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Thursday, November 12, 2009

## Commissioners Court Minutes

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES  
1100 W. 4th St.  
Baird, Texas 79504  
November 9, 2009  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on November 9, 2009 A.D., with the following officers present to wit:

Roger Corn, County Judge

Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1

Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Jan Windham, Deputy County Treasurer

Donna Bell, County Clerk, and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court and the following items of business were transacted:

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The meeting was called to order at 9:37 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

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Under Public Comments there were none.

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Commissioner Hicks made a motion to purchase a 928 G Loader for Precinct 1. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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Jeremy McCormick requested by letter to be allowed to work on the Callahan County Shooting Sports Complex for an Eagle Scout project. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to table any action until he and the other Commissioners checked the area for any work the County would need to perform. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Exhibit

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Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign a reso-

lution proclaiming November 2009 as Home Care and Hospice Month in the county of Callahan. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Exhibit

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Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the purchase of new software for the County Clerk's Office out of the Records Archival Fund. The software will be purchased from Hillcountry Software. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion which then carried 5-0.

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Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to retain attorney Ken Leggett to help resolve a county road issue in Precinct 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer. The motion carried 5-0.

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There was discussion by the court on the road construction progress. No action was taken.

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Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Windham. The motion carried 5-0.

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Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion which then carried 5-0.

Roger Corn  
County Judge

The foregoing minutes were read and approved this 9th day of November, 2009.

Donna Bell  
County Clerk

## Callahan County 4-H Validation Dates

The Callahan County 4-H will not be validating major show entries and county show entries on the same date. All tags must be paid for before validation.

Please note the times and locations for all Entry Validation dates below:

MAJOR SHOW VALIDATIONS

Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston Barrows Only

Swine- November 24th 2-6 p.m. at County Show Barn in Cross Plains

4-H County Only Validation Dates

Swine- November 17th 4-6 p.m. at County Courthouse

Please make sure you have your animals validated on the above dates, there will be no other validation dates offered.

## Clyde Woman Killed In Fatal Crash

One person was killed in a one vehicle crash occurring at 2:45 a.m. on Texas Highway 36, 5.6 miles South of Abilene, Callahan County, Texas.

Driver of the 2003 Ford-deceased was Lanitta Baugh Sturgill, white female, 47 years of age from Clyde, Texas was pronounced dead at the scene at 4 a.m. by Judge Burlie Taylor. The body was taken to Abilene Professional Services.

Lanitta Baugh Sturgill was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash it was reported.

On November 6, 2006 at 2:45 a.m. a one vehicle crash occurred on Texas 36,

5.6 miles South of Abilene in Callahan County, Texas. A north bound 2003 Ford, driven by Lanitta Baugh Sturgill of Clyde, Texas, traveled off of the roadway into the west ditch and struck a tree.

This crash is being investigated by Texas Highway Patrol Senior Trooper Jim Cook.

The roadway was dry and the weather clear.

Submitted by Sparky Dean, Senior Trooper Texas Highway Patrol/ Education & PIO Texas Department of Public Safety Abilene, Texas

## Callahan County Proclamation

### HOME CARE & HOSPICE MONTH

Whereas, home care and hospice are the most humane tradition of health service delivery in Texas, enabling the aged and disabled to receive high-quality medical assistance, long-term services and support, and end-of-life care with dignity and in the comfort of their own homes; and

Whereas, home care in Texas is a growing alternative to hospitalization for acute and chronic illnesses, serving millions of Americans each year; and

Whereas, thousands of hardworking men and women, in association with more than 4,000 home care and hospice agencies, unite caring and technology in providing cost-effective home care and hospice services that stimulate quicker and better recoveries and improvements than institutional care and provides for end-of-life care; and

Whereas, these tirelessly dedicated home care and hospice professionals and volunteers form a network of caring support in our nation's vast health care system and deserve special honor and appreciation for their many contributions; and

Whereas, the Texas Association for Home Care and the more than 4,000 home and community support service agencies across Texas have declared the month of November 2009 as HOME CARE & HOSPICE MONTH and are calling on all Texans to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as HOME CARE & HOSPICE MONTH in the county of Callahan and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about the home care concept of care for the elderly, disabled, and infirm.

Signed this the 9 day of Nov., 2009

Roger Corn,  
County Judge  
Callahan County, Texas

Harold Hicks  
Commissioner Pct. 1

Bryan Farmer  
Commissioner Pct. 2

Tom Windham  
Commissioner Pct. 3

Cliff Kirham  
Commissioner Pct. 4

**Callahan County Star Deadlines  
Tuesdays by 4 p.m.  
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## Callahan County Library News

ResumeMaker is now available free. The Big Country Library System has purchased a 2-year subscription to this online resume generator and job searching resource. Access to ResumeMaker is through the BCLS website: <http://www.bclstx.org> (click the link on the center of the page). First time users register with ResumeMaker which allows them to save their resumes for future editing. Returning users login with their email address and password. Logging out returns the user to the BCLS web page.

New books at the library are: Smash Cut by Sandra Brown, Dying for Mercy by Mary Jane Clark, Karen Kingsbury's Take Two (large print), and the first 3 books in Beverly Lewis' The Heritage of Lancaster County series: The Shunning, The Confession, and The Reckoning.

From the Past

Callahan County Clarendon

October 2, 1880

Vol. 1, No. 40

Married

Hall-Parker: At Hall's Camp, on the T & P R.R., Sept. 28, 1880, Mr. George Hall to Miss Emma Parker. R.B. Brown, J.P., officiating.

Windham-Connell: At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Barton, of Callahan County, Sept. 28, 1880. Mr.

## Baird PTO Fall Festival A Huge Success

The Baird PTO held its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31st, at the Arches in downtown Baird. It was a perfect fall evening for the festivities. The event was very well attended and raised \$1688 for the elementary school and various school related organizations. The BHS Band's haunted hayride was a hit, as was the cake walk and the goldfish throw. Other favorites were the witch's corner, dart throw, softball toss, and ring toss. Delicious brisquet sandwiches and desserts were also enjoyed by all.

The winner of the drawing for the \$500 Walmart gift card raffle was announced at the close of the evening. Congratulations to Lupe Mendez. Congratulations are also in order for Madelyn Diaz who won the drawing from the group of students who sold all of their

H. Windham to Miss Lenora Connell, daughter of James G. Connell, of Burnett County.

Died

Smoot- In Belle Plain, at the residence of Mr. John Rice, Sept. 27, 1880, of congestion of the stomach and bowels, Mattie Tandy, infant son of H.T. and Lizzie M. Smoot, aged 17 months.

Mr. Jasper McCoy, of the firm of Merchant & McCoy, camped near town last night with 450 head of fine beeves, which he purchased in North Concho. He reports plenty of rain southwest of here. - Fort Griffin Echo

Fort Worth, Sept. 24- A contract was entered into today securing the construction of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad to this place. Work begins in a few days. Assurances are given that the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad will be extended her making it the railroad center of northern Texas. Three of the longest lines southwest will form a junction here and machine shops will be built. The city paid \$75,000 to secure the road. The money was raised in three days.

A colony of one hundred German families recently passed through Dallas enroute to Crosby County.

A second colony of twenty-seven families are soon to leave Germany for the same locality.- Fort Griffin Echo.

The PTO officers want to thank everyone who manned the booths, donated food or drinks, and those who came out to support this fundraiser. A huge thank you is owed to K.D. Griffin for the use of the Arches. It really is the perfect setting for this event! Many thanks are also extended to the following businesses for their financial support: First National Bank of Baird, Alice's Mexican Restaurant, Hanner Supercenter, Robertson's Ham Store and Grumpe's. Your support, especially in this economy, is very gratifying and appreciated!

Submitted by: Catherine Brock

### Friday, November 6 Football Scores

Baird 28 Cross Plains 45  
Clyde 19 Eastland 21

## DPS Report

11-1-09 to 11-7-09

### CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings- 93  
Complaints- 36  
DWI -3  
Driving While License Invalid- 1  
Public Intoxication- 2  
Fugitive Arrest DWLI- 1

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## CALLAHAN COUNTY

## STAR SPOTLIGHT

## WRITERS SHOWCASE

(All submitters retain ownership)

## Poetry Foundation and Chicago International Children's Film Festival Award \$10,000 Poetry Film Prize

CHICAGO — The Poetry Foundation and Facets Multi-Media are proud to announce that Fear of Snakes, by filmmaker Andreas Mendritzki, is the winner of the second annual Poetry Film Prize. The prize awards \$10,000 to a filmmaker whose use of verse in film opens new artistic vistas and inspires children to appreciate poetry.

Mendritzki's film is based on the poem of the same name by Canadian poet Lorna Crozier. Unique to the field of poetry as well as to the film industry, the Poetry Film Prize celebrates the best film based on a poem or poet while also recognizing excellence in language and cinematography. Jury-selected from among more than 90 entrants, the award was presented on Sunday, November 1, at the closing night ceremony of the 26th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF). The Poetry Film Prize was created as part of Reel Poetry, a larger initiative between the Poetry Foundation and CICFF that highlights the possibilities of poetry in films, especially those directed to younger audiences. Based on a young girl's memories of a summer day when she overcame her fear of snakes, Andreas Mendritzki's winning film Fear of Snakes (Canada, 2009, 6 minutes) artfully depicts a reflective and intimate poem.

As the filmmaker describes it, "For me, the film—and Crozier's poem—remind me of what 'adults' often forget: Children are much more aware of their surroundings than we give them credit for. They are every bit as attuned to the gravity of events as their older kin—in fact, probably more so."

Nicole Dreiske, founder and artistic director of Facets, underscores the significance of such a prize as it relates to children's learning: "Creating films based on poems gives children a special opportunity to connect to poetry in ways that are richly layered and deeply meaningful. The music, the images, the cinematography, and the poetry reading itself open new sensory and emotive paths in children's minds, and create a unique tapestry of experiences from each poem. By encouraging excellence in this highly specialized area of filmmaking, the Poetry Foundation has created a visionary bridge for children in our digital age to enjoy and appreciate poetry."

"Overwhelmingly, the jury felt that Fear of Snakes demonstrates perfectly the way in which a poem can serve as the narrative base of a film," said Anne Halsey, media director for the Poetry Foundation. "Mendritzki is a talented young filmmaker, and we hope that this prize will inspire and enable him to continue bringing poetry to young audiences via film."

Mendritzki's success lies in using a poem as inspiration for creating a narrative that children and adults can relate to. As he points out, "Our lives are marked by specific events—seemingly small events—that for one reason or another lodge themselves into our absorbent young minds. This film speaks about issues that children can undoubtedly comprehend, and about an event similar to ones they might have experienced themselves. It provides them with a short sensorial adventure, an empathetic view of their own fears or those of their friends, brothers, sisters, or cousins. For adults, it is a guided tour back into one of these life-marking moments, and a reminder of our own childhoods and the events that shaped them." Since graduating from the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema in 2008, Andreas Mendritzki has been actively writing, directing, producing, mixing, and watching movies. He has a particular interest in and love for film sound, and in 2008 he was the winner of the Atlantic Film Festival's Best Sound Design award. Mendritzki is a founding member of the Montreal-based production company GreenGround Productions.

Initiated in 2007, Reel Poetry is a multi-program partnership between the Poetry Foundation and the Chicago International Children's Film Festival designed to engage children as audiences, aesthetes, and appreciators of both poetry and film. To date, the program has reached more than 4,360 Chicago-area middle school students. The collaboration celebrates poetry, making the art form's complex beauty and craft relatable to a young audience. Supported by special curriculums for teachers and discussions facilitated by trained media educators, the Reel Poetry program is designed for upper-level elementary and middle school students and has garnered the attention of public school teachers and arts educators across the country.

Submissions sought to:

Star  
P.O. Box 29  
Eastland, TX 76448

email: [thebairdspotlight@att.net](mailto:thebairdspotlight@att.net)

S.A.S.E. for returns

--WANTED--

20 lines,

double spaced or less

Poetry

Fiction or Non

Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family oriented; no smut, slander or libelable material.

## My Heart Is a Lonely Gardener

My heart is a gardener.

My heart is a gardener, though my thumbs are not. I admire the generous abandon of morning glories twining a trellis or a taut string. I respect the fervid intensity of petunias springing up between bricks along the path. I feel the ardor of the rose, reaching lush arms up to the kiss of morning's dew. Splashy scarlet petals among the green curl of new palm fronds inspires my fervent adoration of the Genius who created such limitless beauty.

I admire afar, however. History demonstrates my astounding ineptitude for husbandry. Plants, whether loans, gifts, or purchases, languish and sicken in my care.

"You can't kill this one," says Mrs. Greenthumbs, pushing aloe vera or pothos ivy into my arms. "It thrives on neglect."

Not my neglect.

I read this classic pronouncement: "The most common fault among gardeners is over watering." I check the pots currently in sick bay. Not a waterlogged plant in sight. I must look farther afield to identify my faults.

I do keep a ready list of excuses. There's the toddler, who loves to harass the houseplants. The puppy, who digs in my lawn and roots in my flower beds. I even include the teenager who occasionally mows the irises and trims the nasturtiums. Besides, I'm so busy.

I am periodically seized by the conviction that this ancient art is learnable. Perhaps I acquire an old, little-known trick guaranteed to make tomatoes bloom. I try again. For a short span hope springs anew that this time, this plant will survive. Somehow disappointment seems always to follow.

So it is that my heart is a lonely gardener. It reaches back to Eden and forward to the Millennium, when my hands as well as my heart will respond to the Gardener within.

Ruth V. York  
Cisco, Texas

## Writers And Poets!

The Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers announce that the Baird Star will be publishing submitted poetry and short stories. We will also be publishing a literary journal in the near future.

1. We ask for first-time publishing rights. All other rights will remain with the author.
2. There will be no payment, but you will get your works before the general public. We will be sending sample copies to other organizations, the literary world and libraries for their archives and your notoriety.
3. Short stories should be brief. Poetry should be no longer than 24 lines.
4. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.
5. Please address all submissions to:

Literary Editor  
Eastland/Callahan County  
Newspapers  
P. O. Box 29

Eastland, TX 76448

email: [thebairdspotlight@att.net](mailto:thebairdspotlight@att.net)

Fax: 254-629-2092

## American Life in Poetry:

Column 242

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

There are lots of poems in which a poet expresses belated appreciation for a parent, and if you don't know Robert Hayden's poem, "Those Winter Sundays," you ought to look it up sometime. In this lovely sonnet, Kathy Mangan, of Maryland, contributes to that respected tradition.

## The Whistle

You could whistle me home from anywhere in the neighborhood; avenues away, I'd pick out your clear, alternating pair of notes, the signal to quit my child's play and run back to our house for supper, or a Saturday trip to the hardware store.

Unthrottled, wavering in the upper reaches, your trilled summons traveled farther than our few blocks. I've learned too, how your heart's radius extends, though its beat has stopped. Still, some days a sudden fear darts through me, whether it's my own city street I hurry across, or at a corner in an unknown town: the high, vacant air arrests me—where's home?

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## Watching Planes A'leaving

I swore that when you let I wouldn't ever dry  
Thinking mem'ries would somehow help me to cope  
But when you faded like the planes up in the sky  
Every headache deep inside me then awoke.

Now I'm settin' here and watching planes a'leaving  
As they quickly disappear into the sky  
And my heart begins to hurt with that ol' grieving  
In remembrance of the night you said goodbye.

A mighty push will send the planes into the wind  
Leaving nothing but the trail that fades so fast  
And then if you should tail the grail that ever ends  
Getting close will make you feel its fiery blast.

I look and see the planes nose up to catch the rush  
Of the breezes that will cause the wings to soar  
How come the same ol' wind that helps the plane so much  
Will erase its fading trail forever more.

My life I've spent a' searching for the trail that fades  
And I've nothing in my pockets for to show  
But cancellations and the ever long delays  
And the tears which down my cheeks will ever flow.

- Weldon L. Smith  
Eastland, Texas

## Wanted: Writers &amp; Poets



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# AREA MEDICAL DIRECTORY

## Vaccination, Disinfectants Important This Flu Season

Perhaps no issue has made more headlines this year than the flu. At the core of those headlines is the 2009 H1N1 virus, otherwise known as swine flu virus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, hundreds of deaths have already been associated with the 2009 H1N1 virus, and the coming months figure to prove even more deadly as flu season approaches.

### Why Get a Flu Shot?

The flu is highly contagious, easily spreading from person to person, and can be especially harmful to children. However, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the "single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each

year." The flu vaccine can prevent influenza among 70 to 90 percent of healthy adults by protecting against common types of flu viruses that are in circulation.

### Who Needs a Flu Shot?

In general, anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can and should get vaccinated. The CDC recommends that all children ages 6 months to 18 years be vaccinated. In addition, household caregivers -- including moms, dads, grandparents, nannies, and other child care providers -- should get vaccinated.

### When Should You Get Vaccinated?

Yearly flu vaccination should begin in September or October before flu season

peaks, but the flu shot can protect you even if you get vaccinated late in the flu season into December, January and beyond. While flu outbreaks can happen as early as October, flu activity typically peaks in January or later.

### How Can Exposure to the Flu Be Reduced?

In addition to getting vaccinated, there are myriad ways individuals can help prevent exposure to the flu virus.

\* Sing and Scrub. Make sure kids wash their hands often. They should wash frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds (the time

it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice).

\* Cough and sneeze into elbows, not hands. If they don't have a tissue, teach kids to cough and sneeze into the inside of their elbows. Coughing into hands is more likely to spread bacteria and viruses through touch.

\* Disinfect Hot Spots. Kids and adults alike can touch many surfaces in a short period of time. To reduce risk of spreading the flu virus, disinfect hard surfaces as directed using an EPA registered product that is effective against the influenza A virus,

such as Clorox(R) Clean-Up(R) Cleaner with Bleach and Clorox(R) Disinfecting Wipes, on commonly touched surfaces. Plastic children's toys, doorknobs, phones, computer keyboards, remote controls, and faucets can all be sources of the influenza virus, and an individual can still get infected 2-8 hours after the

virus was initially deposited on the surface. So be sure to make disinfecting such areas a part of your daily household routine.

\* Continue living a healthy lifestyle. Eating right, exercising and getting plenty of sleep help boost the body's ability to fight the effects of the flu viruses.

## Alzheimer's Support Group

Alzheimer's Support Group will be Thursday, November 12th at 1:30 p.m. at The

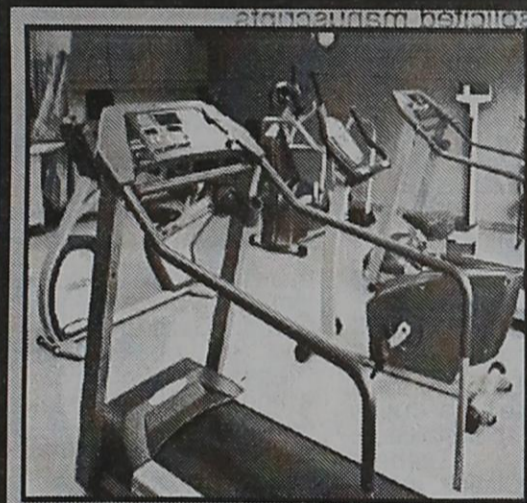
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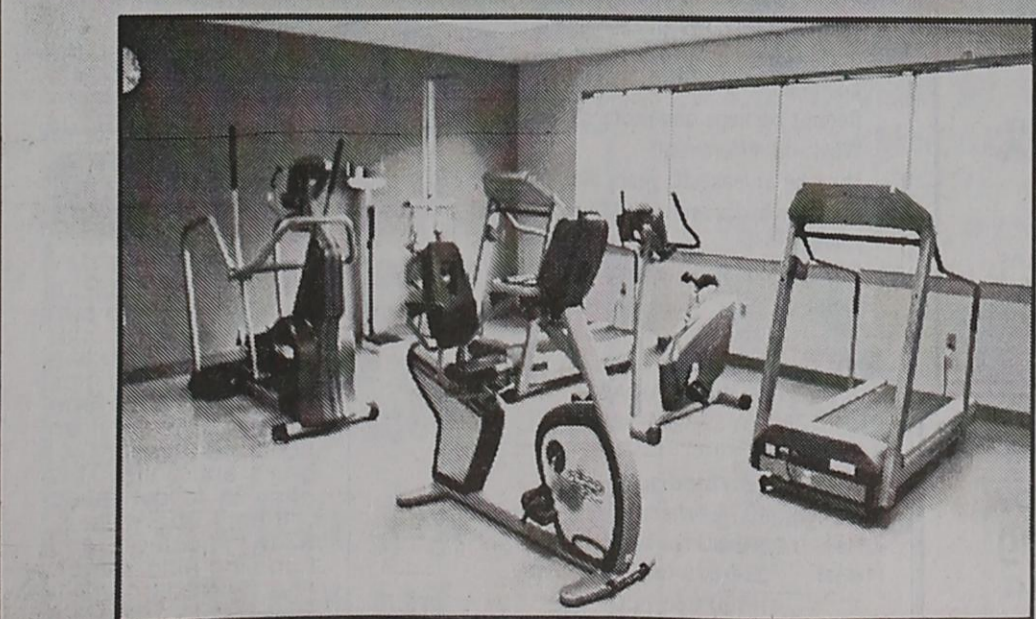


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**STOP THE FLU**

**STAY HOME**  
 If you get sick, stay home until you are well so you don't spread more germs. Steer clear of others who are sick.

**PLAN**  
 Even if you are not sick, plan ahead. Stock food and medicine to last several days for family and pets. Also check into alternate work options and child care, in case your family gets the flu.

**STAY INFORMED**  
 Get the latest updates at [TexasFlu.org](http://TexasFlu.org), and check your local news for any canceled events or closings.

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 Medical professionals can provide information about managing flu symptoms. They can also give advice on when to seek medical care.

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**RISING STAR YARD SALE:** Saturday, November 14th 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Rifles, shotguns, pistols, manure spreader, sewing machine, 36" & 50" TVs, furniture and more. CR 384 off FM 1027, 4 miles East of Rising Star. 254-631-8403. RS91

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For Sale: Digital Stock Scale that weighs up to 4,000 pounds. Price negotiable. Please call Rust Processing at (254) 442-1242. C94

For Sale: Skirting Material, Blemished Steel Siding, Roofing Material, & Assorted Screws & Nails! **CHEAP!!!** At Morgan Buildings & Spa. E104

For Sale: 4 x 5 Coastal round bales, fertilized Clean \$50 & \$55. 254-647-5498 or 817-229-7921. E104

Wedding dress, train and veil. Size 16. White trimmed in red. \$500.00. 254-442-3833. C94

For Sale: Captain's bed- twin size, 4 pull-out drawers underneath; sturdy. Ideal for teen, dorm, apt., lake or hunting cabin. (Mattress not incl'd). \$125.00. 1-254-893-5607. E92

For Sale: Model 70 Winchester 3006 \$700.00 254-647-3053. E91

**May TEEA Club BUNCO** Nov. 14 BUNCO, Nov. 14, 2009 at the May Community Center, N. Hwy.183, \$10.00 donation can be mailed to May TEEA Club, P.O. Box 65, May, Tx. 76857, ASAP, door prizes and nice Bunco prizes will be given, snacks available, questions call Kay Brown 254-259-3074, doors open at 5:30, games began at 6:00 p.m.

Read the Classifieds

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
302 N. College  
Eastland, TX 76448  
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**MONDAY 6:00 p.m. (Closed- Alcoholics Only)**  
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**THURSDAY 6:00 p.m. (Open)**  
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Bubba was a tri-colored longhorn steer who was 16 hands tall and at one time weighed 3,000 lbs. Bubba had a horn length of 92" inches from tip to tip.

Bubba was Grand Champion at the prestigious Fort Worth Stock Show 4 times.

During his life span Bubba showed at various Texas Longhorn Shows and won 12 Grand Championships and 5 Reserve Grand Championships at the 2007 Fort Worth Stock Show; Bubba defeated "Rusty" the former Ft. Worth Star Telegram Trophy Steer.

The Fort Worth Stock Show also in 2007 also named Bubba the World Champion Longhorn Steer. Bubba was guest of honor at the 2000 Carlswell Airforce Base Spring Show. President George Bush and Military General from all branches of the Military attended this special event.

During the Air Show that day Bubba became frightened and ran down the landing strip. All landing strips had to

be closed and Airforce M.P.s took me in their jeep and surrounded Bubba about 1/4 mile down the strip.

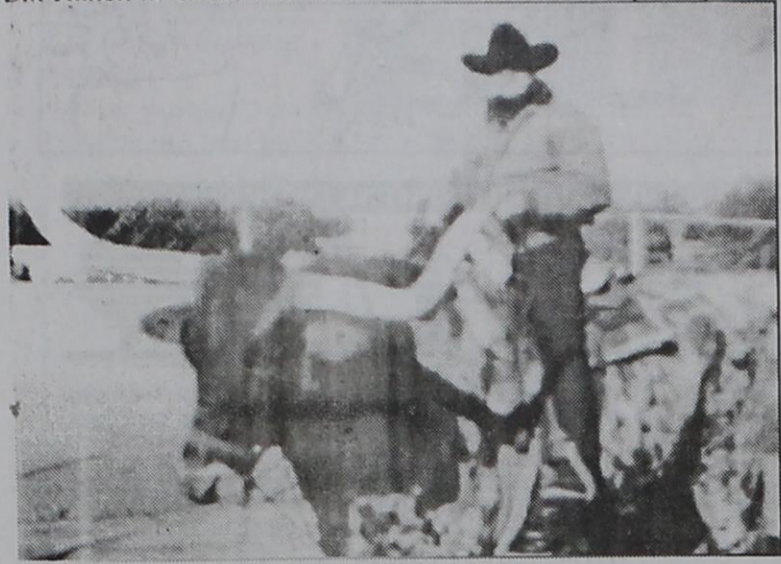
I rode Bubba back to the hanger.

President George Bush and top Military branches congratulated me for the good show Bubba had put on for everybody and all major TV newstations filmed the event.

"Bubba and I had a bond since I raised him from a calf," John says.

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After completing the seminar, you will get a certificate that you can take to your county clerk when you apply for a marriage license. The certificate is good for one year and serves as proof that you are eligible for the discounted marriage license fee.

Texas began to offer free marriage education seminars around the state last year in response to the increasing number of divorces across the country. As an incentive for couples to attend the seminars they are willing to waive the states' portion of the licensing fee and the mandatory waiting period.

Family Services Center continues to offer Marriage Education Seminars quarterly to help build healthy relationships. There is no charge for participants and a meal and snacks will be provided. Contact Family Services Center to register or for more information, 325-646-5939 or toll free 866-211-2255.

Couples who complete at least an 8 hour seminar that focuses on helping couples develop communication

More information about the state initiative can be found online at [twogetherintexas.com](http://twogetherintexas.com)

Seminars may be cancelled due to lack of registration, but you do not have to be registered to attend. Walk-ins are welcome.

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# Obituaries

## J.E. Gabbert

DEL RIO- J.E. Gabbert, 89, died November 6, 2009 in Del Rio, Texas.

He was born December 19, 1919 in Winters, Texas.

He is survived by his loving wife, of 69 years, Dorothy Gabbert of Del Rio; daughters, Darlene and her husband, Roy Jolly of Lewisville and Carde Ann aiarrie of Austin; sisters, Mary Ruth Baty of Clyde and Jodie Beckett and her husband, Robert of Las Cruces, N.M.; brother, Bobby Gabbert and his wife, Janet of Seattle, WA; grandchildren, Jeffery Lynn Jolly and his wife, Kathy of Lewisville, Lisa Sykes and her husband, Robert of Midland, Anthony Baiarrie of Alaska, Brady Baiarrie and his wife, Desiree of San Diego, CA; and Randy Jolly and his wife, Meredith of CA; 7 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

J.E. was preceded in death

by a son, Lonnie J. Gabbert.

J.E. attended the First Christian Church, member of the Rail Road Union and an avid fisherman. He belonged to the "Tuesday Afternoon 42 Club" (Domionio Club) with Mickey Thurman, Dan Smith and Bill Sawyer.

Pallbearers were Bill White, Andy Dayton, Bert Stidham, Ray Slover, Randy Sheppard and Marvin Graham.

Honorary pallbearers were Mickey Thurman, Dan Smith, Bill Sawyer, and Pete Billings.

Chapel service was held Monday, November 9, 2009 at 3 p.m. at G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment was at Sunset Memorial Oaks Mausoleum. Rev. John Cary officiated.

Donations may be made to First Christian Church 2101 North Main St., Del Rio, TX.

## Paul Avery Joy

ABILENE- Paul Avery Joy, 44, of Abilene, died Sunday, November 8, 2009 at an Abilene hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at Elmdale Baptist Church in Elmdale with Robert Cheatham officiating. Burial followed at the Clyde Cemetery directed by Bailey-Howard Funeral Home in Clyde.

Paul was born January 2, 1965 in Lubbock, Texas to Robert and Kathleen (Lemons) Joy. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1983 and Western Texas College in Snyder, TX, where he received his degree

in Golf Course Management and Landscape Technology. He was a lifelong resident of Abilene and a member of Highland Church of Christ. He married Nanette Vinson on May 16, 1997 in Abilene.

Paul was employed by Wal-Mart for 17 years where he worked in the Electronics Department.

Survivors are his wife, Nanette Joy of Abilene; parents, Robert and Kathleen Joy of Abilene; one sister, Karen Norfolk and husband, Ian of Fort Worth; one niece, Bree Norfolk of Fort Worth; and one nephew, Allen Wilkins of Abilene.

## Lanitta Sturgill

CROSS PLAINS- Lanitta Sturgill, 47, died Friday, November 6, 2009.

Services were held at 2

p.m. Monday, November 9, 2009 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

## Dean Sullivan

ABILENE- Dean Sullivan, 44, died Monday, November 9, 2009.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 12, 2009 at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. Burial to follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Dean was a lifelong resident of Abilene and a 1983 graduate of Cooper High School. He was the owner/operator of Sullivan's Powder Coating. He married Nancy Day on March 31, 2007. He loved attending Brayden and Riley's athletic events. He had a passion for building and restoring cars and trucks, which began at age 13 when he purchased his 1958 Ford pickup. Dean had a great love for all of his many friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Sullivan and his brother, David Sullivan.

Survivors are his wife, Nancy Sullivan of Tuscola; son, Brayden Sullivan of Albany; two stepsons, Dustin Day and wife, Jessi-

ca of Camp Pendleton, CA, and Riley Day of Tuscola; his father, Chuck Sullivan of Kerrville; his father and mother-in-law, Larry and Mary Lou Strohm of Quinlin, TX; uncle, Johnny Bower of Clyde; and aunt, Nancy Bower of New Jersey.

Memorials may be made to Ben Richey Boys Ranch P.O. Box 6839 Abilene, Texas 79608.

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## Texas November Crop Production Forecast

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Corn production is forecast at 273 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year's production and unchanged from last month. Based on November 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 130 bushels per acre, 5 bushels more than in 2008 and unchanged from last month's forecast.

Texas peanut production is down 37 percent from last year, at 528 million pounds. Statewide yield, at 3,300 pounds per acre, is unchanged from last year and up 100 pounds from last month's forecast.

Sorghum production is forecast at 101.2 million bushels, 36 percent less than last year. Yield, at 44 bushels per acre, is down 8 bushels from last year, and unchanged from last month.

Rice production is forecast at 12.2 million cwt, up 3 percent from 2008. Yield is forecast at 7,200 pounds per acre, up 300 pounds from a year ago and down 300 pounds from last month's forecast.

The 2009 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 4.5 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year's production and down 8 percent from last month's forecast. Yield is expected to average 23 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from last year and down 2 bushels from last month.

United States' corn production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, up 7 percent from last year's crop and down 1 percent from last month. A yield of 162.9 bushels per acre is forecast, up 9.0 bushels from last year and down 1.3 bushels from last month. The sorghum crop is down 23 percent from last year to 363.8 million cwt. The U.S. Up-

land cotton crop is expected to total 12.1 million bales, down 2 percent from last year, and down 4 percent from October.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.32 billion bushels, up 12 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last month. The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 3.63 billion pounds, down 30 percent from a year ago. U.S. rice production is forecast at 218 million cwt, down 1 percent from October and up 7 percent from 2008.

## Texas Crop Weather

Week of October 26-November 1, 2009

Agricultural Summary: Showers swept across the eastern part of the state leaving up to 2 to 10 inches of moisture in isolated areas. The rest of the state observed light to moderate amounts of rainfall. Recent rainfall and cooling temperatures improved wheat growing conditions in the High Plains. Cotton harvest was in full-swing across the Plains; however, harvest was delayed in some areas due to wet conditions. Harvest of late-planted corn continued in parts of the Northern High Plains. Wheat planting was delayed due to wet conditions in the Cross Timbers and Blacklands. Wheat emerged and progressed well in the Edwards Plateau and South Texas. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased in localized areas of the state as summer forages became dormant due to the cooler weather. Range and pastures continued to improve due to the recent rainfall across most of the state. Top soil moisture was mostly adequate to surplus across the state.



Pictured is Lanny Hall, President of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer

## Dr. Hall Gratefully Accepts Flag Flown Over U.S. Capitol in His Honor

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer was on the HSU campus to present a triangularly folded Stars and Stripes to President Lanny Hall. The flag flew over the U.S. Capitol on September 3rd. That was the day Hall was officially installed as the 15th president of Hardin-Simmons University.

Student loans, government Pell grants and endowment scholarships were the topic of conversation around a table in Hall's office as the Congressman sat for a brief chat prior to the flag presentation.

Neugebauer told Hall that he is concerned about the rise in government issued Pell grants given to college students who qualify economically. He says, "I don't believe this level can be sustained over a very long period of time."

Neugebauer is referring to a rise in the cap of eligibility, which means more families can qualify

for the government grants. Add that to an increase in the award each family can receive for students going to college, and that is a sizable amount distributed to colleges across the country. HSU alone projects about 550 students will receive Pell aid for around 2.4 million dollars during this 2009-2010 school year.

Hall told the congressman that HSU is working hard in the private sector by continuing to raise scholarship endowment funding for students. Hall says the endowment is on the rise again after a brief downturn this past year. Hall says the funds are again approaching record levels and dreams of the day when the endowment will generate significantly more dollars for scholarship assistance to HSU students.

Hall says he will proudly display the flag flown in his honor in a prominent spot in the president's office.

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## James D. 'Cootie' Harris

BAIRD- James D. "Cootie" Harris, 74, died Tuesday, November 10, 2009 in the Clyde Nursing Center.

Services are pending with Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

## Cathron Elizabeth Tarrant

CLYDE- Cathron Elizabeth Tarrant, 96, of Clyde died Sunday, November 8, 2009 at the Clyde Nursing Center.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Bailey-Howard Funeral Chapel with H.B. Terry officiating.

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