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Callahan County Library News

New at the library are: Ultimate Guide to Grandmas and Grandpas by Sally Lloyd-Jones, Everything but the Kitchen Sink by Frieda Wishinsky, The Missing Girl by Norma Fox Mazer, The Boxer and the Spy by Robert B. Parker and Killer View* by Ridley Pearson. Also at the library: Murder in Little Italy by Victoria Thompson, Claire Fontaine, Crime Fighter by Tracey Enright, Of Numbers and Stars by D. Anne Love, Judge and Jury by James Patterson, Angel's Fall by Nora Roberts, Baby Sign Language by Karyn Warburton.

*Large type book, all of these books were purchased with Loan Star Libraries Grant money.

From the Past

Callahan County Clarendon

April 10, 1880

Description of Callahan County and Belle Plain (continued)

Very few crops have been raised in this county, hence its agricultural resources have not been fully tested, but so far as has been discovered there is no cause for doubting its adaptability to agricultural pursuits. All kinds of crops that have been planted in the county have yielded well and some kinds abundantly.

This county has a greater area of grazing land than farming land although the county is now entirely over

stocked which caused a great loss of cattle the past winter. There is no doubt but hundreds of first class farms can yet be had in the county; lands are cheap at present and now is the time to secure them.

Belle Plain, the County Seat, is most admirably located in an inclined prairie just on the edge of the vast body of post oaks laying on the south of us, being high and on the open prairie, it is one of the most beautiful locations in the state; it has a wonderfully substantial class of buildings; it has about eighteen or twenty business houses, six of which are built of rock, and four of them two stories high; a new jail, all of stone and iron, to cost \$6,500, will be completed in this spring; we have one Odd Fellows lodge; and there is a prospect of the organization of a Masonic Lodge in the near future; Presbyterian and Methodist Church organization, a fine and promising school, and the usual complement of professional gentlemen, we have a daily mail from Fort Worth and five different stage lines center here. We do say without fear of successful contradiction, that there is not a town on the frontier of Texas that is such a law-abiding town as Belle Plain; a drunken man is very seldom seen on the streets.

(To be continued...)

DPS Report For The 2008 Year

CASES INVESTIGATED	on
Warnings 6206	3 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle
Complaints 3187	3 Evading Arrest or Detention
ACCIDENTS	3 Fail to Identify
148 accidents investigated during the 2008 year	1 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol-Minor
62 Driving While Intoxicated	11 Public Intoxication
26 Driving While License Invalid	1 Display Fictitious License Plate
22 Possession of Marijuana	1 Display Fictitious MVI Certificate
3 Possession of Controlled Substance	1 Criminal Mischief
7 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1 Bigamy
29 Fugitive Arrest	3 Money Laundering
8 Open Container	3 Gambling Paraphernalia
2 Unlawful Carrying Weapon	

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Second Semester Begins At Baird High School

The second semester began with an icy, slow start. But sports are still going fast and furious. High school basketball is going well and shortly baseball and softball will follow. While waiting for track, tennis, and golf to start Baird High School athletes prepare in off-season.

Baird FFA and Baird 4-H is preparing for the county show which will be held January 15, 16, and 17 at the Callahan County Show Barn in Cross Plains. Coronation will be February 21st at 7 PM in Baird High School Auditorium.

During March many student activities and UIL competitions will be taking place like UIL concert band contest, student council trips

and activities, and one act play, which will be held March 26th for competition and the 29th for the public. Then, Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, TAKS, will be around the corner practically following spring break March 16-20. TAKS days are as follows, March 3-6, April 7-9, 27 - 30 and May 1st. The junior - senior prom will be in April.

Then, finally to wrap up the end of the year, the annual Ag Olympics will be held. For the seniors, this is the end to high school and graduation is May 29th.

By Alysa Isenhower, BHS Journalism Class

Commissioners Court Minutes

Commissioners' Court Minutes

1100 W. 4th St.
Baird, Texas 79504

January 12, 2009
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on January 12, 2009 A.D., and the following officers were present to wit:

Roger Corn, Judge Presiding
Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Dianne Gunter, County Treasurer

Suzee Odom, Deputy County Clerk, and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court and the following items of business were transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

Information from Doug Ford representing the Board of the Callahan County Citizens EMS was presented to Commissioners. Mr. Ford agreed to meet with Commissioners at a later date for more discussion. No Action was taken.

County Treasurer Dianne Gunter presented a recommendation from a TAC

Representative to remove the Family Medical Act from the Employee Handbook. Motion to accept the change to the Employee Handbook was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Kirkland. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the appointment of Members to the Callahan County Historical Commission. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Windham. Motion carried 5-0. Exhibit

Commissioners considered County Policy on Crossing County Roads. No Action was taken.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Judge Corn. Motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Roger Corn,
County Judge

The foregoing minutes were read and signed this 12th day of January, 2009.

Donna Bell,
County Clerk

Also attending:
Doug Ford
Steve Odom

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Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show January 15-17

The annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held in the County Show Barn in Cross Plains Thursday, January 15 through Saturday, January 17. Starting time will be Thursday, January 15 at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show Schedule

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, January 15

5:30 p.m. Rabbit & Poultry Show

Friday, January 16

8 a.m. Breeding Gilts followed by Market Swine

1:30 p.m. Market Sheep followed by Meat & Boer Goats

Saturday, January 17

8:30 a.m. Beef Heifer followed by Market Steers

1 p.m. Premium

Auction Sale

Arrival Times

The arrival times for the County Jr. Livestock Show are as follows:

Swine- January

15- Entries will be taken

from 1 to 7 p.m.

Poultry &

Rabbits- January 15- Weigh

in from 3-5 p.m.

Lambs, Goats-January 15-

Weigh in from 3-7 p.m.

Steers & Heifers- January

16- Weigh in from 5-6 p.m.

The Premium Sale will

begin at 1 p.m. The Awards

Presentation of all the

trophies for the champion

animals will be held prior to

the premium sale auction.

Everyone is invited to

attend the Jr. Livestock

Show and support the youth

of Callahan County.

Search Is On For Miss Callahan County 2009

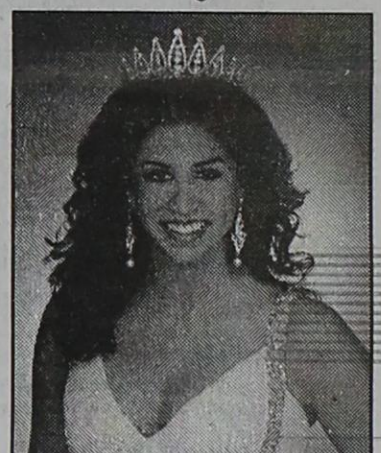
If you are unmarried, have never been married or given birth, and between the ages of 19 and 29, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2009 "Miss Callahan County International"! Miss Callahan County International will represent her area at the Miss Texas International Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas, March 20 - 22, 2009.

The young woman selected as "Miss Callahan County International" will become an ambassador from the --- Callahan County --- area and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady crowned Miss Texas International will receive a prize package valued at over \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2008 Miss International Pageant in Chicago.

The American Heart Association is the official charity of the Miss Teen Texas International Pageant. In 2008, the International Pageants joined the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and each state titleholder will champion heart disease as a national platform in addition to promoting their own platform throughout the year.

Go Red for Women captures the energy, passion, and intelligence of women, to work collectively to wipe out heart disease - the No. 1 killer of women. While 1-in-30 American women die of breast cancer,



Alyssa Perez

almost 1-in-3 will die from cardiovascular disease. Our passion is to unite women in this fight, even at an early age. Our involvement in the movement can help save lives. For more information go to www.GoRedForWomen.org.

The current reigning "2008" Miss Texas is Alyssa Perez of Houston, Texas. As Miss Texas, Alyssa serves as a spokesperson for the Gynecological Cancer Foundation.

Alyssa dedicated her reign as Miss Texas is to educate young women about the importance of prevention and early detection of

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DPS Report

1-4-09 to 1-10-09

CASES INVESTIGATED

ED

Warnings- 78

Complaints- 46

DWI- 1

Possession of Marijuana-

2

Driving While License In-

valid- 1

ACCIDENTS

There were 8 accidents in-

vestigated during this time

span.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Grace Laird

CISCO- Dorothy Grace Laird, 73, of Cisco passed away January 6, 2009, in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Burial followed in the Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home. Visitation was 5-7:00 PM Friday at Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel.

Dorothy was born June 25, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois to Emery Gevichs and Evelyn Jung.

She married William Laird March 23, 1968 in Yuma, Arizona. She was a sign language interpreter for the Sheriff's Department in California. After moving to

Cisco, she was employed by the Cisco ISD in the Food Service.

Dorothy was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, William, of Cisco; three sons, Richard Laird of Weatherford, Doug Noice and wife, Peggy, of Clyde, and Bob Cox and wife, Paula, of Anson; two daughters, Vicki Houge of Abilene, Tammy Harris and friend, Darwin Archer of Cisco; sister, Diane Dyer of Los Angeles; and 13 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Betsy Laird, preceded her in death.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Jerry Lawrence Swofford

CLYDE- Jerry Lawrence Swofford, 67, of Clyde, died Thursday, January 8, 2009 at a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 11, 2009 at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Sam Nichols officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Jerry was born on March 11, 1941 in Winters, Texas to Homer Ernest (Chic) Swofford and Gladys Jewell (Graham) Swofford. He graduated from Clyde High School, and was also a graduate of North Texas State University. Jerry also earned an Associate degree in Theology, traveling to Czechoslovakia as a missionary. He was a Baptist. Jerry was a lifelong resident

of Clyde, and owned Clyde Insurance Agency for 20 years until his retirement. Jerry was a proud father and grandfather, an inspiration to many and loved by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chic and Gladys Swofford; and one brother, Gaston Swofford.

Survivors are two daughters, Sharla Durham of Abilene and Shelley Rae Swofford of Clyde; two grandsons, Nicholas (Nick) Ray Swofford Holmes of Clyde and Samuel Cody Swofford Holmes of Clyde and sister-in-law, Mert Swofford of Clyde.

Jimmie Bailey Burnett

LEVELLAND- Jimmie Bailey Burnett died Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 9, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Levelland with Dr. Brian Hill, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church and Rev. Harold Harrison of Whiteface officiating. Burial was in the City of Levelland Cemetery directed by George Price Funeral Home.

Jimmie was born April 8, 1925 in Baird, Texas. She was the third of five children of Pete and Millie Chatham. She graduated from Baird High School in 1942 and attended Hardin-Simmons University with a major in Business. Upon hearing of a shortage of teachers in the area, she moved to Levelland in 1945 where she resided until her death.

She taught school in the Levelland School District for three years before joining First National Bank as a secretary in March, 1948. She remained there 28 years; first as an assistant cashier then as a secretary. After leaving the bank she worked at South Plains College and Hockley County Tax Office before going to work as an office assistant to the dental practice of Dr. Bob Roberson and later Dr. Jesus Rodriguez before retiring in 1992. After her retirement she volunteered at Hockley County Senior Citizens Center for five years before agreeing to go to work for them officially. She initially planned to retire (again) at the age of 80 but continued to work for another year or so after that. She always loved working and kept in touch with many former co-workers. Each job was a special venture for her as she loved being with people. Jimmie joined First Baptist

Church in 1945 and through the years was active in her Sunday School class and other phases of the church. Her ministry was sending cards, keeping in touch by phone and taking food to members and friends. In 1987 she joined Matrons Study Club and has held various offices in that club. She also enjoyed line dancing with a group at Senior Citizens.

She married Percy Bailey on July 12, 1947 and they were able to enjoy nearly 55 years together before his death in March of 2002. On October 25, 2004 she married John Marvin Burnett, whom she had known for around fifty years. They became reacquainted through their association at the Senior Citizens Center and First Baptist Church. During their marriage they worked together on various projects including the planning of their new home which brought them much enjoyment during their time together.

In addition to her first husband, Percy; she was preceded in death by her father and mother, Pete and Millie Chatham; one brother, Russell Chatham; one sister, Mamie Laverne (Tootsie) Austin.

Survivors are her husband, Marvin Burnett, brother, Curt Chatham of Keller, TX. and her sister, Alene Hodson of Dallas; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to Hockley County Senior Citizens Center, First Baptist Church of Levelland, or the charity of your choice.

Wanda Louise Hagan Lindsey

EULA- Wanda Louise Hagan Lindsey, 78, of Eula, died Thursday, January 8, 2009.

The family received visitors Saturday afternoon in Clyde. Arrangements by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Ms. Lindsey was born August 16, 1930 at Knox City, Texas to Cleo and

Cassidy Miller Goes To Hawaii For Softball Honor

BAIRD - Cassidy Miller, a junior at Baird High School, got a once in a lifetime opportunity to go to Hawaii during the Christmas break. The Club USA National High School Softball Championships is an invitation only organization, which Miller was honored to be included.

Baird Head Softball coach, Robyn Waggoner nominated Cassidy to participate because Miller plans on playing college softball.

Miller played 12 games in 3 days on the Oahu Island in Hawaii. Miller was asked why type of workouts the teams did and she said, "the workouts were a lot of sprints and agilityes. We ran on the beach on at the ballpark." Miller was competing against athletes from 49 other states in the tournament showcasing some of the best school year 2007-2008 high school softball athletes in the United States.

Miller also added, "it was an amazing experience, I learned a lot, and I will remember this for the rest of my life. Thank you to Coach Waggoner for even giving me this opportunity. Thank you to every one who supported me."

Written by: Rainy Burks, BHS Journalism Class



Baird ISD School Menu

Thursday, January 15

Breakfast: Toast and Cereal, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Sub Sandwiches, Baked Chips, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Orange Smiles

Friday, January 16

Out of School

Monday, January 19

Breakfast: Breakfast Bites, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Salad, Broccoli & Cheese, Garlic Sticks,

Pineapples

Tuesday, January 20

Breakfast: Sausage Bagel, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Fruit Cup

Wednesday, January 21

Breakfast: Waffle Sticks, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Salad, Peach Cobbler

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Miss Callahan County

gynecological cancers through the "Everyday Pink" program. "I first became involved with cancer as a volunteer at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center located in downtown Houston, Texas," says Alyssa. "Most young women are unaware of the health care options to detect cancer. Since mammograms are generally for older women, young women still have the option of ultrasounds which can easily detect signs of tumors or anything irregular in the breast. Annual pap smears are a necessity when trying to detect signs of all gynecological cancers. In the United States, the Pap test saves the lives of 70% of the women who might have died from cervical cancer without the test.

Studies have shown that the use of oral contraceptives can reduce women's risk of developing any of the four female cancers. The use of vaccines for human papillomavirus (HPV), a leading cause of cervical cancer, and the cervical cancer vaccine can lower the risk of developing

this particular type of cancer." For more about gynecological cancers, visit the GCF website at: www.thegcf.org.

Miss contestants will compete in Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary!!!)

Young ladies working, living, or attending school in --- Callahan County --- interested in applying should write for a bio. form:

Miss Texas International Pageant
14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197
San Antonio, TX 78232
or call, e-mail, or visit our website for more information:
210.403.0589
Kristin@TexasInternationalPageants.com
www.missmississippistexasinternational.com
The final application deadline is February 15, 2009

Lindsey of Eula, son, Billy Dale Lindsey of Abilene; daughter, Susan L. Cook and husband, Steve of Arlington; five grandchildren, Mark Lindsey, Lindsey Cook, Amy Cook Kinney, Mac Cook and Banning Lindsey;

and one great-grandson, Patrick M. Kinney.

The family requests that memorials be sent to West Texas Rehabilitation Center 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605.

Susan J. Schaefer

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ACREAGE

31.32 Acres - Eastland Co- wooded mostly with oak trees, several large hills with views down to canyons & a creek, paved road frontage, very nice property, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$81,432

32 Acres - Eastland Co- small pecan orchard, mostly open with some scattered trees, rolling hill with view, close to water line, excellent home site, deer, turkey, dove, quail \$2,225 per acre.

45.75 Acres - Eastland Co- mobile home, water well, mostly wooded with oaks, one field ideal for wildlife, small tractor, shredder, blinds & feeders, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, & quail \$110,000

48+/- Acres - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with oaks, small field ideal for wildlife, great recreation or home site, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, & quail \$105,360

60 Acres - Eastland Co- mostly open with coastal fields, some wooded areas with oak trees, 2 ponds, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail \$3,000 per acre.

62 Acres - Eastland Co- camper, water line, electricity, mostly wooded with oaks, hills with good views, creek, wildflowers, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$131,000

65.43 Acres - Eastland Co- wooded with oaks, large hill with great view, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$148,000

65.49 Acres - Eastland Co- mobile home, wooded with oaks, two large hill with great views, ponds, water well, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$156,000

66+/- Acres - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with oaks, small field ideal for wildlife, pond, water well, rolling hill with view, home site potential, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, & quail. \$144,870

75 Acres - Eastland Co- Mixed wooded with oaks & various fields, metal barn, 3 ponds, water line, livestock pens, lots of cross fencing, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail \$156,000

91 Acres - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with oaks trees, large hills, creek, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail \$198,000

100 Acres - Eastland Co- on I-20 at spur 490 intersection, wooded with oak trees, very large hills and canyons, water line, commercial building, paved road frontage, views for miles off the various hills, deer, turkey, hogs, quail. \$265,000

114 Acres - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with mature oak trees, several smaller fields, hill down to creek bottom, water well, pond, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$250,000

148 Acres - Eastland Co- wooded mostly with oak trees, very large hill with view, ponds, water line, livestock pens, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$2175 per acre.

155 Acres - Callahan Co - mostly wooded with oaks & mesquites, three large ponds, some fields, large hills & canyons, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$279,000

241 Acres wooded with very large hills, post oak, live oak, 2 creeks, 2 ponds, water well, views & loaded with wildlife \$524,000

320 Acres brick home - Eastland Co- wooded mostly with live oak & post oak trees, very large hills with views for miles, canyons, creeks, 1 lake, 2 ponds, some fields, 3 water wells, very nice 2,800+/- sq. ft. brick home, CH/CA, large shop, barns, equipment sheds, pipe livestock pens, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, very nice hill country type property, \$815,000

327 Acres - Callahan Co- creeks, hills, mostly wooded with mesquite & oaks, paved road frontage \$645,000

344 Acres on Leon River - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with a large portion of big pecan tree bottoms, live oak & post oak trees too, several very large hills with great views, 4 different creeks & the Leon River runs through the property, 1 lake, 3 ponds, various wetland areas, lots of water, barn, water well, good fishing & lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$2,500 per acre.

344 Acres with Stone Home - Eastland Co- 4BR 4 bath, large 2 story home built in 2005, granite, hardwoods, landscaped yard, many extras, very nice property, paved road frontage, open & wooded, shop, barn, 4 ponds, creek, livestock pens \$1,059,000

445 Acres High Fence on Leon River, 200+ genetics, nice 3 BR 2 bath home, garage, large shop, 5-years under high fence deer management, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, & quail \$1,100,000

450 Acres - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with live oak & post oak, creek, 1 lake, 7 ponds, food plots, protein feeders, stands, corn feeders, observatory tower, Eastland Co \$1,595,000

1601 Acres Live creek, spring with water fall, 250 feet of extreme elevation changes, views as far as you can see, mostly wooded with mature trees, food plots, feeders, stands, recently built 4 bedroom 2 bath luxury home completely furnished & with a hill top view, water well, lots of wildlife including whitetail, mule deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. One of a kind ranch priced to sell \$1,100 per acre.

HOMES

2 BR, 1 3/4 bath with CH/A, chain link fence, detached storage building, corner property. \$25,000

3BR, 2 bath home with CH/A, stone windows, some wood floors, double carport, work shop, 25'x48' (per CAD) \$88,000

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with separate dining room, LR and den, eating bar in kitchen, 25'x48' (per CAD) \$105,000

metal building, 3 1/2 10's. Reduced to \$52,000

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick home with CH, woodburning fireplace, camerroom, fenced backyard. \$65,000

3 BR, 2 bath home with CH/A, large den, dining, kitchen combination, separate living room, 2 closets, carport replaced, double garage, 2 10's, \$88,500

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick home with CH/A, kitchen builtins, attached 2 vehicle garage with openers, large screened porch, storage building, fenced backyard. \$79,500

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick home, CH/A, WBFP, kitchen builtins, 2 vehicle garage, 2 10's, patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard. \$88,000

3 BR, 2 bath home, large LR with WBFP, huge den or game room, CH/A, 4 vehicle carport, fenced backyard, corner property. \$88,000

4 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick home, CH/A, large LR, separate DR, storm windows, storm cellar, covered patio, large storage bldg, 2 vehicle carport, fenced backyard. \$89,500

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick home, CH/A, WBFP, kitchen builtins, LR and den, attached 2 vehicle carport, detached garage or shop, 2 storage bldgs, fenced backyard. \$92,500

RECENTLY BUILT 3BR, 2 bath home with CH/A, double pane windows, workshop, double carport, approx. 2 acres. \$95,000

3 BR, 1 bath home, some wood floors, detached 2 vehicle garage, shop, storage bldg, barn on approx. 18 acres. \$97,500

On 2 acres, fenced and crossfenced. 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH/A, DR plus breakfast nook, double pane windows, metal siding metal roof, surrounded by large oak trees, carport, storage bldg, barn. Reduced to \$99,500

3 BR, 2 bath home with 2 family rooms, central air and heat, WBFP covered balcony, drive thru 2 vehicle carport, storage bldgs, patio, many large oak trees on approx. 1 1/2 acre.

New construction, beautiful 3 BR, 2 bath brick home, CH/A, master bath has 6' x 6' tile, granite counter, large kitchen with many nice cabinets, 2 closets, 2 10's, tile bath windows maintenance free exterior, garage, many extras.

COMMERCIAL

Commercial property that fronts on Interstate 20, shop, small office building, 2 large carports, previously used for inventory sales \$72,500. Call for details.

Ann Williams, Broker
Jimmy Williams

Inaugural Coaching Staffs To Reunite For 10th Anniversary FCA All-Star Classic

As part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the Greathouse Big Country FCA All-Star Classic, the coaching staffs from the first-ever football game have agreed to reunite for the 2009 classic on June 13 at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

The return of the coaching staffs is one of the highlights of the 10th annual version of the FCA classic. It was announced earlier that Abilene Regional Medical Center will sponsor an inaugural women's all-star basketball game, also on June 13, prior to the annual football game. Organizers from the Big Country chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes plan for the two all-star games to conclude a week-long list of activities for participants from throughout the Big Country and Concho Valley. All proceeds go to the FCA.

Both head coaches - Abilene Wylie's Hugh Sandifer and Abilene High's Steve Warren - will be back to lead the South and North squads for the 10th Anniversary game. The South, led by Sandifer, defeated Warren's North squad in that first-ever game, 21-6, in June 2000. Warren coached the North to a 22-21 victory in the 2005 classic, while this will be Sandifer's first game since in the inaugural classic.

The North coaching staff will return in full, with Warren serving as head coach and assisted by Albany head coach Denney Faith, former Colorado City head coach Gerald James and former Sweetwater head coach Hank Dowell. James is now an assistant coach in Bridgeport, while Dowell is on Warren's staff at AHS.

Assisting Sandifer for the South will be former Brownwood head coach Steve Freeman, former Ballinger head coach Danny Slaughter and Abilene Wylie defensive coordinator Clay Martin. Martin replaces former Abilene Cooper head coach Randy Quisenberry from the first staff. Quisenberry has a scheduling conflict and is unavailable for the 2009 game.

The all-star football team

rosters will be announced, along with the rosters for the first women's basketball game, on Saturday, Feb. 7. All of the members of the All-Star Class of 2009 will also be honored at the All-Star Induction Banquet in April at the Abilene Civic Center.

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2009 Greathouse All-Star Classic
All-Star Football Game
Coaches Biographies
SOUTH
Head Coach
Hugh Sandifer of Abilene Wylie

Sandifer returns to the FCA game after winning the inaugural classic in 2000 by a 21-6 score. In the 10 years since, he has continued to build one of the winningest high school football programs in the state at Abilene Wylie. Sandifer's Bulldogs have advanced to the playoffs 18 times in his 23-year tenure as head coach, including 16 of the last 17 years. During that impressive stretch, he won the school's first football state championship in 2004 and the 2008 season marked Wylie's sixth trip to the state semifinals and 10th straight district title. With his first victory in 2009, Sandifer will reach the 200-victory milestone, with only 78 losses and 4 ties.

An Abilene Christian University graduate, Sandifer has spent his entire 30 years in the coaching profession at Wylie. Prior to becoming

head football coach and athletic director 23 years ago, he led the Bulldog basketball team to seven district championships in a 13-year stint as head coach.

His awards include Chuck Moser Award (2001), Tom Landry Award (2004) and the Texas Association of Sports Officials Coaches' Achievement Award (2005). He also has been honored by his two alma maters as a Hall of Honor inductee at Schertz Clemens High School and a Distinguished Alumni award by ACU.

Assistant Coach
Steve Freeman of Brownwood

Before announcing his resignation in December, Freeman served the last 12 seasons as head coach at one of the state's most storied football programs in Brownwood.

While with the Lions, his teams captured two district championships and twice advanced to the Class 4A quarterfinals. With stops in Hamlin and Brownwood, he has compiled a 114-63 career record as a head coach. He also guided his Hamlin teams to the area and quarterfinal playoff rounds.

Freeman played his high school football at Roscoe and was a member of 1977 national championship team at Abilene Christian University.

Assistant Coach
Clay Martin of Abilene Wylie

While many may know of Martin the architect of the Wylie baseball dynasty, he

also has made a significant mark in the school's football program since becoming defensive coordinator in 2000. Since that time, Wylie has been to the state semifinals four times, the state finals once and earned the state championship in 2004.

A former Hardin-Simmons University baseball player and assistant coach, Martin has built a baseball program at Wylie that is unrivaled. His Bulldogs have won 15 straight district championships and have made four appearances in the state tournament, including back-to-back trips in 2006 and 2007. His teams have won more than 70 percent of their games with an overall record of 358-147-3.

Martin received the Chuck Moser Award in 2007 and was coach for the North team in the 2008 Texas Coaches Association All-Star Baseball Game.

Assistant Coach
Danny Slaughter of Ballinger

Before retiring in 2001, Slaughter was a fixture in West Texas coaching circles. In 2000, at the time of the inaugural FCA Classic, he was completing his 32-year career that included head coaching stops in Sterling City, Aspermont, Winters, Eastland and Ballinger.

A winner of more than 160 games, Slaughter started his career in Sterling City in 1969. His son, Craig, is the head coach of the Clyde Bulldogs. After retirement, he entered private business in Ballinger.

NORTH
Head Coach
Steve Warren of Abilene High

The only man to serve as head coach in more than one Greathouse Big Country FCA All-Star Classic, Warren takes a 1-1 record in the 2009 game. His North team lost the inaugural game, 21-6, in 2000, but he led the North to a dramatic 22-21 victory in 2005 when one of his own players, Matt Adams of Abilene High, boomed a 55-yard field goal with 2 seconds remaining.

Warren has orchestrated a dramatic turnaround in the fortunes of the Abilene High football program since taking over in 1996. His 2001 team won the school's first district championship in 44 years and the Eagles have since added three more, including in 2008. His Eagle teams have gone 114-40 with 10 consecutive trips to the Class 5A playoffs. Warren's overall coaching record is 132-62 with head coaching stops at Wall and Rotan prior to coming to AHS.

Assistant Coach
Denney Faith of Albany

This is the third FCA Classic for the unofficial "dean of Big Country coaches," and as head coach he guided the North team to its first-ever Classic victory with a 14-7 victory in 2001.

Faith is coming off one of his most successful seasons in his 22-year career as head coach for the Albany Lions. Unranked throughout the

season, Faith's Lions stormed to a 14-0 start before falling in the Class A semifinals. In 1991, Albany won its first 15 games to reach the state finals for the fourth time in school history, and the Lions have gone at least three rounds deep six times in the past 10 years, reaching the quarterfinals three times.

All 26 years of Faith's career has been at Albany, where he has compiled a 176-69-4 record.

Assistant Coach
Gerald James of Bridgeport

James was at the head of the Colorado City football program when he coached in the first-ever FCA Classic in 2000. Now, he is the defensive coordinator and head golf coach at Bridgeport High School. In 2008, Bridgeport stormed to the Class 3A football quarterfinals.

Head coach at Colorado City from 1998-2002, James also served as head coach at Leonard and has been an assistant at Haltom City and Keller Fossil Ridge. He was selected district coach of the year in 1998 and 2000 at Colorado City and again at Leonard in 2003.

Assistant Coach
Hank Dowell of Abilene High

Dowell just completed his 37th season as a West Texas high school football coach, serving as both an assistant and head coach. He was the head man at Sweetwater when he served on Warren's North FCA staff in 2000. Shortly thereafter, he joined Warren at Abilene High, and has been instrumental in helping build the Eagles into a state powerhouse.

In addition to his tenures at Sweetwater and Abilene High, Dowell has coached in Plainview and Idalou.

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree

The Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree will be held Saturday, January 17th at 6 p.m. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. Jamboree to be held at Civic Center 301 E. Housely St. (Hwy 16 to downtown, turn East on Hwy 108 (Housely St.) 2 blocks.

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- One of a pair
 - Females entering society
 - Green regions of desert
 - Gorse genus
 - A way out
 - Botswanan monetary units
 - ___ne: tranquil
 - Begot
 - Wipe out recorded information
 - Common spa garment
 - ___bral: intellectual
 - Auricle
 - Something unusual
 - Bungalows
 - Nights prior
 - The 18th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 - Pie ___ mode
 - Roman Demeter
 - Imitate
 - Scad genus
 - Japanese airline
 - Sea eagles
 - European defense organization
 - Curatives
 - Conditions of balance
 - Women's undergarment
 - Water parsnip genus
 - Calling number references
 - Murdered in his bathtub
 - Highly excited
 - Profligate
 - The upper crust
 - Conc ___ cement
 - ___ Pound, poet
 - Supplied with microphone
 - A military dining room
 - Distribute playing cards

- CLUES DOWN**
- Anything indispensable
 - Away from wind
 - ___ace: patio
 - Training by multiple repetitions
 - Catch sight of
 - Expel from a country
 - Kind of ballpoint pen
 - ___son: fedora
 - Performs surgery
 - Roman goddess of the dawn
 - Thick piece of something
 - ___ into things
 - Midway between south and southeast
 - Thus far
 - 8th Hebrew letter
 - Go over
 - Oats genus
 - Past tense of rerun
 - Cloaks
 - Lyric poems
 - Festivities
 - Fill with high spirits
 - Gulf of, in the Aegean
 - Capital of Yemen
 - In a way, oozed out
 - Smitten
 - Harvest
 - Remove by erosion
 - Encirclements
 - Vessel for bathing
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Rising Star Senior Citizens News By Betty Fisher

Written by Ginger Tobin and submitted by Betty Fisher with extra notes:

Thank you Ginger and Eula for getting these notes to me. Beverly promised today that she would never make another Thursday Appointment! Actually, she was preparing for a trip with her husband, Mike, for a business trip to Puerto Rico! One thing she purchased was a neat 'carry on bag' from a store in Cross Plains. I believe it was called "Kimmy's Rustic To Rhinestones". A very interesting place of business. Jim and I shared Christmas with the Stewarts as usual. Enjoyed seeing Mike's parents and brother, Monty. Also a cousin, Susan, was there and ate in the kitchen with Christie and her children and me and my child [Jim]. Place to be. Food handy and all that. Besides I had taught Susan waay back in the 5th grade in De Leon! Do love to have time to chat with previous students.

We were sorry to learn Annie Christian fell last Sunday, breaking several bones. She received one of the cards signed today. Don't know who the others were. Probably one was Eula's brother's in law, Glen Winfrey from Cross Plains. Eula had told me Glen was having surgery on Monday. Glad to be back at the wheel! And I really appreciate Ginger and Eula bringing these wonderful notes to me.

In the absence of Betty and Jim Fisher today, notes were collected by Eula Grisson and Ginger Tobin. We all missed visiting with Betty and Jim, they are two delightful people. Of course, we also missed the delicious and nutritious dishes they always bring with them. Betty and Jim went to Abilene with her daughter, Beverly Stewart. Hope you all can be at the next luncheon.

Senior luncheon was well attended today; the medical group from De Leon attended and did vitals for those who wished. Thelma Gilliland is back today and seems to be doing just fine. Delia Bonner is also back today from her appointment and has another one of January 15 in the Metroplex. Her son, Wickie, will be picking her up next week for that trip. The group signed "get well" cards for three of our numbers who have suffered accidents or illness recently. Elsie Hobbs has returned from her Christmas vacation to Georgia, where she visited with family members. She says all they did was eat, sleep and ride in a car! She says that the New Year's tradition there was a bit different from ours; they ate among other things, pork and an interestingly flavored kraut. No problems with icy roads until they got back to Texas!

Gwen Everhart brought books from the Rising Star Library today for check-out AT THE LUNCHEON. About eight books were checked out for a two week period from the Mobile Library by Maria Jones, Saturday Club member; books can also be renewed for the same amount of time, if needed. The library has a selection of new books, quite a few are large print. Even Skip Ezzell checked out three books; he said that he could read the LARGE PRINT books. Someone said they didn't know he could read; he countered with "I just look at the pictures!"

The library is presently open 3 days per week, hours vary if a car is there, the library is open. Ginger Tobin

says the library is open on Monday afternoons from 1 PM-5:45 PM; she knows because that's when she volunteers.

Pat Newton spoke to the group, explaining that his store, Newton Antiques, hasn't been open much lately because of illness. He said he will try to be open more in the future since his doctors can't diagnose his illness and he feels about the same whether he's at work or at home. He also told the group about a friend of his,

Shone Abbas, from Egypt, who will be attending with Pat next week. Shone is an experienced cook and restaurateur; he and Pat plan to bring enough chili next week for everyone. Shone is wanting to open a restaurant; he has been an American citizen for 26 or so years and has owned several restaurants in the past.

Ginger Tobin answered questions from several about the extensive "dirt work" happening in her yard at 500 W. Smith Street. George Agan, a landscape designer from Brooksmith, TX is establishing a drainage system on the property and will also install a couple

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COUNTY CALENDAR

COUNTY

- Eastland County Water Supply Dist., 3rd Thurs., 6 PM
- Eastland County Commissioners Court meets in regular session on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Court Room of the County Courthouse.
- The Eastland County Historical Commission holds a meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at locations throughout the county. Meetings are usually not held in November or December. The meetings alternate between a full meeting one month and an executive committee meeting the next.
- VFW Post 4136 Eastland holds a meeting on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Post 4136 also holds a meeting on the same date, time, and place.
- PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Ranger Recreation Building ("Old Gym"), corner of Marston St. and Pine in downtown Ranger. The meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Artists of Eastland County meet 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.; Every Monday Paint along 1:00-4:00 at Eastland Senior Citizens Center; 1st, 2nd, 4th Thursday Night Painting 6:00-9:00 at Eastland Senior Citizens Center.
- denotes regular meetings and events
- * denotes special events

CISCO

- Cisco Writer's Club meets 1st Tuesday of month, 7 PM, Community Room, American State Bank.

EASTLAND

- The Chamber's Annual Meeting and Golden Deeds Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church's Multi-Purpose Center. More information provided later.
- EMH Volunteers Monthly Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month, (Eastland Memorial Hospital), 5:30 PM
- Eastland City Meeting 3rd Monday, 6 PM
- Eastland Memorial Hospital Meeting, 3rd Thursday, 11 AM
- Eastland ISD Meeting 2nd Monday, 6:30 PM
- Eastland Economic Development Inc. meet 2nd Monday, noon
- Eastland Senior Citizens/AARP meet 3rd Tues., 6 PM
- Eastland Centre for the Arts meet 1st Tues., 5:30 PM

GORMAN

- Gorman Sr. Citizens meet every Wednesday, 11:30 in the Gorman Sr. Center
- Gorman 4-H meets second Monday of every month, 6 PM at First United Methodist Church fellowship hall

RANGER

- Texas Democratic Women of Eastland County Meeting: 1-20-09, 6:00 p.m. Ranger Community Center Bring a covered dish. Contact 254-433-3938 for more information.
- Ranger Historical Preservation Society meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, 6:00 PM, at the Ruth Terry Denney Library- Research Center, 1505 Loop 254 West, in Ranger. For more information call 254-647-3340.
- Ranger Governing Body meets in a regular meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 400 W. Main.
- Ranger Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday, 12 Noon, Community Center on Pine St.
- Ranger Lions Club meets each Thursday noon at the Ranger Community Center on Pine.
- The Quarter Store in Ranger offers used clothing, shoes, and many other items for \$.25 per piece. The store is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and on the 1st Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Proceeds benefit the Ranger Ministries United's "Meals on Wheels" program.
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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When you see your doctor, it can be hard to know what to ask about medicines you're already taking or those being prescribed. Use the fact sheets in the Guide to Taking Medicine package for a list of essential questions. The package also explains how to read prescription medication labels and spot red flags you should follow up on. For example, is your medicine an antibiotic? It's important to know that antibiotics work differently than other drugs. The Guide to Taking Medicine package explains these differences and lets you know what illnesses antibiotics can treat, what they can't treat, and how to use them properly.

There is plenty you can do to take care of your body in addition to chicken soup and the right medication. You may benefit from taking a dietary supplement on a daily basis. The Guide to Taking Medicine package explains the function of vitamins and what you need to consider before you take them with any other medications.

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Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter Offers Peer Support Group

A new Alzheimer's Association program will allow people in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease to turn to each other for understanding and information. A peer support group for individuals in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease will be offered by the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter in Abilene. Peer support groups have proven to help deal with the problems that emerge with the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

"There are many support groups for caregivers of people who have Alzheimer's disease,

but very few groups for the individuals who have the disease. We want to offer them an opportunity to learn about their disease and talk to others in the same situation," said Libby Connally, Regional Director of the Alzheimer's Association Abilene office.

"People in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease often can communicate well enough to talk about the disease, the changes it has caused in their lives, and the ways they and their families deal with these changes," Connally said. "But individuals with the disease and their families typically find few opportunities to talk candidly about these issues. The new support group will allow individuals in the same situation an opportunity to discuss the changes in their lives since the diagnosis."

An early stage support group will meet two times per month starting in February. A caregiver support group will meet at the same time and location. Participants are being sought for the group, funded by the Alzheimer's Association and the United Way of Abilene. Those interested in participating in the support group should contact the Alzheimer's Association at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

The mission of Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

A CS Relay For Life For Eastland County Kick-Off To Take Place Jan. 19

The American Cancer Society is organizing the Eastland County Relay for Life, planned May 1, 2009. The Kick-Off meeting will take place this coming Monday, January 19, at the Starbucks on Main Street in Eastland, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The team captains will get a free gift, and there will be raffles for participants. Anyone interested in the prevention and fight against cancer, and helping its victims are encouraged to attend, or they can go to www.relayforlife.org/eastlandcotx. Team recruitment chairperson is Christy Thackerson at 254-

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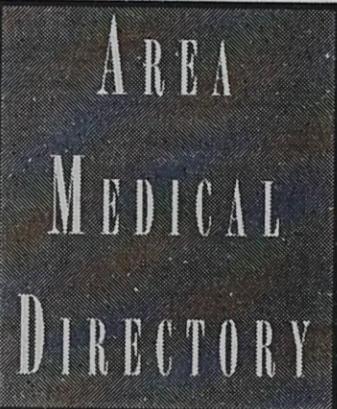
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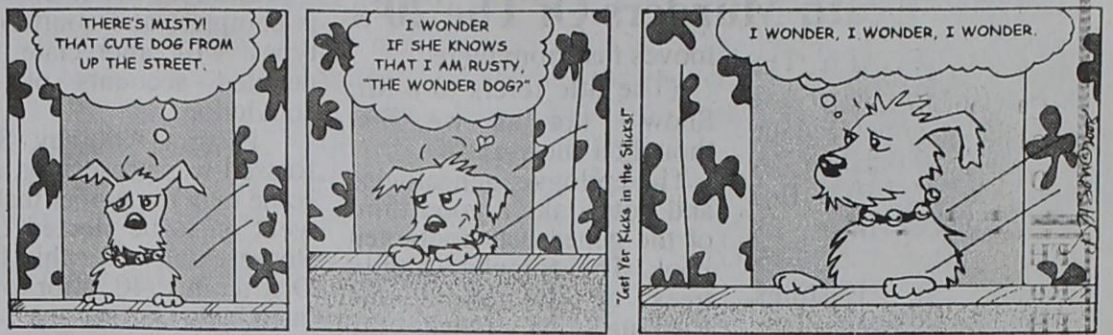
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Book Review

Heavy Research Produces Details Of Multiple Erath Murders Of The 20's

"BLOOD LEGACY, The true Story of the Snow Axe Murders" by James Pylant, 220 pages. Published by Cobus Books, P.O. Box 87, Stephenville, TX 401. Price: \$15.95. Available at Hastings, Stephenville.

Advice: read in daylight only and among trusted friends and/or relatives. Or otherwise if you prefer gory details.

The fact that Pylant is a genealogist becomes evident quickly as one plunges into this detailed account of a tragedy which occurred far from our area. It virtually opens with the discovery by some members of a decapitated head in a tow sack deep in an abandoned cellar--and

moves fast from there. (The title refers to a Mr. Snow-- not as we first thought a snow-axe.)

The epilogue, genealogies and notes take a good third of the generously footnoted book. The complete family trees of the Snow, the Rushing, the Jones, the Smith, the Connally and the founding of Erath County are listed.

Mr. Pylant used lots of references including newspaper and crime magazine accounts by no less than Boyce House and many others, as well as courthouse records by the scores.

It seems that tragedy of one kind or another plagued Maggie Snow all her life, until Mr. Snow took it for her letting the cows into his cotton patch. Maggie had some five husbands, most of whom died violently, before

she mated up with the fateful Mr. Snow and met her own fate by his hand, as did her mother and son.

Testimony from the trial is complete and courthouse types will appreciate the detailed accounts of the conviction.

District Attorney Sam Russell was prosecutor, and some may remember that he went on to be elected U.S. Representative for this 17th District in 1940, prior to the late Clyde Garrett.

Mr. Pylant edited the American Genealogy Magazine, worked full time as a professional genealogist in Salt Lake City and served on the advisory board of Tarleton State University's Cross Timbers Historical Images Project. He is a former contest judge for the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, he is a consultant for The Bottom Line. He is the son of Charles and Doris Pylant, long time Eastlanders.

(REVIEWER NOTE: As one who reads in several books as time permits, it's interesting to note that at the same time as this one, we were also deep into John Grisham's "The Last Juror", a gift from another true

The State of Texas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The opening of the Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center on January 5, 2009, demonstrates the community's deep commitment to its most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, the first Children's Advocacy Center was established in Huntsville, Alabama, to improve the quality of services for children suffering from abuse or neglect; our civil and criminal justice systems were not generally created with child victims in mind, but advocacy centers help increase the sensitivity of these systems to minimize the impact of trauma; today, such centers across the country coordinate the efforts of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, child protective service workers, victim advocates, and medical and mental health professionals; in the neutral setting of a CAC, interdisciplinary team members can collaborate on strategies that facilitate the investigation and prosecution of crimes against children while ensuring that children and their families receive vital medical and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, The Crime Victim Assistance Center in Eastland County led the effort to establish a Children's Advocacy Center; a public-private partnership, this new, nonprofit organization offers a child-centered facility where children can feel safe talking to investigators and assisting in the gathering of facts; specially trained professionals will provide children and their families with support, information, and intervention services designed to aid the healing process; core programs include forensic interviews, mental health services, and case review by multidisciplinary teams, along with such additional services as court and medical accompaniment, supervised visitation, and community education; and

WHEREAS, A much-needed facility, the new Children's Advocacy Center will benefit countless young residents of Eastland County when they are most in need of support and care and will continue to supply long-term guidance as they seek to lead happy, productive lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the opening of the Children's Advocacy Center in Eastland County be commemorated and that all those associated with the center be extended sincere best wishes for success in their worthy endeavors.



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'Twilight' To Show At Majestic

The new film "Twilight" will be at the Majestic Theater in Eastland next weekend.

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box office, with balcony admission \$6.00. (Adults only). This movie is rated PG-13.

As the kids probably already know, the "Twilight" movie includes a "vampire" character, and it has had quite a following in places. The story is based on the popular novel "Twilight," written by Stephanie Meyer. The screen play was adapted by Melissa Rosenberg.

In the story, Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) has always been a little different. She has never cared about fitting in with the trendy girls at the big high school in Phoenix, Arizona.

Her family life is pretty rotten too. When her mother remarries she decides to go live with her father in the rainy little town of Forks, Washington. There she doesn't expect much of any thing to change.

But things do change - and quickly - when she meets the mysterious and dazzling Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson.) For Edward is nothing like any boy she's ever met - or anyone for that matter. He's intelligent, witty, handsome - and seems to see straight into her soul.

In no time at all they are swept up in a strange attraction - to Bella it seems like love. But yes, the romance is strange indeed, for Edward is a vampire.

No, he doesn't have fangs, and he doesn't drink blood.

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Edward and his family are unique vampires - they don't have a lifestyle like that. But Bella learns what their lifestyle IS like, as the story progresses.

This is said to be a compelling movie - a kind of symbolic trip about the nature of love, and how innocence can be preyed on. This is sort of a Romeo and Juliet affair, with the audience not sure how it will play out.

The photography in Washington and Oregon adds to the mystic and foreboding air of the movie.

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their men as deacons of the church. There will be a meeting of the ordaining council at 2:30 with the service to begin at 3:00 and a reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

The public is invited as the church ordains Eddie Munn and Richard Etheridge.

The church is located at 125 CR 448 in Olden. For further information please call 653-2859.

River of Life Food Pantry Schedule

Our goal is to help families that are temporarily in need of assistance. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry this month, we need macaroni & cheese, soups and laundry detergents. These items can be dropped off at the church's office entrance

Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm. The pantry will be open Saturday, January 17th, from 9:00am until 11:00am. Application requirements: the applicant's photo

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Whereas, Heart disease is the #1 killer of women and one in four American women die as a result of heart disease.

Whereas, Most women do not know that heart disease is a women's problem and they do not take it seriously.

Whereas, The risk factors for heart disease are smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, a family history of early heart disease, and age.

Whereas, Women can promote their own heart health and prevent disease and illness by taking steps to prevent and control the heart disease risk factors.

Whereas, Keeping women healthy and promoting awareness of women's health issues, including heart health, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many organizations and groups in our community.

Whereas, Women's health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever.

Whereas, The Heart Truth campaign and its Red Dress symbol are building awareness of women's heart disease risk and empowering them to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease.

Therefore, Eastland County women need to take action to make heart health a priority for themselves and their families, become aware of their personal risk factors for heart disease, and take action to lower their risk.

Now, therefore, I, The Honorable Rex Fields, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 6, 2009, as

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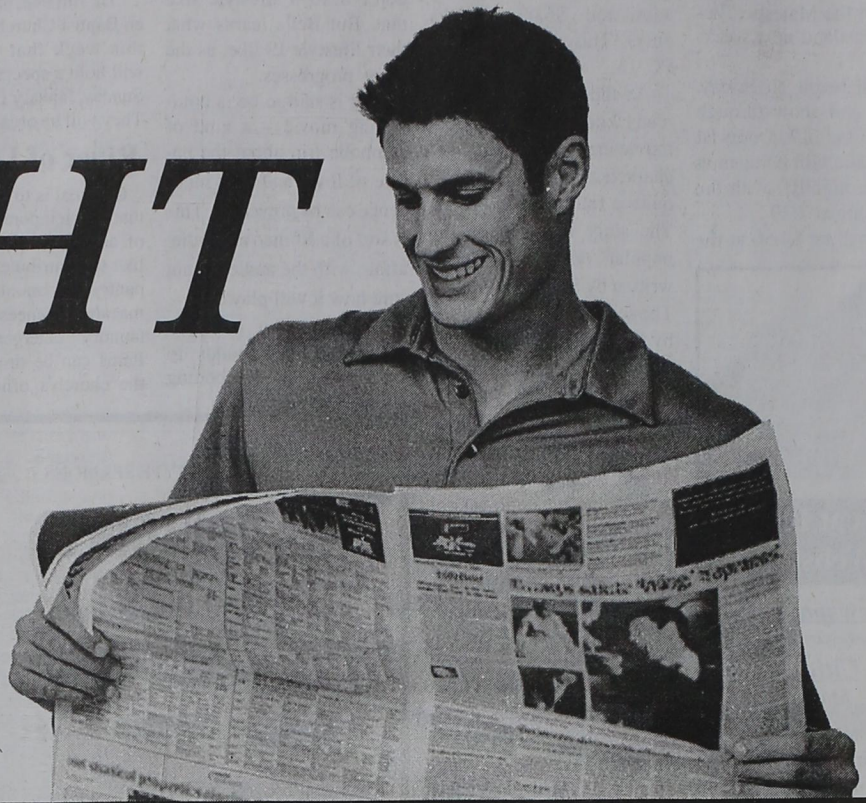
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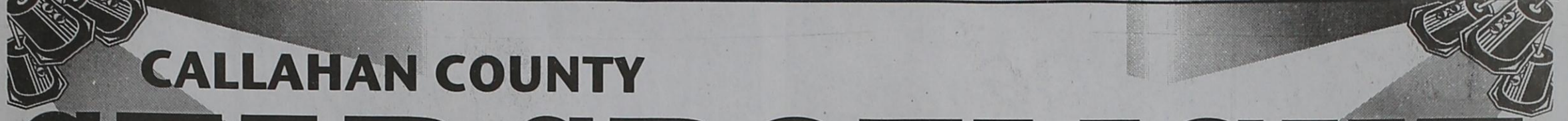
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American Life In Poetry

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

This column has had the privilege of publishing a number of poems by young people, but this is the first we've published by a young person who is also a political refugee.

The poet, Zozan Hawez, is from Iraq, and goes to Foster High School in Tukwila, Washington. Seattle Arts & Lectures sponsors a Writers in the Schools program, and Zozan's poem was encouraged by that initiative.

Self-Portrait

Born in a safe family
But a dangerous area,
Iraq,

I heard guns at a young
age, so young

They made a decision to
raise us safe

So packed our things
And went far away.

Now, in the city of rain,
I try to forget my past,
But memories never fade.

This is my life,
It happened for a reason,
I happened for a reason.

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Tiny Snowflake



I'm a tiny snowflake falling fast
I'd better hurry for I won't last
And I heard as down I hurled
That there's more like me in all this world.

But i'm unsure that I understand
Can this be true with absence of plan
Perhaps a flutter, perhaps a spin
Would well profit me but then again...

I'm so unlearned about a quick jerk
Or such other things that may not work
How am I to know the perfect way
That will fashion me and make my day.

So that none other will look like me
Thereby assuring my pedigree
How can I try to be so unlike
Billions of others out of my sight.

Perhaps its just a small lack of trust
In forces that have rule over us
Everything will sure turn out better
If we snowflakes don stick together.

Weldon L. Smith
Eastland, Texas

Writing Of New Things

We have a new year for a new world now, in 2009. It would be a good time to look at writing new things. If you haven't worked on some types of writing, look at attempting them. They could lead to a new expertise for you, or they could enhance what you already do, by generating new insight. For instance, if you want to write poetry, you might start by writing a short essay or paragraph on the subject of interest. Write everything you can on a particular topic, say "the beauty of a broken rock you found on the roadside." If you get several thoughts down, then you have the starting point for the poetry. Then look at all the possible genres you can attempt: song, short story, novel, poetry and essay. Perhaps it would be fun, and helpful, to take the subject matter and treat it in all the ways above. Some results you might not be so happy with, but the others might work out well, just because you tried the different approach.

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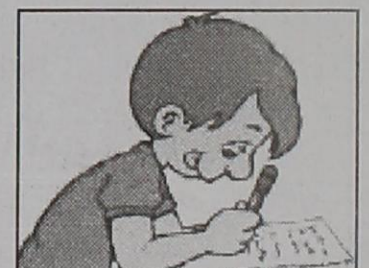
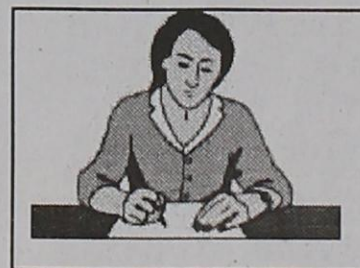
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The joy and beauty we miss each day.
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To love one another as I have loved you.
So as we go on down life's roads
Let's stop and rest for a while.
And see the flowers blooming brightly
As if brought on by the Master's smile.
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BAIRD JV BOYS BASKETBALL--Back Row: Josh Lang, Travis Brooks, Eric Ebling, Coach Joshua Newton, Ryder Goosen, Cody Isenhower, Caleb Sherman
Front Row: Tyler White, Payton McIntire, Garrett Kirkland, Ty Rhodes

Obituary

Laurie Gotcher Griffin

SAN ANGELO- Laurie Gotcher Griffin, "Ed" to many of her friends and family, and "Nonie" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, died Thursday, January 8, 2009 in San Angelo. She was 90.

Services were held Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Brownwood. Her grandson, Luke Bower, officiating. Burial followed in the Lost Creek Cemetery directed by Davis-Morris Funeral Home of Brownwood.

She was born to John W. and Zula Stubblefield on April 15, 1918, in May, Texas. She married Carl Gotcher in 1937. He preceded her in death in 1979. In 1989 she married C.D. Griffin. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Laurie retired from Brownwood Memorial Hospital after many years of service, and was employed at Texas Feathers for many years prior.

Her greatest enjoyment in life came from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She delighted in having them come to stay every summer during her vacation. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and often found humor in her grandchildren's mischievousness.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Herman Stubblefield and Roland Stubblefield.

Survivors are her daughters, Karleen Roach and husband, Nelson of San Angelo, Jan Bower and husband, Richard of Abilene; one sister, Aurelia Davis of Brownwood; and one brother, Manford Stubblefield of California; six grandchildren, Shelly Jones and husband, Jerry of Lubbock, Teresa Waters

and husband, Ricky of San Angelo, Duffy Sanders and husband, Kenny of San Angelo, Dr. Matthew Bower and wife, Marti of Kentucky, Amber Turner and husband, Brian of Clyde, and Luke Bower and wife, Carrie of Abilene; nine great-grandchildren, Jera and Charlie Jones of Lubbock, Ashley Monzingo and husband, Cody of New Braunfels, Mallory McGarry of San Angelo, Kaylie, Karly and Haley Sanders of San Angelo, and Jackson and Reagan Turner of Clyde; and one great-great-grandchild, Riley McGarry of San Angelo.

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Obituaries

Rosie Jone Franklin

CLYDE- Rosie Jone Franklin, 65, of Clyde died Monday, January 12, 2009 at her home.

Funeral services at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 15, 2009 at the Clyde Church of Christ with Dan Peterson officiating. Burial will follow at the Clyde Cemetery directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Mrs. Franklin was born October 11, 1943 in Pioneer, Texas to Thomas Jefferson and Muriel Adella (Botts) Searcy. She was a graduate of Clyde High School and Hardin Simmons Mary Meck School of Nursing. She moved to Clyde from Wylie in 1955 and married Troy Wallace Franklin on May 21, 1961 in Clyde. She had worked for 26 years in the Neo-Natal ICU at Hendrick Medical Center and later at Humana Hospital. She was a member of the Clyde Church

of Christ.

Survivors are her husband, Troy of Clyde; one son, Curtis Franklin and wife, Deanna of Bedford; two daughters, Elaine Palmer and husband, Phillip and Beverly Brown and husband, James all of Abilene; four brothers, Marshall Searcy of Abilene, Coy Searcy of Potosi, Thomas and Buford Searcy both of Clyde; one sister, Nelta Lamb of Clyde; and six grandchildren.

Ronald Rlee Robbins

CLYDE- Ronald Rlee Robbins, 64, died Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Services pending with Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Baird Bear and Lady Bear Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
1/3	*Albany	There	9:45 a.m.	JVG/B, VG/B
1/6	*Cross Plains	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
1/9	*Eula	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
1/13	Forsan Merkel	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B	
1/16	*Roscoe	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
1/20	*Bronte	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
1/23	*Winters	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
1/27	*Albany	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
1/30	*Cross Plains	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
2/3	*Eula	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
2/6	Open Date			
2/10	*Roscoe	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
2/13	*Bronte	There	6:00	JVB/VB
2/17	*Winters	Here	6:00	JVB/VB

Baird Jr. High Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
1/7	Eula	There	5:00	7GB/8GB
1/14	Cross Plains	Home	5:00	7GB/8GB
1/21	Winters	There	5:00	7GB/8GB
2/4	Albany	Home	5:00	7GB/8GB

4-H Vet Science Project Starts New Year Jan. 20

Hoss Sasin, CEA-AG

The Callahan County 4-H group is beginning a new year with its 4-H Vet Science project.

The Vet Science project has been made possible with the help of Dr. Monty Ancinec, Dr. Rob Harle and the Callahan County Veterinary Clinic.

The 4-H group's first Vet Science meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the

Callahan County Veterinary Clinic located on the North Access Rd. of I-20 between Clyde and Baird.

The 4-H Vet science project is to teach 4-H to teach 4-H members about animal health and behavior, and calendars.

If anyone is interested in joining the 4-H group and you haven't signed up yet, contact the Callahan County Extension office at (325) 854-5835 and become a member today.

Tuesday, January 6, 2009 Basketball Results

Boys	Girls
Baird 64, Cross Plains	Cross Plains 49, Baird
JV Baird 33, Cross Plains	JV Baird 28, Cross Plains
22	26

Clyde C.I.S.D. 2008-2009

School Calendar

January 5th: Professional development/Workday.
 January 6th: Beginning of 4th Six weeks.
 January 19th: A.S.D. - Student Holiday.
 February 20th: End of 4th Six Weeks (33 days)
 February 23rd: Beginning of 5th Six Weeks
 March 3rd-6th: TAKS Testing.
 April 10th: Bad Weather Day/ Good Friday
 April 17th: End of 5th Six Weeks (33 days)
 April 20th: Beginning of 6th Six Weeks
 April 26-30th: TAKS Testing
 May 1st: TAKS Testing
 May 19th: TAKS Re-Test
 May 25th: Bad Weather Day/ Memorial Day
 June 2nd: End of 6th Six Weeks (31 days)
 2nd Semester (97 days)
 June 2nd: Early Release Day - 12:30
 June 3rd: Teacher Workday
 June 5th: 2009 C.H.S. Graduation
 July 1st TAKS Re-Test
 July 4th: Independence Day
 July 14th: TAKS Re-Test

2nd Semester - 97 days
 Jan. 6th-Feb 20th: 33 days
 Feb. 23rd-June 2nd: 31 days
 April 20th-June 2nd: 31 days

177 instruction days
 10 professional days
 Alternative Staff Development Days (A.S.D.) (Formerly called comp days-updated term)
 Monday, August 18th
 Monday, January 19th
 Friday, March 27th

School Holidays
 Labor Day: September 1, 2008
 Thanksgiving: November 26-28, 2008
 Winter Break: December 22, 2008 through January 2, 2009
 Spring Break: March 9-13, 2009

Early Release Days
 December 3, 2008
 December 19, 2008
 March 25, 2009
 June 2, 2009