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Rising Star Tournament - Baird etc.

Basketball

Cross Plains 41, Gorman 37
Cross Plains 9 5 9 18-41
Rising Star 12 8 11 9-40
Cross Plains - Bennett 4, Scott 3, Martinez 2, Douglas 6, Harris 5, Phillips 14, Cook 4, Gary 3.
Gorman - B. Carlton 9, Johnston 8, Lewis 4, Longoria 1, Seaton 2, K. Carton 13.

Cross Plains 35, Groom 25
Cross Plains 4 17 8 8-35
Groom 5 14 3 3-25
Groom - Hopkins 8, Brittin 4, Evans 2, Wilson 9, Murray 2.
Cross Plains - Scott 6, Dougla 4, Harris 13, Phillipos 6, Bennett 4, Martinez 2.

Ballinger Tournament

Boys:
Clyde 62, Sweetwater 33
Clyde 8 17 19 18-62
ÒSweetwater12 7 4 10-33
Clyde - Mar 4, Wauson, 5; Yates 10, Henson 5, Johnny Holland 5, Roberts 5, Clifton 12, Jeffrey Holland 13.
Sweetwater - Cummings 4, Hausey 8, McCoy 4, Flores 5, Kelly 7, Martinez 2
Clyde-60
Brady 39
Clyde 15 18 9 18-60
Brady 10 7 12 10-39
Clyde - Wauson 10, Yates 8, Henson 2, Johnny Holland 5, Roberts 11, Clifton 19, Jeffrey Holland 5.
Roby Roundball Classic

Clyde J.V.: 80,
Baird 73 (OT.)
Clyde J.V.: 15 18 13 15 15-8 0
Baird 14 24 15 11 9-73
Clyde-J.V.: Gonzales 23, McSherry 20, Hilcher 13, Smith 10.
Baird: Orlando 20, Cogburn 17, Parker 11.

Clyde J.V. 55, Roby 69
Roby 20 13 15 21-69
Clyde J.V. 13 15 13 14-55
Roby - Martin 19, Gonzalez 14, Carrion 12, Alldredge 11, Spurgeon 4, Stevenson, 2, Malone 3, Williams 4.

Girls
Baird: 47
Abilene High JV. 38
Baird 11 11 18 15-47
AbileneH.J.V 9 11 15 13-3 8
Baird - Juarez 16, McDow 3, Johnston 9, Burns 12, Darnell 3, C. Burns 4.

Abilene High J.V. - Zeller 2, Bibb 13, Payne 5, Acosta 6, Johnston 6, McDow 6

Baird: 44
Rotan: 35
Baird 18 8 9 9-44
Rotan 7 11 8 9-35
Baird- Juarez 21, McDow 8 Johnston 4, Burns, 2; Darnell 6, Dugan 1, C. Burns 2.
ROTAN: Whitfield 2, Thornton 6, Pride 6, Speck 7, Ford 2, Etheredge 12.

Anson 58, Baird 54
Anson 11 20 12 15-58
Baird 6 15 12 21-54
Anson-Ramos 35, Johnson 8
Baird: Orlando 15, Parker 12.

Rising Star Tournament

Boys:
Cross Plains 46, Ranger 32
Ranger 12 6 2 12-32
Cross Plains7 18 6 15-46
Ranger - Josh Wilsor 17.
Cross Plains-Gibbs,12, Dickson 11.

Roby Roundball Classic
Boys
Baird 64, Hamlin 60
Baird 18 13 16 18-64
Hamlin 16 12 13 19-60

Clyde J.V. 63, Stamford 52

Clyde 10 21 22 10-63
Stamford 10 23 6 13-52

Girls:

Early Results:

Hamlin 32, Baird 31
Baird 9 9 9 4-31
Hamlin 5 7 10 9-32
Baird - Suarez 12, McDowell 5, K. Burns 5, Johnston 3, Darnell 2, Dugan 2, C. Burns.
Hamlin- Stepheson 10. Sh. Lakey 10, Cowen 7, Goodwin 3, Wilkerson 2.

Texas Department of State Health Services

Immunization Clinics in Callahan Cty.

Monday, December 11th
Baird Cafetorium-400 W. 7th.
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 N. Main
from 2 til 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Please Bring:
Child s Immunization Records

For More Information call
325-754-4945

Meals on Wheels in Need of Volunteers

The Meals on Wheels program in Baird is in need of volunteers. The need is in need of volunteers to help in the delivery of meals.

If this need is not filled, we will have to put a limit on the number of folks that need our help Please call the Baird Citizens Center at 854-1937 about when and how many days you will be available to deliver.

4,495 meals have been served in the past 11 months to the folks who eat their lunch at the Baird Center.

Callahan County has Reinstated their BURN BAN effective November 20

Baird Cemetery Association News

Directors of the Baird Cemetery Association held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 20th. Agreement was reached on the purchase of a "Texas Historical Cemetery" medallion from the Texas State Historical Commission. This medallion, along with a cemetery name and date plaque, will be mounted in the pavilion. These two marekers will complement the granite historical marker now being prepared by Grace Monument in Clyde. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of lighting the two flag poles. The American flag should be illuminated if flown at night.

Memorials and donations were noted from Aubrey and Charlotte Lopez, Felix and Barbara Manion, the Sutphen boys, Mack, David and George.

"We are most grateful to all of our supporters for their kindness throughout this year and all earlier years."

Siincere condolences are extended to the families of Nelda Hunter, Gladys E. Jones, Velma Ola Poindexter, and Olivia Young. These four ladies entered their eternal rest during November and now join their friends and relatives who have gone on before.

Submitted by : Tom Ivey

American Red Cross Needs Your Help

With the extreme heat and drought conditions, the American Red Cross has found itself busier than usual responding to a rash of wildfires across the Big Country.

As of August 21, most people are aware that the American Red Cross responds to large disasters such as tornadoes and hurricanes, and that the organization assists with food, clothing and shelter. But fewer people know that the Red Cross is also called on to assist emergency workers such as police and firefighters. Since the wildfires broke out in the Big Country, the American Red Cross has been working hard to provide plenty of bottled water, Gatorade and meals to countless firefighters. Now, the organization needs your help to keep their supplies stocked.

The American Red Cross is asking the community to make financial gifts to the local Disaster Relief Fund. Financial Contibutions allow the Red Cross to purchase materials in bulk, stretching

Continued Inside:

Addresses Needed For Baird Ex-Students

We're listing the students from the classes **of 2001 through 2005** that that need updated addresses. If you have any information about any of the following, please contact the Baird Ex-Students' Association, P.O. Box 954, Baird, TX or 854-1947.

2001-2005:
Anthony Dean,
Candace Ellis,
Shanna Taylor, Casse

Continued Inside:

D.P.S. Report

Nov. 26th to Dec. 2, 2006
Cases Investigated
WARNINGS- .....100.
COMPLAINTS- 58
D.W.I.....Minor.....1

ACCIDENTS-There were six accidents investigated during this time span

Drive Carefully

Grand Ole Oplin December line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce it's band line-up for the month of Dec.

Starting off the month of December on the first was Muddy Creek here playing all of your favorite items, on Dec. 8th Country Classics will join us playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance, On December 19th, Texas Touch will join us playing their own special kind of country music, and on Dec. 22nd Muddy Creek will return playing some more of your favorite country tunes. There will be no dance at the Grand Ole Oplin on December 29th, but we invite everyone to join us on Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve) to ring in the New Year to the tunes of Muddy Creek. Admission to our regular Friday evening dances is still only $4.00 per person, but admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be $5.00 per person and our New Year's dance will bein at 8:00 p.m., until shortly after midnight.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Smoking and alcohol is not allowed at any of our functions. Our Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break.

So gather the family all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music and good friends.

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Thanks for Reading The Callahan County (Baird) Star

Callahan County SWCD is Now Taking Custom Map Orders

The Callahan County SWCD is proud to announce that we have recently purchased a plotter and is now offering to design maps for landowners, hunters, and interested indiviuals. The plotter will produce up to 36" maps in color or black/white. The cost will depend on the size and design of each individual map.

For more information on how to purchase a land map

(Continued Inside as Call Maps)

Baird P.T.O. Fundraiser 2006

Baird P.T.O. is excited to announce two new ways that everyone in our community can help raise funds or obtain equipment for Baird schools. The exciting part is that everyone can participate, regardless of their income or whether they have school-aged children. All you need to do is save your cash register receipts from any Lawrence Brothers' grocery store and by clipping the "Box Tops for Education" tops from your favorite General Mills, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, Hamburger Helper, Ziploc, Cottonelle, Hefty and Scott products. Turn them into the school and the PTO will redeem them for ten cents each. Cash register receipts will be totaled and can be redeemed for equipment such as calculators, art supplies, playground equipment, and even computers.

Emergency Farm Loans Applications Being Accepted

"Applications for emergency farm loans caused by drought, excessive heat and high temperatures on January 1, 2006 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (F.S.A.) office located in Anson, Richard G. Young said today.

"Callahan is one of 17 contiguous counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought, excessive heat and high temperatures on January 1, 2006 and continuing."

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

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

"Applications for loans under the emergency designations will be accepted until June 11, 2007, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

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

The F.S.A. office in Anson is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Baird Project Graduation Beef Raffle

The parents of Baird High School Seniors of 07 are selling raffle tickets for half a beef and the processing. The tickets are $10 each. The drawing will be at the halftime of the Boys Varsity game on Jan. 30th.

You do not need to be present to win. You can purchase your tickets from any senior parents or call Saundra Collins at 854-2309.

Tne next parent meeting on Sunday, Jan. 14th will be at 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria and we need all senior parents to attend to help our spring activities in order to make the Seniors '07 graduation nite a great success!

Region 14 Education Service Center's Alternative Certification Program ADDS Certification in the Areas of Math and Science

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2007-08 Alternative Certificaiton Program for Math and Science teachers will be accepted until **February 16, 2007**. The program allows college graduates wanting to be Math and/or Science teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full-time, serving as interns with metnor teachers in area school districts.

Participants complete training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued:

Applicatns are selected from those meeting the following admission requirement:

Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

For additional admission requirements, contact Region 14 E.S.C. Alternative Certification Program.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's Math and/or Science or EC-12 Special Education programs Contact:

J. Stevens-(325) 675-8603
OR
Janice Hill (325-675-8605

Obituaries

Hope Johnson

OPLIN-Hope Johnson, 78 of Oplin and a lifelong resident of Callahan County, died Thursday, November 31, 2006 in a local care center.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Bailey Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Dudley Cemetery.

Hope was born on December 18, 1927 in Callahan County near Denton Valley to Elwin and Dicy (Miller) Scott. She grew up in Denton Valley and graduated from high school there. She was the widow of Frank Johnson, who she married November 7, 1967 in Coleman. He preceded her in death in September, 1992. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include three sons, Terry Gleason and wife Bobalea of Potosi, H.T. Gleason and wife Marsha of Eula and Robert Gleason and wife Carolyn of Tuscola; one sister, Maxine Moreland of Clyde; nine grandchildren, Zachary Gleason, Chance Gleason, Kayla Hussman, Coby Gleason, Laura Gwinn, Matthew Gleason, Callie Gleason, Jacob Gleason and Marleigh Gleason; four great-grandchildren, Tyler and Tanner Hussman and Kylie and Preslie Gwinn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Ava Lou Gleason and Betty Sue Gleason, three brothers, Blanton, Pete and Winfred Scott and one sister, Daisy Ruth Scott.

Visitation was from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Jackie Lynn "Jack" Lord

Hawley-Jackie Lynn "Jack" Lord, 68 of Hawley, died Wednesday in an Abilene Care Center.

Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the Hawley Cemetery with Charlie Bell officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Visitation was from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday.

Jack was born December 3, 1939 in Selling, OK to William L and Naomi (Newell) Lord.

He atended school in Seiling and Woodard, OK. He married Betty Golson in Abilene on November 3, 1960. They lived in Fort Worth, Little Rock and Japan before moving to the Abilene/Hawley area in the late 1960's. He retired after 20 years with the United States Air Force where he served as a technical Sergeant and Flight Engineer during Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife: Betty of Abilene; his son, Gary Lord and wife Surenda of Hawley; his daughter, Donna Woodward-of-Pittsburg, Kansas, two sisters, Nadine Shaw and Jody Kornelle Barnett, both of Woodward, OK; two brothers, Paul Lord of Hawley and Weldon Lord of Quinlan, OK; three grandchildren, Sheene Lord, Cody Woodward and Whitney Woodward and one great-grandson, James Wyatt Parks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Dorris Shuck Cantu and Colene Burchett and one brother, Billy Lord.

Announcement

Brownwood Christmas Festivities...Retail Displays at Lyric Theater. Many shops under one roof! Sat. Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Santa at Depot 5:30. Lighted parade...6 p.m. Gala at 7:30 p.m. (325)646-9535.

Callahan Divide SWC Taking Windbreak Tree Orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first served bassis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock. TX. This year's selection of available trees includes five varieties of evergreens. They are Afganistan Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Italian Stone Pine, Pinyon Pine and Austrian Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for 5 for $15.00 or $65.00 for a box of 30 per species.

We are sorry to announce that we will not be selling the hardwood trees or the wildlife packets this year due to the Relocation on the Texas Forest Service Nursery.

Tree orders will be taken until January 26th, 2007 or until supplies run out. Whichever comes first. The trees will be delivered to Baird on Saturday February 17th, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon. All Orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery on that date.

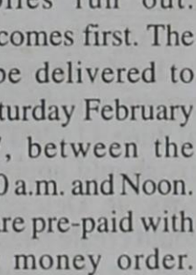
For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resources.

Conservation Service office in Baird, TX or (325) 854-1349, EXT 3.

The office is located in Baird at 141 W. 4th., Suite

Remember to Renew Your Subscription

Country Cowboy Church
710 N. Seaman Eastland
254-639-2155



Coffee & Donuts.....10:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

Pastor Chad Gosnell

Baird Depot Second Phase Underway

submitted by Betty Henson, Baird Foundation President

The Baird Foundation, sponsor of the 1911 T&P Railroad Depot Center and Transportation Museum project, is excited to announce that another Major milestone of the Project has been reached.

The Fain Group of Ft. Worth has been selected as general contractor for the restoration of the Depot and all thegroundwork has been laid for the construction phase to begin.

Larry Grazier, president of the Fain Group, presented his work plan and schedule to the Baird Foundation and Callahan County representatives in a meeting held November 8th. Work is to begin November 20th and expected to be completed in 240 days.

The initial order of work will be the asbestos abatement and clearance. Once that has been completed a ground-breaking ceremony will be held. a firm date and time will be announced but it will likely be mid-January.

Baird Foundation wishes to thank those who have supported our efforts to bring this project to fruition We remain committed to helping our community grow and prosper.

Baird P.T.O. Fundraiser

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There is even a way for online shopping aficionados to help out when they shop at any of the following stores: Avon, Barnes & Noble.com, Best Buy.com, Blair, Cabela's, Discovery Channel Store, Expedia.com, JC Penney, KB Toys, Kohl's, Land's End, Nordstrom, Office Depot, Office Max.com, Oriental Trading, Pottery Barn, Sears, Target, Terry's Village, and Wal-Mart.

BOOK LOVERS REVIEW

By Joy Michael

THE EVERYTHING GIANT SUDOKU BOOK
CHARLES TIMMERMAN
F&W PUBLICATIONS

This is the first book I have received from a publisher for a review. To me, this is quite an honor to receive a book for review. I hope they will keep coming in the near future.

Sudoku is the newest numbers game sweeping the nation. It is really grabbing everyone's attention and making people wild to try it. Once you get into this puzzle solving, it is hard to put down. I myself haven't solved this new puzzle, but when I talked about it to my daughter and niece who are 24 and 20 respectively, they both were excited about it as they both have tried it [illegible] times and have pretty much figured out how to solve these puzzles.

The object is to take a square block of nine squares and fill in the empty squares with the numbers one through nine and in any order but never using the same number twice. They give you a few numbers to start you out. Each column of nine numbers must include all digits one through nine in any order. Each three by three subsection of the nine by nine square must include all digits one through nine.

The book I reviewed contains about 300 puzzles from easy to medium in difficulty. It is available at all bookstores in paperback form for $9.95 which is a very good deal for puzzle lovers.

Once you get into it, you'll find yourself trying to solve these puzzles on the bus or train going to work, relaxing over your morning coffee, or wherever and whenever you can. It's completely addictive!

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Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Experienced, mature woman for home cleaning; Rainbow vacuum cleaning system knowledge helpful. Needed every other week for multiple in-home tasks. Good references required. Please call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to set interview.

For Sale

FOR SALE: Mostly highway-driven, '90 Oldsmobile Full Tank. Cutlass Supreme - V-6—loaded. 69,000 miles. Computer/gauges-Call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to see.

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

Family Van For Sale: Designer Conversion big engine, '91 GMC family van, 90,000 actual miles, white exterior/gray plush interior, pretty wood trim inside, garaged, clean, 4 captains, convertible couch, electric windows, TV/cassette, call 254-629-2413 to see after 6 p.m. $4995.00 firm.

Looking for: responsible Paper Route Delivery for Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains. Contract Call 254-629-1707

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Flooring for Sale From Old Gym

Baird Independent School District is in the process of refurbishing the old gymnasium. One of the main objectives is to replace the wooden floor because it is not level. The hardwood floor has been removed in sections of about 30 square feet. Thsse sections are for sale to the public for $1 per square foot. Preceeds from the sales of flooring will help defray the cost of updating the gym.

If interested in owning a piece of history you may call Scott Cooper at 854-1400 extension, 320.

Ann Williams Real Estate
601 Conrad Hilton Cisco www.annwilliamsrealestate.com
254-442-1880

ACREAGE
5 Acres with cabin combine[illegible] with a bathroom & closet. Water well, shop, creek, o[illegible]000.
10 Acres Lake Cisco paved road access by Lake Cisco, across from public lake access. $19,000.
12 Acres Lake Comanche gated Mercers Preserve at Lake Comanche, community lake access. $24,500.
15 Acres with cabin mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hill for home site, creek/drainage, water line SOLD astland School District, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs. Owner/broker, agent $46,500.
19 Acres by Lake Leon, creek, hill, paved road frontage, wooded mostly with oaks, overlooks Lake Leon, deer, turkey, hogs, quail.
25 Acres near Cisco, wooded and open, home site potential, $50,000.
29.72 acres with large hill. Mostly wooded with red oak and live oak, creek, water line, electricity, excellent home site. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, owner/broker, agent. $72,800.
40 Acres +/- partially wooded with oaks, 4 ponds, waterline septic system, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck.
61 Acres mostly wooded with live oaks, pond, one 5-acre field, excellent home site or recreation p SOLD s deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. $1,500 per acre.
61 Acres near Lake Cisco mostly wooded with live oak and post oak, two hills overlooking Lake Cisco with a canyon and creek in between the hills, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, $1,800 per acre.
65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road f SOLD es deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, $1,195 per acre.
93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity SOLD arts of Lake Daniels, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, $1,195 per acre.
98 Acres with 2-story house, 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, CH/CA, water well, creek, land is wooded with oaks and fields, creek, $250,000.
108 Acres with house 3 BR, 2 bath frame home, water well, land is mostly open with coastal and cultivated fields, creek, $345,000.
120 Acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oaks, 2 ponds, creek, hill, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, $1,495 per acre.
124 Acres with nice fifth wheel camper, mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 fields, big hill and other elevation SOLD ds, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail and duck. 221,555.
130 Acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oaks, pond, hill, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, $1,495 per acre.
151 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 SOLD ncludes deer, turkey, dove, quail, $196,490.
160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 ac SOLD large ponds in a canyon in the oak timber, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, $236,000.
191 Acres Stephen Co. wooded with oak & mesquite trees, large hill overlooking canyon, 2 ponds, next to large ranches, deer, turkeys, hogs, dove, quail, $248,378.
191 Acres mostly wooded SOLD ks, pond, hill, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, $1,495.
250 Acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oaks, pond, creek, 2 hills, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, $373,750.
275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice prope SOLD r, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, $328,625.
421 Acres with home 2-sto SOLD , in ground swimming pool, large metal barn with pens eek, mostly wooded.
435 Acres Horse ranch with 2002 built 3 BR, 2 bath, extensive shop, barn, livestock pens wooded with oaks and various improved grass fields, 9 ponds, lots of extras, $2,000,000.

COMMERCIAL
3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. $39,500. Call for details.
Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call to details.

HOMES
Only $12,000 for this 2 BR, 1 bath home with separate dining room. Call for details.
2 BR, 1 bath home on corner property with storm windows, some wood floors, large oak trees, attached garage and fenced backyard. $25,000.
Large 2 BR, 1 bath home. Could be arranged for a third BR, separate DR, detached garage with extra storage, many large oak trees, 1 1/2 lots, Reduced to $29,000.
Remodeled 2 BR, 1 bath home, since May 2005, owners have installed CH/A, vinyl siding, soft and facia, double pane tilt sash windows, steel entry doors, interior doors, water heater, floor coverings, rain gutters, bathroom fixtures, rewired, repainted inside. $38,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home with separate LR, DR and den, WBFP, CH/A, 2 vehicle carport, 2 vehicle garage with attached storage room or workshop and cellar, $36,000.
Large 5 BR, 2 bath home with 2 family rooms, big front porch, lots of character, large tree shaded lot. Call for details. $42,900.
4 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with 2 family rooms, CH/A plus woodburning heater, double pane windows, large covered deck, 2 lots, fenced back yard. $48,000.
3 BR 2 bath home, CH/A, SOLD ently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, back SOLD e garage. $48,500.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home with CH/A, large LR and master BR, small office, fenced backyard, large trees, storage building. $51,000.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick veneer home with CH/A, WBFP, storm windows, attached garage, covered SOLD d, detached room with full bath, small shop. $55,000.
4 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with CH/A, vinyl siding, carport, RV carport, storage bldg., above ground pool, on 4 lots. $56,000.
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/A on 24 lots. $59,500.
Very large 3 BR, 2 bath home, separate LR and den, CH/A, WBFP, many cabinets and closets, double garage, storage bldg., oak, apple and pecan trees. $76,000.
Large 3 BR, 2 bath home, (recently built) with 2 family rooms, CH/A, wooden deck, double carport, 2 storage buildings and shop or game room. Fenced backyard, corner property.
4BR, 2 bath, 2 story home with lots of character and space, separate DR, LR and den, 2 CH/CA units, v SOLD ws, jacuzzi, double carport plus single carport, workshop, many large oak trees, 151' x 270' lot. Also has mobile home hookups.
3 BR, 2 bath brick veneer home with CH/A, large rooms, office, many nice ash cabinets, WBFP, triple SOLD res, just outside Cisco city limits.

LAKE CISCO
1 BR, 3/4 bath cabin, 2 storage buildings, dock, many oak trees, lots of water frontage.
Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home, 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closets, balc SOLD oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock.
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NEW: Carbon- 1997 Clayton 16 x 60, 2-2 bath mfg. home, approx. 3/4 acre. $25,000.

NEW: Gorman- 2 houses/1 lot, 3-1 1/2 brick/frame, 1548', and 1-1 frame 648', several carports & storage buildings, app. 1.1 acres, several large trees, will separate. $52,900.

17 A W DeLeon, wooded, one small pon... SOLD ...ele... some new fence, nice homesite. $2750 per acre.

NEW: 17.55 A West DeLeon FM 587 m... SOLD ...fe... country water, nice.

30 A m/l Gorman, water well, elec. barn, coastal, old pond, good fences, 100s of small pecan trees. $2,500 acre.

100 A west DeLeon, 3-1 1/2-2 older brick, 1444', C-H/A, fireplace, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 35 A coastal, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. $295,000.00.

160 A m/l NW east Gorman on FM 2921: 65 a m/l coastal, 75 a m/l wooded, water well, pond, steel corral. Indications show lots deer, turkey and hogs, mineral rights. $2,900.00 per acre.

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LVN/MA: FT position in a fast pace clinic environment. Need dependable, organized, energetic, caring, friendly person. Apply @ Stephenville Medical & Surgical Clinic, 150 River North Blvd., Stephenville, TX 76401. FAX: (254) 968-4204; PHONE: (254) 968-6051. EMAIL: djones@smsc.org
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The City of Ranger has openings for the following positions:
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E98

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E104

Northview Development Center is now hiring energetic, outgoing people to join our team. No experience required, will train. Must have current valid drivers license and a clean driving record. Benefits include: Medical & Dental insurance, paid time off, 401K and retention bonus. Starting salary $8.50 per hour. Serious applicants need to come by Northview at 401 West Moss, Eastland and speak with Deniese or Laura E.O.E.
E1

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E104

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LOST: 15 year old female Chihuahua. Answers to name "Blondie". Last seen Wednesday, Nov. 29, 3 miles from Gorman on Kokomo Highway. Reward. Doris Bradshaw, 734-2159 or 734-4027.
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LOST: In Eastland - Ladies mingled light amber-brown plastic framed ladies eyeglasses- bifocal lenses with gold trim. Reward. Please call 254-629-2413.
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Christian couple seeking to live on ranch for exchange for work/rent. No kids. Husband has ranch and sale barn experience and is a country preacher. Wife is an accomplished oil and water color artist. Both man and wife good with cattle and horses. Husband experienced in bookkeeping, organization and public relations. Both are wonderful ranch cooks. Robert & Katie 903-477-2620.
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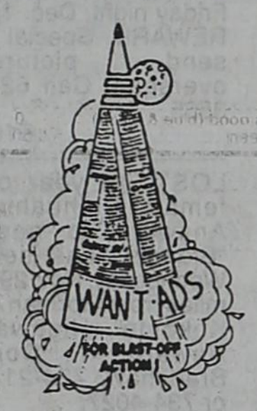
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The Creative Cook by Julia Merla

Are you looking for something really creative and inspiring to make for the holiday season? I have just the thing for you – Jif Glitter Balls. They're simple to make, but oh so festive! They're also beautiful and look like the perfect holiday sweet treat. They're also great to bring to parties or give as gifts.



If possible, get the kids involved with the decorating. I know when I look back to my own childhood, the memories of helping with the Christmas baking are so precious! Mom would make the dough and roll it out, and we kids would cut out the cookies, place them on the baking sheets, and decorate. Even my father got into the act, making our cookies really look like works of art. Of course, as we got older, our skills grew, and our love for the ritual never diminished.

I carried this tradition on with my own two sons. Even when they got older, they begged to help with the Christmas cookies. Hopefully, when they marry, they'll do this with their families as well.

JIF GLITTER BALLS
1 1/2 cups Jif Peanut Butter
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
1 (16-ounce) box confectioners' sugar
1 (12-ounce) package white chocolate chips
1 tablespoon Crisco shortening
*** Edible glitter**

In a large bowl, combine peanut butter and butter until blended; add confectioners' sugar, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring after each addition. Line a baking sheet with foil. Using your hands, shape peanut butter mixture into 1-inch balls. Place balls on prepared baking sheet; chill until firm, about 1 hour. Place white chocolate and shortening in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, stirring at 30-second intervals, until chocolate is melted and smooth, about 2 minutes. Line baking sheet with waxed paper. Using a spoon, dip each peanut butter ball into melted chocolate, spooning chocolate over ball to coat, if necessary. Once covered, sprinkle each bali with glitter. Use multiple colors to create a festive gift. Transfer snowballs to baking sheet. Chill 30 minutes.

*Edible glitter can be found at craft stores that have a candy/cake decorating department.

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Top Movies

1. Borat starring **Sacha Baron Cohen** *Rated: R*
2. Stranger than Fiction **Will Ferrell** *PG-13*
3. Casino Royale **Daniel Craig** *PG-13*
4. Happy Feet featuring the voice of **Robin Williams** *PG*
5. A Good Year **Russell Crowe** *PG-13*
6. Flushed Away featuring the voice of **Hugh Jackman** *PG-13*
7. Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause **Tim Allen** *G*
8. The Queen **Helen Mirren** *PG-13*
9. Flags of our Fathers **Ryan Phillippe** *R*
10. Saw III **Tobin Bell** *R*

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Matters of the Heartless

I do not expect to match the inimitable Redd Foxx in milking heart disease for all its worth. But I'll give it my best shot.

Foxx, master showman whose Sanford and Son held down prime time slots for five seasons, was the lovable Fred Sanford. The late comedian showed millions of men how to "dodge" work and sticky situations by feigning heart palpitations. He'd hold his chest, roll his eyes skyward and sputter that memorable line: "I'm coming to join you, Elizabeth."

Almost 100 months have passed since heart surgery fixed me up. Since then, Iíve become a dodger myself, working on the "Sanford shuffle".

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This scenario came to mind the other day when my wife of 40 years dragged out the ladder for the 40th season of Christmas lighting. Before you ask, no, I have never assisted in the project. Oh, he's too busy, she'd always say. Truth to tell, I can't meet her standards.

During our dozen years at Howard Payne University, she was DETERMINED to have the three-story, century-old presidentís home awash in clear twinkling lights by Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Realizing that students would be back on campus only briefly before heading back home for Christmas, she wanted them to "catch the spirit" early on.

About dusk, she'd reach from a high rung of the ladder on the third floor balcony to put the star in place.

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I was a straw boss, pointing out which of the thousands of loops of light should be lowered or raised.

If a TV football game beckoned, I'd leave the front door open so I could hear a thud if the ladder failed some 40 feet up.

My wife has safety measures down pat. She knows that some 6,000 "alleged" decorators show up in hospital emergency rooms during the Christmas season. These are the ones who fumble, tumble or stumble, most with reaches exceeding their grasps.

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As life's shadows lengthen, her annual decorating now is a comparative "slam dunk" at our ordinary one-story home.

Now, she strings just a few hundred lights, and sheís never more than eight feet off the ground.

I was supervising the project a few days back when her cell phone rang. Anticipating this possibility, she reached for the phone in her nail apron.

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The caller yammered on, determined to ìspiel her to death with honey-sweet come-ons.

Brenda smiled when the lady from the electric company called us ìpreferred customers, and spoke about our $100 "Christmas present"!

"When should we expect the check?" my wife questioned.

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Turns out, thatís not quite the way it works. Seems that $25 would be knocked off the bill each quarter. Hey, weíd also get a reduced rate—provided weíd made a two-year commitment to the company.

Brenda thanked the caller, but not for this "gift." Instead, it was for providing the reason she'd been looking for to justify checking out other companies, as others have suggested.

The lady then got an earful from a woman who doesnít cotton to having her decorating chores interrupted. Brendaís spiel included a reference to our colorful Uncle Mort.

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She told about Mort and Aunt Maude living down in the thicket, using more kerosene than electricity.

During a recent visit in our home, the old couple was enraged by a newspaper headline about quarterly energy company profits in the billions of dollars.

Mort and Maude almost had smothering spells.

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"I haven't seen this many "zeroes" since Maude spilled the Cheerios, Mort fumed.

He went on that Americans are feeling too many pinches in too many places, and he figures government ìde-control has done nothing but ìhurt the little guy.

"Seems like the fuel companies we depend on to cool us, heat us or transport us are inflating charges that just may kill us," Mort said.

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Over Christmas, we may drive down to the thicket to tell Mort and Maude how my wife handled the lady calling from the light company.

They'll congratulate her for "telling it like it is."

Mort'll brag about how they're better off without a phone. And he'll joke about Greeks bearing gifts.

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About that time, I'll hear Brenda fake a cough—her signal that itís time to go.

I'll glance at my watch, citing our need to get back home before dark.

My wifeís always "antsy" when darkness falls, because often there's a light strand out. I'll tell her I've already done my part: "The flashlightís in the top drawer, and has new batteries in it".

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Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in six states. He welcomes comments and inquiries. Send email to: newbury@speakerdoc.com Call him at 817-447-3872.

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Guest Slot

By H.V.O.

COMPLIMENTS AND genuine encouragement to the Cisco Loboes, their coaches, cheering sections, fans and the staff and administration on this years oh-so-successful football march. We're with you ALL THE WAY!

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LAST WEEK'S weather blast put a crimp on a lot of high priority projects here about, but it seems that things are getting back into the swing of the season. There are so many advantages to enjoying the many features that abound in our towns, as well as "shopping at home" features that truly make sense--"dollars and cents, for local merchants who foot the bills for so many good things, and for all of us who save traveling/eating/lodging money by shopping locally, as well as avoiding congestion stress as well as eliminating the possibility of being mugged at a distant shopping mall...Our chambers of commerce, cities, tourist and development organizations, clubs and individuals deserve super salutes for the good things that are planned for young and old in our towns.

We're constantly advised of new and special lighting displays in just about every nook and cranny. A lot of these are put together by individuals and/or families who just want to "brighten the corners where they are."

Thank you, one and all. Your work does not go unappreciated.

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ONE LAST simple reminder: If you have an account, photo and/or special remembrance of the '06 New Years Fire that you'd like to have included in a special edition of the Texas Messenger which is being put together right now to coincide with the anniversary, please contact Editor Margaret Hetrick at 254-629-1707. She especially wants every Fire Dept. represented.

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SOME TIME back we ran a report here on the case activity of the 91st District Court. Our data came from the State Records Section, and much to our chargrin, learned that the state's accounts were not up to date with the local data. So we've asked D.A. Russ Thomason's office and District Clerk's Office to please provide us a month end report of court cases tried with dispositions; and a report of scheduled up-coming cases. A number of readers have asked for these regular reports. The public would also appreciate upcoming grand jury session reports.

Sudoku Answers

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River of Life December Food Pantry Schedule

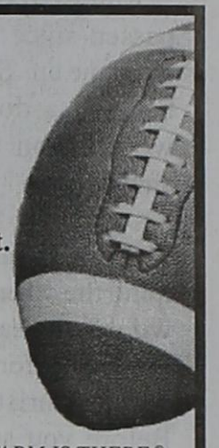
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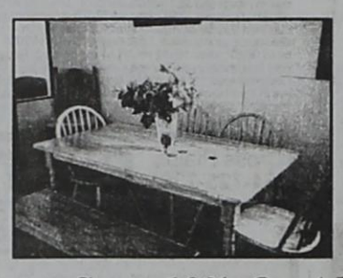
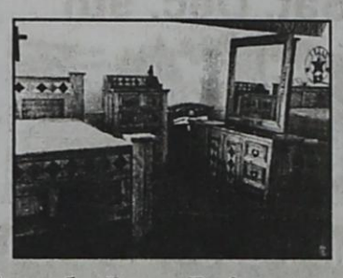
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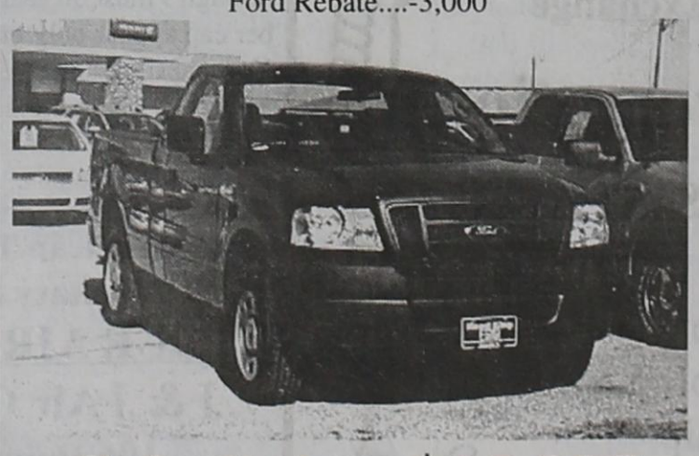
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Sunday, December 10, 2006 will be a very special day at the Kokomo Baptist Church. The dedication of the new church building will be held along with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the church. The program will begin at 10:00 A.M. There will be congregational singing, special music, a dedication service, a brief history of the church and special recognition of former pastors and their families, former members, volunteers who worked on the building and those who donated time, labor, equipment and money, and the interim preachers who have filled the pulpit since we have been without a pastor. Dr. Jimmy Nelson, a Baptist Missionary who grew up in the Kokomo Church, will be the speaker for the worship service. Rev. Jim Andrews, a former pastor will also participate in the program. Lunch (catered by Dale and Kathy Collum and sponsored by the church) will be served in the fellowship hall following the worship service. Former members and visitors are invited to come and enjoy this special day with the members of the church. If you can,t come for the service, there will be a time for visiting in the afternoon.

Ed Rodgers was the speaker for the Sunday morning service on Sunday, December 3. The special music was by the church choir. Daisy Slaton was a visitor.

Glynda Bond underwent a knee replacement last week in the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, and is home now and doing well. Those who have visited with Glynda and Joe were Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Betty Little, Ed and Ruth Rodgers, Zelda Jordan, Glenda Black, Oren and Norma Webb and Helen Browning.

Jacob Hall and friend, Cory of Cleburne visited on Saturday with Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Glenda Black of Abilene and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Those enjoying a family get-together in the home of Zelda Jordan during the weekend were Glenda Black and Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Joe and Justin Miles of Austin, Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock, Brad and Meagan Miles of Waco and Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Carbon. Sylvia Buchanan also visited with them on Saturday. Emily, who was four years old on November 26th continued to celebrate her birthday when she was presented more birthday gifts. Since it was too cold to be outside very much, board games were enjoyed inside.

Winter decided to pay us a visit with a cold front on Wednesday night and thunderstorms, sleet and snow on Thursday. Another cold front came through during the weekend with very cold air on Sunday and early Monday morning.

May God bless you all with His greatest blessings.

Open Casting Call For Major Hollywood Family Film

Francine Maisler Casting is conducting a statewide casting search for genuine/spirited boys (ages 10 to 14) to be considered for leading roles in an upcoming major Hollywood family movie to be filmed in Texas.

The casting team is currently searching for the "hero" of the story in the film as well as other characters within the respective age group.

There will be an open casting call held at The Elks Art Center, 1174 North 1st Street Abilene, Texas 79601 on Saturday, December 9th, 2006 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The facility is located at the intersection of 1st Street and Cedar in Downtown Abilene between the Grace Museum and the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature

The casting call will consist of a brief interview with a member of the casting team and possibly a brief interview on camera. Participants should bring a non-returnable photo. No previous acting experience is necessary. Interested participants may call the Information Line at (512) 637-9782.

While details of the project and its filmmakers are being kept confidential during the casting process, Bob Hudgins, the Director of the Texas Film Commission, has said, "The filmmakers are known to us and are well-respected both nationally and internationally - I assure you that this is a professional, legitimate film project, and one that I expect we'll all be proud of."

Francine Maisler Casting has cast films such as "Spider-Man," "Miami Vice" and "As Good As It Gets."

'Santa Clause 3' Held Over At Majestic This Weekend

Yes, you have another chance to gets some laughs from the new comedy/fantasy "Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause."

This Disney film is being held over for another week at the Majestic Theater in Eastland. "Santa Clause 3" is actually a sequel to an original movie in 1994 about an average man who becomes St. Nick.

The movie can be seen next weekend from Friday, Dec. 8 through Monday, Dec.11. Curtain time is 7:30 nightly, with General admission $4.50 at the box office. Balcony tickets are $6.00 for adults only.

The film is rated G, and considered family-type entertainment.

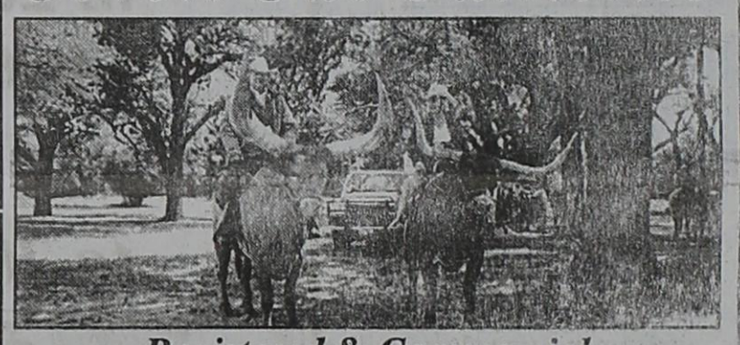
The human (Tim Allen) who became Santa Clause is really in trouble again.This time his wife (Played by Elizabeth Mitchell) is expecting a baby, and the in-laws are all hovering about.

What makes matters worse is that Jack Frost (Martin Short) has decided to take over the North Pole and run things to suit himself. He has already made some interesting forays into other parts of the world to set up cardboard cutouts of himself in malls, advertising "Frostmas."

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Agricultural Viewpoint

By Dale Dunlap- County Extension Agent-Ag

ATTENTION PESTICIDE APPLICATORS 5 HOUR CEU TRAINING

Commercial, non commercial and private applicators can receive 5 CEU's (Continuing Education Units) for participation in the CEU Training being held on Thursday, December 7th at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Stephenville. Cost is $30.00 per person which includes lunch. Registration in advance is suggested and can be confirmed by calling the Erath County Extension Office at 254/965-1460.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. Training topics will include an Update on Oak Wilt and Tree Care, Texas Department of Agriculture Laws and Regulations, Suppressing Horn Flies- House Flies- and Stable Flies, Do-It-Yourself Brush Control Equipment, and Feral Hog Control. The training will adjourn at 3 p.m.

POINSETTIAS

The red flowering poinsettia is by far the most popular flowering potted plant for the Christmas season. White, pink, and variegated white and pink are also available. Many new, long lasting varieties of poinsettias are now available. If properly cared for they may last a month or more after Christmas.

Care of the New Plant

1. Poinsettias use a lot of water. Check daily. Make sure soil remains moist, but do not allow water to remain beneath the pot in the saucer or wrapping. Too much water will cause the roots to rot, and the plant will deteriorate.

2. Keep the plant out of drafts. Excessively hot, dry air from heating ducts will reduce the life of the plant. Also avoid cold drafts. Poinsettias are semi-tropical, and cannot tolerate cold temperatures or rapid temperature changes.

3. Keep the plant where temperatures remain above 60 degrees. Temperatures between 65-70 degrees are ideal. It is not necessary to move poinsettias into a cool room at night.

4. Place the plant in good light, but not direct sun.

5. Do not allow the plant to wilt. Poinsettias are closely related to many desert plants. Their first response to dry conditions is to drop their leaves in order to cut down water loss.

Reblooming Poinsettias

Poinsettias are perhaps the most difficult flowering potted plants to rebloom in the home. Unless there is a special interest to try the technique, discard the plant after flowering.

After blooming, gradually withhold water. The leaves will then yellow and fall. Store the dried-off plant in a cool place with temperatures 50-60 degrees until spring. Water only enough to keep the roots from drying out.

In the spring place the plant in a warm room, and prune the stems back to about 6 inches. If there is more than one plant in the pot, divide and repot them at this time.

For repotting use a well drained soil. House plant potting soils available at garden shops are satisfactory. Or use one part garden soil, one part peat moss or leaf mold, and one part sand or perlite.

After repotting, place the plants in a bright sunny south window until frost danger is past. Sink the pot outdoors where it gets some wind protection, but where it gets sun most of the day. Light shade in the hottest part of the summer afternoons is desirable. Lift the pot occasionally to keep roots from growing into the surrounding soil. As new shoots develop, cut them back to allow two nodes or pairs of leaves to remain. Do not pinch back shoots after mid-August.

Plants may be started from cuttings, but rooting is fairly difficult under home conditions. Keep the plant in a good growing condition by watering and feeding regularly during the summer. Add a complete liquid fertilizer about once every two weeks. Watch carefully for insect or disease problems, and control immediately. Discard diseased plants.

Before the weather becomes cool in fall, bring the plant indoors and place it at a bright, sunny south window. Night temperatures for flower development should be between 60-62 degrees. At higher temperatures, flower development will be poor. Day temperatures may be 70-75 degrees.

The poinsettia is a short day (long night) plant. Make sure that it receives no additional light at night while flowers are forming. This critical period begins about October 1st, and continues until colored bracts and flower buds are visible. Even short periods of dim light can prevent flowering. If the plant is kept in a lighted room, cover it every night at dusk with a light-tight bag or cover. Remove the cover at about 8 a.m. each morning.

If these procedures are followed carefully, the plants should flower by midwinter.

Tidbits... by H.V.O.

VOICES FROM the past: MIKE COLLINS reports that additional copies of his book "Cornucopia of Evil" are being printed and that the screenplay based on the book by Dwight Adair is in the final stages of development. The film is tentatively entitled "The Documentalist". Keepsake stock certificates in the film have been received here at the Telegram and also at Centennial Memorial Library. Collins reports that he has just completed an extensive book tour.

JAMES STEEL, Rising Star native and former editor with us, now professional musician in Dallas area, dropped by for a visit.

GREY PIERSON, E.H.S. Exec., confirms that hs wife, recently elected to the State House of Representatives, will be a strong advocate for maintaining the 11th Court of Appeals for ever in Eastland.

EMORY WALTON, former District Attorney here, calls to thank the paper for having run the articles opposing the early release of James Duke Creel, whom Emory helped send down. Emory also shares that he has leaned that we had the same type of work in the Army.

WAIDA (Fields) MEDFORD of Abilene reports that husband, Ted, has had several stints as the result of recent heart conditions. She reports them "doing pretty good now."

JOHN TRIMBLE now back in Breckenridge for winter. His blue print of Carbon with others remembrances are being assembled for a special display here soon.

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POSITIVE RESPONSES from three State Officials regarding local requests for serious consideration of mental illness needs in this state. House Speaker Tom Craddick writes in part:

The Department of State Health Services has priorities the need for increased mental health funding . . . The funding of crisis stabilization efforts would potentially deter excess and unnecessary use of over burdened emergency rooms.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst writes in part I will carefully consider suggestion as we conduct interim studies and develop future legislative agendas.:

Senate Dean John Whitmire writes:

"As a member of Senate Finance and the Legislative Budget Board, I have serious concerns about agencies being asked to present baseline budgets or across the board reductions, particularly when they are already underfunded.

"Four Senate committees, including Senate Criminal Justice which I chair, have been assigned interim charges on mental health services. The Criminal Justice committee recently held a hearing on mental illness in the adult and juvenile criminal justice system. "I am convinced that mental illness is one of the major drivers behind our prison and probation population. We have got to do a better job at the front end to identify and treat mental illness in the community. We also have to do a better job of identifying and treating those people with mental illnesses who, unfortunately, are already in the criminal justice system.

"Again, thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns. I plan to speak out often against any proposed budget cuts, particularly in areas like mental health services. I hope you will also continue to speak out about mental health services and the need for additional funding."

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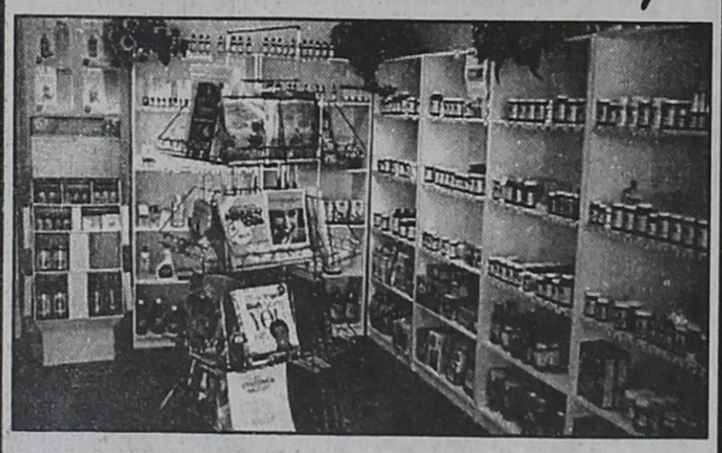


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Glaucoma does not necessarily cause noticeable symptoms, at least not ones most people would assume are not just a part of aging. But that does not mean it's not doing damage, as glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in the United States, accounting for between 9 and 12 percent of all blindness cases throughout the country. Because there are few or no symptoms to indicate the presence of glaucoma, regular eye exams bring on even greater importance. In addition, knowing what glaucoma is and how it can affect everyday life can lend a greater sense of awareness about this potentially damaging disease.

Types of Glaucoma

There are two types of glaucoma, each of which involves fluid and pressure buildup on the eye.

· Open Angle (or Wide Angle) Glaucoma: The more common type of glaucoma, open angle glaucoma occurs when fluid cannot exit the eye through the trabecular meshwork, or the drain of the eye. Essentially, the eye's drainage canals become blocked, increasing inner eye pressure as fluid cannot drain. When a person has open angle glaucoma, these drainage canals are similar to a clogged sink. While the drain in the sink itself is not clogged, the pipe going underneath the sink is. Similarly, the openings to the drainage canals are fine, but are clogged further in.

· Angle Closure Glaucoma: Angle closure glaucoma occurs when the angle between the iris and the cornea (where a drainage channel for the eye is located) is too narrow, resulting in poor drainage. This type of glaucoma is far less common than open angle glaucoma, and often results in sudden pressure build-up in the eye.

Who Is At Risk?

Glaucoma can occur in young adults, children and even infants, though it's most common in adults over the age of 40. African-Americans are more likely to get glaucoma and often do so at a younger age and with more severe symptoms, such as a greater loss of vision than other victims.

Those who are also at a greater risk of glaucoma are:

· People with a family history of glaucoma

· People with poor vision

· Diabetics

· People taking any systemic corticosteroid medication, such as prednisone.

Are There Any Symptoms?

In most instances, there are not noticeable symptoms, a frightening thought when considering vision lost to glaucoma cannot be recouped. However, any of the following symptoms should set off an alarm and result in an immediate visit to an eye specialist.

· Loss of peripheral, or side, vision, which is often a telltale sign of the onset of glaucoma

· Seeing halos around lights

· Persistent redness in the eyes

· Pain in the eye

· Eyes that look hazy, even after periods of prolonged rest

· Onset of tunnel vision, wherein a person's vision becomes increasingly narrow

Can Glaucoma Be Prevented and What's to Come?

Glaucoma cannot be prevented. The best thing anyone can do, whether they're in the more susceptible demographics or not, is to get regular eye exams. If detected early, glaucoma can be treated, greatly reducing potential vision loss. Treatment options include eye drops, laser surgery or microsurgery. An eye specialist will suggest what's the best option depending on each individual case.

What people with glaucoma can expect is continued vision loss if they don't seek treatment. Eventually, without treatment, blindness will occur. However, very few people who have glaucoma end up going blind, as the aforementioned treatment options will prevent further vision loss.

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The Program Development Group and the Local Work Group held a meeting in DeLeon, Texas. The purpose of these meetings was to provide recommendations to the Designated Conservationist for the development of the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentive Program for Comanche and Eastland Counties. Recommendations were as follows:

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Hillside Village Quilters Food Bank Quilt Display

The Hillside Village Quilters will exhibit their Food Bank quilt at Christmas at the Hilton in Cisco. For the last two months, the Food Bank has been serving many families.

For the last ten years this group of quilters has made a quilt to be given away during December of that year. The drawing is usually in or around the week of Christmas. Every cent brought in through the sale of tickets has, and will go to the Food Bank as the quilters donate even the materials used in the quilt.

The hillside quilters have for the year of 2006 made a magnificent quilt for this purpose. It is a Scrappy Stars Quilt. It is Queen sized—a quilt of many brilliant, beautiful colors brought together with a border of blue. There will also be a small Christmas Quilt, donated by the group, to be given away as a door prize.

They hope you will want to help the Food Bank with your donation. Christmas is a time of giving, and they think of the Food Bank as one of the most necessary projects they have in the City of Cisco. So come and give.

No Boundaries Basket Exhibit At Eastland County Museum December 16

"A Tisket,
A Tasket,
A brown and yellow basket..."

A popular song of the '40s—and a perfect theme song for the major exhibit coming to the Eastland County Historical Museum as a holiday treat for locals and visitors.

No Boundaries is the exhibit title and you haven't seen anything yet like it. A basket is a basket and mankind has used them for utility purposes since the first, and today baskets are everywhere—still being used for useful purposes, but so much more—in decor, to display wares and a 101 other basket uses.

Beginning with an elaborate holiday opening on Dec. 16th, the Museum will be aglow with baskets the likes of which few have ever seen. A half dozen specialists in the field were asked to create and invite six others to participate, so the result is a treat to behold.

Joint sponsors of this extraordinary exhibit are Humanities Texas, Hood King Motor Co., Fullen Motor Co., Eastland Community Foundation and the Eastland County Museum Association.

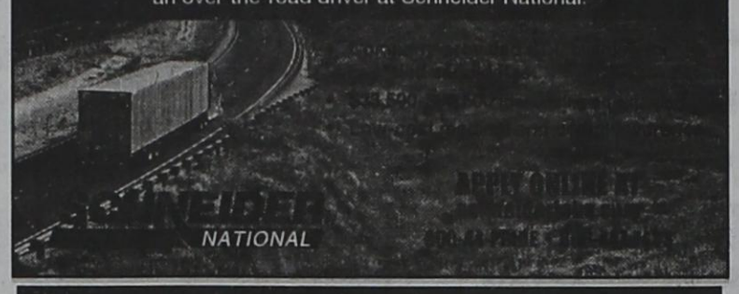
As an extra added attraction, Norman Logan's Eastland High School Art Class will also exhibit their own versions of basket you may not have seen before. All in all a treat to compliment the outstanding exhibit put together by the Society of Arts and Crafts, through the distribution of Exhibits USA.

S.A.C. is the oldest (organized in 1897) non-profit arts and crafts organization in the nation.

So, plan now to make the free Contemporary Basketry Exhibit at the County Museum as part of your holiday special treats for your family, friends and visitors.

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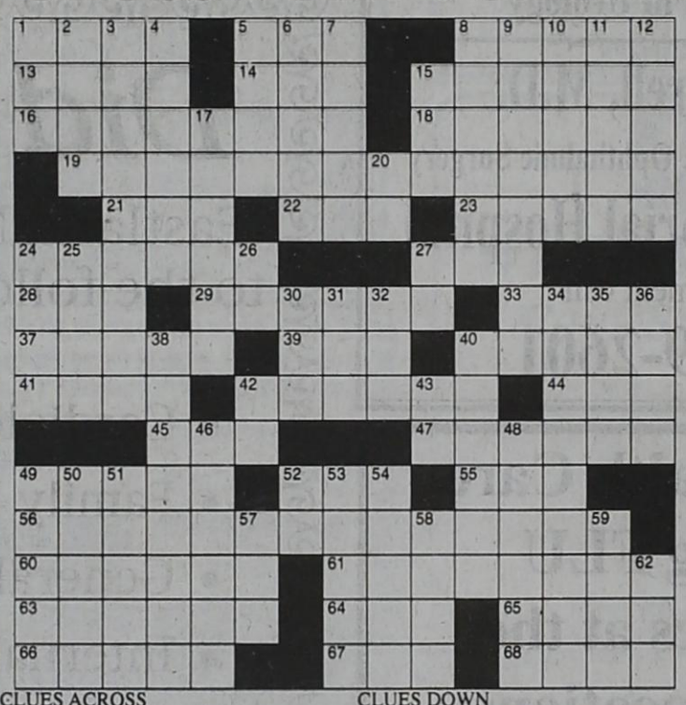
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Batman wears one
5. Health resort
8. A structure forming a covered entrance
13. Mental object
14. Kilo yard (abbr.)
15. A list of corrigenda
16. Polite for "buttocks"
18. Lemon juicer
19. Place to purchase the Times
21. NYSE for General Mills, Inc.
22. Last in an large series
23. High-class
24. Building for dead bodies
27. Sinai port
28. News organization
29. Cut and rearranged a movie
33. Midwest state
37. Airport in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
39. Busta Rhymes music
40. Tennis player Guillermo
41. Noah's oldest son (Bible)
42. Strong, durable paper
44. Fire residue
45. Type of snake
47. Multiple mortalities
49. No. Am. diving duck
52. Main
55. No seats available
56. Dining set
60. Let go
61. Powers
63. Started a computer
64. Tenn. city, 38110 (abbr.)
65. Fly fishing feather barb
66. More dried-up
67. Sweet drink
68. Czar

CLUES DOWN
1. Rodrigo Diaz, El ___
2. Yemen port
3. Duck hawk falcon
4. Insect order demaptera
5. Beehive basket
6. Chem. compound C5H6O
7. Highly skilled
8. Suddenly as if by magic
9. Cantata
10. Came__: TV equipment operator
11. Cilia locomotor organ
12. Author of "Jude the Obscure"
15. Make a mistake
17. Egresses
20. Common Canadian saying
24. Colorful fall plants
25. Moonfish
26. -__, denotes past
27. Touchdown (abbr.)
30. Gershwin brother
31. Hide treatment
32. Indicates near
34. Addresses
35. Upon a star
36. Expresses pleasure (pl.)
38. Walk
40. Roman conqueror
42. Pa's partner
43. Libyan dinar (abbr.)
46. Sealed container tool
48. Correctly
49. Ticket-holder receipts
50. Light boat with sharp ends
51. Dislike intensely
52. Tin
53. Excessive fluid in tissue
54. Blemished skin
57. Combine numbers
58. Sc___: plan to cause harm
59. Serum (pl.)
62. Single Lens Reflex

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Obituaries

Linda Kay Gomez Pierce

Linda Kay Gomez Pierce, 46, of Hawley, died Tuesday at a Dallas hospital

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Hawley Cemetery with Rev. Keith Clifton officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Linda was born April 15, 1960 in Baird, Texas to Troy and Barbara (Pitts) Lambert. She was a graduate of Clyde High School. She married Justin Pierce in Clyde on May 21, 1999. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Justin of Hawley, a son, Justin Slade Pierce of Hawley; her mother, Barbara Lambert of Clyde; her father-in-law, Hammons Pierce and wife Linda Ruth Pierce of Hawley and her mother-in law, Beth Pierce of Irving. She was preceded in death by her father and a daughter, Brooklyn Jayce Pierce.

Visitation was from 6-7:309 p.m. Thursday at the Funeral home.

City of Clyde Seeking Your Ideas On Centennial Celebration in July 2007

The City of Clyde is planning a Centennial Celebration in July of 2007. We are interested in what the citizens of Clyde would like to see for our celebration. On our Web Site, you will find a poll of different activities. Please check this out and see if there is something you would like to vote on. If there is something different you would like to see, please e-mail me and let me know. This event is for thecitizens of Clyde.

We want to make this a very fun and special event. Your input is very important to us so get involved in these decisions. Our web site is www.clydecityhall.com to take the poll and the email is clydeh2o@clydecityhall.com. If you do not have Internet access, you may also send your requests for this through the U.S. Mail. Our address is City of Clyde, Attn: Centennial Celebration, P.O. Box 1155, Clyde, Texas 79510. We are looking forward to your input.

Submitted by
Lorrie D. Trammell

Cowboy Heritage Church Open Team Ropings Underway

The Cowboy Heritage Church in Clyde will be hosting open team roping at the Church located north of Interstate 20.

The open ropings will be held every Saturday beginning November 4th. The roping event will begin at 2:00 p.m. until finished.

The cost is $20 for the no limit/all you want to rope event.

No alcohol is allowed on the premise.

Cowboy Heritage Church is located north on Hays Rd. approximately 1/2 mile north of the Interstate 20, Exit 299 mile marker.

Boys High School Basketball

Baird-57, Rising Star-29

Rising Star- 7 5 9 8-29
Baird 18 9 18 12-57

Rising Star - Stone 4, Long 14, Steubing 2, Harris 7, McGinn 2.

Baird- SUAREZ 28, OWENS 2, MCDOWELL 5, JOHNSTON 7, ENGLISH 2, K. Burns 7, C. Burns 2, Dugan 4.

Records-Baird 2-3.

Cross Plains 38, Miles 30

Cross Plains 14 2 12 10-38
Miles 9 6 10 5-30

Cross Plains-Phillips 11.

Miles- Billarell 12.

Records-Cross Plains 3-4.

J.V. Score: Cross Plains 32, Miles 18.

Clyde 30, Eastland 41

Eastland 9 9 12 11-41
Clyde 6 6 4 14-30

Eastland-Simmell-18, Wells 14, Snyder 4, Bradley 2, Strube 2.
Clyde-Welch 6, Mates 7, Harris 7, Loper 6.
J.V. Score-Eastland 35, Clyde 32.

Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest

POSTER ENTRIES shall be on standard poster board, cut to half size 22" X 14". Artwork on poster entries should be produced with materials which do not readily smea, crack or chip. If necessary a fixative or lamination may be used. Poster entry artwork should be flat.

Each poster will need an entry form attached to the back of the poster.

Students may choose one of the two themes for this years contest. #1 "Water Wise."

#2 "Celebrate Conservation". Students will be awarded a ribbon for participation by the district. Arrea Winners will be presented with a plaque.

A Digital Photograph will be required of each winner from the County competition to be published in the local paper and the SWCD newsletter.

The district will choose three winners from the Callahan County School Districts 4th, 5th and 6th grades. These posters will be submitted to the Area 5 competition. If one of these posters is selected it will then be sent to the State competition. All posters must be turned into Callahan Divide SWCD no later than January 28, 2006. Please contact Judi Winans at Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District, 141, W. 4th Street, Suite B, Baird, TX 79504. **325-854-1349, Ext 3.**

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Baird Exe Students

Ashley Pugh,
Matthew Ramirez,
William Ross,
Jessica Garnett,
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Blake Mendez,
Clelsey Hasha

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Judge Corn Excellent in Education for County Responsibilities

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Judge Corn was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy on November 15th at a Reception in Austin.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law adn the Texas Association of Counties names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

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Custom Map Orders Available

contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th St. Baird, TX or Call (325) 854-1349, EXT 3. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany NRCS at 325-762-2552, EXT. 3.

2006-07 Calendar Baird I.S.D.

next Teacher Development Workday:
December 22
May 25
Staff Development Day: ends Aug. 11

**Compensatory Days: November 21-22 also January 19.*

Bad: Weather Day: May 11.
Students Holidays: Labor Day, September 4

Thanksgiving, November 20-24

Christmas break, December 21-January 7

County Stockshow: January 19.

Spring Break, March 12-16

Easter, April 6

TAKS TESTING days: October 17-20, February 13-15, April 4, April 17-20, May 15

B.H.S. Graduation: May 25, 2007
****Three staff development waiver days required during the summer or weekends to compensate the 3 days in November and January.*

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ships, corporations, or cooperaives in which U.S. Citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The F.S.A. office in Anson is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BUS SERVICE MINISTRY, Schedule AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BAIRD, December

You Will Be HAPPY to learn that the adventure will continue through our bus ministry! The bus ministry will serve children age three through senior adults, who live within the Baird city limits, and are needing a ride to our Sunday School (bible Study) and Worship Serv. beginning at 9:45 each Sunday. If you or a child in your neighborhood have been unable to attend Sunday School and Worship Services due to lack of dependable transportation, here is your opportunity!

With August 20 only a couple of weeeks away, we encourage you to contact the church office at 854-1574 to receive important information pertaining to pick-up times and enorllment for this serv.

We will be eagerly anticipating your calls!

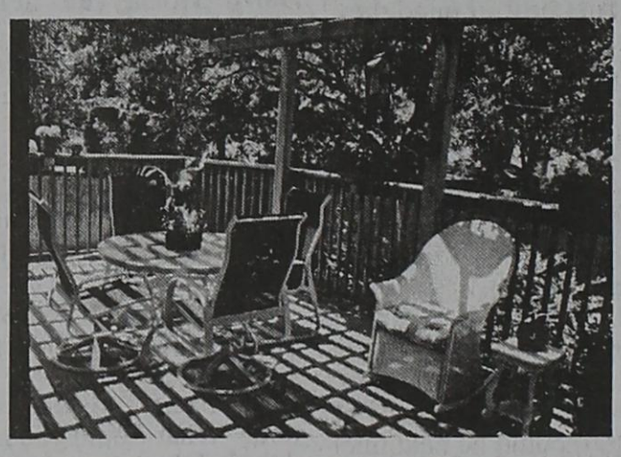
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Obituaries

Olivia Young

Olivia Young, age 85, of Granbury,TX passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at Trinity Mission in Granbury, Texas. A graveside service was to be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 24, 2006 at Ross Cemetery in Baird, TX directed by Parker Funeral Home in Baird, TX. Rev Don Fawcett officiated.

Olivia was born November 26, 1920 in Granview, Texas. She had lived in Granbury since 1975, moving from Fort Worth, Texas to Granbury, TX. She retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in 1975 with 26 years of service as an operator. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Granbury, Tex. and was a member of the Communications Workers Assoc. Unio and Pioneers of Southwestern Bell.

She married Ray R. Young in Decatur, Texas on December 3, 1971.

Survived by; husband, Ray R. Young of Granbury, TX; daughter, Pat Cooke and husband Mike of Abilene; two grandchildren, Kellie Cooke of Little Rock, Arkansas and Jay Cooke of Amarillo, TX; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Allene (Webb) Hays

CLYDE -MARY ALLENE (Web) Hays, 91 of Midland and formerly of Sterling City, died Saturday in a Midland care facility.

Gravesde services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Clyde Cemetery with Dr. John Estes, Jr. officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hays was born December 31, 1914 in Roaring Springs, TX to W.W. and Belle (Ballard) Webb. She moved to Clyde from Roaring Springs at an early age and attended Clyde High School She was the widow of Mario of Marion Hays, whom she married on August 25, 1932 in Clyde. They moved from Clyde in the mid-1950's to Sterling City. They moved to Midland from Sterling City in 2000. She was a homemaker and a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Hays of Grandview and Keelon Hays of Ft. Worth; two daughters, Petty Hay, Norris of Midland and Ann Hays Prather of Sparks, Nevada, NM; four-teen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one daughter, Helen Carruthers.

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Red Cross Needs Your Help

the donated dollar even further. Additionally, financial contributions to the local disaster relief fund make it possible to help families displaced by house fires and other disasters, for the Red Cross. To make a gift to the local disaster relief please call 325-677-2622 or mail it to Big Country Region American Red Cross 1610 N. 2nd Abilene. TX 79601. For free information on how to protect your home from a wildfire, or for tips on staying safe in extreme heat, please visit the site www.redcross.org.

Girls' Basketball Ticker

Non-District:

Ranger 33, Cross Plains 30

Cross Plains 7 10 4 9-30
Ranger 8 13 7 5-33

Cross Plains: Douglass 9, Phillips 5, Cook, 5; Bennett 3, Martinez 4, Augustine 3, Gary 3.

Ranger: Walton 5, Tucker 8, Scott 5, Lucky 6, Sorrells 4, Hodge 2, Eckoff 2.

2006-07 Baird Bear and Lady Bear Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
OCT 28	Rising Star(Scr.)	There	TBA	JVG, VG
OCT 31	Hawley(Scr.)	Home	TBA	JVG,VG
NOV. 7	Santa Anna (49-53	There	5:30	JVG, VG
NOV. 14	Newcastle	Home	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
NOV16&18		There	TBA	JVG, JVG, VG, VB
	Cross Plains JV Tourney			
NOV. 17	Rotan	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
NOV. 20	Hawley	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
NOV. 28	Rising Star	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
NOV.31-DEC 2	RobyTourney	There	TBA	VG, VB
NOV32.DEC 2	Hawley JV Tourn.	There	TBA	JVG, JVB
DEC. 5	Roby	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
DEC. 7-9	Cross Plains Tourn.	There	TBA	VG, VB
DEC 12	Trent	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
DEC. 14-16	Rule Tourn.	There	TBA	VG, VB
DEC 14-16	Jim Ned Tourn.	There	TBA	JVB
DEC. 16	Albany JV. Tourn.	There	TBA	JVG
DEC. 21	Hamlin	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 2	Miles	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN. 5	Hamlin	There	5:00	JVB, VB
JAN. 5	*Eula	There	6:00	JVG,VG
JAN. 9	*Cross Plains	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 12	*Winters	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 16	DeLeon	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 19	*Albany	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 23	*Eula	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 26	*Cross Plains	There	4:00	JVG. JVB, VG, VB
JAN 30	*Winters	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
FEB. 2	Open			
FEB. 6	*Albany	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
FEB. 9	*Eula	There	5:00	JVB, VB

*DISTRICT GAMES

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Thursday, December 7: Homemade Chili w/ Cornbread or Hot Ham & Cheese on a Kaiser Roll, Baked Fritos, Celery Sticks, Peach Cobbler, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Friday, December 8st: Bear Burgers or Bear Dogs, or Deli Sandwich, French fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Dessert, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Monday, December 11th: Spaghetti w/ Cheese Sticks, or Beef & Bean Burrito, Whole Kernel Corn, English Peas, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Fresh fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday December 12th: Chicken Sticks or Steak Fingers, Peppered Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Fruit Cup.

Wednesday, December 13th: Chili Cheese Nachos, or Chicken Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato , Brownie, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Thursday, December 14th: Checken Nuggets, or Chili Mac, Tossed Salad, Veggie Sticks, Wacky Cake, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Boys' Basketball Scores:

Clyde 72, Eastland 32...

Clyde 21 24 15 12- 72
Eastland 7 5 7 13-32

Clyde: Yates 18, Clifton: 14, Roberts 12, Henson 10, J. Holland, 6

Records-Clyde 2-3, Eastland 0-4
J.V. Score-Clyde 61, Eastland, Eastland 10
Freshman-Clyde 50, Eastland 53.

Guest Slot>>>by H.V.O. (Publisher)

Response to Provoking Situation:

One of two-questions answered for inquirers this week. Presuming that we know everything (which we don't), a caller asked why emergency vehicles scream sirens and emergency horns on otherwise deserted streets, even on early morning weekends might be an easy one: bear in mind they are on their way to emergency situations and deserve a clear, free right of way. It is our understanding that they are required to comply with all traffic laws. Consider: if they were running to an emergency without sounding sirens or horns and accidentally run over someone or into something, causing damage, injury or death, the operators (city, county or hospital) could be held libel for not providing adequate warnings.

Second question we're not prepared to answer. Caller wondered if their are logical reasons why federal, state and local offices take off Fridays after Thursday holidays. We assume that their pay is adequate, so it's probably not compensatory. One answer might be that it might be more economical to give the day off rather than fire up offices for one day's work. Most independents use such days as "catch up" time for filing, cleaning and otherwise utilizing the time. (There is one other fact worth mentioning: When a lot of folks (whose taxes help pay the salaries of public officials) are working hard to "keep business here" with additions, expansions and big investments, long weekends certainly provide, if not induce, opportunity for out-of-long weekends certainly provide, if not induce, opportunity for out-of-town shopping jaunts, especially at this holiday season.

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VERY INTERESTING responses to our recent inquiry here about "what would you have done", regarding an incident we had witnessed in which a distraught mother screamed at and acually hit her young child in a public place. We mentioned options, but acutally did nothing but fume within our self. Dana Storm, an active worker with the Crisis Center, in Eastland, suggested that we might have given more consideration to the mother. maybe she'd had a bad day, Dana suggested, and a sympathetic Word might have done more good than anything.

Our friend, J.B. Johnston, had similar thoughts and wrote:

"In response to your question, "What would you have done?" I think I would have, and have on some occasions, done exactly as you did. I have often wondered, just what would be the best reaction to such a situation.

This young mother had obviously been upset by something, or someone, and was taking it out on the only defenseless ones there; her own children. In my opinion, to intervene would have only made it worse on the kids, when she got them alone. We see this type of conduct often in today's society due to the frustation of living in such a fast paced environment. Roadrage is a prime example. This young mother obviously needed help.

I have often wondered what to say that would have calmed this person down and make them realize what they are doint to their children. I, too, would like to take them to the woodshed, but as I stated, this probably would only aggravate the situation. A great football player and religious man, Reggie White, used to say after being fould ellegally by an opponent. "Jesus Loves You." I have never had the nerve to say this, in a case like you mentioned but with at times I had said "Jesus loves you and those beautiful children, too." She would probably have told me to mind my own business, but I'll bet it would have stuck in her mind."

J.B. Johnston

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Article 258.005(b) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, TX, provides this notice to the public of its adoption, on February 27, 2006 of a County Road Map including each road in which Callahan County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. A County Road map including each road in which the County claims a public interest has been available for inspection by the public at the County Clerk's Office in the County Courthouse during business hours, since December 1, 2005, and as revised by a Jury of View since date of adoption as a final County Road Map

Callahan County has complied with all procedures set forth in Chapter 258 of the Texas Transportation Code, Callahan County hereby advises the public that a two year period of limitation. which expires two years after the date of adoption, or February 27, 2008, will thereafter bar litigation contesting the county's right to continue maintenance upon the roads set forth in the County Road Map and as set forth in this notice.

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