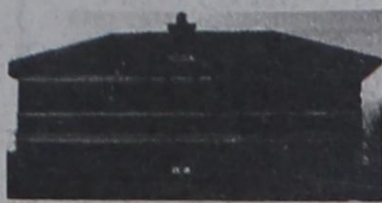


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Tidbits by HVO

HEALTHY, HEALTHY are meetings, the news media does plans to hold a public training its best to keep the public session on the Open Meeting informed, and as far as this newspaper is concerned, Laws, tentatively scheduled attends as many public for Aug. 31 at the Eastland's meetings as possible, but Connellee Hotel Roof Garden. A one-hour training obviously cannot be at every is required by law of all meeting. A called report and/or elected officials and persons an agenda run-down of what connected with public happened would be welcomed business...Eastland City and appreciated in keeping Secretary Shirley Stuart with helping keep the public City Attorney Lois informed. Old timers can cite Rockefeller are putting examples of instances where the plans together and we pledge the media worked hand in hand our help and support for this with official boards to bring very important event...Most forth information to help solve of the public bodies in this delicate problems...The city and area go out of their assumption is true that the way to help keep the public public will do the right thing if informed. Some are more they are given all the pro-active in this respect than information fairly...right now others. We don't want to believe any intentionally selling Lake Leon Water hold illegal meetings and/or outside the county...and it is a try to keep things from the matter which deserves public public, but we do find that information and input. The Lake was built with taxes paid some are more open than by the citizens and Eastland and Ranger and therefore they are being heard in some quarters about those who don't make are the owners of the lake and all their information its resources, and Water Board public...The law requires that is bound by law not to sell all bodies 'post' notice of water to anyone except the their upcoming meetings. cities of Ranger and Eastland. Too often these 'postings' are It is a fact that both cities now virtually on the back of a barn sell treated water to other door, (or many years ago in entities, and additional areas the basement of the Courthouse), rather than put are asking to be served. Some are concerned about maintaining the lake's water in locations where the public level, which fluctuates with the can be informed. The news rainfall and temperature... media always welcomes There is currently no little agendas in advance and prints them as news, without charge....So far as we know there are no secret meetings, but we do know that the law is very strict on what can be discussed by board members away from the official meeting locations...As far as reporting what happens at the

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration at Baird Elementary School

Baird Elementary School will hold a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year beginning on Thursday, August 3, and ending on Friday, August 4th. The registration will be held at the Baird I.S.D. Cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Pre-Kindergarten:

The Baird I.S.D. Pre-Kindergarten program will operate on a half-day basis during the 2006-07 school year. Students will be enrolled in an A.M. group (7:45-11:30 A.M. or a P.M. group (10:45-2:30 P.M.) All Pre-K students will be served lunch in the school cafeteria from 10:45-11:30 A.M. MORE INFORMATION ON THE HALF-DAY SCHEDULE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

According to Texas State Law, a child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is 4 years of age as of September 1, 2006, and is 1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; 2) educationally disadvantaged; 3) homeless; or 4) identified with special needs. In order to qualify for the program based upon #2, students must meet the criteria of financial need as determined by a formula provided by the state (which is based upon eligibility to participate in the national free or reduced lunch program).

During this registration, Baird ISD will be enrolling 4 year olds who meet the above criteria and live in the Baird School District. Also during this registration, Baird I.S.D. will be taking applications for all other 4 year olds who live in the Baird School District. The Pre-Kindergarten program has limited spaces, so parents are urged to register their

District...Perhaps its time to reconsider in an effort to help protect our precious water...This is but one of the many major topics that government bodies are and need to be discussing, and by extension, the public needs to be kept informed and have vital input into the decisions that finally come out...It must be remembered that for the most part the government bodies are made up of individuals who are willing to give of their time

and talents (or at least a minimum compensation) to serve in particular areas, and this is a noble and honorable situation. Surely all try hard to comply with all the laws, numerous as they are today, so they deserve our thanks and appreciation, and they are more likely to get these if they'd make sure that their decisions and votes are made public... We understand that a similar training session was held

recently in Cisco and perhaps in other areas too; we commend these actions, and pray that their tribes increase...We could list those groups which at least give the impression of not caring whether the public knows what they're doing. We won't though, because they know who they are, and they probably know the laws—there are penalties for non-compliance—so they are probably legal BUT there might come the day when they would WANT public awareness to help through a difficult situation. It happens all the time. We can guarantee that the news media will work harder for those who regularly make information available before, during and after decision-making time...ATTENTION all public officials of whatever stripe, if you haven't had this training, you might want to call Shirley at Eastland City Hall 254-629-8321 to see if they have seats left.

A well informed public is a treasure to behold. — HVO

Commissioners Meet and Take No Action on Budget

Meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners

Callahan County Commissioners' held a budget workshop on Monday, July 24, 2006 in the Commissioners' courtroom at 9:45 a.m. following a regular meeting of the Commissioner's at the Baird TX. Callahan County Courthouse beginning at 9:07 A.M. with all Commissioner's of the first four Precincts, present.

Minutes of July 10 meeting were presented and approved.

No comments from the public were taken

The Depot at Baird was not approved for a bid by the County until they hear from TXDOT and Komatsu Architect, so the motion was tabled on a motion by Judge Corn

Also Corn made a motion to accept the (Nonfinancial) Callahan County Child Welfare Board Contract Review with the Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Services.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion that was seconded and the motion carried with all assenting.

All approved bills were accepted to be payed by Commissioner Farmer, and Commissioner Hicks made a second, with the motion carrying 5-0.

children as early as possible. **Kindergarten:**

To be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old as of September 1, 2006. Kindergarten operates on a full day basis from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Completing Registration:

To complete registration, parents will need to bring copies of their child's birth certificate, shot records, social security card, proof of residence, and proof of income.

(Proof of income is required therefore parents must bring either a statement from employers showing monthly wages or a paycheck stub.)

Any new students 1st-8th grade may register at this time also.

If you have any questions, concerning student registration, please contact James Wyatt, Elementary School Principal, at 854-1400, Ext. 309.

Meeting with the Court was Alan Hufstutler of T.X.DOT, who met to discuss Landscape and Maintenance Agreement with TX.DOT and an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Baird. Judge Corn made a motion to approve the Contract with TX.DOT and the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Baird. This serves as notice that the City of Baird shall maintain all landscape elements within the limits of the right of way including the area around the newly installed Entrance located between I-00 and the Frontage South road to the West of Baird. Commissioner Grider made a Second and motion carried with only Commissioner Farmer voting Against.

Continued Inside Election Judges, Alternates, and Polling Places Named for County by Commissioners

Polling places for the elections to be held in Callahan County were decided by a unanimous vote of 5-0 in the July 10th meeting of the Commissioner's.

The polling places include:

Pct. #1: Clyde Lions Club Building, FM 18 & Rusk Street in Clyde.

Pct. #2: Eula Lions Club Building, FM 603 S. Clyde.

Pct. #3: Baird Housing Authority Building, 401 Chestnut in Baird.

Pct. #4: Cross Plains Community Center, 9th & Beech in Cross Plains.

Pct. #5: Putnam Community Center, 120 W. Travis in Putnam.

Pct. #6: Clyde Southside Baptist Church, FM 604 South in Clyde, TX.

Pct. #7: Oplin Community Center, FM 604 S. in Oplin.

Early Voting: Baird Courthouse Room #107 at 100 W. 4th St. in Baird.

Branch Early Voting: Clyde Justice of the Peace Office, 208 Oak Street in Clyde.

Branch Early Voting: Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Office, 424 S. Main in Cross Plains.

Election Judges & Alternate Judges include:

Pct. #1 Susan McCool, Judge; Silas Tucker, Alternate.

Pct. #2: Roxane Schoen, Judge; Pat Logan, Alternate.

Pct. #3: Jackie Pruet, Judge, Johanna May, Alternate.

Pct. #4: Joh Swift, Judge; Joyce McCoy, Al-

ternate.
Pct. #5: Randy Petty, Judge; Beth Petty, Alternate.

Pct. #6: Sharon Gage, Judge, Fannie Froman, Alternate.

Pct. #7: Trent Gee, Judge, Clarice Yandell, Alternate.

Ballot Board Judge, Dorothy Watson.

This vote was made by a motion of Commioner Harold Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Doris Grider with appointments made as above.

Summer Activities Underway for Sixth Through Twelfth Graders at Baird Methodist Church

Baird First United Methodist Church is seeking youth, grades six through 12, who are interested in growing in Christ while having a great time this summer. There will be Bible Study, Worship, and plenty of opportunities for fun and fellowship. The highlight of these summer activities will be a Discipleship Now weekend and a trip to Six Flags Over Texas.

For more information or to sign up, please call the church at 854-1080, Catherine Brock at 854-2053, or Brenda Lewis at 854-5994. Better yet, come join us on Sunday mornings

Baird High School Homecoming Set for September 16, 2006 (addresses needed)

The Baird High School Homecoming has been set for September 16, 2006. All the activities this year will be on Saturday, September 16th including the game. We are trying to update our address file and are needing addresses for the following people from the class of

1979-1983;
Becky Pettit Fowler, Ricky Henley, Leslie Meadows Henry, Carlynn Brumbaugh Studyvin, Charles Ashburn, Marcy Monsey Choate, Janae King Copaus, Sheri Whitehead Jobe, Laura Isenhower Massengale, Deborah Mosley, Jackie Parks, Jeff Smith, Darla McWilliams Bartley, Julie Barton, Roy Burton, Kathy Justice Fleming, Eddie Graham, Nita Perkins Hale, Larry Hallmark, Steve Johnson, Doris Kelly McGinnis, Richard Rutherford, Brent Shaw, Teri Tomlinson, Davy Vestal., Nicky Glaze, Vickie Harris, Brenda Wright Mills, Domingo Segura, Kelly Blair, Robert Burns, Kristie McCormick Cox, Jeanette Debusk, Craig Griggs, Carla Wristen Hooker, Kim Austin King, Jay Moore, Leslie Monsey Moore.

We are putting a few names each week and will continue for the next several weeks. If you have any information about these former students, please let us know at P.O. Box 954, Baird, Texas 79504, or call 854-1497.

Continued Inside

Baird Elementary School Supplies

Kindergarten School Supply List

- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 20 pencils
- 1 pair Fisher Scissors
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 small bottles of glue
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box Washable Markers
- 1 lg. Box of Cray-ons
- Nap Pad
- Back Pac
- Baird Pre-K
- Please put your child's name on all supplies:
- *Paint shirt
- 1 box of jumbo Cray-ons.
- 1 box Regular Cray-ons.
- 1 box Q-tips
- Package manila paper
- Package colored construction paper.
- Fiskars student Scissors
- 12 glue Sticks
- 1 Box of Kleenex.
- 1 Box jumbo Markers
- Small plastic school box
- Back pack
- 1 roll of paper Towels
- 1 jumbo eraser and individual pencil erasers
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue.

Continued Inside

Commissioners Meet...From Pg. one

The Commissioners in their scheduled meeting on the deliberation and consideration of a Budget Work-

shop took no action, in their meeting on Monday after being called to order at 10:00.

Flooring for Sale from Old Gym

Baird Independent School District is in the process of refurbishing the old gymnasium. One of the main objectives is to replace the wooden floor because it is not level. The hardwood floor has been removed in sections of about 30 square feet. These sections are for sale to the public for \$1 per

square foot. Proceeds from the sales of flooring will help defray the cost of updating the gym.

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

Specials-For Sale

550 Levi's Relaxed Fit Heavy weight denim 5 pockets, stone washed, \$29.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX.

Read the Baird-Callahan County Star...Thanks

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

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Baird 1st Grade:

- 40 plain #2 pencils
- **2 Boxes of Crayons (24 Count)
- ** 2 Boxes of wide Crayola Washable Markers
- 3 folders with brads
- 3 plastic folders with pockets/no brads
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 pkgs. 12 X 18 manila paper
- 2 pkgs. 12 X 18 colored construction papers
- 3 large bottles of glue
- ** 1 pair of scissors (Fiskars are best)
- ** Watercolor paints
- ** 1 set of map colors
- 2 pkgs of pencil top Erasers
- **1 school supply box
- 1 box of Kleenex.
- ** Plastic dish pan (approx. 12X18)
- 1 box gallon zip lock bags
- ** Backpack

- erasers.
- 2 large erasers
- 1 package construction paper.
- 1 package manila paper
- 1 cloth zippered pencil pouch.
- supply Box
- Head phones for computers
- 1 box of quart size Ziploc Bags
- 2 glue Sticks
- 2 Red Grading pens
- **No Rolling Backpacks

3rd Grade Supplies 2006-07

- 40 #2 pencils
- small Pencil Sharpener
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 large Elmer's School Glue
- 2 Red Grading pens
- 2 large Erasers
- 2 packages map Pencils
- 2 packages markers (large, washable)
- 2 packages of 4 Expo dry erase Markers
- Crayons (Box of 36)
- Scissors (Fiskars-sharp)
- Small Plastic Supply Box
- 3 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 small spiral notebooks
- 4 folders with pockets (RED, BLUE, GREEN, Yellow)
- Girls-1 Box Gallon size Ziploc Bags
- Boys-1 Box sandwich size Ziploc Bags
- Headphones for computers

Baird 2nd Grade Supplies List:

- 96 #2 pencils
- small Glue
- Scissors (sharp Fiskars)
- 3 boxes of Kleenex (preferably with lotion)
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 4 pocket folders with brads (Blue, Red, Yellow, Green)
- 3 sets map pencils
- 2 package pencil top

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Fish orders will be taken from April 19, 2006,

through August 31, 2006, or until supplies run out. Whichever come first. The fish will be delivered to Baird on Thursdays. We will set appointment times for pick up as orders are takne. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. and delivery is guaranteed.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird, TX at (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th and Suite B. Orders and information may also be obtained at the Albany, TX NRCS office. The number is 325-762-2552. EXT 3.

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- No Notebooks or Trappers needed.
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 scotch Tape
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40 Acres +/- partially wooded with oaks, 4 ponds, waterline septic system, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck, \$107,600.
50 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, mesquite trees, 2 ponds, county road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$107,600.
51 Acres wooded & open with 2 ponds, creek, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$107,600.
51 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, pond, excellent for food plot, 1 pond, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$107,600.
61 Acres mostly wooded with live oaks, pond, one 5-acre field, excellent home site or recreation property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,500 per acre.
61 Acres near Lake Cisco mostly wooded with live oak and post oak, two hills overlooking Lake Cisco with a canyon and creek in between the hills, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,800 per acre.
65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
81 Acres mostly wooded with oaks & mesquite trees, one 4-acre field, two ponds, hills down to draws, large ranches around this property, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,395 per acre.
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
90 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including Lake Leon, \$1,195 per acre.
112 Acres, wooded and cleared, very large canyon on property, hills, older mobile home with CHCA and older frame house, \$145,600.
116 Acres on large creek, wooded, good for hunting, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
151 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 water wells. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$196,490.
151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 buildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$220,183.
160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land, \$236,000.
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COMMERCIAL
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath, CHA on each side, \$29,500.
3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$39,500. Call for details.
Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call to details.
Approximate 2,000 sq. ft. building built in 2004. Show room in front with kitchenette and half bath. Shop in back also has half bath. Porch across front of bldg. and pavillion on side. 5 lots. Call for details.
HOUSES
Only 17,000 for this 2 BR, 1 bath home. Call for details.
2 BR, 1 bath home on corner property with storm windows, some wood floors, large oak trees, attached garage and fenced backyard, \$25,000.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees, Reduced to \$26,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home with storm windows, double carport, workshop or storage building, large trees, \$27,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large rooms, CHA, double pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, reduced to \$27,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home with storm windows, double carport, separate double carports, storage building and plenty of space to add more on these 4 lots. \$32,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home with CHA, storm windows, covered patio, carport, RV parking, 2 storage bldgs., large yard, \$32,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, large deck, double carport, storage bldg., privacy fence, corner property, \$36,000.
3 BR 2 bath home, CHA, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double garage, \$48,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick veneer home with CHA, built-in appliances, pantry, attached double garage, large trees, fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$55,000.
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CHA on 24 lots, \$59,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer home, separate LR and den, storm windows, CHA, attached 2 car garage, double carport, fenced backyard, \$62,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home, recently built, CHA, WBFP patio, double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water plus well, \$62,500.
4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CHA, woodburning fireplace, large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras on 1/2 of a city block, \$62,500.
4BR, 2 bath, 2 story home with lots of character and space, separate DR, LR and den, 2 CH/CA units, vinyl siding, storm windows, jacuzzi, double carport plus single carport, workshop, many large oak trees on 1/2 of a city block. Also has mobile home hookups.
LAKE CISCO
Well maintained, 3 BR, 1 bath home with metal siding, covered patio, 2 storage bldgs., covered boat dock with boat lift, large trees, \$49,800.
Recently built, attractive 2 BR, 1 bath home with CHA, nice pine cabinets, large deck, many live oak trees, storage building, covered boat dock, \$69,500.
Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CHA, WBFP, great view of lake from DR, LR, den & master BR, lg. landscaped yard, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bldg. & many extras.
Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home, 2 CHA units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced.
Beautifully landscaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with WBFP and 2 CH/CA units, many nice cabinets and built-ins. Garage, boat dock 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler sys., many large oak trees and many extras.

Ann Williams, Broker

Jimmy Williams

AREA MEDICAL DIRECTORY

Children's Health News

Just a Bite: Encouraging Kids To Try New Foods

Eating a variety of healthy foods is the best way for your child to get needed nutrients. But how do you encourage kids-notorious for being picky eaters-to explore the wide world of food? According to the health and parenting experts' at KidsHealth, the answer is pleasant persistence.

It turns out that once is not enough when it comes to kids and trying new foods. It may take up to 15 tries before children warm up to new tastes, research shows. So if your child turns up his nose at green beans or broccoli, don't assume he will never like those good-for-you green veggies.

Consider starting a new rule at your family table: Everyone takes at least a bite of what's being served, even if they tried it before and didn't like it. This exposes kids to new tastes again and again, increasing the odds that they'll eventually accept some of them. It also makes trying new foods just part of the normal routine. The KidsHealth experts offer these tips for implementing this one-bite strategy:

- Put a small portion of the new food on your child's plate. Or, if your child's old enough, allow her to self-serve.
 - When serving a new food, be sure to also include a familiar food on that night's menu. Too much new stuff can be off-putting, especially to a hungry child.
 - Keep the mood light and upbeat. Don't make the one bite seem like a punishment.
 - Talk about the new food you're serving, where it comes from, other recipes it's in, or even how to spell the food. (For instance, you might tell a toddler that zucchini starts with "Z.")
 - Be a sport by following the one-bite rule yourself.
- Visiting restaurants, farmers' markets and specialty

markets can also expose kids to different foods. Use those outings to let your child choose a new food to try. Reading books about food and paging through cookbooks is another way to encourage experimentation. If a recipe looks good to your child, consider making it together. That new dish could become a favorite. But for now, start with just one bite.

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Shuttle Mission Captures American Spirit

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Texas has long played a role in the success of our space program, from the establishment of NASA's headquarters at the Johnson Space Center in Houston to the thousands of Texans who have contributed to the program's 48-year history. Discovery's six-person crew a seventh astronaut re-

mained aboard the International Space Station included mission specialists Mike Fossum and Stephanie Wilson, who followed in the footsteps of 39 other brave graduates from Texas colleges and universities to travel into space. Specialist Fossum earned an undergraduate degree from Texas A&M and a master's degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake, while Specialist Wilson earned her master's degree from the University of Texas.

Space Shuttle Discovery's successful mission took place in the wake of improved shuttle safety procedures, and the program is now in position to complete the assembly of the International Space Station over the next 18 launches. I enthusiastically support completing the space station and equipping it to conduct further research. In August, the Space Shuttle Atlantis will deliver another major part of the space station structure, an additional solar array to provide more

power for scientific experiments.

Research conducted on the International Space Station and on shuttle missions over the past 25 years has proven the benefits of the unique scientific laboratory of space. Freed from the restraints of Earth's atmosphere and gravity, scientists can conduct experiments leading to advancements in areas ranging from fire control to potential sources of energy, as well as medical technologies and physiology that will benefit all of us on Earth.

NASA has led humankind's exploration of space, but also has helped lead in scientific exploration of all kinds. As Chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Science and Space, I work to ensure proper funding levels are authorized for all of NASA's worthwhile endeavors.

President Bush has announced a new Vision for Space Exploration, which will see us replace the Space Shuttle with a new Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) that could transport our astronauts to the moon and eventually to Mars. We must continue our crucial leadership in the field of space exploration and scientific research, as well as intelligence gathering and use of satellites for national defense.

On July 13, I joined with Senator Barbara Mikulski in passing a bipartisan amendment to provide NASA with emergency appropriations. This will allow NASA to implement recommendations of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board and provide relief for NASA facilities damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Vital research was being cut to fund emergency repairs, and this funding will restore core scientific missions for science.

We must keep the dream of exploration of other worlds alive. With the help of increased funding, NASA can continue to expand our base of scientific knowledge while inspiring Americans and especially our young people to go into science professions. Just as manifest destiny led American settlers into the West, our thirst for scientific knowledge will lead us into the far reaches of space.

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6. Ultraviolet, Milla Jovovich, (Sony) PG-13
7. Firewall, Harrison Ford, (Warner) PG-13
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The Cisco Writers Club, a small group in Central Texas, is hosting its 30th annual summer writing contest, celebrating three decades of achievement. Almost \$300 in prizes was awarded last year. The contest is open to members and nonmembers alike. But the deadline is Monday, July 31, so time is short.

This is a contest designed by writers, for writers. With eleven categories from humorous poetry to books, it aims to stimulate good writing in all forms. If you write — or want to — get the details and get going.

Find specifics at <http://ourworld.csc.com/ciscowritersclub>, or E-mail ciscowritersclub@cs.com <http://ourworld.csc.com/ciscowritersclub@cs.com>. You may also call (254) 442-3530.

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- Children's Stories written FOR ages 12 and younger

- 1,200 words
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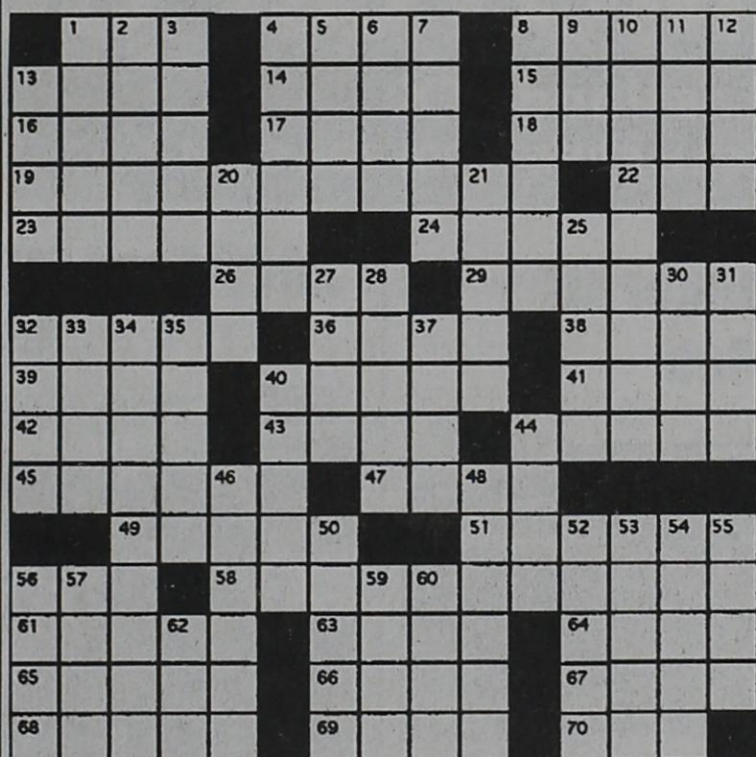
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 - Places to pitch tents
 - Wind direction: abbr.
 - Shows contempt
 - Consumed
 - Prefix for space or dynamics
 - Mama bird, at times
 - Walked the floor
 - Mr. Gardner
 - Grow weary
 - Hawkeye
- DOWN**
- City in Oklahoma.
 - Muscat's location
 - \$1000
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 - New parents' choice
 - Lets the engine run
 - Involve
 - Woolly complaint
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 - Dialect
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 - Nerve network
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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Timing is Everything

Poor Al Gore. If the presidential election had been held in August instead of November, his global warming messages during summer's dog days might have nudged him into office. With thermometers bursting out the top and temperatures of 100 or better in so many places, we are more attentive when standing in puddles of our own sweat.

Wherever we've been lately, conversations have swung to "how hot was it" stories. One guy said that Buckingham Palace tourists in jolly old London still enjoy watching the changing of the guard—if there's also been a changing of the Right Guard.

And in Paris, French offi-

cial are still red-faced about the government's response to what turned out to be an electrical fire in the Eiffel Tower. Smoke was billowing skyward, and in a matter of minutes, the French surrendered.

We tried thinking cool thoughts, watched March of the Penguins for three straight nights and got strange looks in the mall for whistling Walking in a Winter Wonderland.

Such thinking accomplishes little, of course, when TV weathermen drone on about record temperatures, and air-conditioners chug non-stop.

So, the wife and I decided to take our leave. While Texas baked, we flew to Lisbon for a Windstar Cruise

that would take us to ports in three countries—on a sailboat yet!

The week-long cruise was on a vessel with "MSY" designation. The "M" in the designation, we learned later, was the most important letter. When headwinds persisted for most of the week, diesel engines of the "motorized sailing yacht" worked overtime to keep us more or less on schedule.

That's one of the nicest aspects of cruising. Leaving homeland and the workaday world behind, "more or less" is close enough when there is food fit for kings, mystical ports to visit and blissful rest.

It's rest unlike that of shoreside beds. As the Wind Surf glided smoothly through the Atlantic Ocean, rocking was ever-so-slight. Like the delicate cradle-rocking mothers give newborns.

As we headed through the Strait of Gibraltar—yes, where they have that big rock the insurance company compares its stability to—we viewed with amazement the intermingling colors where the ocean and sea meet in the gentlest of reunions.

It was as if the Atlantic and Mediterranean have no-compete clauses, each committed to its own shade of blue.

There's a certain sadness when cruises end. It was no different in Barcelona, Spain, where we said good-byes to crew and new-found friends. To the former, we mostly "thanked, and thanked, and thanked," even for the talent night rendition of "Indonesian Idol."

We smiled when we "so longed" John and Trish Fielder, who were headed back to San Antonio. He, a big, strapping, self-made businessman who has a string of automobile

dealerships with other interests in real estate and publishing. He's the kind of guy whose word is his bond, and probably signs off on good-sized deals with handshakes.

At dinner one evening, I asked John if he had enjoyed the day's excursion to Tangier. He had a "yes and no" answer. Seems he took the instruction literally about leaving valuables on board, so as not to tempt would-be pick-pockets. He did exactly that, placing wallet, watch, rings and the like in the safe. "I never saw a place like Tangier, and I had no idea they'd be offering camel rides," John explained, "I've always wanted to ride a camel."

So why didn't he? "I didn't have the two dollars," he confessed, adding that he doesn't come across camels in Texas all that often.

I laughed, too, at the thought of a white-knuckled Californian seated next to us on the flight to Lisbon. She was worried about everything that came to mind, and I wasn't sure she'd ever relax during her European vacation. Several hours into the flight, she noticed the monitor for the first time.

She read the temperature repeatedly: "Minus 10. Minus 10. Minus 10. I had no idea it would be so much colder in Europe, and I didn't even bring a shawl." It was mine to explain to her the difference between Fahrenheit and Centigrade, and that it was much warmer on the ground, five miles below.

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What if we treated it like

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What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

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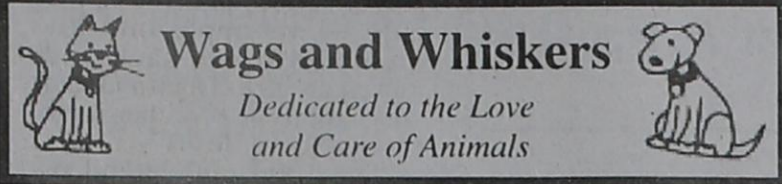
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- Take them to the country and dump them. Someone will find them and give them a home.
- Take them to a grocery store or shopping area. Someone is sure to take them home.
- Dump them at the local Animal Control Office's door after hours. Let them find the pups a home.

The answer to all of the above is NO. None of these are the right solution to this problem. In fact, most of these animals would not survive. They become victims of starvation, dehydration, hit by a car, or become a meal for wildlife, such as coyotes, foxes, etc.

There are several actions that can be taken:

- Put an ad in the Eastland Telegram 629-1707
- Put an ad on the Bargain Box 629-2621. It will be on the radio until all the animals find a home at no cost to you.
- Let your local Animal Control Officer know you have puppies/kittens. Even if there is no room in the pound these people will do their best to

find homes for each animal. In Eastland call Jennifer Arnett at 629.1700.

- Call veterinarians in your area and ask if you may post a notice on their bulletin board. Hardware and grocery stores have bulletin boards too.
- Call the Taylor Jones Humane Society in Abilene. 325 672-7124 or Erath County Humane Society in Stephenville. 254 965-3247.
- Call your local Chamber of Commerce and find out if there is a "no kill" shelter such as Operation Kindness in your area.
- Tell your friends and co-workers. Someone may be looking for a pet to bring in to their home. Word of mouth is still a good way to spread the word.

These people WILL help you. Give them a chance and save lives.

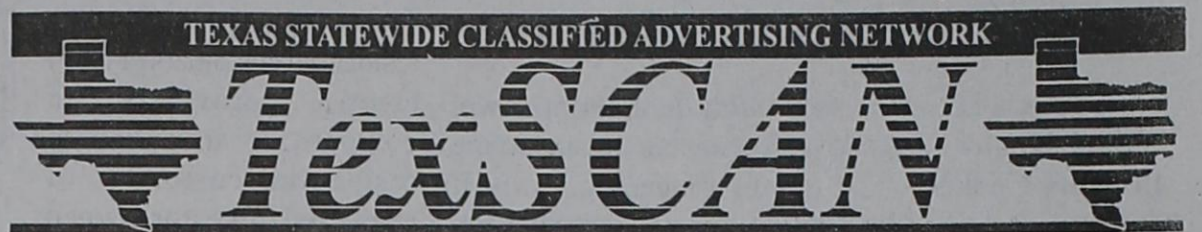
Then make an appointment with your local veterinarian to have your pet spayed so this will not occur again. You will take peace of mind knowing you have taken the correct action for your pet and your community.

Tip of the Week: Take the pups/kittens to a veterinarian and give them their first shots. It is not costly and aids in finding them a home.

Dumping animals is against the law. It is a misdemeanor and punishable by up to \$4000 and jail time. Questions and/or suggestions may be emailed to wags_whiskers@sbcglobal.net Or send to: P. O. Box 262 Eastland, Texas 76448

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2. Syriana, George Clooney, (Warner) R
3. Madea's Family Reunion, Tyler Perry (Lions Gate) PG-13
4. The Hills Have Eyes, Kathleen Quinlan, (Fox) R
5. 16 Blocks, Bruce Willis, (Warner) PG-13
6. High School Musical, Zac Efron, (Walt Disney) PG
7. Firewall, Harrison Ford, (Warner) PG-13
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A Walk Down The Road Of Life

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Pressure Cooker

The other night as I lay sleeping, I saw a big pressure cooker in the yard next door. As quickly as the dream began, it came to an end. Sleep continued and soon I was in my car on the highway and in the middle of the highway was that same pressure cooker. This portion of the dream was also only fleeting. All I had seen in either of them was the pressure cooker.

With the light of dawn, my eyes were opened to the dream's meaning. Life is filled with pressure from every direction and from many sources and people.

No matter the pressures of life, we have the promise in God's Word, "I will be with you always." He will give us rest and assurance. More importantly He will be with you and listen to us in even the smallest things of life. Please allow Him to be your friend and advisor through prayer and Bible Study.

Public Utility Commission Passes Emergency Rules

(Austin, TX) - Last Friday, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) passed emergency measures to give low-income Texans and senior citizens a break, by adopting a rule to stop utility disconnections for the summer. The emergency rule takes effect immediately and contains three main components that strengthen existing prohibitions on disconnections:

- Electric providers are prohibited until October 1 from disconnecting all critical care customers (customers in which a suspension of electric service will create a life-threatening situation). These customers will be required to pay at least 25 percent of their outstanding bill starting in October with the remainder due within five months.
 - Electric providers are prohibited until October 1 from disconnecting all low-income customers who are at least 65 years old. These customers will be required to pay at least 25 percent of their outstanding bill starting in October with the remainder due within five months.
 - Low income customers under age 65 can prevent disconnection through September with a deferred plan requiring payment of no more than 25 percent of their bill. The deferred amount would be due within five months.
- Under current statute, utilities cannot disconnect service on days when the National Public Weather

Service issues a heat advisory for at least two days in a row after a heat advisory.

Electric customers qualifying for the low-income plan have a household income at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or receive Medicaid or Food Stamps from a Texas state agency. Eligible customers are required to contact their electric providers to prevent disconnection. These customers will not be charged late fees on bills dated through Sept. 30.

The new rule applies to residential customers of retail electric providers in competitive areas and to residential customers of regulated investor-owned utilities. It does not apply to municipal electric utilities and electric cooperatives. However, the PUC encourages these providers to consider adopting similar rules.

"People need to be financially responsible by paying their bills, however, utility prices have drastically risen due to the overwhelming heat that hits the pocket book hard," said Texas House Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). "If a person is struggling, I would encourage them to contact their retail electric provider and seek assistance programs that may be offered in helping them pay their electric bill. Also, the utility companies can provide customers with information on low and no-cost measures for saving energy and reducing their electric bill." For more information, please go to www.puc.state.tx.us. Also, visit www.powertochoose.org or call toll free 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (1-866-797-4839) for more information and to compare rates.

Morton Valley Past & Present

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Past: A big day was planned for a genealogy program in the meeting or voting room of the Eastland County Courthouse. The room filled with information and people. Things went well until the lunch break. I headed to Morton Valley and became very concerned as I saw plumes of smoke in the sky. The fire seemed to be very near my home and it was getting much larger. The fire turned out to be less than a mile west of me on my brother's place. I did not get to return to the meeting. Phone calls brought family, friends and firemen to the scene. The fight against the fire continued until the early hours of the morning. Finally a tired group of people felt safe enough to go home and get some much needed rest. There were many moments of great danger as the fire surrounded a butane tank, a house that may be one hundred years old, barns, sheds, a camper trailer and the livestock. We were lucky this time and all those escaped the fire. Spring came and the grass was beautiful, green and very thick. My mind went back in time to the days of my childhood when Morton Valley people had to haul almost all their water from the "Thorpe Well". The school bell rang and rang loud, clear and long. People began to gather to see what news was being told. There was a fire on the Ranger Highway and people would have to fight it. No fire trucks were available to help. Almost every man in the community came bearing shovels, tow sacks and other items with which to fight the fire. This fire like the first one didn't burn buildings. The outcome was great. Thanks to the cooperative spirit of the people of Morton Valley community. Would we do as well today?

Present: Inspirational Story written and told Venita Davis Smith. It was told to her by her grandfather. "The Doctor and The Apple": As the story goes~ It is said that at a certain school of Divinity each year would

have what is called a "Baptist Day". On this day everyone would bring their own lunch to be shared outside in a picnic area. Every "Baptist day" the school would invite a renowned speaker with one of the greatest minds in the world with many doctoral degrees to lecture in the educational center.

The story is that one year the school invited a Dr. Paul Tillich. Now this doctor Tillich was a long winded speaker, love to hear his own voice and really full of himself. Dr. Tillich spoke for 2 and a half hours "proving" that the resurrection of Jesus was false.

Dr. Tillich quoted scholar after scholar and book after book. He concluded that there was no such thing as the historical resurrection. He also based his finding that the religious tradition of the church was groundless; it was all a bunch of emotional mumbo jumbo because it was based on a relationship with a risen Jesus who in Tillich's findings never rose from the dead in any literal sense. The doctor smugly then asked if there were any questions. A few seconds passed and an old withered dark skinned preacher with a short cropped woolly white hair stood up in the back of the auditorium. "Now Dr. Tillich I got one question" he said as all eyes turned toward him as he reached in his sack lunch and pulled out an apple. "Now Dr. Tillich" he said with his mouth full of apple~ my question is a simple question. Now, I ain't never read any of them books you read and I can't recite them Scriptures in the original Greed text. And I don't know nothing about Neibuhr and Heidegger as he was finishing his apple. "All I wanna know is this apple I just ate, was it bitter or was it sweet?"

Dr. Tillich paused for a moment and answered in an exemplary scholarly fashion. "I cannot possible answer that question, for sir, I haven't tasted your apple." The old white haired

preacher dropped the apple core of his apple into his crumpled paper sack and looked up at Dr. Tillich and said very calmly ~ "Neither have you tasted my Jesus"

The 1000 plus attendees couldn't restrain themselves! The auditorium erupted with applause and cheers. R. Tillich thanked his audience and hastily left the platform.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8. We should all make a pledge to follow the old preacher's example. Stand up for your Jesus. Stand up for your convictions. Jesus turned water into wine, but He can't turn whimpering and whining into anything!

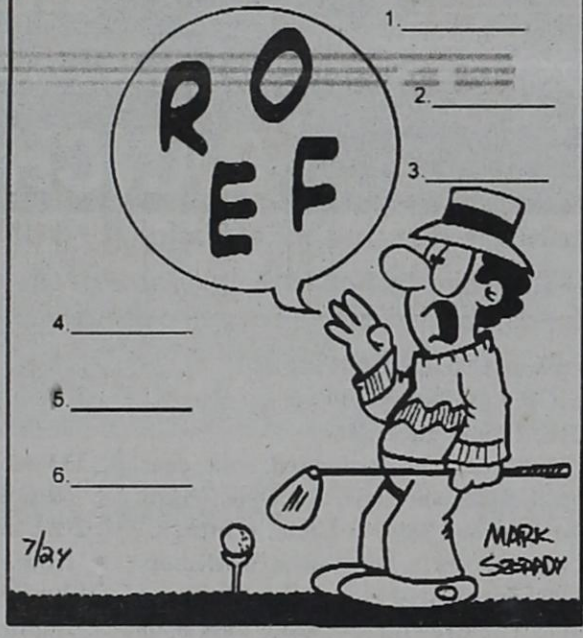
Ray Rodgers brought the special music and led singing. He sang one of our old favorites: "Fill My Cup, Lord." We are so fortunate to have him and Mickey back in our community. It was great to see a man who grew up in Morton Valley in our services also. Robin Peacock from Dublin attended services.

Lyndell Garrett brought a message from Matthew 11:28-30 on "What Do You Want?" What have you been asking for in life? Petitions need to be brought to Jesus in prayer. Each and every one of us needs Jesus top place in our lives. He created us but He doesn't leave us alone. He sent the Holy Spirit to take His place when He returned to the Father. This question is a personal one for you to answer privately. Come to Jesus first and you can stop the constant searching for things that bring joy and peace. He is the way, the truth and the life.

Do you have a burden for another person? Prayer is a simple yet complex solution to the burdens of life. God will do whatever we ask if we come believing and in His will. If He has first place His will can be our greatest desire. There are people all around who need Jesus and you may be the only one who can share Him with them. Expect God to do great things in His way and His time and you will be traveling an upward road with hills and valleys. He will never leave you.

WORD PILE By Mark Szorady

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Alyson Winans and Dustin O'Dell, Recipients of Association of Texas Soil and Water District Employees Scholarship Awarded to Local High School Seniors

Pleased to announce the 21005-06 scholarship recipients are the Association of Texas Soil and Water District Employees.

This scholarship is open to graduating children and grandchildren of Employees of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Districts. This year two of the four recipients are local High School Seniors. This year's recipients are Allyson Winans of Baird, Dusty O'Dell of Woodson, Whitney Ash of Throckmorton and Ky Rathkamp of Tivoli.

Allyson Winans is a Honor Graduate of Clyde High School and the daughter of Gary and Judi Winans of Baird. She will be attending Cisco Junior Coll. This summer and Hardin-Simmons University beginning in the fall to pursue a degree in Physical Therapy. Allyson is a member of the National Honor Society, and the Executive Treasurer for the Students Council. She is a three time Regional Qualifier in Cross Country, and three time District Qualifier in Track. Allyson is the 2006

123lb Regional Champ in the powerlifting, and qualified for state three times. She received 4th place this year.

Dustin Lee O'Dell is a graduate of Woodson High School and the son of Eric and Mary O'Dell. He is a member of the National Honor Society, President of the Woodson FFA Chapter and President of the Woodson 4H Club. Dusty has received the FFA Lone Star, 4-H Gold Star, and FFA Star Greenhand Degree. Other honors he has received are Class Favorite (two years), Best Around State 4H Record Book Winner, State Photography Winner, State Goat Judging, Team Winner, Beef and Goat Showmanship and exhibited many grand and Reserve Champion animals in Beef and Goat divisions. Dusty is planning to major in Agriculture Economics.

The Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Employees, The Callahan Divide SWCD, Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos SWCD, Albany and Baird NRCS. Congratulat

Rural Property Websites Link Buyers and Sellers

Farm Credit financing institutions in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas have formed a strategic alliance with LandsofAmerica.com to provide an online resource for buyers and sellers of rural land. The result is a network of Web sites offering more than 9,500 rural and waterfront property listings, as well as rural financing information.

The alliance combines the resources of the largest rural lender and the largest online rural property listing service in the five-state region.

"Because Farm Credit makes loans for all types of rural properties, we recognized the need for an online source for locating, listing and financing rural land," said Stan Ray, vice president of marketing and corporate relations, Farm Credit Bank of Texas. "We welcome the opportunity to work with LandsofAmerica.com to provide this valuable service."

Visitors to the LandsofAmerica.com network of Web Sites can learn about financing options and search properties for sale by region, county and type of land, such as ranches or waterfront properties. Listings are provided by real estate brokers and are updated daily.

The five state-specific Web sites are www.LandofAlabama.com, www.LandofLouisiana.com, www.LandofMississippi.com, www.LandofNewMexico.com and www.LandsofTexas.com.

Rural properties for sale in all five states also can be searched by going to www.FarmCreditBank.com and clicking on Real Estate Marketplace.

"LandsofAmerica.com has been bringing farm and ranch listings into the homes and offices of agricultural, investment and recreational real estate buyers for years. To have Farm Credit's financing expertise available to our Web site visitors really enriches the experience," said Allen Shannon, founder of LandsofAmerica.com.

Together, the 90-year-old Farm Credit Bank of Texas and 21 affiliated Farm Credit financing cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas have \$10.4 billion in loans outstanding.

LandsofAmerica.com is an online real estate marketing service for brokers specializing in rural land. The company was formed in 2002 and is headquartered in Austin, Texas.

2007 U.S.D.A. Conservation Program Meeting

The Callahan County U.S.D.A. Service Center will be hosting a public meeting in Baird on **Monday, August 21st, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.** to provide information and discuss the implementation of the various conservation programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill). This meeting is open to the public and all agriculture Producers, Landowners and interested citizens of Callahan County are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the **Callahan County Courthouse in the County Courtroom located on the 2nd Floor.** The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 12 noon.

A Brief description of the Conservation Program and topics to be discussed at this meeting include **Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP)**-provides annual Rental Payments and cost-share assistance to establish long term, Resource Conserving covers on eligible Farmland.

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)-restores and protects grassland, including rangeland and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing land.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) - provides financial and technical assistance to landowners to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)-offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.

*Immediately following the Program Development public meeting, there will be a local Work Group meeting. The Local Work Group is made up of amandated limited membership that includes the Callahan Divide SWCD Board, Farm Service Agency County Committee, the Callahan County Extension Agent, The NRCS and FSA employees.

If you have an interest in how the Conservation Programs authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill can help you on your farm or, If you have questions, please call NCRS office in Baird at 325-854-1349, EXT 3.

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(NAPS)—As hurricane season approaches, be sure to inventory and digitally record your home's contents to avoid confusion and unnecessary loss should disaster strike.

With the 2006 hurricane season promising to be as devastating as last year, most people are ready with their disaster supply kit and have planned their evacuation route. But many people forget to inventory their home's contents. Don't let your home's contents become a fading memory—develop a hurricane readiness checklist that includes creating a digital record of all your data. Helpful resource sites such as Save Your Data (www.saveyourdata.org) outline resources you need to consider to be fully prepared should any disaster strike.

Today's home computers store everything from invaluable addresses, to precious baby photos, to back taxes, to home movies, to your favorite tunes. But you should also create a digital inventory of your home's contents and valuables using a simple spreadsheet program.

First, use your digital camera to inventory your home's contents, and then download the photos to your computer. Next, create a room-by-room spreadsheet. You should also scan your important documents, including insurance policies, banking and investment records, tax forms, and create digital files of them as well.

Taking some time now will save you headaches and heartaches in

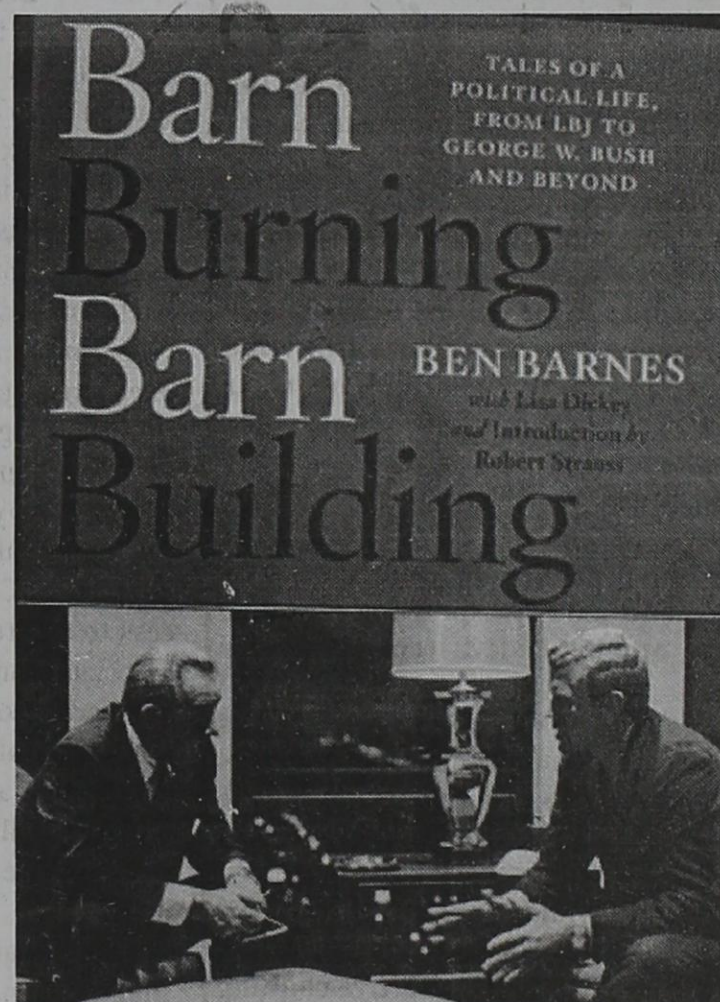
Don't let hurricane season take you off guard. Be prepared mentally, physically and even digitally. ®

the future. By creating a digital record, you won't have to recall your home's contents from memory should you have to fill out complicated insurance documents. Your photos and spreadsheets will make the job much easier and less stressful, leaving you to focus on more immediate needs like your family's safety and security.

But you're not finished yet. Once you create a digital record, consider an off-site file backup service for your computer files. Memory sticks, floppies and CDs can easily be lost, damaged or stolen and could fall into the wrong hands. But an off-site backup service is secure, reliable and accessible no matter where you are. Even if you are evacuated, displaced or relocated, you know your data will remain safe and that security is priceless.

For more information on hurricane readiness, go to www.saveyourdata.org. There, you'll find useful information on creating home inventories and digital records, including a link to a file backup service with a 90-day free trial that will get you safely started preparing for hurricane season and even beyond. You'll also find links to other disaster preparedness websites.

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Clifton Scott Stringfellow

Our loving and devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather died on Thursday, July 13th, 2006 at the age of 84.

Clifton Scott Stringfellow was born November 17, 1921 in Ashland, Alabama to James Scott and Martha Brown Stringfellow. He moved to Texas at age 4 settling in the Rowden Community. He attended schools in Baird, Sweetwater, and Ranger. He also attended Ranger Jr. College and served in the Marine Corp during World War II.

He married Glenda Boren in 1956 and on August 18th they would have celebrated their 50th golden wedding anniversary. Clifton worked for many years as a representative of several brokerage companies. From 1966 to 1973 they owned and operated their own grocery store and in 1984 they founded Grumpe's Specialties in Baird, TX which they operated until their retirement in 1997.

He was instrumental in the Baird community, serving on the Chamber of Commerce and getting Baird named "Antiques Capital of West Texas." In 1993 he received

the Howard Farmer Citizenship Award.

Clifton is survived by his wife, Glenda, two daughters, Judy (Mrs. Bill Lawrence) of Dallas and Vickie Brown (Bill Earth) of Abilene and five grandchildren, Julie (Mrs. Gil Montes), Jason Edwards, and wife Angie, Scott Edwards of Abilene, Hunter Lawrence, Austin Lawrence, and wife Dana of Dallas, and a sister, Maxine (Mrs. Mace Coleman) of Canton, Tex. He was devoted to his five great grandchildren all of Abilene, Georgia, Gracie and Isaac Montes, Ashlee Aguilirre and Hayden Edwards. But his most precious and loved companion was his little dog Ms. Tootie.

He was a Member, Trustee and treasurer of Abilene Baptist Church and volunteered at Meals on Wheels for many years.

Visitation was on Sunday, July 16th from 2 to 4 p.m. and Funeral Service was held 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17 at Elmwood Funeral Home, 5750 Hwy 277 South, Abilene.

Donations can be made to Meals on Wheels or Abilene Baptist Church Building Fund.

Obituary

Los Angeles Child and Woman Killed Last Tues. in Fiery Crash on I-20

A death of a Los Angeles woman and 6 year old child occurred on I-20 after an 18-wheeler hit their motor home and the vehicle caught fire, according to a Tx.Dept. of Public Safety Dispatcher, said the A-RN

At 1:40 a.m. last Tuesday in Callahan County the east and westbound traffic on I-20 was blocked according to the report, for over an hour.

James Lewis of Los Angeles was driving the motor home and suffered no injuries. However, Albert Smith of Grand Prairie, the 18-wheeler's driver was taken to Hendrick's to avoid complications.

The tractor trailer which Smith was driving struck and destroyed the motor home while the vehicles were travelling east. Fire engulfed the motor home and only Lewis and his son escaped from it.

An observer, Carolyn Moore of Abilene attempted to give assistance and aid to Smith who was "distracted" and was travelling to Irving.

The accident remains under investigation according to the dispatcher.

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CLYDE-Willie J. "BILL" McCartney, 78,m of Clyde

ROSS CEMETERY RECEIVES HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY MEDALLION

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently designated Ross Cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery. The distinction means the cemetery has been legally recorded through the THC's Historic Texas Cemetery Program, an important step in ensuring its preservation.

This designation is reserved for cemeteries that are at least 50 years old and documented through the Historic Texas Cemeteries process to record their historic association and significance.

A dedication ceremony to commemorate this historic designation and the placing of the medallion at the cemetery will be held at a later date.

"The designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of these important cultural resources," said Larry Oaks, executive director of the THC. "Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of a cemetery."

While not a required element of the Texas History Cemetery designation, the distinctive medallion is a recognized symbol of preservation efforts. The medallion includes the words "Historic Texas Cemetery—Texas Historical Commission" encircling a central star, rose and cypress branch.

Resolution Adopting Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Callahan County Resolution Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

WHEREAS, Certain areas of Callahan County are subject to periodic Flooding and other natural and man-made hazards with the potential to cause harm to people and damages to property within the area, and

WHEREAS, Callahan County desires to prepare and mitigate for such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that local jurisdictions have in place a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan as a condition of receipt of certain future Federal mitigation funding after November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, to assist cities and counties in meeting this requirement, the West Central Texas Council of Governments, and its contractor, H2O Partners, Inc. of Austin, TX has initiated development of multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan covering Jurisdictions within the West Central Texas Council of Governments, including Callahan County;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved, that the Commissioners Court of Callahan County hereby

1. Adopts those portions of the Plan Entitled "West Central Texas Council of Governments Creating a Disaster-Resistant Region in West Central Texas" 2004-2009, that pertain to Callahan County; and

2. Vests the Callahan County Judge with the Responsibility, Authority, and The Means to:

(a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.

(b) Develop an addendum to this Hazard Mitigation Plain if the County's unique situation warrants such an addendum.

3. Appoints the Callahan County Judge to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan be reviewed at least annually and that any needed adjustments to the County's Addendum to the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan be developed and presented to the Commissioners' Court for consideration.

4> Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Approved and Adopted by the Callahan County Commissioners' Court, this 10th day of July, 2006.

(signed, Roger

Corn. Callahan County Judge.

signed, Jeanie Bohannon, Callahan County Clerk

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County Students on National Honor Roll

10 students from Callahan County have qualified for induction into the 2005-06 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young designate that they have been accepted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. (A copy of the student's biography is sent to the college along with the notification.) Each United States Senator and state governor receives a complimentary copy of the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition along with a list of the students from their state who have been inducted into the National Honor Roll. Additional Complimentary copies of the book are sent to selected school libraries across the country.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and Future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible to be listed in National Honor Roll. 67% of the inductees in the 2005-06 National Honor Roll averaged an A - or better; 33% averaged B through B+ 31% were Seniors (Class of 2006), 29% SJuniors (Class of 2007), 22% Sophomores (Class of 2009); 15% Freshman (Class of 2009); and 4% were from the Class of 2010.

Those Callahan County students named to the Honor Roll include:

- Megan L. Betcher, Baird High School.
- Forrest L. Creamer, Cross Plains High School
- Candi Daniels, Clyde High School.
- Nicole K. Dodder, Clyde High School.
- Jennifer Garcia, Clyde High School
- Charles R. Jones, Clyde High School.
- Melissa Martin (Clyde High School)
- Chris A. Noice, Clyde High School.
- Katy O' Shields, Eula High School.
- Jonathon Tibbit, Clyde High School.

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died Sunday, July 23, 2006 at a local Hospital

Services were to be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ricky Rister officiating and burial to follow in the Tye Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Mr. McCartney was born May 9, 1928 in Tye to Jay and Pearl (Burns) McCartney. He grew up and attended school in Merkel. He joined the U.S. Army in 1943. He married Shirley Gardner on October 18, 1968 in Mexico. They moved to Clyde from Abilene in 1990. He was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Clyde; four sons, Randall Clark and wife Kim of Clyde, Brent Clark of Houston, Mike Clark and wife, Shawnalee of Clyde and Billy McCartney of Clyde, Mary Lou Kinsey and husband, Orville of Serling City, Margaret Shores and husband, Gary of Abilene, Anna Luna of Stephenville, and Pam Medlock and husband, Mike of Clyde; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Mike McCartney.

Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, TX 79604.

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August 4-6

Upcoming Sales Tax Holiday

Consumers across the state will soon be able to take advantage of the upcoming back-to-school sales tax holiday, announced State Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). The annual Sales Tax Holiday is set for the first full weekend in August.

"Texans have the opportunity to save millions of dollars during this program," said Representative Keffer. "I strongly encourage the citizens of District 60 to invest in their community by shopping locally, and parents can then focus their resources on their children's education, healthcare or whatever they deem most necessary."

From Friday morning to midnight on Sunday, August 4-6, shoppers will be able to purchase most clothes and shoes without paying any sales taxes. The holiday will help expand parents' spending power to more easily obtain much needed items for their children's education.

The tax break will apply to both state and local sales taxes adding up to a large amount of savings. Retailers have seen an increased number of shoppers during the holiday comparable to the days after Thanksgiving and Christmas.

During the period, clothes and shoes, including boots that sell for less than \$100 will not be taxed. However, tax will still be due on athletic and protective clothing that is not normally worn except for their intended use. For example, items such as metal baseball cleats, rarely worn except for when playing baseball, will still be taxed. Additionally, taxes will still be due on sales of accessories, jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, and similar items.

For more information about the sales tax holiday, please visit the Texas Comptroller's web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call toll free at 1-800-252-5555.

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