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## Baird School Board Election to Be May 13th, Early Election Starts May 1

The Baird School Board election will take place with a slate of candidates which include Alfred "A.L." Hunter, a resident of Putnam, and a retired Principal, who takes position One on the Ballot drawing, followed at 2 with Joe Clark, 3 with Kenneth Brock, 4 for Sandra Collins, 5 for Burke Robinson, and 6th with Julie Patterson.

Early voting for the Baird School Board Election will begin Monday, May 1 and continue through Tuesday, May 9th, 2006.

The Baird School Board election is on May 13 and

scheduled from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 P.M.

Election officials said the location of the early voting and May 13 school board election are to be in the Superintendent's office of the Baird Administratio (High School complex).

Candidate filing is now concluded as of Monday March 13. Before this date two new candidates filed Julie Patterson and Sandra Collins; these and the above opposed now for re-election are Brock, Clark and Robinson, now on the School Board.

## Keep Baird Beautiful Summer Projects

Baird's summer bulb sale is now officially over. The Extension agents and KBB project participants would like to personally thank all the KBB Team Member for their active participation in this sale as well as of those who purchased bulbs not only to beautify their home but to support Keep Baird Beautiful. Bulb orders may be picked up Sat., April 22nd from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Baird Activity Building.

Earth day is Saturday, April 22 and in observance

of the day, KBB is excited to announce its first "table top gala" called **Celebrate Our Earth**. Tables purchased by a Table Hostess who is responsible for decorating her table to the theme of what **Celebrating Our Earth** means to her. She is also in charge of personally inviting seven other guests to assemble at 11:00 a.m. for a day of festivities, food, awards, and special programs. They will be honoring three **Baird I.S.D.** students who participate in the **Earth Day Grocery Bag**

## Community Leaders Meet For Lunch

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces its annual network luncheon series set for April. Community leaders throughout the region meet for lunch and discuss topics that affect quality of life and local economies.

Civic leaders in every small city in the region are invited to attend the most convenient location to meet with neighboring community leaders. Luncheons are scheduled in Robert Lee - April 6th, Eastland - April 7th, Early - April 12th, Snyder - April 27th and Anson - April 29th. All luncheons are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

According to TMCN President Kirby Andrews of Sweetwater, "The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a brighter future for their respective city. This year's series of luncheons will focus on issues that will be addressed in the next Legislative Session. City and county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives, health professionals and ISD leaders are invited to participate.

Interested participants are encouraged to select the most convenient location and make reservations online at

www.texasmidwest.org or by calling the host city: Robert Lee at 325-453-2831, Eastland at 254-629-2332, Early at 325-649-9317, Snyder at 325-573-3558 and Anson at 325-823-2411. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 325-676-0329 or 800-845-3563.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.

TMCN Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

## Baird Project Graduation To Meet April 27

The Baird Project Graduation meeting will be held on April 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in Lauen Rodriguez's classroom in the high school building for the Senior parents.

Baird senior parents, please

## Amid Baseball and Church, Cross Plains Overcomes, to Recover-and Rebuild

On Easter, Methodist preacher devastated in Cross Plains, James Senkel, says that through "faith, we have a future".

Meanwhile, those who had their homes also leveled by the disaster of the firestorm on December 27th and who have somewhat recovered via help given by some-such as Baptist youth minister Kevin Cassidy and eg. a little tractor- David and Bethany Parker, and their children, are planning to celebrate their overcoming way. For example, the Parkers are planning to "invite everyone who helped, for an open house." Meanwhile they want their house finished by Aug. 3, their fifteenth wedding anniversary, pretty quick recovery huh?

Also church groups and other volunteers across Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma have assisted in rebuilding homes and structures. Volunteers are coordinated and directed by City Manager Debbie Gosnell and are scheduled through September. In addition monetary donations and volunteer work have poured into Cross Plains.

One-hundred and sixteen homes were destroyed by the fires leaving hundreds homeless.

Truly at Easter the city has come together and "come back to life."

According to Ronnie White the First Baptist Church pastor, "From the death of winter and of the fire, we see so much new life," White said. "The fields once blackened by fire are now beautifully green with new life, which symbolizes to us a new beginning." According to esti-

mates the Cost of rebuilding a home is \$75 to \$85 per square foot, and with many residents trying to cut "labor costs, which make up about half of the total cost" Gosnell said that Cross Plains is also short on volunteer labor from plumbers, electricians and those who work in the air conditioning and heating businesses.

With currently about 10 homes under construction and four in the "planning stages" in Cross Plains, Seven families have put in mobile or modular homes rather than build "from the ground up".

Seven mobile homes and two travel trailers have been delivered by FEMA for fire damaged residents, according to Gosnell.

The city will be paid 75/25 in matching funds to remove debris from the disaster, which has been declared so by FEMA as of last Monday, ie., a debris removal disaster who made the funds available.

Donations to match the government's 75 percent portion will be needed and appreciated-"our 25 percent match [will be supplemented by donations which] would be greatly appreciated, according to the City Manager.

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from report in  
Abilene Report News Writer, Celinda Emison

## Clyde-Chamber Now Registering For Annual City-Wide Garage Sale

The annual Clyde City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Clyde Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th, 2006.

The Clyde Chamber is asking Clyde residents to get that stuff together you want to get rid of and participate in this annual event by having a garage sale. Remember, your junk just might be someone else's treasure. If you will register your sale with the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber will publish your sale in a brochure listing your address and items for sale along with a locator map. The registration fee is \$5.00 to help pay for printing costs. The brochure will be available to shoppers at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 6.

The Chamber usually hands out the maps at the Chamber office on North First Str. but that is changing this year. The Chamber will set up

at the Clyde Woman's Club/Clyde Lions Club building on South First and Rush St.

The Chamber officials will be at this location on that day sponsoring a fund-raiser for the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department. The Chamber of Commerce will be serving hamburgers and French fries beginning at 11:00 a.m. The price of the meal will be whatever you choose to donate to the Fire Department.

The Chamber of Commerce is encouraging you to be a part of these two events, whether you are a buyer, or a seller or both, and also, please join the Chamber for a meal on that day benefitting the Fire Department.

Don't forget, May 6, 2006 is the big day and brochures and maps will be handed out at the Clyde Woman's Club/Clyde Lions Club building on South First and Rusk St.s'

If you have any questions, contact the Clyde Chamber of Commerce at (325) 893-4221 or clip a registration form in the Clyde Journal from this week.

## Annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off Celebrates Litter Prevention Campaign's

20th Anniversary

On Saturday, April 1, Trash-Off launched a spring and summer filled with special events and contests commemorating the 20th anniversary of Don't Mess with Texas. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is a partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The public is invited to participate by signing up

online at www.ktb.org or by contacting your local TxDOT district office at www.texastech.org to adopt a stretch of highway.

"When you see thousands of volunteers coming together on one day to help keep Texas beautiful, it's truly inspiring," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "There's so much to celebrate this year (Continued Inside)"

## 15th Annual Spring Swing To Be Held April 29th

West Texas Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) proudly announces the 15th Annual Spring Swing women's golf tournament sponsored in part by Lawrence Hall Abilene. The tournament is a four-woman scramble to be held April 29, 2006 at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course (soft spike shoes only), in Abilene. This fundraising event allows the West Texas Catclaw ABWA chapter to award educational scholarships to area students.

Tee-off is at 9:00 a.m. with team and special event prizes. Players will have an opportunity to win a Hawaii trip, Dell Computer, Hogan Irons, the chance of a trip for two to Hawaii, Boise radio/CD player, every participant will get a coupon good for a Free Magique Rescue Wood valued at \$125, cash prizes and more. If you need a golfing partner, no problem, as arrangements will be made to get you on a team. There is a registration fee of \$60.00 each, which includes green fees, golf cart and awards luncheon. For more information contact West Texas Catclaw Chapter members, at 325-675-6164, 695-7914 or 695-1389, or mail registration and fees to ABWA

Spring Swing, PO Box 1902, Abilene, Texas 79604. The "Spring Swing" tournament has grown from 44 entrants in the first year increasing to 136 with women coming from San Antonio, Waco, Huntsville, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa. The tournament has become the largest ladies golf tournament in Texas west of Fort Worth and people keep coming back because they have so much fun. Our Chapter can be described in three words: friendship, leadership and scholarship. ABWA offers an opportunity to discover and extend friendship to a diverse group of women. Leadership positions offer the opportunity to practice skills and develop self-confidence. Leadership and teamwork are the backbone of an ABWA chapter and of putting together a successful golf tournament.

ABWA is a national network of women dedicated to helping each other reach new heights in their careers. ABWA is all about support, about reaching out to each other, giving a hand, learning from each other, being there for each other, and growing together. Nationally ABWA has 45,000 members in 1,100 chapters across the United States.

## Soil and Water Conservation Dist. Offering Low Cost Grass Seed to Landowners

Callahan S.W.C.D. would like to remind you that we are offering grass seed at an inexpensive price for landowners and operators in Callahan County and surrounding areas. We are offering a wide variety of seeds, which include over 89 varieties of native and improved grasses, Forbs and Legumes. We are also offering 15 different varieties of Wild Flowers and 11 kinds of Texas Perennial Wildlife Mixes. We have varieties that are suitable for all

soil types in this area. We can also custom design a mixture for your particular situation. We are also offering the use of our broadcaster to any landowner at a \$25 a day rental for help in seeding.

For more information on planning and planting or how to purchase this low cost grass seed contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th Street, Baird, T or call (325) 854-1349, EXT. 3.

## Fish Orders Now Being Taken By Callahan Soil and Water Conservation District

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Fish Program. Each year the District offers these fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, TX.

This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Hybrid Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluecat, Crappie, Goldfish, and Koi. In addition we are also offering Red horse minnows, Fathead and Goldshiners.

Fish orders will be taken from April 19, 2006 through

May 25, 2006 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first.

The fish will be delivered to Baird on Thursdays. Appointments to pickup fish will be set up at the time of order. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money-order and delivery is guaranteed.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird, Texas at (325) 854-1340 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th-Suite B. All order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany, Texas N.R.C.S. office The number is (325) 762-2552, Ext. 3.

### D.P.S. Report

4-9 until 4-15-06

#### Cases

Warnings.....115  
Complaint.....115  
Public Intoxicatio.....2  
Driving w/Intoxicated.....3  
Fugitive Arrest--Aggravated Robbery with Deadly Weapon.....2  
There were -- 2 accidents investigated in this time span.



### Baird Baseball Roster 2006

1-Cris Whitworth	Fr.	IF/P	5'8"	130	R/R	----
2-Blan Scott	Sr.	P/C/IF	6'0"	179	R/R	3L
3-Chance Rodriguez	Sr.	P/C/IF	6'0"	175	R/R	----
4-Cody Gibbs	Jr.	OF/IF	5'8"	140	R/R	----
5-Jesse Mendez	Fr.	OF/IF	5'8"	140	R/R	----
6-Justin English	Soph.	OF/IF	6'1"	155	R/R	----
7-Chris Cogburn	Jr.	P/SS	5'8"	140	R/R	2L
8-Chris English	Jr.	OF	5'11"	165	R/R	----
9-Justin Patterson	Jr.	3B/OF	5'11"	160	R/R	2L
10-Rustin Williams	Soph.	Utility	5'9"	150	R/R	1L
11-Tim Ringhoffer	Soph.	Utility	5'9"	135	R/R	----
12-Tyler Orlando	Jr.	IF/P/C	6'0"	165	R/R	----
13-Cody Shouse	Sr.	IF/OF	5'6"	145	R/R	1L
14-Thomas Chararria	Soph.	1B/P	6'2"	230	R/R	1L
15-Tyler Culp	Jr.	IF/OF	6'1"	180	R/R	----
16-Garrett Jennings	Fr.	Utility	6'2"	175	L/R.	----

Head Coach-Bryan Webb

Assistant Coach: Billy Floyd

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Principal: Vic Orlando Mascot:

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District 8A Region 1

Staticician: Sandra Carter  
School Colors: Red & White



### State Regulates Placement of Campaign Signs Along Highways

Texans take pride in their beautiful state, especially during the spring when everyone can enjoy the beautiful wildflowers that grow along the highway rights of way. However, during campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower \* the political sign.

Texas Department of Transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election.

TxDOT officials say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public.

According to Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District public information officer, signs in the public right of way include posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs, and other objects on

the right of way.

"TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible by TxDOT employees, a county sheriff or a constable, depending on jurisdiction," Kilgore said.

If you have questions regarding placement of political signs in Callahan County, call TxDOT's Callahan County maintenance section at 325/854-1353, or Kristy Gardner, the Abilene District's highway beautification coordinator, at 325/676-6831. Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other federally-funded highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

### (Don't Mess with Texas Events...from Page 1)

as the Don't Mess with Texas campaign turns 20, and Trash-Off is certainly one of the things we are most proud of.

KTB President Lynn Lantrip. "It's such an eye-opening experience. You see the type of litter people are tossing on our roadways or in our parks, and you become even more determined to keep our state clean. Usually people will volunteer again the following year because they feel so good about what they're doing. Of course, we couldn't do it without our volunteers."

In January, TxDOT debuted the new "Real Texans Don't Litter" television public service announcements (PSA) as a springboard for the Don't Mess with Texas 20th Anniversary. The PSAs feature some of Texas' most recognized celebrities including Lance Armstrong, Erykah Badu, Ray Benson, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Julius Jones, Los Lonely Boys, Matthew McConaughey, Chuck Norris, Janine Turner, Owen Wilson and Lee Ann Womack.

In addition to the media campaign, TxDOT is sponsoring a "Real Texans Don't Litter" Cleanup Contest, challenging "Real Texans" to volunteer at one of 25 cleanups around the state. The locations will be

### Legislative Issues Focus Of Media Visit With Senator Fraser

by Margaret Hetrick and Viola Payne

Everyone agreed that Tuesday's visit by Texas State Senator Troy Fraser, (R-Horseshoe Bay) was necessary but too brief.

It would have taken hours to cover every aspect of the topics touched on, which included a sweeping telecommunications bill authored by Senator Fraser, the upcoming property tax relief special session, water rights, and others.

Senator Fraser and staff members Janice McCoy, Chief of Staff, (Capitol Office), Daniel Womack, Legislative Assistant (Capitol Office), and Blake Woodall, District Office Coordinator (Abilene Office) were making

comprehensive tours of his 21 county Senate District (District 24), he said, trying to visit four to five counties a day.

Eastland, Callahan, Erath, Comanche, and Taylor are among the counties of District 24.

Earlier on Tuesday, the Senator met with Eastland community leaders.

He and his staff traveled on to Stephenville after speaking with H. V. O'Brien, and staff members Viola Payne and Margaret Hetrick.

Local media representative listened with interest as Senator Fraser spoke about Senate Bill 5, the telecommunications bill he authored, which passed last year.

SB 5 implements rules to allow new competitors into the video and cable business, and expands opportunities for Texans to get high speed Internet over their existing power lines.

"This bill creates a fair and balanced approach to creating additional competition in all aspects of the communications industry. This is a huge step forward for the Texas consumer and will bring in billions of dollars and thousands of jobs to the state," Fraser said.

Broadband over power lines (BPL) is a new

emerging technology, he further explained, which delivers Internet connections just like cable and DSL but through existing electric outlets.

"BPL gives consumers greater choices by offering them the opportunity to have phone service over the Internet via the power lines," Fraser continued. "This new technology will increase competition while encouraging new competitors to enter the marketplace, and will help drive down costs while allowing all customers, including those in hard-to-serve rural Texas, more choices. What this means is that Eastland would have the same level of Broadband Internet as Dallas."

Senator Fraser said that Ft. Hood is now being made a BPL 'hot spot', which will give every individual on base High Speed Internet, simply by plugging in to an existing electric outlet.

Texas SB 5 is also becoming a national model for telecommunications legislation, Fraser added.

### Newspaper Deadlines

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## King James Enthusiast Seeks Thoughtful Comment

**You Can Go To Hell!!**  
I have been told that very thing a few times in my life, mostly in my younger days but to have God tell me in His own words (The Holy Bible), IS SOMETHING ELSE!!! In reading further I find out He also tells me I can go to Heaven. He makes it known HE is talking about Eternity, not just a few days or even a hundred years but "FOREVER".

He says we can worship Idols (the things of this world) or we can worship Him, and that it is our own personal decision to make. He offers to help us every step of the way if we choose His way. Satan also offers to help us every step of the way should we choose his way, (the way of the world).

God tells us we have to have a strong desire to know His words which are in the Holy Bible otherwise He WILL NOT send His Holy

Spirit to guide, teach and give us strength and understanding.

I must say those of you who know me personally realize the Lord had His work cut out for Him to make me anywhere near like His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. He has brought me quite a distance so far. I pray that He continues his efforts with me. I pray He never lets me go back to the days where I looked for bigger earthly thrills than I had the day before. Where I said, "To hell with it, I am going to live life for the moment and I am going to die young and have a good looking corpse!" The next morning I always had a splitting headache and a vile taste in my mouth. In other words that's what was left of my big thrills.

I must hasten to say those thrills were NOTHING compared to the peace, contentment and yes, the

thrill I received in my heart and soul when I got down on my knees to ask the Lord to come into my heart and make a new person out of me, forgive me of my sins, to guide and protect me and my family from that day forward.

God has given me the courage to write and tell others my story. He has also brought other loved ones of mine out of the depths of hell, drugs, etc. to become caring and loving citizens. If my writings get through to even one person, I will have accomplished something worthwhile.

Now I want to lighten up and tell you a joke:

A man dies and goes up to the Pearly gates of heaven and asks the Lord to let him in. Well, the Lord says, "You have to have 100 points to get in. So tell me the things you have done on earth and I will keep score." After a lot of serious thought the man says, "I was married to one woman for 50 years and never cheated on her." "Wonderful," said the Lord, "that's one point." "I supported the church with my tithe and services," said the man. "Marvelous, that is another point for you," said the Lord. So the man continues and says "I started a soup kitchen in my town and I raised funds for it and worked at serving the hungry." "Excellent," said

the Lord, "that is another point." By this time, the man is getting nervous and frustrated and says, "At this rate Lord I'll never get into Heaven except by your good grace!" That is 100% right!!! COME ON IN. As I told you in Ephesians 2:8, 9, and 10. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of your works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Lord, forgive me for telling the above joke.

We probably all know John 3:16 where God tells us that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Another verse from God's Word that I think is so very important is Proverbs 2:1-6 and I quote "My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and

understanding."

Now, if there are any readers still with me I would like to point out that there are literally dozens of "new bibles" coming out and many of them are changing God's words to us. WHICH ONE IS GOD'S WORD? Please don't tell me they are all correct and each one has GOD'S WORD EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD BE. The King James Bible is founded on over 95% of the manuscripts in existence and many of the new versions are founded on the minority of available text (5%) which is put together by two very questionable professors, Westcott and Hort. Should we not research this to determine how the King James bible was translated

under the strictest of rules, safeguards, the use of verbal and formal equivalence (word for word) where many of the new versions were translated by the DYNAMIC equivalence method, which apparently allows man the opportunity to insert their own thinking. Should we not be concerned about this? Will man's words get us into Heaven? I have many pamphlets, books and films from learned folks who have researched this subject. You may call or write me if you want material or info. May God go with you and guide you in all that you do.

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480 acres @ Girard in Dickens Co., TX - cultivation; some minerals, \$400 ac (owner/agent).  
1011 W. 14th - Classic Spanish Home, Cisco - beautiful yard, 2 story, up 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath; down living room, dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, kitchen w/ builtins, 1/2 bath - total 1900 sq. ft. Guest house bedroom, kitchenette, bath, laundry room, living room w/ 2 car garage - Italian tile roof, plus adjoining near lot. \$225,000.  
907 Harris, Cisco, 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, wrap around porch, 8 lot w/ barnyard shed, water well and shrubs. \$70,000.  
512 W. 5th, Cisco - 2 story home, 4 BR, 2 bath, cellar, storage shed - needs repair, \$40,000.  
507 W. 7th, Cisco - renovation started, needs finishing, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 carports, storage shed, 2 lots. \$25,000.  
28.177 ac old building, access to electricity and water; one stock tank, no minerals on Hwy. 6 N. of Cisco to right of Country Club Rd., sign on property, \$70,442 firm.  
4 lots w/ 2 buildings 1000 Block of W. 8th, Cisco. Gas tanks gone. \$24,000.  
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Veda Adams of Olden has been a Girling Hospice volunteer for several months. A retired nurse, Mrs. Adams is able to give several hours a week visiting patients and has become a vital part of the team. Girling Hospice would like to thank Mrs. Adams for all her time, her delicious cookies, and her beautiful smile that blesses the patients, their families, and the Girling team.

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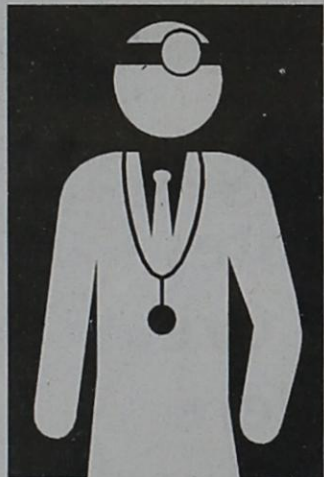
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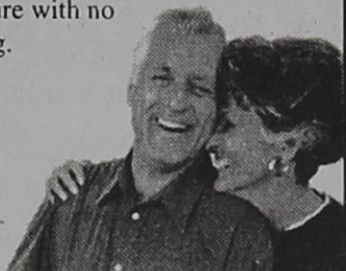
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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Cemetery Association members met last Saturday at the First Baptist Church Annex. A business meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon at noon. Approximately fifty members attended. Several members of the Walls family attended from New Mexico. This annual meeting is always held on the third Saturday of April.

Robert and Ima Brown was in Fort Worth to visit with their son and family, Robert Alton and Jana Brown and children, Preston and Julie. The occasion was to celebrate Julie's fifteenth birthday.

Visitors on Easter Sunday with Dorothy Roberts were her daughter, Ulenda Cofsky, granddaughter Ashley Weaver and sons, Tanner and Noah and a friend, Levester Cooper all of Fort Worth.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Ardan Parker. Burial was on Wednesday in the Victor Cemetery. Survivors include three sons, Phil Parker, Ronnie Parker and Mike Parker all of the De Leon area.

Karen Eaves hosted Easter Sunday dinner for all the family. Those attending were

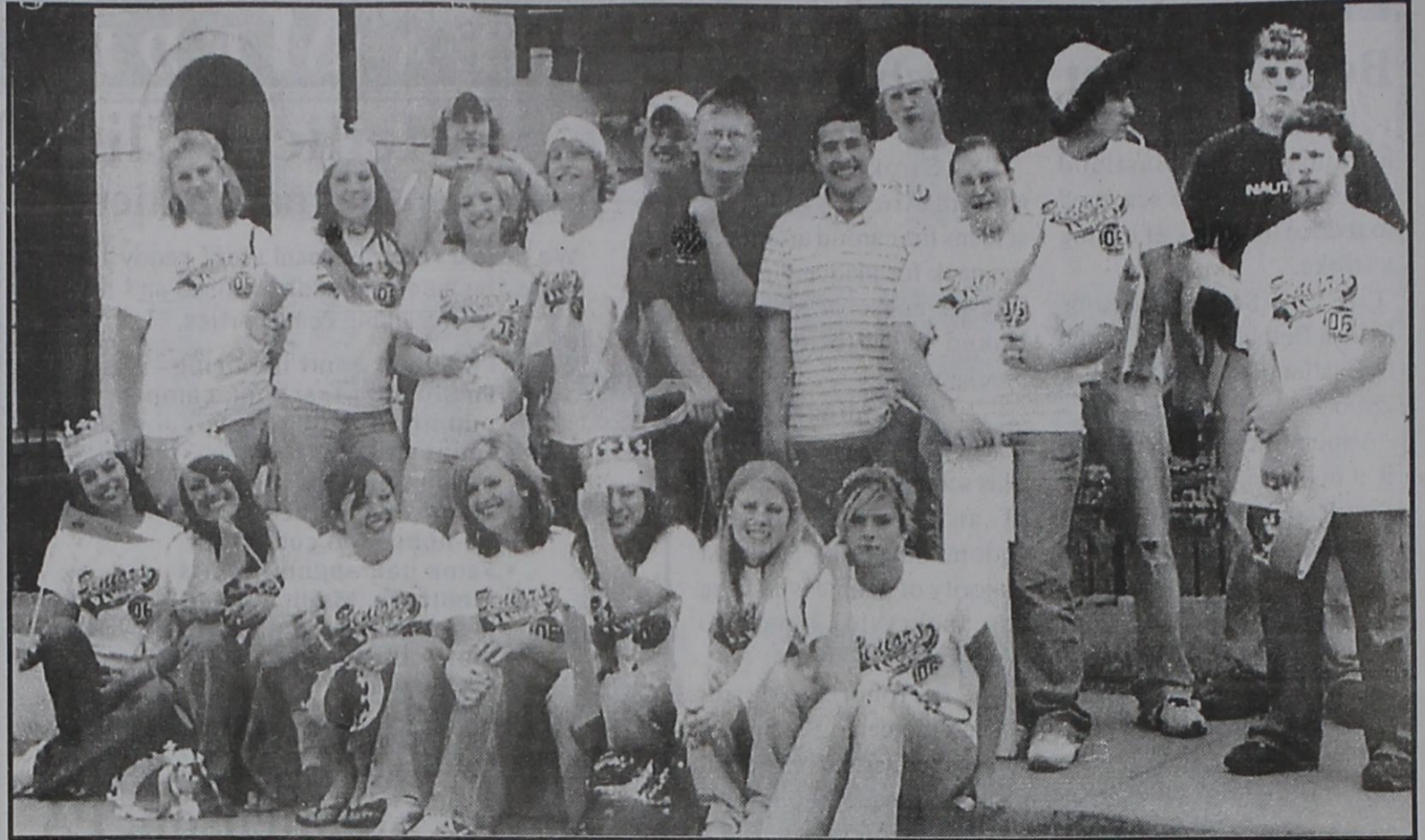
Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Webb, Holly Guthery, John Fair, Sonja Hornback, Kandice Martin, Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane, Gary and Jody Walston. All the children enjoyed Easter Egg hunt after lunch.

Travis Walston of Odessa, Grant Walston of Breckenridge visited last Saturday with their parents, Gary and Jody Walston.

Desdemona monthly musical will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the Community Center school building. The concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to have supper and enjoy the fellowship with the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. Country, bluegrass and gospel music will be played by the musicians. An invitation to all the area musicians, singers and visitors to attend.

### Desdemona "Wall of Memories"

Desdemona Community Center & Foundation will construct a "Memory Wall" in the hall of the present school building. Individual memory bricks will be sold for \$25.00 each. These



The Ranger Senior English classes went to Medieval Times in Dallas, Texas, on March 29, 2006. They experienced and saw what Medieval Times might have been like, as each one ate the meal without utensils, watched knights at a jousting tournament, witnessed a sword fight, a falconer, and toured the museum of common tortures of that day. Those attending were: Celeste Flores, Brittini Hughes, Rachael Howell, Mrs. Jessica Stapp, Jessica Hodge, Brittany Perry, Angie Lowe, Kristne Seyoumour, Jeannette Muniz, Mat Wilson, Krysten Morgan, Jacob Russell, Dustin Stewart, Justin Riffle, Julian Moreno, David Gaumond, Alicia Ballesteros, Robert Whisenant, Nick Crain, and Bobby Beck. Not pictured: Mr. Doyle Russell, Mr. Tooter Draper, Sylvester Lopez, and Susan Scott English IV teacher.

bricks are 4" x 8" in size which includes three lines with twelve spaces to each line to engrave names, dates, etc.

This project will be of great interest to remember those ex-students, teachers

### Sports Challenge by Walter Branch

1. What is the nickname of the University of Tennessee football team?
2. What does MTA stand for among Frisbee freaks?
3. Where were the 1956 Summer Olympics held?
4. What sport begins in front of the south star?
5. What are the two Nordic skiing events?
6. What sport uses a ball called a slitter?
7. What five-time winner of the Kentucky Derby lost his first 250 races?
8. In what sport did Juan Fangio win five world championships?
9. What color belt does a 10<sup>th</sup>-degree dan wear with his karate uniform?
10. Who was the first to win five straight Wimbledon singles tennis titles without a defending champion's bye to the final?

and friends who have passed on. Also to honor others and those who have worked endless hours to keep the Desdemona Community Center active.

We are excited about this "Memory Wall" and we encourage everyone to buy a brick to let those memories continue for years to come.

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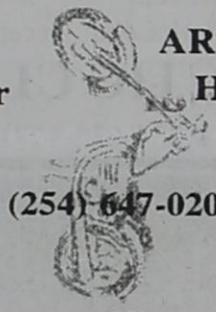
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# Guest Slot

By H.V.O.

## LET'S PLAN A BANG-UP 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

IS IT too early to be thinking about a County-Wide Old Fashion Fourth of July Celebration on the Courthouse Square?...Now, of course, each of our towns always has special events on this special American holiday, but why couldn't we just once really get together for a Whiz-Bang? This year the Fourth falls on Tuesday, so would it be out of reason to have a County-Wide EVENT on maybe, say Saturday night before so as not to conflict with neighbor's plans?...Now it's a fact that nobody is going to be popping fire crackers or shooting fireworks inside the city limits of any of our towns, and unless we have a frog-strangling rain between now and then, there isn't going to be any fireworks anywhere...S-o-o-o-o, what about a light show on the courthouse square; there are strobes and there are lasers and surely there are those around here who have access or know where these safe, light intensive displays might be had - at a reasonable rate...Wouldn't everyone appreciate and love a County Choir that would bring us a rousing patriotic program of music from the courthouse steps...Understand there is a patriotic musical presentation that would be the icing on the cake. And by the way in the spirit of an old time celebration, the newspapers here plan to sponsor an Ice Cream Freeze Off, (so plan your entry) so there'd be homemade ice cream for everybody. Bet there are other possibilities too: Wouldn't it be grand if every town in the county, every nook and cranny, had something special to show off and entertain? Would a Saturday afternoon "Beauty Pageant" at the pool be in order? Surely there is a service club or group that could do a public hotdog supper (as a fundraiser), so we could all say: Come early, bring your folding chairs, eat supper on the grounds and enjoy a one-of-a-kind musical extravaganza topped off with a spectacular light show, all right downtown...Who wouldn't enjoy that kind of celebration? There's one thing missing though: right now, the entire emphasis must be in honor of our service folks who are serving around the world;

we must not forget that we celebrate the Fourth in freedom today because of the brave men and women who have and are making it possible. But you know what? We'd better get to planning BECAUSE we are presently making arrangements for as many of our neighbors down at Fort Hood who can make it, to be our special guests for such an event. And if plans work out as they are now going, this county will be establishing a long-term relationship with that outstanding military post. Our county has so much to offer, and there are thousands of service personnel there, most with families, and from what we've learned, yearning for good safe, get-a-ways offering hospitality and diversions. If we can't, as a united county, do that, then perhaps we've already forgot what the Fourth of July really means.

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To help their team raise funds for the ACS, A BBQ brisket fundraiser has been scheduled for April 21, 2006. Many of the wonderful businesses in Cisco have bought our brisket dinners in the past and we hope you will help us again.

Here are the particulars...

1. Each dinner will have brisket, slaw, beans, potato salad and a desert.
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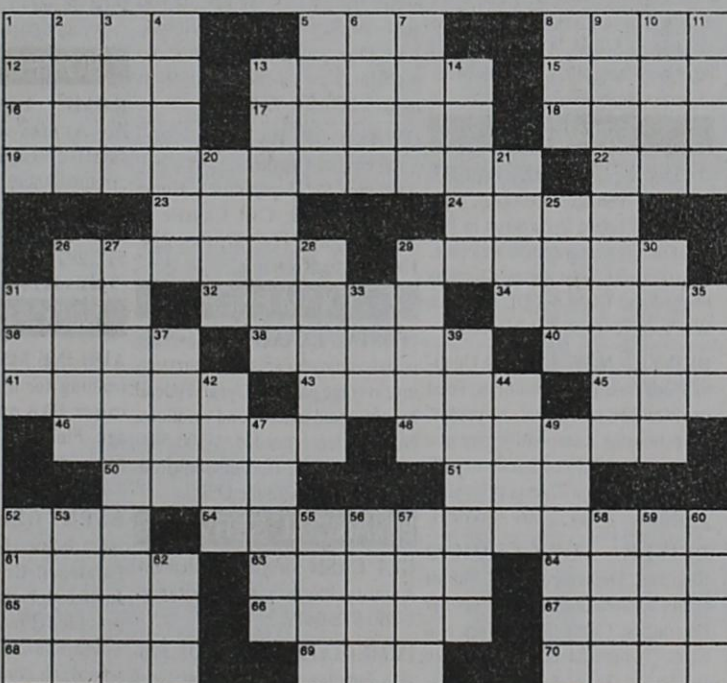
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  18. Gianni - helped start the "Fathers of Sound" project.
  19. Very tall buildings.
  22. Tit for
  23. Definitive article.
  24. State whose capital is Salt Lake City.
  26. Formerly Indo-Iranians.
  29. Vegetable products used to season foods.
  31. Alcoholic beverage brewed by rapid fermentation.
  32. To put into a standing position.
  34. To pass information along.
  36. Killed.
  38. Casts sidelong glances.
  40. Man of rank or authority.
  41. Enclosed in.
  43. Excessively thin.
  45. Vase for holding ashes of the dead.
  46. Elaborate framework erected over a coffin.
  48. Vaporous exhalation once thought to cause disease.
  50. Ball of thread, yarn or cord.
  51. African antelope with an ox-like head, short mane and horns that curve downward.
  52. Acronym for Supersonic Transport.
  54. People who duel with firearms.
  61. 17th state of the Union.
  63. Daughter of Tantalus and wife of Amphion.
  64. Acronym for United States Information Agency.
  65. Oreille, river flowing through northern Idaho.
  66. Viscid substance similar to an egg white.
  67. Acronym for Rarely Purchased Management System.
- Down
1. Concentric spheres in old astronomy.
  2. Interior angle formed by two meeting walls.
  3. Wife of President Rutherford B. Hayes
  4. Marked by change.
  5. Another name for carbamide.
  6. Waterproofed canvas.
  7. Title for a member of the French secular clergy
  8. Jack of the me suit as the starter in cribbage.
  9. Thin layer of parenchyma lining a plan cavity.
  10. Capital of Yemen.
  11. Long, narrow cut or opening.
  13. Relating to the adrenal glands.
  14. Pancake condiment.
  20. To slightly burn.
  21. To make a slight movement.
  25. Passes a test with ease.
  26. Word for God in Islam.
  27. Putting in office again.
  28. Military blockade of a city.
  29. Watery portion of animal fluid remaining after coagulation.
  30. Dmitrievna, Russian artist.
  31. Small, venomous Egyptian snake.
  33. Great body of saltwater.
  35. Japanese money.
  37. Sound, prosperous state.
  39. Snicker.
  42. Sediment contained in a liquid.
  44. Hyperbolic tangent.
  47. Past tense of swing.
  49. To stitch a wound.
  52. Conciliatory gifts or gestures.
  53. Acronym for Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America.
  55. African river flowing north from Lake Victoria in Uganda.
  56. Light, frothy mass of bubbles.
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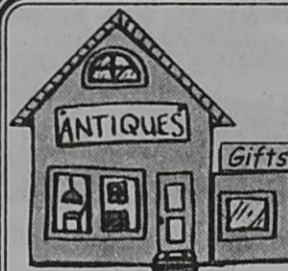
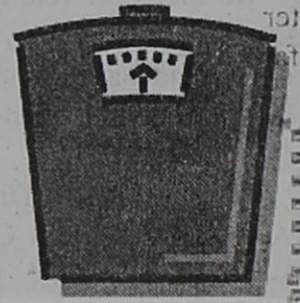
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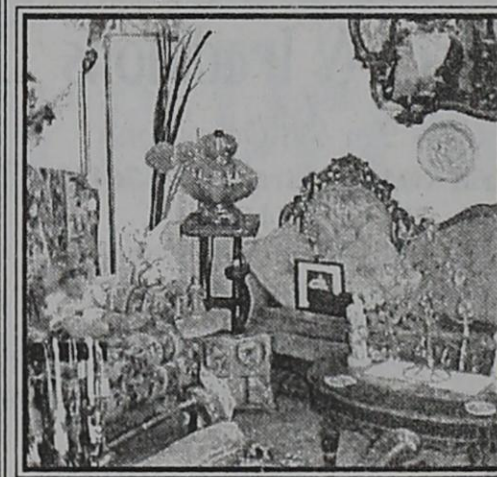
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The Disabled American Veterans, Ch. 41, Wichita Falls, TX., the VFW, Post 4136, Eastland, TX. and the Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who attended this year's seminar. We had approximately 150 in attendance and we feel we were able to assist several as well as answer a lot of questions.

We thank everyone who so generously gave of their time, skill, and products to help us sponsor this event. Special recognition goes to Joel Jiminez, Commander, Disabled American Veterans, Ch. 41, Wichita Falls, TX. who coordinated this event, to all VFW members and Ladies Auxiliary members who prepared and served the delicious brisket meal, to all of the veterans organizations who assisted with paperwork and who educated us and answered many questions, to our local newspaper office and radio station for their fantastic coverage and the members who helped deliver information to other agencies, and a huge thank you to Manager Don Greenroy and Mkt. Manager Roger Zarate of Ranger Lawrence Brothers grocery for donating briskets. We greatly appreciate each of you.

We thank all veterans for the wonderful jobs you are doing and have done. God bless each of you and your families.

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L-R: David Herod, Veterans Consumer Affairs Officer-Dallas VA Hospital, Larry Monroe, Disabled American Veterans Ch. 41, Public Relations Officer, Joel Jiminez, Commander Disabled American Veterans Ch. 41 Wichita Falls, Front: Elmo Cox- former POW & VFW Post 4136 member, resides in Cisco, Texas.



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# Kokomo News

By Zeld Jordan

What a glorious day Easter Sunday was for the members of the Kokomo Baptist Church and their visitors as they gathered at the Little Family Cabin on Lake Leon for the Sunrise Service at 7:00 A.M. Daryl Hirst rendered the special music singing "The Cross Said It All", and the congregation sang "This Is The Day The Lord Has Made" just as the sun began to rise, and then Bro. Jim Haggard brought a powerful message. The sun rising over the lake was a beautiful sight to behold. The spirit of God was truly felt at the service.

Visitors were Janie Riley and Johnnie B. Griffith of Midland, Lara Jane Cooper of San Angelo, Chad Griffith of Dallas, Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, Terry, Arleen, Jonathan and Lauren Barfield of Tyler, Glenn, Donna and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton, Ben Burgess of Gorman, Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Michael and Susie Hampton and children, and Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon. If I have omitted someone's name, please know that you were welcome, and do come and visit again. I didn't get to be there and have depended on others for the information, and I sincerely hope that we haven't overlooked anyone. Visitors are always welcome

at the Kokomo Baptist Church services.

Following the service, breakfast was served and there was an egg hunt for the children. Many lingered for a time of visiting. It was truly a "Day The Lord Hath Made".

Johnnie B. Griffith, Ken and Janie Riley of Midland, Chad Griffith of Dallas and Lara Jane Cooper of San Angelo spent the weekend at the Griffith home on Lake Leon.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little attended the Latch Family Reunion at the Thatch House at the Lady Bird Johnson State Park in Fredericksburg on Saturday. Judy and Sarah Porter and Tino and Scarlett Torres of Austin visited with Oren and Norma Webb and they all visited in Comanche on Saturday with Randall and Kaci Suniga and children and other family members and enjoyed the children's Easter Egg hunt and a fish fry that evening.

Judy and Sarah Porter and Scarlett and Tino Torres also visited in Gorman with Roma Hood.

Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham visited during the Easter Weekend with their parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider of Gorman visited with their

parents, Gene and Kay Snider. Woodrow and Helen Browning, Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham had dinner with them on Sunday.

Terry, Arleen, Jonathan and Lauren Barfield of Tyler and Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited during the Easter weekend with their parents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little. Laverne and Tommy Carr of Lake Whitney spent Saturday night and Sunday with John and Troy Scitern. Others joining them for Sunday dinner and the children's Easter Egg hunt were Johnny and JoAnn Scitern, Kris, Kristen and Karsyn Scitern and Keri, Nicholas, Kelsey and Nashton Guthery of Gorman.

Those visiting with Durwood and Aletha Burgess during the Easter weekend were Glenn, Donna and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton, Ben Burgess of Gorman, Danny and Charla Burgess of Gorman, Billy Burgess of Granbury, Angela, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona, and Aline Garrett of Gorman.

La Von Snider and Gene and Kay Snider visited with Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay on Friday and helped Matt celebrate his birthday.

LaVon Snider visited with Danny, Dianne and Sandra Snider on Saturday. LaVon visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider on Sunday and with Jamie, Stephanie, Kael, Craig, Matthew, Anna and Andrew of Hollis, OK and Clay, Susan, McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of

Ranger who were visiting in the Snider home.

Scotty, Caye, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, Charla Burgess, Alan, Shellie, Justin, Ally and Emma Little visited with Charles and Carolyn Little on Easter Sunday.

Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis visited on Friday night and Saturday with Delmon Eaves.

Zelda Jordan visited in Abilene from Thursday until Monday with Glenda Black and Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and enjoyed watching Ryan and Kody and their little league team play baseball on Friday evening. Joe, Viki and Justin Miles of Austin came for a weekend visit on Saturday and they all enjoyed going to the stock car races at the Abilene Speedway on Saturday night to see Wade run his races. He won third in his heat and eighth in the feature race. It brought back many memories of when Joe and Robert Miles were stock car racers in the mid to late 1980s and early 1990s. Tanner Daniell visited with them on Saturday afternoon and Shelby Boles had dinner with them on Saturday evening at Harlow's. Joe, Viki and Justin, Glenda and Zelda attended Easter Sunday church services with Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily at the Lytle South Baptist Church, and all had lunch in the Black home. The children enjoyed an egg hunt in the afternoon.

LET'S ALL PRAY FOR RAIN AND COOLER WEATHER. 100 degree weather in April is a little too much.

# Poetry Corner

## LOVE

Brightly beams our Father's mercy  
As He sends to us His love.  
Like a shepherd that lost his sheep  
In this sinful, troubled world.  
Oh little child of sorrow and trouble  
Cast your eyes to the heavenly sky.  
You can see an artist masterpiece  
As he paints the stars on high.

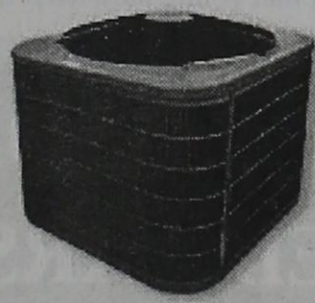
So when the load gets heavy  
And you never seem to get to the end.  
Remember that Someone still loves you  
In our Jesus you have a friend.  
So when the final trumpets are sound  
And the dead in Christ shall rise.  
Will you join the celebration  
Or forever be cast aside  
By Bob Harbin

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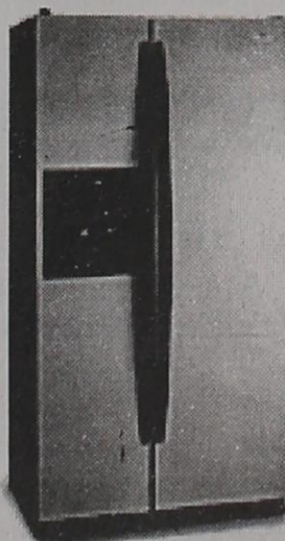
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| Big China Cabinet-oak curved glass                                      | Daisy Butter Churn,                        |
| Long Mahogany Couch table-nice  | Few pieces Fiesta Ware,                    |
| Mahogany High Boy Chest-good  | Cranberry W. Virginia glass,               |
| 1936 Chinese Red Bridge Set-4 chairs                                    | Regency Collection Chinese dishes,         |
| Small Drop leaf table,  | Platters, bowls, serving trays,            |
| Dining Table, 2 pedestals, 6 chairs                                     | Table Lamps, ceramic planters,             |
| Bedroom suite-high poster bed,  | Tall figurine fountain,                    |
| Big dresser, mirror, night stands                                       | Black wall mount fountain,                 |
| Big maple chest of drawers  | Boxes Christmas decorations,               |
| 2 Sets wicker furniture—tables, couch & chairs, 1 black, 1 cream        | Christmas tureen, cups, platters,          |
| Large mirror with gold frame  | Ceramic Christmas glassware,               |
| Antique dresser base, Vanity Stool,                                     | 2 Great American Exp. Train sets,          |
| 2 couches - off white and blue  | Foot locker full of Legos,                 |
| Twin Bed. Queen tall poster headboard                                   | Big kitchen mixer, food processor,         |
| Pine Armoire with drawers   | Hp Laser printer, Toshiba Fax,             |
| Rocker and side chair from 40's   | Panasonic word processor,                  |
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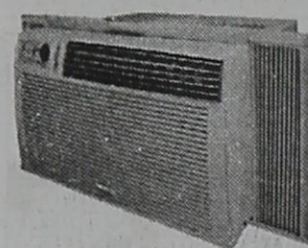
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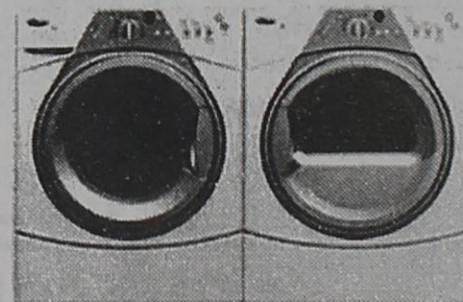
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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

**If You Find It, He Will Come**  
**Eyes twinkling** and scooting about in his power-driven wheelchair with the confidence of a race car driver, 89-year-old Virgil Love was still laughing about the Easter egg hunt. It occurred the day before at Fort Worth's Bethesda Gardens Assisted-Living Center.

"The women think they pull a fast one on us, but we know how they do," he cackled. "They sneak out several hours before the hunt to locate the eggs. Then, when it's time for the real hunt, they brag to the heavens about finding more eggs than the men. So what? All they win are bragging rights and a few tiny candy bars."

Twice widowed, the long-time General Dynamics employee recalls a boatload of Easter egg hunts, and nearly that many eggs. Dwarfing such memories, however, are thoughts of a different kind of hunt 77 years ago. It stretched into hours and across several months, but the single prize he sought was not to be found.

Oh how he wanted to find that special baseball, the one handed to him by Babe Ruth himself. It was signed by the Bambino and another baseball immortal, Lou Gehrig. Virgil had hoped to keep it all his life. Instead, he owned it for only two weeks, and what happened was enough to make a child divorce his mother!...

To better explain this piece, flip back the calendar to 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil J. Love, Sr., are farmers near Hillsboro, TX. They have six children, three of whom are outstanding baseball players. One, Ruel Reece Love, Sr., wows the sports world, pitching for Austin College before professional play with the Oklahoma City Indians and Atlanta Crackers.

In 1925, he signs with the New York Yankees, and all is right with his world—for a while. Sadly, during that first season with the Yankees, Ruel's life changes with one pitch in batting practice. Babe Ruth hits a screaming liner that decimates the pitcher's ankle. The promising athlete's major league career is over; he returns to Texas. He pitches some for the Dallas Eagles in the Texas League, then later designs and manages golf courses, including Woodhaven in Fort Worth.

Now, jump to 1929. There was mighty big news in Waco, TX, that year. The vaunted Yankees would visit for an exhibition game with the Waco Cubs of the Texas League. (Rex, another of the Love siblings, was on the Waco team.)

The elder Love was invited to come to Waco to meet Babe Ruth. Virgil Jr. went along, too, and the 12-year-old could hardly wait to meet the baseball star and take his first elevator ride. It was in the ALICO building, a 22-story structure erected in 1910 and for many years the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River.

"I feared for my life," Virgil confessed. "I clung to my dad's leg on the elevator, and when we got off, I wasn't sure how we'd get back down. For all I knew, we'd take the stairs, or maybe the fire escape."

The Yankees were lodged at the Raleigh Hotel. The Loves, Sr. and Jr., were welcomed to the Babe's room. Early on, Ruth was serious as he apologized for what he called "stopping the career of one of the best pitchers that ever came up to us."

Then, he turned to young Virgil. "He had a box of new baseballs wrapped in tissue, and tossed several to me," Virgil remembers. He wrote "Lots of Love to Little Love," and signed it 'Babe Ruth.' Then, he yelled for Gehrig to come in from the next room.

"Lou was all business," Virgil said. "He shook hands with me while reading what Babe had written on the ball. He drew an arrow around it, scrawling 'Me, too' .Lou Gehrig."

Virgil clung to the ball all the way home, where he asked his trusted mother to put it away for safe-keeping. Two weeks passed before he told her he'd like to see it. His mom choked up a bit, explaining that the day before, several kids playing baseball in the backyard, lost their only ball. It was no real loss, this depression-era ball with cover long gone and strings hanging from the core.

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Who knows what happened? Some claimed it was lost in the weeds. Virgil tromped the area for hours until pitch darkness, a fruitless search continued for several months. Of course this is better remembered than his Easter egg hunts!

Maybe someone out there found it and would like it returned to its rightful owner. If you found it, he will come, even if it means rolling a "fer piece" in his wheelchair. He's the only member of the family still living and would love to have it back.

\*Okay, for those who HAVE to know, the Yankees won, 13-3.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in six states. He welcomes comments and inquiries; call 817-447-3872, or send e-mail: newbury@speakerdoc.com His website: www.speakerdoc.com

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## Emergency Conservation Program Funding

WASHINGTON, March 15, 2006-Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner today announced that UDFA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will allocate close to \$20.1 million in Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding to 26 states affected by Natural Disasters.

"The Emergency Conservation Program is an important tool for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate and strengthen environmental stewardship of their lands," said Conner. "These funds will help farmers and ranchers rehabilitate farmland damaged by floods, drought, wildfires and other natural disasters in recent years."

E.C.P. gives producers resources to remove debris from farmland, restore structures, provide water for livestock in drought situations and grade and shape farmland damaged by a natural disaster. Locally-elected F.S.A. county committees implement ECP for all disasters other than drought, which is done by FSA's national office. Eligible producers receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost of approved practices, as determined by F.S.A. county committees. The \$20.1 million in E.C.P. funds allocated today are from unused funds from various states.

Among the 26 states receiving the funding announced today are Texas and Oklahoma, which are continuing to face drought and severe wildfire conditions. Texas will receive more than \$3.9 million, while Oklahoma will receive \$2.7 million. F.S.A. is allocating \$20,142,400 in E.C.P. funds to 26 states including \$1,916,800 in drought disaster funds in Texas.

Producers can contact their local F.S.A. office regarding E.C.P. sign-up periods, which are set by the county F.S.A. committees. For a producers' land to be eligible, the disaster must create new conservation problems that, if left untreated, would impair or endanger the land and affect its productive capacity. Conservation problems that existed before the applicable disasters are not eligible for E.C.P. assistance.

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### Daily Devotion

By Wanda Skinner

**Unacceptable Gifts**  
 Matthew 5:23-24 "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

What meaningful verses! Some people try to give of their resources to get God's blessing. We are reminded the most important step to the blessing is realizing when we are wrong and simply asking God to forgive. Sometimes it requires asking another person to forgive us.

A friend and I were in deep conversation at the grocery store and were interrupted by a mother and her children. She was looking for plastic Easter eggs. She was not

known by either of us. Our conversation continued. Late in the afternoon my friend called, she had been bothered because we did not see the opportunity to help the young mother. We needed to ask God to forgive us for that lost opportunity. If that young lady from the

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**Obituaries**

**Bernice Tatum Bailey**

Bernice Tatum Bailey, died at Hendrick Hospice Unit on Monday April 10, 2006, at the age of 84.

Born to David and Alice Tatum on September 29, 1921, in Duncan, Oklahoma, she was the youngest of 8 children. She married Tommie Dwight Bailey on June 26, 1937, Reed, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death in 1996.

She had lived in Clyde the last years moving there from Arkansas.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Tommie David, and 7 siblings.

She is survived by her Ann Watts of Clyde, Texas; her daughter and son-in-law Roxie and Steve Walter of

Oregon House, California; her adoptive son and daughter-in-law Fred and Gayle Brown of Clyde, Texas; 5 Grandchildren; 9 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great Great Grandchildren.

A funeral service was to be held at Clyde Church of Christ on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. with Jack Ball officiating directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

A cryptside service was to be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Wopodlawn Mausoleum in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Memorial Donations may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care at 1682 Hickory St., Abilene, TX 79601.

**Ben Thomas McDougal**

Ben Thomas McDougal, 42, of Clyde died Friday, April 7, 2006.

Funeral Services were April 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Jim Hall officiating. Burial followed at Clyde Cemetery under the direction Bailey Funeral Home.

Ben was born July 29, 1963 in Abilene to Frank Earl and Sara (Kennedy) McDougal. He had lived in the Clyde area all of his life. At the time of his death, he was employed by Union Drilling. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Ben Thomas McDougal of Clyde; his mother, Sara McDougal of Clyde and three sisters, Yonna Nell Green and husband Robert of Tye, Dora Louise Hosman and husband Ken of Lufkin and Debra Kay Shadwick of Cleveland, TN; a half-sister, Glenda Friary and husband Ed of North Carolina and two half-brothers, Mike McDougal and wife Judy of Mineral Wells and Gene McDougal and wife Rita of Hawley and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at Bailey Funeral Home.

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**Billy Joe "Bill" Hawk**

CLYDE-Billy Joe "Bill" Hawk, 71, of Clyde, died Tuesday, April 11, 2006 in a local nursing center.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 14, 2006 at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Tlby Henson officiating. Burial followed in the Admiral Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Visitation was to be from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Mr. Hawk was born January 31, 1935 in Sudan, Texas to John Luther and Cynthia Ida (Walkup) Hawk. He moved to Clyde from Farwell, Texas in 1941. He grew up in Clyde and gradu-

ated from Clyde High School in 1953. Mr. Hawk owned and operated Hawk Top Manufacturers for over 37 years. He was retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Survivors include one son, Tony Hawk of Clyde; two daughters, Tonya Hawk of California and Martha Hawk of Oklahoma; one brother, John L. Hawk of Clyde; one sister, Tippi Deardorff of Clyde; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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March 9-11	Anson Tour.	TBA	
March 14	Eastland	H.	1:00
March 16	Anson	H.	12:00
March 20	Eula*	T.	4:00
March 24	Cross Plains	H.	4:30
March 27	Ranger*	T.	4:00
March 31	Albany*	H.	4:00
April 3	A.C.H.S.%	T.	6:00
April 7	Gorman*	T.	5:00
April 11	Eula*	H.	5:00
April 13	Snyder	T.	7:00
April 17	Cross Plains*	T.	4:00
April 21	Ranger*	H.	5:00
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April 28	Tolar	T.	6:00
May 2	Gorman	H.	5:00

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**Team Totals:** 1. Roscoe, 117; 3. Highland, 51; 4. Winters, 47; 5. Roby, 42. 8. Albany, 34; 33; 9. Baird; 32; 13. Eula, 20; 17. Westbrook, 7; 18. Hermleigh, 6.

**100-meter dash:** 1. Adkins, Highland, 10.67; 2. Rodriguez, Baird; 10.89; 5. Perez, Winters, 11.25.

**200-m dash:** 1. Adkins, Highland, 21.97; 2. Rodriguez, Baird, 22.34; 4. Williamson, Roby, 22.94; 5. Perez, Winters, 22.95.

**400 meter dash:** 1. Salazar, Albany, 50.90; 2. Scates, Winters, 51.71; 3. Burnett, Roscoe, 52.77.

**800 Meter run:** 2. Martin, Roby, 2:03.49; 5. Villa, Roscoe, 2:07.25; 6. Hernandez, Roscoe, 2:07.75.

**1600 m run:** 1. Higgins, Eula, 4:38.40; 3. Montealvo, Roscoe, 4:50.53; 4. Rodriguez, Winters, 4:53.74.

**3200 m Run:** 1. Higgins, Eula, 4:38.40; 3. Montealvo, Roscoe, 4:50.53; 4. Rodriguez, Winters, 4:53.74.

**400 m Relay:** 3. Roscoe, 44.25; 4. Roby, 44.52; 6. Highland, 45.40.

**800 m Relay:** 1. Roscoe, 1:31.36; 2. Highland, 1:32.03; 6. Roby, 1:36.52.

**1600 m Relay:** 1. 1. Roscoe, 3:28.41; 3. Albany, 3: 54.08; 5. Highland, 3:39.90; 6. Roby, 3:40.42.

**110 m Hurdles:** 2. Martin, Roby, 41:21; 4. Scott, Baird, 42:50; 6. Munoz, Roscoe, 43:49.

**Long Jump:** 1. Villanueva, Roscoe, 20-9; 4. Anthony, Roscoe, 20-4 1/2; Williamson, Roby, 19-11-1/2.

**Shot put:** 1. Browne, Roscoe, 53-1/2; Cason, Winters, 47-9-1/4; 4. Saavedra, Roscoe, 44-10-1/2; 6. Munoz, Roscoe, 42-11 1/2.

**Discus:** 1. Browne, Roscoe, 153-1; 4. Cason, Winters, 137-7; 5. Saavedra, Roscoe, 134-9; 5. Hannon, Westbrok, 134-6.

**Triple Jump:** 2. Tubbs, Winters, 41-11 1/4; 3. Rodriguez, Baird, 41-9-1.2; 4. Villanueva, Roscoe, 41-9 1/4; 5. Martin, Roby, 41-6 1/2; 6. Scates, Winters, 40-8 1/4.

**High Jump:** 1. Adkins, Highland; 6-0; 5. Scates, Winters, 5-10 6/with tie; Jubal Albany, 6-8.

**Pole Vault:** 2. Cope, Albany, 13-0; 3. Orlando Baird, 12-6; 4. Baker, Albany, 12-0.

### Girls

**Team Totals:** 1. Roscoe, 107, 3. Baird, 60; 4. Winters, 49; 6. Eula, 37; & Roby, 30; 10. Highland, 27 13-tie). Trent, 4.

**100 meter dash:** 1. Cumby, Baird, 12.89.

**200 m dash:** 2. Adkins, Roscoe, 26.80; 4. Hughey, Highland, Highland, 27.94.

**400 m dash:** 5. Majors, Trent, 1:05.17.

**800 meter run:** 2. Adkins, Roscoe, 26.80; 4. Hughey, Highland, 27.94.

**1600 m run:** 2. Rodriguez Winters, 5:49.77; 4. Suarez, Baird, 5:51.57.

**400 m Relay:** 1. Roscoe, 52:53; 2. Eula, 52.69; 3. Baird, 52.88.

**800 m Relay:** 1. Roscoe, 52:53; 2. Eula., 1:52.86; 3. Baird, 1:53.86; 4. Highland, 1:53.88.

**1600-m Relay:** 1. Roscoe, 4:09.28; 4. Highland, 4:30.81; 5. Albany, 4:33.27.

**100 m Hurdles:** 1. Cathey, Roscoe, 48:55; 2. Viertel, Albany, 48.98.

**Long Jump:** 1. Adkins, Roscoe, 17-0 1/2; 3. Bankhead, Highland, 16-5 1/2; Majors, Trent, 15-10 1/2; 6. Walkers, Winters, 15-7 1/2.

**Shot Put:** 1. Williams, Roby, 38-4 1/4. 3. Burns, Baird, 33-1-3/4. 4. Lakey,

Roby, 31-2 1/2; 5. Rodriguez, Albany, 30-10; 6. Beckwith, Roscoe, 29-6 3/4.

**Discus:** 1. Burns, Baird, 109-8; 2. Bergman, Winters, 105-10; 3. Lakey, Roby, 91-7.

**Triple Jump:** 1. Walker, Winters, 33-2.

**High Jump:** 1. Walker, Winters 5-0; 6. Owens, Highland, 4-8.

**Pole Vault:** 2. Fried, Roscoe, 9-0; 3 for Tie: Lakey, Roby, 9-0; 5. Norton, Albany, 9-0.

## Callahan County SWCD Now Taking Custom Map Orders

The Callahan County SWCD is proud to announce that we have recently purchased a plotter and is now offering to design maps for land owners, hunters and interested individuals. The plotter will produce up to 36" maps in color or black and white. The cost will depend on the size and design of each individual map.

For more information on how to purchase a land map contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th Street Baird, Texas or call (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany NRCS office at (325) 762-2552 Ext. 3.

## Grass Seed Available To Landowners

The Callahan County SWCD would like to remind you that we are offering grass seed at an inexpensive price for landowners and operators in Callahan County and surrounding areas. We are offering a wide variety of seeds, which include over 89 varieties of Native and Improved Grasses, Forbs and Legumes. We are also offering 15 different varieties of Wild Flowers and 11 kinds of Texas perennial Wildlife Mixes. We have varieties that are suitable for all soil types in this area. We can also custom design a mixture for your particular situation. We are also offering the use of our broadcaster to any landowner at a \$25 a day rental for help in seeding.

For more info. on planning and planting, or how to purchase this low cost grass seed

## Emergency Farm Fire Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans caused by extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Richard G. Young said.

"Callahan is one of 9 primary counties in Texas recently named by the President of the United States eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing."

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for

a FSA emergency loan," Richard G. Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have a figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until September 11, 2006 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

## Callahan Divide SWCD Poster Contest Winners

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation held its first poster contest since 1996 in early February. We are so excited to have this program active after so many years. All four of the Callahan County School Districts participated in this event. We had a total of 144 entries this year and hope to increase that number next year. This contest was designed to demonstrate the importance of conservation and taking care of your surroundings, while giving the children the opportunity to show their artistic ability. The topic of this year posters are "Water Wise" and "Celebrate Con-

serva-tion". The top three winners for this contest are Dania Gonzales a 5th grader from Cross Plains, second place is Christian Creech a 6th grader from Baird and third place went to Rebecca Dugan a 4th grader from Eula. These three posters will be submitted to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for the area competition. State winners will be selected from the five area winners. Thank you to all of the participants in this contest the judges had a hard time making a decision on the winning posters. The children did a wonderful job on the posters they put a lot of thought and effort into this project. The winners of the contest will receive a ribbon and a \$50.00 Series EE Savings Bond. We would like to thank John Belcher President of the First National Bank of Baird Clyde Branch for his donation of those Savings

Bonds. Without the support of the local businesses, schools and community this program would not have been possible.

## Work Begins on Wind Turbines in Shackelford/ Callahan County and Clyde I.S.D.

Although, the main activity for consists of a future from 340 wind turbines to be located inside Shackelford County, approximately 60 of the turbines are slated for construction in Callahan County. Since December 2005, the Mesquite Wind Farm, now known as the Lone Star Wind Farm, the first phase of an over-all three-phase overall project being overseen by RES-America will probably be finished by the end of 2006. This project alone is estimated to increase the school district's property values from \$151 million by at least \$285 million. A second phase is reported to allow increasing the total projected tax valuation from \$285 million to \$570 million. (Reports from the Clyde Journal). The Clyde C.I.S.D. district includes the parts of Shackelford and all of Callahan County where the project is under construction. The land owners involved in the initial phase of this project are the Guy, Davis, Hughes and Arbuckle Ranches.

The R.E.S.-America just last year recommended increasing the proposal to an

around 200 to 400 turbines which will be located in southwest Shackelford County and northwest Callahan County.

Horizon Wind Energy is the owner of the Lone Star Wind Farm project and Larry Mills is the engineer who is coordinating all the Construction and Project Manager for Horizon. Last week Mills said "We're not in full swing yet," however around 60 people are involved in the project already, with plans to bring brought in as work progresses through the phases.

He states the 32 of the wind turbines are to be constructed on the east side St. Hwy 351 with the final seven to be located on Louis Bob Davis' property, around the hub of the present activity of construction.

The other 68 towers are to be located west of Highway 351 from the easternmost present activity, in an east west line from south to the Hamby area, in other words-west of Hwy 351.

Of these-some 100 turbines are located in the Clyde school district, where the first concrete foundations for the wind turbines north of Hamby in Shackelford County were poured two Thursday's ago, March 30.

Of the wind turbines themselves are not be lowered this summer, the yearlong project will be completed before 2006.

The initial phase being completed consists of 100 even being built from just north of the Hamby area to within a few miles of "Nine Mile Hill" south of Albany.\*With propeller blades attached their height will be a formidable 400 feet.

### Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

<p><b>Thursday, April 20</b> Chili enchiladas or Frito Pie, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce &amp; Tomato, Brownie, Fresh Fruit, Choice of fruit.</p> <p><b>Friday, April 21</b> Chili Cheese Dog or Hamburger, french fries, Lettuce &amp; tomato, Dessert, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.</p> <p><b>Monday, April 24</b> Sloppy Joe or Grilled Ham &amp; Cheese, Tator Tots, Whole Kernel</p>	<p>Corn, Fruit Cup, Trail Mix, Fresh fruit, Choice of Milk.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 25</b> Cheesy Lasagna or Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Tossed Salad, Glazed Carrots, Pudding, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk, Garlic Bread.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 26</b> Uncrustable or BBZ on a Bun, Green Beans, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Snacks, Fresh Fruit, Choice of Milk.</p>
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Bid packages can be obtained by calling 888-887 or (512) 782-6910 or sending an e-mail to tina.burford@tmfc.state.tx.us.

Site visits will be held at the property on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 starting at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Call the number(s) listed above to make an appointment.

### 2006 Baird Bears Tennis

<b>March 10</b>	@ Santa Anna	8:00 a.m.	Girls/Boys
<b>March 22</b>	@ ACU	1:30 p.m.	Girls/Boys
<b>March 30</b>	@ Clyde	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
<b>April 6</b>	@ Albany	2:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys
<b>April 11-12</b>	San Angelo	TBA	Girls/Boys
<b>April 24-29</b>	Abilene	TBA	(District) Girls/Boys
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