



Andrea enjoys fishing for ducks at the Lords' Acre Celebration on Saturday. This year clowns and activities added special entertainment for children.

Lords' Acre Celebration Is Festive And Fun

The First United Methodist Church of Baird held their annual Lords' Acre Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Baird School Cafetorium. The festively decorated cafetorium held an array of beautiful hand crafted articles, home baked goods, a table of lovely and useful items to be auctioned after dinner, and a stunning quilt to

be raffled, made by Corinne Walder. This year, the community's children were treated to various activities. Clowns were on hand, and the children could try their hand at a fishing pond, ring tossing, throwing darts, and other fun games. Once again, a delicious,

traditional southern turkey dinner with cornbread dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls and dessert were served. "They've been cooking in the kitchen all day," someone said as mouth watering aromas drifted through the cafetorium in the afternoon.

Christmas Village Grand Opening Is Nov. 26

The Baird Chamber of Commerce Christmas Committee reminds everyone to make plans to attend the grand opening of The Christmas Village on Wednesday, Nov. 26th.

The Village, located in The Arches on Market Street, will feature 5,000 square feet of animated and lighted displays. There is no admission fee, but donations are welcome.

Hours for the grand opening the day before Thanksgiving are from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Village will then be open from 6-8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6, Dec. 12-13 and Dec. 19-20.

Memorial/Honorary trees that will line the sidewalk at the Courthouse are available for \$15. Contact the Chamber office at 854-2003 or mail information and check to Baird Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting, 100 Market, Baird, TX 79504.

Call Margaret for all your local happenings and up to date news at 254-629-1707

Glider Accident Claims Life Of Prominent Eastland Doctor

by Margaret Hetrick

A tragic accident took the life of Dr. William Morris Oswald, a prominent Eastland physician, late Thursday afternoon.

The accident occurred at approximately 5:00 PM, at a golf course driving range near Hwy. 6, about 7 tenths of a mile west of Eastland, Sgt. Stan Waters, DPS, reported.

Dr. Oswald was transported to Eastland Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 6:20 PM by Justice of the Peace Jack Graham.

According to Sgt. Waters, Dr. Oswald's glider, an Adventure Paraglider, was unable to clear a power line after lift-off.

The cause of death is thought to have resulted from electricity, he said.

Witnesses reported that Dr. Oswald's glider was near the back of the driving ranger and apparently taking off towards the east.

After lift-off, the glider cleared a barn, made a south turn, and then a turn towards the east, they said.

The glider hit a power line running near a private drive and became lodged in trees.

Witnesses removed Dr. Oswald, who was still strapped in his glider, and called 911.

The Eastland Fire Department,

EMS, Eastland Police Department and DPS responded immediately to the call.

Several ONCOR service vehicles were also at the scene.

Due to damage to a line, power was out for a relatively short time to some customers. The damage was quickly isolated, and for the majority of customers, power was restored at 6:18 PM, and restored to all remaining customers at 8:20 PM, Emmett Lasater, ONCOR Regional Manager, said.

Eastland Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Oswald was a member of the medical staff since 1986, issued a statement on Friday that Dr. Oswald will be remembered for his professional practice, humor, love of life, and support of hospital employees.

Dr. Oswald is survived by his wife Lesa, two sons, B. J. and Patrick, three brothers and a sister.

Lesla Oswald is a nurse manager at Eastland Memorial.

Services for Dr. Oswald were held on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2:30 PM, at the First United Methodist Church in Eastland. Burial was at the Eastland Cemetery.

Playoff Game
Class A
Baird (8-2) vs. Roscoe (8-3)
7:30 PM
Friday, November 21
@ Sweetwater

Josh Sims and Tamara Vestal Are Baird High 2003-2004 King and Queen

The 2003-2004 Baird High King and Queen are seniors Josh Simms and Tamara Vestal. They were crowned at the Baird I. S. D. Coronation on Nov. 11, 2003, which had the theme "Drifting On A Dream".

Josh is the son of Boxer Sims and Zana Sims. He has been on the Varsity Football Team for 3 years receiving the Defensive Newcomer of the year award and 1st team linebacker his sophomore year, 2nd team all-district Quarterback his junior year and is currently a Senior Team Captain. He has been a member of the Varsity Baseball Team for 4 years. He Earned the newcomer of the year award his freshman year, 1st team pitcher his sophomore year and district MVP and All-State Infielder his junior year. While participating in Track & Field his sophomore year he qualified for Area in the 110 hurdles and high jump and advanced to Regional in high jump. Josh has also been a part of the Varsity Basketball team for 2 years. He received 2nd team all district his sophomore year and 1st team all district academic his junior year. Josh has received numerous awards at the Baird Athletic Sports Banquet including Basketball MVP his sophomore year and Best all Around Athlete and Baseball MVP his junior year. Josh has been a member of Beta Club for 2 years and is currently the Vice President. He has been actively involved in FFA for 3 years and is a member of the headlight staff. Josh was also elected Sophomore Class Favorite.

Tamara is the daughter of Chris and Rhonda Vestal. She has been a Varsity Cheerleader for 3 years and was nominated ALL-AMERICAN cheerleader her junior year. She has played basketball for 3 years and track for 1 year. She has played golf for 4 years and last year her team received 1st place at regional and 3rd at state. Tamara has served as a class officer for 4 years and is Vice President of the Senior class. She is also an FCA officer and has been a member of Student Council and FFA for 4 years. She was elected Sophomore Class Favorite and received Football Sweetheart her Junior year and also was nominated for Football Sweetheart her Sophomore and Senior year.

Baird Elementary Citizen Of The Week



Colton Fox-Mrs. Diller's 5th grade
He is the son of Randy and Irma Fox

The Mission of Miracles Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Council will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at 141 Chestnut and 2nd Street. This is the planning session for Christmas and All are welcome. Ministers or representatives from each church especially wanted.



Dr. William Oswald

Pray For Our Troops

To the Family Health Clinic Patients and Friends:

We are all saddened by the loss of our beloved Dr. Bill Oswald. The Family Health Clinic staff wants to assure all of Dr. Oswald's patients that we will continue to provide for your medical care. All of Dr. Oswald's obstetric patients will need to call the clinic for information and instructions. Jackie Tucker will continue her practice at the clinic under Dr. Robert DeLuca. All of Jackie's patients can reach her at the same numbers as before.

We ask for your patience as we make this transition and we want you to know that all your medical needs will be taken care of in the most efficient manner possible.

The Doctors and Staff at the Family Health Clinic

First Baptist Church Of Baird Events Scheduled

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

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574
THANKS TO ALL IN THE COMMUNITY THAT HELPED WITH THE YOUTH FOOD DRIVE AND OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, both were very successful.

Nov. 23 Annual Community thanksgiving service. This year the service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Baird. Everyone in the community is invited to attend the service beginning at 7:00 p.m. The only activity 1st Baptist Church Baird will have that evening will be the 5:30 p.m. prayer time.

Nov. 26 NO SERVICES ON THIS WED. EVENING SO THAT FAMILIES CAN BE TOGETHER FOR THANKSGIVING.

Dec. 2 Men's prayer breakfast with breakfast ready at 6:30 a.m. so that you may get to your appointed place by 8:00. All men in the community are welcome to this time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

Dec. 6 Women's Retreat for ALL LADIES IN THE COMMUNITY with Peg Forrest. Theme is "Fixing your Eyes on Jesus". It will

be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and include brunch. Peg's heart beats with a passion to lead others into a more personal, intimate relationship with their Savior. Her "homespun" style and simplistic love for the Scriptures both encourages, yet helps her audience relate to the messenger.

Dec. 7 Bay Forrest (former NBA center for the Phoenix Suns and missionary in Kenya, East Africa) will be speaking to the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Dec. 8 Esther Sunday School class will have their class Christmas party.

Dec. 9 All women in the community are invited to Prayer Breakfast for ladies. Breakfast will be ready by 7:00 a.m. and prayertime to follow. Ladies if you can only be here for part of it, please come on.

Dec. 13 Womens Mission Group will be leaving the church at 10:30 a.m. to go to Mary Green's home north of Putnam for Christmas and time of prayer. Back to Baird by 1:00 p.m.

Dec. 21 The Adult Choir will be presenting "A Christmas Gift" in the 11:00 a.m. service.

Baird '48 Study Club News

The Baird '48 Study Club met in the home of Pat Holland on Monday, November 10, 2003. The meeting was called to order by President Tereva Hunter. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Linda Hart. The minutes were accepted by motion from Irma Crow and 2nd by Joyce Smauley.

Georgie Manion read correspondence from the previous month. President Tereva Hunter asked for Old Business. Barbara Corn gave a report on the success of the Tour of Homes that was held on Sunday, November 9, 2003. Discussion was held on the "white elephant" gift that is given during each meeting.

Chasity Pritz gave a report concerning the Christmas meeting which will be held at the First Methodist Church on December 8, 2003. It will be a covered dish dinner. The next meeting will be on January 12, 2004 in the home of Chasity Pritz.

Kristi Belcher introduced our guest speakers for the evening. Coriene Walden gave a demonstration on making a "crayola quilt". Joyce Edwards gave a demonstration on painting and showed the group different antique items that can be used for some of her paintings. The program was excellent and enjoyed by all of the members. A door prize was drawn and presented to Judy Gulley.

The meeting was dismissed by President Tereva Hunter. Refreshments were served by hostesses Linda Hart and Tereva Hunter.

Members present were Kristi Belcher, Barbara Corn, Irma Crow, Billie Ann Earp, Frances Greenway, Judy Gulley, Linda Hart, Lori Higgins, Pat Holland, Tereva Hunter, Georgie Manio, Sally McGregor, Sue McNeil, Chasity Pritz, Joanie Shrader, Joyce Smauley, Dyanne Thompson, Dana Voigts.

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Number 09823. The proposed injection well is located 6 Miles North of Putnam in the Callahan County Regular, in Callahan County. Fluid will be injection into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 292' to 298' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

(11-20-03)

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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 discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
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11th Court of Appeals

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Proceedings (En Banc)
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Robert Tyrone Lilly v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motions Submitted & Granted; Appeals Dismissed
Marcos Damian v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

In re Estate of Hesterine Wimberly. Deceased, Jefferson. Appellant's motion to dismiss. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Petition for Writ of Mandamus Denied

In re Randal Franklin Caraway, Orig. Pro. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motions Submitted & Granted

Dee and Judy Wilson v. K.W.G., Inc. d/b/a Cactus Moon and Cactus Moon, Inc., Taylor. Appellees' motion for leave to file response to Appellant's supplemental brief.

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Lionel Zachary Williams v. State of Texas, Dallas.

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Jimmy Mark Payne v. State of Texas, Taylor.

Yane Mondragon Gonzales v. State of Texas, Dallas.

Jonathan Patrick Lee v. State of Texas, Eastland.

Cottonwood Musical Cancelled After 50 Years

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will no longer have a monthly musical at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Thanks to all the musicians who played on our little stage all these years and a very special thank you to

those few musicians who faithfully came and played even when the crowds were few in numbers.

Those of you who came to listen each month from all the surrounding areas became our friends and we appreciate your support of the kitchen,

bake sales, quilt raffles and our fund-raising suppers.

We will still have two musicals each year, the RE-HAB fund raiser in August and our Turkey Supper and Building Fundraiser in October. We hope you will again support us by coming back to Cottonwood.

Cross Plains Art Club To Meet Thursday

The Cross Plains Art Club will meet at the Multi-Purpose Center 1st at Beech St in Cross Plains Thursday, November 20th at 2 p.m.

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Personally Speaking

By Sam Pendergrast

Schizophrenia: Here's A Chance At An Inside Look

Here's a chance to take a look inside a schizophrenic mind at work and play, under treatment and free-wheeling.

(No, not mine; you get a chance to do that every week in this column. I did take a bank of psychological tests one time when I was being appraised as a possible volunteer at the state mental school at Carlsbad, near San Angelo; and I was relieved to find I appeared to be only mildly retarded.)

But a friend from the heady days of the uptown coffee house in the old Wooten Hotel is making a private diary of schizophrenia available. He is Ronald C. (Ron) Harness I, who describes himself as "a road scholar/student/traveler/teacher/veteran/soldier/father" and is writing a frank and exhaustive report on his mental problems, treatment, results, and expectations.

He has written two 100-page books, entitled "A Mental Odyssey" and "A Mental Odyssey" and is now completing the third volume, to be entitled "ODE TO A SOLDIER". All are hugely autobiographical and interestingly stream-of-consciousness.

I told him I wrote an ode last year for the late Dr. Joe Stamey and I thought an ode was about a dead person. Ron wasn't concerned with the distinction, suggesting either a figure of speech or a timetable into which I dared not inquire. I also thought an ode was expected to be in some poetic form, and he indicated the book in question is in a kind of prose poetry.

As one whose score of bookish works have often defied description, I am not inclined to argue either point.

And, while I have not had time for an exhaustive reading of any of Ron's books, I must hasten to add the format, rhetoric, grammar, spelling, and burden of the books seem to be of some highly individual school.

As I told Ron when he first asked me to give a fellow author's analysis of his work, I know of no commercial publisher who would be likely to undertake publication of such material. But, then, countless commercial publishers have been unwilling to undertake publication of my own work.

But that doesn't mean either work is not readable, useful, or even potentially profitable. Many great writers have been self-published (Walt Whitman and Thoreau and I come to mind.)

And, while there are many schizophrenics writing books- some of them very

profitably, Ron's work seems to me a most useful genre for students of psychology, psychiatry, pharmacology, and at least thousands of individuals with such mental problems.

The first two books are available in manuscript form (beautifully typed, by the way) from Ron Harness, 5225 Taos Drive, Abilene, TX 79605, at \$16 for "Oddity" and \$20 for "Odyssey".

We enjoyed reminiscing about the few years in the 90's when "Espresso Europa" was the cynosure of, yes, hippieish eyes, host of poets and playwrights, and object of nervous glances by "better people" and police.

Now the Wooten is being remodeled, but I doubt that it will ever have more interesting and interested kids.

Guest Slot

By H.V.O.

AS THE EASTLAND Mavericks, the CISCO Lobos and the STRAWN Sixers advance up the Play-off Ladder, we salute the players, coaches, schools, parents and fans. Their backers are ready for them to GO ALL THE WAY! Wouldn't it be something if they all made it to the top.

WE'D ALWAYS thought they misspelled the name on our Rolex watch. Couldn't understand why they spelled it "T I M e x". But that's not so bad; we just read that chips are being put into Timexes which will permit the owners to use them as credit cards. When they are out, we will just swipe our watches for payments. Remember not so long ago

when they were saying we'd one day be a check-less and cash-less society.

THE NEW do-not-call system doesn't let us off the hook yet: the phone will keep ringing; the Act exempts charities, companies that consumers have done business with in the past 18 months, pollsters, and politicians. However it is estimated that from a quarter to one half to the four million jobs in outbound telemarketing are at risk because of the law. These folks average \$9 an hour and make as many as 70 calls an hour. No wonder that some 30 million phone numbers registered to be put on the no call list. Successful telemarketers are rewarded but those who

get a certain number of refusals per hour are relieved.

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Disaster Relief
In Local Counties

The United States Department of Agriculture has deemed 13 counties in Texas eligible for federal disaster relief because of adverse weather conditions.

Disaster counties in West Texas include Coleman, Concho, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Terry and Tom Green counties.

Provided eligibility requirements are met, these counties are qualified to receive low interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to aid them in coping with disasters from drought, lightning and severe rain and winds.

Farmers in these counties have eight months from the declaration date, to apply for these loans. FSA has additional emergency loan programs available to help farmers recover.

For more information, in-

terested farmers should contact your local FSA offices for further eligibility information.

Energy Bill Update

As many of us in the West Texas oil patch know, agriculture and energy go hand in hand.

Oil and gas is drilled from farm and ranch land and now many of our newest energy resources come from crops.

Corn and wheat are used to make ethanol; soybeans are used to make biodiesel and now large electric generators are perched atop tall windmills on the West Texas plains.

So it's easy to see why so many farmers and ranchers have a vested interest in the comprehensive energy bill being debated in Congress this fall.

This energy bill could be one of the most important pieces of legislation for farmers and ranchers in West Texas since the 2002 Farm Bill.

The House and Senate are

currently in ongoing negotiations to smooth out the wrinkles in this significant legislation. I had hoped this bill would have been approved by Congress earlier in the year.

However, some unanticipated problems held it up and it's nearing completion now.

I have worked to voice the concerns for both the West Texas Oil Patch and agricultural producers throughout this debate. And I hope, when this is over, folks will see incentives to produce oil and gas as well as renewables like ethanol and wind energy.

COOL Update

According to USA Beef, cattle producers are being faced with the reality of mandatory labeling regulations.

Many are concerned about the incredible costs this will impose and are seeing their fears heightened as last week the Senate approved an appropriations bill that includes a nonbinding provision that instructs conferees not to delay mandatory COOL labeling for meat products.

However, the House Ag spending bill includes a provision that would delay funding for implementation of COOL for one year, making its implementation date Oct. 1, 2005.

According to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the beef industry agrees there are many problems with the underlying law, and the industry encourages Congress to review this law before it causes extreme hardship for cattle producers.

Since the USDA has reported that the proposed mandatory rule may have serious repercussions, producers and Congress now have more time to better investigate the impacts of this law.

Keep your ears open for more on this topic, as Congress takes more time to review the effects of this law. We need to take another year and do this right, rather than go ahead with an ill conceived plan now.

Farm Income

Improves

According to recent re-

ports from the USDA's Economic Research Service last week, the financial conditions of farmers are expected to improve for the remainder of 2003.

The USDA also reports that farmers will realize both higher commodity prices and greater production when they sell their crops this year.

This includes crops, livestock and forestry sectors with crops being up by \$11 billion and livestock up by more than \$10 billion over 2002.

USDA also says that prices have been on the rise as a result of strong domestic and foreign demand. Additionally, government payments are up substantially, and we should see the balance sheet for the farm sector continue to strengthen. This is good news, and we're seeing it here in the 17th District.

Impacts of BSE in Canada

Before the discovery of BSE in Canada, the country was the third largest beef exporter in the world.

Within hours of the BSE discovery last May, most nations had imposed bans on Canadian beef products, and the value of Canada's beef exports dropped to zero.

This is why it is important that the United States does what it has to do to prevent a BSE outbreak within our borders. At the present time, the United States is the world's largest beef importing country. However, the impact of one BSE discovery could be devastating to U.S. producers.

source of the "good" cholesterol and are a healthy snack.

With these positive forecasts and the health benefit that peanuts provide, growers should have a great year

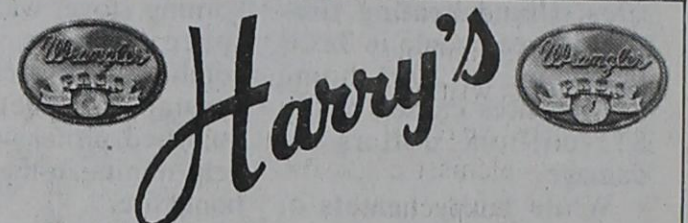
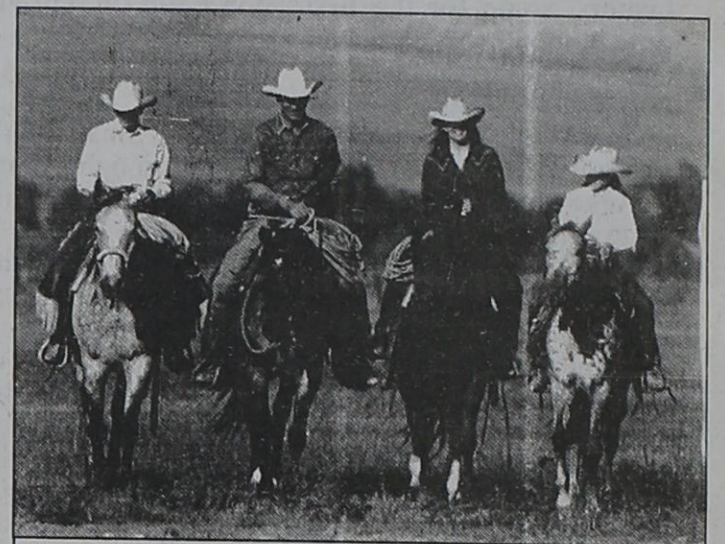
Growers Expect
Abundant
Peanut Crop

Now on to better news: Even though U.S. peanut acres are down from previous years, growers are still expecting plentiful crops this harvest season.

Peanut yield for 2003 is expected to about 3,121 lbs/acre and eight of the nine major peanut producing states are enjoying favorable growing conditions.

Beside the positive growing conditions, peanuts are a

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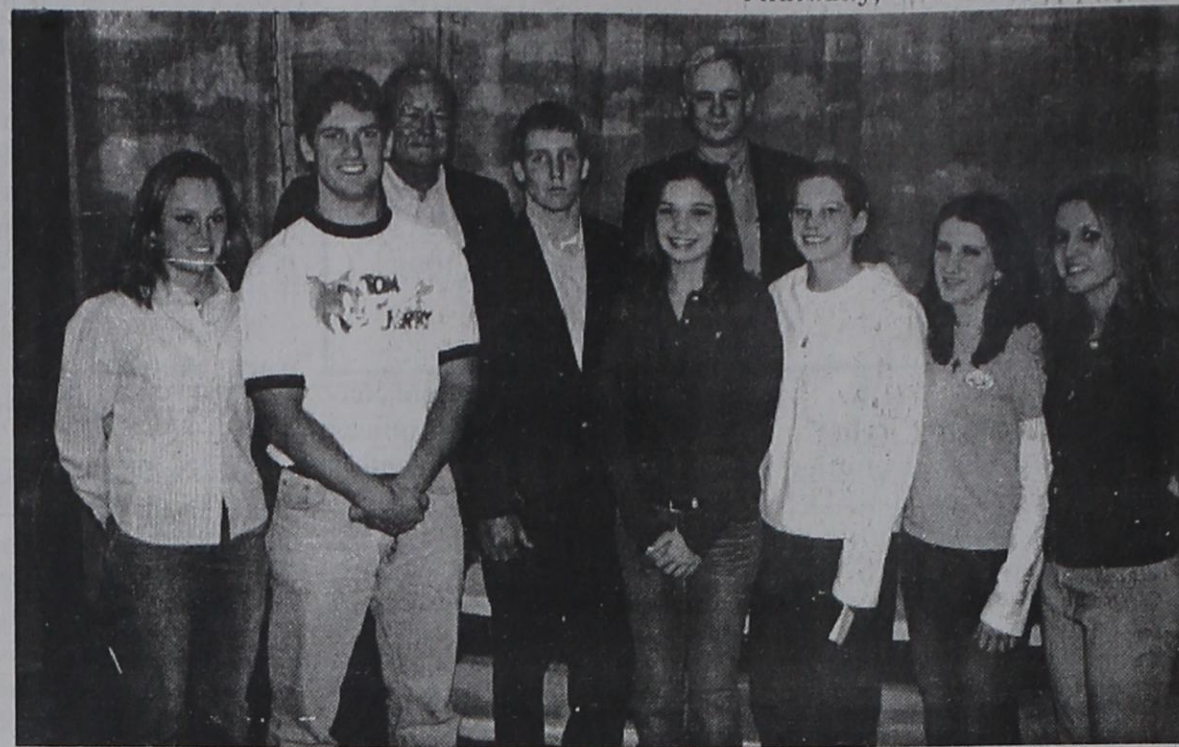
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Baird High School Student Council Holds Veterans Day Assembly

The Student Council at Baird High School presented a Veterans Day assembly. Junior High, and High school students were present as well as several community members.

L.J. Mendez, Jarrett Knowlton and Brittany Creech started the ceremony by playing The Star Spangled Banner on Trumpets. Frances Scott Key penned the words in 1814 while aboard

a ship that witnessed the British attack upon Fort M'Henry. Key later stated, "Then, in that hour of deliverance, my heart spoke. Does not such a country, and such defenders of their county, deserve a song?" His words, "And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.' And the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave" remind Americans of the importance of God, County, and Freedom.



Baird Student Council members with Tom Ivey and Chuck Sanford.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Misty McDowell, Lesley Tumbusch sang "America The Beautiful." The guest speaker was Tom Ivey, a Korean War Veteran and a 1950 graduate of Baird High School. He spoke about the importance of remembering the past, especially those who served and often died in defense of freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. Mr. Ivey read "In Flanders Field," and reminded students that WWI ended with an armistice that stopped the fighting in the eleventh month, eleventh day, and eleventh hour of 1917. Growing up in the 1930's and 1940's was not

always easy. Sometimes, he said, "it's chicken one day and feathers the next." He explained to students that life can sometimes be tough.

Zach Harmon performed Lee Greenwood's song "Proud To Be An American."

Belinda Harris, Rhonda Sweeney, and Kayla Windham read patriotic poems. At the conclusion of the assembly, Chuck Sanford played TAPS on his coronet. While the strains of the music were melancholy, they were

also full of hope and peace. The echo of the music lingered in the hearts of the listeners, long after the tones ceased to vibrate in the air.

Protecting Your Home From Winter Heating Fires

The cooler weather means more of us will be lighting fireplaces and turning on heaters, some for the first time in months. With winter and the holiday season on the horizon, it's a good time to review some home heating and fire safety rules.

According to our Texas State Fire Marshal G. Mike Davis, home heating fires are the second leading cause of fire deaths in U.S. homes and the leading cause of home fires in December and January. Here in Texas, heating equipment is the sixth leading cause of one- and two-family dwelling fires. Home heating fires killed three people in Texas last year. In 2001 home heating fires caused nearly \$11-million dollars in damage.

While faulty heaters or damaged fireplaces are surely dangerous, most home heating fires are caused by human error, particularly through the misuse of portable heaters, wood stoves, and fireplaces. In Texas, portable, or space, heaters remain one of the most common systems used to warm homes. Using these devices safely requires correct installation, maintenance, and fueling. Here are some tips for preventing portable heating equipment fires.

- Keep portable heaters at least three feet away from anything that might burn, including furniture, bedding, clothing, pets, and people.

- Turn these heaters off when you aren't in the room or when you go to sleep. Never leave children or pets alone or unsupervised in rooms where space heaters are in use.

- Make sure that everyone knows how dangerous it is to dry clothing over these heaters or place combustible materials near them.

- Before using electric space heaters for the first time each season, check for fraying or splitting wires and any signs of overheating. If there are problems, have them fixed by a professional, or buy a new heater.

- Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets; don't use extension cords. And don't overload electrical outlets.

Many Texans use space and wall heaters that burn propane or natural gas. When using gas heaters, the State Fire Marshal's Office recommends the following practices:

- Make sure there is an adequate air supply. Home heaters must have an air supply; without it, they may produce carbon monoxide. If you are using an unvented space heater without an oxygen depletion sensor, keep a window or door slightly open.

- Make sure that pilot lights are working properly. If your heater has a pilot light and you can't keep it lit, or if the control is hard to operate, have it repaired. All inspections and repairs should be made by trained, licensed service technicians.

- Turn off your heaters immediately (1) If you smell fumes, your eyes sting, or if you feel dizzy or nauseated; (2) If there is a yellow or fluttering flame; or (3) If the vent isn't drawing.

- Don't use space heaters with broken or out-of-place

ceramic radiants.

- If you smell a strong gas odor, turn off all pilot lights, don't flip on any electrical switches (such as room lights) and call your gas company from another location. Small sparks from turning on lights or making a phone call could ignite gas.

- Never store or use flammable liquids like gasoline, cleaning fluid or paint thinner near heaters.

Finally, never use the kitchen stove to heat the house, or a grill or other outdoor, fuel-burning device.

Whether you have central heat, a fireplace, a wood-burning stove, wall heaters, space heaters, or any combination of the above, an annual inspection by qualified professionals can help minimize the risk of a home fire.

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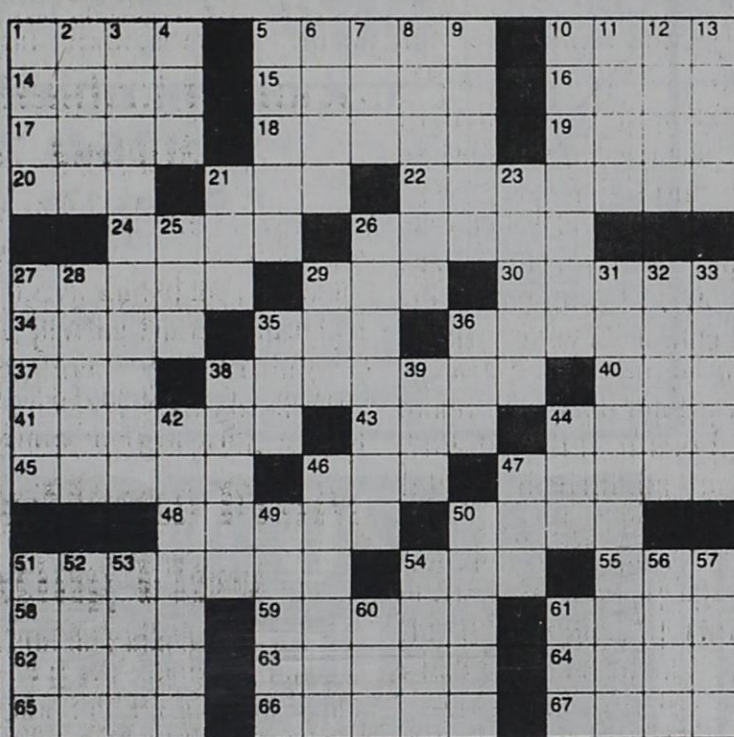
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14. Unsealed
15. Interlaced
16. Pollster Roper
17. Accomplishment
18. None better
19. Afternoon affairs
20. Ramparts
21. Mme. in Memphis
22. Parsonage
24. New Yorker illustrator Steinberg
26. "She loves me..." unit
27. Cheated
29. "Your Love"
30. Jezebel portrayer
34. Linus' sister
35. Prince of the theater
36. Certain rentals
37. Well's contents
38. Cromwell, for one
40. Malarkey
41. Less superficial
43. Silent Coolidge
44. He created Perry and Della
45. Shortstop's shortcoming
46. Bumped into
47. Use a pencil end
48. Napa exports
50. Wellington
51. "Happily ever-aftering" locale
54. Bog
55. will (bad intentions)
58. Turn or pop ender
59. Midwest airport
61. Hunted one
62. Rotten to the core
63. More achy
64. Hymn finale
65. Had debts
66. Advantages
67. Caution
12. Julie's Dr. Zhivago costar
13. Parker
21. Java hound's cup
23. Airplane area
25. However much
26. Keeps order
27. Gliss
28. Piano adjuster
29. East
31. Earth (2 wds.)
32. Instruments
33. Cosmetician Lauder
35. Ben (Wallace)
36. French lace
38. Pauline's problem
39. Make trim
42. High- (dynamic)
44. Prior's prior
46. Procedure
47. Bardic time
49. Old West necktie
50. Pub drinks
51. Kate Hepburn role
52. Affirm
53. Just
54. Liberated
56. Suggestive look
57. Footballer Swann
60. La Plata's land; abbr.
61. Handle roughly

DOWN

1. Fuddy-duddy
2. Duelist's weapon
3. Crinkly suit fabric
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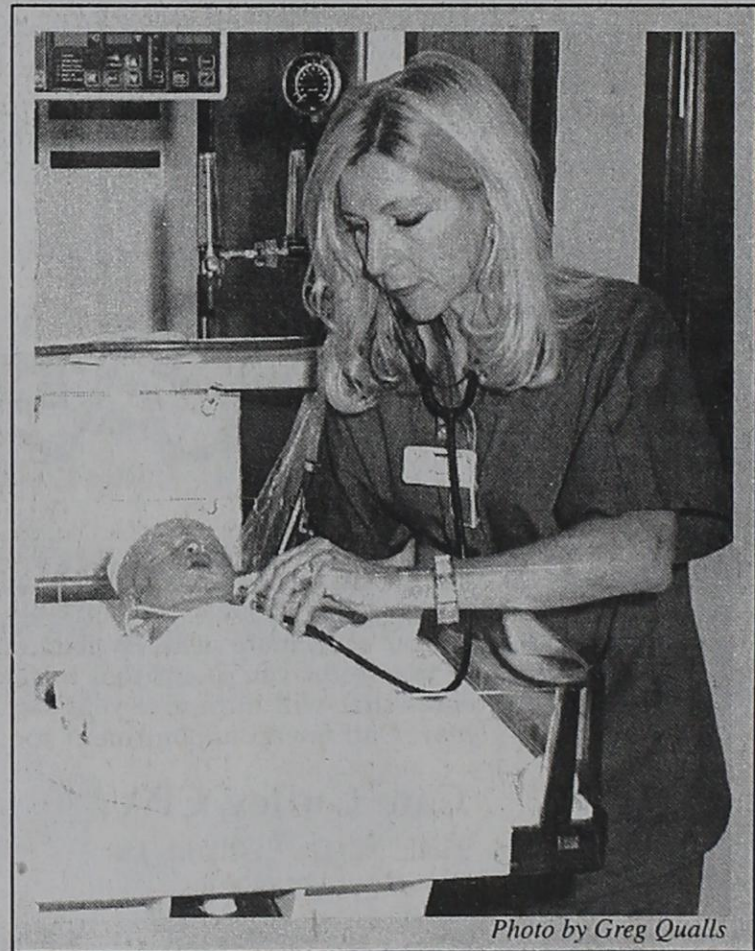


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SPC. TAYLOR HANSON
by Margaret Hetrick

The aftermath of the war in Iraq, and the continuous deployment of U. S. troops in that country is front page news almost every day of the week.

Although the situation in Iraq seems far from U. S. shores, in actuality it is very close to home.

We become aware of that fact when servicemen and women from our immediate area return from there or are sent to serve duty in that region.

Recently, Spc. Taylor W. Hanson of Eastland returned on leave for a month's visit with this wife Tiffany, grandparents Jim and JoAnn Gerth of Eastland, mother Dea Hanson Schroeder of Panhandle, Sheila Brown and Johnnie Chancellor of Cisco, friend Scotty Brandenburg, and many other family members and friends.

Spc. Taylor Hanson is stationed in the Baghdad, Iraq area. He has been deployed there with his company, the 490th Civil Affairs Army Reserve, since last April, and will probably continue to serve there until sometime between April or June, his mother said.

Tiffany and Taylor were married only shortly before his deployment.

Military service in Iraq is not an easy task.

However, our servicemen and women concentrate on doing their jobs, Spc. Hanson said.

A few days leave in Kuwait gave him a short break from his duty.

Kuwait is a very modern country in many ways, he reported, with shopping malls, restaurants and other conveniences.

Taylor Hanson has also enjoyed shopping, visiting and going out to eat during his stay here, his mother said.

During his off duty hours, Spc. Hanson enjoys reading - particularly science fiction. Astronomy is another interest of his, mother Dea added. Due to very low light pollution in Iraq, star gazing was very good.

Spc. Hanson also took some of his college books along to his place of duty. He had just started college when he received his deployment orders.

Consequently, college is on "hold" at the moment, but will be a top priority as soon as possible.

Spc. Hanson was

Distinguished Honor Graduate of his class during AIT training at Ft. Lee.

Many servicemen and women thought their term of duty in Iraq would only be for a few months. Now many will be there for a year or more.

Since the official end of the war there, fewer packages and other gestures of our support for the troops are being sent, a spokesperson said. Some servicemen and women do not receive any.

Our support of the troops, as well as their families at home, is very important.

A list at the post office gives guidelines of what can or cannot be sent in packages to U. S. troops overseas.

Spc. Hanson's address is: Spc. Taylor W. Hanson, HHD - 490 CA BA CSLCC, APO AE 09335.

Please let him, and all our other servicemen and women know that their duty for our country is recognized and appreciated, and that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Accent On Health

TDH Targets Troubling Toys

Money is tight, but you need to buy a toy for your nephew who is in his "terrible twos." You find a great deal on a stuffed animal at a small discount store. Is it terrific or is it trouble?

Well, that depends. "Often product-recall information from manufacturers does not get to discount and bargain stores because they buy their merchandise through auctions rather than from the manufacturer," said Annabelle Dillard, product safety expert with the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

For that reason, TDH inspectors will focus on secondary markets such as discount and bargain stores during "Toy Sweep", an annual campaign to educate Texas retailers about the latest recall information and to remind consumers that certain items have been recalled and are not safe for children.

Each fall--just before the big holiday shopping season--TDH's product safety inspectors visit retail stores making sure that certain recalled toys are no longer

available and giving retailers detailed information about each of the recalled items. This year's event will be Nov. 17-20 in stores in the Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin areas.

Inspectors have 10 toys and five children's furniture products on their list this year. Some of the products that recently have been recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are a pendant that is high in lead content; pacifiers that come apart; a plush toy with small parts; bunk beds that pose a strangulation hazard because of the spacing between the guard rails; a channing table whose poor design could cause strangulation hazard; and children's chairs that tend to break.

Some tips for buyers:

- Buy toys that are age-appropriate for the child. Toy and game manufacturers test their products for safety according to how they should be used by children and include age-range recommendations on their packages.
- Look for quality construction and design. Can the product withstand an assault by your 2-year-old nephew?
- Don't buy anything that has sharp glass or metal edges for children under 8.
- When shopping for children under the age of 3, avoid small toys or toys with small parts that could come off. A good rule of thumb: If the item is small enough to fit through the cardboard spool from a toilet-tissue roll, it's not appropriate for children under 3.
- Assemble toys properly. Many manufacturers offer assistance by phone if you need help.

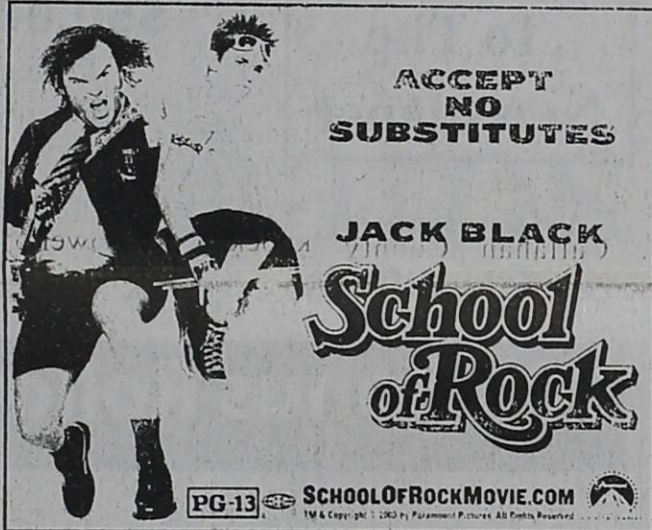
The CPSC web site

(www.cpsc.gov) is a good resource for retailers and consumers who want the latest information on recalled products. The CPSC has a free email subscription list that is notified each time a recall is issued.

People who have concerns about specific products can call TDH's product safety division at (888) 778-9440 toll free in Texas. Inspectors follow up on complaints and investigate hazards associated with products. Products are tested and, if necessary, sent to laboratories for further testing. Findings are then evaluated and notices of violation will be issued to manufacturers if necessary. If the product is distributed nationally, these findings also will be forwarded to the CPSC for further enforcement action on the federal level.

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Attending the family dinner were Paul and Helen's daughters, Ann Etta Dunning of Cisco, Sarah Matthews of Sugarland. Grandchildren in attendance were Angela (Coats) David, Rick Coats, Mark Matthews, and Merrick Matthews. Great granddaughters Ashley David and Kaelyn and Brooke Matthews celebrated their great grandparents' anniversary and an early Christmas since Mark and his family will be return-

ing to Turkey before Christmas where he is a Flight Surgeon in the U.S. Air Force at Incirlik Air Base.

From Whence Came I

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Another e-mail relative really threw me a curve ball this week. The people of long ago sure made it difficult to prove information. My side of the family I think we have in common has been in Eastland & Stephens County since 1888 when I have a land patent to them. I have records to prove my material from my great grandfather and his wife and family. When their first child was born they lived in Denton County Texas. Before that I thought I found him in the census with his father and his mother and some siblings in Harrison County of Texas

1850. Years ago my great aunt said the brother & his family lived in Denton County and her husband had even taken his mother there to visit her sister who was married to my great grandfather's brother. These two unions made a generation of second cousins. The e-mail this week says his name was not what I thought and his father was not who I thought. He then said the two families do not connect but I can hardly believe they would have been in the same places in the same years and not have been related. Their children share many of the same given names. This

means I will have to get to work on my puzzle once again. I am sure of my great-grandfather but guess I will have to search old letters and

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BAIRD BEARS

Bears Challenge Roscoe In Playoffs

It's been a good season for the Baird Bears. Several players excelled, and the team played good defensive football as a whole.

The Bears booked their only loss of the season against Tolar.

Several games were cliff hangers, with Baird scoring the deciding winning points in the game's final quarter, - or even minutes.

The Baird Bears vs. the Gorman Panther's game stood 0-0 throughout 4 quarters.

In overtime, Bear Chance Rodriques recovered a fumble by the Panthers, and returned it for a Touch Down, giving Baird a win of 6-0.

The win secured Baird a place in the playoffs as runner-up team behind Tolar.

On Friday, 7:30 PM, the Baird Bears will play Roscoe in Sweetwater in the Class A Region II Area playoffs.

Roscoe stands 8-3.

In Class A, Roby will meet Tolar on Friday, 7:30 PM in Gordon

Wood Stadium, Brownwood, and Know City challenges Albany on Friday, 7:30 PM at Shotwell Stadium.

Class 2A Division 1 Regionals see Eastland vs. Canadian at 4 PM Saturday in Plainview, and Cisco vs. Panhandle on Friday 7:30 PM at Lowery Field in Lubbock in Class 2A Division 11 Region 1 Regionals.

Area Football Playoff Games

Class A

Baird (8-2) vs. Roscoe (8-3), 7:30 p.m.
Friday @ Sweetwater

Class 2A

Eastland (9-2), vs. Canadian (9-2), 4 p.m.
Saturday @ Plainview

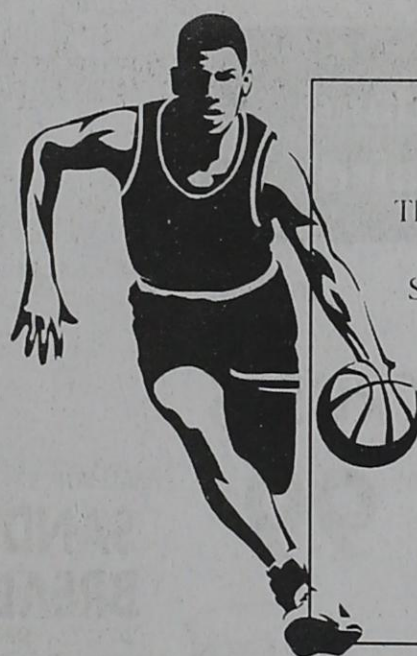
Cisco (10-1) vs. Panhandle (11-0) 7:30 p.m.
Friday @ Lowery Field, Lubbock

6-Man

Strawn vs. Lohn, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday @ Rising Star

Go! Teams

Go!



November Basketball Schedule

High School

Thurs. Nov. 6 Red & White Scrimmage, Baird, 6:00 p.m., JHG, JVG, VG

Thurs., Nov. 13 Hico (Scrimmage), Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Sat., Nov. 15 Rule, May, Tolar (Scrimmage, Baird, 1:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Tues., Nov. 18 Winters, Baird, 5:00 p.m., JVG, VG

Fri., Nov. 21 TBA

Mon., Nov. 24 Roby, Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Tues., Nov. 25 Cisco, Baird, 4:00 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Junior High

Nov. 17, Albany, There, 6:00, 7G, 8 G

Nov. 17, Albany, Here, 6:00, 7B, 8 B

Nov. 24, Gorman, There, 5:00, 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B

Week 11 Area Football Results

Cisco 45 Anson 8
Eastland 42 Stamford 6
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Obituary

Myrtle Strange

BAIRD- Myrtle Strange, age 81, of Abilene, Texas died Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at an Abilene hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 14, 2003 at Parker Funeral Home Chapel. Billy James officiate and burial followed in the Ross Cemetery Annex.

Mrs. Strange was born May 20, 1922 in Caddo County, Oklahoma. She had lived in Abilene, Texas for six years and was a longtime resident of Baird and Clyde. She ran Myrtle's Cafe in Baird, formerly Blondys Cafe, and then retired from Texas Instruments. She was a Catholic. She married Carl

Dean Strange in Caddo County, Oklahoma on June 7, 1940. He preceded her in death August 16, 1986.

Survivors are three sons, Merle Dean Strange of Clyde, Bobby Newton Strange of Tennessee and Johnny Barry Strange of Osage, Kansas; two daughters, Anita Sue Bowerman of Victoria and Doris Jean Minshew of Abilene; one brother, Delmer Jackson of Eldorado; one sister, Louise Booth of Baird; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, TX 79605.

OBITUARY

Lois 'Sunshine' Griffin

Lois 'Sunshine' Griffin, 85, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003 at an Abilene medical center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 at South Side Baptist Church, Rev. Kevin Ueckert officiated. Burial was in the Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

She was born to Wilson Larmer Henry, Jr. and Willie Coppins Gilliland Henry, on November 5, 1918, in Baird, Texas. She received her Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree both from Hardin-Simmons University. She was a first and second grade teacher with Snyder I.S.D. for 20 years before her retirement in 1980. She moved from Snyder to Abilene in 1995.

She was a member of South Side Baptist Church in Abilene. She was also a member of National Educators Association and a life member of Texas State Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joel Wayne Griffin, Sr. on Oct. 31, 1994; a son, William Larmer Griffin in 1976; and a brother, Billie Jones Henry in 1993.

Survivors are a son, Joel Wayne Griffin, Jr. and wife Margie Griffin of Abilene; a daughter, Julia Griffin of Abilene; a sister, Dorothy Reynolds of Rowden, Tx.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society P.O. Box 41, Abilene, TX 79604.

Obituary

Janice Sue Austin Prickett Hamilton

Janice Sue Austin Prickett Hamilton, 66, of Palm Beach, Florida, died Saturday, November 8, 2003.

She was born Sept. 6, 1937 in her family home in Abilene. She was the daughter of the late Louis Denver Austin and Doris Ada Hollingsworth Austin. She attended St. Joseph's Academy. She lived and raised her family in the Big Country area moving to Florida in 1987, where she made her home until her death. She was a member of Christ Fellowship and a retired employee of Prosperity Partners. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Larry Joe Prickett, whom she married in 1953, and Joe W. "Tex" Hamilton, whom she married in 1957. One brother, Denver Louis "Pete" Austin; one sister, Wanda Louise Munsch; two nephews and one niece also preceded her

in death.

Survivors include 8 sons, Joe Prickett, Jr. of Venice, FL., Jerry Prickett of Melbourne, FL., Gerry Prickett of Abilene, Jeffrey Hamilton of Valley View, Howard Hamilton and Gregory Hamilton both of Palm Beach Gardens, FL., Michael Hamilton of Jupiter, FL. and Steve Hamilton of Davie, FL.; four brothers, Bill Austin of Waco, Paul Austin of Winnemucca, NV, Richard Austin of Baird, and Fred Austin of Clyde; two sisters, Reannie Paschal and Jeannie Riley both of Abilene; 30 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 27 nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 at Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor. Gary Word officiated. Burial was in the Elmwood Memorial Park.

Sons served as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to Epilepsy Foundation, 3233 Commerce Place, Ste C, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

D. P. S. Report

10-26-03 to 1-01-03

Cases Investigated

Warnings - 113
Complaints - 86
DUI - 2
Public Intoxication - 1
Minor in Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage - 1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - 1

Accidents

There were 6 accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants

2 for a total of \$650.00 collected.

D. P. S. Report

11-02-03 to 11-08-03

Cases Investigated

Warnings - 67
Complaints - 42
Possession of Marijuana - 1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - 1

Accidents

There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

D. P. S. Report

11-09-03 to 11-15-03

Cases Investigated

Warnings - 90
Complaints - 61
DUI - 1
Public Intoxication - 1
Fugitive Arrest - Theft by Check - 1

Accidents

There were 5 accidents investigated during this time span.

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Bears Dogs, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Rice Krispies, Milk

Monday, Nov. 24
Turkey & Dressing, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Cranberry Sauce, Milk
Tuesday, Nov. 25
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Thursday, Nov. 27
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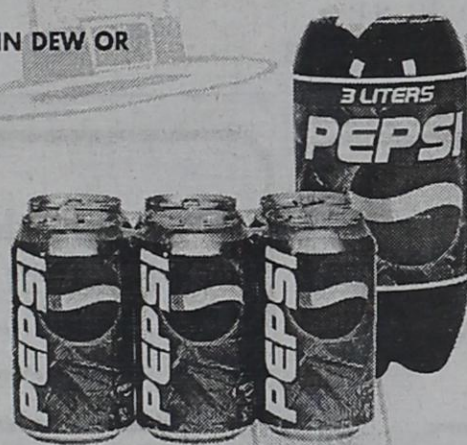
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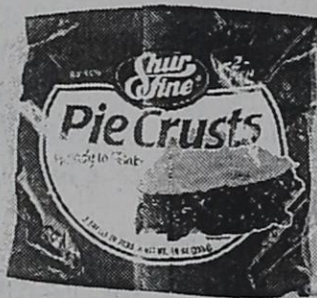
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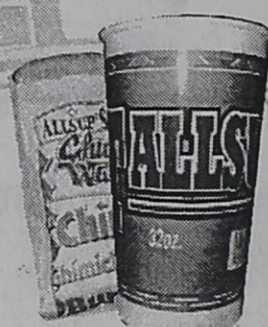


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