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BAIRD BEARS

Sports, Sports, Sports

Feb. 24-26 - Varsity Baseball - Olney Tournament
Feb. 25-26 - Bear Girls Golf - Sweetwater
Feb. 26 - HS Track & Field - Santo
Feb. 26 - JH Track & Field - Santo
Feb. 28 - Bear Girls Golf - Comanche
March 1 - Bear Boys Golf - San Saba
March 3 - JH Track & Field - Cross Plains
March 3-5 - Varsity Baseball - Albany Tournament
March 5 - HS Track & Field - Cross Plains

A Coffee with Congressman Randy Neugebauer will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 8:00 - 9:00 am at the Whistle Stop Cafe, 228 Market St. Baird. The Congressman has invited local citizens to come discuss issues important to District 19 with him. Let your voice be heard.

Practice Tornado Warning Is March 3

At approximately 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, March 3rd, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. The warning will be transmitted through NOAA Weather Radio. Some local Radio and TV stations and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. The practice tornado warning will be canceled at 10:20 a.m.

Jeep Asks Baird Residents to Nominate Their Heroes: Jeep Brand to Recognize and Reward Heroes with Opportunity to Receive New Grand Cherokee

Baird, TX - There are heroes among us in Baird and the Jeep brand is launching an initiative to recognize them.

The "Jeep Heroes Nomination Program" rewards military, police, fire and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel who deliver exemplary, unique and heroic service to improve the quality of life in cities and towns across America.

"There is a natural affinity between those who serve others and the Jeep brand. Both have a long record of accomplishment in times of need," said Jeff Bell, Chrysler Group Vice President - Chrysler and Jeep. "It is an honor for us to recognize them for all they do, and we are proud to applaud their efforts."

The Jeep brand is currently seeking nominations online at www.jeep.com/nominate. Each month new Jeep Heroes will be recog-

nized on the corporate web site and entered for a chance to win one of four new Jeep Grand Cherokees with "go-anywhere, do-anything" capability.

Twelve Jeep Heroes will be chosen in total nationwide, three in each category: military, police, fire and EMS. The four grand prize winners, one from each of the Jeep Heroes categories, will be selected on November 10, prior to Veteran's Day 2005.

"The best way to recognize these 'everyday heroes' is to give the power to the people in their communities. They know best how important their contributions are to public safety," said Bell. "We hope that the 'Jeep Heroes Nomination Program' will bring to light a few of the many stories that typify the daily sacrifice and heroism of our military, police, fire and EMS personnel."

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Texas Midwest Recognized At Capitol



Ambassadors from Baird & Clyde were among TMCN delegates traveling to Austin on Feb. 16 for the 2005 Texas Midwest Day. The ambassadors above are shown on the Capitol steps for a noon photo session with State legislators. Among those traveling from Baird & Clyde were Bruce Bell, Donna Bell, Billie Beth Frazier, Shirl Frazier, Sue Henry, and Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, as well as John Belcher, Clyde Chamber President.

staff photo

Rural Texas Presents Strong Voice At Texas Midwest Day In Austin

by Margaret Hetrick
Rural Texas needs a strong and unified voice.

This voice was demonstrated on Feb. 16, 2005, as nearly 150 Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) ambassadors from 25 counties attended the 6th biennial Texas Midwest Day during a legislative session at the State Capitol in Austin.

Maybe the voices weren't quite as strong as usual as ambassadors from Callahan County and other counties throughout the TMCN region left very early that morning to participate in Texas Midwest Day.

But they were strong by the time the ambassadors reached Austin, and everyone was aware of the necessity of getting rural Texas' message across to the legislators.

"It is important that we let them know we are here, and talk to them about our issues and goals," Don Henry, TMCN president, said.

Ambassadors from Baird and Callahan County included Judge Roger Corn, Nicki Harle, Bruce Bell,

Donna Bell, Billie Beth Frazier, Shirl Frazier, Sue Henry, John Belcher and Jim Paylor of Clyde.

A group of ambassadors from Eastland and Callahan County met with Senator Troy Fraser (District 24) in the Senate Chamber after arriving in Austin.

Sen. Fraser spoke with the group before he, Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo, and Larry Soward of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(TCEQ), met for a combined press conference.

He about issues concerning the area, and spoke about a bill he is sponsoring regarding communications.

Senator Fraser is also strongly involved in state water issues.

Recognition of TMCN in the House (introduced by Rep. Hunter of Abilene, and co-sponsored by 6 representatives of the Texas Midwest region - including Rep. Jim Keffer -Dist. 60, and Rep. Hilderbran - Dist. 53) and in the Senate (introduced by Sen. Fraser; co-sponsored by

2 other Senators), followed that morning.

At noon, Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, Sen. Fraser, and other legislators representing the TMCN region joined Texas Midwest ambassadors for a photo session on the Capitol Steps.

In the afternoon, gift baskets were presented from TMCN to the offices of legislators for the Texas Midwest Region.

The baskets, filled with "A Taste of the Texas Midwest and more" included a

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TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle speaks with Gov. Rick Perry during his guest appearance at Texas Midwest Day's Tailgate Reception.

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Abilene Area CFC Accepting Applications From Local Health, Welfare Organizations

Solicitation includes federal offices in Callahan County

The Abilene Area Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from local health and welfare organizations that wish to be included in the 2005 Fall campaign.

The Combined Federal Campaign is an annual solicitation of all military and civilian federal employees.

Beginning this year the Abilene Area campaign solicitation covers federal offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche,

Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton counties.

Eligibility requirements for inclusion are certification as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization, a copy of the organization's most recent IRS Form 990 and matching audit report from its local office, and demonstration of a substantial pres-

ence in the area covered by the Abilene Area CFC. Applications will be accepted through April 15, 2005.

Applications may be picked up at the United Way of Abilene office, 240 Cypress, or may be requested by writing: Abilene Area CFC, P. O. Box 92, Abilene, TX 79604-0092. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the United Way of Abilene at 677-1841. Abilene's local United Way will serve as the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the 2005 campaign.

Applications must be re-

ceived at P. O. Box 92, Abilene, TX 79604 or 240 Cypress, Abilene, TX 79601, no later than 5 p.m. April 15, 2005.

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The Rising Star Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of our community through education, economic development and the establishment of a full service community center. Our goal for this auction is to raise funding to be used towards completing the renovation of the Higginbotham Community Center.

Consignments of **general miscellaneous merchandise** will be accepted on a standard auction format with the following terms and conditions:

- (A) consignment fees of 20%.
- (B) most all merchandise will be accepted for this auction with the exception of such items as non-working appliances.
- (C) Limited free pickup is available where necessary.

Donated merchandise of any usable variety will be accepted with the following terms and conditions:

- (A) our heartfelt thanks.
- (B) a tax deductible receipt.
- (C) Auction will be conducted at the Higginbotham Community Center and advertised throughout central Texas.

Auction services will be provided by Rising Star Auction Company. Auctioneers Danny Koonce TXS 10874 and Earl Ragland TXS 11772. For additional information contact: Rising Star Foundation at 254-643-3423 or email wahl@txol.net

RISING STAR FOUNDATION SPRING FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2005 11:00

The Rising Star Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of our community through education, economic development and the establishment of a full service community center. Our goal for this auction is to raise funding to be used towards completing the renovation of the Higginbotham Community Center.

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- (A) consignment fees of 5% on equipment selling in excess of \$10,000.
- (B) consignment fees of 7% on equipment selling in excess of \$5,000.
- (C) consignment fees of 10% on equipment selling in excess of \$1,000.
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- (C) free pickup where necessary.

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- 117 acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oak trees, 3 fields, 3 ponds, hill top view, old water well, electricity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac.
- 177 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$212,400.
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- 2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, garage, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000.
- 2 BR 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, deck, garage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$21,000.
- 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$25,000.
- 3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR, kitchen, woodburning heater in LR, large pecan trees, \$33,000.
- 2 BR, 1 bath home, could be converted to 2BR home, 6 ceiling fans, inside and outside recently repainted and carpet replaced, oversized yard, \$35,000
- 4 BR, 2 bath, lg. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, lg. corner property, reduced to \$34,000.
- 3 BR, 1 bath home has been recently repainted & floor covering replaced, also has CH/A, 5 ceiling fans, carport with storage, fenced back yard, \$36,000.
- 2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, corner property, reduced to \$36,000.
- 3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer home, separate dining room, storm windows, detached garage/storage, corner property, \$39,500.
- 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CH/A, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500.
- 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer, CH/A, WBFP, attached garage, covered patio, detached guest room with full bath, shop, fenced back yard, \$49,500.
- 5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home, lots of character, formal DR, office, large rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded by large oak and pecan trees, large corner property.

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The Need For Eternal Vigilance

Remembering Liberty
By W. H. Hackett

Liberty is not offered on the bargain counters even in the United States, where too many people take it for granted. Too often we give lip service to the saying "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and then turn our backs and give attention to our own private affairs, falsely believing some imaginary police officer is standing guard over those principles for us.

But the police officer is not there. Liberty will be preserved only by that eternal vigilance.

The seven words so often quoted in this country in connection with our freedoms are wholly inadequate in themselves and should never be separated from the complete statement that was uttered by John Philpot Curran in his "Speech Upon The Right of Election of the Lord Mayor of Dublin."

What he said was: "It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt." Speeches of John Philpot Curran, vol. 2, pp. 235, 236.

Around the world today we find people maneuvered to some ideology or ism to which they are opposed and which robbed them of their once cherished liberties all because, in many instances, they were indolent and became a prey to the active. Religious liberties have been lost under just such conditions.

Here in this country we have been lulled into a semislumber in this respect by the importance we have placed on our great Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

As the result of two of our freedoms, press and speech, our people are today better informed on affairs of government than ever before. Yet they are not vigilant.

We cannot maintain our relationship to government at a pony express rate in an atomic age. Things move rapidly today on land, in the air, on the seas and in government. Pressure groups and lobbyists take advantage of this condition. In many instances groups will feel that certain legislation needs to be corrected or amended. For circumstance irritating to them or beneficial to them, and sponsor a congressional bill covering the subject. In their zeal they may, and often do, go beyond the

scope of the subject intended to be covered. Then, too, in their anxiety they may overstep the bounds and encroach upon the rights of others. It is here that eternal vigilance is needed.

Today there are more groups looking after legislative interests of others in Washington than ever before. Sometimes it becomes a battle of the pressure groups. Sometimes the indolent slumber and become the prey.

Some years ago a bill was presented and endorsed by many well meaning groups. It was reported favorably by a subcommittee and was well on its way to being presented to the whole Congress for consideration when belated "vigilance" appeared on the scene and held up passage of the legislation.

Although nearly too late, representatives of several religious organizations pointed out that the proposal, under strict interpretation, might even bar the transportation of the Holy Bible in the mails of the United States. Designed to keep defamatory writings out of office mail, the legislation was so written, however, that even general discussion of religious beliefs in printed tracts might be prohibited.

Every citizen of the United States has a right to speak up on such occasions. And that is not confined to speaking up as related to free speech.

The citizen may resort to his right to petition. The First Amendment provides that insofar as the national legislature is concerned, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

This merely says that Congress shall make no law abridging the right of people to petition their government.

In a federal court case the court said, "[This amendment] assumes the existence of the right of the people to assemble for lawful purposes, and protects it against encroachments by Congress. The right was not created by the amendment; neither was its continuance guaranteed, except as against the federal government. For their protection, in its enjoyment, therefore, the people must look to the States. The power for that purpose was originally placed there, and it has never been

surrendered to the United States. Forty-five of the 48 [at the time] states were prompt to take action to protect the citizens in their right to petition government for redress of grievances. This protection appears in the form of constitutional amendments.

These 45 states have specific provisions in this respect. The constitutions of two states omit specific reference to right of petition. The rights enumerated in this bill of rights shall not be construed to limit other rights of the people herein. One conclusion makes no reference to right of petition and has no provision blanketing other "rights" similar to the one just quoted.

A few examples of provisions of state constitutions guaranteeing the right of petition follow:

Article 1, Section 10, of the Constitution of California says, "The people shall have the right to freely assemble together to consult for the common good, to instruct their representatives, and to petition the Legislature for redress of grievances."

In nearly every instance the state constitution links the right of assembly with the right of petition. The Constitution of Connecticut, Article 1, Section 16, says in part that the citizens have a right "to apply to those invested with the powers of government, for redress of grievances, or for other proper purposes, by petition, address or remonstrance."

The Constitution of Illinois, Article 11, Section 17, says in part that the people have a right "to make known their opinions to their representatives, and to apply for redress of grievances."

Writers of the Constitution of Louisiana provided that the state's citizens should have the right to "apply to those vested with the powers of government for a redress of grievances by petition or remonstrance." Article 1, Section 5.

Maine has been very liberal, even including the word instruction. Article 1, Section 15, of that state's constitution says in part that the people shall have a right at all times "to give instructions to their representatives, and to request, of either department of the government by petition or remonstrance, redress of their wrongs and grievances."

Every man hath a right to petition the Legislature for the redress of grievances in a peaceful and orderly manner." The Constitution of Wyoming, Article 1, Section 21,

emphasizes the right of the citizens "to make known their opinions."

The most popular wording of this subject in the various constitutions is the guarantee of the right of the citizens "to apply to those invested with the powers of government, for redress of grievances, or for other proper purposes, by petition, address, or remonstrance."

Congress has, during the years, been very careful to guard the matter of petition. Members of Congress recognize this as a forceful means of expression on behalf of their constituents.

There are very few occasions in the history of this country when any attempt has been made to curb the right of petition. An outstanding instance occurred during the hectic days of congressional debate over the slavery issue.

It began early in 1837 when his colleagues in Congress attempted officially to censure John Quincy Adams, then a representative in Congress, in connection with the question of right of petition on the slavery issue. Referring to Mr. Adams' letters to "the inhabitants of the 12th Congressional District of Massachusetts," which he represented, one writer has said, "it will be seen that, in the great struggle for and against the right of petition ... the author [Mr. Adams] stood, in a great measure, alone and unsupported by his northern colleagues ... He stood alone—beating back, with his aged and single arm, the tide which would have borne down and overwhelmed a less sturdy and determined spirit."

Early that year the House of Representatives had voted to eliminate the reading of petitions on the question of slavery. They would merely be received and "laid on the table." On January 23, 1837, Mr. Adams presented 21 petitions. He was denied the privilege of reading them, and lost each appeal he made from the ruling of the chair. A few days later he received 30 other petitions. Among them was one purporting to be from slaves and imploring representatives from the North to cease offering petitions for emancipation of the slaves. Mr. Adams raised the question on the floor of Congress of whether slaves had the right of petition, under the action taken earlier that year with respect to petitions. This brought cries of "Expel him" from many of his colleagues, and a flow of resolutions of censure against him. Many heated words were hurled against Adams. His opponents were forceful, and his losing ground, began to water down their resolutions, couching them in milder terms.

On February 9, 1837, Mr. Adams gave a historic speech on the right of petition. His remarks

quoted here were reported by the editor of the Boston Daily Advocate.

"The framers of the Constitution would have repudiated the idea that they were giving to the people the right of petition. That right God gave to the whole human race when he made them men—the right of prayer by asking a favor of another. My doctrine is, that this right belongs to humanity that the right of petition is the right of prayer, not depending on the conditions of the petitioner; and I say, if you attempt to fix any limit to it, you lay the foundation for restriction to any extent that the madness of party spirit may carry it... The right of petition contests no power; it admits the power. It is supplication; it is prayer; it is the cry of distress, asking for relief."

It was a forceful speech in defense of the right of petition, and after its conclusion less than two dozen votes could be mustered in support of a resolution for even the most indirect censure. All resolutions directed against Mr. Adams were rejected.

The fight over right of petition did not end there. On January 18, 1840, Representative William Slade, of Vermont, also made an effective speech, and a section of his speech is so important that it is worth repeating. He said, "The rule before us may seem to some a very small affair; but smaller encroachments on popular rights than this have grown to a fearful magnitude. The history of all

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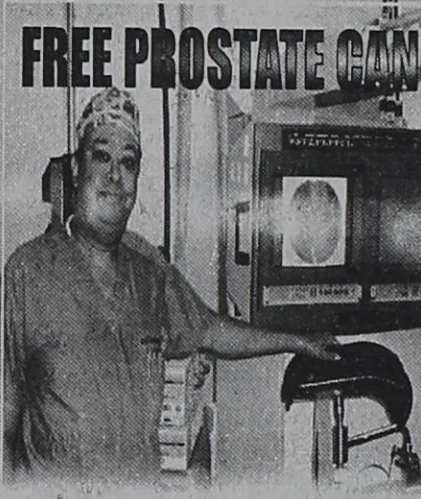
usurpations shows that disposition for encroachment uniformly increases with acquisitions of power." The lies an important thought.

There are many supporters religious liberty who refuse to arouse themselves at the 1st alarm of encroachment or second, or the third. The seems "a small affair." Howe as Representative Slade add "The voraciousness of appeti augmented by the aliment which it feeds." Any whit away of religious freedom lead only to a greater slice away of that liberty.

The right of petition is important and a fundamental liberty and was recognized such by those who drafted federal and state constitution should not be looked up lightly when questions religious freedom are before national and state legislative bodies.

This article appeared in January 1950 issue of Liberty some topics are always relevant. With this present January issue Liberty embarks upon volume 100. There is no other religious liberty journal that can approach its record length of publication and wide distribution almost 200,000 copies each issue federal, state, and to legislators, judiciary, lawyers and thousands of others in value religious liberty. During this centennial year we regularly "sample" the Liberty heritage. Editor.

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Another Boring Day In Eastland County

By J.B. Johnston
Carbon, TX.

When I awoke this morning I thought to myself, what a boring day this will probably be.

I didn't hear any bombs going off or children screaming for help. There weren't any cars outside my house that might contain a bomb with enough power to blow me away. I don't live close enough to the road to have a drive by shooting.

I didn't see any starving people begging for food or see anyone dying from lack of medical attention. Man this is sure going to be another boring day.

I'll probably just eat breakfast as usual, if I can decide what I want. I have a choice between so many things such as bacon and eggs or cereal and milk or pancakes or waffles. The same old stuff. Boy is this boring.

I don't even have any homeless people living under the bridge below my house so I can't even go down to see what they are having for breakfast.

I don't think that there has ever been an earthquake in Eastland County of enough magnitude to even rattle dishes on the shelf much less do any damage. We live too far from the coast to have a tidal wave, but we do have a tornado occasionally. However, today the sun is shining and there are no signs of bad weather.

Boy is thing going to be another boring day. They say on the TV that up north some people are freezing to death from a blizzard but it is nice and warm down here in Eastland County.

I'm not like some of those folks living in card board boxes and burning trash to keep warm on the streets of the big cities who are wondering where their next meal is coming from. What a bummer.

Here I sit in front of this computer typing this stupid

letter with nothing else to do. Sure I need to go feed the cattle and one pig that we have, but that is too boring. I have some barbed wire fence that needs mending but it will keep. The barn needs some more repair work since the tornado blew some of it away.

The back field needs to be prepared for the spring planting but I can do that later besides I find plowing very boring. It seems that everything that I do gets boring.

Oops! Wait a minute. It looks like that heifer that has been expecting is about to calve. Now things are picking up. I had better go check it out.

Boy this is exciting! I'll catch you later if I haven't bored you to death with this letter.

Aren't you glad you live in Eastland County

11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, TX
Proceeding (En Blanc)
February 17, 2005

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Raymond L. Williams v. McGuire Industries, Inc. Memorandum Opinion by Justice McCall. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. - Ector

In the interest of J.V.M., a child. Memorandum Opinion by Justice Dickenson. Panel consists of Justice Wright and Justice McCall. - Taylor

Louis Leroy Kline v. State of Texas. Opinion by Justice Wright. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. - Palo Pinto

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Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. - Dallas Appeals Dismissed

Ex parte Volo Al Nelson. Per Curiam Opinion. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. - Taylor

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Thomas Taylor v. Harry Vold and Broken Arrow Rodeo, L.L.C. Joint motion to dismiss appeal as moot. Memorandum Per Curiam Opinion. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. - Ector

O&S Development, a partnership, and Nelda Smithwick v. State National Bank of Texas. Appellant's motion for voluntary dismissal. Memorandum Per Curiam Opinion. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. - Taylor

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State of Texas v. James S. Masonheimer. Appellee's motion for rehearing. Panel consists of Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright and Justice McCall. - Taylor

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Efforts Made To Make Public Finalist Names

The Texas Press Association Board of Directors in Austin voted unanimously to support legislation requiring publication of the names of finalists for the position of school district superintendent and for the position of college president.

House Bill 415 by Todd Baxter, R-Austin, requires school districts to release the names of applicants for the position of school superintendent who have been interviewed twice, under the Texas Public

Information Act. A Senate champion for Baxter's bill is expected, but has not been filed to date.

Historically, newspapers and taxpaying citizens of Texas have been frustrated by school districts that bring a single finalist into the public eye after having interviewed several applicants. When a school district closes off the list of finalists, the lack of information essentially and detrimentally removes the community - the stakeholders - from the

process.

The pervasive problem of truncated finalist lists originally emerged as a discussion item in a meeting of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association/Texas Press Association Advisory Committee during the 2003 session of the Texas Legislature. The committee voted to recommend that both press associations work together to draft legislation to correct this weakness in the Public Information Act.

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"Are We There Yet?" opens on a snowy, tree-lined residential block at Christmastime. Then it kicks off with two incorrigible children, 11-year-old Lindsey and 7 yr. old Kevin, who subject their divorced mother's suitor to a number of adventures.

Ice Cube plays Nick, an unabashed bachelor and owner of a sports store. Nick has just purchased a spiffy new SUB, complete with spinning hubcaps, when he spots and falls for Suzanne (Nia Long), an elite party-planner.

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along with their cousin the olive Ridley, at about 99 pounds or less and 25 inches around in shell size, and they live in shallow coastal areas, bays and lagoons.

A half century ago, at least 40,000 females nested in a single day. Today, fewer than 2,000 nest each year. Nesting on both the coast of Rancho Nuevo, Mexico and South Padre Island, Texas our two nations have worked vigorously together in an effort to save these rare

objects larger than shrimp out of the net.

However, advocacy and legislation are not the only tactics used in saving the Kemp's Ridley turtles. Scientists have carefully collected data and observed these animals over recent decades by tagging the turtles. When nests are found along the Texas coast, the eggs go through a phase called Head Starting. Here the eggs are incubated and released to their natural habitat after hatching.

This procedure was proven successful just this past April as two turtles that were Head Started back in the late 1980's were located in Galveston laying eggs. Scientists and Environmentalists were delighted over these findings, as it proves their hard work and determination are leading to the increase in kemp population. Since it takes approximately 15 years for a Kemp's ridley sea turtle to mature and lay eggs, scientists are hopeful that they will see similar discoveries in the near future.

At present, nestling aggregations number in the hundreds, not the thousands necessary for the species to survive without man's intervention. With the

Project's gradual success, it is clear that our marine biologists need the necessary and most up to date technology to help protect these endangered sea turtles, which is why I have supported continued funding.

The desire to protect our wildlife is a value rooted deep in the hearts of Texans. Biodiversity is critical to the health of the ecosystems that support life on our planet, and we all share the responsibility of preserving the world's endangered species. I believe our natural heritage should be preserved for the enjoyment and education of future generations. And we must continue to maintain a careful balance between the integrity of our natural resources and encouraging economic growth, which will shape America's future.

Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are just one of the many endangered species that roam our lands here in Texas and just one of the great wonders that make our state unique. To learn more on this extensive restoration program and how you can help, visit www.sea.turtles.org.

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Saving Texas Sea Turtles

From the high, wide skies of the Panhandle in the north to the southern tropical brush country of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas' rural landscape is unique and unsurpassed by other states. But it isn't just people who enjoy our great outdoors. Our state is home to nearly 90 endangered species and some of the nation's most extensive preservation programs. I am proud of the progress our environmentalists and biologists have made in preserving our state not only as a home for Texans but for every living creature.

One program I have supported is the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Restoration Project. Kemp's Ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys kempii*) are the most critically endangered sea turtle in the world. They are the smallest sea turtle, along with their cousin the olive Ridley, at about 99 pounds or less and 25 inches around in shell size, and they live in shallow coastal areas, bays and lagoons.

A half century ago, at least 40,000 females nested in a single day. Today, fewer than 2,000 nest each year. Nesting on both the coast of Rancho Nuevo, Mexico and South Padre Island, Texas our two nations have worked vigorously together in an effort to save these rare

turtles.

The biggest enemies to the kemp are no longer the coyotes or egg hunters that brought about the original decline - today's threats are human encroachment and incidental catching by shrimp trawlers. The Texas coast is the most deadly for these small creatures, especially since most that wash up on shore are pregnant females coming to nest.

By making parts of the Texas coast a Marine Reserve, scientists believe the number of turtles will start to increase. Recently, the Project secured a ban of shrimping in the shallow waters of the coast, but believes more protection is needed throughout these waters, specifically during nesting season. Currently, there are 12 national marine sanctuaries, representing less than one percent of all ocean territory under U.S. jurisdiction. In comparison, about four percent of our land area is protected in national parks.

Other legislation the Restoration Project has supported is making Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) mandatory on all shrimp nets. It is estimated that up to 5,000 turtles were killed each year by these nets prior to the implementation of TEDs, which are simple, yet effective devices that keep

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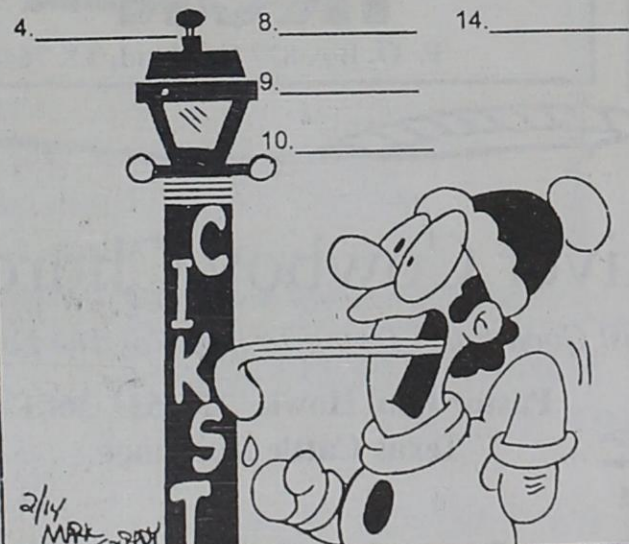
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By Mark Szorady

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Uncle Mort and News from New York

Shake any family tree and relatives like Uncle Mort will fall out—or maybe “flake out.” Kinfolks prefer kind descriptions, but neighbors who know such uncles best call ‘em like they see ‘em. Their call—bark and all—comes closest to truth.

Thusly, kin describe Uncle Mort as an aging conservative who lives near his rural roots. Neighbors say he’s an old “country coot”—tighter than bark on a tree—who climbs over gates to save hinges.

We hear from him at yuletide for sure and at other times, maybe. He sends out used Christmas cards, scrawling notes on the backs—original senders’ names marked out and Mort’s inked in. Yet, we eagerly await these gentle reminders of the old home place.

Times still are gentle for Uncle Mort. He refuses to surrender to progress, foregoing even electricity and automobiles. He raises his food and kills his game. Heat and light are from a woodstove and lanterns. A while back he bought a used generator so he can “plug in” a 12-inch TV set he got for \$4 at a garage sale. They were asking \$5.

A fellow selling satellite dishes laughed when Mort asked what he’d take for a rooftop antenna. He said there was a stack out back and to take all he wanted.

Television is now his window to the world. He’s mesmerized by—and suspicious of—news from New York City. Uncle Mort contends that “yankee” fits all folks north of the Red

River and has an ongoing feud with the Feds for beefing up the Border Patrol on the Rio Grande. He says they’re guarding the wrong river.

Anyway, I was surprised as all get-out the other day when Uncle Mort called. He had ridden his lawn mower into town (claims he makes the 15-mile round trip weekly on a less than a gallon of gas, with zero outlay for licensure, inspections, insurance and speeding tickets). It’s his policy to buy NOTHING that calls for monthly payments.

A sign offering “a free cell call anywhere in the nation” caught his eye.

The salesman’s plan, of course, was to sell a phone. Uncle’s plan was to call me and talk as long as I’d listen.

“Have you heard about that Westminster Dog Show in New York?” he asked. (I hated to tell him they’ve trotted the canines out annually for 129 years.)

Mort was mortified that hounds were passed over, and he poked fun at the fastidious grooming of “poofy pooches.” He recognizes just two dog groups—hounds and others.

He’s convinced that a poodle would have won if the owner hadn’t “over-tweezered” the dog’s right eyebrow. Mort prattled about dogs looking like their owners, and in the “jiggling category,” he deemed it a dead heat between owners and canines trotting briskly around the arena.

Suddenly, the topic switched from Madison Square Garden to Central Park, where eccentric artists Christo and his wife, Jeanne-

Claude, offer *The Gates* exhibit. It includes 7,500 vinyl gates, each 16 feet tall, running 23 miles through the park. (It took 1,200 workers several days to hang more than a million yards of orange nylon to flutter from the gates of this unprecedented public project.) The bill came to \$21 million—funded by the artists—and it all comes down at month’s end.

“It’s supposed to make people smile and think of spring,” Uncle Mort said, “And make pets even friskier. I get the same feeling at home watching the wife hang clothes on the line in a gentle breeze.”

“Lessee, the ‘gate-flappin’ will last for 16 days at a cost of \$1.3 million a day,” Mort opined. “They say it took them 26 years to come up with this masterpiece. And people think I’m weird.”

He claims they can save money on the dismantling if the 2,500 dog show entries stay over. “They can turn a few thousand cats loose, then release the dogs, and that nylon will be cleared out in no time,” Mort said.

Throat-clearing loud enough to evacuate a circus tent interrupted our visit. Even Uncle Mort realized that the phone guy had given up on him and was ready to hand the phone to the next prospect.

“I’ll have more news on the Christmas card,” Mort promised, then urged me to stay up late to watch Jerry Lee Lewis on the “hysterical channel.” He loves to watch him sing “A Whole Lot of Shakin’ Going On” and figures when his hounds shake like Lewis does, it’s time to give ‘em worm medicine.

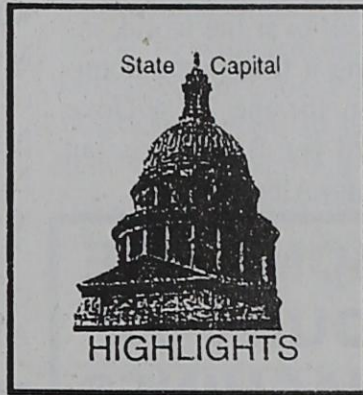
I was glad the phone guy gave up on Uncle Mort, but I don’t think I ever can.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose weekly column appears in more than 100 newspapers in TX, LA, OK and KS. His website is: www.speakerdoc.com. He invites feedback at 817-447-3872 or by e-mail: newbury@speakerdoc.com

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The Texas Fiddlers To Be In Cross Plains

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative is proud to announce the sponsoring of The Texas Fiddlers in concert on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The Texas Fiddlers are a group intent on continuing the West Texas fiddling tradition. They have performed for the Texas Governor Rick Perry, U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm and 7th District Texas Representative, Bob Hunter. The “Fiddlers” carry on the strong tradition of West Texas fiddling by performing traditional favorites such as “Old Joe Clark,” “San Antonio Rose” and “Yellow Rose of Texas”. The group has a local representative playing with them, Daley Anderson. Daley is the daughter of Andy and Kathy Anderson of Cross Plains. You can check out information about the group at their website www.texasfiddlers.com. They even have a sample of songs you can enjoy when you visit the site.



By Mike Cox House speaker supports ‘indexed’ increase in gas tax

AUSTIN - Until recently, the likelihood that most legislature-watchers would bank on the prospect of an increase in the state gasoline tax ranked right up there with the possibility of pigs learning to fly. The gas tax has been 20 cents a gallon since 1991. But on Feb. 15, House Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland) endorsed a plan that, through what is called “indexing,” would raise the gasoline tax

The concert will be held at the Cross Plains High School Auditorium with tickets selling for \$5.00 each. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Texas Heritage Bank and Lawrence Farm and Ranch. Tickets will be available on the date of the concert also. The event will benefit the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative which is an organization that has been active in the area for several years. This group sponsors the annual Helping Hearts, Helping Hands held each fall to enlist volunteers for aiding in winterizing and repairing homes of the elderly and low income residents.

They hope to have a great turn out for this event. Coffee and dessert will be available for purchase during intermission times. If you have any questions please call Roxie Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank 725-6141 or Wilma Lawrence at Lawrence Farm and Ranch at 725-7216. They look forward to seeing you there!

without calling it a tax increase. Since inflation has reduced the value of the 20-cent tax to slightly less than 15 cents, under the plan being discussed the tax would be indexed to grow with inflation. (At 3 percent inflation, that would amount to a penny a year.) But those pennies add up. A one-cent increase in the tax via indexing would raise some \$100 million annually. Roughly three-fourths of that money would go to the Highway Fund, with the other 25 percent going to education. No bill has been introduced yet, but with Craddick’s support it’s considered likely to hit the hopper.

Not today for Tomorrow Fund...

With per-semester costs up an average 23 percent since the Legislature gave state-operated institutions of higher learning the authority to set their own tuition, the Texas Tomorrow Fund will stay closed to new enrollment for another year, the Comptroller’s office

announced. Started on Jan. 1, 1996 by the Legislature, the Texas Tomorrow program enables Texans to guarantee their child’s college education by buying a prepaid contract. The fund was closed to new enrollment in 2003, though the state continues to guarantee the tuition for those children already covered by the plan.

One race down...

Gov. Rick Perry still faces a contentious Republican primary next year, but he has one tough race behind him. The 54-year-old ran in a marathon in Austin on Feb. 13, finishing the 26.2-mile race in four hours, six minutes and 54 seconds. Mikhail Khobotov, a Russian, came in first with a time of 2:12:38.

Ride ‘em, Dewhurst...

Many people living outside Texas think all Texans wear cowboy hats and ride horses. Well, in the case of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, they’re right, at least when he’s not presiding over the Senate. The lieutenant governor, wearing a black cowboy hat, competed in the National Cutting Horse Association World Finals in Amarillo on Feb. 16. He came out 23rd in the novice category, but fell to 33rd out of 50 the next day, which eliminated him from further competition in this year’s finals.

Tired tires...

Every year for the last six years, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Department of Transportation have issued a joint report that never gets much attention, but offers some amazing numbers. Texas faces no shortage of challenges, including what to do with the millions of scrap tires it produces yearly. Each year, Texans discard an estimated 24 million worn out tires, more than one tire per resident. Used to be, old tires ended up in rat-infested, mosquito-breeding heaps. Scrap tires continue to accumulate, but this year’s report says progress is being made in tire recycling by using them for everything from pavement to fuel. Even so, the report estimates Texas still has 43.4 million old tires lying around.

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The Messengers To Be In Concert At Bethel Baptist Church

The Messengers will be presented in concert at Bethel Baptist Church in Eastland on Sunday, February 27th at 6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to

attend. The Messengers, based out of Gorman, Texas, are known for their unique brand of original music, smooth vocal harmonies and outstanding stage musicianship. Group members are: Glen Clement, Jeff Seaton, Jeff Clark and Tommy Clark. The Messengers' first national exposure came from the release of "Saved By Grace" as recorded by the legendary Gospel group, The Florida

Boys. The song, written by Tommy Clark, charted nationally and was described by Singing News Magazine as "nothing short of a masterpiece". Since then, The Messengers have achieved international prominence in Christian Music, and have received critical acclaim from all over the world, including a first round nomination for the 2004 Dove Award for Best Christian Country Album.

The Messengers' recordings are being released internationally for distribution and promotion through outlets such as CDBaby.com, napster, Amazon.com, Target.com, Waldenbooks.com and singles have been released to radio and are currently receiving airplay across the U.S. & Canada. Their single, entitled "My Savior Paid It All", recently reached number one on the NCM European chart. Their follow up single release, "God Knows", debuted at number four on the European charts. This past year, The Messengers gave a showcase performance during the National Quartet Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, performed a live, 90-minute televised concert via "Prime Time Christian Broadcasting", and were featured in Country Music Roundup Magazine (Europe), SGN Scoops Magazine, The Singing News, U.S. Gospel News, and Power Source Magazine. There will be no admission charge to attend the concert. A love offering will be taken.

Birth Announcement

Announcing the arrival of Carter Elizabeth Admas, February 4, 2005 at 7:58 a.m. Carter is the daughter of Tonya and Frank Adams of Dallas, TX. Grandparents are Patty and Wes Walker of Rowlett, TX. Carter's great-grandmother is Delia Walker of Rising Star.



Carter Elizabeth Adams

She enters this great country with many other relatives.

2005 Wrangler Jr. High State Rodeo Finals May 12-15 At JB Wells Park, Gonzales Arena

The City of Gonzales and Texas High School Rodeo came to an agreement on Saturday, January 29th in a State Director's Meeting in Gonzales for Gonzales to host the Wrangler Jr. High School Rodeo State Finals. The finals will be held May 12 thru 15th. The top three contestants in each event will advance to the National Finals that will be held in Gallup, New Mexico July 5 - 9th. At Nationals there will

be \$50,000 worth of scholarships given out. If this year's State Finals is a success the Texas High School Rodeo Association will adopt this division into their general membership next year. This rodeo is available to any 6th-8th grade child in the state of Texas.

For more information contact George Gregory at 512-237-5575 after 5 p.m. or thsra6@yahoo.com

Desdemona

News

By **Vonnie Guthery**

Desdemona monthly musical will be held on Saturday, February 26 at the Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. for those who come early for supper. Sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks will be served. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Dorothy Roberts is chairman of the concession stand.

Clyde (Wilhite) Paul is in the Stephenville Hospital recovering from recent hip surgery. JoAnn Good of Topeka, Kansas is with her mother at this time. Clyde and JoAnn attended school in Desdemona. Clyde graduated with the Class of 1928 and JoAnn was in the Class of 1949.

Larry and Gay Moore spent the past weekend in Fort Worth to celebrate their wedding anniversary and so some shopping.

Bernard and Ann Keith spent a few days visiting with their daughter, Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn in Live Oak, Texas. They attended a Valentine Sweetheart Banquet at the First Baptist Church in Converse, Texas where their son-in-law, Bill serves as pastor. They reported a good trip- but Ann came home with the "Bug".

Karen Eaves was in Eastland last Saturday morning to attend a basketball game that her grandson, Colin was playing. His team won the morning game to advance to an afternoon game where his great-grandparents, Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended. Also attending this game was his father, George Garcia and friend of Whitney. Colin's team won the tournament. Colin is the son of Roy and Angela Powledge in Eastland.

Pug & Vonnie Guthery attended the Strawn monthly musical last Saturday night. There were several groups of musicians and singers to attend. Everyone enjoyed the good music.

James Ryon and Louise Maltby are having some health problems at this time. Remember all of our sick folks with your cards and prayers.

Hallie Million spent the past weekend with her great-grandparents, Mildred Million.

George and Dawna Martin and daughter, Darcy of Millsap visited last Sunday eve with his daughter, Donal and Kandice Cogburn and son, Dylan.

Thought for today- "Most of us are willing to face the music- only if we can call the tune."

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Dr. Simpson is a Board Eligible Residency Trained General Surgeon. He completed his internship and general surgery residency at the University of North Texas Health Science Center and Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Forth Worth.

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Texas Midwest

honey bear from Baird, Dr. Pepper from Dublin, packaged peanuts from Gorman, a history book from Ranger, bottled "sweet water" from Sweetwater, and a candle from Clyde.

Texas Midwest ambassadors had an opportunity to hear presentations by various state agencies including ORCA, the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Water Board, Texas Association of Businesses, and TCEQ later that afternoon in the Agriculture Museum, located on the first floor of the Capitol.

Questions were answered and first hand help was given to several TMCN members, in particular regarding water and funding issues.

A. J. Ratliff, City Manager of Ranger, said that the presentations were among the most interesting part of the day for him.

"I listened to every word," he said. "There was really some helpful information."

A Tailgate Reception in the Marriott concluded the days events.

Word spread that the Governor would be making a short visit, and at about 5:30 p.m., he - plus several body guards - walked in the back door of the room.

Gov. Perry mingled with the crowd, stopped to visit and discuss various issues, - in particular with TMCN's Executive Director, Nicki

Harle of Baird, and posed with TMCN ambassadors for photos, including several from Callahan County.

The visit by Gov. Perry was certainly one of the highlights of Texas Midwest Day, as it is not often one stands next to the head of our state's government, and visits with him in such an informal and cordial atmosphere.

Which leads one to hope that the voice of rural Texas is strong and considered worth listening to by our public officials.

And as long as we keep bringing this voice to our legislators, there is hope that the visions of rural Texas will not be forgotten.

TMCN includes 43 member cities in 25 counties including : Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Brady, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Eastland, Gorman, and Ranger.

Five Texas Midwest Community Network luncheons are planned for April. They will be held in Ranger on April 20, Comanche April 21, Roscoe April 26, Stamford April 28, and Eden April 29.

The 2005 Network luncheons series will focus on the topic "Local Vision leads to Regional Vision".

Further details concerning the luncheons will be provided by each member city.

Baird First United Methodist Church Worship Services

Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship - 10:45 AM
Youth - 5:00 PM
Choir Practice - 5:30 PM

Obituary

Fred Davis

Cross Plains - Fred Frank Davis, 96, of Cross Plains, died Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at the Brownwood Nursing and Rehab Center in Brownwood.

Graveside services were held in the Cross Plains Cemetery at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 18, 2005 with Ronnie White officiating.

Mr. Davis was born December 15, 1908 in Menard, Texas to Frank Menard Davis and Ninnie (Sellers) Davis. Frank married Muriel Wiley in Mineral Wells, Texas on August 10, 1941.

He was a veteran and worked most of his life in custom combining.

Survivors include his wife, Muriel Davis of Cross Plains; sons, Bobby Davis of Cross Plains, Alan Davis of Rising Star; daughter, Francis Ingle of Brownwood; brother, Henry Davis of Menard; sister, Betty Weiss of Cross Plains; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Baird First Baptist Church Schedule Of Events

Each one of you are invited to join us at the corner of Race and 3rd St., Baird

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574

(Nursery provided for worship services)

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

Prayer Time In Sanctuary - 5:00 P.M.

Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 - Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 16 -

Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm Sunday, February 20 at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall - Ladies bible Study

Sunday, Feb. 20 - See service times listed above - COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!!!

For missions save your Campbell Soup Labels - for more information call 854-1574. We Need Labels - Eat more soup. Thank you for your support - it will change a life.

Coming Soon !!!
February 27 - Evangelism Rally FBC Clyde (no services at FBC Baird that evening). We will see you at FBC Clyde at 6:00 pm.

Correction - The "Sisters at the Well" will not meet in February - Next meeting will be March 28 at 6:30 pm.

Country Cowboy Church

710 N. Seaman Eastland
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Coffee & Donuts.....10:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

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Baird Elementary School Honor Roll

The Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 4th six weeks grading period of 2004-2005.

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
- Esperanza Portillo, Kallie Pruet
- Gerngross - 4th
- Brenna Coffman, Diehlan Key
- Diller - 5th
- None
- S. Williams - 5th
- None
- Clyburn - 6th
- Alexis Almanzar, Cody

Hunter, Alex Neal, Elisha Pritchett

- T. Williams - 6th
- Michelle Robbins
- A-B
- Bessent - 4th
- None
- Gerngross - 4th
- Kody Bryant, Rachel Butcher, Candis Gilley
- Diller - 5th
- Melanie Cooper, Katelynn Mitchell
- S. Williams - 5th
- Brittany Cook, H. Lee Bowen, Danielle Farley, Ty Rhoads, Charlie Voigts
- Clyburn - 6th
- Sara Kunick, Jessica Nash, Eric Ebeling
- T. Williams - 6th
- Colton Fox, Mackenzie Keller, Lauren Hare, Jameson Rountree
- *****

Baird Jr. High Announces Honor Roll

The Baird Junior High is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 4th six weeks grading period of 2004-2005.

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.

- 7th Grade
- All A's
- Fallon Donlan, Alysa Isenhower, Mitzy McDowell, Cassidy Miller, Shelby Strickland
- AB
- Kristen Burns, Amber

Clark, Cody Isenhower, Andy Koch, Taylor Marks, Courtney Nail, Holley Owens, Brittney Russo, Rose Wamsley

- 8th Grade
- All A's
- None
- AB
- Ariel Banks, Jessica Bowen, Logan Donlan, Patsy Dugan, Darryl Fox, Emalie Green, Garrett Jennings, Ashlen Murff, Billy Nail, Bradley Neal, Breanna Patterson, Stephanie Rollins, Emily Tumbusch Morgan White
- *****

Baird I. S. D. Lunch Menu

March

- Wednesday, February 23
- Frito Pie, Salad, Pinto Beans, Cobbler, Milk
- Thursday, February 24
- Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mash Potatoes, Rolls, Milk
- Friday, February 25
- Hamburgers, Lettuce, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies, Milk
- Monday, February 28
- Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Fried Squash, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk
- Tuesday, March 1
- Pop-up Pizza Sandwiches, Tossed Salad, Corn, Apple Crisp, Milk
- Wednesday, March 2
- Dr. Seuss Birthday Chicken Nuggets w/gravy, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, ABC cookies, Milk
- Thursday, March 3
- Quesadillas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Cobbler, Milk
- Friday, March 4
- Hot Dogs, French Fries, Fruit, Brownies, Milk
- March 7-11, Spring Break
- Monday, March 14
- Macaroni & Cheese, Fried Okra, Pinto Beans, Fruit, Corn Bread, Milk

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Jeep Hero Nominations

An advisory committee - made up of military, police, fire and EMS association representatives, uniformed services advocates and former public officials - will review the nominations and select each Jeep Hero.

"This is a great way for Baird citizens to recognize these 'everyday heroes' who serve the community each and every day," Bell said. "We are proud to be a part of this effort to honor our everyday heroes."

Jeep Hero nominators must be 18 years or older and licensed drivers. Nominees must be legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, age 18 years or older, and must be current employees or volunteers of the police, fire or emergency medical service departments or active members of the U. S Military.

Nominators will need to provide an essay of 200 words or less on why a nominee deserves to be honored as Jeep Hero. Those who nominated one of the four Grand Prize Winners will receive \$500 toward new Jeep brand merchandise.

Entry forms and complete rules on the "Jeep Heroes Nomination Program" are available at www.jeep.com/ nominate.

Baird Varsity Baseball Schedule 2005

- Feb. 24-26 Olney Tournament TBA
- March 3-5 Albany Tour TBA
- March 8 Santo T 3:30
- March 15 Dublin H 4:30
- March 17-19 San Saba Tournament TBA
- March 21 *Eula H 4:30
- March 25 *Cross Plains T 11:00
- March 28 *Ranger H 4:30
- April 1 *Albany T 5:00
- April 4 ACHS H 4:30
- April 8 *Gorman H 5:00
- April 12 *Eula T 5:00
- April 15 Synder T 7:00
- April 18 *Cross Plains H 5:00

Baird HS Track & Field Schedule

- Feb. 26 - Santo
- March 5 - Cross Plains
- March 12 - Spring Break Off
- March 19 - Eula
- March 24 - May
- April 4-8 - District @ Roscoe
- April 14 - Area @ Winters
- April 18 - 22 - Regionals

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2005 Bear Golf Schedule

- Feb. 25-26 - Sweetwater - Girls
- Feb. 28 - Comanche - Girls
- March 1 - San Saba - Boys
- March 7 - Ballinger - Quicksand in San Angelo - Boys/Girls
- March 15 - Baird - Boys/Girls
- March 21 - Mineral Wells - Holiday Hills Country Club - Boys/Girls
- April 4 - District Tournament - Shady Oaks - Boys/Girls
- April 11 - District Tournament - Riverside - San Angelo - Boys/Girls
- April 25-26 - Regional Tournament - Maxwell - Abilene - Boys/Girls
- May 9-10 - State Tournament - Morris Williams - Boys/Girls

Tennis Schedule 2005

- March 11 - Santa Anna Tourn.
- March 24 - Jim Ned Tourn.
- March 31 - Cisco
- April 5-6 - District

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