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Thursday, March 31, 2005

BAIRD BEARS Sports, Sports, Sports

April 1 - Varsity Baseball - * Albany - T - 5:00 pm
April 4 - Varsity Baseball - ACHS - H 4:30 pm
April 4 - Golf - District Tournament - Shady Oaks - Boys/Girls
April 4-8 - HS Track & Field - District @ Roscoe
April 8 - Varsity Baseball - *Gorman - H - 5:00 pm
April 11 - Golf - District Tournament - Riverside - San Angelo - Boys/Girls

Veterans' Benefits Seminar

Veteran's Seminar ---All Veterans and their family members are invited to a Veteran's Benefits Seminar to be held at the VFW Post 4136, Eastland, Texas on April 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from the VA Regional Office - Waco, The Texas Veteran's Commission - Waco, the Dallas VA Consumer Affairs Office, the VA Cemetery staff and many other agencies will be on hand to offer assistance and answer questions. Veterans should bring their DD 214 (Discharge & Service Record) and any medical records that pertain to their claim.

OFFENDER AREAS LISTED HERE

The following are areas in which sex offenders are listed on the Texas Department of Public Safety web site:
79504—4500 block W. I-20; 300 block Stella; 1000 block W. 4th.
76471—Rt. 1; Rt. 2; 100 block N. Anderson; 300 block N. Clack; and 500 block N. Anderson.
76470—500 block N. Rusk; Rt. 1, CR 484; 400 block S. Rusk; 600 block S. Oak; 200 block N. Lula; 1300 block Desdemona Rd.; CR 340; Hwy 717; CR 339; 400 block Terrell; and 500 block Pine.
76437—CR 117; 400 block W. 4th; 700 block W. 14th; 2000 block Conrad Hilton; 1400 block Ave. M; 700 block W. 17th; 1500 block Ave. N; and 300 block W. 13th St.
76448—300 block N. Dixie; 100 block E. Williams; 100 block E. Burkett; 600 block S. Mulberry; 300 block N. Weaver; Rt. 2, CR 566; FM 536 at Lake Leon; and 400 block N. College.

(There is no guarantee that this list is accurate, complete or up to date, because it is the responsibility of the offender to report address changes.)

Local Listed on Harding-Simmons List

Harding-Simmons University announces that Baird resident Kenneth Brock made the Dean's List the fall 2004 semester.

Locals Listed on McMurry Lists

The following students have been named to the McMurry University Spring 2005 Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll.

Deans List-
Baird- Miranda Lynn Darnell, Multidisciplinary Studies, Senior; Trent Justin Hunter, General Business, Junior; Guadalupe Salvador Palacio, General Buisness, Senior
Clyde- Jessica Marie Crawford, Biology, Senior; Jaelyn JoAnn Green, History, Sophmore; Joretta Haas, Multidisciplinary Studies, Senior; Diana B. Notgrass, Multidisciplinary Studies, Senior; John Floyd Sampson, Business-Undecided, Junior; Tessa Lynn Ullery, Multidisciplinary Studies, Senior; Christopher Ryan Weaser, Nursing-Generic, Junior; Candice Lynn White, Art, Freshman
Putnam- Christopher Blake Easter, Management, Junior
Dean's Honor Roll-
Clyde- Justin Michael Tabor, Sociology, Senior
Cross Plains- Terr Gail Nixon, General Business, Junior

BAIRD ONE-ACT PLAY

Advances to District Competition on Thursday,
March 31

We Received The Following Awards :

Best Actor

Rustin Williams (Buddy)

All Star Cast

Blake Manning (C.C. Short)

BreArna Tollett (Goldie Short)

Honorable Mention

Lesley Tumbusch

(Norma Henshaw)

Crew Member Award

James Roberts

ADORATION



Praising God through music was what brought this group together. The praise team "Adoration" from Broadview Baptist Church of Lubbock, originated in the fall of 2001. The group consists of 8 members that come from a variety of ages and occupations. The leader of the group, Roy Martin, has been the Minister of Music at Broadview Baptist Church for the past 10 years.

Adoration has been a consistent part of worship at Broadview from the time they were brought together. Outside of their normal worship time they have been asked to perform at retirement homes and at the local Wayland Baptist University Campus in Lubbock. Each member of the group is very involved in other activities at Broadview; from children's choir, youth, college, and teaching adult classes.

On April 10, 6:00 pm the ADORATION Praise and Worship Team from Lubbock will perform at the First Baptist Church in Baird. Everyone in the community is invited to attend!

Veterans News

V A Expenditures In Callahan County

V A payments of \$ 3,161,375 in Callahan county for Fiscal Year 2004 (ending 9-30-04) increased by \$169,357 over Fiscal Year 2003. District payments to Veterans, their dependents and survivors, totalled \$2,996,883, an increase of \$151,212. Education and Rehab increased by \$17,951 to \$68,375 while Insurance and Indemnities only grew by \$195 to \$96,118.

Callahan County Veterans and their families now enjoy \$1,534,404 more income each year than they received twelve years ago. New claims are being filed weekly and \$2,128/ monthly new awards were approved just last week.

BIG SPRING VAMC-----As a follow-up to last week's column, the meeting dates in Big Spring have been postponed to May 11 & 12. The next ten months will be an interesting time.

FORFEITED LAND SALES-----The Texas Veterans Land Board will open bids on April 26, 2005 for forfeited land. There are 98 parcels offered with the only nearby tract being 10 acres south of Abilene on County Road 164 (Iberis Road South). On C R 337 go west 0.44 miles to C R 164, then north on 164 for 0.46 miles. Tract is on the right. **MINIMUM BID IS \$42,000.00 (Gulp!!)** Nearest other offers are in Howard, Lampasas and Palo Pinto Counties.

CALLAHAN COUNTY VETERANS OFFICE

Your county has had a Veterans Service Office since 1946 following WW II. For those that do not know, the office (3rd floor - Courthouse) is open Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone number is 325.854.1520, the Fax number is 325.854.1227 and the E-Mail address is ccveterans@yahoo.com The emergency telephone number is 325.854.1673 with answering machine. We're here to help you.

\$\$ Tax Time - !!April 15th!! Don't Be Late -Tax Time \$\$

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D. P. S. Report

03-20-05 to 03-26-05

Cases Investigated

Warnings - 71 Complaints - 149

Open Container - 3

Driving While License Invalid - 1

Accidents

There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

Texas Department of State Health Services

Will hold the following Immunization
clinics in Callahan County

Monday, April 11th

Baird Cafetorium 400 W. 7th
Time 10-12

Cross Plains Housing Authority Office
223 N. Main - Time 2-4

Wednesday April 6th

Clyde First Baptist Church 216 Austin
10-12 & 1:30 - 3

Please bring child's Immunization Records
For more information call 325/754-4945

From the Desk of
Margaret Hetrick

Dear Readers,

After two years as editor of the Callahan County Baird Star, I will be moving on to an editor position at the Ranger Times - also one of our Eastland/Callahan County newspapers.

Let me express how much I have enjoyed getting to know the people of Baird and Callahan County, and let me thank all of you for your support.

The town of Baird has so much going for it - a rich history, a well preserved downtown area, many innovative projects - and most of all the great people.

You will remain in my memories, and I wish all of you the very best for the future.

Taking over my work with the Callahan County Baird Star is Gary Grady.

Gary joined our staff a month ago, and has already proven that he is good in many areas applying to our newspaper work.

He is 28 years of age, and full of new and good ideas about making the most of our papers.

Please give him the same support and confidence you gave me, and I'm sure he will be a vital part of getting out your community news.

Thanks again for letting me be a part of your community.

Margaret Hetrick

Greetings To All

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. I am looking forward to working with Callahan County and The Baird Star. Please Contact me with any News or Advertising that you would like to place in the Baird Star.

Gary Grady

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CALLAHAN COUNTY BAIRD STAR

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

For Sale

For Sale: Nice 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath House in Rising Star city limits. Good location. \$45,000. Call after 5 p.m. (325) 660-9009.

B52

For Sale: 21 ft. gooseneck cattle trailer \$2,000; trailer \$600. Call 254-643-1088.

B52

Help Wanted

For Sale: 1 year old registered AKC Schnauzer- \$200. Also, 1 year old Jack Russell- \$50. Call after 5 p.m. (325) 660-9009.

B52

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B15

Baird I. S. D. Lunch Menu

March

Wednesday, March 30

Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots, Fruit, Cookies, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Milk

Thursday, March 31

Steak Fingers w/gravy, Mash Potatoes, Green Peas, Rolls, Jelly, Milk

Friday, April 1

Hot Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rice Krispies, Milk

Short Order Cook needed at Midway General Store 643-1748.

B14

Office Manager Position Computer, Accounting, Clerical Knowledge a must. Phone 817-929-3951 or Send resume to P.O. Box 70 Eastland, Tx 76448.

B13

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B52

Help Wanted

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83 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$89,762.
90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, season **SOLD** includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$89,550.
95 acres wooded with mature oak trees, large hill, pond, setup with deer blinds & feeders, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$87,875 owner/agent.
97 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, large hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$116,400.
110 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, **SOLD** fine, electricity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac.
117 acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oak trees, 3 fields, 3 ponds, hill top view, old water well, **SOLD** 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.
306 acres, wooded with 35 acre field, rest is oak and mesquite timber, older rock house, ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove. \$725 per acre.
326 acres by Lake Cisco, over three miles of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, 2 ponds, will divide, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$391,200.
****HOMES****
2 BR, 1 bath home, carport, attached storage, reduced to \$9,800.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR, shop and other outbuildings, reduced to \$16,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, mostly vinyl floors, garage, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000. **SOLD**
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, computer room, big kitchen, woodburning heater in LR, large pecan trees, \$33,000. **SOLD**
2 BR, 1 bath home, could be converted into a 3BR home, 6 ceiling fans, inside and outside recent **SOLD** 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. Reduced to \$79,500.
****LAKE CISCO****
2 BR Home, deck, boat dock, large oak trees, reduced to \$25,000.
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SBA Economic Injury Loans Available

Small Business owners urged to apply

Businesses in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Excessive rain, flash flooding, flooding, hail, high winds, and lightning that occurred November 15, 2004 and continuing, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch, Mills, San Saba

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The

deadline for filing an application is **November 7, 2005**.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

Texas Fiddlers To Perform In Cross Plains April 2

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative is proud to announce the sponsoring of The Texas Fiddlers in concert on Saturday, April 2, 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. 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 purchasing during intermission times. If you have any questions please call Roxie Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank 254-725-6141 or Wilma Lawrence at Lawrence Farm and Ranch at 254-725-7216. We look forward to seeing you there.

Putnam Musical To Be Held Friday

Putnam Musical will be held Friday, April 1st. Come on out and enjoy the great music and food. The kitchen

will open at 5:30 p.m. and the music will start at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. Emcee will be Carl Whiteley.

The LOP Gallery Opening in Comanche

The LOP Gallery in Comanche will open this Saturday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located above the Reunion Center.

The phone number is 325-356-5777.

There will be a lot of local artists as well as others. Come and see!

Scranton Homecoming Musical Meeting April 5

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 3:00 PM. There will be a meeting at the community center to plan the Scranton Homecoming Musical meal.

This is our one fund raiser of the year. Your input and help with this project is needed. Marie Starr, president, will be in charge of the meeting.

Blarney Stone In America?

By J.B. Johnston
Carbon, TX

Just in case some of you aren't fortunate enough to be of Irish descent and are not familiar with the blarney stone I'll attempt to explain. In dear old Ireland, the home of my ancestors, one who has the gift of flattery, or as Webster puts it, "misleading nonsense", is said to have kissed the blarney stone. The fact that a person is of Irish descent does not necessarily mean that he or she is endowed with this gift, unless they have actually kissed the blarney stone. In my case, I am afraid that it is quite the opposite. Flattery comes hard for me and too often I find myself criticizing some one instead of praising them. But that is another story.

In American we have come to believe that blarney means an untruth. Such as when we say that someone is full of blarney. We also use it to say that someone talks a lot, and this brings me to what I wanted to say in the first place. I recently read a poem by an author, whose name I cannot remember, that goes like this:

Lord help me watch the things I say,
and keep them short and sweet.
Because I never know from day to day,
which ones I'll have to eat.

Have you ever been in line at the supermarket and the person behind you starts telling you all about themselves? Sometimes they tell you things that you wish they hadn't. Very seldom do they tell me about the good things that have happened to them, which is often blarney, but about the bad things that they have encountered. They will tell you things about themselves that you wouldn't want to know about your own Aunt Matilda. You may have never seen this person before and suddenly you could write their life story. Now this certainly isn't blarney because there is no flattery involved, but it is annoying and you are wishing that the nut in front of you had not bought so many groceries and would move on, so that you could get out of there.

Come to think of it, I don't think that blarney is all that bad. I wouldn't mind at all if someone heaped all kinds of flattery upon me, no matter how untrue it was. In my case just the opposite is usually true. It is my opinion that a lot of praise never hurt anyone. Maybe we do need a blarney stone in America. I have a lot of rocks here on my place in Carbon, and just maybe one of them is a blarney stone. You can bet that I'll kiss it if I find it.

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Kokomo News

Zelda Jordan

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter with family and friends and was in a place of worship somewhere. It was an Easter day that I think we will all remember, if it snowed at your house. I was surprised to find the ground covered with snow when I got up on Sunday morning. It didn't linger long before it was all melted, but the cold wind continued all day. I can't remember it ever snowing on Easter Sunday before.

Easter Sunday was a good day at Kokomo. There was a large crowd at the Kokomo Baptist Church as many who came back to the community to visit with family attended the church services on Sunday morning. The visitors were Joe and Viki Miles of Austin, Glenda Black of Abilene, Sheri, Wade, Ryan, Kody, and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Judy and Sarah Porter, Amanda Porter and Tino and Scarlett Torres all of Austin, Jon Melde of Elgin, Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning all of Graham, Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis, Bailey Underwood and Brylee Johnson of Gorman, George and Shirley Christie of Eastland and their grandson, Darren Christi of San Angelo, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Terry, Arleen, Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler, Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth Burgess of Jourdanon and Ben Burgess of Gorman, Haley Buckley of Desdemona, and Alan, Justin and Ally Little. Since

there were many of the Little family in attendance together, they were asked to stand up and a large portion of one side of the congregation stood up. It is wonderful to see families attending church together. Little Michelle Snider was attending her first church service, (with her parents and big sister, Mike, Crystal and Rachel) and she got lots of attention. I hope that I haven't missed anyone, but if I have, please forgive me and be assured you were welcome.

Woodrow Browning directed the congregation as they sang the beautiful songs about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with Helen Browning at the piano and Ruby Lee Kinser at the organ. Daryl Hirst rendered the special music, singing "It Is Finished". Bro. Clarence Wilson brought a very meaningful Easter message reminding us that because Jesus Christ was resurrected from death and the grave, those who accept Jesus as Savior will have a new life.

Our thanks to Daryl and Cecilia Hirst for the beautiful Hydrangea plant arrangement and to Kelly Buchanan of West Columbia and his grandmother, Nancy Hendricks for the beautiful Easter Lily.

Following the church service, even though the cold wind was blowing, there was an egg hunt for the children in the churchyard. The children didn't seem to mind the cold wind as they ran about finding the bright colored eggs to put in their pretty Easter baskets, but it seemed pretty cold to some of the adults.

Deliah, Randy, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis spent the Easter weekend with her parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves, and helped Delmon

clean up some of the destruction of the burned shop. Kenneth Eaves of Eastland came on Saturday to help them.

Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham spent the Easter weekend with their parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Nelda and Jarad Fails of Arlington, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon enjoyed an Easter visit with their parents and grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Saturday night.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Joe Little of Las Cruces, NM, and Karen Patterson of Eastland visited during the Easter holidays with their mother and grandmother, Betty Little.

Those visiting with Charles and Carolyn Little on Friday night were Caye, Scotty, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, Charla and Danny Burgess of Gorman, Alan, Shellie, Justin and Ally Little, Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Joe Little of Las Cruces, NM and Betty Little.

Arleen, Terry, Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler, LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited during the Easter weekend with their parents and grandparents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Visitors with Durwood and Aletha Burgess during the Easter weekend were Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth Burgess of Jourdanon, Ben Burgess and a friend, Taylor of Gorman, Danny and Charla Burgess of Gorman, Angela, Jeff, Chelsea and Haley Buckley

of Desdemona, and Aline Garrett of Gorman. On Sunday afternoon they all attended the annual Easter Egg hunt and hamburger cook-out at the home of Jeff and Angela Burgess along with many of the Buckley family.

Kelly and Tina Buchanan of West Columbia visited during the Easter weekend with his mother, Sylvia Buchanan. Others visiting with them were Billy, Laura, Lucas and Joseph Eppler of Wylie, Tina's Dad, Charlie Sisson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks and Laneta Freeman.

Beverley and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Saturday.

Johnnie B. Griffith visited with a sister-in-law, Hattie Griffith of Forsan and some of her family who were spending the weekend at their Lake Leon home.

Those visiting with Oren and Norma Webb during Easter were Judy and Sarah Porter, Tino and Scarlett Torres and Amanda Porter all of Austin, Jon Melde of Elgin, James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb of Granbury, Jacob Webb of Burleson, Alice Bergmark and Steven Bergmark of Comanche, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga and Chad and Kish Suniga all of Comanche.

Those enjoying dinner on Easter Sunday with Gene and Kay Snider were Kathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider of Gorman, and Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Kelly and Tina Buchanan of West Columbia, and Billy, Laura, Jo-

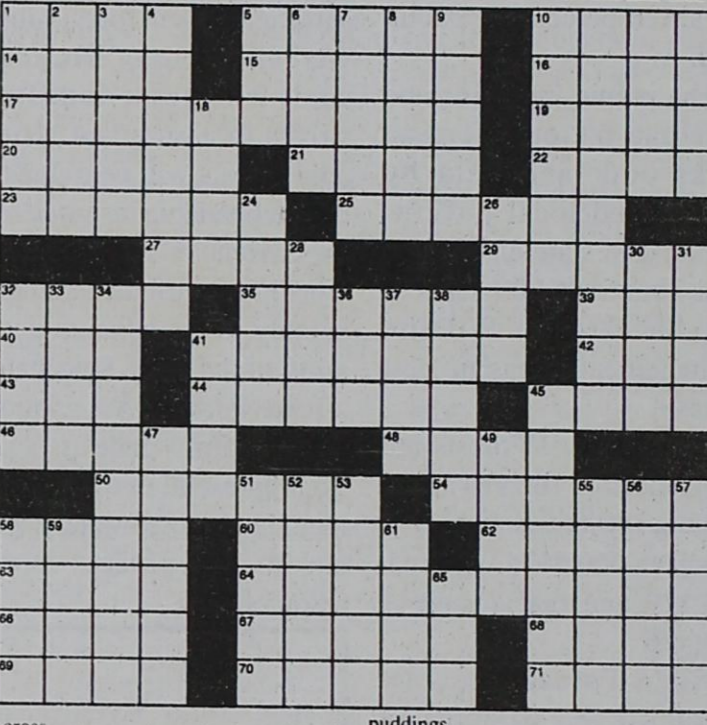
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glases. Glenda, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and Zelda did some shopping and also visited with Loyd and Gail Daniell. On Friday night, Glenda and Leon and Zelda met Wade and Sheri and family at the Golden Corral for dinner.

Glenda Black of Abilene, and Joe and Viki Miles of Austin spent the weekend with Zelda Jordan and they enjoyed dinner at ZJ's on Saturday night, and while there enjoyed a short visit with Neal and Joyce Gilbert of Katy. Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene came for an Easter visit on Sunday with Zelda, Glenda and Joe and Viki.

When I got home from Abilene on Saturday there was four inches of rain in the rain gauge. I understand there was quite a thunderstorm came through the community on Friday night.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across
1. Platform for public speaking.
 5. Meat cubes cooked on a skewer.
 10. Boys on the
 14. Substance of the universe from which all else is derived.
 15. Last letter in the Greek alphabet.
 16. South American freshwater dolphin.
 17. Dallas and Dynasty.
 19. Band fronted by Jeff Whalen.
 20. Stomach exercise.
 21. Pure.
 22. _ of the Wild.
 23. Arched upper surface of the foot.
 25. Flying _ 1995 Gong album.
 27. _ Kent, Nurse Bigelow on M*A*S*H.
 29. _ Ardolino, Sister Act director.
 32. 1980 Irene Cara flick.
 35. Michael _ Jonathan in Highway to Heaven.
 39. Small island in a river.
 40. _ Gershwin, U.S. lyricist.
 41. Animated TV show.
 42. 2,000 pounds.
 43. Break a _.
 44. Writer.
 45. _ Sofer, Vicki on Just Shoot Me.
 46. Monetary payment or tribute.
 48. _ Tomatoes Vol. 1, 2002 Little Feat album.
 50. Light, humorous movie.
 54. New World coral snake.
 58. Muse of history.
 60. Type of Indonesian boat.
 62. Marie- Recasner, Millie on A Different World.
 63. Jeri _ Ronnie on Boston Public.
 64. Proudest.
 66. Sea eagle.
 67. Embryo sacs.
 68. _ Lies.
 69. _ Rider.
 70. Starchy foodstuffs used to make
- Down
1. Ancient cloths.
 2. Remove to a distance.
 3. Pork, chicken and veal.
 4. Person who has lost a limb.
 5. Hill in South Africa.
 6. Comedy starring Sherman Hemsley.
 7. "Raspberry _" Prince tune.
 8. Variegated chalcidony.
 9. Italian for "stop."
 10. Situation comedy.
 11. Dissatisfied.
 12. "M" for Murder.
 13. _ Hindman, Wilson on Home Improvement.
 18. _ Range.
 24. Rice cooked in meat broth.
 26. Sean _ 2003 Oscar winner.
 28. Move swiftly.
 30. The _ King.
 31. Active Sicilian volcano.
 32. Movie.
 33. Geographical region.
 34. David Copperfield and Lance Burton.
 36. Highest degree or power.
 37. In Through the Out _ 1994 Led Zeppelin album.
 38. Shabby; dingy.
 41. Still.
 45. Bites.
 47. _ Tunes.
 49. Plot of ground.
 51. Hebrew units of dry measure.
 52. Serious movie.
 53. Dying _.
 55. Square pillars.
 56. Periodical number.
 57. Prevent.
 58. _ Summer, Freddie on A Different World.
 59. Constellation with the star Vega.
 61. Premium on money in exchange.
 65. The Mirror _ Two Faces.

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Trees protect our property, shade our residences and enhance the beauty of our public and private places. It would be hard to image a place without trees.

Proving that Texas has everything, our forests are to the east, and they are gigantic. Some 12 million acres according to the Texas Forest Service. Most (about 61%) are privately owned and timber companies own about 32% with the remaining seven percent on public land.

The public lands include state and national forests, parks and land held by county and local governments. The state also maintains about 286,000 acres of woodlands in 11 Wildlife Management Areas in East Texas.

The National Forests are Sam Houston, 162,984 acres; Sabine, 160,656 acres; Davy Crockett, 160,567; Angelina, 153,179; and total acreage of 637,386.

State Forests are I.D. Fairchild, 2,740 acres in Cherokee County, acquired by the state in 1925; W. Goodrich Jones, 1,733 in Montgomery County acquired in 1926; E.O. Siecke, 1,722 acres in Newton County, 1924; John Henry Kirby Memorial, 600 acres in Tyler County, 1929; and Masterson, 519 acres in Jasper County, in 1985; for a total acreage of 7,314 acres.

The forests of Texas are growing for the future. More than 98 million pine seedlings and 1.2 million hardwood seedlings were planted in Texas during the recent 2004-2005 planting season. The four Texas nurseries who supplied the seedlings were International Paper Company, Peach Springs, Temple-Inland and the Texas Forest Service. Weyerhaeuser Company out of Arkansas also provided seedlings to Texas.

"Reforestation after timber harvest is vital to the future of Texas forests and the economy of the state," said Ron Hufford, Executive Vice President of Texas Forestry Association. Every year, in order to meet their goal of

maintaining sustainable forests for future Texans, the forest industry and private family forest owners replenish the state's forest lands by planting nearly 100,000 million seedlings. The commercial forests in Texas cover more than 12 million acres of land, provide more than 91,000 jobs, a payroll of more than \$2.3 billion, and a total economic impact of more than \$22 billion, making timber the third most valuable agricultural crop statewide; in East Texas, where 43 counties compose the forest heartland of the state, timber is the number-one-ranking agricultural commodity.

"Our goal is to enhance and perpetuate the Texas forest resource to ensure that future generations will have the same abundant forests that we enjoy today," Hufford said. The forest industry strives to ensure that abundant forests will continue to be a dependable resource for the citizens of Texas, and its work has contributed immeasurably to the economic vitality of the Lone Star State.

Texas Forestry Association is a non-profit trade association representing over 3,200 members who grow, manage, harvest and process forest resources.

Scranton Musical To Be Held Saturday

The musical will be available Saturday, April 2 at the community center. The emcee. All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

Cisco Writers Club To Meet April 5

The Cisco Writers Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 in the Community Room, First National Bank in Cisco. reading, and hopefully the latest "Texas Messenger" to display.

The public is invited to come out and enjoy the program. Bring writing you are working on.

Veteran's Seminar To Be Held April 2nd In Eastland

We want everyone to know that every family in this area has some ties to a veteran. Your parent or grandparent, son, sister, aunt, uncle, cousin, or a neighbor that has served or is serving in the armed forces needs to come and learn about the benefits the veteran in your life is entitled to.

Delilah Washburn, Joel Jimenez, Larry Monroe, and Commander Jimmie Dorsett of Post VFW Post 4136 cordially invites you to attend the ever first annual Veterans Benefit Seminar, on Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 at Post VFW # 4136, Eastland Texas at 10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M.

Speakers from the following agency's will be there for all the veterans needs and questions: Representatives from VA Regional Office, Waco Texas, Texas Veterans Commission Regional Office, David Herod from the Dallas VA Consumer

Affairs Office, VA Cemetery staff, and many other agencies will be on hand for all questions and assistance.

We are recommending that all veterans bring a copy of their DD214 (Discharge Paper) and all documents pertaining to their claim.

We all need to send a strong message to VA Directors that all veterans in these small communities want what we earned and what we deserve. We want to make it clear that we do not want to be forgotten. We want to share the message that our area is underserved.

Hundreds of veterans (our brothers and sisters) are still on waiting list to be seen by the VA Hospitals and their clinics. Let's help them by our attendance so the veteran and his family can have a wonderful and prosperous life.

We are looking forward to seeing you at VFW POST # 4136 to help you and our fellow comrade and their families.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Donal Jack Bush

Donal Jack Bush was born March 15, 2005 at 7:36 p.m. Donal weighed 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Kirby and ShaShawna Bush of Temple, Texas.

Maternal grandparents are Tony and Denise Connell of Rising Star; great-grandmother is Sharon Walker of Eastland; and great-great-grandmother is LaRue Farrow of Brownwood.

Paternal grandparents are Billy Jack and Kathy Bush of Rising Star and great-grandmother, Wilma Stennett of Cisco; great-grandfather Grady Bush of Rising Star.

Donal has an Aunt Racheal Bush of College Station and an Uncle Bridger Bush of Rising Star.

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 97 Ford F250 Crew Cab Power Stroke Diesel, auto., XLT, 2 tone paint.....\$5750
 96 Ford F350 Crew Cab, 351 V8, 5 sp., looks, runs, drives good.....\$3450
 89 Ford F250 Super Cab Diesel, looks, runs good (red & white).....\$3250
 92 Ford F350 Super Cab Diesel, dually, runs good, 5 sp.....\$2995
 85 Ford F350 Crew Cab Diesel, a very good buy at only.....\$2450
 91 Dodge Dually, Cummins Diesel, 5 sp., runs very good.....\$4500
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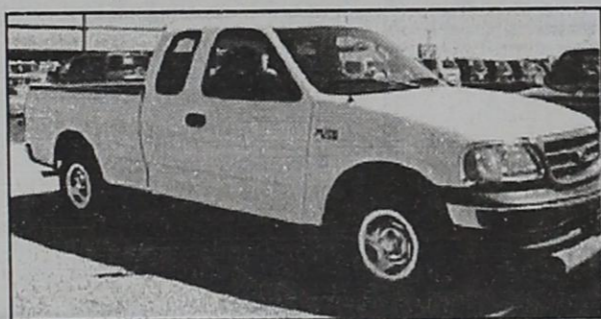
By Joyce (Alfred) Kilmer
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I think that I shall never see
 A poem lovely as a tree,
 A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
 Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
 A tree that looks at God all day,
 And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
 A tree that may in Summer wear
 A nest of robins in her hair;
 Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
 Who intimately lives with rain.
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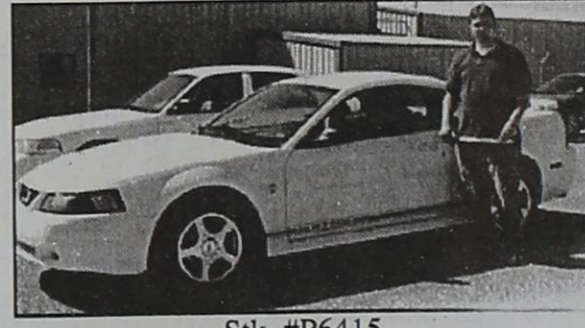
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900 Conrad Hilton, 8-5, Office equipment, copiers, file cabinets, desks, typewriter, cash register, shop equipment and tools, furniture, microwaves, dishes, antiques, 1915 refrigerator, Coca-Cola box, much more.

109 Hwy. 6 & Conrad Hilton, 7:30 - ? Over 800 items, books, beds, dressers, clothes, curior. Go north on Conrad Hilton, cross the tracks. It is the first large building on the left. Lots of parking space.

302 CR 154, Corinth Baptist Church, Church wide garage sale, 5 miles east of Cisco, turn left on CR 154.

400 Ave. L, 8-5, furniture, bikes, air conditioner, generator, clothes, knick knacks.

8913 Hwy. 6, 8-12, baby bed, dining table, go kart, children's clothes, deer blind - 2 Family Sale. Hwy. 6 toward Eastland, 5 miles out, next to Rust Deer Plant.

1106 W. 6th, 8-?, Misc., nic/nac, baby clothes.

400 W. 19th, 8-?, 3 Family Sale, lots of everything.

1997 Chrysler Town & Country Mini Van, V6, will trade, might give difference, 611 E. 8th, Cisco. Home 254-442-3642, cell 325-660-1074.

1994 Dodge High Rise Custom Van, V6 eng., TV and VCR, will trade, 611 E. 8th Cisco. Home 254-442-3642, cell 325-660-1074.

409 W. 18th, 7-?, DVDs, video games, printers, lawn mowers, odds & ends, etc.

1505 Rodman Ave., 8-12, little girls clothes, baby items, home decor, ladies clothes, lots of misc. One way street directly in front of Jr. High/High School.

1408 Liggett, 8-3, Children's clothes, bicycles, lots of misc.

704 W. 13th, 9-5, Trailer, house hold items, p/u toolbox, antiques.

205 W. 11th, 7-5, Old school song books & other old books, some furniture, kitchen items, tools and men things, other items, 13" 3 rim, 2 tires - \$60.00.

800 W. 8th St., 7-?, furniture, kids stuff, tools and many, many things to choose from.

15309 Interstate 20, 8/10 mile past Randolph Ford on south side service road, going toward Eastland. 7-?, lots of everything.

402 W. 5th, 8-2, Refrigerator, dishwasher, cabinets, prom dresses, furniture, wall-paper.

311 E. 19th, 7-5, If we don't have it, you don't need it. Wide variety to choose from.

Rain or shine. Come one & all.

I want to buy Baby Grand, Concert Grand or Concert Piano, harp, bass fiddle, about any kind of musical instrument regardless of condition. Estate stuff might empty and clean the house, 611 E. 8th, Cisco. Home 254-442-3642 or cell 325-660-1074.

Wet bike some kind of boat "no papers", "won't run", but "cheap" with or without trailer, 611 E. 8th, Home 254-442-3642 or cell 325-660-1074.

701 E. 23rd, 8-5 in Carport @ back, furniture, kitchenware, books, bottles, etc.

800 W. 9th St., 8-5, Tools, plants, clothes, toys, furniture, misc. items.

1105 W. 9th, 7-?, Baby bed, changing table & cradle, 0-24 months boys clothes, baby bedding, toys and just a little bid of everything else.

411 E. 22nd St., 8-4, Living room furniture, includes a hide a bed couch, clothes, stuff.

1405 Simms, 8-5, material, dishes, couch, misc.

810 W. 18th St. 8-?. Living room chairs, dining room chairs, cookware, hand made quilts, cedar chest, shop equipment.

506 Conrad Hilton, 8-5, Knick knacks, all sizes clothes, dishes, furniture, little bit of everything. Everything is donations only, nothing marked, help the kids of our community.

1009 W. 9th, 7-?, Lots of tools, furniture, household items, appliances, way too much to list.

104 Hwy. 6, just over the railroad tracks at Teds & Rexs, beginning 8 a.m., mostly children's clothes, newborn and up.

121 CR 561, Country Club Rd., 2nd house on right, 8-5, golf clubs, antiques, window A/Cs, clothes, computer desk, refrigerator, books, knick knacks.

1612 W. 8th, log house on FR 2945 just past the Y (old Abilene Hwy.) 8-4, Guns, fishing equipment, clothes, 2 trailers, lawnmower, TV, 3 piece bedroom suite.

5 Family Yard Sale, 1010 W. 6th, 8-?, Stationary bike, 2 treadmills, A/C window unit, wooden bench, office chair, cell phones, bicycles, microwave, wooden quilt rack, sm. glass patio table, 2 - 13" color TVs w/remotes, kids clothes, name brand designer clothes/shoes. Lots of miscellaneous items!

108W. 6th, 8-?, Three family sale, furniture, household items, clothing, some collectables, books, etc. Ally entrance between Ave. E and Conrad Hilton (behind Austin Furniture & WTU building).

800 Conrad Hilton, 8-6, Children's & adults clothes, furniture, TV, stoves, appliances.

1000 Ave. A, 9-4, Furniture

& household items.

408 W. 4th, 8-2, weather permitting, lots of baby through 4T clothes, baby items, appliances, adult clothing, toys, etc.

Aluminum fishing boat motor & trailer, "no checks". Ask \$550. 611 E. 8th, home 254-442-3642 or cell 325-660-1074.

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Garage Sale: Lots of different things, farnequipment, musical instruments, furniture, toys. We probably have whatever you are looking for. 611 E. 8th, home 254 442-3642 or cell 325-660-1074.

1977 Coachman 5th Wheel Travel Trailer, will trade, asking \$2,000. will give difference. "No checks", 611 E. 8th St., home 254-442-3642 or cell 325-660-1074.

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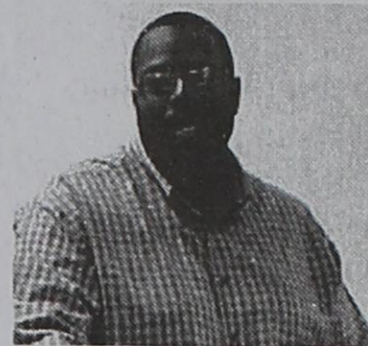
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Eastland Ministerial Alliance Hosts Businessmen's Luncheon and Bible Study

Eastland's Ministerial Alliance hosted a Businessmen's Luncheon and Bible Study for the business men and women of our community last week, from March 21 through March 25. The gathering was open to the public and food was provided at The First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Eastland.

Guest speakers throughout the week delivered the Daily Bible Studies, and the last



Danny Brown was Friday's speaker

days of Christ were displayed in short overviews.

Monday, Dr. Shawn Brewer, of the First Baptist

Thursday, March 31, 2005

Church of Eastland, set in motion the first of five days, with the Cléansing of the Temple, Healing in the Temple, and The Cursing of the Fig Tree.

Tuesday, Bro. Paul Howie, of Leon River Cowboy Church, covered the Questioning of Christ's Authority, and Jesus' Instructions on the Greatest Commandment.

Wednesday, Bro. Larry Roberts, of the Daugherty Street Church of Christ, gave a Discourse on End Times, Judgment Day, and the Plot of Judas and Jewish Leaders

Thursday, Bro. Jerry Maston, of the River of Life Church and President of the Ministerial Alliance of Eastland, spoke on The Institution of the New Commandment, The Lord's Supper, and the Passover.

Friday, Bro. Danny Brown, of Kingdom Builders Fellowship, concluded the Luncheons with a lesson about The Crucifixion.

over the education, politics, courts, morals, and ethnics of this land. Case in point: Today (24 March) the United States Supreme Court will make a ruling that may give the right to the government to ultimately decide who lives and who dies in this land. They have been given the opportunity to decide the life or death of Terri Schiavo. Why have we let our lives and our culture come to the point where we allow the courts to decide when it's proper to end the life of an infant? Now we are on the brink of another moral cross road where we must allow the same court to decide when it's okay to starve a living adult to death. Isn't it ironic the only courthouse where the Ten Commandments are allowed to be posted is where judges will decide to either obey or disobey one of them: "Thou Shall Not Kill". Think about this; most of the Supreme Court justices claim to embrace the Christian faith; however in the Bible we read these words from the First Letter of John: Chapter Two and verses 3 to 5: "And by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him." Where do you stand, and what does God find in you today?

Gatekeeper's Log

By Doug Fraser

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March Madness 2005

Last week Diane and I had the opportunity to take a few days off and travel to the "Land of Lincoln"; that's what the people of Illinois call their state. However, this year I think they're also calling "Go fighting Illini" as the University of Illinois works it way to the final four and beyond in the NCAA basketball championships. Of course there are lots of people here cheering on the Red Raiders of Texas Tech. This month has for a number of years been called "March Madness" due to the scramble to the top of the basketball pinnacle of the NCAA. If you're a basketball fan this is a great time to see how your favorite teams fair. Right now I'd have to put my best four teams as Illinois, Washington, Arizona, and Oklahoma State; as far as I know they're all still going strong. Back to our trip to Illinois; our main purpose was to visit my son and his wife in Springfield, Illinois. We enjoyed a great time. One of our trips was to visit the tomb of President Abraham Lincoln. We toured the tomb and read from the history and speeches of the greatly revered President of the United States. We could read of his humble beginnings, his family losses at an early age, his perseverance and failures, and his perseverance and his victories. Finally, we came to the end and his shocking death from the bullet of an assassin's pistol. All of these things we had been taught in school; including President Lincoln's deep and abiding

faith in God. When you read his speeches it becomes clear he personally knew and loved the God who he referred to. However, it's most interesting these facts are either distorted or dismissed entirely in the education of our children today. The value of faith placed in God by great men is either totally ignored or dismissed as a character flaw. Just look back at the amount of abuse and personal attack during the past presidential election. These attacks are a form of a cultural breakdown. Our nation is truly under attack from those who would have us return to the gods of ancient Babylon.

In 1836, a statement with prophetic insight was published in the old "McGuffey's Eclectic Reader"; for almost 100 years the "McGuffey's Reader" was a mainstay of our public education system. I wish it still was. This prophetic statement says the following: "If you can induce a community to doubt the genuineness and authenticity of the Scripture; to question the reality and obligations of religion; to hesitate, undecided, whether there be an eternal state of retribution beyond the grave; or whether there exists any such being as God, you have broken down the barriers of moral virtue and hoisted the flood gates of immorality and crime...Every bond that holds society together would be ruptured." There is no doubt this prophecy has been fulfilled to our chagrin and shame. Unfortunately the singular response of too many Christians has been little more than a cringing passive silence. The church has stood by and allowed the "barbarians at the gates" take

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Obituary

Bessie Travis Jennings

Clyde - Bessie Travis Jennings, 84, of Clyde, died Wednesday at an Abilene Care center.

Services were held Friday, March 24, 2005 at the Bailey Funeral Chapel with Dr. Toby Henson officiating. Burial followed in the Cottonwood Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jennings was born February 11, 1921 in Emd, Oklahoma to Carl and Lena (Coker) Brown. She was the widow of William Lee Jennings, Jr., whom she married on February 25, 1939 in Brady. They moved to Clyde from Abilene in 1962. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Clyde.

Survivors include: three

daughters, Karla Bailey and husband Danny of Hawley, Fannite Byrd and husband Joe, and Lori Jones and husband Troy, all of Weatherford; one brother, John Brown of Fort Worth; one sister, JoBob Ferris of San Antonio; nine grandchildren, John Hones, Darla Whittington, Kerri Knapp, Jason Knapp, Lauren Miller, Drew Byrd, Garrett Miller, Kacie Miller and Ty Jones and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Shirley Bob Jennings in 2001, Darlene Knapp in 1999 and Karen Beth Jennings in 1955, one son, Jerry Dale Jennings in 1942; one granddaughter, Lindsay Blair Miller, 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 worst ip services)

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 30 - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Friday, April 1 - 7:00 pm First Baptist Church Eula Shawna Faireloth, will be giving her testimony, she is in the mission feild, you are

invited to attend this service

Sunday, April 3 *Spring Forward Don't Forget the time change.*

Sunday, April 3 - See service times listed above - COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!!!

"Sisters at the Well" We had a great fellowship in March! We will meet again in June.

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April 10 at 6:00 pm - ADORATION Praise and Worship Team from Lubbock - Everyone in the community is invited to attend!

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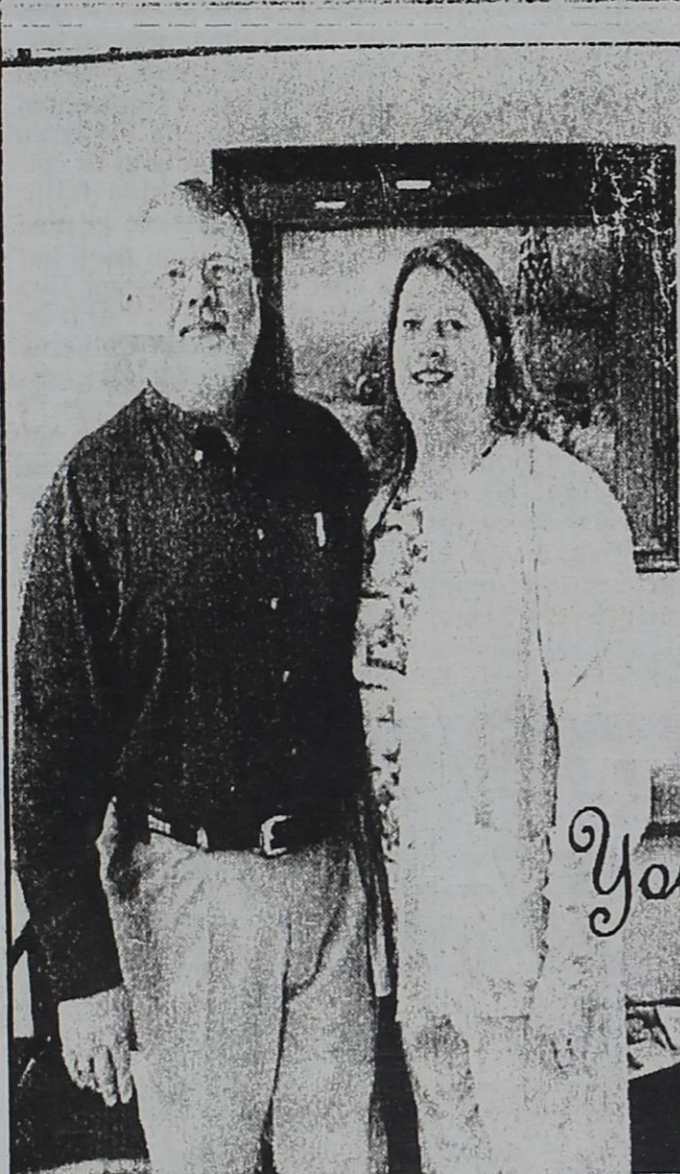
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