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The Baird delegation at the TMCN Conference in Abilene proudly shows the Community Achievement Award given to Baird.

staff photo

by Margaret Hetrick

Baird Receives Community Achievement Award City meets five requirements to qualify

Baird was one of only eight cities receiving the Community Achievement Award at the 10th annual Texas Midwest Community Network conference in the Abilene Civic Center on Oct. 15, 2003.

The coveted award was given by TMCN for the first time this year in recognition of community effort and achievement among their 43 city members in 26 counties.

Attending the conference from Baird were Bruce Bell of Keep Baird Beautiful, County Judge Roger Corn, James and Janice Grant of the Baird Chamber of Commerce, Nicki Harle - TMCN Executive Director, Tommie Jones - Chamber of Commerce Manager, Brenda Moore of the City Council and KBB, and Nancy Turnbow - City of Baird Secretary.

Accepting the award for Baird were Brenda Moore and Nancy Turnbow.

Participating cities were required to qualify in five points:

Vision - have a written plan with prioritized goals

Pride - have a community beautification program

Assessment - be submitted to a "windshield visit" - an assessment from an unannounced team, reporting both negative and positive aspects found

Youth Involvement - the involvement of at least 6 youth working together with adults in one of more community projects

Connectivity - having a web page and web connection to TMCN and other appropriate sites.

Baird citizens worked diligently for the project, which began earlier this year, and met the application deadline of June 31st.

Before the Community Achievement Awards were given during the luncheon program, delegations and guests were welcomed by the outgoing TMCN President Phil Springer of Ballinger.

Springer expressed his pleasure at the large crowd. "We have 360-370 people

attending today," he said. "That is almost 150 more than last year!"

Representatives of several legislators were present, including those of Texas Rep. Jim Keffler (Judge Scott Bailey), Texas Sen. Troy Fraser (Blake Woodall), and U. S Congressman Charles Stenholm (Anette Wilson).

Representative Bob Hunter was also present.

County, City, and District officials, the TMCN Board and Officers, school students, and TMCN sponsors, were also recognized.

A tasty bar-b-que meal, catered by the acclaimed Perini Ranch Steakhouse of Buffalo Gap, was enjoyed by all present. Entertainment was provided by Danny Thomas.

Executive Director Nicki Harle took attendees down "memory lane" with a TMCN History flashback.

In the beginning, 17 dedicated volunteers met regularly, she said.

Some of the milestones of TMCN's history were a substantial grant, an advertising and promotion program, a new location, and various recognitions received by the association, Harle continued.

Now, TMCN offers education conferences and seminars, and publishes their own regional tourism guide.

The organization focuses on the promotion of tourism and regional economic development, and hopes to provide communities with a unified political voice.

The 2003 TMCN Conference also featured sessions highlighting community development and promotion, business development and workforce.

Four presentations about tourism, telecommunications, rural health care, and economic development were offered.

It was announced at the program that Don Henry, Executive Director of the Cisco Economic Development Corporation, will serve as incoming TMCN President.

Bears Determined To Move Forward! Now Stand 8-0 Overall; 4-0 District

Please see sports page....

During Last of Redistricting Debate: by Viola M. Payne

House Also Votes To Cut Comptrollers Duties

In Texas, you don't always hear much from the State Comptroller. In the past, many people didn't have any idea what that official was supposed to do.

But that was before the days of Carole Keeton Strayhorn. Sometimes described as "One tough Grandma," this elected official (Republican) has communicated with the public ever since she took office.

The Eastland County Newspapers are among those which have received information from her regularly. There were her Fiscal Notes, Special News Bulletins, and other printed and FAXed material.

We knew when she refused to certify the current state budget, calling it "Not balanced." Apparently she had a disagreement with Gov. Rick Perry and others over that.

Especially useful was some material Strayhorn sent the newspapers in August, alerting the public on a number of new laws the Legislature had enacted this spring. When we published the story, the public was concerned about the new fees and fines.

But we probably won't be getting any more of those updates. Apparently on Sunday, Oct. 12 the House stripped the State Comptroller of two high-profile duties, the Government Efficiency review known as E-Texas, and the School Performance review.

These will be transferred to the Legislative Budget Board. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Speaker of the House Tom Craddick and eight lawmakers make up the Board, which advises the Legislature on budget matters.

The final vote on reorganization came during the last hours of the redistricting vote, so didn't get as much publicity as it would have otherwise.

The Reorganization Bill was started as an attempt to shrink government and save money, but turned into a political fight. House Bill 7, which stripped the Comptroller of power, passed the House by a 79-35 vote. Rep. Jim Keffler voted for the Bill, Rep. Hilderbran voted against it.

Before the vote, a number of Democrats and Republicans attacked the Bill, which was rewritten in the Senate to include the sections affecting the Comptroller. They accused the Senate of holding redistricting hostage until the House voted on House Bill 7.

In addition to stripping powers from the Comptroller's office, House Bill 7 makes a number of other changes in how some government agencies are structured and the power they have. For example, one provision exempts local school board members from having to file financial disclosure forms with the state.

Also, it reduces the number of members on the State Board of Pardons and Paroles from 18 to seven.

On Monday, Oct. 13 a reporter from the Eastland Telegram talked to Laura Hennessee, Press Secretary in the State Comptroller's office. She said that Mrs. Strayhorn was making a talk in Houston that day, and planned to include comments on what had happened to the Comptroller's office.

She said the newspaper

would be sent a copy of her remarks.

Her press release came by E-mail, and said, in part: "Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, still seething after state Senate Committee recommended stripping her high-profile programs from her office, said Monday she wouldn't rule out challenging Gov. Perry in 2006.

"I never say never. I want to be where I can make the most difference."

Strayhorn also told the Greater Houston Partnership crowd at a downtown Hotel that she was disappointed in continued school funding inequities, problems and joblessness.

Strayhorn said her office stood to lose sight of school performance, reviews and the E-Texas report, and that Perry will allow the move "because it was personal."

She added, "But what is most personal to me is the loss of civility, the loss of decency, the loss of the real true spirit of bi-partisanship that was championed by then-governor and now President George W. Bush."

This concluded the press release, but the matter is probably far from finished.

Baird Elementary Citizen Of The Week



Esperanza Portillo
3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson
Daughter of Geranimo and Anita Portillo



Accepting the Community Achievement Award for Baird are Brenda Moore (L), Nancy Turnbow (M), shown with outgoing TMCN President Phil Springer (R).
staff photo

First Baptist Church Of Baird Events Scheduled

Mark your calendar and come join us in the following:
Corner of Race and 3rd St. Baird.

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574.

Oct. 26, 6:00 p.m. We will have a special worship service devoted to Operation Christmas Child. This ministry is led by Franklin Graham. Ev-

eryone can participate by bringing a shoe-box filled with toys and other small gifts to church over the next three weeks. Soaps, toothbrushes, combs, toys, puzzles, small books are just a few examples of what can go in the box. Share joy and hope with a needy child in a troubled country by taking part in this, a missions project of

Samaritan's Purse.

Nov. 2 The Youth of First Baptist Church of Baird will be holding a Food drive to benefit the Clothes Closet food pantry. Watch for more information coming soon.

Nov. 2 7:00 p.m. The Annual Associational Meeting of Callahan County will be held at first Baptist Church, Clyde. There will be no evening activities at First Baptist Church of Baird.

Nov. 3 6:00 p.m. Tony Savarese will share his testimony and explain the minis-

try of Chosen People Ministries. Tony was raised a Conservative Jew in the New York City area. As a child, he attended Synagogue and loved the holidays, but felt empty inside, as God seemed far away. In his adult life, he came to faith in Jesus and has been involved in reaching Jews for Jesus.

Nov. 4, 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast is ready to eat at 6:30 for all men in the community and can be ready to face the day after food, fellowship and prayer by 7:30 a.m.

Nov. 9, 6:00 p.m. The first night of REVIVAL with Steve Peace, pastor of First Baptist Church in Marble Falls, preaching and Donny Harbers, pastor of First Baptist in Hamlin, leading the music. There will be a sandwich fellowship after the first night of revival.

Nov. 10, 6:00 p.m. Special Senior Adult emphasis for REVIVAL.

Nov. 11, 7:00 a.m. All the ladies in the community are invited to come for a time of breakfast and prayer. Breakfast will be ready at 7:00 a.m.

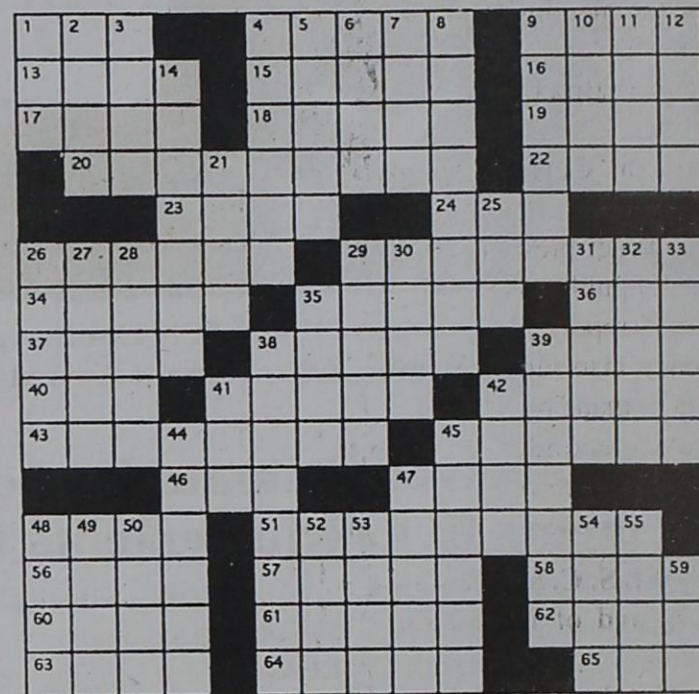
Nov. 11, 7:00 p.m. CHURCH IN REVIVAL. Watch for more information coming soon.

Nov. 12, 7:00 p.m. Special youth night at revival. Watch for more information coming soon.

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Baird I. S. D. Board News

Baird I. S. D. School District Board of Education Minutes

October 16, 2003

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Special Session on Thursday, October 16, 2003 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Gerry McDowell, Jim Dyer Windham, Jr., Allen Wilson and Joe Clark. Burke Robinson and Miller Scott were absent. Other school personnel present: Lacy Hogue, Lana Walls, Martha Lynn, Sandra Carter, A. L. Hunter, Kamie Pruet and Becky Edington. Others present: Al Pickett.

President Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Kenneth Brock gave the invocation.

Sandra Carter, Becky Edington, A.L. Hunter, and Kamie Pruet presented open forum for public discussion of the AEIS report.

A motion to adjourn at 7:48 P.M. was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr.

Baird I. S. C. School District Board of Education Minutes

October 16, 2003

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 16, 2003 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Gerry McDowell, Jim

Dyer Windham, Jr., Allen Wilson, and Joe Clark. Burke Robinson and Miller Scott were absent. Other school personnel present: Lacy Hogue, Lana Walls, Martha Lynn, Sandra Carter, A. L. Hunter, Kamie Pruet and Becky Edington. Others present: Al Pickett.

President Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 7:49 P.M.

Mr. Hogue gave his report on enrollment at 381 total enrollment as of October 16, 2003. There will be board training at the ESC 14 in Abilene on Monday, October 20, 2003. Three is also board training available online with Texas Association of School Boards.

A motion to approve the minutes from previous meetings was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the bills for October was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the Taylor-Callahan Special Education Shared Service Arrangement was made by

Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

The motion to sale 50 WADA to Plains ISD was tabled at this time.

The regular board meeting was set for Thursday, November 20, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion to adjourn at 8:23 P.M. was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Gerry McDowell.

Guest Slot

REDISTRICTING seems to be a "done deal"--subject to the decision of the courts...Judging from some of the comments we hear, many are more confused than informed in spite of the amount of information that has been distributed locally and throughout the state...Maybe a little civics lesson might be in order. The districts being debated, cussed and discussed for three special Texas legislative sessions are the districts of the United State representatives to the national Congress. This has been confusing to some who were not sure what kind of districts were about, and this is understandable because when one stops to count, there are several different kinds of districts. Let's start on the county level: the county commissioners who run the county's business, represent a certain portion of the county. These are called precinct districts and are set by the Commissioners in agreement--or by the courts when there are disagreements. Representatives to the Texas House of Representatives serve a number of counties which are determined by the Texas House (and/or the courts when there are disputes). Texas senators represent an entirely different number of counties. The United States representative districts are set by the state legislatures (House and Senate), and this is the one that has been the Texas dispute of the century this summer. Many districts overlap. All of these different districts are supposed to be determined by the populations of the various areas, based on the "equal representation" idea, that all citizens deserve equal representatives. (This is not true on United State Senators; each state is allowed two senators regardless of population and these are elected "at large" throughout the state. There was a time when U.S. senators were elected by the House members back when it was believed that the general population wasn't educated enough to pick U.S. senators. Fortunately, that changed in time...) Many will remember when the county commissioner precinct lines were altered in Eastland County when it evolved that most of the population was in the north part of the county, so the south part of the county wound up with one commissioner for the entire stretch from Rising Star to Desdemona. That wasn't universally popular in this county then, as this recent U.S. representative redistricting has not been generally popular for the most part throughout the state.

After the 2000 census, the state legislature did not re-draw the lines so the courts did it for them and that's the lines now in place. During the past regular session new lines were not drawn

and it took three special sessions to get it done to this point. Whether the courts will uphold the new lines or not is an unknown...Review, there may be a pop test tomorrow. Class dismissed.

To further confuse all of us, don't forget that the voting precincts within our counties are an entirely different set of areas.

Some correspond with commissioner precincts, some don't. And then there are the Justice of the Peace Precincts, which may cover entirely different areas of a county, and the same is true of Constable Precincts which cover different areas.

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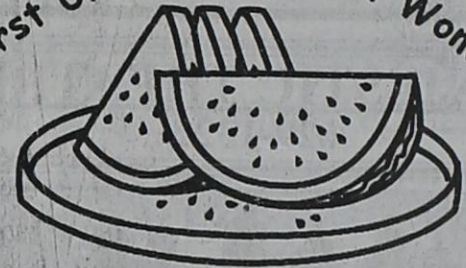
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Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club

Wow! It was so nice to have all our members at quilting on Tuesday. We did get Olena's "16 Patch" out. It is very pretty. The rehab quilt top will go in the frame this week. We are working on Glenda's "16 Patch" and Charlene's "Flower Garden".

Do not forget that our Quilt Show and Country Store is not very far away. It will open on Nov. 1 at 11:00. Come out and enjoy a great day!

Kathryn Brown from Ft. Worth spent the day with her sister, Earlene Burge. They had a nice lunch and visit before she returned home. Earlene and Jessica Stultz were in Brownwood Saturday and visited with Dee Ann Chisholm and Cindy Fuller.

They all had a good time and it was late when they returned home.

Allen, Janice and family and Glenda Phillips went to Abilene on Thursday night to see Thomas Paul Marshall play football on the Junior varsity team for Midland Lee. They played Abilene High Junior varsity. Thomas Paul is the grandson of Thomas and Nancy (Phillips) Wolf. They had a good visit with Nancy and Thomas and their daughter Pam and her husband Bill and their son, Philip. Krista, Kali, and Logan spent Saturday afternoon with Glenda. Kali wanted to cook yeast doughnuts (ummmm). Of course, Logan was hungry so Glenda ask him what he wanted to eat. He wanted corn y dogs so

Kali and Glenda made corn y dogs before making the doughnuts. The doughnuts were really good. Ho ward was there wanting to know when would the doughnuts be ready. Sounds like those doughnuts were very good! Krista wanted to cook too, but it took so long to do the doughnuts and clean the mess that she didn't get to make anything. Next time, Krista! Guess who had to clean up the mess? (bet we know!)

Kenneth Ray Lowry from Spring spent two weeks with his mother, Lessie Fae Baum. Oddie Kivleken and Judy Harris from Abilene also visited Lessie Fae.

Charlene Chesshir has a surplus of cats at her farm. Friend of Jim's brought some kittens in the summer, then the barn cat got killed and left two kittens, so she is feeding five kittens at the shop. Someone asked if they had learned to come in the dog door yet! Charlene said, "NO"! The y will never find that"! Well, she woke up Sunday morning with the Calico cat asleep on the foot of her bed! The black one was in the living room. (so much for Charlene thinking the cats can't get in!) Poor old Hank, the dog, will have to bark when he wants to come in now, because Charlene can't have cats in her house! They cause her to have headaches. Jim has been busy and hasn't been here in a couple of weeks. Come home Jim, your mother is missing you!

Jack Alexander was at the farm of his grandparents, James and Jean, over the week-end. He helped around the farm and watched football with his granddad. Jack is a senior at ACU.

Go out and watch your local ball teams. Only a few games left. Then there will be basketball to go see!

Word of wisdom: Much happiness is overlooked because it doesn't cost anything.

Oscar Wilde

POEM

SOMEONE CARES

As troubled waters flood my mind
Peace and happiness are so hard to find.

And we have no place to turn
What a lesson we can learn.

We know His presence is so near
And His small voice we can still hear.

As we silently kneel in prayer
We know of God's love everywhere.

As the dark clouds roll away
The blue sky starts another day.

The sunshine comes peeking through
God sends His love to each of you.

So when life's highways seem so long
And your cross too heavy to bear.

Remember someone still loves you
Our Lord for you still cares.

Bob Harbin
Dedicated to John Henry McCoy that went home to be with the Lord 10-17-03.

Thoughtfulness for others, generosity, modesty and self-respect are the qualities which make a real gentleman or lady.
—Thomas H. Huxley

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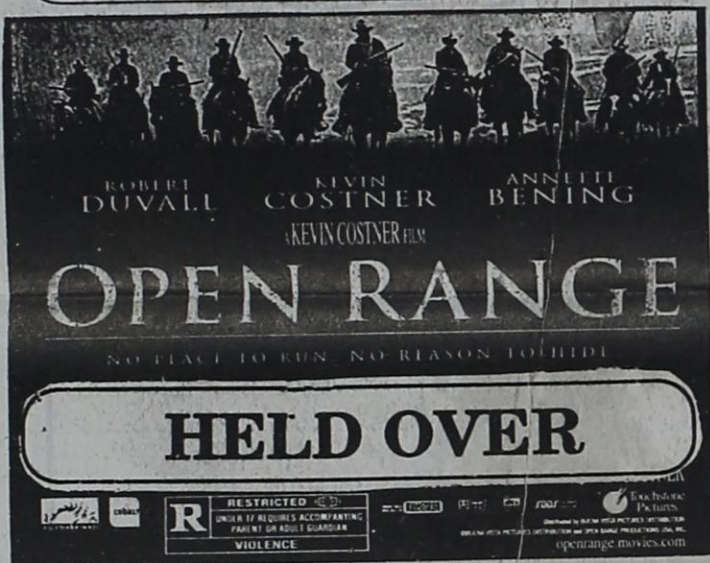


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The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

Two decades ago, octogenarian Clara Peller -- she of Wendy's Hamburger fame -- caused millions to laugh at her "Where's the beef?" counter-pounding expounding on television spots. Turns out, the late advertising sensation should have been posing the question in a baseball dug-out!

The biggest beef we've seen in a long time was enacted a few nights back when Yankee bench coach Don Zimmer -- now in his 50th season of major league baseball and within a few weeks of age 73 -- led the charge when the Yankees and Red Sox went to blows in Bean Town. Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez, you'll recall, dodged Zimmer's charge, and pushed him to the ground.

Following the game, Zimmer -- nicknamed "Pop-Eye" -- was taken to the hospital for observation. Turned out he's okay, but he could have lost a good deal more than his dignity. At risk were dentures, hearing aides, inhalers, other medicines and who knows what else....

So sprightly is he that the TV advertising people have

taken notice. Look for Zimmer to join Yankee owner George Steinbrenner and star shortstop Derek Jeter in the conga line dance routine on the VISA commercial.... (Or, Wendy's might want to consider Zimmer. Zim could snarl, "Here's the beef!" He's only a few inches taller than the 4-11 Clara -- and a dozen years younger. Looking something like a combo of a fire hydrant and the Pillsbury dough boy, he is several hamburgers heavier than Clara was....)

As an aside, it should be noted that some of the best television commercials in history are the result not only of creative minds, but also persuasive personalities. It is documented that both Steinbrenner and Jeter were adamantly opposed to appearing in the commercial, despite being begged for several weeks to do so. It finally came down to "I will if he will," and, as we all know now, they did. (Jeter held out longest, protesting that he didn't know how to dance....)

It probably took American

Express people a spell to talk the late Tom Landry into donning that long leather coat, ambling through the saloon's swinging doors and commenting on being surrounded by Red Skins....

Since Super Bowl I, millions of viewers have watched the spectacle just to check out new commercials. Neighbors on my street were talking not about commercials, but about new fall programs being credited for the sale of millions of television sets. "I don't doubt it," one responded, "I sold mine...."

Speaking of places that awaken after sundown, the new "Gilley's" is being bally-hooded, this time in Dallas, and again, one-upmanship prevails. Instead of just ONE much-talked-about mechanical bull when the original "Gilley's" opened in Pasadena 32 years ago, the Dallas version has the original El Toro (made famous by the 1980 movie, "Urban Cowboy") as well as an updated "junior version." The latter is a product of technological genius, with computer chips and stuff to attract wannabe cowboys and cowgirls.... (John Travolta hasn't been booked to ride either one -- yet....)

Over in Fort Worth, the answer to "Gilley's" is "Billy Bob's"; it features a live bull.

'Open Range' Is Heldover At Majestic Theatre

Ed Allcorn, Majestic Manager, is holding the new movie "Open Range" over for another week end at the theater in Eastland. That will give others a chance to see the picture, which is getting good reviews across the country. The story, photography and acting all combine make this "western" different.

It is rated R, however, due to some of the violence it contains. Anyone under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. The next showing will begin Friday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m., and the movie can be seen nightly at the same time through Monday, Oct. 27.

General admission is \$4, with balcony seats available to adults for \$5.50.

Kevin Costner has a big role in this Touchstone film -- he is producer, director, and one of the main actors.

The story begins in 1882 in a remote area of the American West. Boss Spearman (Robert Duvall), Charley Waite (Costner), Mose Harrison (Abraham Benrubi), and "Button" (Diego Luna) are free grazing their cattle.

They have forged a friendship based on a code of honor, and are enjoying lives unencumbered by many of the trappings of civilization. Things are going pretty good for all of them, until their wayward herds force them to come near the little town of Harmonville. There the cowboys encounter a corrupt Sheriff and kingpin rancher who govern the territory through fear, corruption and violence. Boss, Charley and the others are drawn into an inevitable showdown where they must fight to defend the freedom and values of a lifestyle that is vanishing with the open range.

During the struggle life takes an unexpected turn for loner Charley when he meets Sue Barlow (Annette Bening), someone he can truly love. The filmmakers have gone to great length to keep this story authentic in setting, costumes and characters. Most of the filming was done in Canada - it's hard to find unfenced territory in the United States.

Reminds me of a honky-tonk I've heard about in West Texas, an hour's drive from Lubbock. Unlike the other joints, it features a mechanical pig and is called "The Buckingham Palace." It's a rough place. They check to see if you have a gun when you go in; if you don't, they'll rent you one....*

And now, a reach deep down in the joke bag: It was a small town in the Old West. The church house burned plumb down, and the local tavern was offered as a temporary meeting place on the Sabbath....

The parson decided to accept the offer, and upon entering the tavern, its well-known parrot squawked, "New bartender, new bartender!" When the choir filed in, he announced, "New chorus line, new chorus line!"

And when the parishioners started trickling in, the parrot

observed, "Same old crowd, same old crowd...."

Who worked harder -- President Bush on his do-not-call list, or California Governor Gray Davis on his do-not-recall list?....

And in closing, UT Longhorn fans figure it might not be so bad if they moved the annual Texas/Oklahoma game from Dallas -- the farther away, the better. How about Truth or Consequences, New Mexico? If this occurred, OU would get the truth, and UT the consequences....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker/author/columnist in Fort Worth, Texas. His new book, *Life by the Seat of the Pants*, is available in hardback and audio versions by phone and e-mail: (817) 447-3872; His "Idle American" column appears in some 100 Texas newspapers.

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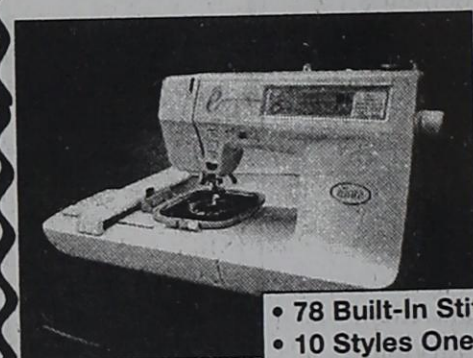
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From Whence Came I

By Wanda Skinner

The Oral History Project in which I take part has been so interesting and such a learning experience for me and others who are taking part. The stories of the people, the churches, the schools, and the clubs are so very neat. Things have not always been like they are today but people all over the world have been and will always be the same. There are many who put their

lives on the line for others in their occupations. One of the ones that fly to the mind is the fireman.

When we think of a fireman, we see pretty shining red, noisy trucks with huge water hoses hooked to the fire hydrants. Long ago I recall a fire in our little community when there were no phones, no water and no fire trucks

available to the rural area. Someway the word got out and people from all over the surrounding area showed up with tow sacks and barrels of water to help put out the fire. The land was dry as we were in a drought, the stock tanks were low and it was dangerous. The people worked into the night and got the fire out without loss of life or homes.

Occupation is an important part of genealogy. Things change because of technology but some thing doesn't change. My family was in the occupation of dairying farming. When they first began, they had to milk those cows by hand, strain it through a large stainless steel strainer into a ten gallon can and lift the can into an icebox filled with huge chunks of ice. Every day the milk cans had to be carried to town to a creamery. Then came the day of electric milking machines and huge holders for the milk with a pipe line taking the milk through pipes from the milking machine to the tank of milk. Then a truck came and pumped the milk into the truck and carried it to a creamery in Abilene. Today the dairy is much easier but let me tell you one thing has not changed. Cows must be milked twice a day, they must have plenty of food and water available to them at all times for the milk to be good. They must also be in pastures free from some types of weeds that cause the milk to have a funny taste. Think about and study history to find out additionally information on the occupations of your family members.

Happy Hunting.

PFC Enrique Landa Completes 12 Weeks Marine Basic Training

Marine Corps Pfc. Enrique Landa, son of Adelita Castro of Granbury and Enrique Landa, of Gorman, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new

Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Landa and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Landa

Thursday, October 23, 2003

spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small

infantry unit during field training. Landa and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Landa and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and addressed as Marines for the first time in their careers.

Landa is a 2003 graduate of Granbury High School of Granbury.

PUMPKINHEAD PENCILS:

A great non-candy treat to hand out on Halloween.

What you need:
Large wooden beads (if you can't find orange, paint plain ones) with an opening big enough to accommodate the end of a pencil.
Pencils
Fine-point permanent black marker
Tape

Time Needed: Under 1 hour.

Step 1: Use a permanent black marker to draw a jack-o'-lantern face on the bead.
Step 2: When the ink has dried, slide the bead over the pencil's eraser.
Step 3: If the bead's opening is slightly larger than the pencil, wrap tape around the eraser for a snug fit.

Anniversary



Ed And Pat McGough To Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday

The children of Ed and Pat McGough cordially invite you to join with friends and family in celebrating the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of their parents on Saturday, October 25, 2003 from 2 to 4

p.m. The celebration will be at the fellowship hall of Old Gospel Church, 1000 Ave. A in Cisco.

No gifts please.

Haley Kathryn Clark

Lori and Neil Clark of Fort Worth are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Haley Kathryn Clark, on August 24, 2003. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19.25 inches long.

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White or silver crayon
Glue
Large pom-pom
2 self-adhesive googly eyes

Time needed: Under 1 hour.

Step 1: To make a batch, create a template by drawing a large bat on a single sheet of paper. Use it to cut as many bats as you like out of black construction paper. Cut finger holes out on the bottom of the bat's body.

Step 2: To give the wings dimension, fold them and outline them with white or silver crayon. Glue on a large pom-pom body just below the ears and above the finger holes.

Step 3: Once the glue is dry, stick on two self-adhesive googly eyes.

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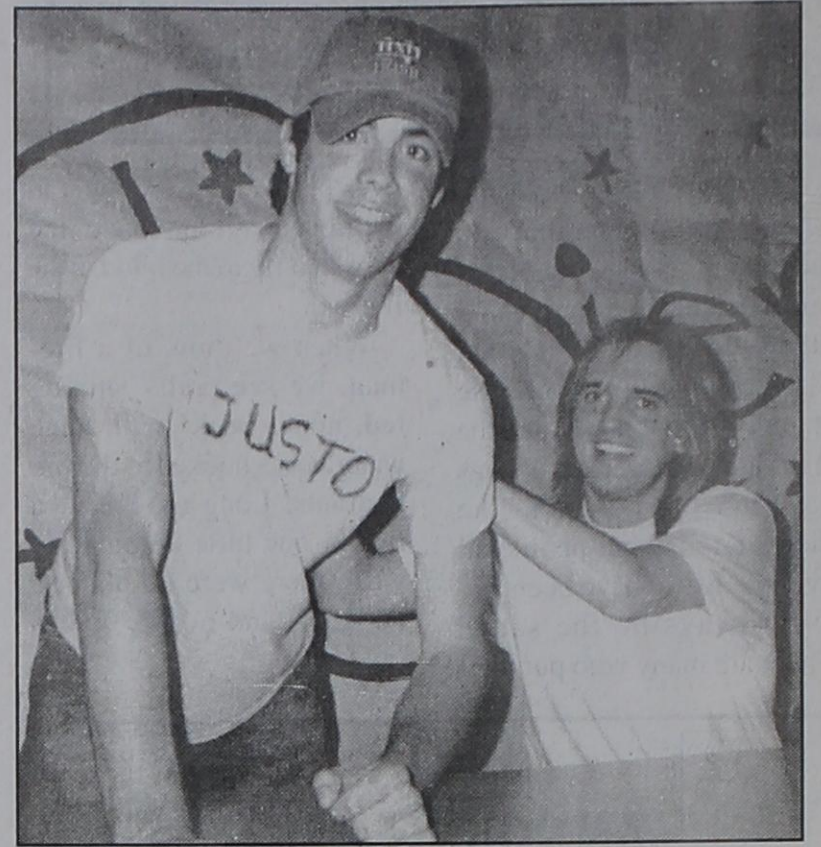
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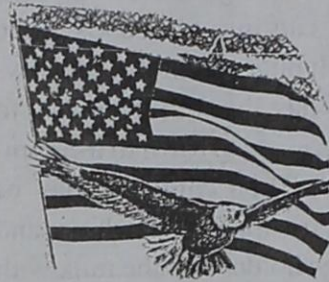


several songs popular throughout Latin America, for instance, Eres Tu, Guantanamera, and La Bamba, but also emphasizes songs native to Argentina. Justo proclaimed that, "En mi vida, el amor is muy importante." In my life, love is very important, so Justo sings Mi Familia, a song that described family relationships and the joy of a supportive home. Justo's goal is to help students discover language and culture through music and dance. A trip to the Justo Concert and a stop at TaMolly's in Abilene made for a very enjoyable and educational experience for the Baird Spanish Students.



Justo Lamas (right) performs about 50 concerts each year for Spanish students.

Argentine Pop Star Performs For Local Spanish Students



Baird Spanish classes joined others students from several area towns in Aspermont on Wednesday, October 8 for a Justo Concert. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Justo Lamas performs about 50 concerts each year for Spanish students.

Students waved banners and signs that proclaimed, nos queremos Justo, for the monolingual that's, we love Justo, as well as Viva Justo, or Long-Live Justo. The singer's message was basic, learning a second language is important. He tempers popular Latin American songs, as well as dance, with a strong anti-drug message. Teachers prepared students with song tapes before the concert so students are familiar with the Spanish words and meanings. Chance Rodriguez, a Spanish II student at Baird High School stated that the beat of the music and the classroom introduction to the songs definitely enhanced the experience. "It was a lot of fun". Kelby Cauthen and Justin Armstrong, also Baird Spanish students, believed the concert was particularly applicable for Spanish learners because the audience was often asked to repeat lyrics before the songs were performed. The concert was more than music, it was a lesson, easily understood by the participants. Studies have shown that when students sing, they retain as much as 85% of the information. So the audience sings to learn. The songs have important sentence structure, idioms, or cultural connections that acclimate the participants to the Hispanic experience. Mary Helen Coats, the Spanish Teacher for Aspermont, and the host for the concert, is quick to point out that Justo "teaches at the same time he is singing."

Justo is often asked about his blonde hair and blue eyes. Many students think this is unusual, but is actually common in Argentina, especially

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Bears Push To 4-0 In District: Bulldogs Can't Hold Baird Back In Winning Streak

It was Ranger's last chance to move on to the District playoffs, but even with an honest effort put in by Bulldog players such as Julian Moreno, Jarrel Moreno, and Monty Monroe, the Baird Bears bolted to a 26-8 win over Ranger.

At the end of the 1st quarter, the score stood 7-0 in Baird's favor.

Josh Simm's put the Bears on the score board in the first quarter at 1:48 with a 21 run (kick by Jed Womack).

Neither team scored in the second half, and at halftime the score was still Bears 7, Bulldogs 0.

In the third quarter, the Bears took a decided lead when Will Ross scored for Baird (8 pass to L. J. Mendez).

The 3rd quarter went out with 13-0 in favor of the Bears.

The Bears started a final push in the 4th quarter. Will Ross and Josh Simms both scored for the Bears, giving them a 18 point lead over the Bulldogs.

Ross scored with a 6 run at 10:38, and Simms at 1:43 with a 6 pass to Blan Scott (kick from Womack).

Bulldog Monty Monroe put Ranger on the board with a 68 pass to Vishal Patel (run Justin Teller) at 9:59 in the 4th.

The Bears now stand undefeated at 8-0 and 4-0 in district.

Baird hosts Tolar on Friday, Oct. 24. Game start is 7:30 p.m.

Baird 7 0 6 13 - 26
 Ranger 0 0 0 8 - 8

First Quarter

Baird - Josh Sims 21 run (Womack kick), 1:48

Third Quarter

Baird - Sims 8 pass to L.J. Mendez (kick failed), 4:03

Fourth Quarter

Baird - Will Ross 6 run (two-point conversion failed), 10:38

Ranger - Monty Monroe 68 pass to Vishal Patel (Justin Teter run), 9:59

Baird - Sims 6 pass to Blan Scott (Womack kick), 1:43

Week 8 Area

Football Results

Cisco 49, Haskell 6
 Eastland 58, Anson 14
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Baird Senior Citizens' News

There will be a Flu Clinic at the Baird Center on Tuesday, October 28th. It will start at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Those that have Medicare, please bring your card and there will be no charge.

However, for those of you have do not have Medicare, the charge will be \$15.00 at the time of your injection.

We do need to know how many to expect so please call us at 854-1937 and we will be happy to add you to the list.

We served 845 to the home bound people of Baird. There were 208 congregated meals served in our center. We also

had 120 passengers ride in the van to the center of for shopping. If anyone needs to go shopping with us, call 854-1937 to make arrangements.

Last month some of our seniors attended the RSVP dinner at Clyde to honor the volunteers. Mary Westbrook was honored from the City of Baird for the hours that she has volunteered in our community.

We appreciate her help very much. She helps serve our congregated meals here at the center.

submitted by Delores Stewart Site Manager

Texas Forts Trail Regional Board To Meet In Brownwood

Brownwood, TX -- The Texas Forts Trail Regional Board of Directors will conduct their monthly meeting in Brownwood on October 22 at the Coliseum Annex at 110 S. Greenleaf. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., and will focus on goal setting and strategic planning for the new fiscal year of '03-'04.

The Forts Trail Region encompasses 29 west central counties and assists communities in promoting heritage tourism, which in turn encourages revitalization of local economies and fosters community leadership through historic preservation.

The 650-mile trail extends from west central to northern Texas and features eight historic forts and one Spanish presidio, plus

numerous museums, historic settings and scenic attractions. "The Texas Forts Trail Region continues to be an area that heritage travelers want to visit and experience when looking for genuine western culture," said Tim Yandell, regional coordinator of the Texas Forts Trail. The entire region is teeming with events from "Living History Days" or reenactments at one of the forts, to community-wide festivals, rodeos, stargazing parties, bike races, trail rides and bird watching.

The board meetings are open to the public, but please RSVP to 325-676-1762 or send an email to: if interested in attending. You can also check out the Forts Trail website at to learn more about the programs of the Texas Forts Trail.

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Autumn is here...leaves are turning beautiful colors and falling, raking begins and piles of leaves for jumping in. Also, Autumn brings the harvest of pumpkins. Big pumpkins, small pumpkins, nubby pumpkins, white pumpkins, tan pumpkins, red and orange pumpkins...with all these choices, which kind should be used in baking?

The answer is the sugar or pie pumpkin. The jack-o-lantern pumpkin you see everywhere this time of year is too large and not for baking. But the sugar pumpkin, is small and sweet, with dark orange colored meat (flesh), and it is perfect for pies, soups, cookies, and most of all, breads. Nothing makes pumpkin bread taste better than fresh pumpkin.

There are three (3) ways to transform an uncooked pumpkin into the puree used in baking. A medium sized (4 pounds) sugar pumpkin should give you around 1 1/2 cups mashed pumpkin. This can be used in all your recipes calling for canned pumpkin. Here are some step-by-step suggestions for cooking for pumpkin.

Baking Method - Cut the pumpkin in half and throw away the stem section and stringy insides. Save the seeds to roast; they make a tasty snack. In a shallow baking dish place the two

halves face down and covered with foil. Bake in a pre-heated, 375 degree oven for about 1 1/2 hours for a medium sized pumpkin. Once

the baked pumpkin is cooled, scoop out the meat and put in a food processor or mash with a potato masher or potato ricer.

Boiling Method - Cut the pumpkin in half and throw away the stem section and the stringy insides. Then peel and cut the pumpkin into chunks. Place in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil

and cook until the pumpkin chunks are tender. Let the chunks cool, and then puree in a food processor or mash with potato masher.

Microwave Method - Cut the pumpkin in half and throw away the stem and stringy insides. Microwave on high for seven minutes per pound. After cooked and cooled, then puree in a food

processor or mash with potato masher.

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