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## Christmas Lighting Winners Announced

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" in Baird. The town is all lit up and everything looks so pretty. The Baird Christmas Lighting Committee would like to send a special thanks to everyone for decorating their homes, yards and businesses. It is a shame everyone couldn't be a winner but the real winners are the people who get to view all the pretty lights in Baird. The winners of the lighting contest are:

Businesses: 1st Baird Motor Inn 500 IH Hwy 20 East

2nd Kelton Flower Shop 625 W. 4th

3rd On The Birdwalk 134 Market

Residents: 1st Dick and Joann Vestal 600 E. 9th

2nd Joanie Shrader 227 W. 3rd

3rd Steve and Mary Jo Sarge 1532 W. 5th

Children's Choice: 1501 Sunset Sandra Collins

Patriotic: C.E. King 525 Thelma

Honorable Mention: Butch and Sharon Barron

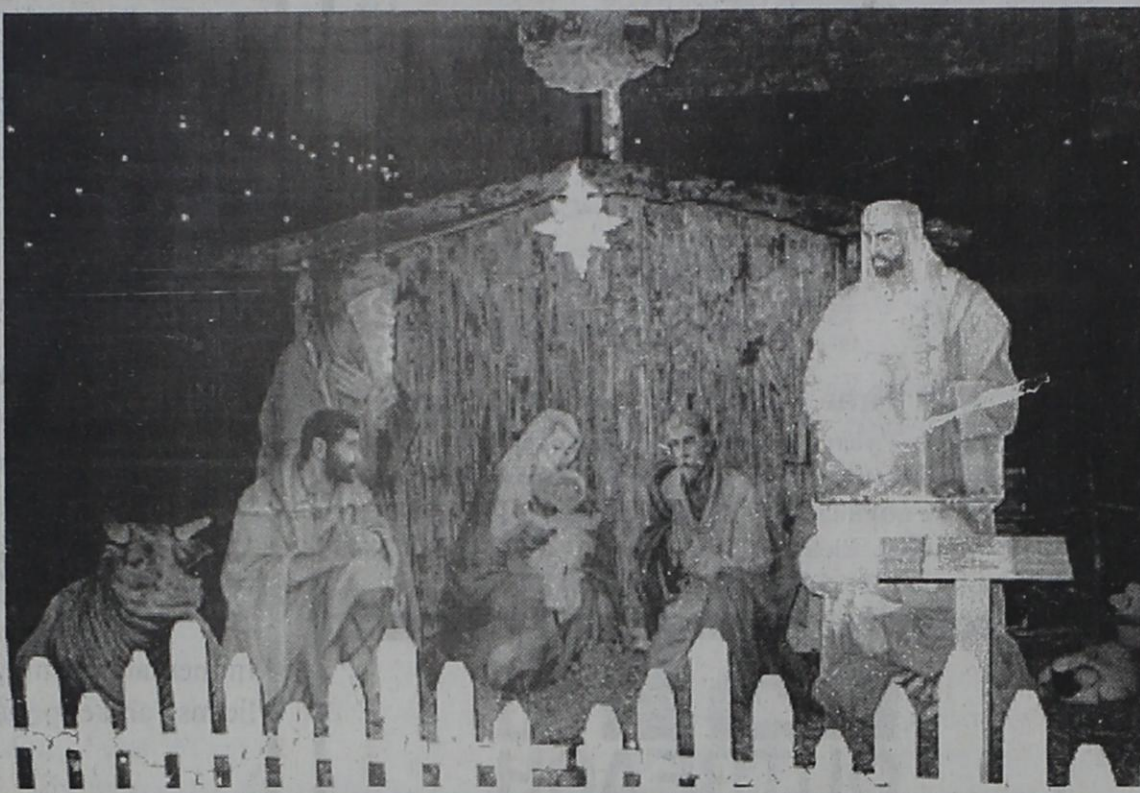
Jerry and Laverne Mason

Bobby and Dana Voigts

Bill and Linda Hart

Pictures of the winners and runners up will be in next week's paper.

A special thanks to our judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to select the winners. They had a very difficult time.



Everyone is invited to visit the beautiful Christmas Village featuring the talents of local people who handcrafted the more than 4,000 sq. feet of lighted and animated displays. Admission is free to the village located in the Arches on Market St.

## A Christmas Miracle

By Margaret Hetrick

Only a few weeks ago, at the newspaper we talked about featuring a Christmas Miracle story in our holiday editions.

Little did I know that this miracle would take place in my own life.

On December 4th a Saturday- I was getting ready to go Christmas shopping, when I noticed several voice mails on my cell phone from Germany, where my daughters live.

Returning the messages, I learned that Cynthia, my youngest daughter, had been in a terrible car accident, and was in a hospital in Bremen, in the North of Germany.

I spoke to a physician at the hospital, who told me that she had very severe injuries and had just come out of surgery.

I booked a flight for the next day.

I called the hospital again before flying.

"Well," the physician said hesitantly, "Your daughter made it through the night."

It was beginning to sink

in how badly injured she was.

Dallas, Houston, Amsterdam, Bremen- after about fourteen hours of travel- not knowing what I would be facing, I dropped my suitcase in a hotel and went straight to the hospital.

"You got a flight! You made it so quickly!" The receptionist greeted me.

Such a huge hospital with so many patients! Yet she had taken a special interest.

Behind many locked doors, I was brought to my daughter.

She lay in a bed with many tubes and needles attached to her body.

She opened her eyes and squeezed my hand. "Mama," she said, and drifted back into a deep sleep.

"She may be out of danger for the moment," the physician carefully said.

Her ordeal has only begun, for to this point the doctors could only take measures to save her life. Other surgery will have to follow.

And yet, it is a miracle- for I learned that out of the five passengers in the car, three are dead. We are not sure about the condition of the fourth.

The accident was caused by a drunken driver. He is also dead.

I don't know the names of all the people who saved her life—those who called for help at the accident, the medics who care lifted her to the hospital, the surgeon's who made fast and correct decisions.

And yes, it seems that a power higher than we humans also hovered near her during those fatal moments.

I do believe in miracles.

## Basketball Stats

Baird vs. Ranger  
8th Grade Boys  
Junior High  
12-6-04 at Home  
Baird: 21 33 39 48 48  
Ranger: 4 7 9 11 11

Baird vs. Ranger  
7th Grade Boys  
Junior High  
Baird: 8 11 23 29 29  
Ranger: 4 10 12 15 15

Baird vs. Ranger  
8th Grade Girls  
Junior High  
12-6-04 at Home

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## RRC Sets Texas Gas Allowables For December

Railroad Chairman Victor G. Carrillo, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Michael L. Williams today set December 2004 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demands of 18,314,872 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the allowance represents a decrease of 11,271,838 Mcf when compared to actual production of 29,586,710 Mcf in December 2003.

In setting the December 2004 allowance, the Commission used historical production figures from December 2003 and producer forecasts for the December 2004 demand, and then adjusted the figures to accommodate factors such as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas stored reported for October 2004 is 343,570,496 Mcf.

(Continued Inside)

## D.P.S. Report

11-28-04 to 12-04-04  
Cases Investigated:  
Warnings- 103  
Complaints- 127  
DWI- 3  
Accidents:

There were 6 accidents investigated during this time span.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold the following  
**Immunization clinics** in Callahan County:  
**Monday, Dec 13th**  
Baird Cafetorium 400 W. 7th - Time 10-12  
Cross Plains Housing Authority 233 N. Main  
Time 2-4

Please bring child's Immunization Records  
For more information call 325/754-4945

## CALLAHAN COUNTY TO HOST 3 HOUR CEU "NIGHT COURSE" DECEMBER 16

Many producers that have a pesticide license have a hard time attending daytime educational programs that offer CEU's (Continuing Education Unit) for recertification of their license.

Therefore, a special three (3) Hour pesticide recertification night course for Texas Department of Agriculture applicator license holders is set for December 16 in the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6 p.m. Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for 1 Hour in Laws and Regulation, 1 Hour in Integrated Pest Management, and 1 Hour of

General. These hours will apply to Commercial, Non-commercial, and Private Applicators' license holders.

The program will begin with Laws and Regulations presentation followed by Integrated Pest Management presentation discussing alternative approaches available when using pesticides.

The night course will conclude after a 1 hour general presentation at 9:00 p.m. CEU certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.

Cost for the training is \$5.00 for those that pre-register by December 14. To pre-register or for more information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.

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# Rising Star Classifieds

**REAL ESTATE**

NEW: Gorman - 1.21 A, 3-3 brick, app. 1646', city utilities, well, corrals, paved st., \$69,500.

New: 15 a near Gorman, nice remodeled 2-2 brick, central h/a, carpeted, fireplace, large game room, 24 x 24 concrete base, water well + city water and sewer, pecans, pavement. Reduced to \$130,000.

32 A, NW Comanche Co. pavement, 15 A coastal, 5A wooded, d, lg. oaks, nice home site. \$1,450 A.

37 A NW of DeLeon, good sandy land, app. 5 A coastal, stock wells, paved, great building spot. \$1,250 per A.

NEW: 40 A, m/l, western Comanche Co., sandy land, 10 A cultivated, some pond, old water well, great deer area. \$1,500.00.

47.65 A 4 miles west of Gorman, 25 A coastal, 20 A cult, 2 ponds, barn/pens, good deer area. \$1050 acre.

NEW: 105A, Comanche Co., near De Leon, 30 A coastal, 52 A cultivated, 23 A pasture, 3 stock ponds, 2 wells (previously used for irrigation), steel corrals, electricity, paved & CR frontage, deer/wildlife in area, combination stocker/wildlife property. \$1,900 per acre.

NEW: 192A Eastland Co., over 1/2 mile of Sabanna River frontage, remote, 70a wooded, 122a cultivation, stock pond, lots of deer & turkey. \$1350 acre.

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**NOTICES**

Judge Rex Fields, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4, will be in his office at the County Barn in Rising Star from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Friday.

If information is needed call 629-6086.

**HUGE REMODELING SALE**

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Wrangler Henley pullover shirts. Med.-XXL. In gray, burgundy, black. \$14.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX. Open Sunday 12 noon-5 p.m. Free Gift Wrap.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Newman Farms Skin Care and Herb Products booth. See at Rising Star Antiques. For info. 325-646-6361.

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**BURGLARY**

REWARD! For ID, tools, welder, computers taken 10-21-04 for Cisco temp. storage. Everything marked TXDL \*\*\*27861, 836661 or 800-682-3414. Contact 254-629-TIPS or 254-442-1770 or Mr. S P.O. Box 885 Cisco, TX 76437.

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**Full Time PHC Supervisor Needed**

Must have 2 years of college and/or supervisory experience in a health related field. Position will supervise personal care attendants in the field who care for the elderly and disabled. Please submit resume to P. O. Box 1849 Brownwood, TX 76804. E.O.E.M.F.D.V.

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**MISC.**

**NOW OPEN**

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**AUCTION**

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Sunday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m.  
Furniture, old collectible glassware, jewelry grade rock collection (cut & polished stones), table saws, hand tools, small trailer, small wagon, crocks, knives, guns.  
www.hallauctions.com for info. and photos  
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**WANTED**

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Friday, Saturday  
and Sunday 10-5

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EOE

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**HELP WANTED**

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**MISC.**

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

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## Guest Slot

By Hazel Stone  
1444 Pagewood Ave  
Odessa, TX 79761

### CHRISTMAS IS COSTLY

Just what does Christmas cost you? Through the ages Christmas has cost others many things.

Christmas cost Mary and Joseph the comforts of home during their long periods of exile in Egypt. They, at that time, were away from home and family and even lacked shelter in the midst of census-for-tax season.

Christmas cost the shepherds the complacency of their personal pride to find and honor the child who they had heard was the Christ.

The shepherds knew a Messiah had long been foretold. They did not scoff at the angel's message. We know that shepherds would not have been in the field in the month of December. Sheep were tended in the open between April and November. We do not know, therefore exactly when Jesus was born. December 25 was adopted as the date to celebrate his birth in the fourth century by Christians in the West.

The angels have a message for us too in Acts 1:11 when

they say: "This same Jesus will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." Will we believe or scoff?

The shepherds the angel appeared to were a small group of outdoors men who were strong enough to fend off wolves. They were rugged men who could fend desert weather and yet they were "terrified" when an angel appeared to them.

It is very significant that the announcement of the birth of Jesus was first made to the shepherds at their ordinary work of tending sheep. How humble they must have felt as the angel announced to them the birth of the Messiah! Then what an astonishing privilege to actually look upon the Babe! It is little wonder that they were first filled with amazement and then with joy. We note that the shepherds returned to their work "glorifying and praising God."

Christmas cost the Bethlehem mothers the massacre of their babies!

Christmas cost the wise men a long journey, expensive gifts and changed lives.

The Magi had to make a choice. Herod appeared to

speaking the truth, but when the word from God came, they knew that Herod had lied.

The wise men, strangers from afar with the dust of the desert upon their camels and a foreign accent on their tongues, had previously left Herod and he had told them to bring back word of the child so that he too might worship Him, but the wise men were warned that Herod did not want to worship Jesus but instead wanted to destroy Him. So the wise men sought another route home.

In the early fifties, W.H. Auden, a poet, made the visit of the Magi and the shepherds a challenging parable. Auden made the Magi to represent the wisdom of the world and the shepherds to represent all men of action. Mr. Auden wrote that the two groups did not go away the same way they had come but sought a different path. Matthew 2:12 states "...they departed into their own country another way."

The story of the wise men following the star to find the Christ child holds special meaning for our own life's journey. These honored men from the East set aside their personal pride to find and honor the child who they had heard was the Christ.

The Bible says of the wise men, "They saw the Child with Mary His mother." The difficulty with so many of us is that we do not see Jesus at Christmas time. We may see trees and candles, toys and presents and Christmas parades, but fail to see Jesus.

The best gifts we can give are not material ones, but gifts of the spirit.

Christmas cost the early church and the apostles per-

secution and sometimes death.

Christmas cost missionaries of the church untold suffering and privation.

Most of all, Christmas cost God His own Son and it cost that Son, Jesus, a life of sacrifice and service and a cruel death which was never matched in history.

Help us to remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.

We are all indebted to Jesus for His coming. John 15:22 states: "What if I had not come..." The way to be thankful for the coming of Christ is to be rid of self, to think of others, to strive to live clean wholesome lives so others will know we have been with Christ and that He is our daily support. Most of all, we must open the manger of our soul and let love be born anew.

Jesus must have felt affirmed when God expressed pleasure in Him. We also should want to bear, "This is My beloved child with whom I am well pleased."

The meaning of Christmas is that in a world where even Christ Himself was born in a stable--NOBODY is unimportant!

God has given each person unique abilities, talents and creativity. In turn, each person can apply them in giving gifts to loved ones--gifts that include prayers, love, time and attention. People are blessed and bless by giving.

Christmas costly? Just what will it cost you?

## December Meeting Of The Diabetic Support Group

The November meeting of the Diabetic Support Group featured guest lecturer, Dr. Avi Deshmukh, a urologist from Stephenville. Meetings will continue on a monthly basis again on **Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Eastland Memorial Hospital in the Teaching Conference Room.** Just follow the signs in the main lobby.

Dana McKelvain, R.N., Education Manager at Eastland Memorial Hospital will be presenting the program. This program is specially designed for patient education by HealthNet, an educational service of Texas Tech University Health Science Center, which the hospital receives as part of their continuing education contract for employees and patients.

"Learning About Diabetes" is a good basic program that will provide a general overview on diabetes. It will provide information on the digestive process in regards to insulin production, along with identifying the types and describing the symptoms of

diabetes. The program will cover a variety of areas, including: lifestyle changes, the relationship between insulin and sugar, management and maintenance, medications and monitoring.

Diabetic Support Group meetings will no longer be on a specific day of the week. They will rotate month to month depending upon the schedule of the speaker. The time will usually be 12 noon to 1 p.m. and the location will usually be Eastland Memorial Hospital in the Teaching Conference Room. Please watch the paper and pay special attention to the date, time, location, and the topic for the meeting.

Don't let the holidays cause you trouble. Make your plans to attend this meeting and become a graduate of "Diabetes 101". See you **Tuesday, December 14 at Eastland Memorial Hospital in the Teaching Conference Room at 12 noon.** You are welcome to bring your lunch and eat during the meeting, if you are on your lunch break from work.

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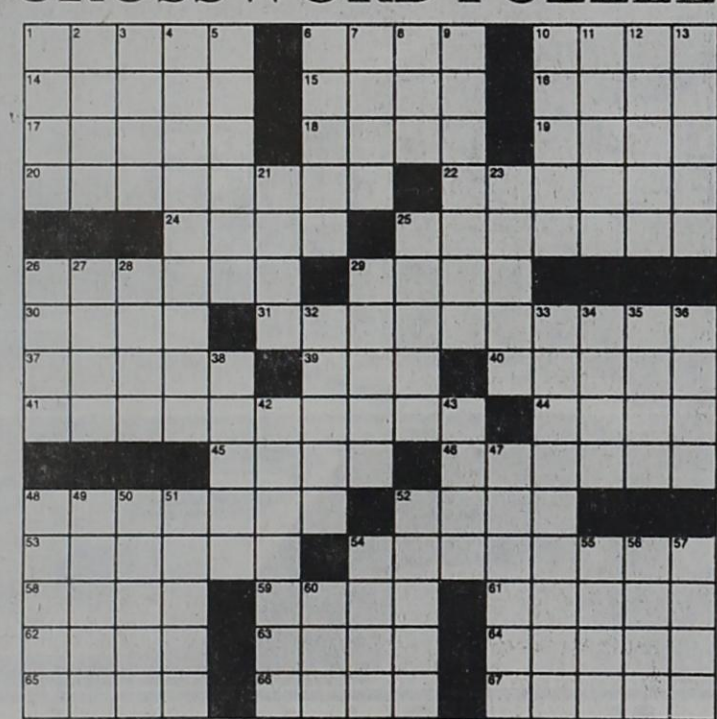
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across
- Sharon, Christine Cagney.
  - Skin eruption.
  - Formal dance given by a high school class.
  - Michel, French mathematician.
  - sheep, found in Kyrgyzstan.
  - Horizontal row of written characters.
  - West, city in Wisconsin.
  - Slang for a powerful blow.
  - Association.
  - Cosmetics for coloring the eyelashes.
  - Joined in a hasty manner.
  - To give off.
  - Deprives of title.
  - Ancient kingdom of Palestine.
  - Allen, founding editor of The Fugitive.
  - Freshwater fish related to minnows and carp.
  - General in extent.
  - Heats to the boiling point.
  - Reinking, Grace Farrell in 1982 Annie.
  - To breathe during sleep with harsh, snorting noises.
  - Policy that seeks to regulate an economy by the domestic money supply.
  - Hastens altering.
  - Acronym for Office of Real Estate Services.
  - Enclosed areas for the presentation of sporting events.
  - Made a widow of.
  - Stand on which a coffin containing a corpse is placed before burial.
  - File, starred Jon Voight.
  - Write using a pencil.
  - Pro, in proportion, according to a factor that can be calculated exactly.
  - To remain in expectation.
  - Useful.
  - To permit the escape of something through a breach.
  - To actively second and encourage.
  - Faculty of perceiving by means of the sense organs.
  - Values derived from scientific experiments.
  - Agile.
  - To put a border on.

- Down
- Plants bearing seeds widely used as food in tropical Asia.
  - Montes, film directed by Max Ophuls.
  - English linear measurements equal to 45 inches.
  - Able to be cut into slices.
  - Tropical Asian plant bearing small flat seeds used as food.
  - Capital of Morocco.
  - Acronym for Actel Logic Enhancer and Synthesizer.
  - Mosca, jazz pianist.
  - Member of an ancient people living in Anatolia and northern Syria about 2000-1200 B.C.
  - Building set aside for a specific purpose.
  - Exposes to a chance of loss.
  - An assault.
  - Heals.
  - To stir to anger.
  - Another name for Benedict's herb.
  - Condemns.
  - Acronym for Installation Core Business Model.
  - To frighten away.
  - Total destruction.
  - Capital of Tunisia.
  - Concerned about.
  - Received from a predecessor.
  - Usually flat piece of metal issued by governmental authority as money.
  - Level piece of ground.
  - Consisting of a more limited number.
  - Arranges in a neat, compact manner.
  - Often narrow passageway between buildings.
  - Most important.
  - To set free.
  - Celestial body as a planet.
  - Nymph of Mount Ida in Troy.
  - Coup, sudden and decisive change in government illegally.
  - City in Japan.
  - Midler, The divine miss M.
  - Intermediate support for the adjacent ends of two bridge spans.
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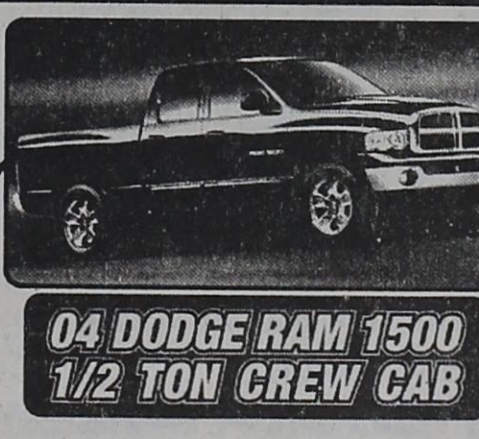
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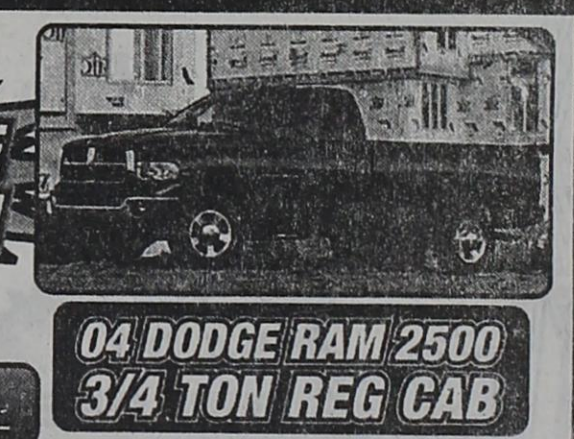
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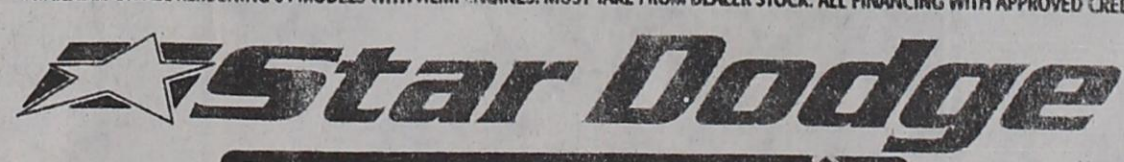
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## POMPEII & HERCULANEUM...

By HVO, GNO & V

MOST OF us only knew of Pompeii as a "far away place" that had been covered by lava from a volcano long, long ago, and had little knowledge of where or when, and had never even heard of Herculaneum, and didn't know that it was also covered. Few ever dreamed of seeing either.

If we knew anything about Pompeii it was from a brief sentence in a unit on ancient history in high school, and if we were lucky, maybe a field trip to a traveling exhibit of relics from that event. Some may have even been exposed to the "steamier" side of some of the art pieces from those cities in art books.

We got a first hand look on this recent trip; saw more and learned more than we'd ever known, about the towns on the west side of the lower boot of Italy. At Pompeii we lunched on FRESH tomato salad, margarita and spicy pizzas [pepperoni is hot pepper there] right at the entrance which gave us parking privileges for the ruins. (E10. each entrance.) We walked and passed vendors offering just about everything imaginable.

On a summer morning in 79 AD, Pompeii was buried

after an unexpected and dramatic eruption of the volcano Mount Vesuvius. The tragedy left little possibility of survival for the estimated 10,000 people who lived in the town. Herculaneum (a town between Naples and Pompeii) was totally covered by solidified mud, believed produced by the ground water table that flew into the magma chamber of the volcano. That town was just preserved in a coating of mud. Pompeii was destroyed by fire and lava, with living things killed by the poisonous gases released from the pumice stones. Seventeen years earlier a violent earthquake (estimated level 6) shook the towns with a large number of people killed and much damage done to the buildings. Rebuilding was still underway when the volcano erupted ... The eruption threw pumice, stones and lava into the sky over a wide area and heavy rains followed. Most of the people of Herculaneum had time to escape the onslaught of mud that literally buried their town ... The books report that Pompeii was settled as early as the end of the seventh century B.C. by the Etruscans, and destroyed in a matter of a few hours when the day darkened, the town was buried. Volcanic material fell, the earth tremors continued and tidal waves occurred the morning of the

day after. A writer says, "There were no longer any houses, roads or trees. All forms of life had been wiped out." The Emperor came in 80 A.D. and decided not to undertake any work in favor of the irredeemably buried towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum. The survivors of the former tried to recover statues of their gods and sacred objects and looked for the bodies of their loved ones. Much later, from 208 to 235 A.D. the emperor began excavations to recover marble, columns and statues but the works were soon interrupted; from then on Pompeii was completely forgotten. A canal project in 1592 found ruins of buildings, but wasn't until 1763 that an inscription was found that named Pompeii. Excavation work made better progress in Pompeii than in Herculaneum which was covered by a mud slide, as it was much harder to remove the hardened blanket of

solidified mud than it was to dig out Pompeii from the layers of ash and stones ... Excavations continue today; there was a French team working at Pompeii when we were there... Oh, yes, there is a gift shop and snack bar ... What about that mountain by the way" Vesuvius: erupted 11 times in the following 12 centuries, the most violent in 1139. one in 1631 was almost equal to that of 79 A.D. and caused the deaths of approximately 4,000 people. Other violent eruptions followed; in 1707, 1794, 1895, 1899 and as late as 1906 and 1944. A Vesuvius observatory was set up in 1845 to monitor the mountain's activity ... Could it go again? Who knows?...What do you see today in the ruins? As much as you've got time and strength to expend ... Roofless masonry walls indicating buildings and rooms within buildings, temples to their gods (and some of the things they worshiped are often done in different ways today), columns remain indicating elaborate structures including community kitchens with giant recessed vessels in bars, a forum where business and government action were conducted, tiered seating surrounding arenas, municipal

buildings, public baths and toilets, shops, store houses, gardens, elaborate and simple homes, a bakery, a brothel, a large theatre, the gladiators barracks, many fountains, statues, a laundry (with vats for bleaching cloth in urine), a tavern, tombs, a large amphitheater, a swimming pool ... Would you believe that they've also uncovered what is best described as political advertising on the walls; signs read "vote for ... he's a good man" ... The streets are narrow chariot wheel grooved cobblestones between sidewalk (walking is difficult)...Sacred and profane art can be seen throughout the ruins in frescoes, tiles, statues and ornate decorations; it was a highly developed society apparently. Much of the art is erotic in nature, and their adoration of certain parts of the human anatomy is evident. much of the town's arts and treasures are now in museum in Naples and elsewhere ... It was a resort town on the coast where the wealthy came down from Rome for rest and relaxation ... Yes, there is a modern town of Pompeii, today with a population of 25,000, with impressive churches, and it is the home of Bartolo Longo, a layman

who devoted his life to spreading the cult of the Virgin Mary ... And there is a Mount Vesuvius museum which contains collections of rare minerals gathered during the past eruptions, and prints, etchings and photographs ... Erased Herculaneum is rarely seen on maps today, midway between Naples and Pompeii; Entrance (E10. each) to the ruins seemed to be virtually in the middle of the little town. (We found a nice margarita pizza in a little cafe across from the ruins). The old town here is much easier to envision because there was no fire that destroyed timbers and roofs, so you get a much better perspective of how it looked before the destruction. In Pompeii one sees plaster casts of humans and animals; here you see bones and skulls of those who waited too late to attempt an escape. Colored plaster can still be seen on some of these houses and charred furniture remains in some. Art and artifacts are in abundance. A split street reveals a sewer system that carried waste to the sea. ... Sorrento is down the coast a piece; Salerno is around the corner of the peninsula.

(Next: Capri and the Blue Lagoon.)

### Photos of Herculaneum



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 10:45 Worship



# Christmas Calendar

There are so many beautiful Christmas things to see in this area! Try to take your children out to enjoy the festive sights. There are also many displays and activities designed to interest adults.

## BAIRD

On Friday and Saturday nights, 6 to 8 p.m. the Christmas Village is open in Baird. This is a walk-through winter wonderland built by the creative people of Baird, and it is located just north of the Depot on Market Street.

There is over 4,000 sq. ft. of lights and animation, and many of the characters are built from Styrofoam or wood. There is no charge to see this beautiful Village, and Santa will be there to visit with the children. Call the Chamber office to make group tours available.

## CISCO

Lake Cisco Country Club will hold their annual Toys For Tots Scramble on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$10, or bring a \$10 toy. Prizes will go to the winning team in a draw scramble. All interested golfers are urged to participate.

The Cisco Rotary Club is having a Holiday Decorating Contest.

Prizes will be awarded to three Cisco residents in December for "making the Holiday bright" with their yard decorations.

The yards will be judged one evening between Dec. 1 and Dec. 24. Judges are from outside Cisco.

This will be a real bonanza for people who like to get out and look at Christmas lights.

A Holiday Tasting Lunch will be held at the Hilton Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of this fund-raiser is \$10, and proceeds will be used for the "Family Park at the Hilton."

## EASTLAND

The Salvation Army needs local volunteers to "Ring the Bell" in Cisco and Eastland. They will have kettles set up at Wal-mart in Eastland and Brookshire's in Cisco. The Salvation Army has helped about 350 families in this area during the past year. If you are interested please call the First United Methodist Church of Eastland at 629-1022.

The Radio Shack, 105 W. Main, and Everistos' Tire and Appliance, 305 E. Main are to be the local drop-offs for Toys For Tots. Toys will be collected at these places until Dec. 22.

Open your heart this Holiday Season to bring happiness to a needy child.

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce will continue to take items for the giant Christmas stocking until Friday, Dec. 10. On that day there will be an Open House at the Chamber from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The drawing for the stocking will be at 4:30 p.m. This should be an exciting time.

## GORMAN

The Christmas Tour of Homes is set for Dec. 12 (Sunday) in Gorman from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be four homes, and Guest Reception will be held at the Methodist Church. Tickets will be \$5 and will be available from local businesses and Gorman GROW members.

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas Lighting Contest. The contest is open to all residents within a five-mile radius of Gorman. Entry deadline is Thursday, Dec. 16 and the homes will be judged on Dec. 17. This contest will create a beautiful display of lights - to add to those already up in Gorman.

## RISING STAR

The Rising Star Tour of Homes will be on Saturday, December 18, and is being sponsored by Star Pride. Several lovely homes are on the Tour. Please contact a Star Pride member for a ticket to this event. Funds raised go to benefit the town.

## Editorial...

### Finding A Good Job In The USA

Meet Moe Smith! He has a nice home, a great car, and many bills. However, he needs a good job, and this story covers one day in his life--last Monday, the day of his seven scheduled job interviews--along with some (OBSERVATIONS).

Moe Smith started his day after setting his alarm clock (MADE IN VIETNAM) to ring at 5:30 a.m. While his coffeepot (MADE IN CHINA) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (MADE IN HONG KONG). He put on a dress shirt (MADE IN SRI LANKA), designer jeans (MADE IN SINGAPORE) and preppy shoes (MADE IN SPAIN). After cooking his breakfast in his new electric skillet (MADE IN KOREA), he sat down with his calculator (MADE IN PANAMA) to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (MADE IN TAIWAN) to the radio (MADE IN MEXICO), he got in his Mercedes (MADE IN GERMANY) and began his search for a good paying job in the good old USA. Ten hours later, including a visit with the local State College chemistry professor (MADE IN INDIA) and after a very discouraging day, (NO GOOD JOB OFFERS), he went home to relax.

He put on a new pair of sandals (MADE IN BRAZIL), poured himself a glass of wine (MADE IN FRANCE) and turned on his new TV set (MADE IN JAPAN). Then, he reflected on his long day and seven interviews and the lack of job offers. He wondered why he just could not find a good paying job in this good old USA!?

--Ranger Roundup Staff

(adapted from an anonymous chain letter)

### Morton Valley Past & Present

By: Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Christmas cards, letters, visitors, phone calls have made life very full and enjoyable lately. The roads in Morton Valley have been very busy and well traveled these days.

Life continues to be filled with death of family and friends, illness and pain, gathering in celebration and even birth of precious new babies.

December 4 was a time of celebration for the community with a meal in the annex before entering the sanctuary for a time of Steve McKenzie and his crew: Awesome Possum, Twinkle Rabbit, Cornelius Chimp and Phil Penguin keeping the entire crowd (young and old) in stitches. Steve will be at Harmony again for revival in March 2005. Make you plans now to attend. His wife Megan played the piano for our time of singing Christmas Carols. The day was one of sharing joy, fellowship and love.

#### THE MECHANIC'S CORNER

If you have ever experienced your vehicle overheating, I'm sure you know it's not a pleasant moment. The first thing to do is to pull the car off the road to a safe place. With your emergency flashers on, raise your hood. However, NEVER remove the radiator cap while the cooling system is boiling over. You must wait at least an hour and still use caution while removing the cap. If you can get to a service station safely, do so only after replacing your lost coolant and water.

## Read The Classifieds

### Doug Hendricks' Retirement And 20-Year Celebration Party At Bryans Dec. 14

That's right! It's time to party and celebrate to honor Doug.

Bryans will have an in-store reception on December 14th to allow customers, co-workers, friends and family to honor Doug for 20 years of service with Bryans Auto Supply. We will have refreshments all day - and probably a few jokes along the way as well. And we're quite sure Doug will entertain you with some good stories if you'll drop by. Lord knows he has plenty of them up his sleeve.

On a more serious approach, it's not easy chalking up 20 years with a company. What's even

harder is making life changing decisions after those 20 years have been achieved. I can say with all sincerity that Doug has made invaluable contributions to the organization here at Bryans - and he will be greatly missed. So please mark it on your calendar to drop by and congratulate Doug on his achievements, as well as his future endeavors.

PS: Be sure to sign up for the Orange County Chopper bicycle that will be given away Dec 14th. For each \$20.00 or more purchase from Bryans Auto Supply, you will receive an entry blank for the drawing.

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# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Our thanks to "Glorify" for the Gospel Music concert they presented at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday night. Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas are doing a good ministry with their gospel music, and if you missed the concert, you missed a blessing.

Bro. James Holt and his wife, Jerrie of Carbon will be the guest speakers at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 12. They will be speaking about missions and their many years on the foreign mission field.

Bro. Clarence Wilson will be speaking at the Carbon Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 12 in Bro. Holt's place.

"Dwelling In Buelah Land" was beautifully rendered by the choir at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning December 5. Those in the choir were: Karen Patterson, Helen Browning, Norma Webb, Crystal Snider, Kay Snider, Oren Webb, Daryl Hirst, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Bro. Wilson brought a message on missions encouraging us to reach out and tell others about Jesus and His love for all.

THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at the Kokomo Baptist Church will be on Wednesday night, December 15, at 6:00 P.M.. Our annual Christmas meal and fellow-

ship will be held in the fellowship hall following the program and the gift exchange from the Christmas tree. The meal will be furnished. Visitors are welcome.

Ruth Peel Collins of Abilene and her daughter, Barbara Ely, and her son, James Collins and Mittie and Leonard Bledsoe of Carbon visited with Donnie Rone on Sunday. Ruth, Barbara and James also visited with James and Mary Donham.

During the Thanksgiving Holidays, LaVon Snider enjoyed dinners with Gene and Kay Snider and all their family, and with Ted and Charlotte Snider and all of their family. On Thursday of last week LaVon visited in Brownwood with Carolyn Eaves. They went to a new restaurant which has just opened in LaVon's old

Brownwood neighborhood. They enjoyed visiting with several of LaVon's former neighbors.

Bob and Beverley Pharris of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Sunday.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Marilyn Warren, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan.

Deliah Lewis of Ennis is spending this week with her parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves. She took her dad to Brownwood on Monday for eye cataract surgery. Delmon is doing fine following the surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. Deliah and Randy's son, Chris plays on the Ennis High School football team and they will be playing Marshall for the State 4A Championship at Texas Stadium on Saturday. Deliah plans to join her family for the trip to the game.

Oren and Norma Webb visited with Joyce Eaves while Delmon and Deliah made the trip to Brownwood.

Daisy Slaton of Gorman and Zelda Jordan visited on Wednesday night with Sunny and Charles Black in Abilene. Daisy, Sunny and Sunny's daughter, Tanya Harrison of Moran and Zelda and her granddaughter, Sheri Daniell of Abilene enjoyed the Broadway Musical "Cats" at the Abilene Civic Center.

A thunderstorm rumbled through the community on Monday afternoon leaving quite a bit of rain in a short time. I received 9 tenths of an inch and Larry and Betty Strube received 1.3 inches. Nancy Hendricks also reported that there was a little bit of hail at her house.

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The "SpongeBob Squarepants" Movie will show at the Majestic in Eastland from Friday, Dec. 10 through Monday, Dec. 13, beginning at 7:30 nightly. Admission will be \$4 at

the box office, with balcony seats \$5.50 to adults only.

This animated movie is rated PG for mild crude humor.

"SpongeBob Squarepants" takes you into a wacky, aquatic world filled with colorful characters who scurry about on various errands.

SpongeBob is one of the brightest of them all, with his yellow square body and high wattage smile. He dwells beneath the ocean in a hollowed-out fruit, which might be safer than some of the other places on this earth right now.

SpongeBob works at the Krusty Krab Diner, where his friends include a squid, Patrick the Starfish, and of course Mr. Krab.

Then King Neptune's crown is stolen, and SpongeBob's friend Mr. Krab is accused of being the culprit. So the little sponge leaves the confines of his pineapple to search out the real thief, and clear Mr. Krab's name.

The Paramount Picture is filled with an hour or more of animation, color and fun, something we all need right now. Various actors have the voice parts, including Tom Kenney and Alex Baldwin.

This picture opened nationwide in November, and has done very well at the box office. In addition, a whole industry has sprung up around items with the SpongeBob image. You can now buy a SpongeBob CD, radio, and Heaven knows what else!

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# The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

## 'Tis the Season for Tree Tribulation

The crew at the Christmas tree farm dreads to see her stalking toward them. Some workers take breaks early; others fake smothering spells to avoid confrontation. They urge the lone sales rookie to gut up. She's no ordinary customer; she goes fang to fang with rattlesnakes. If she ever hits an iceberg, the iceberg will sink.

She's armed with measuring tape and magnifying glass. Tree journals flop in her purse. A gaudy pin on her dress reads: "Good will to men-except tree salesmen."

Prepared to examine trees throughout the field if necessary, she checks for diseases the sellers don't even know exist. Madam cares not if it takes more time to find "the perfect tree" than to write her will.

She whistles on arrival, and that is a bad sign. It's her familiar signature, this triumphant signal. It means that she has "smelled out" the best pineapple in the bin or "thumped her way" to the most succulent watermelon of the whole wagon load.

She comes to conquer, this Rocky of shoppers. Veteran sales personnel clear the way, cowering in hiding places. They shush each other, eager to hear the protracted conversation between the veteran shopper and the neophyte salesman.

"This one's measured wrong," she screams, and the worker prays that the mis-measurement favors the customer. It doesn't, and she rails about being cheated.

"This one's too tall; this one's too short; this one deserved last rites last year. You expect this one to make the cut? Where are steroids when we need them?" These are but samples of her scathing remarks that make needles surrender and flutter to the ground and rookies wish to be any place else.

Major wrath spews toward "the skimpiest of trees." It is sparse of limbs and woefully short on needles. "You call this a Douglas fir?" she sneered. "It looks more like a firless dug."

The novice has admirable patience. He spreads limbs as requested, points out where additional ones can be inserted, apologizes without reason and tells her more than he knows about trees. Minutes melt into hours. He sweats as she gains a second wind.

When his eyes cross, legs grow wobbly and he's going

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down for the count, the farm owner appears. The young man retreats, whimpering. For the owner, this is not his first rodeo. He's seen this show before and escorts her back toward the gate.

"Oh, there's one I'd really like to have," she says, pointing to a tree with a "sold" sign fluttering in the teeth of a stiff north wind. "Just my luck that it's already sold."

"Well, this is your lucky day," the owner chuckles. "The man who asked us to hold this tree said he'd be here two hours ago. It's yours if you want it, ma'am."

Of course she wants it. She pays for the tree with singles and silver, and she wants it loaded "just this

way." And so it is. Everyone-save the purchaser herself-is convinced there are safer ways to load it. But, they are rid of her; that's what counts..

The workers gather 'round for a hearty laugh, thankful they won't see her again for a full year. They vow—again—that next year's sales rookie will spend the first hour with the wicked witch of the west.

Then, they hang a "sold" sign on another tree as bait for other customers who will later spot it, wail about it already being sold, then learn it hasn't been claimed, etc. Yes, ALL buyers will enjoy their "lucky days."

So, if the tree you like most has a "sold" sign on it, you have two options-(1) convince the manager that the prospective buyer is not coming back, or (2) slip the "sold" sign over to the next

tree, whistling as you drag your prize to the cashier. Happy shopping. Remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Be sure to say "thank you." Veteran retailers will say, "You're welcome." College kids earning extra bucks will answer, "No problem.."

OK, so it's a Christmas story. But stranger things have happened, and shoppers have made stranger demands. Ask friends in retail; they'll supply you with experiences Ripley won't believe.

Let's salute retailers who toil long hours in the busiest shopping season of the year. For many businesses, success or failure for the entire year hinges on these critical days in December

Some of them will be down to their very last nerves when we step on them, and vice versa for customers, too. They have pressures of their own.

On the whole, however, both groups will do to ride the river with. Let's cement these relationships with big hugs. And, if you like, hug a tree while you're at it.

Dr. Newbury is an author/speaker/columnist. His weekly humor column appears in more than 100 newspapers in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. He invites feedback at 817.447.3872 or by e-mail, newbury@speakerdoc.com

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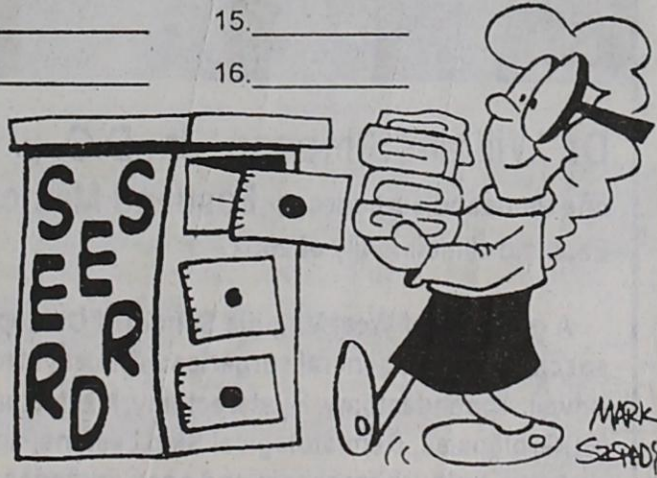
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## Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club Ladies

The quilting ladies had a good day quilting on Tuesday. Nearly all the members were there. We even lit the wood heater—gave us atmosphere! Earlene's "sixteen patch" quilt was finished. Christy's top is being worked on. The girls will not meet again until January. We will have a Christmas Party at Frankie's house on the 14th at 2:00 pm. That will be fun!

Frankie Smith had for her Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs Bob Nance and their children Joey and Stephenie Nance. They treated Frankie to a Thanksgiving dinner at the Kettle in Brownwood, a great time was had by all! Saturday her granddaughter and her husband Adam came to see her. They stayed for lunch but had to leave soon after.

Saturday night Jean Fore and Frankie traveled to Clyde to a musical. Everyone enjoyed seeing their friends.

The Chesshir family met at Christy and Doug Dallas' home at Lake Leon Thanksgiving Day. With the Cooper family, there were 24 of us. All the Chesshir

children were there except John Chesshir of Oklahoma and John Chesshir family of Conway Ark. the Cooper's had two of their children and family there. All had a great time visiting. Some of the men went fishing for a while but the fish weren't biting. Jim and William worked hard on Friday and Saturday. They trimmed trees in the front of the house, then went to the pecan orchard and cut dead limbs out to the trees. Charlene has a big stack of wood for the winter!

Glenda had her family there through Thanksgiving. Glen Dale, Sonja, and family came in Wednesday night. Kendall's friend, Herby, came with them. They went home on Sunday. Everyone had a good time. They had Thanksgiving and Christmas all at one time. Glen Dale's family won't get to be back for Christmas. Logan was really proud of his Spiderman quilt! He ask Glenda Monday night if she could make him another one because he really liked. I saw him at school on Tuesday, and he told me how he liked

it. He was telling all his friends about it! Glenda went with Allen and Janice Monday to Ranger to watch the Junior High kids play ball. They did real good.

Seems like most of our members had a good "family Thanksgiving". Beside the one mentioned above—Jean Fore had dinner with her sister Vi Harlow of Cross Plains. James and Jean Alexander had dinner with DP and May Jones.

The Ezzell family were at Olena's and Ana's. They always have a good get together. I am sure that the Hutton's did get together as a family as well. Low and Lessie were with family as well. These just didn't write me any news about their Thanksgiving. All of us were so thankful for family and all that God has blessed us with.

## Nebraska Governor To Lead USDA Texas Senator Cornyn Applauds Choice

Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns has been nominated by President Bush to serve as Secretary of Agriculture.

Texas Sen. John Cornyn stated that Governor Johanns would bring "a wealth of knowledge and experience on food, farming and conservation issues to Washington."

"As the Governor of the Cornhusker State, he has seen firsthand the challenges of today's agricultural producers as they compete in the global economy," Cornyn further stated.

Cornyn said that the existing Farm Bill - in part crafted by Ranking Member of the House Ag. Committee, Congressman Charles Stenholm (TX-Dist.17) - was working and "helping farmers by allowing them to plan and operate based on market realities."

"It has cost less than

expected," he added. In a redistricting shuffle in Texas, Stenholm could no longer run for reelection in the 17th Congressional District, and lost to incumbent Congressman Randy Neugebauer in the 2004 election for Congressional District 19.

Some agriculture producers in Texas had hoped that outgoing Congressman Stenholm would be chosen by

President Bush to serve as Agriculture Secretary, in order to assure a bipartisan, strong, and experienced voice for Texas farmers and ranchers in Washington.

Sen. Cornyn indicated that he felt newly nominated Johanns would be "an important voice to ensure agriculture is not overlooked or misunderstood, in a city where it all too often is."

The Senator listed the problems of BSE, property rights for farms and ranches, and the ending the death tax, as goals, which needed to be achieved in the future.



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## Guest Slot By HVO

Many will remember that we did a piece earlier this year on wheel-chair bound H.G. Henderson who helped bring us out of the Conapugraphic Dark into the Computer Age. Mr. Henderson died Friday in Houston of cancer of the liver. He lived in Abilene but traveled to Houston regularly where his three daughters live and where he had vast computer connections. Memorial services will be held Saturday in Houston at a Church of Christ. There undoubtedly will be many, many wheel-chaired friends attending because as a polio survivor he was a state official in the Polio Survivors Association, and 90% of his cell phone calls were from fellow survivors for whom he helped secure wheel chairs and other aids. He was the third generation owner/operator of the Henderson Feed and Seed Co., located just north of downtown Abilene and west of N. Treadway. He got into the computer business in order to be able to mix feeds more efficiently for his many farm and ranch customers. We are always amazed at his ingenuity and wrote of his ability to do so much even with his limited mobility. He flew airplanes, sailed boats and his specialty-rigged automobile were marvels. He once had a winch affair built onto a pickup to swing around and lift him into and out of his wheel chair. He was proud of a recently acquired suburban which had a similar arrangement for his wheels. He made those of us who generally had most of our natural facilities, feel so inadequate. He considered these newspapers and its people part of his extended family and we were always happy to have him around. He most recently installed the in-house network

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where his three daughters live and where he had vast computer connections. Memorial services will be held Saturday in Houston at a Church of Christ. There undoubtedly will be many, many wheel-chaired friends attending because as a polio survivor he was a state official in the Polio Survivors Association, and 90% of his cell phone calls were from fellow survivors for whom he helped secure wheel chairs and other aids. He was the third generation owner/operator of the Henderson Feed and Seed Co., located just north of downtown Abilene and west of N. Treadway. He got into the computer business in order to be able to mix feeds more efficiently for his many farm and ranch customers. We are always amazed at his ingenuity and wrote of his ability to do so much even with his limited mobility. He flew airplanes, sailed boats and his specialty-rigged automobile were marvels. He once had a winch affair built onto a pickup to swing around and lift him into and out of his wheel chair. He was proud of a recently acquired suburban which had a similar arrangement for his wheels. He made those of us who generally had most of our natural facilities, feel so inadequate. He considered these newspapers and its people part of his extended family and we were always happy to have him around. He most recently installed the in-house network



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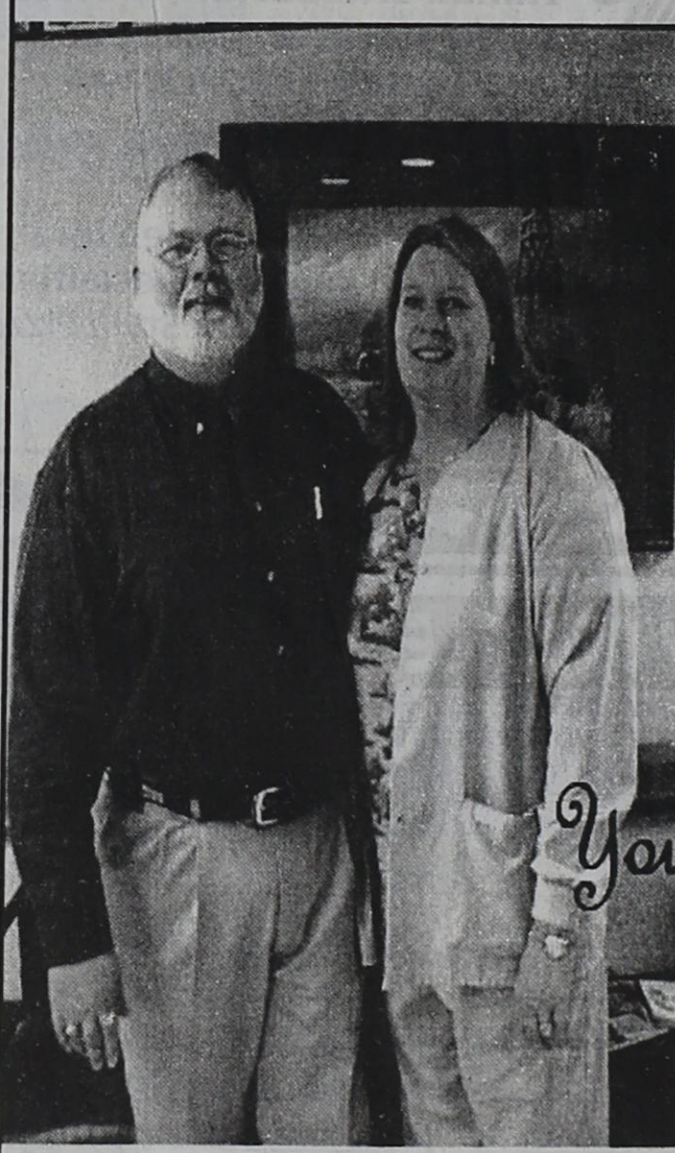
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## Tidbits...by HVO

THERE ARE many appeals at this holiday season; most are genuinely important...Locally, the Goodfellows is asking help; toys and food pickup will begin Friday, Dec. 17th...Salvation Army is appealing for donations to help the less fortunate--checks may be made to the Salvation Army of Eastland and mailed to that name, Box 36607, Dallas, TX 75235-1607.

MELBA AARON is reminding the public that DPS is imposing annual surcharges for offenses, invalid licenses and or proof of financial responsibility, which if unpaid could result in revocation of all driving privileges and remain in effect until the surcharges and collection fees are paid. The offenses include driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver licenses offense, driving while intoxicated and moving traffic violations that result in the accumulation of six or more points on your driver record.

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WE'VE BEEN occasionally running articles by Rex Rogers, an author and education in another state. His material is seen in 89 newspapers. Here's his latest: T-shirt Billboards Out of Control

Christians need to start thinking about what they are wearing, or allowing their children to wear, on their T-shirts. Do Americans, especially kids, own any clothing without slogans?

I'm a supporter of free enterprise capitalism, but I don't think it's necessary for people to be "walking billboards" for corporate America: I'm not suggesting that there's anything intrinsically evil about this practice, but I am beginning to wonder why we have allowed our children's entire wardrobes to become free advertisement for their favorite athlete's endorsements. Do we really want to promote conspicuous consumption?

I'm even more concerned about the new level of vulgarity that is clearly apparent in T-shirt graffiti. Take a walk in the mall and read teenager's T-shirts. You'll see what I mean.

A company named Co-ed Naked Sports leads the way in this. Most of their T-shirts are inscribed with sexually-charged, double-meaning phrases like this one for Law Enforcement: "Up against the wall and spread 'em." Or their T-shirt for tennis: "It's in, it's out, it's over." Perhaps you'll think me a prude, but

I think many of the corporation's other T-shirt statements are too crude to repeat here.

People are sometimes known by their T-shirt slogans. And T-shirt graffiti is a lot like bumper stickers. "I am somebody" because of what I say and who I identify with in saying it. Somehow in this "in-your-face" culture in which we live

subtlety and gentility have been lost. Now we force our philosophies and our materialism on total strangers.

Christians, as always, are called to testify. Are we testifying for Christ or for cultural idols?

(Ed. Note: In Europe recently, we saw T-shirt slogans that would make sailors blush.)

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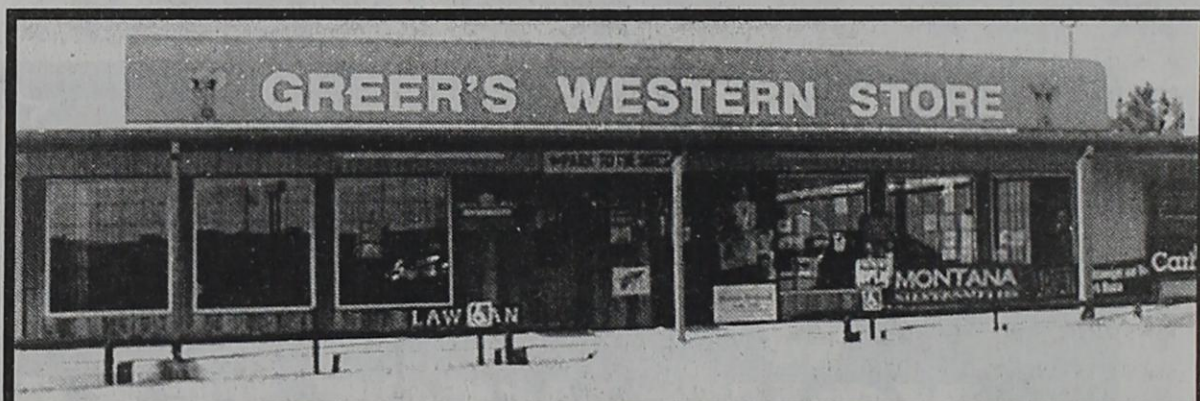
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## Poetry Corner

### The Meaning of Christmas

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 You'd call their friends over  
 To help celebrate.  
 Regardless of the hour,  
 Be it early or late.  
 Well, it's that time of year  
 To remember a birth.  
 The greatest one ever  
 On the face of the earth.  
 The birth of our Savior  
 On that glorious morn.  
 What changes took place  
 When this Baby was born.  
 While the shepherds were watching  
 Their flocks in the night,  
 There appeared in the East  
 A star shining bright.  
 Then came an angel  
 To spread the good word,  
 And the shepherds went

forth  
 To see what they'd heard.  
 There in a manger  
 In swaddling clothes lay  
 The little Lord Jesus  
 Asleep in the hay.  
 The wise men were there  
 To behold the great sight.  
 Bearing their gifts  
 On this holy night.  
 May peace be on earth,  
 Good will among men.  
 It's time to put Christ  
 Back in CHRISTmas again.  
 As carols are sung  
 And church bells ring out,  
 For that's what Christmas  
 Is really about.  
 By: Eddie Bilby Hayes

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## Moran Resident Sentenced To Prison In Eastland County Burglary

Raymond Lance Hawley, 37, formerly of Moran, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (10) ten year sentence for unlawful possession of a firearm and a (2) two year sentence for burglary of a building. Hawley was sentenced Friday, December 3, 2004 in the 91<sup>st</sup> District Courtroom in Eastland County by Visiting Judge, David Cleveland, former State District Judge of Palo Pinto County. In both cases, Hawley received the maximum punishment allowed by law for these types of offenses.

Hawley's convictions stem from an arrest made as a result of a comprehensive law enforcement investigation into a string of burglaries in several Big Country area counties, including a residence north

of the city of Cisco. Several suspects, including Hawley, were arrested and charged in the burglaries.

Several thousand dollars in stolen property, including all terrain vehicles and trailers were recovered and returned to their rightful owners.

Local agencies participating in the investigation include the Eastland County Sheriff's Office led by Chief Deputy Robert Rains and Windell Light, Texas Ranger David Hullum and Department of Public Safety - Motor Vehicle Theft Sergeant Danny Crawford. Shackelford, Callahan and Stephens County Sheriff Departments also participated in the investigation.

Hawley could now face similar burglary charges in

Shackelford, Callahan and Stephens Counties before being transfer to prison.

Others involved in the burglaries have been indicted by an Eastland County Grand Jury and are currently awaiting trial.

Criminal District Attorney

Russ Thomason and Eastland County Sheriff Wayne Bradford issued a joint statement complementing the joint efforts of the law enforcement officers involved in the investigation. "This case is an excellent example of many different agencies, both inside and outside our county, working together as team to serve and protect our local citizens and their property."

## Country Opry Saturday

The Country Opry will be held Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Community Room, Hillside Village in Cisco. The music will start at 6 p.m., with Al Jones as M.C.

Al says he has a really good program - one you can't afford to miss! It will include the nationally known Sarah A. Hinkle Family Gospel Group.

Mr. Rance Norton, a well-known young singer, is also expected to be present. Others will be Jerry

Blackwell of Weatherford, the Bill and Bill Jr. Donaho Band from Brownwood, Eddie Munn of Olden, Rosie Marshall of Cisco, and John Brock of Trickham.

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## From Page One Lights

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In a chaotic world, it's amazing how much peace and assurance can be felt in a small country community such as Rising Star when you drive downtown at night, park your car and get out and walk along the sidewalks. Feel the coolness of night on your cheeks and pull you loved one up close as you hold to one another's arms and stroll along admiring our little town at Christmastime. Then, head for the park and enjoy the night sky as you sit on a park bench in the middle of the starlit trees. God has blessed us here. At this special time of the year, take a stroll downtown or through the park at night and thank Him for our little piece of Heaven on Earth. And, above all, have a truly blessed and peaceful Christmas.

## From Page One Miracle

all the people who saved her life—those who called for help at the accident, the medics who care lifted her to the hospital, the surgeon's who made fast and correct decisions.

And yes, it seems that a power higher than we humans also hovered near her during those, fatal moments.

I do believe in miracles.

## From Page One Home Tour

tour at the Higginbotham Center. You need not be present to win.

Refreshments will be provided at the Higginbotham Center before and after the tour, by members of Star Pride.

Be sure and visit Rising Star Antiques & Terri's Treasures. Both stores will open during the tour and are providing our door prizes.

## Saturday Club News

We only had one meeting in November. Elsie Hobbs and Shawnah Bass were the hostesses. We were in for a treat — Shawnah had brought a large number of scrapbook pages, showing many ways to arrange pictures, momentos and clippings. She also showed us some of the many tools that can be used to cut pictures, make them sticky on the back or to make magnets.

Both rooms were decorated in a fall theme with flowers, leaves and other decorative items. The refreshments were delicious. We had a good time eating and visiting.

We have two new members — Janna Hardwick and Donna Shutz. We are glad to have them. Our December meeting will be a Christmas party for the nursing home.

## Remember To Renew Your Subscription

## Senior Citizens News

We met in the Baptist Church Activity Building today. There also were two other groups active, so it was a busy place. The "Quilters" were busy in the large activity space, and we were interested in watching what they were doing. They have been making lap robes for the Nursing Home.

Arley Bibby and Bessie Thorpe came for lunch. Arley said he went by and added a stitch or two for the quilters. Arley had Thanksgiving with daughter, Velda Lee, and family, in Clyde. Velda has bought and refurbished a downtown Clyde building for her Beauty Salon. Arley said she had five operators working for her.

Bessie's family had Thanksgiving with her in Potosi. She has two sons, three grandsons, and one granddaughter.

Sixteen people enjoyed our fine lunch today. Lilly Turner and Naomi Burns were among those who didn't feel like getting out. Elsie Hobbs reported that Geneva Rutherford is in the Care Center by the hospital in Brownwood. Elsie enjoyed Thanksgiving with her son in Odessa. She reported they had dinner at the Odessa Country Club, and that it was indeed a great spread!

Delia Walker came with Elsie. She said she had Thanksgiving with son, Howard, in Big Spring. She spent five days with him and his wife.

Irma Jones spent Thanksgiving week with daughter, Sherry Weaver and family, in Dallas. Since returning home she has enjoyed visits from grandson, David Weaver, and friend, from Dallas. The next day, grandson Dr. John Jones stopped by. Tuesday, son Gary Jones and wife Lynn, were here for Tuesday school. That afternoon, granddaughter Caryl Lawrence, and children, Aubrey, Matthew, and Caryn came by after school.

Donna Schutz and granddaughter, Shelby, are visiting relatives in San

Antonio this weekend. They are looking forward to seeing Donna's siblings from as far away as Alaska. There are six brothers and sisters, and all are expected to be in attendance.

Betty Raybon entertained her sister, Wanda Burns, and husband on Thanksgiving. She returned home with them and spent the weekend. Billie Lewis had her daughter, Linda Lancaster, and family at her house. Annie Ruth Christian's daughter, Linda Merritt, brought lunch to Annie Ruth and James. Later in the afternoon all her children called. She enjoyed a long visit with each.

Thanks to Patsy Walker for writing out for me her visit to Baytown where she visited with former daughter in law,

Angie and her husband, Chuck, and family. Thanksgiving was with Chuck's family, had too much to eat, but had a fun time. Went shopping twice with Angie and Karlee, once getting up at 4:00 in the morning. They drove to Houston, a trip Patsy says she'll never make again! Karlee called it "the war of the shoppers!" Spent most of one day with Casey, who is now 18. Chuck was on vacation and did most of the cooking. Patsy reported it was delicious. It was a real Thanksgiving Blessing to be with Chad, age 12, and Karlee, almost 8.

Gene Moore missed lunch at noon, but he called in his news: Gene and Lorrye had Thanksgiving in Coleman with David and Terri Conway and family.

## Rising Star Nursing Center

The residents will be having their Christmas Party December 23 at 5:30 p.m. Sandwiches, chips and dip will be served. Santa will be present with gifts. All family members come join us in making this a wonderful Christmas time for our residents.

Family members that wish to have Christmas Day lunch with us, please let Angie Williams know that you plan to come.

Employee's Christmas Party is December 17 at 6:00 p.m. Sandwiches, chips and dip will be provided. Jessica Childers will be presenting a powerpoint presentation.

Thanks, Jessica.

A warm welcome for our new resident, Volley Joe Williams.

Our congratulations to the Lady Buffs Junior High A Team on their defeat on Ranger. Go Buffs!

We appreciate Rising Star First Baptist Church for the delicious cookies and Christmas cards.

Good job Lady Cats on your victory against Albany and the boys basketball victory over Bryson. Go Wildcats!

The holidays are a good time to make people forget the past with a present.

## Letter To The Editor

Surely by this time most of you Rising Star residents have noticed all the decorations our town is sporting - lights, park and all.

This past weekend several young men from our town that are employees of Comanche Electric Coop, with two lift trucks, were working till after ten Saturday night. For the first time in 17 years, Rising Star looks like Christmas.

Some of the young men I noticed working were Greg Clay (City Council) Robert Self, Johnny Fox, one of

those cute Cook boys (not sure which one), and others I'm sure I missed, and of course our mayor, Mike McGinn, one of my favorite Christians.

So let's find these people, pat them on the back, and say "THANKS". Also, write or call Comanche Coop. What would we do without neighbors?!

Nice to have a young, but going council person. We need a lot more young blood.

Merry Christmas,  
Lorrye L. Moore

## Wildcat Menu

**Monday, Dec. 13**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, jelly, orange juice.  
Lunch: H.B. stew, salad, fruit, cornbread, milk.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Ham, candied yams, green bean casserole, roll, fruit salad, milk.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Corn dogs, baked beans, fruit, cake, milk.

**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, orange juice, milk.  
Lunch: Fish sticks, pork & beans, coleslaw, white bread, fruit, milk.

**Friday, Dec. 17**  
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Sloppy joes, tater tots, pickle, onion, fruit, milk.

## Timely Tips

by Kate Worth

**EASY CLEAN** - To get those encrusted bits of food off your work surface, move the lid of a milk carton over the surface pressing hard. It will scrape them off easily and quickly without harming the surface. Patricia D.

**STAIN REMOVER** - Even though I use so-called "invisible" deodorant, I still get those unsightly white marks on my T-shirts. To remove them, I sponge them with a hydrogen peroxide solution (20 volume strength - 1 part to 6 parts water), then apply liquid detergent to the area. I launder as usual. Unfortunately, if there's a build-up over time, this may not work. Linda F.

**NO WASTE** - Instead of throwing away heels of bread, freeze them and use to make your own bread crumbs or croutons. Julia K.

**MONEY SAVER** - Instead of buying cooking spray, put your favorite cooking oil in a spray bottle. It does the same job for less money. Lindsay T.

**FRAGRANCE TIP** - Make your own low-cost air freshener spray by filling a spray bottle with distilled or purified water and add 10 to 15 drops of your favorite essential oil. Virginia C.

**MORE MONEY SAVING** - To save money, buy a gallon of window cleaner for your vehicle, then pour into a spray bottle. It cleans as well as top brand cleaners and lasts a lot longer. Tammy B.

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Call Margaret @ 254-629-1707 with all your local events and news.

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### In Service

#### Dusty Anderson

Army National Guard Spec. Dusty B. Anderson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Anderson is the daughter of Andy Anderson of Cross

Plains.

She graduated in 1999 from Cross Plains High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2004 from Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

### Basketball Stats (Continued from Page One)

Baird: 10 6 10 7 33	Junior High
Ranger: 4 4 4 1 13	12-6-04 at Home
—	Baird: 16 14 10 8 48
Baird vs. Ranger	Ranger: 2 4 0 2 8
7th Grade Girls	

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## Baird J.H. Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

Monday, Dec. 13 Eula There 5:00 PM  
Thursday, Jan. 6 Cross Plains There 5:00 PM  
Saturday, Jan. 8 7th Albany Tourney There TBA  
Monday, Jan. 10 Gorman Here 5:00 PM  
Th/Sa Jan.13 & Jan.15 Cross Plains Tourney There TBA  
Thursday, Jan. 20 Albany There 5:00 PM  
Saturday, Jan. 22 8th Albany Tourney There TBA  
Thursday, Jan. 27 Ranger There 5:00 PM  
Thursday, Feb. 3 Eula Here 5:00 PM

All games will be played in the following order:  
7th girls, 7th boys, 8th girls, 8th boys.



# BAIRD BEARS

## Baird HS Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

Thr. - Sat., Dec. 2-4 Rising Star Tourney There VG/VB TBA  
Thr. - Sat., Dec. 2-4 Hawley Tourney There JVG/JVB TBA  
Tuesday, Dec. 7 Strawn Here VG/VB 6:30 PM  
Thr. - Sat., Dec. 9-11 Lohn Tourney There VG/VB TBA  
Monday, Dec. 13 Abilene Christian Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB  
Friday, Dec. 17 Tolar There JVG/JVB/VG/VB  
Mon. Wed. Dec. 27-29 Zephyr Tourney There VG/VB TBA  
Friday, Dec. 31 Hamlin There JVB/VB 1:00 PM  
Tuesday, Jan. 4 Abilene Christian There JVG/JVB/VG/VB  
Friday, Jan. 7 DeLeon Here VB TBA

Superintendent: Cliff Gardner  
H.S. Principal: Sandra Carter  
Head Boys Coach: Clay Barnett  
Assistant: Luke Moody  
Head Girls Coach: Lane Loyd  
Assistant Coach: Lauren Rodriguez

## Baird HS Basketball District Games Schedule 2004-2005

\* Friday, Jan. 7 Cross Plains Here JVG/VG 6:00 PM  
\* Tuesday, Jan. 11 Gorman There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Friday, Jan. 14 Albany Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Tuesday, Jan. 18 Ranger Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Friday, Jan. 21 Eula There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Tuesday, Jan. 25 Cross Plains There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Friday, Jan. 28 Gorman Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Tuesday, Feb. 1 Albany There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Friday, Feb. 4 Ranger There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Tuesday, Feb. 8 Eula Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM  
\* Friday, Feb. 11 Cross Plains Here JVB/VB 6:00 PM

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