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## Callahan County Commissioners' Meet to Canvass Votes

The Callahan County Commissioners met in open session on November 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' court room at Baird. They met to approve the depot progress and agreement and discuss the County Burn ban which was approved.

They also discussed the deputation for Sheriff's office

## Lights of Love Trees to Be Placed on Courthouse Square

The Baird Christmas lighting committee will be sponsoring the Lights of Love trees. They will once again be placed on the courthouse lawn. If you would like the name of a loved one placed on a star on top of a tree you can do so for \$15.00. A 4' Christmas tree that will be placed on the Courthouse lawn. This is a special way to pay tribute to a deceased friend or relative or to honor someone while they are living. Your donations can be sent to the chamber office or given to Donna Bell.

A lighting contest will be held once again this year. More details on this will be announced at a later date.

of Bobby Beard and payed approved bills.

**Winter Wonderland Opened in Baird Friday, Free Admission, Free Pictures with Santa for Children**

And don't forget to come take a walk through our 5000 square foot building with thousands of lights and over dozens of animated displays. It is the Winter Wonderland at the Christmas Village, located at 129 Market St. (1/2 block N. of the Depot on the east side of the street.) This is the third year for the village, which is a lighted "indoor holiday fantasy--a place for children of all ages." There are new and different displays again this year. There is no admission fee although donations will be accepted. Santa will be there (except on Dec. 24, since this is his busiest night of the year) to visit with the children and they

## Baird '48 Study Club News

The Baird '48 Study Club met in the home of Sandra Collins on Nov. 14, 2005, "A Thankful Heart" was the theme for the meeting.

President, Linda Hart, called the meeting to order. Each member answered roll call with a short statement of what she was most thankful for.

The minutes of October 10 were read by Dyanne Thompson and approved by the club.

Barbara Corn reported on the success of the Tour of Homes and bake sale held on Nov. 6.

The program was given by Sue McNeil and Dyanne Thompson. They followed the theme "A Thankful Heart" with lovely readings and poems from various sources including the book "Happy Thoughts."

Dyanne read "Friendship" from a book titled "Little Rabbit in My Garden" which was written by her 90 year old aunt. She also read the poem "Thankful Heart" and Sue read "Make Every Day Thanksgiving."

The whole program was an inspiration to members and very appropriate for the season. They closed by presenting members with a red heart with the wording "Give Thanks".

Following the program, the co-hostesses, Joyce Smauley and Elaine Stephenson served refreshments to: Donna Bell, Sandra Collins, Barbara Corn, Irma Crow, Billie Ann McElmurray, Sue McNeil, Dyanne Thompson and Dana Voights.

The next meeting will be December 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Debbie McElmurray followed by a tour of the Christmas Village at the Arches in Baird.

homes and cars for severe winter weather, said State Coordinator Jack Colley. Roads can become treacherous in icy weather. Severe ice storms can knock out power, making it important to have emergency supplies on hand in your home. Colley recommended the following preparedness steps:

1) Winterize your home by insulating pipes near outside walls and by sealing leaks that might expose pipes to cold air.

2) Make sure that heating systems, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well ventilated and in good

can have their picture made with him at no charge. (Children only please.) The village will open the day after Thanksgiving and will be open each Friday and Saturday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The dates are:

- Nov. 25 & 26, December 2 & 3, December 9 & 10, Dec. 16 & 17, Dec. 23 & 24.

This project is truly a community effort and a rewarding one also. We have had so much fun working on this project and making new friends and fellowshiping with old friends too. If you would like to help in any way with Christmas projects, contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Committee

## Clyde High School 'A' Honor Rolls Named

2nd Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll Grade 9

Matthew Akers, Santanna Astleford, Ariel Banks, Jamie Bell, Jarred Biehl, Karissa Blackburn, Jordan Brewster, Garrett Chrane, Austin Clark, Jordan Clark, Taylor Dugan, Jeremy Gordan, Skyler Gragg, Halleigh Haak, Destiny Harris, J'Dana Holsinger, Courtney Lane, Jenna Lopez, P.J. Martinez, Chandra Miller, Jamie Moore, Lauren Morris, Tanner Parker, Jennifer Portlock, Kerrey Russell, Melissa Sartor, Heather Shaw, Taylor Sleuwhite, Emily Spotts, Kayla Steph, Samantha Weaver, Emily Yates.

Grade 10 Samantha Brown, Shelby Caldwell, Jacob Canada, Rocio Chavez, Landra Davidson, Jes-

sica Davis, Nicole Durham, Timothy Houlihan, Amy Jenkins, Alyssa Johnson, Wesley Liles, Derek Mar, Ashley Martinez, Angela Noble, Brittni Reilly, Ashley Stevens, Jordan Reilly, Ashley Stevens, Jordan Talley, Kenli Viertel, Clay Wallace, Taylor Wauson.

Grade 11

Jared Akers, Mitchell Akers, Brigitte Billups, Trace Broadfoot, Kevin Canada, Aaron Carr, Jade Clark, Alicia Colbert, Candi Daniels, Brooke Dezern, Nicholas Dickerson, Michael Dugan, Ryan Henson, Kelsey Pohle, Shelby Richburge, Jessika Riley, Jennifer Rodriguez, Samuel Terrell, Landri Thompson, Jessica Villanueva, Michael Walker, Tosha Welch, Courtney Wilson, Jordan Young.

## Tickets For Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2006 are selling tickets for a side of beef to raise money for Project Graduation. The tickets are \$10.00 each. The drawing will be in February 2006. You can purchase the ticket from any senior parent or contact Baird

working condition.

3) Winterize your vehicle by checking wipers, tires, lights, and fluid levels. Prepare a travel disaster supply kit containing food, drinking water, blankets, rain gear, extra clothing, flashlights with extra batteries, jumper cables and a first aid kit.

4) If you plan to travel, keep your gas tank at least half full and be prepared for alternative travel plans in case bad weather forces trip delays. Do not travel when such conditions threaten.

5) Check on friends and family members whose health or age especially the very young and very old may put them at greater risk from cold weather or freezing temperatures.

6) Plan ahead and pay careful attention to road and weather conditions this winter.

The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to slow down to the conditions of the roadway. Motorists should not look at the speed limits and assume the speed limit is the safe speed. Always drive the conditions of the highway.

High School at 854-1400 ext. 302.

## Baird Basketball Fund-Raiser Announced

ATTENTION-Parents Faculty, and Community

On December 16, 2005 the Baird Bears' boys basketball team will be hosting a Faculty/Parent vs Baird Varsity boys' team fundraiser. All faculty and parents of the boys' basketball team will be competing in this fund raiser.

Admission will be \$2.00 and all donations will be greatly appreciated and accepted. At half-time there will be an auction of the boys' team and coaches. Each player and coach will be sold to the highest bidder. Once you buy a player or coach, the coach or player will be at you "beck and call", for gardening, car washing, dirt digging, lawn mowing, leaf raking or whatever you need done around the house.

All monies raised will go to the boys' basketball program and help pay for their tournament in Bryan-College Station. Thanks for your support.

## Clyde Tour of Homes

Set December 4th.

Clyde Tour of Homes is set for December 4th. Tickets may be bought from any Clyde Woman's Club member for \$5.00 each for all four homes and the annual Bake Sale. You may also pick up your tickets on the day to the tour of any of the four featured homes or the Woman's Club Building. four homes for tour will be those of Jay and Valerie Miller, John and Christy Belcher, and the Ronnie Karcher home as well as that of Bernice Pyeatt.

The tour is set Sunday December 4, 2005 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Proceeds from this sale go to help fund the annual scholarship given to a graduating senior girl.

## Weather, Weather; Fair or Foul; Whichever, It's Bound to Come to Callahan

Foul, foul, foul was the weather through here Sunday. After weeks of balmy, unseasonable November, the winds hit, seemingly from all directions; chilly enough to be a northern, but yucky enough to be a West Texas sand storm.

Smoke and sand filled the air, but Monday dawned, clear, and though dry, balmy.

What lies ahead? It is late into November; what does the Farmers Almanac say about the days ahead?

To call our attention to the seriousness, the Division of Emergency Management

and the Department of Public Safety have designated Dec. 6th as Winter Weather Awareness Day. It's the day we are advised to prepare for adverse winter weather such as freezing rain, snow, dense, fog, ice and bitter cold temperatures. Many there are of dented fenders, mended pipes and broken bone scars on those of us who did not prepare and conduct ourselves accordingly during last year's and previous fowl spells.

A plan of action is recommended: 1. prepare (list below); 2. Check the weather forecast regularly; 3. monitor freezing temperatures; 4.

drive according to conditions; and 5. heed the warnings. D.P.S. records show that 70 fatalities resulted from adverse winter weather conditions during a nine year period.

### Winter Weather Impact And Safety

Freezing drizzle and rain are deadly. When the temperature falls below 32 degrees, even a little mist, drizzle, or frost can create slick bridges and roadways. Slow down especially on overpasses and bridges. Speed and ice DO NOT mix!

Each year people die in house fires and from carbon monoxide poisoning because of faulty heating sources. Be sure to place your electrical heating source in a safe place away from curtains and combustible materials. If you have a gas furnace, be sure to install carbon monoxide detectors. Always install smoke detectors, they could save your life this winter.

Dense fog kills, too. When driving in low visibilities due to dense fog or snow, slow down and use your low beams. Always have a way to receive winter weather forecasts and warnings because weather can change fast.

Texans need to prepare their

### Christmas Time is Here Again

Get your yards ready for judging!

This Year there will be four categories:

Best Over All

Most Original

Kids Choice

Best Commercial

CASH PRIZES WILL BE

AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.

(Signs will be placed in each winning yard and will be picked up

After Christmas for use again next

Year.)

Judging date will be

December 15, 2005

## Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Friday, Dec. 2.: Chili Cheese Dog or Hamburger, French fries, Lettuce & Tomato. Dessert

Monday, Dec. 5th: BBQ on a Bun or Fish Patty on Bun, Corn, Carrot sticks, Baked Beans, Cooki.

Tuesday, Dec. 6th:

Spaghetti with cheese stick or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tossed salad, Steamed broccoli, Fruit snack.

Wednesday, Dec. 7th: Corndig or Pizza, Macaroni & cheese, Corn, Fruit Cup, Cookie.

Go Bears!

# Obituaries

## Joaquin Abernathy Bowen King

BAIRD--Joaquin King, 57, died suddenly on Wednesday, November 23, 2005 at a local hospital. She was born on July 17, 1948 on an oilfield lease near Moran, TX, the daughter of D.A. Abernathy and Sibyl Sessions Abernathy. She is descended from several of Callahan County's earliest pioneer families. A longtime resident of Baird and Abilene, she had lived in Merkel for several years.

Joaquin King worked in the concrete construction business at the Abilene State School, and for the Texas Prison System at the Middleton Unit.

She was a parent volunteer for Alta Vista Elementary School and Key City Little League when her sons were in school. She and her family raised and raced quarter horses.

She was a Baptisted having been baptized at an early age at First Baptist Church of Baird.

She will be missed by her survivors: her husband, Lewis King, of the home; three sons and their wives, Dean and April Bowen of Baird; Victor and Stacy Bowen of Abilene; and Andy and Heather Bowen of Clyde. Also surviving are six grandchildren: Gary Bowen, Jessica Bowen, Kelli Bowen, Casey Bowen, Hannah Bowen, and Olivia Bowen; one brother, Lee Abernathy of Abilene; her first husband and the father of her children, Jack J. Bowen of Abilene, and her beloved Schnauzer, Laci.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, Nov. 25, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Parker Funeral Home Chapel in Baird with burial in the family plot in the Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird.

Services were entrusted to Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

Visitation was from twelve noon until service time Friday at the funeral home.

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## Violet Charity Minear

BAIRD- Violet Charity Minear, 84, of Baird, Texas, died Tuesday, November 22, 2005, at her residence.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 26, 2005 at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories. Interment of cremains was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

A native of Abilene, Texas Violet was the daughter of Dovie (Shields) and Jesse Hendricks, born on November 12, 1921. She married James Edwin Minear on January 14, 1941, in Baird. She was a homemaker and had been a

resident of Abilene for the past 57 years. Mrs. Minear attended Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene.

Her husband, a daughter, Bonnie Annette Joye, her parents, and two sisters preceded her in death.

Survivors are a son, Jimmy Minear and wife, Melissa, of Clyde; three brothers, Tom Hendricks of Clyde, and Maron Hendricks and Clyde Hendricks both of Arizona; a sister, Alta Lawson of Abilene; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields, Interstate 20 road frontage, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$61,200.  
58 Acres with 4 BR, 2 bath, covered porch, water wells, property is mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$130,000.  
60 Acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile, paved road frontage that is within 200 yds of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$160,000.  
77 Acres completely wooded with oaks, mesquite, water well, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs & dove. \$115,000.  
80 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, mesquite, water well, duck & quail. \$104,000.  
81 Acres wooded with oak & mesquite trees with a very large hill, 1 pond, creek. This property is surrounded by large fences, great hunting property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail. \$104,895.  
101 Acres with house, several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan & cottonwood trees, 3 ponds, water well, 2 creeks, house is a 3 BR, 1 bath, needs some work, older large barn, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$160,000.  
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting at a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$115,785.  
118 Acres Comanche County, wooded area, open, big creek, 1 runs most of year round, 3 ponds, 3 water wells, oak, pecan, water well, creek bottoms, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$1,300 per acre.  
127 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, mesquite, water well, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$1,250 per acre.  
150 Acres or a large creek, water well, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$187,500.  
151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 BR, 2 bath home with outbuildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$220,183.  
164 Acres mostly wooded with Post oaks & mesquite trees, large hills and canyons, field, 1 pond stocked with fish, high water table. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$229,600.  
217 Acres 65% fields & grassland, ponds, creek, hill, 35% oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$260,400.  
262 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oak & mesquite trees, 2 fields perfect for game plots, 4 ponds stocked with fish, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$393,000.  
275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$328,625.  
COMMERCIAL  
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath, CHA on each side, \$32,000.  
3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$42,000. Call for details.  
Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call for details.  
HOMES  
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard. Reduced to \$22,500.  
3 BR, 2 bath home with double carport, workshop or storage bldg., lg. trees, \$27,500.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees, \$28,500.  
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate LR and den, fenced backyard, detached garage with storage, lg. trees, \$29,500.  
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CHA, carport, storage bldg., corner property, lg. kitchen with many use cabinets. Reduced to \$32,000.  
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen, 3/4 bath and CHA on each side, it can be used as single family home. \$32,000.  
2 BR home plus another room which can be used as a 3rd BR or extra family room, CHA, 5 ceiling fans, storm windows, patio, attached garage, fenced back yard, large trees, \$35,000.  
3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bldg., many extras, large trees, detached storage, corner lot, \$35,000.  
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate dining room, some wood floors, CHA, carport, garage, privacy fenced backyard. \$35,000.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large rooms, CHA, fireplace, double pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, \$35,000.  
2 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, large rooms, separate LR, DR and den, many kitchen cabinets, double carport, 2 storage bldgs., large trees, 3 lots, fenced back yard, very spacious inside & out.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, recently remodeled, vinyl siding, new windows, porch across front, carport, fenced backyard, storage bldg., lg. trees, \$59,500.  
Spacious 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with CHA, well decorated and landscaped, 2 living areas of dining room, lg. utility room, fenced backyard, deck, double carport, shop or storage bldg., lg. corner property, \$62,000.  
3 BR home, lg. room, fireplace, double carport and storage bldg., \$63,500.  
3 BR, 2 bath home with CHA, WB fireplace, double pane windows, attached double carport, lots of storage, covered patio with approx. 410 of an acre. \$62,500.  
2 BR, 1 bath home, recently built, CHA, WB htr, patio, double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water plus water well. \$75,000.  
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home. Lots of character, formal DR, office, lg. rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CHA units, surrounded by trees. \$80,000.  
Must See! Large 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with 2 CHA units, lg. corner property, several fireplaces, fenced backyard, REDUCED TO \$76,500.  
4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CHA, woodburning fireplace, large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras on corner lot. \$79,500.  
Home in Eastland - 4 BR home with 2 CHA units, lg. rooms, inside recently repainted and carpet replaced, CHA, lg. fireplace, double carport and garage, \$49,500.  
HOMES WITH SMALL ACREAGE  
Adjoins Airport - Large 3 BR brick home on 3 fenced acres with CHA has full bath, 1 1/2 bath and 1/2 bath, separate LR, den with fireplace, lg. kitchen, lg. corner property, several fireplaces, fenced backyard, double garage, 2 CHA units, many nice cabinets, utility room, many nice oak and other trees.  
Just Outside of Town on 13 acres, 3 BR, 2 bath home with CHA and WBFP. Many nice kitchen cabinets, great view of pond (stocked with fish), from kitchen and dining room, water well, double carport, 2 large storage bldgs., mobile home or RV hookup, partially wooded plus some coastal.  
LAKE CISCO  
2 BR, 1 bath home with CA, woodburning heater, screened porch, large oak trees, dock, 2 decks and 3 storage buildings, \$42,500.  
2 BR home, lg. room, fireplace, double carport, storage building, dock, large oak trees, \$56,000.  
Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CHA, WBFP, great view of lake from DR, LR, den & 3rd BR, lg. landscaped yard, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bldg., many extras.  
Enjoy life and recreation all year! Lovely 4 BR, 2 bath home, CHA, woodburning heater, dock, large detached metal building has racquetball court and large game room. Many extras including inground pool.  
Must See! Large 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath 2 story home, 2 CHA units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boat dock 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 CHA units. Large kitchen with many nice cabinets and builtins. Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees and many extras.  
Ann Williams, Broker Jimmy Williams

# Christmas Calendar

Yes, it's almost Christmas time again, and the whole area is beginning to be decked out with lights and glitter. Don't miss out on the beautiful displays, and take your children out to enjoy them.

There are inspiring programs in various towns. We are listing some of them here, but would appreciate others being bought to our attention. Clubs and churches, let us know when you are having a Christmas event, and we'll try to include it next time.

## BAIRD

Come take a walk through the Winter Wonderland at the Christmas Village, located at 129 Market St. one-half block north of the depot. The Village is lighted and animated, and there are new and different displays this year. There is no admission fee, and Santa will be there to have his picture taken with the children. The dates are Nov. 25-26, and other weekends on Dec. 2 and 3, 9 and 10, 16 and 17, 23 and 24. The time is 6-8 p.m.

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The judging date for decorated yards in Baird is Dec. 15. There are four categories, Best Overall, Most Original, Kids Choice, and Most Commercial. These will make a great display around the community.

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## CISCO

The Cisco Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Victorian Christmas," and ever entry is encouraged to decorate with lights. Lineup begins at Brookshires at 5 p.m., with judging at 5:30 p.m. The main route will be along Conrad Hilton Ave., and the Dickens Christmas Carolers will be part of the show. This Parade is part of Cisco's tradition.

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The Cisco Civic League is sponsoring the 2nd annual Holiday Tasting Affair at the Hilton Community Center on Dec. 8, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please join for a festive hors d'oeuvre lunch, complete with recipe book- the cost is \$10.

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The Cisco Tour of Home will have four homes this year and several new events. It will

be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5:30-9 p.m. Cost of the Tour is \$5 per person, and proceeds will benefit the Chamber and its various works. You can purchase your ticket at the first house you visit, at the First Baptist Church, the Chamber office on Dec. 9, or at the Phase 2 Facility of Four Seasons on CR 102. The final stop of the Tour will be at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Center for refreshments.

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## EASTLAND

See Christmas at the Connellee weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Capt. Eastland volunteers will give tours and explain the various aspects of the Hotel and its Holiday finery.

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The annual tree lighting ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Majestic Theater with the Siebert Singers and a Brass Ensemble bringing sounds of the Holiday Season. At 6:30 p.m. the festivities will move to the Courthouse for the lighting of the tree and a performance by the Dickens Christmas Carolers. Santa will arrive for pictures with the children.

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Santa's Workshop will be open at the Connellee Hotel on Dec. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bundle up the kids for free crafts, cookies, hot chocolate, and perhaps Rudolph. The Connellee is beautifully decorated for the

Holidays. For more information about the Workshop please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 629-2332.

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A "Light Up The World" Lighting Contest is now underway in Eastland. Entries are also welcome in Morton Valley, Olden, Lake Leon and Carbon, as well as the rural areas surrounding Eastland. Judging will begin secretly on Dec. 10, with winners to be announced at a Christmas Celebration.

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## GORMAN

Santa will be in Gorman on Dec. 3 at the Community Center at 4:30 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce also invites you to join the festivities downtown on that day.

There will be a program in the Opera House at 7:30 p.m. The Ballet Folklorico from Abilene will entertain, also local talent.

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On Dec. 8 at 4:30 p.m. the Dickens Christmas Carolers will perform at the Heritage Manor Nursing Center in Gorman.

Visitors are welcome.

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## RANGER

Ranger will have a Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. on Dec. 2. The place is downtown Main Street, and the theme is Frontier Christmas. Bands will march and play, and there will be beautiful decorated floats and cars, horsedrawn carriages and

wagons. All are invited to come out and celebrate Christmas.

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Christmas at the Gholson will be held Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

The program will feature traditional Holiday music by the Ranger College Band and Big Country Brass Quintet.

Refreshments will follow- there is no charge.

## RISING STAR

Star Pride will host the Tour of Homes Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2-5 p.m. Meet in front of the old Higginbotham Bldg. There is a \$5 ticket- ask a Star Pride member for a ticket.

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The Dickens Christmas Carolers will sing on Dec. 15 at the Rising Star Hometown Christmas Celebration, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Bank. Don't miss this festive time in Rising Star!

## Scranton Musical Canceled For Saturday

The Scranton Musical has been cancelled for this Saturday night.

## Lakeside Golf Course To Sponsor Toy Drive

Lakeside Golf Course will sponsor its annual toy drive on Saturday, December 3rd at 1 p.m. Entry fee will consist of a new toy valued at \$10 or more which will be collected for the Goodfellows to distribute to less fortunate children in the Eastland area during the Christmas season.

All interested golfers are invited to participate. To register, or for more information please call the club at (254) 629-2892. This will be an 18 hole, 4 person scramble.

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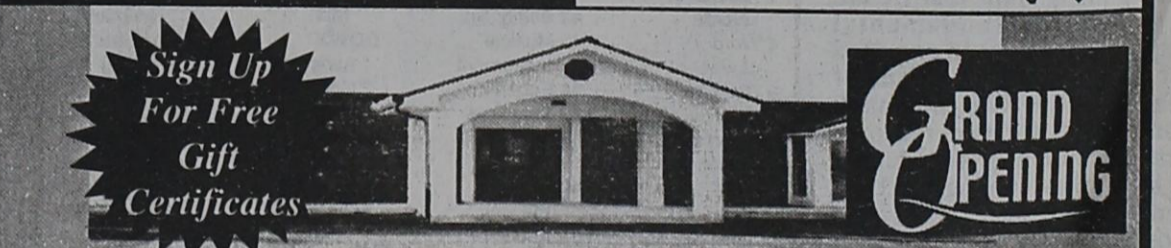


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# Whatever Happened To The Ownership Society?

(Ed. Note: With "imminent domain", which can legally take away your property, and "certificates of obligation," which can obligate your taxes for years to come without voter approval, very much facts of modern-day life, this article by Dr. Larry P. Arn president of Hillsdale College, is very timely. Hillsdale is an independent college which accepts no federal funds. This is taken from the school's Imprimis ("in the first place")—a national speech digest—publication, and is reprinted by permission. Subscriptions free upon request: www.hillsdale.edu.)

Before Hurricane Katrina flooded the tear ducts of our politicians and the vaults of our treasury, President Bush had us talking about America's "ownership society". This is one of the best things he has done. He did it prominently in his reelection campaign. He did it bravely in relation to Social Security, which risks the outrage of the media and the votes of older people who always vote. If he did it in some ways foolishly, never mind. It showed promise because it had us talking about something central for a change. This question of ownership is at the heart of America. It always has been.

"No taxation without representation" echoed in the hearts and spirits of our fathers because it called up the ideas they held most dear. If you may not tax me except as my representative, then for the same reason you may not govern me except by my consent. If you cannot take my property except by law and with difficulty, then my title to my property is real. It is truly mine. I own it. And if James Madison is to be believed, my ownership of my property stands on just the same footing as my entitlement to speak my mind or to say my prayers or to vote my conscience.

It is therefore no accident that the Virginia Declaration of Rights, when it lists our inherent rights, mentions the "means of acquiring and possessing property" alongside life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and safety. This document was adopted on June 12, 1776, less than a month before the Declaration of Independence, and Thomas Jefferson turned to it in the writing of the Declaration. Several people voted for ratification of both documents.

It is therefore no accident that the Bill of Rights in regard to the federal government, and the 14th Amendment in regard to the states, protects against the deprivation of our "life, liberty, or property" without due process of law.

It is therefore no accident that the idea of one man owning another man was condemned by our Founders, some of them slaveholders themselves who were, and who knew they were, condemning themselves. Our right to our property, by their principles, stems from the same source as our right to all things that naturally belong to us, including our bodies, our conscience, and our relationship with our Maker. One man, said Abraham Lincoln famously, has no right to eat the bread wrung from the sweat of other men's faces.

If this question of the ownership society is controversial today, it is another among many signs that we are in a time of fundamental dispute. If it has been engulfed for a moment by the Gulf of Mexico, it will come back nonetheless for two reasons: first, because it engraved upon us by our first coming together; and second, because it is in jeopardy today.

## The Direct Assault On Property Rights

This jeopardy is plain in several facts of direct relation to the right to property, and in several indirectly related, through their implications for constitutional government.

Start with the direct. The right to property stands now, after a generation of court rulings and political practices, upon a different footing. This is true at every level of government, from all three branches of the federal government down to the smallest tribunal in the smallest hamlet. Which property owner, wishing to build a house or expand a factory, does not fear exactions, delays and denials that may ensue anywhere and are bound to ensue wherever land is dear?

Right here in southern Michigan, some local officials oppose in principle the "conversion of public land to private," as when a property owner might take control of the unused alley behind his house. These officials have forgotten,

if they knew it, that Michigan was part of the Northwest Territory. Almost the whole of that territory was converted en masse to private use, else we in Michigan would have nowhere to build our homes. The Northwest Ordinance, and the Land Ordinance of 1785 that preceded it, are among the finest pieces of legislation ever passed. They mark a turning away from the use of land and property as a means to control. They part from the practice of the Czar of this and the King of that, that only the Czar and the King may say who owns what and who does what with it. We are the first people fully to recognize that the public interest is best served when private people hold the means of their own existence in their own hands.

In the notorious Kelo v. New London decision this last summer, the Supreme Court has decided that the property of one can be taken and given to another so that the other may make more money and pay more taxes with it. The old man in his childhood home, and the widow in the dwelling where she raised her children, are no longer secure in their abodes. The Fifth Amendment states: "Nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." There is no provision in the document for the taking of private land for other private uses.

In Lucas v. South Carolina in 1992, several members of the Supreme Court opined that Mr. Lucas could be deprived of the use of his property without compensation, so long as any small use was left to him. One Justice was of the opinion that Mr. Lucas should be happy so long as he was allowed to picnic and camp upon his parcel. The land in question was on the sea shore, and Mr. Lucas had bought it at great expense. There were houses to the left and right of him. He did manage finally to prevail, though after years of litigation and massive expense.

Mr. Lucas came out better than poor Susette Kelo. She had purchased a little pink house on the river that had been her dream. The family of one of her neighbors had lived in the region since 1895. Another lives next door to his parents, who have owned the residence since the 19th century (I know

these facts from the splendid Institute for Justice, who represented Ms. Kelo).

These takings of land upon the least pretext, and the heavy regulation of land use at every level of government, form the direct assault upon the principle of ownership. The indirect assault is equally dangerous and much more general. Ultimately, it is an assault upon constitutional government itself. To understand this, we must think for just a minute about the foundation of the right to property and our other natural rights.

## Why Limited Government?

The key to understanding natural right lies in the word "nature". It means the essential attribute of anything, whatever makes a thing what it is. It also means, for living things, the process of begetting and growth by which they come to be and thrive.

The Founders were keen students of this subject. They located the nature of man above the beasts and below God. Being imperfect—partaking of the divine but not divine—man is capable of both good and evil. Free from the government of iron instinct, he must govern himself. Government is therefore necessary, and also natural, to the human being. But in forming governments, we must remember that those who hold the power of government are human, too. They, too, are capable of evil. And so for the same reason that government is necessary, it is necessary that it be limited. In Federalist 51 Madison writes:

But what is government itself but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary.

Madison is writing here about the organizing principle of the Constitution: separation of powers. That principle means simply that all the powers of government are not to be united in a single set of hands.

Separation of powers is one of the two chief safeguards built into the Constitution against unlimited or despotic government. The other is enumeration. This principle means simply that certain things are delegated to the

federal government to do. There are many of these things, and they are important. They make, and they are meant to make, a powerful government, a government powerful enough to defend our rights against enemies foreign and domestic. But although it is to be a powerful government, it is to be also a finite government. It may do the things enumerated, but not others.

Madison had written earlier, in Federalist 10, that the "first object" of government is to protect the "diversity in the faculties of men," in which property rights originate. Government must, Madison is saying, begin with the job of protecting property. This is the first step toward protecting what he will later define as the "permanent and aggregate interest" of the society. Only a government whose powers are divided, and only a government that is limited in scope, can be trusted effectively to protect civil and religious freedom, of which the right to property is a key element. Only such a government will leave room for people to tend to their own subsistence by the accumulation of the fruits of their own labor. Winston Churchill, especially when he was protesting against the carelessness of generals with human life and property, liked to say that in a free society, money must be allowed "to fructify in the pockets of the people."

Make no mistake, then, that the condition of the ownership society, as it was conceived by those who built the first one ever to exist, was a government limited in scope, economical in function, devoting its powerful yet finite authority to the protection of individual rights, correctly conceived.

## The "Rights" Revolution

"Correctly conceived" is precisely the problem today. The ownership society is, as President Bush says, in jeopardy. It is in jeopardy because government has now grown beyond every constitutional bound. Over the past generation, our government has been transformed to undertake any project, however remote, miniscule, or local. There is no interest, however isolated, parochial, or private, in which it will not meddle. This is unmistakably a change of constitutional proportion, a change in the very way we live. As it continues, it will necessarily alter not only our relation to the government, but also our habits of mind and the disposition of our character.

Like most powerful and sustained movements in American history, this one begins with a variation on our central idea. This variation has a strong appeal, and there is good in it. That accounts for its strength. It is, however, contradictory of our central idea and destructive of the benefits that originally flowed from it.

The variation is explained beautifully in the short message Franklin Roosevelt sent to Congress in 1944 regarding an "Economic Bill of Rights." The theme of this message is plainly revolutionary, even if on the surface it pretends only to complete the work done by the American Founders. The rights articulated by the Founders, Roosevelt says, are "inadequate," because "necessitous men are not free men." These "economic truths" have become "accepted as self-evident." They require a "new bill of rights." He proceeds to list the components in this new bill of rights. The list is compelling in a way that is evident all about us. Today

were are constantly making new bills of rights: the Victim's Bill of Rights; the Patient's Bill of Rights; the Academic Bill of Rights; soon enough, the Aardvark's Bill of Rights.

Roosevelt's list is compelling because it is a list of good, even vital things. The list includes the right to a job, to food and clothing, to medical care and to an education. These things are indeed valuable and some of them necessary to life. And yet they differ from the list of rights in the original Bill of Rights, as Roosevelt admits. While admitting the difference, he conceals the nature of the difference. The rights protected in the original Bill of Rights do not demand anything of another except their recognition. One may pray all he pleases, and others are left free to pray or not, and with all their property intact. Short of slander, libel, or treason, one may say what he pleases and do no harm to another. We may come together, or as the Bill of Rights says, we may "assemble," and so long as we do not obstruct the traffic, others may go freely about their business.

One can see how the right to property, properly conceived, has this same attribute. If my property is the fruit of my labor, and not of yours, then we have no conflict. You may have your property, and I may have mine. What is good for me is good for you. My having my good deprives you of none of yours, and your having your good leaves me secure in mine.

The interesting thing about this understanding of rights is the harmony it breeds in society. My getting the things of which I am entitled takes nothing from you. I may own what is mine, you may own what is yours, and we may be at peace with each other. This harmony—or to use the political term, this justice—is the reason why our Constitution has lasted so long and our nation has prospered so well. We can all share hope, and in that hope we can all build our property to sustain ourselves and our families, and to provide charity for our neighbor when he is in need.

## The Current Crisis

We can see today the effects of the "new self-evident truths" (as if there could be such a thing) and the "new bill of rights." The system of philanthropy, unique to our country, that had prevented people who suffered misfortune from starving, is now replaced by a general system of taxpayer aid that has encouraged the destruction of family life, the essential way to raise children. This is nowhere more evident than in the fact that the illegitimacy rate in the 1950s, before the federal War on Poverty was launched, was four percent, whereas today it is 35 percent (68 percent among black Americans).

Or consider the "right to an education." Education was vital to the people who built our country. In the aforementioned Northwest Ordinance, they wrote: "Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall ever be encouraged." They proceed then to provide the most massive subsidy to education that has ever been given in this country. The one exception to the conversion of public land to private was the holding back of 1/36th of the western land for the provision of education locally, and of course under the direction of state governments which had the constitutional power.

Today, by contrast, we have the centralized Department of Education at the federal level.

In providing the "right to an education," it regulates our nation's colleges in the closest detail (Hillsdale College being an important and rare exception). Since September 11, 2001, defense spending in the U.S. has risen almost 60 percent; spending on higher education has risen more than 200 percent.

What do we get for this money? Not learning.

It is notorious that college graduates today know little to nothing of the history of our country or its constitutional meaning. If you doubt this, ask a senior a few questions about the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution.

Nor does the money buy political support for the party that has voted these massively increased subsidies. It is notorious that the beneficiaries of federal aid to higher education, namely those who work in colleges, support the other party by embarrassing margins.

Nor do we get patriotism. In fact, a consortium of colleges is suing the federal government right now because they object only to the requirement that military recruiters be admitted to their campuses as a condition of receiving federal aid. Already these colleges are abiding thousands of pages of regulation. They object to this specific one. Perhaps they have forgotten that Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution—which enumerates the powers of Congress—mentions defense eight times. Education is not mentioned at all.

A good word is due here about many in government today. President Bush introduced the idea of private accounts in Social Security, and it has lately founded. But the cause has been taken up by a group of young members of Congress. They are proposing variations on the powerful idea, expounded by the American Institute for Full Employment, that the portion of Social Security taken directly from a worker's pay should be placed in a private account. The other half could be used to pay benefits to those now on retirement or soon to retire. This idea would be a massive step back toward the ownership in its full meaning.

Likewise, one wonders why those who make law today would not simply emulate the Founders in providing education. If you want to subsidize education, why not find a constitutional way? Why not a tax deduction or even a credit? Anything would be better than the current top-down bureaucratic control of matters that are essentially local or private or both.

It was well known to those who built the United States that education, food, and medicine are important. This importance has been known to nearly any fool, for as long as there has been civil society. The question is only how these things should be provided. Our Founders practiced the art of constitutional government, under which government is limited and people have the right to provide for themselves. Under this system one gets more food, and more medicine, and more education than under bureaucratic rule. Also, he gets his liberty under the law.

It was no small achievement to build the first ownership society known to man. Those who built it thought it fragile. It could be sustained only under the right principles, embodied in and practiced through the right constitutional structure. If we lose that, we will find ourselves in a condition of poverty too deep to measure in money terms.

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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## Who'll Start the Bidding?..

A mind, the well-worn commercial reminds, is a terrible thing to waste. David Harris-Gershon, a high school teacher in Washington, D. C., is eager to begin graduate study to improve his mind, but so far, hasn't found any underwriters.

And it's not as though he hasn't expended creative efforts that go substantially further than "the old college try."

A University of Georgia graduate, David teaches Judaic studies and film at the Charles E. Smith Day School in suburban Maryland. His wife, mother of a two-year-old with another child due in March, teaches alongside. They make the 40-minute drive together daily.

David's dream, however, is full-time graduate study to hone writing skills. So far, no investors have stepped forward to underwrite his three-year stint in graduate school. He believes the additional time and focused study of an M.F.A. degree

will help to deepen his craft and enhance his teaching of the writing art.

So serious is he that he's offering 20% of his writing profits up the way in exchange for \$100,000 pledged in an Internet auction—up front.

If you want to get in on the bidding and learn more details, check his website at [www.mywritingfund.com](http://www.mywritingfund.com)

He's determined not to go into debt, and figures the 100 grand is about the amount needed to keep his family going for three years.

So far, there have been no bidders, but more than 2,000 website "hits" suggest that interests have been piqued. And, as he puts it, "just one investor is needed".

The 31-year-old educator knows he is in uncharted waters. While eBay and other "buy whatever you want here" sites are rife with unusual items, an auction calling for bidders to "trust and obey" may be a stretch.

But, it has generated calls

from the Washington Post, Associated Press, National Public Radio and other media. And mine as well.

My Uncle Clarence warned about buying "a pig in a poke." He was a "pay as you go" guy. He said "you buys your ticket and you takes your chances" rat now—not rat like a mouse, but "rat now."

Still, folks spend money on worse odds daily with the purchase of tens of millions of dollars in lottery tickets. A friend says that if you really want to win the lottery, simply raise your window—that the odds of buying a winning lottery ticket and one blowing in through the window are about the same.

David, mum on his project at school, has received more than 100 emails and phone calls from inquiring media reps. Thankfully, more than 90% offered congratulations for his ingenuity; sadly, there hasn't been a call from Oprah.

A few callers have heaped on castigations, accusing him of soul-selling and such. If you check out his website, you'll see in his blogs a convincing rebuttal, naming numerous authors of note have written at the behest of patrons.

May he be spared the sting of an anonymous letter received from a peeved reader of one of my first college newspaper epistles. "If I couldn't write better than you, I'd stick the quill back in the goose," the letter read.

It is easy, of course, to tell folks how to invest, and even easier to be dead wrong. My record is not good, since I, ve always bought "sweet chariot" stocks.

When I buy them, they "swing low."

He's in the second month of auctioning efforts, determined to stay the course. Some might think of him as a Don Quixote, whistling The Impossible Dream as he takes on windmills.

I have read every word on his website, and spoken with him on the telephone. I am convinced that he is extremely talented and as serious as a funeral. I do not discount the possibility of his name one day being well-known in publishing circles.

I may well kick myself, figuring that while there, s no way I could put my hand on \$100,000, I might be able to put together 100 people who could toss in a thousand bucks each. They might consider it a scholarship for a worthy recipient, particularly in view of his goal to

remain a teacher.

A few of his students read something about the project, and told him they'd like to help him with bake sales.

It would take a lot of sales to raise this kind of bread, but it says much of what they think of their teacher, whom I wish well.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex. His weekly column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in six states. He welcomes comments and inquiries. Call him at 817-477-3872, or send email [newbury@speakerdoc.com](mailto:newbury@speakerdoc.com). His website [www.speakerdoc.com](http://www.speakerdoc.com)

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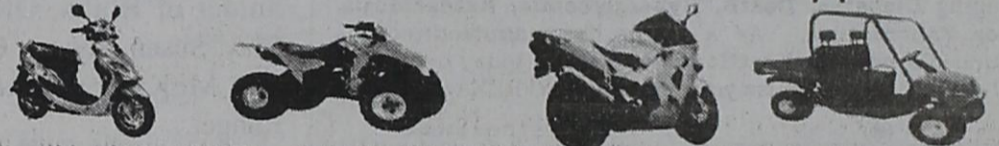


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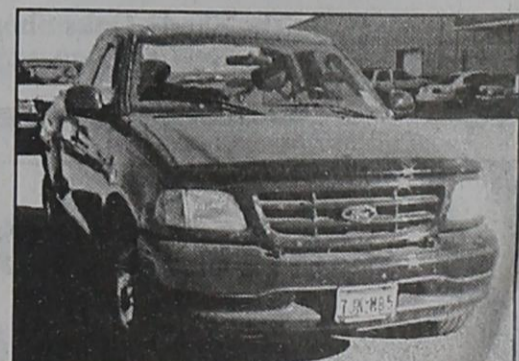
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# KOKOMO NEWS

By Zeld Jordan

Now that Thanksgiving Day is past, let us continue to be thankful as we begin preparations for Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bro. James Bond of Plano was the speaker at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Other visitors were his wife, Marion Bond, Ima Boles of Granbury, Vernon Bennett of Crane, Rylee Shott of Eastland and Ben Burgess of Gorman. Jimmy Little led the music with Daryl Hirst at the piano and Glynda Bond at the piano. The special music, "Stepping In the Light" was rendered by Aletha Burgess, Sylvia Buchanan, Daryl Hirst, Thomas Seay, Jimmy Little and Joe Bond with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. James and Marion Bond visited with Joe and Glynda Bond during the weekend.

Joe and Glynda Bond took their son Brian Bond of Ft. Myers, FL to Goldthwaite on Tuesday to meet Shannon Bond and Brian spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Copperas Cove with Shannon,

Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey.

Joe and Glynda Bond, Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond and Brian Bond attended the Bond Family Thanksgiving get together in the home of Sue and Choc Christopher in Celina. Brian and his cousins, John and Jim Bond attended the A&M Texas football game at College Station on Friday.

Woodrow and Helen Browning, Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham, Gene and Kay Snider, Cathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider of Gorman enjoyed an early Christmas celebration at the Elgante, Hotel in Abilene during the weekend.

Those enjoying Thanksgiving Day with Joyce Pence and family in Granbury were Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Danny and Charla Burgess, Billy and Sheryl Burgess of Granbury, Alissa Burgess of Bryan, Grant Burgess and friend, Michelle of

Stephenville, Gary and Ann Burgess and Ginger, Sonya, Marco and Bryson Herrera of Gorman, Stephen, Shondra, Garrett and Colton Scitem of Anson and Aline Garrett of Gorman.

Nancy Hendricks and Doris Bradshaw of Gorman had Thanksgiving Dinner with Sylvia Buchanan.

Pete and Pat (Everton) Stewart of Bogalusa, LA visited last week with her brother, Cecil Everton.

Those visiting and having a sandwich supper with LaVon Snider this week were: McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of Ranger, Sheri Labonte and Lisa Snider of VA, Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Ted and Charlotte Snider, Dan, Dianné and Sandra Snider, Mike, Rachel and Michelle Snider, Belinda, Isaac, Audri, Ella and Belle Segura of Gorman. Some of the family had school activities and could not attend.

On Thursday, LaVon ate dinner and visited with Dwayne and Connie Snider, Lisa Snider, Brandon and Sheri LaBonte, Rick Park, and Jeanne, Franklin and Chloe Baker. On Friday, LaVon met Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum in Stephenville to see a movie. On Sunday LaVon enjoyed dinner with Ted and Charlotte Snider; Jamie, Stephanie, Anna, Andrew, Matthew, Craig and Kael Snider of Hollis, OK; and Clay, Susan, Kyann, Caitlin and McKinsey Wheat of Ranger.

Joe and Glynda Bond, Sylvia Buchanan, Nancy Hendricks and Zeld Jordan

visited with Johnnie B. Griffith and Hattie Griffith of Forsan at Hattie's Lake Leon home on Saturday. Bill and Dorothy Mims of Eastland also visited with Johnnie B. and Hattie.

Vernon Bennett of Crane visited with his sister, Betty Little.

Ima Boles of Granbury visited with Bobby and Mary Jane Little during the weekend.

Those visiting with Oren and Norma Webb during the Thanksgiving holidays were Judy and Sarah Porter and Tino and Scarlet Torres of Austin, Amanda Porter and John Meldee of Elgin, James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb and Chelsea's friend, Stephanie of Granbury, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga, Hatomie and Stephen Bergmark of Comanche, Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson and Timmy Garcia of Comanche.

A birthday party to celebrate Jantzen Webb's and Stephen Bergmark's birthdays was also enjoyed late Saturday afternoon.

Those enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with Joe, Barbara and Michael Fields were Kaylea and Jamie Thomas of Gorman, Falyn Fields of Breckenridge, Richard and Teresa Nachtigall, and Paul, Taylor and Aubrey Elizabeth Dyas of Morgan Mill.

Zeld Jordan spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Abilene with Sheri, Wade, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell. They enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner in the home of Wade's parents, Loyd and Gail Daniell.

Loyd's mother, Lois Daniell and his sister, Judy Tubb of Abilene also attended the dinner.

## EMILY DANIELL CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Emily Jordan Daniell was honored with a party in celebration of her 3rd birthday in the home of her grandparents, Loyd and Gail Daniell in Abilene on Saturday, November 26, 2005. The birthday cake was baked by her mother, Sheri Daniell and held a Strawberry Shortcake candle and was inscribed with "Happy Birthday Emily". The Strawberry Shortcake theme was used in the tablecloth, plates, cups and napkins. Ice Cream and cold drinks was served with the cake.

Those helping Emily celebrate were her parents, Wade and Sheri Daniell, her brothers, Ryan and Kody Daniell, grandparents, Loyd and Gail Daniell, cousin Tanner Daniell, Great-grandmother, Zeld Jordan of Gorman and a great-aunt Judy Tubb of Abilene.

Emily had a wonderful time opening her gifts.

Emily was also honored with a birthday party, attended by her little friends and neighborhood children at her home on Saturday, November 19. The Strawberry Shortcake theme was also used at that party. The birthday cake, baked by her mother, Sheri, was in the form of a large Strawberry. Emily had a great time at both parties.

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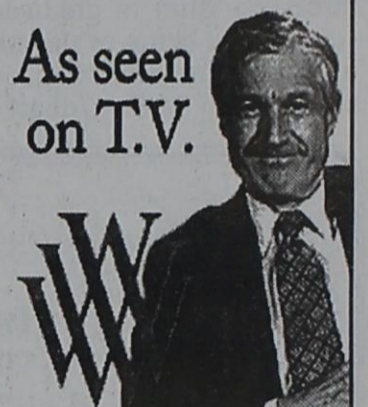
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A heart attack can be a wake-up call for many people. That's what Phyllis Rosenzweig Gertzis discovered when she had her first attack at the age of 74. Now she considers herself lucky to be a live. The grandmother of 17 has been following doctors' orders by taking blood pressure medication as well as exercising and watching her diet. Phyllis is not alone.

"Every day, more than 3,000 patients suffer a heart attack in the United States. While we've made significant advances in recent years, death following a heart attack remains unacceptably high," said Marc Pfeffer, MD, PhD, professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and Interim chair of medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Now patients and physicians have a new treatment. The FDA has recently approved a new use for Diovan® - also known as valsartan- to help reduce death in people who have suffered a heart attack and who remain at high risk. Diovan has also been approved by the FDA to treat those patients who suffer from heart failure.

Diovan is already a popular high blood pressure medication and has helped millions of people manage their high blood pressure.

High blood pressure is a leading contributor to heart attacks, heart failure and other types of heart disease. More than 65 million Americans- one in three adults- suffer from the condition. Although high blood pressure can be successfully treated, nearly 70 percent of people who have this condition do not have it under control.

Many patients will need to change their lifestyle and take medication to help manage their high blood pressure. Some tips to help keep your heart and your blood pressure healthy include:

- Manage stress
- Lose weight
- Reduce salt in your diet
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It is important for patients with high blood pressure to work with their doctor to set a blood pressure goal, develop a treatment plan and work together to reach that goal and stay there. A new educational initiative called the BP Success Zone can help them do this.

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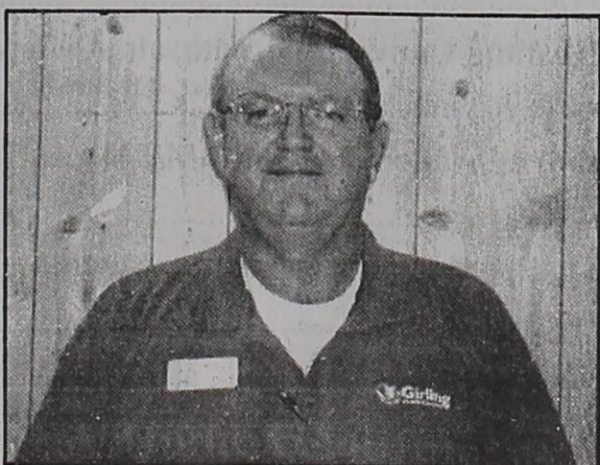
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## Guest Slot By H.V.O.

ATTN. GEN. Greg Abbott was to have held a press conference Monday to report that "nearly a million Texas families could lose hundreds of millions of dollars in child support, under federal legislation that dramatically slashes funding for child support enforcement efforts."

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NOVEMBER MAILING deadline dates have passed for military overseas mailings, according to Dept. of Defense. Next deadline dates: Dec. 3 for parcel air-lift mail to all APO/FPO AE, AA AND APs. Dec. 5 for priority mail to APO/FPO AE ZIP 093; Dec. 10 for priority all other APO/FPOs ZIPs; Dec. 5 for first-class mail (letters/cards) to APO/

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There will be guidelines in aiming for markets, and samples of magazines to show the type of material they want. Since most maga-

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# Obituaries

## William Hugh "Boots" Phillips

William Hugh "Boots" Phillips, 86, of Abilene, died Saturday at his home. Services were 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. H.B. Terry and Rev. David Cason officiating. Burial will follow in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Hugh was born June 5, 1919 in Eastland County to Will and Mary Sally (Cooper) Phillips. He attended School at Denton Valley and graduated from Clyde High School. He married Fern Penny December 11, 1999. She preceded him in death August 17, 1999. He married Marlie Jones Allen in Hodges April 23, 2005. He lived in Canada, the Philip-pines, and East Texas moving to Abilene in the late 1980's. He had owned convenience stores in Abilene and retired from being manager of Terry's Auto Parts. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Northern France and Central Europe during WWII. He was a sergeant and received four

Bronze Stars and a Bronze Medal. He was past commander of V.F.W. Post 2012. and a Baptist.

He is survived by his Madie of Abilene; Stepson Doyle and wife Sharon Allen of Anson, Stepdaughter Paula and husband Donald Ray Kelso of Waxahachie; Two Stepnephews-Dr. Ernest and wife Cindy Harmon of Kingman, Arizona and Tom and wife Shirley Harmon of Windom; Stepniece Judy and husband Dale Underwood of Odessa; Sister-Florida Phillips of Abilene; six Grandchildren-Donna, Donald Gene, and Jeanna Kelso, Gary Doyle Allen, Jeannetta McKnight, and Terry Allen; five Great Grandchildren-Kristi Dawn Greene, Chaneé Allen, Aaron McKnight, Cody Leija, and Biane Allen; and one Great Grandchild-Cameron Greene.

Pallbearers were Gary Allen, Terry Allen, Aaron McKnight, Cody Leija, Steve Hadorn and Donald R. Kelso.

Visitation was from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bailey Funeral Home.

## Marget Edna Parrish

Marget Edna Parrish, age 73, died at Nolan Nursing & Rehab on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's

She was born May 14, 1931 in San Angelo, TX. She married Alvin Parrish on Dec. 18, 1947 in Cottonwood, TX.

Edna is survived by her husband, Alvin Parrish; her daughters, Linda Linebaugh of Sweetwater; and Melissa Parrish of Ranger; her sons, Allen Parrish and his wife Pat of Big Spring, and Harold Parrish of Sweetwater; her sisters, Oneta Bell and her husband David of Eula, and Effie Jo Sheppard and her husband Edward of Odessa. She has 10 grandchildren and 16

great children.

She was preceded in death by her parents William Henry and Marget Ellenard Carrell; her sister Madlene Slater; and her brothers, Wylie Carrell and Richard Carrell.

Funeral services for Edna Parrish will be held 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains. Edna's nephew Rodney Bell will officiate the service. Burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Relatives and friends are welcome at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, TEXAS on Wednesday, November 30 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

## Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District Taking Windbreak Tree Orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first served basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock TX.

This year's selection of available trees include three varieties of evergreens. We

have Afghanistan Pine, Italian Stone Pine and Eastern Redcedar. The Evergreen's are priced at 5 for \$12.00 or 30 for \$55.00. In the Hardwood category we have Aromatic Sumac, Hackberry, Black Cherry, Chinkapin Oak, Honeylocust, Lacebark Elm, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Sand Plum and Shumard Oak. This variety is priced at 10 for \$12.00. This year we are also offering several wildlife packets which consist of four different spe-

cies of trees per packet. Each packet contains 100 trees, twenty-five of each of the four species depending on the packet purchased.

Contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Baird for info on which trees are included in a certain packet. Each wildlife packet is priced at \$60.00 and they have four to choose from Packets for Deer, Squirrel, Quail and Pheasant and Turkey are available.

All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest

Thursday, December 1, 2005

Service Nursery on that date. Orders will be taken until January 20th, 2006 or until supplies are depleted, whichever comes first.

Trees will be delivered to Baird on February 17/2006. If you would like to get more information on our windbreak trees, on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Baird TX at (325)-854-1349, EXT 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th, Suite B.

## Local Basketball (ie, Roundball)

**Boys' Latest Friday Results**  
Cisco 56, Hamlin 43  
Cisco 11 10 20 15-56  
Hamlin 12 8 10 13-43

Cisco -- Sellers 8, Johnson 10, Morgan 2, Petree 14, Baxter 7, Bridges 3, Conger 6, Jarvis 2, Busby 4

Hamlin--Smith 16, Brown 4, McCary 2, Clawson 10, Hertel 2, Thompson 9, Lakey 2

Records--Hamlin 1-3  
J.V. Score--Cisco 55, Hamlin 20

Eastland 48, Comanche 39

Eastland 10 16 1- 13-48  
Comanche 11 10 13 5-39  
Eastland-Felts, Cummings 6, Huitt 10, Williamson 4, Folsom 9, Cox 4, Spruill 5.

Comanche--Rogers 7, Merwitz 9, Coleman 11, Franco 4, Feist 2, Hurst 6, Tindol 6.

Records-Eastland 1-0, Comanche 0-1.

J.V. Score-Comanche 41, Eastland 28  
Freshman--Eastland 41, Comanche 39

ALBANY 35, RISING STAR 25

Albany 9 6 10 10-35  
Rising Star 9 4 10 2-25

Albany: Gardenhire 12, Salazar 2, Bumgardner 3, Brown 5, Hanson 9, Henderson 4

Rising Star: Robbins 4, Butcher q, Reynolds 8, Scoville 3, Morgan 4, Johnson 5.

Records-Rising Star 1-4.

MAY66, GORMAN 41  
May 15 19 22 10-66  
Gorman 16 11 4 10-41

May-Allen 23, Dickerson 14, Smith 9, Howard 6, Wade 6, Brown 4, Humphries 4

Gorman-Sanner 12, Greer 8, Rodriguez7, Underwood 6, Keith 4, Ramirez 4

J.V. Score--  
May 39, Gorman 38  
Late Monday  
Late Monday Girls'

Jim Ned 48 Cisco 41

Cisco 13 10 10 8-41  
Jim Ned 16 11 7 14-48

Cisco: Walkingstick 6, Harris 4, Koenig 4, Williams 2, Chriesman 6, Matthews 15, Posey 4

JIM NED: Allen 25, Taylor 5 S. Lewis 5, Veach 2, C. Lewis 3, Odell 10.

RECORDS:  
Cisco 3-4, Jim Ned 5-1

J.V. Score:  
Jim Ned 43, Cisco 31.

Albany 61, Rising Star 53.  
Albany 15 20 12 14-61  
Rising Star 15 15 14 9-53

Albany-Alvarez, 22, Folsom 16, Loftin 13, Hudson 8, Hillard 2.

Rising Star -- Underwood 13, Evans 9, Martinez 3, Stone 10, Long 2, Harris 16

Records--  
Rising Star 4-2.

Area Basketball Scores-Late Monday  
Clyde, 68; Eastland 42

Boys  
Eastland 6 12 11 12-42  
Clyde 16 22 16 14-68

Eastland-Cummings, 11; Huitt, 6; Williamson, 6; Folsom, 14; Cox 3.

Clyde: Carr 2, Hawk, 14; Yeats, 7; Liles; Henson 6; Watts, 7; Poulin 12; Agnew, 5; Verzele 5; Clifton, 8.

RECORD: Clyde 5-0.  
J.V. Score: Clyde 70, Eastland, 29.

Eula 63, Anson 52

Eula 25 14 54 63-63  
Anson 21 33 40 52-52

Eula-Henley 27, Reed 11, Marcie 9

Anson- Robinson 14, Ramos 14, Williams 10  
Bounds 10

Girls

Anson 56, Eula 50  
Eula 6 21 14 9-50  
Anson 10 14 11 21-56

Eula: Reyez 1, Currihan 12, Layman 8, Reynolds 4, Booth 4, Hillin 11.

Anson: Brazell, 13; Rodriguez, 15; Garcia, 2; Gossett 6; Diez 4; Flores 16.

Cross Plains 58, Zephyr 42

Zephyr 6 17 10 9-42  
Cross Plains 15 10 21 12-58

Zephyr: Harris 17, Baker 8, Tores 7; Biddy 4, Bigbie 4, Jackson 2.

Cross Plains: Koenig 25, Watkins 11, Estes 10, Dillard 9, Dickson 2, Callaway 2.

Records: Cross Plains 3-2  
J.V. Score: Zephyr 20, Cross Plains 27.

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**Basketball Scores**

**Baird BOYS'** Chance Manning 7, Tyler Orlando 5, Rodriguez 18, Koby Parker 16, Brentt Nichols 2.  
**A.C.H.S. Boys:** Packwood 20, Lui 10, Haight, 7; Olivera 3.

**Baird Junior High Honor Roll**

The Baird Junior High Honor Roll is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 2nd six weeks grading period of 2005-06. To qualify for the all A honor roll a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B honor roll a student must have nothing below an 80.  
**6th All A's:** Katleynn Mitchell.  
**8th All A's:** Mitzy McDowell, Cassidy Miller, Brittney Russo, Shelby Strickland.  
**A-B Honor Roll:**  
**6th Grade:** Brittany Cook,

Melanie Cooper, Chris Ramirez, Ty Rhoads, Courtney Ringhoffer, Tyler White.  
**8th Grade:**  
 Kristen Burns, Amber Clark, Fallon Donlan, Alysa Isenhower, Cody Isenhower, Taylor Marks, Courtney Nail, Holley Owens, Rose Wamsley.  
**7TH ALL A'S** Cody Hunter.  
**7th A-B Honor Roll:**  
 Alexis Almanzar, Eric Ebeling, Colton Fox, MACKenzie Keller, Sara Kunick, Yisrayl Martin, Elisha Pritchett, Michelle Robbins, Lauren Hare.

**Baird Elementary School All A's and A-B Honor Roll**

The Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the honor for the 2nd six weeks grading period of 2005-06. To qualify for the All A honor roll a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B honor roll a student must have nothing below an 80.

**All A's**

**Bessent 4th:** Brenna Coffman, Kody Bryant.  
**Diller 5th:** Garrett Deel, Kaylee Wyatt  
**A-B Honor Roll**  
**Gerngross-4th:** Coby McGonagi II, Kara McIntire  
**T. Williams-5th:**

**Best All-District Football Rankings**

The District 13-A All-District selections follow:  
**M.V.P.** Blan Scott, Sr. Baird, and Ryan Watkins, Jr., Goldthwaite.  
**Newcomer of the Year** Michael Williams, Soph., Goldthwaite.  
**1st Team Offense**  
 Center-Clark Brooks, Sr. Cross Plains.  
**Tight End:** Clay Koenig, Jr. Cross Plains.  
**Wide Receiver:** Chance Rodriguez, Sr., Baird.  
**2nd Team Offense**  
 Center: Justin Roberts, Jr., Baird.  
**Tackle:** Dalton Carpenter, Jr., Cross Plains.  
**Tight End:**  
**Widereceiver:** Chris Cogburn, Jr., Baird.  
**Running Back:** Tyler Orlando, Jr., Baird; Chance Watkins, Sr., Cross Plains.  
**Honorable Mention**  
**1st Team Defense:**  
**Defensive line:** Roger Wamsley, Sr., Baird;  
**Defensive Ends:**  
**Linebacker:** Tyler Orlando, Jr., Baird, Aaron Phillips, Sr., Cross Plains.  
**Defensive Backs:** Justin English, Soph., Baird; Thomas Estes, Jr., Cross Plains,  
**Complete 13-A Selections**

**Latest T.A.B.C. Rankings**

In the Class 3A, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches rankings released by Assoc. Pr. in Sugarland, TX, Clyde Boys Team of Basketball players ranked ninth among the polls.

**AB Honor Roll**

**Bessent 4th**  
 Justin Brisendine  
 Hayley Cook, Dakota Biggs, Wayne Giger, Payton McGough.  
**3rd Barton**  
 Dominique Bond, Preston Clark, Shane Lang  
**3rd Gardner**  
 Sam Green, Raven Holden, Misty Ivie, Talya Mendez, Kaitlyn Robinson  
**Gerngross-4th**  
 None.  
**T. Williams-Fifth**  
 Teresa Espitia, Rachel Villarreal, Candis Gilley.  
**Diller 5th**  
 Sofia Dominguez, Hannah Owens, Esperanza Portillo.

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**Sec'nd Team Defense**  
**Defensive Line:** Koby Parker, Jr., Baird; Jesse Van Zandt, Jr., Evant; Greg Martinez, Soph, Ranger; Denny Crossan, Soph, Ranger.  
**Defensive End:** Josh Pantleo, Jr., Evant, Ryan Williams, Jr., Goldwaite.  
**Linebacker:** Chris English, Jr., Baird; Clayton English, Sr., Cross Plains, Justin Bates, Jr., Evant; Bo Lindsey, Soph, Goldwaite, Michael Espinosa, Soph., Ranger.  
**Defensive Back:** Chris

classroom in the Baird High School. All senior parents are asked to attend. If you are not able to attend, please turn in your money and raffle tickets you have sold to Sheila Manning or Mr. Orlando at the high school office.

**Project Graduation Meeting**  
 There will be a Project Graduation meeting December 5th at 7 p.m. in Lauren Rodriguez's

**Filing for Republican Candidacy for the March 7th Primary Begins Dec. 3**

Pat Chrane, the Callahan County Republican Chairman announced that applications for candidates filing for the Republican Primary ballot will be accepted beginning Monday, Dec. 3rd, 2005.  
 Interested persons may obtain information or applications by contacting Pat Chrane at 325-529-2426, or Betty Johnston at 325-529-3396. Application will be accepted through January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.  
 The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375.00 and for all other county offices is \$750.

Cogburn, Jr, Baird; Justin Stegemoller, Sr., Goldthwaite; Wade Clifton, Soph., Goldthwaite; Jacob Wells, Soph, Ranger.  
**Honorable Mention:** Garrett Jennings, FR; defensive end; Justin Roberts, Jr., Defensive end; Justin Patterson, Jr., Nose Tackle; Justin Armstrong, Sr.,

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