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Baird ISD Receives Superior Rating

Baird Independent School District wishes to report that the district has recently received a Superior Rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), which is officially referred to as School FIRST. School FIRST was created in 2003 to provide pertinent information to school districts and taxpayers regarding the financial management performance of a school district. This Superior rating is the highest level of achievement a school district in the state of Texas can obtain. The 2005 School FIRST rating was based upon an analysis of staff and student data, budgetary and actual financial data for the 2004 fiscal

school year that ended on August 31, 2004.

In addition, Texas Education Agency requires each school district to hold a public meeting to present and discuss their School FIRST rating. This year's rating will be discussed at the October 17th meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Baird ISD Library located at 400 W. 7th Street. This meeting will be combined with the regular scheduled meeting of the board of trustees.

Everyone in the community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For additional information regarding Baird's School FIRST rating, please call the Superintendent's office at 854-1400.

Chamber Awards Banquet Is Planned At Baird Lake Sunday

The Baird Lake will be the setting for this year's Awards Banquet. The picnic-style banquet will get underway at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 16.

The Howard Farmer Citizenship Award will be presented, a Volunteer of the Year will be honored, and two local students will be recognized.

Entertainment will be presented by local band 4 & More. Other activities include horseshoes and other games for the youngsters.

The banquet menu including drink and dessert will feature fried catfish and sausage-shrimp gumbo. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets will be available at the gate.

Guests should bring lawn chairs, card tables or blankets for the very informal event. A portion of the proceeds will be donated for improvements at the Baird Lake.

Everyone is urged to be on hand to help honor our outstanding citizens and support the lake fundraiser.

Come Support The Baird Band

Come and support the Baird Band Saturday, October 15th Baird Band performance at 12:45 p.m. at

Wylie High School Stadium and Saturday, October 22nd Baird Band performance at 9:30 a.m. at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene

Flu Shots To Be Given November 2

Flu Shots will be given Wednesday, November 2nd in the Baird School Cafete-

ria from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. It will be \$20.00 for ages 9-

Lewis Lehman Guest Speaker At Farm Bureau Annual Convention

The Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Baird School Cafeteria in Baird, according to Allen Wilson, county president.

A fish fry will be created by Cook's Fish Barn of Comanche to members prior to the meeting. Farm Bureau members and their immediate families will be served at no charge.

There will be a dessert contest this year, and draw-

ing for door prizes.

Guest speaker will be Texas Farm Bureau State Board of Director District 7, Lewis Lehman.

The main purpose of this annual meeting is to adopt policies for the coming year. Also, new directors will be elected at this time, as will voting delegates to represent our county at the state convention to be held in Waco, Dec. 3-5, 2005.

Please call office at 325-854-1044 for reservations.

Tickets For Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2006 are selling tickets for a side of beef to raise money for Project Graduation. The tickets are \$10.00 each. The drawing

will be in February 2006. You can purchase the ticket from any senior parent or contact Baird High School at 854-1400 ext. 302.

Baird High School Honor Rolls

All A's
10th
Dale Kunick, Rustin Williams
11th
Clinton Morgan, Angela Sweeney
12th
Kelby Cauthen, Joshua Glaze, Blake Manning, Lauren Orlando, Rebecca Tollett, Kaitlyn Walker, Roger Wamsley, Kayla Windham

Breanna Patterson, Emily Tumbusch, Sherre White
10th
Amanda Aguirre, Khrysti Bair, Katelyn Cumby, Lela Darnell, Justin English, Johnny Miller, Lauren Thackerston
11th
Noah Albergucci, Katie Bessent, Megan Betcher, Cassie Burns, Hazen Coffey, Cody Gibbs, Lauren Lowe, Raymond Orlando, Koby Parker, Justin Patterson, Raeda Somers, Winfield White
12th
Darin Albergucci, Justin Armstrong, Cecilia Chavarra, Jaysa Gideon, Jordan Glaze, Chance Rodriguez, Miller Scott, Cody Shouse, Kendra Wilkerson

A-B's
9th
Jessica Bowen, William Brock, Robert Burns, Patsy Dugan, Brooke English, Amanda Gilstrap, Emalie Green, Garrett Jennings, Lacy Jones, Sarayah Martin, Jesse Mendez, Ashlen Murff, Bradley Neal,

Meet The Authors In Cross Plains

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library invite you to Meet the Authors Glenn Dromgoole and Lester Galbreath Tuesday, October 18th, 7 p.m., at the Cross Plains Community Center. If you like stories of Texas and Western history, this program is definitely for you! Lester Galbreath and Glenn Dromgoole are co-authors of Learning from Longhorns (Bright Sky Press), a book of Western wit, wisdom, and philosophy. Mr. Galbreath's new book from Bright Sky Press is Campfire Tales, True Stories of Fort Griffin and the Western Frontier.

Glenn Dromgoole lives in Abilene where he is the Chairman of the West Texas Book and Author Festival, managing editor of State House Press, and co-owner of Texas Star Trading Co. His other books include Aggie Savvy, 100 Great Things About Texas, What Dogs Teach Us, What Cats Teach Us, and I'd Rather Be Fishing.

Lester Galbreath resides in Albany and has managed the State Herd of Texas Longhorn cattle at Fort Griffin State Park for over 30 years. After receiving a B.S. degree in Agriculture and Chemistry, his career with Texas Parks and Wildlife began at Dinosaur Valley State Park and Lake Whitney State Park. He is Chairman of the Shackelford County Histori-

cal Commission. His new book, Campfire Tales, brings to life the drama, romance, history, and excitement of the Texas and western frontier. From stories of gritty settlers, anxious to carve out new lives in spite of hostile Indian raids, to whiskey-guzzling gun-slingers; from the daring exploits of the trail-driving cowboys to the majesty of the free-roaming buffalo and longhorns, Campfire Tales sets fire to the reader's imagination.

This Meet the Author evening is a program presented by the Friends of the Cross Plains Library, a private, not-for-profit, corporation that operates the Cross Plains Public Library as a free service to the community. Only about 20% of our funding comes from the City and County; the rest must be raised from donations, memorials, and fund raising efforts- in short, the "kindness of friends", whose help we deeply appreciate. This Meet the Author program is another free service offered by the Friends, though any and all donations are always cheerfully accepted.

Light refreshments will be served following the authors' presentations, and you may call the Library at 254-725-7722 for more information, or for directions to the Community Center.

News From Baird ISD

Student of the Week



Sarah Patton

Sarah Patton is this week's Student of the Week at Baird ISD. She is in Kindergarten and in Mrs. Gerngross class. She is the daughter of Brian and Cyndi Patton.

Early Release Day Friday At Baird Schools

Friday, October 14th will be an early release day for the Baird ISD students. School for students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m., and buses will run at 12:40 p.m. Administrators, faculty

members, and aides will attend staff development from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on that day. Jo Cox, Region 14 ESC consultant, will be presenting the staff development training.

Baird Elementary Honor Rolls

All A's
4th Bessent
None
4th W. Gerngross
None
5th Diller
Esperanza Portillo, Kallie Pruet
5th T. Williams
Brenna Coffman
A-B
4th Bessent
Justin Brizendine, Hayley Cook, Dakota Gibbs, Wayne

Giger, Jake Green, Payton Creech
4th W. Gerngross
Anthony Urdialez
5th Diller
Sofia Dominguez, Cara Hicks, Somer Lewis, Hannah Owens, Alex Villarreal
5th T. Williams
Kody Bryant, Teresa Espitia, Candis Gilley, Rachel Villarreal

Baird Middle School Honor Rolls

All A's
6th
Katelynn Mitchell
7th
Alexis Almanzar, Colton Fox, Lauren Hare, Cody Hunter, Sara Kunick, Elisha Prtichett, Michelle Robbins
8th
Mitzy McDowell, Cassidy Miller, Brittney Russo, Shelby Stickland
A-B
6th
Harley Boyd, Brittany Cook, Melanie Cooper, Danielle Farley, Austin Gilmer, Letrisha Hernandez, Russell Hess, Sara Keith, Chris Ramirez,

Ty Rhoads, Courtney Ringhoffer, Charlcie Voigts, Tyler White, Steve Williams
7th
Travis Brooks, Ivy Byram, Jarrod Cotton, Eric Ebeling, Mackenzie Keller, Yisrayl Martin, Peyton McIntire, Alex Neal, Adolfo Portillo, Jameson Rountree, Will Russell, Morgan Williams
8th
Kristen Burns, Amber Clark, Fallon Donlan, Alyssa Isenhower, Cody Isenhower, Taylor Marks, Heather McWhorter, Courtney Nail, Holley Owens, Rose Wamsley

Annual Chamber Membership Meeting To Be Held Oct. 24

The annual meeting of the general membership of the Baird Chamber of Commerce will be held in conjunction with the regular monthly board session on Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 328 Market Street.

The agenda will include in part the following: Election of Board Officers. Approve Budgets Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Program of Work and Committee Appointments. Committee Reports and Continue Bylaws Review

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PUBLIC FORUM

Nov. 8

Shoot! There's Only 9 Little Amendments To Confuse Us

By The Punkin' Center Philosopher

It must have been a tough year at the legislature during the recent session(s); for all their shenanigans, they only came up with nine choices to modify our much-modified Texas Constitution. Guess we should be thankful; they didn't give us much of anything else either.

Jim K, our dauntless state rep, has come out with a detailed breakdown of the decisions that voters are supposed to make.

Our uneducated look at the ballots which voters will mark in nine precincts in Eastland County on General Election day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, probably adds more consternation than information.

Notice how they put what might be a 'bomb shell' at position no. one because voters are going to be tearing their hair out to get to Prop Two.

As we read Prop One, it looks like we'd be footing the bill to relocate, rehabilitate and expand railroads, if this passes. Wonder if this has anything to do with that master plan in the sky that would build a super-transport system, three football fields wide, to accommodate separate roadways for trucks,

cars, trains, and whatever else they choose to put on it--at the expense of public-domain condemned land owners from one end of the state to the other. You can't be too careful when you're dealing with legal lingo on these proposals.

Prop Two: WOW, this is the hog dog. Voters are going to decide what constitutes a marriage in Texas. Man and woman? Woman and woman? Man and man? Bet there's fireworks on this one. They put it up close to the top, so the ballot won't self-destruct from forceful marking when that Prop gets marked either FOR or AGAINST. (No. Two suggests Man and Woman; what say the populace?)

No. 3 asks for clarification as to whether certain economic development programs constitute a debt. We go to ask our local Economic Development Corp. what that means. We'll get back to you.

No. 4 asks should we deny bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of that persons release pending trial? The ACLU to the contrary, why shouldn't we? shouldn't rules be followed?

No. 5
Prop 6 would, if approved

add a Joe Doe citizen and a county judge to the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. We'd say the more citizens you have watching things, the better.

No. 7 is another money matter; we're going to talk to a local banker friend to get a fix on this.

Prop 8 ask us if we want to clear land titles by giving up state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur and Smith County. Both of these are deep northeast Texas; Tyler and Gilmer the county seats respectively. Don't know squat 'bout this, but guess state is giving land to somebody--for what? Wouldn't hurt to ask around.

We usually have 40 choices, but only nine this go-round and here's No. 9: asking for permission for six-year terms of members of a regional mobility authority. Our guess is that this probably also has connection to the gigantic transportation not-so-secret plans for the super-super highway through the state. That's just a guess. Plans already in place for a mobility board? We're going to ask around.

Read 'em and weep, but what ever you do ask for clarification and be sure to mark your calendar to vote on Nov. 8, and be there. Everybody loses when we don't show up.

SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA SAMPLER)		CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION (ELECCIÓN SOBRE ENMIENDAS A LA CONSTITUCIÓN)	
COUNTY, TEXAS		NOVEMBER 8, 2005	(8 de noviembre de 2005)
INSTRUCTION NOTE: Darken in the oval provided to the left of the statement indicating the way you desire to vote. Use only the marker provided. (NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN: Llene completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda de la frase que indica la manera en que quiere votar. Solamente use el marcador provisto.)		No. 3 (Num. 3)	No. 7 (Num. 7)
No. 1 (Num. 1)		"The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt." ("Enmienda constitucional que hace la aclaración de que ciertos programas de desarrollo económico no constituyen una deuda.")	"The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage." ("Enmienda constitucional que autoriza cobrar anticipos sobre la línea de crédito de una hipoteca inversa.")
No. 2 (Num. 2)		"The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage." ("Enmienda constitucional que dispone que en este estado el matrimonio consiste exclusivamente en la unión de un hombre y una mujer y que desautoriza, en este estado o en alguna subdivisión política del mismo, la creación o el reconocimiento de cualquier estatus jurídico idéntico o semejante al matrimonio.")	"The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County." ("Enmienda constitucional que dispone el saneamiento de títulos de dominio de terrenos, mediante renuncia y liberación de cualquier pretensión de posesión o titularidad derivada de soberanía, a intereses en ciertas tierras de los condados de Upshur y Smith.")
No. 3 (Num. 3)		"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans." ("Enmienda constitucional que permite a la legislatura definir las tasas de interés para préstamos comerciales.")	"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority." ("Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para otorgar un periodo de cargo de seis años a un miembro de la junta directiva de una autoridad de movilidad regional.")
No. 4 (Num. 4)		"The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct." ("Enmienda constitucional que incluye entre los integrantes de la Comisión Estatal de Conducta Judicial a otro miembro del público general y a un juez del tribunal constitucional del condado.")	
No. 5 (Num. 5)			
No. 6 (Num. 6)			



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Flu Immunization Clinic Oct. 20

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medical condition.

To make an appt. please call 254-559-2205. If, no answer please leave your name & number and someone will call you back with an appointment.

Healthy Ideas

The American Diabetes Association recommends that, in addition to diet and exercise, adults with type 2 diabetes should be considered for cholesterol-lowering medication regardless of their LDL cholesterol levels. For more information about cholesterol, visit www.cholesterolkit.com

People who suffer from an anxiety disorder may find it difficult to talk about it. Opening dialogues is the theme of the 2006 calendar "Women Talk", from the Anxiety Disorders Association of America. Through real-life inspirational stories, women give hope and tips for confronting and overcoming the isolation and embarrassment associated with anxiety disorders. For more information or to order the calendar, visit www.adaa.org.

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Girling Ripfest Winners

Pictured (r) is Betty Bonds, winner of the handmade quilt at the Old Rip Fest. The monies will be forwarded to Daryl Thomas who is currently undergoing medical treatment in Dallas. The quilt was lovingly handmade and donated by Lora Shafer, a Girling nurse who is also very talented with arts and crafts. Winner of the Texas sling back chair was Christine Tanner of Ranger, and winner of the compact CD player was Loretta Key of Eastland. Congratulations to these winners, and thanks to Lora for her giving spirit!!



Betty Bonds

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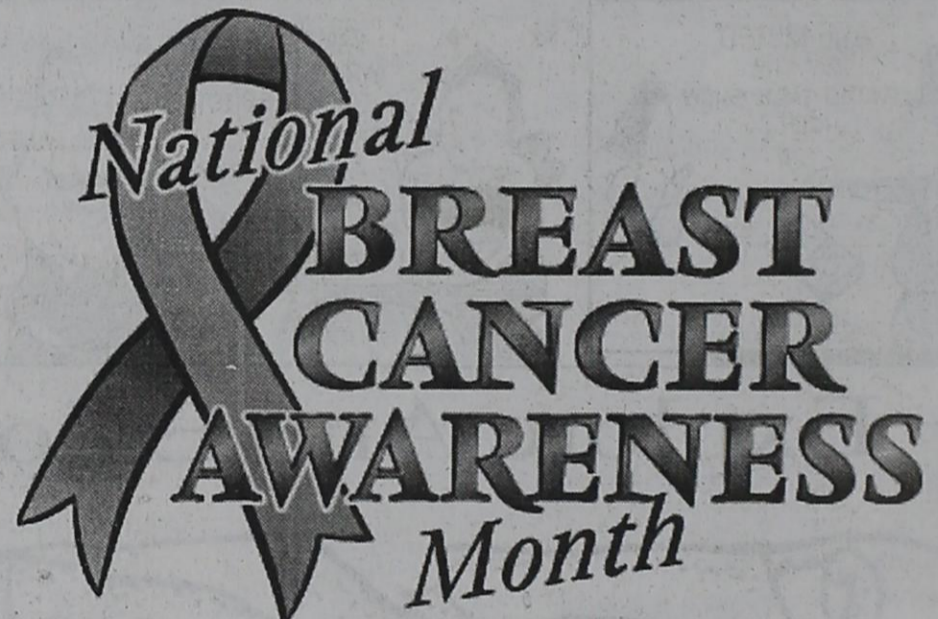
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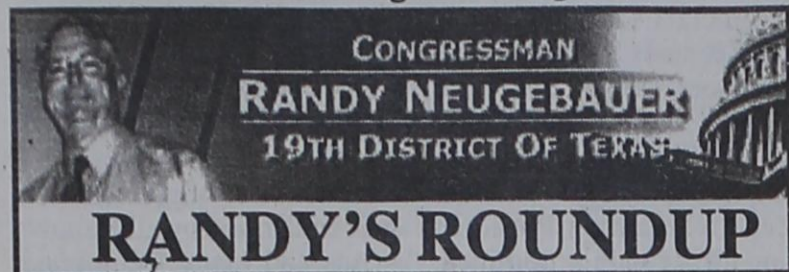


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RANDY'S ROUNDUP

Bringing Environmental Policy Up to Date

Since the early 1970's, I imagine most people have made changes and improvements to their homes, their automobiles, and, hopefully, their wardrobes. Oftentimes, things that serve a good purpose need upgrades from time to time. This rule of thumb applies to legislation as well. Laws that were passed years ago need to be revisited every now and then in order to fix parts that aren't working well or to bring them up to speed with current technology. With that in mind, the House took a look at an important environmental law last week.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was signed into law in 1973. After more than three decades of implementing this regulation, the ESA has failed to achieve its goal of bringing species back from the brink of extinction. Since the law was passed, roughly 1300 species have been listed as endangered. In the 32 years this law has been on the books, less than 1 percent of the species listed (a grand total of 10) have recovered. In addition, the status of 39 percent of all listed species is listed as "unknown" and 21 percent are classified as "declining". Clearly, this law is broken and needs to be fixed.

The House passed legislation last week to do just that. The House reform package focuses on species recovery by creating recovery teams and requiring recovery plans with timelines. It increases openness and accountability, strengthens scientific standards, and creates bigger roles for state and local governments which have a better handle on local concerns. Another important reform is that the bill provides more incentives for private property owners to work in support of, rather than against, the policy. And, finally, the bill eliminates dysfunctional critical habitat designations that cause conflict without benefit. It is my hope that the Senate follows through on these reforms for the benefit of endangered species as well as local communities and private property owners.

Reminder About Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns and I will be in Lubbock on Wednesday, October 5th to hear what West Texas

ans have to say about farm policy and the upcoming 2007 Farm Bill. The listening session will take place in the Texas Tech University Museum Auditorium on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. I encourage everyone who can to come out for this important event. And those who

Johanns Announces Proposal To Modernize The Farm Service Agency

Agriculture Sec. Mike Johanns announced that he is opening a dialogue with state and congressional leaders to discuss how best to modernize the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to ensure it meets the needs of farmers and ranchers in the 21st Century.

The FSA dates back to the 1930s when one in four Americans lived on a farm and it was necessary to maintain a presence in virtually every rural county to administer farm payments. Agriculture and rural America have changed dramatically since that time, as have farm programs, while the structure of FSA has undergone fewer dramatic changes. While many farmers are equipped to conduct business via the Internet, FSA technologies do not fully support web-based services.

Nationally, the agency has 2,351 county offices across the country. More than 400 of these offices now have two or fewer full-time staff. Nearly 500 offices are within 20 miles of the next nearest office. And, the cost of delivering services varies widely, ranging from less than 1 cent for the delivery of a dollar of program benefits to more than \$2 in expenses for every dollar of benefits delivered.

FSA state executive directors are currently reviewing analytical information for their respective states. This data includes workload assessments for each office, location of offices in proximity to one another, farm lending volume and density of agricultural activity. The state executive directors will work with stakeholders, local, state and congressional leaders to consider local needs that might not be re-

Election Dates

Nov. 8, 2005
Constitutional Amendment Election Dates

A person can call to see if they qualify for a ballot by mail 629-1583

October 11, 2005 Last Day to Register to Vote

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November 8, 2005 Election Day

won't be able to attend can comment on the 2007 Farm Bill via the internet on USDA's website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

Legislative Update

As I mentioned last week, I recently proposed eliminating the Presidential Election Campaign Fund (PECF), which uses taxpayer dollars to help finance presidential campaigns and political conventions. Last Thursday, I formally introduced legislation to get rid of the PECF. The bill number is H.R.

3960. I will be sure to provide updates through the Roundup as any news developments on my bill. —Randy

Previous Roundups can be found on my website at http://www.randy.house.gov/newsroom_roundup.shtml

More information about FSA programs is available at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Residents of Desdemona are anticipating excellent weather for our garage sale this weekend.

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Fifth Annual Lone Star Journalism Writing Contest

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The Texas Press Association and the Interscholastic League Press Conference have teamed together to create a contest designed specifically for journalism students throughout Texas. The contest, known as the "Lone Star Journalism Writing Contest" will entail a student writing a "general interest feature" and having it published in their local newspaper. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the contest. Since UIL Academics does not have an amateur rule, students may participate in this contest as well as participate in UIL journalism (or any academic contest).

We encourage students to write and have published several general interest features in the local paper and have a local contest selecting the winner from the area. Winners from each paper will send those entries to the ILPC office for judging of state winners. Entries at the state contest will be broken down into small school (A-3A) and large school (4A-5A) categories. Local papers may enter winners from each category or may enter one winner for the entire community. First place in each category will receive a \$125 cash prize, second place will receive a \$100 cash prize and third place will receive a \$75 cash prize. Winners will be notified after the Mid-Winter TPA convention in Dallas.

RULES:

1. Article must be published in the local paper. The paper's editor has the right to edit the story or return it to the student for re-write before publishing it.
2. Local newspapers may enter one entry for each category (small school and large school) or may enter one entry for the entire community.
3. The story can be any length, but must be considered a general interest feature. It does not have to focus on the school. The feature can be about anything dealing with the community or something that has had some effect on the community. Good feature writing skills are encouraged and expected.
4. A first, second and third place winner in the small school category and a first, second and third place winner in large school category will receive cash prizes as listed above.
5. Deadline for publication is Nov. 11 and all local winners must have their entries postmarked to the state office no later than Wednesday, Nov. 16. Winners will be notified by mail.
6. There is no entry form, but on the back of each entry, please place the writer's name, school, local newspaper, date published and a phone number or e-mail where the contestant can be reached. Also include your school address as well as the newspaper's name and address.

7. This newspaper welcomes entries and will have prizes for local winners and recognition.

You Live Where?

By J.B. Johnston
 From the suburbs of Carbon, TX.

How often has someone asked, "Where do you live?" Over in East Texas, where the African American population is rather high, we were often asked by them, "Where do you stay?" Meaning where did we call home. This seemed strange to me because I never stayed anywhere but moved around almost constantly when not sleeping. Then I got to thinking just where I lived and that too seemed strange, as where ever I was I was alive. Therefore I live wherever I am. I didn't go anywhere dead. Now this is beginning to sound very strange but I suppose the proper question as to where we abode, or is that abide, might be, "Where do you call home or what is the location of your residence?"

Then there is the question of, "Where are you from?" I usually assume that they are asking where my home is located, but they could mean where did I just come from. So you see we can often be confused by our own questions. Of course, if I am out of this state, I like to stick my chest out and say, "Texas". This often leads to someone asking just where in Texas do I live. As I said before I live wherever I am but I usually say Carbon. You

already know the next question, "Just where in the blank, blank is Carbon?" After a lengthy explanation of where Carbon is located and that it has a population of somewhat over 100 people, I usually get the next question of, "Why would anyone want to live in such a small town?" Then I say that it sure beats dying there. To further confuse them I say that I actually live about six miles outside of Carbon and only claim to be from there because I have a Carbon mailing address. I really live, stay, abide or reside in the suburb of Pleasant Hill, known as Johnstonville; population three, counting our dog. This, of course, isn't recognized by the State of Texas because we do not have our own post office, but this could change anytime.

I suppose that the proper question would be, "Where do you call home?" But I have always heard that home is where you hang your hat. Since I seldom wear a hat, mine is usually at home here in Johnstonville. I have also heard that home is where the heart is. There we go again. My heart usually goes wherever I go and I wouldn't have it any other way.

At my age I am glad to call anywhere home. There is no place like home and sleeping in my own bed at night. I like living here, staying here, abiding here and residing here and hope to stay here until I die. Then the good Lord has promised me a better home. I'm just not ready to move in yet. I hope!

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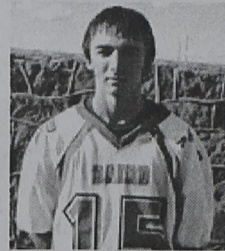
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Jersey #: -2-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
-Quarterback-
-Free Safety-



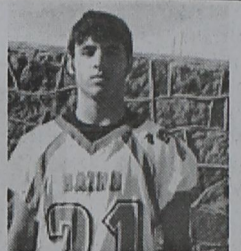
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Jersey #: -3-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Strong Safety-



Tyler Orlando
Jersey #: -12-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Defensive Back-



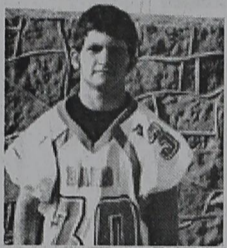
Chris English
Jersey #: -15-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
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Chris Cogburn
Jersey #: -21-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
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-Defensive Back-



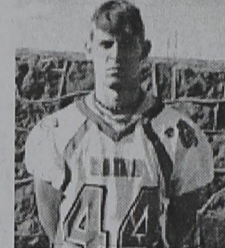
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Jersey #: -22-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
-Running Back-
-Line Backer-



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Jersey #: -30-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Defensive Back-



Justin English
Jersey #: -32-
Grade: -10-
Positions:
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-Defensive End-



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Jersey #: -44-
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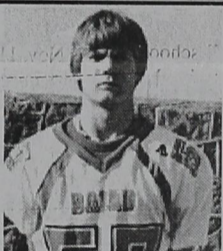
Hazen Coffee
Jersey #: -50-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Offensive Line-
-Defensive Line-



Justin Roberts
Jersey #: -51-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Offensive Line-
-Defensive Line-



Brad Matlock
Jersey #: -52-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



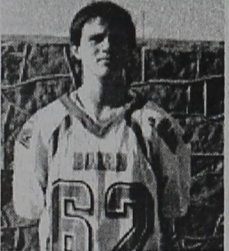
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Grade: -9-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



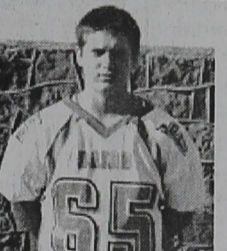
Koby Parker
Jersey #: -55-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Offensive Line-
-Defensive Line-



Jeramie Brooks
Jersey #: -60-
Grade: -10-
Positions:
-Offensive Line-
-Defensive Line-



Ike Dickey
Jersey #: -62-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



Jacob Dillard
Jersey #: -65-
Grade: -10-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



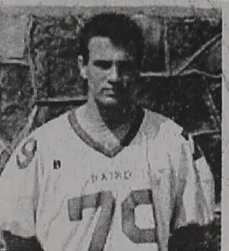
Justin Patterson
Jersey #: -68-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
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Roger Wamsley
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Grade: -12-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



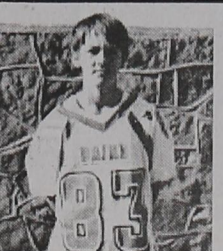
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Jersey #: -72-
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Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



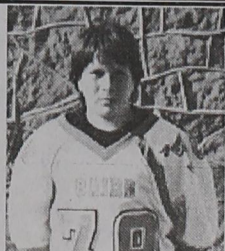
John Edwards
Jersey #: -79-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
-Offensive Line-
-Defensive Line-



Logan Donlan
Jersey #: -80-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
-Tight End-
-Line Backer-



Chris Whitworth
Jersey #: -83-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Defensive Back-



Aaron Hazelwood
Jersey #: -85-
Grade: -10-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Defensive Back-



Blake Manning
Jersey #: -88-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
-Tight End-
-Defensive End-

BAIRD BEARS



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BAIRD BEARS Varsity Football Team

Baird Bears Varsity Football Schedule

Sep. 09	Meridian	There	7:30
Sep. 16	Roby	Home	7:30
Sep. 23	Knox City	There	7:30
Sep. 30	BYE		
Oct. 07	* Ranger %	Home	7:30
Oct. 14	* Goldthwaite	There	7:30
Oct. 21	* Gorman	Home	7:30
Oct. 28	* Cross Plains	There	7:30
Nov. 04	* Evant #	Home	7:30

+ = Scrimmage # = Senior Night
% = Baird Football Sweetheart Night
* = Denotes 13A District Game

Baird Junior High Football Schedule

Sep. 08	DeLeon	There	5:00
Sep. 15	Roby	There	5:00
Sep. 22	Knox City	Home	5:00
Sep. 29	Open		
Oct. 06	Ranger	There	5:00
Oct. 13	Goldthwaite	Home	6:30
Oct. 20	Gorman	There	6:00
Oct. 27	Cross Plains	Home	5:00
Nov. 03	Evant	There	5:00

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Here's How We Did...
Cisco 35, Hamilton 0
Eastland 49, DeLeon 0
Bangs 35, Jim Ned 16
Baird 34, Ranger 20
Strawn 78, Cransfills Gap 0

Here's What's Ahead...
District 10-AA race in 2nd week

Cisco at Dublin
Hamilton at Eastland
Hico at DeLeon
District 13-A race in 2nd week
Baird at Goldthwaite
Ranger at Evant
Gorman at Cross Plains
CJC vs. Navarro
Six Man
Rising Star vs. Sidney



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- Oct. 1 Jim Ned Varsity, JV, Jr. High 9 a.m.
- Oct. 8 ACU Varsity, JV 9 a.m.
- Oct. 12 Cisco Jr. High 4 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Baird Varsity, JV, Jr. High 4 p.m.
- Oct. 24 District- Eula Varsity, JV, Jr. High TBA
- Nov. 5 Regionals- Arlington Varsity 8 a.m.
- Nov. 12 State- Round Rock Varsity 8 a.m.

Coaches: Mark Young and Clay Barnett

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

- Mon., Oct. 17**
Chicken burger or corndog, French fries, corn, lettuce, tomato, cake, milk, fruit
- Fri., Oct. 21**
Chili cheese dog or Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, dessert, milk, fruit
- Tues., Oct. 18**
Turkey and gravy or grilled cheese, glazed carrots, tossed salad, hot roll, cookie, milk, fruit
- Wed., Oct. 19**
Chicken stix or fish sticks, cole slaw, French fries, hot roll, brownie, milk, fruit
- Thurs., Oct. 20**
Chicken fajitas or soft tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding, milk, fruit



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