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### Callahan County Library News

New to the library are: When the Black Girl Sings by Bill Wright, Dashing Through the Snow by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark, Mulberry Park\* by Judy Duarte, Well Witched by Frances Hardinge, The Fourth Time is Murder by Steven Havill and Wild Rose\* by Ruth Axtell Morren. \*Large print. These books were purchased with Loan Star Libraries Grant money.

Also at the library are: Rosa by Nikki Giovanni, Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes, Cinderella by Amy Ehrlich, What Do You Do With a Tail Like This by Steve Jenkins, The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster and The Red Book by Barbara Lehman.

From the Past  
Callahan County Clarendon  
April 17, 1880  
The Coming Railroad Era and Its Natural Consequences  
Editors Clarendon:

There is no doubt in the minds of most of your readers, that the year 1880 will be noted in all future history in which was developed one of the grandest railroad eras ever known to the American people; extending its influence not only into certain sections of our country but sending its leaders and busy arteries from ocean to ocean, and from the Great Lakes on the north to the Gulf of Mexico on the south. This vast project is the result of the combined intellect of our deepest thinking men - the leading capitalists of the country - who have been seeking a profitable investment for the millions of capital in their control ever since the panic of 1873, and which have been lying almost dormant up to 1880.

The extension of the great trunk line known as the Texas and Pacific Railway from Fort Worth west to San Diego, or the Pacific coast, which is now under rapid construction, is the fore-runner of the numerous roads now in contemplation, and no doubt, will be built in this coming era - and the one in which the people of the southwest feel heretofore been enjoying ourselves in a quiet, peaceable way, it is true; but of a kind of an out of the way place, and almost beyond the reach of the modern means of communication; with none to molest us, and consequently none to spur us on to that busy life which is only brought about by railroads and other modes of rapid transportation, where by distant points are brought, seemingly, very close to each

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We are now on the eve of this grand opening of the doors to an inside world, as it were, to us, from which will flow such an immense emigration, capital and enterprise, that will soon put us in an equal footing of prosperity with the oldest of our sister states. The impetus given to any section of country by such as influx in connection with the many advantages nature has already bestowed upon us in the way of good, rich alluvial soil, nutritious grasses, upon which immense herds of cattle feed the year round, first quality building material, good weather and timber, and last but not least, one of the finest climates that can be found anywhere in the continent, with the exception of a Texas norther, occasionally, which, however, only rids the atmosphere of all impurities, and if such a thing is possible, make it more pure. (To be continued...)

Some of the new books at the library are: Cross Country\* by James Patterson, Blood Sins\* by Kay Hooper, Edge of Evil\* by J.A. Jance, Your Heart Belongs To Me\* by Dean Koontz, Crossroads\* by Belva Plain and The Pagan Stone\* by Nora Roberts. All of these books are large print and were purchased with Loan Star Libraries Grant money.

Also at the library: Hondo and Fabian by Peter McCarty, Zen Shorts by Jon J. Muth, Hot Air by Marjorie Priceman, The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant and No. David by David Shannon.

From the Past  
Callahan County Clarendon  
April 17, 1880

The Coming Railroad Era and Its Natural Consequences (continued)  
With all these natural advantages there is only lacking to make this one of the most prosperous counties of the nation, railroad and telegraph communication, which will bring us into closer proximity to those sections of country teeming with manufacturers of every description opening up by the exchange of products, a demand for all we have to dispose of, at good prices. The completion of this trans-continental road will not only be of incalculable value to the southwest, but to the country in general; binding, as it were, the business relations of one vast section of country more firmly to that of another, while the building of tap roads and feeders, diverging in different directions will be a natural consequence, giving to a vast extent of country that which is necessary to rapidly develop the natural resources and hidden treasures that have so long been lying dormant, only

awaiting the strong arm and determination will of the miner and mechanic, to properly shape them for the use of man. It will increase the resources of the great State of Texas more than any other, in building up her merchantile, mining and manufacturing and agriculture interests, enhancing the value of her vast domain of public and private lands, threefold or more, bringing money into her treasury from various other sources, which will give rise to many public improvements that at present, are not thought of, and with her already large school fund, she will be enabled to build up her Common School System, if properly managed on a basis that will be a pride to all future generations.

We are at present living in a progressive age and are aware of the fact that the railroads and telegraphs are the great civilizers of the world, and always go hand in hand with the leading commercial and industrial interests of the country. In order then to fully realize the condition of a prosperous country we must have those modern public enterprises; we need them as individuals, communities and as a nation, for comfort, convenience and protection. There are certain natural laws that provide for those public wants, just when they are needed, and come they will just so sure as the sun rises and sets, so there is no use for us to fight against fate, but, on the contrary, let us strike while the iron is hot and every one put his shoulder to the great wheel of progress and give it such a boom that will send the iron horse across the continent, smoking and roaring, and if, perchance, he should strike Belle Plain on his journey toward the Pacific coast, why, I for one should say let him strike as soon as possible, if not sooner. Progress.

Belle Plain, Texas April 6, 1880

### Baird ISD

#### Coronation To Be Held February 21

Baird Coronation will be held Saturday, February 21st at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Representatives from classes and school organizations will be presented at the annual coronation. "Wish Upon A Star" is this year's theme.

Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. The Student Council will be selling Coronation DVD's for \$10.00. (Outside camcorders will not be allowed in the auditorium).

Coronation is a fundraiser for Student Council and all of the proceeds go toward Stu-Co projects, which aid the school and community.

Share your color photos for possible print in your Hometown paper. E-mail to ecn@att.net, mail to P.O. Box 29 Eastland, TX 76448. Photos will be returned. anniversaries, weddings, new babies, grandchildren, pets or ?

### Texas Midwest Day At The Capitol Attended By Many From Counties

More than 130 people representing rural cities in the Texas Midwest region traveled to Austin for "Texas Midwest Day" on Feb. 3rd to honor legislators and demonstrate a unified voice for rural Texas. Participants from Cisco included Ronnie Ledbetter, Amy Evans, Jim Baker, John Diers, Kay Jackson, Brian & Tina Jackson, Bill Kendall, Steve Hudman and Don Henry.

Texas Midwest Community Network sponsored its eighth biennial visit to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. Highlights of the day included a photo session on the steps of the Capitol, a briefing on regional issues, visits to lawmaker offices and an evening reception.

"Texas Midwest Day provides a means for community leaders from our region to be recognized at the State Capitol and have face to face visits with

lawmakers," says TMCN President Mike Schweikhard. "Our presence in Austin helps legislators from our region send a message to urban lawmakers that concerns about such issues as state services, tax reform and natural resources have special significance to us."

The Texas Midwest delegation gathered on the Capitol steps for a photo session with state representatives and senators serving the region. Governor Rick Perry joined the group for the photo and used the opportunity to offer comments related to the State's economy. The day included visits to legislative offices to meet with staffs and an evening legislative reception sponsored jointly by TMCN and the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce.

State Senators for TMCN include Troy Fraser-Dist. 24, Robert Duncan-Dist. 28 and Craig Estes-Dist. 30. State Representatives include

Harvey Hilderbran-Dist. 53, Sid Miller-Dist. 59, Jim Keffer-Dist. 60, Rick Hardcastle-Dist. 68, Susan King-Dist. 71, Drew Darby-Dist. 72, and Joe Heflin-Dist. 85.

TMCN includes 43 member cities in 26 counties: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Menard, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network visit the web site at [www.TexasMidwest.org](http://www.TexasMidwest.org).

### Clyde Little League Sign-Ups

The Clyde Little League will be having sign ups on Saturday, February 14th at the Clyde Intermediate Gym during the Clyde Jr. Basketball games. Sign up times will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will also be a sign up on Thursday, February 19th in the Clyde Elementary cafeteria from 6 to 8 p.m.

Little League Baseball is provided for children ages 5 through 14. The League age is determined by the child's age as of April 20, 2009. Children who live in the Clyde, Baird and Eula school districts are eligible to play in Clyde Little League. During sign ups, we will also be accepting

volunteer applications for coaching positions. Volunteer applications for coaching positions will need to be turned in no-later than Saturday, February 14th at 4 p.m.

Please bring your child's birth certificate to the sign up if they have not played in Clyde Little League before.

Clyde Little League sign up fees are \$50.00 for Farm League through Major League and \$55.00 for Junior League.

If you have any questions about the sign up, please contact Glenn Santos at 201-3642 or visit <http://eteamz.active.com/clydelittleleague/>.

### Census Bureau Testing Day Scheduled For Thursday

A second application and testing for the 2010 Census will be held on Thursday, February 12th at the Clyde City Hall located at 220 Oak Street. The application and testing process will begin at 9 a.m. at the Clyde City Hall.

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](http://www.census.gov/rodal/www/empty.html) or call toll free 1-866-861-2010.

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## WRITERS SHOWCASE

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### American Life In Poetry

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

To read in the news that a platoon of soldiers has been killed is a terrible thing, but to learn the name of just one of them makes the news even more vivid and sad. To hold the name of someone or something on our lips is a powerful thing. It is the badge of individuality and separateness.

Charles Harper Webb, a California poet, takes advantage of the power of naming in this poem about the steady extinction of animal species.

#### The Animals are Leaving

One by one, like guests at a late party

They shake our hands and step into the dark:

Arabian ostrich; Long-eared kit fox; Mysterious starling.

One by one, like sheep counted to close our eyes,

They leap the fence and disappear into the woods:

Atlas bear; Passenger pigeon; North Island laughing owl;

Great auk; Dodo; Eastern wapiti; Badlands bighorn sheep.

One by one, like grade school friends,

They move away and fade out of memory:

Portuguese ibex; Blue buck; Auroch; Oregon bison;

Spanish imperial eagle; Japanese wolf; Hawksbill

Sea turtle; Cape lion; Heath hen; Raiatea thrush.

One by one, like children at a fire drill, they march outside,

And keep marching, though teachers cry, "Come back!"

Waved albatross; White-bearded spider monkey;

Pygmy chimpanzee; Australian night parrot;

Turquoise parakeet; Indian cheetah; Korean tiger;

Eastern harbor seal; Ceylon elephant; Great Indian rhinoceros.

One by one, like actors in a play that ran for years

And wowed the world, they link their hands and bow

Before the curtain falls.

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### Girls Interrupted

Two new memoirs by poets Lavinia Greenlaw and Sarah Manguso.

by Carla Blumenkranz  
Poetry Media Service

The Importance of Music to Girls, by Lavinia Greenlaw. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$23.00

The Two Kinds of Decay, by Sarah Manguso. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$22.00.

Few writers are memoirists by profession, and it's hard to imagine what the qualifications might be. A compelling and even awful life history helps (Mary Karr), but it's not really necessary or a guarantee. Exceptional success in some other field (Barack Obama) also creates basic narrative interest, but a talent for politics, for example, doesn't always translate into a talent for meaningful reflection.

What does seem to distinguish many great memoirists, though, is an almost supernatural intuition with language: the ability to take recollections that have personal resonance and make them echo for readers in written sentences (Joan Didion, Jamaica Kincaid, and Elie Wiesel). In comparison with this gift, experience seems almost beside the point.

It's no surprise, then, that poets so often write memoirs, and that they take to the prose form so naturally. Karr is the blockbuster example of a contemporary poet-memoirist, but other young poets who have written in the form in recent years include Nick Flynn and Paisley Rekdal. Most recently, both Sarah Manguso and Lavinia Greenlaw have written memoirs that press on the boundary between poetry and prose and affectingly describe, in intentional fits and starts, the poets' tumultuous girlhoods.

Sarah Manguso was 20 when she was diagnosed with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), an obscure neurological disorder. Manguso describes what happened to her in about 80 discrete sections, each focused on one character or moment and none longer than two or three pages. The paragraphs, or perhaps stanzas, tend to be short and are separated by one-line breaks that function like intakes of breath. Manguso's writing is similar to poet Paisley Rekdal's in that, as one reviewer wrote of Rekdal's memoir *The Night My Mother Met Bruce Lee*, the writing is poetic "not in its dictions but in its elisions." Like Rekdal, Manguso tends to let the most significant moments in the text fall in the line breaks between thoughts.

At the same time, in what she chooses to describe, Manguso is strenuously precise. Most often, this is the facts of her illness and treatment, and how both physically felt. For example, when Manguso explains that she had a central line implanted into her chest, she writes that she would like the reader to know exactly how the cold blood infusions felt. She would like to invent a metaphor, she writes, but instead it seems most accurate to say that "it felt like liquid,

thirty degrees colder than my body, being infused slowly but directly into my heart, for four hours."

Memoirs of sickness are common; what is remarkable about Manguso's is that it conveys more subtle developments. The years she describes as nothing were, as she slowly explains, not entirely empty. They were also the moment when an incessantly driven young adult had to pause, and so look around her, and start becoming a writer.

Lavinia Greenlaw was lucky enough not to suffer physical crises so early in life. Instead, her adolescence in Essex, England, in the late 1970s was characterized by intense but more benign influences. Her most formative experiences involved pop music, and she writes her memoir by describing her first encounters with it. Like Manguso's memoir, Greenlaw's *The Importance of Music to Girls* is written in short sections that often verge on poetry.

Greenlaw takes 56 of these sections to describe how she went from being a small girl who danced on top of her father's feet to the type of young mother who has an ex-boyfriend and a Public Image record with her on the day she takes her daughter home from the hospital. Greenlaw often casually plays with chronology, but at the same time she remains intensely aware of the contradictory and painful aspects of her adolescence. Greenlaw recalls being at a school dance where she "shrank and veered, and felt in any given situation that I was wrong-standing in the wrong place and making the wrong shapes, the wrong noise." The song for this is David Bowie's "Laughing Gnome," and it echoes how Greenlaw adapted to her new surroundings. "I looked around, took note, and changed. I was a small person in a small place. I developed a small voice and a small laugh ha ha ha, hee hee hee." Here and elsewhere, Greenlaw uses music not only to situate her young adulthood but also to convey exactly how it felt.

Greenlaw studied the charts, got a transistor radio, and acquired her first tastes from listening to John Peel. The sounds she heard acted upon her as though she were "a cloud struck by lightning," and these were not only music but also the church bells in the village, the singsong and interruptions

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of dinner conversations, siblings' arguments, and the murmur of her parents' medical language. It seems natural that Greenlaw's imagination also led her to poetry. The ping of the typewriter was everywhere, she writes, "the ratcheting revision of the carriage return."

In almost any memoir by a writer, there is a way that, by the end of the story, the author seems to have found his or her calling. The process of becoming a writer isn't treated directly in Greenlaw or Manguso's memoir, but it is constantly present in the

example they set with their language and in their shared emphasis on growing powers of attention. Their young lives have so little in common except, it turns out, the powers they apply to them in retrospect.

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### Words You Can Use

**Astragal:** This is a word for the bone of the ankle.

**Bittern:** Here is a bird that looks like herons, or birds that wade. It is said they have a booming call. Some might be found in Oklahoma.

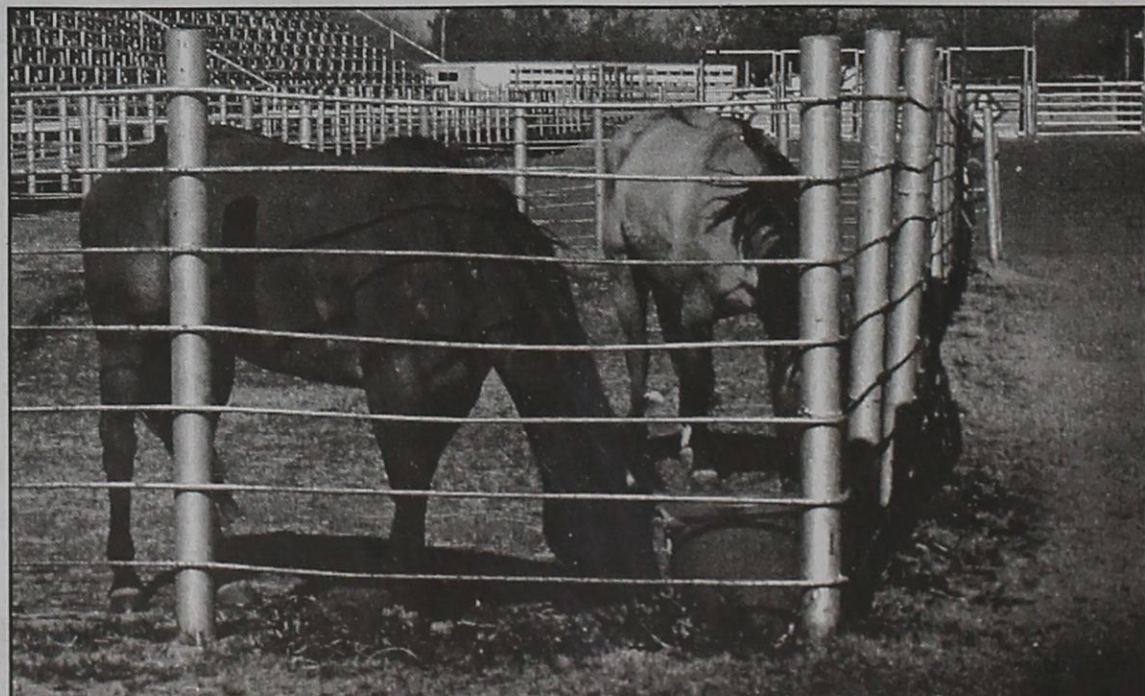
**Peripety:** When you have a violent or quick change in your environment, you have one of these.

**Shrievalty:** Not used in Callahan County at the sheriff's office, it means sheriff's office, and may be used yet, in Donegal County, Ireland.

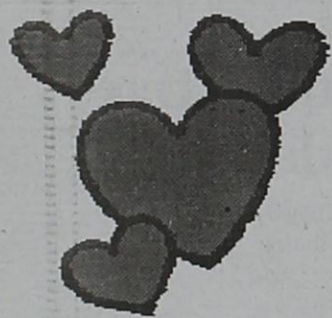
**Koniology:** When you observe and scientifically account for the quantity of germs and dust in the air, you are doing this study.

### Rhymes For Now

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Waiting for Spring...Photo by Patrick Ready



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### Writers And Poets!

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Local Veterans at TET Reunion include Thomas Liles, Bill Carmack, Larry Monroe, Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Schafernocker, James Wood, Marvin Sipes, and Charles Carlisle

## Local Veterans Join Large Crowd At 22nd TET Reunion Event Sponsored By Abilene Grunt Association

Submitted by Larry Monroe, National VFW Aide-de-Camp

"Momma" consistently ignored one instruction over the 11 months that she hauled a traveling version of the Wall, also known as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, across the country.

Just make sure the local sponsors get it set up right, especially level, and then back off, she was told. As a mother - a Gold Star Mother - she couldn't do that.

Dorothy Schafernocker, better known by her nickname "Momma", was a popular hit again Saturday at the 22st Anniversary Tet Reunion sponsored by the

Abilene Grunts Association. Her visit was at least the tenth, maybe the twelfth, to the event, she said. "I called it my mother instinct," Schafernocker said. "I knew who was hurting, where they were hurting, why they were hurting, and how bad they were hurting."

Initially most would put up a brave front, but she would persist.

"It hurts pretty bad," she said. "They start sniffing, and that's when I knew I had got through to them."

Having lost a son in Vietnam in 1969, she made the emotional connection.

Michael Schafernocker, a Navy petty officer second

class and a crew chief/door gunner, died when his helicopter was shot down on April 28, 1969. He was a member of the Navy's elite Seawolves, flying to provide cover for other U.S. military units operating in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam. Mrs. Schafernocker was presented a yellow rose to honor her Gold Star Mother status/an imprint of her son's name on the permanent Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.; plus a photograph of the ones who made the imprint; and a small comforter hand-sewn by an Abilene friend, Ralph Procter. The impression and the photographs were gifts of the Texas Veterans, an Abilene group that made a motorcycle trip to the capital to take them.

Schafernocker lives in a small Wise County town, Newark, near Fort Worth. The reunion was a combination of patriotic pageantry, a USO show, visiting with old comrades, and enjoying a meal cooked by the Texas Veterans. Local actors depicted entertainers and musical numbers typically seen in a USO show in the '60s and early '70s.

Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, that marked the start of a major North Vietnamese Vietcong offensive, marked a turning point in the war. The view of military historians was echoed, who contend the offensive was for the communist Vietnamese a military disaster - but a propaganda triumph because of the way it was reported to the American public.

A large crowd, including visitors from as distant as Florida and California, attended the event on Feb. 7, 2009 at the Taylor County Expo Center.



Ladies Auxiliary members of VFW Post 4136 at TET Reunion Carolyn Monroe, Francis Wood, Mary Harrison, Auxiliary President, Jo Hogan

## Walking Is For The Birds

Sometimes I need to walk. The body signals when the joints and muscles haven't been used. It tells when the internal organs have not been stretched or worked. I try to listen for that signal, but I also try to set a schedule to walk, so that it becomes a purpose into itself. That is boring, so my success at that is not great. One of the motivating things for me is to walk outside, see the town, and see a little bit of nature. After work, I walked the nice park track that is on the east side of Cisco not long ago. I was waiting for the Cisco Writer's Club to meet, and had arrived early. So I chose to use the intervening time for the use of the legs. It was great. Sometimes I pressed it into a brisk pace, then I would slow and go into a dawdle. This let me look at the trees and the season, and feel the cool breeze. The beauty of a park like that is that one can exercise with abandon. When I walk the city

streets, I obey all pedestrian laws, but at a park there are few of those, so I'm left to the enjoyment of it all. I walked downtown Rising Star recently, and enjoyed it as well. What a great downtown that is! I met some great people. Watching nature is an important part of the walk. Recently, I was surprised to see robins,

cardinals and woodpecker this early into the year. The woodpecker didn't seem to mind that I was close by, and began the wood work with a "Tat! Tat! Tat! Tat! This is the successful formula for me, to walk with more than the exercise as the goal."

- Patrick Ready

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# Letter To Editor

Editor,  
I recently received my gas bill from ATMOS energy which had jumped from \$23.37 to \$193.67. I called the service representative and another meter read was scheduled and found to be correct. I was advised that the price ATMOS had to pay for gas was the reason it jumped. I elected to go on budget billing at that point.

Now, this begs a question? Do my rates go down as gas prices reduce? I don't see it!! Is the energy going to keep going up? When will they be honest?

Another good example of a country not willing to take the cuts many of Americans have-was in the Sunday Abilene Reporter News, Page 5A. "Thousands of refinery workers prepare to picket".

Valero Energy, the nation's largest refiner said it "would close down some facilities"! This and the greed of labor unions will drive gasoline prices up! I witnessed it already at the pump! Why not take a hitch in the belt, settle arguments, go back to work and thank God you're in America!

Respectfully,  
Carl Bailey

The BACK Story  
I can't write a book, so I wrote a letter

As you know, the economy has changed for the worse and presents many new challenges. However, the good news is this: The economy doesn't pose

a threat to my business. What does threaten it however, is the changing political landscape in this country.

Let me tell you some little tidbits of fact which might help you understand. First, you have to understand that for every business owner there is a back story. This so called back story is often neglected and overshadowed by what you see and hear. Sure, you see me park my big race rig outside my business. Many of you may have seen my decently nice home with shop and pool. Some of you have noticed other nice things and I'm sure at least some of these flashy icons have conjured up some idealized thoughts about my life. However, what you don't see is the back story.

I started our business along with my wife and my parents in January 1985, some 24 years ago at the time of this writing. At that time, my wife and I lived in a 900 square foot house. Of course it didn't matter too much because 100% of my time was put into the company, which by the way would eventually employ close to 20 people. My wife and dad worked other jobs for some time during the start up years while mom run the fast pace required to do manual payables and receivables. Our diets consisted of a lot of peanut butter and jelly because every spare dollar we had went back into the company, besides we didn't have much time to stop and eat anyway. I drove a sky blue junked up 68 Chevy pickup with a tool box bed, my dad had a 72 Ford pickup with 4 billion miles, and the wife had some kind of crap car with a jacked up transmission. We didn't have time to do vacations as we do sometimes now. In fact, it was 12 years after the inception of Bryans before my wife and I took our first vacation. That was after the fact that we lost twin boys, had 2 more boys - 3 years apart, which both required surgery on my wife for their birth. In addition each of them had to have surgery

before their 1st birthdays. We, just as everyone, have endured many bumps and bruises along the way including illnesses and deaths. Just in the last 7 years, I have incurred 14 broke bones and had 5 surgeries.

But as I have took pride in saying along the way, the wheels have to stay in motion no matter what, and thus it has even at major costs. And with the help of the great family and employees that make up our business, the bills stay paid, the workers were paid, and the door remained open as advertised for 24 years. Not once, ever, have we not paid our employees on time. Not once, ever, were they asked to wait for a check. Not once, ever, have we failed to pay our vendors, or anyone for that matter, and on time I might add. Not once, ever, did we ask them to wait. Not once, ever, did we forget or fail to meet the business obligations that fever and fewer of this day and time take pride in, or have understanding of. The "Not once, ever," statement has a cost that is unimaginable by most, including my own children that I love dearly. I do believe in time, they will learn though as they are teachable and genuinely interested, as I hope you are.

Growing up, I started working at the young age of 13. At the age of 15 I started my auto parts career that enabled me to begin the process of learning how to succeed in business and yet again, build something worthy of offering up jobs for people and supplying services for a great small community. Many, many times through the years I worked while my friends went out having fun, partying, and taking trips. In fact, I was married to my business -- hard work, discipline, and sacrifice. I probably still am more than most realize.

Moving on through the years my friends got good jobs and some of them worked 40 hours a week and made a modest living. Of course they spent every dime they earned, drove flashy cars, lived in expensive homes and wore fancy designer clothes. Instead of hitting the latest hot fashion items, we were trolling through the Sears catalogs extracting any clothing items that didn't look like they were birthed in the 70's that were affordable. As time went on, my friends refinanced their mortgages and continued living a life of luxury. I, however, did not. I put my time, my money, and my life into the businesses with a vision that eventually, some day, we too, would be able to afford some luxuries that only others seemed to enjoy. So, while many physically arrive at the office at 8 to 9am, mentally check

in at about 10:30, and then leave at 5 to 6pm, I don't. There is no "off" button for me.

When many leave the office, they are done and have an evening or weekend all to their self. I unfortunately do not have much of these freedoms and haven't ever since a very young age. I eat and breathe the vision of success every minute of every day, and still have reservations daily about possible failure. There is no rest. There is no weekend. There is no happy hour.

Every day the sometimes burden of sustainability is attached to my hip like a 1 year old special-needs child. Outsiders, of course, only see some fruits of that garden - the nice house, the decent cars, a few toys and some vacations... They seldom realize the back story and the sacrifices associated. It's now no secret to anyone that the economy is falling apart and we, the people that made some right decisions and saved a little along the way, have to bail-out some of the people and companies who didn't. The people that overspent their paychecks suddenly feel entitled to the same luxuries that we earned and sacrificed decades of our lives for. The companies and boards that paid their CEO's millions all of the sudden are willing to listen if it means getting those bail out checks. Yes, business ownership has its benefits but the price is steep and not without wounds. Unfortunately, the cost of running our business, and employing the number of people we employ, is starting to eclipse the threshold of marginal benefit. Let me tell you why:

I am being taxed to death and the government thinks I don't pay enough as it is. I have state taxes. Federal taxes. Property taxes. Sales and use taxes. Payroll taxes. Workers compensation taxes. Unemployment taxes. Taxes on taxes. We even now have reclamation taxes. I have to hire tax and legal people to manage all these taxes and then guess what? I have to pay taxes for employing them. Our costs on tax accounting have grown over 300% just in the last couple of years. Government mandates, regulations, and all the accounting that goes with it, now occupy too much of my time - even though I have a well versed CPA and lawyer.

The question I have is this: Who is stimulating the economy? Is it us, the people who have provided 10 to 20 people good paying jobs and serves thousands of people per year with needed services from several successful businesses? Or is it the single mother sitting at home pregnant with her fourth child waiting for her next welfare check? Obviously, government feels the lat-

ter is the economic stimulus of this country.

Here is what the politicians don't seem to understand... to stimulate the economy you need to stimulate what runs the economy. Had suddenly government mandated to me that I didn't need to pay taxes, guess what? Instead of depositing loads of money to that black-hole in Washington, I would have invested it in offering more services, hiring more employees and generating substantial economic growth. My employees would have enjoyed the wealth of that tax cut in the form of promotions, better salaries, and increased commissions. There is no reason this will not work folks, but it would appear that we can forget that for now.

When you have a comatose man on the verge of death, you don't defibrillate and shock his thumb thinking that will bring him back to life, do you? Small Business is at the heart of America and always has been. To restart it, you must stimulate it, not kill it. Suddenly, the power brokers in Washington believe the poor of America are the essential drivers of the American economic engine. It would appear that they also think the large corporations that can't learn to make a profit are also in the drivers' seat - who knows why? Nothing could be further

from the truth and this is the thinking that is creating the fall of this country before our eyes.

The letter was created to spawn thought and share true and factual information about my business journey and the current economic woes with those who wish to lend an ear. I hope the letter will alert us to step back and think about the things we do in our daily routines of life. Many of us preach shop at home, buy at home and so on yet we habitually and subconsciously support the going broke or gone broke corporations that house their workforce in Mexico, China and India. Small Business is worthy of us changing our habits to make daily conscious efforts to support it. The government apparently has lost focus but we the people have the power to bring calm to the economic problems we continue to face. I believe with all my heart that God will continue to look out for us, even during this confusing time, but he expects us to do our part and be responsible for our livelihood as well. I am proud to be an American, a Texan, a Christian, and a chip off the block business owner with a back story.

God Bless you all and thank you for your business.

Bryan Jackson  
January 30, 2009

## Crossword Answers

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

**MORTON VALLEY**  
-Morton Valley EE Club, 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2 PM, Senior Citizens Bldg., on the Hill, Eastland.

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-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  
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-Eastland Memorial Hospital Meeting, 3rd Thursday, 11 AM  
-Eastland ISD Meeting 2nd Monday, 6:30 PM  
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-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.  
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Pastor Ethan Muse and other church leaders will take part in this program. There will be thanks to God for making this place of worship possible, and thanks to businesses and individuals who helped with the church building.

Planning and work on this church near Eastland began in 2003, when Jim Ferguson was the Pastor. He and Conference President Leighton Holley and local leaders assisted with the project.

The groundbreaking was held in May, 2004, and the building occupied in June 2005. Since then the grounds have been landscaped and other improvements made.

Church members and Pastor Muse invite the public to come out on Feb. 21 and share this special time. There will be a Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. before the 11 a.m. program.

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## Stolen Identity

By J. B. Johnston

Down at the Dairy Queen the other day I asked Bubba if he ever worried about having his identity stolen. To which he replied, "No!" When I asked why, he said he had already been through all that. I asked, "How is that?"

It seems that Bubba had lost his drivers license down at the local convenience store, while buying gasoline, and some unscrupulous person had found it. Although I was thinking why someone, after seeing his picture on the license, would want to steal his identity was beyond me, I still had to ask what happened.

He said the fellow that stole his identity brought the license back, and begged him to take his identity back. I said, "What?" He said, after getting all of his bills, and finding out he had no money, the fellow begged him to be himself again. When I asked what he did, he said he made the man give him \$50 to take his identity back. He figures that was fair enough since he had to pay to get a replacement license. I told him it sounded fair to me, but I would have held out for \$100.

When I asked if Bubba didn't have any money in the bank at that time, he said he didn't and never had. Since I wasn't sure if I heard right I said, "Do you mean to tell me you have never had a bank account?" To which he replied, "Yep, and I don't plan to start now." Knowing he drew a Social Security check, I asked how he kept his money safe. He informed me he had it buried in the back yard.

Just out of curiosity I asked if anyone else besides him knew where it was buried. After giving me one of those looks indicating I was crazy he said, "No and if anyone else knew where it was buried it wouldn't be safe anymore." I said, "Bubba, just in case something happened to you, why don't you make me your beneficiary and tell me where it is buried." He gave me that look again, and said, "That would be about like telling those Washington politicians not to spend my tax dollars foolishly." I figure he had something there, but I wasn't worried because I have a metal detector, and fruit jars have metal lids. However, I want to get my hands on his old double barrel shotgun first.

After dwelling upon this for awhile, I figure Bubba is smarter than we who have money in a bank. In fact, I even gave thought to burying mine until I found out after I bought a shovel and a fruit jar, I wouldn't have any money left to bury.

(The ex-Carbonite, same old me)



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# 'The Pink Panther 2' Held Over At Majestic

A new comedy called "The Pink Panther 2" is being held over for another weekend at the Majestic Theater in Eastland.

It had its opening night here on Feb. 6, when Columbia Pictures/MGM/and Sony introduced it across the country.

Steve Martin stars again as the bumbling French Police Detective, Inspector Jacques Clouseau. And the "Pink Panther" in the title refers to a fabulous diamond.

The picture will be showing again here from Friday, Feb. 13 through Monday, Feb. 16.

The box office will be open

at 7:00 p.m. nightly, with the picture beginning at 7:30 p.m. General admission will be \$4.50, with balcony seats \$6.00 (Adults only).

The film is rated PG, and contains some suggestive humor, brief mild language and action.

Steve Martin is backed up in this sequel by Jean Reno, Alfred Molina, Emily Mortimer, Andy Garcia, Lily Tomlin and others.

Many will remember the previous "Pink Panther" film, which became a hit in 2006. This new picture takes up the same theme. When legend-

ary treasures from around the world are stolen - including the priceless Pink Panther diamond - Inspector Clouseau is assigned to a team of international detectives supposed to catch the thieves and retrieve the artifacts.

Martin is joined by his co-star Jean Reno, his partner - and Emily Mortimer (as Nichole, the object of his affections).

The story is set in Paris and Rome, and the photography adds to its entertainment.

## Rising Star Senior Citizens News

By Betty Fisher

Thirty one partook of our meal today, and I expect that is about what the wind is blowing, 31 miles an hour!. I walked in with my hair covering my face, and so did my old friend Olena Ezzell! It was a glorious day! We sat there and talked and laughed until well after most everyone else had gone home. That is part of the fun of our Senior Citizen get together. Shone Abbas was with us again. Good to see his smiling face. Robert "F" inney told me I had been misspelling his name for the last 3 years, and it was time to get it correct. Thank you, Robert. 'Robert' I can spell, I lived for several years with a Robert. My little brother, Robert Siekman, was born when I was 14!

Ran into an old friend, Jim Walker, in our 'like new' City Library one day this week. Like old times he wrote out a new item to include. "Gerald Evans, Grandson of Delia Bonner, died on February 1, 2009. Complications of a long time form of illness similar to Muscular Dystrophy caused his death. Gerald weighed 600 lbs. at the time of this death. He was married to Frances Jean Walker Evans. Her tender love and care and devotion to him gave him many years to enjoy his quick smiles and simple love for all of us. Gerald would have been 59 in a few days."

You are all invited to drop in and see what the ladies

are doing to the library, look through the numerous new books now available, both in hard back and soft back, regular and large print, as well as rearranged topical subjects. Several of us [ more about this in a minute] attended a book signing in Comanche yesterday. The author, Sandra Teague Gilliland, graciously donated one of her beautiful cookbooks to 'our' library! Jim and I with Gwen Eberhart and Ginger Tobin drove over to Comanche, where we met my daughter, Beverly Stewart. There was already a houseful of locals, I won't even try to mention all of them, but I shall name a few. I would surely forget someone if I tried to remember all of them. It appeared to be almost all of the girls from the RSHS Class of '65, some before and some after, also there. And I shan't forget the boys either! Got big hug from Covie Weaver who lives in Dallas, who in fact was the first one I saw. Of course his excuse was, Sherry was working, and he had to come without her! He said he planned to stay a few days in their house on Brewster Street.

Hi, Little John Whiteside! Saw your mother at the 'Book Signing'. She told me you read my column every week in The Rising Star. Thank you. She also said you were as tall now as she! Wow! The ladies who instigated the signing, are to be commended. Sharolyn Roach Cox was the first to get in touch with me, but her sister in law Doris Cox was certainly handy keeping out all the goodies on the table. They were enough to want everyone to get 'that recipe.' I also spotted Sandra's sister in law Mary Frances Teague among the Cook Buying Crowd. Just our car, plus Beverly, carried home 8 of them. Trying to look through my book, and I'm not even past the soups!

The ladies, Carolyn Taylor and Kathy Brown from De Leon were here to do BP, and blood sugars. They stayed for lunch today.

Eula Grisham and Norene Pittman were at the Coffee Shop [Betty's Quick Stop] Sunday when the errant motorcycle ran through the Antique Shop's front window. Seems no one knows the poor guy's name, although Thelma says he lives next door. Thankfully he wasn't badly hurt, I was told. Norene said the Lees had been sick all week. Remember, LaVerne is Norene's sister. And when I asked about The Romines, Norene said Joann has been staying with younger sister Eulala Stover some, when Carolyn has to be gone.

Eulala's daughter, Carolyn, is living with and caring for her mother. She is working by computer for Hendrick's hospital.

Arley Bibby had grandson, Shane Lee, with him today. Shane's mother, Velda, has a beautifully appointed Beauty Shop in town town Clyde. My sister, Joyce Holamon, has told me about it, and each time I do by there I plan on stopping, but haven't so far. I shall be going there Monday, but actually that is my problem. Since I'm there on Monday, and beauty shops are closed on Monday, I haven't had a chance to visit. Shane told me he had a business in Clyde.

Thelma Gilliland (no relation to Sandra Gilliland, although Thelma has a daughter named Sandra who graduated a year or two before Sandra G.) said daughter Judy Johnson and grandson Zane were coming tonight to take her to Weatherford tomorrow for a Dr. Appointment. Hey, all you guys and gals our there, get well! I heard the One Source Clinic was closed on Monday because of the flu!

From Ramona: Pat Newton had a little bad luck this week when a guy went through his front window on his motorcycle. First alert guys had the window boarded up probably before the news of the accident was out.

I am looking for Coann to come home for her week off this weekend.

Arley Bibby went to his eye Dr. in Abilene this week. Everything is fine at this time. Jacki is still having pain from his rattlesnake bite, but he is better today.

"Prevention is better than cure."-Erasmus

# Abilene Writer To Be Guest At 'Meet The Author' In Cross Plains

The Cross Plains Public Library is proud to announce, that Joe Specht, Collections Manager of the Grady McWhiney Research Foundation in Abilene, will be the featured guest on Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 at the Community Center, 2nd and Beech Street in Cross Plains.

Specht will be sharing his love of Texas music and history as they have intertwined, down through the years. Although he has written extensively about Abilene and songs about Abilene, Specht will be focusing on the music of Slim Willet and his best known song, "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes". The evening will be a combination of music and Texas history as researched by Specht.

Specht has been widely published in musical and historical journals, and was even featured on a radio program in Australia in 2006.

Make plans now to attend this program - it's truly one of a kind. As always, there is no charge for the evening and refreshments will be served.

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## Local Students/Athletes Named All-Star Rosters Announced For 2009 FCA All-Star Classic

Colton Brewer, Blake Galyean and Kory Volpitta all of Eastland High School have been chosen to participate in the 10th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic, to be held Saturday, June 13, 2009 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Colton is the son of Shawn and Lauri Brewer, Blake is the son of Doug and Gayla Galyean, and Kory is the daughter of John and Karen Volpitta, they are three of 133 area students/athletes selected for the game, which benefits the Big Country Area Office of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 50+

area schools, the rosters for the North and South squads were announced at a press conference on Sat., Feb. 7, 2009 at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene, TX.

The young All-Stars were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 36 counties.

Representatives from Class A-5A make up the squads. They will report for two-day workouts on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. There will be lots of activities that they will be involved in during that time and will be honored at a Victory Banquet in April, at the Abilene Civic Center.

•Who: 2009 North and South All-Stars  
 •What: Player check-in and introduction press conference for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual FCA Greathouse All-Star Classic  
 •When: Saturday, Feb. 7, 1:30 p.m. (Player introductions scheduled to begin @ 2 p.m.)  
 •Where: Beltway Park Baptist Church, 4009 Beltway South

Representing 52 Big Country high schools, the players and cheerleaders chosen for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fellowship of Christian Athletes Greathouse All-Star Classic football game will be announced Saturday.

The 2008 game is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium with all proceeds benefitting the Big Country Chapter of the FCA.

On Saturday, 83 players, 28 cheerleaders and the coaching staffs will be introduced to the media and then attend informational meetings with organizers and coaches at Beltway Park Baptist Church.

Teams, cheerleaders and coaches report for two-day practices in Abilene on Wednesday, June 10.

As announced earlier, the coaching staffs from the inaugural Classic in 2000 are reuniting as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

The North will be led by head coach Steve Warren of Abilene High, assisted by Albany head coach Denney Faith, former Colorado City head coach Gerald James and former Sweetwater head coach Hank Dowell. James is now an assistant coach in Bridgeport, while Dowell is on Warren's staff at AHS.

Wylie's Hugh Sandifer will return as head coach for the South and will be assisted by former Brownwood head coach Steve Freeman, retired Ballinger head coach Danny Slaughter and Wylie defensive coordinator Clay Martin. Martin replaces former Cooper head coach Randy Quisenberry from the first FCA staff. Quisenberry has a scheduling conflict and

is unavailable for the 2009 game. Information about the Big Country Chapter of the FCA can also be found at [www.bigcountryfca.org](http://www.bigcountryfca.org).

Players and Cheerleaders from this area are as follows:

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 Robert Medina LB  
 5-9 180  
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 Blake Galyean WR  
 6-3 145  
 Colton Brewer RB  
 6-1 182  
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- CHEERLEADER**  
 Kory Volpitta  
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## Poetry Corner

### A CHILD

The sweetest voice that you may ever hear  
 Is the voice of a child kneeling in prayer.  
 Seeking Jesus that seems so near

To protect mom and dad they love so dear.  
 If we had the faith of a child  
 What mountains we could climb.

Each day would be a new experience  
 That each could seek and find.  
 There is a special blessing  
 That comes from heaven above.

It's clothed in joy and happiness  
 And completed with a mother's love.  
 So when we count our blessings  
 Let's stop and think awhile.

The Lord must have been smiling  
 When He sent to us a little Child.

By Bob Harbin  
 "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:13-16

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# Obituaries

## Bruce Terrell

BAIRD- Bruce Terrell, 51, of Baird, died Friday, February 6, 2009 in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2009 in Goldbusk Cemetery in Coleman County with Vick Meyers officiating. Services under direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

Bruce was born January 27, 1958 to Robert Nuel and Mae Louise Jones Terrell, in Abilene, Texas. He attended schools in Abilene and graduated from Cooper High School in 1976. He was a welder and had lived in Baird for the past 7 years,

## Hermon 'Babe' Oliver

Hermon 'Babe' Oliver, 88, died Tuesday, February 3, 2009 in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Paducah with Glendell and Curtis Smith officiating. Interment followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah, directed by Seigler Funeral Home of Paducah.

His grandchildren served as pallbearers.

He was born on July 17, 1920 in Steedmon, OK. His family moved to Texas in 1934. He worked on the Pitchfork Ranch for 42 years. Babe was King County Commissioner for 16 years, then in 1976 became King County Sheriff for 8 years. In 1984 he was appointed King County Judge and served 6 years until his retirement in 1990.

He married Bama Nell Smith on February 25, 1945 in Paducah. She preceded him in death on November 14, 2007. They moved to Pampa in May of 1995 and lived there until August of 2007 when they moved to Clyde.

having lived in Allen, Texas previously.

He was a Congregational Methodist.

Bruce was a loving father and devoted friend who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and soccer.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors are three sons, Dustin Terrell of Granbury, Riley Terrell and Clinton Terrell, both of McKinney; his mother, Louise Terrell of Baird; and numerous aunts and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter; his parents, M.N. and Ada Oliver; 3 brothers; and 3 sisters.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda and Jimmy Barton of Clyde and Beth Watson and Randy Watson of Pampa; one son, Terry and Linda Oliver of Dumont, Texas; nine grandchildren, Michelle and Trey, Cody and Keela, Jamie and Shelley, Toby, Emily, and Luke; and five great-grandchildren.

## Rosa Belle Farmer

CLYDE- Rosa Belle Farmer, 89, of Arlington and formerly of Clyde, died Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at a medical center.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2009 at Bailey Chapel. Burial to be at Eula Cemetery.

## Martha 'Ma' Leona Kerby

ABILENE- Martha "Ma" Leona Kerby, 89, of Abilene, died Thursday, February 5, 2009.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2009 in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Pastor Mike Jones of Harvest Baptist Church officiating. Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Martha was born in El Campo, Texas on September 26, 1919. She was the daughter of William Sissom and Amanda Barbara Annis Cook. She was one of 9 children. She moved to Abilene in 1938 and later married James W. Kerby on May 13, 1939.

Martha was an avid sports fan and she loved her Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers. She loved to cook and just spend time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers and one sister; her husband, James W. Kerby; two daughters, Carolyn Morgan

and Paulette Briney; one son, James R. Kerby; three grandchildren, James R. Kerby, Jr., Sammy Anderson, and Brody Kerry; and one great-granddaughter, Nicole Proctor.

Survivors are daughter-in-law, Cecile Kerby of Abilene; grandson, Russell Kerby and wife, Mille of Abilene; four granddaughters, Stephanie Womack and husband, Dale of Mishawaka, Indiana, Tiffany Bowers and husband, Roger of Niles, Michigan, and Diana Szako and Susan Morgan both of Fort Worth; a grandson, Mike Cannon of Eula; 4 great-grandchildren, Taylor Kerby of Abilene, Tristan Bowers of Niles, Michigan, DJ and Caitlin Womack of Mishawaka, Indiana, and Dillon Cannon of Eula.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

## John 'Johnny' H. Frazier

CONCAN- John 'Johnny' Howard Frazier, 80, died February 3, 2009 in his home near Concan, Texas.

A graveside service was held Sunday, February 8, 2009 at Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird. Rev. Sandra Keith officiated. Services under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Johnny was born on January 12, 1929 in Dayton, Ohio to George Asa Frazier and Louetta Weldon Frazier.

Johnny attended school in Baird before moving to Ft. Worth where he graduated from Arlington Heights High School in 1947. He began his career with Celanese Chemical in Bishop, Texas before entering the Marine

Corps in 1951. He served as a forward observer in the Korean War.

Upon completion of his tour of military service Johnny returned to Celanese where he worked for the next 22 years, while raising his three children. Before retiring, he was employed by Brown and Root on the construction of Comanche Peak Nuclear Plant near Ft. Worth and Waterford Nuclear Plant near Lake Charles, LA.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his sister, and his two older brothers.

Survivors are his three children, John Frazier, Jr., Kirk W. Frazier, and Jill Frazier Farnsworth. He also leaves four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and his younger brother, Don.

## Bear & Lady Bear Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
2/13	*Bronte	There	6:00	JVB/VB
2/17	*Winters	Here	6:00	JVB/VB

## Baird I.S.D. Staff Spotlight

### Jennifer Jarman Bellar

BAIRD-This week's faculty spotlight is on Mrs. Jennifer Jarman Bellar. Mrs. Bellar is the Baird High School counselor.

Mrs. Bellar was born on November 25, 1972. Bellar graduated from Cooper High School in 1991, and attended college at Abilene Christian University, West Texas A&M University, and University of the Southwest. She worked for CPS before returning back to school to become a teacher.

Mrs. Bellar has been married to Mr. Jarod Bellar since 1995. They have two children, Jaxon, 8 years old, and Jentry, 5 years old. I asked Mrs. Bellar how she met Mr. Bellar and she said, "I have been asked several times how I met my husband and I always respond, "sitting down" because he is a couple inches shorter than me! I fell in love with him because of his personality and charm. Yes, he would like to be taller, but I love him just the way he is. I love wearing high heels and he hates them! We actually met when we were both employed as day camp counselors at the YMCA in Abilene."

Mrs. Bellar loves spending time with her family. Her favorite drink is a diet coke. You will seldom see her without one. Her favorite color is pink, and her favorite singer is Kenny Chesney, even though she has a picture of Dierks Bentley and her in her office. Mrs. Bellar's favorite shows are The Big Bang Theory and Top Chef.

Mrs. Bellar became a social worker and a teacher because of the inspirational teachers in her life. Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Chris Faehnle, who taught Bellar in a seventh grade reading class at Jefferson Middle School. "She

showed us how much fun reading could be and, more importantly, made us feel as though she really cared about us and was interested in our lives." Mrs. Bellar's dad, Wayne Jarman, passed away from Hodgkin's disease in 1983 at the young age of 36. She met weekly with her school counselor and made a large impact on her life. "I had several teachers that took the time out of their busy schedule to actually talk and listen to me. I will always be eternally grateful. Two such teachers were Mr. Jack Nall and Mr. Mike Newton (Coach Newton's dad). These men expected great things from all their students and encouraged all of us to not only make goals, but to meet and exceed them."

Mrs. Bellar's parents are Wayne Jarman (d. 1983) and John and Dena Bailey. Dena is a second grade teacher at Dyess Elementary, and John is an Edward Jones Investment Representative. "My mom married a good Christian man named John Bailey. I admire him for taking on a mom and two children. John raised me with high morals and Christian values. I regret dealing him so much misery as a teenager!"

Mrs. Bellar wanted to add that "I absolutely love working with the students and faculty at Baird ISD. I know I've already made life-long friends. The community has been very welcoming and I look forward to watching my kids graduate from Baird High School."

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65.43 Acres - Eastland Co- wooded with oaks, large hill with great view, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$148,000.

65.498 Acres - Eastland Co- mobile home, wooded with oaks, two large hills, SOLD water well, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$156,000.

66+/- Acres - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with oaks, small field ideal for wildlife, pond, water well, rolling hill with view, home site potential, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, & quail, \$144,870.

75 Acres - Eastland Co- Mixed wooded with oaks & various fields, metal barn, 3 ponds, water line, livestock pens, lots of cross fencing, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail \$156,000.

91 Acres - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with oak trees, large hills, creek, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$198,000.

114 Acres - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with mature oak trees, several smaller fields, hill down to creek bottom, water well, pond, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$250,000.

116 Acres on Sabana River - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with oak & elm trees, Sabana River runs through the property, pond, 2 fields, camper, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail, \$244,000.

148 Acres - Eastland Co- wooded mostly with oak trees, very large hill with view, SOLD ponds, creek, pond, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$2,175 per acre.

155 Acres - Callahan Co. - mostly wooded with oaks & mesquites, three SOLD ponds, large hills & canyons, paved road frontage, water line alongside property, deer, turkey, hogs, duck, quail \$279,000.

160 Acres - Eastland Co- very large hills and canyons, mostly wooded with red oak & live oak trees, creek, 1-large pond, 1-average pond, 1-field, great views for miles, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail, \$344,000.

164 Acres - Callahan Co- mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, several hills with views, creek, 2 ponds, remote & joins large ranches, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,890 per acre.

208 Acres - Eastland Co- wooded & open, oak & mesquite trees, two ponds, food plots, counts, road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, dove, duck, & quail, \$1,870 per acre.

241 Acres - wooded with very large hills, post oak, live oak, 2 creeks, 2 ponds, SOLD views & loaded with wildlife \$524,000.

**344 Acres on Leon River** - Eastland Co- mostly wooded with a large portion of big pecan tree bottoms, live oak & post oak trees too, several very large hills with great views, 4 different creeks & the Leon River runs through the property, 1 lake, 3 ponds, various wetland areas, lots of water, barn, water well, good fishing & lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$2,500 per acre.

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640 Acres - Callahan Co- completely wooded with several very large hill ridges & canyons with views for miles, 7 ponds with several being very large, mostly live oak & mesquite, creeks, 140 feet of elevation change, good road frontage, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$2,100 per acre.

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3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick home with CHIA, kitchen builtins, attached 2 vehicle garage with openers, large screened porch, storage building, fenced backyard, \$79,500.

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick home, CHIA, WBFP, kitchen builtins, 2 vehicle garage, 2 v SOLD patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$86,000.

3 BR, 2 bath home, large LR with WBFP, huge den or game room, CHIA, 4 vehicle carport, fenced backyard, corner property, \$88,000.

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## Baird ISD School Menu

**Thursday, Feb. 12**  
Breakfast: Toast and Cereal Choice of Juice Choice of Milk  
Lunch: ~5th Grade Parent Day~ Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit Salad  
**Friday, Feb. 13**  
Breakfast: Sausage Rolls Choice of Juice Choice of Milk  
Lunch: Hot Dogs, Pork-N-Beans, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Cup Cookies  
**Monday, Feb. 16**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Bites Choice of Juice Choice

of Milk  
Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Salad, Corn, Fruit Cup, Animal Crackers  
**Tuesday, Feb. 17**  
Breakfast: Sausage and Biscuit Choice of Juice Choice of Milk  
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Pears  
**Wednesday, Feb. 18**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos Choice of Juice Choice of Milk  
Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Salad, Pineapple Cup



## Clyde ISD School Menu

**Thursday, Feb. 12**  
Breakfast: Cereal and toast or Breakfast burrito, breakfast sausage pizza, fruit juice, milk  
HS & JH Lunch: Chicken fried steak, chicken tenders, sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, broccoli and cheese, orange, milk  
Intermediate & Elementary Lunch: Steak fingers, chicken tenders, sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, broccoli and cheese, orange, milk  
**Friday, Feb. 13**  
Breakfast: Cereal and toast or biscuit, sausage, gravy or sausage in a blanket, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch: Cheeseburger, chicken burger, grilled chicken salad, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks, salad, Blue Bell ice cream, milk  
**Monday, Feb. 16**  
Breakfast: Cereal and toast or biscuit, sausage, gravy

or cheese omelet and toast, fruit juice, milk  
HS & JH Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, pig in a blanket, egg roll and rice pilaf, salad, broccoli, fruit, carnival cookie, milk  
Intermediate & Elementary Lunch: Cheese pizza, pig in a blanket, egg roll and rice pilaf, salad, broccoli, fruit, carnival cookie, milk  
**Tuesday, Feb. 17**  
Breakfast: Cereal and toast or breakfast burrito, breakfast sausage pizza, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch: Steak fingers, ham and cheese salad, oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, rolls, California veggies, apple, milk  
**Wednesday, Feb. 18**  
Breakfast: Cereal and toast, or biscuit, sausage, gravy or French toast sticks, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch: Enchiladas, chicken fajita, pepperoni pizza, pinto beans, corn, salad, fruit, milk

## Obituary

### Eugene H. Cochran

MERKEL-Eugene "Pop" Herman Cochran died Monday, February 9, 2009.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2009 at Merkel First Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy Griffith officiating. Burial to be in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was born September 25, 1931 in Merkel to Cecil and Hazel (Dickey) Cochran. He married Emma Ely on June 5, 1952 in Tye, Texas. He farmed and ranched in the Noodle and Merkel area for several years, until he began driving a truck in the oilfield industry for Sojourner Drilling for 15 years. He also worked for other companies as an owner and operator.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

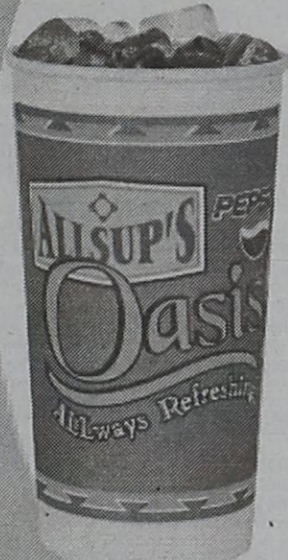
He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers, Cleburne, Red and Ralph.

Survivors are his wife, Emma Cochran of Merkel; 4 daughters, Martha McLeod and companion, Wayne Chimmiche of Bakersfield, CA, Faye Walker and husband, Britt Tidmore, Mary Myers and husband, Royce, Clesta Boone and husband, Galen all of Merkel; 2 sons, Steve Cochran and wife, Jeanina and Brad Cochran and wife, Bridget both of Merkel; 2 sisters, Betty Berryman and Eva Pechacek both of Clyde; 1 brother, Robert Larry Cochran of Los Angeles, CA; 16 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 301 S. Pioneer, Suite 105, Abilene, TX 79605 or Merkel Cemetery Association 201 Edwards Merkel, TX 79536.

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