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## Callahan County Nutri－lem inside the building．This <br> tion Project would like to is very important，due to freez－ ask the general public to ers，milk boxes and refrigera－ help us monitor the Clyde tors．If this had not been dis－ Center，and kitchen，making covered，the project would sure the outside porch lights have lost several hundred dol－ remain buring during the lars of food．Please help us in week，and especially on reporting when the porch weekends．We had a power lights are not burning． outage past－weeks due to a－Numbers to call：Don squirrel，causing this prob－Haley 89305338 ，Katie Dunn

## State Health Services

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Monday，June 12th
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Please Bring Child＇s Immunization Records
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## Baird High School Homecoming

To Be Held September 16， 2006
The Baird High School Homecoming has been set for September 16，2006．All the activities this year will be on Saturday．We are try－ ing to update our address file and are needing addresses for the following people from the class of 1914－1937： Lual Halsted Blakley， Catherine Mullican Wardlaw，Maggie Price Kilbourne，Anna Scott McGowen，R．Forrest，Gar－ land Morrison，M．B Nichols，Celia Hooper Daigh，Judith Mayes McEachern，Willela

## Memorial Day 2006

By Tom Ivey
Our traditional Memorial Day of May 30 will be on Tuesday thus Monday，May 29 will be observed as a na－ tional holiday．The Civil War custom of marking and decorating the graves of fallen soldiers and sailors continues to the present day． American Legion Posts Eu－ gene Bell of Baird and Ernest Pettit of Moran will be placing American Flags on Veterans graves Flags will also be placed in the will also be placed in the Belle Plaine Cemetery for lowing the annual Memorial
Day services there．Every－ programs．
While Memorial Day is day to recognize those who made the supreme sacrifice to protect our freedom，it is also a day to offer thanks to those who continue to serve around the world．Our lives would be very different if we did not have those gallant men and women standing between us and those who wish to destroy the America that we enjoy and love so well．Offer thanks to a person in our country＇s uni form！
（Continued Inside）

## D．P．S．Report

## Cases Investigated Warnings．．． 126 Complaints．．． 119 DWI．．． 4 Public Intoxication．．． 1

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854－2403；Callahan County Sheriff＇s Dept．854－1444 Please keep trying until you reach meone．Your help will be appreciated．The seniors can also help．Anytime you are out，please drive by the center to check．
Baird Project Graduation Meeting Wednesday

There will be a project graduation meeting May 24 ， 2006 at 6 p．m．in Lauren Rodriguez＇s classroom in the Baird high school building．

Legislature Approves Historic Prop
Legislature Appro （Austin，Texas）－The Texa Legislaure 3rd Called Specia Monday afternoon after the passage of new laws enabling property tax relief of historic proportions，higher pay for teachers，and additional funding for public education． In just 30 －days，the Texas Legislature defied critics to pass bipartisan legislation benefiting Texas teachers， taxpayers and schools． Among the key victories are：
＊The creation of a modern constitutional school finance system addressing the State Supreme Court s mandate and allowing schools to open this fall
＊Record $\$ 15$ billion（over three years）of property tax relief for home and business property owners
＊A net overall tax cut
＊A fairer business tax with lower rates and choice of exemptions for business taxpayers
A doubling of the small business tax exemption
＊A \＄2，000 teacher pay raise and additional performance－ based teacher pay
＊Stronger caps and taxpayer protections，
Higher academic standards and more

## ccountability

The Legislature fixed the State s unfair and unstable business tax system． Currently，only one in sixteen Texas businesses pay the franchise tax．As a result，the school funding burden falls disproportionately homeowners and a small number of employers while many companies avoid paying the taxes．Legislators eliminated corporate tax loopholes so that all Texas corporations and business partnerships that receive liability protection，and earn more than $\$ 300,000$ per year （less cost of goods sold or

The Chamber of Com merce in Baird is planning its annual Antiques Mar ket／Trade Days celebra tion June 9th and 10th． The affair will tak The affair will take Street with shopping in－ doors and outside where doors and outside where
there will be plenty of an－ tiques，collectibles and crafts offered and plenty of good food vendors all weekdend．
Saturday events include a Little Miss Trade Day Pageant，quilt show，mu－ sic，line dancing，drinking booth，antique cars，and

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labor costs）will pay $1 \%$ or less．This lowers the overall tax rate while ensuring a broader number of businesses pay the required amount．

For the first time businesses will have a choice between deducting labor or the cost of goods sold as part of their tax calculations．Business tax rates are cut from the current $4.5 \%$ franchise tax rate，to $1 \%$ for the manufacturing and servic sector and $.5 \%$ in the retai and wholesale sector．The new business tax rates will be lower，flatter and fairer for all businesses
Small businesses are exempt from the business taxes if receipts are less than $\$ 300,000$ ．This is a doubling of the current $\$ 150,000$ exemption．Also exempt from filing are those businesses who make over $\$ 300,000$ bu owe less than $\$ 1,000$ ．

Included in the legislation，the Legislature voted to penalize those who hire illegal immigrants by prohibiting Texas businesses from deducting the costs o salaries and benefits for undocumented workers．

Home and busines owners will see property taxes lowered on the maintenance and operation portion of their school taxes．Lawmakers cut the $\$ 1.50$ property tax rate，by 17 cents，to $\$ 1.33$ per $\$ 100$ valuation in 2007 and $\$ 1$ per $\$ 100$ valuation in 2008．For example， school property tax liability for a home with a taxable value of $\$ 150,000$ will drop from $\$ 2,250$ to $\$ 1,500$－a $\$ 750.00$ annua savings．
The new legislation will make it harder for school districts to raise tax rates

## Antiques Market／Trade Days

teams will be performing throughout the day．A Fort Griffin Histor Reee forming and antique buggies will be displayed．
For the children and the young at heart，there will be air castles，face painting，a pet show，and at 4 p．m．there will be a bicycle，pedal car， go cart，antique car and pet parade．This you do not want o miss．
There will be a Tea Time Appraisal Fair from 1：30 to 3：00 p．m．at a historic home n downtown Baird．Ap－ praisal Fair tickets must be
more information and tickets call 854－1756．
A Chili，Chicken，Ribs and Brisket cookoff will get un derway Friday with award presentation at 4 p．m．on Sat urday． Weekend activities will wind down Saturday night with a street dance featuring Southern Edge．Tickets are $\$ 10$ per person $\$ 5$ for chil dren and $\$ 5$ cooler use fee． For informationj，tickets booth space reservation or to enter any of the events call the Baird Chamber of Com merce at 854－2003 or Barbara Corn at 854－1137．
ty Tax Cut and Education Funding
Prout voter approval．＊Requires high school rates 6 ，districts may raise students to take four years of rates 6 cents without a vote．science and math starting in Under the tax cut plan， 2007
school districts are limited to＊Strengthens the public raising tax rates 4 cents this school curriculum in order to year with school board improve student performance approval，and an additional 2 cents in two years only if voters approve．There is also an effective revenue cap triggering lower school tax rates on rollback elections if appraisal or value increases generate more than the equivalent of a 4－cent tax increase．
By cutting property taxes and increasing the amount of school district property wealth needed to trigger Robin Hood recapture，the bill reduces the number of school disticts in the Robin Hood system．The new 4－ cent local enrichment tier is not subject to Robin Hood recapture．Any further tax increases will require voter creases and would be approval and would be ubject to recapture．

The legislation also included nearly $\$ 1.7$ billion in new state public education funding Incorporated in this funding is \＄2，000 mount is a $\$ 2,000$ state funded pay increase for teachers，counselors， librarians and nurses．The plan encourages and rewards teaching excellence．In addition，local school districts will have the ability to create incentive plans so as to increase teacher performance and promote teachers who go to work in hard－to－staff schools，or ard－to－staff schools，or teach understaffed subjects．
The new school reforms

Drinking and driving is not only dangerous to all involved, but foolish when it's so easily avoidable. Before you take the chance again, take a close look at the following stats.


## STATISTICS

In 2000, more 19-year-olds died in alcohol-related traffic crashes than any other age $(1,368)$. The next most fatal ages were $18,21,20$, 17 and 22 , respectively. No other single ages but these six recorded more than 1,000 fatalities.

By a wide margin, 21 -year-olds recorded the most alcohol-related fatalities (680) in 2000. The ages with the next highest numbers of fatalities in alcohol-related crashes were 19, 22, 20 and 23, respectively. By comparison, no other single age besides these five accounted for more than 500 alcohol-related fatalities.

In 2000, more 19-year-olds died in lower BAC (between . 01 and .09) alcohol-related crashes than any other age. In fact, 19-, 21-, 18-, 20-, 22- and 17-year-olds made up the top six ages (in order) of people who died in these crashes.

In 2000, 18 -year-olds accounted for the most alcohol-related fatalities and the most fatalities where no restraint system
(seat belts or motorcycle helmets) was used.


## Callahan County (Baird) Star <br> Obituaries

## Ella Charlene 'Sis' Tucker

## CLYDE-Ella Charlene and a member of Southsid

 Sis' Tucker, 69, of Clyde, Texas died Saturday, May 20, 2006 at a Baird Care Center.Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2006 at the Clyde Cemetery with Bro. Billy
Sellers officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Charlene was born December 28, 1936 in Cross Plains to Charlie and Jeffie (Nigar) Bell. She grew up and attended school at Cross Plains. She was the widow of Norman Tucker whom she married September 2, 1972. They moved to Clyde in
1972. She was a homemaker

## Wilma Faircloth

BAIRD- Wilma Faircloth, member of the First Baptist 76, of Baird, Texas, died Church. She married Odie Friday, May 19, 2006 at an Ray Faircloth in Abilene on Abilene hospital. Ray Faircloth in Abilene on
May 14, 1949.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 22, husband, Ray Faircloth of 2006 at the First Baptist Baird; two daughters, Kay Church with Rev. Truman Faircloth of Baird and Johnson officiating, directed Debbie Faircloth of Abilene; by Parker Funeral Home. one son, Tommy Faircloth of Burial followed in the Ross Abilene; one brother, Grady
Cemetery Annex.
Dorsett of Abilene; 7 Cemetery Annex.
Wilma was born September 6, 1929 in Winters, Texas to Will Dorsett and Linnie of nieces and nephews; and Wallace Dorsett. She has her pen pal and care giver lived in Baird since 1963 Joan Heinen of Baird. moving from Tuscola, Texas. She was preceded in death She was a homemaker and a by a daughter, Irene Floyd.
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Primary Texas counties in the Big Country include: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Haskell, Jones Nolan, Shackelford, Taylo
and Throckmorton. and Throckmorton. qualify for economic Injury qualify for economic Injury of up to $\$ 1.5$ million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not oc working capital for these working capital loans is
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fought for victory in may fought for victory in many different ways, who pulled world at war demanded their best. Memorial Day Service will be held at Ross Cemeter in Baird, Monday, May 29,
2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the foot of the American Flag. Guest speaker will be Allen
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On May 17, 2006 the Baird 3rd graders were treated to a visit from "Lazer Lance", the Mad Scientist. Lazer gave a fantastic, hands on lesson with experiments on electricity. Sam Green's favorite part of the lesson was when the kids made their own parallel and series circuits. Talya Mendez learned the difference between closed and open circuits. Preston Clark's favorite part was when they learned about protons and neutrons using conductors and insulators. Lazer Lance is a graduate of Hardin Simmons: University and is employed by Mad Science.

Farm Service Emergency Loan Applications logs and speed up the proBeing Accepted For Drought Relief

Callahan County was de-
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Agency, (F.S.A.) disaster emergency loans on April 20, 2006. Generally that means that farmers who hav heir production 30 percent o their production due to
drought on January 1,2006 drought on January 1, 2006 ar F.S. A loans. Proceed from crop insurance ar ram crop insurance are when determining eligibility F.S.A. Farm Loan Man

Plans are being made for the 2006 Summer Readi Library. Story times will b Library. Story times will be at 2:00 p.m., each Thurs
day, June $15,22,29$ and day, June 15, 22, 29 and
July 6. A Celebration time of fun games and the awarding of attendance certificates will be Thurs day, July 13 .
There will be a class for ages three years through first grade and another class for second grade on
Registration will start Registration will start
ager, Richard G. Young, is arging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their application into F.SA as soon as possible. Richard G. Young said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is De-
cember 20, 2006, for severe physical losses only. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid back
Summer Reading Program At Clyde Public Library, New Books
Richard Young said. ndividual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by hold ing a majority interest The FSA office in Anso is open from 8 a m. to $4: 30$ p.m., Monday - Friday The FSA office is at 2303 The FA The telephone number (325) 823-3269. Summer Reading Club 2006 Novel., by is Reading, Sports of Champions.
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(Memorial Day continued from Pg. 1) Eula Homecoming Set For June 10

The Bugler sounds TAPS
for our buddies who have re cently answered the last call: Jesse Edward Bigbee-USA Charles Edwin Booz- USCG, Roger Smith-USA Campbell-USAAF, R.T. Jesse Sorrells-USA, Lilburn Chenault-USA, Richard Earl Dusek-USA, J.C. Earp, Jr. USA, Silas Ray Floyd-USN, Sr-USAAF, and Bob Wolls, Horace A. Freeman, USA William Robert Haile-USA, Say a prayer and a word Billy Gene Hale, Sr., USAF, of thanks for these Veterans Billy Joe Hawk- USN, Rita

Oplin Community Homecoming To Be Held June 3, 2006
The Oplin Community until around Center would like to invite
everyone who has ever lived in the Oplin Community to
mark their calendars for Saturday, June 3 , for our bi-annual Homecoming and Community Wide Dinner. Folk will begin to gather at the
community center about $9: 00$ a.m.. bringing with them a side dish or dessert to accompany all the brisket that our volunteers will cook To Persomewhere around noon and


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extremely important," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "A holiday weekend means going three days without a blood drive. The blood collected at this drive will help supply blood to patients in 17 area hospitals." According to information provided by Meek Blood

Center, only $5 \%$ of the population eligible to donate blood actually do so. Approximately one out of every ten patients admitted to the hospital requires a blood transfusion. Most of those patients require at least three pints of blood. There is no artificial substitute for blood. Our blood supply is totally dependent on volunteer donors.
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Annual Meeting of the Belle Plaine Cemetery Association To Be May 29 Association will hold it's an- trance. nual business meeting on The Honor Guard must Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th. The Callahan County Historical Society is combining their summer picnic meeting with our meeting this year.
Belle Plaine Cemetery i locatèd 8 miles south of Baird. Take Hwy 283 to CR 470 and turn east. Turn north at CR 473 (first dirt road) and
ies. Norman West Jr will play the National Anthem and Ashly Rowen and her horse Frankie will represent the Riderless Horse Robert Partain and Luke Senter of the Abilene Pipers are our speakers/guests this year and will present a spelute.
A potluck dinner will follow the business meeting. Everyone should bring a covmeat and drinks


Mr. Tollett, Mr. Williams, and the Baird HS Economics and Government Classes Hanner Chevrolet Hosts Baird Seniors
single man on Base in the first five innings, Eula High
School Base team, advanced School Base team, advanced
over the Plains Cowboys Friday night in a game in which the Pirates finally ran three in in the sixth and won 3-1 at Lubbock's Eagle Field. Eula goes 18-6 into th
game with New Deal. game with New Deal.
Making 1 run in the Making 1 run in the top o
the sixth by Zach Ramos, the Cowboys, in for Landon
Craft, ran on a wild pitch fromEula's Ethan White (13${ }^{0}$ ).
Coach Heath Watts conveye that he and the team were connect with this pitcher turned into a contac
"I told them they needed
to start hitting the ball", to start hitting the ball." which turned the team
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Wylie Bulldog baseball team
Clay Martin: even though "the garme was a lot closer the game was a lot closer than the score," and that well and made some huge well and made some huge play's defensively... the fact
that the Clyde made back-toback errors in the sixth inning in their first game played at McMurry's Driggers field in the Class 3 A regional quarterfinals, the game stood at 7-2 Wylie on Thursday, May 18, giving the other which they overwhelmingly which they overwhelmingly
won $23-3$.
Clyde's two runs occurred in the bottom of the third in the bottom of the third,
when shortstop JacobAgnew led off with a play on an error which put him on 2nd, following which a center field overthrown tag attempt,
and again a sailing high overand again a sailing high over-
thrown ball, letting him
$\begin{array}{llll} & & & \text { Game } \\ \text { Wylie } & 001 & 103 & 2-7\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllr}\text { Clyde } & 002 & 000 & 0-2 \\ \text { E-Wylie } & 3, & \text { Clyde } & 5,\end{array}$ E-Wylie 3, Clyde 5,
LOB--Wylie 10, Clyde 7,
2B-W: Chase Davis, Greg

## Game

$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Clyde } & 100 & 20 x & x-3 & 7 & 6 \\ \text { Wylie } 35(15 & 0 x x & x-23 & 17 & 2\end{array}$ McNutt, Ramos (2)
Hayden (3) Strohl (3) and Hayden (3) Strohl (3) and Brown, Stetson Taylor Landon Lindley (4) and Salgzgaber (5), W- Taylor

## Obituary

 Tommy L. PopeTommy L. Pope, 72, of
Abilene, Texas passed away Tuesday, May 23, 2006 in Abilene hospital.
A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 25,2006 at the Highway 36 Church of Christ. Ed Headrick will officiate. There will not be any viewing at Parker Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held
at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Crane Cemetery in Crane Crane Cemetery in Crane,
Texas directed by Parker Texas directed by Park
Funeral Home of Baird.
Tommy was born Sept. 28, 1933 in Cisco, Texas to Dale Pope and Helen Hanaford Pope. He had lived in Rowden, Texas for ten years then moved to Taylor Co. 7 months ago. He was a retired college professor at Cisco Junior College, and retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve
as a Lt. Commander. He
When Plains came to bat, White secondly struck out
Peter Neufeld, then his 12 th Peter Neufeld, then his 12 th.
Coach Watts, "I don't Know how long it's been since we've won two playoff games." Eula's last bi-dis-
trict win was in 1992 trict win was in 1992
precendent to this year's win precendent to
over Rotan. fielder Greg Garrison with an
initial single allowed Kory
McNutt when he was hit by McNutt when he was hit by ting Clyde 2-1 ahead. Wylie's pitcher Michael Strong pitched a complete game, striking out seven. He allowed only one base runner in the last three innings. When Wylie evened the score at two-two. Clyde Bulldog pitcher Garza, Clyde allowed
two errors after retiring two two errors after retiring two,
Chase Daniels of Wylie who Chase Daniels of Wylie, who
had previously been out via had previously been out via
third baseman Kory McNutta line drive then a ground out,-took his third swing at bat and hit a right field fly ball, while shortshop Blake Lemen hit a single, batting to center field, gave the Wylians a 5-2 sixth end; followed by two more runs in the seventh Carlos Garza, while pitch 1 Johnson, SB--W: Nathan Saltzbaber, Evan Chrane, Spencer Davis, C: Carlos Garza, Kory McNutt.
 Macnutt; Wylie Mason Satltgaber, Johnsonan Satitgaber, Johnson ${ }^{2}$
Spencer Davis, 2; 3B Wylie: Chase Davis; DSaltzgaber.
Wylie: Record 22-8. letting oo five "uncarned"
soores: boding ill for a lead-
off pitcher.
The four-0" clock pitch out
at Drigger's pitch on Friday.
allowed Wylie to march away
with quarterfinal title with
the $23-3$ victory, allowing
Martin's team to advance to
play West.
With everyone in the
Wylie Bulldog squad getting
at least a hit, Martin said,
"we were extremely disci-
plined." Clyde finished the
game $19-12$ for the season
and got one run ahead in the
top of the first. However,
Wylie got three in the bottom
and continued strong, then
Clyde tried four different
pitchers in the contest. The
game ended with Clyde get-
ting two in the fourth and
ending the gamee in the top of
the fifth by the $10-r u n ~ o v e r ~$
rule. Eula Advances in Softball to Play

## Windthorst

 Eula's win over Haskell in Abilene's Christian complexallowed a game followeup for the regional 1A semifinal softball team, alllowed a shot at Windthrost for the Regional finals.
The Windthorst game will played on Thursday in Graham at 5 p.m.
Lundy in Torrance Co., N.M. Sept. 6, 1956. She preceded him in death in 1993.
Survived by 1 son, Tommy W. Pope of Abilene, TX.; 1 daughter, Tammy Smitherman of Midland, TX; 2 sisters, Jo Garrison of Ardmore, OK. and Mary Hurt of Okla City, OK.; 4 grandchildren; and a number grandchildren; and a numb
of nieces and nephews.
served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1960. He also owned Anchor Pest Control in member of the Highway 36 Church of Christ. He was the Past President of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Assn. He married Barbara Lorraine

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between retail purchase and GM Smartbuy, a buye friendly form of leasing.

As the Economics I have tried to inerease have tried to inerease spending Economics by spending some time on buying, funeral planning and acquisition of wealth by bringing to class or going to visit with professionals in specific fields. Everyone is going to make money in life. How we spend money determines our lifestyle; and to some extent, our success in life. Every student is unique with individual goals and objectives that change from student to student However, the keys to wise financial management are pretty much the same from generation to generation. Learn the basics and each student has a platform to build of regardless ndividual goals.

## Eula Advances Against New Deal in Baseball, By 3-1 Win Over Plains on Friday in Lubbock

J.C. Tunnell also walked vanced and Eula led 2-1 first.
Jane on then T.J. Cordova-an ace grounder to Ramos at short Pitcher, put in as pitcher for Mayes, A drag bunt by Jus-
tin LaFrance, a .600 batter whose has never swung, and is "as fast as lightning, and
ran before a throw to first, loading the bases Quinn Powers was allowed to out by a fly to right field followed by Matt Pannell who score
Dement with a single. White, a junior,from Eul came to bat nervously an came to bat nervously and
walked to first. Corbin ad$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Plains } & 000 & 001 \\ \text { Eula } & 000 & 001 \\ 003 & 0-3 \\ 0 & 0\end{array}$

## Class A Area Baseball Playoff

Cody Mayes, T.J. Cordova (6) and Landon Craft, Ethan White and Quinn Powers, W-White (13.0). L Mayes (7-3), 2B: Plains--Todd Williams, Cordova. Records-Plains, Eula 18-6

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Luke Andrew Hatton is the son of Dickie and Patricia Hatton. His high school activities include: Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; FCA, UIL Academics. He plans to become a U.S. Marine Reservist, attend college in fall of 2007 at Texas or Howard Payne University to become a licensed Athletic Trainer.
 Jared Scott Blair is the son of John and Johanna Blair
His high school activities include: Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; Track 1,2; All School Play 4; Marching and Concert Band 1,2; Percussion Squad Captain 2; Academic Squad Captain 2; Academic
Team 1,2,3,4; UIL Academic Competition 1,2,3,4; KTXS Competition $1,2,3,4$; KTXS 2,3; HPU's Academy of Freedom Democracy-InFreedom Democracy-In-
Action program 2,3,4; Student Action program 2,3,4; Student
Council Representative 2,3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Drama Club

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COLT WILLIAMSON Colt Tyler Williamson is the son of Lynn and Gai Williamson. His high schoo activities include: Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball $1,2,3,4$ Track $1,2,4 ;$ Honors All State Football; Track 4th in State All District in baseball Fellowship of Christian Athetics North All Star Team All Big Country Footbal Team; First Baptist Church member. He plans to attend University of New Mexico and major in Constructio Engineering

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T.J. FELTS T. J. Felts is the son of Tab
and JoAnn Felts. His activities
 Band. He has been selected to pllay in the Fellowship of Fabitball Game in Abilene on Tunte 3. He plans to attend majopr is undecided.


Kre millican Calyin and Jill Millican and pe, grandson of Jean Ann Prige and
Millican.
'His activities during high schiool include Football 1,2, Teq́ms All-District Special reams 3: All Distric
Dofensive End 4; Bi-District Champions 4: 4IL Mothematics
Cothematics 4; UIL Iformative Speaking 1: Band I:Computer Club 4;FFA 4: Senior Class President; Beta Club 2, 3.4; Academic Team 1,2, 3; Basketball 1. Awarded Alf Scholarship for 4 years He plans to attend Texas $A$ \& $M$ University in College Station in the fall and major in omputer Engineering. He plans on getting his E Sineering at A \& $M$ and mither continue graduate EMIT for his PhD gnomadatunas
 Mindy Michelle Briley is
the daughter of Ben and Della Briley. Her activities during high school include Volleyball
1, 2; Basketball Beta Club at Nationals): Public Relations; Football Aweetheart 2005; A-B Academic Ceam 4; Old Rip
Fest Queen 2005. She plans to Fest Queen 2005. She plans to
attend Texas A \& M in the fall and will be a Policital Science Major/Pre-Law. After
graduating she plans to attend Law School and become a


BENJAMIN MCNABB Benjamin Carson McNabb McNabb. His activities during high school include GPA; 33 college credit hours with 4.0 GPA of the Range College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an International Honor Society of the Two Year
College; Recognized as Outstanding Student in 2004, 2005, and 2006; Activities Football, Band and Jazz Band. Organizations: Key Club, Spanish Club, FCCLA and BETA Club president.
Member of the First Baptist Church in Eastland where he serves as guitarist for the Employed part time by Eastland Drug Co
accepted and plans to attend the University of Texas at pharmacy major.

 daughter of Steve and Loretta Key. Her activities during high school include volleyball Sor.; Basketball 2 yrs; FCCLA 4 yrs. She plans to attend Texas State University


## in June.

ELIZABETH HOOPER Elizabeth Hooper is the daughter of Jerry and Joanna Hooper. Her activities during All District Varsity Softhall 3 yrs: $1^{\text {st }}$ Team All Academic Varsity Volleyball 1 yr (sophomore); Art Club; FFA Skills Team. He prans to attend college after wedding


CAMERON HICKS of Terry and Kerri Peeples His activities during high plans to attend college a High-Tech Institute Phoenix, AZ to pursue a
Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design and Animation.


TRAVIS HRBACEK Travis Mitchell Hrbacek is Sanders. His activities during high school include UIL Academics: Math, Science Number Sense, Calculator FFA: Plant ID, Creed Speaking, Show Animals, BPA (Business Professionals of America); Legal Office Procedures; Tennis; Basketball; Band; Percussion.
He is currently enlisted in the He is currently enlisted in the
US Navy as an AV Aviation Electric \& Electronic Engineer. He plans to get Engineer. He plans to get a
degree in Chemistry \& Aviation Engineering later to Avation Engineering later to Figher Jets. Naval career.

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DEBBIE
THACKERSON Debbie Anne Thackerson is the daughter of Larry and
Johnnie Thackerson. She
plans to attend Cisco Junior College for 1 year, than finish Austin Cyear of basics at Then go to University of Texas in Austin and major in
Psychology so she can be a Criminal Psychologist and


CASEY MERONEY Casey Meroney is the son
Linda Meroney and Danny of Linda Meroney and Danny
Meroney. His activities during high school include Football
1 yr. He -plans to-go into the work force, move to Abilene
and live life to the fullest.


JUSTIN BAYS
Justin Bays is the son of
Kim and Brett Bays. His activities during high school nclude Basketball 1 yr; Golf
4 yrs; Beta Club 3 yrs; Key
Club l yr; April Studentof the Club 1 yr.; April Student of the 0 attend CJC for 2 years then
 Brittany Leigh Whitlock is Donna Whitlock. Her
Donna Wertis and
activities during high school activities during high school
include Powerlifting,
Cheerleading, Twirling Cheerleading, Twirling
(baton). She plans to attend (baton). She plans to attend
college to obtain a degree in Nursing as an RN.

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 daughter of Travis and Loretta Elmore. Her activities during years. She is unsure of her
future plans.


ALEJANDRA IBARRA Alejandra Ibarra is the daughter of Jaime and Susana
Ibawa. Her activitics during Ibawa. Her activitics during
high school include FCCLA. high school include FCCLA.


CARMEN GALICIA
CARMEN GALICIA Carmen Veronica Galicia is
the daughter of Ma del the daughter of Ma del during high school include
FCCLA. She is undecided about future plans but is interested in computer
massage therapy and music.


RAENA SHEPHARD Raena Irene Shephard is the daughter of Rana and Berry
Holley and Mark and Beth Shephard. Her activities
during high school include Varing high school include
to attend TSTC in


JASON BYNUM Jason Bynum is the son of
Rhonda and Dale Bynum. His activities during high school include Basketball 1 yr. He

nown
1 $\qquad$ MARK SMITH
Mark Smith is the so Tommy and Pam Smith. His activities during high school
include active FFA member and Chapter Vice President, active member of the Beta
Club, Sr. Quiz and Poultry Club, Sr. Quiz and Poultry
Evatuation Team for FFA, Evatuation Team for FFA,
shown broilers at the county stockshow and york barrow at
county and the San Angelo county and the San Angelo
Stock Show. He plans to Stock Show. He plans to attend Cisco Junior College and then Tarleton. He plans on becoming a History teacher


STORMY GARY daughter of Lee and Angela Gary. Her activities during high school include Band 4 yrs; FCCLA 2 yrs; Band
Sweetheart; Who's Who
Freshman and Sophomore yr Freshman and Sophomore yr.: Band I yr. She plans to attend Cisco Junior College 2 years,
major in photography and major in photography and minor undecided. She
undecided after CJC.


VANESSA COLLINS Vanessa Collins is the daughter of Wesley and
Tammy Collins. Her activities during high school include
Cheerleading 2 yrs; Flag Corp 1 yr; Band 4 yrs; Band
1 Sweetheart nominee, Student
of the Month for March. She plans to go to CJC to be a


JOHNATHAN WILSON Johnathan Wilson is the son of Dianne Wilson and the late
John Wilson. His activities during high school include teaching martial arts for free for an after school program in Ranger Co plans to attend Ranger College for two years


Melanie Cain is the daughter of Allison Cain and David Cain. Her activities during high school include Basketball 2 yrs; Softball 4 yrs; Volleyball 4 yrs received Honorable Mention 1st \& 2nd Team All-District; All Team Academic; Student Council. She plans to attend CJC on a scholarship for volleyball for 2 years for her basics then attend Kansas
State University or Michigan to major in Sports Medicine

Other graduating seniors from Eastland High School that did not provide this newspaper with information are Arturo Alanis, Jessica Avalos, Jayce Batteas, Jeleesa Casey, Justin Cummings, Timothy Elmore, Rhyne Franswort, Amanda Flowers, Joe Friend, James Garcia, Tabitha Gary, Michael Gray, Jonathan Hernandez, Ammanuel Inocencio, Nianna Kliener, Tristan Lee, Omar Madera, Victoria Ojeda, Cody Osteen, Chetan Panchal, Dory Sellers, Daniel Spruill, Joshua St. Peter, Chad Stephens, Chad Stewart, Stephanie Thomason, Enrique Trejo, Lucas Tretter, Taylor Waters, Joshua Wells, Jillian White, Shelley White and Terry Wil-


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Jim Morgan is the son of Terry and Judy Morgan. His activities during high school include Football, Baseball, Basketball, and Track. He plans to attend CJC for two
years then go to Texas Tech to


JESSECA ADAMS Jesseca Chea Adams is the daughter of John and Meilssa Northam and Jesse and Teresa Adams. Her activities during high school include UIL Spelling 2 yrs $\quad$ hletic Trainer 2 yrs; Band 4 yrs; Section Leader 2 yrs; Secretary of Band; National Honor Society; Band 3 yrs; Spanish Club. She plans to attend CJC for 2 years then go to UT for Nursing


JACLYN NIX Jaclyn Nix is the daughter
of Randy Nix and Lind Hatcher. Her activities during high school include Band 1,2 3; Informative Speaking - UIL 1,2; Basketball Manager 1, 2 Track Manager 1, 2; HST 2 , Technology) She Science attend CJC for 2 years to then attend CJC in Abilene and go to nursing school and become an RN and maybe go further and become an CRNA. Her dream is to become a

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WHITNEY HARRIS Whitney Shellea Harris is Me daughter of Dr. Gary and Marty Harris. Her activities
during high school include Band, Cheerleading, Track, Basketball, Vice President of Spanish Club, Computer Club, Student Council. She plans to attend CJC for 2 years then transfer to UT to get her degree in medicine. She plans on becoming a doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).


JENNY TINER Jenny Marine Tiner is the Tiner. Her activities during high scho ol include Band 1,2; UIL 3,4 ; HST 2, 3, 4; Regionalist © Soptball $1 \geqslant$ Re 4 Regionalst softball 1, 2,$4 ;$
Annual Staff 3; Pals 4. She Annual Staff 3; Pals 4. She
plans to aittend CJC for two plans to aittend
years then attend Tarleton Nursing Program to get her: BSN in Nursing. After that she plans to work for two years and go back to get her degree


DANA BOYD Dana Boyd is the daughter of Gary and Teresa Boyd. Her activities dur ing high school nclude coro nation (play); Shattered Dre ams. She plans counseling ps ychologist.


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A.SHLEY WEBB Ashley Ann Webb is the
daughter of Dianna Webber daughter of Dianna Webb and Gerry webb. Her activities
during high school include during high school include
Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; District Champ. 4; Regional Qualifier 1, 3, 4; Golf MVP 3; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis MVP 3; Track 3 ( 100 \& 300 Hurdles); Gifted \& Talented 1, 2, 3, 4; Color Guard 4; Annual Staff 4; Band Sweetheart nominec; JV Cheerleader; One Act Play , 2; Who s Who Among American Students 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-M Music National Honor Soc iety 4 . She graduated with
26 college hours and then 26 college hours and then Abilene until she gets her real estate license.


SAMANTHA BURNS Samantha Ranae Burns is Penny Burns. Her activities Penny Burns. Her activities
during high school include National Honor Society President; Varsity CheerPresident; Varsity Cheer-
leader; Cross Couniry; Tri-M leader; Cross Counury; Tri-M
Music Honor Society; Band; UIL Math; Calculator Literary Criticism; Class Officer; Homecoming Queen Nonninee; Queen Lobo Nominee; One Act Play. She plans to attend Angelo State
University and major in University and major in
biology. She then wants to biology. She then wants to
attend medical school and attend medical school and Medicine.


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for 2 years then go to Tarleton for 2 years then go to Tarleton
to get his bachelors degree in coaching.


LORA McCULLOUGH Lora Diane McCullough is the daughter of Jim and Diana McCullough. Her activities during high school include Volleyball 4 years; Softball 3 years; Basketball $k$ year; Track year; Cheerleading 2 Student Council 3 years Spanish Club 3 years; Yearbook Staff; National Honor book Staff; National Honor
Society 3 years; National Honor Society President. Her Honor Society President. Her
future plans are to attend future plans are to attend
Angelo State University and obtain a degree in Math PreMedicine. From there she plans on going to Medical School to become a derma-
tologist. tologist.
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Miss RHS. Her future plans are to attend Angelo State University and major in account-


MATHEW WILSON the son of Jerry and Betsy Wilson. His activities-during high school include Eootbăll, Basketball, Baseball, Track Basketball, Baseball, Track
FFA, Student Council, SappiFFA, Student Council. SappiSenior Class President, Sophomore Class Student Class Secretary; 2005-2006 January Student of the Month Band, State Qualifying Band '04. His future plans are to at tend Ranger College for a year and then transfer to Texas A \& M and major in mechanical engineering. After college he wants to get a good job, ge married, have a family and just be happy
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 Rachael Howell is the Howell and Patricia Tharp Her activities during high school include All-District Band member, All-Region Band member, Area Band member, State Band Ensemble, Band, Class Officer, Student Council Officer, Mascot, Color Guard, UIL, Nacot, Color Guard, UIL, Na-
tional Honor Society, Sr. Class Favorites, Sr. Best Personality, Favorites, Sr. Best Personality,
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 Dustin Blake Stewart is the son of Tim and Samantha
activities during high school Baseball 4 years: FFA4 years; Basketball 4 years: One Act Play 9th, 12th - Honorable Mention; Baseball 4 years; Honorable Mention IDefensive Line - Sophomore; Hlonorabie Mention Guard \& 2 nd Team Linebacker - Junior, Honorable Mention Linebaker - Se-
nior; All-Star Cast, zone; AllStar Cast District; Honorable Mention All-Star Cast area Senior; Student of the Month.
He plans to attend Ranger College for 2 years, get associates and then transfer somewhere and major in architec-
ture


JESSICA HODGE Jessica Ofelia Hodge is the Anita Hodge and the grancldaughter of Linda Plumley Her activities during high school include 3 time Re .gional CC Qualifier; 4 time Regional Track qualifier; 2 time 1600 m District Champ; 3 time 1600 m Area Champ; the Year, '05-'06 Honorable Mention All District Volley Mention All District Volley 3 years Siu. Co. Presider 3 years; Stu. Co. President; One Ace Play Regional Qualifying Cast; One-Act Play 4 years; Best Actress at District Comp. '06; UIL Ready Writ-
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JEANNETICE MUNIZ
Jeannette Mluniz is the


JUSTIN RIFFLE Justin Riffle is the son of Darla McDonald and Mark Riffle. His activities during high school include Slyvester's right hand man, Slyvester's right hand man,
Vehicle Maintenance. He plans to go into the Marines.
Writing State Qual.: Home coming 2005 Queen Nominee: Sophomore Class Favorite: Jolliest Junior: Sappiest Senior; Band 3 years: State Qualifying Marching Band 03; Student of the Month. She plans to attend the College of Mexico on a track \& CC Scholarship and hopes to entually become an English

 Oind. Her attittes during ball. Temis, Sotiball. Golf. FFA. Cheerleadine. Vollerall. Spamish Club 3 ? ca State FFA Qualifier: CIL: Stu All-District Golf. She plans io tlend Ranger Collewc for year than tramser to Tevis \& M in Galveston to mijor in Marine Biology. .


BRITTNI HUGHES Britmi Hughes is the Hughes. Her activities during high school include Cheerleading 4 years; VolleyBasketball 4 years; Spanish Club 2 years; 1st Team AllDistrict Volleyball senior year; All-American Cheerleader 3


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Medal Winner $04-05$ Medal Winner '04-'05, '05-
'06. She plans to attend Ranger Coliege one year and transfer to Tarleton State University and major in Law. gional Qualifier in Impromptu


Uloni BRIFANY PERRY di Britany Ann Perry is the
daughter of Tammy Perry. Cody Jones and Billy Perry. Her activities during high school include Softball 3 years. She plans to go to HIT
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2nd Team District; Track District Area \& Regional Qualilier 400 meter \& 800 meter relays; Baseball Ist Team Dis trict center fielder; holder bench, deadlift \& total pounds; UIL District \& ReSpeaking. He plans to play football for Hardin Simmons University a
ness degree.


Bobby Beck is the son
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JPILLMAN
Jonathan Spillman is the Gibson and Shannon Spate. His activities include Cross Track, UIL Academics, One Act Play and Golf. He plans Texas at Arlington and major in Anthropology and history.


CHAZ ODOM
Carla and Terry Odom. His Carla and Terry Odom. His include Football 4 yrs; Track yrs; Tennis 4 yrs, made regionals senior year; Golf 4
yis, went to regionals all 4 years. He plans to attend Cisco
 JACQUE Jacque Underwood is the daughter of Robert Newman. Her activities during high school include Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Softball, Tennis; on Dairy Products Judging in FFA; UIL Academics. She plans to atsity and major in Physical Education and become a coach or go to TSTC and get

 Abel Luna is the son of
Pedro and Margarita Luna His activities during high Bask include Football 2, 4: UIL Academics 2, 3, 4: Current Events District Ist Team Regional Qualifier 3, 4; Social
Studies District Ist Team ReStudies District Ist Team Reattend Cisco Junior College for 2 years, afterwards he wil transfer to Tarleton State University and is undecided about


BRANDON SANDERS
Brandon Sanders is the son of Tim and Nettie Stone and Scott Sanders. His activities
during high school include Football, Basketball. Track One Act Play and Tennis. He phans to ge to the Air
afld bécound a fireman.


CASEY ROBBINS
Casey Robbins is the son of Steve Robbins and Morris and during high school include Football 1.2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3,4; Track 1, 2, 3; Golf, Tennis 2, Football, Basketball,
Track, Golf 1, 2; Tennis 1,2, 3, 4. His future plans are undecided.


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cense and start working and ave money so that tater she can go back and get a business


LACEY SANDERS Lacey Jane Linnay Sanders is the daugher of Barry and
Penny Sanders. Her daring high school include One Act Play, Golf and Cros Country. She plans to major in the arre ailsaind hopefülly
open up in itidemy or some. open up an acaidemy or some-
thing that has to do with act-


LANCE CLABORN Lance Claborn is the son of Don and Linda Claborn. His activities during high school include Basketball 4 yrs, varsity 3; Varsity Football 4 yr : Track 3 yrs; Golf 4 yrs with District Championships: Senior Year Awards: Ist Team All District Defensive Back Basketball: Mr. Rising Star Basketball: Mr. Rising Star High Scrool. He plans to go
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he son of Karen Baker and Wesley Baker.


ALICIA EVANS
Alicia Brooke Evans is the daughter of Tim and Melissa
Evans. Her activitič during Evans. Her activities during Country
Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3 4; Golf 2; Track 1, 2, 4; Academic UIL 1, 2; Academic UIL Regional Qualifier 2: Track Regiona Qualifier 2, 4; Academic Al State Basketball 4; Miss Ris-

BRANDON BLANKENSHIP Brandon Blankenship is the
ing Star; Miss La Estrellita; Football Sweetheart: Miss RSHS.
She plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall majoring in pre-law. gory. His activities durehigh school include Football aseball, Basketball FFA, Baseball, Basking. Track and Golf. He plans to take Varsity Golf. He plans to take Varsity University (football) and Physical therapy - and


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SHANE HUMPHRIES
Shane Matthew Humphries is the son of Mark and Denisa Humphries. His activities during high school include Bas ketball and Band. He plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland and be a Graphic
Designer.



TANA KELTON Tana Jo Kelton is the
daughter of Joel Kelton daughter of Joel Kelton and ties during high school include Cross Country 4 yrs; Track 4 Cheerleading 2 yrs 4 - H 4 yrs FFA 4 yrs; Band 2 1/2 yrs Beta Club 4 yrs; Horse Judg ing 4 yrs; UIL 4 yrs. She plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in animal


ZACHARIAH LUNDY
Zachariah Raymond Lund Zachariah Raymond Lundy
s the son of Brian and Yvonne undy.
His activities during high school include Football, Bas-
ketball, FFA, Band, Class Of ficer-Reporter. Ae planstorattend Del Ma Junior College.


KRISTINA MCDORMAN Kristina McDorman is the daughter of Steve and Kathy McDorman. Her activities during high school include Cheerleading, Basketball, and Cross Country.


CALVIN NOBLES Calvin Michael Nobles is the son of Michaet and Chris-
tina Nobles and Amanda and tina Nobles and Amanda and
Darren Simpkins. His activities during high school include Basketbail, Football Manager.
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on of Jose Rodriguez and
Maria Rodriguez. His activi ties during high school include Band, Football, and Track. He plans to attend TSTC and major in auto body repair.


ZACK SMITH
Zack Smith is the son of
Scott Smith and Raenita Saw-
yer. His activities during high school include Ist place com-
puter science, Webmaster end South Plains College for Sound Technology Vocals.
TONY RODGERS Rodgers His Carol and Bill Rodgers. His activities during high school
include Band' (drum corps)'।
in 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2. 3; UIL Science 3, 4: One Act Play 4
and Track 3.4. Also takendua and Track 3,4. Also thaken dual
credit courses and have a to tal of 21 college hours. He plans to minor in husiness and English. psychology or his

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RODRIGUEZ Chance Rodriguez is the son of Rudy and Lauren
Rodriguez. His high school activities include Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, Baseball, FCA, Student Council, Beta Club, UIL. He plans to play football and run track at Tarleton State Uni


BLAN Scott is the son of
Blan Stan Miller and Marian Scott.
High school activities in clude Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, FFA, FCA, Beta Club, and UIL. He is undecided about which college to attend.

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Cody Shouse is Lisa and Carl Shouse. Hi high school activities include Football and Baseball. He college


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No photo available MARINOEL TURNER Marinoel Elizabeth Turner is the daughter of Debra Turner and granddaughter of Norma Turner and Arturo Velis. Her high school activities include Band, Flags, Yearbook, CNA certification. She plans to work at Hendricks and take an LVN Nurse program.
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FCS, worked at her church's Kids Club, and is an active member of church Youth
Group and a member of yearbook staff. She plans to attend McMurry and major in Drama.


KENDRAALYSE WILKERSON Kendra Alyse Wilkerson is
the daughter of Teri Stevenson and Weldon
Wilkerson. Her high school Wilkerson. Her high school
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## sel inechanics.



KAYLA WINDHAM Kayla Windham is the daughter of Tom and Jan Windham. Her high school activities include Cheerleading Cross Counry, Basketball, Golf Track FFA, FCA Student Council Beta Club, SIL She plas, A\&M Univo attend Texas in Businiversity and maj in Business Accounting.


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JUSTIN ARMSTRONG Justin Armstrong is the son of Cynthia Armstrong and Patrick Armstrong. His high school activites include Football, Basketball. He plans to attend CJC, transfer to Tarleton, then to UNT. He plans to major in music and to work wherever he can.


KELBY CAUTHEN Kelby Cauthen is the son of Larry and Brenda Cauthen. His high school activities include Beta Club. He plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos and major in Geology.
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CECILIA CHAVARRIA Cecilia Diane Chavarria is the daughter of Chris and Leonard Chavarria. Her high school activities include Basketball,Tennis, One Ac Play, Student Council, Soft ball. She plans to attend McMurry University in ing.


JESSICA MARIE DAVIS Jessica Marie Davis is the daughter of Regenia Davis Hawthorne and Jimmy Davis. Her high school activities include Student Council, FCCLA, Class Officer, Art. She plans to go to a junior college and then transfer to a university where she will get her degree in the major of her choice


ADRIANA ALEXANDRA DIAZ Adriana Alexandra Diaz is the daughter of Gloria Aguirre and Jesus Diaz. Her high school activities include Basketball, Flag Captain Student Council Officer One Act Play She plans to Jordan Glaze is the son o One Act Play. She plans to Pamela Glaze. His high
attend Cisco Jr. College in
school activities include

Abilene for her basics then transfer somewhere else to get her degree in something.

JAYSA GIDEON Jaysa Gideon is the daugh ter of Kathy and Don Hawk clude Beta Club Cheerleading. She plans to attend Tarleton and major in Nursing


NIKKI LE'ANN GILSTRAP Nikki Le'Ann Gilstrap is the daughter of Walter and Sheila Gilstrap. Her high chool acitivites include Cheerleader (Co-Captain) Cheerleader (Co-Captain), Band, Basketball,-Volley Bail, Track, Basketball ManTrainer. She plans to attend TSTC the end of June for the CNA course. When she receives her CNA license, she plans to work at a local hospital; and within the next year go back to school to receive her RN License specializing in Pediatrics.



BLAKE MANNING
Blake Manning is the son of Bryant and Sheila Manning. His high school activities include Varsity Basket-
dent Council. Beta. FCA FFA, and Virsity Golf. He plans to attend the University of Texas in Arlington. He plans to major in Kinesiology and minor in History and Math.

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BRAD MATLOCK
Brad Matlock is the son of Cindy and Floyd Sellers. His high school activities include Football 3 yrs; Track 2 yrs and Baseball 2 yrs. He plans to go to WTC for two years then transfer to ASU and major in Geology, or Kinesiology.
 Weston McGhee is the son of Don and Pam McElrath His high school activities include Cross Country, Basket ball, Track, FFA, FCA, Stu ball, Trauncil Beta Cub, UIL denl Academics. He plans to go to Tarleton State University and major in Wildlife Man agement.

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JACOB IVIE
Jacob lvie is the son of John and Pam Ivie. His high school activities include F.F.A. He plans to go to college and get a job.


LAUREN ORLANDO Lauren Orlando is the daughter of Vick and Melinda Orlando. Her high chool activities include Cross Country Basketbll Track, Golf, FFA FCA Track, Golf, FFA, FCA, FBLA, National Honor Society, Beta Club. She plans to attend Angelo State University and major in pre-med and later go to orthodontic school or major in education and become a teacher and coach.


SASHA RINGHOFFER
Sasha Ringhoffer is the daughter of Robert and Donna Ringhoffer. Her high chool activities include eader in FCA, FFA, 1 year of Basketball. She would like to go to college and become a teacher.

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Baseball, Motherhood and Apple Pie
Quick now, what do the public relations folks for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation and General Motors, Hummer drum-beaters have in common?
They BOTH camie up with far out" ideas that turned out o be gold-plated, at least for brief, shining moment. Gold is flaking quickly off the gas-guzzling Hummers, but the PR coup the Komen people used to garner public attention on Mother, s Day was a classic.

Dominoes fell quickly. Targeted entities might otherwise have found ways to deny the request. But ours is a country hip-deep in political awareness; now „yes\%o answers are easier to come

Major League Baseball Louisville Slugger officials and a handful of players may have been red-faced at the request for "pinkness" emphases at ball parks on Mother's Day.
To deny the request for pink bats, ribbons and wrist like going ther, would be ike going thumbs down on God, motherhood and apple pie.
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I suspect the Commissioner found new ways to quirm when he realized the
"You mean you want baseball players to swing pink bats?" he may have asked nixing the temptation to call this a batty idea. Perhaps the request took on validity with the agreement of Louisville Slugger officials to manufacture 400 pink bats for the some 50 major leaguers willing to participate.
Sure enough, that's how many boys of summer dug into batters, boxes, gritted their teeth, boxes, gritted down and swung with all their pinkness,
They may have wondered where the Players Association is when they need it.

Usually, MLB is big on tradition but slow on change. Times they are a'changing. I tip my cap to this promotion, and to the players who went "beyond the pale" for a wonderful cause.
Since baseball went along are other sports next? Maybe we'll see pink hockey sticks, pink pigskins and other sports stuff that might be pretty in pink.....
Wonder if Nike has been approached? How about Shaquille O'Neal shod in pink?
Athletic shoes are much in the news, starting with Kevin Mench, Texas Rangers baseball star who found his hitting stroke after he found the 15 to 12 s he d worn since age

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 extra fingers and extra toe on each extremity, and has rown accustomed to the kidding. After one game, his manager asked to "give him six," and one writer asked if he was born with the extra digits, or grew them lateThis must have been frus trating during piano lessons, but great for the "little piggies going to market" routine.

Makes me think of an old line about the lady who swears she wears size 8's, but 9 's feel so much better, she buys 10 's.
Before leaving the topic, there's one more item: Troy Aikman, heralded Dallas Cowboy quarterback now making his mark as a TV nalyst, also is in shoe news. Riddell is introducing an Aikman shoe line for men and women. They'll be in athletic shoe departments in June-just in time fo Father's Day.

Here's a Mother's Da postscript and Dad's Day plug. Granddaughter Juliana, three-year-old birthday celebrant in December heard Mother,s Day talk and asked her dad about it. He filled her in.
"Is there a Father's Day? se asked, learning that she asked, learning that it She wasn't annually. She wasn't through. He inal question-and let's hope this item escapes the Hallmark Card folks, view: IIs there a Little Girl's

## 11th Court of Appeals

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Finally, on Mother's Day eve, a couple of preachersChris Liebrum of Dallas and Mike Toby of Waco-re ceived honorary doctoral degrees from Howard Payne University
They were thoroughly roasted at a luncheon following the ceremony.
One of the skewers Georgetown anesthesioloist Dr. Josh Toby, took different twist about his dad pastor of First Baptist Church, Woodway, for 28 years.
'Now there are two doctors in our family to put people to sleep," he panned.

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ies. Call him at 817-4473872 , or send email, newbury@speakerdoc.com His website:

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Cable Industry Said To Be Threatening Phone Service Fund For Rural,
Low-Income, And Disabled Consumers
(Ed. Note: This article was will be reviewed during the submitted by Randy Teakell, next regular legislative sesin A T\&T area manager.)
A major battle is brewing over how telephone service hould be provided to rural Texas and low-income residents and hoaring-disabled residents gratewide. The cable television industry is challenging the funding system that was created to help provide affordable phone service to everyone.
At the heart of the issue is he Texas Universal Service Fund. Every phone customer pays into the TUSF. Phone providers such as AT\&T lect a $5.6 \%$ surcharge and turn the money over to the state.
The funds are then used to help ensure affordable rates in all parts of Texas and for discounting service to lowincome citizens all over the state through Lifeline Pro-grams--typically consumers who are eligible for social programs such as Food Stamps and Medicaid.
TUSF also helps ensure thatt hearing and speech-impaired persons have access to phone service through a telecommunications relay ser-
vice.
The concept behind the TUSF is known as "universal service" and dates back 0.1934 when Congress recognized the need for various funding mechanisms to help provide phone service to everyone. The concept was reinforced by the Telecom Act of 1996 .
However, last year the cable television industry began to challenge the TUSF, saying that it was no longer appropriate and that it should be dismantled.
To "help" its case the Texas Cable and Telecommunications Association gave state regulators various statistics that understate the true costs of providing phone service in high cost areas and overstate revenues derived from such areas, according to TUSF proponents. Cable industry executives characterized the program as a "government subsidy" for private telecom companies.

As pant of Senate Bill 5 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2005, legislators directed the state Public Utilty Commission to study the TUSF and to make recommendations on whether hould be changed. The should be changed. The
PUC's recommendations
ion in 2007
"Texas strives to find solutions to the unique characteristics of our state," said Sandra Haverlah of Texas Consumers Association. "The TUSF ensures that Texans in high cost areas can afford a phone line. Public Policy should continue to support the stated goal of affordable phone service." The TUSF was created by the Legislature to benefit consumers. In fact, the funding stays with the consumer, regardless of what company provides the telephone service. Without it, many rural and urban customers could

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Experts have urged policy makers to carefully study the TUSF before any changes re made, in stark contrast to he radical changes the cable industry is advocating. Oddly, cable companies and are selling off their rations in mid-sized op erations in mid-sized com Abilene Midland Tyler bilene, Midland and Lub ock. As observers hav noted, big cable companies don't have a dog in this fight ther than their own busines
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phone bills. For example, the PUC has determined that it "Texas must adopt policies osts more than $\$ 400$ a progress " month to pe than $\$ 400$ a progress." added Robert service in the rural South of Texans for Economio Texas community of Progress. "Keeping technolCatarina. However, due in ogy affordable is among arge part to the TUSF, con- those policies. Anyone advo umers there pay about $\$ 8$ a

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