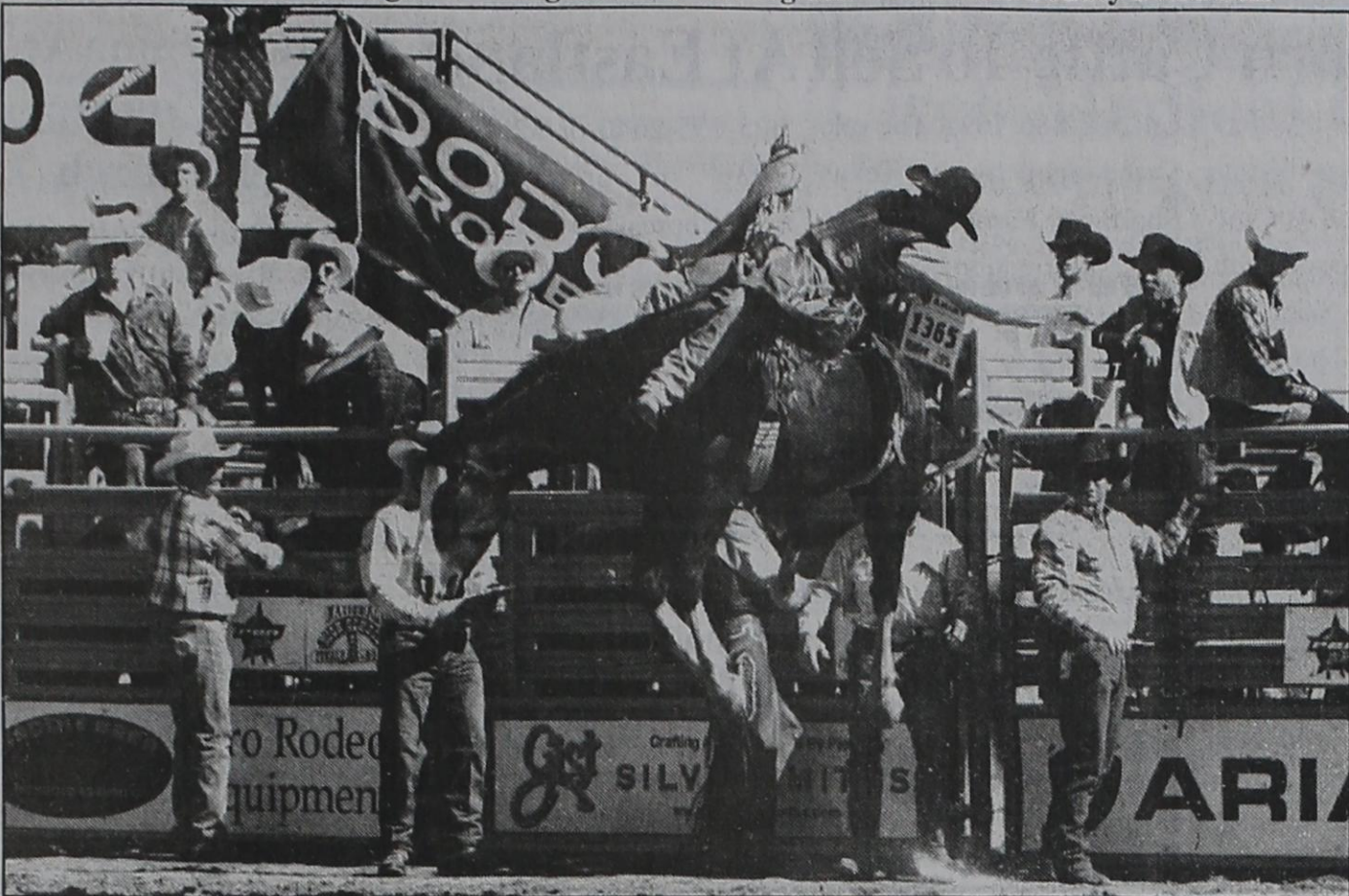
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254-442-1880
29 Acres with 2-story cabin, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$55,000.
38 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, one field excellent for food plot, 1 pond, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$57,000.
50 Acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquite trees, 2 ponds, county road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$75,736.
51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields, Interstate 20 road frontage, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$51,200.
51 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, one field excellent for food plot, 1 pond, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,450 per acre.
60 Acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yds of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded, king Lake Cisco, canyons, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$72,000.
65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
80 Acres by Desdemona mostly wooded with post oak, live oak, spanish oak, hills, canyons, good creek that cuts through the middle, 1 smaller coastal field. Water well, one pond, potential lake site. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,000.
81 Acres wooded with oak & mesquite trees with a very large hill, 1 pond, creek. This property is surrounded by large, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,895.
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$165,825.
80 Acres by Desdemona mostly wooded with post oak, live oak, spanish oak, hills, canyons, good creek that cuts through the middle, 1 smaller coastal field. Water well, one pond, potential lake site. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,595 per acre.
93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including parts of Lake Daniels, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
101 Acres with house several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan & cottonwood trees, 3 ponds, water well, 3 BR, 1 bath, needs some work, older large barn, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$160,000.
112 Acres, wooded and cleared, very large canyon on property, hills, older mobile home with CH/CA and older frame house, highway frontage. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$145,600.
116 Acres on large creek, wooded with oak trees, one larger field in the middle, good for cattle or hunting. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,350 per acre.
118 Acres Comanche County, wooded & open, two creeks, 1 runs most of year round, 3 ponds, 3 water wells, oak, pecan, live oak, mesquite, in to creek bottom, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,300 per acre.
127 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, one large pond stocked with fish, creeks, hills, two small fields, water well, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,250 per acre.
151 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 water wells, wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$195,490.
165 Acres with house mostly wooded with oak and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 BR, 2 bath home with outbuildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$220,183.
160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land, 2 large ponds in a canyon in the oak timber, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$235,000.
166 Acres approximately 60% wooded with oak and mesquite & 40% open, pond, creek, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$176,550.
217 Acres 65% fields & grassland, one pond, creek, hill, oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$255,000.
275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$328,625.
COMMERCIAL
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath. CH/CA on each side, \$29,500.
3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$39,500. Call for details.
Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call to details.
Close to I-20 & Hwy. 206 intersection on 1.375 acres with 2 large metal bldgs., lots of potential for this property for business or warehouse storage. \$59,900.
Large restaurant, approx. 3752 sq. ft. (per cad) with 3 dining rooms. 2 CH/CA units, eqpt. and furniture included for \$79,500. On approx. 2 acres, I-20 frontage. Call for details.
HOUSES
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, detached storage, fenced backyard. Reduced to \$22,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home with double carport, workshop or storage bldg., lg. trees, \$27,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees, \$28,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate LP, detached garage with storage, lg. trees, \$29,500.
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen, 3/4 bath and CH/CA on each side, it can be used as single family home. Reduced to \$29,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large room, pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, reduced to \$29,900.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large room, CH/CA, carport, garage, privacy fenced backyard. \$35,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home with CH, storm windows, covered patio, carport, RV parking, 2 storage bldgs., large pecan trees, reduced to \$34,000.
2 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, large rooms, separate LR DR and den, many kitchen cabinets, double carport, 2 storage bldgs., fenced backyard, very spacious inside & out.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, deck, carport, storage bldg., fenced backyard, corner property, \$36,000.
3 BR 2 bath home, CH/VA, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double garage, \$48,500.
Spacious 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with CH/VA, fully decorated and landscaped, 2 living areas or dining room, lg. utility room, double carport, shop or storage bldg., lg. corner property, \$62,000.
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/VA on 24 lots, \$65,000.
3 BR, 2 bath home, recently built, CH/VA, WB htr, patio, double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water plus water well, \$69,500.
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home. Lots of character, formal DR, office, lg. rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/CA units, surrounded by trees, lg. corner property, several fireplaces, fenced backyard. REDUCED TO \$76,500.
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Pictured is Steven Dent



Pictured is Logan Allen

Ranger College Rodeo Team Is Training Ground For Professionals, Champions

by Margaret Hetrick

"We will make the college finals next year," Coach Tom Reeves says with confidence of his Ranger College Rodeo Team.

Strong words, considering that the rodeo team was only reinstated in 2005, and competes against colleges with 50 - 60 year existing rodeo programs.

But Coach Reeves knows what he's talking about.

Rodeo has been a part of his life since he was young, and during his years of competition, he has booked an impressive list of wins and titles, including a world title in 2001.

He captained the U. S. Olympic Rodeo Team in 2002, which won team title, and has also been selected by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association to join its board of directors as rough stock representative.

In addition, Tom Reeves owns a rodeo company.

Coach Reeves is very proud of his rodeo team.

"They are a talented team, with drive and work ethic. They set goals and work for them. They want to be professionals, and are trying to be tops in their field."

Making region finals will

be no easy task, since the Southwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association is one of - if not the toughest region.

Ranger College, however, has the best practice in the nation at a college level, Coach Reeves says. And it's not unusual for big names in professional rodeo, such as Justin McBride (World Champion bull rider; career earnings of 2 million last year alone), Kallie Wardell, Jessie Bail, Bradley Harter, Chet Johnson, Buddy Reynolds, and Gilbert Carrillo to stop by.

"They work with the team, and give advice on how to reach goals. They're really good connections," Coach Reeves says.

Randy Wells coaches the timed events. Curtis Smyth, Canadian bull rider, is also helping the team.

The word has spread. Now it's not just Ranger College recruiting for the rodeo team - young people are starting to recruit to be on the Ranger College team.

Since starting again in 2005, the team is doing progressively better in competition.

Several members of the team, Steven Dent of Nebraska, Logan Allen of Iowa, and Jeremy Cook of Colorado are notching up good wins, and are names you'll probably want to watch for in professional rodeo.

Steven Dent already is among the top 15 bareback riders in the world, and has a great chance in professional rodeo, Coach Reeves says.

Logan Allen has placed in the top five in region in bull riding and is now 3rd in bronc riding.

Jeremy Cook has placed in every round - and that even up against world class competition.

Coming back to the Ranger College team in fall is Steven Dent, Logan Allen, Jeremy Cook, Bart Miller, and Ty Kennedy.

New stars Ty Thompson of South Dakota, and Dean Wadsworth of Ozona, TX will be added to the team.

Both have won high school championships in their states, and placed high in other competitions, and both bring lots of rodeo skills with them, Coach Reeves says.

Reeves feels that Ranger College, the town of Ranger, and the whole area are 100% behind the team, and expresses his gratitude for their support.

He gives his thanks to Ranger College President, Dr. Ken Tunstall, who Reeves says is a very progressive president, and also supportive of the team.

He sends thanks to Tom Peebles and Johnny Gann of Ranger College, who have given a lot of help to the team members.

It's not just that the community of Ranger is good to the team, but the team is also great for the

community, Coach Reeves says.

In the planning is a regional college rodeo in Ranger, which would bring a lot of business and recognition to Ranger. At the moment, Ranger College is on the waiting list, but it will be an event to look forward to.

Everything is structured and in place for a woman's rodeo team, and the college has no problem getting girls interested in being on the team, Coach Reeves says. "We are looking for a woman's rodeo coach," he adds. "The woman's coach needs recruiting and secretarial skills." Anyone

interested in the position should contact Tom Reeves at 254-647-3234 ext. 242.

Ranger College Rodeo Team still has two events on their schedule this spring.

The first will be at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX, March 20-22, and at Howard College in Big Spring, TX, March 27-29.

"I'm excited about next fall," Coach Reeves says. "Ranger is the training ground for rodeo professionals and champions. We're laying the ground work. I don't see how we can fail to make the college finals next year. The sky's the limit."

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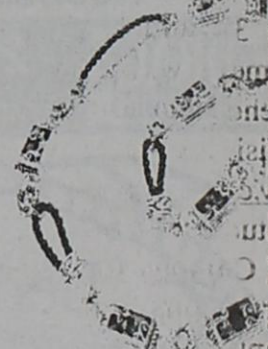
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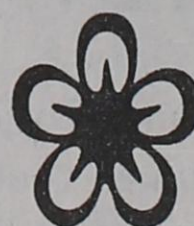
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By Doug Fraser

A matter of life and death

Today I received a couple of emails from two friends. The first email addressed an update on a ministry project my friend and his business associates are involved in. They have partnered with the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) in a water-well drilling program in Africa and India. Thus far I think they've been involved in helping to establish 4 wells in remote villages: The people either had no water or only a source of putrid and unsafe water to drink. The efforts of my friend and his associates with their partnership with CBN are a true blessing for the people in these distant places. I don't remember the names of the places where the wells have been drilled, and if I told you it wouldn't make any difference. The names would just be added words on the page and probably hard for most of us to pronounce anyway. So why waste the time? It's really of little consequence in the bigger scope of history and world events; unless you are one of the villagers, then it could mean the difference between life and death. Life and death on a daily basis isn't thought about too much here. Most of us are just trying to be a bit more comfortable or make things a little easier for us to "just

get by". For most of the world the day to day effort just to stay alive is a very serious issue. Think about this: the difference between a second-world country and a third-world country is one dollar per day per person. In India, there are about 30,000 new births everyday. Today India's population is over 1.1 billion people. It is expected to over take China as the most populous nation in the world in the next few years. It's a staggering thought that over half of the world's population comes from these two countries. Some people are concerned how it will be possible to care for all of these people in the coming years. Both countries are becoming new economic giants. Thus the need for food and oil products is growing rapidly. So what should we do about it?

When I was in Singapore the leaders and people within the church I was visiting saw themselves as "the hinge" between these two giants. This gave them a great opportunity for reaching out and ministering to the needs of these developing countries. Just like my friend and his associates they were willing to bring life to the people.

The second email was extremely interesting since it addressed the comments of a University of Texas (UT)

professor at a recent conference held in Texas. During the 109th meeting of the Texas Academy of Science at Lamar University in Beaumont from 3-5 March there were several intriguing presentations for the attendees. However the highlight of the event was a speech by Dr. Eric R. Pianka, the UT evolutionary ecologist and lizard expert. While speaking he told the story about a neighbor asking him "what good are the lizards you study?" Dr. Pianka quickly replied, "What good are you?" Thus he was able to make the point "we're no better than bacteria!" This opened the door for him to advocate the extermination of 90 percent of the human species. He addressed several possible solutions; however, he candidly stated the most efficient and fastest way to kill billions so the population crisis can be solved is through the use of airborne Ebola (Ebola Reston). It is both highly lethal and it kills in days, instead of years. If you're not familiar with this the victims die a torturous death as the virus attacks the victim by liquefying the internal organs. Pianka looked at it as a form of environmental-political reform; stating the "And the fossil fuels are running out, so I think we may have to cut back to two billion, which would be about one-third as many people." During a Q and A session the professor stated other diseases are also efficient killers. The audience laughed as he noted; "You know, the bird flu's good too" and "we need to sterilize everybody on the Earth." So you thought global warming was the only issue scientists were concerned about!

If you have more interest in this report please review the material found at www.forrestmims.org and www.sunandsky.org. Forrest M. Mims III is Chairman of the Environmental Science Section of the Texas Academy of Science, and the editor of *The Citizen Scientist*.

Two emails in one day from two different friends; one about giving life and the

other about destroying life. Both are very important messages for each of us. But what will you do about either one; get involved with life or tolerate another call for death.

Now we are moving toward the celebration of the two most significant events in history; the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, and I want you to consider what Jesus gave to you and me. Why ask the trite question "What would Jesus DO", when you can read the Bible and find out exactly what Jesus DID for you and me; and for all of the people in the remote villages, and for all the people of India and China. Jesus never assessed or evaluated for how many people he would die for. He never asked to eliminate a certain number so his crucifixion would be easier to withstand. Consider Jesus words "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father. (John 10:17-18) and as Jesus spoke to Martha the sister of Lazarus he spoke these words to all of us too: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?" (John 11:25-26) I do!

Taxes

From the Internet

This could help your attitude about taxes

A tax assessor came one day to a poor Christian to determine the amount of taxes he would have to pay.

The following conversation took place:

"What property do you possess?" asked the assessor.

"I am a very wealthy man," replied the Christian.

"List your possessions please," the assessor instructed.

The Christian said:

"First, I have everlasting life, John 3:16

Second, I have a mansion in heaven, John 14:2

Third, I have peace that

passes all understanding. Phillipians 4:7

Fourth, I have joy unspeakable, I Peter 1:8

Fifth, I have divine love which never fails, I Corinthians 13:8

Sixth, I have a faithful wife, Proverbs 31:10

Seventh, I have healthy, happy obedient children, Exodus 20:12

Eighth, I have true, loyal friends, Proverbs 18:24

Ninth, I have songs in the night, Psalm 42:8

Tenth, I have a crown of life, James 1:12."

The tax assessor closed his book, and said, "Truly your a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

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Meet The Author At Cross Plains Library April 18

We hope you'll join the Friends of the Cross Plains Library for another entertaining Meet the Author evening with Henry Chappell at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, at the Community Center.

After growing up in a small town in central Kentucky and graduating from Western Kentucky University, Henry Chappell moved to the Dallas area where he worked as an electrical engineer in the defense industry. Weekends, he explored Texas through hunting, fishing, and birding trips. In 1986, he read John Graves' *Goodbye to a River* and he knew then and there that he wanted to write. Shortly, thereafter, his articles, essays, and short stories began to appear in various regional and national magazines. Over the past decade, he has written scores of articles for publication such as *Field and Stream*, *Sports Afield*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Concho River Review*, *Texas Highways*, *GORP.com* and *Texas Parks and Wildlife*. He has been a fulltime freelance

writer since 1997.

In the mid 1990s, he began work on a series of essays about the powerful bonds that connect hunter, land and prey. Nineteen of those essays were published collectively in 2001 as **At Home on the Ranger with a Texas Hunter**, which received an excellence in Craft Award from the Texas Outdoor Writers' Association. In 2003, Chappell teamed up with photographer Wyman Meinzer for a photo study of the Legendary Four Sixes Ranch. The result, **6666: Portrait of a Texas Ranch** was published in December of 2004.

Chappell's first novel, **The Callings**, published in September of 2002, was a 2003 Spur Award finalist in the Western Writers of America's "Best First Novel" category. Elmer Kelton said of this book, "Vivid, realistic, and brutal, *The Callings* is a fictional account of the last free-roaming Comanches and the Buffalo Hunters and Soldiers who drove them from their high plains stronghold, changing forever

their way of life." His most recent novel, **Blood Kin**, was a 2005 Spur Award finalist in the "Novel of the West" category and a runner-up for the TCU Texas Book Award. In "Blood Kin", Chappell tells the story of a young white man who becomes friends with a Comanche warrior during the Indian wars in 19th Century Texas. Bruce Winders, historian and curator of the The Alamo, said of *Blood Kin*, "Chappell weaves an intelligent and thoughtful tale of cultures in conflict."

Please join the Friends of the Cross Plains Library at 7:00 p.m. on April for another entertaining Meet the Author evening.

Books will be available for purchase and signing, and you can enjoy light refreshments while you visit with Henry Chappell. You can call the Library at 254-725-7509 for more information or directions to the Community Center.

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p.m. Cost of the program will be \$5 per person for those who pre-register by Friday, April 14th, and will be \$10 at the door. To pre-register contact the Callahan County Extension Office at 325/854-5835.

Pond Management Seminar April 19

Small pond owners, or those who want to be, have an excellent opportunity to learn more about small pond management at the Callahan County Farm Pond Management Seminar on Wed., April 19. Callahan County Extension, in cooperation with the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District, is hosting the pond management seminar featuring biologists who specialize in management of ponds. The

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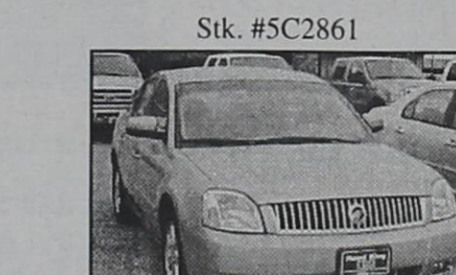


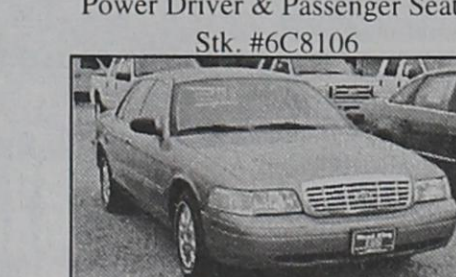


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Photo by Terry Simmons

Super Notes

By David K. Perry
Gorman ISD Superintendent

Living in Gorman is a good thing that I believe many people take for granted. We are in a great location geographically in relation to several job markets, housing is available, there are several good churches, reputable businesses, and we have a progressive (recognized) school. If I didn't already live here, I'd be interested in moving here myself.

Important dates: 4/13 Area Track @ Jim Ned, 4/14 Good Friday Holiday, Girls Softball @ Ranger 10:30am, Boys Baseball here @ 11am, 4/17 Boy's Baseball here @ 4:00pm, 4/18 TAKS, and 4/19 TAKS.

Last Tuesday I went to Breckinridge to listen to Carol Keaton Strayhorn speak at Breckinridge High School on my way to the Junior High track meeting in Cross Plains. I highly recommend that you listen to what she has to say regarding the education of our children. She has some good ideas and impressed me as a friend of public education. She certainly understands finances better than any other candidate to whom I've listened. I was glad I went. We need someone in Austin that knows and understands finance!

I was also glad I went to the Junior High Track Meet, even though I was only there for a little while. I appreciate the effort being put forth by our young athletes. They work so hard and they did a great job, with our girls coming in first and the boys coming in second. Congratulations to the Junior High for a job well done!

Our District High School Track Meet was in Goldthwaite on Thursday. I had the honor of being a timer. You really do have the

best seat in the house. We had several of our athletes advance. The young ladies that advanced to Area competition are Mary Powell, Crystal Thackerson, Brandy Carlton, Audrey Johnston, Sharla Perez, Nicole Cogburn, Tecia Jones, and Megan Lewis. The young men advancing are Corey Brown, Orlando Valenzuela, David Ibarra, and Reggie Sanchez. The Area competition will be this Thursday at Jim Ned ISD in Tuscola, Texas! Congratulations and good luck at Area!

Fifth grade students took their math TAKS test last week. The Eighth grade is taking their TAKS test online this week. All other classes will be taking their TAKS test next week. Please help your child succeed by insisting they get plenty of rest the night before their test. We have to work as a team for the success of your child.

Course selection sheets are going out with the 6th through 11th grade report cards. Please look them over and discuss them with your child. If you have any questions, please call our counselor, Mrs. Hampton.

Interest surveys for summer dual credit classes will be sent out this week too. If you have a child that has completed their sophomore year, they may be eligible to take dual credit college courses this summer. Local residents may also take these courses for college credit alone. If you have any questions, please contact our counselor.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Voices Unmasked program will present a program to the Junior High and High School students next Thursday at 2:30pm.

The high school and dis-

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trict site has 1 committee meetings will be held Wednesday at 4:30 and 5:30, respectively. If you are a member of one of these committees and cannot attend, please inform the champion. Thanks!

The deadline to purchase an annual is April 28th. If you need an order form, please come by the office.

The Fifth Grade will have a field trip on Friday, April 21st. They are going to the Comanche Jail as part of the drug prevention program that is being presented by the Gorman Masonic Lodge. The Mason's sponsor this program annually and we certainly appreciate it!

Six Weeks Grades were sent out Wednesday. If you have any concerns regarding your child's grades, please call their teacher and schedule a conference.

Field Day Shirts are on going sale through April 21st. Order Forms were sent home with your child. Money must be turned in with order and no late orders will be accepted. If you want a shirt and the order form did not make it home, please call the office at the Elementary.

Remember, we will not have school on Friday, April 14th to celebrate Good Friday. Have a great weekend!

I always feel like I am forgetting something or someone each time I submit this article for publication. If I missed any event that you would like to have seen covered, please let me know. It takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. Remember, this is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Come help us shape the future.

Holy Week At First Baptist Church In Eastland

Eastland Ministers Together, the new name for the Eastland Ministerial Alliance, is going to be hosting the second annual Holy Week celebration at Eastland's First Baptist Church. Noonday services will be held featuring area pastors who participate in Eastland Ministers Together. The idea began last year out of the ministers meeting and praying with each other and seeking ways to bring the community of faith together.

Last year's theme was, "A Walk to the Cross." The daily topics dealt with what was going on in the life of Jesus Christ during the time between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This year's theme is "The Last Words of Christ." Each day, one pastor

will take a few moments to share what some of the last sayings of Christ on the Cross were and how they impact the lives of believers each and every day.

On Monday, Paul Howie, pastor of the Leon River Cowboy Church will be sharing after a meal being served by First Baptist Church and their food preparer, Darla Lowrance. "Darla cooks and serves a wonderful meal for our church family every Wednesday evening throughout the year and helps us on special occasions like this and does a great job of getting everything together in a tasty manner," stated Shawn Brewer, pastor of Eastland's First Baptist Church.

Tuesday, Jerry Maston,

pastor of River of Life Church will be sharing during the lunch hour. On Wednesday, Mike Madden, pastor of Eastland's First United Methodist Church will be sharing and on Thursday, Danny Brown, pastor of Kingdom Builders Fellowship will preach.

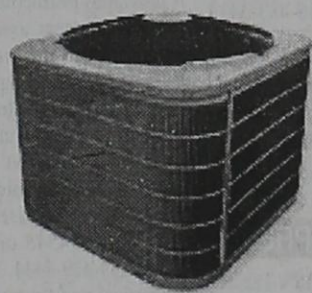
Good Friday will close out the week and Shawn Brewer, pastor of Eastland's First Baptist Church will be speaking during the noon hour. We will begin serving lunch at 11:45 a.m. and the preaching will begin about 12:15 to insure everyone will be able to get back to work on time.

Eastland Ministers Together invites you to come and be a part of setting aside this week through the community of Faith in Eastland. There is no charge and the public is invited.

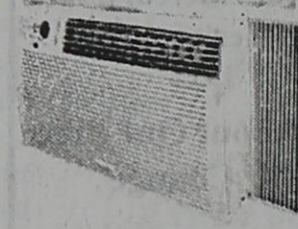
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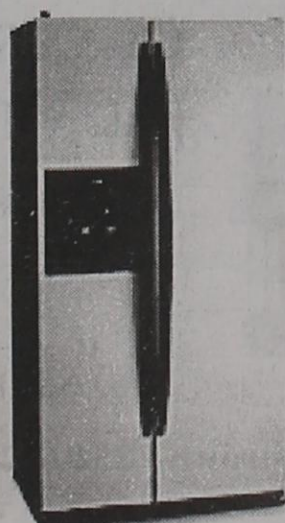
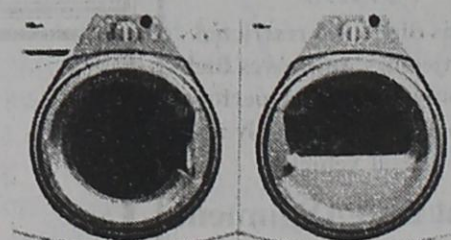
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Kokomo News

By Zeld Jordan

I wish everyone a very "Happy Easter". Let us remember the true meaning of the Easter season: the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and that through Him we can have eternal life if we ask Him to come into our heart. May we all have a wonderful time of worshipping the Lord at the church services, and then a wonderful visit with family and friends.

The Kokomo Baptist Church will have only one service on Easter Sunday, and that will be a Sunrise Service at 7:00 A.M. at the Little Family Cabin at Lake Leon on county road 579 off the Staff Road. Be sure to bring your lawn chair. Coffee, orange juice and donuts will be served. Bro. Jim Haggard will direct the service. There will be an egg hunt for the children following the service. Visitors are welcome.

Bro. Jerry Speer of Ranger Baptist Church on Sunday, April 9. His wife, Dorothy also attended the service. Other visitors were Jack and Ruth Scarth of Farnsworth, TX.. "Happy Anniversary" was sung to Mr. and Mrs. Scarth who had just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. The choir rendered the special music, singing "Blessed Assurance". They were Helen Browning, Ruth Rodgers, Karen Patterson, Joe Bond, Jimmy Little and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Bro. Speer's message on Sunday morning was "Someone Is Always Doing Something For You". God the father, Jesus the Son, and The Holy Spirit surrounds us at all times. The Sunday night message was "Draw

Me and we will run after thee". God draws us to him with his love and grace.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ruth Rodgers, Ann Warren and Zeld Jordan. Woodrow, Helen, Ruth and Jimmy presented the special music.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited in Copperas Cove on Sunday night and Monday with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond.

Betty and Larry Strube visited in Brownwood with Sheron Graham.

Jack and Ruth Scarth of Farnsworth, Tx visited during the weekend with Betty Little. Karen Patterson of Eastland and Jimmy and Verna Lee Little had lunch with them on Sunday.

Judy Porter of Austin visited several days last week with her parents, Oren and Norma Webb.

Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville and Ted Snider visited with LaVon Snider. LaVon visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider on Sunday and with Gene and Kay Snider on Monday.

Sylvia Buchanan was in Stephenville recently to see Lindsey Lazona play in the Handicap Children's T-ball game. Lindsey is a member of the "Angel's Team" Others attending the ball game were: Cynthia and Toby Lazona, Don and Linda Brumbelow, Sherry, Randy

and Madison Wyly. They all enjoyed supper in the home of Cynthia Lazona following the ballgame.

Sylvia Buchanan visited several days last week with Kelly and Tina Buchanan in West Columbia and with Rebecca Black and grandson, Brandon in Brazoria. She also attended the funeral of a friend, Lavan Thompson in Brazoria.

Doris Bradshaw, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Zeld Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Sylvia Buchanan visited with Jesse and Lenora Speer in Ranger.

Zelda Jordan visited in Abilene on Friday and Saturday with Glenda Black and Wade, Sheri, Ryan,

Kody and Emily Daniell and attended Ryan and Kody's little league ballgame on Saturday afternoon. Their team didn't win the game, but they made some good plays. Ryan played in center field and

Kody played on third base, and then was the pitcher for two innings. Keep up the good work boys. Grandma is proud of you. I hope to see you play again soon.

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The locations were to be unveiled the day of Trash-Off, April 1, and the events will take place between May and mid-August.

Visit www.DontMessWithTexas20.org on April 1 for exciting news and additional information.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to encourage the public to refrain from littering for one designated day. Each year, approximately 830 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas' roadways and today, litter-pickup costs taxpayers approximately \$36 million annually. Paid contractors clean 90 percent of these roadways, with groups such as Adopt-a-Highway doing the rest.

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State Regulates Placement of Campaign Signs Along Highways

Texans take pride in their beautiful state, especially during the spring when everyone can enjoy the beautiful wildflowers that grow along the highway rights of way. However, during campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower * the political sign.

Texas Department of Transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election.

TxDOT officials say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public.

According to Mary Beth

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		Lemen ss	3210
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Kilgore, Abilene District public information officer, signs in the public right of way include posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs, and other objects on the right of way.

"TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible by TxDOT employees, a county sheriff or a constable, depending on jurisdiction," Kilgore said.

If you have questions regarding placement of political signs in Callahan County, call TxDOT's Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353, or Kristy Gardner, the Abilene District's highway beautification coordinator, at 325/676-6831. Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other federally-funded highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

Wylie Taylor 6 2 2 0 5 8
Clyde ends 4 games with 2-2 slide in district play with this loss

Meet The Author At Cross Plains Library April 18

We hope you'll join the Friends of the Cross Plains Library for another entertaining Meet the Author evening with Henry Chappell at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, at the Community Center.

After growing up in a small town in central Kentucky and graduating from Western Kentucky University, Henry Chappell moved to the Dallas area where he worked as an electrical engineer in the defense industry. Weekends, he explored Texas through hunting, fishing, and birding trips. In 1986, he read John Graves' *Goodbye to a River* and he knew then and there that he wanted to write. Shortly thereafter, his articles, essays, and short stories began to appear in various regional and national magazines. Over the past decade, he has written scores of articles for publication such as *Field and Stream*, *Sports Afield*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Concho River Review*, *Texas Highways*, *GORP.com* and *Texas Parks and Wildlife*. he has been a fulltime freelance writer since 1997. In the mid 1990s, he

Commissioners' Court Minutes From April 10, 2006

The State of Texas County of Callahan County The meeting of the Commissioners' Court was begun and held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on April 10, 2006 A.D., and the following officers were present to wit:

Roger Corn, Judge Presiding

Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1

Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Doris Grider, Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer

Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk, and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court and the following items of business were transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 A.M. by Judge Corn.

The minutes of March 27, 2006 were approved as presented.

There were no public comments.

Michial Thompson with Justice Software Solutions met with the Court to give an overall view of the company. Sheriff Curtis told the Court the system they had now for booking prisoners in the jail and their computers were outdated. William Cheek and Jackie Semmler told the Court they had no technical support with the system they are now using and there was a need for an updated back-up system. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to buy the computers at a discount rate. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 5-0. Judge Corn requested a

began work on a series of essays about the powerful bonds that connect hunter, land and prey. Nineteen of those essays were published collectively in 2001 as *Home on the Ranger with a Texas Hunter*, which received an excellence in Craft Award from the Texas Outdoor Writers' Association. In 2003, Chappell teamed up with photographer Wyman Meinzer for a photo study of the Legendary Four Sixes Ranch. The result, *6666: Portrait of a Texas Ranch* was published in December of 2004.

Chappell's first novel, *The Callings*, published in

financial statement from Justice Software Solutions. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table purchasing the software until April 24, 2006. Commissioner Holland seconded and motion carried 5-0. Exhibit

Commissioner Grider made a motion to not lift the declaration of emergency and disaster. Commissioner Farmer seconded and motion carried 4-1. Judge Corn opposed.

Commissioner Grider made a motion to not lift the burn ban. Commissioner Farmer seconded and motion carried 4-0. Judge Corn abstained.

Judge Corn announced FEMA had approved the debris removal (category A) at Cross Plains. No Action. Exhibit

Commissioner Holland made a motion to pay approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Judge Corn made a motion to approve the deputation of Joseph G. Bertolino for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Hicks seconded and motion carried 5-0. Exhibit

Judge Corn made a motion to approve a Resolution declaring April 23-29, 2006 County Government Week. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 5-0. Exhibit

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Holland seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Roger Corn, County Judge

The foregoing minutes were read and approved this 24th day of April, 2006.

Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk

September of 2002, was a 2003 Spur Award finalist in the Western Writers of America's "Best First Novel" category. Elmer Kelton said of this book, "Vivid, realistic, and brutal, *The Callings* is a fictional account of the last free-roaming Comanches and the Buffalo Hunters and Soldiers who drove them from their high plains stronghold, changing forever their way of life." His most recent novel, *Blood Kin*, was a 2005 Spur Award finalist in the "Novel of the West" category and a runner-up for the TCU Texas Book Award. In "Blood Kin", Chappell tells the story of a young white man who becomes friends with a Comanche warrior during the Indian wars in 19th Century Texas. Bruce Winders, historian and curator of the The Alamo, said of *Blood Kin*, "Chappell weaves an intelligent and thoughtful tale of cultures in conflict."

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Emergency Farm Fire Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans caused by extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and

continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Richard G. Young said.

"Callahan is one of 9 primary counties in Texas re-

cently named by the President of the United States eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing."

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," Richard G. Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have a figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their

loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until September 11, 2006 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Applications Being Taken for Bailey Johnson Memorial Scholarship From Seniors

Applications for the Bailey Johnson Scholarship are available in the Clyde High School Counselor's office. All students planning to enter college following their 2006 graduation are urged to apply. This scholarship is provided by donations and memorials and managed by members of the

Ex Student Association. All applications should be returned to the Counselor by April 14, 2006.

Donation or Memorials can be made to the fund at First Financial Bank in Clyde, Bailey Johnson Scholarship, account no. 15020344242.

Submitted by: J. May

Notice Of School Board Election

TO the registered Voters of Baird I.S.D., Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 13, 2006, for voting in a School Board election to elect three (3) school board trustees. (A los votantes registrados del Baird I.S.D., Texas: Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 13 de May de 2006 para votar en la Eleccion para elect tres (3) escuela-board trustees.) -LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES: (Direccion(es) de Las Casillas Electorales): Baird I.S.D. Business Office, 600 West 7th St. Baird, TX 79504: Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: (La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de

lunes a viernes en): **Baird I.S.D. Business Office, 600 W. 7th St., Baird, Texas 79504;** Between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning on May 1, 2006, and ending on May 9, 2006. (entre las 7:30 de la manana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el May 1, 2006, (fecha) Y terminando el May 9, 2006). Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: (NA)

Applications for ballot by

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Thursday, April 13, 2006: Chicken Fajita or Beef & Bean Burrito, Spanish rice, Refried beans, Lettuce / Tomato, Brownie, Fresh fruit, Choice of Milk.
Friday, April 14: No school
Monday, April 17: Fish strips w/ Homemade

Dance, BBQ and Silent Auction to Benefit Doris Broadus, April 13

On December 9, 2005, a friend of the Callahan County Community, Doris Broadus was seriously injured in a M.V.A.-motor vehicle Accident. Doris has spent almost three months in the hospital and in rehab. Doris does not have any medical insurance and the medical bills are tremendous. A large group of friends see the struggles Ronnie and Doris are facing with these large medical bills.

We are hoping to do our part in assisting these wonderful people. With your assistance, we will have a Dinner at the "Old Light House", 228 Walnut in Baird, TX. (The location had to be moved due to some unforeseen circumstances.) We will start serving dinner at 6:00 p.m. The music and dancing will begin about 8:00 p.m.. Dinner includes Bar B-Que, Beans, Potato Salad, Bread, Tea and Dessert. (Alcohol will not be permitted at the Dinner or Dance.) Dinner tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for those under 12

years of age or over 65 years.

The Silent Auction has many wonderful items in it. Some of the items include a legal size pool table, a guided exotic hunt, a two person beautiful trail ride, both metal and wood work, and more. Those items will only be available for bidding during the benefit. We are also selling chances for items such as gift certificates to Aristocats, Cowboy Candles, Steak Diners at the Chuck Wagon and much more. These chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Both dinner tickets and chances can be purchased at the Citizens EMS office at 815 SE, 2nd Clyde, (325) 893-5754 or from the Citizens EMS employees. Also you can contact Clyde Volunteer Fire Department Members. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Citizens EMS Office, Callahan County Sheriff's Dept. or the First Financial Bank Location in Clyde.

Please feel free to contact Margot Stafford at 325-893-5754 or 325-439-5150, or Dianne Cheek (325) 439-1844 or the Citizens EMS office at (325) 893-5754.

Public Notice of Testing of the Equipment for the Automatic Tabulation

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Baird I.S.D.

Election held on May 13, 2006 will be tested on April 28, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Room 102, Courthouse, Baird, TX to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Signature of Officer, Lana J. Walls.

Aviso Publico de Probar-El Equipo para Tabular Automaticamente

Por la presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion de Baird I.S.D. que se llevara a cabo el May 13, 2006 se probara el April 28, 2006 a las 9:00 a.m. en Room 102, Courthouse, Baird, TX para determinar si equipo contrara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas los proyectos de ley.

Firma, Lana J. Wells, dela Oficial

Pond Management Seminar To Be Held April 19th, Baird

Small pond owners, or those who want to be, have an excellent opportunity to learn more about small pond management at the Callahan County Farm Pond Management Seminar on April 19.

Callahan County Extension, in cooperation with the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a pond management seminar featuring biologists who specialize in management of ponds. The seminar will be held at the Baird Activity Center located at 208 Walnut beginning at 12:00 noon with a catered meal. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Gary Franke, Soil Conservation Technician with

the Natural Resource Conservation Service will start the day discussing how to design and construct ponds.

Ricky Linex, Wildlife Biologist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service will follow with discussion on the Riparian buffers. Dr. Michael Masser, Extension Fisheries Specialist, will be our final speaker and will discuss elements of successful pond management including: renovation of ponds, fertilization, pond stocking strategies, maintaining balance, and identification and management of aquatic plants.

There will be three hours of Continuing Education Credits for re-certification of private and non-commercial applicators available through the Texas Department of Agricul-

ture.

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District will also be taking fish orders during the program. Cost of the program will be \$5.00 per person for those who R.V.S.P. by Friday, April 14, 2006. \$10.00 at the door. To Pre-Register contact the

Top Movies

1. Inside Man starring Denzel Washington *Rated: R*
2. V for Vendetta Natalie Portman *R*
3. Failure to Launch Matthew McConaughey *PG-13*
4. The Shaggy Dog Tim Allen *PG*
5. The Libertine Johnny Depp *R*
6. 16 Blocks Bruce Willis *PG-13*
7. She's the Man Amanda Bynes *PG-13*
8. Find Me Guilty Vin Diesel *R*
9. The Hills Have Eyes Kathleen Quinlan *R*
10. Madae's Family Reunion Tyler Perry *PG-13*

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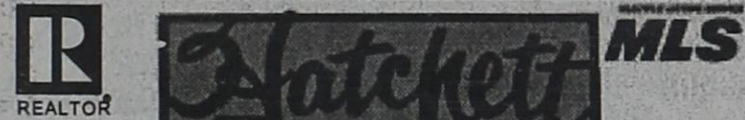
Bid packages can be obtained by calling 888-887 or (512) 782-6910 or sending an e-mail to tina.burford@tmfc.state.tx.us.

Site visits will be held at the property on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 starting at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Call the number(s) listed above to make an appointment.

2006 Baird Bears Tennis

March 10	@ Santa Anna	8:00 a.m.	Girls/Boys
March 22	@ ACU	1:30 p.m.	Girls/Boys
March 30	@ Clyde	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
April 6	@ Albany	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
April 11-12	San Angelo	TBA	Girls/Boys (District)
April 24-29	Abilene	TBA	Girls/Boys (Regional)
May 8-9	Austin	TBA	Girls/Boys (State)

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