

Looking Ahead

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The Noah Project

The Noah Project — North is having their annual dinner-theatre and silent auction Saturday, February 10 at the Haskell Civic Center. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 years and younger.

Knox County Visioning Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15 at Benjamin in the Assembly Room of the county courthouse. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Benjamin Seniors Fundraiser Basketball Game Saturday, February 24. Spaghetti meal will be served at noon in the BHS Cafeteria. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. The cost of the spaghetti meal is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. For spaghetti meal and admission \$7 for adults and \$4.50 for students. The game will start at 1:00 p.m. in the BHS Gymnasium. KAUZ News Channel 6 - Sixers vs. 2007 Benjamin Senior Class - B-Town Ballers. The elementary little dribblers will provide halftime entertainment. All proceeds go towards the senior trip.

Knox City Municipal Offices Moving To New Location The Old Dairy Queen Building To Be New Site For City Hall

The Knox City municipal offices are moving soon. The new location of City Hall will be in the old Dairy Queen building on Main Street.

The reasons for the move are almost too numerous to mention, but water damage, asbestos, rotting wood, shifting and cracking walls, and general deterioration of the building are among them.

The fact that employees must climb two flights of stairs (one much more frightening than the other) to reach a bathroom that is exposed to the elements is, simply put, unacceptable.

The benefits to the new municipal offices are greater to the general public than to those employed by the city.

According to City Administrator Barbara Rector, many people over the years have asked why Knox City had no drop-box for night owls wishing to pay their bills.



The Old Dairy Queen Building will soon become the new location for the Knox City Municipal Offices

have a night-drop, but a drive-up window as well.

Though, with the office's limited staff, don't expect the convenience, or speed, of a typical fastfood restaurant. And, as always, customers are still welcome to

There are a few other amenities that the public will enjoy because of the move. City Hall will have a public

restroom, inconveniently absent from the present location. The municipal judge will have

each Monday from 10 a.m. to 12 council to hold its meetings in. p.m.

There will also be a private office for the City Administrator, a conference room for municipal employees to use in planning their day's work each morning,

The Police Department will be moved to the new location in the near future as well, either as an addition to the existing building or as a separate structure in the vicinity.

Not only will the new offices come inside.

a private office to hold court in and a dedicated room for the city

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Knox City Chamber of Commerce Annual

Chamber Banquet Scheduled for February 26, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Banquet Sponsored in part by AEP and Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital Break Room.

KC Circle Club

Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30. Location TBA.

KC Council To Hold General Election May 12

The Knox City Council will hold a general election on May 12.

Sign up will be February 12 through March 12.

Applications are available at City Hall Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Early voting will begin April 30 through May 8 at the City Hall.

The May 12 election will be held at the Knox County Aging Center located at 107 N.E. Ave E from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

LOCAL FORECAST

Wed. 2/7	Thurs. 2/8	Fri. 2/9	Sat. 2/10	Sun. 2/11	Mon. 2/12
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Physician Assistant Chooses Knox County **To Complete Rural Clinical Training**

Janie Rorick, a Physician Assistant student enrolled at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth will be completing 320 hours of clinical training under the guidance of a preceptor, Dr. Kevin Finley at the Munday Clinic beginning January 29, 2007.

In addition to the teaching support that Miss Rorick will be receiving from Dr. Finley, the Knox County Hospital will provide housing for Miss Rorick while she is completing her training in the community. Janie Rorick is originally from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

She completed her undergraduate degree in Nutrition (BS) at Purdue University in W. Lafayette Ind.

Meeting the health needs of rural communities continues to be a focus of Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs in Texas.

Providing the opportunity for students in health professions programs to complete clinical training in rural areas not only gives the student a glimpse of what rural medicine entails but also allows the community the opportunity to recruit health

professionals for the long-term future.

While each student who completes clinical training in a rural community may not return to this community as a practitioner, word of mouth from a positive experience goes a long way to hosting future students and compiling a list of perspective health providers for a community's long term plans for meeting the health needs of its population.

Travis Floyd, Knox County Judge agrees, "Healthcare in rural Texas is critical and the recruitment and retention of healthcare providers in our area is crucial.

AHEC's are among the few federal programs designed to address access to quality healthcare, improve the diversity of the healthcare workforce, and recruit and retain healthcare professionals in medically underserved and rural areas."

Community based education experiences like these are the result of a partnership between communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC).



Pictured are the student, Janie Rorick (center) Chris Scott, FNP (far left) and staff of the Munday Clinic

Big Country AHEC's mission is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce.

Goals include introducing school aged youth to health careers, providing rural clinical training for students in the health professions, supporting existing health care professionals via continuing education

and promoting healthy living.

The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall

Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

For further information about the Big Country AHEC please contact Ronnie Laurance at rlaurance@wctcog.org or 325-793-8484.

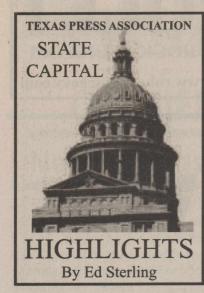


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AUSTIN - When the Legislature convenes, one of the governor's duties, so says the Texas Constitution, is to recommend to lawmakers "such measures as he may deem expedient."

That means the all-important state budget and the governor's top issues - usually referred to as emergency issues - go to the front of the line.

Other bills can be acted upon quickly too, if a well-

House limits flow of legislation in first 60 days of session oiled procedure is followed: the House simply votes to suspend a constitutional rule that reserves the first 60 days of the legislative session for the passage of bills that top the governor's priority list.

However, as January drew to a close, the House departed from its normal behavior when a motion to suspend the rule, which required a supermajority (four-fifths) vote to pass, failed.

Thirty-four of the House's 150 members voted "no" despite cries that doing so would create a logjam of bills late in the session and likely prevent many local bills from ever making it out of committee.

So, for the first time since the 1981 legislative session, House bills won't get past the committee level in the first 60 days of the session.

The vote not to suspend has

By Ace Reid

been interpreted as retaliation against House Speaker Tom Craddick, who doled out committee assignments perceived as punitive by some members who supported Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, in his shortlived speaker candidacy.

Despite the vote, there is a movement among Craddick lieutenants and other House members to vote again on rule

Child safety program

John Walsh, host of the Fox Dewhurst's "Texas First!" child safety initiative.

The initiative teams the state and private sector in helping kindergarten through second grade students learn how to be safe around strangers and to

educate the children about the dangers of predators online, in schools and in neighborhoods.

The Safe Side Company, co-founded by Walsh, is donating more than 1,000 Stranger Safety Resource Kits to Texas school districts.

Kits include lesson plans and activities for classroom use, and a media library that includes 25 copies of the "Stranger Safety" DVD for take-home use.

Texas is the first state to participate in the program, Dewhurst's office said. **Order issued for vaccination**

rules

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 2 issued an executive order directing the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules requiring girls age 11 and 12 to be vaccinated against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) before they enter sixth grade.

The rules are to include an opt-out provision for parents who don't want their daughters to be vaccinated.

Perry wants the program to be up and running by September 2008.

Certain strains of HPV are known to cause cervical cancer.

TEA publishing expenditures

Gov. Perry is now publishing his office's expenditures online and on Feb. 1 proposed requiring all state agencies to publish their expenditures online as part of his budget reform package.

The Texas Education Agency went ahead and published its check register online. It can be viewed at http://tea.state. tx.us by clicking on the "About TEA" button. The check register will be updated at least quarterly, the agency said.

State lottery may be up for sale

Gov. Perry indicated he is thinking about selling the Texas Lottery to a private firm. Other states are contemplating doing the same in exchange for a chunk of the profits. Perry was to give more details in his Feb. 6 State of the State speech.

Opinion page mainstay dies

Widely read and published syndicated columnist and bestselling author Molly Ivins, 62, died Jan. 31 at her home in Austin after an eight-year recurring battle with breast cancer.

Ivins focused strongly on the Texas Legislature in particular and state politics in general for nearly four decades. In recent years she devoted extra attention to the political career of President George W. Bush.

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Knox County Sheriff's Report

Quintero, Maximino Jose (1/13/07) - TBC/Misd-B(Arrested in Kerrville) Friddle, Jason Joel (1/13/07) - MTR/Possession of Controlled Substance, Felony Pryor, Allen Merl (1/16/07) - Agg. Sexual Assualt, Felony, Haskell County charge Macias, Mary Alice (1/21/07) — Forgery/SJF. Possession of Controlled Substance, Felony-3 Gardner, Carey Sean (1/22/07) — Criminal Mischief/Misdemeanor, Travis County charge Keller, Mark Allen (1/26/07) — Burglary of Building, Felony-3 Tatum, Dominique Andre (1/26/07) - DWI - 2nd, Misd-B Warren, Kevin Lamar (1/27/07) - CriminalMischief. Misd-A Martinez, Caleb Mark (1/28/07) - DWI - 1st,Misd-B Carrillo, Eloise (1/28/07) - TBC/Misd-B Wheeler, Mark (1/29/07) - TBC/Misd-B Garcia, Raymond Jesse (1/30/07) - DWI - 3rd, Felony-3 (Shackleford Co.) Wilson, Jesse Joe (1/31/07) - MTR/Forgery SJF (Haskell Co.) **McNeil**, Jimmy Don (2/1/07) - MTR/DWI - 2nd,

Regional Health Workforce Diversity Conferences Focus On Area Needs

Communities across the state have faced issues of health care provider shortages as well as how to effectively provide highquality of care to an increasingly diverse population.

Rural and underserved urban communities are often particularly hard hit by these challeng-

"Addressing the shortage of health care providers has been a concern for a long time, but the need for more diverse health care workforce is now becoming more evident," says Pam Danner, director of the West Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

of health care providers once they have begun practice in the community.

West Texas lags behind the rest of the state in all levels of educational attainment, a situation that will only worsen without focused interventions to address barriers to young people pursuing training beyond high school.

"This impacts not only a community's health care infrastructure, which is the primary focus of the West Texas AHEC, but it impacts all facets of a community's economic development," explains Danner. "Young people can't do this alone," adds Charlotte Speegle, Director of Workforce Development at Cisco Junior College and member of the Big Country AHEC Advisory Board. "An essential piece of a student's success lies with communities assisting their young people reach their goals. The combined efforts of educators, community leaders, and workforce development professionals can help students successfully transition through each K-12 phase of education to training beyond high school and then successfully into the health profession workforce."

To help communities identify ways that they can foster student's success as well as the growth of their own health care workforce, the West Texas AHEC and its regional centers are hosting the Health Workforce Diversity Conference in Lubbock on March 6.

The goal of the conference is to bring together K-12 and postsecondary educators as well as workforce development and health care human resources professionals to understand:

How our state's demographics impact the health care work-

suspension. launched

television program "America's Most Wanted," joined Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in a Capitol news conference to announce

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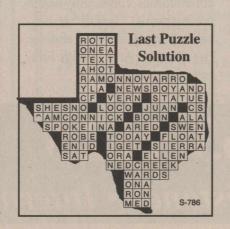
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"The barriers to meeting the health care workforce needs of communities across the state are very complex, particularly in rural and underserved urban communities."

The barriers that impact the health care workforce range from academic preparation in K-12 education to financial limitations to pursuing training beyond high school, especially for economically disadvantaged students.

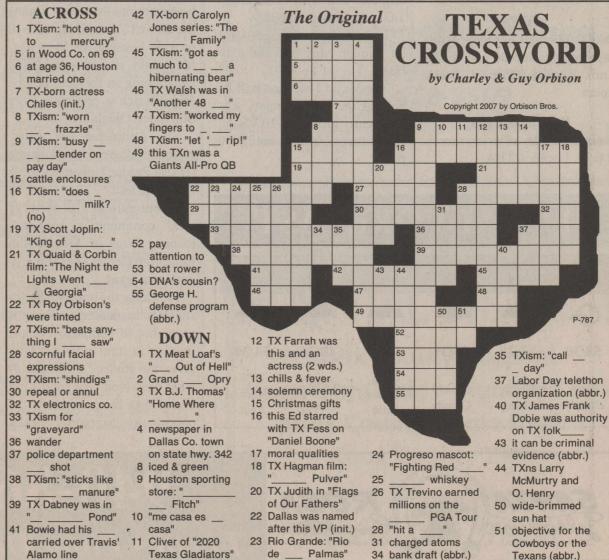
In addition, there are a variety of factors affecting retention

The opportunities that exist to expand the health care workforce

How to assist diverse populations (including minority, rural and economically disadvantaged) to successfully complete health professions training and move into the health care workforce.

Conference attendees will participate in developing next steps, for regional collaborations that will move forward the process of improving West Texas' health care workforce.

For more information about the conference program and to register, visit www.hwdc.org.



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ETHANOL & CATTLE FEEDERS

By Baxter Black, DVM

I was having a chat with one of my cattle feeding friends. I often think of these calls as therapyŠfor both of us. He gets to release all of his frustrations about the injustice of corn farmers being allowed to make a profit due to the demand created by ethanol production.

"Talk about ingratitude! Never once did I complain about the price of corn when feeders went from ninety-eight cents to a dollar four!

I hung with 'em, fed as many as I could just to keep demand up.

Now, when finished cattle prices are dropping, they are raisin' the price of corn! Can you believe it! And I just bought new tires for the front end load-

er and donated a new wing for the library at the U of Nebraska! Go Huskers! What's a man supposed to do! And they want to raise the Check Off to \$2.00 a head! Shoot, the Cowbelles used to do it for free!

"Oh, I contracted some corn ahead, but you know me, I like to play the odds - now look what's happened, and it's all the farmer's fault!

They knew it was gonna go up. They told me! I thought they were just trying to con me into buyin' early! But the slippéry buggers were tellin' me the truth! Who ever heard of such a thing!"

On and on and on.

I benefit from these therapeutic phone calls because I used to feed a few cattle but have now

conquered the vice.

I can listen as a reformed gambler listens to a hopelessly mired addict;

"Hi, I'm Baxter, I'm a cattle feeder."

"Tell us your story Baxter." "I borrowed money from a banker in Texas. He took my singlewide trailer and vet truck as collateral.

My cattle buyer friend purchased me a set of slab sided 2 year-old Mexican steers from a rodeo producer during one of New Mexico's annual droughts.

I fed 'em three months. They gained four pounds a day. Brought 56¢/lb, I paid back the loan, cleared \$50/head, bought a doublewide, a box of cigars. I was in tall cotton.

That was 1985. I have never made a dime feeding cattle since.

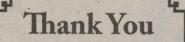
"I quit last year and have been cattle free since, but guess what!

Last month I borrowed enough to buy an interest in an ethanol plant in Iowa. No way it can lose. No way!"

Knox City VFD Report

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department had three calls in January.

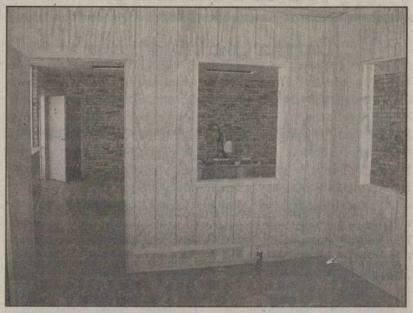
One LZ (Landing Zone) call and two fire calls. Reported by POI Terry Butler #214.



We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and compassion showered upon us during this time of loss. Mom loved ya'll and always enjoyed your fellowship. Thank you for all the things you did for Mom when she was with us and for the beautiful tribute to her life. May God

richly bless each of you. David, Beverly and Family Danny Sherry and Family Carol and Joe

City Hall — Continued



Inside the old Dairy Queen Building city employees have been working to get the building ready for the new City Hall

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The costs associated with this move are nothing to brush aside.

However, the City will save somewhere in the range of \$175,000 to \$225,000 by reclaiming the old building instead of building a new one.

Utilizing the slower months of the year for municipal work, city employees have done almost all the work except for

roofing and heating and air-conditioning. Besides saving a huge amount of money on the project, all city services have been maintained without a hitch. Employees have been pulled from working at the new City Hall as needed in other areas.

Although nothing ever runs as smoothly as planned and changes are always possible, the City hopes to be in the new building at the end of February.



Knox City One Act Play requests anyone that has any old couch or chair cushions or anything Japanese to contact **Rachel Byers** at 657-3565

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was just wondering if the citizens of Knox City knew exactly what the city officials had done when they made the decision to tear down the home of the Kennedy's on the 600 block of South 2nd Street.

Did they know the house was built in the early 1800s and was one of the first home sites of Knox County? Did they know that Mr. Kennedy hid slaves in the walls upstairs in part of the underground railroad to help black people escape slavery? Did they know that the Kennedy family line could be traced back to President Kennedy's family line? Did they know that all the rocks and stones from the cactus garden came from the 6666 Ranch because the owner was good friends with my parents? Did they know that Congressman David Counts attended parties at this home for my father and mother? Did they know that home was a historical marker and could be used to attract tourists driving through your city? I have seen in other cities where they try to preserve historical markers and attract tourists whereas your city officials decide to tear them down. I wonder if they knew that the spirit of Miss Kennedy still lingered there and that she was a sweet, gentle soul lost and wandering. That alone would attract tourists. She never harmed anyone, only locked children out of her home like she did my nieces and nephew. I was in that home several months before it was torn down, showing my daughter where I grew up. It was NOT in a condemned state and did not have to be torn down. The city officials of Knox City made a terrible, bad decision to tear down a historical marker like this home. Your town is heading in the same direction as O'Brien and Rochester, in my opinion, and will continue to do so if city officials continue to tear down historical markers. You could have put it up on an auction block before destroying a historical marker. But please continue on your good decisions and keep Knox City going in the direction it is. Good luck. I will miss my old home place. I really do not have a reason to return to Knox City now. Sincerely, Shirley Hargus Merkel, Texas



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Obituary

Bertha (Bailey) Driver

Bertha (Bailey) Driver, 75, of Knox City, passed away Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at Knox County Hospital. Funeral, services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 2, 2007 at the Knox City Foursquare Church with Paul Chambers and Sequoyah Reynolds officiating. Burial followed in Benjamin Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

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Bertha was born June 30, 1931 in Roswell, New Mexico, the daughter of the late Floyd Bailey and Jewel Dowell. On December 7, 1979 she married Frank Driver, he preceded her in death in 1985. She retired from Citizens State Bank. She was the first women President of the Lion's Club of Knox City. She was a member of the Foursquare Church. She was a life long resident of Knox City.

She is survived by her three sons David Ray Speck and wife Beverly; Danny Floyd Speck and wife Sherry all of Knox City; Michael Driver and wife Brenda of Albuquerque New Mexico; her daughter Carol Speck Judiscak and husband Joe of Waterflow, New Mexico; a sister Berniece Bivens of Bakersville, California; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Frank Driver, a brother Floyd Bailey Jr. and a sister Juanita Bailey.

Memorials may be sent to the Knox County Child Welfare Board.

Service Awards Presented To TxDOT Employees



CHILDRESS – Texas Department of Transportation (Tx-DOT) recently presented service awards to Childress District employees. Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer presented these awards to the following Knox County employees—Mark Rocha, 5 years and Kevin Urbanczyk, 5 years.

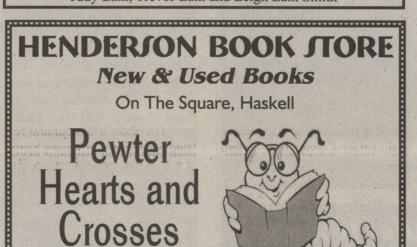
Thank You!

Words cannot express our gratitude for the immediate response of Karen Stiewart RN, MSN, FNP-C, Wellness Center, in Knox City, to our husband and father, when he was in medical distress at our home. Thanks for getting him medical attention at Anson General

Hospital, where he was immediately admitted. Our Sincere Thanks,

Judy Lain, Trevor and Christie, Eric and Leigh A thank you also goes to all who have had an encouraging word, sent a card, made a phone call, brought food, attended Danny's service, visited him while he was in the hospital, simply gave a hug or said a prayer. We don't know what we would have done

without all of you. God Bless You, Judy Lain, Trevor Lain and Leigh Lain Smith



Todd Eric Lewis Makes Provost's Honor Roll At MSU

Todd Eric Lewis of Knox City made the Provost's Honor Roll at MSU for the Fall 2006 Semester.

Midwestern State University recognized 787 honor students for the Fall 2006 semester. The President's Honor Roll included 270 students, the Provost's Honor Roll included 229 students and the Dean's Honor Roll included 288 students.

To make the President's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an A (4.0).

To make the Provost's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a C.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C.

The 12 hours for the President's Honor Roll, Provost's Honor Roll and Dean's Honor Roll may include one physical activity course or marching band course each semester.

The 12 hours may not include developmental courses (English 1003 and 1013; Math 0003 and 1003).

In addition, the student cannot have semester grades of I, WF or NC.

The Noah Project — North To Host Dinner And Silent Auction

Treat your Valentine to dinner, a silent auction, and entertainment by "According To Philippians" and help victims of family violence in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties.

The dinner is Saturday, February 10, at the Haskell Civic Center. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the meal will be served beginning at 6:30.

Enjoy eating brisket and all of the trimmings topped off with homemade desserts!

The silent auction includes hotel stays, a hunt, decorations, jewelry, art, handmade items and many other great things. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 and under. You may purchase tickets at the door or call 940-864-2551.

The Noah Project, Inc. provides servicess to victims of fmaily violence in ten counties, five of which are served by the Noah Project - North.

These services include shelter, food, transportation, legan and medical advocacy and community referrals.

Our services are free and available twenty-four hours, seven days a week to victims of family violence. Our hotline is 1-800-444-3551 and is answered 24/7.

Opal Maye Reeves Collierdy, of Mwas born in Thalia, in Foardlye JeanCounty Texas, on April 18, 1913.and LaVShe married Valcee M. Colliercothe; a

Opal Maye Reeves Collier

on January 8, 1938 in Stamford, Texas. She was co-owner of Collier Carpet Cleaning Service in Midland with her husband for many years. She died January 27, 2007 in Midland.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Valcee M. Collier; her parents, Sam J. and Julia Reeves; a daughter, Jefflyn Roberts; six sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by her children, Carolyn Tefteller and Gary Collier of Midland; a grandson, Paul Tefteller and his wife, Lindy, of Midland; two sisters, Billye Jean McAuley of Knox City and LaVern J. Burnett of Chillicothe; a great grandson, Conner, of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Resthaven Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m., with Reverend Terry Johnson officiating. The family received friends at 3612 Imperial Avenue in Midland, Texas. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX, 79702.

The Reeves family (John A. Burnett & Billie McAuley) would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and good wishes.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – Knox City Gayle Baucum, Pastor Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. • Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Knox City Timothy Trimbel, Pastor Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. No Sunday Evening Service

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – Knox City Tex Cox, Pastor Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH – Knox City Jody Smith, Pastor Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 7 p.m.

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To Be Offered At Vernon College

Protecting Kids On The Internet

Workforce and Community Development at Vernon College will offer Protecting Kids on the Internet at the Century City Center this semester.

The course will be held on Tuesdays beginning February 20 through February 27 from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Internet predators are becoming more and more common and parents cannot be too careful. Learn the ways you can protect your children while they are on the internet. The course fee is \$20.

To register for the course or for more information contact the Vernon College Workforce and Community Development Department at (940) 696-8752 ext. 3213 or visit our website at www.vernoncollege.edu/conted





Look who's turning 80! (on the 11th) Guess who this young gentleman is! Love Judy and Kathie

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Public Notices

KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The County of Knox is offering the following vehicles for sale through sealed bids:

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Sealed bids must be mailed to: Knox County Treasurer P.O. Box 212 Benjamin, Texas, 79505

Envelopes containing sealed bids must be clearly marked on the outside indicating the sealed bid inside. Bids must be received by the Treasurer prior to the February 2007 Knox County Commissioner Court meeting tentatively scheduled for February 12th, 2007. The County of Knox reserves the right to refuse any or all bids received. All vehicles are currently registered to Knox County.

Vehicles are located at the Knox County Sheriff's Office, 104 South Stewart, Benjamin, Texas.

/s/ Dean W. Homstad Sheriff Knox County

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CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District has scheduled a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) meeting at which citizens from the area are invited to discuss needs for transportation improvements in the 13 county Childress District.

This Munday Area meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2007, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Guthrie Community Center, in Guthrie. The Guthrie Community Center is handicap accessible. Under discussion will be the proposed Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the years 2008-2011. The STIP is a financially constrained listing of projects planned for construction in the district. The Public Transportation STIP will also be discussed at these meetings.

This meeting will cover Cottle, Dickens, King, Foard, Knox and Motley Counties. Interested citizens from the above mentioned counties or any of the 13 counties of the Childress TxDOT are invited to attend.

A copy of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Local Youth Participates in Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo Calf Scramble

FORT WORTH — Bryan Smith of Truscott, a Foard County 4H member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the January 27, 2007 afternoon performance of the Rodeo at the 111th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

Parents of the winner are Dusty and Randi Moore. Sponsor for Bryan's effort is Mama's Pizza of Fort Worth, Texas.

The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each of the 30 Stock Show Rodeo performances, has eight performance winners.

The young people are high school students out to catch and halter a calf with hopes of winning a \$500 purchase certificate that will help buy a registered beef or dairy heifer for a yearlong 4-H or FFA project.

Winners must care for their

animals throughout the year and return for the 2008 Stock Show to exhibit in the Junior Heifer Show.

Those who do the best job will be in line for scholarship funds when they enter college. Last year, scholarship grants were made to 54 young people. All entries receive a special T-shirt with their contestant number.

Participants who fail to catch a calf receive a certificate for a pair of Justin boots. Mrs. Baird's Bakeries and Justin Boots have proudly sponsored this event for many years.

The nation's oldest livestock show is currently underway now through February 4 at the worldclass Will Rogers Memorial Center. The Stock Show features 24 days of family fun and entertainment, and will host a record number of over 22,000 livestock. entries throughout the run. In ad-



Bryan Smith of Truscott along with representatives from Mama's Pizza Berry Street Arlington who sponsored the certificate

dition to the prestigious livestock competitions, the Stock Show offers many interactive educational exhibits, great shopping in the commercial exhibits area as well as an exciting carnival and midway and 30 thrilling performances of the World's Original Indoor Rodeo. For ticket information on any performance or Stock Show event, call 817.877.2420 or visit www.fwssr.com.

Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo Set For February 20-21 in Abilene

ABILENE - The annual Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo is set for Feb. 20-21 on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. The center is located at 1700 state Highway 36 in Abilene. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 20 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 21.

The event is sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and Texas Cooperative Extension.

The show features educational seminars, equipment exhibits, product demonstrations, the Town and Country Women's Fair, the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual meeting, and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce's annual membership luncheon. the naming of the Taylor County Farm Family of the Year.

Ten Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units are offered during the educational

seminars. The women's fair starts at 9 a.m. Feb. 20 in the Modern Living Mall.

The show's agricultural-related educational programs begin at 8 a.m. Feb. 20 with "Tools III, Intensive Wildlife Management Seminar,"in the Western Heritage Ranch House.

The seminar "Range Manage-

bership luncheon starts at 10 a.m. in the Big Country Hall.

The afternoon "Cotton Production in 2007" follows at 1 p.m. in the Big Country Hall.

Concurrent programs on Feb. 21 begin at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Included are an 8 a.m.

Texas Department of Agriculture re-certification course in the Big Country Hall, a Texas Wildlife Association Membership Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Extension Classroom and a Wildlife Food Plot Workshop in the Western Heritage Ranch House also at lor and dean for agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M University and director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Water, Watersheds and Stream Health Conference," the final educational program, starts at 2 p.m. in the Big Country Hall.

The seminars are free to the public with the exception of the "Tools III, Intensive Wildlife Management Seminar," which has an individual registration of \$35 by Feb. 16 and \$50 thereafter.

Tickets for the chamber of commerce luncheon are available at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, 325-677-7241, for \$15.

can be viewed and discussed at the Munday Area Office, 10860 SH 222 East in Munday.

Your attendance at this meeting is greatly appreciated and your input is welcomed.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to contact Marty Smith, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, at (940)-937-7250.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by Tx-DOT until the date(s) show below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6157-28-001 for REST AREA TOTAL MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, REPAIR in CROSBY County, etc. will be opened on March 08, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,248,000.00

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT'S website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 22655

> State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Highlight of the luncheon is

ment for Livestock and Wildlife," starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Extension Classroom.

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual meeting followed by their mem-

Benjamin Elementary Students Clean School Campus



Benjamin elementary students, under the direction of Senior Kaitlyn Kuehler and BISD teacher Fred McGreger, clean up the Benjamin school campus



Benjamin elementary students show the trash collected around the campus last week. The cleanup was held under the direction of BISD teacher Fred McGreger and senior Kaitlyn Kuehler

8:30 a.m.

The chamber of commerce luncheon will be at noon on Feb. 21 in the Big Country Hall. Keynote speaker is Dr. Elsa Murano of College Station, vice chancel-

For more information contact the Extension office in Taylor County at 325-672-6048.

Crop and Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION - While some residents may be complaining about weeks of cold temperatures and rain, Texas weather is still not cold enough in Greater Houston, according to Wayne Thompson, Texas Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture in Harris County.

"It's still not as cold as it should be for the middle of winter," he said. "We need to experience at least five consecutive days with a good, hard freeze. That would kill weed seeds, plant diseases and insects."

Weeks of continuous rain also make it difficult for cattle producers, Thompson said.

"If you have cows calving right now, they are calving in the mud," he said. "The calf mortality rate goes up when the rain goes on like this."



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Lucas Cartwright puts two in for the Mustangs

Basketball Scores

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Benjamin vs. Guthrie Boys: 43-40 (L) Girls: 35-54 (L)

District Standings Benjamin Girls 3-4 **Benjamin Boys 0-7**



Mitchell Ham looks up for a shot inside

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

What a change in weather, it was snowing on Friday and Monday it was warm and sunny- very pleasant for almost any activity. That was a pleasant change.

The museum fundraiser on Sunday was again a success. There was delicious food, lots of neat door prizes, wonderful silent auction items, and a beautiful quilt that was given away by selling tickets. Plus, it was a great time to visit with friends and acquaintances from all over this part of the country who came to enjoy the day's events and help a great cause. Hats off to those who organized and helped with it. They did a super job.

News of Our Ill

Don Hertel lacks seven more treatments (radiation and chemotherapy). Then he can stop those daily trips to Abilene. He's weak and nauseated but we know that goes with it. Maybe it won't be long before he begins to regain his strength. Please continue to pray for him.

Lewis Lyles is adjusting to his stay in the Munday Nursing Center. He seems to be responding well to the physical therapy. Maybe his stay there won't be too long.

Bea Parks is also in the Munday Nursing Center for a while. She had a light stroke a few months ago and is also having some therapy.

Pat Benson is doing much better these days. She stayed several weeks in the Knox County Hospital, but has been home now for two or three weeks and seems to be making it fine. She has help for a few hours each day to assist her with her daily routine.

And Leroy West is doing much better. Some days are better than others, but he is out and about quite a bit, and that's a big plus.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Bertha Driver of Knox City and Kathryn Bivens Hertel, who lived in Oklahoma. They both passed away on Wednesday and their funerals were Friday. They were wonderful ladies and will be missed by many.

There was a mix-up in an item I wrote last week: that of the death of Julia Marlowe Payne of Lamesa. At the time the paper came out, Ms. Payne had not passed away but was critically ill, suffering from cancer, and was in hospice care. Her sister, Hortense Ray had read the paper and called me. She called again

on Saturday to tell me Julia Ann had died early Saturday. Her funeral will be February 6 at First Baptist Church in Lamesa. I regret this mistake but greatly appreciate the family's understanding.

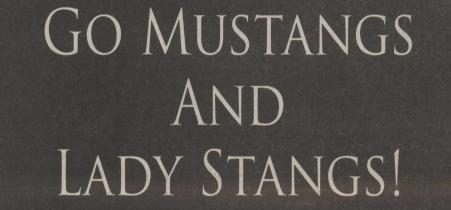
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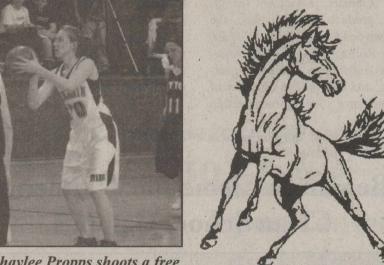
Saturday was a busy day when the little dribblers and their fans from all over the area hit the Benjamin gym for a tournament. It started at 8 a.m. and lasted all day. The Senior class sponsored the event and will use the proceeds to help fund their annual senior trip. Paul Weiser is their sponsor.

Guthrie handed Benjamin a couple of losses Friday night in Guthrie. Regular season play is nearing the end and play-off action will begin. It looks like the Stangs and Lady Stangs are out of the running but still have some games left. Knox City comes here Tuesday.

Dennis and Pam Duke and Lorene Powers attended the funeral of Kathryn Hertel in Oklahoma on Friday.

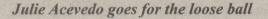
Sue and Terry and children, Summer and Jake, of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon.





The Vernon Business and Professional Women's Club update





Shavlee Propps shoots a free throw

Benjamin Independent School District

Benjamin ISD has joined the Membership Investment of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium. The consortium provides an information exchange and networking opportunities for school districts and other stakeholders throughout the region seeking possibilities to maximize the possible economic impacts from the Wind industry.

The consortium brings together a valuable forum of school districts, counties, cities, local economic development corporations, ranchers, farmers, heavy industry, small businesses, wind developers, electric cooperatives, chambers of commerce, policymakers and other interested Texans.

Benjamin ISD School Board will be meeting at its regular scheduled board meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will host, Mr. Greg Wortham, Executive Director of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium the first 30 minutes of its meeting at 7:00.

The community, and all interested parties, are invited to attend.

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scholarship at Vernon College

The Vernon Business and Professional Women's Club signed new scholarship documentation which will strengthen the partnership between the Club and Vernon College. During the meeting the group also gave an additional gift to increase the scholarship fund.

Denise Parmley, President of the Vernon Business and Professional Women's Club stated that, "Vernon College staff and administrators work hard to involve the community.

This year, the Vernon Business and Professional Women's association has made huge strides to bring its endowed scholarship into the twenty-first century; Steve Thomas, President of Vernon College, Michelle Alexander, Director of Institutional Advancement and their staff have helped develop new guidelines for the scholarship."

Vernon College President Steve Thomas said, "We are very pleased to receive this latest contribution to the VBPWC

Benjamin

Scholarship. Since 75 to 80 per cent of our students receive some type of financial aid in order to attend Vernon College, we rely a great deal on organizations such as the VBPWC, and we sincerely appreciate their generosity and support."

Parmley also stated, "We want to encourage every student to apply for all available scholarships, not just the one Vernon BPW offers. Vernon College is a vital part of the community, and the Vernon BPW members want to aid students to attain their goals."

Scholarship applications are available at the Vernon campus, Century City Center, Skills Training Center, Sheppard Learning Center or through high school counselors. Applications are do to the Vernon College Financial Aid office by April 1, 2007.

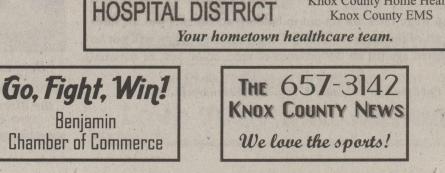
For more information on scholarship or to obtain an application contact Vernon College at (940) 552-6291 or visit our website at www.vernoncollege.edu.

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Memories of Munday Go Hounds & Houndettes The Knox City Houndettes and Greyhounds met the Guthrie Jaguars on the basketball court last Tuesday evening.

The Houndettes' only district loss has been to the Lady Jags; and the match up with the Jaguars will be a deciding factor for the Greyhounds' post season hopes.

The Houndette's Bridgett Billington tipped off the ball against the Lady Jags to get the evening's basketball action started.

The ladies played hard and had a district loss to settle up with against the Lady Jaguars. However, the outlook was dim for the Houndettes who were down 13-20 at the break.

Then the Houndettes returned to the court to get even with the Lady Jaguars.

The Houndettes settled the season's loss with the Jags by giving them a mark in the loss column.

The Houndettes played to win and win they did with a 50-42 victory over the Lady Jags.

The Houndettes are currently in first place for the district title but have yet to play their final district game of the season against the Lady Mustangs of Benjamin.

Kursten Stafford led the

with 11 points and 4 assists. Sarah Burt checked in with 7 points and 7 rebounds.

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Shana Nicholson and Brynn Moore had 7 points each; and Tiffany Wilde had 2 points.

The match up between the Greyhounds and Jaguars was a deciding factor for post season play for the Hounds.

The Greyhounds hit the court with their play-off hopes riding on the game.

The Jags were hot in the first quarter of play outscoring the home team by 8 points.

Then in the second quarter of action, the Greyhounds heated up the competition by outscoring the Jags by 6.

However, the Hounds were down by two at the half-time break. The Greyhounds hit the court ready for action and results.

The Hounds took the win by the score of 47-38; and will be the third seed in the district's post season play as current records stand.

Cody Wainscott led the Greyhounds in scoring with 12 points.

He also made 7 rebounds. The team's leading rebounder was Jordan Carter who grabbed 8 rebounds and made 4 assists. Derrick Coleman and M.J. Abila racked up 9 points each;





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and Kenyin Thompson came in with 7 points, 3 rebounds and 4 assists.

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Top Right — Brynn Moore shoots the 3 pointer; Pictured Right — Cody Wainscott makes the jump shot; Pictured Below — Senior basketball players were recognized at their final home game last Tuesday night



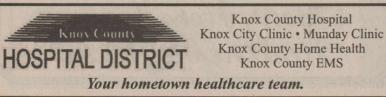
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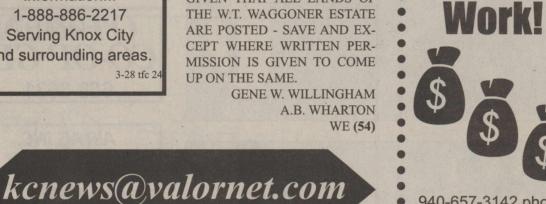
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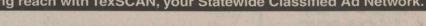
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