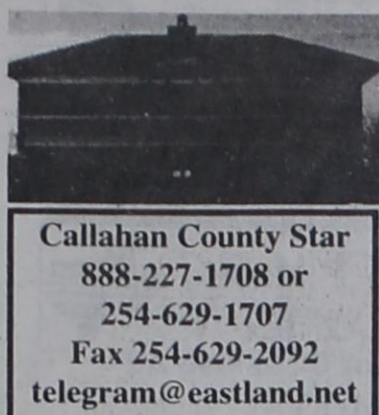


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CJC Homecoming, Parents' Day Oct. 2

Plans are underway for this year's Homecoming and Parents' Day at Cisco Junior College scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2004.

Homecoming organizers will kick the event off earlier in the week on Thursday with a Spirit rally and bonfire behind CJC's baseball-softball complex immediately following the Lady Wranglers-Ranger College volleyball game which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 2, a registration and reception will be held in Maner Memorial Library from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dedication of Bivins Hall and The Wrangler Corral will begin at 11:00 a.m.. A tailgate party welcoming parents, alumni and students will be held at the stadium from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will include games, music, spirit booths and lunch.

The football game will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Chesley Field as the CJC Wranglers face North Eastern Oklahoma A & M. Pre-game recognition of the Cisco Junior College Board of Regents begins at 1:40 p.m. Half-time festivities will include performances by the Wrangler Band and Belles and presentation of the Homecoming Queen.

Texas Department of State Health Services will hold the following clinics in Callahan County

Monday, Oct. 11th

Baird Cafetorium

400 W. 7th

Time 10-12

Cross Plains Housing

Authority

233 N. Main

Time 2-4

Wednesday Oct. 13th

Clyde First Baptist Church

216 Austin

Time 10-12 & 1:30 - 3

Please bring child's

Immunization Records

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Flu Shots

will be given

Monday, October 18

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Baird Cafeteria

Cost: \$15.00

Texas Midwest

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holds its 11th Annual

Conference October 20,

2004 at the Abilene

Civic Center.

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Entertaining"

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Exploring Natural Resources for Profit Scheduled Oct. 19-20

Texas Cooperative Extension will host "Exploring Natural Resources for Profit" on Oct. 19-20 at the Krooked River Ranch near Lueders. The program targets landowners interested in entering the nature tourism industry.

Registration will begin at noon Oct. 19. The program will address issues to consider in evaluating a potential tourism enterprise.

Agricultural tourism is significantly different from traditional ranching and farming. Those contemplating the business must 'put on a new pair of glasses' when considering these new opportunities. But the truth is, nature tourism can be very compatible with a rural agricultural lifestyle. It can also provide a significant cash flow during times when little else may be coming in.

This program is concise, but we realize we can't provide all the answers. So we will include additional resources for folks needing more information following the program.

The Oct. 19 program will start at 1 p.m. Topics and speakers include:

- **Overview of Nature Tourism-** Miles Phillips, Extension nature tourism specialist, Corpus Christi, and Dr. Andrew Skadberg, Extension nature tourism specialist, College Station;

- **Practices and Prices-** Dr. Judon Fambrough, Texas A&M University's Real Estate Center, College Station;

- **Getting Started-** Phillips and Skadberg;

- **Liabilities-** Fambrough;

- **Financial Planning-** Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist, San Angelo;

- **Marketing Your Natural Resources-** Phillips, Skadberg; and

- **Marketing Panel-** featuring Johnson, Roy Wilson of Krooked River Ranch, Stan Meador of X-Bar Ranch in Schleicher County, Debbie Hudman of Stasney Cook Ranch in Shackelford County, and a representative from the Bar H Ranch in Donley County.

Activities will conclude with skeet shooting and supper sponsored by Cargill Animal Nutrition.

Speakers on Oct. 20 and their topics include:

- **Square-adigms' In Natural Resource Management-** Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo;

- **Enterprise Opportunities-** panel discussion;

- **Rock Farming, Birding, Trail Rides, Chuck Wagon Events and Other Alternatives-** with speakers to be announced later;

- **When the Wildlife Tail Wags the Livestock Dog-** Rollins;

- **Under Utilized Wildlife as a Source of Ranch Income-** Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo; and

- **Available Resources-** Phillips and Skadberg.

The event will be sponsored by Extension offices in Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford and Taylor counties.

Registration will be limited to 30 people. Individual registration due by Oct. 1 and is \$150.

For more information call the Callahan County Extension Agent at (325) 854-1518 or contact an Extension office in any of the sponsoring counties.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

submitted by Robert Pritz - County Extension Agent

Pricklypear Control Update Set For Oct. 7

A special Pricklypear & Brush Control Update is set for **Thursday, October 7th** at the Baird Activity Center located at 208 Walnut in Baird, Texas. This meeting will focus on the newest products available for the control of Pricklypear. Registration will be at 9:00a.m. with the program to begin at 9:30a.m. with a product update and overview. Dr. Allen McGinity, Extension Range special-
Continued Inside Please See Pricklypear Control

Commissioners Pay Tribute To Charlie Grider: Approve Various Resolutions

Callahan County Commissioners paid tribute to Commissioner Charlie Grider, Precinct #4, at the beginning of their September 27 Open Meeting.

Commissioner Grider died on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004. He served as a Callahan County Commissioner from 1992-2004.

"It was an honor to serve with him," Judge Roger Corn said, adding, in name of the Court, that Commissioner Grider would be sorely missed.

The Commissioners further approved a number of resolutions at Monday's meeting.

A resolution requesting the passage of a Texas House Bill for 1/2 cent sales tax on fuels to be used specifically for County Roads and Bridges was approved unanimously by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Farmer made the motion to approve the resolution. "It will help all of us," he said. The motion was seconded by Commissioners Hicks.

An Indigent Defense Grant resolution was also approved.

The resolution is required in order for the county to be eligible for grant funding, Judge Corn explained.

It was noted that the county received approx. \$10,000 last year.

The grant program assists the county in the "implementation and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services."

The resolution states that the "County Judge or other official designated by the Commissioners' Court of this county is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program" and is designated as the Program Director for the grant.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holland and approved unanimously by the Court.

A resolution for the Callahan county Aging Services was approved. This resolution regards Meals on Wheels and nutrition in the County.

A motion to approve the

resolution was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Farmer. The vote was unanimous.

Also on the agenda:

The Commissioners approved the waiving of taxes for 2003/2004 for Cross Plains Housing Authority.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve this agenda item; Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

No action was taken on a E.M.S request for a monthly subsidy increase from the County of \$250.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve a designated day of the week set by the Court on which the Commissioners' Court will convene in a regular term.

The day set by the Court is the 2nd Monday of each month, and the 4th Monday, if necessary.

Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion which passed with an unanimous vote.

A proclamation pro-

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Please See Commissioners

Leafing Texas: Foliage Info Available Oct. 1

Abilene, TX - Motorists searching for the best sites for fall foliage in Texas have help at their fingertips beginning Oct. 1.

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) fall foliage hotline (800-452-9292) will be through late November. To make it easier to find the leaves changing color, hotline callers at any hour may request information for seven regions of the state: Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, East Texas, Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas), and Southwest Texas.

TxDOT's website (www.dot.state.tx.us), also beginning in October, will provide information on the best spots to find fall foliage along the state's 79,000-mile highway system.

Foliage maps will be available by clicking "Road Conditions" on the TxDOT homepage.

Foliage information comes from local TxDOT maintenance offices, chambers of commerce and parks officials.

"The presence of fall foliage can be very fleeting in Texas where trees aren't as plentiful as they are in the East," said Heide Zetty, TxDOT's travel-information manager. "A wind and rain

storm could possibly come up and blow all the leaves off the trees and end the season in an instant."

Locations across the state known for leaf changes include:

Village Creek State Park, Lumberton; Mission Tejas State Historical Park, Grapeland; Martin Dies, Jr. State Park, Jasper; Martin Creek Lake State Park, Tatum; Lake Bob Sandlin State Park, Pittsburg; City of Winnsboro; Texas State Railroad State Historical Park, Rusk; Lost Maples State Natural Area, Vanderpool; Devil's Backbone Scenic Drive, Winberley to Blanco; City of Palestine; Cleburne State Park, Cleburne; Caprock Canyons State Park, Quitaque; McKittrick Canyon, 100 miles east of El Paso.

If you prefer to stay closer to home, Mary Beth Kilgore, public information officer for TxDOT's Abilene District, said that US 277 in the hills (Coronado's Camp area), along FM 89 up to FM 126 and then along FM 126 to Camp Butman in Taylor County provides this area with colorful fall foliage. She said the best viewing is usually from mid October thru November.

Everyone Invited to Pecan, Bluegrass Festival, Oct. 9

The Clyde Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to the Annual Pecan and Bluegrass Festival Saturday, October 9. The downtown parade will begin at 10:00 A.M. and the Festival will conclude at 6:00 P.M.

The Festival, held west of the Clyde Bulldog Football Stadium, will include food, arts, crafts, aircastle, car show, kids games, pecan pies and music all day long.

Bluegrass bands playing include Swing Shift, Hilltop Edition, Pleasant Run Valley, Valley Ridge, Joe Bass and the Double Mountain Boys, and are sponsored by the Peoples State Band and Big Country Dodge.

Also, the Keepers Car Club will hold its 1st Annual Car Show featuring 14 categories of restored beauties. The car show is sponsored by the First National Bank of Baird/Clyde.

For shoppers, arts and craft booths offering all kinds of great bargains will be there plus lots of booths by local clubs and organizations featuring delicious fajitas, sausage, roasted corn, french fried, turkey legs, bar-b-que, lemonade and lots more.

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Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 6120-02-001 for "ON DEMAND" PAVEMENT MARKINGS in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on October 15, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,500,000.46.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 14162 State Office

Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s) Abilene District District Engineer 4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas 79604-0150 Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be

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Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 6122-47-001 for HOT POUR CRACK SEALING in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on October 26, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$152,264.80.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or

Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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80 acres wooded with mostly oak trees, hill, nearby waterline, deer, turkey, dove, hogs, \$950 per acre.
80 acres mostly wooded with oak trees, hill, pond, creek, large hills & views, waterline, deer, turkey, dove, hogs, \$350 per acre.
95 acres mostly wooded with mature oak trees, easy access, good hunting/recreation property, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$89,782.
95 acres completely wooded with mature oak trees, large hill, pond, setup with deer blinds & feeders, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$87,875 owner/agent.
97 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, large hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$116,400.
100 acres with 2001 32 ft. travel trailer with slide out, 16x20 enclosed building, fourwheeler, the property is thickly wooded with oak trees, hill, pond, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$119,500.
155 acres, 100 acres of live oaks & mesquite trees, 55 acres of fields, sunflowers, 3 ponds, hills, canyons, barns, 1 room cabin, waterline, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$123,225.
160 acres wooded with live oak trees, 2 ponds & a creek, hills with views, waterline, electricity, phone line, deer, turkey, hogs, duck, dove & quail, \$895/ac
160 acres, about 50% wooded with oak trees, waterline, deer, turkey, quail, co-op water nearby, \$775 per acre.
177 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$212,400.
306 acres, wooded with 35 acres of mesquite timber, older rock house, ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$339,000.
310 acres, wooded with live oak trees, several ponds, excellent hunting, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$339,000.
320 acres, 110 acres of fields and 210 acres wooded with mostly mesquite and some live oak timber, 2 ponds, creek, waterline, \$339,000.
326 acres by Lake Cisco, over three miles of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, 2 ponds, will divide, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$391,200.
616 acres, mostly wooded with oak and mesquite timber, field, several ponds, hills, creek. Excellent hunting - deer, turkey, hogs, \$391,200.
850 acres some high game fence, mostly wooded, oak timber, waterline, large hills, creek bottoms, 4 fields, 6+ ponds, quail, dove, \$715 per acre.
HOMES WITH ACREAGE
66 acres with 3 BR home ready to be completed by new buyer, overlooks Lake Cisco, mostly wooded, two ponds, creeks, \$125,000.
13.75 acres with nice 3 BR, 2 bath home, LR, kitchen recently remodeled, double carport, water well, pond, storage bldg, hookups for RV or mobile home.
5 acres with recently built 3 BR, 2 bath home, many pretty cabinets in kitchen, living room, den and utility room, \$125,000.
HOMES
2 BR, 1 bath home, carport, attached storage, \$125,000.
2 BR, 1 bath, carport with storage, \$125,000.
3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate DR, storage bldg., corner property, \$17,500.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath newer Clayton Sonoma, CH/A, storage bldg, fenced lot, \$18,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, mostly wood floors, garage, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000.
2 BR, 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, deck, garage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$27,000.
2 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, many cabinets, CH/A, carport, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$30,000.
4 BR, 2 bath, lg. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, lg. corner property, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, mostly brick home, patio, storage bldg., fenced backyard, \$39,500.
3 BR, 2 baths, many nice cabinets, CH/A, approx. 1440 sq. ft., large metal bldg., 12 fenced lots, \$39,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath mostly brick home, storage bldg., fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$42,500.
3 BR, 2 bath, lg. LR, with WBFP, some wood floors, CH, double carport, storage bldg., 2 1/2 lots, \$45,000.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, veneer brick home, CH/A, fireplace, storm windows, garage enclosed for 2 extra rooms, chain link fencing, 2 storage bldgs., large trees, reduced to \$47,000.
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CH/A, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick, separate garage, double carport, fenced backyard, \$53,500.
4 BR, 2 bath, 2 story, with character, some wood floors, lg. corner property, many large oak trees, reduced to \$47,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, CH, separate DR, WBFP in LR and WB heater in den, patio, 2 large metal shops, 2 double carports, 3 lots.
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.
LAKE CISCO
2 BR Home, deck, boat dock, large oak trees, reduced to \$25,000.
3 BR Home, many cabinets, woodburning heater, wooden deck, boat dock with boat house, large trees, reduced to \$28,000.
2 BR Home, CH/A, fireplace, detached guest room, patio, boat dock, 2 car carport, storage bldg., large oak trees, reduced to \$28,000.
2 BR Home, WBFP, nice view of lake from LR and BRs. Some landscaping with sprinkler system, deck and boat dock.
3 BR, full bath plus two 3/4 bath home with CH/A and WBFP downstairs, covered boat dock. Furniture and appliances can remain.
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.
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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

'Two Grannies'—More than a Whistle Stop

GLEN ROSE—They are visitors here, this small herd of folks spanning four generations. They've seen the dinosaur tracks and are walking slowly past the courthouse in this quaint town. The mournful sound of a train whistle pierces the tranquility; the family is startled. Great grandpa wants the rest to freeze in their tracks; they want to make tracks. Luckily, a local—tracking the situation—eases the moment.

"You can set your clocks by that whistle on Friday and Saturday nights," he laughed, "But it ain't coming from no train. There ain't no tracks in Somerville County. You're hearin' Kenneth Hopson cuttin' loose with train whistles to spice up 'Orange Blossom Special' down at Two Grannies."

Hopson started cutting and selling cedar posts when he was seven—the same age he started whistling like a train. He developed his talent from quite a distance. "Catch the wind just right, and we could hear the whistles from trains rumbling through adjoining counties," he recalls.

How likely is it that arguably the two best train-whistlers in all of history were born just one year and 50 miles apart? In 1931, Boxcar Willie was born to a railroad family in Ellis County, where they've got lots of railroads. He grew up in railroad shanties before settling into a whistling profession. He wound up in Branson, Mo., and was the first entertainer to live there year-around. Willie was 67 when leukemia took the life of the self-proclaimed "king of the hobos." The Boxcar Willie Museum, Hotel and

Theater remain.

The cedar chopper has never gotten far from home, and at age 74, is lucky to be alive. He has survived three heart attacks, five stints, diabetes, a broken back and making 'shine by the light of the moon.' A big live oak tree fell on him in 2000—the year after Boxcar died. A few months later, with the opening of Two Grannies Down Home Cookin', Hopson was on his first regular "gig" ever.

The two grannies, both long-widowed, weren't much good at thumb-twiddling. Gloria Whitley, 75, and June Thomas (a few months shy of 80) have given up on several attempts at retirement. Gloria twice headed Hood County Senior Citizens Center and also worked at Hood County Hospital for several years. June had a ladies' dress shop in Granbury for 40 years. Both went to school in Hood County and were members of Granbury Church of Christ for more than 50 years. It was their church friends who named the restaurant.

Each of them blames the other for proposing the venture in 2001. Within six weeks, they went from inception to "open for business" at their "56-seat hole in the wall" a few feet from the courthouse. (Over the years, it had housed a hardware store, post office and drug store. More recently, a Chinese joint had failed.)

Open for lunch and dinner Thursdays through Saturdays (11-2 and 5-8), the business languished for a full year before the Texas Highways magazine and NBC's Today Show took note of the little restaurant where a couple of great-

grandmothers greet all patrons with hugs upon entry—not dainty hugs, but the kind grizzlies exchange for honey-laced treats after hibernation.

Now, it is the "happening place" in town. Long lines form on weekend nights, patrons eager not only to "chow down" on wonderful southern cooking, but also to see what volunteer entertainers have to offer.

There's a bevy of wonderful musicians and the best whistler in the business for the train songs. Locals hung a nice plaque on the wall for Hopson, who recently was teased by a three-year-old asking if he had "swallowed a train." (Then, she insisted on peeking under his railroad cap to see if she could spot a mechanical whistle.)

Gloria and June have logs of "amen notes" left by grateful patrons. "Awesome" is the most common entry. One wrote, "Makes me miss my grandmother a little less."

Oh, sure, the grannies get tired. Gloria, the "chief hugger," also prepares the soups and roasts, and June chips in with delectable desserts. They have five other employees, plus a host of patrons who insist on clearing the tables, helping with re-fills, organizing entertainment and keeping the big speaker out on the sidewalk aimed just right.

"Sometimes we feel like cutting our suspenders and going straight up," Gloria said. June is threatening to get tattoos of eyeballs on her eyelids so she can appear to be awake at church.

But, they wouldn't want it any other way. The train-whistler wouldn't either. Nor do the thousands who show up, hoping to get in. Neither do the hangers-on who assist in closing down each evening, knowing that everyone is expected to join in on "I'll Fly Away," "Happy Trails to You" and

Pioneer News

By The Pioneer Quilting Club

The ladies at quilting had another profitable Tuesday. We had a few missing for various reasons. We are working on Glenda Phillips' quilt and one for Lou Grider. There will probably be another in the frame shortly.

Our "Quilt Show and Bake Sale" will be the first Saturday in November (6th). Put it on your calendar.

We have lost two of our Pioneer people this last week. Christine King spent her whole life in the Pioneer community. Our sympathy goes out to Jerry and all his family. Charlie Grider spent his early life in this community. Our sympathy go out to Doris and all the Grider family.

Glenda Phillips' grandson Logan is now in Kindergarten. Glenda ask him if he likes elation in the cafeteria. He said he did. She ask him if there was anything he doesn't like. He said he doesn't like those little green tree things. Guess what that is? Glenda's sister and husband, Shirley and Winfred Dodd from Early visited Glenda Thursday afternoon 9-16. They had a great visit. Before game time they took her out to eat at the Staghorn Cafe. They were really im-

"God be with You 'Til We meet Again."

It makes the two grannies happy to make others happy, and they want everyone to eat until they're full. "If you don't leave here miserable, it ain't our fault," they declare, admitting to sometimes feeling as old as the dinosaurs.

Somewhere, Boxcar Willie is smiling, tickled that someone is carrying on his talent, even if it's in a town with plenty of dinosaur tracks, but nary a one for trains.

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pressed with the Staghorn. After eating, the Dodds went to Eastland to see a grandson play football for Early High school. Glenda went to see C.P. Jr. High play and watched her granddaughter Krista cheerlead. Krista and her group of cheerleaders do a great job.

J.D. and Sandy Hutton spent a long four day weekend in Georgia with Jamie and Mary and children, Janiesa, Jesse, shania, and Dalton. The children have sure grown up this past year. They all had a great visit and saw many beautiful and historic sights around Savannah.

Earlene Burge became great-grandmother again on Monday. Little Matthew Wade Ochoa came into this world at 3 o'clock Monday Sept. 20. Several family members and friends were there. Everyone thought he was a beautiful baby.

Jessica became a new grandmother, she was there and thought little Matthew was the greatest thing since her other grandson, Cameron Chisholm came to us.

All the grandmothers and great-grandmothers know about this. Congratulations to the Ochoa's.

June Hughes and son, Jeb Hughes, from Midland spent some time visiting with May Jones on Saturday. It was so nice to see them. We just caught up on a lot of things and people. Jeb's oldest daughter, Megan, goes to the University of Oklahoma. It was fun to talk about that and tease him about the UT and Sooner ball game. His youngest daughter, Amy, is a track star for one of the Midland high schools.

This week should be Game night at the Community center. Come on out for some fun and food. Thursday the 30th.

Go out, support your local football teams, band, and the cross country runners. The kids work hard in these activities as well as in their academic studies.

See you next time!!

Duane Sheriff To Minister At Abundant Life Church Oct. 3-6

Pastor Duane Sheriff from Durant, Oklahoma will be ministering at Abundant Life Church in Brownwood, TX October 3rd-6th. Pastor Duane is television host of Victory Life, seen in Central Texas on Prime Time Christian Broadcasting, and in Brownwood on cable channel five. Free teaching tapes of Pastor Duane's teachings and of Abundant Life Church services will be made available to all that attend. A nursery will be provided for all services for infants through age five. Sunday service times are 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday - Wednesday service will be at 7:00 p.m. Abundant Life Church is located at U.S. Hwy 67/84 at Hwy 279 Brownwood, TX. For more information please call 325-643-4738 or visit www.abundantlifebrownwood.com.

Quilt Show In Stephenville Oct. 8-10

STEPHENVILLE-The Threads of Texas Quilt Show will be held at the Erath County Courthouse Square in Stephenville on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8, 9 and 10.

The show which is presented by the Town 'N Country Quilt Guild of Stephenville will feature over 100 quilts from the vintage to modern in addition to special exhibits of small quilts with a Texas flair, a collection of Round Robins and the Common Threads of Texas Quilt on loan from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Quilts with a history will be highlighted at the Antique Story Time and wearable quilted fashions will be on the runway at a luncheon style show on Saturday. Certified quilt appraiser Marcia Kaylakie of Austin will conduct appraisals by appointment for \$35.00 per quilt and vendors including Baticks Galore, Quilts & Stuff and The Scissor Guy will be on hand.

Tickets are \$3.00. Children under 12 are free. Times for the quilt show are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday & Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Stephenville is located on Hwys 281 and 377.

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Disaster Aid Prospects

A bipartisan group of U.S. Senators recently offered an amendment to the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2005 that would provide assistance to cover quantity and quality losses for 2003 and 2004 crops, as well as providing funding for the Livestock Assistance Program.

The amendment provided for "such sums as may be necessary" to carry out the provisions of the amendment, which means if the amendment survives in its current form, there would be no proration of assistance.

This also means that the funding provided would be added directly to the budget deficit.

As you've heard me say before, I'm always concerned when agriculture receives something that isn't paid for because we may still have to pay the cost at a later date.

The Senate-adopted provision would be based on the program that was run for the 2000 year disaster, not the program that was in place for the 2001 and 2002 crop years.

The Livestock Assistance Program would also cover forage and feed losses in either 2003 or 2004, but not both years.

It is still not clear yet whether disaster assistance will make it to the President's desk for approval. Several hurdles, including whether the House leadership and the White House will insist that the assistance be paid for, and what the final vehicle might be for its movement, are yet to be determined.

As you may remember, the 2001 and 2002 disaster program was paid for by putting a cap on the Conservation Security Program.

Since the House already passed its version of the Homeland Security Appropriations bill, any further action on disaster assistance will be in an Appropriations conference committee.

I have expressed my preference that the House and Senate Agriculture Committees should be involved in determining the policy for providing assistance, not an appropriations conference committee that has no expertise in agricultural issues.

Grain Check-off Funds

I am pleased the House Agriculture Committee this week reported out legislation that I cosponsored to address a situation that might have hampered the ability of the Texas Wheat Producers Board to do their job.

Officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) decided back in the late 1990s that they didn't have the authority to do what they'd already been doing for decades in some cases. And that is to collect the assess-

ment for the check-off on wheat and other grains that are put under loan with USDA.

The USDA indicated to state check-off organizations that as long as they didn't make any changes in their programs, such as increase their assessment rates, or do anything that would require a change in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between USDA and the state check-off entities, then the USDA would continue to honor those MOUs to collect funds.

However, two states ran into problems when their wheat and barley commissions voted to increase their assessments.

Fortunately this hasn't been an issue for Texas yet since there have been no changes made in the assessment rate for the Texas wheat

check-off, but the Texas Wheat Producers Board does have the authority to go up to 2.5 cents per bushel from the current 1.5 cent per bushel check-off.

I am pleased we were able to provide some certainty to the Texas program, and the education and promotion programs in other states as well by clearly providing the same statutory authority that cotton and soybeans already have as do other commodities such as wheat, corn, sorghum and rice.

As a wheat producer myself, I'm very much aware of the good work that is done in Texas as well as nationally with our check-off dollars, and I will continue to support the efforts of the wheat industry and other commodities to do this work on our behalf.

National Farm Safety and Health Week

As it has for more than half a century, Congress has recognized this week as National Farm Safety and Health Week.

As far back as the 1940s, President Franklin Delano

Roosevelt signed the first Presidential Proclamation recognizing this week as the National Farm Safety and Health Week in order to commemorate the hard work, diligence, and sacrifices that our nation's farmers and ranchers make on a daily basis.

This week is a time for our nation to reflect on the important role that U.S. agriculture has played and continues to play in this nation and throughout the world. The U.S. began as an agrarian society, and agriculture has been the economic backbone of this country ever since.

Over time, however, our nation became more industrialized, and people left the farms and rural areas to pursue opportunities in the cities.

Despite the fact that there are fewer people producing the nation's fiber and food, productivity has increased to record levels.

And while the business of farming has undergone significant changes since the founding of this nation, one thing has not changed: farming continues to be one of the most hazardous occupations in the U.S.

While there are many potential hazards on our country's farms and ranches, tractors remain the most dangerous.

In fact, more than half of on-farm accidents are a result of mishaps on tractors.

But farmers and ranchers are subject to a whole host of other dangers, including chemicals and fertilizers, unpredictable livestock, and buildings that have high lev-

els of dust and toxins.

It goes without saying that the commitment to farm safety cannot be limited to a single week. Nevertheless, this timely and welcome resolution to commemorate farm safety reminds us all of how important it is for farmers, ranchers, and their families to perform their work safely and to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves.

By recognizing the dangers inherent in agricultural businesses, and by taking steps to prevent accidents, our nation will continue to lead the world in the production of agricultural commodities.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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Affirmed

In the interest of K.J.L., III and C.A.L., Nolan. (Memorandum Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice McCall, and Justice Hill)

Buck Edward Marshall, Jr. v. State of Texas, Collin. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Vernon Sam Woodard v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

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John Green v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Hill)

Reversed & Rendered

Louisiana-Pacific Corporation v. Newton County and Truman Dougharty, County Judge, Newton. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Writ of Mandamus Conditionally Granted

David H. Gilliland v. Taylor Investments, Taylor. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Appeals Dismissed

Whiteford Donald Robinson v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

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Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed

Rebecca Gail Hill v. Gary Don Horrell, Ector. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Original Proceedings Dismissed

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Leo B. Montgomery v. CBI Interiors, Harris. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the matter of William B. Latham, Sr., Deceased, Ector. Appellant's motion for

extension of time to file reply brief.

Jacoby Dominique Williams v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

Ex Parte Jeffery Orville Dicks, Palo Pinto. State's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

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In re Bruce Kittleson, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se motion to suspend a rule.

In re Mark Kupstis, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se motion to suspend a rule.

In re Ezell Eugene Minton, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se motion to suspend a rule.

In re Jerome Baker, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se motion to suspend a rule.

Motions Submitted & Overruled

Leo B. Montgomery v. CBI Interiors, Harris. Appellee's motion to dismiss Appellant's appeal for want of jurisdiction. (Per Curiam

Midway General Store Takes Part In 'Adopt A Highway'

The Midway General Store at Romney, Texas has committed to the "Adopt a Highway" program. They will be adopting 2 miles of Hwy. 183 starting at the Romney Cemetery and going south.

First clean up day will be Saturday, Oct. 2 and the Vanderhoofs will host a BBQ Dinner at the Midway General Store for all who participates. Scott and Barbara in-

Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motions Submitted & Denied

In re James De Moss, Orig. Proc.

Relator's pro se motion for permissive joinder of parties. Relator's pro se motion to intervene.

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In the Interest of J.V.M., a child, Taylor.

Louis Leroy Kline v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto.

vite everyone to come and have fun as they "Keep Texas Beautiful."

Trash bags and vests will be provided by Texas Highway Dept. Every 3 months on 2nd Saturdays are the scheduled clean up days and they will also observe any national "clean up" day.

Scott Vanderhoof would like to encourage other businesses to come involved in the "Don't Mess With Texas" program.



The Church gathers for Ground Breaking.

Eastland First Baptist Church Ground Breaking

First Baptist Church Eastland "turned the dirt" Sunday on the site of the facility expansion planned for the congregation. Over one hundred and seventy members and guests turned out to take part in the groundbreaking ceremony. Dennis Shumard, chairperson of the building team lead in a brief dedication of the site for God's glory and Pastor Shawn Brewer offered a prayer of thanks and commitment to carry out the work set before the church.

"This has been a church effort to get here and we are breaking ground as a church," said Dennis Shumard. It has been exciting around the church the last several weeks. In the past three weeks, God has added 5 new families to the church fellowship. These are families that have joined and many others are guests in the services and Bible study each and every Sunday. "First Baptist Church is an

exciting place to be," commented Dr. Brewer. "Our worship is second to none and I would put our choir on the same scale as any in the state. You can truly sense the presence of God in our services."

First Baptist Church seeks to be a full service church ministering to the whole person. "There is literally something for everyone and

in a world of shifting boundaries, First Church stands on the absolutes of God's word to anchor people in hope when there often doesn't seem to be any hope."

If you are looking for a church home and a place to worship and be ministered to for the whole family, you are invited to come be a part of the First Family of Faith.



Clay Brewer (back left), Joshua Moylan (back center), Brady Wright (front center), Brayden Beard (left front) and Tyler Wright (front right) help "turn the dirt."

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Renee Branson of Lakewood Church, Houston Is Keynote Speaker For Area Wide Ladies Conference In Cisco

On Saturday, October 9, 2004 the Mountain Top Church of Cisco, Texas will once again hold its annual Ladies Conference. This year the conference begins at 12:00 noon with a "Meet and Greet Luncheon" which segways into praise and worship followed by the first afternoon session with Renee Branson. Other local area speakers include Dr. Sandra Hazelip, Nina Jo Anderson, Sharon Lee, and Stephanie Clinton, along with other special guests.



Renee Branson

Joel Osteen, Renee is serving as Missions Coordinator at Lakewood Church in Houston. For 19 years Renee has traveled internationally and spoke in Europe, the Far East, Africa, in Central and South America as well as having been a published author for 11 years. An honors graduate of UT Austin, she has studied

Spanish and French which has enabled her to minister in both languages. A woman of compassion, Renee's greatest joy is to see people of all ages live victoriously by becoming firmly established in the Word of God, and fulfilling the call of God upon their lives as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. She not only wants to see the full Gospel message taught, but also demonstrated in signs, miracles, and wonders.

Mountain Top Church is located at 600 E. 8th street in Cisco, Tx. Conference times begin at 12:00 Noon. This is a one day only Ladies Conference with Free Admission! Complimentary lunch and dinner will be served. Your presence is requested. Please RSVP by calling 254-442-2673.

Putnam Musical To Be Friday

Putnam Musical will be held Friday, October 1st. Music will start at 6 p.m. The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Good musicians and wonderful country and western and gospel music. Emcee will be Carl Whiteley.

Monday Morning Devotion

By Wanda Skinner
 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Many of you are making lists of gifts to obtain for Christmas. Most have to consider the cost of those gifts carefully. Before God created man, He considered the cost to Himself and created man anyway. It proved very costly to Him. He had to send His only son to die for the sins of those He created. Even millionaires could never repay Him but each man, woman, boy and girl can accept the gift of salvation God has provided.

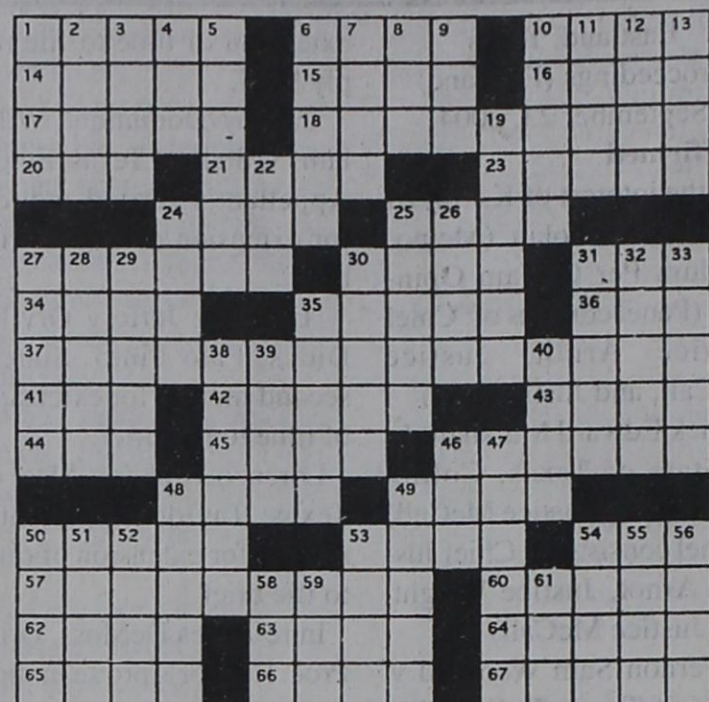
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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

It is a small world! I have spent several years trying to locate some of my relatives. I thoroughly enjoy genealogy research, but sometimes a fellow just cannot make a connection in his line of ancestors.

I have traced my Cook (e) family back to Richard Cooke, who lived in England about 1533. I volunteered to have a DNA test and found relatives I had never heard of. One of my distant cousins has a web site and often posts information regarding our family. With my computer I have found a host of relatives, previously unknown to me.

The sad part is the fact that most of these new-found relatives have been living "right under my nose" for years. They live in Merkel and Sweetwater, and surrounding areas.

I like the way a lot of Europeans live. If a person flies over France, for instance, he, or she, will notice what appear to be many tiny villages. In a sense, they are not villages; they are little groups of houses where families, or clans, live.

A man and his wife built the first house, and as their children grew up and married, a house was added for each of them, and also for the grandchildren.

These little villages are always located on farms and vineyards where families live together and work together.

I asked someone to tell me why the families live in those little clusters of houses, and I was told they do it because that is the way their families have always lived.

One of the advantages of such living is the fact that there is always someone there to take care of the sick and elderly.

I remember the olden days

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here in America, before we had Nursing Homes; the children always took care of their parents.

When my Grandmother Cook died, my Grandfather Cook came to live with our family. We took care of him until his death, fifteen years later.

When my Grandfather Foy died, my father built a small house next door to ours so Grandmother Foy could live there and we could take care of her.

Here, in 2004, we send the

elderly to a Nursing Home where some of them are left on their own. Many are visited from time to time by friends and family; however, some of the elderly are seemingly forgotten by their families.

Although I live in Austin, I still belong to the Monday Night Singers who bring Gospel music to the Nursing Home in Cisco, and I still manage to attend singings there once in a while.

I receive a blessing each time I sing for the elderly. I see the joy, the happiness reflected in their faces, which

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Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

On Someday Becoming An Organ Donor

I confess that I've never been enamored by the idea of being an organ donor at the time of my death. It's been a minor point of disagreement in our marriage, because my wife is a supporter of the idea and has for many years placed her on appropriate government lists should accidental death ever make her organs available. I also confess I've changed my mind.

Aging does funny things to you. Where I used to be a fairly strong "conservative," I now find myself more comfortable in the role of "moderate," depending greatly on what these definitionally-challenged words mean to different people. Where once I ate with metabolic abandon, I now find myself an articulate Atkins-ite, whether I want to be or not. I'm also now favorably disposed to organ donation.

I find nothing in Scripture that leads me to conclude God condemns organ donation. Indeed I discover that human beings, though made in the image of God and charged with responsibility to care properly for their bodies, nevertheless leave their bodies behind at death.

I believe the Bible affirms human dignity and therefore by implication condemns the description of human re-

mains. But organ donation is about life, not death, desecration or indignity. It's about God's gift of human knowledge allowing near miraculous medical blessings in our day.

I've known people who have benefited from organ donation. I know people who would not be alive today and who would not have been blessed with the opportunity to do more for God if they had not been the grateful recipient of organ donation.

If in God's providence He calls me home in a manner preserving my bodily organs, I think I'll be an organ donor. I believe God will be pleased, and so will my wife.

Rex M. Rogers, Ph.D., book author and president of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich, is a syndicated columnist, whose columns reach more than 429,000 homes in 89 newspapers in 32 states: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Send comments in care of: alan@blanchardgroup.net

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

"Take Time To Be Holy" was the special music so beautifully rendered by Woodrow and Helen Browning and Ruby Lee Kinser, with Ruby Lee at the piano, at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. "Happy Birthday" was sung to LaVon Snider. Bro. Clarence Wilson brought a very good message about missions and how they should start at home and then reach out to our state, nation and the world.

Leona Wilson, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning and Joe Bond, with Glynda Bond at the piano, blessed our hearts at the Sunday night service as they sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus".

John Scitern was able to return home on Friday after a week's stay in the Eastland Memorial Hospital. Our prayers and get well wishes go out to John. Those visiting with John and Troy during the weekend were Laverne and Tommy Carr of Lake Whitney, Mickey Carr of Dallas, Johnny and Jo Ann Scitern, Keri, Nicholas and Kelsey Guthrie of Gorman.

Kris Scitern, Carolyn Foster and Faye Scitern of Gorman.

Beverly and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited with Betty and Larry Strube on Sunday.

Eilene Robertson, John and Katy of Midland, Vicky and Tiffany Histed of Ranger, and Zelda Jordan visited with Joyce and Delmon Eaves.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Amy and Lee Wood, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan.

LaVon Snider visited last week in Brownwood with Carolyn Eaves.

Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon, Shorty Treadway of Ranger and Zelda Jordan met at the Lone Star Restaurant in Eastland for dinner on Friday evening and then visited with Jared and Amy Browder in their home for games of Mexican Train.

I'm really looking forward to seeing former classmates of Carbon High School at the class reunions on Friday, October 1 at ZJ's in Gorman and at the Carbon Golden Exes Reunion at the Community Center in Carbon on Saturday, October 2.

Cisco Writers Club To Meet Oct. 5

The Cisco Writers Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5 in the Community Room of the First National Bank, Cisco.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Club President Dr. Duane Hale will open the program.

The program will consist of the reading of manu-

scripts.

Those who participated in the 2004 Contest have a special invitation to bring their contest material back and read it, also the comment of the Judges.

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Fort Worth Opera To Perform At Majestic Theatre October 1

It will be an exciting time at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Friday, Oct. 1.

The Fort Worth Opera company will perform live on stage the modern opera by Malcom Fox, "Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing" at 9 a.m.

This will be the fourth performance by the FWO for area communities and school children from Eastland, Cisco, Ranger, Rising Star,

Gorman and Breckenridge.

This live, interactive performance is being held for 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students. Home-schoolers and the public are also invited to join in this fun-filled morning of music and drama.

The children's opera is made possible through a partnership between the Nancy Seaberry Frost Arts Endowment and the Eastland Fine Arts Association.

Sipe Springs Musical Oct. 2

The Sipe Springs monthly Musical will be held Saturday, October 2 at the Sipe

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Lunch will be served at 12 noon with meat furnished. Please bring a salad,

vegetable or dessert.

Following lunch, there will be an unveiling and dedication of a monument commemorating Mangum Baptist's 100 years of Christian service.

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TPWD Biologist Pitches Hunting Co-Ops

by David Bowser
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The follow contains excerpts from an article published in the *West Texas Livestock Weekly* on September 2, 2004, written by David Bowser.

The original title of the article is *TPWD Biologist Pitches Hunting Co-Ops To Panhandle Landowners*.
In the article, wildlife biologist Jeff Bonner talks about the benefits of wildlife management associations.

Several wildlife management associations are located in our area, including the Colony Creek Wildlife Management Area with 12-14,000 acres, and the Caddo Wildlife Management Area, which covers approx. 130,000 acres.

The 3rd annual Colony Creek Wildlife Management Area Field Day was held in July, 2004.

Pampa, TX - Most ranchers are interested in increasing the value of their property, says Jeff Bonner, a

wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Pampa office. Quite a few are interested in increasing the number of quail on their land.

With a grin, Bonner says animals have absolutely no respect for property lines.

"They roam around," Bonner says. "They don't live on one place."

That makes management of wildlife and hunting operations more difficult. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging the formation of wildlife management associations where landowners can work together across a broader area.

Wildlife management associations were started down in southeast Texas, Bonner says. Ninety-nine percent of that work revolved around whitetailed deer.

"What they found out," Bonner says, "was that land down there was getting so small and they had so many hunters, if you went hunting and killed a little four-horn

buck you were champion of the county."

What the landowners there did was begin to pool their properties for hunting.

"With help from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department they formed landowner groups," Bonner says. "They are for the landowner, by the landowner, of the landowners and operated by the landowners."

The Parks and Wildlife Department offered technical guidance, he says.

"Basically," Bonner says, "they're pulling together for a common goal."

That goal is, he says, that everybody wants better wildlife because better wildlife results in more value for the property.

"If you can build healthy habitat, you can have healthy animals," Bonner says. "If you've got healthy animals, you have good hunting. If you have good hunting, that improves the value of your property."

He says there will always be landowners who don't want to join. They don't think they need help from anyone. They don't want to change.

Bonner says no association is going to get everyone to join.

"If you own 50-something thousand acres," he says, "maybe you don't need a lot of help from your neighbors."

But smaller landowners might need or want help.

"I hate putting a dollar value on a wild animal," Bonner says, "but the ugly truth is that's a fact, and our hunting market today proves it."

The quality of habitat and wildlife directly impact the value of the property.

"The better quality of the big monster deer that you can grow or the plentiful quail you can grow," Bonner says, "will also increase your income from hunting. Quality hunting equals quality income from hunting."

As deer get older, their antlers get bigger.

Citing data from hunter-killed deer mostly at the locker plants and processing

plants, Bonner says he doesn't get many samples older than five years.

White-tailed deer and mule deer are going to peak in antler growth around six or seven years old.

"There's not a very big percentage of them that are reaching that big age class," Bonner says.

More than 50 percent of the hunters he's talked with, Bonner says, wouldn't hesitate to shoot a four-year-old buck.

"What ends up happening is they don't grow up to be big, fat boys," Bonner says.

The key, he says, is controlling the trigger finger.

"If you can hold your hunters back and make them selective," Bonner says, "you can grow big bucks."

A rancher, however, may need help in doing that, he says.

By working together with neighbors, he continues, landowners can work out general guidelines and cooperate on hunting operations.

"That doesn't mean that anybody's going to come around with a big hammer and beat you over the head if you don't kill the right kind of deer," Bonner says. "All it does is help set general guidelines."

Bonner says wildlife management associations can do that. Such groups can pull together people who want the same things and come up with guidelines that everyone can live with to start making improvements.

One of the more innovative things a wildlife management association can do, he says, is simply work together the way ranchers did when they first settled here more than a century ago.

They neighbor up when they work cattle. They neighbor up, too, on habitat work, whether it's prescribed burning, which requires a pretty good-sized crew, or swapping out on equipment such as using a bulldozer for grubbing mesquite.

Texas Parks and Wildlife can help, Bonner says, by determining what kind of

browse plants are important to deer, what kind of plants the quail need, how to age a deer, how to do a prescribed burn or how to do a spotlight survey.

"One of the big questions I get is, 'You know, we'd like to start hunting this place, we see a lot of deer, but we don't know how many to take,'" Bonner says. "We can determine those things, and the association working together can make it happen."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department can help with cost-share programs, too, Bonner points out. Money is available to improve and protect habitat.

"Before you can do that," Bonner says, "you have to be working toward a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department approved wildlife management plan. What we'll do with a co-op is prepare a general type of plan that will help get you started in that direction."

Wildlife management associations can also cut the individual costs of licensing.

"Did you know that if you take in any compensation for hunting, you're required to have a lease license with the state?" Bonner asks. "If it's over 1000 acres, it costs you \$240. If you're a wildlife

management association, the association can get that lease license for \$240 and then split the cost among its members."

Bonner admits that there can be conflicts.

"Grazing can be a tough issue to tackle sometimes," Bonner says, "but there are different ways of looking at it."

A co-op shouldn't delve into stocking rates and livestock management of their members, he opines.

"I found out the quickest way to upset somebody is to suggest they're grazing too many cattle," Bonner says. "It's a sensitive issue, but it doesn't change the fact that those cows, as important as they are, are having a big impact. It's like using a hammer. I can build a house with it, or I can tear it down."

Bonner says wildlife need three things. "Number one is a healthy habitat," he says. "Food, water, cover, space, and in the right kind of distribution. You gotta have it."

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"If you want healthy wildlife, it's habitat, habitat, habitat," Bonner says.

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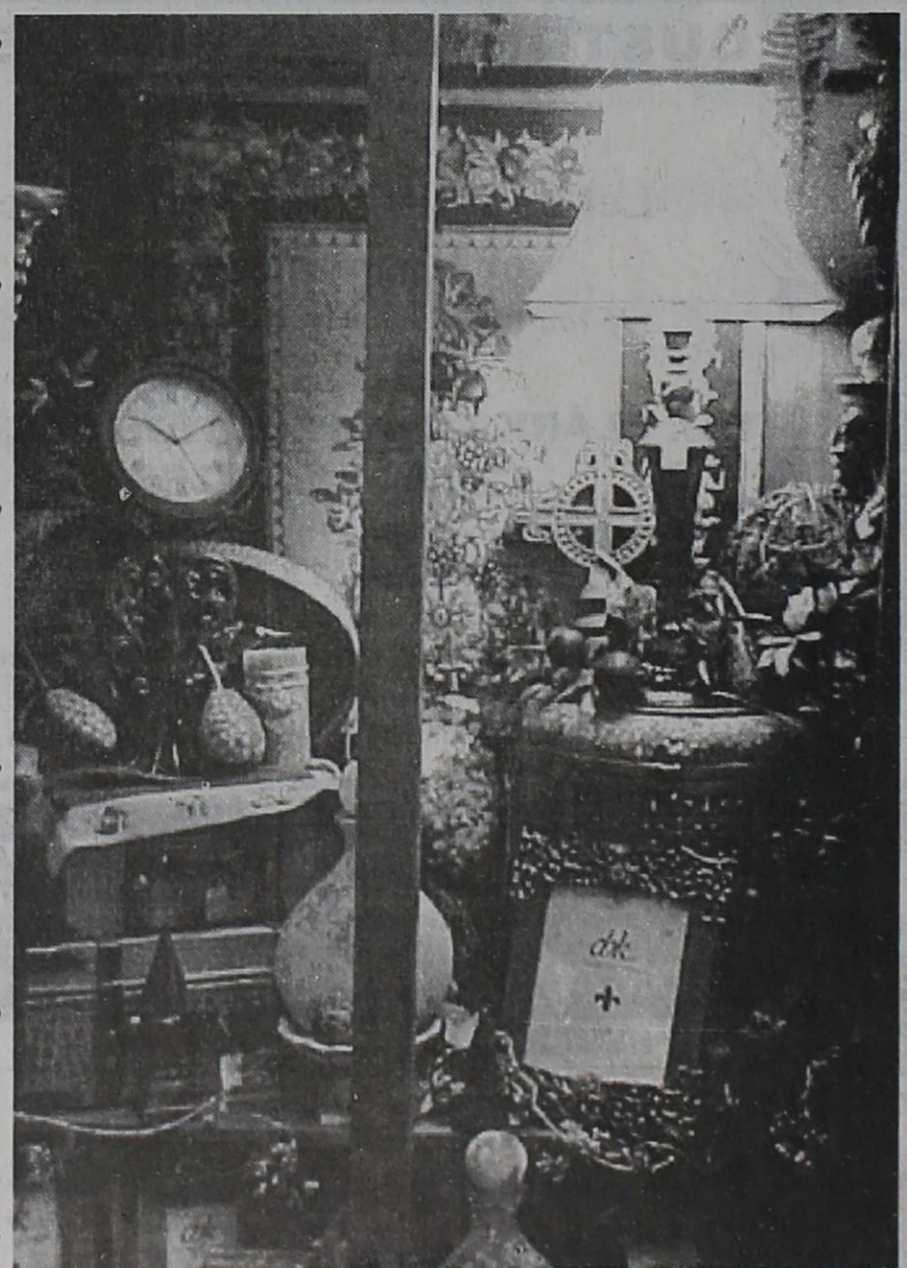


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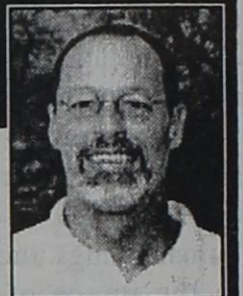
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Mark Winter To Portray 'Shark Tale' Opens At Majestic Friday Circuit Riding Preacher

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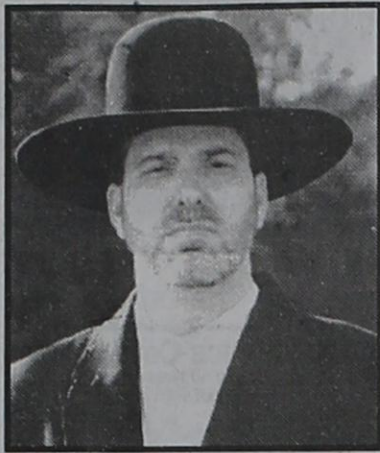
The Rev. Mark Winter's tribute will be called "God's Cavalryman". He will ride in right after the Breakfast, dressed in authentic clothing. He will portray a fictitious Methodist preacher named Obadiah Ryder IV, and his material is based on historical sources. This includes the journals of several old-time preachers.

"The Circuit Riders were supermen, as far as I am concerned," Winter notes. "These preachers rode hundreds of miles on horseback every month, in all kinds of weather, to spread the gospel."

Winter himself grew up in the Methodist Church, but as far as he knows, doesn't have circuit-riding ancestors.

"Both my grandfathers were farmers and my dad a real estate appraiser," he says.

A General Evangelist of the United Methodist Church, Mark Winter began his One Man Show Minis-



MARK WINTER
"The Circuit Rider"

tries in 1999 as "A creative force for God."

To that end, he uses drama, clowning and creative preaching to communicate the gospel.

Mark is also a published author with many articles and scripts to his credit. His devotional book, "If There Is No God," has been published by River Oaks Publishing Co. Copies will be available during this event, as well as his videotape, "Lazarus Speaks."

Mark lives in North Richland Hills, Texas with his wife Laura and their three children.

After his presentation at the Prayer Breakfast a number of gospel groups and singers will perform.

This will be a great place to bring out the family and have an enjoyable and inspirational time!

On the Web

•Classifieds

•Obituaries

www.telegramstar.com
[news.com](http://www.news.com)

The animated film "Shark Tale" (2004) opens at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Friday, Oct. 1.

One interesting thing is that its opening date here coincides with the release of the film nationwide! So the Majestic continues to be in step with current happenings in the world of film.

"Shark Tale" takes the audience into the ocean, where a mythical story unfolds. The voice talent for this film includes leading Hollywood stars, and the amazing blend of music is central to the theme.

This movie will show at the Majestic nightly at 7:30 from Friday, Oct. 1 through Monday, Oct. 4. Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults for \$5.50.

The picture is rated PG, and has some mild language and crude humor.

In the story, Oscar is a fast-talking little fish whose big dreams often land him in hot

water. Lenny is a great white shark with a sensitive side. Furthermore, he has a secret - he's a vegetarian! Then a great white lie turns Lenny into an improbable hero - and the truth about Oscar makes him an outcast. These two become the most unlikely of friends.

"Shark Tale" stars the voices of Will Smith as Oscar, the hustler who has always been able to stay out of trouble, till now - and Robert Di Nero as Don Lino, the great white shark at the top of the food chain. Incidentally, he is the father of the shark who is vegetarian.

Renee Zellweger is Angle, the beautiful angelfish who harbors a secret crush on Oscar, Angelina Jolie portrays Lola - a cross between a non-fish and a dragonfish, who uses her feminine wiles to get what she wants.

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By Mark Szorady

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May 20	Blanket 44
Rising Star 61	Gustine 16
Strawn 74	Lometa 42




BAIRD BEARS

Varsity Football Schedule

October 1	Bye		
October 8	*Ranger	There	7:30
October 15	*Goldthwaithe	Here	7:30
October 22	*Gorman	There	7:30
October 29	*Cross Plains	Here	7:30
November 5	*Evant	There	7:30

*Senior Night
*District Games

Athletic Coordinator/Head Coach - Bryan Webb
Assistant Coaches - Jerry Fleming, Clay Barnett, John Horner, Luke Moody
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Mascot - Dana Blair
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Band Director - Donna Sikes

Baird Bears 2004 Varsity

2	Blan Scott	11	QB/FS	6'0	170
3	Chance Rodriguez	11	WR/DB	6'1	155
9	Chase Goldsmith	12	WR/DB	5'10	155
15	Matt Reynolds	12	HB/DE	5'10	165
21	Chris Cogburn	10	QB/DB	5'7	150
22	Zach Green	12	RB/DL	5'7	165
29	Justin Patterson	10	RB/LB	5'8	165
30	Chris Jones	9	RB/DB	5'7	150
32	Blake Mendez	12	WR/DB	5'6	140
33	Jed Womack	11	RB/LB	5'9	160
38	Jayce Barbee	9	WR/DB	5'6	130
40	Sid Walton	11	RB/LB	5'9	150
44	Cody Shouse	11	RB/LB	5'6	155
50	Andrew Emmert	9	OL/DL	5'11	170
51	Justin Roberts	10	OL/LB	5'11	190
52	Brad Matlock	11	OL/LB	5'11	215
53	Carter Burford	12	OL/LB	5'11	175
60	Jera ie Brooks	9	OL/DL	5'9	200
62	Kyle Dillard	12	OL/DL	5'11	240
65	Richardo Lopez	12	OL/DL	5'8	150
70	Roger Wamsley	11	OL/DL	5'11	220
72	Judd Clark	10	OL/DL	5'7	245
75	Tim Burns	12	OL/DL	6'0	315
79	Koby Parker	10	OL/DL	6'0	242
80	Jacob Dillard	9	TE/DL	5'8	175
83	Will Green	12	WR/DB	6'0	175
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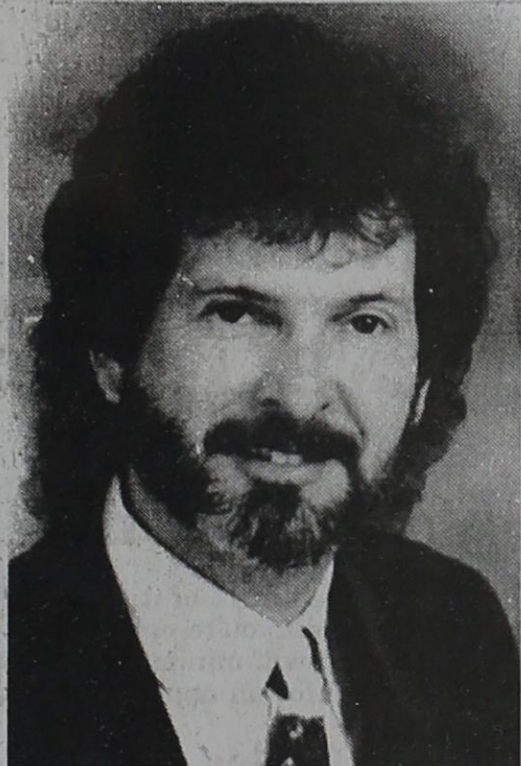
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To address some of these issues the Callahan County Extension office and Fort Dodge Animal Health are putting together a special Cow/Calf Health Management Seminar October 12th starting at 6:00pm at the Baird Activity Center. Following an industry sponsored dinner we will begin the program at 6:45pm. We will start the program with a brief overview discussing the principles of "Beef Quality Assurance" (BQA) - a proven system of sensible management practices that help improve the quality and safety of the beef we raise as well as updating ranchers of the fascinating changes occurring in the industry and what we must do to increase demand for our cattle. Dr. Mac Devin with Fort Dodge Animal Health will then discuss vaccination programs for cow herd as well as how to get replacement heifers ready to go into the breeding system with the proper vaccination program. We will then wrap the program up with a panel of local veterinarians and allow them to discuss their recommendation and advice for producers in this local area. This promises to be a very educational program and we hope that all Cow/calf producers in the area will make plans to attend.

This seminar and accompanying meal are Free to those that pre-register by October 8th. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per person. This program is presented by the Extension offices in Callahan, Shackelford, and Taylor Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.



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Commissioners

claiming October 2004 as Callahan County Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 8, 2004 as Awareness Day was approved by the Commissioners.

Judge Corn made a motion to approve the proclamation; Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The proclamation recognizes the important lifesaving early detection practices available for breast cancer and urges all Callahan County women to become aware that they are at risk and to discuss a screening program with their health care providers.

Judge Roger Corn states in the proclamation "I urge all other Callahan County citizens to encourage a woman they love to do so."

Approximately 13,300 new cases of female invasive breast cancer will be in Texas in 2004, and about 2,700 women will die of the disease. Nationally, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women.

Further, the Commissioners approved an agreement between Callahan County and the City of Abilene providing for "subdivision regulation by the City of Abilene within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Abilene."

It was noted that the agreement should be of benefit to Callahan County.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the agreement; Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Court also discussed the process to appoint a commissioner for the vacant position in Precinct #4.

Judge Corn said that the Local Government Code

Thursday, September 30, 2004

stated that the County Judge should appoint a resident in that precinct until the next general election.

Judge Corn indicated that he would offer the position to the late Commissioner Grider's wife, Doris Grider.

The Court will await her decision.

The minutes of September 13 were reviewed and signed with no additions or corrections and approved bills were paid. There was no public comment at the September 27th Open Meeting.

The Commissioners' Court will meet again on October 8, 2004.

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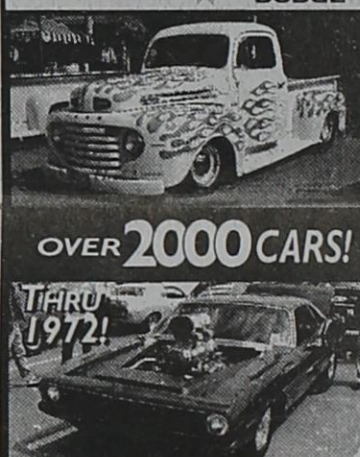
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CALLAHAN COUNTY BAIRD STAR

From Page One Pricklypear Control

ist from San Angelo, will then discuss the pros and cons of the new Surmount Herbicide from Dow Agrosiences LLC as a control option in the never ending battle against pricklypear. He will compare this new product with the current products recommended for pricklypear control and discuss treatment procedures to maximize pricklypear control as well as control of problem brush species. Mr Kent Ferguson, NRCS Range specialist from Weatherford will follow to help producers evaluate the usefulness of the newest products and procedures available to producers. Dr. McGinity will conclude the seminar with a discussion of common mistakes made when it comes to pricklypear and brush control methods. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the program.

The seminar and meal are \$5.00 for those that pre-register by **October 5th, 2004**. Registration the day of program will be \$10.00 per person. This program is presented by the Callahan County Extension office, the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District and the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information and to pre-register, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.

Baird First United Methodist Church News

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 10:45 A.M.
Youth Meet - 5:00 P.M.
Choir Practice - 6:00 P.M.

Kids Club fired up on Sept. 15. This year a class specifically for Jr. High stu-

dents will be held to learn puppet ministry. The students will then have an opportunity to perform puppet shows for the children at Kids Club and some Sunday mornings.

Senior high students will still be helpers where designated.

Rural Texas' Past Part of Key to Future

By Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

As Texans, we know that we are privileged to live in a state that's like no other. Celebrating our uniqueness is what draws more visitors to rural Texas each year than to any other destination in the Lone Star State. It is here, in our rural areas, where history is experienced, heritage is savored, and the spirit of dogged determination is shared.

It is also here in rural Texas where community leaders, local businesses and tireless volunteers work together with a singular purpose - to enhance the future of rural Texas by celebrating and preserving the past. A quick look around the state reveals stories of how these Texans have rallied together for the good of all. Just look at these three examples.

The Matagorda Island Foundation built consensus among six state and federal government entities and raised more than \$1 million to restore the state's oldest operational lighthouse along the

coast. The 92-foot tall lighthouse at Matagorda Island State Park now shines as a symbol of renewed interest in the history, tourism and economic potential of Calhoun County.

In Sweetwater, a national fundraising campaign and membership drive is underway now to build the National WASP World War II Museum at Avenger Field.

Founded in 1878 as a trading post for hunters, Snyder was once prime buffalo territory. The two-day White Buffalo Festival held each October pays tribute to the history and heritage of the area, drawing visitors from across the state.

Though all three communities differ in location and project, they are all bonded by the same spirit and "can do" attitude reflected by the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Yes! program. Learn more about Texas Yes! at www.TexasYes.org.

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 School - 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.
Prayer Time In Sanctuary - 5:00 P.M.
Evening Service - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Coming Soon

Thursday, October 7 at 8:00 AM - Be a Volunteer at Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders

Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 AM - Ladies Prayer Breakfast - call the office for more details

Tuesday, October 12 - BCBA Senior Adult Day - Call the office to sign up - Last day to sign up is Oct. 6

Monday, October 25 at 6:30 PM - Ladies Night Out - this is a great blessing - Come and Grow in God's Love. All ladies in the community are invited to attend.

Dan Dierschke Elected Texas Beef Council Chairman

Dan Dierschke of Austin will serve as Texas Beef Council (TBC) chairman for 2005. Dierschke runs cow-calf, stocker and farming operations at multiple locations in southeast Travis County and Caldwell County.

Dierschke is one of three Texas Farm Bureau representatives on TBC's board. The board establishes and funds marketing programs for Texas beef producers through the \$1 beef check-off program.

"World events are causing tremendous change in the Texas beef industry," Dierschke said. "One milestone we want TBC to reach in the coming year is to use the beef checkoff to increase Texas producers' exposure to attractive new marketing segments - including niche opportunities - for Texas beef products." As chairman, Dierschke

replaces Dr. Richard Forgason, a seedstock producer of Hungerford. Forgason, a representative in the Texas Purebred Alliance, will serve with Dierschke on TBC's executive committee. Other executive committee members include TBC Chairman-elect Leo Vermedahl, PhD, A Dalhart cattle feeder who represents Texas Cattle Feeders Association; Reta Dyess of Jacksonville, a dairy producer who represents the Texas dairy sector; and Dick Sherron, MD, of Beaumont, a cow-calf producer who represents Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Dierschke is a fifth generation Texas agricultural producer. He is a native of Ballinger, Texas and is the son of Rasalie Glass Dierschke and the late W. H. Dierschke of Rowena. He and his wife, Marilyn, have two sons, Matthew and Chris.

Prevent Mosquito Bites

When outdoors, use insect repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-metoluamide).

Follow the directions on the package.

Many mosquitoes are most active between dusk and dawn. Take extra care to use a repellent and wear long sleeves and pants during this time, or consider avoiding outdoor activities.

Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors. Eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from places like flower-pots, buckets and cans. Change the water in pet dishes daily and replace the water in birdbaths at least weekly. Children's wading pools should be emptied and stored on their sides when not in use.

For more information on West Nile virus, visit www.cdc.gov/westnile.

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