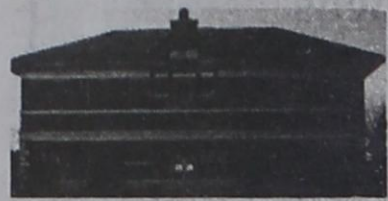


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Callahan County Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 24 at 9:30 a.m. At this meeting Judge Corn and Commissioners agreed to lift the Disaster Declaration and Burn Ban effective April 24, 2006 until further notice...

Baird School Board Election to Be May 13th, Early Election Starts May 1

The Baird School Board election will take place with a slate of candidates which include Alfred "A.L." Hunter, a resident of Putnam, and a retired Principal, who takes position One on the Ballot drawing, followed at 2 with Joe Clark, 3 with Kenneth Brock, 4 for Sandra Collins, 5 for Burke Robinson, and 6th with Julie Patterson.

Early voting for the Baird School Board Election will begin Monday, May 1 and continue through Tuesday, May 9th, 2006.

The Baird School Board election is on May 13 and

scheduled from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 P.M..

Election officials said the location of the early voting and May 13 school board election are to be in the Superintendent's office of the Baird Administration (High School complex).

Candidate filing is now concluded as of Monday March 13. Before this date two new candidates filed Julie Patterson and Sandra Collins; these and the above opposed now for re-election are Brock, Clark and Robinson, now on the School Board.

Rising Star Man Pleads Not Guilty in Murder Trial of Cross Plains Death in 2004

by Margaret Hetrick

Cheyne Brady Fox of Rising Star, Texas pleaded not guilty Monday, April 24 at his trial in connection with the February 2004 death of Dusty Ryan Hargrove of Cross Plains.

Fox was indicted for 'intentionally or knowingly' causing the death of Hargrove. Hargrove died after reportedly being run over by Fox's pick up truck on the K-Bar parking lot, outside the city limits of Rising Star.

Elementary Honor Roll 5th Sixth Weeks

All-A's
3rd - Barton
Garrett Deel
Kaylee Wyatt

3rd-Gardner
Kara McIntire.

A-B All-
3rd Barton
Dominique Bond

3rd

Bessent-4th

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Justin Brizendine,
Payton McGough
Dakota Gibbs,
Jake Green

All A-s'

The Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 5th six weeks grading period of 2005-06. To qualify for the all A honor roll a student must have a 90 or above in every

Gardner:
Sam Green
Kaitlyn Robinson,
Misty Ivie,
Coby McGonagill

Gerngross-4th
Brieyh' Lea Simmons
Kaylee Voights

Community Leaders Meet For Lunch

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces its annual network luncheon series set for April. Community leaders throughout the region meet for lunch and discuss topics that affect quality of life and local economies.

Civic leaders in every small city in the region are invited to attend the most convenient location to meet with neighboring community leaders. Luncheons are scheduled in Robert Lee - April 6th, Eastland - April 7th, Early - April 12th, Snyder - April 27th and Anson - April 29th. All luncheons are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

According to TMCN

President Kirby Andrews of Sweetwater, "The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a brighter future for their respective city. This year's series of luncheons will focus on issues that will be addressed in the next Legislative Session. City and county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives, health professionals and ISD leaders are invited to participate.

Interested participants are encouraged to select the most convenient location and make reservations online at www.texasmidwest.org or by calling the host city: Robert Lee at 325-453-2831, Eastland at 254-629-2332, Early at 325-649-9317, Snyder at 325-573-3558 and Anson at 325-823-2411. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 325-676-0329 or 800-845-3563.

Baird Project Graduation To Meet April 27

The Baird Project Graduation meeting will be held on April 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in

Polo on the Prairie Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Saturday, April 29, 2006 and more than 1,000 guests will gather April 29 4-9:30 p.m.

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AUSTIN MCCLOUD -Appellate Museum Development Underway

EASTLAND—Design of the Museum facilities is nearing completion and renovation of Eastland's first courthouse building on the Square at the corner of Main and

Dr. Colleen Smith Named C.J.C. President

The Cisco Junior College Board of Regents appointed Dr. Colleen A. Smith to serve as the Tenth President of the College at their Board Meeting April 18, 2006. Dr. Smith holds the Ph.D. degree from Texas Woman's University and she has twenty-five years of experience in the community college setting. She has served CJC as the Vice President of Instruction since 2003.

Dr. Smith brings to the Presidency a broad spectrum of experience in the comprehensive community college

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In the opening statements of the trial - the State of Texas vs. Cheyne Brady Fox - the Eastland County Criminal

Continued Inside

15th Annual Spring Swing To Be Held April 29th

West Texas Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) proudly

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Texas Department of State Health Services

Immunization clinics in Callahan County Monday, May 8th

Baird Cafeterium-400 W. Seventh 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wednesday May 10th

Clyde First Baptist Church 216 Austin 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Please bring child's Immunization Record For More Information call 325-754-4945

3rd-Diller
Esperanza Portillo

T. Williams-5th GR
Brenna Coffman

A-B's Honor

Diller 5th Gr.
Nicholas Darnell
Hannah Owens,
Kallie Pruet

T. Williams-5th Gr.
Candis Gilley
Kody Bryant.

County Commissioners Meet For Discussion of Jail Computer System, Lift Burn Ban, Bids for J.P. Buildings, Agreements on F.D., Pc. 2 Plat

The Callahan County Commissioners Court meeting was held April 24th in the Callahan County Commissioners Court Room.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

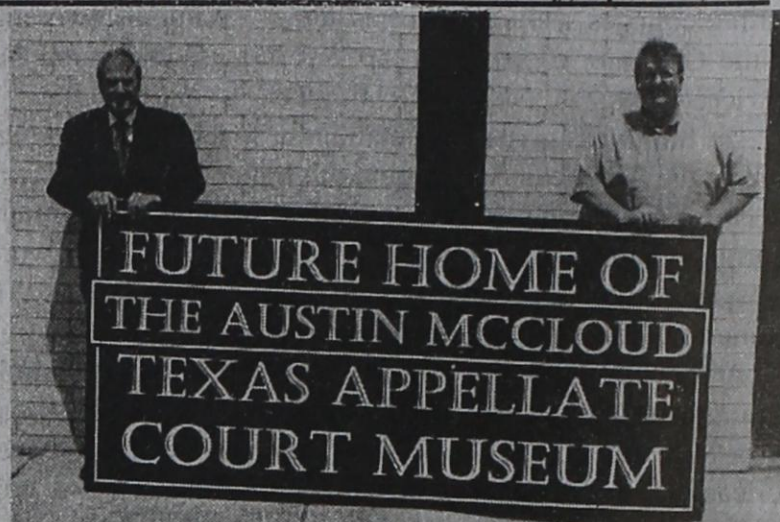
The previous meetings minutes were approved.

The Commissioners discussed purchasing software for the jail. Discussion was held on lifting the Declaration of Emergency Disaster. They

also discussed the Burn Ban for the County. Other discussions were advertising for bids for the Justice of the Peace Building in Clyde, approving Plat for Precinct #2 (Eagle Cove Subdivision) and approving Mutual Aid Agreements with Fire Departments that responded to Callahan County's Wildfires.

The Commissioners also approved and paid bills.

Read the Star...Oh, You Are!



APPELLATE MUSEUM OFFICIALLY NAMED—The Appellate Court Museum, now under development in Eastland, has been officially named the Austin McCloud Appellate Court Museum. Eastland Mayor Mark Pipkin is seen here at right with Senior Chief Justice Austin McCloud, now retired, at the sign which will be installed on the Museum which will be located in the building which housed Eastland's first Courthouse on the Square at the corner of Main and Lamar Sts. The Museum developers chose the name to honor Judge McCloud for his long and dedicated service to the judicial system. The Museum will be an exception education tool vividly explaining the entire important appeals process in the judicial system. (Photo by Terry Simmons)

Lamar Sts. will get underway A formal dedication of the soon, it has been announced. (Continued Inside)

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration at Baird Elementary School

Baird Elementary School will hold a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the 2006-7 school year beginning on Wednesday, May 3rd, and ending on Friday, May 5. The registration will be held at the Baird I.S.D. Cafeterium from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Pre-Kindergarten: The Baird I.S.D. Pre-Kindergarten program will operate on a half-day basis during the 2006-2007 school year. Students will be enrolled in a AM group (7:45 - 11:30 a.m.) or a PM group (10:45-2:30 p.m.). All Pre-K students will be served lunch in the school cafeteria from 10:45-11:30 a.m. More information on the half-day schedule will be provided at the time of registration.

According to Texas State Law, a child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is 4 year of age as of September 1, 2006, and is 1)unable to speak and comprehend the English language; 2) educationally disadvantaged; 3) homeless, or 4) identified with special needs. In order to qualify for the program based upon #2, students must meet the criteria of financial need as determined by a formula provided by the state (which is based upon eligibility to participate in the national free or reduced lunch program.)

During this registration, Baird I.S.D. will be enrolling 4 year olds who meet the above criteria and live in the Baird School District. Also during this registration, Baird I.S.D. will be taking application for all other 4 year olds who live in the Baird School District. The Pre-Kindergarten program has limited spaces, so parents are urged to register their children as early as possible.

Kindergarten: To be eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years of age as of September 1, 2006. Kindergarten operates on a full day basis from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Completing Registration: To complete registration, parents will need to bring copies of their child's birth certificate, shot records, social security card, proof of residence, and proof of income. (Proof of income is required therefore parents must bring either a statement from employers showing monthly wages or a paycheck stub.)

If you have any questions concerning student registration, please contact James Wyatt, Elementary School Principal at 854-1400, EXT. 309.

Registro del Pre-Jardin de la Infancia y del Jardin de La Infancia el la Escuela Primaria de Baird.

La escuela primaria de Baird va a tener un registro del Pre-Jardin de la infancia y del jardin de la infancia por el ano escolar 2006-7 que comienza el miercoles, el 3 de mayo, y terminando el viernes, el 5 de mayo. El registro cara en la cafeteria de Baird, I.S.D. a partir de la 8:30 a 11:30 cada dia.

Continued Inside as Kindergarten-Pre-K

Fish Orders Now Being Taken By Callahan Soil and Water Conservation District

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Fish Program. Each year the District offers these fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, TX.

This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Hybrid Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluecat, Crappie, Goldfish, and Koi. In addition we are also offering Red horse minnows, Fathead and Goldshiners.

Fish orders will be taken from April 19, 2006 through

May 25, 2006 or until supplies run out, which-ever comes first.

The fish will be delivered to Baird on Thursdays. Appointments to pickup fish will be set up at the time of order. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money-order and delivery is guaranteed.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird, Texas at (325) 854-1340 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th-Suite B. All order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany, Texas N.R.C.S. office The number is (325) 762-2552. Ext. 3.

D.P.S. Report

4-9 until 4-15-06

Cases

Warnings.....81

Complaint.....60

Public Intoxicatio.....

Driving w/Intoxicated.....2

There were -- 2 accidents investigated in this time span.

Remember to Renew

NEW C.J.C. President...Dr. Colleen Smith from Front Pg.

Her experience includes supervising academic liberal arts programs, technical/occupational programs, distance learning, federal grants, library resources, printing services and student success initiatives. She serves CJC as the college liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and serves on the Texas state-wide distance education committee and the committee for small sustainable two-year colleges.

Prior to coming to CJC, Dr. Smith worked at Western Wyoming Community College where her focus on assessment of student learning resulted in invitations to serve nationally as a private consultant on teaching and learning to colleges across the United States and in Canada. While at WWCC she coordinated the college's self-study for re-accreditation, served as the assessment liaison with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and served the Commission as a Consultant-Evaluator visiting colleges seeking re-accreditation. While in Wyoming, Dr. Smith was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Wyoming Commission for National and Community Service.

Dr. Smith has given presentations at several national, regional, and state conferences such as the American Association of Higher Education Conference in Washington D.C., the North American Conference on the Learning Paradigm in San Diego, and the Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting in Chicago. Her work as a consultant in learning assessment took her to colleges in Arizona, Canada, Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Texas, Wyoming, and Washington.

A few of Dr. Smith's awards and recognition include the Kitty Winter Magee Distinguished Scholar Alumnae Award given by Texas Woman's University, the WWCC Extra Mile Award, The Woman of the Year Award in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, Colleague Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to WWCC, President's Award from the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association, Outstanding Teacher Award from WWCC Associated Student Government, and Outstanding Educator Award from WAHPERD.

Dr. Smith is married to Billy Smith who served as the Director of Theatre at WWCC for many years before moving into the administrative position of Director of Distance Education and Instructional Technology. He currently serves as the Director of Theatre at CJC and is Artistic Director of the Big Country Dinner Theatre at the Hilton during the summer season. He is a director, designer, musician, and playwright, with degrees in both theatre and music. He has won numerous awards, including seven Regional Showcase Winner awards from the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association which includes Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming. For these awards his shows were selected as one of the top college theatre productions in the region and were invited to perform for the regional RMTA festival.

I am very honored to serve as the President of Cisco Junior College. The people who make up this College are amazing. Everyone here does the job of two or three people, and they do it with a smile! The employees demonstrate a true philosophy of service to the students and to the community. The College has much to be proud of; the College also has much that needs to be accomplished in this time of great change in the delivery of education and in assessment and accountability. I am enthusiastic and relentless in representing the affairs of the community college because of my strong commitment to the mission and to the many wonderful opportunities provided by two-year colleges. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead, but most of all I am looking forward to working with the individuals who make up the College and with the members of the communities that we serve.

Dr. Colleen Smith said.

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Baird Baseball Roster 2006

Feb. 23-25	Olney Tour.	TBA	
Feb. 27	Abilene H.S. JV	H.	4:30
March 2-4	Eastland Tour.	TBA	
March 6	Abilene H.S. J.V.	H.	4:30
March 9-11	Anson Tour.	TBA	
March 14	Eastland	H.	1:00
March 16	Anson	H.	12:00
March 20	Eula*	T.	4:00
March 24	Cross Plains	H.	4:30
March 27	Ranger*	T.	4:00
March 31	Albany*	H.	4:00
April 3	A.C.H.S. %	T.	6:00
April 7	Gorman*	T.	5:00
April 11	Eula*	H.	5:00
April 13	Snyder	T.	7:00
April 17	Cross Plains*	T.	4:00
April 21	Ranger*	H.	5:00
April 25	Albany*	T.	5:00
April 28	Tolar	T.	6:00
May 2	Gorman	H.	5:00

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50 Acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquite trees, 2 ponds, county road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$75,736.
51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields, Interstate 20 road frontage, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$61,200.
51 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, one field excellent for food plot, 1 pond, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,450 per acre.
60 Acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yds of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded, 3 ponds, King Lake Cisco, canyons, deer, hogs, turkey, dove, quail, \$72,000.
65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road frontage, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
80 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 ponds with 1 being stocked with fish, remote, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,000.
81 Acres wooded with oak & mesquite trees with a very large hill, 1 pond, creek. This property is surrounded by large... wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,895.
83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting or a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$105,825.
84 Acres by Desdemona mostly wooded with post oak, live oak, spanish oak, hills, canyons, good creek that cuts through the middle, 1 smaller coastal field, Water well, one pond, potential lake site. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,595 per acre.
93 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity, big views including parts of Lake Daniels, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.
101 Acres with house several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan & cottonwood trees, 3 ponds, water... 3 BR, 1 bath, needs some work, older large barn, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$160,000.
112 Acres, wooded and cleared, very large canyon on property, hills, older mobile home with CH/CA and older frame house, highway frontage. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$145,600.
116 Acres on large creek, wooded with oak trees, one larger field in the middle, good for cattle or hunting. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$1,350 per acre.
118 Acres Comanche County, wooded & open, two creeks, 1 runs most of year round, 3 ponds, 3 water wells, oak, pecan... to creek bottom, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,300 per acre.
127 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 ponds, 1 pond of another large pond stocked with fish, creeks, hills, two smaller coastal fields, deer, duck, quail, \$1,250 per acre.
151 Acres 75% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 water wells, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$196,490.
151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 BR, 2 bath home with outbuildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$220,183.
160 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres open grass land, 2 large ponds in a canyon in the oak timber, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$236,000.
166 Acres approximately 60% wooded with oak and mesquite & 40% open, pond, creek, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$176,550.
217 Acres 65% fields & grassland... oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$200,000.
275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$328,625.

COMMERCIAL

Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen and 3/4 bath, CH/A on each side, \$29,500.
3 commercial buildings and a carport on several lots. \$39,500. Call for details.
Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call for details.
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HOMES

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, carpet just been replaced, double carport w/attached storage, corner lot, large trees, Reduced to \$26,500.
3 BR, 2 bath home with double carport, workshop or storage building, large trees, \$27,500.
2 BR, 1 bath home, separate LP... detached garage with storage, lg. trees, \$29,500.
Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen, 3/4 bath and CH/A on each side, it can be used as single family home. Reduced to \$29,500.
3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large room... pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, reduced to \$29,500.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick veneer home with CH, storm windows, covered patio, carport, RV parking, 2 storage bldgs., large pecan trees, reduced to \$32,000.
3 BR, 1 bath home, separate dining room, CH/A, carport, garage, privacy fenced backyard. \$35,000.
3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, CH, large deck off Master BR, carport, storage bldg., privacy fence, corner property, \$36,000.
3 BR 2 bath home, CH/A, vinyl siding, inside recently remodeled, large trees, 6 ft. chainlink fence, backyard, oversized double garage, \$48,500.
Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/A on 24 lots, \$65,000.
3 BR, 2 bath home, recently built... double carport, privacy fenced backyard, storage bldg., city water plus...
4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CH... large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras on corner lot. \$79,500.

LAKE CISCO

Beautiful spacious 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath... great view of lake from DR, LR, den & Master BR, lg. landscaped yard, oak trees, dock, storage bldg. & many extras. Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home. 2 CH/A units, fireplace, several extra closets, balcony off master BR, large oak trees, shop, 4 vehicle carport, covered boatdock with boat lift, septic escaped frontyard and backyard surrounds this large beautiful 2 story, 3 BR, 4 bath home with WBFP and 2 CH/A units. Large kitchen with many nice cabinets and builtins. Garage, boat dock, 2 decks, plant room, sprinkler system, many large oak trees and many extras.

Ann Williams, Broker Jimmy Williams

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rieties that are suitable for all soil types in this area. We can also custom design a mixture for your particular situation. We are also offering the use of our broadcaster to any landowner at a \$25 a day rental for help in seeding.

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254-442-2696 5-40

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Houston, where they lived for 37 years. In Houston, she continued to be active in Camp Fire Girls, Alpha Phi sorority, Memorial Forrest Garden Club, and Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church activities. She traveled extensively throughout the world with her husband, Joe, head of the J.P. Harle shipping companies.

In 1980, she and Joe moved to Lakeway on Lake Travis in Austin, TX, where she was active in the Lakeway Women's Club, Lakeway Church, and various bridge clubs. She was a life-long bridge player and continued to enjoy traveling with her husband and Lakeway friends.

In July 2005, for health reasons, she and Joe moved to a newly built retirement community in Abilene, Tx. to be near their son and his family for their support.

Mrs. Harle is survived by her husband of 59 years; daughter, Mary Lu Harle of Anchorage, Alaska; son and daughter-in-law, Robert Pearce Harle, DVM, and Nicki (Stallman) Harle of Baird; sister, Lucia (Mills) Flanagan of Port Arthur; three grandsons, Joe Wilton,

Henry Kirt and Lee Pearce Harle; two granddaughters-in-laws, two great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is also survived by her wonderful caregivers, Althea Duerinckx, Cindy White and others.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2006 at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Port Arthur, Tx. Graveside services will be at the family's lot in the Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Port Arthur immediately following.

Local arrangements are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home.

Friends may give donations to the Lakeway Church 2203 Lakeway Blvd. Lakeway, Texas 78734, or the donor's favorite charity, in lieu of flowers.

To highlight the importance of access to affordable health care benefits. The week will be marked in Texas with health and enrollment fairs to inform the public about government-sponsored health insurance options and health screenings for illnesses such as high blood pressure and diabetes; and news events to draw attention to the problems created when large segments of the population are uninsured.

Those without health insurance generally lack access to primary care like doctors office visits and prenatal care as well as preventive care, such as mammograms and immunizations for children, said Richard Bettis, CAE, president/CEO of the Texas Hospital Association. Lack of access to primary and preventive care means that the uninsured usually wait until a condition is more advanced to seek help. Then, it takes longer to recover, and may require hospitalization, which could have been avoided by early intervention. Not only does it cost more, but the uninsured also pay in terms of poor health status, he added.

Texas has more uninsured residents that may other state a problem that health care professionals say affects not only uninsured Texans but also health care and pocketbook of every other resident in the state.

When uninsured individuals are sick, they often turn to hospital emergency rooms because they have no family doctor, Bettis said.

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Obituary

Mary Elizabeth Harle

Mary Elizabeth (Mills) Harle, 84, died Thursday, April 20, 2006 in Abilene, after a long period of declining health.

She was born October 20, 1921 in Port Arthur, Texas, the daughter of India (Young) Mills of a prominent pioneer Port Arthur family, and Henry O. (H.O.) Mills, a former Jefferson County commissioner and a former president of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. (H.O. Mills Boulevard in Port Arthur is named after him)

She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur in January, 1940. A highlight of her early years was the honor of cutting the ribbon to open the Port Arthur-Orange Rainbow Bridge constructed over the Neches River on Texas Hwy 87. She later participated at the opening ceremonies when the second bridge was constructed, and also at the ceremonies when the Texas Historical Marker was unveiled at the 50th anniversary of the first (Rainbow) Bridge.

Mrs. Harle attended

Stevens College in Columbia, Missouri for two years and two years at the University of Texas at Austin where she graduated in 1944 with a degree in Home Economics. She was an active member of the Alpha Phi sorority all her life. Following college, she returned to Port Arthur where she worked as the Director for the Camp Fire Girls, which included running their summer camp.

Mary Elizabeth married Joe Pearce Harle, also of Port Arthur, on December 26, 1946. Following a short time in Del Rio, they settled in

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An important and emerging topic in the nutrition arena, functional foods was the focus at this year's Texas Dietetic Association Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition. The conference took place April 6-8 in

Texas commemorations of Cover the Uninsured Week next month will take on added significance.

Cover the uninsured Week is observed nationally May 1-

The Woodlands, and with nearly 800 attendees, it was one of the largest gatherings in TDA history. As president of TDA, McNeill leads the Texas affiliate of ADA, the largest group of food and nutritional professionals in the world.

TBC, in partnership with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), sponsored a conference session conducted by Martha Belury, R.D. PhD and professor of nutrition at Ohio State University. Dr. Belury delivered a standing room only presentation on recent research developments related to functional foods and beef, said McNeill. It included her exciting research findings on CLA and was a great way to reach leading health influencers.

TBC and NCBA took part in the exhibition by sampling heart-healthy lean beef and providing educational materials for attendees. In addition, a recipe for the Healthy Beef Cookbook was featured at a luncheon for more than 140 leaders in the health and nutrition industry.

For more information on functional foods, the Texas Beef Council and other beef programs, please visit www.texasbeef.org or call (800) 846-4113.

Obituary

Norva Lynn Christopher

CISCO- Norva Lynn Christopher, 58, of Cisco and formerly of Fort Worth passed away at Eastland Memorial Hospital Sunday, April 23, 2006.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2006 in Oakwood Cemetery, under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mrs. Christopher was born in Coleman, Texas on March 25, 1948 to Morris and Woodie Louise (Tabor) Tolleson. She married Billy Jack Christopher on November 6, 1978 in Weatherford, Texas. She lived in Fort Worth for 50 years and moved to Cisco in 1999. While in Fort Worth, she worked as a Nurses Aide at Peter Smith Hospital and also at a nursing home. She was a member of Burch Hill Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Jack

Christopher of Cisco; two sons, Mark Hisey of Arlington and Jason Hisey and wife Tammi of Mansfield; three stepsons, Bobby Christopher and wife Cathy of Cisco, Mark Christopher and wife Candy of Joshua and Mike Christopher of Fort Worth; step-daughter, Kellye Mellen and husband Michael of Alvarado; sisters, Sue Martindale of Baird and Glenda Webb of Weatherford; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren; 2 nieces and 2 nephews.

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The Historical Association is responsible not only for our cemeteries but also for the old Post Office, which was once a bank, and the old Methodist Church. In case you are not interested in the

Oakland Cemetery Annual Report

It's that time of year to be planning on our gathering at the cemetery to take care of the business there.

The cemetery is in excellent shape. We need every one who has loved ones buried there to come forward and be a part of the association.

We need your presence, your input and your financial help.

To keep the cemetery in good shape takes more than one realizes.

The meeting will be on the first Saturday in May (May 6th) beginning at 10 a.m.

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H.D. Weaver
President

Romney Cemetery Association Meeting To Be Monday

The annual meeting of the Romney Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 6 p.m. It meets in what was the Christadelphian Church across the road from the cemetery. All members, persons who have relatives buried in the cemetery, or anyone who is interested in the upkeep of the Romney Cemetery are urged to attend.

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Across
1. Rear part of the human body.
5. Something held with the teeth.
8. Slang for potato.
12. Great hardness.
13. Spanish-speaking man.
15. Killer whale.
16. Claudius Caesar, Roman emperor who may have been responsible for the great fire.
17. Volz, played Miz Emma Tisdale on The Dukes of Hazard.
18. To persuade someone to buy something.
19. Imparting sacredness.
22. To express in words.
23. Small cask.
24. Acronym for Distant Early Warnings.
26. Amount of medication prescribed.
29. Period of heat.
31. To apply with pressure.
32. Site of the 1965 voter registration drive led by Martin Luther King, Jr.
34. Variant of ceriph.
36. German for "first."
38. To cook by exposing to dry heat.
40. Abrams, author of The Spy's Bride.
41. Having a heavy, offensive smell.
43. People who are of equal standing.
45. Sharp turn in a zigzag course.
46. Negligent in the performance of work.
48. Reprobate; scamp.
50. Critical examination or evaluation.
51. Expression of disgust or disapproval.
52. Acronym for Annual Percentage Rate.
54. Mexicana, known as the Mexican Bird of Paradise.
61. Small piece of food.
63. Past tense of smite.
64. Disk-shaped percussion instrument.
65. Acronym for Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act of 1970.
66. Handles of a sword or dagger.
67. Marine fish of the genera Merluccius, closely related to the cods.
68. In a different manner or place.
69. Marshal Nol, established the short-lived Khmer Republic.
70. Indicates or shows.

Down
1. Bays used for storage.
2. Part of the cerebral cortex having a particular function.
3. on the cob.
4. Raps on a door.
5. Flesh of an adult domestic bovine used as food.
6. Vincent, French composer.
7. aka Terri Powers, WWE wrestler.
8. Internationally recognized signal of distress.
9. To apply pressure to.
10. Acronym for University Center for Learning Assistance.
11. Tyne, star of Cagney and Lacey.
13. Another word for snicker.
14. Borders or margins.
20. Beverages made by seeping the leaves of certain plants.
21. Delivers.
25. Small, brown oscine singing bird.
26. Albrecht, German painter and engraver.
27. Branch of medical science dealing with birth.
28. Mythical serpent.
29. Becomes less difficult.
30. Indian lute with a long neck and varying number of strings.
31. Abbreviation for referee.
33. C. Jemison, first African-American woman in space.
35. Slang for cigarette.
37. Opportune or suitable moment.
39. Things of little value or importance.
42. Phonograph record.
44. To cut with a quick stroke.
47. To store in a secret place for future use.
49. Cries of a horse.
52. Broad expanse or great quantity.
53. Abbreviation for philosophy.
55. Jannings, received the first Oscar ever awarded.
56. Performance of one.
57. Abbreviation for attention.
58. Acronym for National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.
59. cap, mushroom whose gills turn into black fluid after the spores have matured.
60. Grows older.
62. Edgar Allan, American poet and short story writer.

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Scranton Community Meeting May 4

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The Scranton musical will be held Saturday, May 6 at the community center. The kitchen opens at 5:30 and music begins at 6:00. All musicians are invited to play. Mark Ray is the emcee. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Donations of sandwiches and/or pies are welcome.

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Gatekeepers Log

By Doug Fraser

A beautiful mind
 Today dear reader you may be shocked, dismayed, upset, or renewed as you read this log entry. It's fair to warn you right up front. There are concerns for the ever rising price of oil and ensuing ripple effect it brings into our daily life. Some of us are concerned over the immigration issues and how this will play out this time. In 1989 President Reagan and the congress enacted legislation and established an amnesty program for over 2 million illegal immigrants. A major point of the law was to fine or severely punish businesses which hire "illegal immigrants". Since that time only 4 law suits have taken place. Thus, our current problem is totally exacerbated when the government which writes the laws will not enforce them. What would you do if you knew you could break the law and get away with it? So now we find ourselves with a very significant problem for which there is no easy solution. Our laws need to be changed and they must be enforced. We need people in leadership positions who truly know God and know how to properly apply His laws to this nation and our interests at home and abroad.

Think about it, God gave Moses Ten Commandments which are one of the primary foundation builders for all of man's laws. But you say theology and law are incompatible. Let me share with you a quote from an article in "Student Lawyer"; a magazine from the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. From the perspective of Wonkee 'Dan' Lee; a pastor soon to be lawyer: Theology is to restore humanity in the image of God, while law is to restore humanity for the sake of each individual and human society - Whether religion or law we are called to serve humanity." There is no doubt in my mind some of our political leaders could be more effective in serving our nation if they applied what Mr. Lee understands. By the way, Mr. Lee is a Korean immigrant. I'll challenge each of you to consider this idea the next time you vote for a candidate or a ballot initiative in the next election. Think on this, when the Ten Commandments and prayer were removed by court fiat, this removed half of the foundation established to serve the best interests of our children and our nation's future. For what good are the

best of man's law if they have no standard to measure anything by. Isn't it interesting the new Iraqi constitution allows their laws to use the Quran as a measuring tool for Iraqi secular law? They are becoming converts of democracy, but our fore father's were disciples of democracy and applied the Judeo-Christian laws and ethics as they understood them as a foundation for our democratic republic. We have seen the wall which separated the east and west in Germany torn down and the former Soviet Union dissolve because of the resolve of this nation during the Cold War and the stand taken by President Reagan. He is a true example of a disciple of freedom and democracy and not just a convert. It took courage and it took faith in God for millions to be freed of the ruthless tyranny of Communism. Though the walls are down and people are free, there is still a lingering prophetic word of the ideology and philosophy of Karl Marx. We are continuing to destroy ourselves from the inside as we do nothing to stop the destruction of our own foundation. The insidious internal destruction of our nation's belief structure, the splintered, the inconsistent and pampered faith, and a serious lack of a Christian world view within the American church can be shown in these two events. First, there is a portion of the Iranian military made up of over 40,000 men and women who have volunteered to blow themselves up during an attack upon West, Israel, and the United States. They recently marched in review in Tehran wearing a distinctive green uniform, bomb laden waist-belts, and detonators raised in a salute as they passed the President of Iran and the reviewing party. In other words, they are ready and willing to die for what they believe to be best for their country and its world view as taught to them in the Quran. Second, there have been several points during the trial of Zacarias Moussaoui, the only terrorist

tried for the 9/11 attack of the United States. This man was willing to take the witness stand and tell everything he knew about the attack and how he may have been involved. His defense team wouldn't allow him to do it. When asked why he would do this, he simply said I'm not afraid to tell the truth for what I believe." During the on-going punishment phase of his trial, he stated he would do the same thing again if given the chance; and most recently he stated I have "a beautiful terrorist mind"; making reference to the Oscar Award winning movie a few years ago called "a Beautiful Mind" about a famous mathematician who had schizophrenia. We are in a global war, and it's more than just guns and bombs, and Afghanistan and Iraq. It's spirit, mind, will, heart, and emotions. It is a very real spiritual and physical war found from cover to cover of the Bible. So I close with this, where are the 40,000 American Christian men and women today who have the "Sword of the Lord" drawn and are willing to go forth and make disciples of all nations, even at the cost of their own life? What kind of "a beautiful mind" are Christians suppose to have? The Bible states we can have the mind of Christ. What would happen to this nation and to the world if Christians actually started to make use of the mind of Christ; just as Jesus did?

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Aunt Maude and Medication

My Uncle Mort and Aunt Maude hardly ever come into town from the thicket. They are close with the dollar, and the 15-mile trip from the country is what they call a "costly consideration." Never mind that their transportation mode is now a golf cart instead of the old pick-up truck they drove for years. Still, the better part of a gallon of gas is up in smoke—sometimes literally. That was the case one day last week when the couple stopped by.

Maude came inside while Mort jiggled wires, grousing about 'em not making carts like they used to. She made it clear to him that she had no intention of getting back on the machine until it was smoke-free. "It's bad enough riding a cart down the street, but with smoke boiling out, we look like a slow-moving accident looking for a place to happen. And it's the pits trying to explain a golf cart breakdown on the road shoulder." (When they do break down, Maude, very much a non-golfer, yanks out the only golf club in the cart. She pokes around for golf balls in ditches, as if they are WAY out in the rough.)

Maude had a bad case of nerves, wondering if Mort would get the cart running

right before sundown. I promised her a ride home if need be. Then, I inquired about their trip to town for the second time in a month.

"It was to see the doctor both times," she said. "And I'm not used to seeing doctors twice a decade, much less twice a month. But when my nerves act up, I get concerned."

On the first visit, the doctor prescribed Valium, explaining that one tablet should do it when she feels nervous. "On the follow-up visit today, I told the doctor that it works like a charm," Maude laughed. "Whenever I feel a smothering spell coming on, I slip one of those little pills into Mort's coffee."

Mort's a bit upset that they didn't hitch a ride into Dallas for the Mavericks' final regular season basketball game of the year. He learned the next day that everyone present at the game received vouchers for free round-trip tickets on American Airlines flights from Love Field.

Oh, they're not into sports, but he says they figure if they're ever going to fly, they ought to do it before they have too much metal in their bodies to clear security.

And they love to travel on someone else's dime.

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AA Exec Dan Garton and Mavericks' owner Mark Cuban fielded questions from 100 or so media folks. Cuban initially steered clear of revealing his feelings about the Wright Amendment. Finally, he deferred to Garton, saying "Whatever he thinks is what I think."

Cuban and five-year-old Hogan Hamby, who also lives in the Metroplex, share similar philosophies. They both let chips fall where they may. And they both love tennis shoes.

Now in nursery school and a "can't wait"

anticipation of kindergarten, young Hogan already is fashion conscious. For example, he fully understands that when he wears his Sunday School clothes, it means wearing long pants. And putting on Sunday shoes.

He'd much rather be in play clothes, of course. Then he gets to wear his tennis shoes—his most valued of all possessions. That's his usual attire for nursery school.

The other day he showed up there in Sunday School dress, shoes and all. There was nothing special going on in nursery school that day, so the teacher wondered why he was so decked out.

"Where are your tennis shoes?" she quizzed. "They're in 'time-out,'" Hogan snorted. (He's most distraught when his tennis shoes are taken away to "time-out.")

Advancing years no doubt will chip away at his penchant for propriety. After all, Cuban is comfortable just about any place in jeans and T-shirts. On those rare occasions when dress calls for more—say a tuxedo—he

goes along. At least from the ankles up. But, his footwear is almost sure to be tennis shoes, whether or not his black patent lace-ups are in time-out.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in Texas. His

weekly humor column appears in 125 newspapers in six states. His website is www.speakerdoc.com. He welcomes comments and inquiries—call 817-447-3872, or send email: newbury@speakerdoc.com

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Agricultural Viewpoint

By Bob Bailey - County Extension Agent-Ag

Beware: The 'Dangling Defoliator'

An Asian gypsy moth found in Travis County has created some consternation among Central Texas residents, but other caterpillar concerns are more pressing, said a Texas Cooperative Extension entomologist.

"The trapping of the Asian gypsy moth in the Austin area by the Texas Department of Agriculture could be potentially significant in the event there are several more moths in the same area," said Wizzie Brown, Extension entomologist for Travis County. "In the caterpillar stage, these moths are voracious and can defoliate and possibly kill trees and shrubs. But we already have other species of moth larvae that are well-established in Central Texas and damage trees. Oak leaf rollers and cankerworms are both types of moth larvae-caterpillars- that can harm trees and bushes, and are a nuisance to Central Texas residents, Brown said.

"Oak leaf rollers emerge when new leaves emerge on oaks and other types of trees they prefer," she said. "They pupate on twig tips or bark crevices or on plants near the tree. As for cankerworms, these drop from trees on silk strands in order to pupate on the ground."

Although oak leaf roller and cankerworm caterpillars are not as destructive as those of the Asian gypsy moth, they make up for it in the sheer amount of foliage they eat and the number of large, unsightly webs the oak leaf rollers produce, Brown said.

"Throughout the spring you can see webs of oak leaf roller larvae and watch these caterpillars wiggle from the trees on silken strands," she said. "For most people, it is not a very appealing sight."

While steps are being taken to ensure the Asian gypsy moth does not get a foothold in Texas, Brown said, oak leaf rollers and cankerworms are already persistent pests that show up each spring, Brown said.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture will be spraying a 1 square mile area around the spot where the Asian gypsy moth was trapped with a pheromone that disrupts the moth's reproductive ability," she said. "Basically the pheromonal spray mimics the chemical signal female Asian

gypsy moths give off when looking for mates. When the area is saturated with the spray, the males go into 'sensory overload' and cannot locate the females."

An oak leaf roller and cankerworm larvae are less destructive than Asian gypsy moth larvae and pose more of a nuisance than threat, large-scale and broad-range control methods are generally impractical, Brown said. But greater small-scale treatment by Central Texas residents may be a prudent idea this year because of drought.

"Oak leaf rollers and cankerworms may present an additional problem this year as there are already so many stressed bushes and trees from the extended period of drought," she said. "This has already weakened them so they may be unable to repair themselves as easily. As a result, people may want to consider treatment, especially on badly stressed foliage."

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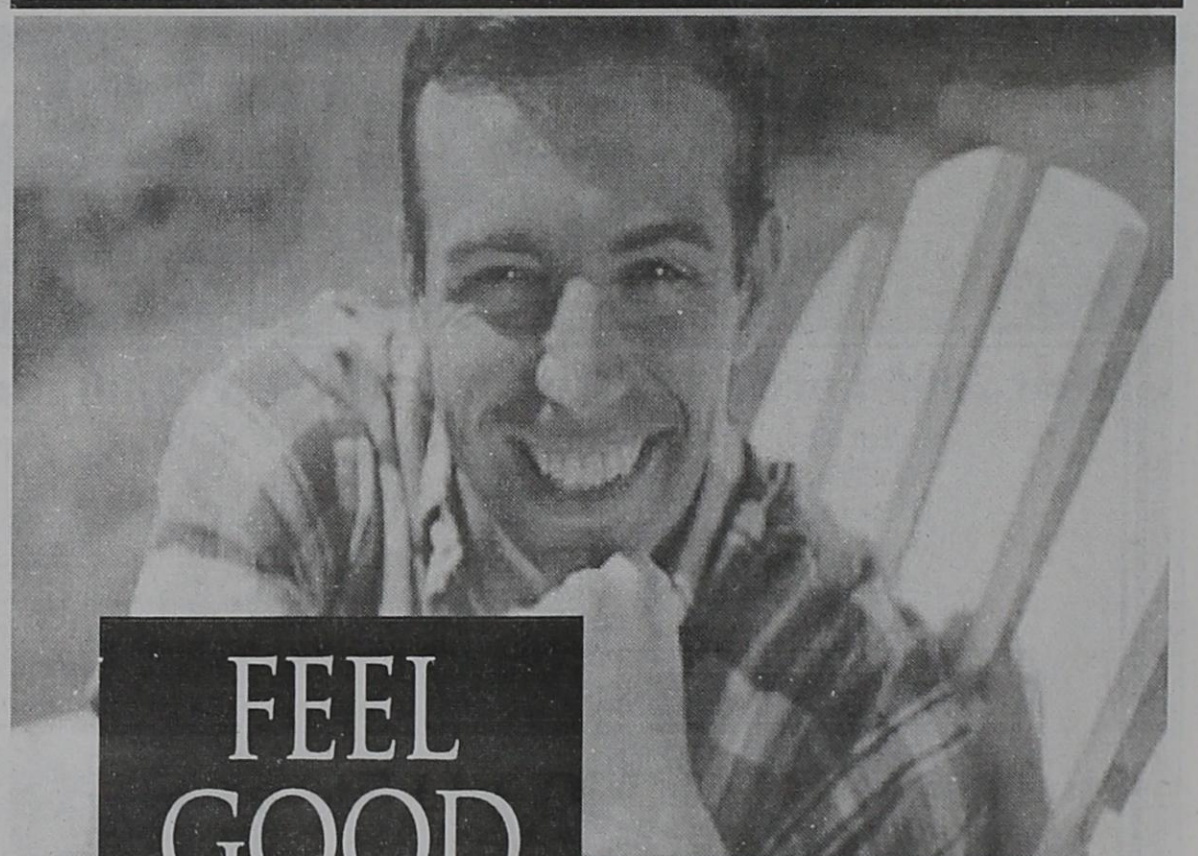
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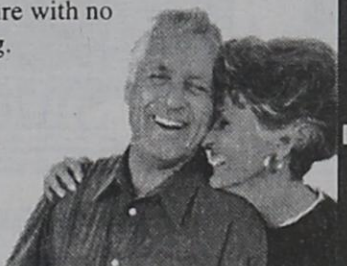
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Election held on May 13, 2006 will be tested on April 28, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Room 102, Courthouse, Baird, TX to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Signature of Officer, Lana J. Walls. Aviso Publico de Probar El Equipo para Tabular Automaticamente Por la presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usard en la Eleccion de Baiird I.S.D. que se llevara a cabo el May 13, 2006 se probara el April 28, 2006 a las 9:00 a.m. en Room 102, Courthouse, Baird, TX para determinar si equipo contrara con exacitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas los proyectos de lay.

Callahan County SWCD Now Taking Custom Map Orders

The Callahan County SWCD is proud to announce that we have recently purchased a plotter and is now offering to design maps for land owners, hunters and interested individuals. The plotter will produce up to 36" maps in color or black and white. The cost will depend on the size and design of each individual map.

For more information on how to purchase a land map contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th Street Baird, Texas or call (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3. Order forms and information may also be obtained at the Albany NRCS office at (325) 762-2552 Ext. 3.

A-B Honor

Table listing A-B Honor students across three grades: 6th Grade (Katelynn Mitchell), 7th Grade (Cody Hunter, Alexis Almanzar, Yisrayl Martin, Michelle Robbins, Sara Kunick, Alex Neal, Elisha Pritchett), and 8th Grade (Brittany Cook, Ty Rhoads, Courtney Ringhoffer, Tyler White, Melanie Cooper, Charlcie Voights, Steve Williams).

Hatchett & Company REAL ESTATE advertisement. Call Michael Hennech (817) 578-5128 or (254) 647-5317. We work with other brokers to sell your property. Hatched & Company Real Estate is a member of the Abilene & North Texas Real Estate Information Systems M.L.S.

Emergency Farm Fire Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans caused by extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Richard G. Young said. "Callahan is one of 9 primary counties in Texas recently named by the President of the United States eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing."

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," Richard G. Young said.

Murder Trial in Eastland...From PI

District Attorney's office stated it would focus on the conduct of Cheyne Fox (at the time of the incident), and the result of his conduct. The lawyer for the defense said the State of Texas would have to prove what happened that night on the parking lot - if not, Fox should be acquitted of the charges.

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Thursday, April 27: Crunchy Tacos or Cheese Nachos, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Brownie, Fresh fruit, Choice milk. Friday, April 28: Chili Cheese Dog or Hamburger, French fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Dessert, Fresh fruit, Choice of Leche.

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Get valuable career training while you earn money for college. If you're ready to advance yourself through technology, join the Army National Guard today.

BENZENE ALERT

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) or Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), please call us today toll free at 1-866-369-3476 to discuss your legal rights.

100's of All Kinds of Sales

at the Bosque Countywide Garage Sales Fri. & Sat., May 5 & 6, 2006 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m. List of sales & location available at Bosque County convenience stores. By Individuals, Groups, and Businesses For information, call (254) 435-2331

Baird 5th Six Weeks Honor Rolls-Junior High

The Baird Junior High is proud to announce the Honor Roll for the 5th six weeks grading period of 2005-06. To qualify for the all A Honor roll a student must have a 90 or above or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B honor roll a student must have nothing below an 80.

According to testimony, an argument about arm wrestling had started either inside the bar, or as the involved parties were leaving. Announcement PARKING LOT SALE: Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. until ? New and Used Furniture, one of a kind, discounted, super savings!!! Dining table and chairs, chest, entertainment center, love seat, sofa and much more. COATS FURNITURE, 305 S. Seaman, Eastland.

Public Notice of Testing of the Equipment for the Automatic Tabulation

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Baird I.S.D.

Grass Seed Available To Landowners

The Callahan County SWCD would like to remind you that we are offering grass seed at an inexpensive price for landowners and operators in Callahan County and surrounding areas. We are offering a wide variety of seeds, which include over 89 varieties of Native and Improved Grasses, Forbs and Legumes. We are also offering 15 different varieties of Wild Flowers and 11 kinds of Texas perennial Wildlife Mixes. We have varieties that are suitable for all soil types in this area. We can also custom design a mixture for your particular situation. We are also offering the use of our broadcaster to any landowner at a \$25 a day rental for help in seeding. For more info. on planning and planting, or how to purchase this low cost grass seed contact the Natural Resource Conservation office located at 141 W. 4th St. Baird, Tx or call (325) 854-1349 Ext. 3.

FOR SALE - 993 ACRES CAMP BARKELEY - ABILENE, TEXAS OLD NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING SITE

The Texas Military Facilities Commission is offering for sale to the highest bidder, through a sealed bid process, approximately 993 acres known as Camp Barkeley, National Guard Training Site. The property is located on RR 1235 off Highway 277, Abilene (View), Texas. Sealed bids will be received by the Texas Military Facilities Commission at Bldg. 64, Camp Mabry, 2200 W. 35th St., Austin, Texas 78703-1222, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2006. Bid packages can be obtained by calling 888-887 or (512) 782-6910 or sending an e-mail to tina.burford@tmfc.state.tx.us. Site visits will be held at the property on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 starting at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Call the number(s) listed above to make an appointment.

2006 Baird Bears Tennis schedule table. Columns include Date, Location, Time, and Gender (Girls/Boys). Dates range from March 10 to May 9. Locations include Santa Anna, ACU, Clyde, Albany, San Angelo, Abilene, and Austin.

Drinking and driving is not only dangerous to all involved, but foolish when it's so easily avoidable. Before you take the chance again, take a close look at the following stats.

STATISTICS

In 2000, more 19-year-olds died in alcohol-related traffic crashes than any other age (1,368). The next most fatal ages were 18, 21, 20, 17 and 22, respectively. No other single ages but these six recorded more than 1,000 fatalities.

By a wide margin, 21-year-olds recorded the most alcohol-related fatalities (680) in 2000. The ages with the next highest numbers of fatalities in alcohol-related crashes were 19, 22, 20 and 23, respectively. By comparison, no other single age besides these five accounted for more than 500 alcohol-related fatalities.

In 2000, more 19-year-olds died in lower BAC (between .01 and .09) alcohol-related crashes than any other age. In fact, 19-, 21-, 18-, 20-, 22- and 17-year-olds made up the top six ages (in order) of people who died in these crashes.

In 2000, 18-year-olds accounted for the most alcohol-related fatalities and the most fatalities where no restraint system (seat belts or motorcycle helmets) was used.

