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MARCH 9, 2004 PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

* FEBRUARY 9, 2004

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
FIRST DAY TO REQUEST A BALLOT BY MAIL

* FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 5, 2004

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON (COURTHOUSE)
8:00-5:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY

BRANCH VOTING IN CROSS PLAINS AND CLYDE
AT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICES
8:00 - 12 & 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

* LAST DAY TO MAIL A BALLOT IS MARCH 2,
2004

* MARCH 9, 2004

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 7:00-7:00

If you would like to receive a ballot by mail please call
the office of County Clerk at 854-1217

TxDOT To Hold Public Hearing; Focus Is Trans-Texas Corridor

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populated areas, and improve air quality.

The hearing will be held at the TxDOT's Callahan County Maintenance office, 132 US Hwy 283 N. Baird. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the hearing starting at 6 p.m. The facility is handicap accessible. For more information on the public hearing contact Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district public information officer, at 325/676-6806.

News For Veterans

The New Budget - The February 3 edition of the Abilene Reporter News carried news of the new budget which will be presented to Congress. Spending of \$65.3 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs is recommended, an increase of 8.3 percent from the last budget. Two items will stir up many of our Non-Service Connected health problem Veterans in that the budget proposes a \$250.00 ANNUAL enrollment fee for Veterans with the highest incomes and no S-C health issues plus an increase from \$7.00 to \$15.00 for a 30 day supply of medication. Try as I might, I cannot recall any questions about income or assets on the Draft Notice that I received from the U. S. Army!!! Our protests of these changes should be directed at once to our two Texas Senators and to ALL members of The House of Representatives.

TET Reunion - The Abilene Grunts ASSN. is inviting all Veterans to the annual TET Reunion to be held February 7 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds. There will be numerous displays and sales booths along with a USO Show and a meal will be served. The Pow-Wow begins at Noon, February 7.

Agent Orange Alert - A study has found an increased risk of prostate cancer and melanoma among Air Force Veterans of the Vietnam War who sprayed the chemical defoliant Agent Orange, the Air Force has just an-

nounced. The cancer incidence was found to be 1.46 to 2.33 times higher than among the nationwide population. The study has been going on for more than 20 years. Involved Air Force Veterans AND ALL troops that set foot in Vietnam are urged to have an Agent Orange exam at a VA Medical facility. Get it in you medical records!!

Former POWs - V A is anxious to hear from all former Prisoners of War as there are numerous benefits available for them. V A can be reached by a call to 1-800-827-1000 and asking for the POW Coordinator. Closer to home, Fred Campbell, a retired minister, is the Outreach POW Coordinator in this area. He lives on Patterson Street in San Angelo and his phone number will follow in a later column.

Texas Veteran's Cemetery - Groundbreaking for the State of Texas Veteran's Cemetery was held six miles south of Killeen (Hwy 195) on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2003. Texas Land Commissioner, Jerry Patterson said it will be the first State Veteran's Cemetery for Texas and a fitting field of honor for those who served and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Commissioner Patterson quoted at length from Navy Chaplain Roland P. Gittelsohn's sermon at the dedication of the 5th Marine Division temporary cemetery

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Please see Veterans

TMCN Council Holds First Meeting Of 2004 Nancy Turnbow of Baird Is Official Delegate

Further dates to mark:
TMCN Marketing Alliance meeting, Feb. 4
Network Luncheon, April 30. Clyde

The Texas Midwest Community Network Council recently convened in Abilene for its first meeting of 2004. Representatives from cities throughout the region came together to network and hear about successful community projects around the region.

Nancy Turnbow serves as Baird's official delegate on the Council.

Also serving for TMCN from this region are 2004 TMCN President, Don Henry, Cisco, Executive Director, Nicki Harle, Baird, Executive Committee members Lori Dodd, Gorman, and Ray Ferguson, Abilene.

Texas Midwest Community Network provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to approach community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.

The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.

Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year.

The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

President Don Henry stated in his recent president's message that "2004 promises to be full of challenges and potential rewards for TMCN and our member cities."

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 41 communities, including Abilene, Albany, Baird, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Clyde, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Eastland, Gorman, and Ranger.

Ranger and Baird were among cities receiving the TMCN Community Achievement Award at the 2003 Annual Texas Midwest Conference.

A TMCN Marketing Alliance Planning meeting is scheduled for Feb. 4, 2:30 PM at Abilene Regional Airport conference room.

"Be sure your city is represented," said President

Don Henry. "Your ideas and input are essential in this important task."

Economic development leaders in the region are invited to participate in the planning meeting to help define direction for the alliance and evaluate the progress made through regional cooperation.

A major goal this year is to reorganize the Marketing Alliance to make it effective and more beneficial to TMCN members.

Also planned for April, 2004 are TMCN Network Luncheons throughout the region.

Clyde is the host city for April 30.

The discussion topic at the 2004 luncheons will be "Legislative Issues that Affect Rural."

Baird Varsity Girls Basketball Team Shows Perfect District Record!

Please see Sports Page Inside

Texas Department of Health will hold the following Immunization clinics in Callahan County:

Monday, February 9th

Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th, from 10-12
Cross Plains Housing Authority, 233 N. Main from 2-4

Wednesday, February 11th

Clyde Community Resource Center, 306 N. 1st from 10-12 & 1:30 - 3

Please bring child's Immunization Records

For more information call 325/754-4945

NEIGHBORS TO FACE NEIGHBORS AGAIN IN FOOTBALL PAIRINGS FOR NEW YEAR

District Football alignments for the new year are announced as follows:

11-AA: Cisco, Eastland, DeLeon, Dublin, Hico and Hamilton

13-A: Ranger, Baird, Cross Plains, Evant, Goldthwaite and Gorman

District 12 Six Man: Rising Star, Blanket, Gustine, May, Mullins, Sidney and Zephyr

In the upper ranks, Stephenville and Brownwood were separated for the first time in years. Brownwood will not face Killeen (two schools) Lampassas and two schools in Waco.

In the AA pairings, the enrollment number was upped by 45, to 190 to 389. DeLeon with 190 just got in AA; Dublin has 370 and Eastland 366. Had the numbers remained the same, Eastland would have gone up to AAA. Eastland lost Haskell in the shuffle, so Hamilton will probably be the longest district game drive.

Non-District games are to be worked out.

IN ABILENE

EASTLAND COUPLE TO BE SPEAKERS AT MARCH 1ST ASPERGER'S DISCUSSION

Supt. Don and Nancy Hughes of Eastland will be among the featured speakers at a discussion meeting on Asperger Disorder at the Region 14, Education Service Center from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 1st to which the public is invited.

Parents, grandparents, caregivers and educators are invited to attend the free meeting. It will be held in the Nolan Room of the Education Center located at 1850 Highway 351 (Albany Highway).

The Hughes will speak as parents of a child with Asperger's. Other speakers will be Lindsy Cavender, a senior at Hardin-Simmons, who has been diagnosed with Asperger's. Her mother, Ann Cavender, will also be a speaker.

Childcare will be provided at First Baptist Church in

Abilene with childcare registration necessary by Feb. 23 by calling 325-672-9999.

Meals On Wheels Needs Volunteers Bake Sale Friday 13

The Seniors are planning a bake sale to benefit our center and Meals On Wheels on Friday, Feb. 13 in the Lobby of the First National Bank of Baird.

If you would want any special bake goods, or if anyone would like to donate some bake goods, please call us at 854-1937.

We are in need of volunteers to deliver Meal On Wheels in our town to the homebound.

It would only be a few days a month and the work is very rewarding.

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the Baird Center at 854-1937.

Callahan County Has Temporarily Lifted Their Burn Ban - Effective 1-20-2004.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

The following candidates have authorized this newspaper to announce their intention to run as candidates for the Spring Primary Election.

Texas Railroad Commissioner
K. Dale Henry, R
State Senate Dist. 24
Troy Fraser
(Reelection)
(Pd. Pol. Advertisement)

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March 9, 2004

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Baird Elementary Student Of The Week



Slade Pierce is the son of Justin Pierce and Linda Gomez
Mrs. Menzies 1st grade

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Baird I. S. D. School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 4
Vegetable Soup, Pimiento & Cheese Sandwiches, Apple Crisp, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 5
Spaghetti, Corn, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Jell-o, Milk

Friday, Feb. 6
Bear Burger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies, Milk

Monday, Feb. 9
Stromboli, Tossed Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 10
Pinto Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruit Salad, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 11
Beef Tajitas, Salad, Spanish Rice, Cobbler, Milk

D. P. S. Report

01-25-04 to 01-31-04
Cases Investigated
Warnings - 149
Complaints - 118
Accidents
There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

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Baird Senior Citizens News

We have been lucky that the weather has been as good as it has been. We served 176 congregate meals in December, but the attended has dropped off since the holidays.

We just want everybody to know that we are still serving lunch at 11:30 A.M. Monday thru Friday.

Everyone is invited to join us. We play games before lunch and would love to have more to participate.

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submitted by Delores Stewart

Forage Seminar Set For February 10

A special Forage Seminar is set for February 10th at the Cross Plains Community Center. There will be 1 hour of Laws & Regulations, 2 IPMs, and 2 General hours worth 5 CEU's.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m.

The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques in wheat, annual forage and existing bermudagrass pastures.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Chris Sansone, TAEX Entomologist - San Angelo, Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo and Dr. Twain Butler Extension Agronomist from Stephenville.

Dr. Warrick will discuss small grain management and annual forage selection.

Dr. Sansone will discuss forage insects and their control.

Dr. Twain Butler will discuss improved pasture management and weed control options.

TDA will be on hand to give Laws and Regulation presentation for pesticide applicators.

The Seminar and accompanying meal are Free to those that pre-register by February 3rd. Registration at the door will be \$5.00 per person.

This program is presented by the Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties.

For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325)854-1518.

A Vegetable Short Course will be held on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Comanche Community Center in Comanche, Texas.

Topics covered will be all aspects of commercial watermelon and vegetable production. 2 CEUs will be provided.

West Texas Farm & Ranch Show, Feb. 17

The West Texas Farm & Ranch Show is scheduled for February 17th and 18th at the Taylor County Expo Center. This show is sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the Taylor County Ag Committee.

This show will continue to feature the latest in agricultural equipment and offer area producers a two day educational conference. The Educational seminars are organized by the Taylor County Extension office and offer 3 CEUs on Tuesday and 5 CEUs on Wednesday for Pesticide Applicators. The program will include on Tuesday the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual meeting followed at 1:30 p.m. by a Cotton Production Conference worth 3 CEUs. Wednesday at 8:00

Baird First Baptist Church Events

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

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574.

Feb. 4, 2004 AWANA Club meets 6:30 P.M. in fellowship hall.
Prayer meeting 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Feb. 8, 2004 Canterbury Villa of Baird service, 3:30 P.M.
Women's Bible Study, 5:00 P.M. in fellowship hall.
Prayer time, 5:00 P.M., Sanctuary

Feb. 9, 2004 Women on Mission, 6:00 P.M. in fellowship hall

Feb. 10, 2004 Ladies Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 A.M. in fellowship hall.

Feb. 11, 2004 AWANA club meets 6:30 P.M. in fellowship hall.
Prayer meeting 7:00 P.M. in Sanctuary

Feb. 15, 2004 World Hunger awareness and fundraiser. Bean and Cornbread lunch in fellowship hall following the morning service. All donations go to World Hunger.
Womens Bible Study 5:00 P.M. in fellowship hall.
Prayer time 5:00 P.M. Sanctuary

Baird First United Methodist Church News

Clothes Closet Council Meeting

The regular council meeting for the Clothes Closet Food Pantry "Mission of Miracles" will be February 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance by all local ministers and a representative from each church would be helpful to set goals for the new year. Please come.

submitted by Ruth Fisher

Thanks for Your Helping Hands

Our Clothes Closet Christmas work period was unusually brief this past year. All the churches, clubs, schools, and individual workers did an outstanding job; 77 families received food baskets with turkey/ham; all boys and girls were given beautiful gifts thanks to local women's groups; 36 gift baskets were delivered to the nursing home by our faithful team of Wayne and Joy Mooney; and 15 shut-ins received "we love you" packages.

We volunteers want to give our heartfelt thanks to all who helped in any way. 203 was a glorious year!

Now, we begin our fourth year in our present wonderful, convenient building. We thank all the people of Baird. Let's keep Baird on the map.

Remember our mission statement: Learning, Loving, Living, Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked, or in prison? Read Matthew 25:41-45, a great challenge to our faith of caring and sharing.

Thanks again from our faithful volunteers.
Valentine Blessings
submitted by Ruth Fisher

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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

In 1945 there were quite a few Carbon Black plants in the Texas Panhandle. Like most factories and wholesale companies in the area, they shipped and received products by rail. Such places were served by local freight trains. Locals spent the day switching rail cars and making sure the right one was left at the right place.

Train crews were made up of the next available men and the crews rarely consisted of the same five men. A crew included the engineer, fireman, head brakeman, rear brakeman, and the conductor, who was in charge of the train. The head brakeman was the newest employee, and rode in the engine. The rear brakeman and conductor rode in the caboose.

My life wasn't my own. I belonged to the railroad. They had to know where I was at all times so they could call me if they needed me.

Morton Valley Past And Present

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

The Morton Valley cookbooks have arrived and we are so proud of them. You can stop by Ace Hardware or M & H Monograms to see and purchase them. You may also call Tommy & Maria Beck or Wanda Skinner for the books. We think you will really like them!

The Circle of Prayer met yesterday and there were many requests for those who are ill, who are facing surgery, who are facing physical test and who are in the hospital. Brother James Teel was in California for the funeral services of his older brother. Our prayers and sympathy went out for him. We also had some praise items as those who are recovering and little Miss Hope Jentho who accepted Jesus as her personal Savior yesterday morning. Congratulations Hope.

Later in the afternoon the rain fell but it was not nearly as much as we needed. It gave us hope for more blessings of rain very soon. I can hardly wait to hear the tractors running preparing the soil for a new growing season. I can almost taste those fresh fruits and vegetables.

Harmony Baptist enjoyed a good Sunday service as Mike Norris preached on the importance of good relationships between a person and his God and also with his fellowman. Barbara Rogers did the children's sermon, Tommy Beck read the Scripture from Psalms. The congregation was a part of the special music.

Hope you have a great week and please count your blessings because you are truly blessed.

Remember To Renew Your Subscription

For example, if I attended a movie, I had to tell the usher who I was and where I was sitting because I might be called to the phone at any time, day or night.

While I was still in training, I had to work on a local one night. We were supposed to leave a boxcar at a certain plant, far out in the country. The engine was backing the car to its location and I realized it was going too far. I swung my lantern back and forth, left to right, giving the signal to stop. Since I was a trainee the engineer would not take my signal. The regular brakeman was not paying attention and the boxcar backed off the track.

The engineer visited the

main office the next day and told them I had given the right signal. I was given a commendation. I was on cloud nine. Now, I was a real railroader.

The following day, as I worked another local, I was on the front end of a flat car load of steel. The engine

pushed the car onto the siding and cut loose. As the car slowly inched along the slightly downhill track the conductor began slapping his knee. That was the signal for me to apply the brakes on that heavy load. I disregarded his signal and he began jumping up and down,

while still slapping his knee. I was glad I was too far away to hear his words!

I had never stopped a flat car before and thought it would be easy. It wasn't! When I finally turned that giant brake wheel, nothing happened. I thought it would stop like a car when brakes are applied. It didn't! That car

load of steel and I went through the linked chain-link fence and stopped about ten feet from the building. I suddenly wished I was in Africa or some other far off place. That would be better than facing my irate conductor!

Here one day, goof-ball the next.

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- 4 - Lincolns from 1988 to 1991.....\$850 to 1295
- 95 SHO Taurus, super power, fully loaded, book value over 5,000 only.....\$3100

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- 86 Ford E350 Van, 300 6 cyl, looks, runs good, work van.....\$895
- 90 Plymouth Voyager, 7 pass., very good cond.....\$1895
- 92 Ford F250 Super Cab Diesel, in good condition, auto. (red).....\$3250
- 89 Ford F250 Super Cab Diesel auto., good cond. (red & white).....\$2695
- 86 Ford F150 Super Cab, V8, auto., runs good (white) only.....\$1295
- 94 Ford Explorer 4 dr., 4.0 V6, auto., looks, runs good (white) only.....\$2995
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By Dr. Don Newbury

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What are doctors to do? Their mailboxes are crammed with announcements of new medicines and they get periodic updates at medical meetings.. Meanwhile, traveling millions of miles annually to visit physicians offices throughout the land, are some 80,000 pharmaceutical representatives. BUT, to reach targets-the doctors themselves-they

must get past receptionists-the gate keepers, as they are called.

One rep is Dale Hannah of Cleburne. A quick study in human nature, the longtime city councilman has found that the best way to doctors offices is through receptionists stomachs. Now three years into the field, before he can discuss with doctors which medicines might be right for us, he checks with the gate keepers to see if brownies-might be right for them.. Usually, they can't resist his prescription..

Oh, these aren't ordinary brownies. In fact, they may be destined for extensive notoriety. Remember that since 1890s, Corsicana has been on the map with cakes (fruitcakes, specifically) and Dublin has been awash in Dr. Pepper (the genuine original). Brownwood and barbecue have been synonymous since Underwood's started in 1946..

I digress. Let us now return to the story about how a pharmaceutical rep and the Internet have been responsible for Burleson brownies joining Texas

famous food's alliteration parade.. When Donna Aiken and Becky Stankiewicz opened Sweet Imaginations in Burleson 18 years ago, brownies were but one of dozens of bakery offerings. In the new century, they've become Texas filthy-rich brownies, with a gusher in every bite. The recipe has NOT changed, but production has taken off.

Hannah has exploited the treat; so far he's purchased more than a TON of brownies. With his spreading the word and the bakery utilizing its website brownies are now shipped throughout the land..

Hannah explains that the medical field is highly competitive, sometimes with four or five reps to be in the same office at the same time. Rules prohibit

outright gifts, but brownies fit into the snack category. Here comes the brownie man is the excited response of many receptionists. Different reps have various ways to get the edge, and for Hannah, the brownie snack is working!

A typical late afternoon finds Hannah in the bakery, usually to pick up brownies for office calls the next day in Tarrant, Hood Johnson, Parker or Palo Pinto Counties. People always want to know where I find such great treats, so I just tell them to let their fingers do the walking to texasbrownies.com on the Internet, Hannah laughed.

Deliveries are assured anywhere in the nation within 48 hours, and orders have been shipped as far away as Maine and Washington. A junior high kid offered to peddle the

brownies on his bike if he like Blue Belle ice cream truckers, could eat all he wants and sell the rest. One UPS driver laughed, What brownies can do for us is more important than what brown can do for them. I wish they'd just call the competition; let the other guys deal with getting to just smell the brownies and delivering the boxes unopened.

I know Texas is getting bad press on being the fattest state, but I say if we're going to be identified this way, we may as well keep our weight up with good stuff, Hannah said, and receptionists/gatekeepers across his territory no doubt agree..

So, the next time you go

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to the doctor, if you see a receptionist wiping chocolate from her mouth, maybe trying to pick a pecan chip from between her teeth or whose countenance suggests that more than usual is right with her world, you'll know the doctor is in, with up-to-the-minute information on medicine that might be right for you!

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(Ed. Note: This is a holiday greeting from our kids in Italy.)

Tanti Auguri and Buon Anno to each of you. We wish all of you a peaceful year and many blessings in 2004.

Residing in Rome for the past year and a half has been the experience of a lifetime. Each day we are in awe of our beautiful, ancient surroundings, gourmet foods at our fingertips, and wonderful friendships formed with our Italian and patriot friends. However, resident life here is not always the romantic holiday idea you might conjure up in your mind.

Rules of thumb while in Rome:

1. A line is a relative thing...don't let anyone cut in front of you (in person or car) or you will wait all day. (Not exactly the Texan way of doing things.)

2. If there is hot water- use it! (Shampoo everyone).

3. Hot water or not-you must look good.

4. Get a tiny cell phone...it would just be wrong if you didn't and they're contract-free, pay-as-you-go.

5. No...commodos do not always have to have a place to sit...Laura Leigh calls them "fake potties".

6. Don't forget the tissue paper while out, or you will regret it.

7. Air Conditioning is bad for you...but interestingly enough more Romans are learning to live with it.

8. Whatever you do, be quiet between 2-4 in the afternoon.

9. If you live on the 2nd floor-you really live on the 3rd (?)

10. Doorknobs are never round objects and an engineering background helps.

11. You must drink at least 3-4 coffees a day at a bar...Who wouldn't here?

12. Since the wine is better and cheaper than Coke- just do as the Romans do.

13. No real meal lasts less than 2 hours...a really fun outing with 4 small kids and not a high chair in sight...that's when the wine comes in handy.

14. The Atkin's diet is anti-Italian- No bread or pasta-Are you kidding?...that's not a diet here, it's starvation. Bottom Line: Forget dieting in Rome- it's just not worth it.

15. Potty training is easy and interesting in Italy. Toddlers rarely wear bottoms at the beach...Moms rarely wear tops.

16. Kids love cheese pizza all over the world (it's the real deal here).

17. Marble is a cheap substitute in lieu of linoleum and wallpaper.

18. Rome's fountains provide more than beauty in August's heat.

19. No job, no problem...you can make a living by telling people where to illegally park their car, or wash windshields or headlights with a dirty rag at stoplights.

20. No parking space, no problem. Just put it anywhere (don't worry, only a few million parking tickets go unpaid in Rome.)

21. Vince's driving habits have worked well here (He

never observed any rules of the road anyway).

22. If one of the million motor scooters hasn't hit your rearview mirrors more than twice on your way to work, it's a great day.

23. A clean, un-scratched Roman car is only found in a dealer showroom...(\$500 dollar insurance deductible quickly add up).

24. Children can be waited on and served three-course lunches in elementary school.

25. Pokemon cards, in any language, universally work for Luke.

26. The snack bar at our pool anticipates the return of its best customers, Levi and Luke, who keep profits up by buying all bags of chips with stick-on tattoos inside.

27. Observing Italian and American Holidays isn't bad work. The list goes on...but we have to save something for next year.

Levi (10 this month) has thrived in 3rd and 4th grade here. He is reading and writing well. He has started typing most of his reports. He has been involved in school choir (he got a Christmas concert solo), tennis, computer club, Cub Scouts, and his favorite, drama (he has

auditioned twice for Italian films). We are still looking for his big break. He really is comical.

Luke is our academic achiever. School seems to come easily for him. He is reading and writing well. He has been involved in tennis, Cub Scouts, and keeping up with his neighborhood friends. Luke's daily crying pushed us over the top, so now the boys have what they've wanted for years...a dog. We decided upon an American Eskimo and Vince's dad found, fostered, and brought "Frostie", the miniature-bred puppy, in December. She is adorable and the kids haven't let her lack a minute for attention. Frostie is a living lesson in responsibility and caring for the boys...no have responded well.

Laura Leigh (4), our future dancer/Miss America, is our real girl's girl. She loves fancy dresses, pretty flowers, drawing, and playing baby dolls with Leigha Noel. She is the most sensitive, lovey-dovey of the bunch. Laura Leigh attends pre-K and took tennis lessons this past spring. Mommy loves brushing her long pretty hair-when she lets me.

Leigha Noel (3), our Christmas gift, started Pre-K this fall. She and Laura Leigh are together. She is a charmer with her petite fea-

tures, happy spirit, and sweet little voice. She knows the words to every child's song, Sunday school song, and nursery rhyme, which she sings all the time. Her teacher has to hush her a bit at naptime as she sings herself to sleep (which she always has).

Vince was promoted to Lt. Col. by U.S. Ambassador Mel Sembler at the Embassy in March. He enjoys his duties and travels throughout Italy to Italian units and accompanies U.S. Army delegations during bilateral activities. He is the leader of Levi's Webelos den as well as chairman of the inter-agency working group at the Embassy in Rome. He is expected to become chairman of the USO-Rome advisory board this year. Needless to say...it's busy.

Amy worked at the Embassy boutique, which sells Italian products such as marble, jewelry, ceramics, stationery, music boxes, etc., since May. As fun as buying and selling these items was, Amy landed a great job with the State Department as the Community Liaison Office Coordinator (CLO). It will be a challenging, fun job for her as liaison between Embassy families and Management. This position plans community activities, socials, children's holiday parties, etc. as well as helping newcomers and even escorting visiting dignitaries to the Embassy. Finally, all the jobs, moves, and degrees have paid off. We are fortunate to have a wonderful live-in helper and nurse named Mailou...impossible without her.

We have enjoyed several visitors this year. Aunt Patty has been over twice, Vince's Mom, Regina, this Christmas and last, Vince's Mom in July and December, and Vince's

cousin Kathy last fall. We enjoyed Thanksgiving break in Italy with our long time friends Mike and Gloria Bownas and their girls (from Germany, where we met them 13 years ago). We're looking forward to a March visit by Rachel (Amy's graduate school buddy and now, OSU professor). We

hope my family can come over soon.

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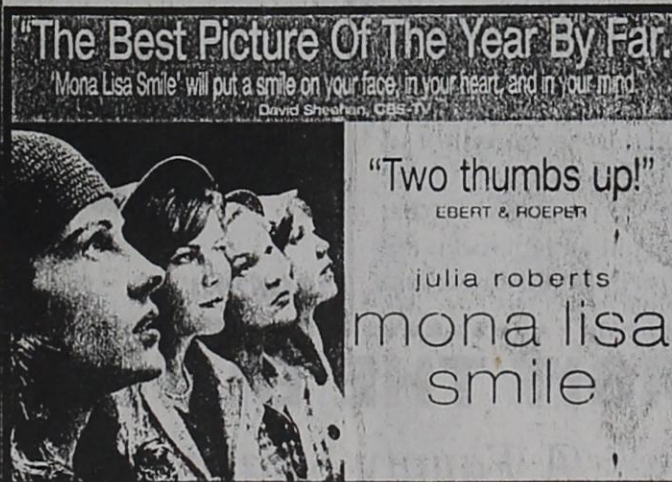
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Personally Speaking

By Sam Pendergrast



Sam Pendergrast and Gary Mauro

I Nominate Garry Mauro and Gov. Richardson ...

Well, the "centrist Democrats" seem to have things pretty much under control in the Arctic of New Hampshire, and my early guess would be that Kerry is the likely nominee to run against "Dubya" in November.

Young Edwards of the Cah'linas will be back some other year, but I'm afraid there's too much of a learning curve for General Clark Bar, who might have figured as a veep-to-be for Dr. Dean (or Hillary) with his war credentials, but it appears Dean is going to need a president-to-be instead. Demos do owe

Dean for making it safe to bash the Wizard of Baghdad, and he ought to be saved for the Kerry Cabinet or something.

Now, we've got to put some muscle behind Kerry's "presidential looks" and his able delivery of the growing indictment list of Dubya horrors. (There's something a bit troubling about the claim that Kerry can fix things because he's been around so long, raising the question: how come he didn't fix many of them while he was in the Loop so long?)

From the "who the Hell is he?" corner, I have two suggestions, one Texian and the other national.

Firstly, I want to nominate Governor Richardson of New Mexico for Kerry's veep candidate. Remember, he was Clinton's ambassador to the Far East, where he performed well and was well received as a not-quite-white person; and briefly in charge of the nuclear mess, where he had some difficulty around Los Alamos.

But he speaks Spanish beautifully, as a native of Guadalupe County, where I put out a grassroots paper for three fun years in the late 60's. And what this election needs is a lot of authentic Spanish out of the mouth of somebody who knows what he's saying. Texas, Arizona, California, and areas increasingly northerly are being Chicanoified as we speak, and the "Sleeping Brown Giant" will be a political power when it wakes up.

And Dubya, you know, to open what Chicanos recall as the "braceros" claims a program of legalized webbacks won't fly much for those who remember its

bounty of stoop labor and third world housing and broken promises of stipends for Mexican families. As with Medicare's drug program, it'll turn out to be a cheap-labor source for Bush Leaguers and a familiar disappointment for our millions of brown neighbors who expect to work hard and tend to have family values that shame the Bush twins.

Kerry looks and sounds right, and he seems to have the military thing lined up, but a guy who can mortgage his house for several million dollars probably needs a little more evidence of familiarity

with the likes of dirt-floored adobe's.

Closer To Home: I want to nominate Garry Mauro as the perant chairman of the Texas Democratic Party. A lifelong Democrat (and one-time Abilene child) who served nobly as Texas land czar and gave it up to run sacrificially against Dubya, Mauro is capable, right philosophically, and symbolic of the malady of Texas Democrats, who nominated him and then abandoned him in that long-ago campaign.

The real Democrats will be back in Texas, and Garry can show the way.

Meet The Author February 10

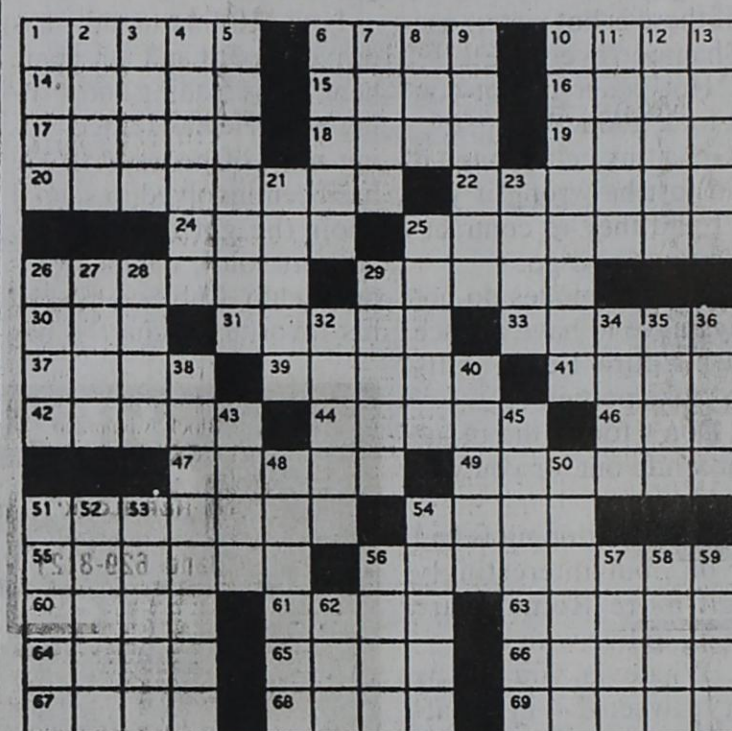
The Friends of the Cross Plains Library invite you to meet author Bob Lapham on Tuesday, February 10, 7 p.m., at the Cross Plains Community Center. Lapham is the author of *Meet Me at the River Buddy Holly*, a fascinating first novel based, in part, on his experiences during his "magical summer of 1957." As a member of the vocal trio the Picks, Lapham was one of three background vocalists for most of rock 'n roll legend Buddy Holly's early hits with the instrumental group the Crickets. Combining history with fiction, Lapham tells the story of that magical summer, letting his alter ego Trebor Maple stand in for him.

The fiction story begins some 40 years later when Brad Poole, a newspaper reporter in a small West Texas town (a thinly-disguised Abilene), is given the assignment to track down Maple and get his story. It seems Maple, all these years later, made more history by becoming an overnight sports sensation. He joined the PGA's Senior Tour and won his very first tournament - then walked off the course and disappeared from the news. Poole heads for Las Vegas, where Maple is now reported to be living. There he learns the story of this former rock 'n roller, who is now a pro golf instructor, a high stakes poker player, caregiver for his handicapped wife, and a bore-again Christian. If Trebor Maple's story isn't interesting enough, along the way we meet several other intriguing characters - and maybe even an Angel.

Lapham, now retired in Abilene, began his newspaper career as sports editor of *The Brownsville Herald* and soon was promoted to sports editor of three newspapers in the Valley. He remained in that position until 1973, receiving numerous United Press and

Associated Press awards. He retired from his newspaper career in 2000, as arts editor of the *Abilene Reporter-News*. He is the author of three other books, all non-fiction: *Twenty Years of Life*

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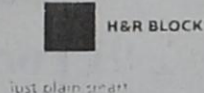


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reau, Dr. Thomas S. Tocco, then Superintendent of the Fort Worth Independent School District, and Don Brown, Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Texas, were commencement speakers for the three ceremonies held on the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Albany: Jan McNeill Oden, MED-Curriculum & Instruction; Joshua Alan Reames, BS-Ag Services & Development

Baird: Shane Roy Devenport, BBA-Marketing
Cisco: Jamie Rene Agnew, BBA-Management

Cross Plains: Jodi Lynn Payne*, BS-Computer Information Systems

Eastland: Trisha Sue Arnold, BS-Interdisciplinary Studies; Heath Duke Johnson, BS-Criminal Justice

Gordon: William Lawrence Cochran, MED-Educational Administration

Gorman: Jamie Lee Gilder, BS-Manufacturing Engineering Tech; Toby James Gilder, BS-Manufacturing Engineering Tech; Jennifer Rose Rice, BS-Animal Production

Ranger: Anita Leanne Ingram, BS-Communications; Tommy Keith Simmons, MED-Physical Education; Miranda Leann Speer*, BS-Exercise & Sports Studies; Rosalinda Zamora, BBA-Computer Information Systems

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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Perry proposes education funding plan

AUSTIN - Anyone who ever fantasized about how to spend the money if they won the lottery will understand recent developments in the Texas school finance issue.

Gov. Rick Perry last week laid out a proposed program to improve education in the state by offering various monetary incentives to schools, not school districts. The achievement bonuses would cost more than \$500 million, but Perry did not say how the state would pay for the plan he proposed.

The governor would not say when or even if he would be calling a special session to come up with a new school finance system for the state, something to replace the current Robin Hood funding method currently under attack in the courts.

If we have a special session this year, the governor told reporters, it will be educational excellence. School finance

will be an integral part of a session on educational excellence because how we finance education is the course to that destination.

The destination would offer cash to schools for working to reduce the number of high school drop outs, offering more advanced courses, raising test scores and rewarding excellent teachers.

Formally, the components of Perry's plan are called the High School Advancement Incentive, the Distinguished Achievement Program Initiative, the Algebra Incentive, the Limited English Proficiency Student Success Initiative, the Teacher Excellence Initiative, and the Student Progress Initiative.

A final piece of the governor's plan is a measure that would make possible more public scrutiny of school financial records.

Reacting to Perry's proposal from an A-plus position, the Texas Association of Business to an F from Controller and possibly future political opponent, Carole Keeton Strayhorn. In public's grade book the package goes down as incomplete since it is currently only an unfunded idea.

That's a wrap...

Perry's school program remains a work in progress, but the Texas Film Commission reports that 18 film and television projects

shot in Austin last year are in the can, as they say in Hollywood.

Austin enjoyed the largest film and television production budget in 2003 for the fourth year in a row, accounting for 84 percent of the total film budget for Texas. The Dallas-Fort Worth area was second, with \$16 in production budgets last year.

The biggest production in the Austin area last year was The Alamo, set for release this spring.

Speaking of history...

Last year the Legislature designated March as Texas History Month.

Plans already are well under way by a volunteer group called Celebrate Texas for the observance of Texas Fourth of July, which comes on March 2. That's a state holiday in commemoration of the signing of Texas Declaration of Independence.

Hooking kids on fishing...

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is trying to interest Texas small fry and their parents in fishing through a Family Fishing

Celebration. To encourage parents to take their youngsters fishing, the department has waived the requirement that adults have a fishing license to angle in a state park.

Size and catch limits remain unchanged, however.

From Whence Came I

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

I encourage you to go back in time to your childhood years. Think about the things that were part of your life. Then let your mind wonder to today. Think about the changes you have seen in the world and try to remember the transportation of those days. My parents were taken from place to place with horses and buggies. Think about the first time the teams of horses met the automobiles on the road. I know that many of the teams were very frightened and would even have run away because of it. My mother was in one buggy that this happened to and all of the children except her got out before the buggy turned over and she was hurt. Not too far behind the automobile was the airplane. Try to imagine what it would have been like to see the first airplane fly over your home. I have heard some funny stories about this also.

Think about the methods of communication in your early years. This may surprise you but our little community did not have telephones until I was in high school. (Oh, my, I am revealing my age.) When we did get telephones we were on party lines and we could hear other people as they conversed with friends or foe. Of course, they could also hear us and often it took a lot of patience for one person's conversation to end so you could make your important call. People were very nice if you had an emergency and really needed the phone. Often the conversation would become like a conference call.

Today most households have a phone for every person who lives in the house.

Then there was television. Not only could you hear others talking, you could see

picture of them at the same time. It had not been that long since even the movie theaters had only silent pictures. (Now I do not remember that personally) We have come a long way

in our search for improving things but human nature still cries out for good family relationships and good community relationship.

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Obituaries

Geneva Hallmark

MORAN- Geneva Hallmark, 84, of Moran, died Saturday, January 31, 2004 at an Abilene hospital. Geneva was born July 8, 1919 in Sedwick, Texas and married Don D. Hallmark on December 21, 1934 in Albany; he preceded her in death in 1993. She was baptized in the Church of Christ in 1935 and has been a faithful member. She worked for Davis Manufacturing in Breckenridge 13 years; for Russell Newman Manufacturing in Cisco four years; two years for U.S. Brass Company; and for two

years she helped at the Albany Youth Center cooking for senior citizens. She was a homemaker. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 2, 2004 at the Moran Church of Christ, Mark Wiebe and Chris Dowdy officiated. Interment followed in Moran Cemetery, directed by Godfrey-Neese Funeral Home. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Treva Hallmark Mitchell; five brothers and four sisters. Survivors are a number of nieces and nephews. *****

Ida Mae Nobles

OPLIN- Ida Mae Nobles, 91, of Grand Junction, Colorado and formerly of Oplin, died Thursday, January 29, 2004 at her home. Graveside services were held Thursday, February 5, 2004 at the Oplin Cemetery, Rev. H.B. Terry officiated, directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde. Mrs. Nobles was born January 2, 1913 in Runnels County to Carl and Alma (Burrow) Beaver. She married Arlie Nobles on August 23, 1929 in Mason. They lived for many years in the Oplin Community until Mr. Nobles death in 1967. After his death, she and her daughter moved to Cedaredge, Colorado in 1978 to be near her sister. She later

moved from Cedaredge to Grand Junction to be near her niece. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist in Cedaredge. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arlie; a daughter, Virginia Nobles; one sister, Helen Casabier; two brothers, Jack and Fuller Beaver; and two step-brothers, Audrey and E.J. Cranford. She is survived by four nieces, Barbara Felix of Grand Junction, CO, Kathleen Bates of Lone Oak, TX, Judy Freytag of Bella Vista, AR, and Patsy June of Green Valley, AZ; and several nephews and nieces-in-law including Kathryn Thornton of Abilene and Lucille Ford of Ovada. *****

James R. Morgan

BAIRD- James R. Morgan, 84, of Clyde, died Sunday, February 1, 2004 at an Abilene hospital. Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 11 a.m. at the Scranton Cemetery, directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird. Charles Annett officiated. He was born in Scranton, Texas on April 18, 1919. He married Billie Joyce Browning in Baird in 1948. He owned and operated Morgan Feed Store during the late 1940's. He was employed by El Paso Natural Gas Company as a field supervisor for 30 years,

retiring in 1982. He has lived in Clyde since 1982. He was a four year veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Infantry. Five brothers and three sisters preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Billie Joyce Morgan; two sons, Ron Morgan of Ruidosa, NM and Terry and his wife Judy Morgan of Scranton; one daughter, Carla Smith and husband James of Tuscola; and four grandsons, Jason, Jake, Jim Morgan and Nathan Chastain; one brother, Jake Morgan of Cisco; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. *****

Obituaries

Rubye Joyce Atwood

BAIRD- Rubye Joyce Atwood, 75, died in Midland, Friday, January 30, 2004. Graveside services were held in the Ross Cemetery Annex at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2004, directed by Parker Funeral Home in Baird. Her brother, Dr. Stanley S. McGowen, officiated. She was born in Oplin, Texas on January 9, 1929. She attended grade school in Oplin and graduated from Baird High School in 1947. She moved to Midland in

1951, and worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for various oil companies retiring from Yale Key Enterprises in 1990 after serving as their office manager. Glenn Atwood, her father, preceded her in death. Survivors include her mother, Lillian McGowen and a brother, Dr. Stanley S. McGowen, both of Weatherford. Memorials may be made to the Baird Cemetery Association. *****

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BAIRD BEARS



Baird Teams Win Over Cross Plains; District Win Over Albany Leaves Bear VG Undefeated

Victory was on the Bear's side in Tuesday's games vs. Cross Plains.

Both Varsity and JV teams gave their all and dribbled their way to winning scores.

Baird VB won 54-41 over Cross Plains; Varsity Girls 64-47.

The Bear VB team held a district record of 3-1 after the game. Bear Varsity Girls continued their perfect District record with 5-0.

A steady scoring trend throughout all 4 quarters seemed to mark the Bear VB's game.

Varsity player Rodriguez lead the boy's team scores with 23. Josh Sims also scored in the double digits with 10 points.

Baird Varsity Girls took a one point lead in the first quarter, excelling in the 2nd with 20 points, and in the 4th with 25.

Misty McDowell booked 36 points for the Baird Varsity Girls, with Harris adding 10 points to the score.

Baird JV Boys kept a good lead over their Cross Plains counterpoint team, winning 56-36. Baird JV Girls added a 46-44 win to their season record.

The win over Cross Plains was only a prelude for Bear's Varsity Girls as they challenged Albany in a District 10-A game on Friday.

Taking a 14-8 lead over Albany in the first quarter, Baird VG wrapped up a win of 57-46 over the North-West Texas team.

Russel (10), Harris (10), Bell (11), and McDowell (15) all scored in the double digits. Windham (4) and Moore (2) added more points to the end score.

Albany VG had racked up a substantial win over Ranger (67-30) on Tuesday, but couldn't hold the trend against

the strong defensive and offensive Baird VG team.

The win over Albany gives Baird VG a District Record of 6-0. Albany VG slipped to 4-2.

The Baird Varsity Boys didn't fair as well in Friday's District 10-A match with Albany. They were defeated 54-35.

Bear Rodriguez put 14 points on the scoreboard for the Baird VB team, but this was matched by scores from Albany's Johnston (12) and Morales (12).

Baird VB now stands with a District record of 3-2.

This week sees Baird VB, VG, JVG, and JVB teams meeting Gorman and Ranger.

The match with Gorman is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Baird. The Bears challenge Ranger on Friday, Feb. 6 in Ranger.

Basketball Scores

Boys

Baird 54, Cross Plains 41

Cross Plains 7 8 9 17 - 41

Baird 14 13 12 15 - 54

Baird - Rodriguez 23, L. J. Mendez 5, B. Mendez 2, Morgan 3,

Closs 4, Scott 2, Jo. Sims 10, Roberts 2, Je. Sims 3

Record - Baird 14-5, 3-1

JV Score - Baird 56, Cross Plains 36

Girls

Baird 64, Cross Plains 47

Cross Plains 10 15 8 14 - 47

Baird 11 20 8 25 - 64

Baird - Windham 6, Russell 3, Moore 4, Harris 13, Misty

McDowell 36, Bell 2.

Record - Baird 18-6, 5-0.

JV Score - Baird 46, Cross Plains 44

Boys

Albany 54, Baird 35

Baird 11 0 8 16 - 35

Albany 16 7 14 17 - 54

Baird - Rodriguez 14, Burford 4, Mendez 6, Scott 5, Josh Sims 4,

Jeremy Sims 2.

Record - Baird 3-2.

JV Score - Albany 42, Baird 30

Girls

Baird 57, Albany 46

Baird 14 21 12 10 - 57

Albany 8 19 8 11 - 46

Baird - Windham 4, Russell 10, Moore 2, Harris 10, McDowell

15, Bell 11

Record - Baird 19-6, 6-0.

JV Score - Albany defeated Baird

Basketball Schedule

High School

Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29, 30, 31, There, TBA, VG, VB
 Fri., Jan. 2, Throckmorton, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Tues., Jan. 6, Munday, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Fri., Jan. 9, Cross Plains, There, 6:30, JVG, VG
 Tues., Jan. 13, Albany, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Fri., Jan. 16, Gorman, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Tues., Jan. 20, Ranger, Baird, 4:00, JVB, JVB, VG, VB
 Fri., Jan. 23 TBA
 Tues., Jan. 27, Cross Plains, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Fri., Jan. 30, Albany, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Tues., Feb. 3, Gorman, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Fri., Feb. 6, Ranger, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 Tues., Feb. 10, TBA
 Fri., Feb. 13, Cross Plains, There, 6:30, JVB, VB

Junior High

Jan. 5, Gorman, Here, 5:00, 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G
 Jan. 12, Ranger, There, 5:00, 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G
 Jan. 17, Cisco Tourney, There, TBA, TBA
 Jan. 19, Abilene Christian, Here, 5:00, 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B
 Jan. 26, Cross Plains, There, 6:00, 7B, 8B, 8G
 Jan. 29 & 31, Albany Tourney, TBA, TBA, TBA
 Feb. 2, Albany, Here, 6:00, 7G, 8G
 Feb. 2, Albany, There, 6:00, 7B, 8B
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