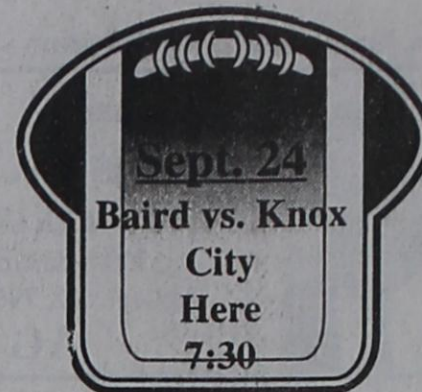


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## Parent Band Meeting

A parent band meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 27, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in the Baird school Band Hall.

**TWC August Unemployment Rates**  
(not seasonally adjusted)  
**Callahan County**  
Labor Force - 6,630  
Employment - 6,411  
Unemployed - 219  
Unemployment Rate - 3.3  
**Eastland County**  
Labor Force - 8,559  
Employment - 8,285  
Unemployed - 274  
Unemployment Rate - 3.2

## Texas Adds 116,600 Jobs Over the Year: Unemployment Rate Holds Steady

AUSTIN - According to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), seasonally adjusted Nonagricultural Employment in Texas gained 14,400 jobs from July to August and 116,600 jobs since August 2003. The annual growth rate improved to 1.2 percent in August, its highest level since June 2001. The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged from July to August, remaining at 5.7 percent. The four-week moving average for initial unemployment claims hit its lowest point in the last three years, with claims averaging just above 15,600 per week.

"While the unemployment rate is holding steady, Texas continues to create jobs as our economy expands," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "Employment growth has been broadly based, with eight major industries experiencing growth both over the month and over the year."

TWC Labor Market information shows the unemployment rate for Callahan County dropping slightly in August to 3.3% from 3.5% in July (not seasonally adjusted).

The rate was based on a Labor Force of 6,630; 6,411 of which were employed; 219 unemployed.

Eastland County shows an unemployment rate of 3.2% in August (not seasonally adjusted) based on a Labor Force of 8,559. Of this Labor Force, 8,285 were employed; 274 unemployed.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) August's civilian labor force unemployment rate estimates (not sea-

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Please See **Employment**

## Country Singer, 'Keep It Straight' Founder Daron Norwood To Perform At Baird Schools Friday

Country singer and Founder of "Keep It Straight" Daron Norwood will be performing at the Baird schools on Friday, September 24. His first performance will begin at 8:15 a.m. in the Baird cafeteria where he will be performing for the students and faculty at Baird Elementary. His performance for the Junior High and High School students and faculty will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Daron's program has been designed to warn students of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and also educate them on the effects of bullying and violence.

The program lasts one hour in which the first half is devoted to entertaining and getting to know the students, break any barriers and gain the trust of the audience.

The second half is dedicated to helping the students realize the dangers that they will be faced with and the consequences of making

wrong decisions when it comes to drugs and alcohol.

Parents and community members are encouraged to attend. There is no admission charge.

To date, "Keep It Straight" has been seen by 450,000 students and that number is growing.

Daron is currently working with the United States Air Force to bring the program to all forty Air Force bases in the country. "I am really excited about this opportunity to share the program with our country's military," Daron, who began speaking in schools across Texas in 1997, said.

When asked about the effectiveness of this program, Daron will share countless stories of young lives which have been changed. "The only way not to be successful is to do nothing at all," Daron says. "If I do a program and only change one life, the program was successful."

## Baird Citizens Receive Awards

Local Citizens were honored during the Baird festivities surrounding the commemorative re-opening of the historic Western Trail.

Receiving the Howard Farmer Outstanding Citizen award was Betty Henson.

Lydia Jackson was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award.

Micaela Carrillo and Blake Mendez of Baird High School both received Outstanding Student awards.

It was an appropriate time to honor local citizens who perpetuate the vision and commitment of our ancestors, a spokesperson for the Baird Chamber of Commerce said.

Cindy Stenholm, wife of Congressman Charles Stenholm, presented, in behalf of the Congressman, each awardee with a U. S. flag, which had flown over the Capitol.



Western Trail Drive Scout Terry Click of Bandera takes time out for a photo on the rodeo grounds. After an overnight stay at the rodeo grounds, the Western Trail Drive would push on northwards, he said, arriving in Dodge City, Kansas on October 23. *staff photo*

## Callahan County Courthouse Will Close Thursday, September 23 At 3:30 P.M. for employees to attend the Funeral of Commissioner Charley Grider.

Charley Grider died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004. The memorial service is 5:00 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.

## Spirit Of Trail Drives Captured With Commemorative Event

Admittedly, the trappings are somewhat different, but the spirit of early cattle drives could still be captured on the commemorative Western Trail Drive, Head Scout Terry Click said. Around the camp fires at night, cowboy story tellers and poets spin their tales, and song writers have this or that ballad to sing.

"It's real," he said. "Now we travel along good roads. In the 1860s and 70s, the cowboys had to forge every creek and river bottom. And usually, we travel sixty or seventy miles per hour down the roads. On the trail drive we travel at about 3 miles per hour. Everything is so much prettier, and we appreciate every bit (of the scenery). Last night we camped on a ranch south of Baird. There the earth was red. Here it is different."

Maybe it's the close contact to nature - the earth and the ground - that draws so many to take part on a trail drive. It could be keeping touch with our past - a rekindling of the pride and heritage of our nation, as Mayor Jon Hardwick said in his welcome to the 200-300 Western Trail Drive participants during their overnight stop at the rodeo grounds in Baird, TX.

It could be the pure love of adventure. The commemorative Western Trail Drive started in Bandera, TX., and is expected to reach Dodge City, Kansas on October 23. For the most part, the Drive follows the route stomped out by thousands of cattle in the late 1800s, although in actuality, in this area, the Western Trail was several routes which came together at a certain point, Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright explained.

Retired truck driver Brad Hill had been rolling many miles before he even reached the starting point in Bandera. He and his wagon and mule team - Skeeter, Bonnie, and Clyde - traveled all the way from Missouri to be a part of the trail drive. Bonnie and Clyde were so named because Brad thought they would be pretty hard to tame when he bought them. "But they were real easy," he said. "You don't want to make them mad, though," he added with a smile.

With one hurricane after the other hitting Florida, it was time to evacuate, Linda McDonald said. Linda and husband Bert had read about the commemorative Western Trail Drive in a magazine, she said. Now they were having a great time on their way to Dodge City. "I wouldn't have wanted to miss this," Linda said. John and Mary Yates from Oklahoma agreed. Both the Yates and the McDonalds had taken part before in trail rides.

Some things were different from the trail drives of earlier times. Linda and Mary said. Now along the route, many hosts have a good meal waiting for the riders. Cowboys driving cattle along the trails in the last century had to make do with what the chuck wagon cook dished out.

In Baird, hosts of the overnight campsite, the Baird Chamber of Commerce and the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse, had a good meal of stew, corn bread, and cobbler waiting for the drive's participants.

About eight the next morning the Western Trail Drive would be moving on, Terry Click said. The Drive covers between 10-30 miles per day, and stops would be made in Ft. Griffin and Albany, and a few other places in Texas before crossing the Red River into Oklahoma.

So far, the weather had been good, Click added. Only one day of rain, then a little hot, but now it was just great, he said.


The commemorative drive was a once-in-a-life-time experience. Terry Click continued. "It won't happen again in my life time. It's a one time deal."

by Margaret Hetrick



Time Out for some good stew and cornbread!

*staff photo*



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**Hurricane Ivan's  
Affect on Crops**

Reports out this week indicate some crops in the southeastern part of the country could have been severely damaged by Hurricane Ivan as it hit landfall and made its way across what is an already water-logged part of the country.

In fact, some analysts estimate that \$5 billion worth of grain is awaiting harvest in the southeastern United States.

Crops in the line of the storm include fields of peanuts, corn, soybeans, rice, grain sorghum, cotton, fruit, vegetables and tobacco.

While it's too early to tell how much damage was actually done to the crops, Congress has already started working on a disaster relief package for the area.

Fortunately some folks have already finished picking their cotton, but those farmers with open bolls are going to experience some loss.

Earlier, the U.S. House passed a disaster relief package for victims of hurricanes Charley and Frances.

The U.S. Senate passed its relief package this past week, and it included a \$2.9 billion drought relief measure for the western U.S.

Producers hit by natural disasters can be assured that Congress will be addressing relief options for them in the very near future.

**2004 Cotton,  
Corn Crops**

As I've made my way over West Texas roads in the last few weeks, I've been happy to see the progress of the 2004 cotton and corn crops. In places, it's been hard to see the difference between irrigated and dry land crops.

The USDA recently projected that average national yields for cotton could top 758 pounds per acre—that's up

more than thirty pounds from last year.

Of course Texas is the country's top cotton-producing state, and we're expected to have our largest production year on record at a possible 7 million total bales.

And here in Texas most of our corn crop goes into silage.

While we tend to keep one eye on the field, and another on the futures market, we'll have to see where the futures market goes after we determine how much cotton was lost to the recent hurricanes to our east.

**2004 Export Surplus**

This year has been a good one for American agriculture, as the latest reports from USDA detail.

Agricultural exports from the U.S. rose in July, while imports have declined. This increased our export surplus to \$9.3 billion so far this year.

Much of this gain can be attributed to increasingly strong economic growth in Asia, a major market for U.S. agricultural products.

USDA's report indicates that cotton, wheat, corn and soybeans are leading the growth in exports, but fruits, nuts and vegetables are also on the rise.

**CRP Enrollment**

Earlier this summer, USDA announced a new general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) that runs through September 24th.

The White House indicated that only 800,000 acres may be enrolled in the new CRP sign-up.

Applicants accepted in this sign-up will have the option to enroll their acreage either on October 1, 2005, or October 1, 2006.

I'm pleased that USDA decided to expand on what Chairman Combest and I did in the 2002 Farm Bill which

made playa lakes in Texas eligible to be enrolled in CRP under the Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program.

As the Ranking Member on the House Agriculture Committee, I will start working on the next Farm Bill during the next legislative session in Congress, and I fully expect conservation to be at the forefront of any debate.

It will take balanced legislation that includes significant conservation measures to build the coalitions necessary to pass another Farm Bill, and our actions today regarding conservation programs will help to build the foundation of trust and support from non-farm-state lawmakers.

**Healthy Grains**

I have many friends who praise the success of low carbohydrate diets. And while they drastically reduced their consumption of breads, cereals and pasta, not all grains are bad according to recent research.

In fact, not all carbohydrates are created equal—"good carbs" are better than "no carbs."

Dieticians readily agree that reducing consumption of refined grains can help people lose weight, but whole grains offer more protein, fiber and cancer-fighting compounds than their refined cousins.

As producers of the most abundant, highest-quality, lowest-cost food in the world, we have a direct interest in educating American consumers about the food they eat. Eating whole grains has significant health benefits as you get more fiber, vitamins and minerals, and hundreds of anti-oxidants that aren't in refined products.

When shopping for good carbohydrates, look for products that have the word "whole" on the package, like whole-wheat flour or whole-grain bread.

*Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.*

**Anniversary**

**Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Joiner Celebrate  
65th Wedding Anniversary**

E.H. (Pete) and Vera Joiner of Gorman, Texas, will observe their 65th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 25, 2004, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Farmers & Merchants Bank Community Room in DeLeon, Texas.

Pete Joiner and the former Vera Barker were married on September 23, 1939, at 3:00 p.m. in Rising Star, Texas.

Since that time they have resided in Gorman and have lived in the home they built in 1950 for 54 years. They are both retired peanut farmers, but still actively maintain their farm, raise cattle, hunt and enjoy spending time with their family. On June 8, 1941, Pete and Vera were blessed with the arrival of their only child, Harvey Don Joiner. Harvey Don passed away in August 1982.

Their grandchildren Shane and Kelly (Joiner) Stone of College Station, and Kael and Julie Joiner of Eastland, along with their great-grandchildren, Makenzie Stone,

**MIND YOUR P'S AND Q'S!**

E-mail address books are a handy tool. However, they can get you in trouble. Many people have accidentally sent sensitive e-mails to others whose eyes were never meant to see them. This is especially true at work. To be on the safe side, never indulge in personal e-mails at work, including passing on jokes. While these may serve to brighten your day, they are frowned upon generally by bosses. Wait until you get home to send those e-mails.

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The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.



Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Joiner

Seth Joiner, Jaxon Stone and Samuel Joiner would like to invite all family and friends to attend and help them honor their grandparents with this glorious celebration.

**Timely Tip**  
by Kate Worth

**WALL WASHING** - The walls in my living room are made with heavily textured plaster. To keep them clean, I use small squares of leftover carpet. They're soft enough to scrub without doing any damage, and they get right into all the nooks and crannies. Liz D.

**DISHWASHER DON'T** - It's not a good idea to fill your dishwasher detergent dispenser before you're actually ready to run it. Powder detergent can cake and lose its cleaning power. As for the liquid type, it could leak out of the cup. Virginia T.

**FIRST AID** - If you need to treat a small cut but have run out of antibacterial ointment, use honey. Just dab a little on the cut and cover with a bandage. Believe it or not, honey is a natural antibacterial. At the same time, it's a moisturizer. Deanna W.

**SMOOTH FROSTING** - No matter how hard I tried, I could never manage to frost my cakes without getting crumbs mixed into the frosting. A friend told me what she does. Pop the cake into the freezer for a little while before frosting. The frosting spreads easily without picking up those unsightly crumbs. Melinda J.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

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# Obituary

## Charlie Grider

Charlie Grider 65, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services were held at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Ronnie White officiating.

Mr. Grider was born November 1, 1938 in Callahan County, Texas to Eugene and Alice (Lee) Grider. Charlie graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1957. He then served in the Military Police during his tour in the U.S.

Army. Charlie met Doris Geddis in Junction, Texas they married on November 7, 1964. He served as Callahan County Commissioner from 1992-2004.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Doris Grider of Cross Plains; a son, David Grider of Monahans; four brothers, Robert Grider of Rising Star; Dick Grider of Cross Plains; Junior Grider of Early; David Grider of Breckenridge; three sisters, Frances Taylor of Cross Plains; Helen Gage of Cisco; and Rosalee McClain of Hitchcock. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

# Obituary

## Anne Ruth Burnett

Clyde - Annie Ruth Burnett, 82, went to be with Lord and Savior on Saturday, September 18, 2004, at a Baird care center.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Clyde with Rev. Larry Hooper officiating. Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ruth was born January 22, 1922 in Howard County to Alvin Norman and Annie Bell (Ash) Riley. She grew up in the Hockley County. She was a 1939 graduate of Pettit High School. She married Orval Burnett in Whitharral, Texas on November 13, 1943. They moved to Clyde in 1958. Ruth loved cooking, making quilts and especially loved

her Lord and her family. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Clyde.

Survivors include her husband, Orval of Baird; three sons, Stephen Lynn Burnett of Macon, MO and Mark Owen Burnett and John Bradley Burnett, both of Clyde; three daughters, Bobbie Ann Spitzer of Clyde, Mary Helen Howard of Fort Worth and Nancy Jean Dumont of Abilene; three sisters, Lida Whittenburg and Marie Wright, both of Levelland and Jeannie Wylly of Hewitt; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Douglas Mack, two brothers, Jim and Wesley Riley and a sister, Fanny Stueker.

## Baird First United Methodist Church News

**Sunday School** - 9:45 A.M.

**Sunday Worship** - 10:45 A.M.

**Youth Meet** - 5:00 P.M.

**Choir Practice** - 6:00 P.M.

Last 2 Chapter of J. W. Academy Study - Sunday evening, Sept. 26

Sept. 29 - Kids' Club, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

St. High Youth - 7:30 P.M.

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United Methodist Women met Sunday, August 8th at 4:15 P.M., with Donna Giger, Vice-President presiding. Joy Corn gave a very inspiring devotional.

A District Annual Mini School was held at

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1741 Sayles Blvd. in Abilene on Sept. 11. A study in prayer was led by Sherry Graham, and a study on Cuba by Kathy Bowen.

Kids Club fired up on Sept. 15. This year a class specifically for Jr. High students will be held to learn puppet ministry. The students will then have an opportunity to perform puppet shows for the children at Kids Club and some Sunday mornings.

Senior high students will still be helped where designated.

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## Baird First Baptist Church Schedule Of Events

Each one of you are invited to join us at the corner of Race and 3rd St., Baird

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

(Nursery provided for worship services)

**Sunday School** - 9:45 A.M.

**Worship Service** - 11:00 A.M.

**Prayer Time In Sanctuary** - 5:00 P.M.

**Evening Service** - 6:00 P.M.

**Wednesday Service** - 7:00 P.M.

## CBS Apologizes For Airing Bush Story Baird Man Draws National Attention

Documents on Pres. George Bush used by CBS and Dan Rather on "60 Minutes 11" have now been discredited. The Baird man who allegedly provided the story - retired Texas Air National Guard Lt. Col. Bill Burkett - has been accused of misleading the network about where he got the material.

The disputed documents indicate that Bush ignored an order to take a physical exam and failed to meet his Guard obligation in the early 1970's, during the Viet Nam War.

National news media have been in and out of Baird since the story began to unravel last week.

Some experts questioned the documents from the start, and area people became suspicious when they learned that copies of the documents were made at Kinko's in Abilene.

Burkett lives on a ranch 10 miles south of Baird, and he was not available for interviews. But his lawyer, David Van Os of San Antonio, had statements for the press. On Monday he reportedly acknowledged that his client had misled CBS about where he got his

documents in an effort to protect the source.

The lawyer also said that Burkett turned the material over to CBS without vouching that it was authentic. Burkett also reportedly asked that he be kept anonymous.

The documents were part of a CBS report Sept. 8 that also included an interview in which former Texas Lt. Governor Ben Barnes, a Kerry supporter, said he helped Bush get into the Air National Guard after being requested to do so by a Bush family friend.

After about two weeks of defending the authenticity of the documents, CBS and journalist Dan Rather came on the air Monday night to apologize for airing material they now admitted could not be positively defended as records from President Bush's National Guard Service.

"We made a mistake in judgment, and for that I am sorry," Rather said. He added that the error was made in the spirit of good faith and trying to carry on the CBS news tradition of investigative reporting without fear of favoritism.

Viola Payne contributed to this report

## CJC Homecoming, Parents' Day Is Oct. 2

Plans are underway for this year's Homecoming and Parents' Day at Cisco Junior College scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2004.

Cisco Junior College president John Muller explained that Homecoming and Parents' Day is a special time at Cisco Junior College. "Each year the college sets aside a day to invite exes to return to campus for a visit with friends and faculty and to invite parents to share this special time with their children," Muller said.

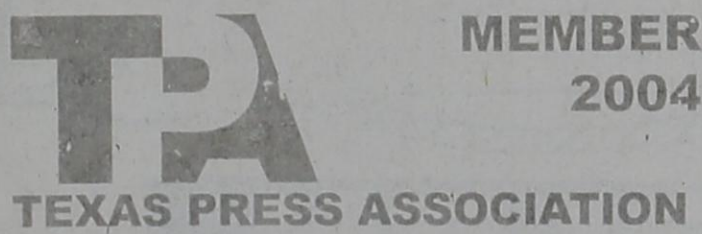
Homecoming organizers will kick the event off earlier in the week on Thursday with a Spirit rally and bonfire behind CJC's baseball-softball complex immediately following the Lady Wranglers-Ranger College volleyball game which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 2, a registration and reception will be held in Maner Memorial Library from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dedication of Bivins Hall

and The Wrangler Corral will begin at 11:00 a.m. A tailgate party welcoming parents, alumni and students will be held at the stadium from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will include games, music, spirit booths and lunch.

The football game will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Chesley Field as the CJC Wranglers face North Eastern Oklahoma A & M. Pre-game recognition of the Cisco Junior College Board of Regents begins at 1:40 p.m. Half-time festivities will include performances by the Wrangler Band and Belles and presentation of the Homecoming Queen.

"It is our hope that everyone will join us during this day and allow us to demonstrate our appreciation for the support shown to our college," Dr. Muller said.



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## Bryan's Auto Supply 18th Annual "Old Rip" Car Show Results

The 2004 18th Annual Bryans Auto Supply "Old Rip" Car Show was a great fun filled show with beautiful cars and beautiful weather. This year's show saw some 92 entrants in which drove from places such as Lubbock, Abilene, Hamilton and Comanche. Many door-prizes were given away this year for things such as dirty battery terminals to oil leaks being noticed on some cars. So the joking and having fun was priority #1.

All in all, everyone had a good time and will be looking forward to the next Bryans Car Show, which is coming up in April. All the family at Bryans would like to thank everyone for their help and support of these great annual events.

Below is a listing of all class winners.

Bryan's Car Show - All 1st Place by Class

Class: 1931 and Older  
David Randall, Abilene, TX.

1930 Gray Ford Deluxe Coupe - 1st  
Harold Hamrick, Deleon, TX, 1930 Green Ford PV - 1st  
Johnny Barton, Eastland, TX, 1931 Green Ford Model A P.U. - 1st

Class: 1932 thru 1948  
Charles & Donna, Stephenville, TX, 1940 Blue Chevy Sedan - 1st  
Pat Vaughn, Eastland, TX, 1936 Blue Ford Convertible - 1st

Randy L Hayes, Albany, TX, 38 purple Chevy Master Deluxe - 1st  
Terry L Cox, Carbon, TX, 1940 green gray Chevy SD Coupe - 1st

Class: 1949 and Later  
James D Roberts Sr., Eastland, TX, 1956 Black and White Chevy 210 - 1st  
Jesse Brumbalou, Hamilton, TX, 1955 Green White Chevy Belair - 1st  
Norman Owen, Eastland, TX, 57 Red Chevy Nomad - 1st

Class: Pickup  
Jerry Speer, Ranger, TX, 1946 Green and Yellow Studebaker Pick - 1st  
John Castanuela, Eastland, TX, 1965 Blue Chevy Pickup - 1st

Steve Cozart, Cisco, TX, 1967 Raspberry Chevy - 1st  
Class: Convertible  
Donna Bessire, Eastland, TX, 1955 black Ford T bird - 1st

Norman Owen, Eastland, TX, 57 Red Chevy Convertible clas-57 - 1st  
Class: Street Rod  
David Hutton, Eastland, TX, 1967 Blue Chevy Nova - 1st

Gene & Dorothy Kea, Eastland, TX, 1947 Arizona Beige Mercury Coupe - 1st  
Randy L Hodges, Albany, TX, 38 Purple Chevy Master deluxe - 1st  
Tim Jenkins, Strawn, TX, 1923 Ford T Bucket MPG - 1st

Class: Muscle Car  
Brett Riggs, Ranger, TX, 67 Red Ford Mustang - 1st  
Donnie Mallard, Abilene, TX, 1973 Green Chevy Nova - 1st

Lee Daniel, Eastland, TX, 1967 Misty Blue Chevy SS Chevelle - 1st  
Class: All Original  
Bobby Turner, Eastland, TX, 1961 CAD - 1st  
J.L. Cate, Eastland, TX, 1956 Ford Tbird - 1st  
James T Wright, Eastland, TX, 1964 Chevy Convertible - 1st

Class: Motorcycle  
E. T. Bradley, Eastland, TX, 1997 Purple Voodoo Custom uppidy - 1st  
Jerry Mathews, Eastland, TX, 99 Green Grey Honda Goldwing SE - 1st  
Maria Bradley, Eastland, TX, 2002 purple HD Fatboy

Custom Elford - 1st  
Class: Race Vehicle  
Lee Farthing, Abilene, TX, 1970 Red Chevy Nova - 1st  
Class: Exhibition  
Robert Culverhouse, Eastland, TX, 1993 Red Ford Mustang - 1st

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### Judge gives Legislature 1 year to fix school finance system

AUSTIN - A Travis County district judge last week ruled the state's school finance system is unconstitutional. Judge John Dietz said Texas' funding of schools is inadequate and the \$1.50 cap on local property taxes causes districts to lack meaningful discretion on setting tax rates, which is unconstitutional. But the judge's ruling that the state's \$30 billion school funding formula must go will not be executed fast. Dietz gave the Legislature a year to come up

with a better system before his order takes effect. The state has said the case will be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court. And Gov. Rick Perry said last week he would call a special session immediately if the leadership told him it had come up with a plan for a passable bill. Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano), chair of the Senate Education Committee, said she thinks waiting for the state's highest civil court to rule on the matter would be ill-advised.

"The ruling didn't alter my opinion that we need fundamental changes in our school finance system," she told The Dallas Morning News. "We cannot continue to fund public education on the backs of local property taxpayers."

Bottom line: For the time being, no matter Judge Dietz' ruling, the status quo continues.

### New chief justice named...

Gov. Perry has named Wallace Jefferson the new chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court. The San Antonio jurist became the court's first African-American justice in 2001 on an appointment from Perry and is the first African-American chief justice. Jefferson won election in 2002. Jefferson replaces Tom Phillips, who recently retired after 16 years on the court. Mini-civics lesson for those not familiar with the court: In Texas, the Supreme Court is not quite like the U.S. Supreme Court, which is the ultimate court of appeal for

both civil and criminal cases. The Texas Supreme Court has that status only in civil cases. Criminal cases going to the highest state level are heard by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

### Child diabetes prevention efforts get boost...

Texas' portion of an \$8 million settlement of a federal antitrust lawsuit involving the sale of George Foreman grills - \$585,000 - will go to the child diabetes prevention efforts of the Texas Department of Health Services, Attorney General Greg Abbott announced last week. The program will use the funds to educate children and parents in proper nutritional habits to prevent childhood diseases such as diabetes.

The settlement stems from a multi-state antitrust action filed in May 2003 against Salton Inc.

### Antiquities Code turns 35...

Texas' biggest treasure find: the discovery of a Spanish galleon lost off Padre Island in the spring of 1554, resulted in a state law that will have an impact on any future treasure caches found in the state. The Antiquities Code went on the books Sept. 1, 1969 and gives the state control in protecting all cultural artifacts from traditional treasure such as gold or silver to prehistoric stone tools and weapons. For more information, check the Texas Historical Commission's Web site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us).

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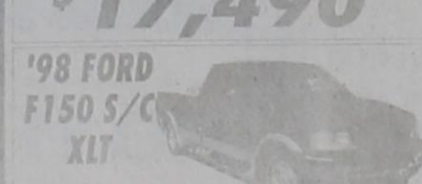
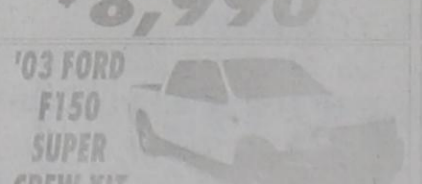


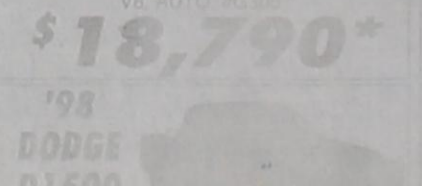
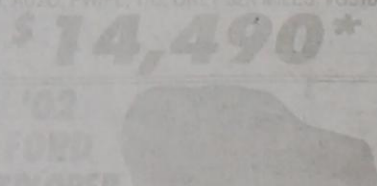
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# Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club

The ladies had their first day of quilting on Tuesday. everyone was glad to see each other. All but two were present. Remember anyone interested in quilting is invited to join with us. At our meeting we discussed the coming Quilt Show and Bake sale. We have decided to have it the first week end in November. You will here a lot more about it in the news.

Our ladies had a lot of things going on during the summer. We will try to give you an up date.

Glenda Phillips had a good summer. Glen Dale and his youngest daughter, Kosta, came two different weeks. Glen Dale and Allen took Krista and Kosta to A and M for a few days to a basketball camp. The girls really liked it I'm sure their dads did too. Krista and Kosta went to the Cisco Christian Camp for one week. Glen Dale brought horses to ride. He rides horses for other people, so he can bring part of his work with him. He also shoes horses.

Sometimes get a job or two of that when he is here. Glenda really enjoyed a trip to Alpine with Cowan and Laverne Hutton. She really appreciated getting to go with them. Glenda wanted Laverne to tell about the trip (Later Laverne does in this article). Glenda stayed with Glen Dale and family. Glen Dale and Kosta took Glenda out one night to see the Marfa lights. They are really there! Lots of people were watching for them. Glenda also enjoyed seeing Sonya and Kendall. She met Kendall's boyfriend. Glenda doesn't like those grandkids going up so fast. Kali stops by to see Glenda often (boy, Glenda likes that) Kali is working at the Staghorn with the school work program.

By the way! What about those Ames girls, Angie and Donna, that live in our community! They will soon have their certification from The Ranger Beauty School at Brownwood. We are looking forward to them getting a place in Cross Plains so they can work on us. Angie gave Glenda a permanent when Glenda was in Brownwood. It looks sooooo nice. Glenda gives her an A+. (I give her one too).

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore traveled to the 911 Memorial service at the Carbon Baptist Church with Mr. and

Mrs. Jay Rankin, daughter Lequtha, along with Wayne and Alene smith. A great time was had by all. Priday Jean and Frankie went to the Coleman Musical. Saturday they attended the Cisco Musical. See those girls are still getting around. Isn't it GREAT!

Sunday night Pioneer Baptist Church had singers from Howard Payne College.

Then they had supper for all.

This summer Earlene Burge's brother came for a few days from Nicaragua. Joe and Jillian got some business attended to, then visited relatives. We all got to visit with Rudolph and Sara in Denton. Earlene and Jessiea spent a few days with Betty Grenmon in Ft. Worth. They also visited with Kathryn Brown. They all had a good time.

Charlene Chesshir had a pretty quiet summer, except for July 4th weekend. John and Margaret chesshir and their daughter Amy barbour came down from Edmond, Ok. Amy has a precious two year old that we all really enjoyed. We had July 4th dinner on the farm and then went to the Dallas home at Lake Leon for July 5th. Jim and his stepson William entertained us with fireworks late Sunday night. He hadn't been able to come down to the farm very much this summer. He mostly works 7 days a week. He was here the last two weekends getting land ready and planting wheat. Charlene and Christy went to Petersburg September 3 to a funeral for awoman that Charlene grew up with. Besides going to the doctor—that about sums up Charlene's summer!

Now—about the trip Glenda mentioned above.

On August 26th Cowan and Laverne Hutton hooked on to their RV and headed for Alpine. They invited Glenda Phillips to go with them. Glenda's son Glen Dale and family live at Alpine. They have had bountiful rain in that area this year and everything is lush green from the pastures to the top of the mountains. Cowan and Laverne stayed at an RV park with a wonderful view.

Glenda stayed at Glen Dale's.

On Friday Glen Dale took Glenda, Laverne, and Cowan on a sight seeing tour of places in the chinati mountains where

he works for ranchers at cattle round up time, and other times when he is needed. As they drove out of Marfa to where the highway ended onto a dirt road, then across two ranches on private roads. Glen Dale gave them interesting details of all the area.

The country roads took them over rocks, ditches, dips with drop offs on each side with beautiful views in all directions. There was a pleasant scent like honeysuckle in the air. Glen Dale said it was the white brush in bloom.

The private roads were more like cattle trails to them. He informed them that they were going down into Pinto Canyon at the bottom was where the bunk house and cattle pens were. they went over and to places people have never seen. It was a little frightening too at times. The big house in the canyon hasn't been lived in for some time, just the bunk house is used. The mountains around them were about 7,300 ft high. The only phone service is up high on the mountains.

They spread their lunch on the bunk house table and took a bit of rest before heading back out and up. When they reached the public roan, Glen Dale took up to the little village of Ruidoso near the Rio Grande River. Talk about hot, HOT! Then they took a paved road to Presido, then to Marfa, then back to Alpine. It was something over a 20 mile adventure. What a day to remember!!

Glen Dale's youngest daughter, Kosta is quite a cowgirl! She rides her horse over the mountains with her daddy. They had just recently spent three days and nights out there.

Saturday morning Cowan and Laverne went up to the observatory in the Davis mountains. They ate lunch at Ft. Davis. Laverne did a little shopping.

Sunday, they all attended church at Alpine. Sunday evening, the congregation was invited out to the Weathermyer Ranch for fishing and hot dogs and a scavenger hunt for the kids. It too was in a beautiful place in a canyon. Glenda and the Huttons returned home on Monday, August 30.

Wow! What an interesting trip!!

See you all next time!! The bands are playing and the boys a footballing!

Let's go out a support our teams!

# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Upon further review, it is understandable why Martha Stewart wants her jail time ASAP. There's a better-than-average chance that Texas Ranger Frank Francisco's chair-throwing in Oakland on the left coast and Hurricane Ivan's carnage on the right might squeeze her story to an inside page with a smaller headline.

Martha wants to get out of the pokey in time for spring gardening. She did NOT mention passing go or collecting \$200.

She doesn't get all the "M" news. There are two "Mickey's" observing birthdays. Mickey (the mouse) is 75 years of age; Mickey (the Rooney) turns 84 this week. The NYC-born star of stage and screen has acting credits dating back nearly 83 years! Son of vaudevillian parents, he had a "toddler role" at 15 months and his first paycheck (\$200 a week) at age six. He's winding up an off-Broadway role now, and is not through yet—the same show is "on the road" to Ohio and Branson, MO, to close out the year. (Truth to tell, he's not an "M;" he was christened "Joe Yule.")

On the fast-food scene, Mickey D's is offering pedometers. Put to use, they will result in "lost baggage" stockpiled by helty consumers of the billions of burgers sold.

Save a final "M" for "mercy" needed by the Texas Rangers. The California debacle may be the error of the ages—a blot on the team's otherwise remarkable season.

An Internet search on the topic "chairs not used for sitting," Francisco's stunt tops the list. Relegated to second place is Coach Bobby Knight's 1985 "chair-slide" across the gym floor. Third place goes to the nameless guy who re-arranged the deck chairs on the Titanic in 1912.

In decades past, who among us has not shaken

heads in disbelief at fans rioting at soccer matches in other lands? "It could never happen in this country," we have voiced, but lately, there are few surprises—in sports or life in general.

Our country cries for renewed emphasis on boundary lines. They simply must be re-drawn in sports—and save some paint for the real world. Sports officials—and all the uniformed men and women keeping the peace, saving lives and defending our country—are the "good guys."

The kid at the rental car counter didn't post the sign, but he gets to enforce it, albeit a befuddling chore. Car rentals—not semantics—are his business.

Tired after initialing all the "decline and accept" boxes, (I signed away as many rights as the Indians forfeited in the Manhattan deal). I was amused by the wording on the sign: "If your car is returned excessively dirty, you will be charged a minimum \$50 detailing fee."

"Might the fee exceed \$50?" I inquired, straight-faced.

"Well, yes."

"Is the fine progressive?" I probed.

"Probably," he answered, his brow furrowed as he processed "progressive."

"So if I return the car excessively, excessively dirty, you'll add a \$100 charge? Or if it is excessively, excessively, excessively dirty, will it be \$150?"

"You'll have to talk to the boss," he stammered. "I'm not sure I've good a real

handle on whatever's beyond excessive."

And I don't, either.

Finally, this excessive-to-the-max tale: A duck waddled into the store, seeking duck feed.

"We have horse feed, cattle feed, hog feed and chicken feed, but no duck feed," the clerk answered.

The next day, the same duck—with the same waddle—asked the same question.

"The answer is the same as yesterday," the clerk droned. "We have horse feed, cattle feed, hog feed and chicken feed, but no duck feed."

On the third day, the duck showed up again, with his inevitable question.

"Listen up, you feathered bird-brain," the clerk fumed. "The answer is the same. We had no duck feed. We have no duck feed. We will NOT have duck feed in the future. Further, I'm warning you that if you ever ask again, I will nail your little webbed feet to the floor, and it'll take more than AFLAC to reduce my promise by even 15%. Do you understand?"

The duck nodded and left.

On the morrow, he was there again. "Got hammers?"

"No."

"Got nails?"

"No."

"Got duck feed?"

So, the duck headed for the arena, fully aware that with the hockey players on strike, he could start a fight there without fear of a game breaking out.)

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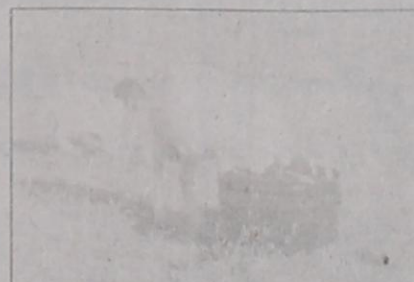
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100 acres with 2001 32 ft. travel trailer with slide out, 16x20 enclosed building, fourwheeler, the property is thickly wooded with oak trees, canyons, pond, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$118,500.  
155 acres, 100 acres of live oaks & mesquite trees, 55 acres of fields, sunflowers, 3 ponds, hills, canyons, barns, 1 room cabin, waterline, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$123,225.  
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177 acres by Lake Cisco, over a mile of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, pond, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$212,400.  
306 acres, wooded with 35 acres of live oak trees, quail timber, older rock house, ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$222,000.  
310 acres, wooded with live oak trees, quail, dove, \$222,000.  
320 acres, 110 acres of fields and 210 acres wooded with mostly mesquite and some live oak timber, 2 ponds, creek, waterline, deer, turkey, quail, rolling hills, deer, turkey, hogs, duck, dove and quail, \$575 per acre. **SOLD**  
326 acres by Lake Cisco, over three miles of road frontage within 200 yards of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hills overlooking Lake Cisco, canyons, 2 ponds, will divide, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, duck, quail, \$391,200.  
616 acres, mostly wooded with oak trees and some live oak timber, field, several ponds, hills, creek, excellent hunting - deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$391,200. **SOLD**  
650 acres some high game fence, mostly wooded, oak timber, waterline, large hills, creek bottoms, 4 fields, 64 ponds, deer, turkey, quail, dove, \$715 per acre. **SOLD**  
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2 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, carport, attached storage, \$125,500.  
2 BR, 1 bath, carport with storage, **SOLD**  
3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate DR, storage bldg., other property \$17,600.  
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath newer Clayton Sonoma CH/A, storage bldg, fenced lot \$18,500.  
2 BR, 1 bath home, CH/A, mostly wood floors, garage, fenced backyard, corner property, \$23,000.  
2 BR, 1 bath frame, recently remodeled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, deck, garage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$27,000.  
2 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, waterline, **SOLD** many cabinets, CH/A, carport, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$28,000.  
4 BR, 2 bath, lg. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, lg. corner property, \$39,500.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, mostly brick home, **SOLD** patio, storage bldg., fenced backyard, \$39,500.  
3 BR, 2 baths, many nice cabinets, **SOLD** CH/A, approx. 1448 sq. ft., large metal bldg., 12 fenced lots.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, mostly brick home, **SOLD** garage, fenced backyard, 1 1/2 lots, \$42,500.  
3 BR, 2 bath, lg. BR, with WBFP, some wood floors, CH, double carport, storage bldg., 2 1/2 lots, \$45,000.  
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, veneer brick home, CH/A, fireplace, storm windows, garage enclosed for 2 extra rooms, chain link fencing, 2 storage bldgs., large trees, reduced to \$47,500.  
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, veneer brick, CH/A, WBFP, garage, covered patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$48,500.  
2 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick, separate **SOLD** garage, double carport, fenced backyard, \$63,500.  
2 BR, 2 baths, 2 story, with character, some wood floors, lg. corner property, many large oak trees, reduced to \$47,000.  
3 BR Home, Reduced to \$69,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 carport, built dock, 1/2 acre, large trees.  
2 BR Home, CH/A, fireplace, double carport, 2 bedrooms, built dock, 2 carport, storage bldg., large oak trees, reduced to \$47,000.  
2 BR Home, WBFP, some wood floors, CH/A, CH/A, some landscaping with springer system, deck, porch, lot.  
1 BR, full bath plus two 1/2 bath, one oak CH/A and 1 BRP downstairs, covered boat dock, furnace and wood lot, can contact.  
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## Arthritis Support Group To Start Thursday, October 7 at 1 p.m.

Mark your calendar. Doris Guthrie will be starting an Arthritis Support Group. She was diagnosed with Osteoarthritis a year ago and tried to find a support group in the Eastland and Abilene area but none was available. She contacted Dana McKelvain, RN, and in charge of Education at Eastland Memorial Hospital. Dana suggested that she organize a group and that the Teaching Conference Room of the hospital would be available for the meetings.



Doris Guthrie

Doris said, There are a lot of people with arthritis who would like find the resources they need to deal with the pain, and I would like to be a

part of that.

Come October 7 at 1 pm and help Doris plan upcoming meetings.

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## Engagement Announcement



Caldwell - Smith

Larry and Judy Smith of Eastland and Shelly and Mike Caldwell of Blanket would like to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their children Rebecca Caldwell and Kyle

Smith. Kyle is a 2003 graduate of Eastland High School. Rebecca is a 2003 graduate of Blanket High School.

The wedding is planned for October 9, 2004 in Eastland.

### The 1945, 1946, 1947 And 1948 Classes Of Carbon High School To Meet

The 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948 classes of Carbon High School will meet for their class reunions on Friday evening, October 1, 2004 at 5:30 P.M. at ZJ's Steakhouse in Gorman.

Anyone who was ever in these classes is invited and urged to attend. Family and friends are welcome. The

meal will be ordered from the menu individually.

If you need more information please call Zeld Jordan at 254-639-2289.

Let's all get together and have a wonderful time visiting with our classmates, and then plan to attend the Golden Exes Reunion at Carbon on Saturday, October 2.

## Chuckwagon Prayer Breakfast In Ranger Oct. 9

October 9, 2004 is the date of Ranger's very first Chuckwagon Prayer Breakfast. Planned as part of an earlier proposed County-Wide Wheels Festival, the Ranger committee went to work full speed ahead with plans for a day of good wholesome fellowship beginning with breakfast from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Cost for breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, and orange juice is only \$5.00.

Following breakfast a Circuit Rider Preacher will ride in, and many gospel singers and groups will fill the day with beautiful inspirational music. This day is planned for families - moms and dads, sons and daughters, grandmas and grandpas and friends to be together joining one another in fellowship. Concession will be available for lunch. Bring your lawn chair and join our community for this great event located on the grounds of the Ranger Historical Preservation Society, 1505 - 1507 Loop 254 West (just off I-H 20 Exit 349).

Gospel groups or individuals wishing to be on the program need to contact Clinton Eaton no later than Sunday September 26, 2004 @ 254-629-2463. If he is not available, leave message for a return call.

NOTE: The County-Wide event has been postponed until 2005, but Ranger's decision was to continue with the Chuckwagon Prayer Breakfast because plans had already been set with commitments from many participants.

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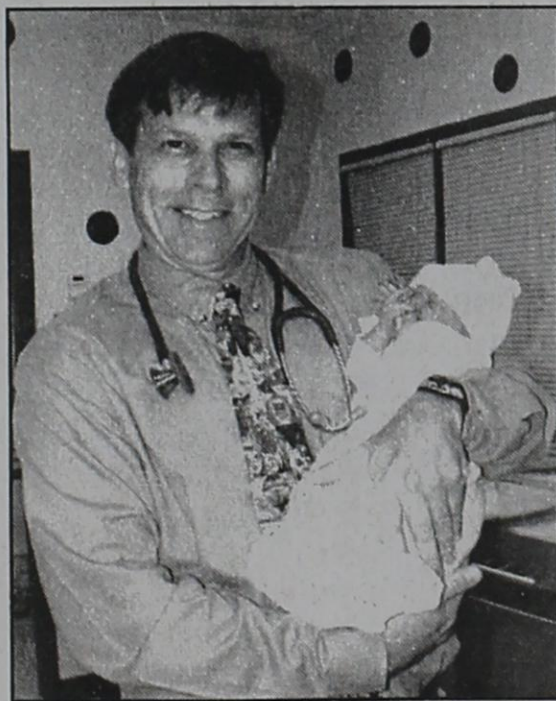
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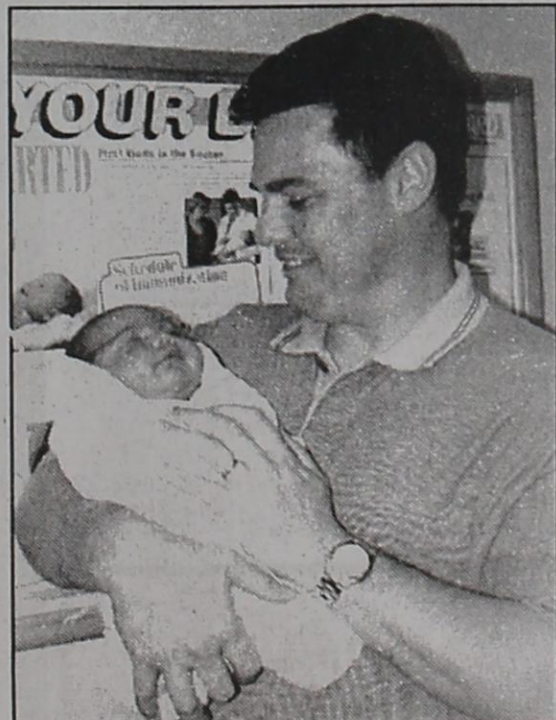
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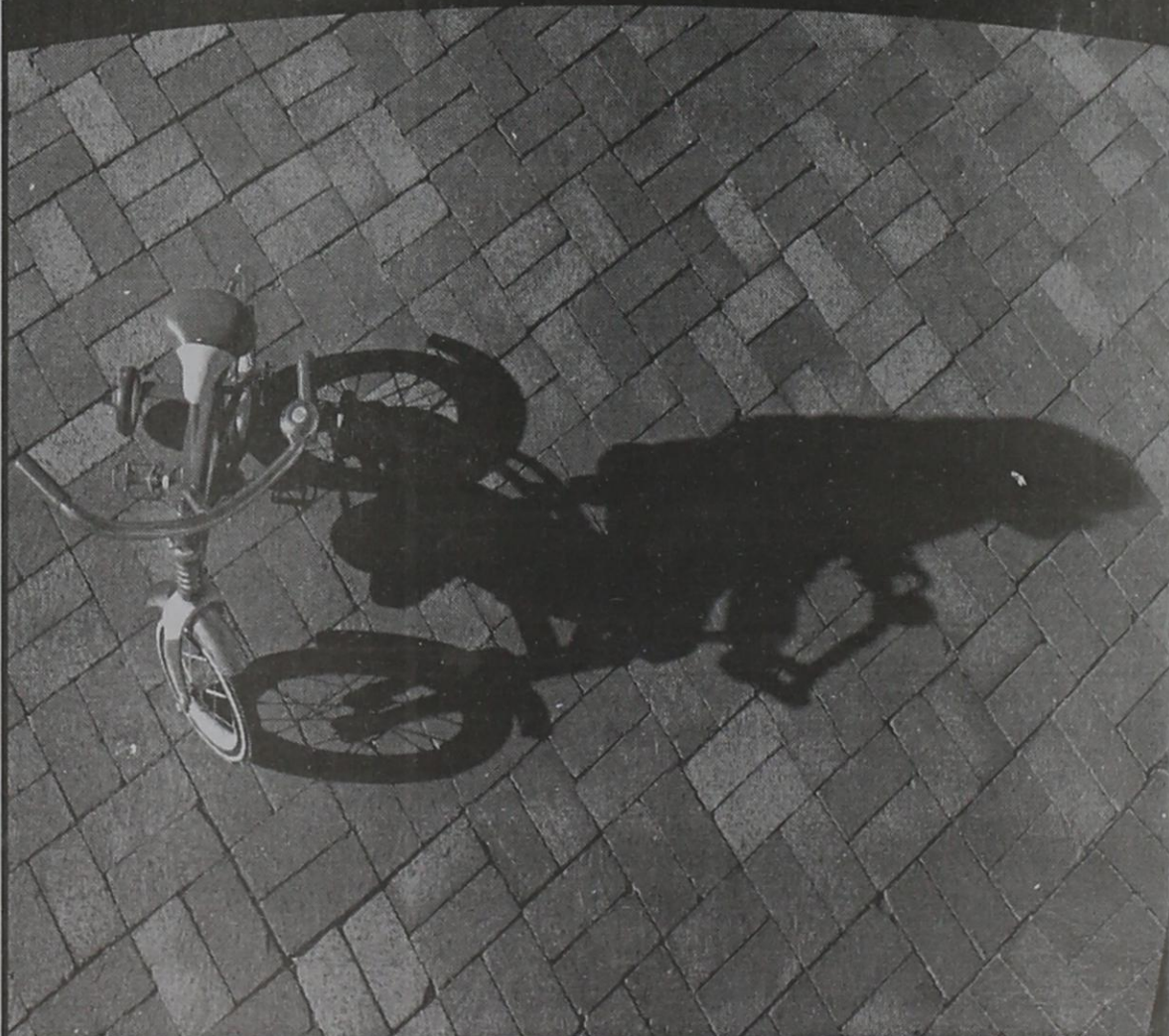
Dr. Cox just recently started his practice at the B & W Clinic. He is a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine. Dr. Cox will be a Family Practitioner, which will include Obstetrics and Pediatrics. He served in the United States Air Force as a Medical Service Specialist. Dr. Cox volunteered to be a big brother in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Dr. Cox is married and has two daughters. His hobbies include hiking, hunting, camping, reading and tennis.

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**Baird Independent School District  
Minutes Of The Board Of Education  
Sept. 15, 2004**

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 15, 2004 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Jim Dyer Windham, Jr., Joe Clark, Burke Robinson, Allen Wilson and Matt Rogers. Gerry McDowell was absent. Other school personnel present: cliff Gardner, Lana Walls, Martha Lynn and Sandra Carter. No others were present.

Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

Allen Wilson gave the invocation.

Mr. Gardner gave the Superintendent's report - Update 73 overview, site-based committee meeting, visio statement for Baird ISD, needs assessment committee, enrollment is at 340 total students. One hundred and fifty-five students and sponsors from grades 3 through 8 will be going to Fort Griffin on Friday, Sept. 17, 2004 for Frontier Days.

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

A motion to approve the bills for September was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn to

closed session at 9:04 P.M. was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

The board adjourned from closed session at 9:55 P.M.

A motion to approve the Student Athlete Policy as presented was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve expense reimbursement for employees at \$.35 per mile and up to \$30.00 per day for meals was made by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve Update 73 was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Matt Rogers. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve a resolution to make Callahan County Extension Agent Robert Pritz as an adjunct school employee was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the School First Report was made by Allen Wilson and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn at 10:04 P.M. was made by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

*From Page One .....*  
**Employment**

sonally adjusted) showed Abilene with 3.3%, Amarillo 3.2%, San Angelo 3.5%, Odessa-Midland 4.8%, and Lubbock 3.5%.

The above MSAs were among those having the lowest August rate of unemployment in the State.

The unemployment rate in Dallas was estimated at 6.0%, Fort Worth-Arlington 5.5%, Austin-San Marcos 4.4%, and Houston 6.2%.

Among the MSAs with the highest rate of unemployment were Beaumont-Port Arthur with 9.1% and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission with 11.5%.

Following a state-wide gain of 5,600 jobs in July, Professional & Business Services added 5,700 jobs in August. Since August 2003, employment in this industry has grown by 25,700 jobs, the largest over-the-year increase since March 2001, according to TWC. Employment in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (TTU) rose by 4,000 jobs in August following a 4,900-job increase in July. TTU has added 32,600 jobs from August 2003 to August 2004, the largest over-the-year gain since April 2001.

"I see positive signs in the Texas labor market as economic activity expands," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Demand for business services is increasing with strong growth in several key industries continuing."

Employment in Leisure & Hospitality rose by 4,700 jobs in August, the largest over-the-month increase since October 2000. Education & Health Services employment continued to grow in August, gaining 4,500 jobs over the month. The annual growth rate stood at 3.3 percent in August, with 37,300 jobs gained over the year.

The Texas labor force grew by 26,500 since August 2003, as more people entered the job market. The number of unemployed Texans declined 119,600 during the same period.

"I am encouraged that workers continue to find jobs as our labor force grows," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Workers are the engine that drives the Texas economy, and they remain my number one priority."



**Many Benefit From \$5 Purchase**

Abilene - One \$5 ticket purchased for The Grace Museum Fall Benefit Donation Ticket Sales will ultimately help many.

From more than 9,000 donation tickets sold, a ticket for Hendrick Home for Children was drawn by Billy Proctor Shaw, the Fall Benefit 2004 honoree, Saturday, September 11. The non-profit organization will receive \$5,000 of groceries from United Supermarkets.

"It is very moving that an individual thought of our organization when purchasing tickets," said Barbara Dahl, Vice President for Community Relations at Hendrick Home for Children. "This gift will help us to feed our more than 70 clients and will stretch our budget so much further."

The donation tickets were sold for \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20 as part of The Grace Museum Fall Benefit 2004 honoring Billye Proctor Shaw. The proceeds will support the year-round operation of The Museum.

**Baird I. S. D.  
Lunch Menu**

- Thursday, Sept. 23  
Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Cobbler, Milk
- Friday, Sept. 24  
Bear Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rice Krispies, Milk
- Monday, Sept. 27  
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn on the Cob, Muffins, Milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 28  
Oven Roasted Chicken, Bake Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Bread, Chocolate Ice Box Pie, Milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 29  
Soft Taco, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Spanish Rice, Cake, Milk
- Thursday, Sept. 30  
Pigs-N-Blanket, Oven Potatoes, Green Peas, Fruit, Milk
- Friday, Oct. 1  
Bear Burger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle, French Fries, Cookies, Milk

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**GO**

**Bears!**

**Friday Night's Area Scores**



- Roby 39 ..... Baird 0
- Eastland 22 ..... Early 21
- Archer City 28 ..... Ranger 14
- Eden 43 ..... Cross Plains 7
- Perrin Whitt 18 ..... Gorman 13
- Richland Springs 52 ..... May 6
- Strawn 64 ..... Robert Lee 30



**BAIRD BEARS**

**Varsity Football Schedule**

September 24	Knox City	Here	7:30
October 1	Bye		
October 8	*Ranger	There	7:30
October 15	*Goldthwaithe	Here	7:30
October 22	*Gorman	There	7:30
October 29	*Cross Plains*	Here	7:30
November 5	*Evant	There	7:30

\*Senior Night  
\*District Games

Athletic Coordinator/Head Coach - Bryan Webb  
Assistant Coaches - Jerry Fleming, Clay Barnett, John Horner, Luke Moody  
Cheerleaders - Jodi Neal, Kayla Windham, Rebecca Tollett, Cassie Nail, Megan Betcher, Victoria Suarez, Katelyn Cumby, Kelsey Barbee  
Mascot - Dana Blair  
Managers - Emalie Green, Ike Dickey, Jesse Mendez, Garrett Jennings, Logan Donlan  
Band Director - Donna Sikes

**Baird Bears 2004 Varsity**

2	Blan Scott	11	QB/FS	6'0	170
3	Chance Rodriquez	11	WR/DB	6'1	155
9	Chase Goldsmith	12	WR/DB	5'10	155
15	Matt Reynolds	12	HB/DE	5'10	165
21	Chris Cogburn	10	QB/DB	5'7	150
22	Zach Green	12	RB/DL	5'7	165
29	Justin Patterson	10	RB/LB	5'8	165
30	Chris Jones	9	RB/DB	5'7	150
32	Blake Mendez	12	WR/DB	5'6	140
33	Jed Womack	11	RB/LB	5'9	160
38	Jayce Barbee	9	WR/DB	5'6	130
40	Sid Walton	11	RB/LB	5'9	150
44	Cody Shouse	11	RB/LB	5'6	155
50	Andrew Emmert	9	OL/DL	5'11	170
51	Justin Roberts	10	OL/LB	5'11	190
52	Brad Matlock	11	OL/LB	5'11	215
53	Carter Burford	12	OL/LB	5'11	175
60	Jeramie Brooks	9	OL/DL	5'9	200
62	Kyle Dillard	12	OL/DL	5'11	240
65	Richardo Lopez	12	OL/DL	5'8	150
70	Roger Wamsley	11	OL/DL	5'11	220
72	Judd Clark	10	OL/DL	5'7	245
75	Tim Burns	12	OL/DL	6'0	315
79	Koby Parker	10	OL/DL	6'0	242
80	Jacob Dillard	9	TE/DL	5'8	175
83	Will Green	12	WR/DB	6'0	175
85	Aaron Hazelwood	9	WR/DB	5'4	125
88	James Roberts	12	TE/DE	6'5	210

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