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Callahan County Library News

New books purchased with Loan Star Library Grant money are: A Christmas Grace by Anne Perry, The Laughter of Dead Kings* by Elizabeth Peters, The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas, The Other Side of Silence by Bill Pronzini, No One You Know by Michelle Richmond, and Texas Rangers: Legendary Lawmen by Michael Spradlin. Some other books at the library are: Cover of Night* by Linda Howard, Richochet by Sandra Brown, Fool Me Once by Fern Michaels, Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve by Mary Pope Osborne and Song and Dance Man by Karen Ackerman.

*Large print
From the Past

Callahan County
Clarendon
April 10, 1880

Description of Callahan County and Belle Plain (continued)

Our railroad prospects are most flattering. The Texas and Pacific (better known abroad as the Southern Pacific) have laid their line entirely through the county and as we write, the surveying and locating engineers are surveying a line through Belle Plain and ere the next number of Clarendon is issued we will doubtless be able to announce

to the world that we have secured for Belle Plain, the advantages of one of the most important railroads on this continent.

If Bell Plain gets the road it will without the least doubt become the most important town between Fort Worth and El Paso.

The road is being pushed with all possible speed and is under contract to be completed this far westward by the first of next October.

We very much need a good flouring mill, cotton gin, and other manufacturing establishments; but our greatest need just now and one in which there is big money is houses to rent. Rents are fearful high and will be, whether the railroad comes through here or not.

April 8, 1880
Telegraph to Weatherford was completed on the 25th of March.

The first train of cars on the South Pacific Railroad ran into Tuscon, Arizona on the 18th of March. And then cometh the fire fiend and taketh away the Brown County courthouse. An incendiary did it Tuesday morning, March 30, about two o'clock.

Census Bureau Taking Applications At Clyde City Hall Monday

A second application and testing for the 2010 Census will be held on Monday, January 26th at the Clyde City Hall located at 222 Oak Street, according to a local Census representative. The application and testing process at the Clyde City Hall will begin at 9 a.m.

The Dallas Region of the Census Bureau is testing applicants in Callahan County.

Every 10 years, the United States Department of Commerce conducts a census of the population. The results help determine representation in local, state and federal government, as well as how federal funds are spent throughout the United States, on things like roads, parks, housing, schools, and public safety.

Census employees receive competitive pay on a weekly basis. Pay rates are from \$8.00 to \$19.25* per hour depending upon position and locations. In addition, Census employees will be reimbursed for authorized mileage and related expenses.

All Census employees must be able to speak English, but bilingual skills in English and other languages are needed

in communities that have large numbers of residents who speak a language other than English. If you have such skills, you are encouraged to apply. United States citizens are given preference and applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Those applying need to bring two forms of identification.

Besides good pay, you'll have flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work within your own community.

For more information visit the Census Bureau website at www.census.gov/rodal/www/empty.html or call toll free 1-866-861-2010.

Grand Ole Oplin January Lineup

The Grand Ole Oplin is happy to announce the band line-up for January, 2009. On January 23 Muddy Creek will be joining us again playing some more of your favorite country tunes, and closing out the month of January on the 30th Jack Rosser will be joining us with his own special style of country music.

The Grand Ole Oplin is sponsored by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. The dances begin at 7:30 p.m. each Friday evening and ends by 10:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break.

Alcohol and smoking is Not Allowed at any of the functions.

Admission to the dances are \$4.00 per person. Please go to www.grandoleoplin.com for more information.

County Commissioners Minutes

County Commissioners' Court Minutes

1100 W. 4th St.
Baird, Texas 79504
January 15, 2009

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF
CALLAHAN COUNTY

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on January 15, 2009 A.D., with the following officers present to wit:

Roger Corn, Judge Presiding
Harold Hicks,
Commissioner Precinct No. 1

Brian Farmer,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Tom Windham,
Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Cliff Kirkham,
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Suzee Odom, Deputy County Clerk, and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court and the following items of business were transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 P.M. by Judge

Corn. All Commissioners were present.

Commissioners heard information concerning Disaster Repairs presented by Mary Alice Smith of GrantWorks Incorporated and Jan Windham, County Disaster Coordinator.

Amendments to contracts with state and federal entities, O.R.C.A. and FEMA were discussed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Windham. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 P.M.

Also present:
Jan Windham
Mary Alice Smith, Grant Works
Tovia Grynewicz

Roger Corn,
County Judge

The foregoing minutes were read and approved this 15th day of January, 2009

Donna Bell, County Clerk

Stock Shows Are Beneficial

BAIRD - Participating in stock shows are very beneficial for children and teens. It isn't all about the show. It involved a lot of pre-planning, too.

Showing an animal teaches responsibility because you have to feed and water everyday regardless of smoldering heat, rain, sleet, snow, or plain freezing cold weather. Stock showing teaches how to manage money by handling feed costs, and equipment such as water and feed troughs, halters, pokers, and other needed items.

Patience is also gained because it is a long, drawn out process starting even before you get your animal. Being able to handle and train livestock requires patience because the animal doesn't always obey your command or request. Sometimes your animal will escape from their pen, or destroy an almost-perfect condition halter. Then at times the animal won't lead or the halter is yanked from your hand, causing you to race after the animal across

the lawn.

When dealing with unpredictable livestock, patience is gained through determination, because when January finally rolls around and the county show begins, all FFA and 4-H members who compete for grand champion. Some do it for the money, but most show because they love the competition.

In the end when it's all over and the hard work pays off, participants realize the experience that was gained and how it helped prepare them for the real world.

Written by: Alysa Isenhower,
BHS
Journalism Class

Clyde High School Project Graduation Donkey Basketball Game Feb. 9

February 9th is the date for the Clyde High School Project Graduation Donkey Basketball Game. Proceeds from the game benefit 2009 Clyde Project Graduation. The game will start at 7 p.m. at the Clyde High School gym. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door.

Concessions will be available and also there will be a bake sale.

So make plans to come see some of 'Clyde's Best' in a most entertaining game of basketball. There will be lots of fun and laughter.

DPS Report

1-11 to 1-17-09

CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings- 81
Complaints- 59
Reckless Conduct- 1
Possession of Controlled Substance- 1

ACCIDENTS

There were 4 accidents investigated during this time span.

January 2009 Is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our communities. The Baird Independent School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to thank board members for caring so much about the future of every child enrolled in our public schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. School board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of all our children," said Edgar B. Camacho, Baird Independent School District Superintendent.

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their work reflects a year-round commitment," Camacho said. "Every day trustees demonstrate strength and dedication as they focus on excellence for their district students. They unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public schools, and represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education," he said.

The men and women serving Baird Independent School District are Kenneth Brock, Allen Wilson, Richie Crow, Sandra Collins, Julie Patterson, Matt Rogers, and Tally Windham. Please join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks for our exceptional School Board who works so hard for the students, and our community.

Baird Jr. Livestock Trailer Winner

CROSS PLAINS - The Baird Junior Livestock Association holds a fundraiser every year to help raise money for the Baird FFA and 4-H members.

This year a trailer was

the grand prize for the lucky winner of the drawing, K.B. Massingill of Abilene, TX.

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High Speed Chase Ends In Eastland, One Arrested

A high speed chase that took officers from several counties on a joy ride last Thursday night, ended with no injuries or serious damages in Eastland.

The chase resulted from a robbery and car jacking in Abilene around 6:30 p.m. at an Auto Zone there. Local police gave chase but once the speeds reached a dangerous level, APD officers backed off with the suspect and vehicle last seen heading towards Anson.

According to Abilene Police the department attempted an On Star "ping" but this failed. It is unsure what a "ping" will do, but some say it can either locate the gps coordinates of the vehicle, or disable the vehicle.

Department of Public Safety officers later saw the vehicle on I-20 and began pursuing the vehicle at speeds up to and over 100 mph. At times the suspect crossed the median and was driving eastbound in the westbound lanes.

This pursuit went through Callahan County where officers from that county joined the pursuit and then into Eastland County where officers, according to scanner

information, planned to set up "spikes" at the I-20 and State Hwy. 206 intersection. The suspect then crossed over to the service road and headed back west. He then turned around again and headed east and at the last minute crossed over and exited at the intersection and headed into Cisco.

Officers continued pursuing the vehicle into neighborhoods around the Cisco High School and Royal Oaks Apartments, before the suspect headed east on Hwy. 6 towards Eastland.

After driving erratically, and several times going the wrong way on the highway, the suspect went through Eastland at a high rate of speed. He then turned west onto I-20 on the east side of town and traveled this direction before again crossing the median and headed back east. He then exited at the 343 exit where he apparently ran out of gas and surrendered to officers.

A phone call Friday morning to Chief Deputy Robert Rains of the Eastland County Sheriff's Dept. reports the suspect was transported back to Callahan County.

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American Life In Poetry

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

Here's a fine poem by Chris Forhan of Indiana, about surviving the loss of a parent, and which celebrates the lives that survive it, that go on. I especially like the parachute floating up and away, just as the lost father has gone up and away.

What My Father Left Behind

Jam jar of cigarette ends and ashes on his workbench, hammer he nailed our address to a stump with, balsa wood steamship, half-finished-- is that him, waving from the stern? Well, good luck to him.

Slur of sunlight filling the backyard, August's high wattage, white blossoming, it's a curve, it comes back. My mother in a patio chair, leaning forward, squinting, threading her needle again, her eye lifts to the roof, to my brother,

who stands and jerks his arm upward--he might be insulting the sky, but he's only letting go a bit of green, a molded plastic soldier tied to a parachute, thin as a bread bag, it rises, it arcs against the blue--good luck to it--my sister and I below, heads tilted back as we stand in the grass, good luck to all of us, still here, still in love with it.

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Words To Rhyme With

Lickspittle
Whittle
Brittle
Belittle
Transmittal

Writers And Poets!

The Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers announce that the Baird Star will be publishing submitted poetry and short stories. We will also be publishing a literary journal in the near future.

1. We ask for first-time publishing rights. All other rights will remain with the author.
2. There will be no payment, but you will get your works before the general public. We will be sending sample copies to other organizations, the literary world and libraries for their archives and your notoriety.
3. Short stories should be brief. Poetry should be no longer than 24 lines.
4. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.
5. Please address all submissions to:

Literary Editor
Eastland/Callahan County
Newspapers
P. O. Box 29
Eastland, TX 76448
email: thebairdspotlight@att.net

Making Your Story Most Interesting

You might find that you have written a story, in any of the genres, and that it does not seize you like you had envisioned it. Some how it doesn't "grab your shirt" like you thought. In the dramatic enterprise, it has been said that actors on the live stage have to overact, for their emotion to be transmitted over the distance to the audience. Part of this has to do with the physical distance. Part of it has to do with the translation of the script, through the medium of the actress or actor. If you read a stage or screenplay,

you may find it to be droll, uninspiring. But when the performer works it into life, it enthuses you. That is the translation that must occur. Your trick is to do it in your writing. Most often that is done with the characters, whether they be dog, human or rock. Short phrases act. Longer phrases or sentences often emote to the reader a less active state, a more contemplative one that is less emotional. Try using the emotional marks, like the exclamation mark! Make a rock "rock!"

- Patrick Ready

Outstretched Hands

Unsympathetic passive crowd
On whose dull ears I cry out loud
Be friend to me or neighbor please
Behold my pleas from bended knees
Yet no man hears and no man sees
My outstretched hands.

Lo are not ye my neighbors still
Though pass my way each day until
Thy heart grew dread the finding out
The truth which was so noised about
That bended knees and pleaful shout
Bring outstretched hands.

Each day I raise and angry voice
And curse aloud my neighbors choice
Which wrought in me a life alone
And damns each night to wish it gone
But then you came and love was shown
With outstretched hands.

O bosom friend how rich we be
Indulging in such quantity
Of flagrant days and day since when
My heart you took to mold and mend
Defying curse of current trend
With outstretched hands.

- Weldon L. Smith
Eastland, Texas

Contacts of interest for writers:

**NFSPS Poetry
Contests for 2008**
Madelyn Eastlund
310 South Adams Street
Beverly Hills, Florida 34465

**Poetry Society of Texas
Membership Committee**
Lee Carroll
3909 Gable Lane, #611
Fort Worth, Texas 76155
leecarroll.fwps@gmail.com



The pen is mightier than the sword.

Submissions sought
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Fiction or Non

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biography notes. All
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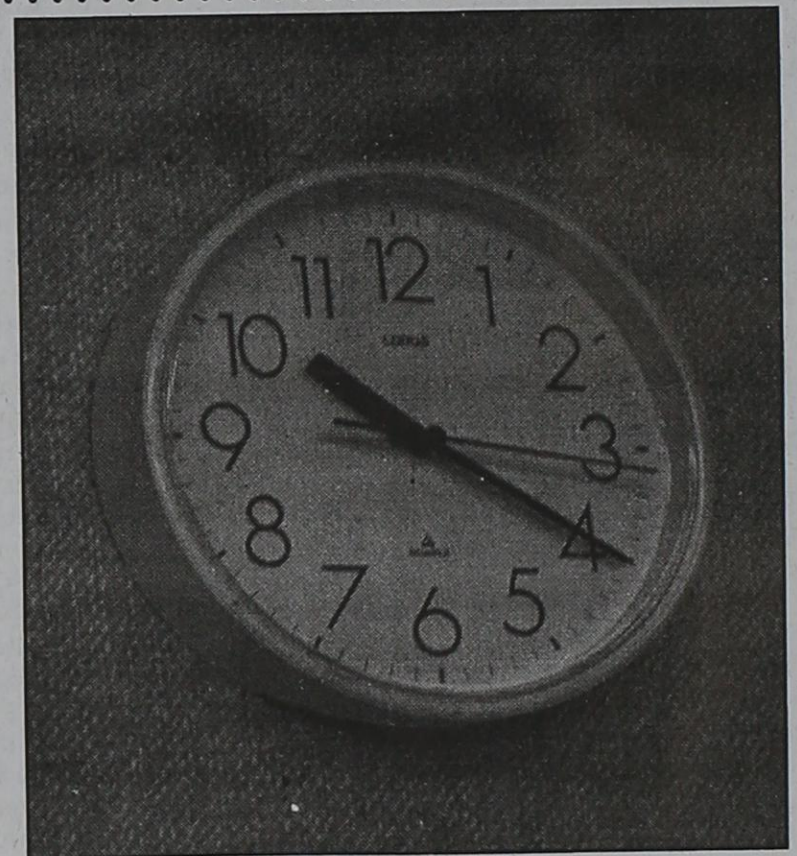
Words You Can Use:

Magstrand: A fourth year university or college student is denoted by this, but not usually in College Station, Texas.

Ocreate: If the cowboy was wearing leggings or boots, he was "ocreate."

Parastatic: Understood to be used by researchers around Leoncita, Texas to describe the mimicry of animals, for protection. It is not clear if it refers to actions or sounds.

Quaestuary: This is a person who is in business for a profit.



Time passes by...photo by Patrick Ready

Those That Came Before Us

Sometimes we know our family history, sometimes we do not. But it is curious to think about those that came before. Take a great great grandmother and grandfather, or the pairs that bore them. We did not get the chance to know them personally. What did they think and feel? What attributes came down from them? What feelings did they have, and how are they different? How are they the same. We got the knowledge of fire and the wheel from their ancestors. But did they feel about the sun the way we do? It was there then, it is here now, and does basically the same thing now as then. There are trees, living things, that are old, and that participated in the world in our ancestor's time. Our families may have even seen the same tree, that we have seen. That can be an important thing to note, and to write about. When you create a story, realize that your characters have a history, and an influence from history, that precedes the narration of the story itself. This can add a depth. Each character can become a person.

- Patrick Ready

Guest Slot

by H.V.O.

JUST A bit of "in-house" braggin' -- Our circulation depts. report that our totals are going up in every department: paid subscriptions, newsstands and web-site accounts. If you are not currently reading your HOME TOWN NEWSPAPER in print or on the internet, give us a call at 254-629-1707 and we'll fix that...Also look for a new program that will PAY YOU for sending us new subscriptions! We've already got a 2 for 1 deal with which you can subscribe AND give a subscription to a friend or kin in Eastland County. Ask about it! Subs are cheaper than

Sudoku Answer

6	4	7	1	8	3	5	2	9
8	5	1	4	2	9	6	7	3
3	9	2	5	6	7	1	4	8
4	1	9	3	7	6	8	5	2
7	2	8	9	1	5	3	6	4
5	3	6	2	4	8	7	9	1
2	7	3	6	9	1	4	8	5
9	6	5	8	3	4	2	1	7
1	8	4	7	5	2	9	3	6

stands. ***
IF YOU are an Oncor (the old TXU Co.) customer you probably got a notice with your last bill that "beginning this month" they will start tapping customers \$2.21 a month residential customers to help pay for a new sophisticated meter system that will "automatically" deliver the wattage usage to them for billing purposes. The PUC approved this boondoggle to "help cover the incremental cost." Seems to us, it boils down to getting rid of the meter readers, and we'll be paying for the system for their benefit; ALTHOUGH, they apparently sold it by adding this caveat: "The program will also enable TXU Energy to bring you even more innovative energy-management tools and solutions that will allow you to save money and help the environment." If you want to know about the Advance Meter System, call 800-518-2380. We might ask, "Can we opt out?" ***

HOPE YOU read Mrs.

Viola Payne's excellent book review of the Women in Law book which Mrs. Pierson Grimes, an attorney, promoted. We talked about listing all the female lawyers we can name from this county. Would you help us by sending in names and information. We'd like to compile a current list. ***

ARE YOU counting the days until the Big '10 HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS? Now is the time to begin collecting CORRECT addresses because we all know that they CHANGE in a ten-year period. We'd be glad to serve as depository for correct addresses of the friends and associates that you might have which need to be added to the up-dating mailing lists. We'll route the names to the proper Class Agents so that we can get all the Exes to come for this important year. Send name, address, school, year graduated, etc. to REUNION, Box 29, Eastland, TX 76448. ***

A REMINDER: Your Home Town paper is collecting worn-out U.S. Flags for proper disposal in cooperation with the Boy Scouts

who do this sort of thing correctly. If you have flags that have been taken down because they've been flown to death, drop 'em by the local newspaper. We've already collected a good number. ***

THE INAUGURATION certainly sparks a sentimental feeling in everybody's heart about our nation's capitol. It may not be sacred, but it's certainly special. Whether you've been there or not, you certainly have a fuzzy feeling about Washington, D.C. It's changed tremendously since we served there in the Army 50+ years ago. We've been back several times and we always think of it, not as a home town, but as a favorite town, even with all its warts. It's got to be the most beautiful national capitol in the world. Crowded, dangerous in spots, horrendous traffic and weather weary, but D.C. is still a town you can walk in without having to dodge dog poop on the sidewalks. Not so in many (most) capitols around the world. And so to close:

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND PRESIDENT OBAMA!

Super Notes

By David Perry
Gorman ISD Superintendent

Elvis is coming to Gorman! That's right, Elvis. The local Masonic Lodge is having a fund raiser in March that will be held in the Gorman ISD Auditorium. The tentative date is Saturday, March 28, 2009. More details will be available as the time draws near so save the date for an evening of fun! Of course, this is an impersonator and a very good one. All that attend are sure to have a great time. Gorman ISD is glad to be able to assist the Masons by letting them use the auditorium and hope for a packed house.

Basketball has its ups and downs! Literally, last Friday night we lost one, then won one, then lost one, then won one. Both girls teams lost and both boys' teams won. The emotional highs and lows during basketball season are incredible for fans and it takes a lot of control not to sound like an idiot from the stands, just ask one of the players if you know one or you are related to one. Ask them what they hear. Ask them what they feel. Ask them what they wish they heard you yelling.

Remember, they are just kids. I love to see them win, the look on their face, the smile in their eyes and it breaks my heart to see the look on their face when they lose after they've tried so hard, left it all on the floor. Remember that you have a job to do as a fan and that is to cheer them on when they are winning and to hug and console them when they don't win and encourage them. See you at the games!

Our kids represented us well at the Eastland County Stock Show. I do not have a list of all of the participants and their accomplishments but I expect that Mr. Boles will be submitting his own article as well as pictures. I wish I could have spent more time at the stock show, but for some of us that dust is a killer, literally. I applaud those parents and supporters that put in so many hours in support of our Ag Program. These students work as hard on their Ag projects as any other aspect of competition in which they are involved. Great job Mr. Boles!

I hope this virus has just about run its course. We have had so many people out sick. I understand it is pretty rough. I know it zapped Mr. Panter for a couple of days and we all know how he hates to miss school. Thankfully, it has

passed some of us by and we wish we could get into a bubble until it goes away. Everywhere I go, people ask me about our building project. It is indeed an exciting time in the history of Gorman ISD and it is an incredible experience being a part of it. I hope everyone who can will become a permanent part of history and contribute to the scoreboard and have their name displayed from now on in the foyer of the gym after it is completed as one that invested in making this project something special. I know my name will be there and I hope yours will be too.

We have a new red steel roof on the old Home Economics building that is almost complete. It really looks great and dresses up our curb appeal considerably. Drive by and take a look!

As of Tuesday, we have a new President and all of us witnessed or are a part of a historically significant event that is probably equal to any cultural or political event that has taken place in the United States in decades. Although I did not vote for President Obama, he is now my President and I will support him 100% and wish him success and hope he is able to fulfill many of the changes he envisioned during his campaign. I also know that many people in our area did not vote for President Obama. I hope you will support him too. We cannot accomplish anything positive if we do not move forward as a nation unified and supportive of our leadership. And although I know racial prejudice is alive and well, and that is unfortunate, the fact that the United States was able to elect anyone other than a white male to the presidency is a testament to how far we've come as a nation. I pray that one day the only thing that will be considered when selecting anyone for any leadership position anywhere in the United States will be their qualifications and ability and I bet we get there someday!

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. Thank you for all you do to support us!

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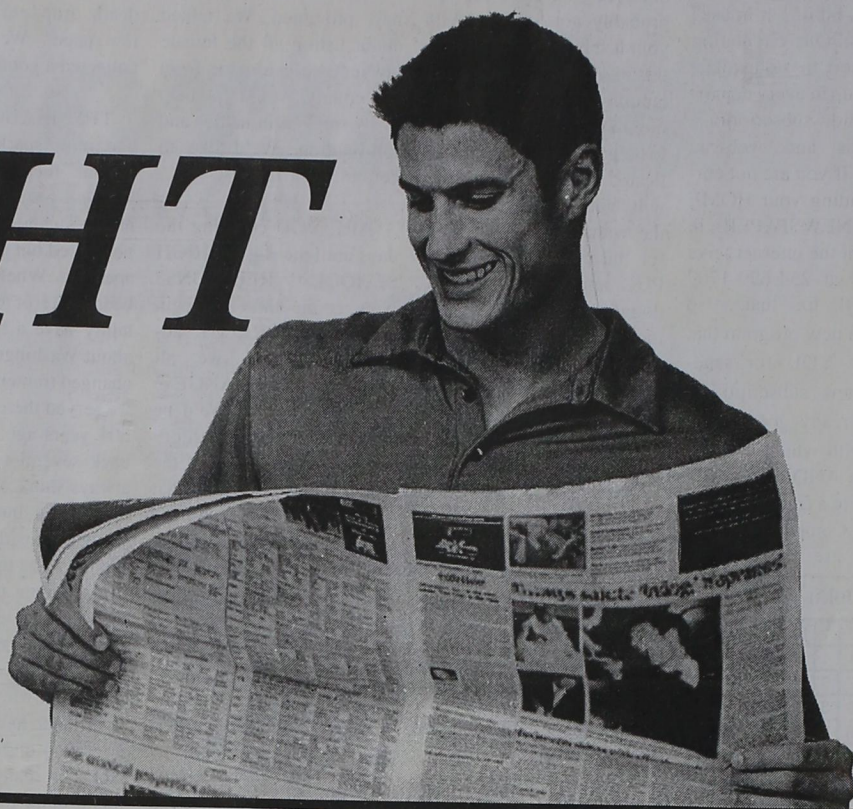
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Abilene: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, January 27 to March 3 First Christian Church

Eastland: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, January 29 to March 5 Eastland Memorial Hospital

The six-week sessions are for patients, caregivers, family and friends affected by cancer in anyway. In a supportive and interactive environment, this group will focus on the practical, emotional and physical aspects of living with cancer. Aimee Colley, LMSW, Director of Social Work at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Mrs. Colley has ten years experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling (325) 672-0040 or via e-mail [HYPERLINK](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org) "mailto:acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org" acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible by a grant from the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including:

HEALTHY IDEAS

Studies show that people who eat breakfast may be more likely to lose weight and keep it off long term. If you need caffeine to get your day going, grab a low- or no-calorie beverage such as coffee, tea or a Diet Coke.

Macadamia nuts are naturally cholesterol-free and provide protein, fiber, vitamin B6, thiamine, magnesium, copper, selenium, phosphorus and manganese.

Find snacks that are healthy and that kids love. One example is Pretzel Crisps, which have no trans fat and no cholesterol in each 110-calorie serving.

Aside from its "whole-grain, naturally low in fat and calories" status, one of the best things about popcorn is its ability to take on a wide range of flavors.

When substituting canola oil for other oils or solid fat, you will reduce the saturated fat content of baked goods.

Avocados provide nearly 20 vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients (beneficial plant compounds). Avocados do have fat, but theirs is monounsaturated and polyunsaturated and thus a good replacement for saturated fat.

Women's Health Update

Taking Control Of Heart Health

Study after study show ways by which women can protect themselves from heart disease, yet it remains the No. 1 killer of women in the United States, claiming more than 500,000 lives each year.

"Women who are overweight or sedentary need to lose weight and increase their activity level to reduce their risk for heart disease," said Elizabeth Battaglino

Cahill, RN, executive director of the National Women's Health Resource Center (NWHRC).

Cahill says other changes you can make to help lower your risk of developing heart disease include:

- Lower your blood pressure--Even slightly high blood pressure levels can double your risk for coronary heart disease, and the higher the pressure, the higher the risk. More than half of all women over 55 have high blood pressure. The condition is even more common and more severe in African-American women.

- Lower your blood cholesterol level--Today, more than half of the women over age 55 need to lower their blood cholesterol, and a quarter of all American women have blood cholesterol levels high enough to pose a serious risk for coronary heart disease.

- Stop smoking--Women who smoke are two to six times as likely to suffer a heart attack as nonsmoking women, and the risk increases with the number of

cigarettes smoked per day. Also, smokers who have a heart attack are more likely to die and die suddenly than are nonsmokers.

- Lose weight--Overweight women are much more likely to develop heart-related problems, even if they have no other risk factors. Excess body weight in women is linked with coronary heart disease, stroke, congestive heart failure and death from heart-related causes. The more overweight you are, the higher your risk for heart disease.

- Increase physical activity--As little as 30 minutes of moderate activity on most, and preferably all, days of the week helps protect the heart. Examples of moderate activity are brisk walking or bicycling, raking leaves or gardening. Vigorous exercise includes running, jogging, and swimming laps. To learn more about how to be heart healthy, visit NWHRC online at www.HealthyWomen.org.

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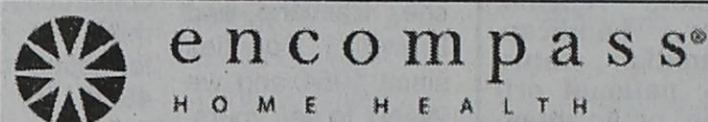
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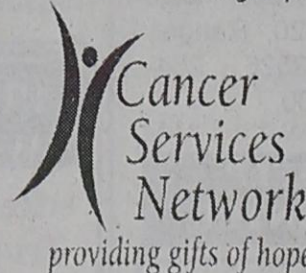
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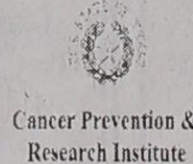
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By: David & Doreen Dotson

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Garduno Named Abilene District Engineer

Garduño returns to Abilene

ABILENE, Texas -- Lauren D. Garduño, P.E., has been named district engineer for the Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation. The announcement was made by Amadeo Saenz, P.E., TxDOT executive director, and was effective January 1, 2009. Garduño returns to the Abilene District after serving as Odessa district engineer since July 1, 1999.

Garduño, a 22-year TxDOT veteran, has also served over the past year as the Interim West Region Manager during the department's ongoing reorganization of district functions.

He joined TxDOT's Amarillo District as a summer hire engineering aide in his hometown of Borger while earning his bachelor's degree in civil engineering at Texas Tech University. After graduating

in 1987, Garduño worked full-time as an engineering assistant in the Abilene District. He also designed plans for farm-to-market roads in the Austin and Houston districts before moving to the Abilene Area Office in 1990.

After returning to Abilene as the district construction engineer, he was promoted to district maintenance engineer the same year. In 1997, Garduño became director of operations and in 1998 served as the district's interim district engineer.

While in Abilene, Garduño completed a master's degree in management at Abilene Christian University in 1991. Accepted in TxDOT's Master's Program in 1992, Garduño became a licensed professional engineer in 1993 and earned his master's degree in civil engineering



Lauren D. Garduno

from Texas A&M University in 1994.

The new Abilene District engineer is a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. Garduño received the Young Engineer of the Year Award from the Abilene Chapter of TSPE in 1995 and the Engineer of the Year Award from the Permian Basin Chapter of TSPE in 2000. In 2001, he was inducted into the Texas Tech Civil Engineering Academy.

Garduño and his wife, Ketta, have two daughters, Amber and Brooke.

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'Twilight' Held Over At Majestic

The new film "Twilight" is being held over for another weekend at the Majestic Theater in Eastland.

"Twilight" is an action-packed fantasy of an attraction between a girl and a vampire. It is set in modern times, and has become sort of a pop-culture phenomenon.

It can be seen again from Friday, Jan. 23 through Monday, Jan. 26. The Majestic will be open at 7:00 p.m. nightly, with the movie starting at 7:30.

Tickets are \$4.50 at the box office, with balcony admission \$6.00. (Adults only). The movie is rated PG-13.

The major thing that seems to draw people to this film is the acting of the leading characters - Kristen Stewart as innocent and lonely

Bella, and Robert Pattison as the handsome Edward Cullen.

If you think vampires are supposed to be hideous and scary looking, then you are in for a surprise here. This one resembles James Dean. In the story, Bella Swan (Stewart) has always been a little different. She has never cared about fitting in with the trendy high school girls in Phoenix, Arizona.

When her mother remarries she decides to go live with her father in the rainy little town of Forks, Washington. There she doesn't expect much of anything to change for her.

But then she meets a mysterious and dazzling young man named Edward Cullen (Pattison). Edward is nothing like any boy she has ever met - he's intelligent, witty,

handsome, and seems to see straight into her soul. She is swept into a strange attraction - and it gets stranger the longer it lasts!

The Washington and Oregon settings for the movie add to its mystic and foreboding air. And the audience is hard-pressed to figure out the ending of this symbolic story.

Crime Victim Center Fundraiser Donkey Basketball To Be Held March 7 In Eastland

The Crime Victim Assistance Center, a program of the Eastland County Crisis Center, Inc. today announced the 4th Annual Donkey Basketball Fundraiser.

This year's annual fundraiser event is going to be on March 7, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Eastland Middle School Gymnasium. As many of you already know, this event fills up the gymnasium with spectators waiting to see our "celebrity" donkey riders. Our theme this year is [from the donkey's mouth] "Bring it on...if you can stay on!" Advance tickets this year are \$6.00. Tickets at the gate are \$8.00.

Our sponsors make this event a huge success. For 3 years, this event has been profitable due to the generosity of our sponsors. We want to make this year the best yet, those who are interested in being a sponsor the cost is \$125. Sponsors are listed on the team shirts and are also put in our advertising in the local newspaper and radio station. Each sponsor receives 4 tickets to the main event. The tickets can be donated back at the sponsor's request and will be given away on KTXS radio and the sponsor will be identified on the air.

Funds raised by this event provide support and assistance for victims of

domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse in Eastland and Stephens Counties. Some of the services and assistance that we provide are not provided for by the state and federal grants we receive. All services to victims are provided at no cost to the victim.

About the Eastland County Crisis Center - The Eastland County Crisis Center, Inc. has been providing services to domestic violence and sexual assault victims since 1994 as the Crime Victim Assistance Center (CVAC). The CVAC's mission is to provide services that are designed to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims by providing immediate, short, and long-term assistance. The CVAC has two offices being maintained in Eastland and Stephens County. This year we added a new program, the Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center to help children who have been abused or witnessed abuse and is offered to children of Eastland County.

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The Idle American

Commentary by Don Newbury

Don't Forget Your Toothbrush...

Reader alert: Be advised that this is a "Mother Hubbard" treatise. These random thoughts offered periodically are comparable to preachers' "Mother Hubbard" sermons.

They, in turn, are like "Mother Hubbard" dresses-the ones that "cover everything but touch nothing."

Let the far-a-field ramblings begin....

Parents and grandparents agree that children's "terrible two's" now greatly exceed 12 months.

This is a "guesstimate" at best. Maybe it's just a pipedream moms have, that their "chillun" will somehow become magically obedient and more pleasant when they hit the three-year mark on life's yellow brick road.

To which I say, "Dream on." There are, however, flickers of hope in the late three's or early four's, when the youngsters "want to help."

Our grandson Jonah, nearing the four-and-a-half year milestone, is racking up good conduct stars, suddenly wanting to "help out."

He thought he'd spotted a way to help when he and his mom left the optometrist's office.

As they walked toward the car, he blurted, "Wait, Mom, you forgot to get your new toothbrush!"

In homes across the land, folks are putting away the last holiday turkey in as many "make-do" recipes as Bubba recited for shrimp in the Forrest Gump movie.

Most people are "turkeyed-out."

Likewise, most of us have had a full complement of TV clips showing charitable meals being served, often to hundreds of hungry, disadvantaged, homeless, elderly and/or lonely. Usually, of course, turkey was the main course....

For the past 25 years, they've hosted Thanksgiving luncheons in Brownwood. My friend Bill Fishback has been in charge for the past 16 years, and he says this "do unto others" project helps him and his cohorts embrace the holiday spirit.

More than 100 volunteers, including food service personnel at Howard Payne University where the meal is served, look forward to the event. They typically serve, or deliver, upwards of 2,000 meals annually.

Sometimes, Bill and his gang encounter unexpected situations....

Last year, delivery folks came upon an unlikely scenario.

As they approached one home, they saw a note on the front door. "If we're not at home, leave our meals in the pick-up truck in the driveway, and flip the lock."

No one answered the door, so that's what they did....

At a recent clean-up session, a pair of false teeth was found, wrapped in a napkin.

"They'll be claimed," Fishback said as he pocketed the chompers.

Sure enough, a few minutes later, a woman returned to see if they had been found, laughing that she'd need them for upcoming meals....

Thus a segue is provided for one of my favorite stories.

An older man penned a letter to Ann Landers.

He wrote: "Dear Ann: I have a jealous wife. Every evening after dinner, I go out for a walk. Afraid that I'm going out to meet other women, she hides my

dentures. What should I do?" He signed it, "Gumming in Alabama."

The columnist offered a grand suggestion.

"Dear Gumming," she wrote.

"Be thankful that you've got the kind of wife that you do, she's trying to keep you from biting off more than you can chew..."

Let the bugles blow for Tony Dungy, the first African-American head coach in the National Football League, and the first one to win a Super Bowl.

I was saddened to learn of his retirement. He's as "good as it gets." Now, he's leaving the Indianapolis Colts to spend time with several humanitarian projects beyond football.

Quiet Strength, his best-selling book, now has a million copies in print. It's a marvelous book filled with important life lessons. Even readers whose interest in football is nominal love it.

A powerful Christian, he credits many others who uplifted him along the way. One was his high school

coach, Dave Driscoll, who provided many admonitions, including: "Talent is God-given, be thankful; Praise is man-given, be humble. Conceit is self-given, be careful..."

I'm always amused by classified ads that request "serious calls only."

One in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune caught my eye the other day. Under the "FOR SALE" column, "steak cows" were offered.

"Steak cows?" Not sure I'd ever heard of such, I called friends at the paper. They explained that the ad was taken over the phone, and the corrected version made more sense--"steak house" rather than "steak cows"....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and writer in the Metroplex. He welcomes inquiries and comments. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

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Pig Tales From

Hog Town

In earlier articles, I had stated that we would have a general meeting of the DAC on January 22, however that meeting has been postponed until next month. I'll have the date and time later. But please keep in mind that we need to elect 2 new members at the meeting and we hope to have some volunteers.

Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be at the DAC on Thursday, January 29th to provide some wonderful music for our monthly dance. The music will start at 7:00. The concession stand will open at 6:00.

Our usual first Saturday 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be February 7th.

Coming in March we will have an AARP Defensive Driving class here at the DAC. Folks who take the class will get a break on the cost of their auto insurance. Watch Pig Tales for dates and time.

There have been several fires in the area recently that have been started by faulty electrical wiring on out-buildings or outdoor equipment of some kind. Please take a few minutes to make sure that the wiring you are using outdoors is meant to be used outdoors. As dry as it is, it only takes a tiny spark to cause a disaster.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

COUNTY CALENDAR

COUNTY

-Eastland County Water Supply Dist., 3rd Thurs., 6 PM
-Eastland County Commissioners Court meets in regular session on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Court Room of the County Courthouse.

-The Eastland County Historical Commission holds a meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at locations throughout the county. Meetings are usually not held in November or December. The meetings alternate between a full meeting one month and an executive committee meeting the next.

-VFW Post 4136 Eastland holds a meeting on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Post 4136 also holds a meeting on the same date, time, and place.

-PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Ranger Recreation Building ("Old Gym"), corner of Marston St. and Pine in downtown Ranger. The meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

-Artists of Eastland County meet 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.; Every Monday Paint along 1:00-4:00 at Eastland Senior Citizens Center; 1st, 2nd, 4th Thursday Night Painting 6:00-9:00 at Eastland Senior Citizens Center.

- denotes regular meetings and events

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CISCO

-Cisco Writer's Club meets 1st Tuesday of month, 7 PM, Community Room, American State Bank.

EASTLAND

-The Chamber's Annual Meeting and Golden Deeds Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church's Multi-Purpose Center. More information provided later.

-EMH Volunteers Monthly Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month, (Eastland Memorial Hospital), 5:30 PM

-Eastland City Meeting 3rd Monday, 6 PM

-Eastland Memorial Hospital Meeting, 3rd Thursday, 11 AM

-Eastland ISD Meeting 2nd Monday, 6:30 PM

-Eastland Economic Development Inc. meet 2nd Monday, noon

-Eastland Senior Citizens/AARP meet 3rd Tues., 6 PM

-Eastland Centre for the Arts meet 1st Tues., 5:30 PM

GORMAN

-Gorman Sr. Citizens meet every Wednesday, 11:30 in the Gorman Sr. Center

-Gorman 4-H meets second Monday of every month, 6 PM at First United Methodist Church fellowship hall

RANGER

-Texas Democratic Women of Eastland County Meeting: 1-20-09, 6:00 p.m. Ranger Community Center Bring a covered dish.

Contact 254-433-3938 for more information.

-Ranger Historical Preservation Society meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, 6:00 P.M., at the Ruth Terry Denney Library- Research Center, 1505 Loop 254 West, in Ranger. For more information call 254-647-3340.

-Ranger Governing Body meets in a regular meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 400 W. Main.

-Ranger Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday, 12 Noon, Community Center on Pine St.

-Ranger Lions Club meets each Thursday noon at the Ranger Community Center on Pine.

-The Quarter Store in Ranger offers used clothing, shoes, and many other items for \$.25 per piece. The store is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and on the 1st Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Proceeds benefit the Ranger Ministries United's "Meals on Wheels" program.

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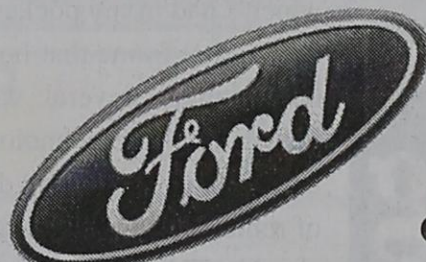
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Rising Star Senior Citizens News

By Betty Fisher

Good to be back after several weeks away from my computer! And you have no idea how close this came to not being the case. Jim and I have been looking forward to this day for several weeks, and had been thinking about which culinary delight we

would decide to share. As we read the morning paper we see where an old friend has passed to a better place, and the graveside services are in De Leon at 1:00 PM. Well, we figure if we get in the front of the line at Senior Citizens, which I never do, and eat fast, which I never do, we can make it if we are lucky! So we do, and we did, and we were lucky to get to see and hug all our old neighbors. The youngest one said to me, "Mrs. Fisher, you were the best teacher I ever had!" Now wasn't that worth all our effort? Thank you Eula and Ginger for getting together all our pots and pans we left in our rush. And thank you to all my readers who have called or emailed about why you haven't heard from me in so long.

I was asked to report there will be only one meeting of the Saturday Club in February, and it will be on the 18th. I was also asked to mention that I will be the speaker of the day. Everyone is invited to hear my informal speech about the beginning of our local Women's Club, how it came to pass, why it is called "The Saturday Club", etc. I believe the afternoon starts at 2:00 PM. This week the members met on their regular day, and had a clean-up day!

Maria Jones and Eula Grisham, being elderly (those weren't my words), made Book Labels. Way to go!

We had 36 today at lunch, including some new faces. Shone [pronounced Sean] Abbas not only came with Pat Newton, he brought a huge pot of homemade Chili. Come back to see us,

Shone. Vicki Tharp Hunt came with her Aunt Ramona Dudas. She is the daughter of Farrell Tharp. She calls Wichita Falls home, and will be receiving her RN Degree from American College of Nursing in May. Congratulations. Evelyn Poindexter was with brother Robert Swinney and his wife Carolyn. Hadn't seen her in a while.

Ike Hickman told me Ray Hutchinson was now in The RSNC.

There was a point at which they didn't think Ray would even make it! I was at the center on Sunday for our usual 2nd Sunday Church Devotional and singing. I saw Mrs. Bond, the mother of one of my neighbors, who is recovering from a leg injury. Kristie Bond, her daughter in law and my neighbor, works there at the center, and is one of my very favorite people.

The center, represented by Johnnie Elliott, Lori Osborne, Rachel Riley, Dona McIntire, and Pat Jones brought the Monthly Birthday Gift and a huge bucket of KFC. There is a long line of January birthday names on our calendar, but only Thelma Gilliland was present, so she won the gift.

Evidently that wasn't the only gift Thelma got this Month. the Johnson's, 3 year old Zane, daughter Judy, and husband Todd were here recently. Todd not only painted a room or two, he fixed the dripping faucets in the kitchen, and bought and installed a new cook stove for our lucky recipient. Thelma had new pictures of little Zane to show, and he is a cutie. I took the occasion to pull out my Christmas gift, which I had in my pocket] a tiny digital frame that holds 60 pictures. Several were fascinated by the technology, and it got us into a long deal of remembering back when, etc. No TV, no telephones, not many indoor toilets, Model Ts and Model As, and on and on. I learned to drive on a model A.

"You come to love not by finding the perfect person, but by seeing an imperfect person perfectly." Charlotte Cavazos

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Texas Top 10 Listed By D.P.S.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has released the new Top 10 Most Wanted list.

The fugitives on the list are wanted for a wide range of crimes, including homicide, burglary and aggravated assault.

Texas Crime Stoppers will give a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these fugitives. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of any of these fugitives should call 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). The Crime Stoppers hotline is open 24 hours a day. You do not have to give your name when calling.

DPS urges caution around these fugitives.

"Any fugitive should be considered armed and dangerous," said Col. Stan Clark, interim director of the DPS. "You should never attempt to apprehend these fugitives yourself."

For more information on specific fugitives or the crimes they are accused of, please contact the local police department in the area where the fugitive was last seen.

Here is a list of the Top 10 Fugitives:

•Robert Barrera, DOB 9-26-82, last known address: Austin. Wanted for obstructing police, escape and burglary of a habitation.

•Richard Donny Carrillo, DOB 9-13-75, last known address: Odessa. Wanted for kidnapping and delivery of cocaine.

•Raul Flores Jr., DOB 2-7-73, last known address: Houston. Wanted for murder and delivery of marijuana. Authorities warn that Flores has violent tendencies.

•Patrick Ashton Leos, DOB 12-7-86, last known address: Amarillo. Wanted for obstruction of police, assault/family violence and dangerous drugs. Authorities warn that Leos has violent tendencies.

•Rhigo Montoya, DOB 5-29-72, last known

address: Waco. Wanted for armed carjacking and assault/family violence.

•Rene Morales Munoz, DOB 12-19-67, last known address: Laredo. Wanted for homicide, probation violations and possession of cocaine.

•Mauricio Geovany Rosales, DOB 5-26-85, last known address: El Paso. Wanted for two counts of murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault.

•Harold Monroe Sharp, DOB 3-9-66, last known address: Joshua. Wanted for assault, evading arrest and possession of a firearm by a felon.

•Esequiel Rio Villareal, DOB 12-2-66, last

known address: Houston. Wanted for two counts of homicide.

•Francisco Villeda-Andrade, DOB 7-10-85, last known address: Houston. Wanted for homicide.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives to be featured on the Texas Top 10 Most Wanted list. Featured fugitives generally have been accused of committing violent crimes or crimes against children. Investigators are interested in apprehending these fugitives as soon as possible, before they are able to commit additional crimes.

You can find the current list--with photos--on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/>. The list is updated as needed.



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Obituaries

Richard Wayne Ramsey, Sr.

EASTLAND - Richard Wayne Ramsey, Sr., 50, of Olden, died Saturday, January 10, 2009 in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 PM Thursday, January 15, 2009 in the Edwards Funeral Chapel in Eastland. Visitation Burial followed in the Eastland City Cemetery.

Mr. Ramsey was born on May 20, 1958 in Cisco to E.W. "Dub" and Elizabeth Ann [Gates] Ramsey. He attended Rising Star and Cross Plains High Schools and Cisco Jr. College majoring in Automotive Technology. He married Edith Isbell in 1973. He served in the US Army from 1975 till 1985, when he returned to Cisco, where he owned and operated The Burger and Pizza Factory for a while. He began a trucking

career and was working for Sunrise Trucking at the time of his death.

He enjoyed fishing, cooking and movies. He was associated with the Phoenix chapter Motorcycle Club raising money for charity. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Ann Ramsey on May 9, 2000.

He is survived by his wife Edith of Olden; father & step-mother, Dub & Linda Ramsey of Eastland; sons, John Ramsey of Eastland, Richard Ramsey, Jr. of Fort Worth and Trinity Wayne Ramsey of Breckenridge; a half-brother, Douglas Wade Ramsey of Eastland; 2 sisters, Pat Perrin of Eastland and Melissa Wilson of Bandera; and 8 grandchildren.

Ronald R Lee Robbins

CLYDE- Ronald R Lee Robbins, 64, of Clyde, Texas, died Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at Hendrick Hospice in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Baird. Bro. Jimmy Hatcher officiated. Interment followed in the Clyde Cemetery in Clyde, Texas. Services directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Ron was born to Virgil Lee and Doris Ballard Robbins on March 11, 1944 in Baird, Texas. He attended Baird schools and graduated in 1962. He married Linda Sue Tribble on February 22, 1968 in Pecos, Texas. He worked as a diesel mechanic for many years for Treanor Equipment in Abilene and Pecos, and for Mustang Equipment in Houston. They returned to Clyde in 1978 and Ron began

his own business in 1981 as Robbins Diesel. He retired in December of 2007.

Ron's hobby and favorite pastime was to own and work on antique cars. He loved to drive his '34 Plymouth coupe and made many trips in it. He also spent ten years tractor pulling with his truck, "Touch & Go".

Ron was a Baptist. He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Thomas C. Robbins

Survivors are his wife, Linda of Clyde; his son, Darrell Robbins of Clyde; and numerous cousins, aunts, and friends.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, TX. 79601, or the Cancer Service Network of Abilene, P.O. Box 2026, Abilene, TX 79604.

Steve Hance McWhorter

Baird- Steve Hance McWhorter, 61, died Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at his home.

Graveside services were held on Monday, January 19, 2009 in Ross Cemetery, Baird, Texas with Rev. Sandra Keith officiating. Services under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Steve was born October 20, 1947, in Abilene, Texas to Willie Oscar and Oma

Lou Jester McWhorter. He attended Coleman schools and had lived in Callahan County all his life. He enjoyed fishing and playing games with his family. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include 2 brothers, W.O. McWhorter, Jr. of Granbury and Lewis McWhorter of Baird; 2 nephews, 5 nieces, and 9 great-nephews.

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Richard Stephen 'Steve' Leverich, Sr.

MERKEL- Richard Stephen 'Steve' Leverich, Sr. died Monday, January 12, 2009.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 16, 2009 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel with Rev. Jimmy Griffith officiating, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Steve was born May 12, 1954 in Merkel to Stacey Ann (Martin) and Donald Richard Leverich, Jr. He married Teresa Kay Hankey on March 24, 1971 in McKinney, Texas. He was a member of Merkel First Baptist Church. He attended schools in Merkel, Lubbock and McKinney. He was a commissioned security officer and armored truck CDL driver for OSI then later Brinks.

He loved his grandchildren and watching their activities. He also loved working in the yard.

He was preceded in death by his parent; a sister, Ramona Angelia Leverich; a brother, James Byron Leverich; and his paternal grandmother, Jo Ella Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Leverich of Merkel; his daughter, Angelia Ames and husband, James of Cross Plains; his son, Steve Leverich, Jr. of Irving; grandchildren, Terrah, Patrick, Tristen, Jayten and Lindsey; and maternal grandparents, Jake and Stacey Martin of Merkel.

Benton G. McFarland

HAWLEY - Benton G. McFarland died Saturday, January 17, 2009 at a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 19, 2009 at Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Benton was born November 22, 1939 in Brady, Texas to Hampton and Gladys McFarland. He was a 1959 graduate of Brownwood High School. He was a plumber by trade having worked for Batjer Plumbing until his retirement in 2000. His constant companies were his four dogs- Trixie, Dixie, Redman and Bit.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and 3 brothers, Weldon, Edward and Joe.

Survivors are a sister-in-law, Rosa Lee McFarland; 2 nieces, Sherry Waldon and Renee Miller and husband, Lonnie; 5 great-nieces, Teia Dennis and husband, Matthew, Angela Miller, Echo Trowbridge and husband, Josh, Lonna Miller and Kelly Waldon; 3 great-nephews, Justin Waldon and

Verna Faye Horrell

ABILENE- Verna Faye Horrell, 87, died Thursday, January 15, 2009 in Abilene.

A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2009 in the Mausoleum Garden at Elmswood Memorial Park. She was laid to rest next to her beloved Bud.

Faye was born on September 19, 1921 in Clyde, Texas. She married Merritt "Bud" Horrell, Sr. on 1941 and they were married 67 years before Bud preceded her in death on December 16, 2004.

Faye was proud to have served as both the President and Secretary of VFW Post 10212. She lived in Georgia for several years after her husband's death and returned to Abilene in 2007 where she had been a resident of The Oaks at Radford Hills.

Survivors are five children, Billy and wife, Beth, Jimmy and wife, Joyce all of Abilene, Cissy and husband, John Lee of Kerrville, and Bud, Jr. and wife, JoAnne of Kathleen, Georgia; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care P.O. Box 1922 Abilene, TX 79604.



Baird ISD School Menu

Thursday, January 22

Breakfast: Toast and Cereal, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Peas, Fruit Cup, Teddy Grahams

Friday, January 23

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Hamburgers, Curly Fries, Carrot Sticks, Burger Salad, Cookies

Monday, January 26

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice,

Choice of Milk

Lunch: BBQ On a Bun, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Fruit Salad

Tuesday, January 27

Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, California Style Veggies, Orange Smile

Wednesday, January 28

Breakfast: Sausage Rolls, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Taco Sald, Pinto Beans, Mexicali Corn, Cornbread, Peaches

Ella Mae James

CLYDE- Ella Mae James, 88, of Bryan, Texas and formerly of Clyde, died Saturday, January 17, 2009.

Graveside services were

held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 19, 2009 at Clyde Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Leslie Slaughter, Sr.

PUTNAM- Leslie Slaughter, Sr., 70, of Putnam and formerly of Clyde, died Monday, January 19, 2009.

Graveside services were

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Obituary

Susan Ann Black

CLYDE- Susan Ann Black, 60, of Clyde died Saturday, January 17, 2009 at a local hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Clyde with Rev. Lou Ellerbrook and Rev. James Holman officiating. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at Portales, New Mexico under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, January 23, 2009 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Susan was born January 28, 1948 in Abilene, Texas to A.G. and Lucille (Parnell) Dement. She was a graduate of Levelland High School and Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M. She married Douglas Black

on August 28, 1971 in Portales. They moved to Clyde from Albuquerque in 2006. She served 33 years as Director of Music Ministries, first at Grace Methodist Church in Almagordo, N.M., at Asbury Methodist Church and finally at St. Paul Methodist Church, both in Albuquerque. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Clyde.

Survivors are her husband, Doug Black of Clyde; 3 daughters, Jenny Brown and husband, Greg of Magnolia, Debbie Thompson and husband, Chris of Albuquerque, Amanda Horvath and husband, Patrick of Fresno, CA.; her mother, Lucille Dement of Clyde; brother, Ted Dement and wife, Jane of Clyde; sister, Cynthia White and husband, Jay of Munday.

Community Action Program, Inc.

The Community Action Program, Inc. of Taylor County has a contract with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide Weatherization assistance to low-income households. The Weatherization program covers Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton. All Bids will be accepted to procure caulking, weather stripping and/or replacement of windows and doors, replacing broken glass, installation of wall and attic insulation, etc. If awarded, for the first year will be for a period of 13 months with an option to renew for an additional four years contingent upon availability of funds.

The Community Action Program, Inc. of Taylor County has a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide Heating and Cooling Assistance to low-income households in Shackelford, Stephens, and Taylor counties. Bids will be accepted to procure labor

and materials related to the installation of water heaters, space heaters, wall furnaces, a/c window units, and HVAC systems. A contract pursuant to this solicitation, if awarded for the first year will be for a period of 13 months with an option to renew for an additional four years contingent upon availability of funds.

Proposal packets for the above services and materials will be available for pickup beginning Friday Jan. 16th 2009. Interested parties should contact Jay Slaughter Weatherization Coordinator at 774 China Street Abilene, Texas 79602. 325-673-5785 ext.108, or jayslaughter@nts-online.net or Camile Jackson Heating and Cooling Coordinator at 325-673-5785 ext. 106 or camilejackson@nts-online.net.

A Pre-Proposal conference was held Wednesday January 21st at 10:00 AM at the Community Action Program office.

Deadlines to submit proposals are Monday February 2nd, 2009.

Basketball Scores

Boys	Girls
8, Allen 7, Jennings 5	
Clyde 59, Hawley 24	
Clyde 21 12 16 10- 59	
Hawley 5 5 6 8- 24	Baird 46, Bronte 30
Clyde- Martinez 16,	Bronte 14 7 1 8- 30
Hilcher 16, Holland 6, Lobo	Baird 10 9 7 20- 46
6, Davidson 6	Baird- McDowell 19,
JV- Clyde 35, Hawley 18	Neal 8, Banks 8
Bronte 47, Baird 38	JV - Baird 37, Bronte 16
Bronte 12 11 12 12- 47	
Baird 9 9 11 9- 38	
Baird- Whitworth 13, Hunter	

Callahan County (Baird) Star Deadline Tuesday by 5 p.m.

Baird Bear and Lady Bear Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
1/23	*Winters	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
1/27	*Albany	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
1/30	*Cross Plains	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
2/3	*Eula	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
2/6	Open	Date		
2/10	*Roscoe	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
2/13	*Bronte	There	6:00	JVB/VB
2/17	*Winters	Here	6:00	JVB/VB

Baird Honor Rolls

Baird Elementary Honor Roll

The Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 3rd Six Weeks grading period of 2008-2009.

AB Honor Roll 3rd Grade

Emily Butt, Victoria Camacho, Grant Carter, Jesus DeLeon

4th Grade

Shelby Buchanan, Jaden Cerda, Meagan Cooper, Kylie Fortune, Tori Strickland, Megan Welch

5th Grade

Austin Almanzar, Meagan Buchanan, Kalyn Burkhalter, Cheyenne Hayes, Dillon Isenhower, Adam Mendez, Allison Robbins

Baird Jr. High Honor Roll

The Baird Junior High is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 3rd Six Weeks grading period of 2008-2009.

A Honor Roll 6th Grade

Coby McGonagill, Kara McIntire

7th Grade

Kory Bjerke

8th Grade

Candis Gilley, Kallie Pruett

AB Honor Roll 6th Grade

Dominique Bond, Clifford Burgess, A.J. Camacho, Keely Cathey, Preston Clark, Garrett Deel, Ashley Fernandez, Sam Green, RaVen Holden, Shane Lang, Talya Mendez, Brianna Patton, Desiree Sampson, Kaitlyn Robinson, Jaymie Yearwood.

7th Grade

Hayley Cook, Dakota Gibbs, Payton Creech, Alicen Sampson, Kaylee Voigts

8th Grade

Kody Bryant, Brenna Coffman, Amber Collins, Teresa Espitia, Rode Hargrove, Somer Lewis, James Loveland, Devin Muniz, Hannah Owens, Esperanza Portillo, Alex Villarreal, Rachel Villarreal

Baird High School

A Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

Alexis Almanzar, Cody Hunter, Sara Kunick, Alex Neal, Michelle Robbins

11th Grade

Mitzy McDowell, Cassidy Miller, Holley Owens, Brittney Russo, Rose Wamsley

12th Grade

Ariel Banks, Jordan Burns, Brooke English, Darryl Fox, Emaile Green, Ashlen Murff, Courtney Nail, Morgan White

AB Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

Davis Camacho, Melanie Cooper, Russell Hess, Katelynn Mitchell

10th Grade

Samantha Boyd, Ivy Byram, Lauren Hare, Mackenzie Keller, Adolfo Portillo

11th Grade

Casey Carter, Amber Clark, Fallon Donlan, Sarah Loveland, Taylor Marks, Heather McWhorter, Cristen Nichols, Shelby Strickland

12th Grade

AnColton Allen, Veronica Alverado, Jessica Bowen, Daniel Bowen, Angel Brooks, Isaac Dickey, Logan Donlan, Becca Harris, Garrett Jennings, Lacy Jones, Breanna Patterson, Chris Whitworth



(Left to Right) VFW Post 4136 Eastland Commander, Roscoe Reeves, shakes hands with Post Recruiter, Ruben Zarate, a veteran of Desert Storm and Iraq. Commander Reeves and Recruiter Zarate are accompanied by Larry Monroe, VFW National Aide-de-Camp. Photo by Patrick Ready

New Post 4136 Recruiter Reaches Out To Area Veterans

by Margaret Hetrick

Ruben Zarate, Veteran of Desert Storm and the Iraq War, has been appointed by VFW Post 4136 Eastland's Commander, Roscoe Reeves, as Post Recruiter.

In his new position as recruiter, Ruben Zarate says he wants to reach out to all veterans in this area. "Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan receive their 1st year of membership free," he emphasizes. A yearly membership for \$25 is available, as well as a lifetime membership. "Please bring your DD 214 (discharge papers)," Ruben Zarate adds. Ruben Zarate says he will be happy to assist with all paper work needed. "We will also be happy to take over transfers," he says. Anyone interested in joining VFW Post 4136 please call 254-647-1479 and ask for Ruben.

Ruben Zarate was raised in Ranger, Texas. He later moved to Kerrville, Texas and joined the Texas Army National Guard in 1987. He was medically retired in

2006. Since he returned to Ranger, he has participated in various veterans' events and programs.

One of the objects of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States is to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members. In addition to many other activities, a group of Post 4136 members will attend the annual TET Offensive remembrance event in Abilene this spring, Recruiter Zarate says. In 2008, a group attended the dedication of the Camp Holloway Memorial Wall at the National Vietnam War Museum site near Mineral Wells, Texas and the hoisting of the "Huey" at the same site. Members also take part in various activities at the Ranger Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, including events honoring Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

VFW Post 4136 not only holds an annual reach out seminar in April to aid veterans with claims and questions concerning disability and other veteran's issues, but offers continuing assistance throughout the year. This is also one of the objects of the VFW - "to assist worthy comrades.... and to assist their widows

and orphans." The 2.2 million VFW and Auxiliaries members of around 8,100 posts worldwide are known for their veterans' and community service.

Roscoe Reeves, VFW Post 4136 Commander since July 2008, reports that Post 4136 was recently able to give \$18,000, donated by businesses and the people of Eastland County, to charitable projects and organizations in this county. Clothing, commodities to the food pantry, money to schools, Toys for Tots, and other donations were given, including 7 bicycles to seven very happy children.

Further, the objects of the VFW are "fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; ...to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, ...to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and American freedom; and to preserve and defend The United States from all her enemies, whomsoever."

If you are a veteran of a foreign war and want to be a part of this great organization by joining Post 4136, don't hesitate to call Ruben Zarate at 254-647-1479.

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Clyde C.I.S.D. 2008-2009

School Calendar

January 5th: Professional development/Workday.
January 6th: Beginning of 4th Six Weeks.
January 19th: A.S.D. - Student Holiday.
February 20th: End of 4th Six Weeks (33 days)
February 23rd: Beginning of 5th Six Weeks
March 3rd-6th: TAKS Testing.
April 10th: Bad Weather Day/ Good Friday
April 17th: End of 5th Six Weeks (33 days)
April 20th: Beginning of 6th Six Weeks
April 26-30th: TAKS Testing
May 1st: TAKS Testing
May 19th: TAKS Re-Test
May 25th: Bad Weather Day/ Memorial Day
June 2nd: End of 6th Six Weeks (31 days)
2nd Semester (97 days)
June 2nd: Early Release Day - 12:30
June 3rd: Teacher Workday
June 5th: 2009 C.H.S. Graduation
July 1st TAKS Re-Test
July 4th: Independence Day
July 14th: TAKS Re-Test

2nd Semester - 97 days
Jan. 6th-Feb 20th: 33 days
Feb. 23rd-June 2nd: 31 days
April 20th-June 2nd: 31 days

177 instruction days
10 professional days
Alternative Staff Development Days (A.S.D.) (Formerly called comp days-updated term)
Monday, August 18th
Monday, January 19th
Friday, March 27th

School Holidays
Labor Day: September 1, 2008
Thanksgiving: November 26-28, 2008
Winter Break: December 22, 2008 through January 2, 2009
Spring Break: March 9-13, 2009

Early Release Days
December 3, 2008
December 19, 2008
March 25, 2009
June 2, 2009

Baird Jr. High Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
1/7	Eula	There	5:00	7GB/8GB
1/14	Cross Plains	Home	5:00	7GB/8GB
1/21	Winters	There	5:00	7GB/8GB
2/4	Albany	Home	5:00	7GB/8GB