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Baird High participants in State Golf Competition.

Bears Capture Titles At State

gold, silver, and bronze of their performance. medals at the 2003 UIL State athletic meets.

among the top, ranking third Tamara Vestal. at the State competition, morton and Memphis.

"They couldn't help being

Baird High School teams member said, adding that and Field meet held May 9 and individuals captured everyone is still very proud and 10 in Myers Stadium in

Jodi Neal was the top ranking individual player. Windham both excelled, Although not able to Other Baird golf team state with Roundtree winning 1st continue their gold medal participants were Misty place in the 1A men's 100 winning streak, the Lady McDowell, Amanda Man- meter dash with 10.51, and

only slightly behind Throck- boy's golf at the State meet hurdles with 45.78. was Jay Calvo.

disappointed," a school staff gold at the UIL State Track 21.78.

Austin.

Sean Roundtree and Traci year's 1st place win in the Representing Baird in 1A women's 300 meter

Roundtree also finished Baird students captured 2nd in the 200 meters with



Baird High Participants In State Track and Field Meet

Bears golf team still placed ning, Ashley Rodriquez, and Windham repeating her last Baird High Wins Over Tolar

The Baird High School Baseball team won game 1 (6-5) and game 3 (5-3) over Tolar in the Region 11 Bi-district games.

Game 1 of the Regional quarterfinal (Baird vs. Windthorst) will be played at 7 p.m. Tuesday on the Walt Driggers Field at Mc

Murry University.

Game 2 is scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday, May 16 in Wichita Falls at the ISD complex.

Student Of The Week



Holley Owens - 5th grade Mrs. Salli Williams Daughter of Lee and Melissa Owens

Callahan County Commissioners **Court Holds Open Meeting**

An open meeting of the County Callahan Commissioners Court was held on May 12, 2003, 9:30 A.M. in the Courthouse Commissioners' Court Room in Baird.

On the agenda were the deliberation consideration of action for the following items:

I. Review and sign minutes of previous meeting.

II. Public comment (5

minutes per speaker) - no discussion or action.

III. Discuss County Road 246 with Don and Debra Strickland and James Rawlings.

IV. Discuss - approve resolution to urge State Legislators to seek solution to their budget crisis.

V. Discuss - accept or reject bank depository bids.

VI. Discuss and pay approved bills.

SDA Economic Injury Disaaster Loan Deadline Approaching

Fort Worth, TX — losses due to drought that counties have until June 6, continuing. 2003 to file applications for from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop

Business in some Texas, New occurred on various dates Mexico, and Oklahoma from January 1, 2001, and

Farmers and ranchers are low-interest disaster loans not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought The SBA's Economic disasters can apply. Businesses in Texas counties, including Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, and Taylor are eligible to apply.

Pray For Our Soldiers

Tanner Wilson To Give Recital

The public is cordially invited to attend the Senior Piano Recital of Tanner Wilson on Sunday, May 18,

The recital will be held in the Amy Graves Ryan Recital Hall at McMurry University, and will begin at 3:00 p.m.

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Chamber News

The Christmas committee of the Baird Chamber of Commerce has already begun work on this years event, and everyone's participation is requested in the efforts to develop a new holiday project.

A Old Fashion Christmas Village, many animated displays and a Santa's Workshop will be added to the annual lighting project in downtown Baird. This addition is an extensive undertaking that will require a large variety of materials and many months of work in order to be completed by Thanksgiving this year.

Ten to twelve separate areas within the project will be handled by various individuals and local groups under the auspices of the Christmas committee whose members will be responsible for procuring supplies. To

that end, the Chamber is soliciting donations including a myriad of materials that wills be needed, as well as monetary

contribution for the project. The general list of supplies at this time includes cotton, artificial snow and Christmas trees, lights and other decorations, reindeer, mannequins, paint, velvet material, lumber and large sections of cardboard. These supplies, either new or used, and any recyclable items used for displays and packing materials are also

welcome. A "come and go" work night for the project is scheduled Tuesday, May 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. For information call the Chamber office at 854-2003, or Janice Grant at 854-1655.

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Baird ISD Offers Summer School

The Baird ISD will offer a summer school program for the limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade in August of 2003. Neither transportation nor meals will be provided. If less than ten (10) eligible children desire to participate in the program, it will not be offered. Anyone interested should call the Baird Elementary office at

854-1400 Extension 593. El District Escolar Independiente de Baird ofrecera un programa del

verano para ninos deficientes en el ingles y que van a entrar a la guarederia o el primer grado. No podemos ofrecer transporte o comida a los participantes. Si menos que diez ninos elegibles desean

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Storm Cell Rolls Through **Not Much Damage**

Wednesday afternoon, May 7 had all the ingredients for turbulent weather - a dry line hanging in West Texas, and hot Gulf air being pumped into it.

By late afternoon a storm cell erupted in Champion, southwest of Sweetwater. It started moving east and sometimes northeast at about 25 m.p.h., growing in intensity as it traveled.

It hit north of 1-20 in

Fisher and Jones counties, leaving hail and wind damage.

At times the clouds topped 57,000 ft., with tornadic activity reported. Callahan, Eastland, and other counties in the area.

Later funnel clouds were spotted, and all these counties were given tornado warnings.

Baird was out of the path of the cloud, but there was

damage north of Putnam. Some utility poles were blown down, and an old building was destroyed. There was pea to marble-sized hail.

As tornado warnings hit Cisco, Eastland and Ranger, storm spotters were dispatched from all the towns.

In Cisco, Police Chief (and Fire Chief) Larry Weikel went out with some storm spotters to the Eastland County line near Moran. Reportedly there was a tornado on the ground west of Moran.

Weikel says that a

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professional weather watcher was also in that area, in a vehicle with a lot of monitoring equipment.

There was golfball and baseball sized hail in places, Weikel reports.

They turned back toward Cisco, and the closer they got to town the smaller the hail got, Weikel says.

He reports that about three and one-half miles west of Cisco, at the old Putnam Rd, they observed a rotation in a wall cloud that was headed toward Cisco. This was around 8 p.m.

The tornado was visible as it came down out of the

cloud. Apparently it lifted back into the clouds shortly afterward, and the storm rolled over without damaging Cisco. Hail did come to near the city limits on the north, however.

In the meanwhile, the

warning sirens went off in Cisco, and some people hurried to the Post Office building, hoping to find shelter in the basement there. They found the lobby open but the basement locked.

Postmaster Greg Sellers has this statement for the newspapers: "I have been unable to determine why residents were told to seek shelter at the Post Office. Former Postmaster Melvin Wende confirmed that the building had never been used as s storm shelter during his many years in Cisco.

"The building was once designated and equipped as a Civil Defense Fallout Shelter during the Cold War era, and the antique signs that still remain may have still conveyed that impression."

He also stated, "While our customer lobby is accessible 24 hrs. daily, the basement areas are no longer equipped to accomodate a shelter role. There are no restroom facilities and no air conditioning or ventilation provided to the basement. Machinery, tools, and electrical panels are all contained in the basement. These are significant potential hazards when considering that adults and children unfamiliar with the surroundings could be put at risk of injury."

Sellers said that in the five and one-half years he had been in Cisco, no one had ever approached him about using the postoffice base-ment for a public shelter.

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Henson Graduates From Basic Military Training

R. Henson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksman- of Clyde High School.

Air Force Airman Steven ship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Susan McCloud of County Road 113, Clyde, Texas.

Henson is a 2002 graduate

Rankin Is Deployed For OE Freedom

Army Spec. Sean T. Rankin has deployed overseas to a forward operating location to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Enduring Freedom is the official name given to the biggest U.S. military mobilization since the Gulf War in 1991. Members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been deployed and reserve components activated to support the war against global terrorism, combating the international terrorist network or regime forces outside of the United States.

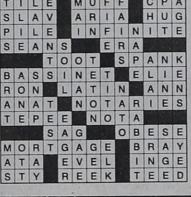
Rankin is a driver normally assigned to the 300th Military Police Company at Fort Riley, Junction City, Kan.

He is the son of Gene L and Viana F. Rankin of Crescent Ave., Clyde, Texas.

The specialist is a 1997 graduate of Clyde High School.





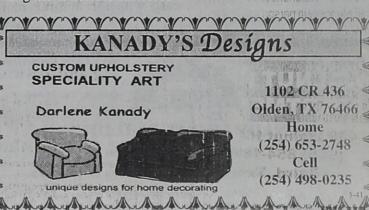


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Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person.

Food- Store at least a threeday supply of non-perishable food.

Select foods that require no refrigeration, oreparation or cooking and little or no wa-

Pack a manual can opener and eating utensils. Choose foods your family

will eat.

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Be Informed **Biological Threat**

If There is a Biological Threat Protect Yourself Symptoms and Hygiene Overview

A biological attack is the deliberate release of germs or other biological substances that can make you sick. Many agents must be inhaled, enter through a cut in the skin or be eaten to make you sick. Some biological agents, such as anthrax, do not cause contagious diseases. Others, like the smallpox virus, can result in diseases you can catch from other people.

If There is a Biological **Threat**

Unlike an explosion, a biological attack may or may not be immediately obvious. While it is possible that you will see signs of a biological attack, as was sometimes the case with the anthrax mail-

ings, it is perhaps more likely that local health care workers will report a pattern of unusual illness or there will be a wave of sick people seeking emergency medical attention. You will probably learn of the danger through an emergency radio or TV broadcast, or some other signal used in your community. You might get a telephone call or emergency

response workers may come

to your door. In the event of a biological attack, public health officials may not immediately be able to provide information on what you should do. It will take time to determine exactly what the illness is, how it should be treated, and who is in danger. However, you should watch TV, listen to the radio, or check the Internet for official news including the following:

·Are you in the group or area authorities consider in danger?

•What are the signs and

symptoms of the disease?

 Are medications or vaccines being distributed?

·Where?

•Who should get them?

·Where should you seek emergency medical care if you become sick?

Protect Yourself

If you become aware of an unusual and suspicious release of an unknown substance nearby, it doesn't hurt to protect yourself. Quickly get away. Cover your mouth and nose witeë ayers of fabric that can filter the air but still allow breathing. Examples include two to three layers of cotton such as a Tshirt, handkerchief or towel. Otherwise, several layers of tissue or paper towels may help. Wash with soap and water and contact authorities. Symptoms of Hygiene

At the time of a declared biological emergency, if a family member becomes sick, it is important to be suspicious. Do not automatically

assume, however, that you should go to a hospital emeris the result of the biological the fire. attack. Symptoms of malöcommon illnesses may overlap. Use common sense, practice good hygiene and cleanliness to avoid spreading germs, and seek medical ad-

Be Informed **Explosions**

If There is an Explosion Take shelter against your desk or a sturdy table.

Exit the building ASAP. Do not use elevators

Check for fire and other hazards

Take your emergency supply kit if time allows

If There is a Fire

Exit the building ASAP

Crawl low if there is smoke Use a wet cloth, if possible, to cover your nose and mouth.

Use the back of your hand to feel the upper, lower, and middle parts of closed doors.

If the door is not hot, brace yourself against it and open slowly.

If the door is hot, do not open it. Look for another way

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Do not use elevators If you catch lire, do not run. gency room or that any illness Stop-drop-and-roll to put out

If you are at home, go to a previously designated meeting place. It balls

Account for your family members and carefully supervise small children.

Never go back into a burning building.

If You Are Trapped in De-

If possible, use a flashlight to signal your location to res-

cuers. Avoid unnecessary movement so that you don't kick up

Cover your nose and mouth with anything you have on

(Dense-weave cotton material can act as a good filter. Try to breathe through the mate-

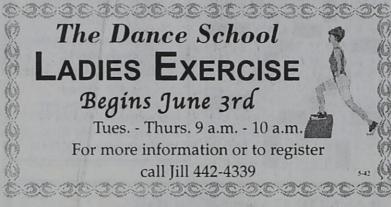
Tap on a pipe or wall so that rescuers can hear where you

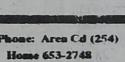
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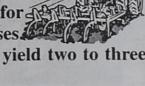
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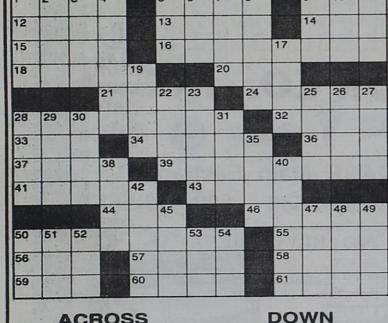
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Changes Made To CRP Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) published the interim rule for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to reflect changes made to the CRP as a result of the 2002 Farm Bill.

One of the major changes that will be of interest to producers in the 17th District will be the role of managed haying and grazing on CRP acreage.

This is in addition to the emergency haying and grazing that has been allowed during emergency situations such as the most recent drought.

Another area of interest is the placement of wind turbines for energy generation on CRP acreage.

Before the 2002 Farm Bill, the 1985 Act generally provided that no commercial use could be made of land enrolled in CRP; that law did permit haying or grazing during droughts or similar weather-related emergencies.

The 2002 Farm Bill changed that provision by making an exception for managed harvesting grazing.

This exception includes the managed harvesting of biomass and the installation of wind turbines.

Wind turbines generally have a limited impact on the environment due to their small footprint of approximately one-tenth acre. They are non-polluting sources of energy and generally have a limited impact on wildlife.

Under the new law, wind turbines will be installed according to staindards and such nu mbers determined appropriate by

Based on surveys of CRP participants, the managed haying uses could potentially affect about 215 percent of eligible CRP grassland acreage.

Haying and grazing will be limited to no more than once every three years, depending on conservation plan guidelines.

There will be additional restrictions in environmentally sensitive areas or practices.

All haying and grazing activities will be conducted only after a detailed conservation plan has been developed according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for haying and grazing standards.

The conservation plan will ensure the long-term viability of the stand, while protecting and enhancing the soil, water, wildlife and other natural resources of the CRP acreage.

The conservation plan will require the control of noxious weeds and other weeds, insects, and pests.

The year 2003 will be considered "year one" of the management cycle for all CRP contracts in effect. For all new CRP contracts, the disturbance cycle will begin when the cover is established.

For contracts where all eligible acreage is already

established, year one of the disturbance cycle will begin during the first managed haying and grazing period spell out these details in after the CRP contract is approved.

Under existing emergency authority, any eligible CRP acreage may be haved or grazed each year the county is approved.

Under the new rule, any CRP acreage eligible for emergency having or grazing within the county may be hayed or grazed within the emergency authorization regardless of whether it was hayed or grazed in previous under managed provisions or emergency authority.

However, any eligible

next two years.

I know this is a lot of information to digest in a radio show, and I would encourage you to check your local newspaper for my Ag Talk column which will

Senate Not Expecting Changes to COOL

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Jim Talent predicted last week that Congress will not repeal country-of-origin labeling (COOL) requirements.

He went on to say that USDA officials should implement the law in a way that is the most informative for consumers and the least costly for producers and agribusiness.

Following a recent field hearing in Montana, Chairman Talent said that he acreage hayed or grazed has let USDA officials know under either managed or that he does not consider it emergency provisions would the job of the subcommittee not be eligible for managed to go over the merits of haying or grazing for the country-of-origin labeling as

an i dea.

S enator Talent said he wou ld consider legislation to post one deadlines or make some: changes in the law, such as grandfathering in rneat from cows born before Septe mber 30, 2004. Next year is the deadline when the mandatory provisions of the law ar e scheduled to go into effect.

Senator Talent also said he would consider proposals to require record keeping only (in imported meat, under the assumption that other r neat comes from animals born in the United States.

For many folks in the agricultui al sector, greatest problem country-o f-origin labeling is this: while the law will be enforced at the retail level, the cost of implementing mandator y labeling will be borne primarily producers, especially as the law applies to cattle, hogs and lambs

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The USDA needs to they are purchasing, while figure out a way to not placing an unreasonable implement the law in such a burden for everybody in the way that gives consumers food production chain, certainty about the product especially producers.

Seeds From The Planter

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Ephesians 4:32 "And be ye kind on to another, tenderhearted, forgiving on another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.'

Many times in life, others fail to meet out expectations. The Scripture verse above is a command that even in those times we must forgive

others in their failure.

This is not only for the sake of that person but it is for you! Forgive and feel peace in your own life.

Plant seeds which bring profit (not monetary) not only to others but to you as well. Just try it today and see what rewards you obtain.

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A Prayer for American Troops

tion, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor.

to the safe haven of home.

Almighty God. Amen."

nation, June 6, 1944.

stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

"Almighty God. Our sons and daughters, pride of our na-

Lead them straight and true. Give strength to their arms,

These men and women are lately drawn from the ways of

Adapted from Franklin D. Roosevelt's radio prayer to the

peace. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return

Guest Slot

By Hazel Stone 1444 Pagewood Ave. Odessa, TX 79761 E-mail: HLouS@juno.com **CO-OPERATION**

The Webster definition of co-operation is: "working together for a common purpose."

Of course we know that co means two factors coming together at the same time or place as co-operation, coorelation and co-exist. I beleive what the world calls co-incidence, or fate, is really God bringing His power to bear on a situation.

A Chinese proverb about co-operation follows:

Once there was a Chinese prince who died and was given a glimpse of both heaven and hell. First he was escorted to hell, where he found tables laden with various delicacies, but the people were sitting there angry and frustrated, quarreling with each other. They were not permitted to pick up the food with their fingers, and they couldn't feed themselves because the chopsticks they were given were ten feet long.

Then the prince was taken to heaven. Again he found a bountiful banquet and again only ten foot long chopsticks. But here the people were happy and content, for they sat on opposite sides of the table each one feeding the person across from him!

Each key on a piano keyboard plays a single note, but in the skillful hands of a pianist, these individual keys work in harmony with each other to create beautiful music.

Similarly each of us is an individual with his/her own notes to sound. But when God, as the master musician, causes us all to blend in beautiful harmony, we are guided by God's skillful mastery. In harmony we work together to create beautiful chords of peace. This working together is due to co-operation.

A good example of not working together, not co-operating, is the Dead Sea. It has no outlet and the water grows stale and stagnant. The Sea of Galilee is just the opposite.

The Dead Sea is not capable of supporting life of any kind because, although it receives water from the River Jordon, there are no significant outlets and the water stagnates.

The Sea of Galilee thrives because it not only receives water from the River Jordon, it passes it on as well.

People are like these two seas. People who received and give in return are healthy. Those who receive and never give are doomed to stagnation.

The myth of Atlas illustrates that people who feel they bear the weight of the world and do not co-operate with the Holy Spirit to obtain rest.

Atlas, you recall, got himself in a pickle when he opposed Zeus in war. After Zeus had won the battle (in part because he employed his famous 100 headed monster) Atlas received as punishment the task of holding the world on his shoulders forever.

"He has an Atlas complex"

means that one is caught up in his own importance. He thinks he is indispensable to the human race.

Of course, the story of Atlas is only a myth. It is no myth that some people go through life feeling that they have the weight of the world on their shoulders. They are eternal burdens.

The good news is that mankind has a Comforter in the Holy Spirit sent to help the followers of Christ. Matthew 11:28 says "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you

Billy Newman of Atlanta, Georgia, writes that during his sophomore year in college, he was appointed photo editor of the daily student newspaper.

All went well for awhile as

he headed a staff of five photographers for the eight page daily college newspaper. Then one day a photog rapher named Kim was late coming back from an away bas ketball game. An hour before the deadline, Kim return ed and she dashed into the dal kroom. After about twenty iminutes she came out of the da rkroom. Tears filled her eyes v vhen she had to tell there were no pictures as all the film w as blank.

Billy recalls that he was futragic cases, bent over by their rious and did not h andle the situation properly, another guy, John, gave K im a hug and looked in the photo file. John found a photo of a pig lying in a pile of hay. John ran that photo with the caption, "Hog Day Atternoon."

The next morning the student readers were surprised and delighted by the unusual front page. For months that edition was talked about.

Billy Newman write that he learned a lesson that day that no matter how hard the job seems- it can be done IF people work together or cooperate.

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The Reader Who Cares By Wanda Skinner

Helen Kellar wrote, "My friends have made the story of my life. In a thousand ways they have turned my limitations into beautiful privileges and enabled me to walk serene and happy in the shadow cast by deprivation."

I ask you today if you care enough about another person to turn their limitation into things which will enrich the lives of those with whom they associate.

Please care enough to see how others have done the same for you.

Thursday, May 15, 2003 CJC To Host Basketball **Camps During June**

Ronnie Hearne and the Cisco Junior College Basketball Program will be hosting three different camps this summer. The first two camps will be held June 16-19. The Little Wrangler Camp is designed for girls and boys ages 5-12 and will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. This camp will include individual instruction in shooting, ball handling, and offensive and defensive skills. A camp Tshirt, camp ball, and medical insurance will be provided.

Position Camp will also be held June 16-19. This camp is for boys and girls in 5th grade through 12th grade. Position Camp will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Individual instruction will be given in all phases of post and guard positions. The camp also includes video instruction, passing skills, scoring moves, and shooting

instruction. Insurance and a camp T-shirt are provided.

The final camp is the Lady Wrangler Camp, which is for girls only in grades 5-12 and is to be held July 13-17. This camp is an overnight camp. but it is also available for girls who want to commute Campers will be grouped by skill and age levels. This camp includes offensive and defensive fundamentals and league games. Included in the camp are a T-shirt, medical insurance, meals, airconditioned dorms, awards, and a camp report card. A group of outstanding coaches conducts this camp each summer. Last summer, over 180 junior high and high school girls attended camp.

For more information and a camp application, please contact camp director Ronnie Hearne by calling (254) 442-4630. timp, ht

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Hardin-Simmons University Announces Threshold 2003

Abilene, TX - Hardin-Simmons University announces its Threshold Program for 2003. Threshold has provided a summer enrichment experience for gifted and talented children in Abilene and the surrounding area for over 20 years.

Gifted children who will be entering kindergarten through tenth grade can experience a taste of college life as they choose from many exciting courses being offered in this summer's program. The dates of Threshold 2003 are July 14-18 and July 21-25.

Threshold has been recognized throughout the state as an exemplary enrichment



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Again this year, Mary Christopher, assistant professor in gifted and talented education and elementary education, will direct Threshold. She taught gifted children for fifteen years in Oklahoma and Kentucky school systeams prior to coming to HSU.

The Threshold program is unique because few, if any, universities in the United States provide classes which enrich and challenge students beginning at such a young

Teachers for the Threshold Program have a wealth of experience in gifted education and most hold a Masters in Education with a major emphasis in gifted education.

Rene Collins, assistant professor at HSU, will lead the seminar class again this year. She has taught in Threshold for the past three years. Many of the teachers return to work in Threshold each year because they enjoy the opportunity to work with children who are excited about learning.

Kim Cheek, who has taught in Threshold for over 15 years, said that Threshold provides the rejuvenation and enthusiasm she needs to carry her throughout the school

The majority of the students that attend Threshold

live in the Abilene area. However, despite the fact that no dormitory facilities are provided, students from at least three other states and representing twenty other communities throughout Texas has attended in past years.

One mother travels from Houston each year so her daughter can experience the effective teaching and learning experiences at HSU.

Tim McCarry, facilities coordinator, assists the Threshold Program each year to provided living arrangements for families who come from outside the Abilene area. He also provides the classroom and recreation facilities that are needed by our program.

The theme for Threshold 2003 is "Structures"; students will study various physical and theoretical structures within their historical contexts. The older students, entering sixth through tenth grade in the fall of 2003 participate in an all day program that begins each day with a seminar class utilizing creative problem solving to prevent modern disasters.

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They will also have the

opportunity to select classes

exploring fossil digs, photog-

raphy, the stock market, poli-

tics, as well as building rock-

ets and bridges. The students

will use the computer lab in

the School of Education as a

support to the curriculum.

Children entering kindergar-

ten through fifth grade can

choose a half-day program,

either in the morning or after-

noon, exploring the structures

in nature, ancient Egypt and

Session I is July 14-18 and

Session II is July 21-25. Stu-

dents may attend one or both

sessions. The fee for the

younger students is \$80 per

session and for the older stu-

dents is \$140 per session. A

Italian art and architecture.

ships for students with demonstrated economic need are available each year. Additional information is available on the website (http:// www.hsutx.edu/academics/ education/threshold/).

For assured placement in classes, students are encouraged to apply by April 18, 2003. Interested students and/ or parents can obtain enrollment forms and further information about the Threshold Program by accessing the web site.

If the Internet is not accessible, please contact Mary Christopher through the graduate assistant's office at 915-670-1460.

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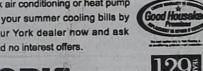
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Jordan Robinson Places 5th In State Academic Meet

Jordan Robinson, a graduating senior at Eastland High School, participated in the State Academic Meet on May 2 in Austin, TX, at the University of Texas. Jordan had placed first in News Writing at the region level; after competing with journalism students across the state, Jordan placed 5th in Austin. Her outstanding academic achievement makes her eligible for a UIL scholarship.

Jordan is the grandaughter of Maurice and Margie Newton of Baird.

Jordan had just finished competing last week at the Region Tennis Meet in Abilene and traveled last week to the State FCCLA competition in Fort Worth, where the team won 1st place. They will be going to Philadelphia for the national competition in July.

A very talented young lady, Jordan has excelled academically all four years of high school; she is a member of the A Academic Team and the Beta Club, and has just completed the college board exam in AP Literature and Composition to receive advanced college credit.

Not limiting herself to



JORDAN ROBINSON

academic excellence, Jordan has a long list of accomplishments, awards, community service projects and organizations that show her outstanding leadership qualities. Jordan has been involved in projects such as Toy of Tots, Noah Project, UNICEF, Park Clean Up, Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army, mission trips with her church youth group, and the Ready, Set, Read program for elementary students.

After graduation, Jordan plans to attend Baylor University, where she has already received numerous scholarships.

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security and readiness in the employees. United States, Texas agriculture must be ready to do its part to make certain our industry and America's food supply are safe," Combs said.""Any assault on American agriculture would that could be used against our country."

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, Combs put together risk. the Texas Food Security Coalition, a 57-member coalition of agricultural and commodity groups, to keep the agricultural industry informed of any potential problems or threats.

Combs said,

"While we have been shipping forms. vigilant in the past, now is the time for everyone in unusual occurrence of animal agriculture to be even more diseases, contact your local so. Producers and businesses along the border especially

ranchers and agribusinesses producers about appropriate to maintain heightened security measures. These include:

their farms, ranches or all emergency contacts and businesses in light of the numbers and post these reevaluate their storage

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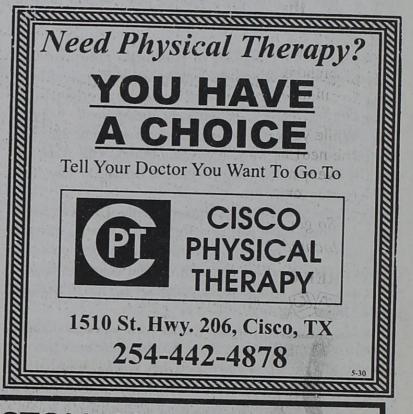
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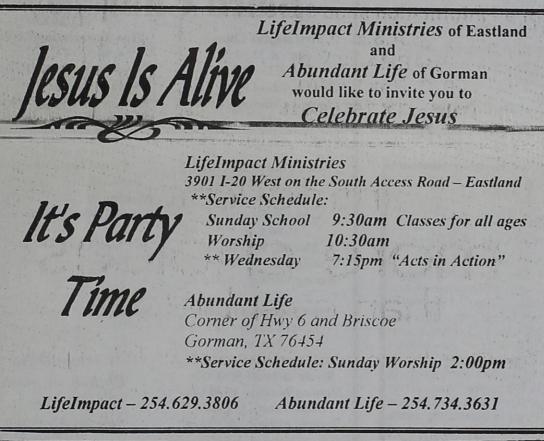
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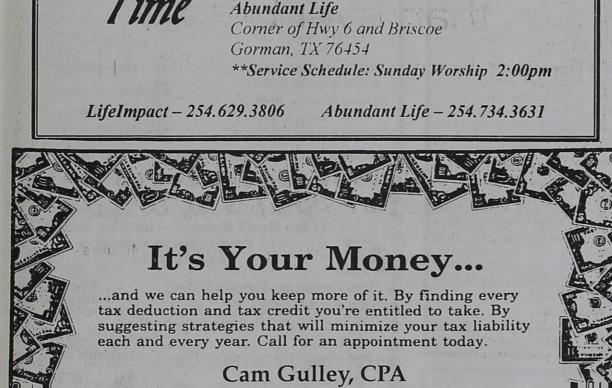
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Baird Elementary Cub News

· Baird ISD did not have school on Friday, May 9th, due to it being a weather day. The state track meet was going on that weekend, and we wished all the track "stars" the best of luck in Austin.

· 2nd and 3rd grade G/T are studying about deserts of the world and the plants and animals found there. We are also talking about what it means to receive when you have actually

· First grade will be learning about their teeth and how to take care of them. We are also learning about the food pyramid and the different foods that are good for our bodies. In math we are studying about polygons and adding 3 digit numbers. We are looked forward to Mother's Day and showing our Mothers how special they are to us! Moms, thanks for all you do. Have a great week and remember to count your blessings.

• 6th and 7th graders in G/T are working on class newsletters. They are interviewing and gathering news to add to their editions. 7th graders are also talking about the positives and negatives of being 13.

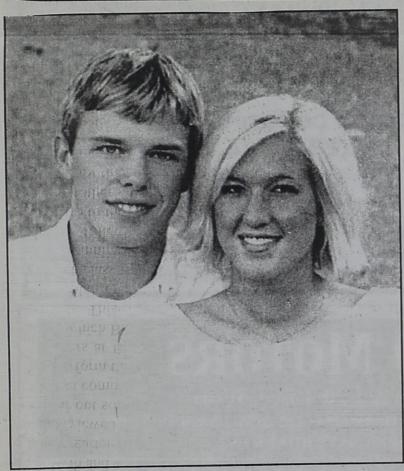
• 5th Grade G/T is looking at population projections for Texas through 2025. We will be looking at problems associated with growth and will try our hand a creating an original city.

 Kindergarten G/T is studying about community helpers. They interviewed two of our workers here at school last week and found out some very interesting things. This week we will look at community helpers around Baird and what they need to perform their jobs.

 Teachers at Baird were trained for the Lexia Reading Program, which Baird was very fortunate to receive through grant funds. This program will pinpoint trouble spots and provide a plan of action for each student based on his/her needs. Each class will go to the computer lab for 20 minutes per day, beginning soon.

• In Mrs. Tollett's kindergarten we were all excited about out field trip to the Abilene Zoo. We also were busy getting ready for Mother's Day and hoped they would like what we are making for them.

Engagement



Averie and Shane

Mike and Gina Devenport School and a Dec. 2002 of Brady are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Shane Roy Devenport of Baird, to Averie Colwell Riley of Temple, daughter of Ken Temple.

The couple will exchange vows at Bethel Assembly of a degree in marketing. God in Temple on Aug. 16.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Temple High Stephenville.

graduate of Central Texas College in Killeen. She is currently employed at Bijou in Stephenville.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Baird and Theresa Riley, also of High School and will graduate from Tarleton State University in Dec. 2003 with

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Spotlight

Annual notice, request, urging, comment - - begging, nagging whatever!

This topic is dear to me, and I keep hoping many more writers' entries will be added to mine when June First officially opens the Writers Club's summer contest. Entries must be postmarked no later than July 31, and the awards will be made at the September meeting.

I have requested that complete rules with mailing address be published in this paper by June 1, but I will give you an idea now of what's available so you can be checking your files - - - or filling them with new materials...

Too, you can request your own copy of the rules as soon as I have the chairman's address for this year.

No matter how you exercise your keyboard, push your pen or chew your pencil, there should be a category that fits your genre. I know there are eleven categories, and I believe the book category has been split for fiction and non-fiction, so that makes twelve.

There are three kinds of articles: general information, inspirational and nostalgia; three poetry slots: rhymed, unrhymed and humorous; short stories (adult) and children's (for children); short shots (as in Reader's Digest fillers); columns; (fiction books

Many of the "little towns of Texas" and the nation have more material for nostalgic articles and general (historical) than ever will see daylight, and it is a shame

that more of it is not being written for the generations who never will know what YOU know about "the good old days" if YOU don't tell

The Cisco contest is a good place to start. We (I'm a life member) have had a contest for many of the past twenty-five years, members are very good about sharing what they have learned. Rules every year specify manuscript form.

We have had entries from coast to coast and even from Europe! I believe one of our youngest winners was only eleven, and several of the oldest ones have been in the nineties. You don't have to type your own entry; as long as you write the original of what you submit. you're okay. It must not have been published elsewhere (before May 1 of the contest year).

If you do not have rules by June 1, they usually appear again before the end of the contest.

P. S. If you can't type, but you have a story to tell, tape it and someone, somewhere can type it for you - - - that person will need the rules though.

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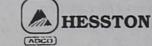
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Chamber The Commerce is expecting another blockbuster Antiques & Trade Days in Baird where weekend shoppers tripled the population in the west central Texas community during last year's event.

Scheduled Friday and Saturday, June 13-14, the Antiques Market joins local antiques merchants with visiting dealers from around the state to offer shoppers over 50,000 square feet of merchandise.

On a given day in the "Antique Capital of West Texas," shoppers have a varied selection of goods from which to choose. The usual stock ranges from 1700s Goosewing axes to top of the line American Victorian furniture and accessories, and almost everything in between. Resident antiques merchants are housed in restored buildings along the wide, three-block, 1880s shopping district that easily accommodates visiting dealers. The visitors offer their wares in outside booth locations, or rub shoulders with the locals in airconditioned comfort.

The made for antiquers setting that bulges with tables laden with antique selections from toys to linens, tools to pottery and advertising items to soda collectibles, also attract the finest of traditional

craftsmen, and more. Barnwood framed art to ironwork, home and yard dEcor, homemade lye soap and jewelry are among the offerings.

Tea Time Appraisal Fair, the popular audienceinteractive antiques appraisal forum hosted by professional appraisers Donald King Cowan, ISA and C. L. "Sam" Webb, ISA will be presented Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. Limited time and space require that tickets, priced at \$20 per appraisal, be purchased in advance.

Antiques Market hours are 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday on Market Street. Setup will begin Thursday afternoon.

For further information contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce at (325) 854-

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Baird Churches

First Baptist Church Race & Third St. Pastor: Chad King Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11:00

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Baird Church Of Christ I-20 & FM 2047 Minister: Bob Kiser Sunday Bible Classes

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion - 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

First Methodist Church North I-20 Hwy 283 Pastor:

Rev. Lawrence Gaumond Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth Group - 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church Fourth and Chestnut Pastor: Dr. Richard Woods

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