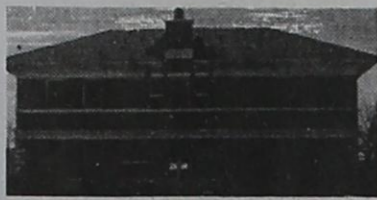


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Commentary Corner

I would like to encourage readers of the Callahan County "Baird Star" to send any comments as to how our Newspaper could better service the town of Baird

Bears : "Good Luck in the Play-Offs"

Don't forget to do something special for you Mother
May 8th - Mother's Day

by
Gary Grady

BAIRD BEARS Sports, Events and News Spring 2005

Bear Golf

May 9 - 10 - State Tournament Boys/Girls
Morris Williams

BHS! GO BEARS!

Baird Coyotes

- May 9 - Coyotes VS Diablos 5:00 Home
- May 12 - Coyotes VS Mets 5:00 There
- May 16 - Coyotes VS Blue Claws 5:00 Home
- May 21 - Coyotes VS Mets 5:00 There
- May 23 - Coyotes VS Blue Claws 5:00 Home
- May 28 - Coyotes VS Diablos 5:00 There

all games played at Clyde Little League field

Willingham Family Reunion Set for May 29th

It's That time of year- Reunions - School Reunions - Class Reunions and Family Reunions.

The Willingham family will be converging on Baird and Clyde area the last of week in May. The Family Reunion Dinner will be Sunday, May 29th in the Bingo Hall building in Tye, Texas hosted by Bill Ray Willingham.

The decendants of Sam and Etta Willingham from Oplin get together every Memorial Day. Family members come from as far away as California, and Nebraska for a time of visiting, remenscing and meeting new family members. Treks are made to local cemeteries to place flowers on the graves of family members.

Baird Marketing Alliance

The Baird Marketing Alliance Committee members are happy to report that the tags on the billboard advertising the upcoming Antiques Market/Trade Days June 10 - 11 were put in place Sunday afternoon

The committee appreciates Weldon Henson and his grandson Cody Shouse, Rick Oliver and Joe Ramos for volunteering their time and effort for this community service. Great job, guys.

A limited number of Tea Time Appraisal Fair Tickets are available. Tickets cost \$20 per item to be examined and must be purchased in advance of the event scheduled Saturday, June 11 from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m.

Donald King Cowan and C.L. "Sam" Webb, accredited members of the International Society of Appraisers, are making their third appearance in Baird during the Annual Antiques Market/Trade Days. This Dynamic duo is delightful and very knowledgeable. Don't miss this event, Anita Mays, ower of Wit's End, 400 Pine Street in Baird will be this year's hostess.

Call 854-1756 or 854-2003 to purchase tickets.

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Wedding, & Engagement
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in Baird**

Baird Bears

Going To The Play-Offs



The Baird Bears will be in the play-offs starting this Saturday at 12:00pm in Abilene at Abilene High School VS Hamlin

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM
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Neighboring News

We invite all our neighbors in Putnam, Moran, Cross Plains, Gorman, Desdemona, Morton Valley, Carbon, Olden, Strawn, Mingus, Santo, and Gordon to submit your local news and events to our newspapers: The Callahan County Baird Star, Cisco Press, The Rising Star, Eastland Telegram, and Ranger Times. We welcome your community news!

Contact the Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers by phone at 254/629-1707; Toll Free: 888/227-1708 Fax: 254/629-2092; Email: telegram@eastland.net

Coyote News

In the 1920's Baird fielded a semi-pro league team known as the Baird Coyotes. The papers of the day covered the Coyotes in detail and the exploits of their players such as pitching all-star Rawleigh Ray who was called up to pitch for the San Angelo professional team on occasion. In honor of that historic ball club, the Baird Little League minor division team has taken the nickname "Coyotes" with great pride

The Coyotes took on the Clyde Diablos on April 16th at the Clyde Little League field. The Coyotes fell to the Diablos 10-8. Jake Green pitched a complete game for the Baird team, recording five strikeouts in the four inning contest. Garrett Deel, Ty Rhoads and Nikolas Darnell each scored two runs, while Green and Anthony Urdialez crossed the plate once. Rhoads also recorded three hits in the game, including a triple. Darnell also recorded a triple, and Green added a single.

Stolen bases were tallied by Rhoads, Darnell, Green, and Preston Clark. Walks were drawn by Deel (2), Darnell, Russell Swinney, Clark, Coby McGongil, and Scotty Burton took one for the team to reach first base on a hit by pitch. The Coyotes received strong fielding from all of the above, as well as Bryson Moore, Shane Thackerson,

Cody Bryant, Sam Green, and Nicholas King.

The Baird Coyotes defeated the Clyde Mets Thursday, April, 21st earning their first victory of the season by the score of 17 - 14. The Coyotes sent 15 batters to the plate in the first inning to grab a 10 run lead. Nikolas Darnell and Jake Green hit back triples while Bryson Moore, Cody Brant and Ty Rhoads added run producing singles. The Coyotes withstood a late Charge from the Mets and evened their season record at 1-1. For the game, Bryant and Sam Green scored three runs each, and Nicholas King added two. Rhoads had 4 RBI, and Garrett Deel and Nikolas Darnell added 3 each. Jake Green started the game on the mound and notched the win, while Deel struck out the side to close out the game and earn the save.

Admiral Cemetery Meeting and Workday

The Admiral Cemetery Association will conduct its annual membership meeting and workday at the cemetery on Saturday, May 7th. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at noon. Families with loved ones buried in the cemetery are asked to come out and help remove trash, trim trash, trim trees and bushes, and fill-in graves that have settled. The business meeting will include a financial report and an election to fill the expiring term on the board of directors currently held by Larry Cauthen.

The Admiral Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas for the purpose of improving and maintaining this historic site. The work of the association is funded by interest earned on a certificate of deposit and gifts and memorials offered by friends and family members. Low interest rates have drastically reduced the yeild of the association's endowment over the past year. This has created a critical need for contributions if the present level of maintenance is to be continued in the months ahead.

All donations to the Admiral Cemetery Association's Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at any branch of the First National Bank of Baird or may be mailed to 7257 CR 474, Baird, Texas 79504.

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SCRANTON MUSICAL

The monthly musical will be held Saturday, May 7 at the community center.

The concession stand will begin serving at 5:30 and the music starts at 6:00.

All area musician are invited to play. Please call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Mark Ray will be the emcee. Come out to enjoy a great night of entertainment and some good food.

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Help Wanted

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Experienced convenient store cashier wanted in Putnam, Texas. Please call 325-662-3328. B52

Business Services

Don't forget Mom Sunday, May 8th. Free gift wrap at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX. B18

Putnam News

Putnam Homecoming

The Putnam Homecoming will be held on May 21, 2005 at the putnam Schoolhouse. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM. A hospitality room will be set up for refreshments and visitation. The noon meal will be Bar-b-que sandwiches and trimmings. There will be no charge for this meal. A business meeting will be held after the lunch and then more visiting. The class of 1955 will be honored as the 50 year class.

Obituaries

Delbert George 'Gabby' Gabbert

CISCO- Delbert George 'Gabby' Gabbert, 71, of Cisco, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005 in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services with full Military honors was held Friday, April 29, 2005 at 10 a.m. in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery, directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home. Rev. Matthew McGowen officiating.

Mr. Gabbert was born September 20, 1933 to George and Lois (Brooks) Gabbert in Callahan County, Texas. He married Kutsuko Gabbert. She preceded him in death in 1988. He was a Sergeant Major in the U.S. Marine Corps and served for 22 years in Korea, Vietnam and other Theaters.

Survivors include daughters, Jeanne Hunt, Nena Clark, Gina Gabbert, all of Sacramento, CA. and Brenda Lily of Cloquet, MN; a son, Delbert George Gabbert; grandchildren, Angela Rodriguez, Christopher Carroll, Chase Hunt, Cameron Lily and Caitlyn Lily.

Memorials may be made to the VFW in the Cisco-Eastland area.

Betty Jean Hickman

Betty Jean Hickman, longtime Austin resident dies Wednesday April 27th, 2005 in Austin, Texas. Born March 27th, 1927 in Baird, Texas to a prominent ranching family, she was known to her friends and family as Betsy.

She Attended Baird schools, graduating from Baird High School in 1945. She belonged to the choir, the Spanish Club and the Dramatics Club. After graduating she volunteered at the Callahan County Library, and belonged to the junior Wednesday Club. Betty was also a member of the Congress Avenue Baptist Church in Austin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ace and Beulah (Reaves) Hickman, her brother Reaves of Albany and her sister Beatrice "Bee" Zinn of Big Spring. She is Survived by several cousins. She is also survived by many friends including Ms Frances Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Weaver and Aubrey Jr., all of Big Spring, De Guzman, Mildred Jackson, Mrs. Ethelyn McGowen, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moring and Family, Tom Ivey and Janice Ferguson. Services were held Saturday April 30th at 11 am at Harrell Funeral Home, Austin Texas.

Pointers For Parents

Raise A Child Who Wants To Change The World

(NAPS)—Parents dream of raising a child who makes the world a better place. But if it's hard to imagine your own offspring as a budding Albert Schweitzer, take heart, says Dr. Richard Gallagher from the NYU Child Study Center.

"Parents often underestimate their kids' desire to make a difference," says Dr. Gallagher. "The good news is that today there are more opportunities than ever to get kids involved in community service." Dr. Gallagher offers these tips to help parents get kids started:

- **Be a role model.** Even if you have limited time to volunteer yourself, consider how you talk about others. Praise people who are making a difference. Show tolerance for those who make mistakes.

- **Teach kids to help others starting at a young age.** Even preschool children can learn to contribute around the house, share, and help siblings. Starting around first grade, encourage volunteer activities outside the family. Depending on the child's age and interests, activities might include playing with dogs at a local animal shelter, volunteering at the local library or walking to fight disease. Check your local United Way for listings of volunteer activities.

- **Encourage your child to take part in a youth program,** which can help by providing structure and incentive for volunteering. For example, the free Start Something program from Target and the Tiger Woods Foundation has enrolled more than 2.5 million youths and awarded more than \$1,000,000 in scholarship funds to kids who



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are reaching for their dreams and making the world a better place. Find out more at www.target.com/start something.

- **Help your child set aside regular time** for volunteer activities, such as taking part in a community cleanup day. Committing a couple of hours per week is a good goal.

- **Talk about local, national and international issues** that your child may want to help address. For example, your child can help address the issue of hunger by collecting canned food for a local homeless shelter. Or your family might want to take action together to support relief efforts for a natural disaster overseas.

Most important, get started. Once kids see that they can begin to make a contribution, they may want to do more. And in helping others, they also help themselves by expanding their own awareness of the world.



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90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, seasonal creek, **SOLD** turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$120,000.
110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills **SOLD** city, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$995/ac.
117 acres mostly wooded with **SOLD**, 3 fields, 3 ponds, pens, buildings, hilltop view, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck \$995/ac.
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217 acres, 80% fields and grassland, ponds, creek, hill, 20% oak and mesquite timber, Stephens Co. deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,350 per acre.

....**HOMES**....
2 BR, 1 bath home, carpet, attached storage, reduced to \$9,800.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate **SOLD** other outbuildings, reduced to \$16,500.
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3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate dining room plus space in kitchen for table, some wood floors, WBFP, carport, 2 storage bldgs, \$27,000.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate **SOLD** big kitchen, woodburning heater in LR, large pecan trees, \$33,000.
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2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick **SOLD** attached garage, covered patio, detached guest room with full bath, shop, fenced back yard, \$49,500.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home, CH/A, storm windows, attached garage, large covered patio, carport/RV storage, 2 metal bldgs., fenced backyard, city water plus water well.
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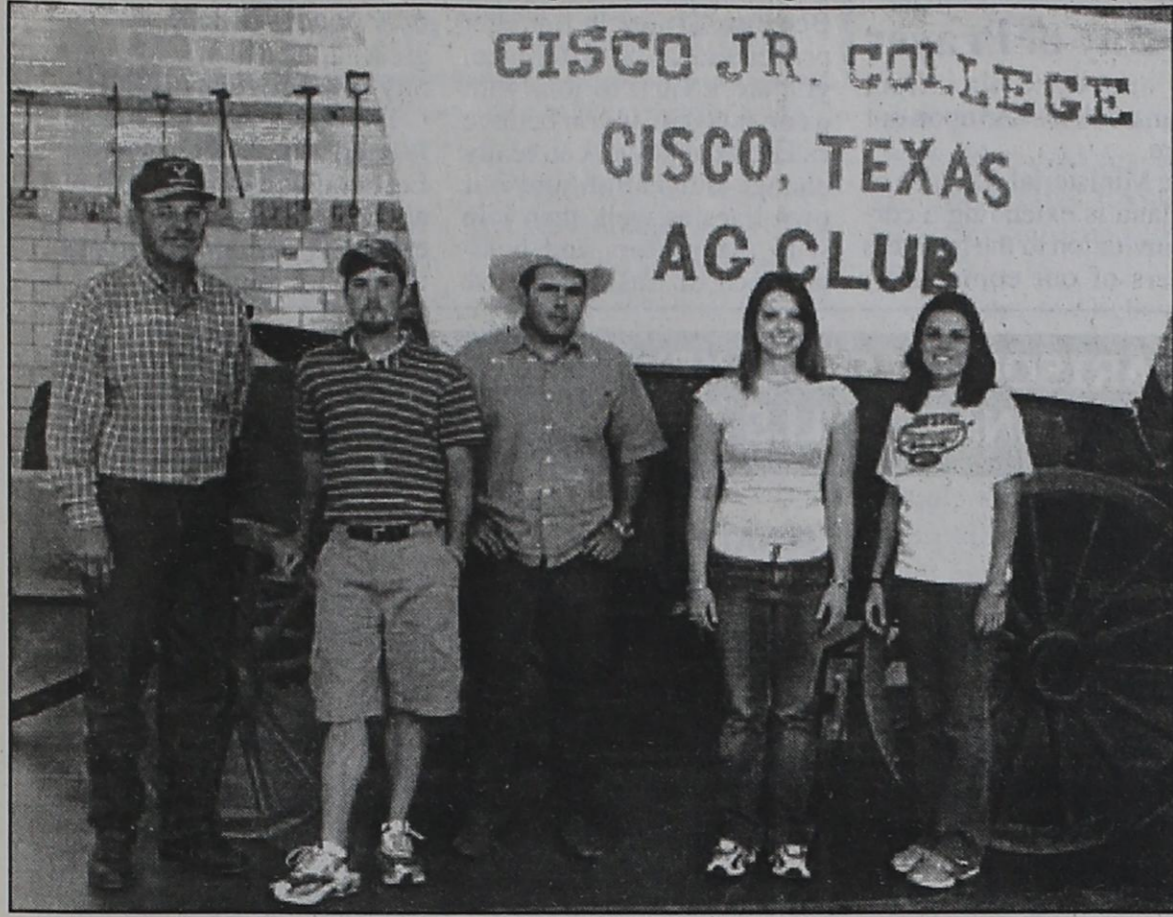
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Four students from the Cisco Junior College Agriculture Department recently traveled to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville for the Texas Junior College Agriculture Association Conference. Those attending were Emily Winfrey (Cross Plains), Trista Ingram (Cisco), Robby Russell (Mullin), Cortney Hopper (Early), and Herman Glueck, advisor.

Winfrey was awarded a \$5000 scholarship as the outstanding student in agriculture, and Russell was elected 1st Vice President for the 2005-2006 year.

Each of the students won third in his/her contest. Russell placed third in horticulture, Hopper in agriculture mechanics, Winfrey in the public relations team, and Ingram in Power Point presentation. Ingram, who is completing the 2004-2005 year as Sentinel for the Texas Junior College Ag Association, designed the presentation that highlighted CJC and its Ag Department.

Students also enjoyed tours that included the SHSU farm, Sam Houston Memorial Museum, Steele Lumber Mill, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice horse breeding unit.

Persons interested in learning about Cisco Junior College Agriculture Department may contact Herman Glueck at (254) 442-5196.

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get letters.
 I want to share an event that happened Sunday at Harmony. Lyndell led the singing, announcements and prayer requests were given, the congregation joined in the special music. Maria gave a good inspiration talk. The front door of the church opened and people turned to see a king approach the pulpit. He stopped in front of the stand for the inspiration talks and said our pastor had taken ill and had asked him to fill in. He had on a white flowing "dress" with a maroon scarf around his neck. His thongs and a head band completed his costume. He began in a broken language telling us he had been asked to speak about his reign many, many years ago. We had to pay close attention to get his message. He had been a king in the Old Testament times and at times had led the people in following the true God and had destroyed other idols. The people had followed him closely for a while but they decided to go their own way. Soon other nations began to threaten them and King Hezekiah became afraid and made a bad mistake. He took some of the wealth from the temple to appease other nations. He repented and turned back to God. He discovered that as long as he placed his trust in God he and his people were on the winning team but when he trusted other things they were on the losing team. He told us we had the choice of which team we today wanted to be on. We made our choice, have you?
 There was an accident that caused many of our people to miss our Sunday night study and there is a family who needs your prayers as they deal with the results of that accident.

Engagement Announcement



Brinegar - Speer

J. Speer and Mandy Brinegar are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride is the daughter of Polly Womack of Ft. Worth, TX and Robert Womack of Goldthwaite, TX and granddaughter of Anna Beth Hammond also of Goldthwaite High School and earned her BBA in 1997 from Angelo State University. Currently the bride is completing her Masters in Elementary Education from Tarleton State University. The bride is employed by Stephenville ISD as a Pre-K teacher.

The bridegroom is the son of Jesse and Lenora Speer of Ranger, TX and grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Speer of Ranger and Mr. & Mrs. S.W. Thompson of Gorman, TX. The bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Ranger High School and also a graduate from Tarleton State University. The bridegroom is employed by Comanche ISD as a football, basketball and baseball coach.

The couple will be united June 25, 2005 at Eastside Baptist Church in Ranger, TX. The ceremony will be officiated by the groom's grandfather Reverend Jerry Speer. The family will reside in Comanche, TX. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Morton Valley Past & Present

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner
 The Morton Valley Letters are in the mail, thanks to a very helpful friend. You should be getting your invitation very shortly. I have had some response from those who will not be able to attend already. You see the last year there was school at Morton Valley was over fifty five years ago! The thing of ages is catching even those of us who attended school there but did not graduate because of the consolidation. I want to hear from you who do not

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Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club

We had a good day at quilting Tuesday. Some of our members were back and others were out. One of these days we will all get there. We are still working on Earlene's "Flower Garden". We did get Olena's "Log Cabin" out. It is very beautiful.

Frankie Smith had the company of her two daughters, Roxie Nance and Shirley Harrelson, for three days. They spent one day in Abilene. They all had a very good time. Frankie traveled to Ranger Sunday afternoon to see her

sister, Dorthy Rogers. Logan Phillips stayed Saturday afternoon with his grandmother, Glenda. They had a real good time. She said Logan loves to draw and color. He drew a picture of himself and Grandpa on a four-wheeler. Glenda has a picture of grandpa Vernon, Blake, Kali, and Kendall on her wall with the four of them on Vernon's four-wheeler. The grandchildren were about three years old.

Logan's picture went on the wall by the others. He also drew a picture of a house and his other PaPa and him showing their muscles. She said he said he wished Grandpa and PaPa would come back. That he really missed them. He talks like he knew his grandpa, but he was only two months old. Glenda said

Logan brought his CD's down and he had one of the fifties. Really brought back memories.

Visitors this past week in Cowan and Laverne Hutton's home were their daughter, Wanetta of Brownwood, Grason Harlow, nephew of Jean Fore from East Texas, their granddaughter, Robbie Fortune and great granddaughter Jaycie.

Also, visiting were their children Lynn and Pam, JD and Sandy, Danny and Trisha, grandchildren Robert and Terry with sons Gavin and Garrett. Cowan and

Laverne attended a fish fry at JD and Sandy's. The fish was furnished and prepared by friends Randy Bullard and Neil Carroll of Houston. To top it off, they brought fresh blackberry cobbler, too! um! yummy!

Thisha Hutton was hostess to the Ladies Bible Class of the Rising Star church of Christ. There were 15 ladies present and two children. Laverne presented the lesson, "Wearing the Label of the Master Designer". Afterwards, they all enjoyed a salad luncheon.

There were a good number at the game night. All had a good time. Remember the next one will be on the 12th.

Wow! We have sure had some cool weather lately. We are still praying for some rain. There is a good possibility this week. We still have some pretty wildflowers along the road ways. The paintbrushes have out done themselves this year. There are some Indian blankets beginning to bloom.

Word of wisdom: We may elevate ourselves but we should never reach so high that we would ever forget those who helped us get there. Will Rogers

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Thursday Is National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5 has been declared as our nation's National Day of Prayer. This day presents an opportunity for us to join as a community and as a nation to pray prayers that will bring a posi-

tive and dynamic effect within our lives and upon our future.

The Ministerial Alliance of Eastland is extending a cordial invitation to the business leaders of our community.

Because of our belief that prayer makes a difference, you are invited to join with us on this day. If you believe as I do, that prayer can really change our nation and our own lives as well, then join with the pastors and businessmen of Eastland as we

pray prayers of faith for our great nation and this community where we work and live. The River of Life Church located at 103 Pogue Ave in Eastland will host this event at 12 noon on Thursday. Everyone is welcome to attend to pray for our nation.

COMPARISON OF SOME KEY ELEMENTS OF HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS ON SCHOOL FINANCE

HOUSE BILL 2

- ◆ M&O tax rate reduction by 33% to \$1.00
- ◆ 35% limit on recapture
- ◆ Local enrichment up to 15 cents, equalized at 90th percentile up to 10 cents
- ◆ Enrichment can be accessed at 2 cents per year with voter approval required each time
- ◆ Elementary and high school allotments of \$4550 and \$5050, respectively
- ◆ Dollar allotments for programs replace weights
- ◆ Technology allotment: 2005-06=\$70; 2006-07 combined w/instructional materials=\$150
- ◆ Transportation at \$1.50 per eligible mile
- ◆ Small and mid-size allotments maintained
- ◆ New Cost of Education Index phase-in
- ◆ Teacher pay increase (the lesser of \$3,000 or 4.4% of increased funding from HB2)
- ◆ Locally developed Teacher incentive program =1% of total state and local M&O
- ◆ No facilities funding
- ◆ School calendar must start after Labor Day and end by June 7

SENATE PLAN

- ◆ M&O tax rate reduction by 33% to \$1.00
- ◆ State property tax
- ◆ Local enrichment up to 15 cents, equalized at 90th percentile
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- ◆ Allotment of \$4960 (K-12)
- ◆ Maintains weighted adjustments for special populations
- ◆ Technology allotment: 2005-06=\$70; 2006-07 combined w/instructional materials=\$80
- ◆ Increases transportation allotment over 6 years
- ◆ Small and mid-size allotments maintained
- ◆ Updates the Cost of Education Index
- ◆ Teacher pay increase of \$1,000 in addition to the \$1,000 health insurance supplement
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor and To All the Pastors of all Churches and their Congregation:

We as Christians have a responsibility to our community, to come together and build a shelter for persons in need of a meal and a dry place to sleep. My husband and I having a small cafe on the Interstate see a rising need for this type of facility.

As our community grows so is the homeless and help-less arriving here. It is one thing to have a food pantry, but what good is it if they have no where to cook? There are lost souls staying and passing through our county every day. Some have no place to go, others don't know where they are from or where they are going. Who are we to judge the circumstances that put them where they are? Some are highly educated and the circumstances of their lives has caused them to lose their directions about the right roads to take causing them to become lost in turmoil.

Some are missing persons that just walked away one day from the life they have always known, leaving family members with a lot of questions, and where are the victims of domestic violence to turn? But we as Christians can come together to help them find answers through prayer and leading them back on the right path. It will take us all, all churches, and all Christians pulling together to accomplish this project.

The responsibility is not for

one to bear but for us all to bear. It says in the Bible, everything can be accomplished through Jesus Christ.

There are a lot of large old homes in this area standing vacant and would be of good use with a little work and some volunteers. I read in the paper about a program where Pastors can go and minister to sick people and their families at hospitals, I ask you what is the difference between a person needing a heart transplant and a person needing a soul transplant? Or someone needing a place to feel safe, a meal, a place to rest, just needing a refuge from the storm.

Our area is considered to be in the center of the Bible Belt, is it not time for us to pull our churches together for Gods work? Go back to our bibles and not just read His word but do His word, and put our beliefs to work not just to help some but to help all! Please in Jesus name read your Bible and do a little soul searching. For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son.

It is time to start giving back some of that love, and put His words to work for the sake of others- families sleeping in cars, young couples staying under bridges, teens sleeping behind churches because they feel safe there. Besides they could be an angel sent here from heaven to see if we are doing our best to help one another. While you are soul searching, read Matthew 25:35-36.

Matthew 25:40.

And the King shall answer and say unto you, Verily I say unto you Inasmuch as you have done unto my brother you have done it unto me. And then finish up with Matthew 5:14-16.

You are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candle stick and give light unto all in the house. Let your light shine before men. That they may see your good works and glorify your Father which art in heaven. I hope these words will make a difference.

Thank you for listening,
Ronald Y. & Tonya Hess
Ranger, TX.

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Angel Food orders for May Menu have to be in by this coming Monday, Noon. Short order time because of the holidays this month. The menu for May has on it: Chicken tenders, chicken leg quarters, fajita beef, Stouffers beef lasagna, ground turkey, 5 personal pizzas, smoked sausage, tortillas, breakfast cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, corn muffin mix, cut corn, onions, scalloped potatoes, green beans, peanut butter, pie and eggs... all for \$25.00. Also specials of T-Bone steaks or frozen chicken breasts for \$18.00. Food stamp orders can be placed at Cotton's 300 W. 8th in Cisco 442-2565 (call for information); place orders at

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Smile, You're NOT on Candid Camera.

The milk of human kindness flows through the veins of royalty in miniscule quantities, maybe no more than one-half percent—one percent, tops. Twists, turns and spins by public relations meisters, well-versed in such arts, sometimes are orchestrated to persuade the public that their superstar clients are awash in such milk, when, truth to tell, they sadly are “zero percent.” Put another way, most of them are lactose intolerant, free of any trace of the milk of human kindness.

In some cases, though, we are able to see all the way through to the soul, thanks—at least in part—to the media. (Quick now, when's the last time you recall any need to THANK the media?.)

Flip calendar pages back to 1947, when radio was king. A show called Candid Microphone was popular. It featured the late Allen Funt, who introduced TV's Candid Camera. This long-running hit series began in 1949, eventually making it to all three major networks. Similar local versions sprang up around the world. Woody Allen got his start writing for the show in the 60's, and Funt's son, Peter, now hosts the show on a cable network.

This was a precursor of so-called “reality television,” and young folks watching MTV's PunkD program are really catching an updated version of Candid Camera. You know the bit—the show involves scenarios of unwitting “victims” caught by the hidden camera to show responses to pranks and teases. With this background, let us retreat to the sports dairy in our ongoing pursuit of the milk of human kindness..

Here's the scene: Shanghai Red's, an elegant restaurant in Marina Del Ray, California. Seated for a “quiet” dinner are Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley, Dallas Mavericks players in the NBA, and Al Whitley, equipment manager. In the scenario, Michael and Al are “actors;” only Dirk, the superstar, is not privy to the pranks scheduled over the next 10 minutes.

Let the cameras roll on a scene Maverick bosses swear to be the “real deal.” In this vignette, we learn much about the kindness of the superstar. Cream rises to the top..

Menus opened and delectables being debated, the threesome faces an interruption by a 12-year-old “actor.” He gushes about Dirk and wants his autograph on a “slobbery shirt” draped across his arm. Dirk, ever gracious, signs the soiled garment. The young man makes a pest of himself, returning three more times for signatures on bats, posters, balls, pennants, caps and assorted other bagged items—including a LeBron James jersey!

Michael and Al poke much fun at Dirk, calling him the nicest guy in the NBA. Through it all, Dirk blushes and smiles, confessing to his

buddies that he “can't turn a kid down..”

Finally, though, enough becomes enough. When the youngster brings in yet another bag of items to be signed, Dirk kindly declines, explaining that he's “already signed 15 times.”

The youngster leaves in a huff, tossing a baseball bat as he retreats. It comes to rest along side a Nowitzki-signed hockey puck.

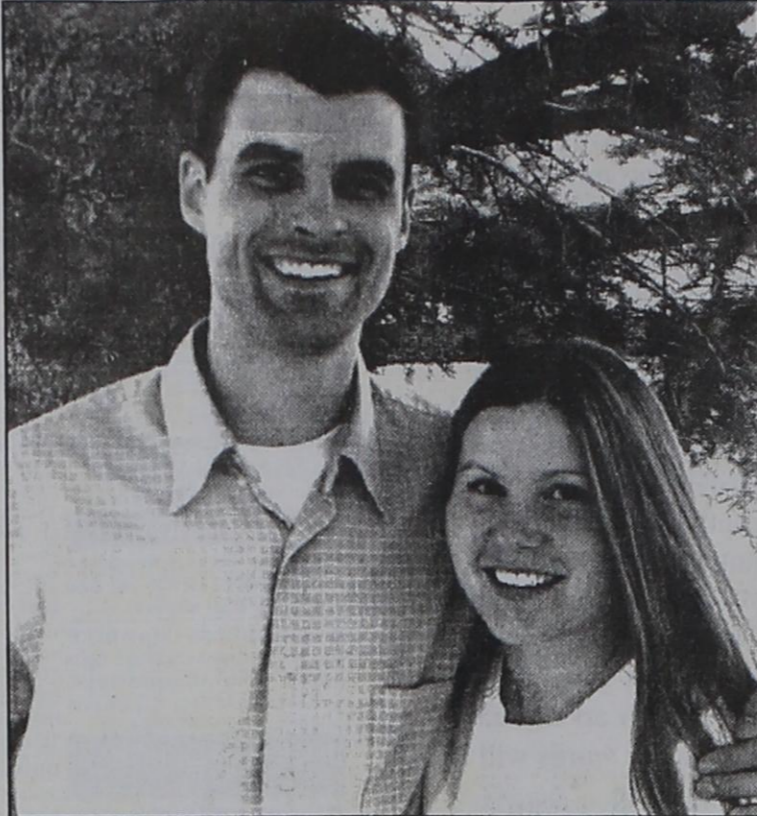
Soon, the restaurant manager appears, fuming that he can't believe Dirk has turned the kid down. He tells Dirk not to come back to the restaurant in the future. Even in this scene, Dirk manages a puzzled smile..

The kid makes an encore visit, this time requesting Dirk's signature on the menu. When the star opens it, BIG LETTERS read, “Dirk, you've been 'punkd!'”

There is laughter all around. And millions of people around the country watching “PunkD”—or seeing replays on ESPN—or hearing recounts by broadcasters—now have irrefutable proof of the big German's “milk of human kindness.”

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Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in several states. Visit his website: www.speakerdoc.com He invites comments by phone, 817-447-3872, or by e-mail, newbury@speakerdoc.com



Aubrey and Adrienne Kincaid

Dear Friends and Family,

Aubrey and I just wanted to extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your prayers and support throughout our college years. So many of you have influenced our lives in ways you will never know. We wanted to take this opportunity to express our gratitude.

You are all invited to attend our Commencement Exercises on the tenth of May at seven o'clock in the evening at Lancaster Baptist Church. Aubrey will be graduating with a Bachelors degree in Missions and I will be graduating with an Associates degree in Secretarial Administration.

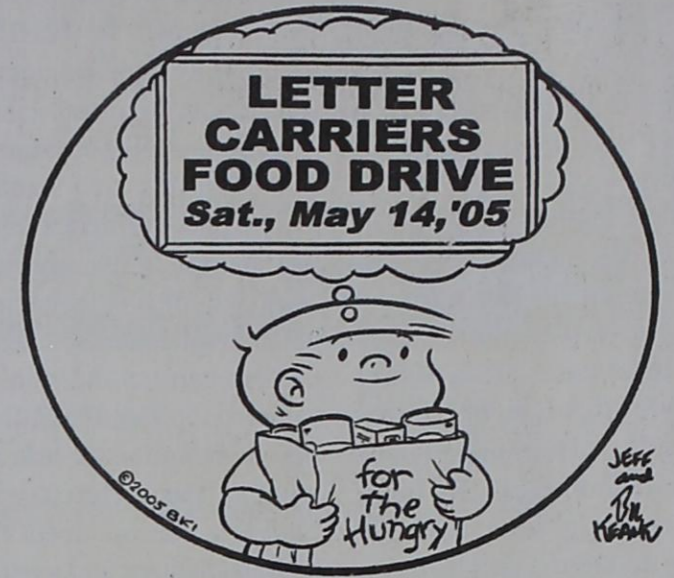
We completed our education in December of 2004 and began working at the Anchor Academy for Boys in Havre, Montana. The Lord is doing a great work here and we are privileged to be a small part of it. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

May God bless you and, once again, thank you for the part that you have played in our lives!

Sincerely,
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(Ed. Note: Aubrey is an E.H.S. graduate and the grandson of Aubrey and Bonnie Kincaid. He was with the Anchor Team which appeared here sometime back.)

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The joy of my first delivery.
The tears I wipe away with open hands,
The life ending of a gentle old man.
The night seems so dark and the morning so bright.
Being a nurse you see life in a different light.
Who will I save tonight?
Who will hold my hand during their last breath with no fright?
Who will enter this world on my shift?
How many mothers will greet their babies with a kiss?
I don't know who these special people are
But I will meet them with every call
I will hold them tight and help the pain
I will hold them up when they feel faint.
I will be strong when I am needed

Followup To 3rd Annual Colorectal Cancer Screening

If you were one of the over fifty local residents who took preventative measures to protect yourself and the ones you love by participating in the recent 3rd Annual Colorectal Cancer Screening at Eastland Memorial Hospital, jointly sponsored by The Hendrick Cancer Center, Dr. William Simpson, and Eastland Memorial Hospital you are to be congratulated!

The American Cancer Society Colorectal Cancer Guidelines state that beginning at age 50, both men and women should follow one of the options below:

- Yearly fecal occult blood test (FOBT) plus flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years
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- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years
- Double contrast barium enema every 5 years
- Colonoscopy every 10 years

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In support of March being Colorectal Cancer Awareness month Eastland Memorial Hospital, The Hendrick Cancer Center and Dr. William Simpson sponsored a screening program at the hospital on Wednesday, March 23, 2005. Ms. Starr, the Education Services Manager, along with her assistant registered over 50 participants and gave a brief educational presentation on the signs and symptoms, risks and incident of colon cancer, before giving instructions on how to use the **FREE** Fecal Occult Blood Testing (FOB) kits that were distributed. Ms. Starr has called Eastland Memorial Hospital to ask us to remind participants to be sure and return the FOBT cards in the postage-paid mailer. It will only be a successful screening tool for colon cancer if it is returned for examination at The Hendrick Cancer Center.

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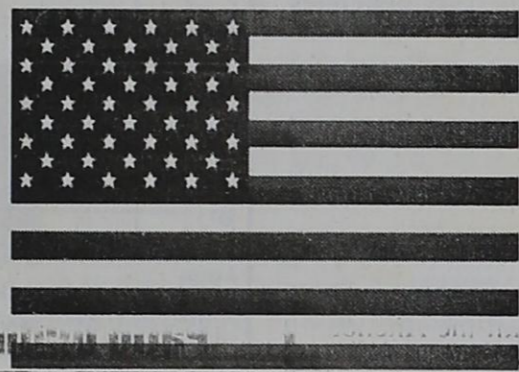
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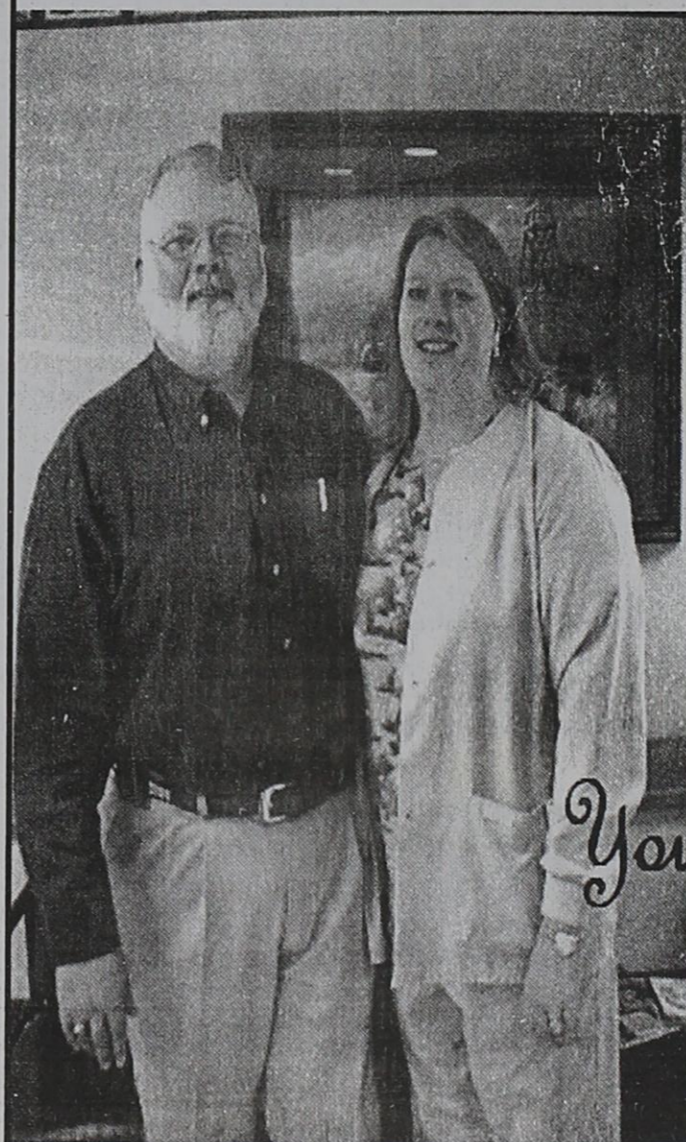
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11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
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randum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Motions Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed

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Roy Day, Jr. v. Knox County Appraisal District et al, Knox. Appellant's motion to supplement record on appeal.

Motions Submitted & Denied

In re Texas Mutual Insurance Company, Orig. Proc. Reliance Insurance Co. et al, Eastland.

Neugebauer Statement Regarding Passage Of FY 2006 Concurrent Budget Resolution

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Putnam Musical To Be Friday

The Putnam Musical will be Friday, May 6th. The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. and the music will start at 6 p.m. Come on out and enjoy the good food and wonderful Country, Gospel and Western music. Emcee will be R.D. Childers.

Daily Devotion

By Wanda Skinner

Be Restored Every Day
Psalm 51:12 "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

If your faith is placed in Jesus it will be restored each day. If it is based on creed or others, it will grow stale and fail. The joy and peace inside your heart and soul is more valuable than any material thing that can become yours. Jesus is the source of salvation because He died on the cross for your sins and paid a debt that you could not pay. All He ask in return is that you trust and obey Him every day of your life.

Poetry Corner

From poetry by Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Enemies

We face numerous enemies on every hand
Some are very near and dear to us
Some may come from a far away land
We need to meet them with little fuss
The world today is so full of sin
The moral decay makes us want to cry
So many are hurting with-out and within
It seems our world has gone awry
People think nothing of telling a lie
Others have their way no matter what
Some do not care when others begin to sigh
Altering God's Word every title and jot
God and His kingdom have enemies and foes
Satan is the worse and has many friends
If my anger is warranted God knows
In this time His Spirit to help me He sends
Enemies I have my share to handle of course
Really I've found I am of-ten their source.

Crossword Answers

Across
1. Platform for public speaking.
5. Meat cubes cooked on a skewer.
10. Boys on the ...
14. Substance of the universe from which all else is derived.
15. Last letter in the Greek alphabet.
16. South American freshwater dolphin.
17. Dallas and Dynasty.
19. Band fronted by Jeff Whalen.
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70. Starchy foodstuffs used to make puddings.
71. French river.

Neugebauer released the following statement regarding the FY 2006 Concurrent Budget Resolution that passed the House Thursday by a vote of 214-211. The Senate is scheduled to vote on the Budget Resolution Friday.

"I am pleased that many of the House's efforts to put this country on a path of fiscal discipline have made it into the final version of the budget.

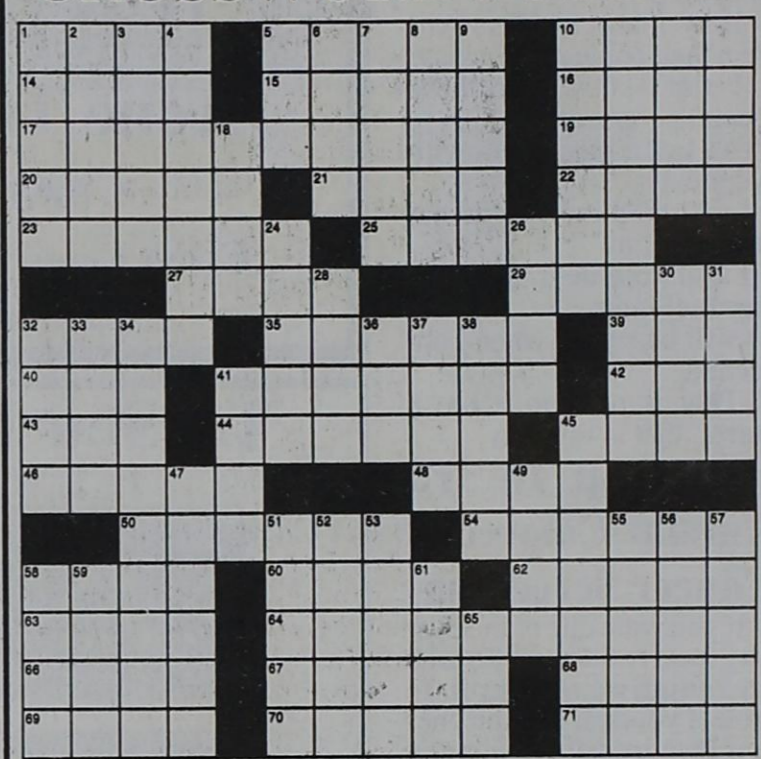
This is a budget that spreads the burden of deficit reduction across the government and does not treat our farmers and ranchers unfairly. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I look forward to having a seat at the table when we begin work to find savings, while protecting

important farm programs.

"For the first time since 1997, we are taking substantial steps to find savings in mandatory programs by providing for much-needed reform of Medicaid and other rapidly-growing entitlement programs. At the same time, we are fully backing our troops in the field, maintaining support for our veterans, and ramping up our efforts to secure the homeland.

"However, if we are to reach our goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009, the job is not done. Just like every family across America must do, it is imperative that we stick to this budget blueprint throughout the year as we set funding levels for specific federal programs."

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- Down
1. Ancient cloths.
2. Remove to a distance.
3. Pork, chicken and veal.
4. Person who has lost a limb.
5. Hill in South Africa.
6. Comedy starring Sherman Hemsley.
7. "Raspberry ..." Prince tune.
8. Variegated chalcidony.
9. Italian for "stop."
10. Situation comedy.
11. Dissatisfied.
12. ... "M" for Murder.
13. ... Hindman, Wilson on Home Improvement.
18. ... Range.
24. Rice cooked in meat broth.
26. Sean ... 2003 Oscar winner.
28. Move swiftly.
30. The ... King.
31. Active Sicilian volcano.
32. Movie.
33. Geographical region.
34. David Copperfield and Lance Burton.
36. Highest degree or power.
37. In Through the Out ... 1994 Led Zeppelin album.
38. Shabby; dingy.
41. Still.
45. ... Bites.
47. ... Tunes.
49. Plot of ground.
51. Hebrew units of dry measure.
52. Serious movie.
53. Dying ...
55. Square pillars.
56. Periodical number.
57. Prevent.
58. ... Summer, Freddie on A Different World.
59. Constellation with the star Vega.
61. Premium on money in exchange.
65. The Mirror ... Two Faces.

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Far right: A large Campbell's Soup can sits near a Dairy Queen in Eastland, Texas. The display is part of the Eastland Outdoor Art Museum with replicas of famous works by well-know artists distributed throughout the town. Former TCC student Cathi Ball started the project in May 2002 to bring art into the community.

Driving directions: From Fort Worth, go west on I-30 W, which will become I-20 W. Take exit 343 toward TX-112/FM-570/Eastland. Follow signs into town. Total driving time is about 1.5 hours.



Former student replicates classics for small community

by Haley Morris
reporter

Few artists can brag about their work hanging in museums, but even fewer artists start their own museums.

North Texan Cathi Ball, a former TCC student, is a nominee for State Artist of Texas because of a local project.

She is building an outdoor museum in Eastland, an endeavor she started in May 2002.

The paintings in the exhibit are replicas of famous works by well-known artists.

Each piece includes a short history of the original piece and its artist.

With 25 sites around the town 94 miles west of Fort Worth, visitors can experience art while driving through the community.

Ball says the exhibit is her way of sharing art with a community.

Each site is specific and relates in some way to the business where it is located. For instance, Site #1 consists of a 15-foot tall tomato soup can on Interstate 20 next to the Dairy Queen.

When visitors drive around it, they can find the story of Andy Warhol on the back.

Another piece of art is on Farmers and Merchants Bank: Grant Wood's "American Gothic."

Although known as the farmer



A work by Pablo Picasso.

and his wife, his models were his dentist and his sister. Mona Lisa graces the local Pizza Inn.

Ball says each site has a fun and interesting story, so while someone is in line at the drive-thru at the bank, he can learn art history.

Many townspeople have helped Ball with her project, including one former mayor, who painted the Mona Lisa.

Ball attended NW Campus 1992-93 in the interpreting for the deaf program. Ball has served as interpreter for the deaf in her church as an assistant and the lead interpreter.

Ball said she attended TCC to make sure she knew what she was doing.

Her major teacher was Mike Cinatl, who now has transferred to SE Campus and is the coordinator of Career Campus Services.

Cinatl's wife, Mary, was also one of her teachers.

Ball described the program as extremely intense. She took 20 hours of college credit four semesters in a row at two colleges—100 miles apart.

Ball originally went to TCU in 1968 as an interior design and fashion merchandising major.

"I hated college and had some bad experiences with two teachers in my department. One lost a semester project," she said.

Ball later learned that other students had experienced similar problems, so she dropped out six weeks before the semester was over and moved home.

Ball returned to school at 40. She decided to take art as an elective because her youngest child liked to draw and public speaking to help her older daughter, who was a beauty contestant.

Ball loved learning and going back to school. She graduated from Cisco Junior College and then transferred to Tarleton State University and earned a degree in art education with secondary certification in 1996.

She was named outstanding graduate in fine arts and speech and had a 3.842 grade point average. Ball currently has 250 hours of undergraduate credits and an additional 24 hours toward her master's degree.

Ball taught at Eastland High School for four years until she had to quit for health reasons. Her room was on the third floor of a school with no elevator. After foot surgery, she had no way to get to class.

However, Ball plans to return to teaching next year after graduating this summer with her master's in art education.

Returning to her TCC roots, Ball invited Eddy Rawlinson, adjunct instructor of visual arts on



American Gothic by Grant Wood

NW Campus, to be a guest artist for one of the art history works in the Eastland project. Rawlinson selected Gustave Klimt's "The Kiss."

Rawlinson went to Eastland in August and began work on the piece at Ball's studio.

The works are painted on 4-by-8 pieces of plywood prepared with a white background. The images are already drawn on the surface.

A small area at the bottom of each work is left for the name of the artist, title of the work and a short biography of the artist.

Rawlinson said the piece was completed over the span of two full days of painting.

"Cathi and I both worked on this selection and began another work by Picasso. This is a wonderful way to bring the history of art to the public," he said.

"As an artist and an educator, I think this is a fantastic way to raise interest in the visual arts," he said.

Most people who live in major cities with major museums rarely take advantage of visiting their local fine art museums. Ball hopes her museum will draw a dedicated group of museum fans.

Ball believes her project will make art more accessible to the public and the public more comfortable with art.



Above: Cow's Skull: Red, White, and Blue by Georgia O'Keeffe. Photos by The Collegian staff

Below: Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh.



Young Mother Sewing by Mary Cassatt



USMC War Memorial by Felix de Weldon

