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Thursday, June 22, 2006

Callahan County Order Prohibiting Outdoor Fireworks By Order of Judge Corn

Whereas, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Callahan County; and

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of June 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part, 173.100 (r) (2) (10-1-86 edition) as "skyrockets with sticks" and "Missiles with fins," in any portion of the unincorporated area of Callahan County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives.

2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosives by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this ORDER. An offense under this order is a Class C. Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2006, BY THE CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

(s) Roger Corn County Judge,

(s) Jeanie Bohannon Attest: County Clerk

Baird High School Homecoming Set For Sept. 16 Addresses Needed

The Baird High School Homecoming has been set for September 16, 2006. All the activities this year will be on Saturday, September 16th including the game. We are trying to update our address file and are needing addresses for the following people from the class of 1960-1966;

Joann Bryant, Jessie England, Silas Floyd, Lavonia Kerby, Anna Schaffrina Leslie, Larry Mosley, Eddy Patterson, Linda Shafer Pruitt, Darrel Strickland, Anita Strange Taylor, Richard Higgins, Brenda Hughes Smith, J.P. Stanley, George Westbrook, Paul Austin, Odie Gleghorn, Ruth Mauldin, Kitsy Ross, Charles Woods, Lula Mae

Walker Corley, Jimmy Drennan, Ronnie Elliott, Basilio Garcia, Douglas Jaggars, Lee Nelson, Lawrence Westbrook, Carol Fox Cole, Jim Fitzgerald, Vicky Norman Martin, Raymond O'Bryant, Linda Patterson, Ronnie Price, Louise Meyers Davis, Judy Deason Jones, Carol Drennan Naegele, Sharon Young Seidemeyer.

We are putting a few names each week and will continue for the next several weeks. If you have any information about these former students, please let us know at P.O. Box 954, Baird, Texas 79504, or call 854-1497.

Thanks for your help.
Baird Ex-Students' Assn.

Summer Activities Underway For 6th -12th Grades At Baird Methodist Church

Baird First United Methodist Church is seeking youth, grades six through 12, who are interested in growing in Christ while having a great time this summer. There will be Bible Study, Worship, and plenty of opportunities for fun and fellowship. The highlight of these summer activities will be a Discipleship Now weekend and a trip to Six Flags Over Texas.

For more information or to sign up, please call the church at 854-1080, Catherine Brock at 854-2053, or Brenda Lewis at 854-5994. Better yet, come join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. for Bible Study and worship at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is also invited to join in the special activities on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday

evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!!!

Help Keep Light Burning At Nutrition Program

Callahan County Nutrition Project would like to ask the general public to help us monitor the Clyde Center, and kitchen, making sure the outside porch lights remain burning during the week, and especially on weekends. We had a power

First United Methodist Youth To Hold Garage Sale July 14th & 15th

Baird First United Methodist Youth are having a garage sale on Friday, July 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 15th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They are in need of items for this fundraiser and are asking the community, as well as all our church members, to donate their unused "trash" and "treasures". Money raised will support a Discipleship Now weekend and trip to Six Flags. If you have items to donate, please call Brenda Lewis at 854-5994 or Catherine Brock at 854-2053.

outage past weeks due to a squirrel, causing this problem inside the building. This is very important, due to freezers, milk boxes and refrigerators. If this had not been discovered, the project would have lost several hundred dollars of food. Please help us in reporting when the porch lights are not burning.

Numbers to call: Don Haley 893-5338, Katie Dunn 854-2403; Callahan County Sheriff's Dept. 854-1444; Vickey Burns 854-2042. Please keep trying until you reach someone. Your help will be appreciated. The seniors can also help. Anytime you are out, please drive by the center to check.

Callahan County Commissioners Ratify New Converged Communications System For County, Replaces All Networking, Phone

Callahan County recently launched its new converged communications system. The recently installed system at Callahan County replaces all computer networking and phone services for county offices in Baird, TX. The county has future plans to expand its network via a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to remote county offices in the next one to two years.

The courthouse at Callahan County is made up of four separate networks that provide the network services for count residents. These networks consist of the county's core residents. These networks consist of the county's core data network, TXDOT vehicle inf systems network, all Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) network, and the MHMR Betty Hardwick Center health network.

The new network implemented for Callahan County accomplishes the following resources for county agencies.

*Launches a central computer network for sharing resources between offices.

*Delivers high-speed internet access to all county offices.

*Deploys Callahan County.org email to all county offices.

*Implements an organization-wide phone system for handling, transferring, and distributing calls.

*Establishes backup systems for emergency services in case of failure.

*Ties the Appraisal District and Tax Office together to better serve taxpayers who call with questions.

The county's campus, located at 100 w. 4th St. has

over 8 miles of state-of-the-art Category 6 Copper cabling for the new computer and phone connections. The data backbone that interconnects the courthouse building, Sheriff's Office/911 PSAP and the courthouse Annex building consists of over 1,000 feet of multi-mode fiber optic cable. Fiber optic cable transmits voice and data at the speed of light across an optical (glass) cable. The network has four main

interconnection points consisting of 680 cable termination endpoints. The data side of the network is made up of eleven switches and three routers. The equipment used throughout the system s made by DELL, Cisco Systems, Xincom, APC, and NEC.

The total project will cost the county \$118,000.00 over the next five years (\$23,600 annually.) The cost of installing this new system will be recouped by the cost savings generated by eliminating recurring services that were made obsolete after implementing the new system. The cost savings during the five year term of the project will pay the \$118,000 price tag. The average system life is 10 years, and the new system is expected to serve the county's needs for up to 12 years. Thus, even after paying for the new system, the cost savings are expected to be between \$100,000 and \$120,000.

This project was conducted under the leadership of Roger Corn, County Judge of Callahan County. The project idea and implementation were carried out

by Goldsmith Solutions of Plano, TX. Owner Sam Goldsmith approached Judge Corn after recognizing the old system's current state of disrepair. Goldsmith Solutions conducted an internal survey and need evaluation, and studied the current charges that were being paid for the county that could be eliminated. Judge Corn solicited the cooperation of other agencies such as the Sheriff's Department, Nutrition Project, Betty Hardwick Center MHMR and Appraisal District to fully implement this new tool for the entire county campus. After seeing the benefits and cost savings, the County Commissioners approved the project in the second quarter of 2005. The project was implemented in the fourth quarter of 2005 and continues to grow in scope to better assist county employees in serving taxpayers.

Callahan County has recently applied for a Leadership Foundation Best Practices Award for this project. The county Best Practice Awards Program promotes efficiency in local government by focusing attention on accomplishments and best practices in county government. The awards program highlights innovation and distributes vital information on what is working well in county government. If the project wins, The award will be presented on the Senate floor of the State Capital in Austin in mid-August.

For more information visit www.callahancounty.org or www.goldsmithsolutions.com.

Resolution By Callahan County

WHEREAS the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has notified the public of a funding availability to benefit lower income residents of Texas communities through the Texas HOME Investment Partnerships Disaster Relief Program; and

WHEREAS the Texas HOME Program has identified significant housing needs in the County, particularly for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of owner occupied housing affected by the wildfires occurring in December, 2005; and

WHEREAS the County wishes to assist our lower income special needs homeowners while simultaneously enhancing the health economic and aesthetic

quality of the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

ONE, the Commissioners' Court authorizes that a Texas HOME Program--for Owner Occupied Disaster Relief Housing Assistance application up to an amount of \$520,000 be prepared by GrantWorks Inc. and submitted to TDHCA.

TWO, the Commissioners' Court designates the County Judge as the person authorized to sign all forms related to the preparation of these applications and to execute any HOME agreements.

THREE, the attached HOME Program statement titled "Callahan County--HOME Investment Partnerships Program Disaster Relief Housing Assistance Pro-

gram Design 2006," shall be established as the official program policies; and, shall guide the implementation of the housing assistance activities of the HOME Program until such time as they may be amended by the County Judge of Commissioners' Court.

FOUR, that the County will use all grant funds to assist only those homeowners directly affected by the wildfires occurring on December 28th, 2005.

Adopted this 12th day of June 2006 by the Commissioners' Court of the County of Callahan, Texas.

signed Roger Corn

County Judge

signed Jeanie Bohannon

Attest: County Clerk

D.P.S. Report

6-11 -06 to 6-17 -06

Cases Investigated

Warnings... 143

Complaints... 131

Driving while License

Invalid... 3

D.W.I.-----1

There was 4 accident investigated during this time span.

Obituary

Amelia Ann Bales Saunders

CLYDE- Amelia Ann Bales Saunders, daughter of the late William and Mildred Latimer Boyd, died at Dickinson, Texas on June 16, 2006 following a long illness.

Ann was born August 12, 1952 in Odessa, Texas. As a child she lived in many small communities in West Texas.

In her early teens, Ann was adopted by her aunt and uncle, Etta Mae and Murl Bales of Clyde.

Ann attended several schools in Texas and graduated from Clyde High School in 1971. She married Ted

Saunders on March 22, 1971 at the South Side Baptist Church in Clyde, Texas. Ted was in the Army when they married and after his tour of duty in Vietnam, Ann accompanied him first to Germany and then to California. After Ted left the Army, Ann helped him as they started their family business, AAA Windshields in Clyde. She kept the books and if necessary, she installed auto glass when Ted was gone on Reserve duty.

Ann loved Texas flowers and Texas wildlife. Cotton-

tail bunnies were among her favorite creatures, and over the years she cared for many tiny, orphaned bunnies until they were old enough to survive alone.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Allen Saunders and her brother, Billy Ray Boyd.

Ann is survived by their son, Roy Wayne Saunders and wife Rhonda, and grandsons Chase and Chance.

Ann will be cremated; she asked that her ashes be spread in a field of bluebonnets in the spring. No services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Hendrick Hospice Care or to the American Cancer Society.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

1-I'm a veteran, how can I tell if my information was compromised.--At this point, there is no evidence that any missing data has been used illegally. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs is asking all veterans to be extra vigilant and to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions. If you notice unusual or suspicious activity, you should report it immediately to the financial institution involved and contact the Federal Trade Commission for further guidance.

2. What is the earliest date at which suspicious activity might have occurred due to this data breach?--The information was stolen from an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs during the month of May, 2006. If the data has been misused or otherwise used to commit fraud or identify theft crimes, it is likely that veterans may notice suspicious activity during the month of May.

3. I haven't noticed any suspicious activity in my financial statements, ut what can I do to protect myself and prevent being victimized by credit card fraud or identity theft?-- The Department of Veterans Affairs strongly recommends that veterans closely monitor their financial statements and visit the Department of Veterans Affairs special website on this, www.first.gov or call 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

4.-Should I reach out to my financial institutions or will the Department of Veterans Affairs do this for me?

The Department Veterans Affairs does not believe that it is necessary to contact financial institutions or cancel credit cards and bank accounts, unless you detect suspicious activity.

5--Were should I report suspicious or unusual activity?

The Federal Trade Commission recommends the following four steps if you detect suspicious activity.

Step 1-Contact the Fraud Department of one of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; www.equifax.com; P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241.

News For Veterans by Tom Ivey

Dear Veteran: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recently learned that an employee took home electronic data from the VA, which he was not authorized to do and was in violation of established policies. The employee's home was burglarized and this data was stolen. The data contained identifying information including names, social security numbers and dates of birth for up to 25.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as some disability ratings. As a result of this incident, information identifiable with you was potentially exposed to others. It is important to not that the affected data did not include any of VA's electronic health records or any financial information.

Appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the VA inspector General's office, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter. Authorities believe it is unlikely the perpetrators targeted the items because of any knowledge of the data contents.

Out of an abundance of caution, however VA is taking all possible steps to protect and inform our veterans. While you do not need to take

any action unless you are of these. Specific information is included in the enclosed question and answer sheet. For additional information, the VA has teamed up with the Federal Trade Commission and has a Web site (www.firstgov.gov) with information on this matter or you may call 1.800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636). The call center will operate from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EDT), Monday through Saturday as long as it needed.

Beware of any phone calls, e-mails, and other communications from individuals claiming to be from VA or other official sources, asking for your personal information or verification information. If you receive such communications, they should be reported to VA at 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

We apologize for any inconvenience or concern this situation may cause, but we at VA believe it is important for you to be fully informed of any potential data resulting from this incident. Again, we want to reassure you we have no evidence

that your protected data has been misused. We will keep you apprised of any further developments. The men and women of the VA take your obligation to honor and serve American's veterans very seriously and we are committed to ensuring that this never happens again.

In accordance with current policy, the Internal Revenue Service has agreed to forward this letter because we do not have current addresses for all affected individuals. The IRS has not disclosed your address or any other tax information to us.

Sincerely yours, R. James Nicholson.

Distinguished Student List At Blinn

Bryan--Blinn College has announced its academic honor students for the 2006 spring semester on its Bryan campus. The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 as Distinguished Students and those with at least a 3.75 as President's Scholars.

Julie Cain of Clyde and Dusty Anderson of Cross Plains have been named to the Distinguished Students list.

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40 Acres +/- partially wooded with oaks, 4 ponds, waterline septic system, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck, \$107,600.
50 Acres mostly wooded with oak, mesquite and mesquite trees, 2 ponds, county road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$107,600.
51 Acres wooded & open with 2 ponds, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$107,600.
51 Acres mostly wooded with oak, mesquite trees, excellent for food plot, 1 pond, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$107,600.
61 Acres mostly wooded with live oaks, pond, one 5-acre field, excellent home site or recreation property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,500 per acre.
61 Acres near Lake Cisco mostly wooded with live oak and post oak, two hills overlooking Lake Cisco with a canyon and creek in between the hills, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,800 per acre.
65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
81 Acres mostly wooded with oaks & mesquite trees, one 4-acre field, two ponds, hills down to draws, large ranches around this property, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,395 per acre.
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including Lake Cisco, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
112 Acres, wooded and cleared, very large canyon on property, hills, older mobile home with CHCA and older frame house, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$145,600.
116 Acres on large creek, wooded, large field in the middle, good for cattle or hunting. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$145,600.
151 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 water wells. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$196,490.
151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 buildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$220,183.
160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$236,000.
275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$328,625.
421 Acres with home 2-story, 5 bedrooms, large swimming pool, large metal barn with pens, 12-acre lake, large wooded area.
COMMERCIAL
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath, CH/A on each side, \$29,500.
3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots, \$39,500. Call for details.
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Approximate 2,000 sq. ft. building built in 2004. Show room in front with kitchenette and half bath. Shop in back also has half bath. Porch across front of bldg. and pavillion on side. 5 lots. Call for details.
HOMES
Only 17,000 for this 2 BR, 1 bath home. Call for details.
2 BR, 1 bath home on corner property with storm windows, some wood floors, large oak trees, attached garage and fenced backyard, \$25,000.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees, Reduced to \$26,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home with storm windows, double carport, workshop or storage building, large trees, \$27,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large rooms, CH/A, fireplace, double pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, \$28,000.
2 BR, 1 bath home with storm windows, large trees, separate double carports, storage building and plenty of space to store, \$32,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home with CH/A, storm windows, covered patio, carport, RV parking, 2 storage bldgs., large trees, \$32,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, large deck, off Master BR, carport, storage bldg., privacy fence, corner property, \$36,000.
3 BR 2 bath home, CH/A, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double garage, \$48,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick veneer home with CH/A, builtin appliances, pantry, attached double garage, large trees, fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$55,000.
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/A on 24 lots, \$59,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer home, separate LR and den, storm windows, CH/A, attached 2 car garage, double carport, fenced backyard, \$62,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home, recently built, CH/A, W/BFR, double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water plus well, \$62,500.
4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CH/A, woodburning fireplace, large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras on corner lot, \$62,500.
4BR, 2 bath, 2 story home with lots of character and space, separate DR, LR and den, 2 CH/A units, vinyl siding, storm windows, jacuzzi, double carport plus single carport, workshop, many large oak trees on 1/2 of a city block. Also has mobile home hookups.
LAKE CISCO
Well maintained, 3 BR, 1 bath home with metal siding, covered patio, 2 storage bldgs., covered boat dock with boat lift, large trees, \$49,800.
Recently built, attractive 2 BR, 1 bath home with CH/A, nice pine cabinets, large deck, many live oak trees, storage building, covered boat dock, \$69,500.
Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, W/BFR, great view of lake from DR, LR, den & Master BR, lg. landscaped yard, tall oak trees, dock, shop, storage bldg. & many extras.
Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home, 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic recently replaced.
Beautifully landscaped front yard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with W/BFR and 2 CH/A units, many nice cabinets and builtins, Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees and many extras.

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Glimpse Of Oil Boom Days By Recent Visitor

Gilvie Hubbard was a WW I veteran who came to Eastland County in 1919 to begin the practice of law. It proved to be a wise choice for him—and the county.

His practice was successful and he ran for public office, declaring that "he was not a Klansman". We served in the District Attorney's office for some time, and as the boom here dwindled, he moved to Houston to join the big, big Humble Oil Co. in 1925, where he stayed until retirement in 1951. He joined a law firm in Houston at that time.

His daughter recently visited Eastland County because she had heard too much about this county, and wanted to see the places her father had been so many years ago. She visited the County Museum, shared material about her father and other important information, but most important of all, she had an excellent visit with Retired County Judge Scott Bailey who either knows from first hand or has been told by authorities all of the important county history.

On his retirement, the Houston Bar Association issued the following resolution (in part):

RESOLUTION OF HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION IN MEMORY OF GILVIE HUBBARD

The passing of Gilvie Hubbard on January 29, 1959, in Houston, marked the close of a successful career rich in active service as an attorney. He was a studious, capable lawyer who practiced his profession in a quiet and reserved

manner.

He was a native Texan, having been born in Van Zandt County March 14, 1890. He moved to Oklahoma as a boy where he graduated from high school at McAlister and attended the University of Oklahoma one year before moving to Texas. He attended The University of Texas Law School, graduating in 1917. He was a lieutenant in the Air Corps in World War I and at the end of the war began the practice of law in Eastland County, Texas. In 1925 he moved to Houston where he became associated with Humble Oil & Refining Company in its Law Department. He continued with Humble until 1951 at which time he voluntarily retired. He maintained a private law office with the firm of Gilmore & Hubbard, but devoted the major portion of his time to his ranch in Brazoria County and other personal interests.

Rex Baker, A Partner, wrote in part:

Gilvie and I have known each other very intimately and have been the best of friends since the fall of 1913 when we both entered the Law School of The University of Texas together as J.A.'s. (Those were the days when our fellow classman, Winfred J. Barnes, although a natural barbarian, infiltrated into a Frat and fed his fellow victims on tapioca, thus earning the dubious title of Tapioca Barnes.) We were in the same classes together throughout our three years in the Law School. We sat at the feet of such great men as Judge Townes, Judge Tarlton, Judge Simpkins,

Judge McLaurin, Hildy Green, not to forget also Cofer. We did not learn much law, but we were exposed to a lot of it, and some of it soaked in.

After graduation Gilvie met into the Army Air Force as a ground officer, took a quickie five or six weeks' training course and headed out for England, where he fought World War I. How he avoided all the English lassies I do not know. But he did, because he came back a single man.

After the war Barnes and Gilvie tried to ride herd on Eastland County which "in them days" was as tough as a boot, with Desdemona and other festering places running wide open in more ways than one.

They managed to live through the experience, and in due time both of them did what many other wise men have done, namely, headed for Houston to advance their fame and fortune.

Gilvie finally landed with Humble and has been on the job here over 24 years. I suppose he has examined more titles than almost anyone else in the department. He took a fling at politics in West Texas and "also ran" for the legislature, but came out no worse for the wear.

Finally Gilvie showed the good judgment of getting married and, as I understand it, has been avoiding all pressure to build a new house ever since. I am pulling for Lorece to get the better of that argument any time. In this I may be meddling where I should be silent, but since this message is by long distance, maybe I can get by with it without suffering violence to myself and without disrupting family relations.

Gilvie has been a fine friend and an excellent employee. He has been very

cooperative and has got along beautifully with other lawyers in the department. He is a worthy Humble employee. We have mixed feelings upon his impending departure from the department.

From the personal standpoint we would like very much for him to stay with us, but Gilvie is the rich man of the department, having varied business

Mr. Hubbard Sought Judgeship Here Back When Eastland Races Were Hot

Opponents Were Labeled Back In Those Days

Gilvie Hubbard
Candidate For Judge,
County Court-At-Law
To The Voters:

I take it that you, as a voter, are interested in the men and qualifications of the men you are to elect to office for the next two years. You would be interested in the qualification and fitness of any man you were about to employ in your private business. Public officers are public servants—nothing more. Then why not give the same careful consideration to the selection of public officials as you would to private employees?

The office I seek is judicial and was created to try law suits—civil and criminal. It also has jurisdiction over juvenile cases and probate proceedings. Naturally one would think that the man who had spent the most time in preparation for life's work and who has had the most legal experience would be the best fitted to fill this office.

interests to claim his attention, and I can understand why he wishes to retire. Barnes swears that Gilvie has 75¢ of every dollar he ever made. I glory in that. If more people had sense enough to save their money we would have fewer people, or none of them, on relief. We would not have Truman on our hands and would not be threatened with the "Gimme State" and State Socialism.

One of my opponents is not a lawyer and of course is no more fitted to practice law or to sit as judge to try other people's law suits than he is to practice medicine, dentistry, engineering or any other profession requiring technical knowledge and training. My other opponent waited until he was 40 years old before he took up the practice of law and then secured his license after only a few months study to pass the bar examination.

On the other hand I started out early in life with the purpose of making a lawyer of myself, I went through high school and college with that purpose in view. Since my graduation from the University of Texas Law School in 1917 (where I made my own way) I have practiced law continuously except for the interruption caused by my service in the army. Hence I feel that by education, training and experience, I am in a better position to render the more

efficient service in this office than either of my opponents.

Outside of the time spent in the army (and neither of my opponents were there although able-bodied and within military age) I have been connected with public office about six months. My opponents have held public offices a total of 24 years and the tax payers have paid them approximately \$85,000. Why not give another man with the qualifications a chance?

I have taken no stock in the bitter factional fight now going on in Eastland County. I have never belonged to the Klan nor to the Constitutional Club and would rather be friends and get along with my neighbor than to be at daggers points with him. I feel that most of the voters take the same attitude. The National Democratic Convention recently nominated John W. Davis for President because he had not engaged in this factional fight, and most Democrats feel that his chances for election are brighter because of this fact. As I stated before, this is a judicial office and of all officers a judge should be free from factional strife and influence.

I have been in Eastland County about five years, am a property owner here, and would appreciate it if you would investigate me and give my candidacy your careful consideration.

Yours very truly,
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High blood pressure is a major cause of strokes and one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Diabetes is on the rise and left unchecked can cause major health problems in many of the bodily systems. It is very important to be screened to see if you are at risk for either of these conditions.

Advance directives are le- Eastland County Blood Drive July 6th

Eastland Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, July 6th from 1-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Daugherty Street Church of Christ directly across the street from the hospital. The theme from Carter BloodCare is Summertime an the Givin is Easy. Everyone who registers to give blood at any Carter BloodCare Neighborhood Donor Center or mobile blood drive between July 1-31, 2006 will be automatically entered into a drawing for a 7-Day Walt Disney World Vacation for four! Every donor will receive a FREE T-shirt.

The July 6th blood drive is being held to replace units of blood utilized through patient care in our area. Eastland Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in Eastland County and the only hospital on I-20 between Weatherford and Abilene. As such the hospital provides most of the direct trauma care and stabilization for those involved in area accidents. Three years ago the hospital increased its surgery capabilities with the arrival of William Simpson, D.O., a general surgeon. With the recent addition of Darey Philbrick, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon the need for blood donors will continue to rise.

During the first six months of 2006 Eastland Memorial Hospital's lab has transfused an average of approximately 40 units per month. These units were used for a variety of patient needs, including replacement due to trauma, surgery, and anemia. One recent patient required 19 units of blood before being stabilized and transferred to a higher level of care. The lab reports 35 units were donated to Carter BloodCare

gal documents to assure that your future health care choices are respected and carried out. Advance directives are documents, which state your choices about medical treatment or name someone to make decisions

during the last blood drive, which is not enough to supply the needs of Eastland County residents.

Eastland Memorial Hospital's motto is *People you know, caring for people you love.* Eastland county residents can show that they too care by donating blood. We are counting on people to donate to the Blood Drive on Thursday, July 6th from 1-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Daugherty Street

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about your medical treatment, if you are unable to make these decisions or choices yourself. These forms will be available, along with advice and help in completing them, by Melody Hoffman, LMSW.

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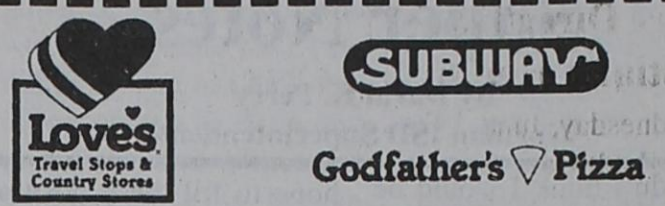


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Super Notes

By David K. Perry
Gorman ISD Superintendent

I didn't think I would be writing this many articles this summer, but I want to keep the community informed about what's happening at school so I may be writing more than expected. Living in a small town the one thing you can depend on is rumors and whenever I can, I like to supply you information that will hopefully keep rumors to a minimum.

There will be some changes in personnel next year that I hope will give us a fresh shot in the arm regarding our athletic program. Coach Tyson has resigned and he will be going to Georgetown ISD. This is a great opportunity for him and we wish him the best of luck there. Coach Gerick has resigned and will be going to Winthorst ISD. We wish him the best of luck also. I know Coach Green at Winthorst and I'm sure Coach Gerick will find their program exciting.

Lacy Majors has also resigned to accept a position at Eastland ISD as well as Mrs. Gore who will be going to Comanche ISD. We wish them the best also. I am sure they will find the challenges of a new school exciting and know they will experience success.

I also want to remind you of other changes that have already taken place. Sandy Porter was hired to replace Mrs. Bailey as secondary Science teacher and Samantha Duke has been hired to fill the open girl's coaching position and as a history teacher.

We have had some changes at the elementary level as well. At the last board meeting, Dianne Casey was hired as our new fifth and sixth grade math teacher. We have also hired Dena Scitern as our new fifth and sixth grade social teacher. Marilyn Warren was hired as the new third grade teacher, with Tracey Spivey moving to the first grade next year. Kaymie Wells has accepted a position at Cross Plains. We wish her success at her new job.

We have our job openings posted on tasanet.org and at school. We will also have them posted on our website and will advertise in the paper beginning next week. I hope to begin interviewing for athletic director no later than the week of July 10th. Other positions open include a Coach/JH Science teacher and Computer Teacher. We

hope to fill these positions quickly with quality teachers.

Wasn't the rain great! I hope everyone got all they needed, especially in the

Cliff Notes

By Cliff Lindsay

We Want America Back
It was Benjamin Franklin who said, "man will ultimately be governed by God or by tyrants." The more Jesus Christ is left out of government the more it becomes an uncontrollable tyrant. Our Lord built in the system the fact that power corrupts and total power is total corruption.

Ceasar of Rome tried to build a One World Order as well as Napoleo, Hitler and other leaders throughout history and it never did work and never will. It will kill millions of people and cost millions and billions of people their freedom.

In Aspen, Colorado the international corporations meet every summer at the Aspen Institute For Humanistic Studies. They are holding seminars to promote their One World Order. They have stolen the U.S.A.

Humanism is a religion that says there is no God, no Heaven, no Prayer, put all of your faith in man. Religious Humanists also say that the earth wasn't created, but was the result of a continuous process. When they teach your child evolution in the schoolhouse they are teaching them the humanist religion. Their bible, the Humanist Manifesto 1 & 11 says they believe in the right to suicide, the right to euthanasia, right to abortion and the right to homosexuality. The Humanist Manifesto also states that a profit motivated society is outdated and a socialist one world order should take its place and national sovrenity and borders should be transcended, done away with. The international

tanks and lakes.

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

corporations are destroying the U.S.A.

It is worthy to note that Henry Kissenger has been listed as a senior fellow. Robert McNamara, Vernon Jordan, Ann Richards former Governor of Texas and David Gergin of U.S. News & World Report are Trustees at the Aspen Center For Humanistic Studies. There are pages of these Trustees in every faucet of society.

Here is an example of how it works: In 1974 the Aspen Institute for HUMANISTIC Studies said we need a Department of Education in Washington D.C. in order to centralize education and have more control over it. In 1978 President Jimmy Carter came out with what he said was a new Department of Education. President Carter then chose Shirley Hufstедler to be in charge of the new Dept. of Education. Shirley Hufstедler was a Trustee at the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies. That is the way it works FOLKS and I say we want America back because Secular Humanism is Satan's Religion.

In the early part of July 1996 I sent some information to the Aspen Times in Aspen, Col. about the Aspen Center For Humanistic Studies. On July 25th the Aspen Times Headline said, The Aspen Institute A Private University Running The World From High In The Rockies. Enclosed is a copy of that headline.

I love my country but I do not love what we have become. We want America BACK FROM THOSE WHO HAVE NO SELF

CONTROL. We are like a runaway train headed down the wrong track. This religion of Secular Humanism at the Aspen center for Humanistic Studies is what's wrong with America and they are financed by tax-exempt foundations such as the Rockefeller Foundation. They are also financed by international corporations. I have a letter from AT&T SAYING they and other large international corporations donate to the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

The Centers For Humanistic Studies are located all over the world including the Wye Plantation in Queenstown, Maryland outside Washington, D.C.

You know folks something is wrong in America. Our nation once held the BIBLE as our conscience and guide. It is time for the Army of God to say we want America back! Thirty years ago the #1 television show was the Andy Griffith Show, look at what we have today.

The only hope that America has is that Godly men and women will stand together as one mighty army and say to the immoral, impure, obscene, and foul, your access to the minds of America are over, we will not stand for it anymore and we are taking AMERICA BACK!

George Washington's First Inaugural Address as President in 1789 he said, "the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the Eternal Rules of Order and Right, which itself has ordained. WE WANT AMERICA BACK.

President John F. Kenney at Columbia University ten days before his assassination had this to say, "The high office of the President has

been used to forment a plot to destroy America's freedom, and before I leave office I must inform the citizen of his plight. Yes folks, WE WANT AMERICA BACK.

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil--is for good men to do nothing. Founding Father--Edmund Burke

Most of the Christian community of our day becomes very upset if politics and religion are mixed. Satan is still very busy deceiving people and one of his most successful tricks is to deceive people into thinking they are right.

What if our Founding Fathers of our U.S.A. had not taken a stand against the evil of England AND made us a free nation at that time. What if we had not taken a stand against Hitler and the Nazis or the Japanese we would be speaking German or Japanese now.

To be very truthful the whole Bible is political, to name a few, the trial of Christ Jesus, John the Baptist was killed because he took a stand for right, Paul in prison, etc., etc.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the

Lord, and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.

Folks, God is TELLING US to STAND against evil and Secular Humanism is another evil religion who wants to and are killing your children and you. WILL YOU STAND? GIVE YOUR HEART TO CHRIST JESUS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, BECOME INFORMED AND ATTEND SOME OF OUR RALLIES AT THE COURTHOUSE COMING SOON CALLED "WE WANT AMERICA BACK FROM THOSE WHO HAVE NO SELF CONTROL."

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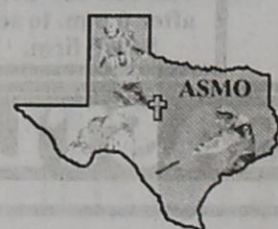
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Morton Valley Past & Present

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner



Douglas Crabtree

A letter from Chandler, Texas this past week told of a boy who attended first grade in Morton Valley the 1941-42 school year. Included was the picture. Doug noticed in the picture he had on a hat, tie and dress shoes. He never thought to ask the occasion of the clothing. The tricycle he is on was received one Christmas. His family had gone to Morris Lee Riggan and his family's home and Morris had received a tricycle. Doug cried all the way home because he wanted a tricycle. His parents had one waiting for him. He was very surprised.

His letter: "I remember the Sunday when the men were rining the school bell in Morton Valley. I remember it as if it were yesterday and my mother, Grace Lee Finley Crabtree telling my father William Preston Crabtree, 'Press, we better go see what is wrong.' We lived directly across the highway from the school. My grandfather Jessie George Finley lived just down the highway from us. We walked to the school and I remember seeing all the women crying. They said the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. At time I don't think I even knew what Pearl Harbor was.

My father, William Preston Crabtree drove the Morton Valley school bus. I remember one day he drove all of us kids to, I believe it was Ranger, and then we caught the train and rode it back to Eastland. What a fun day that was. I was really proud of my father that day.

I sat at the first grade table with Dorita Harbin, Yvonne Tankersley, and Margaret Langlitz. I still have the Valentine scrapbook that my mother made for me. There are valentines in the book that I received when I was in the first grade at Morton Valley. My classmate did not sign one, but my mother wrote, "From Margaret Langlitz" and drew an arrow toward that card.

Margaret Langlitz was one of my classmates when I graduated from Eastland High School in 1953. In early 2003 I received an envelope with no return address with a newspaper article about this computer Nerd. On the newspaper was written, "Doug, are you one of these?" After I saw it was postmarked Abilene I knew it had to be from Margaret.

I called Margaret and when she answered I said, "Margaret, you haven't changed a bit in the past sixty-one years." With that Margaret asked, "Why do you think that?" I answered "because I still

standing in front of the memorial where the old school used to be. I looked up at the hill where I grew up and I thought I saw two young boys heading out toward a crawdad tank, but I blinked my eyes and they were gone. I could still hear the old school bell ringing telling us kids it was time to stop playing and come in for school.

I remember getting lessons by kerosene lamps, but what I remember more was the time spent in the cellar when a dark threatening cloud came over Morton Valley. During my second year of school we moved to Eastland, but I will never forget my time at Morton Valley and the old Morton Valley School.

Douglas Crabtree

Friday night around midnight the area of Morton Valley received from 1/2 to 1 inch of much needed rain. Saturday night the storm clouds gathered earlier and the alerts began. The wind was fierce and the yards were filled with leaves, limbs, and trees. The rains fell some even described the sheets of rain that fell. When it was over there was more rain making a total of at least 2 1/2 inches for the two nights. What a great blessing.

The storm had not made a dent in the crowd of people from Morton Valley who gathered in the newly remodeled Eastland Park for a community wide picnic. Those in charge had done a great job in preparing for the wonderful time of visitation and of course, eating the results of the many great cooks of Morton Valley. Hope you were there.

The weather was cooler on Sunday morning as church time approached. It was a good day to worship the Lord

and thank Him for the rain and to remember the day set aside to honor fathers. Did you have the privilege of honoring your father or just remembering the many good memories of your deceased father?

The inspirational story was about a mouse that lived on a farm inside a wall with a crack in it. He could look out that crack and see the farmer and his wife. One day a package came and the mouse watched as the farmer took a mouse trap from the package. Well, the mouse went outside to warn all the animals about the trap. The chicken, the pig, and the cow said that this did not affect them and went on their way. The mouse returned to the house. The mouse trap was set. During the dark night, the trap was thrown, the wife went to take the mouse out of the trap but she did not realize the trap had caught a poisonous snake by the tail and it bit her. She went to the hospital and then back home but she didn't get better. Her husband killed the chicken and made her chicken soup. Friends came to help and the pig was killed to feed the helpers. The wife died and the cow was killed for those who came for her funeral. The chicken, pig and cow had not heeded the warning. Do you heed the warning you receive.

The music special was a tape from out of the past of Harmony. It was Buck Wheat singing a special he often sang, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells." Tank preached about the Dads who are bad examples of a parent. In 1 Samuel Eli was not a father who had disciplined his children in their youth and they were not living as

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they should. When they were grown he tried to teach them what they should have been doing. It was too late, they did not change. Dads are very important and sometimes their discipline may be painful. Every father needs to teach his children from infancy to adulthood the way God would have them live. This can be done easier if there if a good relationship among the child and the parent. This lesson is about more

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than parent-child relationship. Christians are responsible to teach and encourage one another in the ways of the Lord. Jesus taught us that the most important commandment is Love God and the second is to love your neighbor. Think on this today and tomorrow and begin to put it into practice with your family, your friends, and your fellow church members. Have a wonderful week and praise God for the rain!

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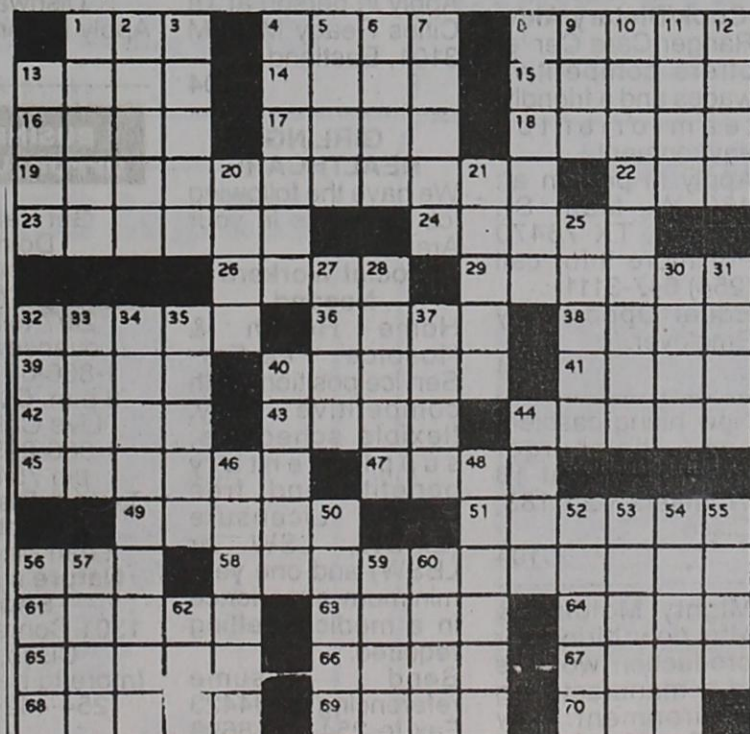
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NOAA Announces Lightning Safety Awareness Week, Emphasizes Risk Reduction

"Leon The Lightning Lion" Joins Effort To Educate Children

Reducing the risk of being struck by lightning is the focus of national Lightning Safety Awareness Week, June 18-24. Lightning is most common in the summer months, but can be a hazard throughout the year. And although most lightning victims are struck outdoors, lightning poses a threat to those indoors as well.

"All thunderstorms produce potentially deadly and destructive lightning.

Knowing lightning is in the forecast and being prepared to react to the first sound of thunder are the initial key safety steps," said Brig.

Gen. David L. Johnson, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), director of NOAA's National Weather Service.

If you are outdoors and see darkening skies or hear thunder, seek a sturdy, enclosed shelter immediately,

such as a building or hardtop automobile. "Don't wait for rain to start falling to seek shelter from the storm — by then it could be too late," says John Jensenius, lightning expert with NOAA's National Weather Service. "Lightning casualties frequently occur before the rain begins and soon after the rain ends. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder before returning outside."

If you are indoors during a thunderstorm, try not to use corded appliances and electronics, such as computers and phones, as well as plumbing. Electrical wiring and pipes can provide a path for lightning to enter an enclosed structure.

"Lightning is a cunning and powerful force of nature. It is important to realize there are no guaranteed safe shelters — rather only ways to reduce your chances of be-

coming a victim," adds Jensenius.

Last year in the United States, lightning was reported to have killed at least 43 people. On average, lightning is responsible for 66 fatalities annually. Additionally, hundreds of people are injured by lightning.

"Lightning survivors are often left with debilitating health effects, such as permanent nerve damage or brain injury," says Dr. Mary Ann Cooper, professor at the University of Illinois's department of emergency medicine.

To stress the importance of lightning safety for people of all ages, the Lightning Safety Alliance created a cartoon character, Leon the Lightning Lion, who promotes the slogan "When thunder roars, go indoors!"

created by a private group, Struckbylightning.org. Both organizations are among the NOAA partners providing public information about lightning safety. Leon is featured in a new children's coloring page that can be printed from NOAA's lightning safety Web site.

The National Weather Service is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with our federal partners and more than 60 countries and the European Commission to develop a global earth observation network that is as integrated as the planet it observes.

Poetry Corner

He Touched Me

The gentle touch of a father's hand

The gentle voice of a mother's love.

Help to prepare for our journey

In this cruel and sinful world.

As we journey down life's highways

The problems and trouble we face each day.

Just a word of encouragement from a friend

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Between Extremes

By J.B. Johnston, Carbon, Texas

Somewhere between the radical extremes in this country, lie the most of us ordinary folks, and yes, I am aware that no one likes to be called ordinary. We are not the Moral Majority, A.C.L.U., P.E.T.A., S.P.C.A., or Green Peace, nor do we belong to any other organized group out to change the world. Maybe several of the senior citizens do belong to AARP for their own benefit, but not all of us. Don't get me wrong, because not all of the groups are radical, but they are all out to serve their own agenda. I do believe that somewhere between the far right and the far left are a lot of people called the silent majority. Most of us are just ordinary people trying to get along in a world that has become more and more radical.

With this new controversy over illegal immigrants, I have been getting several emails that, quite frankly, do get me upset. But, here again, like one of my friends said to me, "What can you do about it?" And my answer was, "Nothing".

I remember my dad telling me what an uncle said about the K.K.K. many years ago. At that time were not only harassing the blacks but had taken on enforcing morality on white men that they thought needed their form of correction. The uncle told dad that when it got bad enough the people would take care of it. Sure enough it did and they did. That is not to say that a lot of people weren't hurt along the way, but hasn't that always been the case? Let us not forget that the majority in this country no longer rules. It appears

to me that the group with the most money and the ability to influence the media, rule. Some call it the golden rule: "The ones with the gold rule." But what else is new, hasn't it always been that way? Only now there seems to be more people with the gold. That doesn't include most of us ordinary people because we are busy trying to hold on to what little we have, or are trying to get a little ahead.

The part that bothers me is the problems that we are leaving for our children and grandchildren. How in the world are they to survive in such an environment? As we look around at the violence in other nations it seems to be getting nearer and nearer to creating total anarchy here in our country. What can we do about it? My answer is, "I don't know, but we better do something." As long as common sense prevails, we should weather the storm; but I am afraid that most of us have lost even our common sense. It sure doesn't look good for the home front, but what do I know? I'm just an ordinary person trying to live an ordinary life in a radical society.

Have a good'un if you can and don't get too upset over this article. It may not be nearly as bad as I think it is. But then again, it may be. (So says the Carbonite).

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Henry, 2nd from right, calls pull-hey, good shot!

Eastland Rifle & Pistol Club News

The Eastland Rifle & Pistol Club's Pistol/Rifle Range was open to the public Saturday, June 10th, as is policy, the 2nd Saturday of each month, 1 to 4 p.m. And we had our monthly meet the 13th, as usual the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Had a good meet. Decisions were made to cancel the planned 4th of July skeet shoot. And to lower the membership fee to \$15.00 now until the 1st of September. Then back to the \$40.00 for a complete year. And other club business was taken care of.

Thursday June 15th we had a great Trap/Skeet shoot, shown in the picture, as

Henry, my grandson from Overton calls "pull", while Mike, Russell, Emery and Gary wait their turn. We have regular Thursday evening trap/skeet shoots.

The Make-a-Break shoot held Father's Day was a good one. Now that is a Fast-Fun Game. And fun to watch. The shooters for the Make-a-Break were Mike, Gary, Craig, Wayne, Bob, Emery, Mel, Jeff, Crawfish, and these two, we still have hope for them, maybe they will get the hang of it some day, Russell and Brad. They both shot an 81--yeah, perfect scores! (So, what's new!) And without someone to

'pull' and keep score, there would be no shoots. We all

"The Da Vinci Code" Comes To Eastland

The controversial movie "The Da Vinci Code" will begin its showing at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Friday, June 23.

It can be seen nightly at 7:30 p.m. through Monday, June 26.

Admission will be the usual \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats (to adults only) going for \$5.50.

This movie is rated PG-13. But parents and others should be aware that it has disturbing images, violence, some nudity, thematic material, brief drug references, and sexual content.

Based on the best-selling 2003 novel by Dan Brown, the film is directed by Ron Howard and produced by Sony Pictures.

It stars Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou as the main characters.

This film has drawn protests from around the world, from Catholics, some Protestants, even Muslims. It is banned in some countries. But since America generally has religious freedom- separation of church and state- you can see the picture here and make up your own mind about it.

"The Da Vinci Code" is already rated as No. 13 of the

25 most controversial pictures of all time. The trouble, of course, is the plot. In the story, a professor (Hanks) unearths a 2,000 year old conspiracy to cover up a marriage between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. The couple supposedly have blood-line descendants living on the earth now.

The Catholic Church is particularly implicated in the plot to hide the secrets.

Viewers should remember that the film - although it draws on a religious theme- is generally fiction and should be considered as entertainment only.

As you can guess, it is drawing some big crowds right now and making money.

Much of the story was filmed in England and Scotland- some protests there, too. Beautiful background, though.

Thursday, June 22, 2006 as shooters say a "big thank you" always there, dependable pullers and score keepers. Janis, Earlene, and quite often Linda. Thanks again! Come join us, and you too can, as we do, Have Fun With Guns! Shoot Safe! Support Our Troops! God Bless America!

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Drinking and driving is not only dangerous to all involved, but foolish when it's so easily avoidable. Before you take the chance again, take a close look at the following stats.

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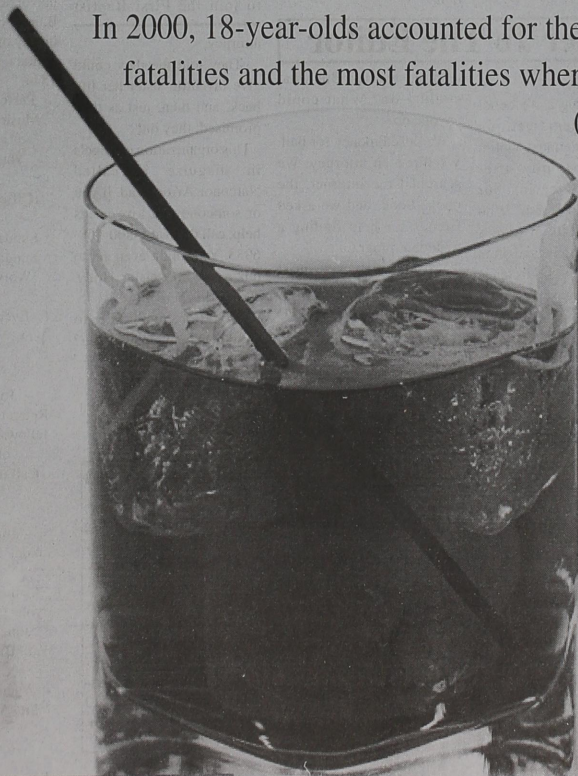
STATISTICS

In 2000, more 19-year-olds died in alcohol-related traffic crashes than any other age (1,368). The next most fatal ages were 18, 21, 20, 17 and 22, respectively. No other single ages but these six recorded more than 1,000 fatalities.

By a wide margin, 21-year-olds recorded the most alcohol-related fatalities (680) in 2000. The ages with the next highest numbers of fatalities in alcohol-related crashes were 19, 22, 20 and 23, respectively. By comparison, no other single age besides these five accounted for more than 500 alcohol-related fatalities.

In 2000, more 19-year-olds died in lower BAC (between .01 and .09) alcohol-related crashes than any other age. In fact, 19-, 21-, 18-, 20-, 22- and 17-year-olds made up the top six ages (in order) of people who died in these crashes.

In 2000, 18-year-olds accounted for the most alcohol-related fatalities and the most fatalities where no restraint system (seat belts or motorcycle helmets) was used.



Obituary

Mary Florence Loven

CLYDE-Mary Florence Loven, 87, of Aspermont and formerly of Denton Valley, died Tuesday, June 14, 2006.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the Kendrick Cemetery near Denton Valley with Brother Billy Sellers officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home.

Mary was born March 15, 1919, in Freeport, Texas to John and Mary C. (Carpenter) Loven. She attended school in Abilene, Texas in 1935 when

she became ill and was forced to drop out of school. She was a homemaker all of her life.

Survivors include three nephews, Jessee Wood and wife Olivia of Tuscon, Arizona, Glen Wood and wife Kathryn of Austin, T.X. and James Webb and wife Maria of Oak Hills, Virginia; one niece, Rosa Gail Griffin and husband John of Ayden, North Carolina and several Cousins.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 209 Danville Dr., S., Abilene, Texas 79606

Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist./Div: Abilene

Contract 0908-00-062 for RAISED AND THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on July 06, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 20414

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Scholarships Beckon as River Dillard of Cross Plains Places at 10th in Team Roping

Named to the **Rodeo Team Roping** as 10th place was River Dillard of Cross Plains and his healer partner Sloan Hendley of Abilene in the first go-round last Wednesday

in the Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals.

The individual who won the second national girls cutting champion from Texas was from Brenham, Courtney Sokel. Historically, the first was Lindy Merryman of Baird who won the championship in 2000 in Springfield. Sokel won the first Go-Round of the Cutting Competition held on last Thursday at the Taylor County Expo Center Horse Barn.

Rainey Bacon of Cisco was eleventh in the barrel Racing of the Second Go-

Round of the Third and Fourth performance on Wednesday, June 14.

The site for the 2006 national high school final rodeo is Springfield, ILL.

The site rotates every two years between: Gallup, N.M., Gillette, Wyo., and Springfield.

Texas won the national title for two consecutive years and a third win would give to Texas the permanent possession of the national championship trophy, not to be lost forever.

Saturday's contestants consist of those who achieved the top 10 places in each category and determine the top four in each event. The winners will then make up Texas' team for the 2006 national High School Rodeo Finals on July 23-29.

Jenkins Awarded the Associate of Arts From South Plains College

Brandy Jenkins of Baird, received the Associate of Arts degree at the 48th an-

nual Commencement of South Plains College on May 12, 2006 in Texan Dome.

Angelo State Dean's List Released For 2006 Spring Semester

The Dean's List for the 2006 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and

maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Baird area: Rebecca Faye Canada, interdisciplinary child development and learning.

Ryan Keller Receives Distinguished Student Award

College St.-Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the Spring 2006 Semester, recognizing students for academic performance. The dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. A second

designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who achieved a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at Least 15 semester hours.

A Callahan County Student who received the "Distinguished Student" award is Ryan Kade Keller, a junior from Baird, TX who is working on a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
There is a drug and alcohol abuse problem seething through this country. Victim by victim, family after family, it is tearing our civilization to shreds. Who hasn't heard talk of friends and families tragic and often losing battles with substance abuse, for themselves, their children or their children's children.

What is sadder, more horrific to consider is there seems to be no cure. No way out for the afflicted millions, except prison or death.

When my Mom called to tell me that my little sister, baby of the family, with two beautiful daughters, had been arrested with a large amount of methamphetamine, I was

terrified for her. But what could I do? What could anyone do?

We raised money for bail. We hired an attorney. We searched the internet, the phone book, and we asked friends for help finding a treatment program.

To our surprise most programs were enormously expensive and very short term. We knew she needed more.

Then we heard of a program with over 70% success rate. We were skeptics by now, but called anyway.

They told me that the program did not have any set time but that they would help my sister in treatment until she and they knew she could live a productive life without drugs. They told me how remnants of drugs and alcohol could lodge in fatty tissue and how they might be removed. They told me how their legal liaison would work with the courts and our

FOR SALE: Mostly highway driven, '90 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme - V-6—loaded. 64,000 miles. Call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to see. \$3995.00.

Disaster Assistance Available For Small Businesses In Callahan

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

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

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

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

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) about the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However in drought disaster nurseries are eligible for SBA Disaster Assistance.

Information and application forms may be obtained by calling toll-free (800-659-2955, or by visiting the SBA website or www.sba.gov/disaster. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800-877-8339.

Farm Service Emergency Loan Applications Being Accepted For Drought Relief

Callahan County was declared eligible for Farm Service

Agency, (F.S.A.) disaster emergency loans on April 20, 2006. Generally that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to drought on January 1, 2006 and continuing, are eligible for F.S.A. loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

F.S.A. Farm Loan Manager, Richard G. Young, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their application into FSA as soon as possible. Richard G. Young said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline,

which is December 20, 2006, for severe physical losses only. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process." Richard Young said.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

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

Be Active-With First Baptist Church of Baird

Each one of you are invited to join the First Baptist attorney.

They told me they could give my little sister her life back, and then, just as they promised, they did.

This organization of angels in disguise is called Narconon Arrowhead. If you or someone you love needs help, call them at 1-800-468-6933. You might even get to talk to my little sister, Holly, she works there now.

If you do, remind her to straighten her halo, will you?

Daniel E Gladden
6314 E. 98th Place
Tulsa, OK 74135
405-623-3455

Church of Abird at the corner of Race and 3rd Street, Baird. For more information on any of these events please contact the church at 854-1574.

Pastor Truman Johnson,
Music Minister Dennis Byram,
Youth Minister Ryan Ward.

Office House 8:30-4:30 M-F.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

June 23-24 Men's Retreat Fun-fishing food-fellowship. Miller Scott's on the Bayou.
Call the church office for more info.

June 25: 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eve singing and ice cream.

Come and sing and bring your favorite ice cream.

June 26: Sister's at the Well. Bring a covered dish.

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