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Thursday, February 19, 2004

Titan Steel Holds Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting

Titan Steel of Baird held their official Grand Opening, Open House, and Ribbon Cutting on Friday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 at Titan Steel.

The event was hosted by the Baird Development Corporation and the Baird Chamber of Commerce, who invited everyone to join them in welcoming Richard and Athena Sheffield (owners) and employees of Titan Steel.

Athena Sheffield said that about 40 people at-

tended the event.

"We appreciate so much everyone coming out to our Open House and Ribbon Cutting," she said.

Refreshments and finger foods were served at the event.

Titan Steel was founded in September of 2001.

The company, which presently has 12 employees, came to Baird from Clyde. They opened their doors in Baird on Oct. 27, 2003.

Titan Steel encompasses 13,200 sq. ft. and features pre-engineered metal building packages, red iron and frames only packages, and a complete line of metal building supplies.

The company, located at 440 T & P Lane in Baird, offers their customers 25 years of combined experience.

Titan Steel may be reached by fax: 325-853-2379, or at the toll free number: 1-866-893-3260.



Titan Steel Owner Richard Sheffield prepares to cut ribbon at the company's Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Friday, Feb. 13, 2004. Baird Mayor John Hardwick and Chamber Board President Rick Oliver hold the ribbon. Standing behind the ribbon is Athena Sheffield, along with many other guests, city officials and employees.

photo courtesy of Titan Steel

Zion Cemetery Association Meeting Is Feb. 26

The annual meeting of the Zion Hill Cemetery Assn. will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Baird Housing Authority, Fourth and Chestnut, near

downtown Baird.

A Spring Cemetery Cleanup will be discussed as well as the financial condition of the association. We have achieved the goal set last year of having our

first \$1000 CD in the bank. Goals for the new year will be discussed.

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Please see Zion

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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Primary Election
March 9, 2004

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MARCH 9, 2004 PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

* FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 5, 2004
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* LAST DAY TO MAIL A BALLOT IS MARCH 2,
2004
* MARCH 9, 2004
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 7:00-7:00

Baird Elementary Student Of The Week



Kara McIntire, Mrs. Kendrick's 1st grade, she is the daughter of Larry and Carla McIntire.

Lady Bears Win In Bi-District Game; Slated For Area-Round Postseason Match



staff photo

The Lady Bears booked a win over Miles in the Class A bi-district playoff basketball game held Tuesday night at Jim Ned

Baird Bears lead in the first and third quarters, were two points behind in the second, and tied with Miles in the fourth. The end score was 41-33 in favor of Baird.

Excellent scoring by Belinda Harris (17), Misty McDowell (9), and Traci

Windham (9), added to an overall strong play by the team gave the Lady Bears the edge over Miles.

The Lady Bears are slated to meet the winner of the Hubbard - Valley Mills match in the area-round postseason game.

Baird Lady Bears have a record of 22-6.

Baird-Miles Stats:

1st quarter: Baird 12,

Miles 8

2nd quarter: Baird 9, Miles 11

3rd quarter: Baird 14, Miles 8

4th quarter: Baird 6, Miles 6

Baird - Belinda Harris 17, Misty McDowell 9, Traci Windham 9, Gini Russell 5, Daley Bell 1

Miles - Acosta 12, Westerman 10, McGuire 7, Gibson 6, Hudson 4



Snow For Valentine's Day

People of this area woke up on Saturday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, to a

glittering blanket of snow across the county. The snow had moved in from the west Friday night, and covered a large part of North Texas. It also dipped down into the Hill Country.

This was the first real snowfall of the year, and followed a cold and overcast week. It was also very cold Saturday morning, but before long the sun tried to come out and the temperature rose above freezing.

The 1-3 inches of snow began to melt away, much to the sorrow of all the kids.

By noon Saturday 1-20 was at its usual buzz. And by late afternoon there were just a few puddles to remind everyone of the beautiful, wet snow.

In Eastland and Callahan Counties there were some minor accidents reported late Friday night and early Saturday on the Interstate, but apparently nothing with any major injuries.

The weather forecast is for warmer days during all this week, with maybe a chance of rain.

The Gatekeeper's Log

By Doug Fraser

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It's no faux pas

It's now the wee early hours of Monday morning. I have just finished doing some faux rock work in one of our bathrooms. As I was tearing the strips of special print paper I caught a glimpse of where some of us are in our daily life, and in our walk with God.

The word "faux" comes from French, and has the general connotation to something false, an error; like "faux pas" (This isn't one your reading, so keep going, and you'll be blessed.) Far too often we are expected to determine the genuine from what is "not exactly" the real deal. Far too many people give up trying to find out the truth for themselves, and they turn over their God given gift and right of choice to someone else. It happens far too often in churches around the world.

In this election year it's critical for each individual to search for the truth on all issues. We'll have several months to work through these issues. It's interesting that H.V. asked if I was a "political type" and I said NO; especially to making political comments in writing. However, the Lord has been quickening my spirit to think again on that reply; especially since He keeps giving me things to write about and share concerning this upcoming election. More later.

However, today I am called to share a point of view on the current opportunity for revival to come to our city and surrounding area. For the next week we are blessed to have a man, anointed of God, within "the Gates" of our city who loves this area and it's people. Diane and I have been blessed, shaken, awakened, and tested by this man of God. In addition, we feel blessed to call him a friend, and brother in Christ.

A little over two years ago we became acquainted with his name and his ministry. People we knew spoke highly of his anointing, his message for the Body of Christ, his character and integrity. When the opportunity came to hear this man; Diane and I were ready. We wanted some "new wine" and we had just received our "new skins" to place it in. We went expecting something great from God, and we received all we were looking for and then some. In other words, we went with an air of expectancy. We went to find out what God wanted for us. It wasn't like going to "church" or "Sunday school". (Don't get offended and stop reading too soon. I believe "church" and "Sunday school" are vital parts of the Body of Christ.)

We went to worship God with many others who were outside of "our church",

"our denomination" or "our non-denomination", and surely people outside of our Sunday school. We wanted more from the Lord, we wanted more from the Word of God, we wanted to see and feel the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We were eager to experience a fuller revelation of the word of God and to increase our knowledge of spiritual gifts. **"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."** (1 Cor 12:1-3) Let me be very careful in stating God doesn't want you as His child to be ignorant; to know little or nothing of the spiritual gifts and their manifestation. See 1 Cor. 12:4: **There are different kinds of gifts, BUT the same Spirit."** If you're a Christian then you and I, and all other Christians

since, and including Jesus himself, have the same Holy Spirit living in us, and He has the same spiritual gifts available for you and me by **"the same Spirit"**. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. Then ask God to reveal to you if you are profiting from the manifestation of these gifts in your life on a daily basis. If not, perhaps you are like I was; and I wanted an extreme makeover and a renewing of my mind. I wanted a "new man anointing". I wanted to see myself as God sees me. I wanted to be complete in Him. I wanted to understand the meaning for my life as Jesus declared upon the cross "it's finished". I've got it, and I know what it takes to be "new man". If I can get it, then so can you. If you're as hungry as I was, you'll go to the place where God will feed you a new meal and offer you new wine. (See Matt. 9:17)

Mark Shell is a man of God who provides a profound and sound pattern for Diane and I to grasp what the Holy Spirit wants us to learn and possess for our profit; and for teaching us the decent order and diversity of the spiritual gifts of God. Mark is here, in Eastland, all this week. If

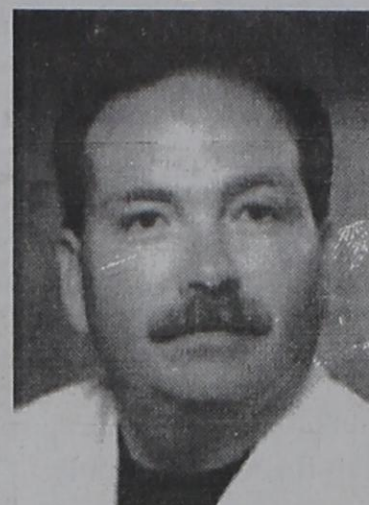
you know within your spirit that God wants you to "profit" from the gifts of the spirit, or you would like to proclaim Jesus as your Savior and Lord, then I encourage you to come and learn from this man of God. Step out in faith like Peter. If God

is calling out to you "Come"; it's time to drop the oar and get out of the boat. Let's all profit by the same Spirit together. We'll never be the same again!

NOTE: Mark Shell will be sharing the word of God all this week, except Saturday,

Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. in the River of Life Church, Eastland, Texas. This isn't our home church, but it feels so good to know we're at home with brothers and sisters from all over this area worshipping God as the church and corporate body of Christ.

Guest Minister, Ray Vinson at Mt. Top Church, February 22



Dr. Ray Vinson

Dr. Ray Vinson, president of Dominion International Network of Ministries & Why We Must Pay

Taxes On Time

The terms of millions, billions and trillions leave most of us virtually in the dark. We usually have to count the zeros and do some thinking to determine the amount being discussed. Normally we hear most of these terms on one or more of the federal government levels. (They never have anything to do without bank accounts.)

- Agency, Budget, No. Employees**
- Federal Aviation Adm. \$13.0 Billion about 48,000
 - Transportation Secur. 6.3 billion about 55,000
 - Dept. of Homeland Secur. 30 Billion about 180,000
 - Fed. Communications C. 274 Million about 1,900
 - Dept. of Defense 382.7 Billion 1.42 Mact. dt (1.22 M reserves/Nat. Guard; about 700,000 civilians)
 - Dept. of Veterans Aff. 58.9 Billion about 224,720
 - Dept. of Agriculture 74.3 Billion 110,206
 - Social Security Adm. 8.1 Billion about 65,000
 - Internal Rev. Serv. 9.8 Billion about 100,000
 - Treasury Dept. 10.92 Billion 116,915
 - Federal Reserve 2.07 Billion 22,297
 - Federal Trade Comm. 177 Million 1,074
 - Sec. & Exchange Comm. 716 Million about 3,500
 - Nuclear Regulatory 585 Million 2,906
 - Supreme Court 7.3 Billion about 15,500
 - Justice Dept. 24 Billion 99,155

Churches and the Institute for Biblical Leadership will be coming to Cisco, Texas on Sunday, February 22nd and ministering at Mountain Top Church for both am and pm services. Ray has ministered in many venues including conferences, camp meetings, and TV broadcasts across America. Institute for Biblical Leadership is a six month training program for individuals who desire to

- Dept. of Labor 11.8 Billion 16,141
- Food & Drug Adminis. 1.4 Billion about 10,500
- [Environmental Proc. And Dept. of Interior 8.1 Billion about 18,000

serve in a deeper level of ministry. This training program focuses on developing character, integrity, gifting and leadership qualities. Pastor John C. Jones and Mountain Top Church are pleased to have Dr. Vinson as guest minister. This is your invitation to attend these special services. Mountain Top Church is located at 600 E. 8th Cisco, Tx. Services for Sundays start at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday nights start at 7:00 p.m. and are dedicated to building strong foundations in the children and youth of today! For more information, please call 254-442-4479.

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Tuesday, May 11

Dr. Duarte received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and completed his internship and residency at the MCPHU/Hahnemann University Hospital Program. He is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgeons.

Dr. Duarte is affiliated with the Shannon Clinic in San Angelo where he, his wife Diane and their two boys make their home.

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Guest Slot

(Ed. Note: Our friend Aubrey Kincaid shares this wonderful story with us.)

**A true story
by Paul Harvey**

Years ago a hardworking man took his family from New York State to Australia to take advantage of a work opportunity there. Part of this man's family was a handsome young son who had aspirations of joining the circus as a trapeze artist or an actor. This young fellow, biding his time until a circus job or even one as a stagehand came along, worked at the local shipyards which bordered on the worse section of town. Walking home from work one evening this young man was attacked by five thugs who wanted to rob him. Instead of just giving up his money the young fellow resisted. However, they bested him easily and proceeded to beat his body brutally with clubs, leaving him for dead. When the police happened to find him lying in the road they assumed he be dead and called for the Morgue Wagon.

On the way to the morgue a policeman heard him gasp for air, and they immediately took him to the emergency unit at the hospital. When the was placed on a gurney a nurse remarked to her horror, that this young man no longer had a face. Each eye socket was smashed, his skull, legs, and arms fractured, his nose literally hanging from his face, all his teeth were gone, and his jaw was almost completely torn from his skull. Although his life was spared, he spent over a year in the hospital. When he finally left, his body may have healed but his face was disgusting to look at. He was no longer the handsome youth that everyone admired.

When the young man started to look for work again he was turned down by everyone just on account of the way he looked. One potential employer suggested to him that he join the freak show at the circus as "The Man Who Had No Face". And he did this for a while. He was still rejected by everyone and no one wanted to be seen in his company. He had thoughts of suicide. This went on for five years. One day he passed a church and sought some solace there. Entering the church he encountered a priest who had seen him sobbing while kneeling in a pew. The priest took pity on him and took him to the rectory where they talked at length. The priest was impressed with him to such a degree that the said that he would do everything possible for him that could be done to restore his dignity and life, if the young man would promise to be the best Catholic he could be, and trust in God's mercy to free him from his tortuous life. The young man went to Mass and communion everyday and after thanking God for saving his life, asked God to only give him peace of mind and the grace to be the best man he could ever be in His eyes. The priest,

through his personal contacts was able to secure the services of the best plastic surgeon in Australia. There would be no cost to the young man as the doctor was the priest's best friend. The doctor too was so impressed by the young man, whose outlook now on life, even though he had experienced the worst, was filled with good humor and love. The surgery was a miraculous success. All the best dental work was also done for him. The young man became everything he promised God he would be.

He was also blessed with a wonderful, beautiful wife, many children, and success in an industry which would have been the furthest thing from his mind as a career, if not for the goodness of God and the love of the people who

cared for him. This he acknowledges publicly.

The young man, Mel Gibson. His life was the inspiration for his production of the movie "The Man Without A Face". He is to be admired by all of us as a God fearing man, a political conservative, and an example to all as a true man of courage.

Mel Gibson has produced the movie "The Passion of the Christ". This is his way of thanking God for his many blessings. And it's also his way of showing us how Christ truly suffered. He's gotten a lot of flack from Hollywood for doing this movie. Please e-mail this to everyone you know. And go see the movie when it's released on Feb. 25. It will change your life forever!

**Read the
Classifieds**

Cookin' Cajun Friday, Feb. 20

The Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council (CTFAC) is "Cookin' Cajun" and invites you to join them for fine food, fun and music. The Ragin' Cajun Dinner will be held Friday, February 20, in the City Hall building at City Limits at 1907 East Washington. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served continuously until 9:00 p.m.

The fun begins when guests are greeted at the door with Mardi Gras beads. The traditional Cajun boil dinner will feature shrimp, crawfish, sausage and vegetables.

Live music will be provided by Jean Pierre and the Zydeco Angels. Jean Pierre hails from Lafayette, Louisiana and will bring the authentic sound of Zydeco foot stomping music to Stephenville.

Advance adult tickets are \$20 and \$22 at the door. Senior citizen and student tickets for students over 12 are \$15, children 12 and under can eat for \$5 and children three and under eat free. Reserved tables for eight are \$200. There will be no other reservations

accepted. Table reservations must be made through the CTFAC office. Dinner will be served continuously from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at City Limits, Scott's Flowers, Stephenville Bank & Trust, TexasBank, Town and Country Bank and the CTFAC

office at 204 River North Blvd. For tickets or more information call 254-965-6190.

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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

My enthusiasm for railroading was beginning to wane. I had been promoted to Rear Brakeman and rode in the caboose with the Conductor, but many times it was necessary for our train to stop on the main line and I had to walk back down the track, carrying a red flag in the daytime, and a red lantern at night. I was to give a stop signal to any train that might approach us from the rear.

While standing back there one afternoon, it suddenly dawned on me that there was absolutely nothing to protect me when the winter snows and chilling Panhandle winds would soon arrive. I began to wonder how I could leave my job without causing any ill feelings toward me. Ill will or not, the answer soon presented itself.

There was a young engineer no one wanted to work with. He had an extremely violent temper and used curse words with almost every breath. He had hired on as a student fireman and during his training, let an engine boiler blow up. The explosion was so great, it blew the big drivers off the wheels of the engine. For some reason, he wasn't fired, but was soon promoted to engineer. (Go figure).

The majority of our workmen had learned how to avoid making any trips with this wild man. Poor me! I had to work with him.

One night I was riding in the cab when something went wrong with the engine. We received orders to take it to the roundhouse on our arrival at Canadian, Texas. I had never been to the Canadian yard before, and in the dark, that wild engineer and I had to maneuver the big engine through many switches to arrive at the roundhouse. We didn't make it!

I was on the ground with my lantern and came to a place where there were two switches. I shouted to the engineer and asked him which one to throw. He said the one on your left, you dumb, @#&*#!!

That did it! For one of the few times in my life I lost my temper. I threw my electric lantern at that so-called "engineer" and yelled, "Then you get out and throw the switch yourself!"

I went to the office and told them what had happened and that I was quitting my job. Every man there tried to console me and the Conductor asked if I would please work my way back to Amarillo with another crew. I agreed.

I apologized at the main office in Amarillo and they tried to persuade me to stay on the job, but I informed them I had enough of railroading, especially with an engineer that cursed me.

The next morning after my resignation, two Santa Fe officials came to my room and tried to persuade me to return to my job. They informed me they had fired the wild engineer.

I respectfully refused their offer and returned to my hometown. I decided that if I ever had anything to do with railroading again, Santa Claus would have to bring me a toy train to play with.

Guest Slot

What In The World Is Asperger Syndrome?

(Ed. Note: Because we have been asked so many times since we ran the article about the Asperger meeting in Abilene by folks who, like us, didn't know about the condition, we offer this summary from a booklet about Asperger.)

Notes on Asperger Syndrome

Everyone is special. Each of us does certain things well while there are other things that we are not so good at doing. People with Asperger Syndrome (AS) are no different. They bring with them special gifts and challenges. The goal of this book is to help children and youth with AS, as well as their siblings and peers to gain a better understanding of Asperger Syndrome.

Although each person with AS is unique, they often share certain characteristics. For example, individuals with AS often:

1. Have average to above-average intelligence.
2. Prefer predictability in their environment. They rely on visual schedules and routines to help them throughout the day. If their routine is changed, they may have difficulty adjusting. People with AS like rules when they understand them. As a result, when rules are broken by others, they may try to stress the importance of following rules or try to prompt a rule-breaker to follow the

rule, sometimes in inappropriate ways.

3. Experience sensory differences. For example, they may like the feel of certain material, and insist on wearing only clothes made out of that material. In addition, people with AS may not like being touched by others. It is often difficult for people with AS to tell others about their sensory needs.

4. Have voices or speech patterns that are different from those of their peers. Many people have unique voices or speech patterns.

5. Find it difficult to understand the world around them. They often interpret their environment literally and may have difficulty understanding jokes or idioms. They often have a great sense of humor themselves, however.

6. Want to have friends, but they often do not know how to make friends easily. They may spend time alone because they have not learned how to have friends. Often, they do not understand the rules of friendships and other social activities.

7. Share their thoughts openly. They are not rude; they just say what is on their mind. People with AS often say out loud the things that other people only think for fear of offending or hurting others.

8. Demonstrate strong areas of interest or obsession. For example, a child may be an expert on dinosaurs or know everything about astronomy. They often want to share their information with others, but have difficulty knowing if others are interested in what they have to say.

These are only some of the unique characteristics of AS. There are many others. What characteristics do the people you know have? Remember, everyone is special and if we understand the needs of all people, we can all get along.

Read
the Classifieds

'Good Teaching' Generates Emotion

(Ed. Note: The following edited article was forwarded to us concerning teaching in community colleges.)

By Tahita Fulkerson
Special to the Star-Telegram
I always read Jeff Guinn's reports and essays with great appreciation. His preparation and kind wit make his writing some of the best in area newspapers.

Thus, as a community college teacher for more than 20 years, I was excited at the prospect of reading the essay about the Texas poet laureate who teaches at Cisco Junior College, where he has been "reluctantly teaching language arts" for "more than three decades." However, by the time I had read enough of Guinn's article to find my friend Jim Lee's remark that in academia "any junior college is considered Siberia," I knew that I had to present another view of professional life at two-year colleges.

Guinn's article and Lee's comments suggest an angst and a worldview that might be true for Rattan, but those specifics should not be generalized to all colleges or all teachers.

Indeed, both the specifics and the generalizations of the article fly in the face of what I know about community colleges, particularly Tarrant County College.

Lee's assertion that most junior college teachers "would probably eat wood to get out" of their Siberia is colorful but untrue, based on what I have seen in evaluating classes.

In fact, some of the best teaching in the world occurs at community colleges. Community college teachers face their open-admissions students with energy, humor and skill. And they routinely teach five classes each semester.

Still, even with these loads, instructors plan field trips to local art museums and important national geological sites. They take students to Austin to see the Legislature in action (or inaction) and to New York City to experience arts and theater. They oversee internships in medical settings and develop international study opportunities in Mexico and Paris.

With all these opportunities, community college students are not in junior college—they are in college.

When they transfer to four-year colleges, they succeed with grade point averages and classroom experiences that equal and often surpass those of the four-year college's native students.

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They serve on local boards, teach church school classes and raise money for charities. They serve and lead on state, national and international committees. Our faculty includes nationally known artists, alumni of the Peace Corps and Fulbright scholars.

Few if any faculty members at TCC are ready to eat wood.

The poet laureate wants to leave his employer of three decades, it may be because he just doesn't understand the mission of the institution.

At Cisco's recent 50-year reunion, old college chums were delighted and proud of the number of them who had completed their two-year degrees at Cisco and gone on to complete the bachelor's plus professional credentials such as the CPA. One person who attended noted that the reunion was distinctive for the successes of its returning graduates.

As for Guinn's references to athletes at Cisco, to large spaces allocated to welding classes, or to a poem about students interested only in the ABC's, I'd say: Don't worry. Cisco Jr. College is doing exactly what its community wants and needs, in the same way that more than 1,200 other community colleges are in the United States.

In the current issue of Community College Week, Antonio Perez, president of Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York, makes the point concisely: Community colleges "meet students where they are academically, and help them excel."

Almost every two-year college in the nation is committed to that mission, whether preparing students for jobs or for further education, and are doing so at an affordable rate.

And the laureate's unhappiness? Perhaps he might consider that poetry is not the only vehicle to "generate strong emotion." Good teaching does, too.

Tahita Fulkerson is dean of instruction/accreditation services for the Tarrant County College District.

Poetry Corner

The Master's Touch

How blessed are the stars on high

To send to us their holy light.

As if an artist had passed our way

To put his work on display.

The Master's touch is the real thing

Something a forger cannot claim.

He paints the sunset at the end of the day

And sends His blessings along our way.

He paints the sunrise on the morning tide

And hear the seagulls on their flight.

The blessings we have of another day

And the promise to walk with us along the way.

The joy that each of us are given

To be counted among the living.

So stop and smell the roses along the way

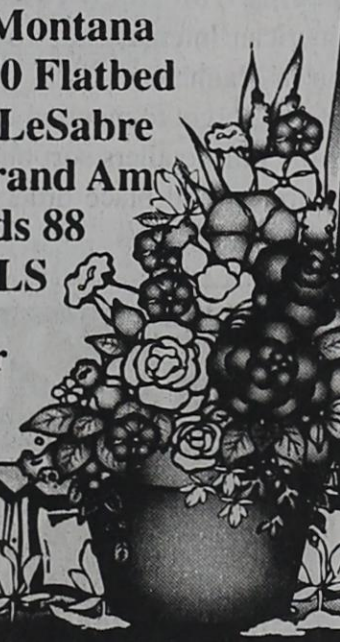
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Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club

The Quilters are working on Jean A's "Barn Door" top and Lou Grider's "Butterfly" top. They are both very beautiful tops. Nearly all of the members were there on Tuesday. We always have a good time.

Glenda Phillips went to Kali's basketball game last Friday with Allen and Janice. After the game they went to ZJ's at Gorman to eat and celebrate Kali's birthday. The meal was delicious. When they had finished eating, their table was surrounded with waitresses singing "Happy Birthday." They served her a big piece of hot apple pie with ice cream and a candle on top. They brought extra spoons so everyone could have a taste.

Glenda went to Stephenville on Saturday with her sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Winfred Dodds. Her sister-in-law, Anita Boyd, also went with them. Glenda's uncle W.F. Boler, was married to Glenda's dad's sister. She passed away in 1970. W.F. is 93 and has cancer and is very weak. He wanted all the Boyd grandchildren to get together at Stephenville while he was able to visit with them. All but two of the living grandchildren were there. Six have passed away. They had a great time talking about old times. He filled them in on things that they didn't know. He has such a good memory. Everyone had a great time. Glenda had lunch Sunday with Allen and Janice. Kali visited with Glenda on Sunday night and ate supper with her. Glenda always enjoys her visits. They all went to see Krista's last ballgame Monday at Baird. Now the girls will start track. Keeeps Glenda real busy going to all the grandchildren's activities. Say, Glenda! You don't have any cute thing to say about Logan! We miss hearing about him!

Frankie Smith hosted the 84 party at her house Thurs-

day night. A great time was had by all! Frankie attended the Putnam musical Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Blunt. Saturday, Jean Fore and Frankie attended the Sipe Springs musical.

Charlene Chesshir has not been feeling well for about two weeks. She is being treated for stomach ulcers. Jim has been busy with his work and hasn't been home but once in January and once the first weekend of February. Know Charlene is missing him. It won't be long until he will be coming down to plow the garden spot!

J.D. and Sandy Hutton went to Decatur to church Sunday. They had a nice visit with their daughters, Shanna Honea and Tamara Young along with the grandchildren, Dodge Honea, Racheal and Reagan Young.

Earlene Burge has been sick with a bad cold but is feeling better. Sha and Jessica have their kitchen floor torn up and ready to put down a new floor so things are good at their house. They went out for dinner Sunday after church, which was a real treat.

James and Jean Alexander had their Richardson family, Jim and Marla, Jack, Will and Ashley, for the weekend. Jean and Marla went to Baird shopping. Ashley stayed with the men folk and helped with the cows and helped with the fence fixing. Jack and Will helped out and did a little exploring around the farm. They all had a good time.

Wow! Wasn't Saturday morning just beautiful! It has been a long time since we have had snow. Too bad it couldn't have lasted longer. We do appreciate the moisture. We would use a little more of that. Anyway the kids sure enjoyed what little snow we had!

Word of wisdom: Some people are making such thorough preparations for a rainy day that they are not enjoying today's sunshine.

The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

KEN AND BARBIE: SAY IT ISN'T SO...

I could not have been more surprised if my grandmother had slapped me up side the head at Christmas dinner. With all the spin going on, we're on shock overload, but Barbie's dumping Ken for Blaine, an Australian "boogie boarder." This news is beyond stunning. Why until last week, it wasn't even on the radar screen, but in a matter of hours, it was in the media circus center ring..

Tens of millions of Ken and Barbie tandems have graced American households for 43 years. Quick math suggests they could qualify for AARP cards, and if they had ever "tied the knot," they could be planning zoo trips with grandchildren.. The doll moguls could have added touches of gray, promoted their doll stars' citizen status, thus milking dry the "grow old with me/best is yet to be" line..

But no! The Mattel toy people are no dummies. They read the papers, watch the news and know what scores.

They know that Pete Rose with his coast-to-coast whines, confessions and apologies ostensibly to increase Hall of Fame chances-is riding this publicity crest to sell his new book. And he's selling them by the tons..

They also know that Mel Gibson's new movie, The Passion of the Christ, much heralded before its release, has picked up even more speed with ongoing stories about whether the Pope did or didn't endorse it.

Mattel has entered the spin race and clearly believes that break-ups can get more ink than happily ever-afters.. Now, Ken and Barbie-since 1961 as inseparable as Burns

and Allen, Fibber McGee and Molly, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans-not to mention Mickey and Minnie Mouse-are no more! It seems so un-American, or in these days, perhaps TOO American..

They say that a soap opera is a show where it takes three years for a woman to have a baby prematurely. Well, Ken and Barbie's "courtship" has been similarly extended. I've kept thinking that any decade now, they might announce their engagement, or even elope. (They could have had a prenuptial agreement, just in case things didn't work out.)

Ken, always eager to please Barbie, would have jumped at the chance to catch some tanning rays, touch up the gray streaks and perhaps add earrings if she wanted him to be more, well, current..

That wouldn't have gotten nearly as much publicity, though, as his being tossed aside like a rag doll as Barbie zeroed in on this Aussie beach hunk with dimples and a devilish smile who "talks the talk" and "walks the walk" of the "with it" bunch.

Yes, Mattel has scored a "hit" with the media by electing to forge a break-up of one doll duo to break in another. The toy moguls may have been born at night, but not last night..

Meanwhile, Ken pined away—perhaps sitting on a barstool right next to Joe Namath—dateless just 48 hours before Valentine's Day. And Mattel's media gristmill grinds away, readying for the opening of the 101st American International Toy Fair in Manhattan.

Oh, I forgot to mention it. At the fair, retailers sort out toy trends and place orders for next Christmas..

The announcement about Barbie reminded me of a 16-year-old girl trying to justify her navel ring to the school principal. "You have to understand that my history has a history of break-downs," she sobbed, "So when I have mine, I want the wrecker man to have an easy way to connect the chain.."

In Cowtown, a guy claiming to be "almost Willie Nelson" entertained for a downtown coffee group. He so looked the part, with the bandana, long hair, guitar and a similar voice. At quick glance, he could easily have been mistaken for the real McCoy.

"I was in an 'almost Willie Nelson' look-alike contest in Oklahoma City a while back," he said, "There were 15 of us going for the prize. What none of us knew," he said, "Was that the real Willie Nelson was in town that night. He heard what we were doing, slipped in the back door, entered the contest and finished

Seeds From The Sower

By Michael A. Guido Metter, GA.

When the Rev. Mr. Brooks was dying, they posted a "No Visitor" sign on his door.

Bob Ingersoll asked to see him, and the minister insisted, "Let him in."

"I appreciate this very much," admitted the agnostic. "But why do you see me, when you deny yourself to your other friends?"

"Because," explained the man of God, "I'm confident of seeing them in the next world. But this is my last chance to see you."

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Relay For Life Letter and Poem

To Whom It May Concern:
I am the team leader for the "EMH Mash Unit". Eastland Memorial Hospital's official Relay for Life team. Our cancer survivor, Diana Davis wrote the attached poem and I would like to have it published in the poem section of the newspaper. Diana recently was told by her doctor that she now is "cancer free" and we would like to share this great news with our community and to celebrate with Diana.

In his office I cried and cried
I am thankful I had Randy by my side
My first thought was "I am going to die"
My first question was "WHY"?

When telling our 4 children there was silence and cries
I wish no parent ever had to see that pain in their children's eyes

Now they fear someday they will come home and I will not be there...Forever gone

15, 14, 12 and 10
My children have to wonder if their lives will ever be the same again

My family and friends I could not bear to tell
Randy took that burden from me and lived his own secret hell

These same caring people have worried and cried with me

Without them I can't imagine where I would be

They have listened to me laugh, scream and cry very seldom ever is there a dry eye

They are there for me through the thick and thin
Even when I get down and feel that I can't win

They never let me give up for they know I am strong
sometimes I just need assurance to keep me moving along

Life is a battle everyday
But I am thankful for I have God to lead the way

At night I cry those silent tears
And wonder if my life is numbered in days or in years

I won't give up this daily pace
I will fight until I win this very long race

The wonderful reward for winning this fight
Is the candle of life to light the night

I have lots of years with Randy to spend
It is certainly not time for this to end

I will be there when my kids graduate high school
I will be the one in the crowd laughing, crying, my heart full

I will be there when my grandchildren are born
I have lots of spoiling to do...So to my children I forewarn

I have cancer, it doesn't have me
I will never give up, just wait and see!

Diana Davis
11/15/03

How To Organize A Relay For Life Team

Eastland County Relay For Life

You are invited to attend the Kick Off Rally & Team Meeting February 22nd from 2pm to 3 pm at the Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas.

Start recruiting NOW!
Gather 8-15 of your friends, family and coworkers to participate. Tell them about the Relay For Life, an over night event, that benefits the American Cancer Society. It's never too early to get your team formed and start raising money. Most teams raise funds year 'round.

Choose your team captain! This fearless leader will be the liaison between the American Cancer Society and your team. All that's required is a few free evenings to attend Captain's Meetings and Bank Night and a desire to lead your team in the fight against cancer.

Pay a team registration fee and ask each team member to raise a minimum of \$100. Each member who raises \$100 will receive a Relay For Life T-shirt.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Start Fundraising! The fun part is that YOU get to decide how. Whether you walk door to door, wash cars or grill burgers - it's up to you. Tell people you are raising money for a good cause. Check out the Fundraising Handbook for other great ideas. Be sure to check with your employers to receive matching gifts. You will be surprised how quickly you can accumulate donations. And, to reward your hard work, we'll give an award to the person and the team that raises the most funds.

Plan your campsite theme. To make the night's event even more fun, we encourage teams to decorate their campsites with a cancer theme. Some teams go all out and even have costumes to go with their theme. Use your imagination! Let that creativity flow. Who knows? You could walk away the winner of the campsite contest!

Create your Team Banner. This will help your team stand out as you make your lap during the Parade of Teams!

It also enhances your campsite...and helps direct you back, in case you get lost!

Prepare to have fun!!!
Arrive at the track anytime after 5:00 p.m. to set up camp for the night. Bring a tent to spend the night, some frisbees or footballs to toss on the sidelines, and a camera to take blackmail pics of your friends and family in the wee morning hours of the Relay For Life.

Invite friends, neighbors and everyone else you know to come out and cheer your team on! An especially beautiful time is the Luminaria Ceremony. This is when all the stadium lights are turned off, luminaries are lit and all participants stop to remember those who lost the battle - and honor those who have survived.

After Relay take a good, long nap! You deserve it!! Then meet with your team to reminisce about the fun and to start making plans for next year!

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May 28, 2003

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Hospital Happenings and Health Hints

You'll "LOVE" the February Meeting of the Diabetic Support Group

Participates at the February meeting of the Diabetic Support Group are in for a very special surprise, so you will want to make plans to attend. The doors will open at **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19th at the Daugherty Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.** Each participant will be registered with a "number" and will discover that "knowing your number" really counts!

You asked and we listened! During the last several Diabetic Support Group Meetings we asked **YOU** what you wanted for programs, topics you wanted covered, and questions you wanted answered. In response, the meeting for **February 19th from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.** will be presented by Mary Brown, a Registered Nurse and Certified Diabetic Educator. She is being sponsored by the Bayer Corporation and will be presenting the outstanding program, **"Know Your Numbers"**. She will be discussing numbers you need to know and what they mean.

Have you or your friends who are diabetics heard the doctor talk about or order the lab test, Hemoglobin A1C? What does that mean? What does it tell the doctor about your diabetes? What is a "good" or "bad" number? Triglycerides and cholesterol...we hear those names, but what do they really mean? How do they impact someone's health, especially a diabetic? What number should be your goal for a healthy life style? How about your blood glucose number? What should you aim for? What is the range for normal blood glucose? How about a fasting glucose tolerance test? Mary Brown will have the answers to all these questions and more!

In addition to presenting the **"Know Your Numbers"**

Timely Tips

by Kate Worth

DRESSED-UP YOGURT - To make feeding yogurt to my little one less messy, I mix some of his baby cereal into it. The yogurt is thickened. It also makes it a bit more nutritious. Caroline M.

CUTTING BOARD - To keep your cutting board from sliding around the counter when chopping vegetables, place a damp kitchen towel underneath it "anchors" the board and prevents accidents. Lottie C.

MAKEUP STAIN - To remove liquid foundation spills from clothes, saturate the fabric with prewash stain-remover spray. Allow the spray to penetrate, then rub the spot with laundry detergent and wash as usual. Sarah K.

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program and discussing related issues, Mary Brown will have a large selection of literature available and will be demonstrating an ASCENCIA Elite XL Glucose Monitor.

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Eastland Drug Store has been instrumental in facilitating this month's program and will also be presenting one or two door prizes, possibly another glucose meter, along with offering samples of diabetic foods they have available.

So mark your calendar now to attend the next Diabetic Support Group meeting on **Thursday, February 19th from 6-7 pm in the Daugherty Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.**

Sandler, Barrymore, Star In Romantic Comedy

Drew Barrymore becomes a kind of unforgettable valentine for Adam Sandler in this new, off-beat Columbia picture called "50 First Dates."

This movie was released nationwide on Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day - and was the Number 1 movie for that weekend.

It will open at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Friday, Feb. 20, and show nightly at 7:30 through Monday, Feb. 23.

Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults for \$5.50.

"50 First Dates" is rated PG-13 for crude sexual humor and drug references.

This movie is said to be an agreeable, deranged romance with a "geeks-in-Paradise" Hawaiian setting.

Sandler finally gets matched with a character who is just as moonstruck as he is. Maybe more so, for Drew Barrymore plays Lucy, who lives in a permanent state of amnesia. Each

morning she sits in the breakfast booth of a tiki shack cafe and builds a sculpture out of waffles.

Sandler, as Marine Veterinarian Henry Roth, is a baby-cheeked lothario in sandals and flowered shirts, whose love life includes seducing and ditching.

Spying Lucy in that booth, he makes his move—but she gives off a glow he can't shake.

They agree to meet at the same place the next morning, but when they do she can't remember him. So the seduction has to start all over.

Critics say that somehow the movie, for all its idiocy, manages to touch the audience. Barrymore has such a flaky, bedazzled charm that you want to see her rescued. And Sandler, confronted with a girl who can't remember him, is forced to become the ultimate romantic.

This picture could be an antidote to some of the heavy, bad news going around!

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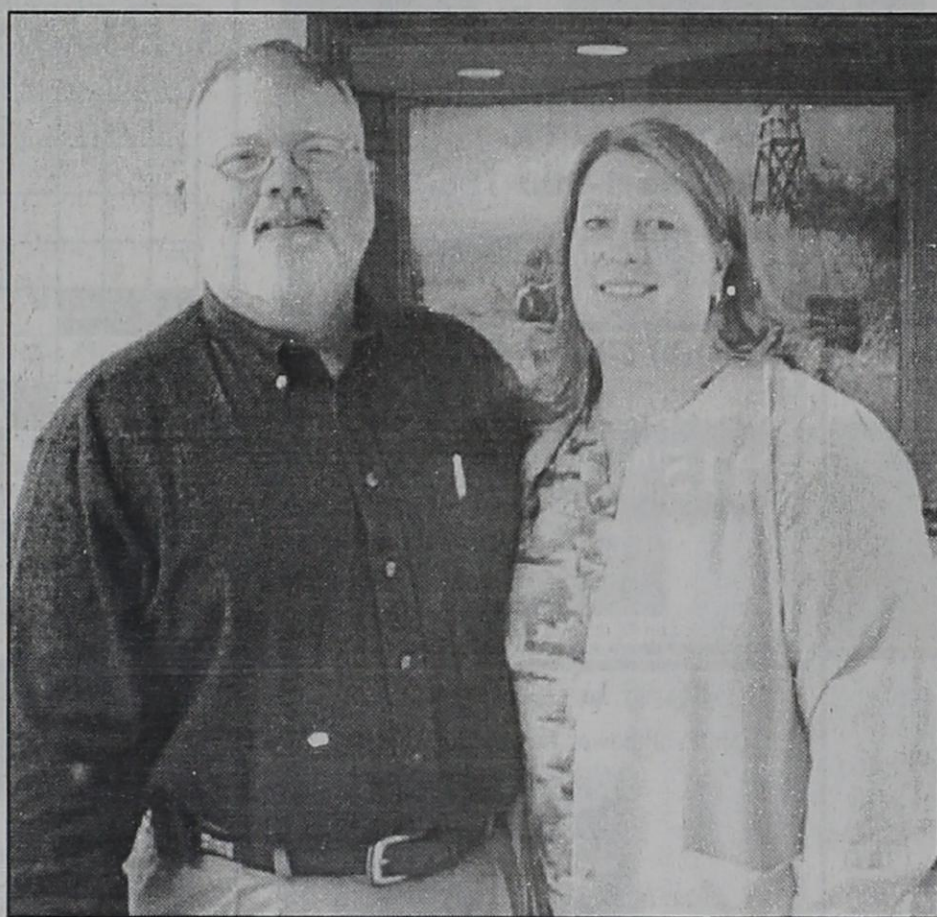
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Kokomo News

By Zeldia Jordan

Wasn't the snow a beautiful sight when we got up on Saturday morning? Only God could make something that beautiful. I don't know how much it measured, but I'm guessing around 1 to 2 inches. It didn't take long for it to melt off after it began to warm up.

The choir sang "Had It Not Been" at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. It was beautiful. We are truly blessed with a wonderful choir. Those in the choir were Crystal and Rachel Snider, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Sylvia Buchanan, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning, Jimmy Little and Joe Bond with Glynda Bond at the piano. "Happy Anniversary" wishes were extended to Dianne and Danny Snider.

Randall, Kaci and Aaron Suniga of Comanche visited with their grandparents, Oren and Norma Webb.

Margie Bragg of Comanche visited with Betty Strube last Tuesday.

Betty and Larry Strube visited with Joyce and Delmon Eaves on Friday.

Belinda, Audri, Ella and Isaac Segura of Gorman visited with LaVon Snider.

Jimmy and Verna Lee

Little visited recently in Arlington with Nelda, Cody and Jarad Falls.

Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland visited with his parents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Valentine's Night.

Ashley Little enjoyed a visit with her grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Sunday afternoon. Her dad, James Little came to pick her up and visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan, Bertie Stacy and Zeldia Jordan.

Woodrow and Helen Browning spent last week in Graham with Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning during Graham's School Winter Break.

Nancy Hendricks and Johnnie B. Griffith visited with Zeldia Jordan.

I had a nice visit with a former neighbor, Evelyn Fortenberry of Olden, at the Senior Citizen's luncheon on Wednesday in Gorman. Evelyn and her family were residents of Kokomo several years ago.

I would like to have your news so please call me with any news you have.

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Obituaries

Jessie Marian Tatom Odom

BAIRD- Jessie Marian Tatom Odom, 91, died Saturday, February 14, 2004 at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.

Services were held Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Baird, Texas. Carl Mauldin officiated, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Interment was at Kendrick Cemetery at Denton Valley, Texas.

Jessie was born February 1, 1913 in the Atwell Community of Texas to William Marcellus and Maud Rouse Tatom. She graduated from Putnam High School and then attended, at that time, Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Texas. After putting herself through three years of college, she began her teaching career, later finishing her degree at McMurry College in Abilene graduating Magna Cum Laude. She taught 19 years scattered over Denton Valley, Bayou, Clyde and Baird school systems. While teaching at Denton Valley, she met and married Blan Odom on May 15, 1936 in Blackwell, Texas. Jessie

continued teaching while she and Blan farmed and ranched 15 miles south of Baird on the Pecan Bayou. They remained there for the rest of their lifetime.

Jessie made quite a reputation as a girls' basketball coach, having taken teams to the state finals from Denton Valley and Bayou schools. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Baird, and several business and professional women's clubs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and her husband.

Survivors are her son, Mike Odom of Taos, NM; and her daughter, Marian Scott of Baird; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, all of whom were special to her.

Pallbearers were Jim Roy Hatchett, Benton Pruet, Frank Windham, Jr., Kenneth George, Robert Park, Barton Scott, Steve Odom, and Tally Windham.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Baird or the charity of your choice.

Letter To The Editor

One Man Knew How To Emphathize With A Hero

To the editor by internet - In case anyone has any doubts about the kind of leader this country has, this should clear things up!

No matter what your views are of the war and the current government, I share this:

At Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC recently the Sergeant Major of the Army, Jack Tilley, was with a group of people visiting the wounded soldiers

He saw a Special Forces soldier who had lost his right hand and suffered severe wounds of his face and side of his body.

The SMA wanted to honor him and show him respect without offending, but what can you say or do in such a situation that will encourage and uplift? How do you shake the right hand of a soldier who has none?

He decided to act as though the hand was not missing and gripped the soldiers wrist while speaking words of comfort and encouragement to him.

But there was another man

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in that group of visitors who had even brought his wife with him to visit the wounded who knew exactly what to do.

This man reverently and gently took the soldiers stump of a hand in both of his hands, bowed at the bedside and prayed for him. When he finished the prayer he stood up, with watery eyes, bent over the soldier and kissed him on the forehead and told him that he loved him.

What a powerful expression of love for one of our wounded heroes! And what a beautiful Christ-like example! What kind of a man would do such a thing?

It was the wounded man's Commander-in-Chief, George W. Bush; President of the United States. With First Lady Laura Bush silently standing by his side.

This story was told by the SMA at a Soldiers Breakfast held at Red Stone Arsenal, AL, and recorded by Chaplain James Henderson, stationed there, and shared to us by email.

In Palo Pinto

Ex-Trooper Pleads Guilty To Tampering

By Jerry Ambrose Mineral Wells Index Staff Writer

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Palo Pinto- Judge Jerry Ray accepted the guilty plea Friday in 29th Judicial District Court of an Abilene man for tampering with a government document, sentencing him to five years probation.

Ray also sentenced Timothy Falkner to 20 days in jail and 400 hours community service, fined him \$1,000 and assessed \$547 in attorney's fees and court costs.

Falkner could have been sentenced up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to the second-degree felony.

The clean-cut, former Department of Public Safety trooper stood quietly with attorney Michael Burns as Ray said, "Times like this always presents the court with bit of a quandary. The first notion is to take into consideration your eight years of public service.

"But part of my logic makes the fall from that position of trust much harder to understand. The public needs to know there is accountability even for police officers and trusted officials."

Ray instructed that the former trooper must permanently surrender all his law enforcement licenses and permanently refrain from any form of vehicle dealing.

Falkner, an 8-year DPS veteran, said his current occupation is a self-

employed contractor. He is married with two children.

He will be allowed to serve out his jail sentence on 10 consecutive weekends starting Saturday. Ray said, "I want you to continue to work and take care of your family and put this behind you."

Eastland County Assistant District Brenda Gray handled the prosecution of Falkner's case. Eastland County District Attorney Russell Thomason and DPS Sgt. Bill Cooper observed the proceedings.

Falkner was indicted by the Palo Pinto County grand jury in September along with former Palo Pinto County Sheriff's deputy Ronnie Burns for allegedly failing to follow proper administrative procedures when presenting vehicles and equipment for public auction.

By pleading guilty, Falkner avoids a jury trial in his case.

Burns, who has vehemently denied his guilt, is on listed the court docket to appear for trial the week of March 1.

Palo Pinto County District Tim Ford previously rescued himself in both Falkner's and Burns' cases in favor of the Eastland County District Attorney's office.

Regarding Burns' case, Gray said outside the courtroom, "We're ready when the judge is ready to try the case."

Attempts by the Index to reach Burns and his attorney, Jim Lane, Friday were unsuccessful.



A table of refreshments and finger foods was provided for guests at the Titan Steel Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting held of Friday, Feb. 13, 2004. Almost forty guests were present for the event, Athena Sheffield reported. Titan Steel came to Baird in 2003 and has 12 employees.

Livestock Auction News

The Texas Cattle Exchange reported that 45 buyers and 85 sellers attended their Feb. 10 sale. 374 head were sold. According to Dick Vestal, market reporter, cows and bulls were steady, and pairs were \$50 higher. Feeder steers and heifers were mixed.

The Texas Cattle Exchange holds sales every Tuesday.

Comanche Livestock Exchange reported 140 head of cattle were offered at their Feb. 14 auction. Feeder cattle, slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Sales are held every Saturday at noon.

Haskell Livestock Auction reported 25 sellers and 29 buyers at their Feb. 16 sale. 241 head of cattle were offered for sale. According to Gary Tate, market reporter, packers were \$2-4 higher, stockers were \$1-4 higher, and feeders were steady. There was a short run due to snow and ice.

Graham Livestock Auction reported receipts totaling 422 head on Feb. 16.

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Feb. 18, 2004 AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Prayer meeting in Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 22, 2004 Women's

Bible Study 5:00 p.m. fellowship hall

Prayer time 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Feb. 25, 2004 Callahan Baptist Evangelism Rally with Wayne Shuffield Jr. speaker and Todd Wilson, music. This Callahan Co. meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Baird.

Baird I. S. D. School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Cobbler, Crackers, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 19

Baked Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Jelly, Milk

Friday, Feb. 20

Bear Burger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies, Milk

Mon. Feb. 23

Beef & Macaroni, Mashed

Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Chicken Patties on Bun, Tator Tots, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Brownies, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Pizza, corn, Tossed Salad, Cake, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 26

Fish, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Hush Puppies, Pudding, Milk

Eula High Graduate Enlists In U. S. Navy

Civilian Lucas M. Derrick, a 2001 graduate of Eula High School, Clyde, Texas, recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District Dallas, Irving, Texas.

Derrick will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Callahan County 4-H News

For those interested in the **Shooting Sports** project there will be an organizational meeting on **February 21st, 1:00 p.m.** at the Shooting Range.

All former members and new members as well as their parents are encouraged to attend. The Shooting Range is located on FM 18 between Baird and Clyde.

For more information contact the Extension office at 854-1518.

Futurity Project Nomination Due-Horse Project

4-H Horse Project members who intend to nominate yearling halter, yearling long line, two-year-old pleasure and three-year-old stock horses for the 4-H futurity program have until **April 1st** to purchase a horse and fill out a nomination form.

Nomination forms are available at the Callahan County Extension Office, 100 West 4th Suite 201, Baird.

There is a \$10 nomination fee. 4-H members can nominate more than one horse, but must fill out a separate form for each horse. Nomination will not constitute entry, and 4-Hers will still need to officially enter the respective State Show futurity class later in the year while attending the District Show.

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Recent donations have put the association on the road to being able to provide care for the more than 100 Callahan County pioneers' last resting place. Please make plans to attend the annual meeting and please continue your support of the association with your donations.

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- DWI - 2
- Possession of Marijuana - 1
- Public Intoxication - 3
- Fail to Report Property Damage Accident - 1
- SR-Suspension - 1

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