

Clyde Girl killed in water well

By Billy Harris-Baird
Correspondent

Clyde- A two year old Clyde girl died after falling into a hand dug water well, in a relatives front yard, about one mile south of Clyde on County Road 254 Tuesday, February 18th.

Shyana Steele, 2, was playing with another girl in the fenced yard near the well when it caved in on the north side taking Shyana into the hole with the bricks and dirt. The other girl alerted elders in the house when she noticed Shyana missing. Callahan County dispatch was notified just before 5 p.m. and alerted rescue personnel.

Clyde, Eula and Baird Fire Department personnel worked to retrieve the girl from the water that was about 17 feet from the top of the well. Clyde Fire Chief Rick Gilmore said it appeared the recent heavy rains had loosened the dirt around the well contributing to the cave-in. Rescuers used ladders and medical backboards to give support around the opening to prevent another cave-in.

Two firemen donned rappelling harness's so as to be lowered down to the victim but entry into the

well was saved for the last resort because the walls appeared to be very unstable. West Texas Utilities furnished their bucket truck to aid in the rescue and firemen used a "Shotgun" or "Hot Stick" (a telescoping fiberglass pole used to handle electric wires) off the truck to hook onto the girls clothes and lift her to the surface.

It took a little more than an hour for rescuers to bring the little girl to the surface, she had been partially submerged under water most of that time. EMS personnel with Citizens EMS and First Flight hoped that the water in the well was cold enough to give them a chance of reviving the child. After preliminary treatment in the back of an ambulance Shyana was flown to Hendrick Hospital by helicopter where she was pronounced dead at 7:17 p.m. The girls Great Grandmother was transported to Hendricks by ambulance to be treated for shock and was then released.

The hand dug well was of common old time construction with a lining of brick on the walls and a cement top. The top was level with the ground and

had an approximate 12 inch by 18 inch rectangular opening that had been covered with a wooden box resembling a dog house. There was about a two foot square breach in the north wall of the well where the collapse occurred.

A First Flight Paramedic stated she was amazed by the cooperation of the many Callahan County Emergency Departments working together. She said, I recognized people from three fire departments working as one unit along with local EMS and law enforcement all focused on saving a child in trouble and helping the family cope with the accident. That (different departments working smoothly together) just doesn't happen everywhere.

Authorities brought in dirt equipment and filled in the well about dark Tuesday evening. Rick Gilmore highly suggested to anyone with an old well on their property to please fill them in.

Services for Shyana Steele were at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Clyde.

Development Corporation of Baird

Baird - During a monthly of the Development Corporation Board last Thursday new officers were elected. President is Rob Lewallen; Vice President is Felix Manion and Secretary/Treasurer is Kim Vestal. Other board members include Steve Bowen and Larry Newton.

Other business included a review of the recent strategic planning session that was sponsored by the board, discussion of setting a procedure for receiving project proposals and establishing a budget for the revenue from the economic development sales tax. The next meeting of the Development Corporation Board was set for March 19th at 6:30 in the city hall.



Sally Collins

Department of Human Services announces employee of the year for 1996

Baird - Sally Collins, a Client Self-Sufficiency caseworker in Baird, has been selected as one of three "1996 TDHS Employees of the Year". At a ceremony January 22nd in Austin, Ms. Collins was recognized by Interim Commissioner Terry Trimble as being one of the "best of the best throughout our agency". The honorees were chosen from among exemplary staff representing each DHS region and state office.

Each honoree received two days off with pay, an engraved pen & pencil set, and a framed certificate. A reception was held in their honor immediately following the DHS general staff meeting. Ms. Collins' parents and regional staff joined in the celebration for this outstanding individual.

Sally Collins has more than 13 years tenure with DHS. She has worked for the agency in various positions. She has worked as a support staff secretary in Income Assistance in Abilene. She later became an automation support technician. Sally was promoted to an eligibility worker in 1987 and promoted the following year to an eligibility worker II. In 1989, she

became an eligibility worker III in Brownwood and returned to Abilene in 1991. Sally left DHS in 1993 and was rehired in Baird in 1994. She was promoted to her current position as the unit's eligibility specialist in 1996.

Her supervisor, Martha Austin, has high praise for Sally: "Sally has all the attributes of a quality employee. She demonstrates concern for clients and staff in all actions. She is dependable and flexible...an innovator and an encourager. Whenever staff indicate a need, she is willing and able to provide support. Her strengths include her commitment to quality client services and her concern for the achievement of others. She works for the betterment of the team. She has exceptional accuracy and timeliness in all work, with 100% casework payment accuracy for the past year and 100% timeliness in processing for the same period. Since August, she has been covering for two vacant positions in a three-worker office. Through her leadership and organizational skills, the office has exceeded all program requirements."

Putnam to hold Public hearing

Putnam - The City of Putnam will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at Putnam Community Center in regard to the submission of an application (or applications) to the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs for Texas Community Development Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this application (or applications) and to make their known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Secretary Ida M. Waddell during regular office hours. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Secretary at least

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Baird First Baptist Church welcomes Youth Minister

Baird - Keith Harris has been called to serve as Music and Youth Minister at the First Baptist Church of Baird his duties began February 02, 1997.

Keith graduated from Aledo High School in Aledo, Texas and is currently enrolled at Hardin-Simmons.

He was licensed to the Gospel Ministry by Brookwood Baptist on July 28, 1996.

He has received numerous athletic awards and various music awards. His interest are music, theater and sports.

Please help us welcome this young man to the Baird community.

Local Musicians to play in Abilene

Abilene - The group "Union Hill" of Lewisville will perform at the Ponderosa Ballroom in Abilene on Saturday evening, March 8. The group includes two local musicians, Paul Strickland of Baird and Vince Chappon of Clyde.

Baird City Council

Baird - The Baird City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 18th at Baird City Hall. Mayor Jon Hardwick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with these officers present: Councilmen Rudy Rodriguez, Terry Hunter, Brenda Mitchel and City Secretary Nancy Turnbow.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved on a motion by Rodriguez and seconded by Hunter.

Nicki Harle spoke to the Council concerning the Baird Strategic Planning Meetings.

Ken Martin and Darin Jennings, of Jacobs and Martin Engineering, spoke to the council about Sewer and Water System improvements and

Grants. Rodriguez made a motion seconded by Hunter to make the Sewer System improvements, specifically replacing the creek crossing lines and the line from the sewer plant to the park area near Seventh and Cherry Streets. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the Antique Dealers requesting use of the Baird Activity Center.

Mayor Hardwick officially ordered the City elections to take place in May.

The Financial Statement was approved and Bills were paid on a motion by Rodriguez and seconded by Mitchel.

Hardwick adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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Committee to sponsor Milo Production

Baird - The Callahan County Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee is sponsoring a Milo Production meeting on Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse located on the 2nd floor of the courthouse.

Because of recent changes in the farm program the committee felt that many producers would be planting milo in place of wheat to control some persistent weeds namely wild oats.

Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist and Chris Sansome, Extension Entomologist, will be discussing production practices and insect control. Both of these speakers have extensive experience in milo production and everyone is invited to attend.

One hour of CEU's will be given to all licensed private applicators attending. For additional information contact the County Extension Office at 915-854-1518.

County Commissioners meeting of Feb. 24

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Baird-Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 24th at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with these officers present: Commissioners Harold Hicks Precinct 1, Bryan Farmer Precinct 2, Tommy Holland Precinct 3, Cahrlie Grider Precinct 4, and County Clerk Darlene Walker.

Commissioners reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Commissioners unanimously accepted a motion by Hicks and seconded by Grider to accept Maintenance on County Road 207 in Precinct 1.

Commissioners decided to pay \$150.00 a month for Janitorial Services in the Clyde Justice of the Peace Office. The duty's will be performed by the J.P.'s secretary Margie Blalock. The motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Grider.

The 1996 Callahan County Historical Com-

mission Report was received with no comments or questions.

Cross Plains EMS representative Mr. McCoy met with commissioners and requested assistance for the volunteer EMS service to help pay their part of the matching grant with which they purchased a new ambulance. The Commissioners voted to donate \$5,000 toward the purchase of the new ambulance. Motion made by Grider and seconded by Hicks.

County Septic System Inspector Don Burns met with the Commissioners concerning new State Regulations pertaining to septic systems. Farmer made a motion and was seconded by Holland to send Burns to a school to learn of these new regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

Precinct 4 Constable Kevin Weiss was approved for a performance bond. Motion was by Farmer and seconded by Holland.

Bills were then reviewed and paid on a motion by Holland and seconded by Grider.

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Much needed rain falls around area

by Billy Harris

Baird - It seems the drought is broken and just in time to stop the frequent grass fires that were becoming a common occurrence.

Close to 6 inches of rain in February around town has the winter grass and wheat growing and Baird Lake and area stock tanks full. Some ranchers have even been heard grumbling, but not very loud, about not being able to get into pastures. It has

also been said the rains saved this years wheat crop as it has been dry enough to damage the plants just before the moisture started falling.

County Firemen welcome the break from the range fires to repair and improve equipment for when dryer times appear again. Baird Firemen have been busy preparing the "new" truck received from the Texas Forest Service for grass fire serv-

ice.

Another wave of precipitation had started Monday and light rain and drizzle fell most all day adding to the 2.5 inches that fell last Wednesday and Thursday.

Two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Cottonwood Quilting Club

Cottonwood - The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their benefit for the Ben Richey Boys Ranch on February 21, 1997. At the Cottonwood Community center, Cottonwood Texas.

The ladies will be serving chillie beans and beef stew. The ladies will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. The musical will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Smokey Callaway as emcee. Everyone is invited to attend.

TSU Winter Graduates

Stephenville - Commencement exercises for the fall 1996 graduates at Tarleton State University were held Saturday, December 21 in the Health and Physical Education Complex on the University campus.

Commencement speaker for the winter exercises was Dr. Dominick P. DePaola, President of the Texas A&M University System Baylor College of Dentistry. Dr. DePaola holds a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Francis College, a D.D.S. from New York University and earned his Ph.D. in Nutritional Biochemistry and

metabolism at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The following were Winter Graduates: Baird - Jim Dyer, Windham Jr., BS-Ag Services 7 Develop. Clyde - James Scott Berry, MED - Educational Administration.

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Abilene - The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 North 6th Street in Abilene, Texas. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Joe Allen's Pit Barbecue for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall, and Taylor counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety

program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of One-Call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

Sponsors provide promotional materials that include notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of

communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber optics cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party.

This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

Sponsors for the program include: C&L Processors Partnership - Chevron Pipe Line Co - Fina/Trust Pipeline Co - Koch Pipeline Co LP - Lone Star Pipeline Co - Pride Pipeline Co - Southwestern Gas Pipeline Inc - Texaco Pipeline Inc - Transok Inc - Valero - Western Gas Resources.

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Spring events to treat cabin fever

Texas - Got cabin fever? Springtime is coming and the Texas Department of Transportation's Spring Texas Events Calendar lists more than 1,200 events for getting out and having a good time. There is something for everyone - music, food, wildflowers, and rodeos.

Music lovers can look forward to the Glen Rose Tres Rios Festival in April, while Denton hosts its Arts and Jazz Festival at its world-class music school at the University of North Texas. For reggae music lovers, there are Bob Marley festivals in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. And, don't forget the popular Folk Festival in Kerrville in late May.

Texans like to celebrate their cultural heritage with festivals, and the Irish whoop it up with St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Shamrock, Dallas, and San Antonio where the river is dyed green. German heritage is found in Muenster at Germanfest with plenty of sausage and "oompah" music. Fredericksburg celebrates a peace agreement between early European settlers and Indians in the area with its Easter Fires celebration.

The biggest celebration may be Fiesta San Antonio - ten days of carnivals, sports, great food, music and colorful parades.

Wildflowers attract many visitors to celebrations throughout the state during the spring. Austin and its National Wildflower Center host Wildflower Days, while acres and acres of flowers proclaim the end of winter at "Dallas Blooms" celebration at the Dallas Arboretum.

Bluebonnet celebrations in Brenham and along the Highland Lakes Trail in the Texas Hill Country show off the state flower with arts and crafts fairs and miles of scenic flower trails.

There are many more events listed in the spring Texas Events Calendar, which includes the months of March, April, and May. For your free copy, call 1-800-452-9292, or write to P O Box 5064, Austin, TX 78763-5064. For the Net Surfers, the Web site on the Internet for Texas travel information is <http://www.traveltext.com>, or <http://www.dot.state.tx.us>.

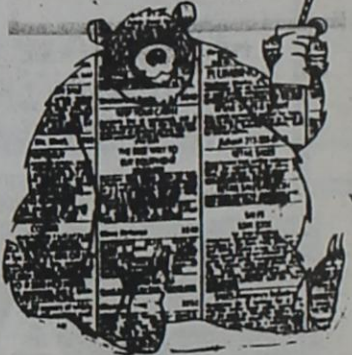
HPU Honor Roll for fall

Brownwood - Baird native Karen M. Watson received academic recognition for the fall semester at Howard Payne University.

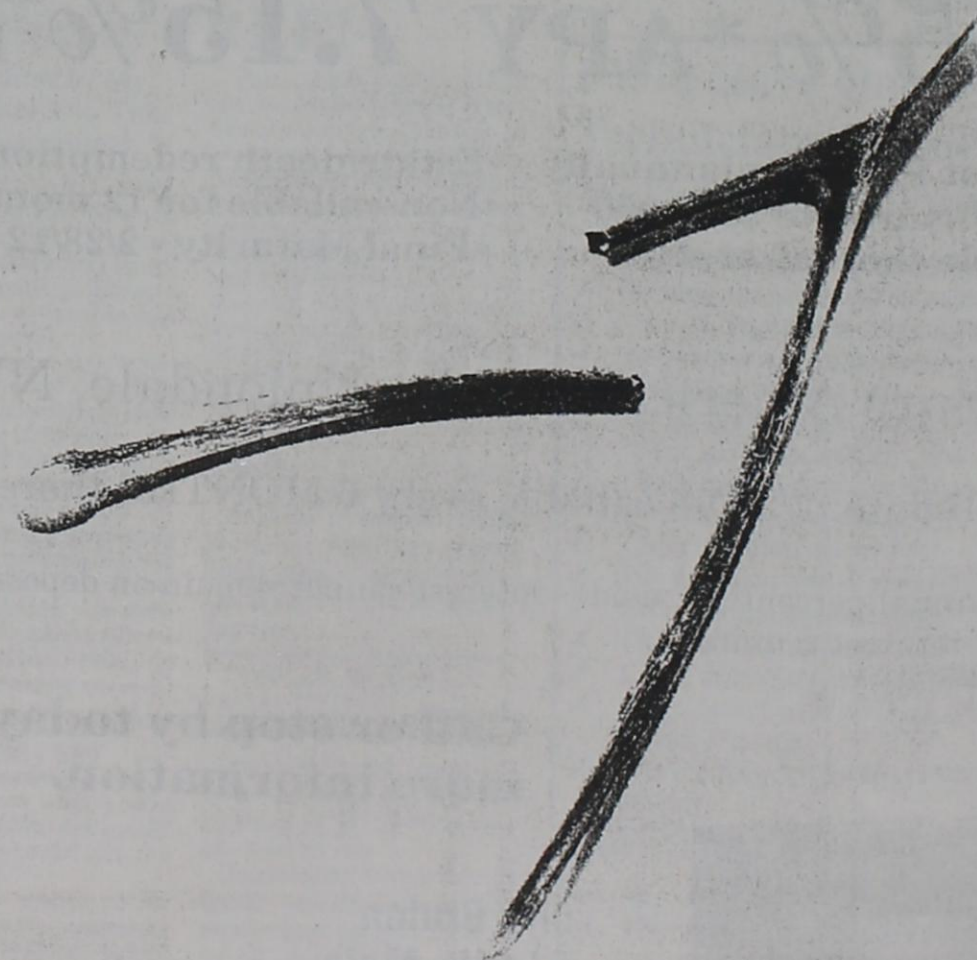
Watson, a freshman Social Work major, was named to the Honor Roll.

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Moran News
By Mrs. Luke Huskey

Thirty-three people were present Saturday night, when Moran Chapter, No. 591, Order of the Eastern Star entertained the members of the Masonic Lodge with a covered dishsupper at the Moran Community Center. Marvin Kays gave the blessing.

Lorea Kays, Worthy Matron of the Moran Chapter, gave the welcome. Larry Mohon, Worship Master of the Masonic Lodge, No. 863, gave the response. Mae Delle gave a brief talk about George Washington. Mary Edwards gave the "Life of George Washington." V.L. Miller, Worthy Patron of Moran Chapter, expressed the appreciation

for the supper. Each one present was introduced. Guests were present from Ranger, Eastland, May, Albany, and Moran. Fairy Thompson of Bridgeport spent a few days at her place in Moran and visited with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crawley of El Paso visited with his sister, Mrs. Floyd Midkiff, Mr. Midkiff, and other relatives and friends in Moran, last week.

Mrs. Charles Landsdale of Athens visited with her father, Darrell Hammons, last week. Moran and community has been blessed with more rain. Water is standing in places for the first time in a long time. The ground is soaking with water. The rains are very beneficial for the grain and grass. Farming and gardening are on a stand still as the ground is too

wet for people to plow. The winter grass is growing and a lawn mowing will begin when the rains cease and the ground dries up. Lida Fincher Schafer, bride-elect of Oliver Brown will be honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower on Sunday, March 23, at the Baptist Church in Moran from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited. Lisa is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Fincher and the late Warren Fincher of Moran. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brown, Sr. of Abilene. Lisa is employed by the People's State Bank in Moran. Oliver is a welder in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Mark La Bonte of Flower Mound spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Pat Kinnison. Airman Ben Cottle has arrived at Ramstein AFB,

Germany, for a three year tour of duty with the United States Air Force. He enlisted in March, 1996 and completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio in June. He completed the enlisted aircrew undergraduate course in July and was awarded his wings at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls. In August he completed the Aircraft Loadmaster course at Sheppard. He was sent to Fairchild AFB, Washington, where he completed the Combat Survival course and Water Survival course in September. He was stationed at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, from October 1996 to February 1997. While there he completed training and was awarded certification by Col. Paul J. Fletcher, Commander, 314 Operations Group, USAF, to be fully qualified as Loadmaster on the C-130 aircraft and was assigned to Ramstein AFB for a three year tour of duty. Cottle was valedictorian of his graduating class at Moran H.S. where he played football and

House Select Committee Holds 1st Public Hearing On Property Tax Relief Proposal

The president of Texas' largest farm organization reaffirmed the support of farmers and ranchers for Governor George W. Bush's property tax reform plan at an Austin hearing Wednesday. Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, was the first public witness to appear before the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding. The hearing, the select committee's first to take public testimony, began work on House Bill 4. This bill contains the plan proposed by Governor Bush in his State-of-the-State address last month. In his official testimony, Stallman said, "We strongly support the development and implementation of another form of

funding for public school finance that will more closely track the economy of the State of Texas." Stallman said HB4 accomplishes the goal. Stallman also said the property tax, the primary method of funding the state's public schools, is inadequate to meet the school funding needs of the future. "Property taxes have more than doubled in the past 10 years while overall property tax values have declined by six percent in the same period," Stallman said. "Yet the Texas economy has grown significantly during the same period." Stallman, a rice farmer from Columbus, said that retail sales increased 71 percent and gross state product jumped 57 percent in that same 10 year period. The head of the Farm Bureau also pointed out that property taxes on agricultural land, though valued on productivity rather than market value, are still significantly higher than justified by agriculture's share of the gross state product. Stallman cautioned legislators by saying, "The loss of agricultural valuation would make property taxes almost confiscatory." He said agricultural land is not exempt from taxation. Qualifying agricultural land is valued according to productive capacity.

Members of the committee questioned Stallman on sales tax exemptions for agriculture. Stallman pointed out that these exemptions are the same as other industries receive on the cost of inputs, or raw materials. "Agriculture is, in reality, a manufacturing business," he responded. "Our processes are biological rather than physical, but the principle is the same." He said these sales tax exemptions help the economy by boosting agriculture and other industries, creating jobs in the process. Stallman concluded his testimony by pledging the support of the Texas Farm Bureau work with legislators and the governor to craft a plan that addresses the dual goals of meaningful property tax reform and quality education.

childhood, and my grandfather too, so it was no surprise that I would be exposed to fishing at an early age. Like most kids, I had little patience. When fishing, I spent most of my time throwing rocks, playing with the bait, walking around the lake and so on. But I would always expect a fish would bite. My father allowed me to goof off when fishing. In other words, I could spend as much or as little actually fishing as I wanted. Fishing was not forced on me. Soon, I began to spend more time actually fishing than goofing off on our trips. This resulted into success. I began to learn what it takes to catch fish. As I grew into my teens, I continued to fish as often as I could. My parents never had to ask where I was, because they knew I was fishing. On vacations, school days, weekends, it didn't matter. I never grew tired of fishing, but as I grew older I began to spend less time fishing. Eventually by 20 years old, I just didn't take the time. I was too busy to go. Like many young men, I wanted to spend my time doing other things. Well, I did. Some how some five passed by and I didn't go fishing at all. Eventually, I stopped wanting to go or even thinking about it. Every so often I would look through the photo albums and remember those fishing trips I so enthusiastically experienced. Finally, I decided it was time to start fishing again. But would I enjoy it now as much as I did when I was a kid? I found a friend who had a new bass boat. He invited me over for a full day outing after black bass. I figured, this would be a good way to see if I still enjoyed fishing. Heretofore, my fishing had been primarily for fish children catch. Catching catfish, perch, crappie and carp just didn't seem exciting anymore now that I was an adult. It needed to be Black Bass, and big ones! Well, needless to say, we didn't catch any big ones that day, but we caught enough for me to realize what I had been missing over the past five years. The next ten years of my life were filled with thousands of fishing memories.

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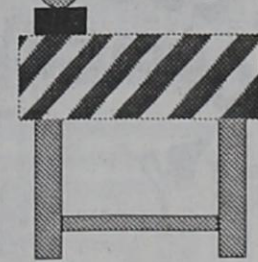
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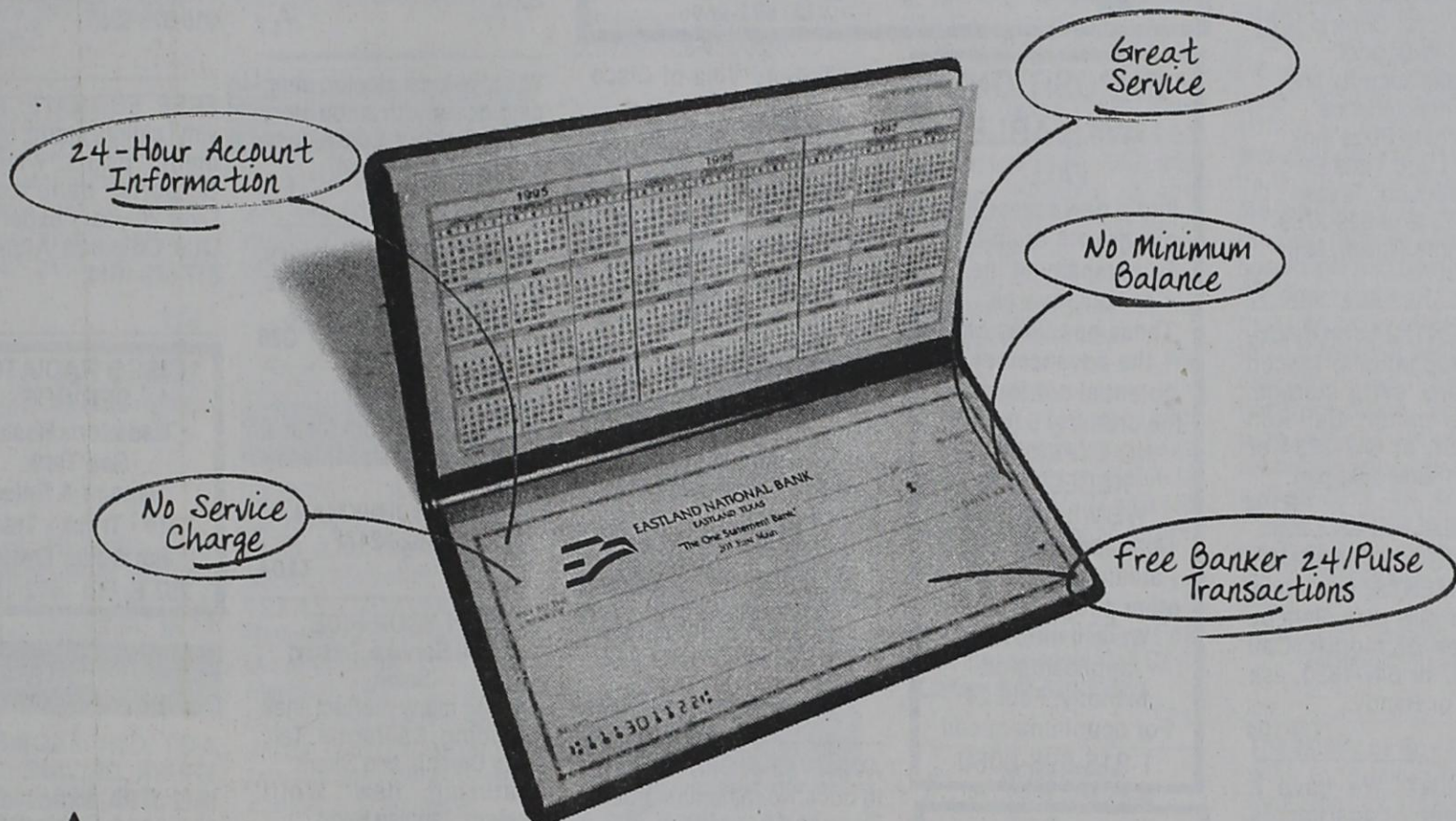


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February 18, 1997
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Stocker steers: 200-300 lbs.-60.00-90.00
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300-400 lbs. 55.00-70.00
400-500 lbs. 55.00-64.00
Yearling heifers: 600-900 lbs. 46.00-65.00

Utility cows: 25.00-38.00
Shelly cows: 20.00-28.00
Bulls: 1200 lbs & up & 1200 lbs & down: 39 to 45.
Goats sold from \$25.00-\$73.00 per head
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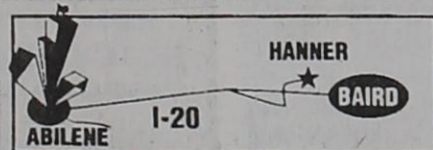
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Next Sale will be Feb. 27

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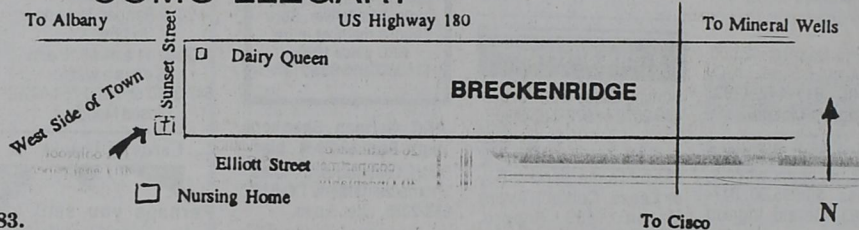
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A free dinner will be catered by Joe Allen's Pit Barbecue for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall, and Taylor counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working

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Sponsors provide promotional materials that include notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

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This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

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Scranton Musical Saturday

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, March 1. The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. with Patsy Chambers and Sue Allen serving up something good, also pie, cake, sandwiches, tea, coffee, and cold drinks will be served.

If you would like to bring cake, pie or sandwiches please do so as they will be greatly appreciated.

Music will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mark Ray as emcee.

Let's all come out and help keep this musical going.

Poetry Corner

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As I closed my eyes in sweet slumber
I dreamed of my Heavenly Home.

The streets of gold and joy untold

As we cast our crowns before the throne.

Then I walk the streets of Heaven

Calling out your name.

Have you seen my loved one, I asked?

But my search was all in vain.

As grief spread over me

My eyes were filled with tears.

I remembered all we'd been through

And wish that you were here.

As I woke from my slumber

And breathed the early morning air.

I thank the Lord for another day

To know that you are near.

Bob Harbin

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Engagement Announcements



Perkins - Hall

Michelle Perkins and Justin Hall would like to announce their engagement. Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perkins of Ranger, Texas. Justin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hall of Clyde.

Michelle is a junior Elementary Education major at Harding University where she is actively involved in a Christian drama group called Theatron, the women's club named Delta Gamma Rho, and is working two jobs. This summer she will

be a youth ministry intern at Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas.

Justin is a junior Youth Ministry major at Harding Christian University where he is actively involved in the men's club named KOINONIA, and is an assistant manager of The Substation. This summer Justin will be the youth minister for the Gatesville Church of Christ in Gatesville, Texas.

They plan an August 16, 1997 wedding.



Prines - Perkins

Christy Prines and Marshall Perkins would like to announce their engagement. Christy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Prines of Valdosta, Georgia. Marshall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perkins of Ranger, Texas.

Christy graduated from Valdosta University where she teaches Speech Language Pathologist.

She is also an active member of the Central Avenue Church of Christ.

Marshall is stationed in Aviano, Italy where he is getting his Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics. He is also active in the Church of Christ in Aviano, Italy and plans on returning to the United States in August of 1997.

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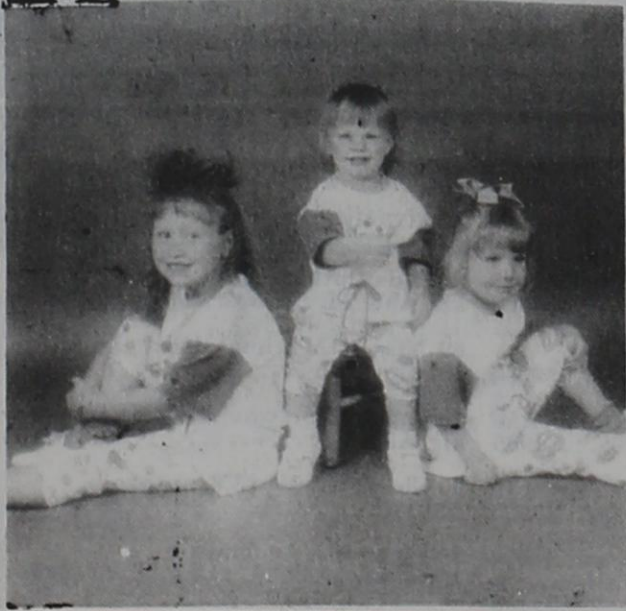
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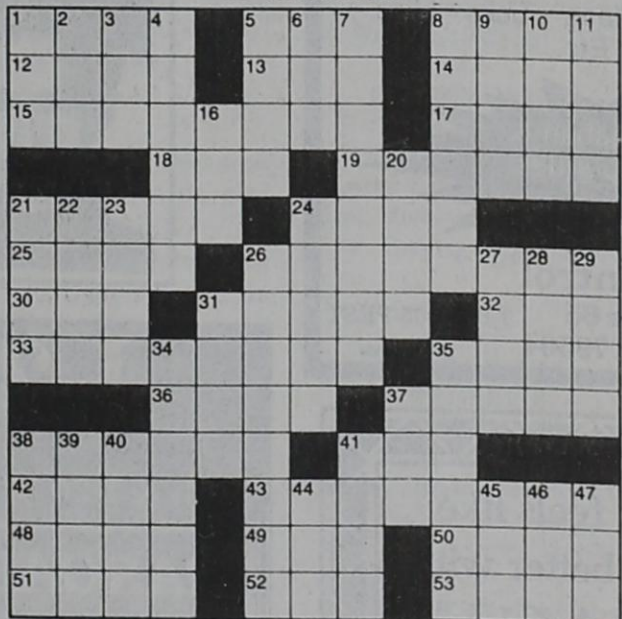
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1997 Baird Lady Bears



1997 Baird Bears

Baird Varsity splits games with Tolar; JV wins

by Sarah Hatfield

Baird - Baird High School completed it's 1996-1997 basketball season hosting the Tolar Rattlers.

The varsity Bears fell to Tolar by a score of 72-63.

Eric Wall led Baird's scoring with 20 points. J.W. Collins followed with 13 and Bryan Abernathy, 11. Chad Barron hit five, while Nicholas Bailey and Jim Scott has four each.

Shane Devenport, Shannon Campbell, and Dusty Barron each tallied two.

Lipoma from Tolar netted 35 points for the Rattlers.

Score by Quarters

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|-------|----|----|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Baird | 11 | 26 | 47 |
| Tolar | 17 | 36 | 54 |

Season Record: 14-12
District Record: 2-8

The Baird Junior Varsity boys' team defeated Tolar 61-50. The Lady Bears finished their season on another note, a winning note. The Baird girls defeated the Lady Rattlers 61-50.

Netting 16 points for the Lady Bears was Jordan Menzies. Salli Walker had 12 points and Krystal Pruet, 10. Adrienne Kerbow and Toni Vestal scored six and five, while Kayla Hatchett, Annie Gilliland, and Kyla Neal hit four points each.

Newberry and Bird scored nine and eight for Tolar.

Score by Quarters

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|-------|----|----|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Baird | 9 | 25 | 37 |
| Tolar | 11 | 22 | 30 |

Season Record: 11-16
District Record: 4-6

Read The Classifieds

Baird Youth Basketball

3-4 Boys

Spurs 17 - Bulls 14

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|-------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Spurs | 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 17 |
| Bulls | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 |

Spurs: Will Green 6, Blake Mendez 5, Chance Rodriguez 4, Malcolm Martin 2.

Bulls: Sawyer Smith 10, and Zach Green 4.

Suns 19 - Celtics 18

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|---------|---|----|---|---|----|
| Suns | 0 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 19 |
| Celtics | 2 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 18 |

Suns: Thomas Glaze 6, James Steele 4, Justin Armstrong 4, Josh Atkins 3, and Carter Burford 2.

Celtics: Blan Scott 8, Doyle Wilson 6, and Chancey Pierce 4.

5-6 Boys

Spurs 20 - Celtics 16

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| Spurs | 5 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 20 |
| Celtics | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 16 |

Spurs: Mitchell Lewis 8, Chance Jones 4, Justin Atkins 4, Sage Goldsmith 3, and Daniel Lewis 1.

Celtics: Josh Sims 6, Larry Fox 6, Randy Harris 2, and Jake Fleming 2.

Bulls 19 - Suns 16

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|-------|---|---|----|---|----|
| Bulls | 0 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 19 |
| Suns | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 16 |

Bulls: Ricky Burks 11, Tanner Wilson 4, A.J. Mendez 2, and Adam Walker 2.

Suns: Zach Riney 5, Casey Burford 4, Shawn Spinks 3, Jonathan Carrion 2, and Aaron Brock 2.

3-4 Girls

Suns 20 - Magic 16

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|-------|---|----|---|----|----|
| Suns | 4 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 20 |
| Magic | 2 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 16 |

Suns: Whitney

Windham 14, Krystle Santos 4, and Chelsea Holland 2.

Magic: Adriana Diaz 10, and Kayla Harris 6.

Rockets 30 - Suns 10

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| Rockets | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 30 |
| Suns | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 10 |

Rockets: Jodi Neal 12, Kayla Windham 8, Cissy Chavarria 6, and Cee Ann Hooks 4.

Suns: rebecca Tollett 4, Whitney Windham 4, and Krystle Santos 2.

5-6 Girls

Celtics 30-Raiders 19

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|---------|---|---|---|----|----|
| Celtics | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 30 |
| Raiders | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 19 |

Celtics: Melissa Henley 16, Bailey Bell 6, Lori Moore 4, Wyndi Williams 2, and Jennifer Abraham 2.

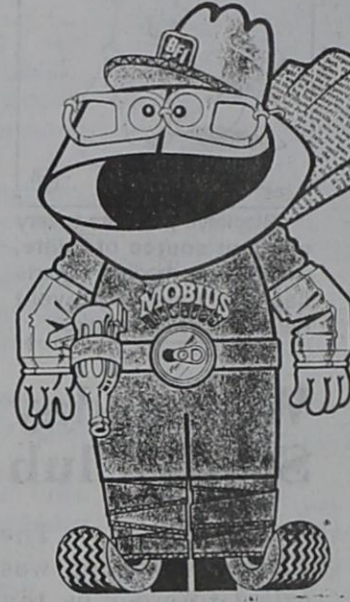
Raiders: Ashley Rodriguez 14, Mellanie Gonzales 3, and Molly Edwards 2.

Suns 12 - Magic 6

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| Suns | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 12 |
| Magic | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 |

Suns: Shayne Cerda 4, Tracey Windham 4, Amanda Manning 2, and Sheena Estrella 2.

Magic: Gini Russell 2, Michelle Devenport 2, and Tara Borton 2.



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Booster Club Meeting

Baird - The Baird Booster Club will meet on Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ag Building. A track meet is scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd in Baird and the Booster Club is in charge of the concession stand. Members or anyone interested in helping need to come to this meeting to help plan for the concession stand and to see what the coaches will need us to help wit that day. All money raised from the concession stands and

throughout the year is used towards the All-Sports Banquet, scholarships for a boy and girl senior athlete, chartered bus for the band to Forsan, extra supplies for the cheerleaders during play-off games, chartered bus for the football players, newspaper ads, year-book ad, microwave for the concession and various other things. Please come and be a part of making this track meet a success. For more information contact Karen Riddle at 893-2328.



Baird - The following is the Lunch Menu for the week of March 3 - 7 in the Baird School District:

MONDAY

Breakfast: Donuts, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Pizza's, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, pudding with cookies and milk.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit with milk.

Lunch: Hot dogs, tator tots, cole slaw, chocolate cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast:

Cinnamon toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Turkey with noodles, creamed potatoes, geen beans, hot rolls, applesauce, jelly and milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Hot rolls with sausage and gravy, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Taco salad, lettuce, tomatoes, cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes, with fruit and milk.

Lunch: Hamburgers with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, french fries, pickles, cookies and milk.

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