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Thursday, January 8, 2009

Callahan County Library News

New books at the library are: It's Moving Day! by Pamela Hickman, The Dragonfly Pool by Eva Ibbotson, Uh-oh! by Rachel Isadora, Left to Die* by Lisa Jackson, Damage Control* by J.A. Jance, Dark Summer* by Iris Johansen, and Close to You: How Animals Bond by Dimiko Kajikawa.

Some older books at the library are: Dead Wrong by Judith A. Jance, A Necessary Evil by Alex Kava, The Best Book of Bugs by Claire Llewellyn, Every Breath You Take by Judith McNaught, The Man from Stone Creek by Linda Lael Miller, A Perfect Hell: The True Story of the Black Devils by John Nadker and Thriller: Stories to Keep You Up All Night. These books were purchased with Loan Star Libraries Grant money. *Large print.

From the Past
Callahan County
Clarendon

April 10, 1880
Volume 1, Number 21

Mr. W.L. Percell, a heavy stockman with plenty of cash, has rented for six months the house owned and until lately occupied by Parson Austin. Mr. Percell is from Battle Creek and has come to be one of us.

The locating party are now at work determining what line to establish through Belle Plain.

Judge T.J. Austin has moved on to his farm about one mile from the courthouse. Mr. Claib Merchant has this week sold a thoroughbred Durham cow and calf to Esqr. Huffman for \$100.

S.W. Crutcher, brother of Prof. Crutcher of this place, arrived here from Missouri last Friday the 2nd inst. He is watching around and if the railroad hits us he will open a hardware store at once.

Letter List,

Letters remaining in Belle Plain Post Office. April 1st, 1880, if not called for in thirty days, they will be sent to the dead letter office, Washington, D.C.

T.D. Bowman; S.F. Colens; Miss Effie Gray; I.J. Henderson; John L. Henry; Miss Etta Roberts; W.L. Smith; J.B. Seaton; G.W. Slaughter; Eugene Stricklin; Wm. C. Sample; Matt Thomas; Miss Moley Trueblood; E.S. Vanderpool; D. Young.

New at the library are: Exposed by Alex Kava, Texas Sunrise by Elmer Kelton, Stalking Susan by Julie Kramer, A Man for All Seasons by Stephen Krensky, and Follow the Line by Laura Ljungkvist. Also at the library are: Still Life by Louise Penny, Strange Animals, New

to Science by Laurence Pringle, Copycat by Erica Spindler, Coming Out* by Danielle Steel, Final Truth by Mariah Stewart and Wings of Light by Stephen Swinburne.

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April 10, 1880
Description of Callahan County and Belle Plain

Callahan County is situated about one hundred and fifty miles nearly west of Fort Worth, and between the Brazos on the east and the Colorado on the west, about one hundred miles south of the Indian Nation and two hundred miles east of New Mexico.

The healthfulness and beauty of the location is all that could be wished for, and, although we could not say the county is a first class agricultural county, yet there is very much first class farming land in the numerous valleys and other kinds of timber in the justly celebrated Hubbard Timbers, in the north part of the county.

The county is only three years old, but the enterprise, intelligence and energy of her citizens is what has given the county the reputation of an old and law-abiding county.

Turkey Creek Valley has thousands of acres of the finest land in the State, and many thrifty farmers have already taken advantage of it. There is abundance of timber for fuel, whilst good fencing timber can be had nearby. Battle Creek and Deep Creek have also a large amount of first class farming lands with plenty of timber and water along their banks.

Pecan Bayou, one of the finest valleys in the world, with an inexhaustible soil, passes nearly through the entire county. It's valleys are from a half to three miles wide; although there is but little timber along some portions of this stream, yet fuel can be had within a reasonable distance, and the water is the finest in the county.

Hubbard Creek also has a large fertile valley with abundance of timber and water. It heads in the Hubbard Timbers, running nearly north passing out of the north side of the county. Besides these creeks there are Mahair, Lightie, Dead Man and several others of minor importance, all of which afford more or less tillable soil with timber and water.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show January 15-17

The annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 15-Saturday, January 17. Starting time will be Thursday, January 15 at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

Superintendents for this year's show are:

Beef Cattle- Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee

Market & Breeding Swine-Doug Johnston and Tom Windham

Poultry & Rabbits- Betsy Robbins and Larry McIntire

Sheep & Goats- Steven Mitchell and Angela Mitchell

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 15 with Scott Anderson of Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5 p.m. on the 15th.

Judging will begin at 8

a.m. on Friday, January 16 with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Edward Schneider of Franklin will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 16, Randy Dunbar, of Stephenville, will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goats.

On the afternoon of the 16th from 5-6 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Bob Bailey, of Ranger, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 17 with the Heifer Show. Bailey will also judge the Steer Show at 9 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gergrross, Robert Frost, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Everyone is invited to attend the Jr. Livestock Show and support the youth of Callahan County.

Callahan County 4-H Newsletter For January 2009

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Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

The Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held January 15-17, 2009 at the County Show Barn in Cross Plains. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, January 15
5:30 p.m. Rabbit & Poultry Show

Friday, January 16
8 a.m. Breeding Gilts followed by Market Swine
1:30 p.m. Market Sheep followed by Meat & Boer Goats

Saturday, January 17
8:30 a.m. Beef Heifer followed by Market Steers
1 p.m. Premium Auction Sale

Arrival Times
The arrival times for the County Jr. Livestock Show are as follows:

Swine- January 15- Entries will be taken from 1 to 7 p.m.

Poultry & Rabbits- January 15- Weigh in from 3-5 p.m.

Lambs, Goats- January 15- Weigh in from 3-7 p.m.

Steers & Heifers- January 16- Weigh in from 5-6 p.m.

Educational programs for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact the County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

Entry fees will be paid at time of weigh in. No exceptions will be allowed

Steers- \$15, Breeding Heifers-\$7, Market Lambs-\$10, Breeding Rabbits-\$2/head, Market Swine- \$10, Breeding Gilt-\$5, Market Goats- \$10, Boer Goats-\$5, Rabbits-Pen of 3- \$5, Pen of Fryers- \$5/pen

Community Livestock Show Dates
Baird Show January 10
Clyde Show January 10
Eula Show January 10

Project Preparation Help

With the local, county and major shows quickly arriving, time will be a priceless commodity. Many of you will spend many hours getting prepared. If you want or will need assistance in getting your projects prepared, call me as soon as possible so that I can set up a time to help.

School Excuses For Major Shows

A list of 4-H members participating in the major shows will be sent to their respective schools. It will be the responsibility of the parents/4-H members to notify the schools of the specific dates you will be absent.

Parent Reminder: Students may only miss a certain number of times per year according to school's policy for the purpose of any extracurricular activities. So choose the time you will need wisely.

Veterinary Science Meeting Dates

We are beginning a new year in Vet Sciences with the help of Dr. Monty Ancinec and Dr. Rob Harle. Due to

the busy January schedule our first Vet Science meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. located at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

The next will be February 17 and the final meeting will be held on March 24. All meetings will be at 7 p.m. If you have any questions call the Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Shooting Sports Orientation Meeting

For those interested in the Shooting Sports project there will be an orientation meeting on February 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Shooting Range. All former members and new members as well as their parents are encouraged to attend. The Shooting Range is located on FM 18 between Baird and Clyde. For more information contact the Extension Office.

Futurity Project Nomination Due- Horse Project

4-H Horse Project members who intend to nominate yearling halter, yearling long line, two-year-old pleasure and three-year-old stock horses for the 4-H futurity program have until April 1st to purchase a horse and fill out a nomination form. Nomination forms are available at the Callahan County Extension Office. There is a \$10 nomination fee. 4-H members can nominate more than one horse, but must fill out a separate form for each horse. Nomination will not constitute entry, and 4-Hers will still need to officially enter the respective State Show futurity class later in the year while attending the District Show.

4-H Club Meeting Dates

Baird 4-H Club
TBA, 6:30 p.m., Baird ISD Cafeteria. Contact Angela Mitchell at (325) 854-1736
Clyde 4-H Club

January 12, 6:30 p.m., Clyde Elementary Cafeteria;
February 9, 6:30 p.m. Clyde Elementary Cafeteria;
March 2, 6:30 p.m., Clyde Elementary Cafeteria;
April 13, 6:30 p.m., Clyde Elementary Cafeteria
Eula 4-H

January 6, 7 p.m., Eula Middle School Activities Building; February 3, 7 p.m. Eula Middle School Activities Building

Major Stock Show Schedule

Ft. Worth- Jan. 28-Feb. 1, Market Lambs; Jan. 28-Feb. 1, Market Goats; Feb. 3-6, Steers; Feb. 3-6, Barrows

San Antonio- Feb. 16-18, Market Lambs; Feb. 12-14, Market Goats; Feb. 17-21, Steers; Feb. 14-19, Barrows

San Angelo- Feb. 22-24, Market Lambs; Feb. 25-27, Steers; Feb. 25-27, Barrows

Houston- March 10-12, Market Lambs; March 10-12, Market Goats; March 9-13, Steers; March 14-19, Barrows
Austin- March 19-21, Market Lambs; March 19-20, Market Goats; March 23-27, Steers; March 14-19, Barrows

Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinics in Callahan County
Monday, January 12th
Baird Cafetorium
400 W. 7th
Time: 10-12

Wednesday, January 14th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
Time: 10-12 & 1:30-3:00
Please bring child's Immunization Records
If child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the card
For more information call 325/754-4945

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Legal Notice

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

KAREN KNAPP, Petitioner, File #3340 Docket # V-00981-08 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

-against- PHILIP D. STATEN, Respondent.

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE JAMES T. ROONEY, J.F.C.

Upon the Summons and Petition duly filed with this Court by the Petitioner KAREN KNAPP herein seeking custody of the infant ASHLEY R. STATEN, date of birth July 19, 1992, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this Court, based upon the oral testimony taken before this Court on December 2nd, 2008, that the Respondent above-named will be unable, with due diligence, to be served by the Petitioner herein or any other servant agent and/or employee acting on her behalf and it further appearing that the Respondent PHILIP D. STATEN is not a resident of the State of New York;

NOW, on application of FRANK A. CATALINA, ESQ., attorney for the Petitioner, it is

ORDERED, that service of the attached Summons and Verified Petition of KAREN KNAPP seeking custody of the infant ASHLEY R. STATEN, upon PHILIP D. STATEN, the Respondent herein, be made by publication and that same by published in the Callahan County Baird Star at least once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks with the last date of publication being made prior to January 20th, 2009.

Signed this 8th day of December, 2008 at Carmel, New York

ENTER: S/JAMES T. ROONEY HON. JAMES T. ROONEY, J.S.C. Family Court Judge Putnam County Family Court Gleneida Avenue Carmel, NY 10512 845-225-3641

COUNTY OF PUTNAM In the Matter of a Custody/Visitation Proceeding File # 3340 Docket #: V-00981-08 Karen Knapp, Petitioner, SUMMONS

-against- Philip D. Staten, Respondent.

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

To: Philip D. Staten 1333 Park Street Peekskill, NY 10566

A petition under Article 6 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court, and annexed hereto YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-

MONED to appear before this court on Date/Time: January 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Purpose: Hearing/Inquest Part: 2 Floor/Room: Floor 3/ Room 306 Presiding: Hon. James T. Rooney Location: 20 County Center Carmel, NY 10512

to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

Signed FRANK A. CATALINA, ESQ. 1013 Brown Street Peekskill, NY 10566 914-736-0087

Dated: December 5, 2008

NOTICE: Family Court §154(c) provides that petitions brought pursuant to Article 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 of the Family Court Act, in which an order of protection is sought or in which a violation of an order of protection is alleged, may be served outside the State of New York upon a Respondent who is not a resident or domiciliary of the State of New York. If no other grounds for obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Respondent exist aside from the application of this provision, the exercise of personal jurisdiction over the respondent is limited to the issue of the request for, or alleged violation of, the order of protection. Where the Respondent has been served with this summons and petition does not appear, the Family Court may proceed to a hearing with respect to issuance or enforcement of the order of protection.

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

KAREN KNAPP, Petitioner, File #3340 Docket #V-981-08 PETITION FOR CUSTODY

-against- PHILIP STATEN, Respondent.

THE UNDERSIGNED PETITIONER respectfully alleges the following:

1. That the Petitioner resides at 19 Chestnut Street, Lake Peekskill, New York 10537.

2. That the Petitioner is the grandmother of the infant ASHLEY R. STATEN, the child subject to this proceeding.

3. The Respondent PHILIP STATEN resides at 208 Callow Hill Street, Baird, Texas 79504.

4. The Respondent PHILIP STATEN is the natural parent/father of the infant ASHLEY R. STATEN, the child who is the subject of this proceeding.

5. That the name, present address and date of birth of the child who is the subject of this proceeding is: ASH-

LEY R. STATEN, 19 Chestnut Street, Lake Peekskill, New York 10537, date of birth July 19, 1992.

6. That a custody proceeding involving this child is pending by the Petitioner against the natural mother, STEPHANIE COSTA under File Number 3340, Docket Number V-00620-08.

7. That the Respondent herein was not named in the aforesaid proceeding.

8. That Petitioner acquired custody of the child from the natural mother in April of 2008 and the child has been residing with the Petitioner since that time.

9. That it would be in the best interest of the child to have custody awarded to the Petitioner so that the Petitioner can continue to care for the child, look after her health and mental well-being as well as provide for her social and educational needs.

10. Upon information and belief, the Respondent will consent to the relief requested herein.

11. The child is not a Native American subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

12. That no previous application was made to any Court or Judge for the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for an Order granting her custody of the infant named herein together with such other and further relief this Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: October 2nd, 2008 Peekskill, NY

Signed Karen Knapp, KAREN KNAPP, PETITIONER

(12-18, 12-25-08, 1-1, 1-8-09)

Obituary

Violet Burnam

ABILENE- Violet Burnam, 80, of Abilene, died Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at a Baird nursing center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith. Rev. Lupe Palacios officiated. Interment was in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories.

She was born September 14, 1928, in Crews in Runnels County, Texas. She was the daughter of Eppie Rebekah (White) and Walter Kerby. She was reared in Ovalo in South Taylor County and moved to Abilene in 1946.

A very active member of Belmont Baptist Church in Abilene, Violet was teacher of the Dorcas Sunday School Class, as well as a member of the church choir and the organist of Belmont Phone Friends.

She married James William "Bill" Burnam in Abilene on August 1, 1980.

Violet was a homemaker and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Having devoted her life to her family and helping others, she will be missed greatly.

Her husband, Bill Burnam; her parents; and a sister, Alice Frymire, preceded her in death.

Survivors are her daughters, Sue Valentine of Clyde and Linda Sullivan of Nashville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Mat Valentine, Karla Davis, Charlotte Valentine, Trevor Sullivan and Nathan Sullivan; and three great-grandchildren, Camron, Preston and Ethan; stepson, Jimmy Burnam of Kaufman; stepdaughter, Betty Pierce of Abilene; and five stepgrandchildren.

Obituaries

Colleen Clark

LONGVIEW- Colleen Clark, 72, died, after a lengthy illness, on January 1, 2009.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2009 at the Winterfield United Methodist Church with Rev. Rita Sims officiating. Burial followed at the Rosewood Cemetery under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

Colleen was born November 28, 1936 in Clyde, Texas to L.W. and Lenora Smith Clemmer. A fifty-year resident of Longview, Colleen truly touched the lives of everyone she met. She was a tireless optimist, always seeing the best in others. Colleen's life centered around her family, friends, and the many relationships she developed as the owner of Casa Flora Flower Shop for over twenty years. She leaves a rich legacy as a mother, grandmother, and businesswoman and as a mentor to her staff. She was a ray of sunshine to all the lives she touched.

She demonstrated this light working with Campfire, the Boy Scouts, her church, and serving as a past president of the Allied Florists Local Association. Despite her own physical challenges, Colleen always had a positive attitude and took great joy in the accomplishments and talents of her family and friends. She was an excellent cook and loved to share her tasty dishes with others.

Survivors are her husband, Kenneth L. Clark, Jr. of Longview; son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth L. Clark, III and Shelia of Diana; her daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Bruce Slover of Longview; grandchildren, Kenneth L. Clark, IV and Mason L. Clark; a brother, Morris Lynn Corley of Irving; her cousins, Bitsy Berryman of Tyler and Beth Barr of Abilene; and her loyal companion and loving dog, Buddy.

Contributions may be made to the Winterfield United Methodist Church 2616 Tryon Road, Longview, TX 75605.

Janice Marie Sadler

OVALO- Janice Marie Sadler died Thursday, January 1, 2009 in a Lubbock hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 2009 in Lawn Church of Christ with Roy Meyer and Mike Hardaway officiating. Burial was in Rough Creek Cemetery near Novice, directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home in Tuscola.

Janice was born November 13, 1950, to Ulys Arthur and Melissa Irene Story Beard in Franklin, Tennessee. She married Harley Sadler on May 22, 1970, in Novice. They lived in Novice 14 years prior to moving to Ovalo in 1990. She was a member of Lawn Church of Christ. She was a loving wife, mother and "Grammy" who always put others first.

Preceded in death by her mother and a brother,

William (Billy) Beard.

Survivors include her husband, Harley of Ovalo; daughters, Natascha Whitehurst and husband Michael of Tuscola and Tia Tai Sadler of Abilene; her grandbabies (Bestest Buddies), Nicole and Madison Whitehurst; her "adopted" children, Wes, Jolee and Lanie Cannon; siblings, Jimmy Beard and wife Teresa of Clyde, Shirley Champion and husband Weldon of Abilene, Gail Green and husband Bo of Forest Hills, Don Beard and wife Kim of Clyde, Olan Beard and wife Debbie of Abilene, Johnny Beard and wife Myra of Dickson, TN., Bobby Beard and wife Rhonda of Clyde, Annette Mabry and husband Randy of Sonora; a sister-in-law, Judy Beard of Odessa; and many dearly loved nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Marie Peavy

CROSS PLAINS- Marie Peavy, 71, of Cross Plains, died Friday, January 2, 2009.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 2009 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial followed in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Marie was born to Henry and Medora Remillard on December 14, 1937 in Lewiston, Maine. She married H.T. Peavy in Denton on January 29, 1957. She was a seamstress, homemaker, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, all of which she managed with love and pride.

She was a member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, H.T.; a sister and brother.

She is survived by three daughters, Sharelynn Bell and husband, Ron of Cross Plains, Suzanne Hogrell of Cross Plains, Sandra Rusk and husband, John of Meridian; son, Darrell Peavy and wife, Kerry of Lake Brownwood; sister, Lucille Carron of Maine; brother-in-law, Buel Peavy and wife, Ruth of San Marcos; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Literary Calendar

January 9, 1324: At age 70, Marco Polo died in Venice. Earlier in life as a prisoner of war, he had related his memoirs to a fellow inmate, "The Travels of Marco Polo."

January 10, 1743: For a debt of 8 pounds owed to a coffeehouse, the playwright and poet Richard Savage is arrested in Bristol.

January 11, 1936: Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler attended a dinner where they were introduced to each other in Los Angeles.

January 12, 1876: The author of "The Call of the Wild," Jack London was born in San Francisco. He was to occupy himself at various times also as a gold miner, sailor and tramp.

January 14, 1894: After a career as a seaman, Joseph Conrad moves to London and works on the manuscript of a story called "Alamayer's Folly," he had been writing aboard ship.

American Life In Poetry

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

I suspect that one thing some people have against reading poems is that they are so often so serious, so devoid of joy, as if we poets spend all our time brooding about mutability and death and never having any fun. Here Cornelius Eady, who lives and teaches in Indiana, offers us a poem of pure pleasure.

A Small Moment

I walk into the bakery next door

To my apartment. They are about

To pull some sort of toast with cheese

From the oven. When I ask:

What's that smell? I am being

A poet, I am asking

What everyone else in the shop

Wanted to ask, but somehow couldn't;

I am speaking on behalf of two other

Customers who wanted to buy the

Name of it. I ask the woman

Behind the counter for a percentage

Of her sale. Am I flirting?

Am I happy because the

days
Are longer? Here's what

She does: She takes her time

Choosing the slices. "I am picking

Out the good ones," she tells me. It's April 14th.

Spring, with five to ten Degrees to go. Some days,

I feel my duty;

Some days, I love my work.

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Try This Out

One way to get your poetry or writing to move forward is to try it in a form differently than what you intend. An example would be to fix on at theme that is important to you, say "lives and buildings in a small town," and decide that you want to write a poem on that subject. But perhaps things are not coming to your thoughts. You can try an essay or narrative to get some thoughts down, and move from that to the poem you want to write. Let's say you spy an old building

that you remember, "Dad knew old Jim Motten who ran a music store out of that building in the 30's when our population could support such a business. For a while the Smiths tried to operate a small cafe there. Lot's of good coffee I drank there in the 1950's. Look at how it has deteriorated now. That front paint has worn." From this exercise you can then move the the senses and sounds and poetics of your enterprise. The point here is to use the story form to get to the poetic form.

A Long Engagement

A close look at Elizabeth Bishop's poem "The Moose" shows why it took her twenty years to write it.

By Toby Eckert
Poetry Media Service

Elizabeth Bishop claimed that it took her around 20 years to finish her poem "The Moose." Even for a poet as methodical as Bishop, that seems like an unusually long time. Taking up a theme she explored in poems such as "The Fish" and "The Armadillo," "The Moose" meditates on the transcendent power of nature, and its often startling intrusion into our modern lives. The poem also maps the terrain of Nova Scotia, where the young Bishop was taken to live with her maternal grandparents after being effectively orphaned by her father's early death and her mother's institutionalization for mental illness. (The poem is dedicated to Grace Bulmer Bowers, one of her aunts and surrogate mothers.) "The Moose" opens on a lyrical note, describing the landscape and towns along the Nova Scotian coast:

From narrow provinces
of fish and bread and tea,
home of the long tides
where the bay leaves the sea

twice a day and takes
the herrings long rides,
The phrase "narrow provinces" in the first line not only establishes a geographical anchor but also serves as a commentary on the provincial lives of the inhabitants. The local diet "of fish and bread and tea," with its repetitive syntax and tight, iambic cadence, invokes a simple, somewhat monotonous existence. Life's rhythm is reflected in the predictable rise and fall of water, "the long tides / where the bay leaves the sea / twice a day . . ." which also manifests itself in the consistent rhyme scheme that evokes the sound of the ebbing and surging ocean.

Despite the poem's travel theme, Bishop is clearly in no hurry to get anywhere in particular. Not until the fifth stanza does the opening phrase, "From narrow provinces," find its verb. Only then does the narrative that propels the rest of the poem truly begin:

a bus journeys west,
the windshield flashing pink,
pink glancing off of metal,

brushing the dented flank
of blue, beat-up enamel;

The effect is unsettling, as Bishop suddenly introduces an ungainly metal machine into what heretofore had been a bucolic scene. From that point on, the reader is conscious of being separated from the landscape, moving through it in an artificial environment in which the outside world flits by the bus windows like scenes in a film: a woman shaking out a tablecloth after dinner, a ship's lantern shining red off the coast, a rubber-booted pedestrian. As the bus picks up speed, the lines do too. It is full night as the bus enters the woods of New Brunswick. Here, another significant turn occurs, with the landscape becoming hairy, scratchy, splintery; moonlight and mist caught in them like lamb's wool

on bushes in a pasture.
It is wilder than the more

human-inhabited world of the previous stanzas. The woods have a clinging, dense, claustrophobic feel. The atmosphere of menace outside the bus contrasts sharply with the one inside, where it is cozy and safe:

The passengers lie back.
Snores. Some long sighs.
A dreamy divagation
begins in the night,
a gentle, auditory,
slow hallucination. . . .

The narrator herself starts to drift off, and Bishop's syntax becomes incantatory and hypnotic. But the reverie comes to an abrupt end with the appearance of the poem's titular character:

--Suddenly the bus driver
stops with a jolt,
turns off his lights.

A moose has come out of
the impenetrable wood
and stands there, looms,
rather,

in the middle of the road.

The domestic dream is punctured, something huge and wild intrudes. Someone assures the passengers that the animal is "Perfectly harmless. . . ."--a sentiment Bishop undermines, or at least questions, by setting off the phrase with quotes and ellipses.

Some of the passengers
exclaim in whispers,
childishly, softly,
"Sure are big creatures."
"It's awful plain."
"Look! It's a she!"

Taking her time,
she looks the bus over,
grand, otherworldly. . . .

The driver's observation that moose are "Curious creatures" could as easily be applied to the passengers. The poet, even as she shares some of the giddy excitement, questions the emotions stirred up by the animal:

Why, why do we feel
(we all feel) this sweet
sensation of joy?

The answer is never given. For Bishop, it seems to lie in the curious power of nature to transform a rather ordinary moment into a transcendent one. The creature's sudden appearance reminds these "civilized" humans of that other world they are simultaneously surrounded by and alienated from. The poet is reluctant to leave the scene, craning backward to see the moose "on the moonlit macadam." As the bus moves on, Bishop invokes the scents used to mark territory--the primeval and the mechanical:

Then there's a dim
smell of moose, an acrid
smell of gasoline.

The moment has passed. But for Bishop, those dim and acrid smells lingered powerfully enough to compel the exacting commitment of the memory to paper, even two decades later.

Toby Eckert is an editor and writer who lives in Alexandria, VA. This article first appeared on www.poetryfoundation.org. Distributed by the Poetry Foundation. Read more about Elizabeth Bishop, and her poetry, at www.poetryfoundation.org.

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Super Notes

By David Perry
Gorman ISD Superintendent

Happy New Year! School is off to a cold start for the beginning of 2009, but it will warm up soon. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and that the New Year brings you good health, joy, and peace. As

usual, I can't believe the first semester went by so quickly, but experience tells me this semester will go by even faster. There are so many things going on that it will be over before we know it, especially with the 81st Legislative session beginning on January 13th. I know I will be in Austin a few times representing the needs of the school district and public education in general and I will do my best to represent our community.

However, while I'm there I certainly don't mind speaking up for other local interest so if there is anything you would like for me to say regarding any other local issues like: farming, fuel prices, utilities, retail sales, etc. just let me know.

I want to remind everyone that in case of bad weather, please listen to the following radio stations: KSTV 93.1 or KYOX 94.3, or tune in to the following television stations: KTAB-Channel 32, KTXS-Channel 12 or KRBC-Channel 9 in Abilene. We don't like to cancel school or change our usual schedule because

we know what a burden it places on the parents of our students, but sometimes we can't help it for safety sake. Please rest assured that we take our responsibility very seriously and won't ever intentionally place your child at risk. We appreciate the trust placed in us and will always act with your child's best interest at heart. Although we were out of school over the holidays, the building process slowed but did not stop. The shingle roof on the gym is complete and they are now working on the front gable and will begin on the positive slope roofs. We also have a new red standing seam steel roof being installed on the old Home Economics building. It looks great!

Basketball starts right up beginning this Tuesday here at home with the high school playing Perrin-Whitt and then the girls will be playing DeLeon away at 6:00pm on Friday and the boys will begin at 5:00pm in Olney. I know that sounds weird, but the girl's district play begins a week earlier than the boys. The junior high will play Evant here at 4:00pm on Thursday. All junior high games will now be on Thursday.

I know that there are a lot of rumors going around regarding our secondary principal Mr. Panter. Just so everyone gets their facts straight, I want you to know that he has turned in his resignation and will be leaving at the end of this school year. He has done a great job for the children of this district and I hate to see him go. We have worked very well together. He will be seeking employment in the Dallas area near his family. He will certainly receive the highest recommendations from us. In the mean time, we are accepting applications through the month of January and will begin the interview process shortly thereafter. The job is posted on our website (<http://www.gorman.esc14.net/> www.gorman.esc14.net), region 14's website (www.esc14.net), and the Texas Association of School Administrator website (http://www.tasanet.org).

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Eastland Church Of God Is Now Cornerstone Church

Pastor Michael Franks and wife, Terri Franks, are pleased to announce the name change of the Eastland Church of God to Cornerstone Church. The change occurred on January 1st. The church is located at 613 W. Main in Eastland, across from Pizza Pro. The new sign isn't ready yet, but should be hanging by the middle of next week.

The church would also like to welcome Reverend Velma Bowles as associate Pastor, Kevin Hobbs as church clerk, and Jeanie Myers aboard as Youth Activities Coordinator. Josh Everts has recently joined the Praise Team as a guitarist.

New service times are also effective as of January 1st.

They are:
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday Youth and Bible Classes 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Praise Team Music Practice, Wednesday 8:00 p.m.
Youth activities are posted on the Church Calendar.

Communion Invitation

Cornerstone Church would like to extend an invitation to the community to partake of the Communion of our Lord on Sunday, January 11, during our morning worship service, which begins at 10:15 a.m.

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Charlene's Sleigh Ride

By J.B. Johnston

Bubba said one year around Christmas time it snowed about six inches here in Eastland. This got his girlfriend, Charlene, all excited, and she started badgering him to take her on a sleigh ride. Bubba said, "Now, Charlene, you know I don't own no sled, and hadn't got a clue where to borrow one." He said she wouldn't shut up about that dad blamed sleigh ride, so he decided to build one; sort of. He said he found this old door, out back of the house, and nailed two of those plastic lawn chairs on to it with ten penny nails, and made a tongue from two 2X4's. He said he tried it out sliding down a hill, and it ran pretty well, but he put some rope on the chairs for safety belts, just in case.

He next went over to Ranger and borrowed an old mare from his uncle Red. This old mare was so old, and stove up, he figured she would be just the ticket to pull a sled. He said he liked to have froze to death riding that old mare back to Eastland, but he made it OK. Says he forgot to borrow any harness from Uncle Red so he just took some nylon strap, and wrapped it around old Dobbin's neck. He then hitched the strap to the 2X4's.

Bubba said he made a couple of laps around the block before calling Charlene, and it ran pretty well. However, when she got there she looked pretty skeptical, but after looking it over pretty good she said she thought it might be safe. So away they went. As they passed the Connellee hotel every one was waving and laughing, having a good time. Bubba says he figures they had had too much eggnog. As they headed on out toward Morton Valley they were having a good time, and even old Dobbin seemed to be enjoying the trip.

About the time they passed the airport entrance, someone's house cat ran right out under old Dobbin's feet. Bubba says if you think an old horse can't run, think again. He said old Dobbin took off like a scalded dog, with him and Charlene holding on for dear life. He says that sled was going from side to side, and he just knew they were going to center a tree, or something worse. Apparently the only thing that saved them was the straps broke off the 2X4's, and they skidded to a stop. But that wasn't until Charlene had lost her wig.

Bubba said he didn't even know Charlene wore a wig, and he sure didn't know she was baldheaded. Bubba says by the time Charlene found her wig, and he caught that horse, the sleigh ride was over. He says Charlene hasn't

spoken to him since, and he doesn't care. (The ex-Carbonite, still laughing)

New Dining Room/Education Center Coming To County Livestock Show

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers are proud to announce that funds have been secured to begin construction of the David Hu-

miston & Charles Hutto Education Center following their upcoming stock show January 14-17, 2009.

ECLRA has been gathering donations to build a new structure replacing the old concession stand building for three years. "We have raised enough money to build a new structure," stated association president, Brian Perry. "We will begin raising money during the 2009 show to finish and furnish the dining area and classroom. We expect to be up and running in a matter of months, and a dedication ceremony is already in the planning stages."

Perry continued, "I cannot thank the generous people of this county enough for their incredible support of this project. We will do them proud."

Named for longtime ECLRA officers Charles Hutto and David Humiston, the new education center will allow for better concessions during the annual stock show and other ECLRA events, and it will provide a place for Eastland County 4-H, FFA and Extension activities and educational programs.

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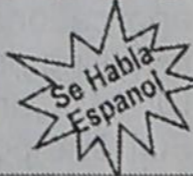
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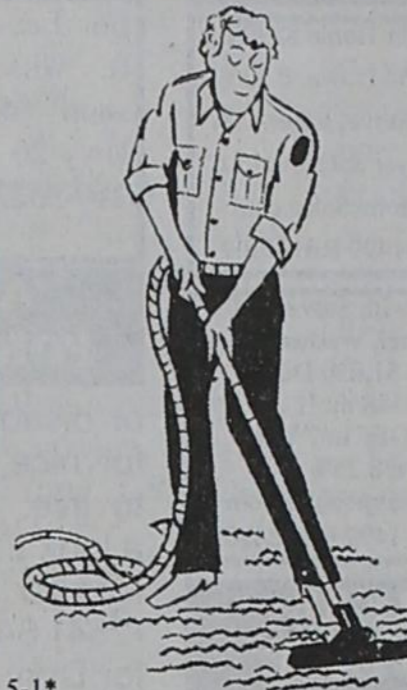
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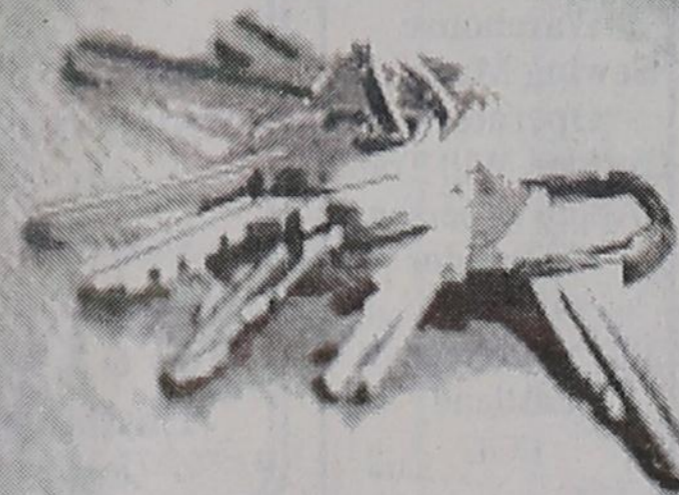
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The Idle American

Commentary by Don Newbury

Clockwork for the New Year...

The old clock was leaning a little, dispirited at the very least. As the new year approached, chiming was low on her priority list. Her thoughts, whirlwinds of anxieties carried over from a pock-marked 2008, included the possibility of allowing 2009 to tiptoe in without bell-ringing accompaniment. Muddled of mind, she even wondered if her pendulum might be on its last "pendul."

Beads of sweat broke out on her face. She winced at the thought of "tick" (or maybe "tock") fever. Worse than that, she was afraid that something could be seriously wrong with her ticker. Horrors were magnified by memories of too many mice running up and down for too many years.

Fearing the worst, she went to see the clock doctor....

She was an emotional mess, near unto "unsprung" status. The clock confessed that the thought of ticking every single second in the new year seemed daunting. "It's tough duty, doctor," she blubbered. "Last year, I ticked 60 times every minute, 3,600 times every hour and 86,400 times every 24 hours." She grew animated as her computations continued. "That's 584,800 ticks a week, 2,592,000 ticks a month and 31,114,000 ticks for the year."

He asked her how she had managed in previous years. Her simple answer: "One tick at a time."

Smiling, the clock doctor's response made her feel all better. "It's a good approach for 2009 as well, just one tick at a time." It would likely have been best if he had stopped with that solid advice. But the physician was on a roll....

The doctor, also a clock collector, asked her if others sometimes call her "a grandfather's clock."

"All the time," she answered. He explained that at 5'10", she is two inches shy of minimum height for a grandfather's clock. Further, if she were a foot shorter, she'd be a granddaughter's clock....

The clock was ready to throw up her hands, rattled at the prospect of a gender identity crisis. She felt deluged by information overload. Learning that she technically is a grandmother's clock really "ticked" her off.

"Actually, these timepieces date back to 1670," the doctor said. "At the time, they were called 'longcase clocks.' Free-standing and weight-driven, they ranged from two to eight feet in

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height." He said that the well-known song written in 1876, My Grandfather's Clock, is responsible for all these floor model timepieces being tagged with the "grandfather" moniker....

He burst into song, and the "patient" felt as if her last nerve were about to be stepped on. The doctor "favored" her with all four verses, with the chorus 'tween each.

When he finished, he mentioned that the late Allan Sherman made the world giggle with his parody of the song. She wasn't surprised that he belted out Sherman's lyrics for the old tune.

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Which my grandfather tried only this afternoon,

And that's how the old man drowned!...

He rambled on about the story that inspired My Grandfather's Clock. It seems that two brothers in England operated a hotel renowned for its handsome longcase clock--the lobby's centerpiece. As the story goes, when one of the brothers died, the clock went haywire. It slowed with each winding, never again to show the correct time. When the other brother died

years later--at age 90, the song claims--the clock stopped on the same day, never to go again.

So much for background.

"In my opinion, the probability that the clock was bought on the same morn the guy was born and ticked its final tock on the same day he checked out is so much poppycock," the doctor said. "And spare me the grief about it being too tall for the shelf. Floor model clocks aren't supposed to sit on the shelf..."

The "patient," her patience ended, burst out of the office, fibbing that she needed to feed her parking meter. She yelled back at him that she'd try hard to face the new year one tick at a time.

This epistle is about done, but there's a

final yarn involving timepieces to usher in the new year. It seems that two neighbors decided to buy dogs. One was a spendthrift, the other, frugal. Mr. Moneybags bought an expensive, registered animal with an impressive pedigree. He makes frequent trips to the vet and feeds the pet expensive food. The other got his mutt at the pound. It's never sick, and eats table scraps.

Their names? The one with \$\$\$\$ invested is called "Rolex;" the other, "Timex."

Happy New Year. In 2009, may your "dog days" be minimal, devoid of jokes about canines named for timepieces....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex. He welcomes inquiries and comments. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.

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Get a Life at The Woodlands Submitted by June Sportsman

When you read this, the holidays will be over and hopefully life can get back to normal. We have had a very busy November and December. We have really celebrated the birth of Christ and have been thankful for Him and all the other blessings we have received. The city and county of Eastland have shown wonderful acceptance and support of the Assisted Living facility and it is much appreciated. The Christmas Tour of Homes was very well attended. Our lobby was beautifully decorated thanks to the following businesses:

Russell Shoemate, manager of Wal-Mart, provided a huge, gorgeous Christmas tree. Guardian Healthcare, Hendricks Hos-

pice of Abilene and Jodi's Floral brought wonderful wreaths and displays. James Brookhart of the Gold Lantern designed a uniquely elegant display for our two stone fireplaces. State Farm agent, Clint Coffee, sent his staff over with a beautiful gold arrangement for the dining room. On the buffet table, Encompass Home Health provided an eye-catching Christmas decor to complement the dining room Christmas tree. All together everything looked beautiful and very festive for the residents, families and friends. We enjoyed meeting family members and showing our new building to them.

The Eastland Rotary Club had a lunch meeting here and

had a slide show complete with music of participants in the Senior Winter Olympics. We thank them again for sponsoring that event. The Lion's Club also had lunch with us this month. The dining room was also the venue for Eastland First Baptist Church Ensemble group, Cisco Jr. College Jazz Band, and Laura Holleman brought her chimes group from the First United Methodist Church. The music was great and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

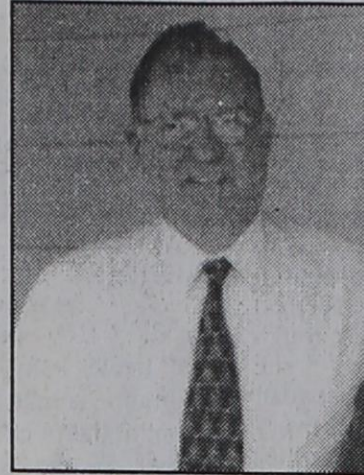
Bea, our activity director, and other staff, kept a seemingly endless supply of snacks and goodies for everyone to enjoy throughout the month.

A great big Woodlands welcome to our newest resident, Hazel Steddum. Hazel moved to Eastland when she was seven and has lived in Eastland ever since. We are glad she is with us now.

As we begin a new year, our wish is for all to have a healthy and happy year. Hope you had lots of black eyed peas!

Obituary

Eddie Joe Sadler



EASTLAND- Eddie Joe Sadler, 78, of Eastland, died Monday, January 5, 2009, peacefully at his residence.

The family will receive friends at Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland on Wednesday from 4 to 6 P.M. Funeral services will be in Edwards Chapel at 10 A.M. on Thursday, January 8, 2009. Burial will follow in the Flatwood Cemetery.

Mr. Sadler was born June 8, 1930 in Granfield, Oklahoma. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge he moved to Wichita Falls where he began a 32 year career as a lineman for Texas Electric Service Company. He moved to Eastland in 1972 and married Linda Johnson in Eastland on Jan. 26, 1973. After his retirement from TESCO he enjoyed his grandchildren, fishing, OU football and playing music.

He is survived by wife, Linda Sadler of Eastland; a son, Darren Sadler & his wife Dedria of Eastland; a step-daughter, Darla French of Breckenridge; a brother, Leo Sadler of Wichita Falls; sisters, Wanda Hunter of Wichita Falls, and Deloris Cooper of Lubbock; grandchildren, Macie Mills, Daila Sadler, Madyson McElvany and Tanner French.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dana Mills, in 1999.

Valley View Healthcare Center News

January is the start of a New Year here at Valley View. The Employees and Residents would like to extend an invitation for the community to come up and share in the special events that we are having this month!

We are having some new activities starting this year; just to name a few: I Remember When; Bible Trivia; Show and Tell; Getting to Know Me and the Mad Hatters Society.

Thursday, January 8: 11:00 am we will be having Hot Tea and Creating the Mad Hatters Society. This will be something like the Red Hat Society. We will be getting our Lovely Ladies together to join in on fun and help plan social events and share creative ideas. We will be having Hot Tea and cookies every Thursday for the month of January, and then we will meet once or twice a month for the Mad Hatters Society. Be looking for future news from this bunch of Ladies.

2:00 pm we will be having Show and Tell; the Residents will be bringing their favorite items to discuss with others that are present.

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Breeder: Zane Bauer - Llano

Junior Showman: Madison Warren - Ranger

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Goats:

Champion Middleweight Division: T.J. Warren - Rising Star

Breeder: Glynn Hutto - El-dorado

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Pigs
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Disney's 'Bedtime Stories' To Show Again At Majestic

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Walt Disney's new picture called "Bedtime Stories" is being held over for another weekend at the theater.

This adventure/comedy will open here again on Friday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.; and show at the same time nightly through Monday, Jan. 12.

General admission will be \$4.50 at the box office, with balcony tickets \$6.00 - adults only. This live-action, family-type movie is rated PG.

In the story, Adam Sandler plays Skeeter, a hotel handyman hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father - who was once the proud owner of a hotel which stood where Skeeter now works. Despite Skeeter's hard work and unmatched loyalty, he is overlooked for a promotion by the conniving and ruthless Kendall, played by

Guy Pearce. But the down-trodden Skeeter experiences a change in his life while babysitting his older sister's two children. Through the telling of his bedtime stories, Skeeter is able - with the help of his nephew and niece - to make the make-believe possible.

Soon he begins experiencing the strange twists in his stories, such as rescuing a damsel in distress, or being kicked in the shin by a dwarf! Sandler soon realizes the potential held by his niece and nephew to invigorate his monotonous life. He exploits their love of a good story by starting to change parts of his own life - mainly his career. Of course this causes some excitement.

High - energy comedian Adam Sandler bridges all age gaps with this film, which has something for everyone. This is his first Disney movie, and he says he had fun making it.

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Sudoku Answer

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Sweet potato mixture:
1 29-oz. large can of yams, mashed
1 egg, beaten
1/3 c. butter, melted
1/3 c. brown sugar
Topping:
1/3 c. brown sugar
1/3 c. butter, melted
1 c. cornflakes, crumbled
1/2 c. shredded coconut
1/3 c. pecans, chopped
Directions:
1. Mix together yams, eggs, butter, and brown sugar to make the sweet potato mixture.
2. Bake sweet potato mixture for 15 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
3. While the sweet potato mixture is baking, mix together the topping ingredients.
4. Once sweet potato mixture is finished baking, put topping on top of sweet potato mixture.
5. Bake for another 30 minutes.
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Ingredients
1 pkg. (21-1/2 oz.) brownie mix
1 pkg. (8 oz.) Cream Cheese, softened
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 egg
1 cup BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks (optional)
Preparation
PREPARE brownie mix as directed on package; spread into greased 13x9-inch baking pan.

12 oz. tri-colored fusilli
1/2 yellow onion
1 bottle of Italian dressing
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese

Easy Salad

MIX cream cheese, sugar and vanilla in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add egg; mix until blended. Pour over brownie mixture; cut through batter with knife several times for marble effect. Sprinkle with chocolate chunks.
BAKE at 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes or until cream cheese mixture is lightly browned. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into squares.

Cook pasta as directed on box. Drain, rinse. Dice up onion and combine with cooked pasta. Add bottle of Italian dressing. Finish with salt, pepper and parmesan cheese.

Blue Ribbon Fudge

7 oz. jar marshmallow creme
1 1/2 c. white sugar
2/3 c. evaporated milk
1/4 c. butter
1/4 tsp. salt
12 oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/2 c. chopped nuts, optional
1 tsp. vanilla
In medium saucepan, combine marshmallow creme, sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt. Over moderate heat, bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 5 minutes, remove from heat. Add chocolate chips and stir until chips are melted and mixture is smooth. Add nuts and vanilla. Pour into a greased or foil lined 8 inch square pan. Chill until firm. Makes 2 1/4 pounds. Will keep for about 1 month in refrigerator.

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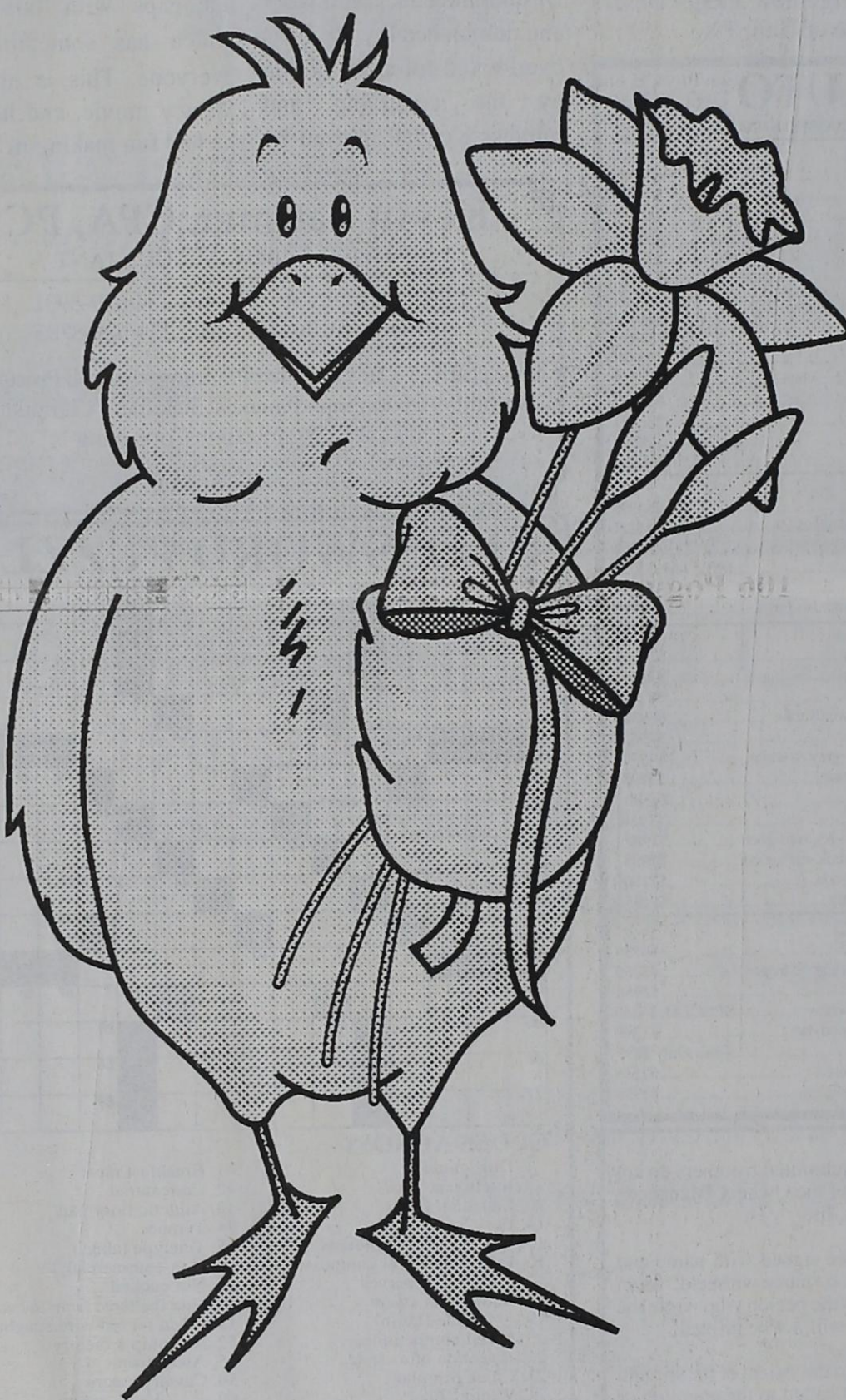
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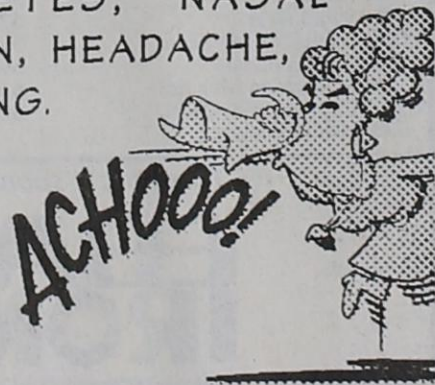
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Morton Valley Extension Club 2008 Review

The Morton Valley Extension Club met on January 9, 2008 to begin their planning for the new year. A quilt was decided on to raise funds for the clubs miscellaneous expenses. Other club projects were discussed. Gerry Zummer was nominated as the clubs selection for Texas Treasure Award. Members were reminded they should start on Cultural Arts Projects for submitting to the District for judging. Halee Mitchell, the CEA announced that the 4-H Livestock show will be January 16 - 19, also the 4-H Fashion show will be February 16, 2008. Halee presented a program on "Stress and Stress Related Symptoms". We welcomed a new member, Darlene Brandon. In February delegates were elected to attend the District 8 Conference in Cleburne, a pattern was selected for the quilt the members will be making for the 2009 West Texas Rehab Auction and Millie Barrow presented a program on "Be The Master of your Memory". March, The Quilt Committee reported the material for the quilt had been purchased and a date was set to meet at Flo Williamson's house to cut out pieces for the quilt. The quilt for the County Association was displayed and tickets were ready for distribution. Members planned to attend the event the Hamilton EE Clubs have each year called their Spring Fling. The date was announced for our District 8 Conference in Cleburne as April 8, 2008 and those wishing to attend should send their registration fee to Millie Barrow. April, Members met to coordinate the details necessary in getting everything ready for a Spring Festival being planned by the County EE Association.

The Festival was to be held at the First Baptist Church April 30, 2008. A report was made on the District 8 Meeting members had attended and it was reported that Gerry Zummer had been recognized as the District winner of the Public Policy and Leadership Award. Millie Barrow was recognized as Distict Director Elect to be installed a District Director at the State Conference in September. April 30, 2008 arrived and a fantastic

festival was attended by people from Taylor, Erath, Stephens, Comanche, Jones, Hamilton and Hood counties. It was declared a huge success. May, Delegates were elected to attend the State Conference in Corpus Christi in September. Also officers for the club were elected for the next term. They were Jo Haley president, Flo Williamson, Vice President and Gerry Zummer, Secretary/Treasurer and also

reporter. Halee Mitchell gave a program on "Hot Water Bath Canning". June, A family social was planned for August at the Senior Citizens center since we have no meetings in July or August. August 14, members got together for homemade ice cream, finger foods and cake and game playing. Several members attended the two day Retreat at Latham Springs and reported a great time. September, delegates attended the State conference in Corpus, but were interrupted by Hurricane Ike and the meeting was cut short, however Millie Barrow was installed as our new District 8 Director and Gerry Zummer was awarded the Public Policy and Leadership Award from the State. September 17, members met at Flo Williamson's house for a salad luncheon to kick off their new season. Everyone was ready to start on new projects. Flo announced that the rehab quilt was completed and ready to quilt. She graciously offered her home for us to do the quilting. The date of our October meeting was set as the day to start with members who could help put it in the frames to arrive at 8:00 A.M. and those who could only attend the meeting would arrive at 2 P.M. for the meeting. Club

dues were collected from 17 members. We had lost a couple of members, but gained some. November, Members voted to buy gifts for two children and to make favors for patient in the nursing home. We received an invitation to the rehab brunch on December 6, 2008. It was announced that our Christmas party would be at Flo's house on our regular meeting day in December. Halee displayed pictures her 4-H children had presented in competition and won prizes. December, Several members attended the Rehab Brunch and presented the quilt the club members had made. The year ended with our Christmas Party in The Beautifully decorated home of Flo Williamson with Sue Endebrock as co-hostess. Members enjoyed soups

and desserts and a Chinese Christmas Ornament game and were entertained by a group from Gorman, led by Carolyn Gilbert. Members of her group were Joy Rodgers, Louise Smart, Monda Oldham, Floydene Gilbert, M. D., Smart, Larry Stogsdill, Bill Oldham, and Frances Simpson. Members and guests attending the Christmas party besides the entertainers were: Sandra Owen, Sue Allsup, Millie Barrow, Eloise Zuspann, Shirley Ables, Barbara Crabb, Pat Redman, Flo Williamson, Lesa Bailey, Darrell Weldon, Dana Emfinger, Jo Haley, Sue Endebrock, Earlene Cave, Joyanne Hathcock, Darlene Brandon, Ruth Guy, Ann Dickson, Janis Keith, Marselle Bradshaw and Jackie. It was a wonderful year.

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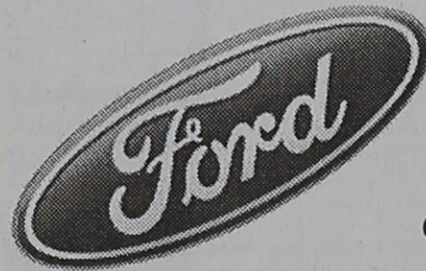
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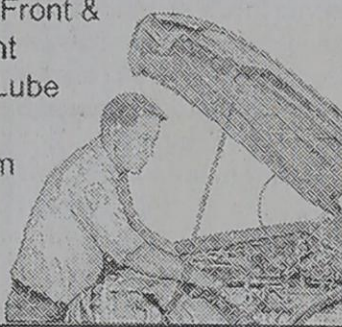
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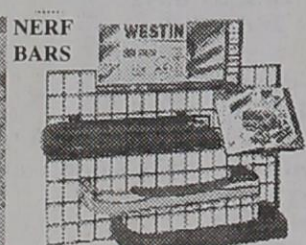
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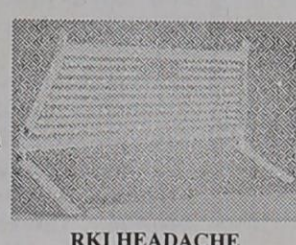
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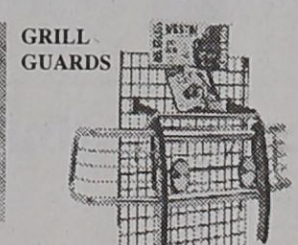
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Obituaries

Troy Hayden Ely

CLYDE- Troy Hayden Ely, 86, of Clyde died Monday, December 29 2008 at an Abilene care center.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 2, 2009 at the Clyde Cemetery with Rev. Bob Karlin officiating. Services under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Mr. Ely was born October 28, 1922 in Blossom, Texas to Roy James and Ruby (Wagoner) Ely. He served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy. He was the widower of Mary Lou Watts, whom he married in the 1940s in Abilene. They moved to Clyde from Tucson, AZ. in 2005. He worked as a tool and die maker for General Motors and Hughes Tool. He was a Shriner and a member of the Clyde Masonic Lodge.

He was a member of the Eula Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Kenneth Ely; 3 sisters, Medrith Smith, Helen Damron, Mildred Ely; and one grandson, James Ely.

Survivors are a son, James R. Ely and wife Barbara of Clyde; one brother, Hershel M. Ely of Phoenix, AZ; two granddaughters, Sherry L. McFarlane and Lorie E. Guiles; and six great-grandchildren, Amanda Schaeffer, Devin McFarlane, Sheavon Warner, Risk Guiles, ShyAnn Giles, Mikayla Guiles.

ABILENE- James H. Carroll, 77, of Abilene, died Friday, January 2, 2009 in Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2009 in the chapel at Southern Hills Church of Christ. Phil Ware officiated. Burial followed in the Willow Cemetery in Haskell.

James Carroll was born June 6, 1931 in Weinert, Texas to Leonard L. Carroll and Lillie Mae (Miller) Carroll. He married Mary Elizabeth Glass on February 14, 1952 in Haskell, Texas. James was employed as a Seismograph Engineer for Shell Oil for 33 years. James and his family lived in numerous places during his career with Shell. In 1991, James moved from Houston to Abilene. He was a member of Southern Hills Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Dessie Mae Burkhalter.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Carroll of Abilene; two sons, John L. Carroll and his wife Lezlie of Winter Haven, Florida and Steven W. Carroll and his wife, Cathy of Clyde; one daughter, Patricia Harper and her husband Terrell of Lakeland, Florida; one sister, Doris Wells of Trent; five grandchildren, Pam Harper, Amy Carroll, Erin Consuegra, James L. Carroll and Nicole Carroll; one great-granddaughter, Ashley Carroll; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in honor of James Carroll to the Southern Hills Church of Christ Building Fund 3364 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas 79605.

Joy Sadler Hansen

CLYDE- Joy Sadler Hansen, 56, of Clyde, Texas died Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at Hendrick Medical Center.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009 at Belle Plaine Cemetery in Callahan County with Brother Billy Sellers officiating. Arrangements with Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Joy was born February 4, 1952 in Baird, Texas to George Henry and Hazel Windham Sadler. She lived for five years in Jones Co. and the remaining of her life in Callahan County. She graduated from Baird High School and Hendrick School of Nursing. She worked as an LVN for 30 years. She married Jimmy Hansen in

Anson in 1990. A member of Southside Baptist Church in Clyde, she was known as a devoted nurse, step-mother, sister and aunt.

She was preceded in death by a brother, George Hopkins.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Hansen of Clyde; two step-daughters, Maradni Whisenhunt of Clyde and Cinnamon Keith of Abilene; four grandsons; mother-in-law, Lorene Hansen of Hawley; three brothers, Pat Sadler of Austin, Mike Sadler of Baird, and Jim Sadler of Clyde; two sisters, Gay Smith and Kay Dockter, both of Clyde; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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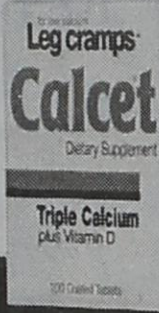
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School Calendar

- August 15th: New Teacher Orientation
- August 18th: A.S.D.
- August 19th-21st: Professional Development
- August 22nd: Teacher Workday
- August 25th: First Day of School
- October 2nd: End of 1st Six Weeks (28 days)
- October 3rd: Professional Development/Student Holiday
- October 6th: Beginning of 2nd Six Weeks
- October 15th P.S.A.T. Test
- October 21st-24th: TAKS Re-Test
- November 7th: End of 2nd Six Weeks (25 days)
- November 10th: Beginning of 3rd Six Weeks
- December 19th: End of 3rd Six Weeks (27 days) End of 1st Semester (80 days)
- December 19th: Early Release - 12:30
- January 5th: Professional development/Workday.
- January 6th: Beginning of 4th Six weeks.
- January 19th: A.S.D. - Student Holiday.
- February 20th: End of 4th Six Weeks (33 days)
- February 23rd: Beginning of 5th Six Weeks
- March 3rd-6th: TAKS Testing.
- April 10th: Bad Weather Day/ Good Friday
- April 17th: End of 5th Six Weeks (33 days)
- April 20th: Beginning of 6th Six Weeks
- April 26-30th: TAKS Testing
- May 1st: TAKS Testing
- May 19th: TAKS Re-Test
- May 25th: Bad Weather Day/Memorial Day
- June 2nd: End of 6th Six Weeks (31 days)
- 2nd Semester (97 days)
- June 2nd: Early Release Day - 12:30
- June 3rd: Teacher Workday
- June 5th: 2009 C.H.S. Graduation
- July 1st TAKS Re-Test
- July 4th: Independence Day
- July 14th: TAKS Re-Test

1st Semester 80 Day
August 25th-Oct. 2nd: 28 days
October 6th-Nov. 7th: 25 days
Nov. 10th-Dec. 19th: 27 days

2nd Semester - 97 days
Jan. 6th-Feb 20th: 33 days
Feb. 23rd-June 2nd: 31 days
April 20th-June 2nd: 31 days

177 instruction days
10 professional days
Alternative Staff Development Days (A.S.D.) (Formerly called comp days-updated term)
Monday, August 18th
Monday, January 19th
Friday, March 27th

School Holidays
Labor Day: September 1, 2008
Thanksgiving: November 26-28, 2008
Winter Break: December 22, 2008 through January 2, 2009
Spring Break: March 9-13, 2009

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Date Opponent Site Time Teams

1/7 Eula There 5:00 7GB/8GB

1/14 Cross Plains Home 5:00 7GB/8GB

1/21 Winters There 5:00 7GB/8GB

2/4 Albany Home 5:00 7GB/8GB

Baird Bear and Lady Bear Basketball Schedule

Date Opponent Site Time Teams

12/12 Stamford There 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

12/4-6 Roby Tourny There TBA VG, VB

12/9 Graford Here 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

12/11-13 Rule Tourny There TBA VG, VB

12/16 *Bronte There 5:00 JVG, VG

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1/3 *Albany There 9:45 a.m. JVG/B, VG/B

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1/9 *Eula There 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

1/13 Forsan Merkel 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

1/16 *Roscoe Here 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

1/20 *Bronte Here 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

1/23 *Winters There 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

1/27 *Albany Here 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

1/30 *Cross Plains There 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

2/3 *Eula Here 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

2/6 Open Date

2/10 *Roscoe There 4:00 JVG/B, VG/B

2/13 *Bronte There 6:00 JVB/VB

2/17 *Winters Here 6:00 JVB/VB