

The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Americans United Light the Way

Like so much mud thrown against the wall, most of it rolls downward into rivulets moving back into the main stream that is the river, becoming a force for good like the Mighty Mississippi.

It's that way at the prospect of "life after the election." Multi-million dollar mud splats hurled by both major political parties with unprecedented media blitzes painted all candidates as klutzes, using the broadest of brushes. Let us shake off the mud, seek the purity of bubbling springs, rinse off, have a swig and become Americans again.

Never, I think, have the seasonal prospects of United Way, then Thanksgiving and finally, Christmas seemed so inviting to millions of Americans. We have been distracted and fallen behind on much that is good, challenging and celebratory in our lives.

Let us re-focus on things

noble, lifting up instead of pushing down, striving to model that time decades ago when "four out of five New York doctors" agreed on medical treatment. We don't hear from that foursome much anymore. Maybe they died, elected to sell insurance instead of pay it, or are still out on the course. We do know this; four out of five people from any group may never again set foot on common ground.

South Carolina football coach and funny guy Lou Holtz says one reason he would never consider being a U.S. president is the nagging reality that at least 31 million Americans vote against you.

Indeed, Bill Ratliff, retired and renowned public servant who was Texas' Lieutenant Governor, fully recognizes life's swirling disagreements. He jokes that he is a Republican for the same reason that he's a Methodist, agreeing with both groups "51 percent of the time..."

In this season, I am grateful for even isolated evidence of civility. Truthfully, I was a bit worried about casualties at ballot boxes. It is admittedly an idle thought, but I feared for men named "Chad" loitering around polling places.

This is an absolute "no-no" at election time. They hang "Chads," don't they? *****

It is a time for reaching out. We should help dry the tears of others, starting with the St. Louis Cardinals, whose world faded to black when their play turned to jelly against the Boston Red Sox.

Though the Sox may well have expected to win, not in their wildest dreams was a 4-0 sweep of the Cards anticipated. They gasped at the realization of being world champions of baseball for the first time in 86 years.

They felt like dogs that for years had raced along a fence, in "dog talk" threatening about what carnage would occur if either could reach the other. One day, wind blew away a section, and as they loped along the fence line, suddenly they were face to face. They didn't know what to do next.. *****

This wasn't the first time wheels came off in St. Louis. A few years ago, several visitors rode the tram that delivered them to the peak of the Gateway Arch, the "east meets west" marker on the bank of the Mississippi River. The 40 visitors headed for the observation deck, eager to scope out the city from 630 feet in the air. Their joy ebbed a few minutes later when a loud-

Magi Bazaar At Holy Rosary Church In Cisco

The Altar Society of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church will host their annual Magi Bazaar at

the Parish Hall, 1106 Avenue F (behind Brookshires), on Saturday, November 13, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The bazaar will include handcrafted holiday items, gifts, gift baskets, wreaths, and floral arrangements. Our handcrafted items will include Christmas stockings, Christmas table linens, Christmas ornaments, vintage quilts, crocheted

speaker message indicated that the tram was stuck. Their return to ground level would be delayed; they were urged to remain calm. "There's a preacher," someone said, "Let's ask him to pray for us." Russell and Betty Dilday were indeed in the stranded bunch, and he felt all eyes shifting toward him. Known for his spontaneity and keen wit, Dr. Dilday admitted to being a preacher, but "not an arch bishop." *****

Prayer, that's it! Let us pray for our country. Let us pray for our elected officials--all of them, on both sides of the aisle. Let us pray for each other, putting feet to prayers, shoulders to wheels and faith to action.

The Prophet Isaiah admonished us to reason together. So be it. And after we reason, let us even lift up our enemies in prayer. They need the prayer, and we need the practice.

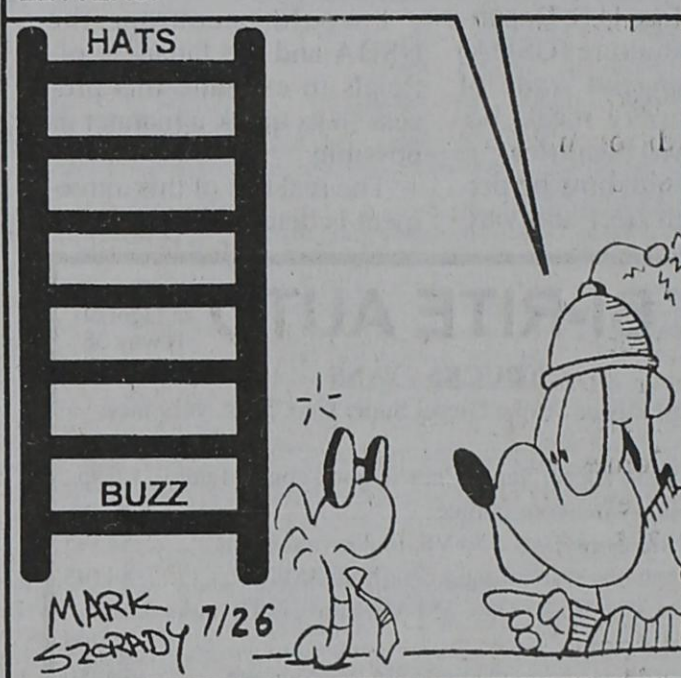
(In the words of political candidates, many of whom can easily identify with the late Rodney Daingerfield on the "respect-o-meter:" I have read this column and approve its message.) *****

Dr. Newbury is an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. His column appears weekly in 100 Texas newspapers. He invites feedback: 817-447-3872 or by email, newbury@speakerdoc.com

items, wooden signs, and a quilt rack. The "Bake Shop" will feature cakes and cheesecakes, pecan pies, desserts, fudge, and peanut brittle. Jams, jellies, and relishes will be part of the canned goods. For our hungry morning shoppers, we will have breakfast burritos and homemade tortillas. Slices of cake, cheesecake, pecan tarts, and chili, along with a cup of coffee, will be available throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend and join us for shopping, visiting, and feasting on home-cooking!

George's Word Ladder By Mark Szorady

CHANGE THE FIRST WORD INTO THE LAST WORD BY CHANGING JUST ONE LETTER AT A TIME. EACH STEP MUST BE A REAL WORD. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON EACH RUNG OF THE LADDER. EACH WORD CONTAINS FOUR LETTERS.



SOLUTION: HATS FATS FATE FAZE FUZE

We Clean The Most Neglected, Unsanitary Part Of Your Home: **YOUR AIR DUCT SYSTEM!**
J & J Air Conditioning, Inc.
106 Pogue Eastland, TX
254-629-2251 TACL00200C 800-585-2251

Abilene Brick & Supply Inc.
10% off Fireplaces & Fireplace Accessories
Majestic Electric Fireplaces
Pilgrim fireplace accessories
offer valid through November 26, 2004.
Open to the public - Se habla español
1618 South Treadaway - 325-672-3939

Randolph Dodge

in Eastland

YOUR WEST TEXAS VOLUME DEALER

254-629-8986 EXIT 343 off I-20 West 1-888-591-0051

SALE DAY EVERY DAY!

2002 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab ST, 5 SPEED, 42K MILES, NICE TRUCK! #E03726B \$13,990*	2003 Jeep Liberty Sport 6 CYL., AUTO, LOADED, NICE! #D00442 \$14,990*	2002 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab SLT V8, AUTO, MATCHING SHELL #D00481 \$15,990*	2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee 3.6K, A/C, PWL #D00480 \$17,990*	2002 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab SLT #E03891A \$13,990*
2002 Pontiac Grand Am SE 2 DOOR, AUTO, CLEAN #D00489A \$9,990*	2001 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab LWB V8, AUTO, 43K MILES, SHARP! #D00459 \$11,990*	2001 Dodge 2500 Quad Cab SLT CUMMINS, AUTO, 39K MILES, CLEAN #D00482 \$21,990*	1999 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab V8, AUTO, ONLY 49,000 MILES, CLEAN! #D00417 \$10,990*	2003 Dodge Stratus SXT 4 DOOR, AUTO, LOADED #D00389 \$9,990*
2002 Dodge 1500 Reg Cab ST T/C, AUTO, 47K #D00405 \$9,990*	2001 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab SLT V8, AUTO, LOADED, 50K MILES #D00418 \$12,990*	2004 Pontiac Grand Prix GT 4 DOOR, V6, LOADED, 18K MILES, LIKE NEW! #D00493 \$16,990*	2002 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab SLT V8, AUTO, LOADED #D000334 \$15,990*	2004 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab SLT AUTO, LOADED, 8K MILES #D00506 \$17,990*

1-888-591-0051

www.randolphdodge.com



Congressman
Charles W. Stenholm
 17th Congressional District
 1500 Industrial Blvd. Suite 101
 Abilene, TX 79606 (915) 673-7221
AG TALK

Update on Beef Trade with Japan
 This time last week I mentioned that I hoped to be able to report that Japan had reopened their market to U.S. beef.

Japan had imposed a ban on imports of U.S. beef in 2003, following the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in Canada and another case in Washington State last December.

Up to that point, Japan was the largest market for U.S. beef and beef products with annual sales exceeding \$1.7 billion.

This past Saturday I was pleased to learn about the recent framework agreement between the Japanese government and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to resume partial trade of beef and variety meats between our two countries.

The U.S. will now be permitted to sell beef and variety

meats to Japanese importers from animals less than 21 months of age.

I think this announced agreement is a good start towards the resumption of full trade, not only with Japan, but also with our other trading partners such as Korea.

Let me add, however, that the value of any trade agreement is in the fine print, and I look forward to continuing to work with the USDA as the regulations related to this decision are developed and the finer details get worked out.

It may take some months for all those regulatory hurdles to be cleared in the U.S. and Japan before the flow of beef products can actually resume.

I would encourage the USDA and the Japanese officials to expedite this process in as quick a manner as possible.

The real test of this agreement is determined by when

we get our beef moving again.
 In the mean time, I will be working to ensure that the interests of U.S. cattle producers are respected, and I hope that other countries will join Japan by resuming importation of U.S. beef and beef products.

As an update to this situation, Taiwan has agreed to resume beef trade with the U.S. Their representatives plan to travel to the U.S. beginning November 10.

With any luck the negotiations with the Taiwanese officials will be as successful as those with Japanese officials. I hope a little more successful, quite frankly.

New Crop Insurance Program for Grain Sorghum Producers

I am pleased to report that on Thursday, October 28th, the Department of Agriculture approved a new crop insurance program for the 2005 grain sorghum crop.

The Board of Directors of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) approved the program by a unanimous vote.

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) - authored in the House of Representatives by former Congressman Larry Combest and I-made dramatic changes in the Federal crop insurance program and gave USDA broad authority to provide producers with better risk management options.

As a result of ARPA and the Department's action this week, grain sorghum producers in 34 counties in Texas (including Bailey, Cochran, DeafSmith, Floyd, Gaines, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Parmer, Terry, and Yoakum) will have the option to purchase the Group Risk Income Protection policy on their crop.

This is another tool that producers can use to better manage both the price risk and the weather risks that are such a big threat to their bottom line.

Group Risk Income Protection (GRIP) is a policy that pays off when average county revenue for the crop falls below normal levels.

When any combination of drought (or other weather-related disaster) and price changes cause average revenues to fall below the target level, participating producers

countries in this world that do not have the farming and ranching infrastructure that we are so blessed with in this country.

We in the United States are the beneficiaries of the research done by land grant and agricultural schools such as Texas Tech and Texas A&M Universities.

And while many folks take it for granted, the Cooperative Extension Service has long played a role in the success of American agriculture by transferring the knowledge gained by our researchers to the folks on the ground.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

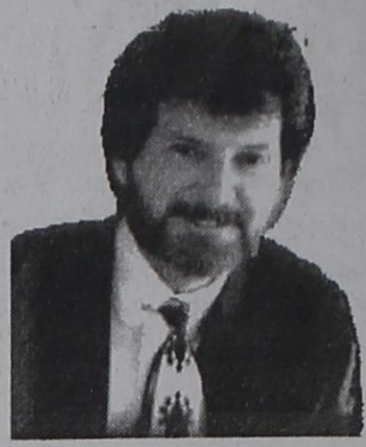
Experience Works Interviews Nov. 9

Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, it is the largest provider of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). This program, funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act, enables the organization to help thousands of low-income individuals, age 55 or older, throughout the United States. Experience Works collaborates with nonprofit organizations and community-service agencies to provide paid work experience and training to seniors prior to transitioning into the workforce. Participants are placed at eligible training sites for which they are paid in minimum wage for an average of 20 hours per week.

The services Duane Sheriff will conduct in Eastland will begin on Sunday evening, November 7th, and go through Wednesday, November 10th. These evening services begin at 6:00pm, Sunday and 7:00pm, Monday-Wednesday evenings. The public is invited to attend these meetings at the River of Life Church located at 103 Pogue Ave in Eastland. For more information, contact the church at 254-629-1015.

Experience Works mission is to put the experience of older individuals to work. Mature workers bring with them diverse talents, integrity, common sense, a strong work ethic and expertise acquired during their careers. Experience Works is currently recruiting individuals 55 and older, with limited income, who want to learn new skills, gain job experience, and ultimately work full-or part-time in their local communities.

Experience Works is holding an application and interview session at Ranger City



Duane Sheriff To Minister In Eastland

Duane Sheriff's ministry team will be in the area again. This time Pastor Duane will be ministering at the River of Life Church in Eastland, Texas.

Pastor Duane is a gifted and anointed teacher called to edify and encourage the body of Christ. He believes that God's love crosses all denominational barriers and desires to see the churches come together and walk in love and unity.

Pastor Duane's honest approach in his teachings is refreshing and has brought hope and healing to countless people across America and abroad. He and his wife, Sue, place a high priority on the home, where true ministry is practiced and lived.

Along with his various ministries, Pastor Duane conducts a free tape ministry.

His audio preaching tapes are free upon request. These tapes will add strength and value to your life as you listen to them.

The services Duane Sheriff will conduct in Eastland will begin on Sunday evening, November 7th, and go through Wednesday, November 10th.

These evening services begin at 6:00pm, Sunday and 7:00pm, Monday-Wednesday evenings. The public is invited to attend these meetings at the River of Life Church located at 103 Pogue Ave in Eastland. For more information, contact the church at 254-629-1015.

Library, 718 Pine St., Ranger, TX on November 9, from 1:00-4:00. For more information call 254-734-3275 or 254-629-0909.

Cross Plains 254-725-7361 **BI-RITE AUTO** 4th Block E. of Light on Highway 36

TRUCKS - VANS

95 Ford F250 Power Stroke Diesel Super Cab. 5 sp., very nice truck	\$6250
2 - 89 Ford F250 Diesel Super Cabs in good cond., 1 auto., 1 5 sp., both red & white, your choice	\$3295 ea.
97 Chevy 3500 Crew Cab. 350 V8, looks, runs good	\$4395
96 Ford F350 Crew Cab in good condition 351 V8	\$4195
95 Ford F150 XLT Super Cab. 351 V8, auto., O.D. looks & runs very good & only	\$2995
93 Mercury Villager in good cond., V6, cold air, etc.	\$1850
85 Ford F350 Diesel Crew Cab. std. trans., cold air, every thing works, 120 gal. extra tank, dual rears, grill guard, loaded	\$4250

CASH SPECIALS GOOD TILL NOV. 15, 2004

95 Ford F350 Diesel Crew Cab. Was. \$2950	\$2495
92 Mercury Sable St. Wagon 3.0 V6, good cond.	\$1250
97 Mercury Cougar XR7, runs good	\$2750
96 Taurus 3.0 V6, runs good, Its a steal at	\$2150
95 Taurus 3.0 runs, looks good & only	\$1895
92 Ford F350 Diesel Dually Super Cab. runs good	\$2500
92 Taurus 3.0 V6, looks & runs good	\$995
95 Geo Prizm. 4 dr., looks, runs good	\$1395

AUTOMOBILES

97 T-bird in good condition, 3.8 V6, Was. \$3750 Now Only	\$3495
96 Buick Century V6, low miles, a good car reduced to	\$2495
93 Mercury Cougar XR7 super nice car for only	\$2250
98 Mercury Mystic 4 dr. (red), good cond. 4 cyl.	\$2950
94 Chevy Corsica in good cond. (white)	\$1595
93 Taurus 3.8 V6, looks, runs good (white)	\$1495
94 Chevy Corsica 4 dr., very nice car (red)	\$1795
91 Lincoln Continental looks & runs very good, 3.8 V6	\$1850
7 Other Cars Not Listed	\$495 & Up

SOME FINANCING AVAILABLE - CLOSED FRI. & SUN. OPEN SAT. 9-6

CUSTOM HOME BUILDERS SINCE 1980

Let Us Build Your New Home or Room Addition
If You Can Dream It, We Can Build It!

T. J. CLARK CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
(254) 734-2755
 P. O. Box 176 111 E. Roberts St.
 Gorman, TX 76454

General Building Contractors - All Work Guaranteed
 Custom Homes - Remodeling - Commercial - Industrial - Farm
 Financing - Free Estimates - Design, Engineering & Plan Services

CHIROPRACTIC FOR BETTER HEALTH

STEPHEN G. BARRY D.C. CHIROPRACTOR

LIVE AND LEARN AND PASS IT ON
Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
 -Martin Luther King, Jr.

Good health improves your quality of life. Millions have found chiropractic care to be the treatment of choice for their headaches, back pain, or injuries following automobile, athletic or work related accidents. To schedule an appointment call 629-1771.
 Office hours: Monday - Friday 8-12; 2-6
 (Closed Thursday afternoon)

Medicare, Auto/Health Insurance, Work Comp. Accepted

BARRY CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC
 961 E. Main * Eastland, TX * 254-629-1771

I-20 MOTORS USED CARS
 19th & I-20 Cisco, Texas
 Shop (254) 442-4262 Home (254) 442-2578 Mobile (817) 999-5272

03 Chevy Impala auto, air, AM/FM, CD, elect. windows, locks, cruise, tilt, 54K	\$9500
02 Ford F150 Short Bed Sport 6 cyl., 5 sp., air, AM/FM, cass., cruise, 58k	\$7450
02 Ford Taurus SE auto, air, AM/FM, cass., elec. windows, locks, seats, cruise, tilt, (spoiler), 47K	\$7450
02 Ford Mustang 6 cyl., 5 sp., air, AM/FM cass., 40K	\$8995
01 Ford Ranger 4 cyl., 5 sp., air, AM/FM, 36K	\$4750
01 Ford F150 V6 Flair Side auto, AM/FM, CD	\$8595
01 Mazda Pickup 4 cyl., 5 sp., air, AM/FM, 20K	\$5995
01 Buick Century Limited auto, air, elect. windows/locks, cruise, 64K	\$7950
00 Ford F150 Long Bed Pickup V8, auto, air, AM/FMm cruise, tilt	\$5995
00 Dodge Intrepid auto, air, AM/FM cass., elect. seats, locks & windows, cruise, tilt	\$4995
00 Ford Focus 4 dr., auto, air, AM/FM, cass., 20K	\$7250
99 Chevy Silverado auto, air, AM/FM	\$5950
98 Ford F150 V8 long bed, auto, air, AM/FM	\$4995
96 GMC Sonoma Ext. Cab 4 cyl., 5 sp.	\$2995

Warranty May Be Purchased On All Vehicles

Special Gifts For Christmas

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

I have an unusual gift suggestion for you this Christmas.

Write a true to life experience about Christmas when you were the age of the person to whom you will give this write up.

If the person is six years old, think back to the time you were six years old and it was Christmas.

Write about the people who lived in your family, the visitors who came to your home, or the place your family went to celebrate Christmas. Give details of the decorations placed in the home and the meal prepared for the guests.

Write about the gifts you received and the ones that were your favorites. Maybe you received a doll but don't

stop there. Describe the doll down to the clothes it was wearing and the special things about it, such as if it cried or wet its pants.

If you have pictures to go with the article it will be even more appreciated.

You might even take a time to read aloud one or two of the written articles to the gathering of your family at your Christmas celebration.

Your grandchildren will have this part of your past to look back on and remember that you were also an excited child at one time.

It will make you seem more like them than the old person they seem to think you have become.

(Ed. Note: Share your memory with the Texas Messenger, P.O. Box 29, Eastland, TX 76448. It will be printed for others to read.)

Benefit For John Kidd

This community has always come to the aid of those who have needs. Friends of John and Betty Kidd know they have been through a long and expensive hospital stay and have had numerous medical and drug expenses during John's fight with cancer.

The Daugherty Street Church of Christ in Eastland

in the benefit of John Kidd has set up an account at the Eastland National Bank. If you wish to make a donation to help defray some of these expenses please go by the bank and make a deposit to this account the account # is 31010005610 or bring your donation by the office of the Daugherty Street Church of Christ in Eastland.

Cross Plains Art Show Winners Noted

The Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club hosted their annual art show Saturday, October 23rd, at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Area artists were well represented.

Ginger Test from Novice judged the artwork. She is well known in this area for conducting workshops and demonstrations in painting.

Ribbons were awarded as follows:

Best of Show- \$85 Cash Prize

Sandra Blasingame, Brownwood, "Country Station"

Professional

1st Place- Patsy Newhouse, Comanche, "Venice", \$50

2nd Place- Paula Vaughn, Comanche, "Squirrel", \$30

3rd Place- Patsy Newhouse, Comanche, "Fruit & Flowers" Honorable Mention

Marian Johnson, Coleman "Buffalo Spirit"

LaJuan Killion, Rising Star, "Indian Basket"

Betty Beggs, Pioneer "Swimming Fish"

Advanced Amateur

1st Place- Lois McCarty, Coleman, "Lone Oak", \$50

2nd Place- Millie Martin, Talpa "The Blessing", \$30

3rd Place- Betty Inman, San Saba, "Hay Stacks"

Honorable Mentions:

Kay Mitchell, Coleman, "Where's the Frog?"

Nancy Felts, Comanche, "Autumn Pond"

June Schuman, Comanche

Amateur

1st Place- Patsy Moore, Gustine, "Laura", \$50

2nd Place- Kathy Andrews, Burkett, "Grandma's Iris", \$30

3rd Place- Patsy Moore, Gustine, "Indian Pots"

Honorable Mentions:

Marjorie Wilson, Coleman, "Autumn Bounty"

Chelsea Murphree, Rising Star, "Drummer"

Thursday, November 4, 2004

David Parker, Tom Duni, "Bum" Foster and others for the exhibits.

There was a good number of visitors who viewed the show.

Thanks a million to the following businesses who donated for prizes:

Texas Heritage Bank \$85
Palace Drug \$25
Antique Store, Rising Star \$10

Johnson's Dry Goods \$8
Ray's Barber Shop \$5
Lawrence Farm and Ranch \$20

The Movie Store \$10
Star Florist \$20

Gerrie's Beauty Shop, Rising Star \$10
Betty's Quick Stop, Rising Star \$10

Green's Lumber Co., Rising Star \$10

We deeply appreciate your support as well as door prizes and donations given by various individuals.

Thanks to the able assistance of the Beggs family for assembling the panels and hanging pictures.

Submitted by Betty Beggs

Miniatures

1st Place- Chelsea Murphree, Rising Star, "Sassy"

2nd Place- E.W. (Bum) Foster, Lake Brownwood, "Evening"

3rd Place- E.W. (Bum) Foster, Lake Brownwood, "Pot of Flowers"

Photos

1st Place- Burl Conger, Dublin, "Little Girl"

2nd Place- Joyce Conger, Dublin, "Hill Country Bridge"

3rd Place- Joyce Conger, Dublin, "Prickly Pear Bloom"

Honorable Mention- Yvonne McCutcheon, Early, "Nature's Jamboree"

We had a great show with excellent exhibits of jewelry, sculptures, figurines from Asian countries, baskets, lace purses, a poison dart blower, woodcuts in relief, etc. all handmade.

The art club is indebted to Jacque Childress, Gail Ransdell, LaJuan Killion,

Big Country Cycles
ATV's Cycles Accessories Parts

Showroom & Service Department Open 10 Am to 6 Pm

ATVs, Cruiser, Off-road and Sport Bike Service & Accessories
Leather chaps, gloves, jackets, vests and other motorcycle wear. Chrome accessories for almost any make. Parts to keep any cycle or ATV running.

Authorized Dealer for Kymco Parts Unlimited Drag Specialties (HD)

Come see the new Chuck Waggon

254-442-3909

Interstate 20 Exit 332 Service Road and Avenue L
Cisco, Texas 5-103

Buy and sell used motorcycles

Dr. John Glenn, D.C., P.C.
Palmer Graduate
Specific Chiropractic & Accupuncture



400 W. Sadosa
Eastland, TX
254-629-2008

Insurance accepted as total payment with a payout schedule for co-pay and deductibles.

For Sale By Owner
CURB APPEAL AT ITS FINEST
601 S. Mulberry St., Eastland



This beautiful circa 1920's house has 1800 square feet, two spacious bedrooms with adjacent bathrooms to each bedroom. Two living areas perfect for formal and informal entertaining. Large U-shaped kitchen and breakfast area with a double oven stove unit. Situated on two lots in a wonderful neighborhood. Updated and Move-In Ready. CH/CA. Call 254-629-2993 or 254-631-6981.

FLOORS & MORE

*Carpet *Vinyl *Tile

702 W. Main St. Eastland
254-631-0515

Remember To Renew Your Subscription

FALL SPECIAL
for limited time only
FREE ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION
to the
TEXAS MESSENGER
with each one-year new subscription to either
EASTLAND COUNTY NEWSPAPER
Baird STAR
Cisco PRESS
Eastland TELEGRAM
Ranger TIMES
Rising STAR
Call 254-629-1707
Today to take advantage of this special offer



Dr. and Mrs. William Simpson, not just husband and wife, but a doctor and nurse team and part of Our Family....

Caring for ...
Your Family
It's what we do!

Dr. William Simpson, Jr., D.O. Dr. Simpson has performed more than one thousand surgeries at **Eastland Memorial Hospital** since opening his Eastland clinic in July of 2002.

A graduate of West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Simpson specializes in all general surgeries: Cholesystectomy (gall bladder), Hernia Repair, Bowel, Appendectomy, Hysterectomy, Mastectomy, Breast Biopsies, Endoscopic (EDG) biopsies, Dermatological Skin Lesions, and Wound Care. Dr. Simpson performs both laparoscopic and open surgeries depending upon patient's needs.

Dr. Simpson is a Board Eligible Residency Trained General Surgeon. He completed his internship and general surgery residency at the University of North Texas Health Science Center and Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Fort Worth.

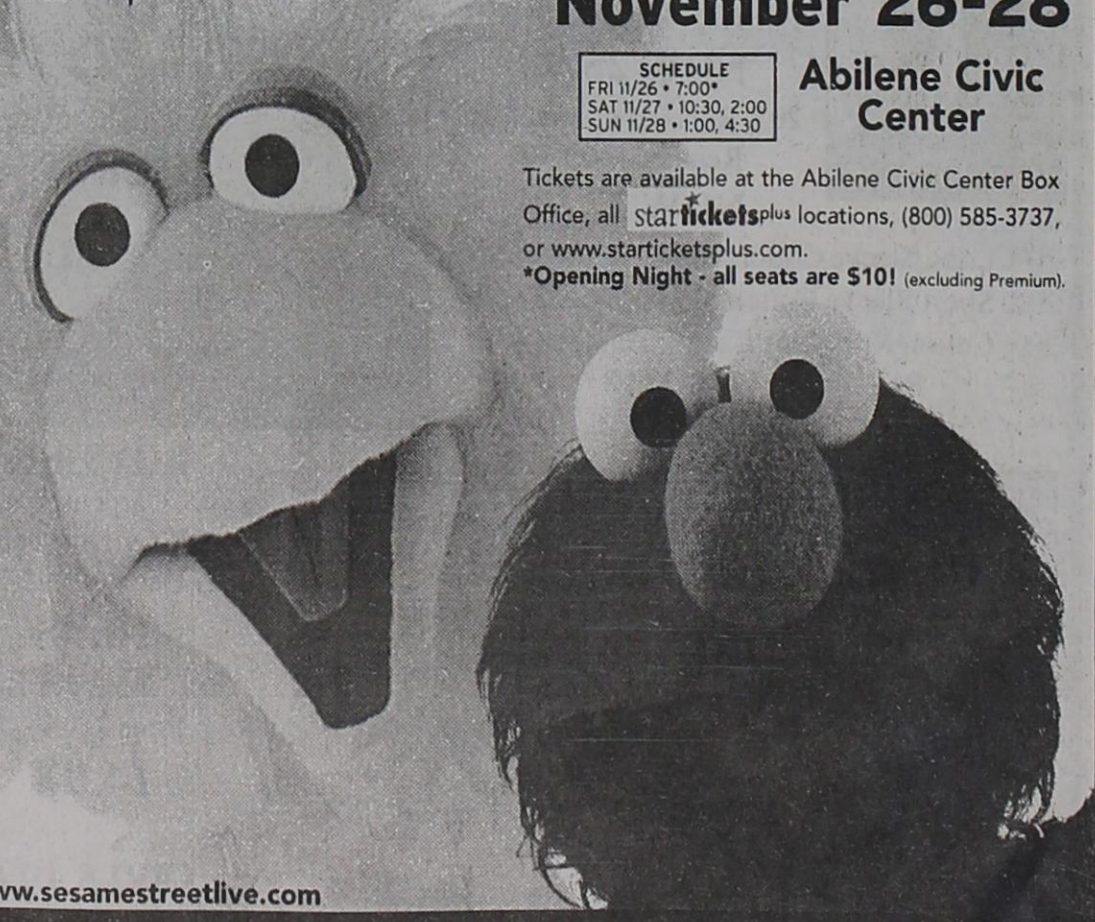
Surgery Department of
Eastland Memorial Hospital
(254) 629-2601 www/eastlandmemorial.com

123 SESAME STREET LIVE 1-2-3...Imagine!
A VEE Corporation Production

November 26-28
Abilene Civic Center

SCHEDULE
FRI 11/26 • 7:00*
SAT 11/27 • 10:30, 2:00
SUN 11/28 • 1:00, 4:30

Tickets are available at the Abilene Civic Center Box Office, all starticketsplus locations, (800) 585-3737, or www.starticketsplus.com.
*Opening Night - all seats are \$10! (excluding Premium).



www.sesamestreetlive.com

WE'VE BEEN SETTING THE STAGE FOR 25 YEARS.



Agricultural Viewpoint

By Bob Bailey - County Extension Agent-Ag

By Bob Bailey HUNTERS USE CAUTION WHEN FEEDING CORN TO WILDLIFE

Texas hunters and wildlife enthusiasts feed almost 300 million pounds of corn to deer and other wildlife annually, unfortunately, they may be doing much more harm than good. Dr. Neal Wilkins, Texas Cooperation Extension Wildlife Specialist here, said the danger comes from naturally occurring toxins that occasionally turn up in corn. "You just need to be careful when buying and storing corn to be fed to wildlife," he said. "The Texas corn crop has been plagued with compounds called mycotoxins for the past five years. The most prevalent of these are aflatoxin and fumonisin."

Wilkins said Aflatoxin is a byproduct of two naturally occurring fungi, *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus parasiticus*; while fumonisin is produced by certain strains of another species of common fungi, *Fusarium moniliforme*. He said Aflatoxin infestations occur during drought. They are found in insect and drought-damaged corn kernels. Fumonisin develops under overcast skies and in humid conditions. There are actually areas in Texas where corn tests high for both toxins due to the varied

weather patterns of the past several years.

Wildlife eating mycotoxintainted grain can become ill and die. In livestock and several wildlife species, aflatoxins can cause liver damage, immune system failure and liver cancer. In horses, fumonisin causes fatal necrosis of the brain. In swine and other species it causes pulmonary edema. Because deer have a complex ruminant digestive system, they do not seem as susceptible to the effects of mycotoxins as other animals," said Wilkins. "Wildlife species that are particularly susceptible include grain-eating birds like quail and turkey and small mammals including squirrels and rabbits.

"Progress in the feed industry and new labeling regulations are improving the safety of corn on the retail market, but you should still be careful. With the help of the Texas A&M Office of the State Chemist at College Station, we periodically survey aflatoxin levels in deer corn sold on the Texas retail market," said Wilkins. "The year 1998 was a bad one for aflatoxin. In mid-August 1998, we collected and tested 100 bags of shelled deer corn from 52 counties. We found aflatoxin concentrations over 20 parts per billion (ppb) in 44 percent of those samples.

These samples were above the level considered safe for human consumption. We also found concentrations of 100 ppb or higher in 20 percent of the samples. Eight samples exceeded 300 ppb, and the highest concentrations were 656 ppb." Wilkins said unmarked bags with no weight labels or manufacturer's address tended to have higher aflatoxin concentrations. They were also twice as likely to have aflatoxin concentrations above 100 ppb.

"Partly as a result of what we found, the labeling requirements for corn marketed as wildlife feed were strengthened, resulting in a safer corn supply," said Wilkins. "Our surveys in 2002 found only 1 percent of the samples to be above 100 ppb, and almost all of the corn sampled across 64 counties had labels stating the concentrations of aflatoxin." Current regulations require sellers of whole corn with more than 20 ppb aflatoxin, or 5 parts per million (ppm) fumonisin to have a Texas feed license. The corn must also be accompanied by a label approved by the Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service. Labeling must list the identity and levels of mycotoxin in a warning statement. Corn with 100 ppb or more aflatoxin should not be fed to wildlife. To assure a safe corn supply, wildlife specialists recommend that only corn labeled as being less than 20 ppb aflatoxin be used.

Likewise, corn containing more than 5 ppm fumonisin should not be fed to wildlife.

The worry is not over once corn is purchased, according to Wilkins. He said hunters should store and feed corn carefully to assure that mycotoxins do not increase. Since the toxin producing fungi grow best under warm, humid conditions, he warned hunters and wildlife enthusiasts to guard against ever letting corn get wet.

Aspergillus fungi do not always produce aflatoxin, according to Wilkins, but warm temperatures (around 77 degrees Fahrenheit) combined with wet corn (15-30 percent moisture content) create prime aflatoxin-growing conditions in stored corn. "For these reasons people should avoid buying the corn commonly sold in plastic bags," he said. "These bags are much more likely to provide conditions that promote these toxins. Feed corn should be stored in a cool, dry area; and to save our wildlife, hunters should make certain their corn storage facilities and deer feeders are clean and do not leak."

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS CATTLEMAN'S CLINIC SCHEDULE

The 11th annual North Central Texas Cattleman's Clinic is scheduled for November 11, 2004 at the Young County Arena, Hwy 380 East in Graham. This event is sponsored by Texas Cooperation Extension in Young, Jack, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Two hours of TDA Pesticide credit will be given. Program and speakers are: -Bio-Terrorism- How and What: Dealing with the Real Life Threat to the Beef Industry; Dr. Ken Waldrup, D.V.M. Texas Animal Health Commission -Winter Nutrition: Grain, Cubes, Protein, Deciphering the Sales Pitch- How They Work Inside the Cow; Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist -Mycoplasma: The Overlooked Key to the Major

Health Problems in the Beef Herd; Dr. Robert Sprowls, Director Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab

-Cattle Price Outlook: The Export Picture Japan/Canada and the Cattle Cycle; Dr. Stan Bevers, Extension Agricultural Economist

-Working Chutes: The Good, Bad, and Ugly- Live Animal Comparisons; Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist

Please: R.S.V.P. for the meal by November 9th by calling Young County Extension Office 940/549-0737 or Jack County Extension Office 940/567-2132.

ALL VESICULAR STOMATITIS (VS) QUARANTINES RELEASED IN TEXAS

For the first time since May, Texas has no animals or herds restricted because of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), a blistering disease that can temporarily debilitate affected equine animals, cattle, goats, deer, swine or other susceptible species. VS occurs every few years in the Southwest, and the virus is thought to be transmitted by sand flies and black flies. Animals affected by the disease usually begin to heal several weeks after exhibiting blisters, sloughing of skin or sores in and around the mouth, above the hooves, or on the muzzle or teats.

"Texas was the first of three states to have VS infection this year. Throughout the summer, laboratory tests confirmed infection in horses and cattle on 15 Texas premises in eight counties. On October 18, the final Texas quarantine was released. This premise, in Kerr County, had been quarantined in early September, when VS infection was confirmed in a horse. We currently have no VS cases or quarantines, and no active VS investigations," explained Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Texas counties with

confirmed VS cases this summer were Reeves, Val Verde, Uvalde, Starr, Yoakum, Kerr, Bandera and Dimmit. Animal health officials lift premise quarantines 30 days after the animals heal from the VS lesions.

Dr. Hillman said that releasing the last VS quarantine in the state will make it easier to ship Texas livestock to other states. He recommended, however, that producers and private veterinary practitioners continue to check with states of destination prior to transporting animals, to ensure all entry requirements are met.

"VS rarely causes death in affected animals, but it is painful to animals, due to blisters and sloughing of skin. When VS strikes cattle or other cloven-hooved animals, laboratory tests are essential, because VS lesions mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), a highly dangerous foreign animal disease. Even though horses are not susceptible to FMD, we still recommend testing, to determine whether the lesions were caused by VS, a toxic plant or poison," said Dr. Bob Hillman. "As always, we urge producers to call their private veterinary practitioner and their state animal health officials if livestock or poultry exhibit unusual signs of disease," said Dr. Hillman. These signs may include blistering or sores around the animal's mouth, hooves or teats; widespread illness; or unexpected death loss in a herd or flock; unusual ticks or maggots; or animals that stagger or are unable to rise or walk.

To make a report, owners and private veterinary practitioners should call: Texas Animal Health Commission—1-800-550-8242.

Remember To
Renew Your
Subscription To
The Newspaper



Prices Good
Through
Nov. 6, 2004

GREER'S WESTERN STORE

Across From Wal-Mart Eastland, TX 254-629-3989

20X

Wrangler SALE

MENS

20X Denim Jeans

20X Carpenter Jeans
Reg. Price 39.98

NOW 29.98

20X Relaxed Jean

20X Extreme Jean
Reg. Price 32.98

NOW 25.98

20X Relaxed Casual Pant

Reg. Price 29.98

NOW 22.98

20X Long Sleeve Cotton Shirts.....29.98

20X Short Sleeve Cotton Shirts.....22.98

20X Cotton Knit Shirts.....14.98

Reg. Prices 19.98-37.98

WOMENS



20X Calgary Orig. Rise

20X Slim Fit Jean

Denim & Black **NOW 29.98**

20X Assorted Fashion Jeans

Reg. Price 39.98

20X Carpenter Jean

Reg. Price 44.98 **NOW 32.98**

Ladies
Assorted Tops
By Wrangler
20X
25% Off



BOYS 4-16

20X Carpenter Jeans
20X Original Jeans
Reg. Prices 19.98-22.98

16.98

20X Shirts For Boys
Reg. Prices 19.98-24.98

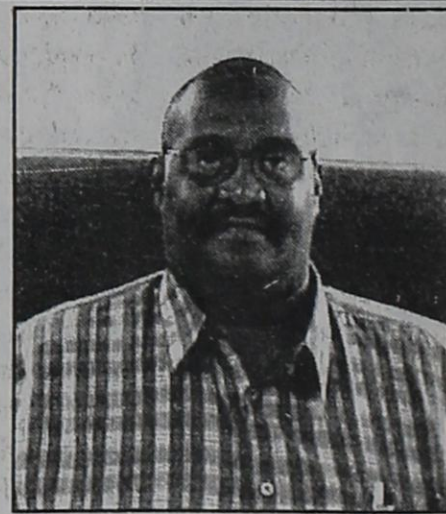
14.98

GIRLS 4-14

20X Denim Jeans
Reg. Prices 19.98-22.98

16.98

Charles Fisher
(formerly of
Randolph Ford in Cisco)
invites
all his friends
and family to



Randolph Chrysler
in Brownwood, Texas
for the best deals on Dodge,
Chrysler and Jeep vehicles

You can see all our inventory at
RandolphChrysler.com

Randolph Chrysler
1003 West Commerce
Brownwood, TX 76801
325-643-2616 or 866-641-2616

Callahan County Residents Speak To Commissioners' Court On Escalating Drug Problems

A large group of Callahan County citizens spoke to the Commissioners' Court at the October 25, 2004 meeting about the escalating drug problem in the South West part of the county.

Pat Chrane, spokesperson for the group presented the following letter to the Court: "To Callahan County Commissioners Court:

We are voters and residents of Callahan County. We have seen the drug problem escalate in the United States, Texas and our part of the county in the last year. We feel that more should be done to address this problem. We are not ignorant of the efforts of Law Enforcement in Callahan County to combat this problem and appreciate the efforts of the Sheriff in this matter.

However while bringing attention to the problem we would like to offer not only the problem for your consideration, but perhaps some solutions or partial solutions for this problem. These solutions of course must be mandated through this Commissioners Court as they address funding for programs and enforcement of existing laws.

In the past month, 2 drug labs have been discovered in Callahan County in our 'corner of the county'. Most of us reside in the SW corner of Callahan along and south of Hwy. 36. We have been lead to understand that to get these offenders prosecuted we have to involve Federal Drug law enforcement because we are unable to handle this on a county level. We would like to know why?

We feel that prosecution is a deterrent to crime. We feel that our local law officers deserve to be able to see criminals they arrest come to trial and receive punishment for the crimes committed. We realize this may be partially a budget matter, and if so we ask that resources may be shifted or allotted in such a way that law enforcement of our county be able to hire the men, have the necessary equipment to do their job or whatever it takes to do the job of protecting the whole county.

For some of us, our business is the land its' use. They are invading our business property. Would you like a member of your family to ride or walk up on a man, maybe armed and on drugs, in the process of making drugs on your property? We feel we have a right to do something to curtail this problem. Our local area is as important to protect as patrolling I-20 for drugs.

We have children and grandchildren who live in this county; they are in the schools and on the roads. I have grandchildren who like to ride 4 wheelers in our pasture. We no longer feel safe on our own land. We realize this is a time designated for comments and therefore we cannot totally address this

problem. We ask that this problem be addressed in the future Commissioners' Meetings. We would like to be added to the agenda for the meeting a month from now, the 4th Monday of November to further discuss efforts in this area. We appreciate this opportunity to comment before the Commissioners."

County Sheriff Eddie Curtis agreed that the drug problem there was getting "real bad".

"The public doesn't realize how bad," he said.

Sheriff Curtis also added that officers now sometimes find guns at the scene of drug labs, and the persons being arrest are willing to fight.

"The Court is concerned," Judge Roger Corn emphasized.

"We find signs (of drug labs) ... sometimes when we grade a road," Commissioner Farmer added.

The group met with Sheriff Curtis following their presentation to the Court, and will be put on a following agenda as requested.

Further on the agenda:

The Callahan County E.M.S' request for an increase in the monthly subsidy from the County had been an agenda item for several times.

At the Oct. 25 meeting, spokesperson Jim Hall reported that after an executive session at their last meeting, the unanimous decision had been reached to ask Ron Young to resign as administrator, effective Dec. 31, 2004.

Young had done a good job, Hall commented.

The responsibilities would now be divided among existing personnel, he said. He added that the E. M. S. needed to retire a truck and put on a new one, and that they would appreciate any help.

"We try to provide top service," Hall said.

Judge Corn made a motion to approve the request for \$250 monthly to E. M. S with the stipulation it was to be used toward a new ambulance. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Two item on the agenda regarded the County's Indigent issues.

Callahan County Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the County to pay Indigent & Medicaid rates for the care of inmates.

The resolution states that "Callahan county will only pay current indigent or Medicaid rates for all healthcare and drugs provided to inmates who are in the custody of Callahan County" and that written notice by the Callahan County Treasurer are authorized to be sent to "all healthcare providers and pharmacies" notifying them of the above.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Farmer, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried unanimously.

Callahan County Com-

missioners also approved a Formula Grant for Indigent Defense.

Under the provisions of the Fair Defense Act, 77th Regular Session, counties are eligible to receive grants from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide improvements in indigent defense services.

The grant program assists the county in the implementation of the provisions of the Fair Defense Act and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn is designated at the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program, as well as all other necessary documents to accept the grant.

Judge Corn is also designated as Program Director and contact person for the grant. The County Treasurer is designated as Financial Officer.

A motion to approve the Formula Grant for Indigent Defense was made by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Holland, and carried unanimously.

The Commissioners approved the deputation for Tom Rumfield as deputy and Carrie Chancellor and Bobby Beard as reserve deputies for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department. All three were described as very capable and good choices.

A motion to approve the deputation was made by Commissioner Holland, and seconded by Commissioner Grider. It carried unanimously.

The Commissioners' Court discussed and considered paying Election Judges and Clerks \$7.00 an hour for working County Elections, provided they attend Election School.

The pay for Callahan County is presently \$6, County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon reported. "Most area counties now pay \$7," she said.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve paying \$7. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer, and carried unanimously.

The Commissioners also approved an agreement to form a volunteer network to respond to local public health emergencies and to agree on shared use of mass dispensing clinics.

The agreement is between Callahan County and the Taylor County Health Department, and would respond to a local public health emergency upon the request of the county Local Health Authority, Regional Health Director, or county emergency management.

Under the agreement, Taylor County will host mass dispensing clinic(s) to provide services to Callahan county in a public health emergency.

Callahan County would direct residents in procedures for reporting to the clinics for mass prophylaxis or vaccination.

County Judge Corn underlined the importance of the agreement by pointing

Baird First United Methodist Church Worship Services

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
 Sunday Worship - 10:45 A.M.
 Choir Practice - Sunday, 6:00 P.M.

out that Callahan County had no hospital and few doctors.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Further on the agenda:

Minutes of previous meetings were reviewed and signed with no additions or corrections. Approved bills were paid.

All Commissioners were present.

From Page One ... Tour Of Homes

scaping.

Debbie Hatchett at 241 West 9th - Debbie has a two bedroom home. The living room walls will get your attention. You won't want to miss seeing this special home with Debbie's personal charm.

Wanda and Buddy Shipp at 276 Arch. - This is a small home that is packed with things to look at. Wanda has put her special talent to work on many things in the house. Be sure you notice the kitchen cabinets she painted.

Refreshments will be served and a bake sale held at the home of Pat Holland at 240 Vine

All proceeds from the tour and bake sale go for a scholarship to a Baird graduate and to local civic organizations and/or needs. We are fortunate to have several sponsors for the tour this year. They are:

Baird First Baptist Church Schedule Of Events

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

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

(Nursery provided for worship services)

Sunday School - 9:45

A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00

A.M.

Prayer Time In Sanctuary - 5:00 P.M.

Evening Service - 6:00

P.M.

Wednesday Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Wednesday Service -

7:00 P.M.

Obituary

Dennis Edwards

Dennis Eli Edwards, 51, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at Wayland Cemetery directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home with Chris Cox and Rodney Brown officiating.

Dennis was born August 30, 1953 in Abilene, Texas to Luther Dee and Exa Joyce Edwards. He was preceded in death by a sister, Peggy Bronwyn Edwards; his maternal grandfather, Willie Loy Brown; paternal grandfather, Luke Edwards and grandmother, Hattie

Edwards Nix.

He is survived by one son, Jason Dee Edwards of Bryan; 3 daughters, Sarah Elizabeth Moore of Irving, Heather Jo and Jamie Edwards of Franklin; 4 sisters, Tara Castille and Laura Cox of Buffalo Gap, Mary Gaston of Hawley and Deana Edwards of Yoakum; 4 brothers, Phillip Edwards of Buffalo Gap, Russell Edwards of Lake Brownwood, Roger Edwards of Abilene and Luther Edwards of Yoakum; 3 grandchildren, Jillian and Jenna Moore and Ashley Edwards; 6 nieces, 7 nephews, and many dear friends.

Skip & Pat Parker of Parker Funeral Home in Baird, First National Bank of Baird, Elizabeth Schumaker and Trey & Sally Dyer of The Dent Shop in Abilene. We appreciate their support.

Tickets are available from any club member for \$5.00. Tickets will also be available at each house the day of the tour. We hope

that you will come out to support this project and enjoy the variety of homes on the tour.



It's Your Money...

...and we can help you keep more of it. By finding every tax deduction and tax credit you're entitled to take. By suggesting strategies that will minimize your tax liability each and every year. Call for an appointment today.

Cam Gulley, CPA
 935 E. Main - Eastland, TX
 254-629-8901

CARPET! CARPET! CARPET!

Carpet • Linoleum • Tile • Ceramic Tile
 Wood Flooring • Wallpaper • Mini Blinds

Choose your carpet from over 1,000 samples and have it installed by our trained in-house installers.

Get that custom finished look with matching wallpaper and custom fitted mini-blinds.

Austin's Furniture
"The Home Store"
 510 Conrad Hilton Cisco, Texas 442-2533

**Baird I. S. D.
Lunch Menu**

- Thursday, Nov. 4
Pepperoni Stuffed Sandwiches, Tossed Salad, Corn, Carrot Cake, Milk
- Friday, Nov. 5
Bear Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rice Krispies, Milk
- Monday, Nov. 8
Taco Sald, Ranch Style Beans, Apple Crisp, Milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 9
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mash Potatoes, Green Rolls, Jelly, Milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 10
Baked Ham, Oven Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Fruit, Bread, Milk
- Thursday, Nov. 11
Macaroni & Cheese, Pinto Beans, Fried Okra, Corn Bread, Fruit, Milk
- Friday, Nov. 12
Bear Burger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cookies, Milk
- Monday, Nov. 15
Smoked Sausage, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Bread, Fruit, Milk

SPOOKY WEATHER LINGERS PAST ELECTION

by Viola Payne

The weather threw its own bag of tricks during the Halloween weekend, and they lasted right through Election Day, Nov. 2.

The skies became unsettled last Saturday afternoon, with clouds spinning off a low to the southwest.

Late in the day Abilene had heavy rain, and streets flooded in various areas of the town. Most of that rain streamed northeast, leaving Callahan and Eastland County with light showers.

By Sunday afternoon, however, dark clouds gathered, and lightning and a cold rain moved across the area.

The "Trick or Treaters" found it hard to get out for their fun that night.

Monday morning found another low developing in West Texas, with a frontal boundary hanging in the north. Late in the afternoon this norther moved in to stay, with scattered, heavy showers and a cold wind

Sporadic rains continued during the night, and Tuesday morning the voters had to brave the weather to go to the polls.

From Post, Texas west and north there was a large area of wet, slushy snow - an inch or two in Lubbock and four to six inches in the Amarillo area. Storm advisories were posted.

Temperatures hovered around freezing there, but stayed in the low '40's through the rolling plains into Central Texas.

By 1:30 p.m. Tuesday there was pouring rain across much of Eastland County.

The clouds hung on during the night, with Wednesday morning overcast and cold.

The system was supposed to move northeast by late afternoon, and a clear, chilly night was forecast. It was supposed to stay above freezing, however.



Sarah Capra and Whiney Hicks were among 40 area 4-H members honored Oct. 25 during the District 7 Annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Abilene's Briarstone Manor.

4-H GOLD STAR WINNERS NAMED

Two local 4-H members from Callahan County 4-H were among 40 youth honored during District 7's annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet on Oct. 25 in Abilene's Briarstone Manor. The honorees were Whitney Hicks, daughter of Doug and Teresa Hicks of Hamby and Sarah Capra, daughter of Jay and Nancy Capra of Abilene. Whitney is a member of the Clyde 4-H club and Sarah is a member of the Eula 4-H club. The Gold Star Award is the highest honor on the county level given to 4-H members by Texas Cooperative Extension. Winners are picked based on their personal development, leadership and achievement in 4-H projects and on activities and contributions made to the 4-H program.

The annual "Friend of 4-H Award" was presented to Nancy Lester, Extension family and consumer sciences agent emeritus from Schleicher County. The honor is presented annually to an individual or business who has provided exemplary support of 4-H at the district level. Lester was honored for her years of support of the District's 4-H program.

The Gold Star Banquet is sponsored annually in the 23-county district by Texas Cooperative Extension and American Electric Power (AEP).

Angle Food Orders Due

Angel Food orders for November Menu are to be in by Monday, November 8th. The menu for November includes Ribeye steaks, hamburger steaks, pork chops, complete deep dish meal, breaded frying chicken, beef and cheese bologna, hamburger helper, russett potatoes, peas and carrots, corn on the cob, cut broccoli, cut okra, biscuit mix, rice, dozen eggs and a dessert. All for \$25.00. Specials of beef combo (prime rib roast and NY strips) \$17.00; beef and pork combo \$17.00 or breaded chicken tenders \$16.00. Buy for your family and bless someone else with a menu.

For more information or to place an order visit Songs & Psalms Bible Book Store 442-3752, or Cotton's 442-2565 or call Trish 442-1710, Ann 442-2356 or Stephanie 442-4136.

Distribution date for November menu is Saturday, Nov. 20th at First Christian Church, Cisco from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The dates for November Menu are early and distribution date is only 12 days later because of Thanksgiving. Bless your own family and be a blessing to someone who has needs.

Friday Night's Area Scores



- Baird 30.....Cross Plains 12
- Merkel 35 Clyde 28
- Cisco 53 Hico 6
- Eastland 56 - Dublin 13
- Rising Star 54 May 0
- Evant 6 Goldthwaite 47
- Ranger 22Gorman 32



MEMBER 2004

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



BAIRD BEARS

Varsity Football Schedule

The Baird Bears Varsity challenged Cross Plains on Friday - winning 30-12. The next game, and last District game of the season is with Evant, Nov. 5, starting at 7:30 P.M. Friday there. Evant lost to Goldthwaite 6-47 in last Friday's game. Go Bears!

November 5 *Evant There 7:30

*Senior Night
*District Games

Athletic Coordinator/Head Coach - Bryan Webb
Assistant Coaches - Jerry Fleming, Clay Barnett, John Horner, Luke Moody
Cheerleaders - Jodi Neal, Kayla Windham, Rebecca Tollett, Cassie Nail, Megan Betcher, Victoria Suarez, Katelyn Cumby, Kelsey Barbee
Mascot - Dana Blair
Managers - Emalie Green, Ike Dickey,
Jesse Mendez, Garrett Jennings, Logan Donlan
Band Director - Donna Sikes

Baird Bears 2004 Varsity

2	Blan Scott	11	QB/FS	6'0	170
3	Chance Rodriguez	11	WR/DB	6'1	155
9	Chase Goldsmith	12	WR/DB	5'10	155
15	Matt Reynolds	12	HB/DE	5'10	165
21	Chris Cogburn	10	QB/DB	5'7	150
22	Zach Green	12	RB/DL	5'7	165
29	Justin Patterson	10	RB/LB	5'8	165
30	Chris Jones	9	RB/DB	5'7	150
32	Blake Mendez	12	WR/DB	5'6	140
33	Jed Womack	11	RB/LB	5'9	160
38	Jayce Barbee	9	WR/DB	5'6	130
40	Sid Walton	11	RB/LB	5'9	150
44	Cody Shouse	11	RB/LB	5'6	155
50	Andrew Emmert	9	OL/DL	5'11	170
51	Justin Roberts	10	OL/LB	5'11	190
52	Brad Matlock	11	OL/LB	5'11	215
53	Carter Burford	12	OL/LB	5'11	175
60	Jeramie Brooks	9	OL/DL	5'9	200
62	Kyle Dillard	12	OL/DL	5'11	240
65	Richardo Lopez	12	OL/DL	5'8	150
70	Roger Wamsley	11	OL/DL	5'11	220
72	Judd Clark	10	OL/DL	5'7	245
75	Tim Burns	12	OL/DL	6'0	315
79	Koby Parker	10	OL/DL	6'0	242
80	Jacob Dillard	9	TE/DL	5'8	175
83	Will Green	12	WR/DB	6'0	175
85	Aaron Hazelwood	9	WR/DB	5'4	125
88	James Roberts	12	TE/DE	6'5	210

**Clyde Hardware
And Supply**
119 Pecan
893-4260

**Russell-Surles
Title Inc.**
337 Market
893-4227

**First National
Bank Of Baird**
244 Market
854-1295
Member FDIC

Clyde Insurance
Bonnie Howe
Angela Martinez
893-4225