





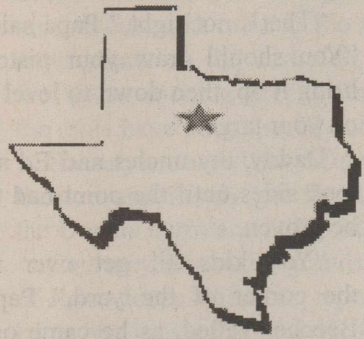


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Benjamin Mayor Passes Away At 65

Benjamin Mayor Linda Cox passed away early Monday morning, July 18, 2005.

Ms. Cox was born June 3, 1940 in Seymour, Texas, to the late Earl and Odessa Cox.

She was a 13 year resident of Benjamin, after returning from New Mexico. She graduated from Benjamin High School in 1958.

While in school, Ms. Cox was an accomplished basketball player, something she was always proud of. Her coach, Don Haskins, said she was in a class of her own.

"She had a great jump shot, and in the '55-'56 school year, that was something not many had. She could play as well as the girls at Texas. She could've been on any of the real good women's teams."

Linda was a truck driver from her mid twenties until the end of last year, when she retired from driving at 64. She was driving a truck before women were ac-

cepted as competent enough for the job.

Never someone to let the opposition get her down, she had to stand up for herself numerous times to receive equal treatment in a career field made up almost entirely of men.

Ms. Cox became acting mayor after Mike Sheedy resigned on October 4th, 2004. She ran unopposed at the election and was inaugurated May 18th of this year.

A memorial service for Ms. Cox will be held Saturday, July 23, in the Benjamin Cemetery with Dennis Duke officiating. She was a member of the Benjamin Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Earl and Odessa Cox of Benjamin.

Survivors are her twin sister, Glenda Bearly of Erie, Colorado, sister Reba Morrill of Benjamin, two brothers Jim Cox of Corinth, Texas and Harry Cox of Mt. Calm, Texas.

City Council Meeting Held for July

The Knox City City Council met for a regular session at eleven minutes after seven p.m. Thursday, July 14th, at City Hall.

Mayor Charles Lankford Presided with City Administrator Barbara Rector, and council members J.M. Emerson, Tommy Mangis, Fred Ledesma, Dan Godsey, and Darren Clark attending.

At public comment, Anthony Logsdon came forward and said, "Most of the time, people come in here with a gripe, well, I got a compliment." Mr. Logsdon went on to say he probably spends more time driving around the city than most and he sees city employees working around town in all kinds of weather, "from before starting time, till way past quitting time." He also stated they deserved a "pat on the back" and didn't receive enough compliments.

Mayor Lankford replied, "First of all, thank you for your compliment, and secondly, while

this certainly makes the council look good, we need to give thanks to the Administrator and her staff as well.

After public comments, the minutes were approved, and the verification that all requirements of the 2004 Annual Drinking Water Reports were in compliance. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality requires that these reports be mailed to every metered citizen, and be posted in the newspaper. They met all requirements, and the reports were approved.

The 2006 Knox City Budget was discussed. The council decided to read over the proposed budgets and discuss approval at another meeting.

The council then read over and passed the motion to approve the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works reports and procedures, as well as carrying the motions to pay accounts payable, and approval of financial reports. The session was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Watermelon Festival On It's Way

As the summer temperatures increase and the sun's rays become more intense, folks in Knox County begin to look forward to their favorite tradition of enjoying sweet, juicy, ice cold, locally grown watermelons.

The Donald Johnson Memorial 17th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival will kick off Friday July 29th at 7:00 p.m. with a parade beginning at Knox City High School. The different floats will travel down central and return to the school. There are several categories for participants including Most Original, Best Decorated Bike, Car, Golf Cart, Etc., Best Business Float, and Best Out of Town Float, as well as several different prizes given away to kids who are entered. The one requirement for each float is there must be a watermelon on each float, whether it be real, fake, drawn, just be creative!

Down at City Park right after the parade, hamburgers and chips, along with drinks will be served to the public for five dollars a plate.

After supper, Cut Throat Recording Artist Dylan Dean and the Out On Bail Band will perform at a street dance sponsored by Citizens Bank. The dance begins at 8:00 p.m. and lasts until 10:00 p.m.

Saturday's festivities begin bright and early with a Golf Tournament sponsored by the Knox City Country Club. Tee time is 8:30 a.m. this event is a three person scramble, and entry fees are sixty dollars per team. For more information regarding the Golf Tournament, please call 658-3911 or 657-3040.

The Classic Car Show, sponsored and judged by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet Cadillac Ford Mercury, will begin accepting registrations at 8:00 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 12:30 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to first through third place in each category at 3:00 p.m. with a plaque given for Best of Show, along with a plaque and a fifty dollar prize given for Farthest Distance Traveled. Each participant will be given a dash plaque and free T-shirt.

The festival itself begins at 10:00 a.m. in City Park. Booths containing arts and crafts and home made items will be there, along with free watermelon slices, food booths, free swim-



Barbra Rector and daughter Lila Keck, tally up the judges results at Classic Car Show.

ming, a giant slide, an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall, a giant bouncer, watermelon train rides, various games and a whole lot of fun.

At Noon Saturday, a Watermelon Eating Contest will take place. Those interested and very hungry may sign up at the Chamber Booth from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be three different age categories for contestants, consisting of, ages 11 and under, ages 12 through 18, and ages 19 and up. The 11 and under category winner will

receive a twenty-five dollar gift certificate, with the latter two categories receiving a fifty dollar gift certificate. The Chamber is looking for recruits to volunteer to help cut up the watermelons for the free slices to be given away.

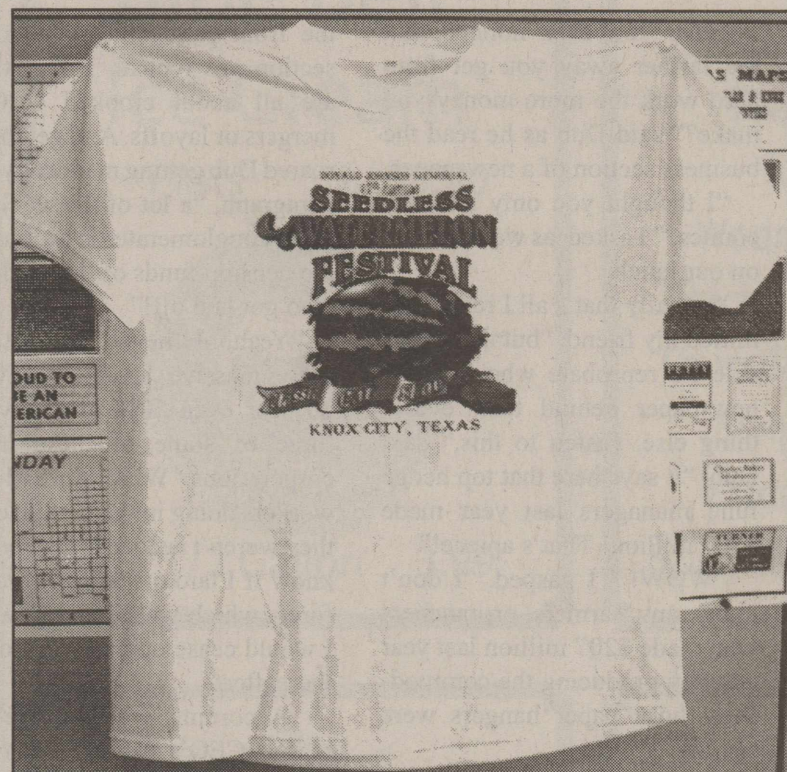
Drawings will be held starting Saturday at Noon, with two more drawings being held at 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Winners will get "Melon Money Gift Certificates." Local participating merchants will give one ticket to enter in the drawing to customers

for every ten dollars spent beginning Monday July 25th. Participants must be present to win.

The Blazing Hot Softball Tournament will run from Friday through Sunday. For information, call 657-4036.

The Brazos Valley Recreational Association is sponsoring an open and youth rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly in the BVRA arena. The open events are Ranch Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Double Mugging, and Steer Saddling. Youth events include Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Flag Racing, a Goat Ribbon Pull, Steer Riding, and Goat Tying, with a "Mutton Bustin'" for those 8 and under. General admission is six dollars with children under 12 getting in at half price. To enter contact John Akers at 940-663-2101, or 580-471-5857.

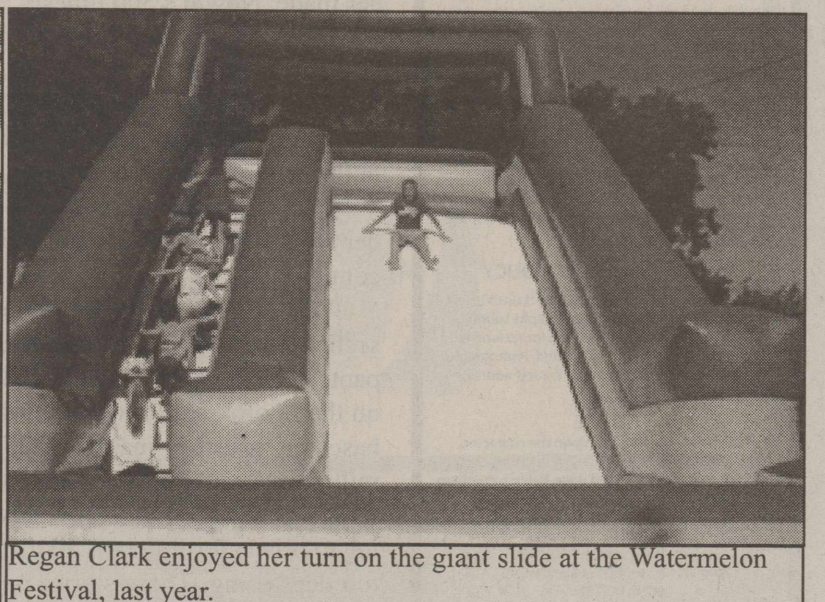
If there are any other activities happening this weekend, please contact the Knox City Chamber of Commerce office at 658-3442 and let them know. The T-Shirts are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office, City Hall, and David Count's Insurance. This years T-shirts will be \$10.00 each for sizes small, medium, and large. It will be an additional \$2.00 for each X added. There are limited 3 XL. With so many activities, there will be something for everyone of all ages to enjoy at this years festival.



This year's Watermelon Festival shirts are now available at the following businesses. Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, and David Counts Insurance Agency. They are \$10.00 a piece.



An early automobile on display at last year's Classic Car Show.



Regan Clark enjoyed her turn on the giant slide at the Watermelon Festival, last year.

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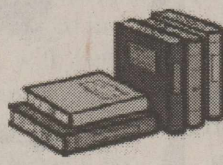
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A MOMENT IN TIME

By Joyce Greenwood

Munday resident, Charles Grisham, called me a few months ago and told me his neighbors were cutting down the big tree across the street from his house.

"Not the Beecher tree," I said.

"It's been looking pretty bad for a long time," Charlie answered. "and I guess they just wanted to get it out of their yard."

After work, I drove past the place that had been my grandparents' house in Munday. The house where they lived for all of my life was torn down years ago and the neat little mobile home now sits on the lot. I got out and walked up to the corner of the yard. All that was left of the giant mulberry tree was a massive trunk that four men, holding hands might encircle. As I stood looking at it, my mind wandered back to a time when that tree had been shelter from the sun for men playing dominoes beneath its branches or little girls drawing sticks to partition rooms for play houses.

The Beecher clan was a noisy, happy one. My dad and his siblings, had a total of thirteen children. One little girl died at two years of age, leaving eleven girls and one boy. Charles Yost (we called him Sonny) was the only boy, but could stir up enough mischief for ten boys. We frequently met at my grandparents' house on Sundays for some of the frying chickens Papa raised in a pen behind the house.

Those were the days when men were seated at the table first. After their plates were filled, our mothers fixed our plates and we were sent out on the wide front porch to eat in good weather or in the "front room" in bad. Of course, the men were served all the white meat so we took what was left. (I didn't even know a

chicken had anything but wings until I was grown.)

Across the road lived the Ed Johnson family, and, though Ed was not related, he was considered family because he walked over every time we were all together.

My sister, Nell, had a sty on her eye one day, and my cousin, Tommie, the oldest & wisest of us all, declared that if we took a chicken bone and buried it, then stood beside the road and chanted, Nell's sty would go away.

"Sty-Sty-get off Nell's eye; Get on the next person who passes by," we chanted.

Ed happened to pass in his car about that time, waving merrily, blissfully unaware of the curse that had just befallen him. For weeks, every time we saw Ed we all looked to see if there was a sty on his eye.

One cold Christmas Eve night, we were all gathered in the living room when someone knocked on the door. It was Santa Clause, in the flesh, standing right there in Mama Beecher's house.

We sat in awe, barley able to tell him what we wanted and that we had all been good-even fibbing to Santa when he asked if Sonny had been good. When he left with a final "Ho-Ho-Ho" we continued to sit in the afterglow of his visit. Sonny broke the spell.

"Santa Clause had a pair of boots just exactly like Ed Johnson's," he said. A good natured argument usually broke out on Sunday afternoons under the tree.

My Grandfather Beecher would argue over anything, so when my Uncle Virgil Yost, stated on a lazy Sunday afternoon, that the most accurate way to hit a target when firing a pistol was to bring the pistol straight up from the holster and fire, ev-

erybody knew that Papa would argue.

"That's not right," Papa said. "You should draw your pistol, bring it up, then down to level it on your target."

Daddy, my uncles and Ed all took sides until the point had to be proven.

"You kids all get over in the corner of the yard," Papa Beecher yelled, as he came out of the hose, strapping his holster around his hips.

Papa began to load his pistol as Uncle Virgil started across the yard with a can in his hands to set up a target on the fence.

We were all watching from a safe place in the far corner of the yard, and nobody noticed that Sonny had a firecracker. Suddenly, there was a loud explosion, followed by a startled cry, as Uncle Virgil's arms flew up into the air in the way of someone having been shot in the back. Papa Beecher had a shocked look on his face, believing for a moment that the gun had gone off. By the time the smoking firecracker was spotted right behind Uncle Virgil, Sonny was running down the road toward his friend's house-laughing all the way. "Sonny, I'm going to whip you!" Uncle Virgil shouted, hoarsely, when he was able to speak at all.

As I stood at the tree trunk that day, I could envision the old wood frame house and Papa Beecher's bench where he spent hours whistling and whittling.

I could almost hear the creak of the windmill, and remember the taste of the icy well water drunk from a dipper he had made from a gourd.

Most of the original Beecher family is gone now, Sonny joining them all in Heaven four years ago. The house and the tree are gone, too, but not the memories. They'll always be here.

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IT'S THE PITTS

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

by Lee Pitts

Have you ever noticed that the farther away you get from hard work the more money you make?" said Dub as he read the business section of a newspaper.

"I thought you only read the comics?" I asked, as we munched on our lunch.

"Usually that's all I read," admitted my friend, "but the inconsiderate reprobate who left this newspaper behind took everything else. Listen to this," said Dub, "it says here that top hedge fund managers last year made \$207 million! That's apiece!"

"WOW!," I gasped. "I don't know any farmers or ranchers who made \$207 million last year actually producing the commodities those paper hangers were trading."

Dub grunted and read on. "According to this article a generation ago your average CEO made 40 times what his employees made. Now it's 500 times!!"

"Dub are you sure? That can't be right!"

"I never said it was right," said Dub, "but that's what it says in this newspaper."

"That's depressing. No wonder you usually only read the comics."

"Yeah, I gave up on the Style section when miniskirts and hot pants went out of fashion and on the Sports section when third basemen started making \$25 million a year. Between steroid cheating athletes and CEO's going to prison for fraud it's all just too depressing. These stories on

the front page of this business section are typical. Either they are all about crooked CEO's, mergers or layoffs. And get this," roared Dub getting madder by the paragraph, "a lot of the stock of these conglomerates is owned by the pension funds of the workers who got laid off!"

"Yeah, I never understood these massive layoffs of 10%, 20% or even 50% of the work force of some of these huge corporations. What were those workers doing in the first place if they weren't needed?" I asked. "I know if I laid off half my work force, which would be my wife, I would cease operations shortly thereafter."

"According to this article the reason CEO's can lay off their work force is because they are replacing their American workers with cheaper foreign labor."

"But if American workers have been laid off who will have any money to buy the foreign goods?" I asked Dub who looked lost in thought. Or maybe it was indignation.

"Here's a story about a guy, who Forbes Magazine called one of the worst bosses in business, who made an average of \$121 million per year for six years while his shareholders were losing an average of 5% per year."

"Yeah, I think I must have owned some of his stock," I replied.

"Even when the CEO's do a rotten job they don't get laid off, outsourced or downsized,"

said Dub. "Instead, they get golden parachutes and golden handshakes. It says here that Michael Ovitz got paid \$110 million to leave Disney because he was doing such a bad job as President. Carli Friona got paid \$20 million to walk away from Hewlett Packard. When Richard Grasso left the New York Stock Exchange he got a parting gift of \$188 million. I wish," said Dub, "that someone would pay me to quit."

"Dub, you are unemployed!" I reminded him. "Your golden parachute is never going to open."

"Well maybe I ought to apply for a big CEO job. I'm confident that I could do just as bad if given the chance."

"You're unemployable," I pointed out, quite correctly.

"I guess you're right," said Dub. "But Lee, I'm sure there'd be plenty of people who would pay YOU to quit. You've irritated millions of people in the past who would pay you to go away. There's PETA, USDA, Frenchmen, cutting horse enthusiasts, the NCBA, the IRS, Welsh Corgi owners, Hollywood stars, residents of Ekalaka..."

"All right, all right. I get the idea. People paying me to quit writing is about the craziest idea I've ever heard."

On second thought... (Author's note to the aforementioned parties: All bids over \$188 million to shake my golden hand will be considered.)

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Rolling Plains Ramblings

By Morton Scott

Sixty years ago this Saturday morning, had you been outside your house in Knox or surrounding counties looking west at dawn, your might have seen a bright flash of light.

You may have thought the flash was a distant lightening bolt in a thunderstorm below the horizon. Had you looked in the newspaper the next morning, you might have seen a short news story on an inside page about an explosion in an ammunition dump in New Mexico.

That flash actually was the detonation of the first atomic bomb in history. The Atomic Age opened The date was Monday, July 16, 1945. The explosion was on the desert plains near Alamogordo, New Mexico. The flash was a brilliant fireball, a man-made sun, followed by the world's first nuclear mushroom cloud.

The fireball was the culmination of the Manhattan project, the largest, most expensive research effort in the entire history of Mankind. Harvard Geophysicist Donald Leet watched the explosion from his station 10 miles away. "When it let go, it

lit up 180 degrees of the horizon, not like one but a dozen brilliant suns,

It stayed up and made chills run up my spine" Another observer six miles from the blast was blinded when he looked directly at the glare. It lit up every crevice and ridge of a nearby mountain ridge. A red wall of flame immediately followed the flash. A large multicolored cloud of fire, smoke and dust billowed up 10,000 feet turning swiftly from ball to mushroom shape.

The explosion completely vaporized the steel tower holding the bomb, leaving a quarter-mile crater lined with melted rock and sand. Exactly three weeks later, early in the morning of Monday, August 6, a single American airplane flew over the Japanese industrial city of Hiroshima.

The Japanese were use to American bombers over flying their city on their way to bomb other areas to the north. A single plane was nothing to fear, just a weather plane, probably. No bombs had ever been dropped on Hiroshima. Anti-aircraft gunners watched the lone plane. The flash was the last thing they ever

saw. The second Atomic Bomb in human history erupted into dozens of brilliant suns over all Hiroshima, burning the shadows of vaporized humans into concrete sidewalks. Tens of thousands died literally instantaneously.

Tens of thousands more died within weeks. Tens of thousands die in later years. "The U.S. Army Air Force has released on the Japanese an atomic bomb containing more than 20,000 tons of TNT." This is the way the Associated Press told the United States and the world that the Atomic Age had opened. President Harry Truman told the nation the bomb "added a new and revolutionary increase in destruction. ... It is an atomic bomb. It is a harnessing of the basic power of the universe.

The force by which the sun draws its power has been loosed in the Far East." Two days later, on Wednesday, August 8, the world's second atomic bomb billowed into a mushroom cloud over Nagasaki. A week later, on Tuesday, August 14, 1945, the official report was flashed around the world: "Japan announced today that she is ready to surren-

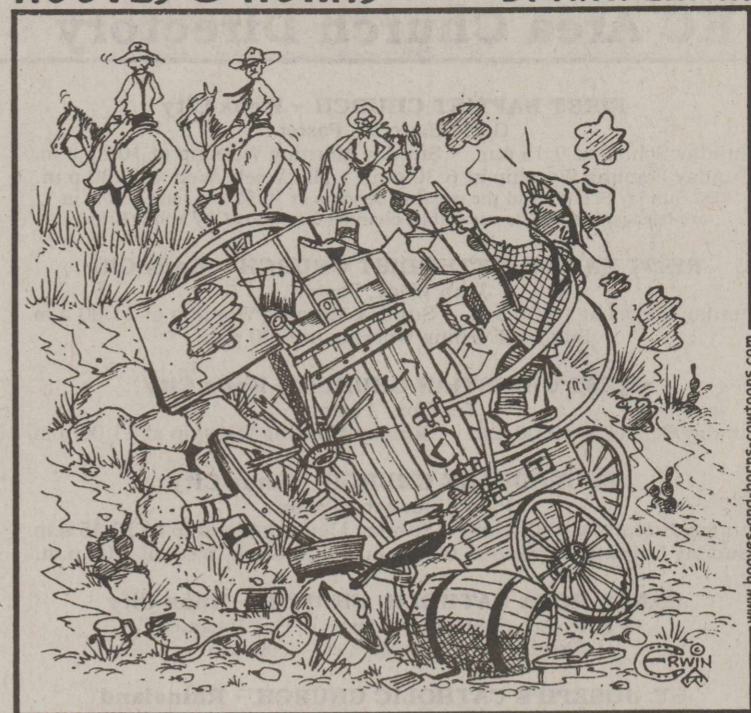
der." This was V-J Day - Victory Against Japan Day!!! World War II was over!!! The Atomic Age continued and the Cold War soon began.

Two superpowers, the United States of America and the Soviet Union. faced each other, with the threat of mushroom clouds billowing across the world, a continuing, horrible nightmare. Through the 1950s, the 1960s, the 1970s, the 1980s and briefly into the 1990s the threats of dozens of red suns hung over us. Now the Cold War is over. Today we face another war, a war of terrorism, of groups who fear we will destroy their version of their religion, a splinter group. Close to two thousand of our military in Iraq will never share, with me, the pride of being a veteran in our United States. The expanding forces of terrorism have, and continue, to see to that.

We must find out how, other than our failing policies, to solve this before nightmares of dozens of suns and billowing mushroomclouds destroy American landscapes. Neither the United States nor the Soviet Union used nuclear bombs in the Cold War.

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BY A.W. ERWIN



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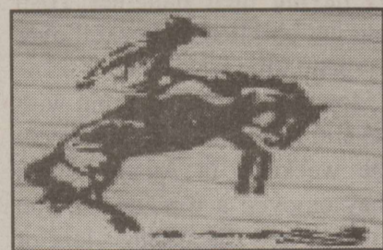
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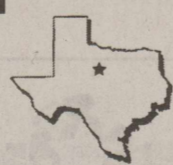
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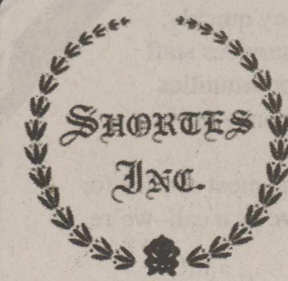
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Good morning to everyone. I hope our weekend went well and you're ready for another hot, July work week. The showers last week, almost daily, were nice but "weather folks" say don't expect any this week. We'll see. "Emily" may stir us up something.

News of our ailing friends varies this week, Jessie Roberts came home Tuesday after a couple of days in a Wichita Falls hospital. She is doing pretty well but needs to take it easy a few days.

Bea Parks had some tests done last week and is awaiting results of them. She has been pretty uncomfortable and hopefully after hearing from the tests, Drs. can determine how to treat her to get her back on the "feeling good" list.

Chrystal Baldwin has been undergoing some tests, also and doctors are thinking she may have some thyroid trouble. Her mom, Sherry Tension, told me that right now her symptoms indicate that may be the cause. They should learn this week.

Reports are that Sue Sheedy continues to get better each day. It's sort of slow but every bit of progress is encouragement. And Leroy West is still not up to par after his fall. He still stays inside a lot of the time because he just doesn't feel well enough to be out much. Someone said after he fell it would probably take three or four weeks to get to feeling like himself again. How about three or four months? At this point that seem more like it.

Hazel Stockton was in Lubbock last Tuesday for an angiogram and got good news in regard to that. No new blockage was found she's had a little for a good while. She still doesn't feel too well, but now knows her heart is not her main problem.

Jenna McCanlies went to the doctor in Lubbock last week to see what was the cause of her low heart rate. The cause of the low heart rate is due to the arteries in her legs not pushing the blood flow back to her heart fast enough. So she will have to take some medication and increase her fluid intake and she is now doing just fine. Please remember all these friends in your prayers.

Nicholas Bailey Hamm arrived on July 3, 2005 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. His parents are Mary and Ray Hamm and has a big brother, Wesson, who's mighty proud of him. Grandparents are Tina and Jacob Siemens and Mitzi and Shane Welch all of Benjamin and local great grandparents are Jack and Sue Sheedy. All are doing fine.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse had grand kids, Bailey, Joe Dan, Dillon and Randi and Neice Ashlee all of Childress three days last week. Included in their visit was a trip to Abilene to the Zoo and museum and an afternoon of swimming at the home of Hank and Linda Wagner. They returned home Friday.

Maria Acevedo left Thursday for San Angelo where she will be enrolled in San Angelo State for the fall semester.

Good luck and best wishes this week to Chance Propps and Nancy Siemens. Both will be playing in the six man Coaches All Star Basketball game Saturday at LCC in Lubbock. The girls game is at 1 pm and the boys play at 2:30. Both of these students were 2005 graduates of Benjamin High School.

Congratulations to Jesse (an Gracie Zavala who were awarded the Yard of the Month Honor for the Month of July. Their beautifully tended yard reflects many hours of work. It is very pretty.

YARD SALE
609 S. Aspen in Knox City
household items, lots of quilting material
8:30 am till ?
Saturday July 16

Obituary

Linda Cox, of Benjamin Tx. passed away on July 18, 2005 in Knox County Hospital. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday July 23, 2005 in Benjamin Cemetery with Dennis Duke officiating, under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Knox City.

Linda was a professional truck driver, she had lived in Benjamin the past 10 years, moving from New Mexico, at the time of her passing she was the Mayor of Benjamin.

She was a member of the Methodist Church in Benjamin.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Odessa Cox. She is survived by two brothers: Jim Cox of Corinth, Tx, Harry Cox, of Mt. Calm, Tx. and two sisters, her twin Glenda Bearly, of Erie Col, Tx, and Reba Morrill, of Benjamin, Tx.

O'BRIEN NEWS

by Audie Johnston

Billie Anne Cole, Billie Walker's granddaughter, was hospitalized shortly after the birth of hunter Dale Cole with breathing problems that was diagnosed as plerusy. Billie drove to Amarillo to help Grandma Julie with her two grandchildren. While there, she also visited with daughter Laura Wade and husband David.

The youth lesson Sunday was on obedience. Obeying God's Rules. After the lesson they sang songs then ate steak fingers before church.

The youth left for church camp today with Davy Wade.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot spent the weekend in Corsicana with a sister of Marilyn. They always enjoy a wonderful time together.

Sonny and Diane Roberts were blessed over the weekend by having their daughter Trish and her children of Haskell over to spend time with them.

Jonoma Stephens, along with several ladies of thier area, spent the weekend in Austin where they enjoyed a weekend of fun visiting and discussing lots of things.

Keep Texas Beautiful Recognizes Benjamin Beautiful As Gold Star Affiliate

Keep Texas Beautiful a statewide grassroots environmental organization, named Keep Benjamin Beautiful as a Gold Star Affiliate at their annual meeting held in Houston on June 30. Keep Benjamin Beautiful is one of more than 330 towns, cities, and counties in KTB's statewide network who take responsibility to care for their community environments. Only 70 of these affiliates obtained the highest status for 2005.

Keep Benjamin Beautiful implements programs to prevent litter, minimize solid waste, beautify and improve community area, and educate citizens. Annually, to achieve a level of good standing, KTB Affiliates submit a report, pay a fee, attend at least one training session, and participate in at least one KTB endorsed activity. In 2004, KTB introduced the opportunity for their affiliates to earn Gold Star recognition by meeting additional criteria. To achieve this status, affiliates are required to share information on their mission and goals, answer question about their public education programs, partnerships and provide a letter of support from their community.

Keep Texas Beautiful, the statewide grassroots environmental organization and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to empower Texans through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment. KTB works with volunteers, elected officials, businesses and state and federal agencies to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit the website at www.ktb.org.

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EQIP Program Development Group and Local Work Group Meetings Set

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will hold a Program Development Group and Local Work Group Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at 1:00 PM, at the USDA Service Center in Knox City.

All local stakeholders (land-owners, operators, farm groups and other natural resource groups) within the county are invited to attend the Program Development Group meeting. Purpose of this meeting is to provide input to the Local Work Group to be considered for the 2006 EQIP program.

Thank You, Dr. Marshall
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All children who have been born at ARMC and have been cared for by Dr. Marshall along with their families are invited to attend a special gathering in his honor.

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TRUSCOTT NEWS

by Clara Brown

During the last ten days or two weeks the house at China Creek has had over an inch of rain, about right to keep the tomato plants on the east side of the house looking green, since the rains have been spaced out.

Has anyone heard how Murray Bullion and family got through the Dennis hurricane in Florida?

Courtney Goodwin, grandson of Joyce Jones Williame, reported to his family that he watched the recent hurricane hit Pensacola through the windows at the Naval hospital at which he is stationed. The hospital came through the storm fine. Right now, Sunday, July 17 most of North Texas is watching the path of Hurricane Emily as it heads for Central America. Texas weathermen are saying if it hits Northern Mexico or South of Texas right, then we may get some rain. Don't wish any problems on people south of here but it would be nice if we could get an inch or two of rain.

Ruth Brown Mescall reported that Baytown, east of Houston, which has been needing rain, got five inches in a recent down-pour.

Jack and Clara Brown planned to leave Monday July 18, for a short vacation in Eastern Oklahoma, since she has trouble now with the high mountain country of Colorado. Guess this means a new place, new rock, new tree to visit. Their son Bill Brown will be at the China Creek place to look after things while they are gone. He probably thinks he'll have light duty since, last week, he finished the plowing. Wait till he see's the list!

Frances Cook's recent guests were her son, Phillip Cook of Mesquite and Phillip's son John. They have been catching up on plowing. John is transferring to the fall from a junior college to North Texas University at Denton, where he will be a marketing major.

Sherry Miller of Merkle spent Thursday to Saturday visiting her mother, Frances Cook. They both attended the quilt guild meeting at Benjamin Thursday night.

Jerry Bob, Eugenie, and Becky Daniel attended funeral services at Crowell Wednesday for Ryan Everson, the 27 year old son of Larry and Diane Everson. Colton Daniel was home from Tech for the weekend to visit family, including his grandfather, Don Daniel, who he took out for Sunday lunch.

Eugenie Daniel's three year old male dachshund returned

home recently after being missing for nine days. He went with Eugenie to feed horses at the Alexander Ranch one Monday morning.

Eugenie had to leave to meet someone at Truscott and couldn't get the daschund to come so she left and came back. She called and called, but still no dog came. It's isn't many miles from the Daniel's house west of Truscott to the Alexander Ranch, but the dog had never traveled between the two places except in a pick-up as a passenger. Hope was just about gone, when nine days from it's disappearance the little fellow showed up at the Daniel's house. He was skinny, full of thorns and stickers but let Eugenie know he was glad to see her. Despite having been out in rough country without his usual dog food he ate, just a little, took only a few laps of water, played with his mistress awhile and then slept and slept. "It was an incredible journey" Texas Style.

The Daniel Family attended the wedding of Bubba Withers and Alicia Moxley recently at the 6666 Ranch. He is the son of the late Laithe Withers and Darlene Withers. Laithe was a long time 6666 employee.

Ronnie Simmons had a long journey recently also. It only lasted a few days but covered 1,269 miles. They took the gooseneck trailer to Vernon to pick up Adam and his belongings first. Then to College Station to pick up Adam and Zack's belongings. From College Station they headed to Corpus Christi where the boys will be going to college. From Corpus Christi Ronnie went to Beeville to visit relatives, to San Antonio to see more kin, then to Fredricksburg where they planned to spend the night and see Fredrickburg tourist spots. That was the plan but there was no room vacant. They had to travel all the way to Abilene before they found a vacant room. At 2 am. Sunday morning. They slept late, ate breakfast in Abilene and got home to Gilliland about 3 pm. They weren't quite as bad off as the little dachshund, they knew the way home, but their cry was just as full of longing as his when they hit Abilene thinking, "Sleep, sleep, sleep aren't we ever going to find a place to sleep!

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission have lined up several flavors of home made ice cream for their Watermelon Festival booth. Volunteers who will help at the booth.

Terry's Talk

Knox County 4-H District Horse Show Results

Knox County 4-H participated in the District Horse Show in Vernon, Texas on June 16-18. This 4-H'ers work really hard and enjoy what they do on horse back. This year we had nine 4-Hers enter. This is the first year that they did a Hi Point County, Knox County finished in a close fourth behind King, Wichita, and Wilbarger Counties. Not bad for only having 10 4-Hers.

The members are Amie Ray, Ryder Cude, Chance Propps, Cody Propps, Shaylee Propps, Larami Stewart, Pate Stewart, Payden Stewart, Tyler Collins, and Cassie Lyles. Here is a list of events that Knox County participated in.

Working Cow Horse

Cassie Lyles 7th and Pate Stewart 8th

Team Penning

- 1st Larami Stewart, Pate Stewart, Cody Propps
 - 2nd Amie Ray, Jeff Daniel, Jerrot Ferguson
 - 3rd Cassie Lyles, Shaylee Propps, Chance Propps
 - 4th Pate Stewart, Larami Stewart, Cody Propps
- ### 2 Year Old Pleasure Futurity
- 1st Pate Stewart
 - 4th Larami Stewart
- ### 3 Year Old Stock Horse
- 3rd Pate Stewart
- ### Registered Gelding 5 & Over
- 1st Larami Stewart
- ### Grade Gelding
- 4th Cassie Lyles
- ### Barrels

1st Amie Ray
12th Ryder Cude

These kids will be entering the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene on July 24-30. This is a big event for these 4-H kids they work really hard and take this very serious and have a lot of fun. Best of luck to all that will be participating in the State Horse Show in Abilene. If anybody would like to go a cheer for the students and would like a copy of the schedule let me know.

LAMB AND GOAT EXHIBITORS

It is about time to start think about showing Lambs or Goats if you are interested in showing lambs or goats you need to let the Extension office know or contact your Ag Teacher.

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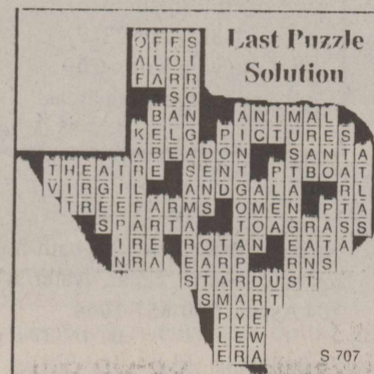
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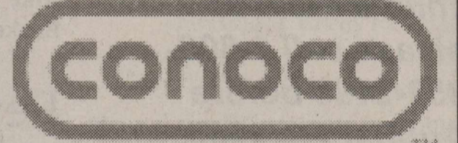
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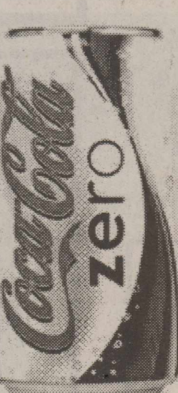
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1 5-across tells how many TX chili cook- there are
5 see 1-across (2 wds.)
6 TX Hugh of "Sons of the Pioneers"
7 TXism: "___ humid my upper lip is mildewing"
8 some TX cities have a ___ on smoking in restaurants
9 TXism: "critter"
15 Elgin, TX AM
16 "You outta be in ___"
18 TXism: "drawing it"
20 Alamo general ___ Anna
22 San Antonio has an IMAX ___
27 transmitted vessel 309 at TX Admiral Nimitz Museum
29 a brother of Wyatt
30 Gallins have hosted TX "Golf ___"
32 '92-'97 Houston mayor Lanier (init.)
33 X-mas foliage acreage? (2 wds.)
36 prophetic sign
37 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley ___"
38 Belton Lake covered this town
39 TXism: "knee high ___ hopper"
41 wrath
42 in Fisher Co. on 70

DOWN
1 TXism: "chucklehead"
2 state of former Ranger training site in Port Charlotte (abbr.)
3 real estate sign (2 wds.)
4 TXism: "___ breath" (potent)
8 TX silent screen actress Daniels
9 TXism for hopeless (4 wds.)
10 state of TV town Mayberry (abbr.)
11 TXism: "keep ___ under your hat"
12 the name given to men who captured wild horses in TX
13 race horse breed
14 "Tonight's" Jay
15 brother of 6-across & also a "Pioneer"
16 TXism: "big frog in the ___"
17 a kickoff ___ Cowboy game
19 rattlesnake casas
21 book containing TX roads
22 TX Dan Rather's medium (abbr.)
23 TXism: "whallop"
24 "to ___ is human"

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34 Uvalde ___ code is 830
35 TX actor Rip of "Men in Black" (init.)
37 "State Fair" Boone & UT actor Hingle
40 ___ and rave"
43 TXism: "you're buying ___ for a dead horse"
44 what a bull could do to a rodeo cowboy
50 Alamo Travis ___ line in the dirt
51 "Bevo's" school (abbr.)