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Flu Shots To Be Given November 2 Tickets For Project Graduation

November 2

Flu Shots will be given Wednesday, November 2nd
Football and Band Results: Baird 42, Gorman 21.

Sweetwater 20, Clyde 13
Hamilton 41, Dublin 7
Early 28, San Saba 6
Eastland 34, Hico 14
Cisco 46, DeLeon 0
Coleman 53, Jim Ned 7
Strawn 54, Gordon 8

Here's What's Ahead:

10-2A
Cisco at Hico
Dublin at Eastland
Hamilton at DeLeon
13-A
Goldthwaite at Evant
Baird at Cross Plains
Ranger at Gorman
Six Man
Rising Star vs. May
Junior Colleges:
Oct. 27 at Air Force JV
Oct. 29 Kilgore 3 p.m.

UIL Marching Band Results:

1A

Ranger High School III
Gorman High School III
Baird High School II
May High School II
Rising Star High School: IV
Cross Plains High School II

2A:

Cisco High School I
Eastland High School II
Clyde High School II
Bands in Classes 1A and 2A with a Division I score advance Oct. 29 in Hurst. Judges rank on music and marching.

in the Baird School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. It will be \$20.00 for ages 9-up.

The parents of the Senior Class of 2006 are selling tickets for a side of beef to raise money for Project Graduation. The tickets are \$10.00 each. The drawing will be in February 2006. You can purchase the ticket from any senior parent or contact Baird High School at 854-1400 ext. 302.



Local Cities Receive Award At TMCN Luncheon Speakers Tell Success Story Of Alabama Town

Three local cities were recipients of the Texas

Midwest Community Network (TMCN) 2005 Community Achievement Award on Wednesday, October 19.

Callahan County Commissioners Meet Monday in Open Meeting

On October 24, 2005 at 9:33 a.m. the Callahan County commissioner's met in open session at the Court Room in Baird and the following officers were present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Pr. P. 1; Bryan Farmer; Commissioner Pct. No. 2; Tommy Holland, Commiss. Pct. No. 3; Doris Grider, Commiss. Pct. 4; Dianne Alexander, Cty. Treasurer and Jeannie, County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioner Ct. The meeting was called to order by Judge Corn at 9:33 a.m. Minutes were approved as presented. There were no public comments.

Jay Evans and Rick Hanson with Texas Communications of Abilene, and Charles Anderson, with Western Tower were present to discuss the completion of the new Radio Tower. Completion date was Oct. 13, '05. The deadline was Sept. 27. The radio system was on the air by Sept ember 23, 2005. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the new tower, final inspection and final

(Eastland County), and Clyde (Callahan County) received the awards during the annual TMCN conference luncheon, held at the Abilene Civic Center.

payments to Western Towers and Texas Communications. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 5-0.

The old Tower status was discussed and agreed that Bidder will be responsible for the land lease. This will be added to the advertisement for bids. Bids will be opened on Nov. 14, '05 at 9:30 a.m. No Action. Exhibit.

Commissioner Grider made a motion to meet on Nov. 18, '05 at 9 a.m. to canvas the Nov. 8, 2005. Constitutional Amendment Election. Judge seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Margo Stafford and Jim Hall, with E.M.S met with the Court. Margo discussed the annual report. Judge Corn made

Continued inside as Commissioners Hunter's Supper Planned for Nov. 2nd.

The Baird Chamber of Commerce has plans in motion for the November 5th

Hunters' Supper. The annual event is the Chamber's way of expressing appreciation for the local revenue generated by hunting season to Baird and Callahan County.

Landowners and their hunters are invited to attend the free supper.

As in past years, there will be a gun chance drawing to be given away to benefit the Chamber.

The gun is a .243 caliber Savage Model 10 w/Accu Trigger and 3-9x40 Simmons Scope donated by Hanner Chevrolet of Baird and North American Outfitters of Abilene.

The food and other supper expenses are paid for by sponsors whose contributions will pay for the brisket dinner including First National Bank of Baird, Wes-T-Go Convenience Stores, Harle Enterprises and Callahan County Veterinary Clinic, and door prizes are given away courtesy of local and area businesses.

Tickets for the gun may be purchased at the Chamber office or from Rick and Missy Oliver at the Baggage House Restaurant, Terry Stevens at On the Birdwalk

D.P.S. Report>...

10-16-05 TO 10-11-2005
Cases Investigated...
Warnings-78
Complaints-124
Disorderly Conduct-2

Project Graduation Meeting

There will be a Project Graduation meeting after the girl's basketball games on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in Lauren Rodriguez's classroom at the High School. We would appreciate any parents who a Senior graduating this year to attend the meeting.

The towns received the award based on community vision, pride, youth involvement, and

Continued inside

Accidents---There was one accident investigated during this time span.

Piatigorsky Presents Music 'Without Boundaries'

Again the people of this area have a chance to hear world-class music. On Thursday, Nov. 10th, at 2 p.m. cellist Evan Drachman will be performing a recital in the Women's Clubhouse, Eastland.

For almost a decade this extraordinary artist has appeared at numerous venues throughout the United States and abroad.

A graduate of the Curtis School of Music, cellist Evan Drachman is increasingly sought after for his solo and chamber music performances. As President of the Piatigorsky Foundation, New York, he has become a respected authority on the presentation of live classical music for diverse audiences everywhere.

Evan Drachman established the Piatigorsky Foundation in 1990 in honor of his grandfather, Gregor Piatigorsky. Not only was the famous Russian cellist a music legend, but he was a humanitarian who believed that music was meant to be shared with everyone.

So Piatigorsky Foundation concerts take place in schools, churches, hospitals and many other places—everywhere that people gather. In the 2003-2004 season, audiences in 16 states across the country will hear over 200 live classical music performances.

'We try to reach those who would not otherwise have a chance to hear live classical music,' Drachman says.

He has given several concerts in Eastland over the past sponsored by the Nancy Seaberry Frost Arts Endowment and hosted by the Eastland Music Club.

All are invited to the free performance.

If you want more information contact Chris Frost Whiddon at 917-235-5532.

Antiques, Ron Keller at First National, Peggy Abernathy at City Hall or from Brenda Moore, Bernice Varner, Barbara Corn, David Ratliff and Randy Hill. Tickets are priced at \$2 each or six for \$10. You do not have to be present to win.

Callahan County 4-H Food Show

The Callahan County 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, October 22, at the Baird School Cafeteria. A special thanks goes out to Lawrence Brothers IGA - Clyde for sponsoring this years Food Show. Twenty-seven 4-H members participated in four food divisions according to age. The first place winners in each division, except the Sub-Junior division, will advance to District competition on November 19th in Abilene, Texas. The entries were as follows: *denotes advancing to District.

Senior Division (14-19 years old)

Main Dish: *Rose Wamsley
Fruits/Vegetable: *Veronica Alvarado

Intermediate Division (11-13 years old)

Main Dish: *Landon Hart
Fruits/Vegetable: *Charlie Voigts
Asjana Bell
Garrett Strickland
Ty Rhoads
Morgan Williams

Junior Division (8 & in the 3rd grade -10 years old)

Main Dish: *Kaylee Wyatt
Fruits/Vegetable: *Kaylee Voigts
Kailey Hart
Dakota Gibbs
Abby Nail
Nicholas King
Alexandra Villarreal
Kyla Caffey
Mary Seay

Intermediate Division (11-13 years old)

Breads/Cereal: *Paige Galindo
Nutritious Snacks/Desserts: *Katelynn Mitchell

Danille Farley
Alysa Isenhower

Junior Division (8 & in the 3rd grade -10 years old)

Breads/Cereal: *Rachel Villarreal
Nutritious Snacks/Desserts: Kristina Rose

Sub-Junior Division (2nd grade & under)

Breads/Cereal: Jeffrey Galindo
Nutritious Snacks/Desserts: Tate Rhoads
Michaela Galindo



Row, Left to Right: Tate Rhoads, Jeffrey Galindo, and Michaela Galindo

Second Row: Mary Seay, Rachel Villarreal, Morgan Williams, Alexandra Villarreal, Kristina Rose, Kailey Hart, and Nicholas King

Third Row: Asjana Bell, Alysa Isenhower, Danielle Farley, Katelynn Mitchell, Abby Nail, Kaylee Voigts, Dakota Gibbs, and Kaylee Wyatt

Top Row: Rose Wamsley, Garrett Strickland, Paige Galindo, Kyla Caffey, Ty Rhoads, Landon Hart, Charlie Voigts, and Veronica Alvarado.

Christmas Carousel Nov. 3-6

Christmas Traditions Past And Present

The Junior League of Abilene is hosting their 25th Annual Christmas Carousel at the Abilene Civic Center November 3-6, 2005.

A festive tradition, Christmas Carousel, will usher in the holiday season by offering a marketplace of exceptional shopping and an array of activities for people of all ages. Our Winter Wonderland Market Hall will feature over 60 merchants for your shopping enjoyment.

Market Hall shopping hours are:

Friday, November 4- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 5- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, November 6- 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$3 for seniors (55 and older)

Children 12 and under are free.

Christmas Carousel is the sole fundraiser for the Junior League of Abilene's eight service projects benefitting the children of our community.

For more information and tickets contact the Junior League of Abilene at 325-677-1879.

Annual Candlelight Memorial Service Hospice of the Big Country

Thursday, November 10 the annual Hospice of the Big Country Candlelight Memorial Service will be held to commemorate the lives of the patients that were served by Hospice of the Big Country during the past year. The service will be in Logsdon Chapel, on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will join with the families of the patients we have served between November 1, 2004, and October 31, 2005,

for this special time of remembrance. The highlight of the evening will be the reading of names of those who have died and the lighting of a candle to honor their memory.

Hospice of the Big Country has been providing care for the terminally ill and their families since 1992. Any questions about the Candlelight Memorial Service may be directed to 793-3421 or 793-5450.

Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

Why I Do Not Buy Lottery Tickets

People say to me, "I spend a dollar on a lottery ticket from time to time, what's the big deal?" And I usually say to them, "Because it's a dollar squandered. It's a dollar that could have been saved, invested, or spent on something of real value. It's a dollar that could have been given to those in need. Instead, it's a dollar given to the god of luck."

I believe gambling in all its forms is a sin. In other words, it is intrinsically evil,

whether one gambles a lot or a little--all of which is relative by the way. If indeed I am correct in believing gambling is a sin--and my view is consistent with some two thousand years of church history--than however much you gamble, you are still doing something God condemns. So buying a one dollar lottery ticket and saying it's no big deal is a bit like only going to first or second base with a person not your spouse and claiming your activity is not immoral. The moralit of a behavior is not

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Fifth Sunday Singing At Kokomo

There will be a 5th Sunday Gospel singing at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, October 30th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Several churches in the area will come together to sing the wonderful gospel songs and there will be special music. The public is invited to attend and be blessed as we lift up our voices together in songs of praise to God. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the singing.

Due to the time change back to standard time on Sunday, October 30, the Sunday evening services at the Kokomo Baptist Church

determined by the size of the stakes. You cannot find moral reasoning like that in Scripture.

I admit that buying a lottery ticket is not as bad as murdering your uncle. My understanding of biblical theology teaches me that buying a lottery ticket will not send me to eternal damnation. Neither will using profane and vulgar language. But is anyone really prepared to argue that using profane and vulgar language is a good thing that pleases God? Again, how we measure transgressions against God and how he measures them are two different things. But an activity, if it is sin, is sin, whether in one bite or in the whole loaf. I don't buy lottery tickets because I believe it is an offense to God.

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will begin at 5:00 p.m. until we change back to daylight time in April.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Glenda and Leon Black of Abilene, Clay, Susan, McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyanne Wheat of Ranger, Linda Slayton, and Michael and Susan Hampton and children, Chance, Mykeshia and Larissa. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Susan Wheat. The special music was rendered by the choir: Crystal Snider, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Glenda Black, Ruby Lee Kinser, Clay Wheat, Thomas Seay, Jimmy Little and Woodrow Browning with Hlene Browning at the piano.

Those visiting with Oren and Norma Webb during the weekend were Judy and Sarah Porter and Scarlett and Tino Torres of Austin, James and Chelsea Webb and Chelsea's friend, Caitlin of Granbury, Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson, and Randall, Kaçi, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga of Comanche. They attended the Granbury - Burleson football game at Granbury on Friday night. Jentzen Webb, (James's son), is a member of the Granbury team and Jacob Webb (Stacy Webb's son), is a coach at Burleson. Granbury won the game.

Norma Webb underwent hip replacement on Monday in the Stephenville hospital, and came through the surgery fine and hopes to be home soon. Our prayers and get well wishes go out to Norma.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little were in Tyler recently to attend the Rose Festival Parade as it came to the Football Stadium, and enjoyed seeing all the beautiful floats. They also visited the Rose

Museum near the Stadium and especially enjoyed seeing all the beautiful gowns that had been worn by the many Rose Queens in years past. They were really impressed by the beautiful rose gardens.

On Saturday afternoon Jimmy and Verna Lee Little joined Jerry and Lavell Hallmark, Levi Hallmark and his friend, Ashley of San Angelo, Becky Ethington and Shane of Sterling City, Shane, Amy, Taner and Rylee Shott of Eastland, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little at the Eastland Middle School football game at the Maverick Stadium in Eastland. Taner Shott is a member of the Eastland Middle School team. They won the game 30 - 6.

Betty Little and Karen Patterson visited in Henrietta, TX during the weekend and attended a friend's 90th birthday party. They also visited in Seymour with Clay and Will Patterson. Charles and Mary Jane Ellison of Hohenwald, TN, are visiting with Betty and Vernon Bennett of Crane and Elbert and Cora Lee Bennett of Gorman visited with them on Monday.

Jimmy and Verna Little took granddaughters, Ashley and Breckley Little to their volleyball practice on Monday night in Eastland, and then they enjoyed supper at Taco Bell.

Doris Bradshaw visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little visited on Friday and Saturday in Tyler with Arlene, and Terry Barfield and children, Andrew, Michael, Jonathan and Lauren and attended the Chapel Hill - Van High School football game on Friday night. Jonathan is the kicker for the Chapel Hill team and he kicked two field goals. Van won the game. Jonathan is a senior and this is his first year to play foot-

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ball, and Bobby and Mary Jane were happy to get to see him play.

LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Jimmy and Maggie of Fort Worth spent the weekend at their farm home near Carbon.

Glenda and Leon Black of Abilene spent the weekend with her mother, Zelda Jordan. They enjoyed lunch at Rico's Café in Eastland on Sunday after church.

Cassie Brasher of Carbon and Pat and Trisha Reneau of Ranger met Cassie's friend, Bea McKim of Phoenix, AZ at the Midland Airport on Saturday night. Bea is visiting this week with Cassie and David.

Cassie Brasher and Bea McKim accompanied Glenda Black and Zelda Jordan to Abilene on Monday for Zelda to get another injection in her back. They all enjoyed lunch before Zelda, Cassie and Bea returned to Kokomo.

LOOK WHO'S NEW IT'S A BOY

Shannon and Stephanie Bond of Copperas Cove are happy to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Evan Bond on Friday, October 21, 2005, at 7:43 a.m. in the Metroplex hospital in Killeen. He weighed 8 lbs.6 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Raegan and Sydnie are very proud of their little brother 'Joey'.


Maternal grandparents are Gale and Don Lakin of Copperas Cove and Ron and Jenny DeBoone of Iowa. Caryl Anderson of Killeen is the great-grandmother.

Joe and Glynda Bond of Kokomo are the paternal grandparents.


Joe and Glynda Bond were in Copperas Cove to visit with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond and help care for their granddaughters, Raegan and Sydnie and welcome their grandson, Joey, at his birth.

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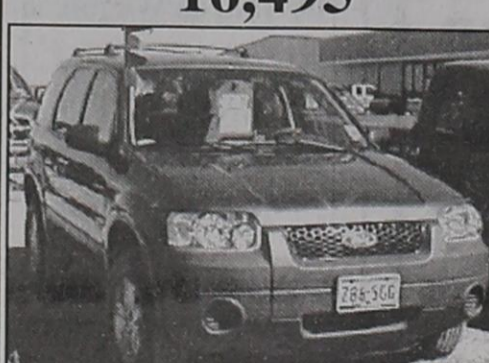


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Field Day Promotes Agriculture to Local Area Youth



Greg Gerngross covered Beef Cattle management Kim Burr and Sammy Wilson, NRCS, talked to students about soil erosion

On Tuesday, October 18th, local county fifth graders were invited to learn the value of agriculture in the county through an Agriculture & Natural Resources Field Day. Fifth graders from Clyde, Baird, Eula, and Cross Plains took part in this years Ag. Field Day.

The Ag. and Natural Resources Field Day is sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Executive Board and the Callahan County Farm Bureau. Thanks goes to the Callahan County Farmers Co-op for their donation of ice for the days activities. A special Thank You goes out to Miller and Marian Scott for allowing us the use of their facilities for the Field Day.

The Field Day was designed to teach Callahan County 5th graders the importance of some of the agricultural products produced in Callahan County and how important agriculture is to the economy of the county. The goal of the Field Day was to give kids a chance to see how they are impacted by agriculture, even if they don't live on a farm or ranch. The program was taught through a series of Agricultural topics presented by local producers, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Topics included Beef cattle, Wildlife, Wheat, Natural Resources and Bees. This Field Day was presented because it is so important that all young people realize the importance of agriculture and Natural Resources as they grow up and become our leaders for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Robert Pritz
 County Extension Agent



Tom Ivey, local bee keeper, discussed Bees Culture and Habitat



James Brown, Game Warden discussed Wildlife and Hunters Safety
 Robert Frost, FSA discussed Wheat Products

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

What Goes Around, Comes Around

he flotsam and jetsam of life rarely make it to "in or out" boxes...

roasted with summer-like vengeance. Remarks by students and friends were brief; so was my response.

Then, Alan Robertson, HPU senior who spearheaded the effort to name the complex, burst a bubble that cried for deflation.

"All of us in the apartments want you to know that you've helped us a great deal."

I questioned how this could be so.

"Now pizza delivery people will know where to bring our orders," he said.

See what I mean? What if I had stuck to my guns about outlawing such deliveries?

Our name might never have been on anything, unless possibly a crosswalk or an alley.

And if the "Newbury Place" designation helps the kids get their pizzas delivered steaming hot and on time, this is no small thing.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex. His column appears weekly

Lost Camera Needs Its Owner

A camera was found left at the Chuck Wagon Prayer Breakfast and Gospel Singing last Saturday in Ranger. If you lost a camera there and need to claim it, please call and identify it at 254-647-3340.

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I needed to know more, of course, and asked him if the projectile was a table tennis ball or one of those lethal lawn tennis balls.

"I can fix this problem once and for all," I said. "Effective immediately, delivery of pizzas will no longer be allowed on campus."

"The ball was in my court, and I am grateful that a compromise could be reached so quickly and easily. "You've got a deal," I answered.

Fast forward to HPU homecoming Oct. 22. My wife and I were guests at the university whose Board of Trustees recently voted to name the university's apartment complex in our honor.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 grid with numbers indicating starting positions for words.

- ACROSS 1. Flooring 2. Hand warmer 3. Ledger examiner; abbr. 4. One from Belgrade 12. Sound in the "Popeye" theme 13. Pavarotti offering 14. Show affection to 15. ___ driver 16. Unending 18. Dramatist O'Casey et al. 20. Tide competitor 21. Sound in the "Popeye" theme 24. Give a licking 28. Nursery furnishing 32. Writer Wiesel 33. Scientistologist L. ___ Hubbard 34. Language of Cicero 36. Miller of Sugarbabies 37. Gray matter; abbr. 39. Public officials 41. Plains home 43. ___ creature was stirring... (2 wds.) 44. Hang like an old clothesline 46. More than pleasingly plump 50. Lien with tax-deductible interest 55. Heehaw 56. "One Day ___ Time" (2 wds.) 57. First name in daredevils 58. A Loss Of Roses playwright 59. Messy home 60. Small bad 61. ___ off (annoyed)

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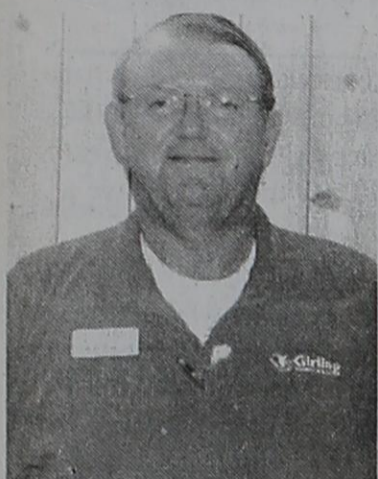
Eastland Community Health Center Flu Shots October 28

Eastland Community Health Center Drive By Shooting! Flu Shots available Friday, October 28 for \$15.00 each. There will only be 200 shots available on a first come, first served basis at the Brookshire's parking lot in Eastland. It will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and continue until the supply of vaccine is exhausted. All doses are provided by Eastland Community Health Center.

There will be a small charge of \$15.00 per shot. Medicare recipients may be free, depending on your coverage. Medicaid recipients are also free if you are over the age of 18. Be sure to bring your cards! For more info. call (254) 629-8889.

Everyone's invited to show up, but patients of ECHC are encouraged to receive their vaccines at the clinic.

Girling Health Care Employee Of The Year



DONNIE DILLARD, LVN

Donnie Dillard, LVN and employee of Girling Health Care has been awarded the annual "Employee of the Year" award for his compassionate and professional services to both the community and to Girling patients. Donnie has been on the Girling team for over 6 years and has proven time and time again his dedication to his patients and their families. He resides with his own family in Cross Plains, the town in which he grew up, and is also very active with the Cross Plains emergency response team. Donnie has 22 years experience as a volunteer for the Cross Plains Ambulance Service.

Donnie completed his LVN training at Cisco Junior College in Abilene graduating in January 1992. He then worked in an extended care facility for 3 1/2 years before making the transition to home health care. Now, as an LVN for Girling, Donnie makes daily visits to patients residing not only in Eastland and Cross Plains, but also in the many surrounding communities.

"Nursing is a rewarding career," says Donnie. "I enjoy working with people and trying to make and keep people well. I love helping people." Donnie states that one of his goals for the future is to keep Girling "being the best home health agency around."

Donnie works tirelessly not only within the Cross Plains community but also with the many Girling pa-

tients who often call for advice, comfort, or in the case of an emergency. Donnie is a wonderful, caring person and Girling is blessed to have him as an employee.

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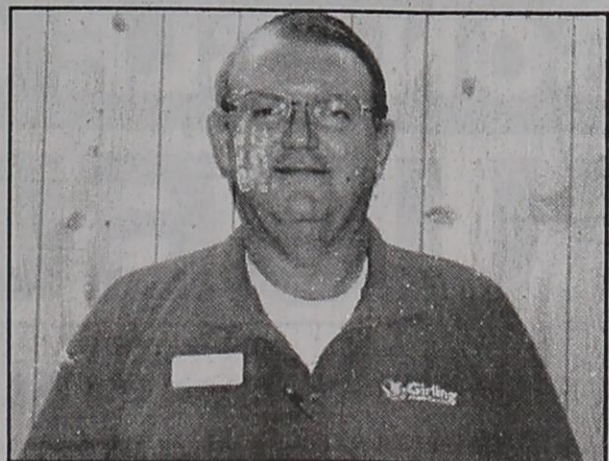
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**First Financial Announces Creation
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First Financial Bankshares, Inc. announced the election of Daniel A. Ortiz to the newly created position of Vice President of Multicultural Development.

"As our company has grown and expanded in both West Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, we have realized a need to specifically focus on and better serve our multicultural customers," said F. Scott Dueser, President and CEO of First Financial Bankshares, Inc. "We are committed to investing time and resources to help us continue to develop financial products and services which will meet the specific banking needs of the multicultural community and are especially excited to have Daniel Ortiz join our company to lead this initiative."

Ortiz is a graduate of Abilene Cooper High School and holds a bachelors degree in finance from the University of Texas--Arlington. His previous banking experience was with Bank of America, where he progressed from Teller Coordinator to Senior Personal Banker and Bank Officer in Tucson, Arizona and Arlington, Texas, and to Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of Bank of America in Abilene, where he was also the acting Foundation and CRA Market President. He is currently a board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Abilene, serves as treasurer for the Hispanic Leadership Council of Abilene, was guest speaker at the 16th Annual Hispanic Senior Recognition Banquet in May 2005, and is on a committee to re-establish the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Abilene in 2006. He and his wife, Laura, and their three-month-old son Gabriel reside in Abilene.

"I have joined First Financial Bankshares because of their commitment to serving the needs of all segments of our increasingly diverse community. This gives me an opportunity to grow professionally and to personally give back to a community that has given so much to me and my family," said Ortiz.

Headquartered in Abilene, Texas, First Financial Bankshares is a financial holding company with consolidated assets totaling \$2.4 billion operating ten separately chartered banks with 40 locations in Texas, a trust company and a technology operating company. These subsidiaries are First Financial Bank, N.A., Abilene,

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'Lemme Tell Ya A Story!' Bill 'The Storyteller' Meador At Writer's Dinner November 1st



Bill Meador

The Cisco Writers Club (CWC) invites anyone looking for publication to a special meeting — including a free dinner! — Tuesday, November 1. CWC's traditional Thanksgiving meal begins at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall of the Assembly of Yahweh (7th day), ten miles south of Cisco at US 183 and County Road 280. After dinner Bill Meador and Marty Morris of Authors' Publishing House, a Midland firm, will share ways to take your book to successful publication.

President and CEO of the firm, William Royce Meador (aka "The Storyteller"), was born XX years ago in Jayton, Texas, not far from the Double Mountains often mentioned in his books — four to date.

With his parents Bill moved to New Mexico in the first grade. During the war years his father worked for El Paso Natural Gas and on construction sites at several army bases. Bill experienced many locales over the coming years, ultimately settling in the small oil field town of Jal, New Mexico. There he graduated from public school in 1951. He enrolled (his word, "enlisted") in Eastern New Mexico University, where he earned a master's degree in history in 1957.

Following graduation he worked in the oil fields, taught public school and college, and operated several businesses. He began exploring the Llano Estacado and New Mexico, since his work allowed him to travel and see most of the counties that make up that area. Later, he was able to explore far West Texas from the Pecos River to the Rio Grande.

Over the past fifty years, he has roamed the canyons, mountains and plains of New Mexico and West Texas. With his strong passion for rock hounding, he claims there are few roads in the area he hasn't traveled or explored in depth.

Bill's colorful stories come from diaries, Bibles, letters, mouth-to-mouth stories, as well as some history. As he says, "Every family, every town, every canyon and every river has many stories just waiting to be told. I want to tell them. I've always wanted to be a storyteller. I want the reader to know the people in the story and experience their trials, struggles and triumphs."

Bill and his wife, Betty, currently reside in Midland, Texas, where he teaches at Midland College, in addition



REDEEMED a gospel singing group from Eastland County will be in concert in Cisco on October 30th at 6:30 p.m. This singing group sings to bring Jesus to everyone through song. The Redeemed will be singing at The East Cisco Baptist Church located at 506 East 11th St. in Cisco on Sunday, October 30th at 6:30 p.m. Redeemed sings and plays the old loved Gospel hymns. We hope everyone in the area can come join us.

to conducting research for the several books and stories he has written.

Even though he has been to all of the places mentioned in his writings, he still revisits each location and looks one more time at the mountains, rivers or plains. He listens to the wind and

watches the clouds race across the western skies. As he starts his next story, he says, "I try, in my mind, to see the events that occurred in each story."

As for his Presidential duties with the West Texas Writers, he smiles and says, "I'm just very pleased that the

members want me to do what I can to make the WTW the premier writers' club in West Texas. By the way, I have a story for you."

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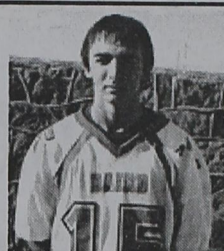
Blan Scott
Jersey #: -2-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
-Quarterback-
-Free Safety-



Chance Rodriguez
Jersey #: -3-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Strong Safety-



Tyler Orlando
Jersey #: -12-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Defensive Back-



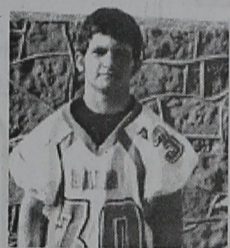
Chris English
Jersey #: -15-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Running Back-
-Line Backer-



Chris Cogburn
Jersey #: -21-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Defensive Back-



Jesse Mendez
Jersey #: -22-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
-Running Back-
-Line Backer-



Cody Gibbs
Jersey #: -30-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
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-Defensive Back-



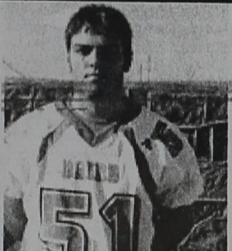
Justin English
Jersey #: -32-
Grade: -10-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Defensive End-



Justin Armstrong
Jersey #: -44-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
-Running Back-
-Line Backer-



Hazen Coffee
Jersey #: -50-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Offensive Line-
-Defensive Line-



Justin Roberts
Jersey #: -51-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
-Offensive Line-
-Defensive Line-



Brad Matlock
Jersey #: -52-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



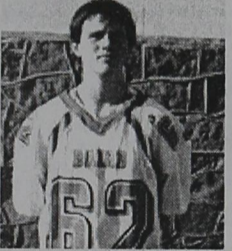
Garret Jennings
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Grade: -9-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



Koby Parker
Jersey #: -55-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



Jeramie Brooks
Jersey #: -60-
Grade: -10-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



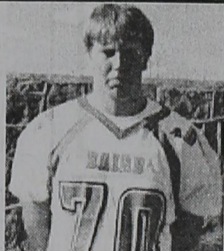
Ike Dickey
Jersey #: -62-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
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Jacob Dillard
Jersey #: -65-
Grade: -10-
Positions:
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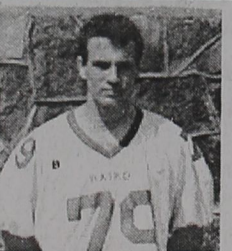
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Jersey #: -68-
Grade: -11-
Positions:
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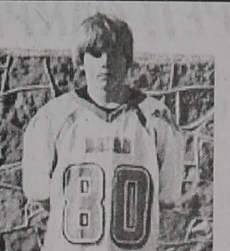
Roger Wamsley
Jersey #: -70-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



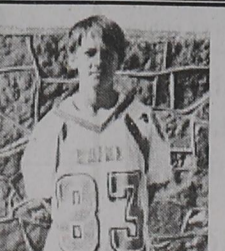
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Grade: -11-
Positions:
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-Defensive Line-



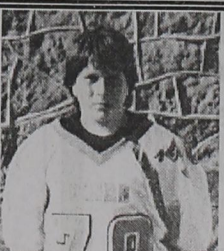
John Edwards
Jersey #: -79-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
-Offensive Line-
-Defensive Line-



Logan Donlan
Jersey #: -80-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
-Tight End-
-Line Backer-



Chris Whitworth
Jersey #: -83-
Grade: -9-
Positions:
-Wide Receiver-
-Defensive Back-



Aaron Hazelwood
Jersey #: -85-
Grade: -10-
Positions:
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-Defensive Back-



Blake Manning
Jersey #: -88-
Grade: -12-
Positions:
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-Defensive End-

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BAIRD BEARS Varsity Football Team

Baird Bears Varsity Football Schedule

Sep. 09	Meridian	There	7:30
Sep. 16	Roby	Home	7:30
Sep. 23	Knox City	There	7:30
Sep. 30	BYE		
Oct. 07	* Ranger %	Home	7:30
Oct. 14	* Goldthwathe	There	7:30
Oct. 21	* Gorman	Home	7:30
Oct. 28	* Cross Plains	There	7:30
Nov. 04	* Evant #	Home	7:30

+ = Scrimmage # = Senior Night
% = Baird Football Sweetheart Night
* = Denotes 13A District Game

Baird Junior High Football Schedule

Sep. 08	Deleon	There	5:00
Sep. 15	Roby	There	5:00
Sep. 22	Knox City	Home	5:00
Sep. 29	Open		
Oct. 06	Ranger	There	5:00
Oct. 13	Goldthwathe	Home	6:30
Oct. 20	Gorman	There	6:00
Oct. 27	Cross Plains	Home	5:00
Nov. 03	Evant	There	5:00

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Sweetwater 20, Clyde 13	Dublin at Eastland
Hamilton 41, Dublin 7	Hamilton at DeLeon
Early 28, San Saba 6	13-A
Eastland 34, Hico 14	Goldthwaite at Evant
Cisco 46, DeLeon 0	Baird at Cross Plains
Coleman 53, Jim Ned 7	Ranger at Gorman
Strawn 54, Gordon 8	Six Man
Here's What's Ahead:	Rising Star vs. May
10-2A	1 A
Cisco at Hico	



Baird 42, Gorman 21

In the latest installment

Baird Bears vs. Cross Plains @ Cross Plains 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28

of the Baird Bears, Blan Scott passed for four touchdowns in a game where the two teams both scored in the 3 quarters after q.1. The Bears rushed for 206 yards with Tyler Orlando running for 100 yards. Gorman's John Torres scored for a TD from 10 yds. on a kick from David Ibarra.

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- Oct. 1 Jim Ned Varsity, JV, Jr. High 9 a.m.
- Oct. 8 ACU Varsity, JV 9 a.m.
- Oct. 12 Cisco Jr. High 4 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Baird Varsity, JV, Jr. High 4 p.m.
- Oct. 24 District- Eula Varsity, JV, Jr. High TBA
- Nov. 5 Regionals- Arlington Varsity 8 a.m.
- Nov. 12 State- Round Rock Varsity 8 a.m.

Coaches: Mark Young and Clay Barnett

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Fri. OCT. 28: Chili cheese dog or Hamburger. French fries, Lettuce and tomato. Dessert

Monday, Oct. 31: Chicken stix or Grilled Cheese, Orange fingers, Spooky field, Hot roll. Booberry Cobbler.



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