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Regular Voting For Schools And Cities Continues, Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains, Eula

Regular voting commences on May 13, 2006, for the present city council (commission) and school elections in Callahan County with polling at...

The early voting in contested races concluded May 9th, in the present city council (commission) and school elections in Callahan County with polling at...

Disaster Assistance Available for Small Businesses in Callahan

The Small Business Administration out of Sacramento, CA now offers applications for small non-farm businesses in 204 Texas Counties (plus contiguous counties in Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma) for low interest economic disaster loans to help offset economic losses because of reduced revenues to farmers and ranchers incurred to farmers and ranchers caused by the severe-drought conditions above normal temperatures and wildfires that occurred in 117 Texas primary counties beginning April 1, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Primary Texas counties in the Big Country include: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Small businesses may qualify for economic Injury Disaster Loans (E.I.D.L.'s) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these working capital loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any ac-

ing at... Baird elections commenced with early voting for...

SCHOOL--three-at-large seats--A.L. Hunter, Joe Clark (I), Kenneth Brock (I), Sandra Collins, Burke Robinson (I), and Julie Patterson. **Baird School Election hours are from 7:00 to**

By law, S.B.A. makes E.I.D.L.'s available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared this disaster at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Farm Service Emergency Loan Application Being Accepted for Drought Relief

Callahan County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency, (F.S.A.) disaster emergency loans on April 20, 2006. Generally that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to drought on January 1, 2006 and continuing, are eligible for F.S.A. loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

F.S.A. Farm Loan Manager, Richard G. Young, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their application into F.S.A. as soon as possible. Richard G. Young said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is December 20, 2006, for severe physical losses only. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process." Richard Young said.

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.

The FSA office is at 2303 Commercial in Anson, TX. The telephone number is (325) 823-3269.

Medicare Enrollment Rapidly Approaching Deadline

With two weeks remaining before the May 15th open-enrollment deadline for Medicare's prescription drug benefit, the Texas Academy of Family Physicians and the Hispanic Alliance for Progress Institute remind still-eligible Medicare beneficiaries that enrolling before the deadline locks in the lowest premiums and best savings. Those enrolling after the deadline could face higher premiums.

"There is still plenty of time for seniors to carefully consider their options and meet the May 15 enrollment deadline," said Dr. Doug Curran, M.D., president-elect of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians and Athens physician.

"This was the biggest expansion of the Medicare benefits in the program's four-decade history," said Shiree Sanchez, who is Of Counsel for the Hispanic Alliance for the Progress Institute. "As with any new program, there is a learning curve, but seniors are finding it's worth their time

7:00 p.m., also located at the Baird School I.S.D. Superintendent's Office.

Clyde elections and **SCHOOL**--Trustee Place 3--Gary Don Barr (I), Christina M. Lacey and Trustee, Place 4--Kenneth Kniffen (I), Nathan Tinkle and Trustee, Place 5--Larry Jay Pittman (I), Natalie Nernes.

ter assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) about the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA Disaster Assistance.

Information and application forms may be obtained by calling toll-free (800-659-2955, or by visiting the SBA website or www.sba.gov/disaster. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

New Youth Director at Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church of Baird invites all youth, grades 6 through 12, to meet our new youth director, Amanda Whitaker. Ms. Whitaker is a teacher and coach at Baird High School.

The youth meet Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School and at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings. The youth also meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for Bible study, prayer, food, fun and fellowship! If you need transportation, please call the church at 854-2053.

Hope to see you there!!!

Tuesday Club of Baird News

Inez Wulie hosted the regular monthly meeting of the Tuesday Club of Baird on April 12, 2006.

Betty Alexander led the pledge to the flags. Virginia Beard led the invocation and the roll call and minutes by led by Ferne Lee. The treasurer's report was given by Virginia Beard.

Decisions were made concerning the scholarship and donations to the fire department and meals on wheels.

The club wishes to thank everyone who helped with chili Supper.

D.P.S. Report
5-7 until 5-13-06

Warnings.....107
Complaint.....89

Possession of Marijuana.....2
D. W. I. 2

Driving While License Invalid...1
Fugitive Arrest.....1

Possession of Controlled Substance.....2
Possession of Dangerous Drug.....2

Possession of Dangerous Drug..2
There were -- 3 accidents investigated in this time.

2. Knowing the dosage
3. Checking how frequently the medicine is taken

4. Finding out the cost of each medication.

Mother's Day



Happy Mothers Day to all You
Mother's and
Grandmother's Out There!

Annual Meeting of the Belle Plaine Cemetery Association To Be May 29th

The Callahan County Historical Society is combining their summer picnic meeting with our meeting this year.

Belle Plaine Cemetery is located 8 miles south of Baird. Take Hwy 283 to CR 470 and turn east. Turn north at CR 473 (first dirt road) and then east into cemetery entrance.

The Honor Guard must march into the cemetery prior to the start of the ceremonies, so please plan to arrive and be parked by 10:30 a.m. if possible.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the traditional fly over by the Big Country Squadron of the CAF based at Elmdale Airpark. The Dyess Air Force Base Honor Guard will assist in the flag raising ceremonies. Norman West Jr. will play the National Anthem and Ashly Rowen and her horse Frankie will represent the Riderless Horse.

Robert Partain and Luke Senter of the Abilene Pipers are our speakers/guests this year and will present a special "Cemetery/Soldiers' Salute."

A potluck dinner will follow the business meeting. Everyone should bring a covered dish to compliment the meat and drinks provided by the Association.

Please mark down May 29 on your calendar. This meeting/ceremony is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you!

Jerry Doyle Named Lone Star Conference Coach of the Year

The Tarleton TexAnn golf team received several honors from the Lone Star Conference for its efforts on the course and in the classroom.

Coach Jerry Doyle received the Coach of the Year Award while several team members received honors. Cathryn Uselton from Weatherford was named All-LSC First Team; Kerri Self of Andrews was named the All-LSC Second Team while Alesha Hurt from Eula received honorable mention honors.

Alesha Hurt was also listed on the LSC All-Academic Team for the second straight season and Sarah McKinney from Pecos was selected to the Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

The TexAnn's competed in the LSC golf tournament held at the Trophy Club in Dallas.

They finished in second place behind Northeastern Oklahoma with a two day total of 635 (328-307). Northeastern won with a 621 (318-303), Central Oklahoma won third with a (649), Texas A&M-Commerce (673), Southwestern Oklahoma (677), Cameron (678), and West Texas A&M (680).

Alesha Hurt and Cathryn Uselton tied for sixth individually with a two day total of 156. Hurt shot an 83-73 while Uselton shot an 81-75.

Honor Hammond from Granbury finished ninth with a two day total of 161 (81-80) as Jodi Neal of Baird was 10th with a total of 162 (83-79). Kerri Self tied for 14th with a 167 (84-83).

The TexAnn's finished the year 7th in the NCAA Division II West Region.

Tuesday Club of Baird Scholarship Announced

The Tuesday Club of Baird has a scholarship fund established for a Baird Senior Girl planning on attending college in the summer or fall semester. If you are interested, please send a letter telling about yourself and your college plans. Deadline will be May 15, 2006. Call Virginia Beard at 854-2656 for more information.

Tenth Farm Credit Bank Posts Outstanding First Quarter Earnings

The Tenth Farm Credit District, a network of cooperatively owned rural financing institutions, today reported strong first-quarter financial results, highlighted by increases in net income and gross loan volume.

The Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and 21 financing cooperatives make up the Tenth District, which is the largest rural lending network serving Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

District net income of \$56.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2006,

(Continued Inside)



Obituary

Jewell Dean Blakeney

CLYDE-Jewell Dean Blakeney, 71, of Clyde, died Tuesday at a local hospital. Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the Ross Cemetery in Baird with Dr. Toby Henson officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Mrs. Blakeney was born June 15, 1934 in Cottonwood to David D. and Kathleen (Thompson) Weldon. She grew up and attended school in Clyde. She was the widow of Charnel McWhorter, whom she married June 30, 1950 in Clyde and Art Blakeney, whom she married

February 4, 1995 in San Angelo. She was a retired hairdresser and a Baptist. Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Vajdak and husband Billy of Azle and Kathy Hambrick and husband Monty of Clyde; two sisters, Wanda Christian of Clyde and Lavona Kerby of Ruidosa, NM, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, George Clay McWhorter. Visitation was from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Bailey Funeral Home.

sharing memories. All exes, fami

lies and spouses have a special invitation to attend. A short program and business session will be part of the activities, as well as tours through the school facilities. Interesting displays will be set up in the library and hallways to help jog memories. Eula Lions Club will cater the lunch (\$7.00 per plate-pay when served). A permanent scrapbook is being assembled as a record of school and community life. Exes are asked to contribute pictures, clippings, and other suitable mementos for the project. The Librarian will be on hand to make copies while you wait, so nobody will have to leave treasured pictures and articles. Several individual classes are arranging for additional reunion activities during the weekend. Since Homecoming meets only every two

years-graduating classes often combine activities. Anniversary year members are encouraged to attend Homecoming and then make special plans for Saturday night. Offices of the Homecoming Association are Jack McKee president, Linda (Welch) Mayfield, vice-president, and Rose Farmer secretary-treasurer. Everyone who is interested in the community and interested in promoting homecoming activities is invited to attend. A surprisingly large percentage of our Exes still live in the local area (within 50 miles). We urge them all to come and visit with old friends who will be traveling from greater distances in Texas as well as those from out-of-state. For the past several meetings we have had about 200 register, so Saturday, June 10, 2006 will be a big day, McKee stated.

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

Notice

Baird I.S.D. is accepting bids for the following: a table top steamer, moisture + oven, property/casualty insurance and a VCT gym floor. You may request bid specifications on these items at 325-854-1400: ext. 304. Bids must be received by 12:00 noon on May 15, 2006 in the Superintendent's office.

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EULA HOMECOMING SET FOR JUNE 10

The 2006 All-School Reunion (for all ages, all grades, all current and former residents of Eula community) is set for Saturday, June 10th at

Eula High School. Registrations will begin at 9:00 a.m. Local residents and officers of the Homecoming Association are planning for a pleasant day of visiting and

If All Goes Well Oplin Community Homecoming To Be June 3, 2006

The Oplin Community Center would like to invite everyone who has ever lived in the Oplin Community to mark their calendars for Saturday, June 3, for our bi-annual Homecoming and Community Wide Dinner. Folks will begin to gather at the community center about 9:00 a.m., bringing with them a side dish or dessert to accompany all the brisket that our volunteers will cook to perfection. Lunch will be served somewhere around

noon and the visiting will continue until around 3:00 p.m. or thereafter. This is an opportunity for the newcomers to meet the old-timers, for the young and for folks to meet their neighbors. So be sure to mark your calendar and come on out for a day of good folks and plenty of good food. For further information about our homecoming please contact Doug and Judi Campbell at 529-4311 or Tom and Pam Rumfield at 529-4522.

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51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields, Interstate 20 road frontage, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$61,200.
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, SOLD 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 mostly wooded with oak trees, hills, 2 ponds with 1 being stocked with fish, remote, 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. \$105,825.
84 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... in to creek bottom, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,300 per acre.
127 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, creek, pond, hill, good view of another large pond stocked with fish, creeks, hills, two small... deer, turkey, 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, \$196,490.
151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks 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, \$236,000.
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... oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$200,000.
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.

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3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees. Reduced to \$26,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home with double carport, workshop or storage building, large trees, \$27,500.
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/A 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 \$29,500.
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 \$32,000.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate dining room, CH/A, carport, garage, privacy fenced backyard. \$35,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, large deck off Master BR, carport, storage bldg., privacy fence, corner property. \$36,000.
3 BR 2 bath home, CH/A, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double garage, \$48,500.
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/A on 24 lots, \$65,000.
3 BR 2 bath home, recently built, CH/A, w/... double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water, pool, \$69,000.
4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CH/A... large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras on corner lot. \$75,500.

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Our Flag is Still There

The zealous first grade teacher, eager to pour useful knowledge into the youngsters, minds, wanted them to know early on about museums. She spoke slowly, offering tidbits she thought might be particularly interesting to this age group.

Some of them were wide-eyed, and several hands went up. Johnny waved his arm like a scarecrow in the pumpkin patch.

He asked, "Are you telling us that museums are kinda like zoos, except everything in them are dead?"

This vignette came to mind during a recent tour of the Freedom Museum USA in Pampa, Texas. The all-military museum opened a dozen years ago. It is a testament to the determination, commitment, vision and plain old hard work by folks who want to make sure Americans remember the high cost of freedom.

"We've operated on a wing and a prayer from day one," a VFW member said. (The VFW Post 1657 operates the ever-expanding museum, depending totally on gifts from individuals, businesses and foundations.)

It is housed in an old water-pumping station built by the PWA (Public Works Administration) in 1939. The city decided it to be a museum, and continues to "water and mow" the grass. That's the extent of governmental support.

Located near downtown, the museum is hard to miss. Several military vehicles surround the building, including a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter. It's mounted on a steel pedestal several feet above the roof line.

"When you spot the helicopter, you'll find the museum under it," a local mentioned.

The helicopter became a conversation piece, particularly when it sprang a leak.

Though patriotic to the core, the folks who make the museum tick don't claim to be experts on anything. They weren't sure what to do when the helicopter's floppy 50-foot rotor blade it started whirling in a high wind.

"We were scared the helicopter might take off if the wind got stronger, so we tethered the blade on each end," one man said.

It turned out to be a bad decision. One day a strong wind snapped the ropes. They said the whirling blades sounded like a scene from TV's Mash. Then, an oil seal broke.

What a mess! The blades threw oil as far as four houses away, so the vets had serious apologies—and clean-ups—on their hands.

They re-thought the tethering idea and put the ropes

away. The blades now spin as they will.

"If the thing takes off, it takes off," one of the museum people said.

The museum is open to the public from noon until 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. But, like aggressive automobile salesmen who'll "meet us at any hour if they know we're coming," museum leaders will work the same deal for groups.

Among the people passing through annually are the thousand or so students from area high schools. Some of them have limited knowledge of what has gone before, particularly World War II.

One area high schooler

asked, "If we hadn't bombed the Japanese, do you think they would have attacked us?" And she was serious.

Memorabilia is largely from World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. But, there also are Civil War and Wright Brothers exhibits. Many of their holdings are stored for exhibit later.

When you are in the area, stop by. You'll reek of patriotism upon seeing the exhibits and meeting folks giving most of their waking hours to the cause. The men and women supporting the Freedom Museum expect to link up soon with veterans returning from Iraq.

The new vets will be invited to join a bunch of Pampa patriots who line up along side Horace Mann, the "Father of American Education." More than 150 years ago, he wrote: "No man es-

capes when freedom fails. The best men rot in filthy jails. And those who cried, "Appease, appease" are hanged by those they tried to please."

May God bless America. May He likewise bless veterans, and may our flag long wave.

Finally, may citizens who want to help the Freedom Museum lay down the cash for granite blocks on the two walkways. One is for the vets; the other for friends.

After all, here's the chance to see our names in granite before we're under it.

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Across
1. Pulls hair.
6. Cannon, Judge Jennifer "Whipper" Come on Ally McBeal.
10. Having wings.
14. Field of conflict.
15. Another name for the Abominable Snowman.
16. To study carefully.
17. Rice cooked in poultry broth.
18. Acronym for North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
19. To whimper.
20. Saves from a disaster.
22. Showed to be false.
24. Murdoch, British novelist and philosopher.
25. Sways to one side while in motion.
26. Downward stroke in conducting.
29. Combining form meaning "self."
30. Abbreviation for sophomore.
31. Undermining or ruining.
37. Barril, former owner of the Bonnyville Tribune.
39. Charlotte — Edna Garrett on The Facts of Life.
40. Mistake.
41. Able to use again.
44. To fall off.
45. Small children.
46. Shirley's last name on Laverne & Shirley.
48. To throw into the trash.
52. Abbreviation for the control key on some computer keyboards.
53. Booth, the White Goddess in Trader Horn.
54. Ended in.
58. Not plump.
59. Oldest Taylor son on Home Improvement.
61. Instrument played by Liberace.
62. Department in southern France.
63. To attract or entice.
64. Cabs.
65. Kruger, Miss Austen in Craig's Wife.
66. Acronym for European Tissue Engineering Society.
67. Derogatory.
Down
1. Barks shrilly.
2. Air or melody.

3. — Carter, Nellie Ruth Harper on Gimme a Break.
4. Dishonestly.
5. Hunting expedition in eastern Africa.
6. Standard centimeter-gram-second units of force in physics.
7. Not nays.
8. Abbreviation for attorney.
9. Any salt of niobic acid.
10. An — a day keeps the doctor away.
11. — Anderson, former host of The Family Feud.
12. David — a regular on CBS Newsmen.
13. Donna, Jerry and Robert.
21. Essential part of the matter.
23. To wear away.
25. Container used to separate gold and silver from lead.
26. Acronym for Turkish Society of Rochester.
27. Past tense of heave.
28. Of proportions.
29. Inhabitants of Arabia.
32. To tell a story.
33. Pertaining to the work of George Orwell.
34. Country between Iraq and Afghanistan.
35. Not any.
36. Jennifer — Frances "Baby" Houseman in Dirty Dancing.
38. Center of Puritanism in England at the time of Cromwell.
42. Able to be lost.
43. Acronym for Electronic Funds Transfer System.
47. Bursis forth.
48. — Burke, Suzanne Sugarbaker on Designing Women.
49. Perfect.
50. Body of bees.
51. Fin or flipper.
52. Gives up.
54. One of a kind.
55. TV show starring Danny DeVito and Andy Kaufman.
56. Bennett, Maid Marian in the 1922 movie, Robin Hood.
57. Quantity of medicine prescribed.
60. Furrow in the ground.

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Errol Young v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Opinion by Justice McCall). (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange.)

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In the interest of S.D.H., a child, Taylor. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice McCall). (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange.)

Martha Davis Moek v. Robert James Mock, Dallas. (Opinion by Justice McCall). (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange.)

Brenda Kay Hall v. State of Texas, Ector. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange.)

Robert R. Wightman-Cervantes v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange.)

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice v. Tomas Avellaneda and Victoria Luviano De Avellaneda, Jones. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange.)

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National Freight, Inc. v. John Snyder, Taylor. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file motion for rehearing.

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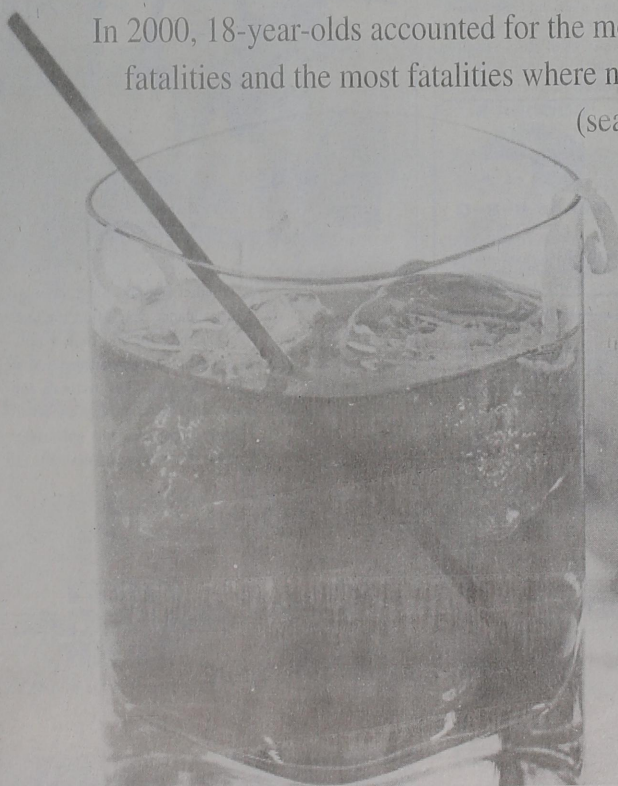
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Kokomo News

By Zeld Jordan

Saturday, May 6 was a cool, cloudy and windy day as the people began to gather at the Simpson Cemetery for the annual meeting of the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting and Kokomo Homecoming. The crowd was somewhat smaller than usual, but it was good to see old friends.

Delmon Eaves called the business meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone. Glendal Laminack voiced the opening prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. The financial report was given and approved as given.

Delmon Eaves gave the report that a bid to construct a 33, X 40 metal building to replace the Community Center, that burned on January 1, had been accepted, and he was waiting on a bid for the plumbing. We hope that construction will begin soon.

The terms of committee members Larry Strube and Norma Webb expired this year, and they were re-elected for another term of one year.

It was noted that Delmon worked very hard to get the cemetery in good shape after the fire. We really appreciate all the work that Delmon does at the cemetery.

He will continue to be the caretaker of the cemetery for another year.

Covis Crawley, 87, of Arlington was the oldest man attending. Nancy Hendricks, 86, of Gorman, was the oldest woman present. Bryant Jones of Abilene, 8 months old, was the youngest present. Bryant is the great-grandson of Bryan Lee and Jolene Johnson of Eastland. Sylvia Shugart of Clovis, NM traveled the farthest to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40. Ken Rogers of Eastland gave the dismissal prayer.

Several stayed for a picnic lunch and more visiting.

Those who registered were: Verna Laminack of Joshua, Glendal Laminack of Poolville, Larry and Betty Strube of Kokomo Pat and Patsy Collins of Eastland, Bill Collins of Keller, Bryan and Jolene Johnson of Eastland, Bryant Jones of Abilene, Zeld Jordan of Kokomo, Norma Webb of Kokomo, Jalynn Cox of Gorman, Nolan Lee Treadway of Snyder, Ken and Mary Rogers of Eastland, Jerry and Sylvia Shugart of Gorman and Clovis, NM, Jeanne Dorsett of Gorman, Covis and Pauline Crawley of Arlington.

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Bro. Jack Clack of Moran was the preacher for the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. His wife Vera accompanied him to Kokomo. Other visitors were Jack and Ruth Searth of Farnsworth. The special music "I Know A Man Who Can" was beautifully rendered by Jimmy Little with Glynda Bond at the piano. Bro. Clack's message was from Acts 1:1-14 on the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus and how he sits on the right hand of God and intercedes for us.

Bro. Tom Heath of Grand Prairie was the preacher for the evening service. His message was from Matthew 14:22-32 on keeping our eyes on Jesus. Sometimes we get distracted by the circumstances around us. But the safest place we can be is to be as close to the Lord as we can get, by studying God's word, praying and looking unto Jesus.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn will be the speaker for the Church services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday May, 14.

Woodrow and Helen Browning attended the singing at Reek Bluff Baptist Church on Sunday.

Norma Webb and Zeld Jordan attended the Mission Program of the children and youth at the First Baptist Church in Gorman on Wednesday night, May 3, and really enjoyed it. The leaders have done a wonderful job of teaching the children and youth about missions and being witnesses for Jesus. One class had previously made a trip out to where the New Kokomo Baptist Church is being built, as a mission lesson, and demon-

strated how they would help build a church house at the program on Wednesday night. There was a replica of the Kokomo Baptist Church on display. If you missed the program, you certainly missed a blessing!

Progress continues on the new church building. Electrical work, roofing and laying of the brick is being done this week.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited with his sister, Ima Boles at Heritage Manor in Gorman on Sunday evening after church services.

Troy Scitem had the misfortune to fall on Sunday evening and broke her hip. She underwent surgery in the hospital at Stephenville on Monday. We wish her a speedy recovery. Laverne Carr of Lake Whitney is here to be with her parents, John and Troy Scitem.

Many in the community and surrounding area have health problems so pause and say a prayer for them. Just ask God to be with them. He knows who they are.

Zeld Jordan and Cassie Brasher visited with Glenda Black in Abilene on Thursday and enjoyed lunch at the Cracker Barrel following Zeld's medical appointments.

Note from Zeld: The Kokomo News will be put on hold for a little while. I will have knee replacement surgery and therapy, but I will be back to a normal routine as soon as possible. Please say a prayer for me.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers everywhere.

Poetry Corner

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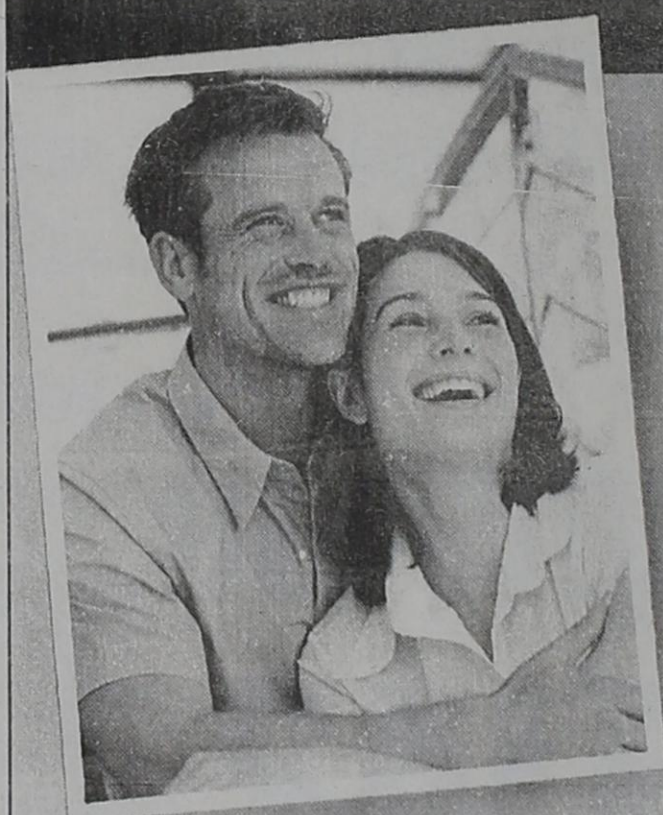
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'Mission Impossible 3' Held Over At Majestic

Majestic Manager Ed Alleon announces that the action/thriller "Mission Impossible 3" is being held over for another weekend at the Theater, located in Eastland.

So you have another chance to see this current movie, which is probably being talked about right now more than any other film in the world.

Part of that is because of its main star, Tom Cruise, and the publicity generated by his life off-camera. Can Cruise really pull this one off?

Another is the millions spent by Paramount Pictures on this sequel, which has had

a TV Series and two previous movies.

Still more interest is generated because of the fresh approach in this movie, which has new character dimensions.

Then Paramount has mounted a global publicity campaign, which has included appearances by Tom Cruise and other actors.

The movie will show again at the Majestic on Friday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m., and continue at the same time nightly through Monday, May 15.

Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with balcony admission (adults only) at \$5.50.

"Mission Impossible 3" is rated PG-13.

In the Picture, Cruise (Ethan Hunt) continues to be involved in dangerous intrigue around the world. He finds that China has acquired a weapon of mass destruction and is planning to sell it to

terrorists. What could be worse than that?

But somehow in all this melee, Hunt allows himself to fall in love with a beautiful girl named Julia (Michelle Monaghan), and marries her. This put her in a lot of danger.

They are perused by a villain named Owen Davian.

Child Safety Seat Class May 17

We will be holding our monthly child safety seat class in Eastland on Wednesday, May 17th @ 7pm in the teaching conference room at Eastland Memorial Hospital. This program is open to those that are not able to purchase a new child seat or booster seat for their child.

This is a FREE class, and you will receive a FREE car seat after completing the class. Please call 254-734-5989 to sign up for the class.

Thanks,
Wayne Dennis, EMTP
Child Safety Seat Technician
Eastland County Safe Kids

played by Phillip Seymour Hoffman. Critics are giving Hoffman high marks for his role in the movie. Most critics also report that this film

is actually the best of the Mission Impossible series.

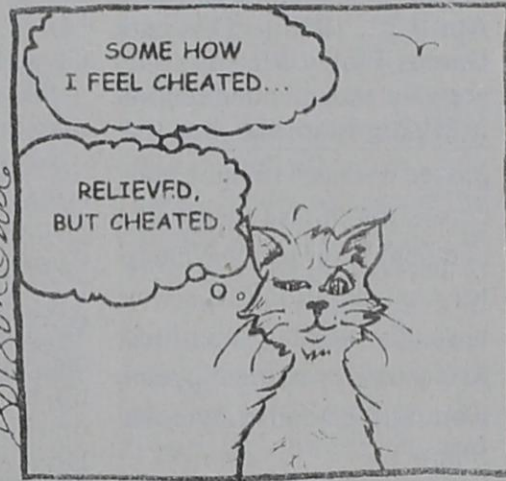
The public doesn't always agree with the critics, but it may be this time they will.

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Obituary

Veda B. Barnard

Veda B. Barnard, 87, a longtime antique merchant and lifelong resident of Abilene and the area, died Sunday, May 7, 2006 at an Abilene medical center.

The daughter of Angie Bird (Canon) and Walter E. Bradley Veda was born on July 2, 1918, in Stith, Texas in Jones County, and graduated from Merkel High School. After her marriage to Boyce T. Barnard on September 22, 1939, in Cisco, the couple lived in Abilene all of their married lives.

Mrs. Barnard owned Barnard's Antiques, the store she loved with a passion. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Abilene Chamber of Commerce and Abilene Downtown Association.

Her husband, parents, four sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

Survivors include her sons

and their spouses, Jack and Debbie Barnard of Fort Worth, Joe and Lavonda Barnard of Austin, and James and Louise Barnard of Abilene; grandchildren, John and Lacy Barnard of Austin, Brandi Hardee and Amy Huskin of Austin, Jennifer Barnard of Abilene; great-grandchildren, Daniel Barnard and Anique Hardee of Austin, and Reagan Huskin of Abilene; and a sister-in-law, Inez Bradley of Merkel.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2006 in Clyde City Cemetery with Rev. Darris Egger officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, TX 79604, or American Cancer Society P.O. Box 41, Abilene, TX 79604.

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Obituaries

Mary Pugh Weaver

Mary Pugh Weaver, age 69, passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at the Rising Star Nursing Center. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 5, 2006 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Mark Thrift officiating, assisted by Matt McGowen, burial was to be in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas.

Mary was born May 31, 1936 to Jack Thomas and Lora (Smith) Pugh in Houston, Tex. Mary graduated from Smiley High School in 1955. She met H.D. Weaver in 1956 and they were married on July 4, 1957. They lived in Houston and reared their family, then moved to the Cottonwood area upon

Herman's retirement from the Houston Fire Department in 1981.

She is survived by her husband, H.D. Weaver of Cottonwood; daughter, Carol Meador of Cross Plains; sons, Carl Eugene Weaver and Chris Allen Weaver both of Conroe; two brothers; Julian Pugh of Conroe; and Thomas Pugh of Houston; seven grandchildren, Craig Rogers, Jr., Charles Rogers, Carrie Hutton, Megan Weaver, Mallory Weaver, Mason Weaver, Clint Weaver and one great-grandchild, Jolie Elizabeth.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister; Shirley.

Daphna Mozelle Densman

Daphna Mozelle Densman, 88, of Clyde, died Tuesday at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be

at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Blake Cemetery between Rising Star and Cross Plains with Jim Hall officiating

Update From Keffer's Office

It has been a busy week in the Texas Legislature, according to reports. Last week the House of Representatives

other tobacco products to school district property tax relief and public education.

HB 3 - Jim Keffer/ Luna/

Retiring from Tx Dept. of Transportation After 27 year Career, Ray Ramos Plans to Remain Active

Ray Ramos, a Baird resident and a familiar face around the Callahan County maintenance section for 25 years, has retired from the Texas Department of Transportation following a career of more than 27 years. He was a maintenance technician.

Ramos joined TxDOT in Baird in April 1978 and spent his first 25 years there, before transferring to the Albany section. Prior to beginning his career with TxDOT, Ramos

been active in Little Dribblers basketball, baseball, and soccer.

A former member of the Baird Booster Club, Ramos says he enjoys all sports, especially football. He has collected Texas Football magazines since 1965. What does retirement hold for him? According to Ramos he will keep Jaden through the summer and they will go to Sea World in San Antonio for their annual family vacation. He had some maintenance work on Missy's new snow cone stand she purchased from Rudy and Lauren Rodriguez and when school starts he will work part time somewhere and pick up Jaden in the afternoons. He also said he plan to spend more time on his exercise program.

School.

A 1971 graduate of Clyde High School, Ramos held dual responsibilities within the maintenance sections he served. He handled the stock and supplies and was office backup as well as worked maintenance out on the road.

Ramos and his wife Elida have one daughter, Missy and a grandson, Jaden. Missy is a secretary for T&B Mechanical in Baird and Jaden, 7, is in the first grade. Jaden has

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Cisco Car Show Cancelled Due To Threatening Weather

Inclement weather forced organizers to cancel this year's Cisco's Big Dam Car Show. The event had been planned for May 6, but according to Jim Latson, Cisco Junior College Auto Tech Instructor, the threat of rainstorms and hail prevented exhibitors from participating.

No one wants to risk damage to these classic vehicles, so when the rains prevailed, we decided to postpone the car show. It was disappointing for our

exhibitors and spectators, but we have rescheduled and are looking forward to a great show later in the year, Latson said.

The car show has been rescheduled for October 14. The car show will be in conjunction with the annual Truck and Tractor Pull that will be held at the Cisco Junior College Ag Department. We will release more details about the show as we get closer to that date, Latson added.

under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Densman was born April 22, 1918 to Otis and Darcus Finley Watson. She grew up and attended school in Rising Star. She was the passed a school finance plan consisting of five measures, and sent it on to the Senate for consideration. (This was basically the plan submitted to Gov. Perry by the Special Committee headed by John Sharp.)

Since then the Senate has passed one measure, HB 3, without adding amendments, and it has gone to the Governor's desk.

Rep. Jim Keffer submitted this bill, along with Reps Luna, Otto, Branch and Villareal.

The quick acceptance of this bill by the Senate is considered "historic."

A presstime Friday the latest word we have on the fate of all the bills is a report from the office of Rep. Jim Keffer. This was sent to this newspaper by Trent Thomas, Legislative Assistant.

Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

The Senate Suspended The Regular Order, Read Third Time, And Passed:

HB 2 (CS) Pitts/Kolkhorst/Callegari/et al
SP: Williams

Relating to the allocation of certain revenues from franchise taxes, motor vehicle sale and use taxes, and

widow of Glen Densman, whom she married December 6, 1938 in Rising Star. Mrs. Densman came to Clyde from Abilene in 1999.

She was a homemaker and member of Unity Church. Survivors include two sons, James Douglas Densman and wife Linda of Cypress, Texas and Clifford Lee Densman and wife Wendy of Dudley; one daughter, Glenda Owens and husband Frank of Clyde; daughter in-law, Brenda Densman of Keller; ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceid in death by two sons, Glen Dale and Darrel Glen.

Visitation was to be from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Otto/ Branch/Villareal.

SP: Ogden

Relating to certain taxes affecting businesses, making an appropriation, providing penalties.

HB 4 (CS) Swinford SP: Janek

Relating to motor vehicle sales and use taxes.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 3 was passed by the Senate without any amendments. Since there were not any changes, there will not be a Conference Committee on HB 3. Therefore, HB 3 will be sent to the Governor's desk.

However, the House is expected to concur on HB 2 and HB 4.

The Senate Finance Committee is expected to hear amendments Wednesday morning on HB 1

Update on Wednesday, May 3, 2006:

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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.

The Senate Finance Committee is unable to reach an agreement on HB 1 and HB

5. They will be back in Committee tomorrow (Thursday) at 9:30 a.m.

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry
Gorman ISD Superintendent

The clock is ticking away as our legislature struggles to meet the deadline mandated by the court to restructure the way schools are financed in Texas. Unfortunately, the focus appears to be on property tax relief and not addressing the specifics set out by the court. The court issue was on the way schools are funded which inadvertently had created an unconstitutional state wide property tax due to the majority of schools being at the maximum taxable limit. The issue is supposed to be school finance, not academic reform or increased accountability. Schools are already one of the most transparent state organizations in existence. If you have a chance to contact your legislators, you might want to ask them why there is so much going on right now that is not germane to the issue at hand.

It is hard to believe that we only have three weeks of school left. I want to thank the Gorman students, their parents, and the community for such a great year and for the support you have given us. It has been a wonderful year for most of us. If you didn't have a wonderful year with regard to Gorman ISD, let me know and we will try to do better next year.

Important dates to remember:

5/12 - JH Band Contest at Howard Payne University, also, the PTO Teacher Appreciation Luncheon from 11:00am - 1:00PM; 5/15 - High School Band Concert 6:30pm in the auditorium; 5/16 - Academic Awards ceremony at 10:00am in the auditorium, Athletic awards banquet at ZJ's 7:00pm; 5/18 - Secondary Talent Show is tentatively scheduled for 2:30pm; 5/19 - Elementary Field Day.

Some seniors have been working with Joy Campbell

to present a character program with the elementary students. I want to commend these young adults for giving of themselves during this busy time of year to work with our younger students. I consider this just another confirmation of what a great group of kids we have here in Gorman. Great job!

As we near the end of the school year, I hope you all have the opportunity to participate in something going on at school. These kids are a great group of young people to be around. If you know a senior, please congratulate them for their accomplishments and for all of the pleasure they have brought you while they've been in school through the various activities in which they've been involved. Just think how dull Gorman would be without school activities!

Last, but not least, I want

to talk about an unsigned letter that I received from someone that was so concerned about a problem that they forgot to sign the letter or place a return address on it. Unfortunately, I don't give any credence to unsigned letters or anonymous phone calls. I will discuss anything with anyone in person, by e-mail, by regular mail, or on

Singing Men Of Texas To Be In Concert Thursday

First Baptist Church of Eastland is pleased to announce that the North Central Chapter of The Singing Men of Texas will be in concert on Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the new Multi-Purpose Center, which is located at 405 S. Seaman in Eastland.

The Singing Men of Texas is composed of men from all across the state, who serve in various music-related capacities in Texas Baptist churches and institutions. The group is divided into 6 regional groups, which present concerts of classis and contemporary Gospel music in the church of one of its members each month, and Larry Wesson, Minister

of Music at First Baptist, is excited about hosting the group. "It is a tremendous thrill to be a part of this special group. The North Central Chapter is comprised of over 100 men from all over the area, and is one of the finest men's choruses in the country. But it is also a ministry group. It has traveled to England, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Romania, Spain, China, and all across the United States to spread the Gospel through music. In 2004, the group traveled to Brazil, for concerts and ministry." The concert program at First Baptist will include selections by the group, its handbell and instrumental ensemble, and a combined choral selection with the choirs of First Baptist Church - Eastland, First Baptist Church - Stephenville, First Baptist Church - Mineral Wells, and Valley Grove Baptist Church - Stephenville.

NALC National Food Drive May 13

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Don Blackley, Music Ministry Consultant for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and director of the group, quotes from Psalm 9, as he describes the ministry of this group...

"I'm thanking you, God from a full heart,

I'm writing the book on Your wonders.

I'm whistling, laughing, and jumping for joy;

I'm singing Your song, High God."

He continues, "This passage from Psalm 9 in the Bible typifies the spirit of these men who can be found serving Baptist churches in North Central Texas every

Sunday. They love singing together at least 8 times a year to sing concerts in the region. The Singing Men of North Central Texas completed their most recent mission project, to Brazil in April, 2004, and are now completing arrangements for the next mission project in Austria and the Czech Republic in April of 2007."

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Celebrate National Nurses Week May 6-12

National Nurses Week will be celebrated May 6th - May 12th to pay tribute to nurses who provide highly skilled, safe, quality care in a variety of settings, and who encounter increasing challenges to their professional and ethical commitment to deliver essential health care. The goals of National Nurses Week are to call attention to nurses, raise public awareness of the value of nursing, and help educate the public about the vital roles nurses play in meeting the health care needs of the American people.

Nurses: Strength, Commitment, Compassion" is the theme for 2006. National Nurses Week opens on May 6, the traditional National Nurses Day and ends on May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. Traditionally, National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care. From bedside nursing in hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health agencies, physician's offices, nursing schools, and public health to the depth and breath of the nursing profession is meeting the ever expanding health care needs of American society.

"This year's theme embodies what it means to be a nurse today. Today's nurses must have the strength to care for patients during times of disaster and crisis; they must have the commitment to remain involved in continuing education throughout their careers; and they must have the compassion it takes to provide hands-on patient care at the bedside - as they have done throughout the centuries," says Barbara Blakeney, MS, RN, American Nurse's Association president.

Registered nurses (RN) represent the largest, single component of health care professionals with an estimated 2.9 million in the United States. According to a report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S.

currently has a nurse shortage of nearly 150,000 RNs and will have a shortage of more than 800,000 RNs by the year 2020. Add to the nursing shortage the number of Americans age 65 and older which is projected to grow from 35 million today to more than 70 million by 2030 as the "baby boomers" mature. The problem is further aggravated by the fact that the average age of a registered nurse is 45, and more will be retiring in the coming years at a faster rate than nursing schools are able to produce replacements.

So what can you do? Take time to let a nurse know that he/she is appreciated. Encourage them. Let your government representatives know of your concern over the nursing shortage and push for action. And then, consider nursing as a calling. **You can make a difference.** For more information talk with a nurse, your local hospital, a nursing school or go online at: www.discovernursing.com, www.nln.org, www.nursesource.org, www.nana.org, www.aacn.nche.edu and get more information. You may want to "be a nurse...join the ones who dare to care!" (trade mark slogan from

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Commissioners Approve Resolution which Opposes Revenue Caps and Lowering Current Property Appraisal Caps

Callahan County Commissioners approved a resolution opposing revenue caps and lowering current appraisal caps being considered by the Texas 79th Legislature during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, April 24 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Judge Roger Corn and seconded by commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the resolution. The resolution follows:

Resolution
WHEREAS the 79th Texas Legislature is seeking to address the method by which public education is funded during a Special Session beginning April 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS the State of Texas previously retreated from its historic level of funding for public education thereby requiring local school districts to increase property taxes to fund education; and

WHEREAS 61 PERCENT of the average taxpayer's property tax burden is due to school taxes while only 14 percent is due to county taxes; and

WHEREAS Texas homeowners and businesses need meaningful property tax relief; and

WHEREAS proposed bills to lower the existing appraisal cap from 10% to 3% or 5% is not true solution to the school property tax problem; and

WHEREAS proposed bills to place harsh revenue caps on county and city governments also are not true solutions to the school property tax problem; and

WHEREAS county government is already struggling to meet the demands of underfunded and unfunded state mandates such as indigent health care, indigent defense and federal mandates such as the Help America Vote Act and the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS noted Texas economist Dr. Ray Perryman and the Perryman Group completed a detailed study of appraisals and revenue caps that concluded such caps would have a devastating effect on local governments and the entire state's economy and job outflow and

WHEREAS the study shows that both types of caps restrict the flexibility of local governments to respond to changing needs, emergency situations and state and federal mandates; and

WHEREAS the study shows caps bear no relation to the legitimate demand for costs of public services provided by local government, such as demographic shifts and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, THE STUDY shows that appraisal and revenue caps particularly constrain the capacity of high growth areas to meet service and infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS the study shows that such caps adversely affect bond rating, thus limiting local governments, ability to meet infrastructure needs while raising the costs for such; and

WHEREAS, the study shows that appraisal and revenue caps depress property values; and

WHEREAS the study shows that appraisal caps DISCOURAGE real estate activity, distort market outcomes, penalize business start-ups, limit long-term economic growth, create systematic inequalities among taxpayers, arbitrarily redistribute the tax burden and tend to be regressive with persons in disadvantaged neighborhoods subsidizing those who are more fortunate.

WHEREAS the study shows revenue caps have resulted in substantial increases in state funding of local services in other states that have passed them, and

WHEREAS undermining a property tax system based upon fair market value is questionable public policy and will result in a distorted, inequitable taxation scheme;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Callahan County does hereby express its opposition to revenue caps and lowering the current appraisal cap and does hereby urge the 79th Legislature to reduce the school property tax burden by again assuming the state's historic share of support for public education.

SIGNED THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL 2006.
(s) Roger Corn
Callahan County Judge
(s) Harold Hicks,
Commissioner Prct. #1
(s) Bryan Farmer
Commissioner Prct. #2
(s) Tommy Holland
Commissioner Prct. #3
(s) Doris Grider
Commissioner Prct. #4...

structure needs while raising the costs for such; and

Baird Out of Bid-F'or Bi-District Championship, Clyde Defeats Petrolia, and to Play Levelland Friday

After a winning regular season of 14-8 and proceeding to win nine in a row, Baird Bears took on Albany in a series of pre-District game which ended in a 12-8 win in Albany. The Bears were to take on Eula in a game which was to be played in Eastland but was cancelled in mid-stream and later played in Albany later. In the winning game which decided the District champ, Baird was pitted against Hamlin and the score off in that game saw Baird losing but not defeated in a Late Saturday Class A Bi-District Game 1 and 2. Game 1 ended in Hamlin 11 and Baird 1.

Game 2 of the Class A-Bi-district championship, saw Hamlin shutting out Baird 4-0.

Eula saw a victory against Rotan in the playoffs in a vieing for the District which includes Hamlin.

The score in the Eula-Rotan game was 6-1.

In the Bear game against Albany, Baird fell behind 1-0 initially before a streak of six runs in the top of the third; Patterson gave the Bears a bunt single in the 3rd with Chris Whitworth walking and Cogburn being hit by a foul pitch to load the bases.

Blan Scott then followed Chance Rodriguez and Tyler Orlando, who

Eula Homecoming Set For June 10

The 2006 All-School Reunion (for all ages, all grades, all current and former residents of Eula community) is set for Saturday, June 10th at Eula High School.

Registrations will begin at 9:00 a.m. Local residents and officers of the Homecoming Association are planning for a pleasant day of visiting and sharing memories. All exes, families and spouses have a special invitation to attend.

A short program and business session will be part of the activities, as well as tours through the school facilities.

Interesting displays will be set up in the library and hallways to help jog memories. Eula Lions Club will cater the lunch (\$7.00 per plate-pay when served).

A permanent scrapbook is being assembled as a record of school and community life. Exes are asked to contribute pictures, clippings, and other suitable mementos for the project. The Librarian will be on hand to make copies while you wait, so nobody will have to leave treasured pictures and articles.

brought home two runs with back-to-back singles, and brought two home with a single.

A 6-1 Baird lead was assured by Justin English who hit a two-run single.

Two more runs were scored in the fifth with Orlando leading off with a triple and Scott scoring with a Squeeze bunt which was also used by Thomas Chavarria bringing home a run and Thomas Chavarria followed with a sacrifice bunt.

After leading 10-4 with a pair of unearned runs in the sixth top, Cogburn, Baird's starting pitcher, ended up walking the first two at bat in the sixth bottom, so Baird Coach, Bryan Webb brought Barrett Jennings to relieve Cogburn. Jennings gave up two hits and Albany brought the score to 10-8. Scott, Baird's Catcher brought the Bears' threw an overthrown ball to Jennings, tagging out the final out of the inning at home.

Coach Webb commented, "That was a huge play."

On loading the bases on the top of the seventh and scoring two runs on Rodriguez's single Baird came with 4 of Albany, 12-8.

However the Bears didn't score any more runs in the seventh and Scott got tagged out after dropping a failed squeeze bunt, pushed the Albany catcher and drew an ejection, resulting from an insult to his chin.

In the Bottom of Seven Webb the catcher was Orlando and several other changes were made by Coach Webb.

Albany got the bases loaded when Jennings gave up two walks and fouled a batter, and then after the two runs were knocked in to tie the score. Cogburn was recruited to strike out the two final at bat and end the game at 12-9. Webb said "It was a very intense game, another epic battle in the Albany-Baird..." rivalry. "I'll miss those games. I'm proud of the kids. The held their composure."

Several individual classes are arranging for additional reunion activities during the weekend. Since Homecoming meets only every two years- graduating classes often combine activities. Anniversary year members are encouraged to attend Homecoming and then make special plans for Saturday night.

Offices of the Homecoming Association are Jack McKee president, Linda (Welch) Mayfield, vice-president, and Rose Farmer secretary-treasurer. "Everyone who is interested in the community and interested in promoting homecoming activities is invited to attend. A surprisingly large percentage of our Exes still live in the local area (within 50 miles). We urge them all to come and visit with old friends who will be traveling from greater distances in Texas as well as those from out-of-state. For the past several meetings we have had about 200 register, so Saturday, June 10, 2006

Borger Defeated by Clyde Girls-Area Softball Play

The Clyde Girls Softball team is ready to begin the next round of playoffs after defeating Borger 13-1. Jena Loper delivered a grand slam in the sixth over the left-field wall.

Clyde 300 016 3-13 11 1

Borger 000 002 0-1 2 7

Cristi Jackson and Shayla Lee, Kim Alford and Cati Chavez, WP-Jackson, LP-Alford (12-7), 2B--Clyde, Lee, HR--HR Clyde, Jenna Loper.
Records--Clyde, 24-4; Borger 15-9.

Obituary

Shirley Marsh Westfall

Shirley Marsh Westfall, 74, of League City, Texas died May 5, 2006 at Baywind Village Nursing Home in League City, Texas.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, 2006 in Ross Cemetery Annex. Rev. Sandra Keith will officiate directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

He was born January 3, 1932 in Canyon, Texas to Dodge Dolloff Westfall

and Allene Napier Westfall. He had lived in League City for two years and was a salesman for Allied Van Lines moving services. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict as a mechanic.

Survived by one daughter, Marsha Hadley and husband Bill of League City, Texas; one son, Steve Westfall and wife Robin of Arlington, Texas; five grandchildren, Cody, Taylor, and Kyndau Hadley, seth and Sarah Westfall; one great-grandson; numerous nieces and nephews.

Baird Bi-District Championship

Baird 1, Hamlin 11
Baird- 001 000 -1 2 4
Hamlin 004 43 -11 9 2
Jennings and Scott, Whitworth (5), Hastings and Hertel; W-Hastings

Clyde 14, Monahans 4

Monahan 201 010 x-4 7 3
Clyde- 630 113 x-14 12 2
Olivas and Wishard, Garza and Brown, W-Garza, L-Olivas 2B; Clyde-McNutt, Agnew, Monahans-Jasso. HR: Clyde--J. Akers (2), RECORD-Clyde 16-10.

Clyde 001 530 0-9 12 2
Monahans 220 001 0-5 10 1

Clyde, 9; Monahans 5

Jasso and Olivas, R.J. Ramos and Brown, W-Ramos (3-1), L-Jasso, 2B; Clyde--Fullerton; Monahans-

(7-2), L-Jennings, 2B-H. Brown (2)

Hamlin 4, Baird 0

Hamlin 112 000 0-4 6 0
Baird 000 000 0-4 1 0
M. Hall and Hertel, Hastings, Cogburn and Scott, W-Hall (5-2-1), L-Cogburn, 2B-H. Hastings, Hertel, 3B-H. Brown

Withard, HR: Clyde-McNutt. Record: Clyde 17-10

Eula Girls Softball 1-A Playoff Bi-district

Eula 223 002 2-11 16 2
Petrolia 002 000 1-3 7 3
Hillin and Hicks, Baird and Payne, W-Hillin (19-4); L-Baird, 2B; Eula-Reynolds, 3B-Eula-Reynolds, Lindsey, HR; Eula-Hillin.

Records-Eula 22-5; Petrolia, 10-9.

Record: Eula 22-5; Petrolia 10-9.

Eula Plays Bryson on Thursday.

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Mothers And Others

Mothers and Others
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The month of May has some important days and I'll write briefly about Mothers Day and Memorial Day.

Memorial Day can be a time to remember those who are deceased and also those who have impacted our life in any way. Love finds expression through people and memorial day can be a special day to remember those who have shed God's love in our lives.

Peggy, the birth mother of the baby girl we adopted in 1969 works for the Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C. She sent an e-mail memo which explains that Congress, on December 28, 2000, set aside a "National Moment of Remembrance" to honor our fellow Americans who died in service to our nation. Specifically, the commission's goal is to put memorial back into Memorial Day.

The true meaning of Memorial Day has been forgotten by many. Many people treat this special day as just another day to go shopping. Some children, touring the White House were asked what Memorial Day meant and they responded, "That's the day the pools open."

This "National Moment of Remembrance" is actually an effort to reclaim Memorial Day as a sacred and noble holiday to honor our fellow Americans who paid the ul-

imate price for our freedom.

The President has given his personal support to this effort and has asked all federal employees to participate in this initiative.

So, at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day, simply stop what you are doing and pause to reflect on our fallen heroes. If you are driving a vehicle, turn your lights on, and if you are visiting the gravesite of a loved one, pause at 3:00 for a "Moment of Remembrance."

This unique campaign is designed to get all aged Americans to participate. Perhaps this new effort will not only preserve Memorial Day, but will encourage others to serve our country. This moment of shared remembrance could help unite our nation and reinforce our nation's core values. This act of silent reflection is certainly an American unity effort on behalf of the millions who have died in service to our country.

And then there is Mother's Day. Names of women throughout history have left a permanent mark on countless lives. Mary- the mother of Jesus- Ruth and Naomi- Puritan mothers- Abe Lincoln's mother- Mother Teresa of India- Widows left to raise children alone- Wives of missionaries- Your mother- My mother. Thousands of mothers never made the headlines.

Several years ago, a beautiful story called *The Cameo* came through an e-mail. Although it was two single-

paced typed pages long a short version of it follows:

Antique shops frequently carry them. Basically, a cameo is a calcified layer of a shell which has been carved through to make a portrait or historical scene by engraving.

Helen, a poor Polish immigrant, dropped out of school in order to get a job to help improve family living conditions. With her first paycheck, Helen bought a cameo for her mother. The cameo became the prized possession of her mother.

Then Helen's son brought his wife into the family and Helen taught her the traditions of the old country.

Then came Mother's Day and it was the day Helen's love for her daughter-in-law was realized. A small package arrived in the mail. The package contained Helen's mother's cameo and a note which said:

"It's time for you to have this. I love you. Helen"

I'll end with this fantastic story of an adopted girl. The story was taken from a 1995 *Daily Guidepost* pp. 90-91 and was written by Penny Schwab.

When Rebecca was just a week old, Penny adopted her. One day, when Rebecca was seven years old, Rebecca screamed at Penny, "You're not my real mother, you know. I just borrowed you from God for a little while. I borrowed you to love." Then in 1993, Rebecca had the opportunity to meet her birth mother, Katy. Penny thought of Rebecca as her daughter and wanted to hold Rebecca

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showed a 12.7 percent increase from the \$50.2 million reported for the same period of 2005.

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"The territory in our close and yell "Mine!" At the same time, Penny wanted what was best for Rebecca.

The day after the meeting, Penny received a note that said: "God had a plan for me to be your child, and I thank Him every day. Love always, Rebecca." Then two days later a letter came from Katy: "God's perfect wisdom placed Rebecca in your hands. Her character is a product of her parent's love and faithfulness to Him and to her. I hope I can be her friend, but the Lord answered my prayers for Rebecca and blessed me when He joined you and Rebecca as mother and daughter."

We must remember that loved shared is multiplied many times over!

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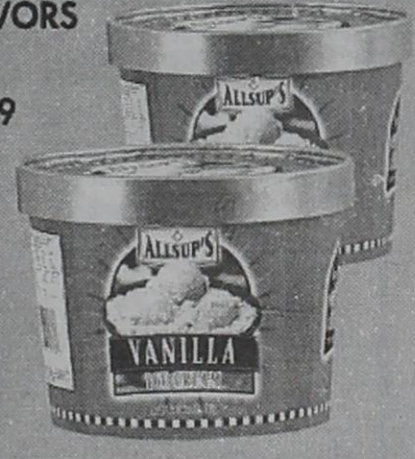
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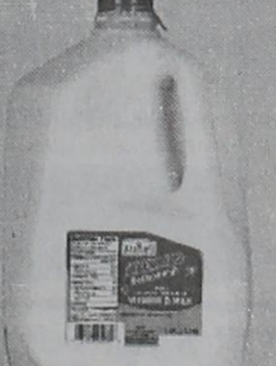
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