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Thursday, January 13, 2005

## Baird High To Host Financial Aid Seminar

Baird High School will be hosting a financial aid seminar for all seniors and their parents on Monday, January 17, 2005. The seminar will be conducted by Rachel Atkins, Interim Director of Financial Aid at McMurry University.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available and guidelines for filling out

the form will be covered.

Ms. Atkins will also discuss the different types of aid available.

The seminar will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and refreshments will be served.

There will be a drawing for two \$100 scholarships.

For more information contact Christy Barnett at 854-1400 ext. 306 or cbarnett@baird.esc14.net.

## Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show Is Jan. 20-22

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> -Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Starting time will be Thursday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Steven

Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

**Superintendents for this year show are:**

Beef Cattle - Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee

Market & Breeding Swine - Jackie Tennison

Poultry & Rabbits - Doug Johnston and Larry McIntire

Sheep & Goats - Steven Mitchell, Lesa Harris, and Angela Tibbetts

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

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## Project Graduation To Host Hamburger Supper

Baird High School Project Graduation is hosting a hamburger supper before the Baird/Albany basketball games. It will be January 14th from 5-7 pm in the

school cafeteria. The meal will be \$5 each. The parents of the Senior class appreciate your support in all of the fund raisers this year.

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## Forage Seminar Is Feb. 8

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cross Plains Community Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on winter wheat, annual summer forages and existing bermudagrass pastures.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Chris Sansone, TAEX Entomologist - San Angelo and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo, Dr. Jason Johnson Extension Economist and Dr. Larry Unruh With American Plant

Food. Dr. Warrick will discuss Herbicide and Fungicide considerations. Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage Insects and Dr. Johnson will be discussing the economics related to forage production. Dr. Unruh will discuss fertility management strategies to maximize forage potential. TDA will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators.

**The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$5 to those that pre-register by February 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per person.** This program is presented by the Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.

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## Baird ISD School Board Is Thanked And Recognized, For Leadership, Dedication

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Texans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, ensure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals, and other information to read and study; and a host of difficult decisions to make.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners, and real estate agents, to name just a few.

Although they serve many roles in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal - helping students achieve. Though they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward that goal.

Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. Whether it is drafting policies, hiring top-notch administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members spend

in leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extra-curricular events. Their love of learning, and concern and caring for students, staff and the community, drive board members' desire to lead so students can achieve.

In recognition of this dedicated service, January is designated "School Board Recognition Month." This is a time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide a better future for our children. In January, join with others throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

The school board members serving Baird Independent School District are Kenneth Brock - 11 years service, Gerry McDowell - 7 years service, Allen Wilson - 6 years service, Joe Clark - 5 years service, Burke Robinson - 5 years service, Jim Dyer Windham - 3 years service, and Matt Rogers - 1 years service.

"We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Mr. Gardner, Baird ISD Superintendent. "These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools."

Submitted from the office of Cliff Gardner, Baird ISD Superintendent

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEE LEADS TO CBS FIRINGS

Monday CBS issued an independent review of mistakes on last September's story of President Bush's National Guard Service. The Network fired Mary Mapes, the story's producer, Josh Howard, Executive Producer of '60 Minutes Wednesday,' where it was first aired;

Howard's top Deputy, Mary Murphy, and CBS News Senior Vice President Betsy West.

CBS News President Andrew Hayward and News Anchor Dan Rather escaped heavy censure, although

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## We Want To Help!

The Callahan/Eastland County Newspapers would like to encourage organizations, churches, and schools to send us information about their tsunami relief efforts, so that we can pass this information on to our readers.

In addition, after careful consideration, we would like to encourage our readers to also give donations to Save the Children USA.

Save the Children has nearly 30 years of experience working in areas in southern Asia hardest hit by the disaster, and has set up four safe areas in Sri Lanka and one in the Aceh province of Indonesia for children who have been separated from their parents.

It is estimated that children made up one-third or more of the initial death toll.

The children who survived have many challenges to face, and need our help.

We want to focus on the needs of these children, and will keep our readers informed on ongoing efforts.

Donations can be made to Save the Children, 54 Wilton Road, Westport, CT 06880.

Please designate "Asia Tsunami Relief Fund".

Save the Children may also be reached by phone at 1-800-728-3843 or on the web at www.savethechildren.org.

Monetary donations made at our newspaper office in Eastland will be forwarded to Save the Children.

Save the Children is working with local and national government officials as well as other international relief groups in Sri Lanka and Indonesia to protect children impacted by the tsunami.

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## Commissioners Appoint Judge Pro-tem; Public Members to Grievance Committee

The Callahan County Commissioners Court was called to order on January 10, 2005 at 9:30 AM by Judge Roger Corn.

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

There were no public comments.

Judge Roger Corn welcomed County Attorney Shane Deel to the meeting.

Also on the agenda:

- Discuss - Approve composition and appoint public members to Salary Grievance Committee.

- Discuss - Appoint Judge Pro-tem for the year 2005.

The Court unanimously voted to leave the Salary Grievance Committee as is, with the addition of 3 public members. The motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Holland.

The Salary Grievance Committee consists of nine members - 6 elected officials and 3 public members, Judge Corn explained.

Linda Cavanaugh of Clyde, Bradina Benson of Baird, and David Abernathy, Jr. of Clyde were appointed to the committee, pending their acceptance.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the appointment, and Commissioner Grider seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the appointment.

The names for public members of the Salary Grievance Committee were taken from the Grand Jury list of the previous year, Judge Roger Corn said.

Commissioner Holland,

Pct. #3, was appointed as Judge Pro-tem for the year of 2005. The motion to approve his appointment

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## BROKEN ARM...

(sung to the tune of Silver Bells)  
Icy sidewalks  
City sidewalks  
Spread with a wintry glaze  
There's a feeling of doom in the air—  
SLIPPING, SLIPPING,  
S-L-I-D-E  
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YOU MAY have read recently about my swan dive on the ice coated sidewalk; well, here's the rest of the story—quicker than you can say it, my feet went west, the rest of me east, and 160 pounds of me landed on my outstretched right elbow—OUCH, DOUBLE OUCH, and TRIPLE OUCH! IT HURT. I had just told son Vance, beside me but walking on the snow covered grass, that he'd get his shoes wet! Big deal—he was up and I was down! With as much aploom as possible, you struggle up on your feet again; everything hurts, but at least you're walking, very carefully now. Inside, a 20-minute sprawl on a couch eventually gets you back to semi-normal. Later I tell my wife, "I took a little fall." She makes me promise if it hurts tomorrow, I'll have it looked at by a doctor. Sleep that night was fitful; the arm felt like bricks were pounding it—but men aren't supposed to whine. (If whining would have

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**Burton Phillips, VA  
Officer, Brings Update  
On War Memorial**

On Monday Burton Phillips, Eastland County Veterans Service officer, brought the County Commissioners a report on the Heart of Texas War Memorial being constructed in Brownwood.

The Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 801, are sponsoring this Memorial, which will be located at Memorial Park in Brownwood.

Engraved brick pavers are being sold to help fund the project.

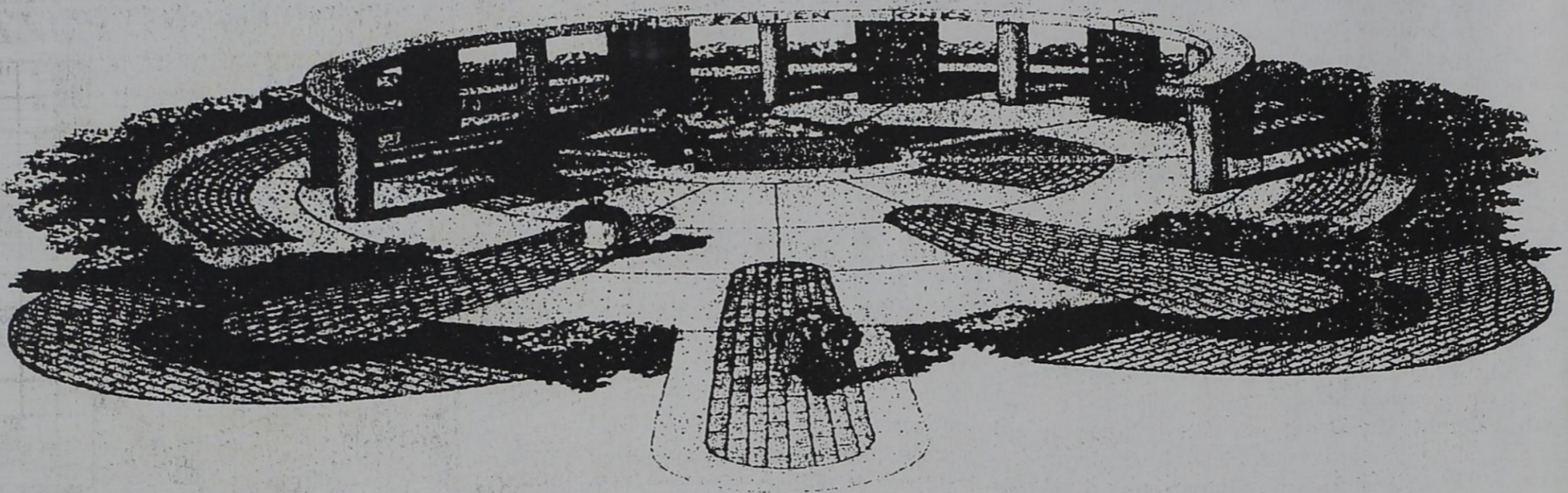
Mr. Phillips invited all to have a part. He said that anyone who purchases several bricks can have them all placed in the same area.

He passed out material showing what the beautiful Memorial will look like when completed.

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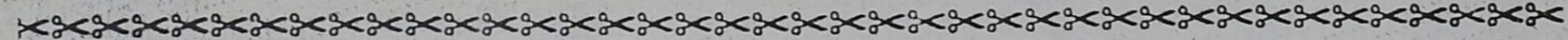
Plans are now underway for the construction of a new war memorial at Memorial Park in Brownwood, Texas. Engraved brick pavers are being sold to fund the project.

4" x 8" pavers are available at a cost of \$50.00 each. Installment plan — \$10.00 down and \$10.00 per month per brick.

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According to the USA Rice Federation, rice is an important source of folic acid in the diet in a form that is easily digested. One-half cup of cooked white rice provides 15 percent of the daily value of folic acid and thiamin and eight percent of the daily value of iron and niacin.

The National Academy of Science actually recommends that 45 to 65 percent

of calories come from carbohydrates. One-half cup of cooked rice contains 22 grams of carbohydrates.

In addition, rice combines well with vegetables and legumes, helping to increase the intake of important nutrients from these sources.

A note to dieters. The balanced diet message is simple: calories in, calories out. All experts agree that no matter what the diet plan, eating fewer calories-whether it is carbohydrates, protein or fat-leads to weight loss.

For additional nutrition information or rice recipes visit [www.usarice.com](http://www.usarice.com).

Rice is low in calories (103 calories per half-cup serving of white rice). It is naturally sodium-free.

### Seafood Is "See-Food"

Many may find it hard to see it that way but certain fats in your diet can be surprisingly good for the health of your eyes.

For example, omega-3 is a polyunsaturated fat (PUFA) that plays an important role in the eye and nervous system affecting a wide range of functions in cells and tissues. PUFAs help maintain good health, promote brain and vision development and may protect against diseases. In fact, recent studies show omega-3 may be beneficial for protecting against age-related eye disease.

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of blindness in older adults today, accounting for 54 percent of all blindness in white Americans and 45 percent of visual disability in the

general population. Studies suggested a link between diet and AMD, which is untreatable and causes fuzziness, shadows or other distortions in the center of vision.

More frequent consumption of fish and overall intake of omega-3 fats appeared to protect against advanced AMD. People who ate fish more than once a week had a lower risk, the studies suggested, than those who ate fish less than once per month.

Nutritionists point out it's important to include healthful fats, such as omega-3, in your diet. Just don't overdo it. Being overweight may have the opposite effect and be harmful to the health of your eyes. Limit your intake of saturated and trans fats, found in many fried foods,

### Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter,

butter, lard and high-fat cuts of meat.

Good sources of omega-3 are cold-water, oil-rich fish, such as salmon, mackerel and herring. Most people can get an adequate amount of omega-3 by eating at least two meals that include fish per week. Fortunately, if you can't get enough PUFA in your diet, supplementation offers great benefits.

It's no fish story: oil found in sea food is good for your eyesight.

Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 17 foreign countries attended the 2004 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team.

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### Seeds From The Sower

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, GA.

Andrew Carnegie received a wire from one of his salesmen. It read, "Broke all records yesterday."

He wired back, "What have you done today?"

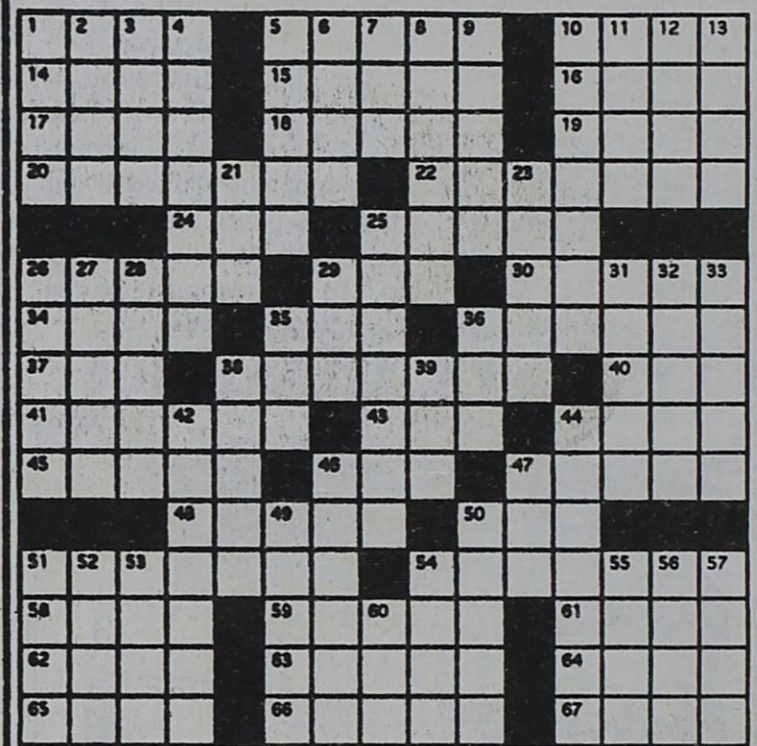
The salesman who isn't out selling is soon selling out. And the Christian who isn't out sowing the seed is soon going to seed.

It isn't what you know that counts, but what you sow.

Our Lord has given you the seed, which is the Bible, not to make you a seed box but a sower. And if you really have religion in your soul it's going to get down to the soles of your feet, and you'll sow the seed today and every day.

Oh, you may have sown the seed yesterday, but like the man asked, "What have you done today?"

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS**
- 1 Skin problem
  - 5 Lessen
  - 10 Fisherman's catch
  - 14 Hipbones
  - 15 Shows boldness
  - 16 Singer
  - 17 Intimidation
  - 18 Meanies
  - 19 Even
  - 20 Moderates
  - 22 Bugs
  - 24 Cadiz cheer
  - 25 Punitive
  - 26 Sewing basket
  - 29 Pa Cartwright's youngest
  - 30 Kid
  - 34 Alert
  - 35 Stupid person
  - 36 Not uniform
  - 37 History book division
  - 38 Made of a smooth-barked
- DOWN**
- 40 Equip
  - 41 Organic compounds
  - 43 Underground discovery
  - 44 Tierney or Rayburn
  - 45 Minute
  - 46 Consonants
  - 47 23 Down's domain
  - 48 Item in a fall centerpiece
  - 50 Prefix for content or function
  - 51 Portion
  - 54 Members of the service
  - 58 News article
  - 59 Sharp growth
  - 61 Help, when you shouldn't
  - 62 Scottish language
  - 63 Of one of the senses
  - 64 Goose egg
  - 65 Like a sloth
  - 66 Common-place; dull
- ACROSS**
- 67 Scatters hay
- DOWN**
- 1 Separation
  - 2 Direction for 54
  - 3 Thailand, once
  - 4 Piercing weapon
  - 5 Worship
  - 6 Grocery containers
  - 7 Timetable abbr.
  - 8 Portable shelter, var.
  - 9 German city
  - 10 Fighter
  - 11 "I cannot tell \_\_\_!"
  - 12 Brit. money
  - 13 Turis
  - 21 Part of a building
  - 23 Evil one
  - 25 Theater purchase
  - 26 Winsome
  - 27 Split a sentence
  - 28 Preach
  - 29 Jolt
  - 31 Broadcast
- ACROSS**
- 32 Parisian river
  - 33 Margins
  - 35 Family member
  - 36 English letter
  - 38 \_\_\_ Canyon National Park
  - 39 Time periods: abbr.
  - 42 Made into law
  - 44 Noble
  - 46 U.S. president
  - 47 Yokohama yes
  - 49 Like bar beer
  - 50 Macho
  - 51 Lazarus, for one
  - 52 River in Spain
  - 53 Go higher
  - 54 Fern. titles
  - 55 Double-reed
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  - 57 Holy miles.
  - 60 Spanish gold

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TEMPERS	PESTERS	
OLE	PENAL	
SPOOL	JOE	TEASE
WARN	SAP	VARIED
ERA	BIRCHEN	RIG
ESTERS	ORE	GENE
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**The Presidential Inauguration is Living History**

On January 20, Washington, D.C. will host one of democracy's greatest pageants, the inauguration of the U.S. President.

While the inauguration ceremony, first performed in 1789, seems timeless, it has actually changed a great deal over the years. The first took place a month late in New York City because George Washington was delayed by harsh winter weather. As he traveled to New York, Congress debated the title for the chief executive of the United States. John Adams, Washington's vice president, argued for "His Most Benign Highness" but fortunately for us all, Congress settled on the title we still use: "President of the United States."

George Washington's oath came straight from the Constitution: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the

President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." He then added, "So help me God," starting a custom followed by every president since.

The New York state chief justice determined that Washington should swear on a Bible, which set off a scramble to find a copy of the Good Book. When none was found in New York's Federal Hall, a Bible was borrowed from a Masonic lodge a few blocks away.

President Washington also started the custom of the inaugural speech. In his second term, he began the practice of having the oath administered by a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

The first inauguration in Washington, D.C. was of the third President, Thomas Jefferson, who walked to and from his boarding house to the Capitol for the swearing in. In his second term, he

rode on horseback from the Capitol to the White House. A small band played music and a crowd gathered to watch the procession. Thus the inaugural parade was born.

President Jefferson also held an open house at the White House, a now-discontinued tradition that almost resulted in calamity for Andrew Jackson. "Old Hickory," as the hero of the Battle of New Orleans was known, had to flee from a friendly, but unruly, crowd by exiting the White House through a window.

The location of the inauguration has also changed through the years. It was held indoors until 1817, when President James Monroe was sworn in on the east portico of the Capitol. It remained there until Ronald Reagan moved the ceremony to the west side of the Capitol in 1981 to allow more Americans to witness the ceremony in person.

Even the date of the inauguration has changed. Congress passed the 20th Amendment of the Constitution in 1933 to decrease the delay between election of a new president and the end of the outgoing president's term by moving the ceremony up from March 4 to January 20. President Franklin Roosevelt was the last president to take his oath on the original date and the first to take his oath on the new.

While most Americans believe no inauguration is complete without festive balls, this was not always the case. President James Madison's famous wife, Dolly, presided over the first

inaugural ball in 1809. In 1869, President Ulysses S. Grant's inaugural ball degenerated into a food fight. President Woodrow Wilson declined to host any balls because he considered them undignified. Because President Warren Harding opposed the festivities in 1921, unofficial balls were the rule until President Harry Truman revived the official inaugural ball in 1949.

Because of heavy demand, President Dwight Eisenhower held two inaugural balls, and the numbers have grown ever since. This year, though many balls are being held, the Black Tie and Boots inaugural ball hosted by the Texas State Society is considered "the" inaugural ball to attend. Its tickets sold out online in less than an hour, and those sold by mail were snapped up immediately as well.

If you are in Washington, D.C. through April, you may want to visit The Library of Congress and see "Presidential Inaugurations," a display of artifacts, documents and photographs from the ceremony's long

history. Exhibits like this remind us that the traditions of the Presidential Inauguration are something we can take pride in, whether we are in Washington D.C. or in Washington-on-the-Brazos.

**Letter To The Editor**

Editor:

In response to the request in the newspaper dated Jan. 9, 2005, asking for information regarding tsunami relief efforts being conducted by organizations, churches and schools. We would like your readers to be aware that The United Methodist Church has an organization called UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) that is coordinating efforts with faith-based partners around the world, providing food, shelter and medicine to persons in India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand,

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

If you are looking for a means of providing aid, we invite you to consider UMCOR. Special arrangements have been made to insure that 100% of gifts goes to relief and recovery efforts. All overhead is being paid from other sources.

We offer the web site [www.MethodistRelief.org](http://www.MethodistRelief.org) as a secure online donation site, or call toll free, 800-554-8583.

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By Mark Szorady

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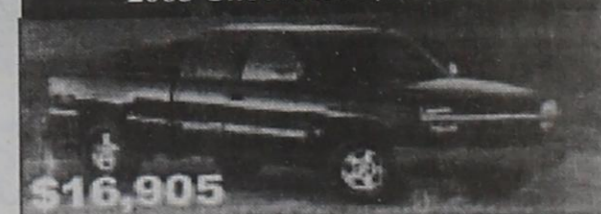
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Ladonna Latham of Cisco is the January employee of the month at Eastland County Newspapers.

Ladonna is our creative ad designer and has many other jobs such as putting the Rising Star and Eastland Telegram newspapers together and updating our web page. When working for a newspaper you wear a hat of many job titles.

Ladonna has been with the paper for 15 years, is a graduate of Cisco High School, Cisco Junior College and is Lobo proud. She has



Ladonna Latham

been very loyal to the newspaper and is people friendly.

Congratulations, Ladonna who will receive a dinner for two at Cafe Rico.

### Meet The Author Of Okinawa Odyssey On January 18th In Cross Plains

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library invite everyone to meet author Bob Green on Tuesday, January 18, at 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. With the 60th anniversary of the Battle for Okinawa coming this April, now is a great time for remembering that horrendous campaign as recounted by Mr. Green, then a 20-year-old Second Lieutenant of the 763rd Tank Battalion attached to the 96th Infantry Division.

The invasion, launched on April Fool's Day/Easter Sunday, 1945, began the last major battle of World War II, fought as the war in Europe ended and President Roosevelt died. Three months later, the Okinawa arena was declared secure, at sobering sacrifice by the 1st, 2nd, and 6th Marine Divisions and the 96th, 7th, 77th, and 27th Army Divisions under the

command of General Simon Bolivar Buckner, and by the Pacific Fleet commanded by Admiral "Bull" Halsey.

Recipient of the Silver Star and Bronze Stars for his service in the Pacific Theatre of Operation, Lt. Green saw action in the invasions of both Leyte and Okinawa. Okinawa Odyssey (Bright Sky Press), his personal accounting of the war, makes one feel as if it happened yesterday. Through Green's gentle, but wry sense of humor, the stark realities of war are offset by the naivete' of the young Texas cowboy.

A noted Texas historian and entertaining story teller, Mr. Green was born and raised on the Green Ranch, northwest of Breckenridge, Texas, where his pioneer father first settled in 1881. He and his wife still live on the Green Ranch, where they raised three children and now enjoy their six grandchildren.

Mr. Green served on the Board of Overseers of the Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and for twenty-seven years, was the male narrator for Albany's Fort Griffin Fandangle.

Be sure to join us on Tuesday, January 18, 7 p.m., at the Community Center in Cross Plains. There is no charge to attend, and light

refreshments will be served after Mr. Green speaks. Copies of Okinawa Odyssey will be available for purchase, and after Mr. Green will be happy to sign them and visit with you.

You may call the Cross Plains Library at 254-725-7722 for more information, or directions to the Community Center.

cool in the summer.

But sir, they could always ride around in their air conditioned cars and motor homes. They didn't! Well just how did they get around in those days? You have got to be kidding! A horse and buggy or carriage must have been awfully slow.

Well anyway Sir, last winter when the ice storm caused our electricity to be off for over 24 hours we almost froze to death and had to eat cold canned food. You need to do something about these power outages too.

No sir, I would not want to pay more for electricity to have the power lines run

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underground. I'm paying too much already. Yes sir, I know that energy cost has gone up due to the high cost of oil and gas but what has that got to do with my electric bill.

My electricity is all generated in this country. Yes sir, I suppose it does take some form of energy to generate electricity but why should I have to pay more because of that.

No sir, I wouldn't want to give up any of my electrical appliances but I still think you should do something about the high cost of electricity.

Read The Classifieds

## Guest Slot

### A Citizens Complaints To The President

By J.B. Johnston

With all due respect Mr. President you need to do something about the high cost of electricity in this country.

No sir I don't know just what a kilowatt hour of electricity cost today, compared to twenty or thirty years ago. In fact I am not sure just what a kilowatt is.

Yes sir, I do have a few electrical appliances and that is why you need to do something about the high cost of electricity.

No sir, I did not know that less than 200 years ago people didn't have any electricity. How did they curl their hair, run their TV, light their homes, use their toaster, run their washing machines and dryers, heat their water, use their electric can openers, cook, run their clocks, open their garage doors, run their air conditioners and heaters, operate their coffee pots, run their vacuum cleaners, and run their refrigerators and deep freezers.

What do you mean that they didn't have any of these electrical appliances?

No sir, I never heard of kerosene lamps or wood burning stoves. No sir, I never heard of wood or coal burning heaters or making coffee on a stove. No sir, just what is a wind up clock.

What do you mean that they didn't have air conditioning? How did they keep cool in these scorching hot summers that we have

been having? They didn't! I sure couldn't live like that. No sir, I didn't know that they had to heat their bath water on a wood burning stove and some folks had to take a bath in a #3 wash tub.

Sir, what is a wash tub? Sir, what do you mean that they washed their clothes in a tub? How gross!

Do you mean to tell me that even the King of England or our President of our country didn't have any of these electrical appliances? Yes sir, I guess that I am living better today than they did back

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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## The Making of Presidents

It is common, on the heels of a presidential election, for the party faithful to set apart a handful of people who had a hand in the "making of the president." But, there is one person—just one—who had both hands in the making of 44 presidents. They include all 43 presidents of the United States and another who was president of the Republic of Texas.

Read on, and you'll understand that in reality, he has sculpted—or soon will have—more than 100 US presidents for three American theme parks.

Patience now as you read the first of the story. After World War I, South Dakotans birthed an interest in tourism at a time when we were busting our buttons in the glow of military conquests. President Coolidge voted for the concept, particularly during a three-week Black Hills vacation that turned into three months of "developing fishing skills" in

the trout streams. (Little did he know bunches of fish were being turned loose early each day to swim right past his lures.)

While he was fishing, Gutzon Borglum, noted sculptor of five pieces at our nation's capitol, was working away at nearby Mount Rushmore. There, over the better part of a decade, Borglum and 400+ workmen spent more time blasting away granite—450,000 tons of it—than fashioning the facial features of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt. They used dynamite 90% of the time; the workers became so skilled that they could blast to within four inches of the finished surface of lips, noses, cheeks, necks and brows.

Borglum's bunch held on tight during swirling snowstorms and howling winds, defying nature and late paychecks for this national shrine that rises some 7,000 feet above sea level—the highest point between the Rockies and the

Swiss Alps.

Amazingly, no deaths were reported (some unreported?, I dunno), and there were only a couple of minor injuries. They took such pride. "I put the curl in Lincoln's beard, the part in Teddy's hair and the twinkle in Washington's eye," said driller Norman "Happy" Anderson.

The sculptor plumb near finished the faces, but died before final touches. His son Lincoln, with funding long gone, stayed on seven more months to complete Mount Rushmore.

They had plans to sculpt on down below the tux tails; they had plenty of granite left. Alas, with no money left and interest waning (perhaps President Coolidge had his fill of fishing), the "full-bodied" presidents never came about. For more than a half century following, little was heard of presidential sculptures.

The last dozen years, though, business has picked up. In fact, sculptor David Adickes, a "favorite son" of Huntsville, Texas, and Sam Houston State University, has sculpted presidents almost exclusively. A math and physics major (yeah, kids were famous for taking employment outside their majors even 50 years ago), Adickes sculpted the breath-taking statue of Sam Houston. The 76-foot "Tribute to Courage" is the world's tallest statue of an American hero. The regal work, 10 times life size, and a complete visitors' center

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His "Winds of Change"—an eight-foot bronze of George H. W. Bush—was unveiled at the 1992 Republican Convention in Houston. It now stands at the airport there that bears his name.

One of his works, a bust of Andrew Jackson, is displayed outside the Jackson, MS, Museum of Art. Walk-through theme parks in Williamsburg, VA—and another near Mount Rushmore—feature colossal-sized busts (18-20 feet) tall of all US presidents. A third "presidential park" is planned to open late this year in Florida.

Am I saying that Adickes sculpts only presidents now?

Not by a long shot! In Angleton, TX, businessman Sehon Warneke is beating the drums for a statue of Stephen F. Austin. Businesses, clubs and individuals have mounted a campaign to raise in excess of \$500,000 for the 60-foot statue, visitors' center/museum and other amenities in the heart of Brazoria County. He already has pledged for more than half the project.

Oh, you've raced ahead again. Yes, Adickes is the sculptor.

So, Texas will have two giant figures—the biggest to be found anywhere. Ten times life size, they cast longer shadows now than in life. After all, Houston stood around 6-6 and Austin was a scant 5-8—more the "going height" of Texans at the time.

Oh, he might

later have been president of the Republic of Texas. Too bad that he was sickly, dying at age 43, only months after the republic was formed.

Sam Houston, speaking at his funeral, called Austin "the father of Texas." Maybe it's best that Austin wasn't ever a president. The duties of the office might greatly have diminished his chances of being a strong father figure, too.

Dr. Newbury is an author/speaker/columnist. His weekly column runs in more than 100 Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana newspapers. His website is: [www.speakerdoc.com](http://www.speakerdoc.com) He invites feedback at 817.447.3872 or by e-mail: [newbury@speakerdoc.com](mailto:newbury@speakerdoc.com)

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Ruth Schaefer Stewart, Licensed Professional Counselor, will lead out with the discussions. The Series will be based on Jim Smoke's book titled "Growing Through Divorce." A video called "Surviving the Shock" will also be shown.

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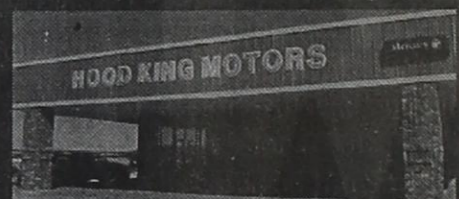
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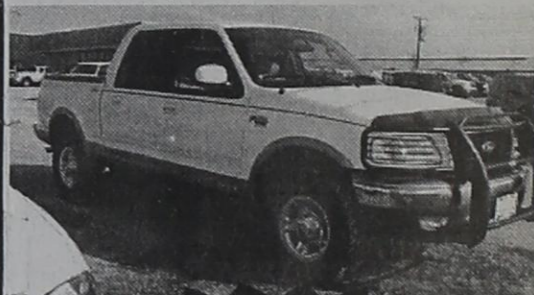


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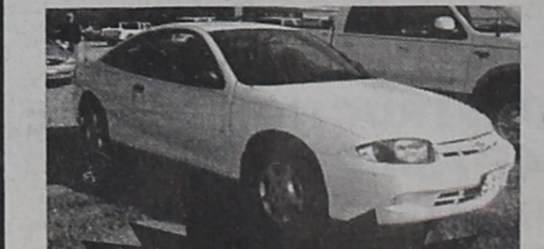
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Kerry Jon Atkinson a/k/a Kerry Atchison v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion for substitution of counsel.

Boris Demetrius Gee v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion to substitute counsel.

Earnest Ray Applin v. State of Texas, Jones. Appellant's motion to substitute counsel.

Christopher Lance Matthews v. State of Texas, Brown. Appellant's motion or extension of time to file brief.

Larry Joe Valadez v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion to substitute counsel.

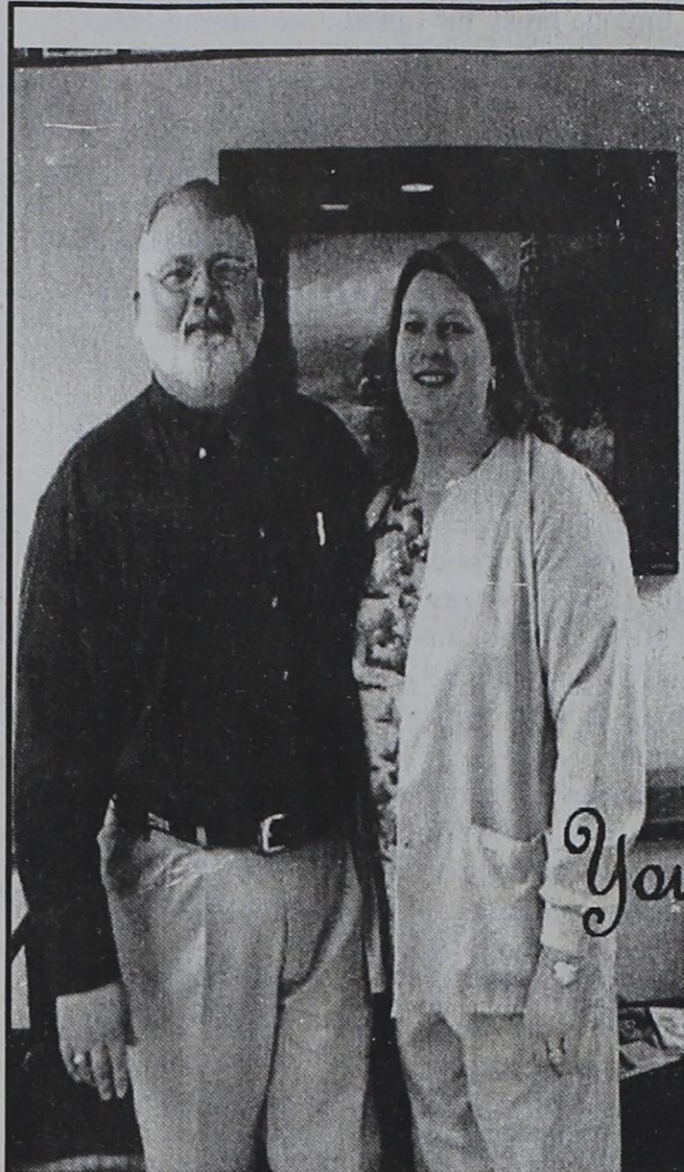
Kenneth Russell Nelson v. Bessie Mae Nelson, Erath. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file reply brief.

Shane Douglas Rainey v. State of Texas, Brown. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Fernando Morales v. Martin Resources, Inc. and Martin Operating Partnership, L.P., Ector. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

State of Texas v. Darron Demond Emerson, Mitchell. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

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**11th Court of Appeals**

Eastland, Texas  
Proceedings (En Banc)  
January 6, 2005

**Affirmed**

Larry Joe Jordan v. State of Texas, Jones. (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Damion Dion Warren v. State of Texas, Harris. Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Edward Mucclan Harris v. State of Texas, Stephens. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Ernest Ray Applin v. State of Texas, Jones. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Reversed & Remanded**

State of Texas v. James S. Masonheimer, Taylor. (Opinion by Justice McCall) Publish. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Original Proceedings Denied**

In re Charles W. Jackson, Orig. Proc. Relator's petition for writ of mandamus. Adversarial Real Party in Interest's motion to strike relator's affidavits. Relator's request for an order further continuing and staying the trial. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Motions Submitted & Granted**

Tina Marie Wright a/k/a Tina Marie Nagel v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion to substitute counsel. Kerry Jon Aitchison a/k/a

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**From Page One ..... CBS Firings**

Rather was cited for having too much credulity and over-enthusiasm for the material. At the time he broke the story, Rather had just finished covering the Republican Convention and Hurricane Frances in Florida. Apparently he did little to help research the original report on Bush's National Guard Service, and did not appear to have seen it before it aired.

After defending the material for about two weeks, Rather and NBC apologized for it. At that time Rather said he would step down as Evening News Anchor in March, 2005. Apparently he will continue to work with other programs.

The documents on George Bush used by CBS were allegedly provided by retired Texas National Guard Lt. Col. Bill Burkett, who lives south of Baird. The disputed material indicates that Bush ignored an order to take a physical exam and failed to meet his Guard obligations in the early 1970's, during the Viet Nam War.

The documents were part of a CBS Report Sept. 8 that included an interview in which former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes said he helped Bush get in the Air National Guard after having been requested to by a Bush family friend.

Questions were then raised about the National Guard memos, with experts saying they contained typed characters that were not used in the 1970's. Eventually, it was learned that the memos were duplicated at Kinkos in Abilene.

Barnes still stands by his story, according to a recent article in "Texas Monthly."

Mapes said Monday she was very disappointed by the report's conclusions. She said she believed the story was corroborated by other conclusions, and agreed with previously known records.

After Monday's report, CBS News said it had appointed one of its executives, Linda Mason, to be Senior Vice President of standards and special projects. Her job will be to thoroughly review investigative stories before they air.

**From Page One ..... Commissioners**

was made by Commissioner Grider, seconded by Commissioner Farmer, and passed with a vote of 5-0.

In closing, approved bills were paid.

**Session Provides Information On Autism, Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders**

A session, to be held on Saturday, January 29, 2005 from 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m. in Abilene, will provide information on psychological assessment, medical treatment and intervention for Autism and other Pervasive Developmental Disorders.

The session, to be held in the Nolan Room of the Region 14 Education Service Center, 1850 Hwy 351, is presented by Denise McCallon, Ph. D. and Roger Robinson, M.D., P.A.

The session is for physicians, counselors, psychologists, Autism team members, parents, educators and other interested persons.

There is no cost to attend. Those wishing to attend can register at www.esc14.net.

Denise McCallon, Ph. D., is a Clinical Child Psychologist, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, and Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, U. T. Southwestern Medical Center, in Dallas.

Roger Robinson, M.D., P.A., Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychiatry, is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, U. T. Southwestern Medical School.

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**From Page One ..... Broken Arm**

stopped the pain, I would have whined.) Finally morning comes; it's just two days before Christmas Day, so I have to be in my place with a bright, shining face! By noon, GayNell knew that things weren't kosher; she points to E.M.H. E.R. I just argued a little and drove up as soon as I had most things tended to. Receptionists says, 'Come in, have a seat, let me take a look. My what a nasty bruise.' After my vitals were taken, and I did have a few, they put me in an examining booth and that's when Mary Lou, the upstate New York State Yankee took charge—and boy did my arm ever welcome her comforting. She called our local doctor who had a clinic full of patients waiting to get through, like him, for Christmas. X-rays were ordered and done by an exceptionally efficient operator. Back to wait for Doc to get over to ER. It seemed like hours, but actually only a few minutes and I saw his blue jeans whisk across the room heading for the X-ray viewing station. The moment of truth arrived when he came to the bedside with his traditional broad smile. But this time he was shaking his head, and I began to smell a rat. "H, you've a duzzer." Am I a specimen?, I asked. "No, but you've got a classic fracture." Then showing my recent 8 x 10 glossy, he said, "See that bone sticking out that way; it should be over here," So? "I'll make an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon. You want Stephenville, Brownwood or Abilene?" We took the latter because we maneuver better there. After a call to the specialist, Doc said, he said to splint it and have him (me) here Monday morning at 9 a.m. I was splinted and except for the dull throb, it only hurt if I tried to raise my arm above my head, which I quickly learned wasn't necessary. Pain medicine? Naugh. Helping GayNell prepare the traditional Christmas feast quickly fell through. Luckily her sister from California, in Cisco with their Mother now thought it would be best if we came

there on Christmas day. We didn't argue! Just included ibuprophen with the pumpkin-nut toted cake, and with Tylenol to the fixin's she'd already done. Thankful that it wasn't any worse. We were there at 9 Monday. More X-rays. When he saw the elbow about 11, he said, "Are you in pretty good health Mr. O'Brien? This has got to be fixed." "Yes, and I came fasting, not knowing what to expect." They made all the Hendricks arrangements; there were two major bone jobs ahead of me. I had a good nap, but not a drop of drink or food and at 5 p.m. I was wheeled to the surgery suite. Some hours

later I was returned to the room where I spent a so-so night. The specialist visited at 6:45 a.m., said I did fine, and would have a sore arm for some time. (I had suspected that, somehow.) A big breakfast, a healthy lunch and GayNell brought me home in the afternoon. Forty plus years of writing about seasonal winter storms, with never a slip nor a slide and then in my prime— The Ice Follies of 2004! What a waste of time, and burden to others. You quickly learn to do a lot of things without your right arm and hand, but how do you floss with one hand? H.V.O.

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- 90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$89,550.
- 95 acres wooded with mature oak trees, large hill, pond, setup with deer blinds & feeders, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail \$91,000.
- 97 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, large hill overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$116,400.
- 110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills, 1 field, water line, electricity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac.
- 117 acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oak trees, 3 fields, 3 ponds, hill top view, old water well, electricity, minerals, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac.
- 177 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$212,400.
- 306 acres, wooded with 35 acre field, road, post oak and mesquite timber, older rock house, ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$725 per acre.
- 326 acres by Lake Cisco, over three miles of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, 2 ponds, will divide, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$391,200.
- 850 acres some high game fenced, metal roof, mostly wooded, oak timber, waterline, large hills, creek bottoms, 4 fields, 04 ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$715 per acre.

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- 3 BR, 1 bath home, large room [redacted] dg., corner property, \$17,500.
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- 2 BR 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, deck, garage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$2,000.
- 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard, \$32,500.
- 3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR, computer room, big kitchen, woodburning heater in LR, large pecan trees, \$33,000.
- 2 BR, 1 bath home, could be converted into a 3BR home, 6 ceiling fans, inside and outside recently repainted and carpeted, fenced backyard, \$35,000.
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- 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CH/A, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500.
- 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, CH, separate DR, WBFP in LR and WB heater in den, patio, 2 large metal shops, 2 double carports, 3 lots.
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**Earl Clarence Bradley, Jr.**



**EASTLAND** - Earl Clarence Bradley, Jr. went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 7, 2005. He was 80 years of age. His last words were to his immediate family at the Eastland Memorial Hospital, Eastland, Texas. He touched countless lives and will be missed and never forgotten.

He was born February 11, 1924, in Houston, Texas, to Louise and Earl C. Bradley, Sr. He attended Texas A&M University until he enlisted in the U. S. Navy at the outbreak of World War II. Upon his return, he earned a B.A. degree in History and Government from the University of Houston, but in his heart he was always an Aggie. During this time, he met the love of his life, Billye Bankston. They were married on June 4, 1948.

He lived the American Dream. After many years at Tyler Pipe and Foundry, he started his own business in 1964, Earl Bradley and Associates; his "associates" being his wife and four children. EBAA Iron has grown from a one man operation in Frisco, Texas, to employing over 400 people in three foundries located in Eastland and Albany, Texas, and Cordele, Georgia. He was a Mason, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Eastland Hospital Board, the American Water Works Association and the American Foundry Society, receiving the AFS Freedom Founders Award. Greatly blessed, he never forgot from whom his blessings came. He was generous to his community and beyond, being instrumental in the preservation of the Majestic Theatre and the building of a new emergency room for the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Billye Bankston Bradley; a sister, Ann B. Lorino of Houston; a cousin, Raymond Leslie Bradley of Houston; his four children and their spouses, all of Eastland, Leslie and Jim Keffer, ET and Maria Bradley, Jenni and Taylor Ford, Jeff and Vicki Bradley; and six grandchildren, Brad, Chris, and Rob Keffer, Gene Bradley, Madison and Miles Bradley.

A memorial service is planned for Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Majestic Theatre in Eastland at 2 p.m. under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

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Prayer Group - 10:00 AM - Joy Corn's

**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.**  
Welcome Bro. Truman Johnson as our new pastor and wife, Jan  
Wednesday, January 12 - Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary  
Sunday, January 16 at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall - Ladies Bible Study  
Sunday, January 23 at 6:00 PM - Worship through Music. Everyone Invited!!!  
Sunday, January 31 at 6:30 pm - All Ladies in the community are invited to Pot Luck and Fellowship. Guest speaker will be Jan Johnson.

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Coffee & Donuts.....10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

**Pastor Chad Gosnell**

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# Baird Elementary, Jr. High Announces Honor Rolls

The Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 3rd six weeks grading period of 2004-2005. To qualify for the all A honor roll a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B honor roll a student must have nothing below an 80.

**All A's**

**Bessent - 4th**  
Esperranza Portillo, Kallie Pruet

**Gerngross - 4th**  
Brenna Coffman

**Diller - 5th**  
None

**S. Williams - 5th**  
None

**Cyburn - 6th**  
Alexis Almanzar, Cody Hunter, Alex Neal, Elisha Pritchett

**T. Williams - 6th**  
Michelle Robbins, Lauren Hare

**A-B**

**Bessent - 4th**  
Terresa Espitia, Hannah Owens, Alexandra Villarreal

**Gerngross - 4th**  
Kody Bryant, Amber Collins, Sofia Dominguez, Rachel Villarreal, Melissa Nash, Candis Gilley

**Diller - 5th**  
Melanie Cooper, Russell Hess, Chris Ramirez, Courtney Ringhoffer, Tyler White, Katelynn Mitchell

**S. William - 5th**  
Brittany Cook, Danielle Farley, Letrisha Hernandez, Ty Rhoads, Charlcie Voigts

**Clyburn - 6th**  
Sara Kunick, Ivy Byram, Eric Ebeling, Jessica Nash

**T. Williams - 6th**  
Colton Fox, Mackenzie Keller

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The Baird Junior High is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 3rd six weeks grading period of 2004-2005. To qualify for the all A honor roll a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B honor roll a student must have nothing below an 80.

**7th Grade**

**All A's**  
Kristen Burns, Ballon Donlan, Mitzy McDowell, Cassidy Miller, Courtney Nail, Shelby Strickland

**8th Grade**

**All A's**  
Ariel Banks, Darryl Fox, Emalie Green, Ashlen Murff, Breanna Patterson

**A-B**

Travis Ashcraft, Matthew Carlisle, Amber Clark, Alysa Isenhower, Jonathan Diaz, Andy Koch, Taylor Marks, Bethany Oliver, Holley Owens, Brittney Russo, Scott Sanford, Rose Wamsley

**8th Grade**

**A-B**  
Becky Blair, Logan Donlan Patsy Dugan, Garrett Jennings, Lacy Jones, Jesse Mendez, Bradley Neal, Emily Tumbusch, Morgan White, Chris Whitworth

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County Livestock Show

with Scott Anderson of Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Don Edgar, AST from Early, will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Kyle Eckert, Extension Sheep & Goat Assistant from San Angelo will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Meat Goats and Boer Goat Show.

On the Afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00-6:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. John Senter, Martin County CEA, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 22<sup>nd</sup> with the heifer show. Mr. Senter will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Dick Vestal, Greg Gerngross, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

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# Baird Basketball Scores & Stats

Baird's Varsity Girls lost to Cross Plains 59-49 on Friday, January 7.

Leading at the close of the first quarter 13-10, the Baird girls lead again in the fourth quarter 25-22, but were behind Cross Plains in the 2nd (6-12) and 3rd (5-15).

McDowell put Baird on the score board with 33 points, R. Tollett with 6, B. Tollett 5, Sweeney 4, and Neal 1.

Richards lead the scoring for Cross Plains with 18 points, followed by Edington with 17, Norris 12, Clark 10, and Douglas with 2.

After the Cross Plains game, Baird VG had a record of 13-9.

Baird JV won over Cross Plains 34-31.

Baird's VB won their last non-district game of the season with a 20 point margin over De Leon. The final score was 55-35.

Roberts came on strong for Baird, scoring 13 points, followed by Manning with 11, Parker 10, Closs 8, Cogburn 6, Rodriquez 4, and Mendez with 3.

Scoring for De Leon was Newton with 19 points, Beck 10, Morgan 4, and Williams 2.

Baird showed a record of 14-5 after the win over De Leon.

Both Baird Varsity Boy and Girls made good wins

over their district game with Gorman on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The VB team won 43-34, and the VG team booked a win of 49-38 over the Eastland County team.

The Baird VB tied with Gorman 10-10 in the first quarter, but held a lead of 8-2 in the second, and 12-9 in the fourth. The third quarter saw Gorman leading by one point, 13-12.

Scoring for Baird was Closs with 17, Roberts 8, Rodriquez 6, Mendez 6, Cogburn and Parker both with 3.

Gorman Panthers were lead by Jones with 13, Lewis with 7, Giles 6, Sanchez 3, and Keith and Patel with 2.

JV score; Gorman 18, Baird 15.

Baird Varsity Girls started behind Gorman in the first quarter. Gorman scored 17; Baird 8. The Bears picked up steam in the second quarter, and took a lead of 17-7 over the Panthers. Baird VG held their lead in the third quarter (16-9, and fourth (8-5).

McDowell put Baird on the score board with 17 points, followed by Sweeney with 13, Tollett 10, Windham 7, and Neal 2.

Keith scored 10 points for Gorman, followed by Seaton and Hornback both with 9, Swanner 6, Lewis and K. Carlton 2.

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# Baird I. S. D. Lunch Menu

**Wednesday, January 12**  
Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Carrots, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk

**Thursday, January 13**  
Roast Beef w/ Rice, Carrots, Green Beans, Rolls, Jelly, Milk

**Friday, January 14**  
Hot Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rice Krispies, Milk

**Monday, January 17**  
Tator Tot Casserole, Broccoli, Fried Squash, Pudding, Milk

**Tuesday, January 18**  
Salisbury Steak, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Applesauce, Milk

**Wednesday, January 19**  
Corn Dogs, Curly Fries, Cole Slaw, Muffins, Milk

**Thursday, January 20**  
Nacho Grande, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Cobbler, Milk

**Friday, January 21**  
Staff Development

**Monday, January 24**  
Chicken Pot Pie, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Fruit, Cracker, Milk

**Tuesday, January 25**  
Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Cobbler, Milk

**Wednesday, January 26**  
Ham & Cheese, Sandwiches, Lettuce, Pickles, Fruit, Chips, Milk

**Thursday, January 27**  
Pizza, Corn on the cob, Tossed Salad, Cake, Milk

**Friday, January 28**  
Hamburger, Lettuce, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies, Milk



# BAIRD BEARS

## Baird HS Basketball Schedule 2004-2005 District Games

- \* Tuesday, Jan. 11 Gorman There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Friday, Jan. 14 Albany Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Tuesday, Jan. 18 Ranger Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Friday, Jan. 21 Eula There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Tuesday, Jan. 25 Cross Plains There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Friday, Jan. 28 Gorman Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Tuesday, Feb. 1 Albany There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Friday, Feb. 4 Ranger There JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Tuesday, Feb. 8 Eula Here JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4:00 PM
- \* Friday, Feb. 11 Cross Plains Here JVB/VB 6:00 PM

- Superintendent: Cliff Gardner
- H.S. Principal: Sandra Carter
- Head Boys Coach: Clay Barnett
- Assistant: Luke Moody
- Head Girls Coach: Lane Loyd
- Assistant Coach: Lauren Rodriquez

## Baird J.H. Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

- Thursday, Jan. 6 Cross Plains There 5:00 PM
- Saturday, Jan. 8 7th Albany Tourney There TBA
- Monday, Jan. 10 Gorman Here 5:00 PM
- Th/Sa Jan.13 & Jan.15 Cross Plains Tourney There TBA
- Thursday, Jan. 20 Albany There 5:00 PM
- Saturday, Jan. 22 8th Albany Tourney There TBA
- Thursday, Jan. 27 Ranger There 5:00 PM
- Thursday, Feb. 3 Eula Here 5:00 PM

All games will be played in the following order:  
7th girls, 7th boys, 8th girls, 8th boys.

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