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No Verdict After Heated Conference Call

Attorneys involved in the Meizer vs. Stanton Brown as Chief Appraiser of Knox County Appraisal District and Knox County Appraisal Review Board case engaged in a conference call with 50th District Judge William H. Heatly Wednesday, June 29th in the Judge's office at Paducah.

Attorney's Matt Malone representing the Meinzers, and Kirk Swinney representing the Tax Board, along with Judge Heatly presiding over the call, discussed the rulings of signing and finalizing the 2003 tax appraisal value of the Meizer's Benjamin home at 85,000. Mr. Malone also pleaded the petition from the Meizer's to issue sanctions to the tax board for "frivolous activities."

Judge Heatly stated that attorney Kirk Swinney has yet to sign the agreed judgement to set the 2003 value of the Meizer's property at 85,000. He stated that the debate over the phone was heated. The ferocity of the arguments had not died down over the weeks since the initial courtroom session earlier this month, which were cut short by Judge Heatly's heat related collapse at the bench.

Mr. Malone addressed the issuance of sanctions to be placed on the Tax Board. He said the

main points are as follows.

Mr. Malone accuses the tax board of abusing discovery of evidence by not relating information (mainly the outside appraisal reports of the Meinzers property value) to the Meinzers or their attorneys. Also, failure to engage in good faith conduct by not cooperating with the Meinzers when information was requested.

In addition, according to Mr. Malone, the tax board filed saying they had no evidence when in fact they did, and admitted it in court. Lastly, Mr. Malone claims they harassed his clients, and delayed the proceedings with the intentions of driving up the cost of attorney's fees.

Mr. Malone claims the sanctions were issued in an attempt, if Judge Heatly rules in their favor, to recover a portion of the Meizer's attorney fees.

Defense Lawyer Kirk Swinney argues the majority of these claims are simply not true.

Mr. Swinney had no comment on the case at this time.

Judge Heatly stated both sides argued back and forth and not much was accomplished. He has done much research into this case and hopes to wrap things up by the week of July fourth with a final conference call.

Donald Johnson Memorial 17th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival and 6th Annual Classic Car Show July 29-30, 2005

It's almost time, once again for Knox City's Seedless Watermelon Festival and Classic Car Show. This year the chamber will be changing a couple of things. We will kick things off on Friday, July 29 with a parade starting at 7:00 p.m. This year there will be trophies given for several different categories, the categories will be given at a later date, so start planning your float now! This year our theme is "Celebrate the Great Outdoors-Knox City Style".

The chamber will be hosting a dance featuring Cut Throat Records Recording Artists Dillion Dean Anderson, and a meal at the city park immediately following the parade, trophies for the parade will be given out during this time. The meal will consist of hamburgers, chips, and drink at a cost of \$5.00. Make sure you plan to stay for the live music at

8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

On Saturday, the festivities will begin with booths opening at 10 a.m. there will be arts, crafts, homemade items, food, live music, free swimming, free watermelon slices, and plenty for the kids to enjoy including a giant slide, giant bouncer, pony rides, mechanical bull, rock climbing wall, and more.

The Classic Car Show will register from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., judging will begin at 12:30 and this year the Classic Cars will be judged by our sponsors at Bailey Toliver Cadillac-Chevrolet-Ford-Mercury in Haskell.

The chamber is looking for local talent to play or sing on Saturday, if you are interested please contact the chamber office at 658-3442. More information will follow in coming weeks.

Surveillance Leads To Drug Arrest In Munday

Knox County Sheriff Dean Holmstad, along with deputies Lee Roland and Chris Mendoza raided the apartment of Terry Larue at approximately 7:00 a.m. at the Munday Housing Authority Wednesday, June 29th.

Deputy Roland stated the subject had been under investigation and surveillance for approximately two weeks after the discovery that Mr. Larue may have a controlled substance in his possession.

After obtaining a search warrant, the officers entered the apartment and found a large amount of codeine, a prescription drug used as a painkiller. They apprehended Mr. Larue and he was placed in Knox County Jail.

Larue, 43, was arrested on a Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance charge, a first degree felony, and his bond was set at 15,000. He made bail, and is awaiting a grand jury indictment.



Commissioner Johnny Birkenfield and Joyce Greenwood

Joyce Greenwood Retires After 13 Years at 9-1-1

Joyce Greenwood was surprised by a retirement party in her honor after 13 years of dedicated service as a 911 operator.

On Thursday, June 30th, just after 3 p.m. Joyce Greenwood was in the 911 office, manning her post as usual, when she received a call from Knox City Volunteer Fire Chief Domingo Garcia stating that a fire was reported in the hallway outside her room. Emergency Response and Law Enforcement Personnel arrived and joined others waiting upstairs to surprise Joyce with a retirement party. When she looked outside her office door she found that instead of a fire, many of her coworkers had come to surprise her and

wish her well.

Mrs. Greenwood answered an ad in the paper for a position as an operator for the newly installed 911 system for Knox County.

She was hired and started work on June 15th, 1992. She asked for the three to eleven shift because she also worked at the Goree School District, a position she had held since 1966.

Joyce was an instructional teacher's aide with Goree Schools. During the summer, she worked many other part time jobs, including checking out groceries, delivering meals on wheels, driving the senior citizens bus, and for two summers she raised and sold her own vegetables. She

retired from the school in 1996 after thirty years.

Joyce was overcome with emotion last Thursday as family and friends greeted her with hugs and well wishes. Not wanted her to retire seemed to be the general opinion of those in attendance, they hated to see her go.

There were banners, balloons, and flowers on display around the hall outside the office, and cake, punch, and finger foods were served to guests.

County Commissioner and 911 director Johnny Birkenfield presented Mrs. Greenwood with a plaque stating, "In appreciation of 13 years of service to the citizens of Knox County."

Always active, Joyce still plans to work part time. She will continue to work for 911 as a fill in on a "just as they need me" basis. She enjoys writing and will keep contributing her "A Moment In Time" column to the Knox County News, and she is working on a childrens book.

She hopes to begin gardening more, and she said she'll definitely spend more time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Greenwood said she thoroughly enjoyed her time with 911 and the firemen, ambulance, and law enforcement personnel provided the "best memories" of anything she has ever done. Congratulations, Joyce.

St. Josephs Celebrates 110 Years



St. Joseph Catholic Church located in Rhineland, TX.

Plans are underway for the Rhineland community to celebrate the 110th birthday of the beginning of the German Catholic Colony, named Rhineland after a town in Germany, on September 17th 2005. The celebration is also to recognize present day members of St. Joseph parish for their continuing faith, and their dedication to working for their parish.

The Rhineland Colony and St. Joseph parish was started in 1895 by Reverend Joseph Reisdorff and Hugo Herchenbach when the two purchased a tract of land from J.C. League and George E. Mann of Galveston. One hundred acres was designated for a town site, with ten acres in one block donated to the Catholic Church.

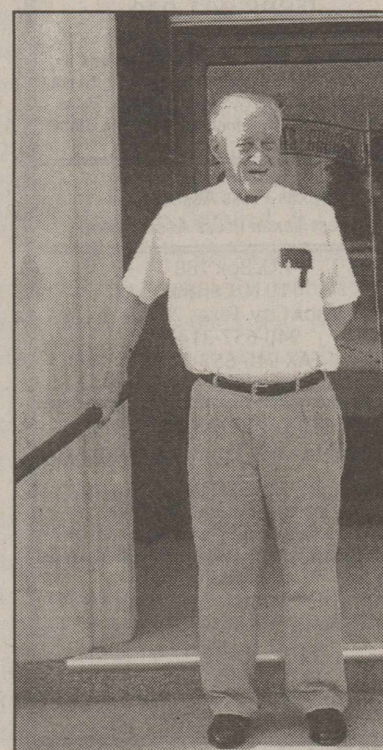
Mr. League continued to be a good friend to the settlers, especially during some hard years they endured. In return, the community expressed continued gratitude toward him. These first settlers withstood many hardships in their travels to the colony and later as they labored in the fields, their deep faith in God sustaining them.

As time went on, friendships were formed and the colony grew as more as more settlers came. St. Joseph parish continued to grow and prosper throughout the years and still today the parishioners enjoy the fruits of the first settlers labor.

It is with gratitude to these

first pioneers and appreciation for the continued growth of the parish that the community will celebrate this anniversary.

The celebration will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will end with a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m. Activities will include various games, a concession stand, and food booths serving fajitas and hamburgers. Members of St. Joseph parish invite everyone to come and celebrate this event and enjoy the fun and fellowship.



Father Leo, Priest at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rhineland. He has been seeing to all the parishioners needs since 1999.



Interior of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rhineland, TX.

A MOMENT IN TIME

By Joyce Greenwood

Remember when the Fourth of July meant picnics in the park, horse shoe contests and three legged races? Remember your mother frying chicken while your dad cranked away on an old ice cream freezer and put watermelons in a #2 washtub full of ice? Fireworks weren't as elaborate as today's offerings, but they were still the grand finale to a perfect day.

Seems like these days, everybody has to have a boat and go to the lake on the Fourth of July. My husband, Tommy, and I accompanied our kids to the lake for a boat outing a few years ago, and I decided to see if I could still water ski. I could ski just as well as I ever could--but then, I had to get back into the boat. With some of the kids pulling and others pushing, I finally managed to get into the boat without the help of a helicopter lift.

Not to be outdone, Tommy decided to jump into the water to see if he could still ski. The bright orange life jacket was visible on top of the water for a split second, and then it--along with Tommy--disappeared from sight. He had just sunk like a rock. We all stood looking down--waiting for him to reappear on the surface of the water. He didn't.

"Butch," I yelled at my oldest son. "Where is he?" But, Butch and his sister, Amy, had already dove into the water to find him. Tommy had jumped at an angle and came up under the boat. Every time he tried to surface, his head would hit the bottom. The cumbersome life preserver prevented his swimming out from

under it, so down he'd go again, Butch reached under the boat and pulled him out, spitting water and looking like a drowned otter!

"Just take us back to the bank," I said, when the kids had managed to pull him back into the boat. I could tell it was the news they had all been hoping for.

Perhaps the one Fourth of July that stands out in Tommy's family memory was the year of his accident. He had suffered a roping accident in the fall and was still unable to walk alone that summer. All his family gathered at our house for a celebration after all the long months of his hospital stay. We had a wonderful day and, as darkness approached, we moved our chairs out onto the lawn for a fireworks display. I don't know why I decided to be the one to set off all the fireworks. I suppose I was trying to be the perfect hostesses.

We saved the really big one for last. It was a giant of an explosive that was supposed to shoot up into the sky "like an enormous spacecraft, exploding into shower of brilliant shooting stars." I don't know why someone didn't point out that I was setting it awfully close to an overhanging tree limb. I lit the fuse and ran, then noticed the tree limb. I realized it was going to be close, but was too late. The imitation "spacecraft" had already left its launching pad with tremendous roar, struck the tree limb and ricocheted back to earth. There, it became a wild creature with a mind of its own, changing directions at random,

scattering people everywhere.

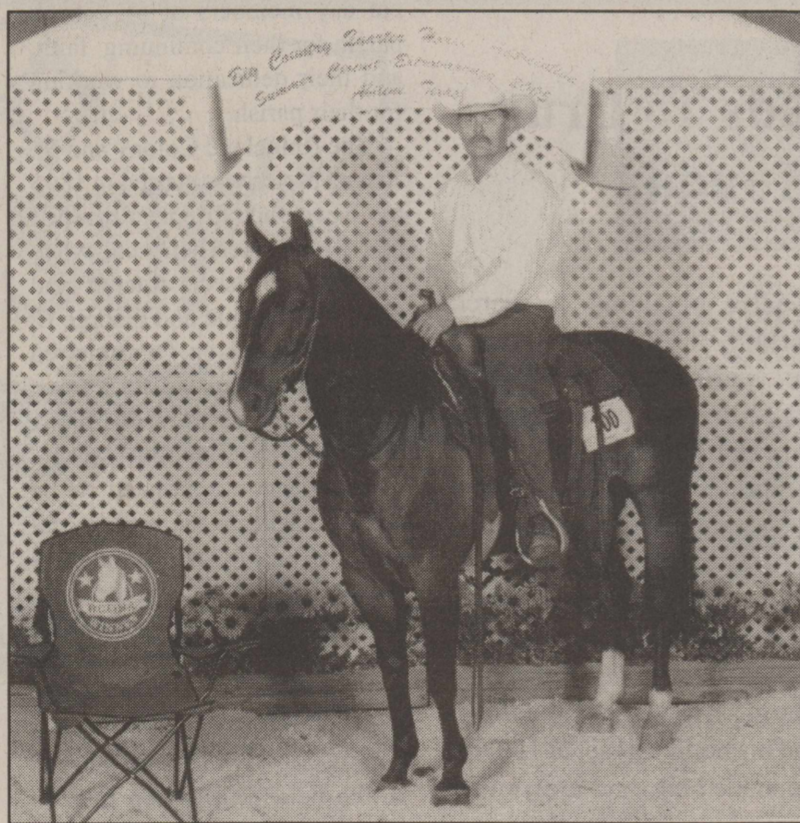
I had run a few steps when I remembered that Tommy couldn't get out of his chair, and was a sitting target for the savage, racing monster. I turned to go back for him and was almost run down by his mother who had not run in forty years. "Oh Lord, help us" she screamed as she raced past me like an Olympic runner.

In a matter of seconds, the giant spacecraft had gone whistling down the sidewalk, exploding in a "shower of brilliant shooting stars" into the front door of our house. Family members began to come out of hiding places--around the other side of the house--in the shelter of the trees in the pasture and someone caught Tommy's mother before she reached the highway. We had our grand finale--exceeding everybody's wildest expectation.

We still have the family gatherings at our house on the Fourth of July. If the kids go to the lake, it's earlier in the day and we're not invited. We have an evening cookout, complete with ice cream and watermelon. The grandchildren eagerly anticipate darkness when my sons and sons-in-law treat us to a spectacular fireworks show.

The little ones squeal with delight as the radiant colors light up the night sky. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and to remember that brave men fought and died for our right to that freedom--and continue to do so with each passing generation.

(Where's my flag?)



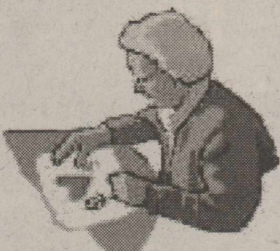
Bruce Railsback, placed first in the Novice Amateur Reining Class both days of the competition, Bruce was also Circuit Champion in the Big Country Summer Circuit. The competition was held in Abilene, Tx. and was sponsored by the Big Country Quarter Horse Association.

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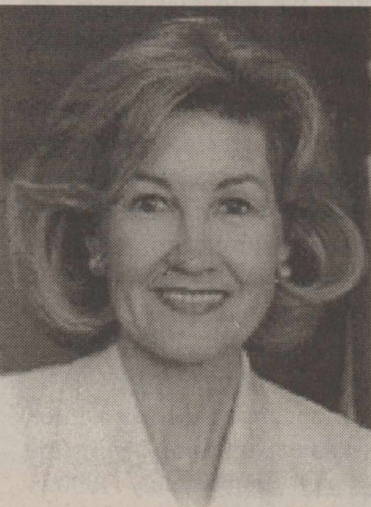
Schedule of Events

•Friday July 29- Parade starting at 7:00 p.m. following parade there will be a street dance featuring live music performed by Cut Throat Records Recording Artist Dillion Dean Anderson. Food served at citypark at the city park consisting of hamburgers, chips, and drinks at a cost of \$5.00.

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RODEO: Will be held Friday and Saturday Nights at the Brazos Valley Recreation Association Arena. Starts at 7:00 p.m., kids events, mutton bustin, goat tying, JackPot Rodeo. Any one interested in Ranch Horse Competition contact Weldon Bowman at 657-5185 or 256-4771.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison United States Senator A Comprehensive Water Plan is Crucial for Texas

"We never know the worth of water 'till the well is dry." This proverb, collected by British physician Thomas Fuller, is as true today as it was when he penned it in 1732.

It is especially the case in Texas, as our state continues to grow, adding increased pressure on our water resources. For this reason, I am a firm supporter of taking steps to promote the wise use of water now. Procrastination guarantees we will have a shortage in the future.

Our population is expected to nearly double from 21 million in 2000 to 40 million in 2050. At the same time, a 2005 study by the Texas Water Development Board indicates that water supplies from all existing sources will decrease during the same period by 18 percent. Most of the decline is due to a projected drop of 19 percent in water from the underground aquifers of Ogallala, Gulf Coast, Hueco-Mesilla Bolson and Carrizo-Wilcox, and an 18 percent decline in surface water because our reservoirs are silting up.

Pressure on existing water sources will also increase among our neighbors. The populations of New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana are all rising. According to the U.S. Census, for the period of 2000 through 2010, the population in Texas will have risen by 3,797,000, or 18.2 percent. Our neighboring states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico will see their combined population rising during that same period by 647,000. During that same span of time, the Border Research Institute estimates the population in the northern region of Mexico adjacent to our border will grow by over 26 percent, or over 680,000, which is more than all of our other neighbors put together.

Many officials worked long and hard to force Mexico to comply with the 1944 Water Treaty with the United States. As a result, Mexico finally agreed to pay its decade old debt. While that struggle took place, I secured \$20 million in emergency funding for Valley farmers harmed by Mexico's refusal to adhere to the agreement.

The answer to the increasing demands for water is to use this precious resource more efficiently. My friends on the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) support creation of a comprehensive water use plan and implementation of conservation strategies. They are right.

Conservation can make a huge difference in water needs for Texas. The TWDB estimates that, while the population will almost double by 2050, actual municipal water demand will go up by only 67 percent if we improve water use efficiency.

We can decrease waste in our vital agriculture industry, which uses more than half of Texas' water. Studies show that agricultural irrigation systems currently lose from one-third to one-half of their water through leaks, seepage and evaporation.

I have made conservation a priority. Congress passed my legislation in 2003 authorizing 15 Lower Rio Grande Valley irrigation districts for construction of water conservation projects and helped them obtain more than \$7 million. I also secured \$26 million in NADBank grants for South Texas irrigation districts. This funding helped line irrigation canals with conservation materials which dramatically cut water losses and are now saving the Rio Grand Valley thousands of acre feet of water each year.

The TWDB reports that Texas farmers and ranchers can take other steps to save water as well. Low-energy precision application sprinklers, drip irrigation, surge flow irrigation valves, soil moisture measurement and buried water distribution lines on the farms will help use water far more efficiently.

Texas' efforts to use water more efficiently may not be inexpensive, but they are still the most cost-effective way to increase our water supplies. And it is something we must do to ensure that Texans will not go thirsty as our state grows and prospers in the future.

Texas must have an ample supply of water and I will continue to make Texas' water needs one of my top priorities.

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It's The Pitts

by Lee Pitts

This goes against my number one rule of ever admitting that my wife might be right about anything but she made a good point recently. She said, "How come you can vacuum your shop three times in one week but in the 18 years we've lived in this house you've NEVER vacuumed your office once? How come you'll wax your 20 year old truck but not our floors? Why will you wash parts but not the dishes? How can you spend so much time organizing your nuts and bolts when no two socks in your drawer match?"

I was pondering the improbability of my wife being right when she asked, "What would it take to get you to help straighten up the house once in a great while?" "Cleaning the house is stupid," I accurately replied. "Six months later you just have to do it all over again."

When Hoover makes a riding vacuum with 350 horsepower I'll vacuum the house. If you'll let me wash parts in the dishwasher and put a PTO on the garbage disposal I'll get dishpan hands. I might even dust furniture if I

could use a leaf blower to do it. And instead of a set of dresser drawers if I had a double decker Craftsman tool box to store my clothes in my socks would all ways match."

I guess I told her! I don't blame my wife for growing weary of the horrors of housework and I think I came up with a viable alternative the other day when we passed the home of a friend. And I mean that literally... Duke was in the slow lane on the freeway. You see, Duke is a team roper and he just bought a horse trailer that is also his home! The trailer has one tenth of a kitchen, a third of a bedroom and a half-bath.

It's a split level home with two beds... if you count the pickup's bed. Duke only paid \$75,000 for his house on wheels, which is twice as much as I paid for my first house. But it's also twice as nice as my first house.

The horse trailer has every creature comfort you'd find in a more contemporary home including a granite counter top and a shower. (Important note: Some gravitationally challenged team ropers are going to need three

gallons of grease and a winch to get out of the small shower if they try to turn around. And forget about washing your feet.) The trailer has its own generator so there's electricity at all times, although I did notice when we visited that when you turned on the faucet the lights dimmed.

The custom designed living quarters are something you might see in Architectural Digest... if they ever do a special issue on horse trailer homes. And it has the AQHA good housekeeping seal of approval.

In trying to convince my wife that we ought to sell the house and move into a horse trailer we visited Duke so that my wife could get a closer look. Duke, who previously had the housekeeping skills of a Hampshire hog, made us remove our boots before entering. He even gave us a Perrier along with a coaster to set it on! We were shocked at Duke's newly acquired domesticity.

Here's a guy who would not know a duvet from a davenport and yet his bed was made, the dishes were done and the towels

matched. There was even a can of vanilla room deodorizer in the privy. (A can in the can, you might say) I think it was to hide the smell of flatulent horses on the other side of the wall but I'm not sure.

I pointed out the many advantages to my wife. "I admit it's small but the toilet is readily accessible and there's only a couple hundred square feet to clean. The only regular household chores are a lube job and a tire change. It's got a TV so we can watch all your favorite programs, just like we do now."

The kitchen is so small you can only cook one egg at a time but you never cook anyway. There's not much closet or storage space but you can just throw the overflow into the stable right next door. It's the ideal life," I said. "If we get a bad neighbor we can just move and your parents will never be able to find us."

Of course, I'll need a brand new dually pickup to pull our new home but if you buy me one I promise I'll help with the housework and regularly straighten up the house ... every time I park it.

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

LINE CAMP TRIBUTE

Dave is a local rancher in the mountain valleys of Central California. Last spring, May 4, 2005 he took 3 of his buddies into the high country to check the summer range. They four-wheeled up into the Alpine zone and finally reached the line camp at Dripping Spring.

The snow-covered peaks were melting like ice cream. The spring was beautiful, the willows were budding. It was still coat cold. Dave checked the corrals, the little outhouse, the tool shed and the spring. To his curiosity he noticed a black bandana tied high in a birch tree that overhung the spruce. He puzzled over its significance; a hiker's souvenir? A hunter's signal? A cowboy's joke? A talisman? A scarecrow to drive off beavers?

He stood on his ATV and was able to reach the bandana and managed to untie it from the limb. It seemed fresh and clean, no doubt, rain and sun had laundered it well. He put it around his neck. It made him feel dashing! Inside the cabin, the larder was checked. It was kept supplied with canned goods, matches, some firewood and blankets. Notes were made on what was needed.

Dave found two cans of Miller Lite beer in the sink. "Super!" he thought, picking up and taking them out to the spring. He set them in the icy water to cool. They finished the springtime cleanup, repaired a few corral poles, replenished the D-con, nailed a shingle, re-papered the outhouse.

Dave dug one of the beers out of the cool spring and popped the top. Just as he was about to taunt his crew he heard one of the boys holler from inside the cabin. "Look at this," his friend exclaimed, holding up the guest book that stayed in the cabin. He read aloud, "To all those who venerate the tradition of the cowboy, we, his true friends, have scattered the ashes of Charlie Blaine, one of the best buckaroos ever to work for the Dripping Spring Ranch from 1957 to 1971, over the spring as his final wish. May his black bandana wave until it frays and becomes part of the mountains he loved. And instead of a statue, in his honor he asked that we leave two cans of his favorite beer as a monument to his eternal resting place."

The three men in the cabin took off their hats and paused out of respect. Dave walked in with the bandana covering his face like a bank robber and crushing the empty can. The reader continued, "Date, May 5, 2005. May he rest in peace."

THANK YOU

Fellow 9-1-1 employees, Knox County EMS, Knox City, Munday, Benjamin and Goree firemen, Law Enforcement officers, County Commissioners, County Courthouse employees, a simple "thank you" seems very inadequate for the wonderful surprise party you planned in honor of my retirement. I will be leaving with very mixed emotions. I know it's time to let someone else take my place, but I will miss all of you very much. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of a great team for thirteen years.

Joyce Greenwood

ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS

by Morton Scott

Last week we explored the heroic story of Caesar Rodney of Delaware, who rode through thunder, lightning and torrential rains to cast the critical vote for Independence at the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 2, 1776.

The United States became Independent when Rodney cast his vote. That was on Tuesday, July 2, 1776, not Thursday, July 4. John Adams, the next day Wednesday, July 3, wrote his wife, Abigail Smith Adams, up in Massachusetts: "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America. - I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by Solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade,

with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfire and Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. - Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory.

I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, "So John Adams, American statesman and president, father of the sixth President of the United States, John Quincy Adams, accurately predicted our Independence celebrations, however, but thought the date would be the Second of July, not the Fourth. After the Continental Congress passed the resolution of Independence

on July 2, the delegates took up Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence.

The delegates felt a declaration was needed to explain the reasons for separating from the mother country, England. The delegates debated the Declaration the rest of July 2, on July 3 and into that magic July 4, changing some of Jefferson's words. Franklin, Adams and Jefferson, in particular, were disturbed by removal of the words condemning the importation of African slaves into the colonies by England. Georgia and South Carolina would not sign The Declaration if those words remained, so they were taken out.

A century later, the nation would pay a bitter price for that. On the Fourth of July, 1776 the Continental Congress adopted The Declaration of Independence. The first public notice of The Declaration appeared on

the bottom of a column on page two of The Pennsylvania Post for Thursday, July 4, 1776. (In those days the news appeared on page two, with items put in, not by importance, but by order received.) The item read "The continental congress declared the united colonies free and independent." The public first read "When in the course of human events "on Saturday, July 6 when the Saturday evening Post printed The Declaration. On Monday, July 8, the words "... all men are created equal ..." echoed across Philadelphia streets in the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Among those in the crowd were housewives, business men, farmers, free Negroes, immigrants, and Martha Washington. On Tuesday, July 9, General George Washington's army assembled on New York heights to hear The Declaration of Independence.

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Museum Bake Sale Big Success



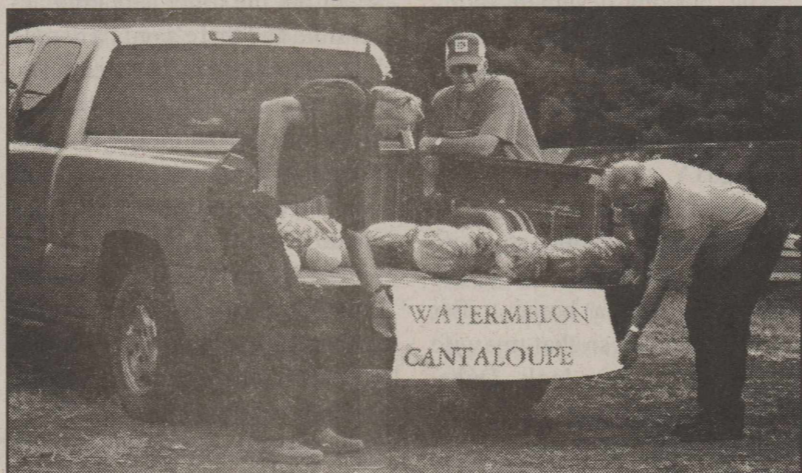
The first event at the museum building was a big success with the bake sale bringing in over \$700.00 Saturday, July 2.

Benjamin buyers turned out big to purchase the home made baked goods, but buyers from other county town came and bought also of the coffee, breakfast burritos, cakes, pies, spe-

cial breads, cookies, brownies, watermelon and cantaloupe that was available on the big south porches of the museum.

Worker shifts were planned for 8-10 and 10-2, but the second shift was sold out an packed up by 11 a.m. and disappointing all of shoppers from Monday, Benjamin and Vera.

Tickets were also sold for a digital camera that will be given away by Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission July 30 at the Knox City Watermelon Festival. Museum supporters will also sponsor a home made ice cream booth at the festival and will be taking or-



ders for the memorial bricks and stones which will help finish the museum's interior.

Emelia Aceveda made and sold breakfast burritos to their workers and Mary Jane Young made burritos that sold at the bake sale. Mary Jane delivered some baked goods to the Court-

house on Friday. Others who baked for the event were Lorene Powers, Jessie Roberts, Fila Mae Robertson, and Coren Parish, of Benjamin, Doris Crownover, Susie Ray, Faye Railsback and Toby Whisenhunt, of Knox City and Toby's daughter from Abilene,

Celia Whisenhunt, Doris Beavers of Goree, Mary Birkenfield of Rhiineland, Frances Cook of Gilliland and Ann Therwanger, Jackie Lowrance and Margaret Hill of Munday.

The bakers and workers came from across the whole county demonstrating the wide spread

interest in supporting the museum bake sale.

One possible exhibit will be Knox County Schools. The school quilt is always a hit when it is shown at events.

Kenneth Roberts of Benjamin is working on a history of Knox County schools which could give

tells about a man who plowed a furrow from his house to the school so his children could find their way across the flat, almost landmark free prairie where they lived. What is your family's school story?

Any memories or records of county schools will be greatly



idea for exhibits. He is interested in pictures, records, artifacts and stories about the schools. Stories help make the records come alive. How far did students walk or ride? Are any old school books around? Who were the teachers? How did they discipline?

The Knox County history

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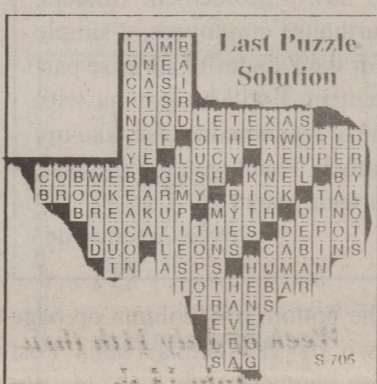
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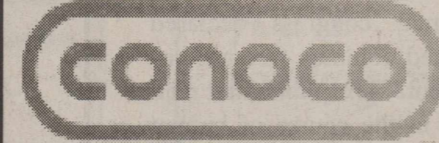
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Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

WATER SOURCES: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: 7-14-05
Time: 6:30pm
Location: City Hall
Phone No: 910-459-3131

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

Where do we get our drinking water?

Our drinking water is obtained from Surface and Ground water sources. It comes from the following: Lake River Reservoir/Aquifer; Seymour Aquifer/Miller Creek Reservoir. TCEQ completed an assessment of our source water and results indicate that our sources have a low susceptibility to contaminants. The sampling requirements for our water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants will be found in this report. If we receive or purchase water from another system, their susceptibility is not included in this assessment. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MFLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCL-G)
The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)
The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)
The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected health risk. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Treatment Technique (TT)
A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL)
The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ABBREVIATIONS

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

ppg - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

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Year (Range)	Contaminant	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
1999	Lead	2.99	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
1999	Copper	0.26	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Turbidity: NOT REPORTED

Total Chlorine: NOT DETECTED

Federal Chlorine: NOT DETECTED

Secondary and Other Not Regulated Constituents (No associated adverse health effects)

Year (Range)	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit	Source of Contaminant
2004	Bicarbonate	311.000	311	311	NA	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone
2004	Calcium	85.000	85	85	NA	Absolutely naturally occurring element
2004	Chloride	124.000	124	121	ppm	Absolutely naturally occurring element
2004	Iron	0.046	0.046	0.3	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; leach or spill water (AR) by residential or business
2004	Magnesium	46.500	46.5	46.1	NA	Absolutely naturally occurring element
2004	pH	7.891	7.4	7.4	unit	Mixture of conductivity of sample
2004	Sulfate	113.000	113	111	NA	Erosion of natural deposits; by-product of oil field activity
2004	Sulfur	189.000	189	180	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity
2004	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	214.000	215	115	NA	Naturally occurring while natural salt
2004	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	701.000	702	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents, in water
2004	Total Hardness as CaCO3	401.000	401	601	NA	Naturally occurring calcium
2004	Zinc	0.000	0	0	ppm	Minerals; absolute naturally occurring element; used in the metal industry

Inorganic Constituents

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCL-G	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2004	Fluoride	1.400	1.4	1.4	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which improves water taste; discharge from nuclear and aluminum factories
2004	Nitrate	9.120	8.02	8.51	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizers use; leaching from septic tanks; erosion of natural deposits
2004	Selenium	0.000	0	0	0	0	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from nuclear
2004	Chlorine	5.200	5.2	5.2	NA	NA	ppm	Discharge from petroleum refineries
2004	Cyanide	1.400	1.4	1.4	15	0	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits

Organic Constituents (NOT LISTED OR REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED)

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: NOT LISTED OR REPORTED

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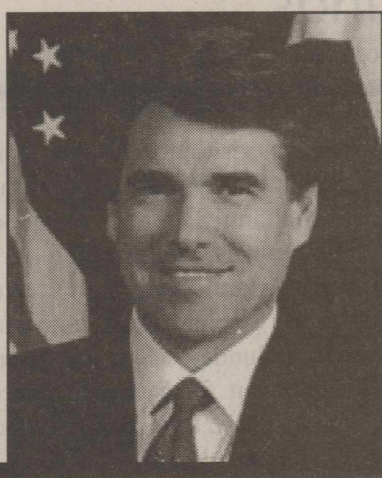
Disinfection Byproducts

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2004	Total Haloacetic Acids	21.500	21.5	21.5	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
2004	Total Trihalomethanes	82.000	82	82	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

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Rick Perry



Governor Requests Assistance for Matagorda and Knox Counties

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry has requested that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency provide disaster relief assistance for Matagorda and Knox counties, where farms and ranches experienced damage due to severe weather. Matagorda County experienced high winds and tornadoes May 29, and Knox County experienced excessive rain, flash floods, hail, high winds and lightning May 31.

Initial reports from Matagorda County estimate that 3,500 acres of milo and 1,100 acres of corn were damaged by the storm. Damage to farm buildings, equipment and machinery is estimated

at \$248,000. In Knox County, officials estimate 92,137 acres of wheat and 10,000 acres of cotton were damaged.

Damage to farm buildings, equipment and machinery is estimated at \$325,000. If the USDA request is approved, qualified farm operators in designated counties will be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production for physical losses, or a maximum of \$500,000. The agency offers additional programs, such as technical assistance, to eligible farmers

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry issued the following statement today on the announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that a cow recently tested for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy - commonly known as mad cow disease - is from a Texas herd. "I want to urge calm and reassure the public that they can have the highest confidence in our beef supply, and the safeguards we have in place to protect the public from the spread of

BSE. There is not, nor has there ever been, a known instance of BSE contaminating the food supply in Texas or anywhere else in the United States.

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Tuesday, July 12th
Beef Stew, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers, Cobbler

Wednesday, July 13th
Sausage/Gravy, Hash Brown Potatoes, Salad, Biscuits, Dessert

Thursday, July 14th
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Buttered Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Hot Rolls, Cookies

Friday, July 12th
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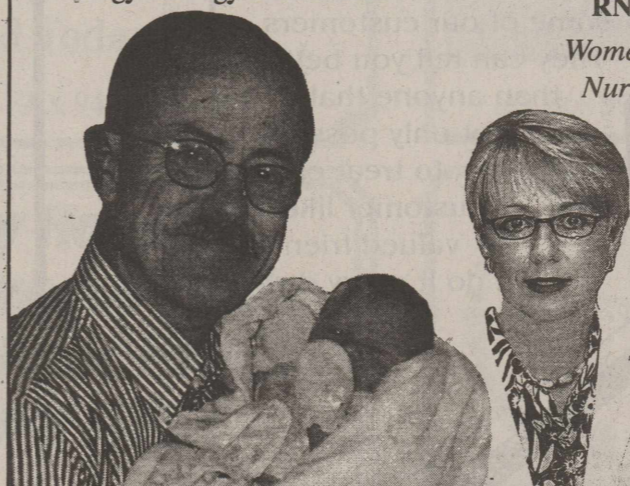
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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Spending the weekend with C.H. and Linda Underwood with their daughter Beth, husband and grand daughters Hope and Faith of Roby. They all attended church on Sunday morning and we all enjoyed them.

Beatrice Ellis and Bernice Rowan attended a Reed family reunion in Seymour Saturday. There were alot of talking and eating going on and they all enjoyed it.

Claudale Barnard and his wife Jean have returned to their home in K.C. Claudale was in the hospital for a while, But they are both at home and happy to be there.

Lowell and Sue Rowan of Denton visited with his Mom Bernice Rowan over the weekend.

Charlene Brothers was in

Abilene visiting with her son and his family, the Craig brothers and family. It is always good to get to visit your families.

We were happy to have Janoma Stephens back home in church Sunday. She had been helping out for Sue and others who had been absent and needed help of some kind.

I was blessed today (Mon.) to have a nephew, Butch Banner of Hawley and his Mom come to visit me.

David, Laura, and Wade Banner returned to Amarillo over the weekend, after spending two weeks in O'Brien caring for their son, Davy.

Joe Banner got to come home to visit for a couple of days.

Davy left for church camp Monday with four charges, Scotty Reid, Austin King, Makala

Harrington and Leah Tibbets. They will be gone three nights.

We missed Donnie and Diane Roberts Sunday. Davy Wade, youth minister, taught Diane's class then led our music in Donnie's absence.

Sunday afternoon, the Youth studied the thirteenth chapter, of the book the Purpose Driven Life. They studied good and bad choices, then participated in an egg race and egg throw before coming in for a hot dog supper.

I was blessed over the weekend to have my daughter Sammi and husband Kenneth Roberts of Plainview come by to visit. They were going to a family reunion in East Texas. Adelle Herring was blessed Saturday to have her Grandson Kevin of Goree spend a good while with her and they enjoyed eating cantalope.

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Truscott - Gilliland News

by Clara Brown

Light showers and cool winds were welcome across the county Saturday, January 2. We could have use more rain, but something beats nothing.

Showers at Benjamin didn't slow up th museum bake sale any, though they did have to move the tables back from the outside edge of the wide south porches. Several bake sale customers toured the building, tall, wide garage type doors are on the east and west ends of the museum. This will make it easy to exhibit some larger items such as antique cars, wagons, or bugies.

A loft has been built over the work and store room on the west end. This will be used for museum storage. Having storage room makes it possible for a museum to change exhibits, and, without storage, exhibits would be almost impossible to change and the museum would be dull.

Sybil Simmons went to Lake Kemp Saturday with the Ronnie Simmons family. She came home Saturday. Sunday was Ronnie's birthday and all the Simmon's children came in.

Sybil also went to Wichita Falls to visit her neice, Beth Spain, who had surgery, she went down Wednesday and returned Thursday.

Visiting Jodie Miller over the weekend were her daughter, Mary Nell and her husband, Bill Brown visited his parents

Jack and Clara Brown, Saturday and Sunday. He and his family have moved to Breckenridge, where he will be coaching basketball.

June and Newell Looney went to Dublin Saturday. His sister, Tonka Kind, passed away Thursday, June 30 and services were Saturday at Barbee Cenert in Dublin.

Sunday Newell and June visited "Salute to Veterans" program at the Vernon First Baptist Church as guest of Mike and Kay Aardage. After services they had Sunday dinner with their daughter and son-in-law.

Steve Baty and a friend of Carlsbad, New Mexico visited his parents, Lula and Louis Baty, Saturday and Sunday, July 2nd and 3rd.

Guest in the home of Irma and Gordan Bell over the weekend was his cousin from Uvalde, Jack Raine.

Visiting Jerry Bob and Eugenie Daniel are Eugenie's sister, Vicky, Skouras of Grewich, Connecticut, and her two daughters, Marina and Sophia.

The Daniel family and visitors attended the Stamford rodeo Friday and Saturday. Jerry Bob competed in ranch horse competition Saturday.

Plans are underway to have another cutting hores competition at the Daniel arena for the new community center on the last Saturday in June 2006.

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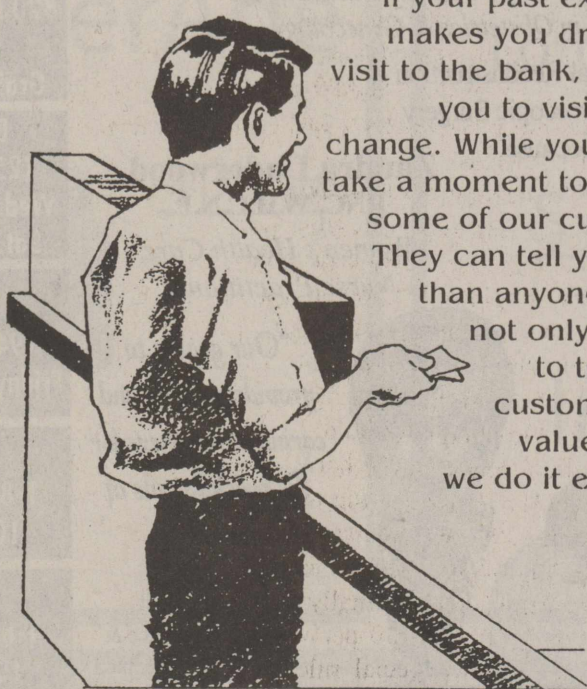
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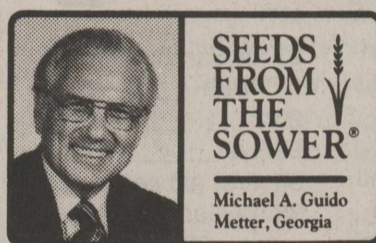
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your master is watching, and then
shirk when he isn't looking; work
hard and with gladness all the
time, as though working for
Christ, doing the will of God with
all your hearts."
"Remember, the Lord will pay
you for each good thing you do."

T1010



It's springtime in Texas; the birds are
chirping, the breeze is blowing - and
the fire ants are thriving. They are little
insects that pack a big punch both
physically and economically. Just ask
anyone who has stumbled on a mound or
who has to repair property due to pest
damage.

The red imported fire ant spread
through Texas starting in the 1950s, and
we've been trying to find a way to
successfully fight them ever since. Fire
ants infest more than 80 million acres in
the eastern two-thirds of the state and are
economically devastating. They cost
Texans some \$1.2 billion in damage and
control expenses, and much of that -
approximately \$702 million - is felt in
residential households while \$90 million
is chalked up to agriculture.

Fire ants can reduce property values
and cause structural damage to homes or
barns, and they can make wildlife areas
and outdoor recreation areas unsafe to
enjoy. They can clog up machinery and
damage equipment. And in some cases,
the stings from these ants can be life
threatening.

While it's not likely that fire ants will be
totally eradicated, it certainly doesn't do
us any good to chase the ants from
property line to property line. The best
way to control them is through
community-wide management programs,
in which neighborhoods collaborate to
treat an entire area at the same time. This
should happen each year, usually once in
the fall and once in the spring.
Ants are known for working together,
people need to work together also. This is
the time of year for fire ants - but
communities can put their heads together
to come up with a plan and coordinate bait
control treatments.

July Renewals

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8:00-?

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store room. Lots of
children's clothes,
toys, dishes, adult
clothes, misc. items.
Sherry Speck
and Julie Lewis

New Law Changes Highway Use Tax Rules: Installment Payment Option Eliminated

WASHINGTON - The Inter-
nal Revenue Service today re-
minded truckers and other own-
ers of heavy highway vehicles
that the installment option for
paying the federal highway use
tax will no longer be available.

This change was included in
the American Jobs Creation Act
of 2004 and applies to people
who file IRS tax Form 2290,
Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax
Return.

Beginning with the Form
2290 for the tax year that begins
on July 1, 2005 and ends on June
30, 2006, the balance due shown
on the form must be paid in full
by the due date of the return. In
most cases, the deadline for fil-
ing the return and paying any tax
due is August 31, 2005. Payment
can be made by check, money
order or electronically through
the Electronic Federal Tax Pay-
ment System (EFTPS).

In previous years, tax pay-
ers who timely filed Form 2290
could choose to pay the tax in up
to four equal installments. Ordin-
arily, these installment pay-
ments were due on the last day
of August, December, March
and June. About 148,000 taxpay-
ers chose this option last year,
the IRS said.

In general, the highway use
tax applies to trucks, truck trac-
tors and buses with a gross tax-
able weight of 55,000 pounds or
more. Ordinarily, vans, pick-ups
and panel trucks are not tax-
able because they fall below the
55,000-pound threshold.

For trucks and other taxable
vehicles in use during July, the
Form 2290 and payment are due
on August 31. The tax is based
on weight and normally ranges
from \$100 to \$550 per vehicle.
A variety of special rules, dis-
cussed in the instructions for
Form 2290, apply to vehicles
with minimal road use, logging

or agricultural vehicles, vehicles
transferred during the year and
those first used on the road after
July.

State governments are re-
quired to receive proof of pay-
ment of the federal highway use
tax as a condition of vehicle reg-
istration. Schedule 1 of the Form
2290 is stamped and returned to
filers for this purpose. This pro-
cess remains unchanged.

The Jobs Act also eliminated
reduced tax rates for vehicles
registered in Canada and Mex-
ico. For vehicles with a base
registration in either country, the
tax rate was 25 percent below the
regular rate.

In addition, the Jobs Act made
electronic filing mandatory for
taxpayers who file highway use
tax returns for 25 or more ve-
hicles. The availability of elec-
tronic filing for Forms 2290 is
pending. Taxpayers should con-
tinue to file paper returns. The
IRS will notify taxpayers when
the electronic filing program is
available.

The electronic payment option
continues to be available, and the
IRS urges taxpayers to enroll in
EFTPS and pay their tax obliga-
tions this way.

The new Form 2290 and its
instructions are now available
on irs.gov, the tax agency's Web
site. The form and instructions
will be mailed automatically to
taxpayers who filed last year.

The form and instructions are
available in Spanish and, for the
first time this year, in French.

Links: Form 2290 (English) <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f2290.pdf>
Form 2290 (Spanish) <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f2290sp.pdf>
Instructions for Form 2290 (English) <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i2290.pdf>
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ACROSS

1 Littlefield is seat of this county

5 Alvord h.s. class

6 chili society (abbr.)

7 once a College Station FM

8 fictional town in film "A Perfect World"

16 type of owl found at Bentsen State Park spirit realm?

21 Boerne's historic "Kendall Inn"

22 TX _____ Holcombe Pickens' picture was on Confederate money

23 TX Joseph _____ created the ice cream soda

24 spider-spun snare

29 sudden flow of oil during drilling

30 Brady, TX AM

31 TXism: "_____ the skin of my teeth"

32 "_____ Medical Center" at Fort Sam Houston

34 TX George W.'s VP Cheney

35 former popular Astro GM Smith

36 TXism: "split the blanket" (2 wds.)

37 "Pecos Bill" was a _____

38 Flintstones' pet

39 particular places

41 TXism: "hot as a _____ stove"

42 TX Bonnie & Clyde

43 TX attorney Jaworski & ex-Cowboy Lett

44 log structures for TX settlers

45 Davy Crockett's birth state (abbr.)

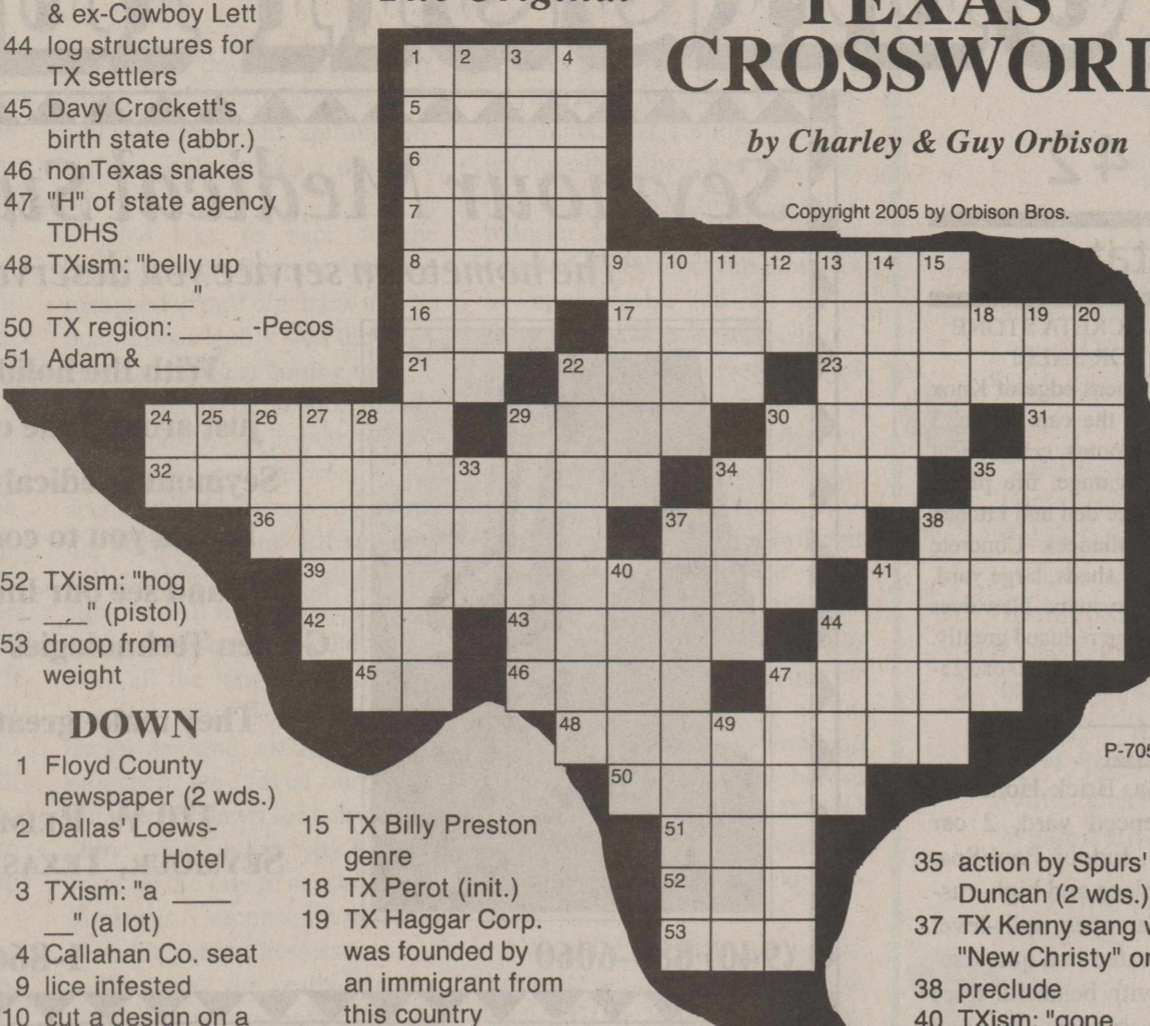
46 nonTexas snakes

47 "H" of state agency TDHS

48 TXism: "belly up _____"

50 TX region: _____-Pecos

51 Adam & _____



DOWN

1 Floyd County newspaper (2 wds.)

2 Dallas' Loews-_____ Hotel

3 TXism: "a _____" (a lot)

4 Callahan Co. seat

9 lice infested

10 cut a design on a hard surface

11 TX Mary Martin film "Love _____ Neighbor"

12 boot width

13 on early TX TV: "The Flying _____ Boys"

14 TXism: "cold as _____-old enchilada"

15 TX Billy Preston genre

18 TX Perot (init.)

19 TX Haggar Corp. was founded by an immigrant from this country

20 livestock fattening enclosures

22 gravy with the most flour globs

24 TX actress Burnett (init.)

25 TXism: "come hell _____ high water"

26 ex-Cowboy "Bullet _____" Hayes

27 in San Antonio: "Sea _____"

28 "_____ a living"

29 La _____, TX

30 first aid sets

33 William Bonney "Billy the Kid"

34 colors Easter eggs

35 action by Spurs' Duncan (2 wds.)

37 TX Kenny sang with "New Christy" ones

38 preclude

40 TXism: "gone _____" (deteriorated)

41 San Antonio Zoo bred _____ gazelle

44 Astros Chicago opponent

47 Brewster Co.'s "_____ Mountain"

49 TXism: "does a cat _____ climbing gear?"

GRANDFATHER PERIOD FOR ELECTRICAL LICENSING REOPENS

HB1317 Allows Experienced Electricians to Obtain a State License Without Testing

Experienced electricians who have yet not received a state license now =

have a second opportunity to obtain a license without having to pass the state electrician exam.

House Bill 1317, which was passed by the 79th Texas Legislature and signed by Governor Rick Perry on June 18, reopens the grandfathering period for electrical licenses, effective immediately Under this bill, electricians who hold a municipal or regional license, or who can demonstrate that he or she has the prescribed amount of education and experience, have until December 31, 2005, to obtain a license without passing the state electrician exam. Since the state electrician licensing program began, many cities that previously had a municipal licensing program have chosen to stop issuing municipal licenses and rely instead on the state license, said William Kuntz, executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). The new grandfathering period will allow electricians in those cities to obtain a state license without passing the state electrician exam. But this period is not limited to those individuals. Any electrician who meets the criteria to receive a license, but who didn't take advantage of the first grandfathering period, now has a second chance to be exempted

from the state electrician examination.

The state electrician licensing program was created by the 78th Texas Legislature Since September 1, 2004, all electricians in Texas are required to be licensed, either by the state or by a municipal or regional authority, unless exempted by law. Since the law took effect more than 97,000 electricians across the state have received state licenses.

The original law allowed for a grandfathering period from March 1 to June 1, 2004, during which electricians could qualify to receive a state license without taking the state electrician exam if they met specific criteria including, but not limited to, prior local licensure, education and experience. More than 55,000 electricians took advantage of that opportunity. Since that grandfathering period ended, applicants for=

state electrical licenses except apprentices have been required to pass a competency exam.

TDLR will post documents on its website, www.tdlr.state.tx.us, that will help electricians determine if they are eligible to receive a license during the grandfathering period and how to apply. For more information on the grandfathering period, electrical license exemptions or electrical licensing in general, all interested individuals may contact TDLR Customer Service Division at (800) 803-9202 or (512) 463-6599, or they can visit the TDLR website at <http://www.tdlr.state.tx.us/electricals/elect>



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