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Thursday, April 2, 2009

### Callahan County Library News

New books at the library are: *Dead or Alive* by Michael McGarrity, *Plum Spooky\** by Janet Evanovich, *DragonLight* by Donita Paul, *The Teen Girl's Gotta-Have-It Guide to Money* by Jessica Blatt and *The Associate\** by John Grisham. Some not so new books at the library are: *The Shape Shifter\** by Tony Hillerman, *H.R.H.\** by Danielle Steel, *Murder at the Opera* by Margaret Truman, *The Ravenscar Dynasty* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, and *Our 50 States* by Lynne V. Cheney. \*Large print books. These books were purchased with Loan Star Libraries Grant money.

From the Past

*Callahan County Clarendon*

April 24, 1880

Belle Plain, Texas

The Texas & Pacific Located--The located line of the Texas and Pacific road will not pass through Eastland as heretofore reported. The line passes out of Palo Pinto creek to a point near Meriman, near the northern boundary of the county, and from thence along the south boundary line of Stephens County, passing westward in the direction of Buffalo Gap near Gunsight mountain.--Dallas Herald

Born

Cutbirth- In Hubbard Timbers, April 19, 1880, to the wife of J.B. Cutbirth a daughter.

Died

Riggs- At Belle Plain on Saturday, April 17, 1880, of pneumonia, Mr. A.L. Riggs

Riggs- At Belle Plain on Thursday, April 22, 1880, of pneumonia, Mrs. Trucilla Riggs.

May 1, 1880

Denison has had a \$30,000 fire.

The Southern Pacific R.R. Co. has begun a survey of a road from San Antonio to El Paso.

\* Arrival And Departure of Mail

Arrives at Belle Plain from Fort Worth via Stephenville, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 p.m.

Arrives at Belle Plain from Fort Worth via Breckenridge, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.

Arrives at Belle Plain from Austin via Brownwood, Tuesday and Friday at 12 p.m.

Arrives at Belle Plain from Buffalo Gap, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 p.m.

Arrives at Belle Plain from Albany, Monday at 6 p.m.

Leaves Belle Plain for Fort Worth via Stephenville, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a.m.

Leaves Belle Plain for Fort Worth via Breckenridge, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 a.m.

Leaves Belle Plain for Austin via Brownwood, Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m.

Leaves Belle Plain for Buffalo Gap, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a.m.

Leaves Belle Plain for Albany, Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Express matter carried via Eastland and Brownwood.

Wm. H. Parvin, P.M.

### Baird FFA Chapter Rabies Clinic April 20th

The Baird FFA Chapter will hold its annual rabies clinic on Monday, April 20th at the Ag building. The clinic will start at 4:00 p.m. and finish up at 6:00 p.m. Due to safety we prefer that you not bring cats this year, you will need to take them to the clinic in Clyde for

their shots. Prices on dogs will be \$12.00 for the rabies shot only or \$30.00 for a combo shot.

Proceeds will benefit the Baird FFA Chapter. Thanks for your support.

Submitted by Danny Vestal AST

### DPS Report

3-22 to 3-28-09

CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings-158

Complaints- 67

DWI-1

Driving While License Invalid- 1

ACCIDENTS

There were 5 accidents investigated during this time span.



Winners in the 15-25 age group of Rising Star Livestock Raisers' Association Buckle Series Play Day Event #1 are: Gavin Erickson (All Around), Kat Leal (Reserve All Around), Lauren Hickman (All Around) and Shelbie Harry of Baird (Reserve All Around).

### Baird Boy Scout Troop 222 Attends White Buffalo District Camporee

Davis and A.J. Camacho of Baird's local Boy Scout troop 222 attended the White Buffalo District camporee at Lake Coleman March 26-29.

The troop competed in several skill events and placed:

- 3rd. Pioneering (knots and lashing)
- 3rd. First Aid
- 1st. Height Estimation

They also competed in the several other events as the clove hitch race, ion transfer race (water bucket), senior patrol leader desert competition, and knot tying. Other fun events were tomahawk and knife throwing (not at the scoutmasters), fishing, scavenger hunt using

compass and map reading skills, and patrol skits to end the night. The boys also enjoyed cooking their meals and meeting scouts and scout leaders from the Clyde, Abilene, and Comanche.

The troop also had the extra pleasure of practicing survival skills in the extreme cold and windy conditions. The troop woke up Sunday morning with a layer of frost covering the ground and tents.

The next scheduled campout is tentatively planned for May. If any boys ages 10-18 are interested in joining, they can call Edgar B. Camacho @ 854-8489. Meeting are held every other Sunday at 3:00 pm.

### Jr. High District Track Meet

The Baird Junior High Track Teams will compete at the District Track Meet at Cross Plains on Thurs-

day, April 2. The Field Events will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the running events immediately after.

### Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinics in Callahan County

Monday, April 6th

Baird Cafetorium 400 W. 7th

Time: 10-12

Cross Plains Housing Authority

233 N. Main

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8th

Clyde First Baptist Church

216 Austin

Time: 10-12 & 1:30-3 p.m.

Please bring child's Immunization

Records. If child has Medicaid or

CHIP, please bring card.

For more information call

325/754-4945.

### Baird PTO Garage Sale Postponed Until August

The Baird PTO garage sale has been postponed until sometime in August. The decision to postpone the sale again is the result of fewer than expected donations of used items. The PTO hopes that the lack of donations is the result of an extremely busy spring season, rather than the economic downturn. Therefore, additional donations are still being sought in order to make the garage sale a success. Monthly donation dates will be announced in the local newspapers, as well as the actual date,

times, and location of the sale in August.

The Baird PTO thanks everyone who already made donations of clothes and household items and want you to know that those items will be stored in an unused classroom until the August garage sale. The PTO apologizes again for the confusion and any inconvenience that the change in plans has created. Please feel free to contact Catherine Brock at 854-2053 if you have any questions or would like to arrange a special time to make donations.

### Baird Track Teams To Compete At Eastland

The Baird High School Track Teams will travel to Eastland on Saturday, April 4 to compete in the Maverick Relays. The Field Events will begin at 8:30 a.m. and running events immediately after.

The boys and girls track teams have had a great year thus far. At the Pio-

neer Relays in Cross Plains on March 12th the Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls and JV Boys won 1st Place. On March 21st at the Albany Relays both Varsity Boys and Girls Teams placed 3rd. The Bears will compete at the District Track Meet on Thursday, April 9th in Roscoe.

### Baird Project Graduation April Fund Raiser Set

Baird Project Graduation has announced its upcoming April fund raiser. We are hoping to put the fun back into fundraising with this project. Beginning April 1st (April Fool's Day) "Toilet Man" will begin appearing in local residents' lawns. "Toilet Man" is a paper mache figure which is seated on a porcelain toilet. Residents must make a donation to have him

removed and another if they would like to designate a friend's residence for his relocation.

Anyone not wishing to have "Toilet Man" visit their home may purchase an insurance policy for \$5.00 from any Baird High School Senior parent or by contacting Catherine Brock at 854-2053 or 854-1003 and leave a message.

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# CALLAHAN COUNTY STAR SPOTLIGHT

## WRITERS SHOWCASE

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### Poetry Media Service

**CHOICE WORDS**  
Poet Peter Cole carefully navigates the abstract and timeless.

By Daisy Fried  
*Poetry Media Service*  
Things on Which I've Stumbled, by Peter Cole. New Directions. \$14.95.  
Peter Cole, an American MacArthur Fellow who lives in Jerusalem, deals in matters that come with capital letters. Truth, Morality, Jewishness, Art and Art's Responsibility, Love, Zionism v. Palestinian Nationhood. On the last of these, a subject that dominates this book, Cole is not easy to pin down. Certainly if poets were the acknowledged legislators of the world, AIPAC would have sicced itself on him long since. He told one interviewer he lives in Jerusalem not for religious reasons but because "I had a sense that my own poetry was going to come out of a Hebrew tradition, and that, in order to really explore that fully and properly, I had to learn Hebrew, and to learn Hebrew I had to come here." Cole, also a translator of Hebrew and Arabic poetry, founded Ibis Editions, which publishes both Hebrew and Arabic literature in translation with the express intention of having the two literatures considered side by side. And he's clearly deeply disturbed by Israel's aggression against Palestine. Here are all four lines of "Israel Is," which first appeared earlier this year in the Nation:

Israel is he, or she, who wrestles with God—call him what you will, not some goon (with a rabbi and gun) in a pre-fab home on a biblical hill.  
Cole's "Palestine: A Sestina" begins with a reference to the late left-wing Palestinian-American scholar Edward Said's book *The Question of Palestine*, and two of its end-words are "Palestine" and "pain." Most modern sestinas read like workshop exercises and go on about five stanzas too long. Not Cole's. His music is too strange. The sestina begins in the passive voice, and relies mostly, though not exclusively, on abstractions: Hackles are raised at the mere mention of Palestine, let alone The Question of—who owns the pain? Often it seems the real victims here are the hills—those pulsing ridges, whose folds and tender fuzz of green kill with softness. On earth, it's true, we're only guests, but people live in places, and stake out claims to land.  
The itchy diction, working its way through the repetitive, circular, interweaving form,

comes rather triumphantly to mirror the tortuous, intractable, complex nature of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Cole's interest in Israel and things Hebraic is not limited to contemporary politics. Quotations from Hebrew texts—sacred, poetic, philosophical, profane—interspersed with Cole's own commentary, make up much of the title poem, "Things on Which I've Stumbled." "Poetry and all that garbage," the poem begins, and proceeds through a magpie's nest of textual scraps through which we see glimmers of humanity's urges and longings and wonderings. "Tell me, what is man / if not dirt and a worm," goes one scrap; "the gold brocade is very pretty / but not what I wanted exactly," goes another. The material "Things on Which I've Stumbled" is based on comes from the Genizah Research Unit in Cambridge, England. A geniza, Cole explains in a fascinating footnote, is a storeroom for old and discarded sacred Hebrew texts; according to Jewish law, these cannot be thrown out, but must be given ritual burial. The Cambridge geniza contains not only sacred texts but poems, personal letters, contracts, and shopping lists, and was almost burned as being "nothing of any interest or value." Cole ends his expansive collage/retrieval project of a poem with the words "These are things on which I've stumbled." In a further footnote he adds a quote from the Bahir, an ancient, anonymous, mystical work of Midrash: "This refers to things that a person cannot grasp unless they cause him to stumble."

Stumbling to get steady, misunderstanding as a way toward understanding: these themes underlie the austere and rigorously pleasurable "Notes on Bewilderment," fifty semi-aphoristic speculations which add up to a kind of moral, literary, and political mindscape. The "Notes" are five more-or-less tetrameter lines each, with a regular rhyme scheme. Ranging in his references (Spinoza, Rothko, Machado, dead Jews, dead Palestinians) and dealing with Big Questions, Cole's mind is continually not made up:

The bereaved speakers droned on and on about "humanity," entitled by their grief.  
Not having to suspend anything in the way of disbelief, I sat listening but left with the faint hope I'd brought in doubt.  
—"xxv"  
There's a lot of close-

### April's A Lovely Dream

Tra la la, April's a lovely dream  
Praise her name and be glad she came  
The nearby slopes awake aflame

With skillful use of each springtime rain  
She resurrects with fabled scheme  
Tra la la, April's a lovely dream  
Praise her name and be glad she came.

April designs such sweet and pristine  
Etchings down expressive scenic lanes  
Seeding each meadow her eager game  
Winking blinking each petal gleam  
Tra la la, April's a lovely dream  
Praise her name and be glad she came.  
Weldon L. Smith  
Eastland, Texas

reading fun to be had here, but what's particularly striking is the last line's deliberate fuzzing of whether hope or doubt wins out. Did he leave with the same faint hope he brought, doubtfully, with him? Did he leave doubting even that faint hope? Did he leave hoping that he'd introduced doubt to the speakers? Cole, determinedly unfunny, is very witty.

There's something admirable, and oddly charming, in Cole's old-fashioned impulse toward synthesis. Yet for Cole, everything is always also falling apart. This isn't poetry that makes you go "ahhh." It makes you think, and think hard. Cole's immersion in unclarity is idealistic, and clarifying.

Guggenheim Fellow Daisy Fried lives in Philadelphia; her latest book, *My Brother Is Getting Arrested Again*, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. This article originally appeared in *Poetry* magazine. Distributed by the Poetry Foundation at poetryfoundation.org.  
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### Writers And Poets!

The Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers announce that the Baird Star will be publishing submitted poetry and short stories. We will also be publishing a literary journal in the near future.

1. We ask for first-time publishing rights. All other rights will remain with the author.
2. There will be no payment, but you will get your works before the general public. We will be sending sample copies to other organizations, the literary world and libraries for their archives and your notoriety.
3. Short stories should be brief. Poetry should be no longer than 24 lines.
4. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.
5. Please address all submissions to:  
**Literary Editor**  
Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers  
P. O. Box 29  
Eastland, TX 76448  
email: thebairdspotlight@att.net

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S.A.S.E. for returns

--WANTED--

20 lines,

double spaced or less

Poetry

Fiction or Non

Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family orient-ed; no smut, slander or liable material.

### Growing Up

You used to have only one best friend

And now you just have several friends

Your parents used to know every single thing about you

And now you hide things from them

You used to see your family more than friends

And now it is the exact opposite

You had no major decisions

And now you have to make choices that could change your life

No one judged anyone else

And now they pick out every flaw

Which stage of life is the most grown up?

-Kallie Pruet  
Baird, Texas

### American Life In Poetry

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

My father was the manager of a store in which chairs were strategically placed for those dutiful souls waiting and waiting and waiting and waiting for shoppers. Such patience is the most exhausting work there is, or so it seems at the time. This poem by Joseph O. Legaspi perfectly captures one of those scenes.

### At the Bridal Shop

The gowns and dresses hang like fleece in their glaring whiteness, sheepskin-softness, the ruffled matrimonial love in which the brides-in-waiting dance around, expectantly, hummingbirds to tulips. I was dragged here: David's Bridal, off the concrete-gray arterial highways of a naval town. I sink into the flush bachelors' couch, along with other men sprinkled throughout the shop, as my friend and her female compatriots parade taffeta dresses in monstrous shades of pastels—persimmons, lilacs, periwinkles—the colors of weddings and religious holidays. Trains drag on the floor, sleeves drape like limp, pressed sheets of candied fruits, ribbons fluttering like pale leaves. I watch families gathered together: the women, like worshippers, circling around the smiling brides-to-be, as if they were the anointed ones. The men, in turn, submerge deeper into couches, into sleep, while the haloed, veiled women cannot contain their joy, they flash their winning smiles, and they are beautiful.

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It's a nice day for a bike ride. Photo by Patrick Ready

### Words You Can Use:

- **Palmus:** When you twitch, as a result of learning a new word, or some other crisis, you have one of these.
- **Quindecagon:** In geometry, this is a fifteen sided figure. Can you remember the last time you saw one?
- **Sciophilous:** Actually this is not a disease, but it does refer to plants that love shade. This is the time of the year when you prepare these.
- **Tellurian:** You should know that you are one of these. It denotes something that is a dweller on the planet Earth.
- **Uredo:** This refers to a burning sensation of the skin. Some people in Washington, D. C. may be having more frequent instances of this.

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(4-2, 4-9-09)

## Obituary

### Christine L. Morgan

ANSON- Christine L. Morgan 86, died Sunday, March 29, 2009 at an Abilene hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Loren Gardner officiating. Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery, directed by Adams-Graham Funeral Home.

She was born May 6, 1922 in Rule, Texas. She was the daughter of the late Carl and Ruby (Hines) Lee. She graduated from Rule High School and married Cecil Morgan on December 28, 1944 in Anson. He preceded her in death on June 18, 2000. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Morgan; 1 brother and 1 sister.

Survivors are one daughter, Kathy Morgan of Abilene; one sister, Jo Brock of Clyde; one brother, Donald Lee of Rule; 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



## Baird ISD School Menu

Thursday, April 2

Breakfast: Toast and Cereal, Choice of Juice,

## Clyde ISD School Menu

Thursday, April 2

Breakfast: Cereal & toast or breakfast burrito, breakfast sausage pizza, fruit juice, milk

HS & JH Lunch: Chicken fried steak, chicken tenders, sliced turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans, orange, milk

Intermediate & Elementary Lunch: Steak fingers, chicken tenders, sliced turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans, orange, milk

Friday, April 3

Breakfast: Cereal & toast or breakfast burrito, breakfast sausage pizza, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: Fish sandwich, chicken burger, grilled chicken salad, baked beans, carrot & celery sticks, salad, Blue Bell ice cream, milk

Monday, April 6

Breakfast: Cereal & toast or biscuit, sausage, gravy or cheese omelet & toast, fruit juice, milk

HS & JH Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, pig in a blanket, egg roll & rice pilaf, California veggies, salad, fruit, sugar cookie, milk

Intermediate & Elementary Lunch: Cheese pizza, pig in a blanket, egg roll & rice pilaf, California veggies, salad, fruit, sugar cookie, milk

Tuesday, April 7

Breakfast: Cereal & toast or breakfast burrito, breakfast sausage pizza, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: Steak fingers, ham & cheese salad, oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, rolls, spinach, fruit, milk

Wednesday, April 8

Breakfast: Cereal & toast or biscuit, sausage, gravy or French toast sticks, fruit juice, milk

Lunch: Enchiladas, queso grande, pepperoni pizza, corn, salad, pinto beans, fruit, milk

Choice of Milk

Lunch: Chicken Patties, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Bread, Pears

Friday, April 3

Breakfast: Sausage Rolls, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Hot Dogs, Pork-N-Beans, Carrot Sticks, Rosie Applesauce, Cookies

Monday, April 6

Breakfast: Breakfast Bites, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Milk

Lunch: Corndogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Juice Bars

Tuesday, April 7

Breakfast: Sausage and Biscuit, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Sliced Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, California Veggies, Sliced Bread, Fruit Salad

Wednesday, April 8

Breakfast: Mexican Breakfast Bite, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Taquitos, Pinto Beans, Salad, Spanish Rice, Peaches

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# Obituaries

## Major (Ret.) Thomas Plummer

ABILENE- Major (Ret.) Thomas H. "Tom" Plummer died Friday, March 27, 2009 at his home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Eula United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Carlin officiating. Military graveside rites followed at the Eula Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Tom was born February 28, 1939, to R.R. "Bob" Plummer and Vivien Hewett Plummer in Galveston, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tom had presided in Abilene for the past 33 years. He was equally proud of being a Texas Aggie (Class of '61) and of being a C-130 pilot in the United States Air Force for more than 20 years. He began his Air Force career at Fort Pope, North Carolina, and was assigned to duty in California, Viet Nam, Thailand, and Hawaii before retiring at Dyess AFB in Abilene. He was renowned for his ability "to land his plane on a postage stamp." He was a pilot's pilot, and would regale friends, old and new with war stories and exploits of his military career. Following his

retirement from active duty, Tom spent 16 years as a pilot instructor in the C-130 simulator at Dyess. He trained many young pilots, all of whom benefitted from his flying expertise. Nothing made him prouder than to receive compliments and thank yous from his students.

Tom was an officer and a gentleman. He was generous and kind-hearted. He loved reading stories to his young grandsons. He had an outgoing personality, and never met a stranger. He loved football and spent numerous sweat-drenched hours quarterbacking from his favorite chair. He was a life-long Methodist and was most recently a member of the Eula United Methodist Church. He was much loved and will be missed by his family and friends.

Survivors are his wife, Robbye of Abilene; a brother, R.R. (Bob) Plummer, Jr. of Benbrook, TX; son, Christopher Plummer of Buda, TX; daughter, Cynthia Resor of San Antonio; stepchildren, Daryl Wilde of Eula, Mike Wilde of Eula and Tiffany Wilde of Abilene; nine grandchildren.

## Gail Dare Stallings

CLYDE- Gail Dare Stallings, 86, of Clyde died Sunday, March 29, 2009 at an Abilene care center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde with Rev. Larry Hooper officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery.

Mr. Stallings was born April 13, 1922 in Clyde to James Edward and Desa Domma Sue (Ramey) Stallings. He graduated from Clyde High School in 1940. He was preceded in death by Chloe Frances Malone whom he married in Anson on January 27, 1949. He was the founder of Stallings Electric in Abilene where he worked until his retirement in 1986. He served in

the U.S. Navy during World War II, in the medical corp in San Diego, California and Norman, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Robert Dare Stallings and wife Daisy and Mark Stallings and wife Becky, all of Clyde; two daughters, Gaila Sue Leaman and husband Stan of Clyde and Katie Stallings of Abilene; two sisters, Geneva 'Tingles' Bridgewater of Wickenburg, Arizona and Annie Ruth Ludwig of Indian Wells, CA; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one daughter, Frances Lou Stallings; two brothers and two sisters.

## Geenita Kay Sturdivant

BAIRD- Geenita Kay Sturdivant, 61, died Monday, March 30, 2009.

Memorial service will be

at 2 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2009 at thee Bailey Funeral Home Chapel of Clyde.

## Emory Clayton Gray, Jr.

CLYDE- Emory Clayton Gray, Jr., 79, died March 29, 2009.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde. Bro. Bob Karlin officiated, assisted by Hospice Chaplin, Wayne Oglesby. Burial was in the Dudley Cemetery.

Mr. Gray was born in The Hannah Community on a farm near Anson on August 1, 1929 to E.C., Sr. and Myrtis "Bockmon" Gray. He was one of 11 children. He graduated from Anson High School in 1947. On June 17, 1947, he married Ruth Loper. He was a member of Eula United Methodist Church. He spent most of his working years in Andrews, TX. area working for TEXACO. He and Ruth retired in 1986 and moved to the home place farm in Denton Valley, where he enjoyed his garden and farm animals.

Survived by his wife, Ruth of the home; two sons, Destry Gray and wife Brenda of Andrews, and Clay Gray and wife Denese of Denton Valley; five grandchildren, Brian Gray of Midland, Nathan Gray and wife Cathy of Andrews, Shamra Gray and husband Chris of Houma, LA., Brent Gray and wife Randi of Denton Valley, and Brad Gray and wife Kelly of Abilene; seven great-grandchildren; four sisters, Billy Mackey, Odie Wilson, Lilly Loper, Sue Key; two brothers, Doyle Gray and Herman Gray.

Preceded in death by parents; two brothers, Winson Gray and Hilmer Carter; and two sisters, Opal Leddy and Onzilo Pyron.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, TX. 79605, or the Dudley Cemetery c/o Glenda Smith 11866 Co. Rd. 220 Clyde, TX 79602.

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January 5th: Professional development/Workday.  
January 6th: Beginning of 4th Six weeks.  
January 19th: A.S.D. - Student Holiday.  
February 20th: End of 4th Six Weeks (33 days)  
February 23rd: Beginning of 5th Six Weeks  
March 3rd-6th: TAKS Testing.  
April 10th: Bad Weather Day/ Good Friday  
April 17th: End of 5th Six Weeks (33 days)  
April 20th: Beginning of 6th Six Weeks  
April 26-30th: TAKS Testing  
May 1st: TAKS Testing  
May 19th: TAKS Re-Test  
May 25th: Bad Weather Day/ Memorial Day  
June 2nd: End of 6th Six Weeks (31 days)  
2nd Semester (97 days)  
June 2nd: Early Release Day - 12:30  
June 3rd: Teacher Workday  
June 5th: 2009 C.H.S. Graduation  
July 1st TAKS Re-Test  
July 4th: Independence Day  
July 14th: TAKS Re-Test

2nd Semester - 97 days  
Jan. 6th-Feb 20th: 33 days  
Feb. 23rd-June 2nd: 31 days  
April 20th-June 2nd: 31 days

177 instruction days  
10 professional days  
Alternative Staff Development Days (A.S.D.) (Formerly called comp days-updated term)  
Monday, August 18th  
Monday, January 19th  
Friday, March 27th

School Holidays  
Labor Day: September 1, 2008  
Thanksgiving: November 26-28, 2008  
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# Obituaries

## Horace J. Keith

CLYDE- Horace J. Keith, 86, died Thursday, March 26, 2009 at a local hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Clyde with Dr. Toby Henson officiating. Burial followed in the Belle Plain Cemetery directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

He was born on December 10, 1922 in Rome, Georgia to Mack M. and Lela Bell (Kiker) Keith. He attended school in Tyler, Texas. On October 5, 1946 he married Pearl Mac Sadler in Abilene. They moved to Clyde from Lubbock in 1990. Mr. Keith was a member of First Baptist Church in Clyde.

His service to God included faithful participation in the churches he attended. Ultimately, that service centered on conducting worship services in local nursing homes. He served his family by providing a good, warm home where

each night the family would gather for a family prayer time just before bedtime. He kept his family warm and fed by working 40 years for Anderson & Clayton as an analytical chemist. He served his country during World War II in the US Navy. He often mentioned that the Navy was the best thing that ever happened to him, because for the first time in his life he had his own bed and had 3 meals a day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, James A. Keith; 9 brothers and 2 sisters.

Survivors are his wife, Pearl Mac Keith of Clyde; two sons, Charles D. Keith and wife Brenda of Abilene and Mark A. Keith and wife Lupe of Lubbock; two daughters, Martha Ann Keith Weaver of Lubbock and Susan C. Keith Simpson of Floydada; one brother, Mack Keith of Hot Springs; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

## David Brian Crane

BAIRD- David Brian Crane, 42, of Baird died Friday, March 27, 2009 at Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene.

Cremation is planned. A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at the home of Jim and Virginia Tollett. Parker Funeral Home of Baird was in charge of arrangements.

He was born August 20, 1966, in Lakewood, California to David Ronald and Carla Cioffi Crane. He married Rebecca Martin on September 30, 1995 in Casa Grande, Arizona. They had

lived in Baird the past 4 months. He was working for American metals in Baird in steel construction and as head of maintenance.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca of Baird; his mother, Carla Crane of Paso Robles, CA.; grandmother, Juanita Redpath of Davis, CA; 3 sons, Brian Crane, Jr., Christopher Crane and Jonathan Crane, all of Baird; 1 brother, Scott Crane of Selah, Washington; and two sisters, Chrystal Circosta of Paso Robles, CA; and Leslie Pinkston of Sacramento, CA.

## Maxine Williams Easter

MIDLAND- Maxine Williams Easter, a longtime resident of Midland, died Thursday, March 26, 2009.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Albany Cemetery in Albany. Arrangements by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland.

Maxine, the only child of Roy D. and Stella Williams, was born October 16, 1919 in Baird, Texas. Upon graduation from Baird High School she attended Abilene Christian College. During World War II, Maxine was employed by the Civil Service Housing and Home Finance Agency in Fort Worth.

In 1951, she married

## Willie Carl 'Dub' McCoy

EULA- Willie Carl 'Dub' McCoy, Jr., 81, of Eula, died Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at Hendrick Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Eula with nephew Willie Smith officiating. Burial was in the Midway Cemetery with Masonic Rights at Hodges, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Willie Carl 'Dub' McCoy was born on March 21, 1928 to W.C. "Blue" McCoy and Lena McBride of Hodges, Texas. He married Faye Louise Duncan on May 25, 1948 in Anson, Texas. He was a welder, heavy equipment operator and had a love for farming. He was a member of the Masonic

Murrie Easter and moved to Midland where they have since resided.

Maxine was active in her son's scouting and sports activities as well as serving in various capacities for several school PTAs. Her hobbies included gardening and bird watching, which gave her great pleasure. Her greatest pleasure was attending and supporting her grandchildren's academic and athletic events.

Survivors include her husband, Murrie; sons, Bob and wife, Diane of Midland, Jim and wife Laurie of Houston; grandchildren, Chris Easter and wife Myndi of Plano, Stephanie Easter of Fort Worth, Jessica Easter of Houston and Allison Easter of Houston.

Lodge for 50 plus years and a charter member of the Eula Lions Club. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a Christian and a member of the First Baptist Church of Eula.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors are his loving wife, Faye McCoy of Eula; two daughters, Barbara Varner of Brownwood and Jan Lehmann and fiancée Mark Johnson of Eula; grandchildren, Stacey Lehmann Humphrey and husband Mike, Donna Varner Evans and husband Jimmy, Stephanie Lehmann Chavez and husband Jason, David Varner and wife Sarah, Keith Varner and wife Amber, and James Varner; 13 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Otis McCoy, Gene McCoy, and Bob McCoy of Abilene; two sisters, Jym Brawley of Lubbock and Juanita Foreman of Powderly.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society or the First Baptist Church of Eula.

## Thresa Joan Crain

CLYDE- Thresa Joan Crain, 74, of Clyde, died Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at her home.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2009 at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Marcy Grun officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Joan was born on July 24, 1934 in Odessa, Texas to William A. and Charlotte P. (Jordan) Lansford. She graduated from Odessa High School in 1953. Joan married Benny E. Crain on February 5, 1954 in Odessa. They moved to Abilene

from Odessa in April 1954, then to Clyde in 1972. Joan worked as bookkeeper for Benny Crain's Crankshaft Grinding, which she and her husband have owned since 1954. She was a member of Heritage Baptist Church in Clyde.

Survivors include her husband, Benny Crain of Clyde; her son, Terry Wade Crain and wife Gail of Abilene; her daughter, Valerie McClintock and husband Joe of McAslister, OK; one sister, Ann Lee Weathersby of Austin and four grandchildren, Seth Crain, Parker Crain, James McClintock and Steven McClintock.

## Patricia Ann Cates

CLYDE- Patricia Ann Cates, 68, died Thursday, March 27, 2009.

Memorial services to be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April

2, 2009 at the Clyde Assembly of God Church directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

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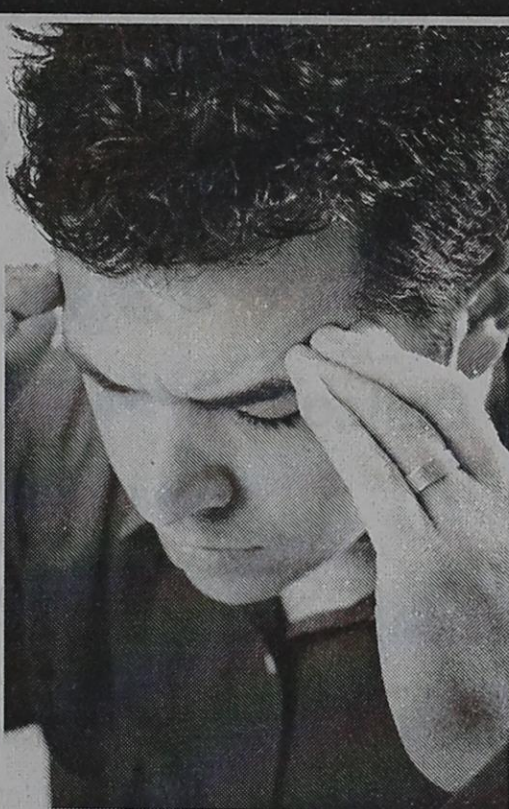
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148 Acres - Eastland Co. wooded mostly with oak trees, very large hill with view, ponds, creek, pond, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$2,175 per acre.

155 Acres - Callahan Co. - mostly wooded with oaks & mesquites, three large fields, large hills & canyons, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail \$279,000.

160 Acres - Eastland Co. very large hills and canyons, mostly wooded with red oak & live oak trees, creek, 1-large pond, 1-average pond, 1-field, great views for miles, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail, \$344,000.

164 Acres - Callahan Co. mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, several hills with views, creek, 2 ponds, remote & joins large ranches, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,890 per acre.

208 Acres - Eastland Co. wooded & open, oak & mesquite trees, two ponds, food plots, county road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, duck, & quail, \$1,870 per acre.

241 Acres - wooded with very large hills, post oak, live oak, 2 creeks, 2 ponds, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$524,000.

344 Acres on Leon River - Eastland Co. mostly wooded with a large portion of big pecan tree bottoms, live oak & post oak trees too, several very large hills with great views, 4 different creeks & the Leon River runs through the property, 1 lake, 3 ponds, various wetland areas, lots of water, barn, water well, good fishing & lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$2,500 per acre.

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## Looking Forward and Back...

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Now, Carnival has two vessels operating there year-around, and two other cruise lines have been added.

Looks like forward-thinking Texans "had it right" in their dogged pursuit for Galveston to become a major cruise port...

Those who pushed for a cruise port probably had the kind of hometown pride that author Fannie Flagg wrote about in her novel, Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café. In it, she observed of Whistle Stop:

"Just think. Now you can mail a letter and get your hair done, all on the same block. All we need

now is to have a picture show open up, and none of us would ever have to go to Birmingham again."

That is the mindset of many cruisers when they set sail from Galveston today. Now that we have a cruise port, we'll never have to fly to get on a ship again....

My wife and I cruise frequently and have grown to expect the pampered treatment. Others feel the same way, since most clientele have cruised on multiple occasions.

It is fun to board a beautiful vessel like the Conquest, notepad in hand, confident that accounts worth sharing will emerge on the other side of the gangplank.

Typically the stories don't concern screaming headlines, planned activities under the bright lights or folks behind the grease paint. Neither are they often included in literature provided daily to the 3,500 guests....

Fellow guests and a

crew of some 1,200 provide a "can't miss" collection of heart-warming stories.

On our most recent cruise, we watched a four-year-old who couldn't stay awake to eat her hot dogs during dinner, heard a wonderful vocal group from Baylor University, and met a San Antonio couple who wanted to be married on a beautiful Grand Cayman beach.

Included in the wedding party were their minister and 35 other family/friends, some from as far away as Minnesota.

The groom's mother and the bride's grandmother were both in wheelchairs, anticipating surgeries. The celebrants, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Bober, are from San Antonio, where he is a pro golfing aspirant, and she is game operations crew rep for the San Antonio Spurs. They dated for six years, and he popped the question on an Ecstasy cruise out of Galveston last fall...

The four-year-old who chose a hotdog for each evening meal was Stacey Love of The Woodlands. Involved in Camp Carnival, a fun-filled activity program for children by day, she just couldn't stay awake to

complete her evening meals. Or maybe an excursion to an exotic turtle farm and a sand bar rendezvous with stingrays in Grand Cayman did her in.

As Stacey drifted off at dinner, Iryna Gaber, team head waitress from Ukraine, knew instinctively what to do. Placing two chairs together, she helped situate the youngster into a reclining position. Then, she removed the silver from six napkins, using them as a make-shift coverlet, in case there was a nip in the air.

This exercise was repeated nightly, while the rest of us ate "high on the hog," consuming delicacies of every description. Her dad passed on hotdog remnants, but did finish Stacey's chocolate milk with gusto....

The Baylor kids, called "ShowTime!," were special. The 15 youngsters, winning auditions for assignment to the group, were on a spring break cruise.

Wholesome, clean-cut and talented, they sang hits from the 50's, as well as numerous Broadway songs....

Back on dry land, we have thought often of the little girl who couldn't finish her hotdogs, the beach wedding and a bunch of college kids, most of whom were on their first cruise. One couldn't believe that someone would clean his cabin every day.

We smiled at the thought of the bride's grandmother,

Thursday, April 2, 2009 now 83, who abandoned her wheelchair long enough to wade out into the clear waters of the Caribbean Sea

Finally, we've dreamed about the smiling faces of crew members. And I overheard just one comment concerning the current recession. It was uttered by a woman as she pushed her chair away from the cruise's final sumptuous meal. She wondered if they have take-home boxes....

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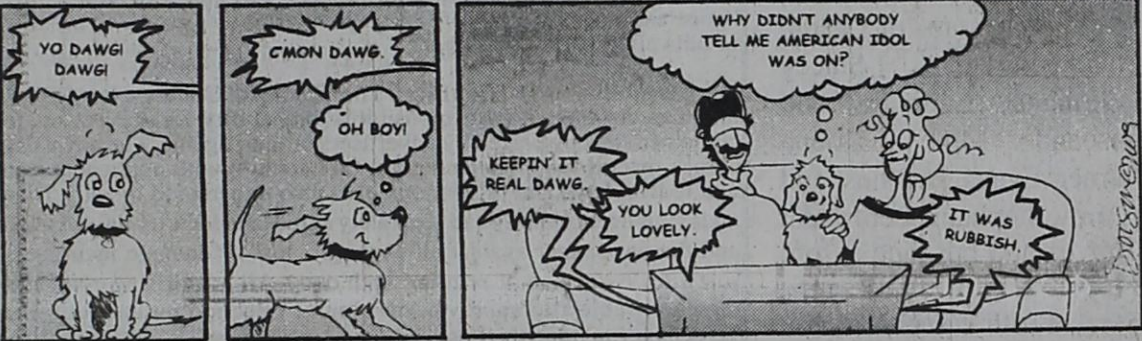
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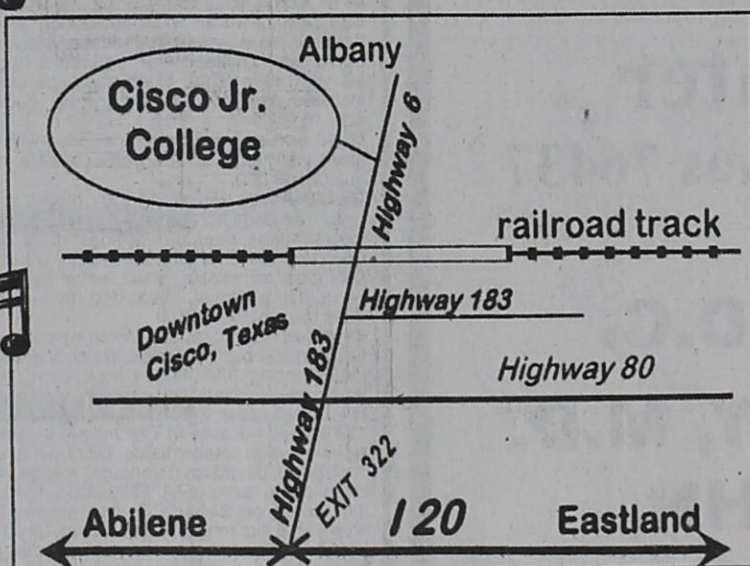
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 4-7 Cisco in Cisco Varsity Varsity & JV 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.  
 & JV 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
 4-9 Anson in Clyde Varsity 4-24 Cisco in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.  
 & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.  
 4-17 Eastland in Eastland JV & Varsity 5:00 & 7:00

### Baseball

### Softball Scores

Clyde 9, Eastland 4  
 Eula 10, DeLeon 0

### Scores

Eastland 7, Clyde 3  
 Baird 20, Eula 1

### Old Timers Appreciation Shoot

Current members of the 4-H Shooting Sports is inviting any former shooter of the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Club to attend and participate in an appreciation shoot on April 11, 2009 at the Callahan County Shooting Range. The shoot will begin at 10 a.m. and provide lunch for all former members.

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If you were a part of Callahan County Shooting Sports you are encouraged to come and help celebrate the longevity of the organization.

For more information you can contact Kevin Meier, David Pitzer, Amy Hart, or the AgriLife Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

### Clyde Jr. High 2009 Track Schedule

April 3 Eastland Relays/Eastland  
 April 9 District 6-AA Meet at Eastland

### Baird 2009 Golf Schedule

April 6- District Golf  
 April 13 Boys & Girls Golf  
 April 20 & 21 Regional Golf at Shady Oaks  
 May 11 & 12 State Golf Tournament

### Clyde Lady Bulldog 2009 Softball Schedule

4-3 Merkel in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.  
 4-7 Cisco in Cisco Varsity & JV 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
 4-9 Anson in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.  
 4-17 Eastland in Eastland JV & Varsity 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
 4-21 Merkel in Merkel Varsity & JV 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.  
 4-24 Cisco in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.

### Baird Lady Bears Softball Schedule

4-3 Gorman (District) 5 p.m.  
 4-7 at Ranger 5 p.m.  
 4-10 Albany (District) 5 p.m.  
 4-14 Bye  
 4-17 at Eula 4:30 p.m.  
 4-21 DeLeon (District) 5 p.m.  
 4-24 at Cross Plains 5 p.m.

### Baird Track Schedule

4-3 Eastland (Maverick) Relays  
 4-9 Roscoe (District) 13-A)  
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Simba's uncle
- Small residue amount
- Reciprocal ohm
- NBA player Bryant
- Gold measure
- Nourishment
- Journalist Jacob 1849-1914
- One Wise Man's gift
- Freedom from difficulty
- Corpulence count (abbr.)
- More colorless
- A large vessel or vase
- CCC
- Subdivision of an act of a play
- Characterized by unity
- Adult male sheep
- Tsetung or Zedong
- Code for Information Interchange
- Santa \_\_\_\_\_, 92701
- Helps little firms
- Cher's singing partner
- State in S.W. India
- Old world, new
- Heathen
- Auricle
- Cathode-ray tube
- Myriagram
- Pink wines
- Be apathetic or dazed
- Banned insecticide
- Circular building with a dome
- Swiss river
- Currently fashionable
- Keep up
- Support or hold up
- Tropical Asian starlings
- Labrador tea genus
- Wolf (Spanish)
- Grantor's legal agent (abbr.)
- A coral ridge

**CLUES DOWN**

- Swedish krona
- Coconut husk fiber
- One baby apron
- Save from danger
- Dekametre
- A sun beam
- Make a mistake
- Horticulture
- Ancient Dead Sea kingdom
- Socks, stockings and tight
- River that flows into the Baltic
- A cardinal number
- 2nd month (abbr.)
- Atomic #33
- A nucleic acid
- Crime fighter Elliot
- Metal currency
- Sword with a curved blade
- Act together, as of organisms
- Finger millet
- Dwarf buffalo
- Picasso's mistress
- A Milsecond
- Printer material
- Equals 3 feet
- The land of sleep
- Most frequent value
- It houses horses
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# April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

What is Child Abuse?

Child abuse is failure to provide for a child's basic needs. There are four major types of child maltreatment: physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

**Physical Abuse** is physical injury that results in substantial harm to the child or the genuine threat of substantial harm from physical injury to the child. The physical injury (ranging from minor bruises to severe fractures or death) can result from punching, beating, shaking, kicking, biting, throwing, stabbing, hitting, burning, choking or otherwise harming a child. Such injury is considered abuse regardless of whether the caretaker intended to hurt the child.

**Suspect Physical Abuse When You See:**

- Frequent injuries such as bruises, cuts, black eyes or burns without adequate explanations
- Frequent complaints of pain without obvious injury
- Burns or bruises in unusual patterns that may indicate the use of an instrument or human bite; cigarette burns on any part of the body
- Lack of reaction to pain
- Aggressive, disruptive and destructive behavior
- Passive, withdrawn and emotionless behavior
- Fear of going home or seeing parents
- Injuries that appear after a child has not been seen for several days

· Unreasonable clothing that may hide injuries to arms or legs

**Neglect** is failure to provide for a child's basic needs necessary to sustain the life or health of the child, excluding failure caused primarily by financial inability unless relief services have been offered and refused.

**Suspect Neglect When You See:**

- Obvious malnourishment
- Lack of personal cleanliness
- Torn or dirty clothing
- Stealing or begging for food
- Child unattended for long periods of time
- Need for glasses, dental care or other medical attention
- Frequent tardiness or absence from school

**Sexual Abuse** is when an adult engages in sexual contact or sexual activity with a child. Sexual abuse usually involves private parts. It can be especially difficult for boys and girls to tell someone that they are being sexually abused.

**Suspect Sexual Abuse When You See:**

- Physical signs of sexually transmitted diseases
- Evidence of injury to the genital area
- Pregnancy in a young girl
- Difficulty in sitting or walking
- Extreme fear of being alone with adults of a certain sex

· Sexual comments, behaviors or play

· Knowledge of sexual relations beyond what is expected for a child's age

· Sexual victimization of other children

**Emotional Abuse** is mental or emotional injury that results in an observable and material impairment in a child's growth, development, or psychological functioning. It includes extreme forms of punishment such as confining a child in a dark closet, making them the scapegoat, belittling and rejecting treatment for a child.

**Suspect Emotional Abuse When You See:**

- Over compliance
- Low self-esteem
- Severe depression, anxiety or aggression
- Difficulty making friends or doing things with other children
- Lagging in physical, emotional and intellectual development
- Caregiver who belittles the child, withholds love, and seems unconcerned about the child's problems

Tracy Wayne Richardson is BCFS' Universal Child Abuse Prevention Specialist, providing education, awareness, and a clear understanding of how our communities can help prevent child abuse.

# Hilcher, Yates Make All Big Country Super Team 2009 Scranton Musical Saturday

Congratulations to Caston Hilcher, a 6' 4" forward, Junior, of Clyde, who made the All Big Country Super Team 2009. The Class 2A Big Country MVP earned it with 16.6 points & 11.3 rebounds per game in helping Clyde to a 27-10 record and a trip to the Regional 1 semifinals.

He was a 3-time all tournament pick who led the Bulldogs to the District 6

A title as the league MVP and also earned TABC all-region honors.

Congratulations to Emily Yates, a 5' 6" guard, Senior, of Clyde, who made the Second Team All Big Country Super Team 2009. She achieved Co-MVP honors in District 6 averaging 13.7 points, 2.3 rebounds, 2.3 assists, and 2.1 steals per game.

The Scranton Musical will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the community Center. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30. The hostess this month is Joanie Shrader and her family. The special is Chicken Spaghetti, green beans, salad, bread and a drink. Sandwiches and homemade pies will also be available. The MC is Mark Ray and all area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group to perform. We look forward to seeing you.

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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The Callahan County Fire Association is an association established to bring all of the departments in Callahan County together to better serve and protect our community.

Current members of this association are Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Baird, Baird Volunteer Fire Department, Clyde Volunteer Department, Oplin Volunteer Fire Department and Putnam Volunteer Fire Department.

The Association is asking for your HELP! We are currently trying to purchase some much needed equipment that will be used county-wide. This equipment will be accessible by all member departments. For the Association to be able to make these purchases,

we will need the support of all the communities in Callahan County.

If you would like to assist the association in acquiring this equipment, you can send a donation to:

**Callahan County Fire Association**  
P.O. Box 1013  
Baird, Texas 79504

If you have any questions or want to help in other ways, you may contact Gerald Brown, Association President at 325-665-6435 or call any of your local fire chiefs.

For additional information, you can also visit our website at [callahanfire.com](http://callahanfire.com)

Thank you in advance for your support!



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