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Baird, Texas 79504

Thursday, May 4, 2006

# **Voting For County School And City Election Began Monday**

The voting in contested races d commenced on Monday and will procee through Friday, May 7 and on 8-9th, in the present city council (commission) and school elections in Callahan County with polling at ...

Baird elections commenced with early voting for...

SCHOOL-three-at-large seats--A.L. Hunter, Joe Clark (1), Kenneth Brock (1), Saundra Collins, Burke Robinson (1), and Julie Patterson. with early voting from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and also May 8-9 in the Baird I.S.D. Business Office at 600 W. 7th St.

Clyde elections began with early voting for...CITY-(three least 30 percent of their production due to drought on Januat-large places)--Robert "Bob" Young, Phillip McDowell, Paul Baker, James M. White, Debbie Long, John Caraway, James T. "Jim" Rector (1), Frank Peck, (1), Billy Dezern (1). with early voting from (NOTE) 7 a.m. to 7 P.M. Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday and May 8 and 9 at City Hall, 222, Oak St., Clyde.

and SCHOOL)--Trustee Place 3--Gary Don Barr (1), Christina M. Lacey and Trustee, Place 4--Kenneth Kniffen (1), Nathan Tinkle and Trustee, Place 5-- Larry Jay Pittman (1), Natalie Nernes. with EARLY VOTING from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and May 8 and 9, at the Clyde I.S.D. Administration Building at 526 Shalimar Drive.

CROSS PLAINS started their CITY election between Jerry Cassle, Scarlett Koettel, and James Nichols in a vie for two at-large council seats and

SCHOOL election for two-at-large seats (ie., no particular places on the council) with EARLY Voting from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and May 8 and 9th at City Hall at 201 S. Main St., Cross Plains.

EULA began voting in their School election for two-atlarge seats between Liz Mullican (1), Sonny Barnes, Bill Dean, Pam Click, and Jess Archa and (another) for one unexpired term between Damon Garvin and Darnell Conway

with Early Voting (EULA) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday and also from May 8 to 9 at the EULA I.S.D. Administration Building.

# **Baird Project Graduation Raffle Winners Announced**

**Callahan Veterans News...** The Baird Veterans Office is

now open again (May 8th and 9th) after closing for a train-

ing conference in Abilene. The Callahan Veterans office is in Baird.

# **Farm Service Emergency Loan Application Being Accepted for Drought Relief**

Callahan County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency, (F.S.A.) disaster emergency loans on April 20, 2006. Generally that means that farmers who have lost at ary 1, 2006 and continuing, are eligible for F.S.A. loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

F.S.A. Farm Loan Manager, Richard G. Young, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their application into F.SA as soon as possible. Richard G. Young said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is December 20, 2006, for severe physical losses only. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

The FSA office is at 2303 Commercial in Anson, TX. The telephone number is (325) 823-3269.

# **Texas Department of State**

**Immunization clinics in Callahan** County Monday, May 8th Baird Cafeterium-400 W. Seventh 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wednesday May 10th **Clyde First Baptist Church 216 Austin** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. **Please bring child's Immunization Record** For More Information call 325-754-4945

# **Disaster Assistance Available for Small Businesses in Callahan County**

The Small Business Administration out of Sacremento, CA now offers applications for small nonfarm businesses in 204 Texas Counties (plus contiguous counties in Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma) for low interest economic disaster loans to help offset economic losses because of reduced revenues to farmers and ranchers incurred to farmers and ranchers caused by the severe-drought conditions abouve normal temperatures and wildfires that occured in 117 Texas primary counties beginning April 1, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Primary Texas counties in the Big Country include: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Taylor and Throckmorton. Small businesses may

qualify for economic Injury Disaster Loans (E.I.D.L.'s) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these working capital loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of \$5, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, S.B.A. makes E.I.D.L.'s available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared this disaster at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching (Continued Inside)

**Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten** 

**Registration at Baird Elementary School** 

Baird Elementary School will hold a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the 2006-7 school year beginning on Wednesday, May 3rd, and ending on Friday, May 5. The registration will be held at the Baird I.S.D. Cafeterium from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Pre-Kindergarten: The Baird I.S.D. Pre-Kindergarten pro-gram will operate on a half-day basis during the 2006-2007 school year. Students will be enrolled in a AM group (7:45 - 11:30 a.m.) or a PM group (10:45-2:30 p.m.). All Pre-K students will be served lunch in the school cafeteria from 10:45-11:30 a.m. More information on the half-day schedule will be provided at the time of registration.

According to Texas State Law, a child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is 4 yeard of age as of Septemeber 1, 2006, and is 1)unable to speak and comprehend the English language; 2) educationally disadvantaged; 3) homeless, or 4) identified with special needs. In order to qualify for the program based upon #2, students must meet the criteria of financial need as determined by a formula provided by the state (which is based upon eligibility to participate in the national free or reduced lunch program.) During this registration, Baird I.S.D. will be enrolling 4 year olds who meet the above criteria and live in the Baird School District. Also during this registration, Baird I.S.D. will be taking application for all other 4 year olds who live in the Baird School District. The Pre-Kindergarte program has limited spaces, so parents are urged to register their children as early as possible. Kindergarten: To be eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years of age as of September 1, 2006. Kindergarten operates on a full day basis from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Completing Registration:** To complete registration, parents will need to bring copies of their child's birth certificate, shot records, social security card, proof of residence, and proof of income. (Proof of income is required therefore parents must bring either a statement from employers showing monthly wages or a paycheck stub.) If you have any questions concerning student registration, please contact James Wyatt, Elementary School Principal at 854-1400, EXT. 309.

Sally Williams of Baird won the 100 gallons of gasoline which was donated by the Callahan County Coop. Amber Stewart of Clyde won the handmade quilt that

Cindy Armstrong made. Project graduation would like to thank the Coop and Cindy Armstrong for their generous donation and to all the people who purchased a ticket for your support.

# **Baird Project Graduation Meeting**

a Project Graduation meeting classroom in the high on May 10, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. school building.

Senior parents, there will be in Lauren Rodriguez's

**Rising Star Man Found Not Guilty in Murder Trial of Cross Plains Death in 2004** 

The jury in the State of Texas vs. Cheyne Brady Fox trial returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" early Friday afternoon.

Fox of Rising Star had been indicted by an Eastland County grand jury for "intentionally or knowingly" causing the death of Dusty Hargrove of Cross Plains in February of 2004.

The defense concentrated on circumstances surrounding the death of Hargrove, which reportedly occurred drinking before the incident

after being hit by Cheyne Fox's pick up truck on the K-Bar parking lot near Rising Star.

Since in the opening statements of the trial - the State of Texas vs. Cheyne Brady Fox the Eastland County Criminal District Attorney's office stated it would focus on the conduct of Cheyne Fox (at the time of the incident), and the result of his conduct, it was noted in the trial that several of those involved had been

# **Blood Drive With Clyde Garage Sales**

Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will accept blood donations during the city-wide garage sale in Clyde on Saturday, May 6. The bloodmobile will be parked at Clyde First Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Those who give blood will receive a T-Shirt and a free total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

According to Meek Blood Center, many different types of patients benefit from blood transfusions. A Cancer Patient undergoing chemotherapy may use six or more pints of blood during treatment. An accident or trauma victim may use as many as forty pints of blood

while as little as three teaspoons of blood can save the life of a premature baby. "There is no substitute for human blood." said Francis Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "It is truly the gift of life that is given from a healthy person to a patient whose very life is dependent on a volunteer blood donor."

Blood donors must be a minimum of 17 years of age, weight at least 110 pounds and in good health. Those who have questions regarding donor eligiblity may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

occurred, and that a long time or as the involved parties rivalry had existed between some young men from Rising Star and Cross Plains.

Apparently, "mouthing" and "trash talk" had taken place between the involved during the course of the evening at the K-Bar, either inside or outside of the bar

Apparently, the argument

were leaving. According to testimony, an argument about arm wrestling had started either inside the bar or as the involved parties were leaving.

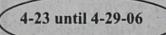
A medical examiner, and eye witnesses from Rising Star and Cross Plains were called to testify at the trial.

continued on the parking lot. **Clyde-Chamber Now Registering** For Annual City-Wide Garage Sale

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

The Clyde Chamber is asking Clyde residents to get that stuff together you want to get rid of and particicipate in this annual event by having a garage sale. Remember, your junk just might be someone else's treasure. If you will register your sale with the Chamber of Commerce, the Cham-

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ber will publish your sale in a brochure listing your address and items for sale along with a locator map. The registration fee is \$5.00 to help pay for print-ing costs. The brochure will be available to shoppers at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 6. The Chamber usually

hands out the maps at the Chamber office on North First Str. but that is changing this year. The Chamber will set up at the Clyde Woman's Club/Clyde Lions Club building on South First and Rush St.

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

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Registro del Pre-Jardin de la Infancia y del Jardin de La Infancia el la Escuela Primaria de Baird

La escuela primaria de Baird va a tener un registro del Pre-Jardin de la infancia y del jardin de la infancia por el ano escolar 2006-7 que comienza el mie'rcoles, el 3 de mayo, y terminando el viernes, el 5 de mayo,. El registro eara en la cafeteria de Baird, I.S.D. a partir de la 8:30 a 11:30 cada dia.

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# **New Youth Director At Methodist Church**

The First United Methodist Church of Baird invites all youth, grades 6 through 12, to meet our new youth director, Amanda Whitaker. Ms. Whitaker is a teacher and coach at Baird High School. The youth meet Sunday

morning at 9:45 a.m. for Sun-

on Sunday evenings. The youth also meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for Bible study, prayer, food, fun and fellowship! If you need transportation, please call the church at 854-2053. Hope to see you there !!!

day School and at 6:00 p.m.

# **Baird Coyotes Season Update**

The Baird Coyotes reached the midway point of their season Monday evening with a 12-4 win over the

Clyde Rangers. The victory raised the Coyotes record to (Continued Inside)

#### **Callahan County Star**

# Wham Sherrod Speaks to Baird Economics Class

wealth is to save your money, and the key to saving money is to receive your paycheck and take out your savings before you do anything else with it, explained Wham life. Sherrod. Mr. Sherrod spoke to the Economics and Government classes at Baird High School on Thursday, April 26. He has been a teacher, coach, and an administrator, but spent most of his working career as a financial advisor and insurance agent.

Mr. Sherrod believes that attitude is a tremendously important aspect of life. We choose to be happy or sad, depending upon our attitude. With that in mind, he challenged the students to make up their minds to be happy for 21 days. In 21 days you can change your life. By waking up happy and staying

The key to acquiring happy for 21 days you establish a pattern that can last a lifetime. So it is with money, establish a pattern of saving at a young age and it will benefit you throughout Choose your investments wisely. A car is seldom an investment. So ask yourself if you really need the Mercedes Benz or will a compact accomplish what you need? A house may increase in value and is usually considered an investment, but it is not going to help you on your summer vacation because the assets are not easily converted into cash. Have a plan and invest with that in mind. Most people build wealth because they invest regularly and avoid those that seem to far out of the ordinary. Mr. Sherrod further explained how compound interest works to

the savers advantage, especially in a tax free annuity. He used a graph to illustrate how one investment strategy yielded a savings of over \$51,000 after 20 years. The same investment in a tax sheltered annuity yielded over \$1,000,000. Students are often confused about the benefits of Whole Life and Term Life insurance so Mr. Sherrod explained the Cisco. purpose and importance of each.

Teachers are farmers, stated Mr. Williams, the Economics teacher, "We plant seeds of ideas and possibilities. While I don't want to push a student into any predetermined path through life, I do want them to see how wise financial choices today can germinate into opportunities for the future." Wham did an outstanding job of simplifying a complex subject - saving money.



The Board of Regents of Cisco Junior College cordially invites the public to a Reception in honor of Dr. Colleen Smith, Tenth President of Cisco Junior College on Thursday, May 11, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. at The Hilton in

**Boys Track** Results

**Class A** 200--3. Chance Rodriguez, Baird, 22.79

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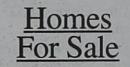
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(Austin, Texas) -- On Monday, the Texas House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation to provide record property tax relief and reform the franchise tax. The bills, based on recommendations of Governor PerryÕs Texas Tax Reform Commission, will address problems in the school tax system which was ruled unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court. "The House's effort will result in unprecedented property tax relief, and will provide a stable source of revenue for public education," stated Rep. Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). "I am extremely proud that we were able to pass this legislation in a bipartisan effort, and put

politics."

House Bill 1, sponsored by Rep. Warren Chisum (Pampa), Rep. Rob Eissler (The Woodlands) and Rep. Dan Branch (Dallas), uses \$2.1 billion in state surplus funds to buy down property taxes \$0.17 in the first year. The bill would go into effect this year to meet the requirements of the Texas Supreme Court's order to lower the state's reliance on local property taxes to fund public schools. House Bill 2 by Rep. Jim (Waxahachie) Pitts dedicates all the revenue raised in House Bills 3, 4, and 5 to school district property tax relief. It creates a Property Tax Relief Fund - a kind of tax relief'lock box' - outside of the general revenue fund. Revenues generated by changes in franchise, cigarette and sales taxes on used motor vehicles

Relief Fund, which can only be appropriated to cut school property tax rates.

House Bill 3, sponsored by Rep. Jim Keffer (Eastland), Rep. John Otto (Dayton) and Rep. Vilma Luna (Corpus Christi) revises the franchise

replace documents previously dubbed as the 'liar's affidavit' requiring sellers to reveal and pay tax on the true sale amount.

The bills are scheduled to be heard by the Senate



tax provisions in Texas to provide for a fairer, broader business tax assessed at a lower rate. This bill will be the primary source of funds used to buy down property tax rates.

House Bill 4, sponsored by Rep. David Swinford (Dumas) tightens the language and the requirements for the sale of

Committee Finance beginning Friday, April 28, 2006.

Another component of the Texas Tax Reform Commission's plan, House Bill 5 sponsored by Rep. Peggy Hamric (Houston), increases taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products, and will be considered by the House on Thursday.

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that cut through the property, whom on MASA Your, torkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$57,000. 50 Acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquite trees, 2 ponds, county road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$75,736. 51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields, Interstate 20 road frontage, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$61,200. 51 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, one field excellent for food plot, 1 pond, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,450 per acre. 60 Acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yds of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre. 80 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre. 80 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,000. 81 Acres wooded with oak & meanuite trees with a very large hill, 1 pond, creek. This property is surrounded by large **SOLLD** the provention of the second with oak trees, shall pond, good property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$105,825. 84 Acres by Desdemona mostly wooded with post oak, live oak, spanish oak, hills, canyons, good creek that cuts through the mildle, 1 smaller coastal field. Water well, one pond, potential lake site. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,595 per acre. 93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including parts of Lake Daniels, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre. 101 Acres with house several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan &

per acre. 101 Acres with house several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan & cottonwood trees, 3 ponds, wat <u>SOLD</u> 3 BR, 1 bath, needs some work, older large barn, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$160,000. 112 Acres, wooded and cleared, very large canyon on property, hills, older mobile home with CH/CA and older frame house, highway frontage. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail.

\$145,600.
116 Acres on large creek, wooded with oak trees, one larger field in the middle, good for cattle or hunting. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quall. \$1,350 per acre.
118 Acres Comanche County, wooded & open, two creeks, 1 runs most of year round, 3 ponds, 3 water wells, oak, peca SOL Doment in to creek bottom, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,300 per acre.
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duck, quail. \$220,183.

duck, quail. \$220,183. 160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land, 2 large ponds in a canyon in the oak timber, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$236,000. 166 Acres approximately 60% wooded with oak and mesquite & 40% open, pond, creek, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$176,550. 217 Acres 65% tields & grassland and acress of bit acress ak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, acea, quain, stores, storess 275 Acress mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$328,625. COMBERCIAL Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BB. living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath. CH/A on each side, \$29,500.

Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath, CH/A on each side, \$29,500. 3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$39,500. Call for details. Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call to details

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2 BR, 1 bath home, separate LF SOLID detached garage with storage, Ig. trees, \$29,500.
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen, 3/4 bath and CH/A on each side, it can be used as single family home. Reduced to \$29,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large room of the storage of the storage

\$65,000

SOLD

3 BR, 2 bath home, recently built backyard, storage bldg., city wavers 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CH/ carport, garage, and other extras on arge living room, covered patio SOLD LAKE CISCO

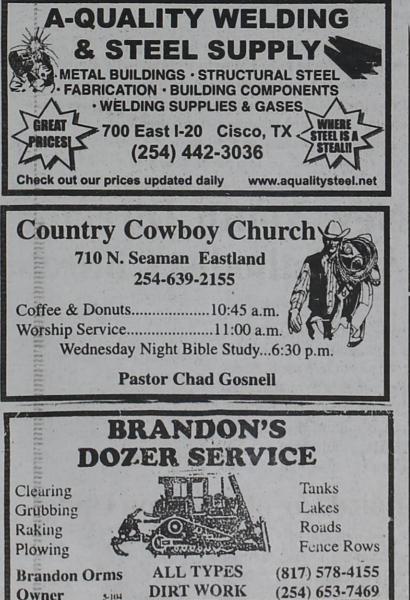
LAKE CISCO Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 both home CHIT PUBLE and view of lake from DR, LR, den & Master BR, Ig. landscaped yard, ten oak noet, ook, onep, storage bidg. & many extras. Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home. 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closels, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced. Beautifully landscaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with WBFP and 2 CH/A units. Large kitchen with many nice cabinets and builtins. Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees and many extras.

and many extras

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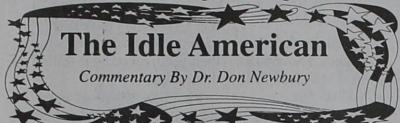


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In Search of **Small Blessings** Blessings, even small ones, seem harder to come

by. Winces are growing to wails, particularly at gas pumps. It's a blessing, though, that no matter the cost to fill our gas guzzlers, figures pale when compared to 747's. The tab to fill up for a flight to Asia is more than \$100,000.

And that's without topping it off.

Sympathies are extended to parents of prom go-ers. Putting the pencil to proper prom purchases perplexes; the total cost this year exceeds \$4 billion. (There are blessings if you happen to be on the "selling end" of the prom industry.)

The most "with it" kids are renting "truck limos" this year at a tab of about \$2,000. Just a few decades ago, guys got new strings for their tennis shoes and begged to drive the "good car" to the prom. Gals wore borrowed gowns. And proms were in gyms.

Most of us claim mere "cuts to the chase" as blessings. (In case you're in the sub-par "yellow bird" reading group, you may wonder about the expression's origin. Read on. The term goes back to the days of silent movies, when most of them climaxed with chase scenes. Viewers, antsy to finish, urged projectionists to "cut to the chase.")

Aggies are experts in such cutting. Odessa minister Randy Duckett will ane you to the mat on that. The Alabama native loves to grow flowers. But he wasn't sure his green thumb was equal to the "soil shock" at his new home in the Permian Basin a decade ago. He sent a soil sample to Texas A&M University, seeking an Aggie's advice: "Move" was the one-

of the 24-member Texas Tax Reform Commission, thinks Chairman John Sharp is doing his best to explain proposed reforms.

On the House floor to introduce the bill, Sharp was asked by a representative to "explain it one more time, just for me." Finally, Sharp said, "I'll be happy to explain it to you, but I can't understand it for you."

Sharp, a product of Gulf Coast garden patches, says he ate so much boiled okra as a kid, he was full-grown before his socks would stay up.

I was in the "top of Texas" recently to commit a speech. I flew to Amarillo, sawing many logs at a hotel there at the end of a long day. Arising at the "crack of 10:30," I proceeded to the car rental place to pick up a car for the short drive to Pampa.

Second in line, there clearly would be no chase cutting without serious intervention and possible sacrifice. A tearful woman was pleading for a car. Kirk, the rental car guy, repeatedly gave his "no more cars" spiel, no matter how vital it was for her to get to Lubbock.

"Give her my car," I interrupted. "But then you'll have no car," the rental man said. I knew we were "lengthening to the chase," so I repeated the offer, slowly

and firmly. She showered me with thanks, and was on her way. Now I was first in line. "What types of conveyances do you have today?" I asked. "Sir, surely you heard me say that we have no more cars. All we have is a cargo van.'

That will do nicely-if yon give me a good rate." The young man, grateful that the crying woman had made her exit, quoted the economy

# **Morton Valley Past and Present**

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

The list of those who are land owners working the land helping me with the Morton are great once again. Let's not Valley Room in the Eastland forget to thank the one who sent the rain. Continue to ask Museum is growing ever for more rain. The lake needs longer. I am going to have an article in the room of those it. who have helped. Don't stop now as I am still organizing began with the question. "Do all the information. I want to you like to play games?" Resend a big Thank You to all sponses were yes and the who have helped in any way. name of games. She showed I will post this list later in the some dominoes stood them up paper and on my web site. I in a row and touched one and sure don't want to fail to leave the entire line fell. She related this to the words of Jesus "Go anyone out. If you have someand tell everyone about me". thing to loan or to donate to She said it could have the this Morton Valley Room give domino affect, if each one told me a call. So many of you have better memories than I just one and that one told just have. And so many of you one about Jesus. All it takes is a simple touch on the shoulhave talents I do not have. This is a community effort. der of one who needs to meet Do your part.

Harmony had services on a do in their life. Touch just one beautiful spring day after the rains of the past couple of weeks had made everything green with more colors of green than I knew existed. The sounds of farmers and

Their options were to open the business, or pay down on a home.

"Life is pretty much what we make it," he said. "We can choose to be victors or victims." And you can guess the CEO's choice. (He insists that the letters stand for "Chief Enchilada Officer.")

Soon, it was time to leave for Pampa. I opened the van door, then retreated several steps to get a running start. Grabbing the steering wheel, I catapulted in to the driver's seat, up there in the nosebleed section.

I considered hiring out for afternoon floral delivery. Pampa folks said I was the Answers to Crossword Puzzle only speaker to arrive there in a cargo van, clecked out in a tuxedo.

The country c lub manager offered a step s tool for van re-entry. On the way back to Amarillo, I thought of three speeches-the one I had prepared, the one I had made and the one I wished I'd made. Alas, again I had failed to cut to the chase. But, I was grateful for the day,s blessings, and wondered if the woman made it to Lubbock in time.

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was thrilled. The angel took the Lord's Supper, went out the door and to the house on the north, then back in front to the crack house and then across the road to the ambulance chasers. The pastor did not understand. The angel knew what Jesus meant when he said it is not the whole but the ill that need the great physician. The offer of gra

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siders loser because they are desperate for help. He warned us that we need to look at others as Jesus did and reach out with hope of grace and new life to the. Where do you fit\_\_\_ into this story?

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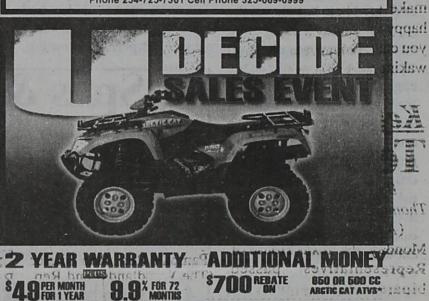
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person with the story this week. Lyndell sang "My God Is Real" as the special and he did his usual good job. The first time I heard the song was many years ago when I was in high school and a young Pilipino boy came from Howard Payne College in Brownwood and sang it for our church. It is still just as true and thought provoking as it was then. -David preached from Matthew 21:28-30 and asked us to imagine the following events. Church was taking place in Morton Valley but the parsonage was a crack house, the house on the north side of the church was a brothel and the land across the road was filled with ambulance chasers. The Lord's Supper time had arrived and an angel appeared and told the pastor he would give the

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I had "asked around" about Mexican food places, and that's where I met Leal, who serves up the best avocado enchiladas I ever lapped a lip over.

He wass brimful of opti-For some people, "slow-ing to the chase" is an art form. But Amarillo's Victor decided to "plunge into busidecided to "plunge into busi-ness" with a restaurant in Muleshoe back in 1957.

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# **Super Notes**

around here, but especially today. There are so many things going on, not just at school, but personally. By that I mean that I have found a house in Gorman in which to live and have utilities to turn on and my travel trailer (my home of ten months) to move. I am looking forward to my wife making the move later this month. I also have movers to hire and coordinate.

week or getting into up com- day and Saturday. Unfortuing events, I want to mention nately, we did not have anythat we have a new person in one advance. Participating our office beginning this was: Cory Brown, Reggie week. Terrye (Jeffs) Nichols has been hired as executive Rodriguez, David Ibarra, secretary/peims coordinator. Zach Bryan, Mary Powell,

Mondays are always busy She will be taking over the duties of Francis Rivers who is retiring at the end of the month. We hate to see Francis go, but we feel very fortunate to have Mrs. Nichols. She comes to us from Glen Rose ISD where she has worked for the school district for eleven years. If the name sounds familiar, it is because Terrye is a hometown girl. Welcome her back

the first chance you get! The Regional Track Meet Before reviewing last was at ACU in Abilene Fri-Sanchez, Orlando

# **Keeping Up With Andrew**

#### By J.B. Johnston, Carbon, Texas

The other day I had the privilege of going on a turkey hunt with some friends of mine. I've always heard that you can't soar like an eagle if you run with a bunch of turkeys, and I am not insinuating anything of the sort. These are good friends and they had been kind enough to invite me on this two day hunt, but one of the guests was a young man named Andrew whom we all admired. (This would be the eagle so you can guess who the turkeys were.) A robust teenager with more stamina and energy than all of us old geezers put together. Not only that, but Andrew is not the ordinary teenager when it comes to hunting. He is one of the most focused dedicated hunters with which I have ever had the pleasure to hunt, young or old. It was great to see a young man so dedicated to his avocation, no matter what it may be, and Andrew is dedicated. Oh, he has other interests like school, football, baseball, basketball and such, but I suspect that his mind is predominately focused upon hunting. I figure that he can burn more ammunition in a weekend than most of us will in a year. This is strictly for practice, and for when that desired target happens to be unfortunate enough to cross his path. I had not gone on this hunt with the sole intention of killing a turkey, but more for the camaraderie that we experience when camping out with other hunters. For Andrew it was just the opposite. It was a turkey hunt, and that was what he was focused on. It was my fortune, or misfortune, depending how you look at it, to be paired with Andrew on the first day. I had forgotten just how active and energetic a teenager can be. Somehow he seemed to be moving along through the cacti and mesquite at a leisurely pace while I was desperately trying to keep up. He even offered to carry the bulk of our gear, and already had most of it, while I trudged along trying to look like I was in perfect shape. Of course this is hard to do when you are wheezing like an old steam locomotive going up a steep grade. I did manage to get caught up when we got to where he wanted us to hunt. Please remind me to get into better shape.

also been an avid hunter, but never with as much intensity as he possesses. At 15 years of age he already has more knowledge of hunting than company most all the grown men that I have known. He lives, breathes, and studies it and as a consequence has become a very knowledgeable outdoorsman. So it came as no surprise when he killed the only turkey on this hunt. We older men probably had over a hundred combined

Crystal Thackerson, Megan Lewis, and Brandy Carlton. Cory Brown was the only one to qualify for the finals and he finished in 7th place. Although Brandy Carlton did not make the finals, she beat her best time of the year by three seconds. Congratulations to all of these athletes for representing their school and community well this year!

Saturday night was a night of enchantment for many Gorman youth. It was Prom night!. One of the best parts of my job is getting to see the transitions our young people make as they grow up and turn into adults. You all would have been proud Saturday night. All of the young ladies were absolutely beautiful and they young men were handsome and behaved as gentlemen. The Prom was held on the third floor of the Blue Moon Cafe in DeLeon and the food and service was

but our desire wasn't anywhere as great as that of Andrew's, and it paid off.

Not that I didn't enjoy his and the conversation that comes when two people with like hobbies get together, but next time I hope to get paired with his grandpa.

I'm pretty sure that I can keep up with him. After all he is two years older than I

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great. The Junior Class and Toll-free, (512) 478-8805 sponsors did a wonderful job of decorating and the D.J. they hired did an excellent job. He was a riot! Mrs. Perry and I stayed until it was over at midnight so that should tell you that we really enjoyed it. We rarely stay out that late. We sat with Mr. and Mrs. Panter, Mrs. Gutierrez, and Mr. Howard. Also in attendance was Mrs. Swanner, Mrs. Segura along with the sponsors, Mrs. Gore and Mrs. Majors and their husbands. The D.J. had some great Karaoke equipment and although some of the students performed and did a wonderful job, the most memorable performance, 'm sure, was the trio of Mr. Panter, Mr. Howard, and me

singing "We' ve That Loving Feeling" by the Righteous Brothers. All I have to stay is you should have been there because it probably won't ever be repeated, not for free anyway!

the seriousness of what our legislators are working on in Austin and published contact information for Representative Keffer. This week I am also including Senator Fraser. I am also including a web address of an organization to which we belong that will keep you informed of the activities in Austin and the importance they hold for our school and all the children in Texas. It is the Equity Cenhttp://www.equity er: enter.org/. This organizaion is one of the chief advocates in our state for equity in the funding of all Texas schools. Jim Keffer:

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I have written several letters and e-mails to our legislators and others last week regarding proposed legislation that would not be good for our district and I expect this week to be no different. I have received no communication back from Senator Fraser, but Representative Keffer has had his office contact me about my concerns and he even responded by offering an amendment to a bill that made it much better Last week I wrote about for us. Remember, Representative Keffer and Senator Fraser represents you! Let them know what you want future.

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them to do for you. If you don't, then they have no reason not to do exactly what their political party is telling

Ms. Sowell's class is going to cook breakfast for the entire faculty on May 9th starting at 7:30 am and running thru 8:45 am. This is their way of thanking the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Do you appreciate you child's teacher? This would be a good week to tell them so, don't you think?

Depending on activities, this article may only be published once a month during the summer. If something important happens, I will do my best to submit an article. Please let me know if you know of anything that should be published.

It takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. Remember, this is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Come help us shape the



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By David K. Perry



GRUESSE AUS BAYERN--Greetings from Bavaria, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, from Granddaughter Laura Leigh, to Papa and Nana, and that's the Zugspitzgruppe (2,964m) Germany's highest peak in the background overlooking their town for the present. On the card the First Grader tells us about a fox, and in a telephone visit later, she said, if you come to see us, we will all go fox hunting. (They apparently abound in that area.) Her parents, Lt. Col. Vince and Amy Freeman, sister Leigha Noel, brothers, Levi and Luke will be returning to the States sometime this summer. Vince has been participating in the Marshall Center International Studies Program at Garmisch, which is near the Austrian border.

### **Annual Rummage Sale At Holy 5 Steps To Child Care Solutions Rosary Catholic Church In Cisco**

Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church will hold their Annual Rummage Sale at the Parish Hall, 1106 Avenue F (behind Brookshires), on Saturday, May 6, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m..

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3. Select specific providers you'd like to research, www.txchildcaresearch.org reveals each provider's licensing history and compliance with minimum health and safety standards. 4. Call 1-866-TX-CHILD or use www.txchildcaresearch.org to locate the child care resource and referral agency nearest you. These local resource and referral agencies can provide additional information on the program, costs, availability, and accessibility of the individual providers. 5. Visit the day care or residential facilities you are

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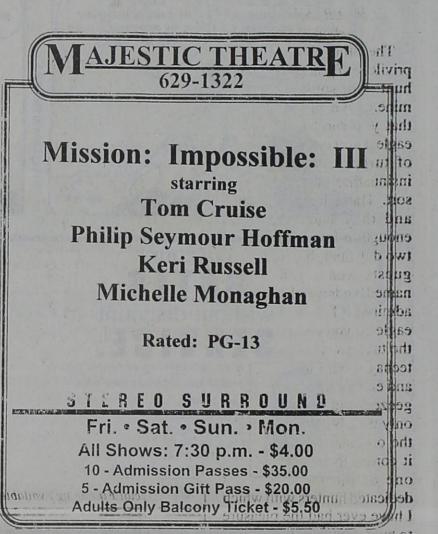
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# Cisco Press - Eastland Telegram - Ranger Times - Rising Star - Callahan County Baird Star **President/Executive Director Bob Test Retires From Goodwill-West Texas**

It is with regret that the Goodwill-West Texas Board of Directors learns of the retirement of long-time President/Executive Director Bob Test. Test said, "After 15 years, it's time to leave Goodwill and let others lead the future. Leaving now will enable me to pursue some ather interests while I still have the energy to take on another challenge."

Test continues "When I eame to Abilene Goodwill Industries in 1991, Goodwill

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was struggling financially with a single store in Abilene and a small outlet hidden away in Clyde. I take pride in the fact that we are now known as Goodwill-West Texas with Training Centers and stores in eight West. Texas cities. Abilene opened its third retail store on May 1st, bringing the total number of Training Centers to ten for Goodwill-West Texas."

"As President/Executive Director of Goodwill for the past 15 years, I have loved and revered this agency and the people it serves in West Texas. It has been my honor to help this organization grow in its ability to encourage more and more people with special needs to find productive, fulfilling roles in their communities. I have looked at my service to Goodwill as a calling, not just a job. It has been the most rewarding work I've done in my 47-year professional career. I thank the Board of Directors for their

# support, and I wish only the

best for Goodwill-West Texas and it's fine staff of dedicated employees," said Test.

"A search committee apprised of Goodwill-West Texas board members will begin the task of interviewing candidates for the position of President/Executive Director within the next two weeks," said Mary Lee Brooks, Board Chairwoman. Goodwill-West Texas has retail stores located in Abilene, Odessa, Midland, San Brownwood, Angelo, Sweetwater, Eastland and Clyde.

### Thursday, May 4, 2006 e-cinc.com **Center Point-Brown Cemeteries** In Need Of Donations,

Cemetery Associatin is asking for donations again this year to help care for the two cemeteries. Those that have loved ones or friends buried in either of the two cemeteries are asked to come forward and make a donation

Center Point-Brown of some kind. It takes a little help from all concerned. Please send donation to P.O. Box 585, Eastland, Texas 76448 or to the First Financial Bank, Eastland, Texas 76448.

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# **Oakland Cemetery Meeting Saturday**

planning on our gathering at the cemetery to take care of the business there.

The cemetery is in one realizes. excellent shape. We need every one who has loved ones buried there to come forward and be a part of the association.

We need your presence,

It's that time of year to be your input and your financial help.

To keep the cemetery in good shape takes more than

The meeting will be on the first Saturday in May (May 6th) beginning at 10 a.m.

Please be present at that time. You are needed.

Opal Burton, Secretary of Association







By: David & Doreen Dotson



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# **Celebrate** National Hospital Week: May 7-13

Don't let the name fool you. Organizers say National Hospital Week isn't a celebration of health care's most recognizable buildingit's a celebration of the miracles that happen inside for people you love" is the of them.

"The medical profession is making miraculous strides in so many areas," John Phillips, administrator of Eastland Memorial Hospital said. "We're able to offer patients many new treatments, procedures and hope that eluded us even a few years ago. From the obstetrics department to the recovery room, this is a place of new beginnings and we are all fortunate to be part of it."

This inspiring side of medicine is depicted in the National Hospital Week theme for 2006, "Where Miracles Happen Every Day." The annual event, slated for May 7-13, is designed to highlight hospitals services and their role in communities. National Hospital Week is the nation's largest annual health care event. Eastland Memorial Hospital invites the community to make this celebration an opportunity to get to know the staff and services provided locally.

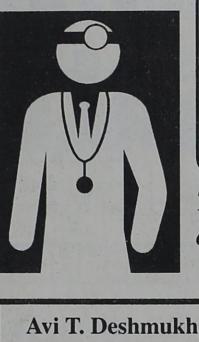
Did you know that current statistics in March for Eastland Memorial Hospital are?

Average daily census 18 patients/day

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- 523 inpatient days

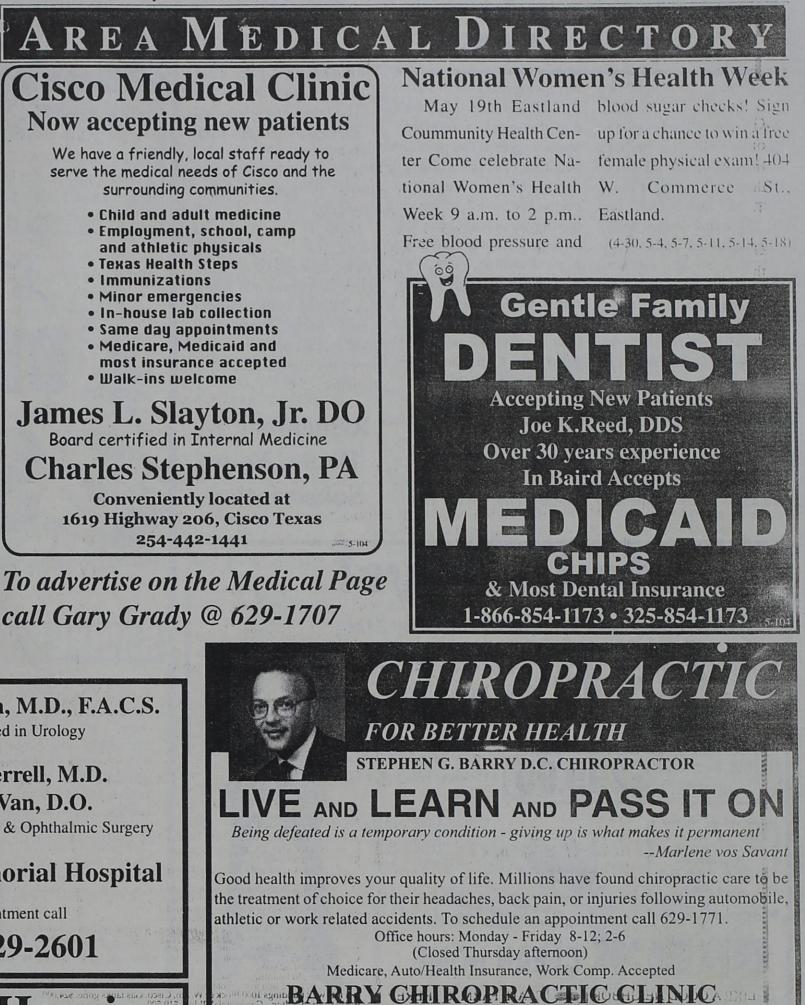
- 451 Wellness Center Visits
  - **79 Surgeries**
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- 762 X-rays
- 190 Ultrasounds
- 45 MRI
- 130 CAT Scans
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- 14 Bone Density Tests
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# **Pioneer News**

were quilting on Tuesday. We hope Charlene and had this week. Everything Earlene will soon be back with us soon. We miss you! We are coming right along with the "Dutch Doll" and the "Memories" tops. Sandy will put her top in this week.

It will not be long until Pioneer will be having their Memorial Day ceremony. Let's all start planning to be in attendance on the 29th day of May. It is so important that we do not forget what the the next game night. men and women of this country have sacrificed for ters, Shirly Harrelesom and all of us.

will be coming up and the Friday, Frankie, Rioxie, 3rd day of June . We need to Shirley, and Phyllis Harris

All the girls except two be making plans for that also.

What a wonderful rain we looks so green. The trees are beautiful. The paint brushes and the Mexican hats are so pretty. We have sure missed having the bluebonnets. Just not enough rain last fall to get a good crop of them. We pray we will keep getting rain along for a while.

The "domino" party night was successful. All had a good time. Come on out for

Frankie Smith's daugh-Roxie Nance came Thursday Also, the Pioneer reunion and spent the night with her.

went to Abilene to the Jefferson Award meeting. It was at the Abilene Civic Center. Everyone had a great time.

The community is proud of Frankie and all she does helping people. We are glad that Phyllis nominated her to go to this meeting. She is very deserving.

Daisy Holcomb, Wilma Lawrence, and Jean Alexander attended the Quilt Show in Brownwood Saturday. The saw many beautiful quilts, both machine and hand quilted ones. They enjoyed the trip and just being together.

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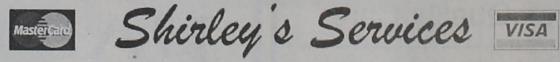


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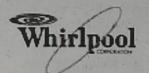
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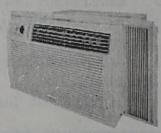
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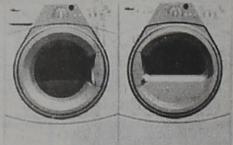
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# Obituary

# Duke Wayne Womack, Sr.

Duke Wayne Womack, Sr. died Saturday, April 22, 2006. He was at his home in Mt. Holly, Arkansas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Baird, Texas, directed by Parker Funeral Home. Sam Nichols officiated. Burial followed in the Ross Cemetery.

Duke was born in Magnolia, Arkansas on October 8, 1952 to W.C. OJaboO and Doris Burson Womack. He grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas, where he graduated from high school in May 1970. He graduated from Henderson State University in 1975. He played football and baseball at Henderson and was named an All-American baseball player. He graduated from Dresser Industries Oil Field Mud School in 1976. He was a mud engineer and owned Duke's Mud, Inc. Over the years in the oil field business, he touched many lives and made many friends. He was married to Ronda Terrell Hatchett for 25 years and had five children. He was a resident of Clyde, Texas, most of his life where he served on the Clyde School Board and in his church. He coached numerous Little League teams with all five of his children. Wherever he was, DukeOs warmth and Christian love influenced the lives of those around him. He was a devoted father and grandfather and enjoyed spending time with children and his grandchildren.

He married Cathy Dyer Goldsmith of Baird on December 17, 2004. He had bought a house at Mt. Holly, Arkansas, and the couple planned to move there in June.

Duke is survived by his wife, Cathy; son, Duke Wayne Womack, Jr., wife Jamie, and their three children, Duke Wayne Womack, III, Faith, and London; son, Joshua Womack and his children Harley and Lexi and their mother Cindy; daughter, Jenny and husband Derek Haney; daughter, Emily and husband Travis Jones; son, Jedidiah Tait Womack; stepsons, Seth and Chase Goldsmith; mother, Doris Hanson; a brother, Richard Womack and his wife Brenda of Benton, Ark.; nephew, William Richard Womack, his wife Brandi and their two children; nephew, Brian K. Womack, his wife Kristi and their two children; brother-in-law, David Self; niece, Sundi King, her husband Brian and their two children; nephew, Mike Self,

### **Army & Air Force Hometown News** Christopher L.

### Gonzalez

Army Pvt. Christopher L. Gonzalez has graduated from the Light-whe-led > Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. The course is designed to train soldiers to perform maintenance troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, which include internal combustion engines and power trains, spark- and compression-ignition engines, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic-power brakes, suspension and steering systems, and learned to operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assembly. Gonzalez is the son of John C. Gonzalez of Kiefer, Okla., and Dina L. Burguess of Clyde, Texas.

He attended Mounds High School, Okla.



his wife Ginger and their Mary Elizabeth Self; and his two children; nephew, Brock Self, his wife and their son.

Duke was preceded in death by his father, W.C. your favorite charity. "Jabo" Womack; his sister,

### (Baird Coyotes continued from Pg. 1)

3 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie for the season. The Coyotes are the Baird Little League Minor League team for 2006. The Coyotes have been paced on offense by Nikolas Darnell who is hitting .583 with 2 home runs and 9 RBIs. Garrett Deel leads the team with 9 runs while hitting .400, with 1 home run and 9 stolen bases. Preston Clark is the Coyotes leadoff hitter, batting .333 with a double and 4 RBI for far. On the mound, Jake Green leads the team with 2 wins and 1 save, maintaining a 2.09 ERA and Anthony Urdialez has one win

### **Eula Homecoming Set For June 10**

The 2006 All-School Reunion (for all ages, all grades, all current and former residents of Eula community) is set for Saturday, June 10th at Eula High School.

Registrations will begin at 9:00 a.m. Local residents and officers of the Homecoming Association are planning for a pleasant day of visiting and sharing memories. All exes, families and spouses have a special invitation to attend.

A short program and business session will be part of the activities, as well as tours through the school facilities.

Interesting displays will be set up in the library and hallways to help jog memories. Eula Lions Club will cater the lunch (\$7.00 per plate-pay when served).

A permanent scrapbook is being assembled as a record of school and community life. Exes are asked to contribute pictures, clippings, and other suitable mementos for the project. The Librarian will be on hand to make copies while you wait, so nobody will have to leave treasured pictures and articles.

stepfather, Lou Hanson. Memorials may be made to the church of your choice, to Gideon's International, or to

with a 3.75 ERA. The Coyotes have also had outstanding defense with Sam Green behind the plate, Coby McGonagil at third base, Shane Thackerson at third base and in the outfield, Dooley Boyd, Ezekiel Fabela, Tyler Meyer, Rode Hargrove, Dusty Neff and Kody Bryant. The Coyotes are coached by Shane Deel, Ronald Green, and Jeff Clark. They are sponsored by Burke Robinson. The Coyotes next two games are at Clyde Little League Field against the Titans at 8:00 p.m. Thursday,

May 4th and 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 8th.

are arranging for additional reunion activities during the weekend. Since Homecoming meets only every two years- graduating classes often combine activities. Anniversary year members are encouraged to attend Homecoming and then make special plans for Saturday night. Offices of the Homecoming Association are Jack McKee president, Linda (Welch) Mayfield, vice-president, and Rose Farmer secretary-treasurer. "Everyone who is interested in the community and interested in promoting homecoming activities is invited to attend. A surprisingly large percentage of our Exes still live in the local area (within 50 miles). We urge them all to come and visit

with old friends who will be traveling from greater distances in Texas as well as

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### (Continued from pg. 1 Clyde Garage Sales) div

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chures and maps will be handed out at the Clyde Woman's Club/Clyde Lions off Club building on South First liw and Rusk St.s'

If you have any questions;019 contact the Clyde Chamber of M Commerce at (325) 893-422[15] or clip a registration form in the Clyde Journal from this week Alo

# Announcement-Admiral Cemetery Association To Meet Saturday

The Admiral Cemetery Association will conduct its annual membership meeting and workday at the cemetery on Saturday, May 6th. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at noon. Farmilies with loved ones buried in the cemetery are asked to come out and help remove trash, trim trees and bushes, and fillin graves that have settled. The business meeting will include a financial report and an election to fill the expiring term on the board of directors currently held by Larry Cauthen.

The Admiral Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by

the State of Texas for the pur pose of improving and main-taining this historic site. The work of the association is funded by interest earned on a certificate of deposit and gifts and memorials offered by friends and family members. Low interest rates have drastically reduced the yield of the association's endowment over the past year. This has createda critical need for contributions if the present level of maintenance is to be continued in the months ahead.

All donations to the Admira Cemetery Association's Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at any branch of the First National Bank of Baird or may be mailed to 7257 CR 474, Baird, TEXAS 79504.



Several individual classes

# **Track Results**

**Region I-2A Track** At Abilene Christian University's Elmer Gray Stadium Girls, Class A 100 m - 1. Jamilla Ward, Knox City, 12.43, 2. Kendra Coleman, Santa Anna, 12.60 200 m--6. Shelbe Adkins, Roscoe, 27.16 800 -- 2. Amanda Peters, Aspermont, 2:24.28; 6. Jessi England, Bronte, 2:34.64 1600 m--4. Jessica Rodriguez, Winters, 5:47.65; 5. Halie Jacobs, Throckmorton, 5:50.91. 3200 m--2. Halie Jacobs, Throckmorton, 11:58.52; 3. Jessica Rodriguez, Winters, 12:00.57; 6. Kayla Galie, Eula, 12:38.76. 100 Hurdles--2. Sarah Burt, Knox City, 15.75; 4. Shelby Walker, Winters, 16:47 300 Hurdles--2. Layken Cathey, Roscoe, 47.35; 3. Holly Huskerson, Bronte, 47.73. 4x100: 1. Knox City, 49:90. 5. Eula, 52.52; 6. Roscoe, 52.79. 4x200 Relay--1. Knox City 1:47.99; 4. Aspermont, 1:50.76, 5. Aspermont, 1.50.76, 5. Roscoe, 1:51.13; 6. Santa Anna, 1:52.70. 4x400 Relay--1. Roscoe, 4:05.14; 4. Aspermont, 4:12.68. High Jump--2. Laryssa Hise, Aspermont, 5-02; 3. Shelby Walker, Winters, 5'02". Pole Vault: 1. Katie Cooper, Bronte, 10'06"; 2.

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Cisco's Big Dam Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, at the Hilton Community Center in Cisco. This will be the 8th annual car show, and is sponsored by the Cisco

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Bid packages can be obtained by calling 888-887 or (512) 782-6910 or sending an e-mail to tina.burford@tmfc.state.tx.us.

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

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April 6	@ Albany	2:00 p.m.	<b>Girls/Boys</b>						
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# (Continued from Page 1 Kindergarten/ **Pre K School Registration in Baird**)

Pre-Jardin de Infancia: el programa del Pre-Jardin de la Infancia de Baird I.S.D. funcionara el una base de media dia durante ano escolar 2006-07. Alistaran a los estudiantes en un grupo de la manana (7:45-11:30) o un grupo de la tarde (10:45-2:30 p.m.) Serviran todos los estudiantes del Pre-Jardin de la Infancia el almuerzo en la cafeteria de la escuela de la 10:45-11:30. Mas informacion sobre el horario de medio dia sera dado a la hora del registro.

Segun la ley estado de Tejas, un nino es elegible para la inscripcion en Pre-Jardin de la Infancia se el nino tiene 4 anos del 1 de septiembre de 2006, y es 1.) No puede hablar y comprender la lenua inglesa; 2). educativo perjudicado; 3>) sin casa; o idenficado con necesidades especiales. Para calificar para el programa basado sobre #22, los

estudeiantes deben resolver los criterios de la necesidad financiera seguin la determinado por un formula proporonado por el estado (que se basa sobre elegibilidad a participado en el programa libre e reducido del almuerzo).

Durante el registro, Baird I.S.D. alistara a los ninos que tienen 4 anos que resuelven, los criterios antedichos y vinven en districto de la escuela de Baird, Tambien, Durante este registro, Baird I.S. D. tomara aplicacion para el resto de los ninos de 4 anos que viven en el districto de la escuela de Baird. El programa del Pre-Jardin de la Enfancia ha limitado espacios, asi que impulsan a lost padres colocar a sus ninos tan pronto como possible.

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5 anos del 1 de septiembre de 2006. El Jardin de la Infnancia funciona en una base completa del dia de la 7:45 a 2:30 p.m.

**Terminar el Registro:** Para terminar el registro, los padres necesitan traer copias de las partidas de nacimiento de su nino, de los papeles del inmunizacion, de la tarjeta de la Seguridad Social, de la prueba de la residencia, y de la prueba de la renta. ( a prueba de la renta es requeridos por lo tanto padres debe traer una declaracion de los patrones que demuestran salarios mensuales o una receta de cheque.)

Se usted tiene preguntas referentes al registro de la estudiante. Favor de telefonear a James Wyatt. Principal de la escula tension 309.

# Obituary

# **Ida Mae Broadus**

Ida MaeBroadus, 96, of Clyde, died Saturday, April 29, 2006 in the Clyde Nursing Home.

Services 2343 at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Stone officiating with burial in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Broadus was born August 14, 1909 near

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ily doctor, Bettis said.

Nearly 20 percent of people who lack health insurance report turning to the ER for what is often routine care, compared to only 3 percent of those with insurance coverage, according to the Richard Bettis, CAE, presi- National Coalition on Health Care.

Sherman in Grayson County, to Charlie and Eddie Priscilla (Ramey) Railsback. She grew up and attended school in Thalia, TX. She was the widow of Johnnie Deward Broadus whom she married October 24, 1934 in in Thalia.

They moved to clyde in 1967 from Wilbarger County. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clyde.

partment of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA Disaster Assistance.

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Mrs. Broadus was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 1 son-Charles Broadus, 5 brothers, and 3 sisters. She is survived by: 1 Son-J.D. Broadus & Wife, Zella of Clyde; 1 Daughter-TrevaTucker & husband. Stanton of Vernon; 2 Sisters-Charlene Doherty of New London and Ethel LaFoy of Sherman; 8 Granchildren; 13 Great-Grandchildren and 5 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United MEthodist Church, P.O. Box 465, Clyde, TX 79510.

viduals may call (800\_ 877-8339. Mail completed applications to the U.S. Small **Business Administration at** 

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able to invest in new technology, electronic communications., education and other enhancements that would improve patient care and outcomes for all patients," Bettis added.

"Our goal in marking Cover the Uninsured Week is to draw attention to this growing problem, and demonstrate Texas hospitals' commitment to working with all the stakeholders to find solutions. We also want to urge Texas lawmakers to make this issue a priority during the 2007 legislative session," Bettis said. "After all, whether you're concerned about rising health care costs, concerned about the health of your fellow Texans or worry that one day you may be without coverage, we can all agree that it is time we focus on making health insurance more affordable and accessible for all Texans. "Texas hospitals are committed to working with all the stakeholders-including business, consumers and insurance companies-to make it happen. Let's get Texas covered," Bettis said.

Students in Ms. Connie taking the Top two awards in the Texas Parks & Ricci's Gifted & Talented classes at Cross Plains El-Wildlife's Hometown Horned Toads Essay Contest 'ementary school brought back good news to town by from their department. Her

> Obituary **Nolan Edith Leard**

Nola Edith Leard, 89, of Stephenville, formerly of Cisco, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2006. Graveside services, officiated by Rev. C.P. Floyd, were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Oakwood Cemetery Cisco directed by in Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Nola was born on July 21, 1916 to Abraham Henson and Nannie (Heslep) Wagley in the Hart Community in

Nola was preceded in death by her husband, C.B. (Pappy) Leard on April 29, 1996; four brothers, Hap Wagley, Wesley Wagley, Virgil Wagley, Doc Wagley and sister, Tempie Smoot. **Uninsured Week Has Special** 

**Significance In Texas** Lone Star State has more uninsured residents than any other state

With more than 5 million residents lacking even basic

prenatal care-as well as preventive care, such as mammograms and immunizations for children," said

**Cross Plains Students Take Top Awards for TP&W Essays** students in the third through fifth-grade bracket category took first place and second place in the sixth- through eighth grade bracket. The contest is designed to help state biologists learn more about how and why horned toad lizards' popu, lation is diminishing in various parts

> of the state. Ricci wose home was one of the 116 lost in the fire in Cross Plains. said that the students (1) Cheyenne Cowan, Katherine Goode, Joe Holland, Riley Lawrence, and (2) Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar,

Callahan County. She married Clifford Boyd Leard on December 5, 1941 in Cisco. She was a housewife and a member of First Baptist Church in Cisco.

She was the precious mother of two daughters, Melba Ingram Null and husband, John of Stephenville and Marguerite Nettik and husband, Jerry of Salt Lake City, Utah. John and Jerry were great son-inlaws. Also surviving are grandchildren David Ingram of Cisco, and Marlon and Brandon Nettik of Utah; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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health insurance coverage, Texas' commemorations of Cover the Uninsured Week next month will take on added significance.

Cover the uninsured Week is observed nationally May 1-7 to highlight the importance of access to affordable health care benefits. The week will be marked in Texas with health and enrollment fairs to inform the public about governmentsponsored health insurance options and health screenings for illnesses such as high blood pressure and diabetes; and news events to draw attention to the problems created when large segments of the population are uninsured.

"Those without health insurance generally lack access to primary care-like doctors' office visits and

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dent/CEO of the Texas Hospital Association. "Lack of access to primary and preventive care means that the uninsured usually wail until a condition is more advanced to seek help. Then, it takes longer to recover, and may require hospitalization, which could have been avoided by early intervention. Not only does it cost more, but the uninsured also "pay" in terms of poor health status," he added.

Texas has more uninsured residents that nay other state-a problem that health care professionals say affects not only uninsured Texans but also health care and pocketbook of every other resident in the state.

When uninsured individuals are sick, they often turn to hospital emergency rooms because they have no fam-

"Using hospital emergency rooms for non-critical care takes precious time and scarce resources that doctors, nurses and other health care professionals could better use on those who truly need life-saving care or intervention for serious medical conditions," Bettis said, noting that Texas hospitals spent more than \$9.2 billion in 2004 to care for patients who have no health insurance. "The costs of uncompensated care strain our physicians' and hospitals' ability to provide quality care to all patients-regardless of their insurance status," he said.

"Taxpayers, health care providers, employees and health care consumers all pay a price. Our taxes pay for government-sponsored programs like Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Local taxpayers help subsidize public hospitals-the safety net of our state's health care system. Employers play an important role in making health insurance coverage available, but inad-

sured consumers does not solve the problem," Bettis added.

Studies show that lack of access to affordable health insurance and preventive care isn't just a problem for the poor and unemployed. Skyrocketing health insurance costs and limited access to coverage also affect middle and higher income families.

According to the Urban Institute, one-third of the uninsured are middle or higher income households. Between 1999 and 2002, households with incomes of more than \$75,000 accounted for more than half of the increase in the number of uninsured. "Some people who can afford health insurance choose not to purchase it. Yet, when they become ill or injured, they expect the health care system to take care of them. Just as everyone needs to take personal responsibility for practicing good health habits, people who can afford to pay for their care-and for coverageshould," Bettis said.

Increasing the number of people with health insurance will increase the quality of care and help reduce the losses that result from hospitals treating patients with no health insurance, Bettis said. "Uncompensated care limits the financial resources avail-

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