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Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

Awards Banquet Will Be Tuesday

Awards to local commercial and agriculture business people, honor certificates to students, the crowning of Miss Rising Star, entertainment, good food and a Texas senator to speak are the highlights of the annual Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture awards banquet.

The banquet will be Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. in the Activity Building of First Baptist Church on N. Main Street.

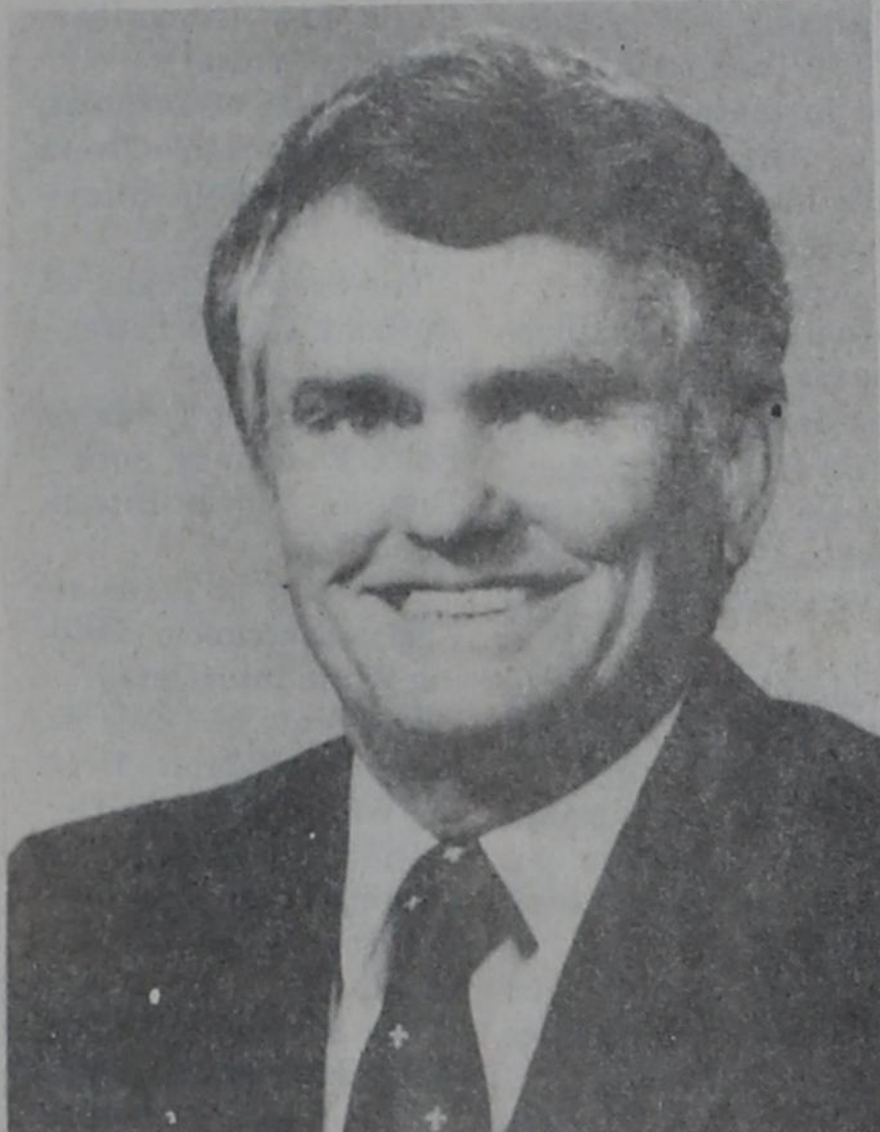
A baby sitter will be available in the nursery facility of the church.

The meal will be catered by Cook's Fish Barn and the barbecued brisket and sausages will be served "all you can eat" for the \$10 per ticket.

Entertainment will be provided by the Country Ramblers.

Speaker for the event will be Williams "Bill" Sims, state senator representing the 25th Senatorial District.

The Paint Rock native has filled jobs from county agent to executive secretary for agricultural organizations to managing editor of *The Ranch Magazine* to state senator. He is also a farmer



State Senator Bill Sims will speak at the Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture awards banquet March 17.

and rancher in Concho County.

Sims sits on senate committees, serves on committees and boards for a number of organizations and has received numerous awards since being elected to public office.

Get your ticket for the banquet right away (advance sales help the plan-

ners give a better guess to the caterer) from any Chamber director or from one of the members who is selling.

The annual awards banquet has elements of surprise, elation, good entertainment and contentment following a good meal. Come and enjoy!

Water Tower Project

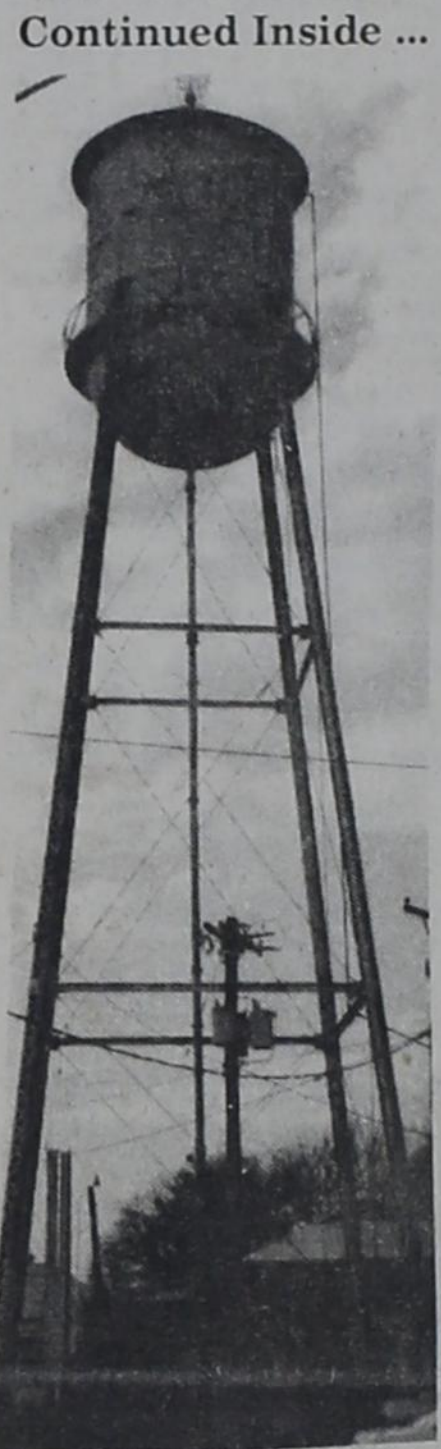
Rising Star Is Grant Recipient

Rising Star is one of 181 Texas cities and counties that was awarded Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs grants totaling \$35,752,397 through Texas Community Development Program, announced Gov. Ann W. Richards.

"Local governments receiving these grants will be able to use the funding for much needed projects that primarily benefit low and moderate income Texans without having to find alternative revenue sources, such as raising taxes," said Gov. Richards.

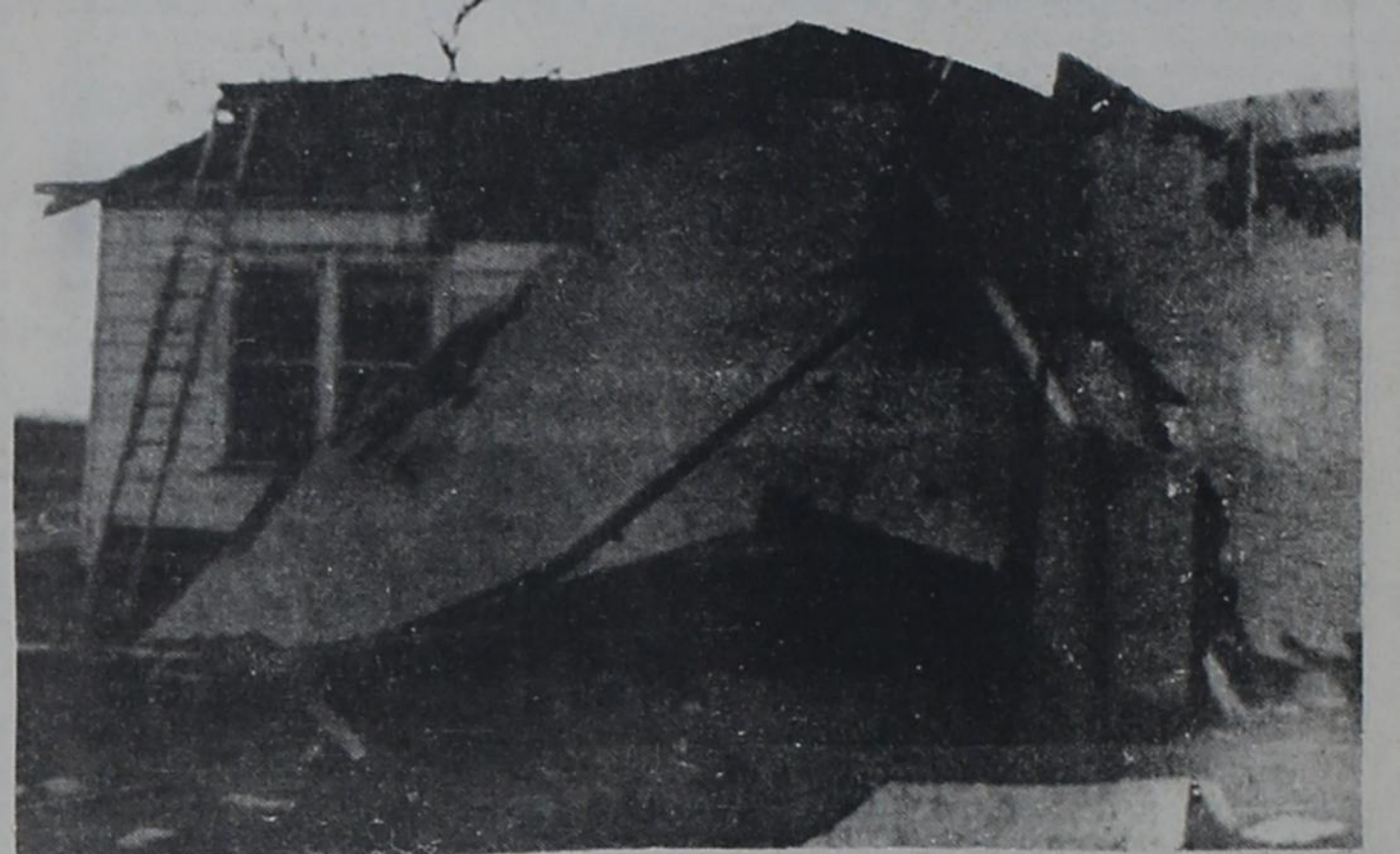
The Texas Community Development Program provides cities under 50,000 in population and counties under 200,000 in population with financial assistance for public works, housing, economic development and planning. Each year, Texas receives an allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to principally assist persons of low and moderate in-

come. The funds are distributed by TDHCA through six funding categories to meet the diverse needs of the citizens of



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Tornado Suspected, Storm Damage Heavy



A storm that deluged the Cross Plains/Pioneer area with 5 to 8 inches of rainfall last Tuesday night also spawned what appeared to be tornados, judging by the damages. The home of Floyd Killough, pictured here, was picked up off the foundation and set back down at an angle. Many other houses, barns and irrigation equipment were damaged by the twisting winds and roads and bridges were damaged by the heavy rain that fell in about an hour and a half on countryside that has remained saturated by continuing rains for months.

Heavy deluges in some areas and tornado-like winds in others wreaked considerable damage to the southwestern part of Eastland County last Tuesday night.

Roads damaged more than once by previous rains were washed out in from 2.5 inches to 6 or more of rainfall in an area roughly from south of Pioneer to north of Sabanno, extending into the county's precinct to the

north of us. The heavy rainfall washed away one bridge and damaged an-

other ten in the area.

Siren to Sound on Saturday

The emergency siren will be sounded at 12 noon Saturday, March 14. Three different blasts will be sounded; the first will be the designated sound for grass fires, the second will be the sound

for house fires and the third will be the storm warning sound.

To familiarize the population with the different siren blasts and to test the siren, it will be sounded on the first day of each month.

Rising Star City Council Meeting

A special called meeting of the City Council of Rising Star was held in City Hall Monday, February 24. Mayor Jerrell Bible began the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with councilors James Cook, Edra Butler and Charles Barnes present and Randy Goldston and Billy Harmon absent.

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4 More for Trustee No Filers for Council Posts

Four more candidates have filed for the two places on the Rising Star School Board of Trustees, but no one at all has filed for a place on the City Council.

Nanette Goldston, Judi

Butler, Steve Campbell and Earl Wright have joined Herb Collins and Billy Bush as candidates for school trustee.

Three places will be open on the council.

The deadline for filing is Wednesday, March 18.

Star Pride Horticulturist to Speak March 20

Star Pride members invite the public to attend a talk and slide presentation on horticulture at the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

Craig Rogers, who is currently planting trees in the park in Rising Star, will be the speaker. He

will include notes on grants available in this field and enumerate and show landscaping ideas. Rogers is owner of Cottonwood Springs Nursery.

Refreshments will be served by Star Pride and cosponsor, Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.



Contenders for the title of Miss Rising Star.

All members of the Junior Class, they are, from left, Cecilia Koerner, ward of Linda Webb; current Miss Rising Star, Betty Jo Jones, daughter of Monty and Jewel Jones; Kristi White, daughter of Billy and Kay Scott; Jo Linney, daughter of Bud and JoAnn Linney; and Laura Rankin, daughter of Ron Rankin of Trinidad, Colo. and Shirley Rankin.

Poster Winner



Kory Collins is the winner of the Upper Leon Soil & Water Conservation District poster contest. Kory is a 4th grade student in Rising Star. Her teacher, Mrs. Shelly Bailey, has taught soil and water conservation for the past ten years.

Kory, farmers and others will be honored at a banquet sponsored by district banks, including the Rising Star Branch of Peoples State Bank, Clyde. The banquet will be March 23 at Comanche.

Local Voters Help Renominate White, Owen, Hicks and Bailey

A total of 394 Rising Star voters went to the local Democratic voting booth Super Tuesday and helped renominate County Chairman Mary Bailey, Constable Gene Hicks, Precinct 3 Commissioner L.T. Owen, County Sheriff R.B. "Ronnie" White and gave Presidential candidate Bill Clinton a shopping 278 votes.

A Republican primary was held in Rising Star but results were not available at press time.

Incumbent County Sheriff White got 285 Rising Star votes for a total of 2,621 over Moncrief's 439 and Sancilla's 441.

Rising Star's 279

votes, 94 votes in Gorman and 18 absentee helped Owen to a total of 426 with challenger Dick Burgess getting 205 in Gorman, 75 in Rising Star and 26 absentee for a total of 414.

Hicks got 302 Tuesday and 12 absentee for a total of 314 to defeat challenger Norman Chancellor who

got 73 Tuesday and 9 absentee for a total of 82.

Democratic Chairman Mary Bailey got 218 Rising Star votes Tuesday and a total of 1,625 to defeat challenger June Hicks who got 183 here and a total of 832.

Complete totals will be published next week.

County Commissioners:

Discuss Condition Of County Roads

At the County Commissioners meeting Monday, Rupert Starr submitted a petition requesting that

more than 4 1/2 miles of County Roads 143 and 132 southwest of Cisco be

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Community Calendar

2ND THURSDAY
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

EACH THURSDAY
Senior Citizens Center is open for lunch, activities.

City Library, 9:30-11 a.m.

Free AARP tax service for elderly and low income persons on Thursdays at Senior Citizens Center. Call the center, 643-5141, for appointment.

EACH SATURDAY
Bingo, American Legion Hall, 205 S. Main

3RD TUESDAY
Birthday Party, Nurs-

ing Center, hosted by First Baptist, 2:30

3RD WEDNESDAY
The Saturday Club, City Library

School Calendar

by Inga Williams

Wed., Mar 11
Spring photos. HS 8-8:30, Elem. 8:30

Fri., Mar. 13
JH track meet at Cross Plains.

Ag class goes to Abilene for field trip.

Sophomores to Port Aransas, Mar. 13-15.

Pee Wee Basketball, 13-14.

Sat., Mar 14
Hi school track at Dublin

Tues., Mar. 17
Baseball at Santo, 4:30

4-H News

By Janet Thomas, Eastland County Extension Agent

4-H News with heading ADULT SPECTRA AT STATE 4-H CENTER

Adult Volunteers are invited to participate in a one-day Extravaganza of Learning, Sharing and Leadership at the Texas 4-H Center on Saturday, March 21st.

Pre-registration deadline is March 12th. Contact Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent, for a registration form.

COUNTY 4-H CONTEST ROUNDUP

The 4-H experience allows young people to practice the skills they will need for life. Forty-one (41) 4-H contests, including demonstrations, illustrated talks, judging teams, provides opportunities to learn skills in public speaking plus educational knowledge.

County 4-H Roundup contests will be held Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Rising Star at the Methodist Church located on Highway 36 next to Texaco. District contests will be on Saturday, April 11th at Tarleton State University.

4-H'ers needing contest information should contact the Eastland County Extension Service Office. County Extension Agents Janet Thomas and Davy Vestal report a lot of interest this year and a good turnout is indicated.

4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Graduating 4-H'ers are reminded that scholarship applications are due prior to March 16th in the Eastland County Extension Service Office. Over \$600,000 in 4-H scholarships will be awarded to outstanding 4-H'ers during

State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University on June 9th.

4-H PRIME TIME & 4-H SPECTRA

The local Extension Office has received information on two opportunities to help 4-H'ers develop life skills and gain a better understanding of themselves and others.

The basic thrust of SpecTra '92 and Prime Time '92 will be upon improving leadership skills, enhancing 4-H project work, and building self-esteem and a better self-image.

Prime Time is for the younger 4-H'ers 9-14 years of age. Four day sessions are held during July.

SpecTra '92 is for the high school age 4-H'er and will be August 2-August 7. 4-H'ers will choose one of 10 project areas, and will receive 5 hours per day of intense training to develop new insights, and develop materials and skills in educating others about this project topic.

The project areas this year are: Consumer Life Skills, Field & Stream, Advanced Computers, Entomology, Public Speaking, Recreation, Video Production, Canoeing & Sailing, Conflict Resolution/Mediation, and Agricultural Enterprises.

Applications are available from the Eastland County Extension Office. The State 4-H Center will not accept applications prior to May 1st. Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis after May 1st. For more information, contact Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent, 629-2222.

Lakewood News

by Barbara McKoy
Things are picking up at Lakewood with nine new members joining this month. We would like to welcome Lester and Betty Wyatt, Jimmy and Janice Kelly, Machael and Wanda Moody, Rocky Callaway, Lyn and Pam Porter, Mike and Jonnie Rogers, Chris and Jill Porter, Leo and Jewel Thompson and Stevenson Harrison.

For those of you who have always wanted to learn to play bridge, bridge lessons start March 20. Betty Fisher will conduct the lesson every Friday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. There will be a

charge of \$10 per month per person and lessons will run through Friday, May 8.

Fishing memberships are available at \$25 per couple or \$15 for a single per month. Children under 12 will fish free if parents have a fishing membership.

The clubhouse and pavilion are available for parties, family reunions, receptions, etc. during weekends or week days. For pricing and availability call 643-7792.

Lakewood Ladies Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 20; Frankie Smith of Pioneer is hostess.

Adult Computer Classes

Resume March 19 and continue to meet Tues. and Thurs. thru April 7. This will be the last beginner class of the season and the first word processing class. To reserve space call Diana White, 643-3521

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March 4, 1992

The Honorable Ann Richards
Governor of Texas
Department of Public Safety
Division of Emergency Management
P. O. Box 4087
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January, February, March, 1992
Flooding, Road & Bridge Damage,
and Wind Damage

Dear Governor Richards:

Eastland County has continued to experience heavy damages as a result of continued abnormal rainfall since the disastrous rains of late December and early January. On March 3, 1992, southern portions of our county were hit by torrential rains of cloudburst proportions, high winds of 50 m.p.h. velocity, and a small tornado. This last occurrence of turbulent weather and rain has caused washout of County roads, bridge damage, and individual losses to property owners. Some residents are unable to occupy their homes because of wind damage and disruption of their drinking water supply, as well as telephone and electric service in some areas. These conditions, which have continued for approximately 50 days, have severely impacted the health and safety and the economy of Eastland County. We are, therefore, requesting further consideration of a disaster declaration for both State and Federal programs which might be available to local governmental units and individuals severely damaged and impacted because of these conditions. We are preparing a Disaster Summary Outline, detailing this extremely damaging rainfall episode, which was also accompanied in some areas by high wind velocity, which has caused a continuing damaging situation.

We express our appreciation for the past cooperation and assistance which we have received through the State and Federal Divisions of Emergency Management and will appreciate any advice or consideration given our heavy losses and damage.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Bailey
Scott Bailey, County Judge
for Eastland County Commissioners' Court

SB/jw
cc: Mr. August Koenning
Emergency Management
Midland, Texas

(EDITOR'S NOTE:) This is a copy of a letter County Judge Scott Bailey wrote to the Commissioner's Court meeting Monday, March 9, 1992. It is addressed to the Governor, Department of Public Safety and Division of Emergency Management, and requests further consideration of aid for recent flooding, road and bridge, and wind damage. The Commissioners stated agreement with the letter, and said they hoped more help would be targeted for Eastland County.

Crime Of The Week

MARCH 8, 1992
The Eastland County Crime Stopper's Crime of the Week is that of a theft in Cisco.

The Cisco Police Department is investigating the offense that occurred at a residence in Cisco sometime Wednesday or Thursday, February 26 and 27, 1992. Person or persons unknown removed the following items from the residence at 511 Gaut: 1 Western Auto push lawn mower, 1 weedeater brand weedeater, 1 6"x12" ceramic heater, and 1 hand-held vacuum cleaner with attachments. Total value of the property taken is \$485.00.

Eastland County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of person or persons responsible for this or any felony crimes in Eastland County. To

report on this or other crimes call:
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Parking Ordinance Approved

Eastland County Commissioners Monday adopted an order enforcing one-hour parking around the Courthouse. The vote for approval was 4-0, and the ordinance went into effect at that time.

The hours for enforcement are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on Saturdays and Sundays. The order exempts jurors and does not affect law enforcement and handicapped parking. Vehicles left in violation of the order may be towed away and the owners fined.

"The idea of this is to provide a place for people who need Courthouse services," the Commissioners stated. "Some people are not able to walk the several blocks they are forced to do when the parking spaces are filled all day long."

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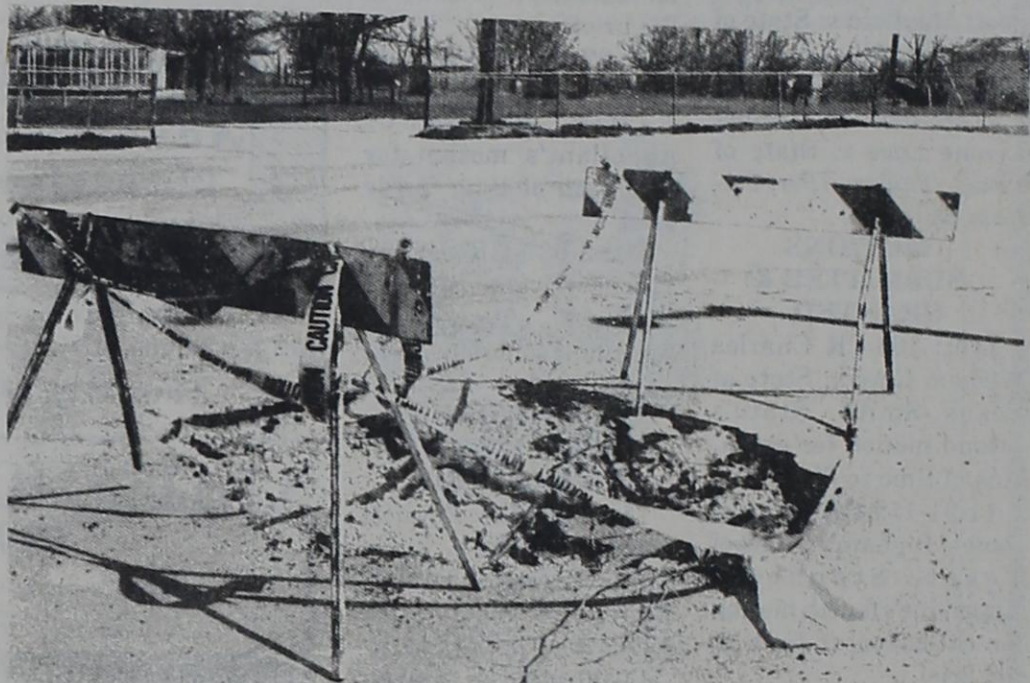
American Legion Makes Donations to EMTs

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The American Legion Post at Rising Star donated \$775 to Rising Star Emergency Medical Service. Post Commander Milton Teague presented the check to co-ordinator Garry Duggan last Wednesday evening; watching were the EMT crew.

The donation is from proceeds of the bingo games held each Saturday at the American Legion Hall. Donations have also been made to Boys Scout Troop (\$49) and Jr. Livestock Raisers (\$100). The Post has also sent flowers: Dutch Shults, Dist. Commander Glen Wooder and Idella Collins.

Rains Cause Collapse In Parking Pavement



Part of the paving in the parking lot of First Baptist Church fell in due to the most unusual and prolonged rainy spell in anyone's memory. Workers from the church put up barriers and covered the opening Monday after removing the cement that had been used to plug an old well. Apparently the continual saturation of the soil over a period of more than two months caused the sides of the well to partially cave in and displaced the plug, allowing the pavement to collapse at that spot. The opening will be filled with cement and the area repaved.

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ELEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas:

AFFIRMED
11-90-272-CR James Wesley Young v. State of Texas.-Taylor. (Opinion by Judge Dickenson).

MODIFIED & AFFIRMED

11-91-151-CV Dolly Peterson v. United Bank and Trust.-Taylor. (Opinion by Judge Arnot).

REVERSED & REMANDED

11-91-064-CV Wesley Adams and Susan Adams v. J. M. Hall.-Palo Pinto. (Opinion by Judge Arnot).

APPEALS DISMISSED

11-91-223-CR Bryan Scott Mayfield v. State of Texas.-Smith. (Per Curiam Opinion).

11-92-030-CR Jimmy Tyrone Love v. State of Texas.-Taylor. (Per Curiam Opinion).

MOTIONS SUBMITTED & GRANTED

11-91-103-CR Charles Welbom Gore v. State of Texas.-Smith. State's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-159-CR Samuel Ernest Bigham v. State of Texas.-Stephens. Appellant's fourth motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-170-CR Melvin Riggins v. State of Texas.-Scurry. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-183-CR Billy Ray Foster v. State of Texas.-Taylor. State's second

motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-194-CV J.L.Davis, Individually and d/b/a "J.L.Davis-Claytonville Gas Plant" v. Hydpro, Inc. et al.-Fisher. Appellee's motion for permission to file late brief.

11-91-223-CR Bryan Scott Mayfield v. State of Texas.-Smith. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal.

11-91-228-CV Missouri Pacific Railroad Company v. Frank C. Roberts.-Anderson. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-274-CR Lee Andrew Knox v. State of Texas.-Taylor. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-92-007-CR Donald Gene Wooley v. State of Texas.-Houston. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-92-030-CR Jimmy Tyrone Love v. State of Texas.-Taylor. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal.

MOTIONS SUBMITTED & OVERRULED

11-90-208-CV Emmett Lofton Bennett v. Belva Anna Bennett.-Taylor. Appellee's motion for rehearing.

11-90-268-CV Steven Kim Santana v. Nelli Ann Santana.-Taylor. Appellant's motion for rehearing. Appellant's motion to publish opinion and for en banc reconsideration.

11-91-281-CV Breck-

Mor Production Company, Inc. v. Jim's Truck Service, Inc.-Stephens. Appellant's motion for rehearing.

CASES SUBMITTED

11-90-112-CR Robert Allen Bates v. State of Texas.-Chambers.

11-90-150-CR Ronald Matthew Cantrell v. State of Texas.-Palo Pinto.

11-91-019-CV Mitchell L. Phelps, Inc. v. City of Brownwood.-Brown.

11-91-022-CV Felix Salinas, Jr. v. Neva Salinas.-Taylor.

11-91-029-CR Jim Bob Weatherford v. State of Texas.-Stephens.

11-91-129-CR Willie Curtis Mayfield v. State of Texas.-Palo Pinto.

Reservations Needed For Cisco Folklife Festival

The Cisco Folklife Festival Board of Directors has announced that the 19th annual Cisco Folklife Festival will be held April 25-26, 1992, at the historic, downtown, Rockwell Lumberyard complex in Cisco. The well-established Festival features pioneer skill demonstrations, homemade food, arts and crafts booths, and and continual entertainment. Emphasizing wholesome, family-type entertainment, the Festival gates will open Saturday morning, April 25, after a downtown parade, and remain open until 8 p.m. Saturday evening. Sunday hours will be from 12 noon until 5 p.m.

The following chairmen will be taking reserva-

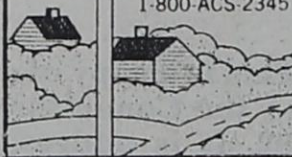
tions for the festival. Geneva Webb, food booths, 442-3550; Janice Ferguson, demonstrations, 442-2761; Chuck Lawrence, parade chairman, 442-2567; Tonia Pence, petting zoo, 442-4022; Yvonne McMillan, pie tin punch art. Emma Watts is festival chairman, and pre-ticket sales are being handled by Trixie Whatley.

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Dispatches From The University World

Thanks to a computer-based program being tested at The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, illiteracy among support level employees could become a thing of the past.

Known as **Touch Reading**, the program is proving effective in teaching illiterates how to read as well as raising the skills of poor readers and those with spelling difficulties. It uses symbols and sounds to teach letters and words to those with low literacy levels.

Unlike most computer programs that increase reading and writing skills, **Touch Reading** doesn't require an understanding of printed instructions on the screen—a difficulty for those bordering on illiteracy.

The on-screen teacher is like a personal tutor. Students simply follow the verbal instructions and touch the screen to acknowledge their response. They don't even have to use a keyboard.

This innovative teaching method was developed specifically for adults and was designed by CENTEC Learning Systems of Jackson, Mississippi. Its

aim is to increase an individual's communication level in both the work place and the home.

The UT Health Science Center in San Antonio agreed to test the program's effectiveness. It was introduced as part of the school's efforts to develop and train custodial and other staff. Twenty-one employees were selected for the trial.

And after three months of learning from the computer how to raise their reading and writing ability, what has been the response of employees?

"I have always been afraid to fill out a form or application," one says. "If people were looking at me, I wouldn't do it. Yesterday, I went to the doctor and I could fill out the form they gave me. I'm not afraid anymore."

Others praise the program for making them more productive on the job.

"This week, when I saw a spot on the floor that needed attention, I could write it down and report it," one said proudly. "Before, I would have to go tell someone because I didn't know how to write well enough."

Supervisors at the Health Science Center say that improving the communication skills of employees is creating in them a new self-confidence. It also is reducing overhead.

"I know what labor costs and what inefficiency costs," one supervisor says. "It adds dollars to the labor bill when an employee has to be bailed out of trouble because he or she couldn't understand instructions. Education at any level is always a good investment."

The learning experience has proved so popular that other employees are waiting to enroll. Some who completed the test program will serve as mentors for new groups.

Meanwhile, CENTEC, the company that developed **Touch Reading**, hopes that other educational institutions will also test the program.

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Mike (Elijah Wood) and his younger brother (Joseph Mazzello) find strength in each other and their best friend, Shane, as they settle into life in a new neighborhood after their mother remarries in "Radio Flyer," a Columbia Pictures release. This picture will show at the Majestic in Eastland March 13 through March 16.

"Radio Flyer" To Show At Majestic This Weekend

The movie "Radio Flyer" explores the world of two young brothers who are confronted with an abusive stepfather. The script is told from a child's point of view, but the material is definitely geared to adults as well as young people.

"Radio Flyer" will show at the Majestic in Eastland from Friday, March 13 through Monday, March 16, 1992. Curtain time will be 7:30 each evening, with tickets \$3.00 at the box office. This picture is rated PG-13.

The story begins in 1969, when Mike and Bobby (Elijah Wood and Joseph Mazzello) have driven across the United States with their recently divorced mom (Lorraine Bracco) to start a new life in California.

Then their mother remarries and moves the

family to a new town, and the brothers are forced to adjust to some harsh realities. Their mother has to work double shifts as a waitress, so she isn't at home when their new stepfather (Adam Baldwin) begins to threaten Bobby.

Devoted to their mother and protective of her, the boys keep their terrible secret to themselves. But their challenge compels them to secretly create what they call "The Big Idea." It requires a belief in themselves and the nearly impossible to transform the younger brother's little red wagon into a flying machine that will take him off in flight.

Producer Lauren Schuler-Donner says: "Nowadays, a good 20 years after the events of this story, we are more aware of the issue of child abuse, and kids like Mike

and Bobby don't have to rely on just themselves." "At the end of the film we show an 800 number for Childhelp USA's hotline that anyone can call if they are aware of any child being mistreated."

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additional testing date to help even the numbers between the two dates. Also, if someone is not successful on the first date, they would have another opportunity before the deadline.

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SMALL BUSINESS Q & A

Cheery Profits from Merry Customers

From CYNERGETICS

Q I've been an avid reader of your column ever since our local newspaper started publishing it. I have to admit I was skeptical at first of some of your unconventional concepts.

But now I'm a believer! You've stated, "Don't just sell to your customers, entertain them!" So recently, when a local jazz group approached me about performing in my small coffee shop, I agreed right away.

The jazz group didn't charge me anything; they needed the exposure. And, in exchange for donating just a few square feet of unused space, I'm enjoying an increase in store volume of 65%!

A Keep those great ideas coming! Keep those success stories coming! It makes it all worthwhile.

In today's tough economic climate, you need every possible hook you can muster to attract customers to you... rather than to your competition.

Providing free entertainment is probably the most cost-effective way around these days. Many out-of-work entertainers are available for no charge, just as you have discovered. And many, many recession-weary customers, sick of staying at home, are clamoring to be entertained on the cheap.

Here are some more success stories. Borrow profusely:

■ A California chain of cafes — with "hip" names like Mud, Java and Joe — is packing crowds in by positioning itself as an "in" place for singles. Their unusual live music programs draw constant attention from local newspapers.

■ Nordstrom, the upscale clothing store, woos customers with their stand-up bar at the entrance. Once customers are in, a live jazz pianist in the lobby keeps them feeling special and cuddled.

■ Landmark Centre, a stationery store in New York, has doubled sales volume

since they introduced their lunch-time "retail theater." Customers are treated to magic shows, mime acts, stand-up comedians, even commercials for the store.

■ The Factory, a fashion clothing outlet in downtown Los Angeles, keeps its teenage customers loitering, dancing and buying in tune to their live rock deejay.

■ A midwest grocery store borrows heavily from Disneyland. Their clerks dress in cartoon-character outfits and keep customers rolling in the aisles. Kids in these neighborhoods don't generally allow their parents to shop anywhere else!

■ Fred Segal started out as a men's clothing store in the chic Melrose district of Los Angeles. Now that competition has intensified, they've added several sections — like cookie shops, espresso bars, display books and sexy lingerie — that evoke the "honey-look-at-this" response, thus causing customers to linger and shop for hours on end.

Of course, once you've drawn the customers in — and given them reasons to stay in — you must offer them a great product at a great price to get them to part with their hard-earned money.

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Cynergetics is the publisher of over a dozen books on small business including, "No-Cash Ways of Growing Your Business," from which the answer to this week's question was adapted.

Readers are invited to send their questions and story ideas. Write to: Cynergetics, 1308 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or fax: 1-805-489-1633.



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Sheep And Goat Program Seeks Career-Minded Youth

Career-minded youth are being sought for the Texas Sheep and Goat Youth Leadership Workshop in June.

The program will identify outstanding youth in the sheep and goat industry and help those young people in making career decisions, according to Dr. Frank Craddock, sheep and goat specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The workshop is scheduled for June 21-26 in San Angelo and College Sta-

tion. The deadline for applications is March 31. Enrollment is limited to 20 to 30.

Texas is the leading state in the production of sheep and goats, with numbers totaling approximately 2 million sheep, 1.5 million Angora goats, and 500,000 meat goats. In the United States, 11.5 million sheep and 1.8 million Angora goats are produced.

"Many times, young people are exposed only to small segments of the

industry, not the whole picture," Craddock said. "We would like for our bright young people to stay in the state and in the sheep and goat industry when they begin their careers."

Workshop topics include breeding, industry association, health, marketing, nutrition, reproduction, environmental issues, meats, feedlot, politics, banking, computer, and fiber.

The group will visit the Texas A&M Research and Extension center, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, Mohair Council of America, a slaughtering facility, feedlot, skin and pelt company, wool and mohair warehouse, scouring plant, mohair processing plant, and visit sheep and Angora and Spanish goat operations in the San Angelo area. They also will visit with local bankers.

In College Station, the group will visit the Texas A&M University animal science department, sheep and goat center, and

the Rosenthal meat laboratory. Additionally, lectures on animal rights/welfare, computers, and human nutrition will be given.

Applicants must be entering their junior or senior years in high school, and actively involved in some aspect of sheep or goat production.

The Mohair Council of America and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association are co-sponsors of this program.

Applications are available from county Extension agents or vocational agriculture teachers throughout the state, or from Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, P. O. Box 1849, Uvalde, Texas 78802-1849.

Are Two Hearing Aids Better Than One?

Two hearing aids are better than one. Or are they?

According to an audiologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, some elderly people may hear better with a hearing aid in one ear only.

"It is usually the right ear," said Dr. James F. Jerger, a professor of otorhinolaryngology at Baylor, who believes that some hearing problems result from how sound is processed in the brain, rather than from an imbalance of hearing sensitivity in the ears.

Speech processing is controlled by the left side of the brain, said Jerger, which means that sounds received in the right ear travel directly to the left hemisphere. Sounds received in the left ear, however, travel first to the right side of the brain, and then cross to the left side along a bridge of nerve fibers called the corpus callosum.

"This is probably the basis for the right-ear advantage," he said.

For some time, researchers have noticed that people with age-related hearing loss tend to process sounds entering the right ear more efficiently.

Jerger studied topographical brain maps of more than 100 patients. The group included people with normal hearing, patients with hearing loss caused by diseases such as encephalitis and stroke, and patients with age-related hearing loss.

Three maps were made for each patient; one showing the brain's response when sound entered the left ear, the right ear, and both ears. Dark areas of the maps indicated positive electrical activity generated by the sound.

The brain maps of patients with normal hearing showed the most activity when sound entered both ears. But some patients with hearing loss showed more activity when the sound entered only one ear.

"There appears to be some type of interference,"

Jerger said. "Sound going into one ear interferes with sound entering the other ear, when both ears are stimulated simultaneously, but we don't know why."

Jerger's observations could have important implications for how the elderly use hearing aids.

"One of our biggest problems is getting them to use hearing aids. We need to find the best conditions for their use."

For example, said Jerger, since the right ear often has an increasing advantage over the left ear from age 50 on, a hearing aid for the right ear only may be the best choice for some people.

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Art Show At Baird March 14

The first Annual Baird Art Show and Sale is set for Saturday, March 14th, at the Methodist Church in Baird. The show will be open for the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration for the show begins Thursday, March 12, at 3:30 p.m. No entries will be accepted after 7 p.m.

Artists from all across the region are anticipated for the show. A special highlight of the sale will be a limited number of prints offered by Wayne Baize.

Renowned artist Boyd Graham of Abilene will officiate judging of the show. A native of West Texas and published artist and author, Graham is accomplished in oils, acrylics, watercolor and gouache. He is a member of several art societies and associations and his work is represented in private collections in the U.S. and abroad.



Elizabeth Taylor stars in the classic movie "Cleopatra," which will open at the Majestic Theatre Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

Classic Movie "Cleopatra" Will Show At Majestic

Varied entertainment will be featured at the Majestic in Eastland during the next few days. The vintage movie "Cleopatra" will open Sunday, March 15 with a 2 p.m. Matinee. There will be another showing of this Historical/Drama on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Divisions and classifications for the art show include professional, advanced and novice in the adult division and elementary and junior/senior in the children division. For complete details contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce office, 915/854-2003.

This movie is the March Classic in the 1991-92 Series. Admission will be \$3 at the box office.

When "Cleopatra" was produced 30 years ago the off-stage dramas swirling around it attracted as much attention as the story on camera. Elizabeth Taylor became ill during the filming, and costly overruns became commonplace.

When she recovered, Taylor began to play love scenes with Mark Antony (Richard Burton) with more zeal than the script called for. The resulting scandal and speculation brought out a number of critics.

But looking at it 30 years later, the picture is a monumental achievement in many ways. The settings and costumes are remarkable - a lot more fun than reading about Rome and Egypt in a history book.

Taylor is exquisite, Burton rugged and handsome, and the story lines actually believable. This is an epic you'll want to see.

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"Conference On Cancer" Brought Knowledge, Compassion Feb. 29

The Conference on Cancer at the Eastland First Baptist Church Saturday, February 29, 1992, was outstanding in many ways.

For one thing, it gave area residents a rare chance to hear medical experts discuss the latest information on cancer. But, just as importantly, there was interaction with the speakers and the feeling that each one cared about the people he was dealing with.

More than 60 people attended from Eastland, Cisco, Ranger, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Graham, Abilene, Voss and places in between.

The Anderson Network from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center of Houston hosted this Conference, which brought Medical Specialists, staff members and Anderson Network personnel from the Hospital to Eastland.

Among them were: Dr. Richard Theriault, M.D.; Charlotte Martin, MSW; Mary Hernandez, BSN; Marilyn Tompkins, MSN, BSN; Judy Gerner, Communications; Frank Clout, President of Anderson Network, and Network members.

Local people assisting with the Conference were Becky McIntire, R.N.,

Coordinator; Lesa Oswalt, President of the Eastland County Chapter of the American Cancer Society; Mary Anne McCloud, Co-chairman of the 'Polo on the Prairie' Committee, and Polo on the Prairie Committee members, including Kay Meeks, Anp Folsom, Jane Whitefield, and Tracy Miller. Also helping with the event were members of Eastland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Ann Folsom planned decorations and made floral arrangements for the cafeteria and registration desk. Twighaskets held bright colored spring flowers, with one arrangement of silk geraniums.

After welcome and orientation on February 29, 1992, Dr. Richard Theriault, Charlotte Martin and patients of the Anderson Network opened a discussion on "Communicating With Your Physician."

"The warmth and compassion communicated by Dr. Theriault and others set the tone for the day," said Becky McIntire.

Later in the morning there were concurrent Break-Out sessions on "Health and Cancer in Men," discussed by Mary Hernandez, and "Health and Cancer in Women"

discussed by Dr. Theriault.

After a catered lunch Marilyn Tompkins gave talks on "Look What's Coming To Dinner," and "Be Cancer Smart" facts and advice on prevention techniques, and how to detect warning signs of cancer.

The afternoon also included talks by Charlotte Martin, cancer survivors and family members. "Coping with Cancer" and "Wellness and Humor" had a lot of practical suggestions.

Mary Hernandez also gave a special session on Enterostomal Care.

Dr. Theriault and the other specialists answered questions during the sessions, and visited with various members of the crowd.

This Conference was the second meeting of its type in Eastland, and M.D. Anderson personnel indicated it would not be the last. A number of the people at the Conference also plan to attend "Polo on the Prairie" at the Musselman Ranch near Albany in late April.

Funds raised at the Polo matches help with support of the Anderson Network and urgent research projects for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

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CDL Training Will Be Held Saturdays

With the deadline approaching for commercial drivers to secure the new commercial drivers license (CDL), the Big Country Safety Association will be conducting training sessions at the Texas Engineering Extension Service facility located at 3650 Loop 322 in Abilene. These training sessions will be conducted every Saturday in March.

Drivers who want to take advantage of the training to prepare themselves to take the CDL tests should call 915-696-

2468 to make reservations. The training sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. each Saturday.

Drivers of vehicles with a registered gross weight in excess of 26,000 pounds or bus drivers that can transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver) need to secure a commercial drivers license before April 1. After April 1 those who do not have a CDL will be in violation. Also, drivers transporting hazardous material need to secure a CDL.

Jr. Livestock Raisers Show Hogs at Houston



Among those showing market barrows in the Houston Livestock Show recently were, from left, Mackey Elliott Heather Wright, Brandon Geye, Christi Bush, Terry Ware and Rebecca Coleman. Others who showed hogs but are not pictured are Mat Harmon and Tim Burton; Chad Hill's hog made the trip but he did not. Four elementary students, pictured below, also made the trip.

Of the 13 Rising Star hogs shown, 5 were among the 624 that went on to the sale from a field of 3,280 hogs. Congratulations to a top group of livestock raisers!



Showing market barrows at the Houston Livestock Show were, from left, Jeff Harris, Judy Ware, Holly Butler and Blair Bailey.

The 13 Future Farmers of America students who took their market barrows to the Houston Livestock Show made a very good showing indeed. The animals were first judged at Brenham and five were later taken to Houston and placed in the standings. Percentagewise, this put Rising Star right at the top in the state. With five of 13 placing in a field of 3,280 hogs, Rising Star students did very well.

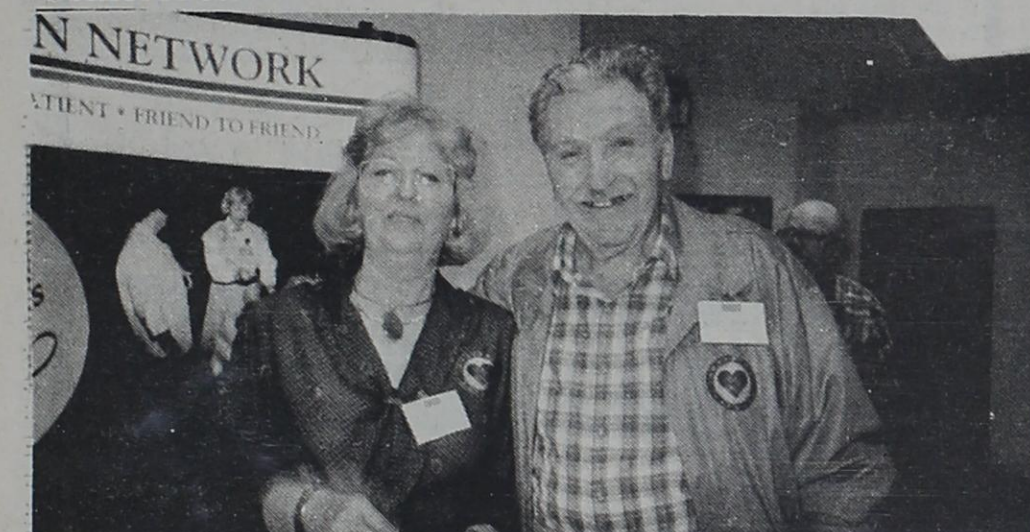
Making the trip were Mackey Elliott, Christi Bush, Rebecca Coleman, Heather Wright, Matt Harmon, Tim Burton, Brandon Geye, Terry Ware, Jeff Harris, Judy Ware, Holly Butler and

Judy Ware, 6th in heavy-weight spot; Rebecca Coleman, 12th in medium-weight Yorkshire; Christi Bush, 24th in lightweight crossbred; and Brandon Geye, 29th in lightweight Duroc.

The five hogs placing were those of Blair Bailey, 5th in heavyweight cross; Congratulations to these livestock raisers.



Nathan Cummings of Aledo and Frank Clout of Huntsville were among the many visitors in Eastland during the Cancer Conference. Mr. Clout is President of the Anderson Network.



Anderson Network members included a husband and wife team, Roy and Lou Coulter of the Houston area. They are pictured near a desk with informational material for Cancer Conference visitors.



Judy Gerner, left, Communications Director of Anderson Network, and Becky McIntire, RN of Eastland, visit during the luncheon at the Cancer Conference February 29. Mrs. McIntire coordinated this event with the Anderson Network.



Judy Gerner of Anderson Network and May Hernandez, BSN of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center were among those participating in the conference.

Mary Anne McCloud, photo at right, looks over the registration at the desk outside the Cancer Conference, First Baptist Church. Mrs. McCloud is Cochairman of Polo on the Prairie, a fund raising event for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Helen K. Stout Fills Brazos River Authority Management Position

Helen K. Stout has been appointed Finance, Insurance and Administration Division Manager and Treasurer for the Brazos River Authority.

Ms. Stout previously served as the Assistant Director for Finance and Administration at Texarkana Water Utilities.

Ms. Stout graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from East Texas State University. She is a Certified Public Accountant, certified by both the Texas and

Arkansas State Boards of Public Accountancy.

Ms. Stout's position with the Brazos River Authority includes responsibility for all finance, accounting, insurance and purchasing activities.

Ms. Stout said, "My goal is to make sure the Authority has accurate and timely information upon which to make financial and management decisions."

Management based on team work is the key to accomplishing goals, according to Ms. Stout. She said accomplishing goals requires the help of all those involved.

Mr. Stout said she became an accountant because she enjoys the sense of accomplishment that comes with problem solving.



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Wildcat Tales Journalism Class

Rising Star High School Junior Cat Tracks

by Christy Hughes

The junior Cats are still preparing for their first track meet which will be held tomorrow, March 13, at Cross Plains. They have spent many weeks practicing, and the team members feel that they are ready to compete with area schools.

The team this year consists of 13 members and is coached by Doyle Browning. Eighth graders are Jeremy Hall, Michael Perales, Gary Stone, Don Rutledge, Daniel Rodriguez, Robert Hollis, Justin

Cook and Kirby Bush. Seventh graders are Landon Ratliff, Eddie Schaefer, Johnny Salazar, Shawn Harrelson and Shawn Fox.

Since track is considered an individual sport, sixth graders are not allowed to compete at meets. This, however, does not stop our younger guys from supporting the junior Cats and their excitement is spreading throughout the school. The junior Cats are hoping to have a great season!

Stuteville's Stats

by Emily Stuteville

The junior high girls are excitedly preparing for their first track meet which will be Friday, March 13, at Cross Plains. They have been working hard and making plans to do well at all of their track meets.

While running is not one of their favorite activities, they put this thought out of their mind and work as diligently as they can to become the best they can be.

Support the Lady Cats in their track endeavors on Friday at Cross Plains.

Lady Cat Athletics

by Gherda Williams

The Lady Cat track team fared extremely well at Baird last Saturday. Many of the girls placed in the top six of their events.

Overall the Lady Cats did very well with a combined total of 44 points as compared to a grand total of six at the Baird Relays last year.

In the field events three of the girls placed and one received a medal. Andi Ferbrache placed sixth in the shot put, Heather Wright placed fourth in high jump and Brandi Harris placed fourth in the triple jump and received second place and a silver medal in the long jump.

All district basketball team members were announced last week. Lady Cat basketball team members honored were Brandi Harris who made All-District First Team, Gherda Williams, Second Team All-District, and Jo Linney, All-District Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to these three on this accomplishment and the boys who made it also.

In the running events the girls placed fourth with their spring relay, third with their 800m relay, and sixth place in the mile relay. Brandi Harris placed third in the 200 indi-

Dear Marie

My life is a mess. My girlfriend dumped me, my grades are slipping, and my dad is constantly harassing me. I know that things will look better sooner or later, but I'm tired of waiting. What can I do?

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Update on Construction

by Laura Rankin

This has been a very productive week on the construction site. The finish work in being done on the terrazzo floor. The floor constructors will probably be on contract for two more days.

The metal studs were being erected in all of the rooms in the high school.

Air conditioners were installed in the building. Electrical service was run on them.

The plumber put in the outside faucets and drain spouts. He also installed the trim on the down spouts and roof drains.

The form is being set for the sidewalks. The cement was poured for the front porch. The stones were also cast for the pillars framing the front entry way.

We're all really looking forward to the completed high school. Keep up the good work, guys!

Fast Talk

by Cheryl Robinette

What sophomores skipped school and who told the teachers what they were doing? I'll never tell.

What sophomore just can't keep his hands off of everyone else's radios? Be careful, he might break it.

What junior went to California this summer and came back with one wild, "killer bumblebee", story. How adventurous!

What senior finally got a haircut? You can actually see the back of his neck. Nice job!

What teachers left school and made arrangements to take all kinds of field trips in the same week? Way to give those students a break.

What senior always beats up his girlfriend? I guess there are ways to take care of that situation? Just get you a baseball bat and wear it out on his head.

What seventh grader got a specific shirt and is going around telling people untrue statements about it? That's a sure way to lose lots of friends partner.

What seniors and junior went running around Saturday night?

What freshman girl got stuck sitting with another sophomore guy?

What junior guy treats his girlfriend bad? You better shape up or ship out.

What track people got sunburned? Way to stay there and support your school in the hot sun.

Baird Relays

Baird - Albany dominated the field events, but Roscoe had the upper hand in running events in winning the boys division of the Baird Bear Relays by 17 points over the Lions.

In a two-team race in the girls division, Albany emerged with the team title over Rising Star. The defending state champions Lady Lions compiled 179 points to 141 for Rising Star.

Host Baird finished in a tie for fifth with Rising Star in the boys division and sixth in the girls portion of the meet.

Quinton Cook contributed to the Rising Star boys team total of 52 points with a second place in the 3,200 meter with a time of 11:47.63. The boys 400-relay placed third with a time of 45.75.

Brandi Harris of Rising Star placed second in the girls' long jump with a 15-2 jump and third in the 200 meter with a time of 29.10. The 800-relay placed third with a time of 1:57.49.

Davitorials

by David Fisher

Hello readers. Davitorials, this week, discusses backward masking, the fine art of putting lyrics on backwards. There are a lot of hidden messages on a lot of albums today, but it has been going on for decades. Contrary to popular belief, the messages are not always bad. On the Prince album "Purple Rain", there is a message in the song "Darling Nikki". The message is "Hello, how are you?" "I'm fine cause I know the Lord is coming soon." Is this bad? Does this scare you? Does this make you suicidal? Probably not. If so, get yourself committed!!

However, some messages are evil. Bad! Bad! On the "Colors" soundtrack, there is a song called "Colors" sung by Ice-T. If you play the verse "Guess my Religion" backwards, it says something like "I am satan, yes satanic." Wrong message to youth! This is suicidal, scary and bad.

Sometimes songs are labeled bad and satanic without any justification. Fifteen years ago, certain clergymen played "Stairway to Heaven" backwards and claimed to hear the praises to satan. No way! I've never heard those.

County Band Festival Set

The second annual Eastland County Band Festival will be held Sunday, April 5, 2 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre in Eastland. This special event is called "A gift to the Community" by its sponsors, the Eastland Music Study Club.

The program will feature the Cisco High School Band, with Wayne White Director, Eastland High School Band, Harold Scarbrough, Director, Ranger High School Band, Richard Bradford, Director, Cisco Junior College Jazz Band, Bill Swinney, Director, and Ranger Junior College Band, Bob Johnson, Director.



Rising Star sixth grade boys Pee Wee Basketball team won the first place trophy at the tournament at May last week. Pictured are, from left, Brandon Cook, Kobey Morris, Jeff Harris, Jason Rutledge, Brad Barnhart, Korey Morris and Clint Wolf. Coach is Mrs. Shelly Bailey. Watch the team compete in the local tournament this weekend.

Rookies Do Well at Houston Show

Their first time to show livestock turned out to be a time to remember for Christi Bush and Rebecca Coleman. In their first year in AgriScience, taught by Gene Smith, the two showed hogs that placed in the top half of their respective classes in the Houston Livestock Show. Quite an accomplishment for two rookies.

The girls showed market barrows that placed 12th and 24th out of the 625 hogs that made the sift in Brenham a week before the Houston competition. Bush showed a crossbred hog in the lightweight class. "Babes," her hog, placed 24th out of a 56-hog class. Coleman showed a Yorkshire in the middleweight class, plac-

ing 12th out of 32 hogs with "Theodore."

When asked which they'd rather participate in Ag or sports, both girls answered, "If Mr. Smith is the Ag teacher, we'd rather be in Ag. After all, where will playing sports get us in the future?"

Mothers of the girls were asked about their daughters opinions. Both responded, "Our daughters have had more incentive to hold all their grades up since becoming involved in the Ag program and we believe it is mostly due to Gene Smith's encouragement and help. We praise Gene Smith for a job well done and say, 'Keep up the good work.'"

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April 24	*Eula	5:00	There
May 1	*Baird	5:00	There
May 5	*Eula	5:00	There
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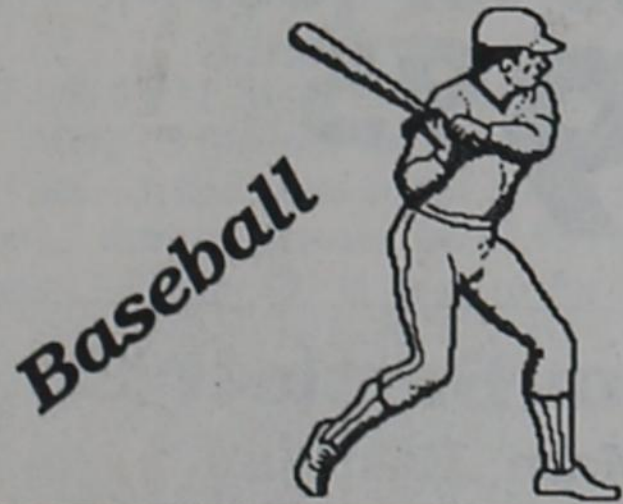
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High School	
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March 14	Dublin
March 21	Santo
March 28	Rising Star
April 4	Gorman
April 11	Panther Creek District, Brady

Junior High School

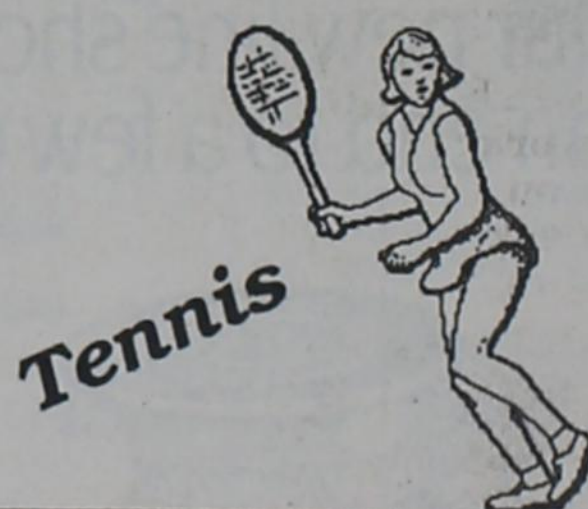
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March 21	Baird
March 27	Rising Star
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Watershed Damage Tops \$20 Million In Texas

Record-breaking rainfall that began in December has caused more than \$20.5 million damage to the state's watersheds in 55 counties, according to the Soil Conservation Service.

"As we get additional rainfall, we get more damage," said SCS's Gary Westmoreland of Temple. "Because the land is saturated, each rain produces more runoff, and that is what is causing the damage."

About 5 percent is damaged to a degree that poses an immediate threat to life or property, Westmoreland said. But more heavy rains on less damaged watersheds could erode them into the more serious category.

A watershed is an area of land that drains to one central point.

"Watersheds are like bathtubs" Westmoreland said. "The watershed for Galveston Bay includes the entire Trinity and San Jacinto river basins and all the land between, because they drain to a common point."

Westmoreland said SCS

personnel in each county have assessed damage as water recedes. Some areas still under water or too muddy to approach have not been examined.

"The damage starts at the Dallas-Fort Worth area and extends through the Blackland prairies, west to the Hill Country, east to the post oak region and south to the coast," he said.

The most threatening damage, he said, may be a bridge that is about to collapse, for example, or eroding river banks that could cause homes to be flooded.

Less menacing is damaged land that can wait two to four months for the repairs needed for long-term safety and stability. Damages to natural resources are among the hardest to repair, said Dr. Bill Harris, soil specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"County or local governments are responsible for repair work on roads, bridges and other transportation conveyances," Harris said. "But much of this damage was on pri-

ivate land and is the responsibility of the landowners."

Harris said logs and other debris have been deposited and gullies have washed across land, for example.

"In some places, top soil has eroded away and will have to be replaced," Harris notes. "Or land may need to be relevelled in order for a farmer to irrigate a crop."

In many places, soil conservation techniques such as terracing were washed out by heavy and continuous rainfall, he added.

Westmoreland said \$500,000 in designated federal emergency watershed funds were depleted by the end of December for the most critical repairs, such as the emergency evacuation of an elderly couple who were trapped in their home when the only road to the property flooded. Some eroding stream banks were stabilized, also, to prevent several homes from flooding, and the flood-damaged outflow pipe of a sewage treat-

Fishing Outdoors

by Terry L. Wilson

AREA TEAMS PLACE WELL AT AMISTOD

Area two person team made another good showing this past weekend at Lake Amistod. The second qualifying event for the Anglers Choice Two Person Team Circuit drew 21 teams.

Anglers were met with some changing conditions. High winds Saturday only increased up to 40 mph gust by late afternoon. This blew a heavy cloud cover in for Sunday's event versus a partly cloudy day Saturday.

Amistod's fish appeared to be in the middle of the spawning ritual with most anglers reporting seeing big females on the beds. But Sunday showed most of the beds to be empty as the final weights show.

First place was won by the team of Galen and Boone with 14.90 These gentlemen have competed with anglers choice for four years and have consistently knocked on the door, but till now just

ment plant in Bosque County was repaired.

"The problem is we quickly ran out of money," Westmoreland said. "People have lost property and facilities because there was no money to prevent it."

He said counties and local governments now are faced with trying to find money to make the necessary repairs.

couldn't get in. Congratulations gentlemen on a great string.

Second was Milson and Frey 14.76; third was Carr and Romans; fourth was Cullion and Cullion, their folks also had the big bass of the day five pounds plus. And this lunger fell prey to a Berdley Power Worm. Fifth was Rick Glenn and Don Bailey 13.92. Area teams placing towards the top included Jimmy Johnson and Gary Horton 12.54; James Fullen and B.J. Johnson 11.01; Bobby Maynard and Terry Wilson 9.85; and Bob and Joe Bob Moore 9.62.

There really didn't seem to be one bait better than the another, lizards took first place. But worms, Slug O's, Rat-2-traps, jigs, crankbaits and buzz baits all produced fish.

The next event for this region will be at Possum Kingdom April 12, 1992, out of Sandbar. Watch here for more details.

Do not forget the Cowtown 100 Bass Club open Sunday March 15, 1992, at Lake Granbury. This event has a First place guarantee of \$1,000.00; second, \$500.00; third, \$250.00; fourth through tenth, \$100.00; plus prizes all based on 250 entries. Entry fee if received by March 11 is \$25.00 there after \$30.00. Headquarters will be at Rough Creek Park.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will bring together diverse interest groups in April to try to forge consensus on the future of mountain lion management in Texas.

On April 8 in Del Rio, 70 to 100 conservationists, landowners, urban citizens, livestock producers, hunters, preservationists, news reporters, wildlife biologists, university researchers and state legislators will sit down in round-table groups of about 10 each. Each group will be charged with developing constructive ideas toward a long-range mountain lion management strategy.

The consensus of each group then will be consolidated into an overall projection of needs and the sources of data to effectively manage the species in Texas.

Less is known about the solitary mountain lion than many other Texas wildlife species. Part of the department's goal is to develop accurate data on mountain lion populations and territory. After the round-table, department staff will expand efforts to collect harvest and mortality data and educate the public about mountain lions.

Opinions about mountain lions are diverse. Some livestock producers regard the animal as a threat to their livelihood. The Sierra Club recently petitioned the department to protect mountain lions in Texas. Mountain lions are currently classified as non-game animals, so there, is no restriction on their harvest.

proposed management forum and future research will provide the pathway for us to effectively address the mountain lion issue in the future," said Andrew Sansom, TPWD executive director.

Department wildlife biologists have recommended making no changes to the mountain lion's classification and regulations at this time because information indicates stable or increasing populations.

A few of the organizations and individuals invited to attend the round-table include the Sierra Club, the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers, the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, the Boone & Crockett Club, the Audubon Society, university researchers and biologists from state and federal agencies.

The department's goal for the round-table is to have the broadest possible representation of diverse interests. Past round-tables on other topics have proven to be an effective tool to identify problems and work toward cooperative solutions.

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Pharmacy Topics

By Bob Mueller

New surgical technique that seems to control atrial fibrillation was developed at Washington University in St. Louis. The "maze" procedure has been successful with patients over a period of four years.

There's a correlation between tooth loss and high blood pressure. Professors at the University of California at San Francisco found that people without teeth usually eat soft, processed foods that are high in fat, salt and sugar.

"Little League elbow" is a not-common overuse injury in active children who have not yet reached skeletal maturity. Physician and Sportsmedicine reports. Stop pitching and rest, the doctors say. Ignoring the pain may lead to permanent disability.

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rado, Wharton and Matagorda. Producers east of this line are in District No. 3.

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The election will be held by mail ballot. Ballots must be mailed to the polling place at P. O. Box 398, Gorman, Texas 76454 by or before midnight on date of the election. (April 30, 1992)

Any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 15 days prior to the election, may obtain one at County Agent offices in peanut producing counties within the State.

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What's New In '92 Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria To Call At Galveston

Perhaps the biggest Medicare news this year is that Congress did not pass an Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) late in 1991. Instead of scrambling to effect a new OBRA bill, HCFA is implementing various phases of prior legislation. Among the changes which are advantageous to beneficiaries are the following:

Global Surgery
Medicare is standardizing the all-inclusive or "global" rate it pays for surgical procedures. Each surgical procedure has been classified as either "minor" or "major." Beginning January 1, 1992, the all-inclusive rate for minor surgeries will include one day "pre-op and 10 days "post-op;" for major surgeries, one day "pre-op" and 90 days "post-op." We include the post-operative medical visits in the global fee along with the procedures (such as suture removal) normally identified with post-operative surgical visits.

The physician usually cannot charge for a separate office visit during this global period unless the patient needs care for a problem not connected to the surgery. Some non-incisional procedures have no post-op visits included with the fee.

Electrocardiograms (EKGs)

Medicare no longer pays physicians a separate amount to interpret EKGs. Payments for hospital or office visits have been increased to include the cost of interpretation. The Medicare beneficiary cannot be separately charged for an EKG interpretation. This will prove especially helpful to hospitalized Medicare beneficiaries who in the past were often "surprised" by bills for EKG interpretations.

Limiting Charge
This is the second year that physicians who do not accept assignment will be subject to the limiting charge. Simply stated, for most services this year the limiting charge equals 120% of the allowed amounts. Amounts were calculated by Medicare carriers in each state and then furnished to the physicians it services.

Physicians who do not accept assignment can charge their Medicare patients no more than the limiting charge. A beneficiary concerned about the amount his doctor is charging, should ask him if it is in line with the limiting charge. We are happy to say that physicians in the Dallas Region appear to be comply-

Participating Physicians

Although many physicians who do not "participate" in Medicare accept assignment selectively, Medicare participating physicians sign an agreement to always accept assignment. This means that they accept the Medicare allowable as their total payment. They are limited to charging the Medicare beneficiary only for any unmet portion of the \$100 deductible, for the 20 percent coinsurance, and for any non-covered services.

Many beneficiaries who carefully choose a Medicare participating physician find that, upon hospitalization, their physician calls in consultants who do not accept assignment. While non-participating physicians do not always charge more than the allowable, they often do. *It is a good idea for patients who want to save money to ask their physicians to call in only other participating physicians to help out on the case.*

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The caravels are estimated to arrive at noon on March 25, and sailboats from throughout the Galveston Bay area are invited to welcome the fleet and escort it to the Port of Galveston. They will dock at Pier 21, off Port Industrial Boulevard at 21st Street, next to the tall ship Elissa and the Texas Seaport Museum. The public will be welcome aboard to tour the vessels throughout their stay at the Island port. Accompanying the vessels are educational exhibits regarding the construction of the replicas and life aboard them at sea.

Individual tickets
Individuals may board the Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria on March 25, 26

and 27 from 2 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individual tickets will be available at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. No admission will be charged for children under age 6. Individual tickets may be purchased after February 15 at any Houston or Galveston area Randall's; at the Galveston Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1-800-351-4236 (within Texas); or at the Strand Visitors' Center.

Group Tours
Group tours will be available on Thursday and Friday March 26 and 27, and must be reserved through the Galveston Historical Foundation, 409 765-7834 or 713-280-3907. Tickets will be available at \$3 per person for groups of 20 or more. School groups may board free of charge.

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Commissioners

changed to a farm-to-market road. The petition contained more than 200 names of persons in the Scranton, Mitchell and Dan Horn areas of Pct. 4.

Starr told the Court that the roads under discussion were designated as all-weather roads, but they were impassable during wet spells. He said these roads were used by 17 families, their relatives, friends and business associates - as well as 25 Church families who come into the area.

The roads were also a school bus route, mail route, provided a route to a cemetery, and were needed at times for medical emergencies, Starr said.

Pct. 4 Comm. Reggie Pittman stated that he agreed a FM Road should be built in that vicinity. "The roads are washed out - difficult to get through," he said. "If we could get a paved road there it would help in maintenance."

The other Commissioners said they also supported the idea of the FM Road. Pct. 2 Comm. Calvin Ainsworth said all the Precincts needed more FM Roads, that he had six miles of road he especially needed that type of improvements on.

Pct. 1 Comm. Richard Robinson said the petition was "Extremely well-written, and we will do what we can."

But he said he couldn't hold out much hope, because every time the Commissioners had talked to the Highway Dept. about FM Roads they had been told that the Department had the same Farm-to-market funding that it had in the 1950's.

"That's 2 1/2-3 miles in 9 counties," Robinson said.

The Commissioners said a copy of the petition will be hand-delivered to the Highway Department (Dept. of Transportation) County Resident Engineer and another will be mailed to District Headquarters in Brownwood.

On a road related matter, County Judge Scott Bailey told the Commissioners that he had written Governor Ann Richards about the county's continuing problems with storms.

The Judge said he told the governor that severe weather has damaged the county over the past 60 days, with the most recent storms occurring on March 3. These latest storms were worse than the others in the areas they hit, he said.

Pct. 3 Comm. L.T. Owen showed the Court a number of pictures of washed-out roads in the Rising Star area. Some of these were down to bed-rock and looked more like creeks than roads.

All the Commissioners reported that, no Federal or State money has arrived to help make road repairs, although the County was declared a Disaster Area after the December rains.

On another agenda item, the Commissioners heard a request from Jerry Jackson, President of the Ranger Industrial Foundation, for monetary help to provide engineering data required with the city's bid for a state prison.

Jackson said a "short list" on March 16 would disclose whether Ranger remained under consideration for the facility. Up to \$7,500 might be required for soil samples and other work.

All the Commissioners stated they felt the prison would be of benefit to the County. But they tabled a vote on financial help until District Attorney Leslie Vance can study legal details.

As the meeting concluded, Comm. Pittman reported on the number of prisoners currently held in the jail. The total was 16, with 3 ready for TDC, 5 awaiting trial, 3 city prisoners, 4 on "Blue" warrants, and 1 being held for other counties. Three had been held less than 30 days awaiting trial, with 2 over 30 days.

Rising Star City Council Meets

The council went into executive session immediately and returned to regular session at 8:33 p.m. Police personnel was discussed and Barnes moved to keep Roger Carroll on the job for as long as he could remain and pick three applicants, investigate backgrounds and present for interview to the council; Cook seconded and the motion carried.

A motion by Barnes, seconded by Cook, for the City Administrator to pick the most qualified from two candidates recommended by the council and hire immediately for the position of City Secretary carried.

Barnes discussed the pavilion project, including looking into means to finance the purchase of the pavilion at an earlier date than originally anticipated. He also discussed the planting of trees and the contractual agreement with Craig Rogers with Cottownwood Springs Nursery. It was agreed that a letter would be written to express the concern over the contractual agreement with Mr. Rogers, prompting him to contact the city with information about delays and the completion of plantings.

Shirley Leonard reported that the computer has arrived and a programming effort is in progress. The council agreed that the administrator should be able to spend enough to keep supplies and acquire the inexpensive software needed to keep the records needed. Discussion was held about the security of the computer and caution advised in keeping the hardware safe.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56.

A special called meeting of the Rising Star City Council was held at City Hall Monday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Jerrell Bible and councilors James Cook, Edra Butler and Charles Barnes were present, with Randy Goldston arriving at about 7:30; Billy Harmon was absent.

Visitors were J.D. Stockman, Jo and Al Jones, James Ramsay, Joe Talley, Craig Rogers and Tex Evans.

The council went into executive session and returned to regular session at 8:05. A motion by Cook, seconded by Butler that Joe Talley be em-

ployed as Chief of Police carried 3-1 with Barnes abstaining. Barnes suggested that Talley be instructed to report to the City Administrator at his earliest convenience for instruction.

The council was informed of problems existing with the police car by the administrator. Bible pointed out the danger of liability if the car is involved in an accident due to malfunction or failure of the car.

Barnes discussed the pavilion project and informed the council that the floor was poured today and looks excellent. He discussed the advisability of prompt completion of the building, pointing out that there needs to be a selection of colors made. It had been discussed at an earlier date to wait until a later date to order the building, waiting for sufficient funds to be available.

Ramsay was recognized to comment on the financing of the pavilion. He first commented on the council's handling of community problems, commending them for their effort and hard work and success toward those problems. Mentioned were the water tower grant, Texas Highway Department work, police and park project.

Ramsay commented on the CD rates that the administrator had presented for reference, stating that the bank would be willing to loan the city the funds needed to finance the pavilion if certain conditions were met. The conditions included the necessity of a resolution being passed by the council to borrow said funds, including a statement of method of repayment and rate of interest payable (1% over the prime rate at Abilene National Bank; variable). He also suggested the loan be set up for longer than the anticipated need.

Barnes moved that the council pass such a resolution to borrow \$14,900 + or - \$500 for 60 days in order to proceed with the pavilion. Cook raised the question of what effect this might have on city funds.

leopard informed the council that \$5,200 had been reimbursed from the staeand that would be placed in a interest-drawing account immediately to go toward the city's part of financing the pavilion. She said the city would have to save the rest of its half. Goldston asked about emergencies that might arise and if they could be covered financially if such funds were used for the park; he expressed concern of running short if an emergency

arises. Bible expressed confidence that we should have reimbursed money from the state in time (within 30 days) if all paperwork is in order to use the reimbursement for our part of the pavilion. City Administrator pointed out that the state must see proof of payment (paid statement, cancelled check front and back) before reimbursement is made. Cook raised the point that we could have our half of the payment from the state billing of expenditures.

Barnes felt that the citizens of Rising Star are extremely interested at this time in the prompt completion of the pavilion project.

Barnes made a motion to borrow up to \$15,000 to pay the bills for the pavilion at delivery from Peoples State Bank of Clyde, Rising Star Branch, at 1% above prime interest rate of Filrst National Bank Abilene (the municipal rate) for a period of 60 days. Butler seconded and the motion carried, with those two and Bible for and Cook and Goldston against (3-2).

Rogers was recognized for comments on the planting of trees in the park. He had contacted the Extension Agency and Department of Agriculture and was told that as long as trees are balled or burlapped, they can be transplanted anytime. He reported on the contracts he had made and work he had done. Due to the weather he had been delayed. Leonard stated that using the city backhoe to dig the holes for the trees was not in the contract, whereas Barnes stated he was in favor of using the city backhoe to reduce the time used. Rogers hopes to be able to move approximately 16 trees a day under good working conditions and will guarantee any tree planted after April 15. All trees on the bill presented to the council were guaranteed. He also stated that he can call and reserve two large Christmas trees. Barnes presented a bank statement reflecting \$542 in donations for the Christmas trees, with the balance not needed for them going in on the park. Council voted to pay the Rogers invoice.

Cook mentioned the possibility of having a benefit at Cook's Fish Barn for the park. Brisket would be cooked and prepared with expenses coming out of the park fund. We would be expected to serve and clean up. A Barnes motion for Cook to look into the benefit idea and include cost and expected income to present to the council at the next meeting carried. The council entered executive session at 9:20 and returned at 9:35, then adjourned.

Storm Damage

County Commissioner L.T. Owen said he and the Precinct 4 commissioner estimated \$75,000 in damages. He said budgeted funding in the two precincts will not cover complete repairs, and they will apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for more funds. The money from FEMA for road and bridge damages in December has not arrived yet. If more damage occurs from expected rains throughout the spring season, Owen is not certain what steps the County Commissioners will be able to take to effect needed repairs.

County employees have repaired the washed out bridge and are making repairs in the first several of the 42 road sites that were badly washed. They also worked Saturday, hauling 50 or more loads, and repaired five places enough so that school buses can run and residents can get in and out. Owen said they will continue road repair as quickly as possible, but equipment breakdown was slowing them down when he was interviewed Tuesday.

Tornadic winds dropped down and added considerably to the storm damage. The home of Floyd Killough was lifted from its foundation and dropped several feet from its former position; the porch and roof were torn off the house. Tin from the roof of a neighboring house was blown off and outbuildings were blown away. Three pumphouses in the area were blown away. The tin was scattered over quite a distance in a northeast direction. The Killough home is on a county road that goes north of Highway 36 about four or so miles west of town. To the north of this area the old Townsend house and trees there were damaged and across the road a wooded area lost a lot of trees. To the south the Larkin barn was destroyed.

A few miles to the east, the Mack Elliotts lost a pumphouse and a center pivot irrigation system was damaged. Irrigation pipe was blown into the neighboring field of Dot and Paul Maxwell. Daisy Erwin's home was damaged, with shingles blown off and damage in one bedroom that allowed rainwater to come in. Her garage was blown away, the top of a machinery shed blown off, a storage house and barn were blown down and another machinery shed was blown away. Tin from the buildings was blown into a fence, downing it. Some of the blocks of tile from the Erwin carport were strewn to the west, enforcing the belief that the damage was caused by a tornado. Cloia Tucker's sheds were destroyed and her pickup shed damaged. Trees at the home of John David Lee looked as though they had been corkscrewed from the ground, Sandy Elliott said. An ice chest from the Erwin carport was found in a fence near the Lee home and tin was strewn along the route, about a mile. Sheds were damaged and the top blown off the carport at the Buster Harris place.

To the southeast of Rising Star, a tree fell on the

Water Tower Project Rising Star Is Grant Recipient

Awards announced March 4 are the result of annual competitions in the Community Development Fund, Planning/Capacity Building Fund and Colonia Fund. The last two funding categories, the Texas Capital Fund and Governor's Special Assistance Fund for Small and Minority businesses, encourage economic development and distribute funding on a continual basis.

TDHCA received 491 requests for funding under the Community Development Fund and 152 grants will be awarded to communities across Texas. These projects were selected through a shared scoring system between TDHCA and the Regional Review Committees. There are 24 Regional Review Committees comprised of 12 local elected officials appointed by the Governor. The recommendations are then reviewed and approved by the State Community Development Review Committee.

Through the Planning/Capacity Building Fund, 21 grants are being awarded for the development of planning reports and mapping. The information resulting from these activities is useful for defining existing problems, identifying resources and potential solutions in an effort to assist the low and moderate income residents in the community. Some of the areas addressed include housing, public infrastructure and the economic climate of the locality.

Seven counties were selected to receive grants through the Colonia Fund. These funds are provided for planning applications and payments of assessments for public facilities in county unincorporated areas located within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Projects must principally benefit low and moderate income persons.

Funding will be available to local governments upon execution of contracts between the grant-porch of the home of Buddy Cook and there was damage at a dairy owned by Marita and Kenneth Smith.

Other damages occurred but a report was not obtained on all of them.

About a half inch of rain fell Sunday night in Rising Star and cold weather blew into the area Monday evening.

ees and TDHCA. The deadline for submitting applications for Program Year 1992 is tentatively scheduled for August 1992. Any eligible local government that needs assistance in providing for basic human needs of the low and moderate income persons in their communities is encouraged to submit an application.

During the past legislative session, their former Texas Department of Community Affairs merged with the former Texas Housing Agency, creating TDHCA. Management of the Texas Community Development Program was transferred from the Texas Department of Commerce to TDHCA.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is dedicated to helping Texans achieve an improved quality of life through the development of better communities.

The amount of the grant awarded Rising Star is \$224,400.

The grant is to be used to build a new 75,000 elevated water tower at the park and to take down the condemned elevated and ground storage tanks at city hall.

The ground storage tank was condemned by the Texas Health Department a few years ago and is no longer in use. The elevated tank, about 70 years old, was found to have rusted lateral braces and anchor bolts last year. The city took measurements and learned that business and residential buildings in the tank area would be endangered if the structure should be blown down. The engineer recommended that the tank be kept filled in order to minimize that danger and the city council took steps to ensure this by asking utilities employees to work evenings and weekends. The gauges no longer work automatically and the work is done manually.

The city filed the grant application last August and it was named second in priority by the regional reviewers. Mayor Jerrell Bible made the presentation to the state in December and that review committee felt that Rising Star's dilemma ranked first among the grant applications.

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