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Commentary Corner

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

from
Gary Grady

The Following students were graduated from the four Texas State Technical College West Texas locations

Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, and Sweetwater) on Saturday, May 21, 2005 during the annual commencement exercises at the Abilene Civic Center: Andrew Brewer, Baird; Jason James, Baird; Connie Baca, Clyde; Bonneva Ruckman, Clyde; Margaret Garcia, Clyde; Cody Hodges, Clyde; Stephanie Parker, Cross Plains

Texas State Technical College West Texas is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate of Applied Science degrees and Certificates of Completion.

Cisco Junior College students are on the recently released Dean's List for the spring semester of 2005.

The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

Students making the Dean's List were

Baird - Seth D. Goldsmith

Clyde - Amanda R. Davis, Jonathan B. Evatt, Jonathan A. Picollo, Kimi L. Pilgrim, Timothy W. Robinson, Raquel E. Snook

Cross Plains - Todd W. Kennedy, Emily J. Winfrey

Cisco Junior College students are on the recently released President's List for the spring semester of 2005.

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Students making the President's List were

Baird - George R. Fox

Clyde - Kenneth L. Brigman, Jr., Angela R. Corder, Stephen M. Free, Jeffrey C. Hines, Jessica M. Smith, Elizabeth M. Tarrant, Leslie K. Tyree

CJC Soccer Tryouts

Cisco Junior College will be holding tryouts for the Lady Wranglers soccer team on Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m. The tryouts will be held at Cisco Junior College in Ciso, and are for students entering college this fall.

The CJC women's soccer program is nationally ranked and has a strong winning tradition. The Lady Wranglers were the NJCAA Division I Region V Soccer Champions for six consecutive years. In 2004, two members of the team were named to All-American Teams, and several other CJC soccer players have been named to the All-Conference Team.

For more information about tryouts, contact Coach Scott Toups at (254) 442-5175 or stoups@cisco.cc.tx.us. Please leave name, high school, phone number and position.

Neighboring News

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

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Driving through town you may see some new places popping up. Next to Henson's Antiques workers are finishing up the last outside painting details to soon to come Five Angels Antiques.

Chamber Notes

Baird's Antiques Market & Trade Days is expected to draw a large crowd of shoppers who will also be treated to a myriad of special events scheduled for the 125th anniversary celebration on June 10-11.

Shopping areas on Market Street will be expanded to accommodate visiting vendors who will be set up along the curbs and in the old Boydston Hardware building and the Arches. They will begin setting up on Thursday afternoon, June 9th, with shopping hours for the annual event slated from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Friday schedule of special events in the Arches includes Quilting by the

O.E. Quilters Guild, Gymnastic demonstration by 4 Seasons Tumblers of Cisco, Line Dance performance by the Rose Park Line Dancers of Abilene, Line Dance performance by the Golden Girls of Abilene, Gymnastic demonstration by the Abilene Gymnastic Sports Center, K-9 demonstration by the Abilene k-9 Team, and Childrens' Face Painting and Sidewalk Art Contest.

The 100 block of Market Street on Friday will be the location for a Pottery throwing demonstration by the Potters of Hickory Street of Abilene. Childrens' activities include a Bubble Gum Blowing Contest and Hula Hoop Contest.

Events scheduled Saturday in the Arches include Stained Glass demonstration by Starshine Stained Glass of Abilene, Caricatures by Patty Rae Welborn of Abilene, Cheerleading performance by the Abilene Gymnastic Sport Center, Tae Kwon Do performance by Master Hong's Tae Kwon Do of Abilene, Line Dance performance by the Texas Tornadoes of Abilene, Karate performance by Karate of Baird, repeat performances by the Abilene Police k-9 Team and O.E. Quilters, and childrens' activities including Face Painting and Sidewalk Art Contest.

Outside events in the 100 block of Market Street Saturday (Continued Inside See Trade Days....)

Callahan County Commissioners Court

The May 27, 2005 Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting was called to order by Presiding Judge, Roger Corn.

Judge Corn, Commissioner Hicks, Farmer and Holland viewed real estate property in Clyde.

Bids were opened for the Communication Tower. Western Towers of San Angelo bid \$135,176. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to allow Texas Communications time to look over the bid and decide if it is correct. Commissioner Hicks seconded and motion carried 4-0. There was one no bid from Allied.

Sam Goldsmith with Goldsmith Solutions presented a proposal for Callahan County Telephone System. This plan will reduce long term cost with new computer and phone access. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the pro-

posal. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and carried 5-0.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve amending the County Clerks Record Management Budget \$3,000.00. Commissioner Holland seconded and motion carried 5-0. This is money that can only be spent on records in the County Clerks Office.

County Attorney Shane Deel checked the contract for Courthouse Restoration Master Plan and sees no problem with the \$12,500.00 Contract. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the Contract with Williams Company Architects. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 5-0. Judge Corn called a recess for Commissioner Grider to view real estate.

(Continued Inside See Commissioners....)

Scranton Exes Homecoming

The Scranton Exes Homecoming will be held Sunday, June 5, 2005 at the Scranton Community Center. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and Jimmy and Jerry Blackwell will provide entertainment at 9:30 a.m. A business meeting will be held at 10:15 a.m. with speakers and singing to follow. Please bring an entree', vegetable, salad or dessert to share for our noon potluck meal.

Visitation will continue into the afternoon so bring school annuals and mementos to share your memories. We encourage you to wear our school colors of green and gold.

This year represents the forty-first year since the closing of our school in 1964.

Former teachers, students, and supporters of the Scranton schools and community are invited to attend.

Plan to come early to attend the Scranton Musical which is held on Saturday night, June 4th. This is the largest fund raising event for the Scranton Community Center which provides the location for our homecoming each year.

This year the menu will be BBQ brisket and all the trimmings for \$7.00 per plate and in addition, homemade desserts will also be on sale.

Come early to enjoy the meal and entertainment and to help support the Scranton Community Center.

Baird Elementary School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Grades - 4th: Esperanza Portillo - 5th: - None - 6th: Alexis Almanzar, Cody Hunter, Michelle Robbins

A-B Honor Roll

Grades - 4th: Kallie Pruet, Rachel Butcher, Brenna Coffman, Candis Gilley, Diehlan Key, Kody Bryant - 5th: Katelynn Mitchell - 6th: Eric Ebeling, Sara Kunick, Jessica Nash, Alex Neal, Elisha Pritchett, Colton Fox, Lauren Hare, Mackenzie Keller

Baird Junior High School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Grades - 7th: Mitzy McDowell, Cassidy Miller, Shelby Strickland - 8th: - None

A-B Honor Roll

Grades - 7th: Kristen Burns, Amber Clark, Fallon Donlan, Alysa Isenhower, Taylor Marks, Courtney Nail, Brittney Russo, Rose Wamsley - 8th: Ariel Banks, Patsy Dugan, Darryl Fox, Emalie Green, Garrett Jennings, Ashlen Murff, Breanna Patterson, Emily Tumbusch

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Animal Identification Seminar set for June 16

A special Animal ID Seminar for beef producers is set for June 16th at the Abilene Livestock Auction to discuss the National Animal Identification Program. The seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an industry sponsored meal with the program starting at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Bob Hillman, state veterinarian with the Texas Animal Health Commission, will address Premise Identification.

Also, Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist, will discuss Individual Animal Identification. Dr. Gill and Dr. Hillman will also address the Tracking and Trace Back components of this system.

The National Animal Identification Program System (NAIS) is a national program intended to identify specific animals in the United States and record their movement over their lifespans. It is being developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and State agencies in cooperation with industry to enable 48-hour traceback of the movements of any diseased or exposed animal. This will help to ensure rapid disease containment and maximum protection of America's animals.

Those planning to attend are asked to please RSVP by June 14th so that we can have an accurate count for meal planning purposes.

For more information and to RSVP contact the Taylor County Extension Office at 672-6048 or the Callahan County Extension office at 854-1518.

Submitted by,

Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent

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Obituaries

Henrietta Ellis Allen Vest

Clyde - Henrietta Ellis Allen Vest, 84, of Groesbeck and formerly of Clyde, died Thursday at her grandmother's home in Groesbeck.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:00 pm at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Jim Hall officiating. Burial will follow in the Kendrick Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vest was born October 10, 1920 in Limestone County, Texas to Hubbard A. and Willie Leonus (Pippens) Ellis. She lived in Ben Hur and attended school in Donie, Texas. She was the widow of W.J. (Jewel) Allen, whom she married April 12, 1942 in Groesbeck, Texas and the widow of Herschel Vest. She moved to Clyde from Cortez, Co. in 1960. Mrs. Vest moved to Groesbeck from Clyde in 2002. She worked as a cook at the U-Bar-U Steakhouse for over 10 years and the Hwy 36 Truck-stop Cafe for over 10 years. She was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Bettie Worthington of Ft. Stockton, 1 brother, John Alfred Ellis of Red Oak, 2 sisters, Martha Ann Erlanson of McKinney and Pauline McCaleb of Waco, 16 grandchildren, numerous great & great great grand-children, nieces and nephews.

Oma Loveda Rosinbaum

Clyde - Oma Loveda Rosinbaum, 70, of Clyde, died Thursday, May 26, 2005, at local hospital.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church with Pastor Brandon Honeycutt officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Clyde Cemetery.

Mrs. Rosinbaum was born September 15, 1934 in Moore, Texas to Harley P. and Annie Florence (Deel) McGaugh. She was a 1951 graduate of Clyde High School. She was the widow of Jack Rosinbaum, whom she married in Clyde on September 15, 1951. Before retiring, she was a Timex employee, worked for the Council of Governments as an administrative assistant for 7 years, as secretary to Gaston Swofford for 15 years, and was a U.S. Postal employee for 12 years. She was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church in Clyde.

Survivors include four sons, Terry L. Rosinbaum and wife Sharon of Hunt, Texas, Randy G. Rosinbaum and wife Lani of Kerrville, Dean Rosinbaum of Clyde and Gregg D. Rosinbaum and wife Bertha of Granger; one daughter, Rebecca E. Key and husband Glenn of Hunt; four sisters; Geneva Ballard, Harlene Farmer and Dee Hines; all of Clyde and Sue Hilburn of Abilene; ten grand children, Jennifer Dickson, Rowdy Key and wife Kacey, Cody Key, Laurie Burkhalter, Brady Rosinbaum, Reese Hurley and wife Amanda, Jessica Hurley, Edward Skrhak, Michael Skrhak and Timothy Skrak; two great grand-daughters, Kierston Dickson and Kyler Rae and many more nieces and nephews.

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78 acres with nice camper & shed, thickly wooded with oak timber, 2 good size ponds, big hills, lots of wild SOLD y, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$105,624.
81 acres completely wooded with oak and mesquite trees, 1 pond, 1 very large hill down to a creek bottom below, surrounded by large ranches, Stephens County, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail. \$87,075.
83 acres mostly wooded with oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail. \$82,585.
90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, seasonal creek, SOLD turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$120,000.
110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills SOLD icity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$995/ac.
117 acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquites, 3 fields, 3 ponds, pens, buildings, hilltop view, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, \$995/ac.
160 acres wooded with live oak, post oak & mesquite trees, 2 ponds & a creek, hills with views, waterline, e SOLD r, turkey, hogs, duck, dove & quail. \$895/ac.
169 acres, mostly wooded with oak timber, large hills, creeks, ponds, canyons, Eastland Co. deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,500 per acre.
172 acres w/3BR home, barns, livestock pens, 2 ponds, headwaters of Leon River, water well, 40% wood SOLD pastureland & fields, deer, turkey, dove, quail. \$189,200.
210 acres on Battle Creek, wooded with oak & mesquite, 1 small lake, Battle Creek is a large creek/small river size, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, and quail. \$950 per acre. An additional 137 acres that joins the 210 acres can be purchased at \$600 per acre. Stephens Co.
217 acres, 80% fields and grassland, ponds, creek, hill, 20% oak and mesquite timber, Stephens Co. deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,350 per acre.

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3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate dining room plus space in kitchen for table, some wood floors, WBFP, carport, 2 storage bldgs, \$25,000.
3 BR, 1 bath home inside has been recently repainted & floor covering replaced, also has CH/a, 5 ceiling fans, carport with storage, fenced back yard, \$34,000.
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, corner property, reduced to \$36,000.
3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer home, separate dining room and breakfast nook with built in cabinets, storm windows, detached garage/storage, corner property, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, some wood floors, separate den and LR, many kitchen cabinets, CH/A, WBFP, storm windows, covered patio, shop or storage, fenced backyard, 3 space carport.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer, CH/A, WBFP, attached garage, covered patio, detached guest room with carport, fenced back yard, \$49,500.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home, CH/A, storm windows, attached garage, large covered patio, carport/RV storage, 2 metal bldgs., fenced backyard, city water plus water well.
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Beautiful 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, WBFP, shop, storage bldg., large landscaped yard, tall oak trees, boat dock, great view of lake from DR, LR, den and master BR, many extras.
Must see - Lovely 4 BR, 2 bath home, CH/A, large detached metal building has racquetball court and large gameroom. Many extras including inground pool.

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Is God The Author Of Confusion?

By Aubrey Kincaid

Since 1611, when the King James Bible, (in English), authorized by the King of England, came into existence, it was recognized by nearly all Bible believing churches, where English was the language, to be the true word of God. It was brought to be the Inspired words of God because it was translated into English from the copies of the original Hebrew manuscripts for the Old Testament and from the Greek manuscripts for the New Testament on a word for word basis. 54 top scholars, who were proficient in Hebrew, Greek, and English, and who also believed in the Gospel of Christ, did the translation over a 7 year period.

The King James Bible came into being after what is called a thousand years of darkness for all English speaking people. You see, many efforts had been made to do proper Bible translation into English and thousands lost their lives either by being burned at the stake, tortured to death, put into the lions dens, etc. WHY??? Because they would not renounce God! They would not quit their efforts to produce bibles in English so the people could read for themselves what God said. The following is a short history of what happened, so that you will know. Listed below are three examples of early day English Bibles.

1. The first English Bible was produced by John Wycliffe (1324-1384). He translated it from "The Latin Vulgate." He preached the Gospel of Salvation by grace and through faith in Jesus Christ. He trained many young men to spread this word (gospel). They were highly successful and made the Roman Church authorities quite upset. In essence, they did not want the Bible to be read by the masses. They wanted to keep it in their own Latin language for control purposes. It is believed that these church authorities wanted to burn Wycliffe at the stake, but he died from a stroke. But guess what? Their hatred for him was so immense that they dug up his bones 44 years after his death and burned them. History tells us that many of these young preachers who were going about the country preaching from the Wycliffe Bible were burned at the stake with their Bibles hung around their necks. Since the printing press wasn't invented yet, it took one man approximately ten months to copy the Wycliffe Bible. Oh, by the way, it is said, "these young men could have avoided death by renouncing this Bible." Wycliffe was thought to be the beginning of Protestantism! (Is that a word?)

2. William Tyndal (1494-1536). He was a scholar at Oxford and Cambridge. When he was converted to Christianity, he vowed he would spend his life translating the scriptures from the original languages

of "Hebrew and Greek", so that all English speaking people could read God's word. Once again the church authorities got involved and he had to leave England. He moved and moved and moved, finally completing the "New Testament" portion of the Bible in 1525. Approximately 18,000 copies were secretly shipped to England. The Bishop of London found out about them and ordered them to be confiscated and burned. Enough of them survived to set England aglow with Christianity. So you will know how upset the church authorities were, I relate the following: At the time William Tyndale was still a youngster (about 15), around 8,800 people had already been burned to death and 90,000 or so imprisoned. For their FAITH!!! Where would we be today, had they not paid this price?

In one of Tyndale's final statements, he said, "In burning the New Testament, they did none other thing than I looked for. Nevertheless in translating the New Testament, I did my duty and so do I now." He was caught and on the morning of October 6, 1536, he was taken to the place of execution, tied to a stake, strangled and burned. His prayer, heard just prior was, "LORD, open the King of England's eyes." He won the hearts of believers in England and Europe, and earned the title, "HERO OF THE REFORMATION."

3. John Rogers (1500-

1555). John was a friend of Tyndale and after his death; he took on the job of the Old Testament that Tyndale had started. He completed the work in 1537. (John called his finished product "The Matthews Bible, as Thomas Matthews was his pen name.) Well, he also was caught, arrested, and condemned. He had a wife and eleven children (one still nursing) who wanted to see him. They were denied this privilege until the day he was being marched to the stake to be burned!

It is said that about 1,000 protestant ministers in England joined the crusade to convince the King of England to authorize a new English translation of the Bible. They petitioned him and finally King James authorized it, but with very strict guidelines. 54 scholars were chosen. These were men who already were Christians and had a strong belief in God and were proficient in Hebrew, Greek, and English. They adhered strictly to the "Verbal Equivalence" method of translation, (word for word technique). Many safeguards were put in place to guard against it being corrupted by man's thoughts.

The King James Bible, authorized by the King, ended Rome's dominance of Europe from a religion standpoint.

I related all of the above so that you could see the importance of the King James Bible and the price that was paid to get it as well as the efforts to make sure it was God's Inspired Words

and not man's thinking.

Our forefathers came to America seeking religious freedom which we know today. Anyway, God's Holy and Inspired Words, as translated into English and which finally was completed in 1611 and has been revered for a long, long time by those who love the Lord is now being replaced by hundreds of new translations. The new computers and equipment today that has memory unlimited in them allows man to change enough words to qualify for a copyright on the new work. It allows them to change God's word into their own words or today's "cool" language. No other book has this happened to, but the Holy Inspired Words of God are counted as naught and rewritten and rewritten some more. The King James Bible was not copyrighted so man can do anything they wish with it. New age man, in his brilliance, is rapidly making the King James Bible obsolete. I would like to quote just one of God's "MANY" warnings about changing His word.

YE SHALL NOT ADD UNTO THE WORD WHICH I COMMAND YOU, NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH OUGHT FROM IT, THAT YE MAY KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD WHICH I COMMAND

YOU. Deuteronomy 4:2

And wonder what God meant when He said the following:

BEHOLD, THE DAYS COME, SAITH THE LORD GOD, THAT I WILL SEND A FAMINE IN THE LAND, NOT A FAMINE OF BREAD, NOR A THIRST FOR WATER, BUT OF HEARING THE WORDS OF THE LORD: AND THEY SHALL WANDER FROM SEA TO SEA, AND FROM THE NORTH EVEN TO THE EAST, THEY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO TO SEEK THE WORD OF THE LORD, AND SHALL NOT FIND IT. Amos 8:11-12

Well folks, we aren't too far from that time when God's word has been so distorted by man that His word cannot be found. My purpose in writing all the articles I have written on new "cool", "modern day" Bible translations is to let those who love the Lord realize what I think is happening. Your comments, Good or Bad, are welcome. I seek the truth and I hope you do also.

Oh, by the way, back to my title for this article—IS GOD THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION? The answer is NO, HE ISN'T, but because of what is happening, how is a person who is or wants to be a Christian and who wants the PURE WORDS OF GOD going to decide which Bible contains

Thursday, June 2, 2005

GOD'S WORDS???

By Audrey Kincaid

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(Ed Note: Mr. Kincaid is sincere in his quest for the truth. As you can reason from his writing, he doesn't hold much respect for modern translations. He is further disappointed that he hears so little in response, either agreeing or disagreeing with him on the subject. He would appreciate receiving written comment to his address.)

Putnam Musical To Be June 3rd

The Putnam Musical with Country and Gospel Music will be held June 3rd, 2005 in the old Putnam school building. The kitchen will open at 5 p.m. and music starts at 6 p.m. R.D. Childers will be the MC. Everyone is invited - hope to see you there!

Cross Plains Barbarian Festival June 10-11

Come to Cross Plains, Texas, home of Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian, for a fun-filled weekend, Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11.

The Robert E. Howard House Museum, presented by Project Pride, will be open both days, with Howard enthusiasts and scholars from all over the nation attending. Writing, panel discussions, tours of the area and a banquet will take place on Friday, with much more on Saturday.

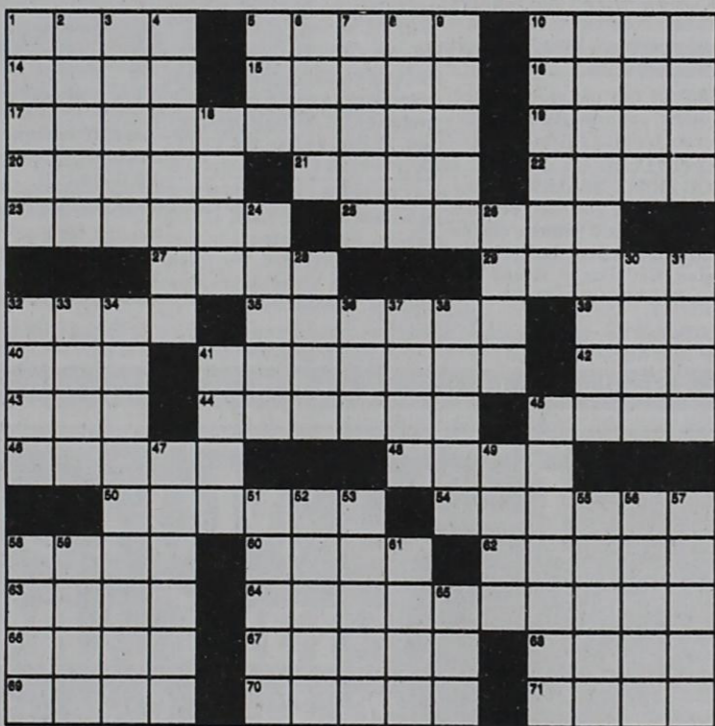
The Barbarian Festival, sponsored by the Barbarian Festival Committee, will kick off Saturday morning with a parade down main street at 9:30 a.m., followed by a fun-filled day of car, tractor and motorcycle shows, food, games, arts and crafts and live entertainment, from Class of '57 and Texas Tornadoes. There will be something for the entire family!

For more information call 254-725-6498 or 254-725-6692.

Remember Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11th, Cross Plains, Texas.

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- Across
- Platform for public speaking.
 - Meat cubes cooked on a skewer.
 - Boys on the
 - Substance of the universe from which all else is derived.
 - Last letter in the Greek alphabet.
 - South American freshwater dolphin.
 - Dallas and Dynasty.
 - Band fronted by Jeff Whalen.
 - Stomach exercise.
 - Pure.
 - of the Wild.
 - Arched upper surface of the foot.
 - Flying, 1995 Gong album.
 - Kent, Nurse Bigelow on M*A*S*H.
 - Ardolino, Sister Act director.
 - 1980 Irene Cara flick.
 - Michael, Jonathan in Highway to Heaven.
 - Small island in a river.
 - Gershwin, U.S. lyricist.
 - Animated TV show.
 - 2,000 pounds.
 - Break a
 - Writer.
 - Sofer, Vicki on Just Shoot Me.
 - Monetary payment or tribute.
 - Tomatoes Vol. 1, 2002 Little Feat album.
 - Light, humorous movie.
 - New World coral snake.
 - Muse of history.
 - Type of Indonesian boat.
 - Marie, Recasner, Millie on A Different World.
 - Jeri, Ronnie on Boston Public.
 - Proudest.
 - Sea eagle.
 - Embryo sacs.
 - Lies.
 - Rider.
 - Starchy foodstuffs used to
- Down
- Ancient cloths.
 - Remove to a distance.
 - Pork, chicken and veal.
 - Person who has lost a limb.
 - Hill in South Africa.
 - Comedy starring Sherman Hemsley.
 - "Raspberry" Prince tune.
 - Variagated Chalcedony.
 - Italian for "stop."
 - Situation comedy.
 - Dissatisfied.
 - "M" for Murder.
 - Hindman, Wilson on Home Improvement.
 - Range.
 - Rice cooked in meat broth.
 - Sean, 2003 Oscar winner.
 - Move swiftly.
 - The King.
 - Active Sicilian volcano.
 - Movie.
 - Geographical region.
 - David Copperfield and Lance Burton.
 - Highest degree or power.
 - In Through the Out, 1994 Led Zeppelin album.
 - Shabby; dingy.
 - Still.
 - Bites.
 - Tunes.
 - Plot of ground.
 - Hebrew units of dry measure.
 - Serious movie.
 - Dying.
 - Square pillars.
 - Periodical number.
 - Prevent.
 - Summer, Freddie on A Different World.
 - Constellation with the star Vega.
 - Premium on money in exchange.
 - The Mirror, Two Faces.

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Certificates of Obligation

What Most Of Us Don't Understand

By Ron West
On April 22, 2002, the City Council of North Richland Hills approved the sale of \$6,745,000 in Certificates of Obligation at an Interest Rate of 4.8396% over a 20 year redemption period. In effect they created nearly \$7 million dollars that will be paid back by new property tax and fee increases beginning next year. The funds are to be used for moving a fire station, refurbishing a fire station, acquisition of unspecified "right of way", median construction and probably some general revenue additions.

Don't believe the old adage that "you cannot teach an old dog new tricks" if anyone is talking about politicians. They seem to have an endless imagination as to how to spend your money before they have even collected it.

First of all, if you want to trick the taxpayers you need to change the words you use. This is a lot like being politically correct as it applies to increasing your taxes. Up until 1999, local governments and taxing authorities had to have voter approval to issue Bonds. A Bond being a debt instrument that has historically been utilized to fund major construction projects. People buy the bonds and the city or taxing district pays interest on them until they buy them back at their face value. The problem with Bonds is the voter approval part, which is not always received. If a bond issue gets voted down, the politician is denied the right to spend lots of your money like he or she wanted to.

So back to the trick. In 1999 the State Legislature set up the necessary law to allow cities and other taxing authorities to issue bonds without voter approval by simply calling them "Certificates of Obligation." These are instruments exactly like bonds in that they bear interest, are issued for up to 20 years (or possibly longer) and are redeemed like bonds. They are obligations secured by your property taxes and possibly other sources of revenue for the city like fees for water and sewer. They can apparently be issued for any reason by the city and if not totally used as initially issued for, apparently the "excess" money can go into the general revenue funds.

Now we all know that the intent of the Legislature had to be to "help us out". While I do not know the logic behind the legislation, it is relatively easy to see the winners and the losers. With this power, the city and taxing authorities can now essentially create money whenever they want. If there is a tax shortfall for some pet project in the current year, they can just whip out some "Certificates of

Obligation" and get as much as they need. Since these are paid back in future years, they may not even have to look at how much new tax revenue will be needed in future years to retire this possibility extravagant new vehicle. The losers as always are the taxpayers.

Did I forget to mention that these certificates are secured by your ad valorem taxes-- better known as property taxes? This is another really neat feature of these funds. Since the certificates become "debt" to the taxing authority, they become part of the first part of the tax rate calculations for subsequent years. As an example lets say you incur \$10,000,000 in debt by issuing certificates of obligation this year. If the payment for principal and interest is \$1,000,000 per year beginning the next year, you simply add the required percentage rate (as applied against all taxable properties) to collect the \$1,000.00 as NEW property taxes. Since it is a debt requirement, the required increase in property taxes does not count against the calculation of the Roll Back rate. To say this better, Certificates of Obligation automatically allow unregulated and uncontrolled property tax increases to pay back the principal and interest. Just think, all of this new money and all of this new tax revenue and no voter involvement!

But wait, our legislature didn't entirely forget the voters. They did provide a way to petition to stop the sale if only 5% of the total voters in the taxing area sign such a petition and submit it prior to approval of the ordinance to sell such certificates. The only problem with this is that most city councils are elected by less than 5% of the eligible voters so it would take more voters to get an approved petition than to elect a new city council! Pretty safe bet that the voter's don't have a way to stop this practice.

Would you believe that our Legislature did provide for disclosure by publication. In the case of North Richland Hills, they got the whole job in 22 days. First publication was on April 1st in the legal

notice section of the Fort Worth Star Telegram. The second publication in like manner was on April 8th. You would need your magnifying glass to read the notices but they were legally there. From start to finish, the NRH City Council was able to spend nearly \$75 million dollars without a lot of nonsense from the taxpayers. By the way, this was all done at the last city council session prior to an election - i.e. a "lame duck" session.

The bottom line is that our local city councils now have a way to really spend a lot of your money if you are not diligent about watching what they are doing. North Richland Hills will not be the first or only city to take advantage of this new ability to issue debts to fund their pet projects. If you see the words "Certificate of Obligation" be aware that these are bonds by another name and that they are paid for by increases in your property tax rates or increases in other fees. By law, the debt obligation creates an automatic tax rate increase, even if taxes would otherwise be reduced. The more debt service a city or taxing district has, the more of the tax rate that they can blame on debt. Your local property tax rate has two components that make the total rate. One component is controlled by law with caps in place. It is the Maintenance & Operations Rate. The second component is debt service and it has no limits. The law mandates that the debt rate be sufficient to pay committed outstanding obligations.

If you are still reading that at this point, don't be totally discouraged. There are actions you can take to help stop this type of hidden tax increase. None of the actions would fall under the classification of fun and some require some self-sacrifice. First of all, start to monitor the agenda's of your local city council meetings. This is always published prior to their meetings. Second, attend a few and meet your elected officials. Third, when you see something going the wrong way, tell others about it. Write letters to the local newspapers about the abuses. All of this new legislation should be classified as stealth type le-

gale. It is all designed to keep you from having a say in government. If you make enough noise, you may be able to defeat this type of hidden tax increase when it is first presented. The last step is to write to the Texas Legislature and ask them to put limits on the size, use and frequency for

issuance of Certificates of Obligation. Also ask them to change the petition requirements to 5% of number of voters who voted in the last election for the taxing body. If only 10% of the voters elect the city council then only 5% of 10% of the eligible voters should be required for signa-

Thursday, June 2, 2005
tures on a petition to stop the issuance of Certificates of Obligation. At this time of year, ask any candidates where they stand on this issue.
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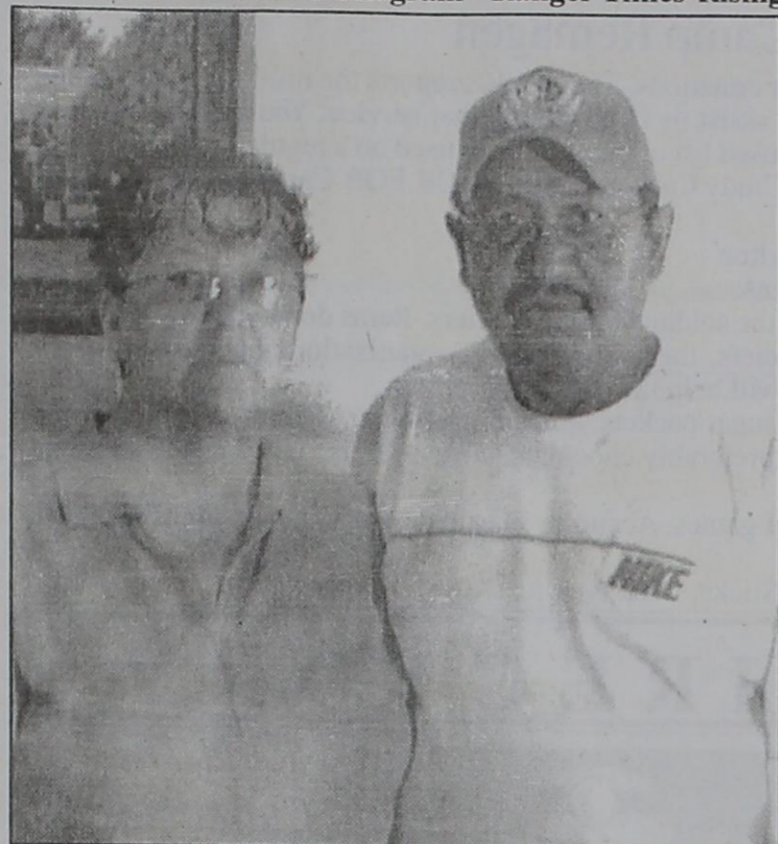
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Pictured are Mary and Nicolas Castorena Castorenas Are Special Parents

By Gary Grady
From the midst of Stephenville come a mother and father with enormous hearts. It might seem that Nicolas and Mary Castorena are just an everyday couple at first blush.

Nicolas was born and grew up in Durango, Mexico, and is a foreman for Fannin Tree Company; and Mary was born and raised in Stephenville and now works for Head Start in family services.

But there is one thing that sets them apart from your average family. The Castorenas do not have any children of their own but have foster parented for 21 years, and have raised 56 foster children during this time.

They started out by taking care of 3 children from relatives and ended up becoming the foster parents of them. The 3 children still hold their own special anniversary every December.

Foster Parenting takes a magnificent amount of self-sacrificing love. Because of neglect, abuse or abandonment, thousands of children must be placed into foster homes yearly.

Since training through CPS to be foster parents, the Castorenas have fostered children of all ages, races and religion, usually taking care of 6 children at a time.

While 30 of the children still keep in contact with them, 19 still remain very close.

The Castorenas attend their own family reunion but are visited by most of the foster children during that time.

Nicolas and Mary also have 6 foster grandsons, and 2 foster granddaughters and after 21 years the Castorenas are still taking care of children.

The 4 they are caring for now are 3 boys ages 15, 17 and 7 months, and 1 girl at age 5.

For those going beyond normal limits, the Castorenas are making great contributions to mankind because of their unselfishness and love of children.

Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club

The Quilting ladies enjoyed another very busy day of quilting on the "Flower Garden" and the "Broken Star" tops. Nearly all our bunch were there at some time during the day. Hopefully, in June all will be able to quilt.

Do not forget that June 11 is the Pioneer and surrounding community reunion. It will be at the community center in Cross Plains. Opens at 8:30 for coffee and visiting. Lunch will be served at noon. Come early and stay late!

The domino players had a good turn out at the Pioneer Community Center on Thursday. They all had a good time! Don't forget every second and fourth Thursday is the days to be there. Lots of fun and food!

Sandy Hutton spent Saturday in Abilene at six-year old grandson, Dodge Honea's baseball game and six-year old Racheal Young's gymnastic exhibition. Early Sunday, Shanna and Dodge surprised J.D. and Sandy by coming down and going to church with them and spending the day. It was very enjoyable for all of them.

Glenda Phillips has been going to see Krista play

softball. Kali invited Glenda to the Ag banquet. They had a delicious meal. She went with Allen and Janice Sunday afternoon to Janice's niece's baccalaureate then they all went to Kali's baccalaureate Sunday night. These grandchildren keep Glenda busy. She enjoys then so much.

Jean Fore and Frankie Smith attended the musical at Brownwood Lion's Club on Saturday night.

Sunday Frankie traveled to Ranger for the Ranger Band Concert. It was very good. She also visited with her sister Mrs. Dorothy Rogers and several of Dorothy's children.

We have been having some great rain this week. Very good for the coastal grass and other crops being planted about now (sure miss the peanuts). We love the rain but might not be to good on the wheat!

Congratulations to all the school graduates! Most have put in about 13 years of hard work. Now it is off to seek their fortunes!

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Eleventh Court Of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
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Affirmed

Terry Gene Freeman v. State of Texas, Erath. (Opinion by Justice McCall) Publish. (Dissenting Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Jeffrey Perkins v. John Delaney, Harris. (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Brian Keith Maiese v. State of Texas, Dawson. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Reversed & Remanded

Victor Bastardo v. State of Texas, Brown. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Appeals Dismissed

Saabs Construction Company v. J.E. Dunn of Texas, Inc. f/k/a C.E. Ward Constructors, Inc., Harris. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed

Dana S. Whitaker and Diana L. Whitaker v. Ronald J. Bostic, Dallas. Appellee's motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion). (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal and Cross-Appeal Dismissed

Donna Yarbrow, Executrix of the Estate of Dani Yarbrow, deceased v. Leigh Taliaferro, M.D. and Gervis Galbraith, M.D., Taylor. Agreed motion to dismiss all appeals and cross appeals. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Appeal Abated

Dessalang Befekadu et al v. Thurman Permanent A-1, L.L.C. et al, Dallas. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Order Not Disposing of Case

Abbas Yazdchi and Habibollah Yazdchi v. Bank of America, Harris. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Curtis Joe Reynolds v. State of Texas, Midland. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Seelin Medical, Inc. v. Invacare Corporation, Ector. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Original Proceedings Denied

In re Roque Tercero-Aranda, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se petition for writ of mandamus.

Motions Submitted & Granted

Maurice Consonteen Dickinson v. State of Texas, Nolan. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file motion for rehearing.

Ricardo Riojas v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file brief.

Tyrell Shawn White v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

Errol Young v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Connie McCoy v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Bobby Lee Fletcher v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the Interest of M.A.B., a child, Ector. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Wesley Troy Shields v. State

of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motions Submitted & Overruled

Roque Tercero-Aranda v. Virginia Stewart et al, Gaines. Appellant's pro se motion for rehearing. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

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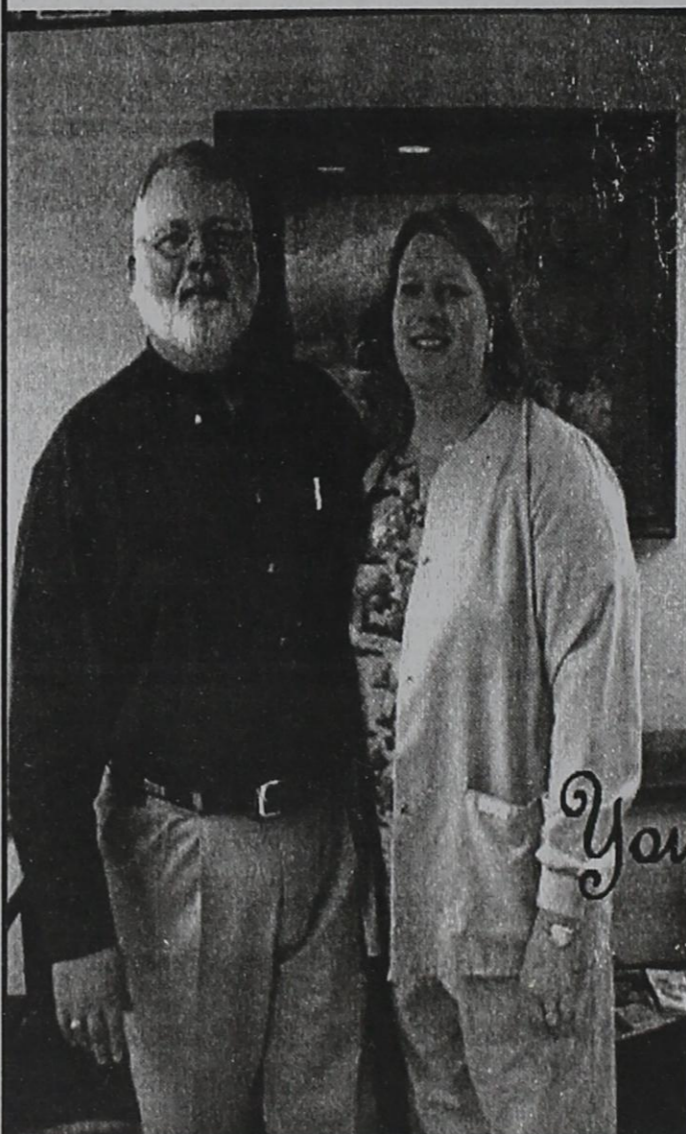
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Commissioners Continued From Front Page...

After discussing Judge Corn made a motion to purchase the real estate and put the old building up for bid. Commissioner Hicks seconded and motion carried with 4 voting for and Commissioner Holland abstained. The Cost is \$38,000.00. County Attorney Shane Deel will draft a contract.

Judge Corn made a motion to approve amending the budget to purchase the real estate. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding, Harold Hicks; Commissioner Precinct No.1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No.2; Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct No.3; Doris Grider, Commissioner Precinct No.4; Diane Alexander, County Treasurer; Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk.

Also present were: Shane Deel, Eddie Curtis, Rick Hanson, Jay Evans, Sam Goldsmith, Cami Robinson, Willie Cheek.

Trade Days Continued From Front Page...

urday include the Chili / Beans / Brisket Cookoff and Horse Shoeing demonstration by Jermemy Garner of Abilene. Childrens' Air Games by Main Event Sports of Midland include a Giant Air Slide, Bungee Run, Boxing Ring and Air Jumper. A Coin Dig is scheduled for Kids' ages 1-5 years, as well as the final round of the Bubble Gum Blowing and Hula Hoop contests.

Also slated Saturday are performances by The Texas Gunslingers. The Gunslingers are made up of a diverse group of people whose purpose is to keep alive the memories of the Old West. They present mock gun fights and comedy routines that have entertained hundreds of people at historic events, festivals and nursing homes.

The members of the Texas Gunslingers include retired truck drivers, law enforcement officers, a professional artist, an administrator, a teacher and minister. They are professional shooters, and several are members of the Single Action Shooting Society which is a national organization of Cowboy Action Shooters. Throughout the course of the day the Gunslingers will do gunfight routines and give demonstrations about the dangers of unsafe handling of firearms. The Tea Time Appraisal Fair, sponsored by Baird Market-spring Alliance, will be held Saturday afternoon at Wit's End, 400 Pine Street. The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo will get underway at 6 p.m. at the Rodeo Arena, and the Street Dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the 200 block of Market Street.

THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 4th IN RANGER "OLD TIME COUNTRY FESTIVAL"

Ranger's 15th Annual Old Time Country Festival is scheduled for this Saturday, June 4th! GREAT FUN FOR EVERYONE! "good food", "music", "entertainment"! All this and more will be presented by the Ranger Historical Preservation Society this Saturday, June 4th, 2005. The event will be held on the Society's Heritage Center grounds, 1505 Loop 254 West just 1500 feet from I-H 20 Exit 349 to Ranger. Ranger Lions Club will kick off the celebration at 7:00 A.M. with their famous "Cowboy Breakfast" cooked on open fires. Vendors will be setting up their booths of various wares - something for everyone, musicians tuning up to play for your listening pleasure, a "Face

Painting" booth, and the kids will enjoy the "air castle". The Historical Society's Barbeque plates will be available beginning at 11:30 A.M. Can't eat barbeque?? Then how about grilled chicken breasts! And let's not forget Sausage-On-A-stick!! RMS Cheerleaders will have a booth with Soft Drinks, the "Sweets" booth, Cookies, Brownies, etc., by the Ranger First United Methodist Church, and the River Of Life Youth Group will have Ice Tea, Lemon Ade, Bottled Water, and

Cotton Candy.

Other plans include music all day, several "Old West" reenactments, door prizes to be given throughout the day, and drawings beginning at 3:00 P.M. drawings for a Kodak 3.2 Easy Share CX7300 Digital Camera donated by Eastland Wal-Mart; Hercules Bronze Storm Door by Croft donated by Eastland Higginbotham; and a Black Powder Replica Walker .44 Revolver donated anonymously. Tickets for the camera and door are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets for the revolver are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. All tickets are available prior to the festival from historical society members, and may be purchased during the festival until 2:45 P.M.

You surely don't want to miss the "Old West Reenactments" performed by Texas Gunslingers. This group will capture an audience of all ages and following their performance they will give a short program on "Gun Safety".

For questions regarding the festival, call the Society's Ruth Terry Denney Library - Research Center 254-647-5353 Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

We're going to the Festival and We sure hope to see YOU there!

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Baird First Baptist Church Schedule Of Events

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- Sunday School**
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- Worship Service**
11:00 A.M.
- Evening Service**
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- Wednesday**
- Choir Rehearsal**
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- Service**
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Wednesday, June 1 - 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Friday, June 3 - YOUTH BAKE SALE at First National Bank in Baird 9:00 a.m. Fundraiser for Church Camp in Ruston, Louisiana. See you there - Thanks for supporting our youth!

Sunday, June 5 - See service times listed - COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!!!

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 First Baptist Church will not hold the Nursing Home Service on June 12, instead we will hold the service on June 19 (Father's day) This Change is for the month of June only Our schedule of the 2nd Sunday will resume in July

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