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Commentary Corner

I would like to encourage readers of the Callahan County "Baird Star" to send any comments as to how our Newspaper could better service the town of Baird

from
Gary Grady

!Summer Band Begins!

August 1st through 19th

Monday - Friday

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Lunch Break

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Schedule details will be given the first day of summer band

!!Attention All Elementary And Middle School Artists!!

Hi Kids!

You've probably heard the story of Old Rip the horny toad, which took place right here in our own county.

Long ago, kids in Eastland County loved to play with fierce-looking, but actually very docile little horny toads, which lived here in abundance at that time.

So it came, as the story goes, that little Will was playing with a horny toad where county officials were gathering to dedicate a new county courthouse.

The officials had an iron box with them, which would be a "time capsule" of sorts, and contained things such as a Bible, the county charter, newspapers and others.

Just before closing the box, Will's Dad took the horny toad from him and tossed it in the box!

That was in 1897.

The box was mortared shut in a courthouse cornerstone, and nobody could dream that Old Rip the horny toad would survive this dark abode for 31 years!

(Horny toads do hibernate underground in winter months, but usually come out in the springtime.)

But here comes something really awesome!

In 1928 officials gathered

again at the court house, which was being torn down to build a new one and when the box was opened, eye witnesses swore that someone lifted the horny toad up and he wiggled! He was still alive!

"We saw what we saw!" the eyewitnesses declared!

Thus the name Old Rip was given to the horny toad - after the fictional figure - Rip Van Winkle, who slept 20 years.

Old Rip became very famous, went on a traveling show, and even met a U. S. president!

Poor Old Rip, however, probably couldn't take all the excitement and died in 1929.

The famous horny toad found his final resting place in a little marble and glass casket in the Eastland County Courthouse lobby.

In Eastland County, we still remember Old Rip with the annual Old Rip Fest in the town of Eastland, and in many other ways.

Our next The Texas Messenger magazine will have lots of things in it about Old Rip, since Old Rip fest is September 17 this year.

We would like all young artist in elementary school and middle school to draw a picture of Old Rip.

You might want to picture him in some of his many adventures - like when he was taken on the traveling

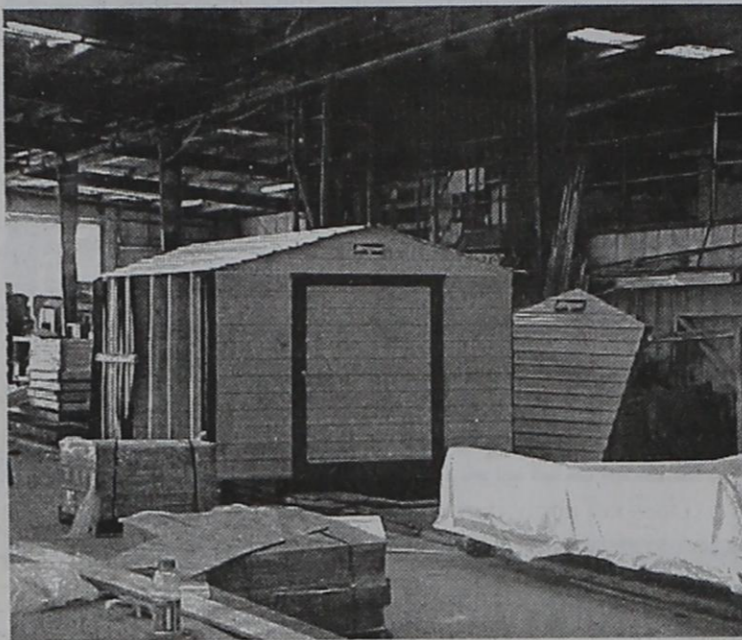
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Neighboring News

We invite all our neighbors in Putnam, Moran, Cross Plains, Gorman, Desdemona, Morton Valley, Carbon, Olden, Strawn, Mingus, Santo, and Gordon to submit your local news and events to our newspapers: The Callahan County Baird Star, Cisco Press, The Rising Star, Eastland Telegram, and Ranger Times. We welcome your community news!

Contact the Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers by phone at 254/629-1707; Toll Free: 888/227-1708 Fax: 254/629-2092; Email: telegram@eastland.net

MORGAN BUILDING'S NEW RETAIL STORE ON MAIN ST. HOLDS GRAND OPENING



With many models on display, Morgan Portable Buildings, an Eastland institution of many years, is proud to announce its grand opening on Main St.

The firm has long sold product at its plant on the north side of town adjacent to the airport.

Sales Manager Gary Bulla has announced that special prices of up to 40 percent off on buildings and spas will be available during this special opening.

The location is at 1250 E.

(Old Rip Continues...)

show and met President Calvin Coolidge, or when he was taken out of the box and wiggled! Or any other way you would like to draw him!

You may use anything you wish to create your picture - pencil, crayons or paints.

The drawings must be mailed to the Eastland Telegram at 215 South Seaman in Eastland, TX 76448, by August 17, 2005.

Please include your name, age, school and class on the paintings, and a phone number where we may reach you.

Really great prizes await the winners of the contest - even a bicycle for the two first place winners, and many other fun things for other winners!

The contest will be divided into two categories - one for elementary

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students and one for middle school students.

The winners will also be published in our Old Rip The Texas Messenger edition!

Don't delay! Get out your pens, pencils, crayons and paint brushes! Remember, deadline is August 17!

Here's just a few more facts about horny toads - or the Texas Horned Lizard - as they are correctly named.

Their favorite food is red harvester ants. To scare its enemies away, it can inflate its body and hiss, and even squirt blood from around its eyes.

Unfortunately, we rarely see horny toads in this part of Texas anymore, and they have been declared a threatened species by the state of Texas.

Margaret Hetrick, The Texas Messenger Editor

Callahan County Commissioners' Court

The July 25, 2005 Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting was called to order by Presiding Judge, Roger Corn.

The Budget Workshop began at 9:40am. The Court recessed at 11:35am for lunch. The Court was back in session at 12:55pm

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay the current bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Doris Grider, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer; Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk.

Also present: Shane Deel, County Attorney; Eddie Curtis, Sheriff

North American Hair Sheep Symposium Sets Speakers/Topics for Oct. 6-8 Event

The North American Hair Sheep Symposium set for Oct. 6-8 in San Angelo, has confirmed its speakers and named their topics.

The event will be held in San Angelo's Spur Arena adjacent to the San Angelo coliseum and fairgrounds.

The symposium, which targets the first-time hair sheep producer, is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Hair Sheep Association.

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist at San Angelo and the symposium's coordinator, said interest in hair sheep production is growing.

"We've literally scoured the nation to compile the list of leading speakers featured in this program," Craddock said. "We'll have researchers and Extension specialists and other experts from across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

We'll also offer a healthy dose of reality provided by some top producers currently in the hair sheep business.

The first day will provide a history of the better-known breeds currently in the U.S. The second day will cover marketing issues, general production and budgets. And the final day will deal with breed and breeding stock selection. A Texas Hair Sheep Association-sponsored sale will follow the symposium on Oct. 8.

Activities on Oct. 6 will start at 1 p.m. Topics and speakers will include: - History of Hair Sheep, Dr. Maurice Shelton, Experiment Station geneticist, emeritus, San Angelo; - Potential of Hair Sheep in the United States, Dr. Dave Notter, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.; - Hair Sheep Production in Canada, Shannon Richardson, Airdrie, Alberta, Canada, and - Integration of Hair Sheep into Existing Operations, Dr. Bob Steger, consultant, Mertzon.

The topics and speakers on Oct. 7 will be: - Buying and Selling Hair Sheep: How Do They Fit the Ethnic Market?, Donald Jordan, Hamilton Commission Company, and Susan Schoenian, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, Keedysville, Md.; - How Do They Grow? Are They Good To Eat?, Dr. Greg Leymaster, U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat Animal Research

Center, Clay Center, Neb., and Dr. Sam Jackson, Texas Tech University; - What Do We Do With the Hides? Managing the Hair Sheep Leather Supply Chain to Benefit Producers, Dr. Dennis Shelly, Texas Tech; - Can You Make Money Raising Hair Sheep?, Dr. Jason Johnson Extension economist, San Angelo; - Are They Healthy, Hardy, and Easy to Raise?, Dr. G.F. Kennedy, Pipestone Vet Clinic, Pipestone, Minn.; - What and How Much Do They Eat?,

Dr. Rick Machen, Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde; and - Do They Have A Lot of Babies All Year Long?, Dr. Stephan Wildeus, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia.

On Oct. 8 topics and speakers will include: - What Do We Look for in Selecting and Evaluating Hair Sheep?, Dr. Charles Parker, Columbus, Ohio; - Hair Sheep Research Across the United States, Dr. Dan Waldron, Experiment Station geneticist, San Angelo, and - What About the Various Breeds?, with individual presentations on - Katahdin - Jim Morgan, Fayetteville, Ark; Dorper - Philip Glass, Water Valley and Warren Cude, Fort Stockton; St. Croix - Dr. Thomas Bunch, Utah State University; Barbados Blackbelly - Carol Elkins, Pueblo, Colo.

Royal White - Bill Hoag, Hermleigh, and Cross-breeds - Art Roane, Ozona.

Registration deadline is Sept. 16. Individual registration before that late is \$150 plus \$50 for each additional adult family member. Children 18 and younger can attend free. The fee covers a CDROM proceedings and two meals.

Individual registration after Sept. 16 is \$250 and \$100 for each additional family member.

A spouses' tour is planned for those not attending the symposium.

Register on-line at www.peopleware.net/1542b or contact Joani Groce at (979) 845-7694, jgroce@tamu.edu.

For more information, contact Dr. Frank Craddock at (325) 653-4576, or b-craddock@tamu.edu

Submitted by: Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent

Hope Everyone is enjoying Their Summer!

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

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FOR SALE: Nice 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath House in Rising Star city limits. Good location. \$45,000. Call after 5 p.m. (325) 660-9009. B52

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D. P. S. Report 7-17-05 to 7-23-05

Cases Investigated
Warnings - 183
Complaints - 208
DWI - 1

Fugitive Arrest - Theft S/P 20-500 - 1
Possession of Controlled Substance - 1
DWLI-SR Suspension - 1

Accidents

There were 2 accident investigated during this time span

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77 acres completely wooded with oak trees, older mobile home, water well, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs & dove. \$115,500. An additional 16 ac. will be deeded without a title policy at no extra charge totaling the entire property to 93 ac. Eastland Co.
78 acres with nice camper & shed, thickly wooded with oak timber, 2 good size ponds, big hills, lots of wild life, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$105,624.
81 acres completely wooded with oak and mesquite trees, 1 pond, 1 very large hill down to a creek bottom below, surrounded by large ranches, Stephens County, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail. \$87,075.
83 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail. \$82,585.
90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, seasonal creek, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$120,000.
110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills, mineral, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$995/ac.
117 acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquites, 3 fields, 3 ponds, pens, buildings, hilltop view, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck, \$995/ac.
160 acres wooded with live oak, post oak & mesquite trees, 2 ponds & a creek, hills with views, waterline, e...r, turkey, hogs, duck, dove & quail. \$895/ac.
169 acres, mostly wooded with oak timber, large hills, creeks, ponds, canyons, Eastland Co. deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,500 per acre.
172 acres w/3BR home, barns, livestock pens, 2 ponds, headwaters of Leon River, water well, 40% wood pastureland & fields, deer, turkey, dove, quail. \$189,200.
210 acres on Battle Creek, wooded with oak & mesquite, 1 small lake, Battle Creek is a large creek/small river size, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, and quail. \$950 per acre. An additional 137 acres that joins the 210 acres can be purchased at \$600 per acre. Stephens Co.
217 acres, 80% fields and grassland, ponds, creek, hill, 20% oak and mesquite timber, Stephens Co. deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,350 per acre.

*****HOMES*****
2 BR, 1 bath home, carport, attached storage, reduced to \$8,900.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate outbuildings, reduced to \$16,500.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$25,000.
3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate dining room plus space in kitchen for table, some wood floors, WBFP, carport, 2 storage bldgs, \$25,000.
3 BR, 1 bath home inside has been recently repainted & floor covering replaced, also has CH/a, 5 ceiling fans, carport with storage, fenced back yard, \$34,000.
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, corner property, reduced to \$36,000.
3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer home, separate dining room and breakfast nook with built in cabinets, storm windows, detached garage/storage, corner property, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, some wood floors, separate den and LR, many kitchen cabinets, CH/A, WBFP, storm windows, covered patio, shop or storage, fenced backyard, 3 space carport.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer, CH/A, WBFP, attached garage, covered patio, detached guest room, fenced backyard, \$49,500.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home, CH/A, storm windows, attached garage, large covered patio, carport/RV storage, 2 metal bldgs., fenced backyard, city water plus water well.
5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home, lots of character, formal DR, office, large rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CH/A units, surrounded by large oak and pecan trees, large corner property. Reduced to \$79,500.
*****LAKE CISCO*****
2 BR, CH/A, partially furnished, lots of parking space, storage building, boat dock, \$59,000.
Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home, 2 CH/A units, woodburning heater, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boat dock with boat lift, septic system recently replaced.
Beautiful 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, WBFP, shop, storage bldg., large landscaped yard, tall oak trees, boat dock, great view of lake from DR, LR, den and master BR, many extras.
Must see - Lovely 4 BR, 2 bath home, CH/A, large detached metal building has racquetball court and large gameroom. Many extras including inground pool.
*****COMMERCIAL*****
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11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
July 21, 2005

Affirmed

Bruce Douglas Wilson v. State of Texas, Stephens. (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Affirmed on Remand

Jesse Dan Cates v. State of Texas, Stephens. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Troy Wayne Cross v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

State of Texas v. Dwayne Heath Woodridge, Taylor. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Appeal Dismissed

Charone Latrell Hardy v. State of Texas, Harris. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Orders Not Disposing of Case

Leslie Garnett v. Oliver Davis, Individually and d/b/a O.D. Distributing Co., Midland. (Per Curiam Order) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

In the Matter of S.N.T., a juvenile, Midland. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Original Proceedings Overruled

In re Garland Fleming, Orig. Procl. Relator's prose section for writ of mandamus. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Granted

In the Interest of A.N.B., a child, Taylor. Appellant's motion for permission to file late reply brief.

Rosa Sifuentes Vidal v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's motion to substitute as counsel.

Miguel Portillo v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for permission to file late brief.

Wesley Troy Shields v. State of Texas, Harris. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Texas Mutual Insurance Co. v. Paula Ledbetter, Representative of the Estate of Charles Wade Ledbetter, Individually and as Next Friend of Dustin Wade Ledbetter, a minor and Tonja Ledbetter and Jamie Ledbetter, Individually, Jones. Appellees' motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motion Submitted & Overruled

Deborah Ann Ferrell a/k/a Deborah Ann Pierce v. The State of Texas. Appellant's pro se motion to stay mandate and notice of removal to Federal Court.

Overruled as Moot

Charone Latrell Hardy v. State of Texas, Harris.

Motions Submitted & Denied

Volo Al Nelson v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's pro se ex-parte motion for permission to supplement brief.

Midland Independent School District and Tom Holland v. Laura Gina Watley, Midland. Appellee's (Laura Gina Watley) motion to supplement brief.

Cases Submitted
Pedro Castillo, Jr. v. State of Texas, Howard.

Ernest Lee McCarty v. State of Texas, Ector.

Jeremy Dwuan Hall v. State of Texas, Ector.

Boris Demetrius Gee v. State of Texas, Taylor.

Jimmy Ray Seastruck v. State of Texas, Eastland.

Allan Wayne Brubaker v. Taylor.

Larry Joe Valadez v. State of Texas, Taylor.

Weston Carthen v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto.

Stephen Paul Patel v. State of Texas, Eastland.

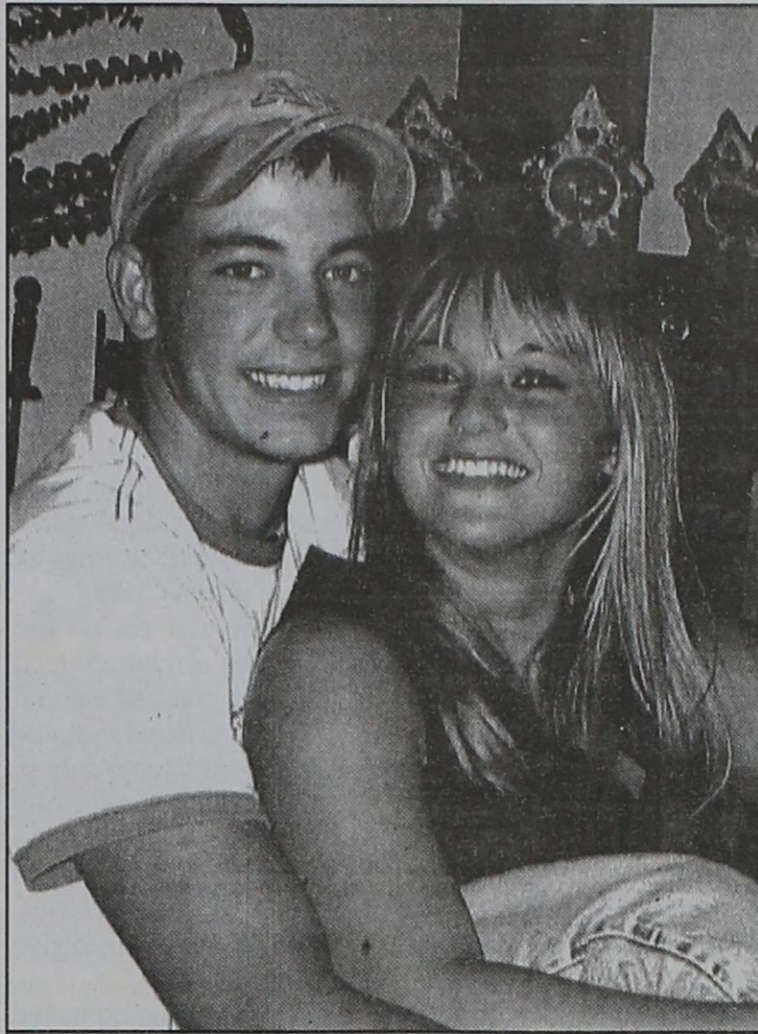
Jerry H. Broseh v. State of Texas, Brown.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jacqueline Elizabeth Grimm, Deceased, Taylor.

In the Interest of A.L., a child, Taylor.

In re Pearl Mae Williams, Orig. Proc.

Engagement Announcement



Funderburg - Cozart

Dennis and Brenda Funderburg of Breckenridge would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Kandis Funderburg to Chris

Cozart of Wichita Falls. Chris is the son of David and Carla Cozart of Cisco and Kory and Dianna Keifer of Cisco. Kandis is the granddaugh-

ter of John and Sue Bishop of Tyler and Gene and Naomi Funderburg of Breckenridge.

Chris is the grandson of Rube and Jane Cozart of Moran and Paul and Molly Cook of Breckenridge.

An August 20, 2005 wedding is planned at 7 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church.

Kandis is a graduate of Breckenridge High School. Chris is a graduate of Moran High School and is employed by Best Electric in Wichita Falls.

Top Movies

1. Fantastic 4 starring Chris Evans, Rated PG-13
2. War of the Worlds, Dakota Fanning, PG-13
3. Dark Water, Jennifer Connelly, PG-13
4. Bewitched, Nicole Kidman, PG-13
5. Madagascar, featuring voice of Chris Rock, PG
6. Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Angelina Jolie, PG-13
7. Batman Begins, Christian Bale, PG-13
8. Herbie Fully Loaded, Lindsay Lohan, G
9. Land of the Dead, Dennis Hopper, R
10. The Longest Yard, Adam Sandler, PG-13

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No Fun Living Next Door To Ratliff, Walter Preston Says

By Viola Payne

If you want to know about neighbors in a community, ask the children who live there.

This was certainly true some years ago when Walter G. Preston, his wife Eva and their children lived on East Ninth St. in Cisco, right beside an unusual mother and son.

You have probably heard the name of this pair - Marshall Ratliff and Rilla Carter.

Walter V. Preston of Cisco is one of the children of the Preston couple, and we at the newspaper are indebted to him for sharing his memories with us. His material gives some fresh insight into some Cisco history.

Walter Preston is the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Walter thinks that Rilla Carter and Ratliff were renting the house next door to his family, and they lived there about a year and one-half before the Santa Claus Bank Robbery on Dec. 23, 1927.

Young Walter was eight years old, and just as curious as his brothers and sisters about their unusual neighbors.

Certainly Carter and Ratliff were different from others in the friendly Cisco neighborhood, Preston says.

When they were home they generally stayed inside their house, and didn't say much to anybody.

There were rumors that Marshall Ratliff had been in trouble with the law for transporting bootleg whiskey, and also for a bank robbery at Valera. But local people didn't seem to think of him as being really dangerous - just unpleasant.

He growled at the Preston kids and did things to harass them. When they were playing marbles in their yard he would throw melon rinds into the middle of their games.

Also, there was this thing about how Ratliff drove his car down the driveway between the two houses. He would always deliberately hit the side of the Preston house and disturb the family - usually late at night.

When Ratliff returned home about 3 a.m. he would also push down on his loud car horn. Walter says he can still hear the sound of that vintage horn: "Ugh-ah! Ugh-ah!"

Ratliff went out a lot at night, or else several men would come to visit him. The kids noticed that they had "drinking parties" that lasted for hours.

Once Walter's father got so tired of this unpleasant neighbor that he grabbed a .22 rifle to go over and shoot Ratliff. He was talked out of that, but he did call the Cisco City Police to investigate Ratliff's harassment of his children.

Walter recalls that lawmen came out, but they looked around and said they couldn't do much about that. So the matter was tabled.

There was no fence around the Preston yard, so no way to keep Ratliff off their property. But you can be sure that the kids watched him when he was around.

One of the meanest things Walter remembers Ratliff doing was the torture of a horned frog. He saw Marshall catch this horned toad, tie a string tightly

around its neck, and hang it on a bush to die. When Ratliff left the frog, the Preston kids hurried over and set the horned toad free, then put him in a box with sand. The next morning they carried him out to a field and turned him loose!

As the year 1927 ended, Cisco was planning for a good Christmas. The Preston children, like most in town, believed in a "real" Santa Claus. So when they heard he might be in town to give out candy, they were delighted.

One of Walter's sisters glanced through a window and saw Rilla Carter sewing on a Santa Claus suit. She wondered if Mrs. Carter was going to celebrate Christmas here.

Walter remembers that the town was filled with shoppers on the Friday 23 before Christmas. School was out for the Holidays, and kids were all around. The weather

was chilly but not freezing - around 40 degrees, he recalls.

Walter says, "I was very excited because I heard that Santa had candy for the children, and he was in town. I started running across the old wooden viaduct, and I heard gunshots. I thought they were firecrackers, and people were celebrating the arrival of Santa Claus.

"I continued across the bridge, and a man stopped his car and grabbed me and made a U-turn and took me home and told me to stay in the house and not come out. He had a deer rifle in his lap and I started to cry. I begged him not to shoot Santa Claus, because he was going to give me some candy."

Walter says that he stayed in the house, but he was really bewildered. It was probably some hours before the Preston family realized that their next-door neighbor was



Mr. Preston standing in front of his old house that was next door to Ratliffs.

involved in the bank robbery downtown.

It was an ugly story - three men with Ratliff at the First National Bank - Police Chief Bit Bedford killed, Assistant Chief George Carmichael mortally wounded. One of the robbers wounded and died that night - a number of other people shot.

The surviving robbers were on the loose, and finally captured at South Bend on Dec. 27.

Much of the population of

Cisco was sad and disturbed during the Christmas Holiday. So was young Walter Preston - until he saw the usual Christmas tree in the family home, with presents for him and all the rest of the children.

"That restored my faith in Christmas," he recalls.

Another day for rejoicing - when they realized that Marshall would not be back as their next door neighbor, and all of his and his mother's things were out of the house!

Of course the story did not end there. More unbelievable events unfolded. After all of his sentencing, Ratliff managed to get a sanity hearing in Eastland. There he shot popular jailer Tom Jones.

"When Si Bedford was killed and the robbers wounded all those people in Cisco, the people there were plenty mad at Ratliff," Walter Preston comments.

"The Eastland people got just as mad when Ratliff killed Tom Jones."

Walter says, "My older brother (Milton) was in Eastland when they lynched Ratliff (Nov. 19, 1929). He had a date with a Cisco girl, and they drove over there and watched it."

"My brother told me that the rope broke and Ratliff said that 'This means that if the rope breaks he goes

free."

"The hangman said that the rules have changed in your case. This means that we need a stronger rope."

"And they continued the hanging."

Unlike the horned toad he tormented, Ratliff had no one to help him.

Life resumed in Cisco, but it was never quite the same. Walter Preston found there was no "real" Santa Claus. He went to school, played on the Lobos Football team, and joined the Army.

He was attached to a British Unit in North Africa, and then served in Italy and Southern France, where he fought in a Second Front for the Allies on D-Day.

After the war was over he worked in various places, but finally decided to come home to Cisco.

In spite of a lot of experiences elsewhere, he has never forgotten his childhood and the vivid memories of the Santa Claus Bank Robbery, and the neighbor who apparently planned the crime.

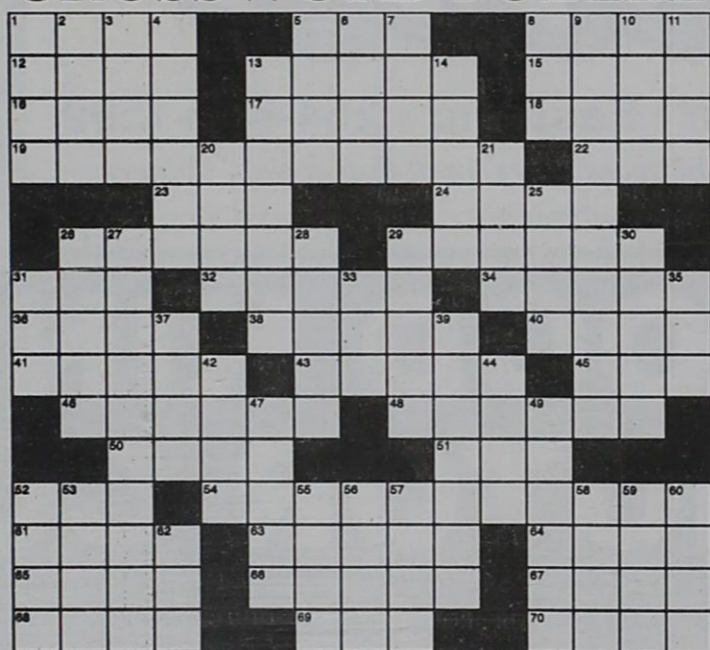
"There was no fun and music in Cisco that Christmas weekend," he repeats. "Everyone was too sad about losing their Police Chief, and all those people being wounded."

"It was really a bad thing."



Pictured here is the house where Marshall Ratliff lived in Cisco.

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- Across
- To be acceptable or adequate.
 - Acronym for Linear Binary Code.
 - Houston, played by Lee Horsley.
 - In a new or different form.
 - Tropical Asian plant grown for their edible tubers.
 - Unequal.
 - Acronym for American Comparative Literature Association.
 - Style of animation developed in Japan.
 - Capital of the Yemen Arab Republic.
 - Something that is restated.
 - Rational basis of human contact.
 - Small, temporary dwelling of simple construction.
 - Starchy foodstuff used to make puddings.
 - Subdivisions of a play.
 - To depart suddenly.
 - Expression of triumph.
 - Occupation, business, or industry.
 - Character from Takeuchi Naoko's Manga series "Bishoujo senshi Sailormoon."
 - Place where something is generated.
 - To cut with a knife.
 - Common teenage skin disorder.
 - Person of great wealth and prominence.
 - Also called century plant.
 - State of real existence.
 - Called to or from a place.
 - Obligated according to law.
 - Does and bucks.
 - Acronym for North Central Railroad.
 - Chinese dynasties ruling A.D. 220-265 and 386-556.
 - To charge less than is customary.
 - Member of the Semitic people of the Arabia peninsula.
 - Hansen Band, known for their Afro-Cuban Latin Jazz and Salsa sound.
 - Italian for "it will be."
 - Narrow surface used in bowling.
 - Ensembles.
 - Runners used to glide over snow.
 - Karlheinz, an Austrian composer, improviser and performer.
 - Abbreviation for Tuesday.
 - Conveyed by an agent.
- DOWN
- The Mansion, built in 1876 for Abram and Agnes Gaar.
 - At any one time.
 - Long, snake-like marine animal.
 - Enveloping medium.
 - Narrow passageway between fences.
 - Projecting rim of a hat.
 - To advance toward something.
 - Acronym for Marine Assistance Service.
 - Relating to the body's structure.
 - Wingscot, author of Now You See Me.
 - Vivian, Taiwan-born artist.
 - Parts torn and left hanging.
 - Meaning conveyed or intended.
 - Wife of one's uncle.
 - Dominic, played a John Travolta like character that's The Way I Like It.
 - Festive celebration marking a special occasion.
 - Young pig just after weaning.
 - Natives or inhabitants of Cambodia.
 - Dish served cold with a dressing.
 - Design to be transferred from specially prepared paper.
 - City of southern Puerto Rico.
 - Bristlelike plant appendage.
 - To make a hole in the ground.
 - To decide on a time.
 - Trunk.
 - Constitutes outward evidence of.
 - Le Cordon International, the world's leading arts school.
 - to his own.
 - Lubitsch, directed Ninotchka.
 - Belongs to the high-ranking members of the military.
 - One of a series of even ribs in a fabric.
 - Fixed points in time from which a series of years is reckoned.
 - Composition for two performers.
 - Elder son of Isaac and Rebekah.
 - Coating likened to a frosty film.
 - Implement used to gather leaves.
 - To smile broadly.
 - Cardinal point on a compass directly opposite west.
 - Ten decibels.

Timely Tips

by Kate Worth

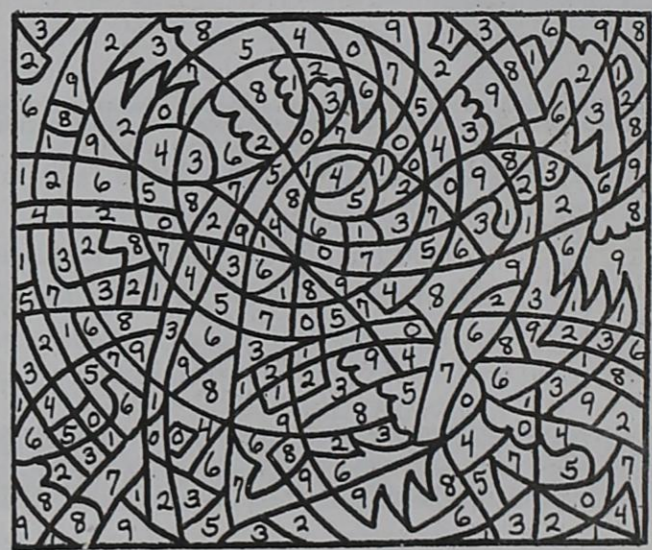
MOVING DAY - Everything you pack does not have to be unpacked the first day in your new home. If it contains essential items, mark it PRIORITY A. If the contents are important, but not crucial, mark the box PRIORITY B. If the box contains out-of-season items, holiday items, and other things you won't need right away, mark the box PRIORITY C. Then, unpack in A, B, C order. Jane G.

SPILL PREVENTION - To prevent a paint can from tipping over, cut out a circle on the side of an old cereal box and place the paint can inside. This will also catch your paint drippings. For easy clean-up, fub petroleum jelly on the hinges and doorknobs before you paint a door. If you get paint on them, they will wipe off easily. Kent D.

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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Governor tosses undercooked tax, school bills back in oven

AUSTIN - From the start of the governor's first called session that ended July 20 Capitol watchers did not assign much hope to intertwined legislation meant to overhaul the state's taxing system and devise fairer funding for Texas schools.

With tax reform already snuffed in the House, Sen. John Whitmire of Houston deflated the school finance bill by running out the clock with an hour-long filibuster. Whitmire contended that no bill is better than a bad bill, and the Senate could do much better if given more time.

More time indeed ... Hours before the deadline, however, Gov. Rick Perry saw the bills would fail, so he shocked them back to life with his trusty defibrillator - a proclamation ordering lawmakers to stay in Austin for another called session.

Remember, in 2003 Perry called four 30-day special sessions following the regular session of the 78th Texas Legislature to redraw congressional districts.

So, a few hours after the first called session ended, lawmakers found themselves back at their desks, looking at the same stack of bills and hearing words of encouragement from House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt.

Gov. David Dewhurst, who gave a joint press conference. Both men expressed confidence in the Legislature's ability to compromise for the benefit of most Texans because, they said, most of the work is already done.

Hey, he's doing it again! Gov. Perry, not satisfied with limiting the special session to the two mammoth issues at hand, without delay added eminent domain and telecommunications to the call. Those issues, even though hashed and rehashed in the regular and first-called sessions, don't quite fall in the brown-and-serve category.

And despite footwork already done on school finance and property tax reform during the first called session, thorny disagreements over teacher pay and the amount of funding that actually benefits children in the classroom haven't vanished.

Final passage could take more time to resolve than the two weeks Craddick and Dewhurst hinted at in their press conference.

State Rep. Frank Corte, R-San Antonio, refiled his linked bills, House Bill 12 and House Joint Resolution 11 to provide private property owners protection from losing their homes as a result of eminent domain.

Pay hike more than likely Senate Bill 2, the school finance bill, zoomed through the Senate Education committee and was eligible for consideration on the Senate floor Monday, July 25.

But the only item in the call that truly seems to be on the fast-track is the judicial pay increase - because legislators' pay is tied to judges' pay. If one goes up, the other goes up. This pay hike got everything but the governor's signature in the first called session after the

measure passed quietly on voice votes. Of course, Texans can always call their representatives and ask them if they voted for or against their own pay raise, but without a law requiring recorded votes, proof of aye and nay votes is nonexistent.

Other Highlights
• First Lady Anita Perry and Secretary of State Roger Williams are traveling to Tokyo to meet with business leaders there in hopes of facilitating commerce with Japan.

• Texas' unemployment rate dropped four-tenths of a percent to 5.1 percent in June, making it the 10th consecutive



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month of job growth, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

• A new law effective Sept. 1 requires children attending child-care centers and enrolled in early childhood programs to be vaccinated against invasive

pneumococcal and hepatitis A diseases.

• Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said her agency will return \$2 million to the state's general revenue fund for the 2004-05 biennium. The returned money comes from integrating computer systems and cutting

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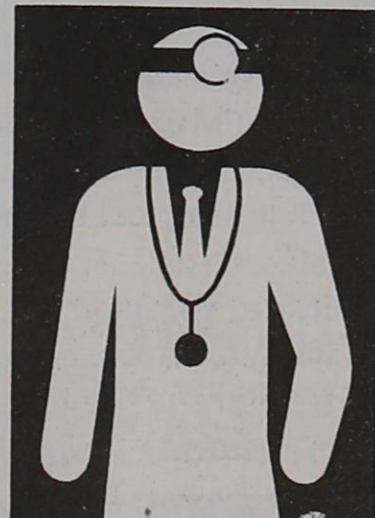
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Texas Monthly Oil And Gas Statistics

JUNE PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,396 original drilling permits in June 2005 compared to 1,316 in June 2004. The June total included 1,165 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 46 to re-enter existing well bores, and 185 for re-completions. Permits issued in June 2005 included 232 oil, 382 gas, 700 oil and gas, 68 injection, zero service and 14 other permits.

MAY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary May 2005 crude oil production averaged 919,921 barrels daily, up from the 906,950 barrels daily average of May 2004.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for May 2005 is 28,554,760 barrels, an increase from 28,199,235 barrels reported during May 2004.

JUNE OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In June 2005, operators reported 275 oil, 1,084 gas, 33 injection and one other completion compared to 256 oil, 438 gas, 13 injection and two completions during June 2004.

Total well completions for 2005 year to date are 5,189, up from 5,167 recorded during the same period in 2004.

Operators reported 648 holes plugged and zero dry holes in June 2005 compared to 313 holes plugged and 97 dry holes in June 2004.

MAY NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 426,317,997 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for May 2005, down from the May 2004 preliminary gas production total of 460,778,605 Mcf.

Texas production in May 2005 came from 133,967 oil and 66,192 gas wells.

JUNE TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

MAY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

- COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLS)
1. GAINES - 2,422,287
 2. YOAKUM - 2,137,057
 3. ECTOR - 2,078,077
 4. ANDREWS - 2,009,972
 5. HOCKLEY - 1,675,259
 6. SCURRY - 1,335,126
 7. PECOS - 913,725
 8. MIDLAND - 836,394
 9. UPTON - 810,730
 10. CRANE - 795,727

MAY TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

- COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. ZAPATA - 22,402,089
 2. PANOLA - 19,908,912
 3. FREESTONE - 17,031,638
 4. WEBB - 16,538,236
 5. PECOS - 15,464,544
 6. HIDALGO - 15,422,622
 7. WISE - 14,318,680
 8. DENTON - 11,928,935
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First Financial Bankshares Announces Second Quarter Earnings Results

First Financial Bankshares, Inc. reported earnings for the second quarter of 2005 of \$10.6 million, a 15.7 percent increase compared with \$9.2 million in the same quarter last year. Basic earnings per share were \$0.51 compared with \$0.44 in the same period last year. These results include a final \$513,000 special distribution of proceeds to the Company from the merger of PULSE EFT Association and Discover Financial Services, Inc. Excluding the PULSE proceeds, net income for the second quarter of 2005 would have been \$10.3 million, or \$0.50 per share, an increase of 12.0 percent over the same quarter last year.

Net interest income in the second quarter increased 17.1 percent to \$23.7 million compared with \$20.3 million in the same quarter last year, due primarily to an increase

in interest-earning assets from the acquisition of banks in Granbury, Glen Rose and Clyde. The net gain on the sale of student loans was \$350,000 in the second quarter of 2005 versus \$638,000 in the same quarter last year, as a result of fewer student loans sold. Trust fees increased 12.9 percent to \$1.7 million compared with \$1.5 million in the same quarter last year. Revenue from service fees increased 7.7 percent to \$5.4 million compared with \$5.0 million a year ago, primarily as a result of an increase in the number of new accounts using the Company's overdraft privilege product.

"Our results in the second quarter benefited from the Company's growth during the past year through acquisitions, new branches and innovative new products," said F. Scott Dueser, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"We expect to continue to benefit from these initiatives in the months ahead and plan to open new branches in Midlothian and Granbury. As we continue to grow, we are focused on improving our net earnings and efficiency, while providing excellent service to our valued customers."

For the first half of 2005, net income rose 17.8 percent to \$22.68 million from \$19.26 million in the first six months of 2004. Excluding both PULSE proceeds received during the first and second quarters of 2005, net income for the six months ended June 30, 2005, increased 6.0 percent to \$20.41 million. Basic earnings per share for the first half of 2005 were \$1.10 compared with \$1.09 in the same period a year ago. Net interest income increased 14.6 percent in the first half of 2005 to \$46.58 million from \$40.64 million in the same period last year, due primarily to a higher volume of interest-earning assets, as discussed above.

As of June 30, 2005, consolidated assets for the Company totaled \$2.43 billion compared with \$2.08 billion a year ago. Loans totaled \$1.19 billion in the second quarter of 2005, an increase of 18.1 percent from \$1.01 billion in the same quarter last year. Total deposits rose 19.8 percent to \$2.09 billion from \$1.75 billion a year ear-

Thursday, July 28, 2005

lier. The acquisition of banks in Granbury, Glen Rose and Clyde accounted for \$132 million of the loan growth and \$211 million of the deposit growth. Shareholders' equity rose to \$274.0 million as of June 30, 2005, compared with \$249.3 million the prior year.

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Do You Have a Family Disaster Plan?

I. Gather Information About Hazards

Gather information about hazards. Contact your local National Weather Service office, emergency management office, and American Red Cross chapter. Find out what types of disasters could occur and what you should do. Learn about your community's methods of warning people and evacuation plans. Ask your insurance agent about flood insurance. Find out what you can do to protect your home from the effects of natural hazards that could occur where you live. Meet with your family to create a plan. Discuss the information you have gathered. Pick two places to meet: a spot

outside your home for an emergency such as a fire, and a place away from your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Choose an out-of-town family member or friend as your family check-in contact for everyone to call if the family gets separated, and a backup out-of-neighborhood friend in case the first one does not answer. Discuss what you would do and how to do it if advised to evacuate. Use one vehicle only to avoid getting separated and reduce traffic jams. Decide what measures you will take to make your home less vulnerable to disasters.

II. Implement Your Plan

1. Post emergency telephone numbers by phones and in address lists each person carries with them. Include cell phone numbers of family and contact-points.
2. Install safety features in your home, such as smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.
3. Inspect your home for potential hazards such as items that can move, fall, break, or catch fire, and correct them.
4. Make physical changes that will make your home less vulnerable; install check-valves and hurricane shutters; strap the hot water heater to wall studs.
5. Have your family learn basic safety skills such as CPR/Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and first aid; how to use a fire extinguisher; and how and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity at the main switches and valves. Know how to operate a NOAA Weather Radio.

6. Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number.
7. Keep emergency supplies in your home sufficient for 3 days to a week, if your area has ever lost basic water, electricity and gas service for a week or longer. Assemble a disaster supplies kit with things you will need if you have to evacuate. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as backpacks or duffel bags.
8. Keep important family documents in a waterproof and fire-resistant container.
9. Keep a smaller emergency kit with seasonal supplies, tools, and clothes in the trunk of your car.
10. Each person who has a cell phone should carry it and keep it turned on to receive calls in any emergency situation.

III. Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit to Include:

- At least a 3-day water supply (one gallon per person per day)
- Food that won't spoil
- One change of clothing and footwear per person
- One blanket or sleeping bag per person
- First-aid kit
- Prescription medicines
- Emergency tools
- Battery-powered

- NOAA Weather Radio
- Portable radio
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Extra set of car keys
- Cash and credit card
- Special items for infant, elderly, and disabled family members.

IV. Practice and Maintain Your Plan

Ask questions to make sure each family member remembers meeting places, telephone and cell phone numbers, and safety rules. Conduct drills. Test smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Test and recharge fire extinguishers according to manufacturer's instructions and make sure family

members remember how to operate them. Replace emergency food and water supplies once every six months. Contact your local National Weather Service office, American Red Cross chapter or emergency management office for a copy of *Your Family Disaster Plan* (FEMA L-191 or ARC4466).

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Back To School Shopping Lists

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Pre-K Supply List

- Paint Shirt - an old men's shirt will work
- 2 Boxes of jumbo crayons
- 2 Jumbo pencils
- Bag of cotton balls
- Package of manila paper
- Package of colored construction paper
- Fiskars student scissors
- 12 Glue sticks
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Box of jumbo markers
- 1 Red pocket folder
- Plastic school box
- Back Pack
- Rest buddy - sleep mat, blanket or pillow
- 1 Roll of paper towels
- Jumbo eraser
- 1 Box of Ziploc baggies
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's glue

Kindergarten Supply List

- 2 Pocket Folders
- 1 Spiral notebook
- 20 Pencils
- 1 Pair of Fiskars scissors
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Large bottles of glue
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Box washable markers
- 1 Large box of crayolas
- 1 Large supply box
- Nap pad
- Backpack
- 1 Box of Wet Ones
- 1 Purell Hand Sanitizer 12oz size



First Grade Supply List

- 40 Plain #2 pencils
- 2 Boxes of crayons, 24 count
- 2 Set of wide crayola washable markers
- 3 Folders with brads
- 3 Plastic folders with pockets / no brads

- 2 Spiral notebooks
- 2 Pkgs. 12 X 18 manila paper
- 2 Pkgs. 9 X 12 colored construction paper
- 3 Large bottles of glue
- 1 Pair of scissors (Fiskars are best)
- Watercolor paints
- 1 Set of map colors
- 2 Pkgs. of pencil top erasers
- 1 School supply box
- Plastic dish pan (approx. 12x18)
- 1 Box gallon zip lock bags
- Backpack



Second Grade Supply List

- 96 #2 pencils
- Small glue
- Scissors (sharp Fiskars)
- 3 Boxes Kleenex (preferably with lotion)
- 2 Spiral notebooks
- 1 Package wide ruled notebook paper
- 4 Pocket folders with brads (blue, red, yellow, green)
- 3 Sets map pencils
- 2 Package pencil top erasers
- 2 Large eraser
- 1 Package construction paper
- 1 Package manilla paper
- Supply box
- Head phones for computers
- 1 Box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- 2 Glue sticks
- 2 Red grading pens
- "No Rolling Backpacks"

Third Grade Supply List

- 80 #2 Pencils
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Large Elmer's School Glue
- 2 Red grading pens
- 1 Package notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 1 Large eraser
- 2 Packages map pencils
- 1 Package markers (large, washable)
- 1 Package of 4 Expo dry erase markers
- Crayons (box of 36)
- Scissors (Fiskars-sharp)
- Small plastic supply box
- 3 Boxes Kleenex
- 3 Small spiral notebooks
- 4 Folders with pockets (red, blue, green, yellow)
- 1 Box gallon size Ziploc bags
- Headphones for computers
- No notebooks or traps needed
- "No rolling backpacks"



Fourth Grade School Supply List

- 1 Large 3-ring binder
- Subject dividers
- 1 Zipper pencil pouch
- 20 #2 pencils or mechanical pencils with extra lead (per semester)
- 4 Pkgs. Notebook paper (2 per semester)
- Map pencils
- Markers
- 1 Pkg. typing paper
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- 1 Roll of scotch tape
- 4 Red pens
- 1 Pkg. of manilla paper (12x18)



Fifth & Sixth Grade School Supply List

- 1 Large 3-ring binder
- 1 Zipper pencil pouch
- 20 #2 pencils or mechanical pencils with extra lead (per semester)
- 2 Pkgs. Notebook paper (per semester)
- 4 Red pens
- Map colors
- Felt tip markers (optional)
- 1 Pkg. typing paper
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- Highlighters
- 1 Pkg. of manilla paper (12x18)

Fourth Through Sixth Grade Science Supplies List

- 3-ring binder
- 1 Zipper pencil pouch
- Dividers
- Pencils
- Map pencils
- Box of Kleenex (optional)

Resource School Supply List

- Kleenex
- Wipes
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue
- 3 Pocket Folders
- Erasers
- Markers
- Map pencils



Baird First Baptist Church Schedule Of Events

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

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

(Nursery provided for worship services)

- Sunday**
- Sunday School** 9:45 A.M.
- Worship Service** 11:00 A.M.
- Evening Service** 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Service** 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 31 Community wide Singing and Ice Cream-so come on over to FBC and worship through song and bring your favorite ice cream for after the singing.

REVIVAL July 31-August 3, First Baptist Church, Cottonwood DL Lowery

FBC Baird has a group going on **Tuesday, August 2**, we will leave the church at 6:15 pm. Call the office 854-1574 if you wish to go on the van.

The Food Drive will be the month of August for the local mission (Clothes Closet and Food Pantry) Each Sunday please bring any non perishable items, however we will have each Sunday designated for some special items that are needed.

Aug 7-Sugar, Aug 14-hygiene items..soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, etc. These items will be put together in a kit for school kids in need of personal things. **Aug 21**-Coffee and **Aug 28**-any non-perishable item.

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