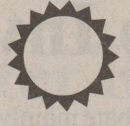


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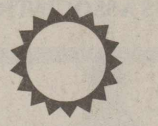
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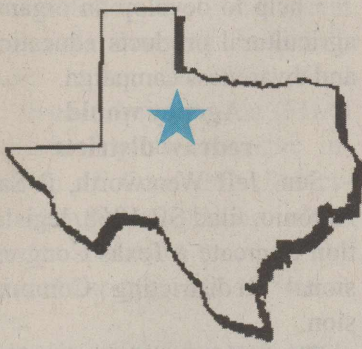
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Looking Ahead

USDA Rural Development Representatives

The USDA Rural Development Representatives will be at the KC Community Center located at 212 SE 3rd on March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

TOPS

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.

Knox and King County Schools

Knox and King County schools will have spring break March 12-16.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time is March 11. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward an hour.

4-H Meeting

The monthly Knox County 4-H Meeting will be held Sunday, March 18th at 2 p.m. at Munday High School.

Knox County Parenting Fair

The 13th annual Knox County Parenting Fair will be held in the Knox City High School gym on Tuesday, April 17th from 4-6 p.m.

Child Safety Seat Checkup

A child safety seat checkup will be held on Thursday, April 19th at the Munday First United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Farm Safety Day Camp

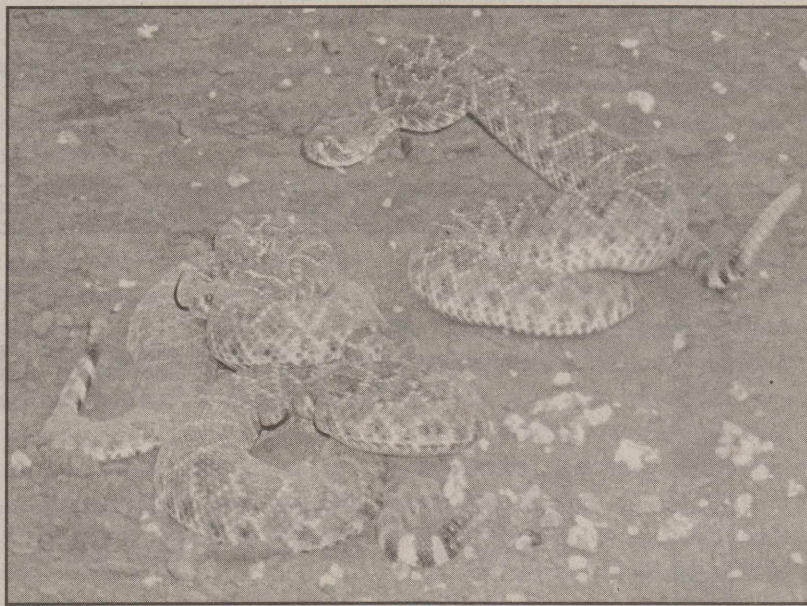
A Farm Safety Day Camp will be held at the Knox City School on Saturday, May 19th. This program is for 3rd-8th grade. Schools will begin handing enrollment applications out soon. You may also contact the Knox County Extension Office at 459-2651 for an application or more information.

49th Annual Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup

will kick off on Thursday, March 8 with a parade through downtown Sweetwater. The Miss Snake Charmer Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. that night in the Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium. Doors will open at 8 a.m. on Friday for the 49th annual World's Largest Rattlesnake Round-Up at the Nolan County Coliseum. Saturday, the 18th annual Rattlesnake Round-Up Cook-Off will be held at the Newman Park grounds. Sunday will mark the return of the Jaycee beard contest, which will be held after the Rattlesnake Eating Contest at 2 p.m.

Various vendors will be set up for the weekend's events. Visitors will also have the opportunity to try deep fried rattlesnake meat.

They're Back...



As temperatures warm up snakes will be leaving their dens

If you have ever been outside on a warm day and suddenly heard the tell-tale buzzed warning of a rattlesnake, you know very well that "standing on a land mine" feeling...trying to locate the source or sources while your heartbeat matches the snake's rattle for rattle. Here's nothing new...it's that time of year again.

Rattlesnakes are prevalent in Knox County and just a part of life that we become accustomed to.

Like it or not, they are here and they aren't going anywhere. We know to be cautious when we are outdoors and to always have our eyes and ears open to signs that they may be near. When we get careless, the snakes tend to remind us. That little jump-start is all that is needed to get us back on track.

The fear that the snake can cause is sometimes "the death of it", as the saying goes. Some don't even stop to identify the snake before the hacking begins, and many an innocent grass snake has lost its life because it was just that, a snake.

Though, certainly, it is not advocated to handle a rattlesnake or any other venomous snake or to let it go on its way in an area populated by humans, it should be noted that snakes in general do keep down the rodent population, and without them, quiet possibly, rodent borne illness among humans would be higher.

Rattlesnakes do not always give a warning before they strike, and rattles that are saturated with water probably won't make a rattle, either. Rattlesnake bites usually occur in humans when they startle the snake or they provoke it. Many people don't realize that a snake has a farther striking distance than they assumed, and greatly underestimate it.

A snake can strike a distance

of one-third to one-half its body length, and the strike is typically faster than the human eye can completely process.

Rattlesnakes can also strike when not in the "S" coil position.

Rattlesnakes are born live and with fully functioning fangs and venom.

Rattlesnakes are capable of controlling the amount of venom that they release, though a startled snake or one who has been injured may not use that capability. A dry bite or a bite with less than the full amount of venom may be more of a defensive bite.

Around 8000 venomous snake bites are reported each year. Fewer than fifteen snakebite deaths are reported.

Even so, a rattlesnake bite requires quick medical attention. It is very important to keep a rattlesnake bite victim calm. An increased heart rate will allow the venom to do its work more quickly by allowing it to travel through the body faster.

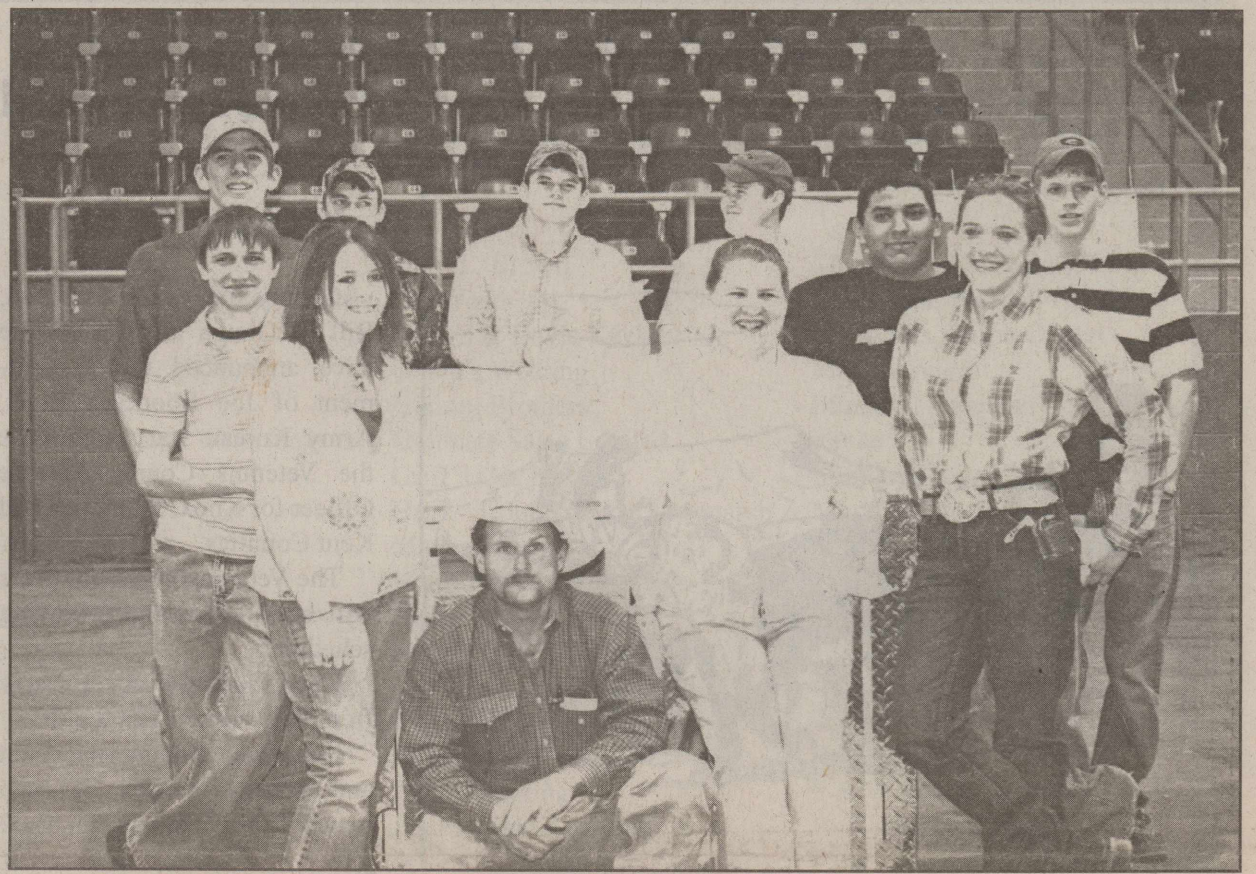
Anti venom must be given to stop the tissue destruction, nerve effects and blood-clotting disorders common with rattlesnake venom. It is not recommended for untrained individuals to cut around the injection site or to restrict the flow of blood, as this could cause more injury.

Prevention of a snake bite is the key. Always be aware of your surroundings. Do not handle snakes or provoke them in any way.

Do not turn rocks, limbs or other items on the ground over with your bare hands. Use a tool, instead. Step up onto rocks or limbs instead of over them and do not put your hands into animal holes or onto ledges that you only have partial sight of.

Offer snakes respect. Observe them from a safe distance and allow them to perform their function in life when it will not interfere with your safety.

KC High School Ag Mechanics Teams Receive Blue Ribbons



San Angelo Stock Show Metal & Wood Work Projects Team Members are advised by Mr. Rick Moeller (Center), Lyndy Moeller (Front L), Heather Moore (Front R), Martha Perkins (Front R), Orrin Myers (L), Joe Albus (L), Travis Hawkins (Back L), Cody Wainscott (Back Center), Brandon Grimsley (Back R), Amos Lerma (R), Bandy Moeller (R) (photo courtesy of Sharon Wainscott).

The Knox City High School Ag Mechanics Teams have been a little blue lately.

The reason . . . all of the blue ribbons they have been bringing home for their quality and workmanship on projects such as a pig crate, hunting lift, picnic table, patio table, BBQ worktable, and a spray rig (a red ribbon winner).

The metal projects traveled to the San Antonio Stockshow on February 17; and then along with the wood projects traveled to the San Angelo Stockshow on February 21.

Each project received the blue ribbon for quality and workmanship except the spray rig which received a red ribbon.

Then at the San Angelo Stockshow in addition to the blue ribbon for quality the following projects placed in their respective classes of competition: pig crate - livestock equipment division - 1st place; spray rig - spraying division - 1st place; electric lift - electric wildlife division - 3rd place.

"The students put a tremendous amount of time, energy and thought into the job. I am im-

pressed by their workmanship, shop leadership and dedication they exhibited in these projects. I am also proud of the skills and confidence they have obtained through the Ag Mechanics program." Mr. Moeller, agriculture mechanics instructor, stated.

The various teams are made up of Cody Wainscott, Brandon Grimsley, Amos Lerma, Orrin Myers, Kayla Stewart, Lyndy Moeller, Heather Moore, Martha Perkins, Joe Albus, Travis Hawkins and Bandy Moeller. Congratulations on your successes.

Fire Destroys Vacant Home

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department, Knox County EMTs and Haskell Sheriff's Office responded to a structure fire about two and a half miles east and a half a mile north of O'Brien early Monday afternoon.

According to KCVFD Fire Chief Bill Stewart, when the fire department arrived the structure was fully engulfed.

"We tried to keep the propane tanks cooled off. It was pretty much falling down and fully involved when we got there," said Stewart.

The cause is yet to be determined, but an electrical short is suspected. The home was not occupied. The call was paged out around 1:20 p.m.

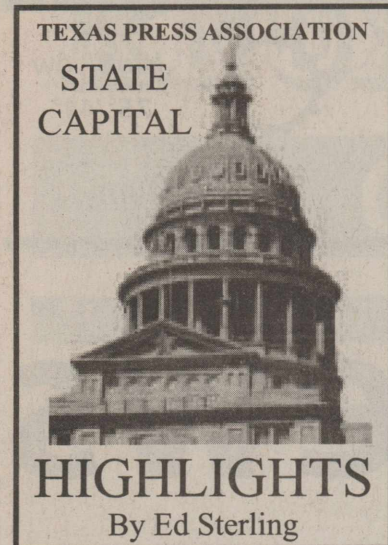


Knox City Volunteer Fire Department respond to a structure fire that was fully engulfed according to Fire Chief Bill Stewart



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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Rather than place the troubled Texas Youth Commission in conservatorship at the urging of the lieutenant governor and a committee of lawmakers, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Jay Kimbrough as special master to get the agency back in line.

Kimbrough's job will be to investigate sexual abuse of detainees reported at facilities in Giddings, Brownwood and

Perry Names Special Master To Investigate Youth Commission

Pyote. Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, the state's ethics prosecutor, is conducting his own investigation into allegations that reports of sexual abuse in TYC facilities were altered by state officials.

A former assistant Texas attorney general, Kimbrough also is a former chief of staff for Perry and formerly served as the state's director of homeland security.

AG abates opinion on documents

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott took action to help prevent identity theft on Feb. 21 by issuing an opinion saying that county clerks should remove Social Security numbers from copies of documents on file before releasing them to the public.

Abbott's opinion said failure

to comply would result in criminal charges. So clerks found themselves in a tough spot when citizens showed up the next day to get courthouse records needed to conduct routine business.

County clerks across Texas had to slow down or shut down all or part of their public information operations, because so many types of documents contain Social Security numbers.

Complaints from far and wide flew in, prompting Abbott to abate his opinion for 60 days - supposedly enough time for counties to adjust to the practice of redacting Social Security numbers.

House slows down Jessica's Law

The Texas House on Feb. 28 postponed further deliberation on House Bill 8, a "Jessica's Law" bill by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston.

After salty debate mainly over the bill's death penalty component and costs of implementation, the House voted 131-10 to wait until March 5 to continue consideration by the full House.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of SB 5, the Senate version of Jessica's Law.

Differences between the two bills would have to be reconciled in a final version, but as presently written, the legislation would do the following:

- Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;
- Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;
- Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and
- Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford.

In March 2005, the child was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered by a convicted sex offender. Since then, more than two dozen states have enacted toughened sex-offender laws.

Organic farming bills are filed

Rep. Doc Anderson, R-Waco, and Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, filed House and Senate versions of legislation to create an 11-member Texas

Organic Agricultural Advisory Board.

- The board would:
- meet at least once a year;
 - assist the Texas Department of Agriculture in assessing the organic produce industry;

- find ways to promote and expand the industry;
- work on getting grants and gifts to nurture the industry;
- help to develop an organic agricultural products education and awareness campaign.

Agency would redraw districts

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, filed SB 1068, legislation to create a Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.

The highly politicized task of redrawing U.S. congressional district boundaries is normally done by the Texas Senate every 10 years.

Wentworth's bill would give the job to a nine-member, balanced, bipartisan commission of Texas residents.

Eight members (four from each major party) would elect a nonvoting member to preside.

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By Ace Reid



"Hey Oldtimer, looks like the thunderin' herds ain't as big as they used to be when you wuz pushin' 'em up the trail!"

Boone Appointed As Knox County Service Officer

County Judges Travis Floyd, Bill McGough and Jim White have announced the appointment of Joe Boone, a U. S. Army Korean war veteran, as the Veterans County Service Officer for Knox, Stonewall and Kent Counties.

The Veterans Service Offices will be open on the following schedule:

Knox County every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Stonewall County the First and Third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Kent County the First and Third Thursday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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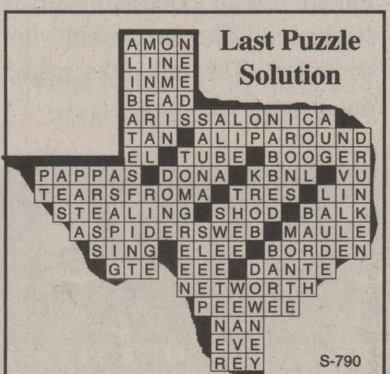
The 2007 American Cancer Society Golf Pass is a great gift for the golfer in your family, a thoughtful "thank you" to friends or clients.

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At the same time, 100% of the proceeds give the American Cancer Society much needed financial support to help carry out its life-saving cancer research, education, and patient services programs.

Leaflets with more information and an ordering blank can be found at the Munday and Knox City Club Houses, Munday Bank or call 422-4990 or the ACS at 1-800-Acs 2345.

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31 hubby of TX Robin Wright Penn

34 euro is currency of this political union (abbr.)

35 TXism: "a coon's _____" (long time)

37 Rising _____, TX

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44 TXism: "I'll _____ a new hat size"

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51 TXism: "_____ have to get better to die"

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

AVOCADOMANIA

By Baxter Black, DVM

My friend Steve is in the avocado business, which I think makes him an avocadonist, or an avocodinarian.

He has many distributors (avocodlers) who count on him to keep them supplied. The freeze that hit southern California this winter wiped out the crop.

I called him after I heard him being interviewed on national radio.

When he answered he was in Chile! Turns out he was down there and in Mexico (home of the guacamole) arranging to import Spanish-speaking avocados to fill the gap for the avocadophiles in the United States of Avocado.

Steve explained that 20's weather kills the fruit and it becomes useless. I commented that when old bananas turn black the average mother with children will say, "Don't throw it away, we'll make banana bread out of it!" So I pos-

tulated there must be some way to use old black avocados.

There is a rum drink with pineapples, coconuts and a paper umbrella called a Piña Colada. How 'bout the Avocolada? Maybe use something dark like prune juice, a coagulant like vitamin K and a miniature Mexican flag!

I also think over-ripe avocados might do well in a sushi bar. To eat raw mollusks and amphibians that crawl on the sea floor, a diner must first get past the unappetizing description of the entree before they can try it for the first time. Black avocados would be an easy next step; the menu special could read:

"Today's special — choice of pimpled, pockmarked pieces of sea urchin, 4-ply radial abalone or a slimy serving of de-haired octopus pouch, each garnished with Avogooey, a stringy, slightly 'off' black mass that sticks to the roof of your mouth like mutton fat. Only 2500

yen comes with chopsticks and a latex glove."

There could well be a place for over-the-hill avocados on the airline in-flight menu. Along with your three pretzels and peanut you could get a hermetically sealed foil packet of Avokaka. The discriminating passenger would squeeze a dollop onto the lowered tray where it would adhere.

As the aircraft yawed, pitched and rolled, the Avokaka would slide back and forth leaving a mucoid trail like a snail. It would be served with a Q-tip and motion sickness bag!

So many possibilities; an organic graffiti base — Avoscrawl!

A non-lethal weapon to use at Green Party protests - The Avogranade.

In place of a Bag Balm to use on chapped udders or for owls with chapped lips called Avahooters.

Actually, it's hard enough to find uses for deliciously ripe green avocados, much less rotten ones, so the best I can suggest to Steve is to keep contributing to global warming.

You'll have a brief 4 or 5 millennia window between southern California being a frost free zone and eventually becoming a real Sea World. Pick 'em green, cowboy!

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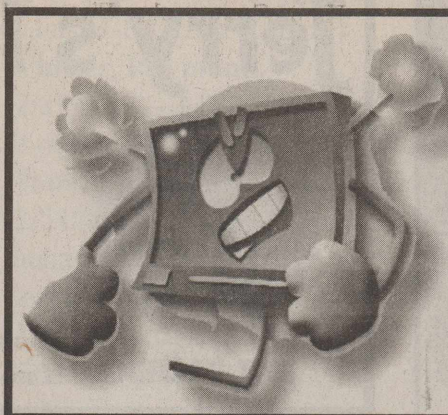
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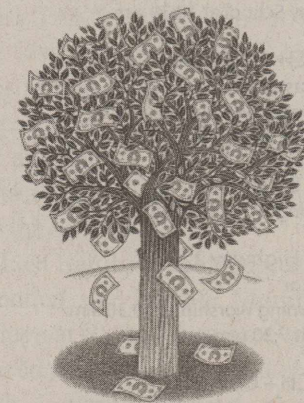
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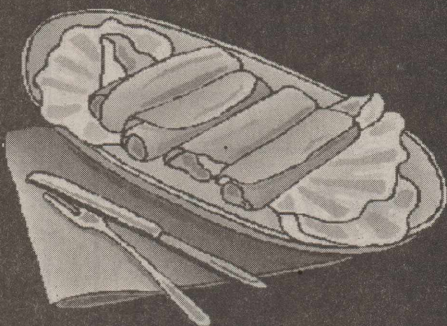
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Area Election Filing Updates

Knox County is off to a slow start in the election process for cities and schools.

Currently, the only contested races are in the Knox City-O'Brien CISD board election and the mayoral position for the City of Knox City.

The final day to file an application for both school board and city elections is Monday, March 12. The election date for schools and cities is Saturday, May 12.

Knox City Council
Mayor and two council seats open, all two year terms.

Applications filed as of Monday morning are Charles Lankford and Jeff Stanfield for mayor. No applications have been received for the two council seats.

Knox City-O'Brien CISD
Two full term, three year, school board seats.

Applications received as of Monday morning were Todd Lewis, Dale Turner and Dusty Bradley.

Benjamin City Council
Mayor and three council seats.

One application filed as of Tuesday morning for mayor was Ernie Eaton.

Benjamin ISD
Two full term, three year, board seats and one unexpired, two year, board seat.

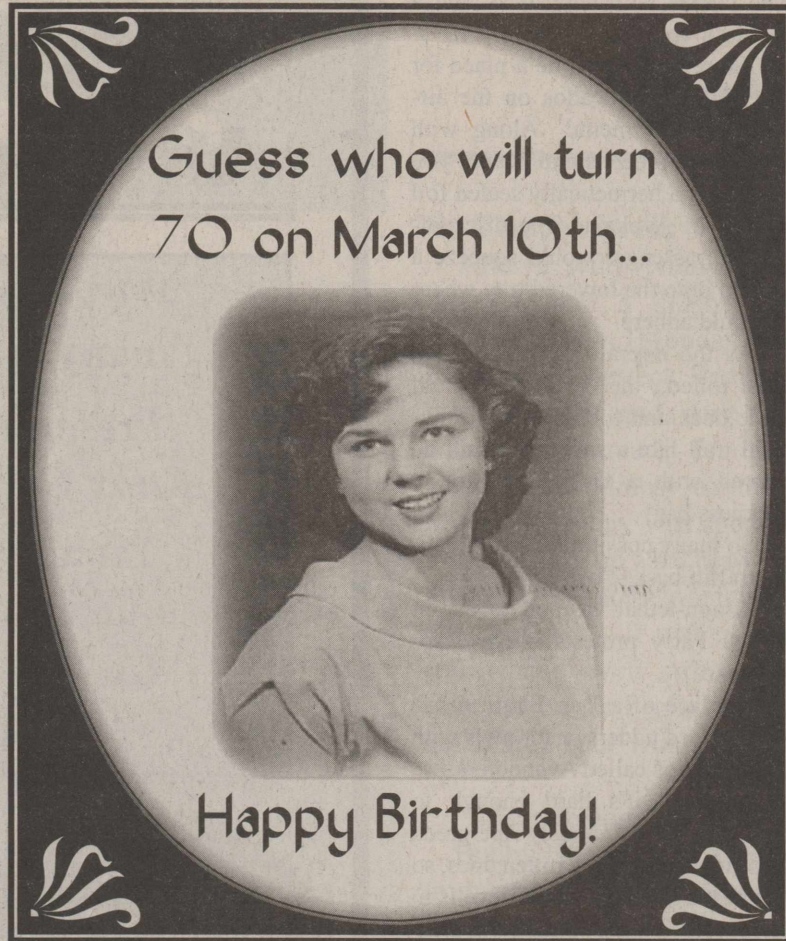
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O'Brien City Council
Three full-term, two year, council seats. No applications have been filed as of Monday morning.

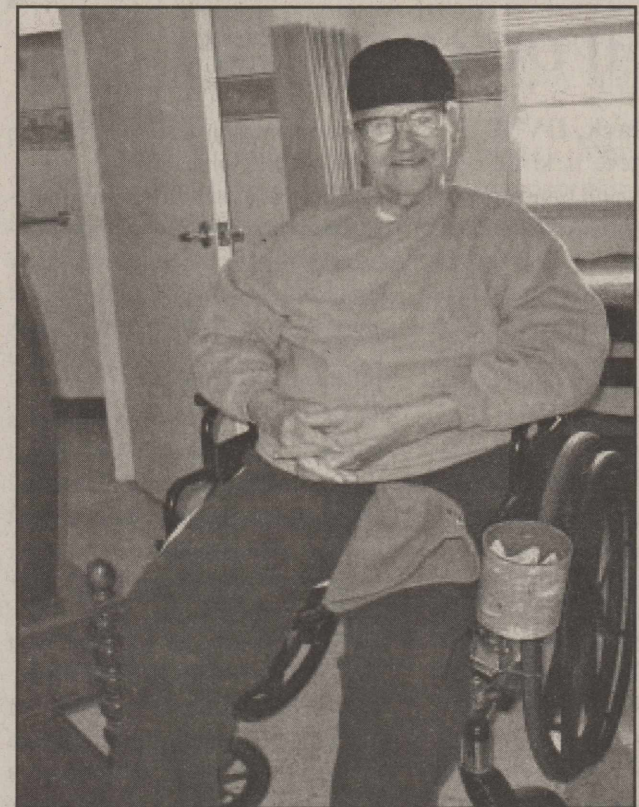
Munday City Council
Mayor and three full term, two year, positions. Incumbent Mayor Robert Bowen is the only one to have filed as of Monday morning.

Munday CISD
Two full-term, three year, school board positions. As of Monday morning, no applications have been turned in.

Guthrie CSD
Three full-term school board positions. No applications have been filed as of Monday morning.



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Lacy Headrick enjoying 100 years



Daughter Cheryl Daniel (right) looks on as Lacy Headrick sings "Hey, Hey, Good Looking" for family and friends at his 100th birthday party March 2

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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin**
Timothy Trimbel, Pastor
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
- GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie**
Matt Harrington, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin**
Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.
- THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222**
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Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien**
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Thursday, Mar. 15 - Hamburgers with Cheese Slices, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion & Pickles and Ice cream

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Fraudulent Telephone Tax Refunds, Abusive Roth IRAs Top Off 2007 "Dirty Dozen" Tax Scams

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today identified 12 of the most blatant scams affecting American taxpayers and warned people not to fall for schemes peddled by scamsters.

This year the "Dirty Dozen" highlights five new scams that IRS auditors and criminal investigators have uncovered.

Topping off the list are fraudulent refunds being claimed in connection with the special Telephone Excise Tax Refund available to most taxpayers this filing season.

The IRS is actively investigating instances of this scam involving tax preparers who are preparing inflated refund requests.

Also new to the Dirty Dozen this year are abuses pertaining to Roth IRAs, the American Indian Employment Credit, domestic shell corporations and structured entities.

"Taxpayers shouldn't let their guard down," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. "Don't get taken by scam artists making outrageous promises. If you use a tax professional, pick someone who is reputable. Taxpayers should remember they are ultimately responsible for what is on their tax return even if some unscrupulous preparers have steered them in the wrong direction."

Involvement in tax schemes leads to problems for scam artists and taxpayers. Tax return preparers and promoters risk significant penalties, interest and possible criminal prosecution.

The IRS urges taxpayers to avoid these common schemes:

- **Telephone Excise Tax Refund Abuses:** Early filings show some individual taxpayers have requested large and apparently improper amounts for the special telephone tax refund. In some cases, taxpayers appear to be requesting a refund of the entire amount of their phone bills, rather than just the three-percent tax on long-distance and bundled service to which they are entitled. Some tax preparers are helping their clients file apparently improper requests. The IRS is investigating potential abuses in this area and will take prompt action against taxpayers who claim improper refund amounts and against the return preparers who help them.

- **Abusive Roth IRAs:** Taxpayers should be wary of advisers who encourage them to shift under-valued property to Roth Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs). In one variation, a promoter has the taxpayer move under-valued common stock into a Roth IRA, circumventing the annual maximum contribution limit and allowing otherwise taxable income to go untaxed.

- **Phishing is a technique used by identity thieves to acquire personal financial data in order to gain access to the financial accounts of unsuspecting consumers, run up charges on their credit cards or apply for loans in their names. These Internet-based criminals pose as representatives of a financial institution — or sometimes the IRS itself — and send out fictitious e-mail correspondence in an attempt to trick consumers into disclosing private information. A typical e-mail notifies a taxpayer of an outstanding refund and urges the taxpayer to click on a hyperlink and visit an official-looking Web site. The Web site then solicits a social security and credit card number. It is important to note the IRS does not use e-mail to initiate contact with taxpayers about issues related to their accounts. If a taxpayer has any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, the taxpayer should call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it.**

- **Disguised Corporate Ownership:** Domestic shell corporations and other entities are being formed and operated in certain states for the purpose of disguis-

ing the ownership of the business or financial activity. Once formed, these anonymous entities can be, and are being, used to facilitate underreporting of income, non-filing of tax returns, listed transactions, money laundering, financial crimes and possibly terrorist financing. The IRS is working with state authorities to identify these entities and to bring their owners into compliance.

- **Zero Wages:** In this scam, which first appeared in the Dirty Dozen in 2006, a Form 4852 (Substitute Form W-2) or a "corrected" Form 1099 showing zero or little income is submitted with a federal tax return. The taxpayer may include a statement rebutting wages and taxes reported by the payer to the IRS. An explanation on the Form 4852 may cite statutory language behind Internal Revenue Code sections 3401 and 3121 or may include some reference to the paying company refusing to issue a corrected Form W-2 for fear of IRS retaliation.

- **Return Preparer Fraud:** Dishonest return preparers can cause many headaches for taxpayers who fall victim to their schemes. Such preparers make their money by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services. They attract new clients by promising large refunds. Some preparers promote filing fraudulent claims for refunds on items such as fuel tax credits to recover taxes paid in prior years. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer. As the old saying goes, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Remember that no matter who prepares the return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for its accuracy. Since 2002, the courts have issued injunctions ordering dozens of individuals to cease preparing returns, and the Department of Justice has filed complaints against dozens of others. During fiscal year 2006, 109 tax return preparers were convicted of tax crimes and sentenced to an average of 18 months in prison.

- **American Indian Employment Credit:** Taxpayers submit returns and claims reducing taxable income by substantial amounts citing an American Indian employment or treaty credit. Although there is an Indian Employment Credit available for businesses that employ Native Americans or their spouses, there is no provision for its use by employees. In a somewhat similar scam, unscrupulous promoters have informed Native Americans that they are not subject to federal income taxation. The promoters solicit individual Indians to file Form W-8 BEN seeking relief from all withholding of federal taxation. A recent "phishing" variation has promoters using false IRS letterheads to solicit personal financial information that they claim the IRS needs in order to process their "non-tax" status.

- **Trust Misuse:** For years unscrupulous promoters have urged taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts. They promise reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses and reduced estate or gift taxes. However, some trusts do not deliver the promised tax benefits. There are currently more than 150 active abusive trust investigations underway and 49 injunctions have been obtained against promoters since 2001. As with other arrangements, taxpayers should seek the advice of a trusted professional before entering into a trust.

- **Structured Entity Credits:** Promoters of this newly identified scheme are setting up partnerships to own and sell state conservation easement credits, federal rehabilitation credits and other credits. The purported credits are the only assets owned by the partnership and once the credits are fully

used, an investor receives a K-1 indicating the initial investment is a total loss, which is then deducted on the investor's individual tax return. Forming such an entity is not a viable business purpose. In other words, the investments are not valid, and the losses are not deductible.

- **Abuse of Charitable Organizations and Deductions:** The IRS continues to observe the use of tax-exempt organizations to improperly shield income or assets from taxation. This can occur when a taxpayer moves assets or income to a tax-exempt supporting organization or donor-advised fund but maintains control over the assets or income. Contributions of non-cash assets continue to be an area of abuse, especially with regard to overvaluation of contributed property. In addition, the IRS is noticing the return of private tuition payments being disguised as charitable contributions to religious organizations.

- **Form 843 Tax Abatement:** This scam rests on faulty interpretation of the Internal Revenue Code. It involves the filer requesting abatement of previously assessed tax using Form 843. Many using this scam have not previously filed tax returns and the tax they are trying to have abated has been assessed by the IRS through the Substitute for Return Program. The filer uses the Form 843 to list reasons for the request. Often, one of the reasons is: "Failed to properly compute and/or calculate IRC Sec 83-Property Transferred in Connection with Performance of Service."

- **Frivolous Arguments:** Promoters have been known to make the following outlandish claims: the Sixteenth Amendment concerning congressional power to lay and collect income taxes was never ratified; wages are not income; filing a return and paying taxes are merely voluntary; and being required to file Form 1040 violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination or the Fourth Amendment right to privacy. Don't believe these or other similar claims. These arguments are false and have been thrown out of court. While taxpayers have the right to contest their tax liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law.

IRS Still Watches Scams That Fall Off the List

Five of last year's Dirty Dozen tax scams rotated off the list for 2007. While the IRS has seen a decline in the occurrence of some of these scams — abusive credit counseling agencies, for example — other problems, such as offshore abusive transactions continue to be an area of particular concern for the agency.

The absence of a particular scheme from the Dirty Dozen should not be taken as an indication that the IRS is unaware of it or not taking steps to counter it.

How to Report Suspected Tax Fraud Activity

Suspected tax fraud can be reported to the IRS using IRS Form 3949-A, Information Referral.

Form 3949-A is available for download from the IRS Web site at IRS.gov, or by mail by calling 1-800-829-3676. The completed form or a letter detailing the alleged fraudulent activity should be addressed to the Internal Revenue Service, Fresno, CA 93888.

The mailing should include specific information about who is being reported, the activity being reported, how the activity became known, when the alleged violation took place, the amount of money involved and any other information that might be helpful in an investigation.

The person filing the report is not required to self-identify, although it is helpful to do so.

The identity of the person filing the report can be kept confidential. The person may also be entitled to a reward.

Knox County Sheriff's Report

Arthur, Tiffany Kay (2/5/07) — Poss. Marijuana/Misd. B (Knox County)

Goodner, Preston Leon (2/6/07) — Theft/Misd. B (Knox County)

Holt, Timothy Michael (2/12/07) — Possession of Controlled Substance/F-2, Poss. of Marijuana/M-B (Knox County)

Thompson, Carnell Jr. (2/14/07) — MTR/crim. Trespass/M-B (Knox County)

Nagera, Veronica L. (2/17/07) — DWLI/M-B (Baylor County)

Newton, Cristian David (2/18/07) — Poss. of Cont. Substance; Felony Bond Forfeiture

Haney, Dustin Wade (2/22/07) — MTR-DWI/M-A (Knox County)

Lerma, Lupe Hernandez (2/22/07) — Assault/M-C (Knox County)

Jones, Michael Alton (2/23/07) — DWI 1st/M-B (Knox County)

Estrada, Adrian (2/25/07) — Poss. of Marijuana/M-B (Knox County)

White, Matthew Thomas (2/26/07) — Poss. of Marijuana/M-B (Knox County)

Brooks, Randall (2/27/07) — Poss. of Marijuana/M-B (Knox County)

Whisler, Raymond (2/27/07) — MTR/Theft (out of county warrant)

Hunter, Dave Jr. (2/28/07) — Poss. of Marijuana/M-B (Knox County)

Serrato, Andrew (3/2/07) — Assault-Family Violence/M-A, Assault/Misd-A (Knox County)

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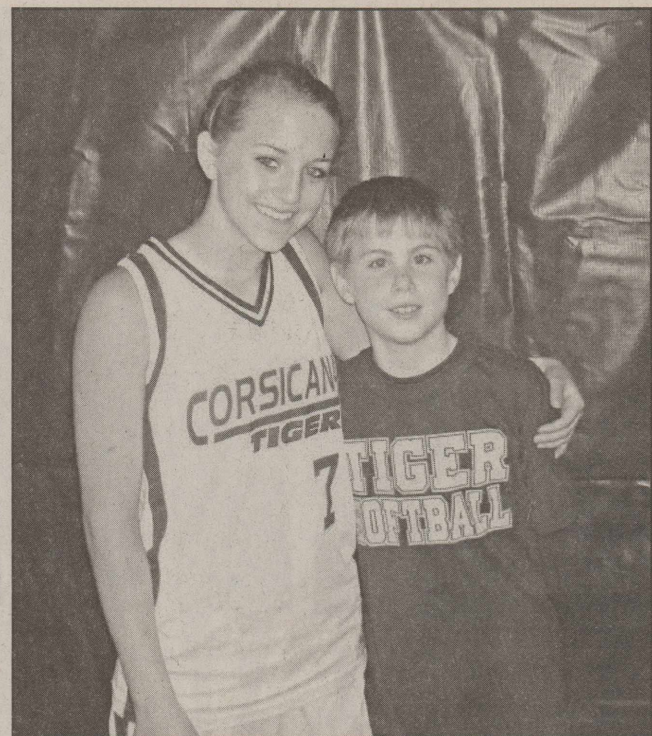
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Benjamin Independent School Board Meeting regularly scheduled for the second Monday of each month is rescheduled to Thursday, March 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Published on March 8, 2007

Pen Pals Meet At Softball Game



Spencer Edmonds is pictured with his penpal Corsicana High School Varsity softball player Audra DeMoss

Spencer Edmonds, third grade student at Fannin Elementary in Corsicana, Texas recently met his pen pal Audra DeMoss.

The two have been writing to each other and just had the opportunity to meet at the Corsicana vs. Whitehouse softball game. During the game Spencer was recognized and also given a shirt to wear on game days displaying his pen pals number along with a season pass to all CHS softball games.

The current program in place was to establish community service between older students

helping younger students. Fannin Elementary third grade teacher, Anele Richardson is using the program to develop necessary writing skills.

The established pen pal program has proven to be successful in meeting the needs of both groups. Corsicana High School Softball team has just returned from Key West, Florida where they participated in a tournament.

Spencer is the grandson of Romain Stubbs of Knox City and the son of Shea and Scott Edmonds of Kerens, Texas.

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News At MHS

The TAKS question for this week comes from the exit level (11th grade) science test. The bacteria *Bacillus thuringiensis* produce protein crystals that are toxic to the digestive system of insects. How can these bacteria be used to control insects in crops? A. apply the bacteria to growing plants B. expose the bacteria to low levels of light C. remove plants from areas containing the bacteria D. treat the bacteria with a solution of the protein crystals. The correct answer to this question is at the bottom of this article.

Last week Munday High School spent three days benchmark TAKS testing. This will be the last time the school schedules practice before the real test. These tests will give the teachers appropriate time to evaluate tests in depth to better prepare for the real TAKS test.

Last Saturday the Mogulettes attended the Double Mountain Relays at Rotan. Destiny Collier placed first in the shot put along with Laramie Stewart placing sixth in the Discuss. The Relay placed first in the 800 meter relay, second in the Sprint Relay, and fifth in the Mile Relay. Coach Lowrance was not available to the student volunteer writers of this article for boy's results.

The Houston Stock Show is being held for the next two weeks. Krystynn Myers is showing her steers this week, and next week, many exhibitors will be showing pigs including

Krystynn Myers, Cody Kuehler, Kelli Cypert, Jacob Herricks, and Toby and Reagan Guerrero. Following the Houston Stock Show will be the Star of Texas Stock Show held in Austin. The same exhibitors will be attending. Livestock and horse judging competitions will begin on March 23.

On March 2 and 3 FCCLA took a trip to San Angelo for regional meetings. The group spent time there watching STAR events and participating in the meetings that were being held.

On Sunday March 4 the OAP took a trip down to Denton to watch the Cripple of Inishman performed by The University of North Texas. On Wednesday OAP traveled to Iowa Park, where they participated in the clinic held there.

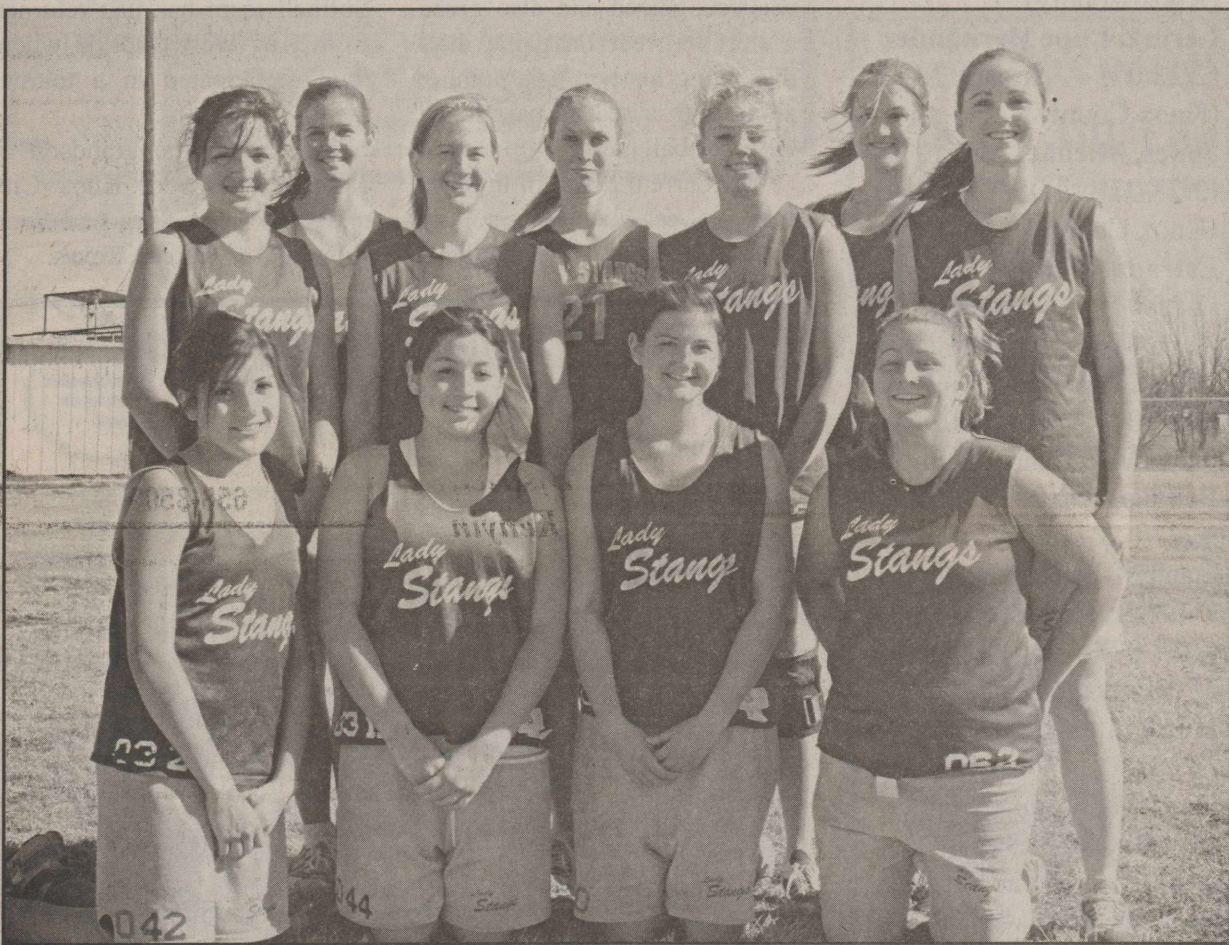
Upcoming events at MHS include: Rob Dillard and Ashley Myers will attend the State Cross-X debate on March 12 and 13, OAP at the Vernon Festival on March 16, Zone OAP in Vernon on March 20, track teams at Seymour on March 8, Sweetwater on March 9, and Graham on March 17, boys golf at Seymour March 19, girls golf at Seymour March 20, early release for MCISD on March 9 at 1:00. The correct answer to the taks question for this week is a.

This article is written weekly by Ashley Crowover, Brooke Rocha, Jenna Williams-Searcey, Kelli Cypert, Ashton Smith, Beatrice Monasterio, and Eric Gonzalez.

Benjamin Sports



Benjamin Boys Tennis, Track and Golf Teams: L-R Derrick Northrup, Dylan Benson, Kyle Wilson, Lucas Cartwright, Dusty Stevens, Mitchell Ham, Will Moorhouse, Gilbert Nevarez



Benjamin Girls Tennis, Track and Golf Teams: Back Row L-R: Julia Acevedo, Jessica Vanderpol, Shaylee Propps, Chloe Baty, Kaitlyn Kuehler, Teri Miller, Karla Benson; Front Row L-R Raquel Acevedo, Judit Acevedo, Leah Vanderpol, Melissa Northrup, not pictured Devon Jones

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

After a wild, windy, dusty Saturday and a much better Sunday, today (Monday) has been nearly perfect. Temperatures pleasant and very little wind, which made for good weather for almost anything. Much of the day was spent by many picking up what blew into their yards from their neighbors (and beyond!). It was a mess and what's even worse, that may just be the beginning! It's not March (our windy month) yet!!

Regarding Our Ill

Bobby Hudson was released from Knox County Hospital Friday after several days stay. He's better, but still not back up to par, yet. He had pneumonia and of course, that weakened him.

Loraine Powers is having some real uncomfortable days suffering with a back, leg and hip problem. So far, the doctors have not gotten to the source of the pain, and about the only relief she gets is from muscle relaxants, pain pills and shots. She has an appointment with an Abilene doctor March 12. Sure a long time to hurt! Maybe they can get the date changed.

I talked to Don Hertel tonight. He's still not feeling very well. He has no appetite, but hopes now that his treatments are over, that will come back. He goes back for a scan March 8, and then sees his oncologist on March 15. He hopes by then things will be looking up for him. He said today he had been a little better than in the past.

Lewis Lyles will be in Munday Nursing Center at least another two or three weeks. He's improving, but still has a few things he needs help with.

I urge you to remember these friends and their families in your prayers.

Here 'N There

Sunday night, our Methodist friends hosted a soup, salad and dessert supper at the church, then showed the film "Facing the Giants" afterwards. A wonderful crowd was in attendance. The food was good, the fellowship wonderful and the film very inspirational. I advise anyone who has an opportunity to see it to do so, and especially young folks. I think (if nothing else) it will give them something to think about.

Sean Wilson, BHS senior, broke his ankle last Thursday night playing basketball. He was unable to play in the senior sponsored benefit game Saturday with the KAUZ folks. The proceeds from that game and the lunch preceding went into the "senior trip fund", and Sean will probably miss the Six Man All Star game coming up pretty soon. We hate that Sean had this misfortune.

Charlie Barker of Lubbock spent Saturday night with Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon.

Zeke Duke and Daniel of Amarillo were here for the weekend. Zeke was again the emergency room doctor at Knox County Hospital and Daniel got some visiting in with his grandparents, Dennis and Pam, and other relatives.

Robbie Feemster of Vera is having a pretty rough time these days. She's living in The Beach House in Seymour and is now in hospice care. She is the sister-in-law of Benjamin residents Philomae Roberson and Corrine Parrish.

Betty Parker and Chelsea of

Aspermont visited Betty's parents Leroy and Gloria West on Sunday.

Sidney Mendoza of Seymour spent Saturday night with her grandmother, Jane Gideon. Jane was in Wichita Falls on Wednesday to see her heart doctor, as she is having a few problems. She is to have an angio gram Thursday to determine her course of treatment.

Little Blaze Taylor of Iowa Park spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse. He went home Sunday evening.

Betty and Roger Bohannon spent several days in Missouri with their daughter, Bonnie Howell and her family.

Hazel Stockton's brother, Sam Loper, of Lubbock underwent major surgery in Lubbock today. He made it through surgery fine, but no word how long he'll be in the hospital. His age will probably be a deciding factor on many of the issues. He's 90 years old (or older).

John and Judy Robinson of Sherman visited her parents, Lewis Lyles in Munday Nursing Center and Betty Lyles a couple of days last week.

The benefit lunch and basketball game Saturday has been termed as successful. The crowd was not as big as one would think, but with other things taking place in the area and folks dividing their time between them, one could not complain. The TV 6 KAUZ team played the Benjamin ballers following a spaghetti dinner. Great entertainment and close to \$1000 was raised, which will go toward the senior trip. Those who planned the event and carried it out are to be commended.

Seymour Post Office To Hold Passport Fair March 17

SEYMOUR - To assist customers planning a trip out of the country, the Seymour Post Office at 210 N. Washington Street is holding a special passport fair from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 17. Effective January 23, passport regulations now require a valid passport for U. S. Citizens traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda.

"Customers need to prepare in advance," said Postmaster Sid Winn. "Because of the increase in workload, routine passport processing now takes ten weeks. The Postal Service wants to help customers receive their passport in plenty of time for their trip."

To obtain a passport customers need to —
• Bring in proper proof of American citizenship. This must be either a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state; a previous U. S. passport;

a certificate of citizenship; or a naturalization certificate. (Please note: a hospital-issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable.)

• Bring in proof of identity. This must be either a recently issued U. S. passport; a recently issued naturalization certificate; a recently issued certificate of citizenship; or a current valid driver's license, government ID or military photo ID.

• The passport application requires two recent identical passport photographs of you (2" x 2" in size), which the Seymour Post Office will provide for \$15.

• To save time, customers may download a passport application at www.usps.com/passport to complete beforehand.

• All applicants must appear in person (including minors).

• Minors under the age of 14 must appear with both parents. If one parent is not available, a notarized authorization from the absent parent is required.

Each passport for an adult

must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$67 made payable to the U. S. State Department and a \$30 execution fee made payable to Postmaster. Fees for children under 16 are \$52 and \$30.

"It is important for customers to complete this process well before their trip," said Winn. Customers traveling in less than ten weeks can request Expedite Service and receive their passport in three to four weeks.

Expedite Service costs an additional \$60 plus mail charges to the passport processing center and for return of the new passport. Customers can call 940-889-3550 if they have any questions about the Seymour Passport Fair.

Customers can also call 800-ASK-USPS to get the location of other nearby passport Post Offices and their passport customer service hours, or they can visit the State Department's website at www.travel.state.gov.



Craft Word Find

Just in time for "National Craft Month," see how many craft-related words you can find and circle throughout the puzzle below.

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Art Scramble

Unscramble the letters below and uncover some interesting facts about arts and crafts.

- Many artists use L.O.-based paints to create masterpieces.
- The French term, PIREPA CEMAH is used to describe sculpting with paper dipped in a hardening solution.
- R.Y.N.A can be used for other crafts besides knitting.
- Although in many places TEFGIARI is considered vandalism, in some circles it is viewed as art.

Answers: 1. Oil 2. Paper Mache 3. Yarn 4. Crocheting

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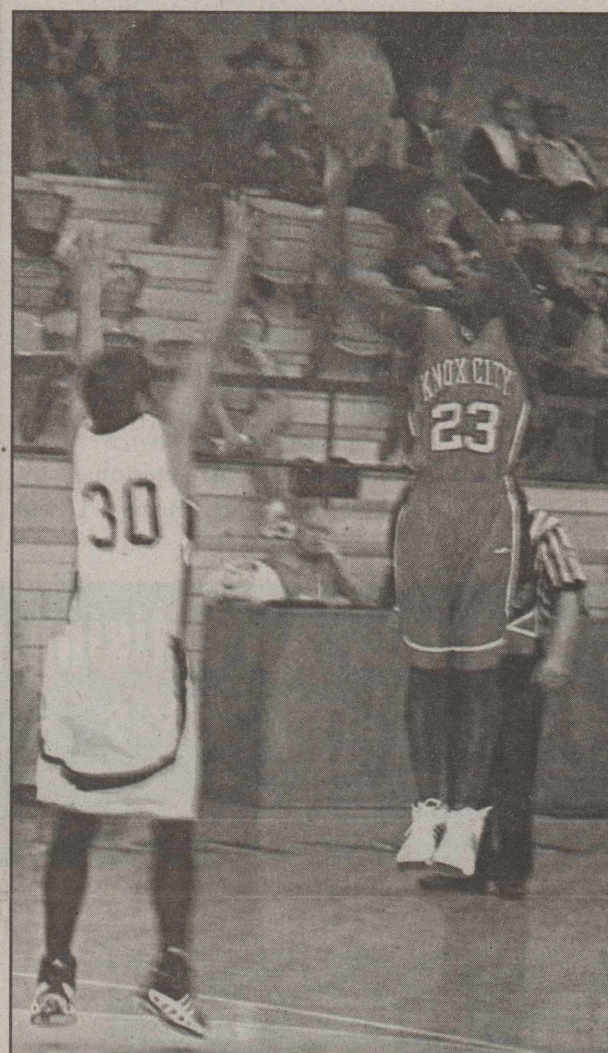
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1st All District, Jordan Carter

All district for the boys is as follows —
1st Team All district:
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Cody Wainscott- Sr.
Kenyin Thompson-Freshman.

Honorable Mention All District:
Orrin Myers- JR.
Brandon Grimsley-Sr.



1st All District, Kenyin Thompson

The Knox City Greyhounds and staff would like to thank Knox City and O'Brien on the continual support we received this year. We hope for continued support and success. Coach Howeth and Hinojosa would like to thank Matthew Stumpf, Brandon Grimsley and Cody Wainscott for their contributions to the program. Good Luck Seniors on your future endeavors.

Youth Basketball Tournament Held Saturday

The Knox City - O'Brien Youth Basketball Tournament kicked off early Saturday morning with teams from Benjamin, Paint Creek, Lueders-Avoea and Knox City - O'Brien participating. Kids from pre-k through 6th grade enjoyed the round robin tournament.

Isabelle Rodriguez, co-coordinator of the event, commented, "The volunteers and the community support are what makes events like this a success for the kids and the town. Knox City has a big heart and always comes through with support for our youth." She, also, extended a special thank you to Ledesma Oilfield Service for their generous contribution of portable goals for many of the young teams' games. The kids enjoyed a fun day on and off the court; and by the days end, the tournament was deemed a success by everyone.



Mackenzie Williams tips off the ball at one of the games at the Youth Basketball tournament.

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The answer is maybe. Once traffic has reached a "normal pattern" TxDOT will do a traffic study of the intersection to determine what if any changes need to be made. Since traffic patterns are still being affected by the construction it may be

several months before a study is complete. Once the study is complete TxDOT will meet with Munday City officials to discuss the proposed changes if any. Notices like this would be placed in the paper announcing the date of the changes also.

For questions please call Gary Mizer, PE, Munday Area Engineer (940) 422-4115 or Barbara Seal, Childress District Public Information Officer (940) 937-7145.

Annual Sagerton Hee Haw To Be Held In March

The Sagerton Community has begun making preparations for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw, which will be held on March 29, 30 and 31, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each evening. There will be music and singing an hour before the Hee Haw program begins. The program for Thursday, March 29, is especially for groups. Reservations for group tickets may be made on Tuesday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. by calling 940-997-2688. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday perfor-

mances will go on sale Friday, March 16, you may place your order by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661 Sagerton for tickets. There will be a limit of ten tickets sold per person on March 16.

Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be on sale in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sandwiches and pies will be sold on Thursday night.

The price of tickets is \$5 each.

Terry's Talk

Weed Control In Winter Will Help Lawns In The Spring

Though still winter, now is the time to begin preparing lawns for spring. Pre-emergent herbicides should be applied to lawns before weed seeds begin to germinate. For it to be effective you need to get that material down soon, before weeds start coming up in mid-March and mid-April.

Pre-emergent weed control can be purchased at nurseries or garden centers inside large hardware stores and local feed stores. Don't confuse the material with post-emergent weed killer, which should not be applied this early. Pre-emergent is designed to kill the young plants.

Brands sold in Texas kill weeds common in most lawns. Crabgrass is the big one, that's the one most people think about. A number of brands contain a variety of chemicals. But before buying any, determine which brand works best with the type of grass in your lawn. Read the labels carefully. Some brands can damage certain species of grass.

Calculate the lawn's square footage to help determine how much herbicide you need. Lawns

can be measured easily by walking their perimeters, length by width, taking roughly 3-foot strides. Most people don't have a clue what their lawns square footage is.

Once the herbicide is applied water the lawn immediately or at least a day or two, because the pre-emergent material needs to soak in. If left on the surface too long, the herbicide can break down in the sunlight and lose some potency.

In our area it is better to apply the pre-emergent around the first of March. Soil temperature affects seed germination. If you miss that first flush of weeds, they germinate through late August so it would be good to have the material down. Pre-emergent herbicides aren't helpful to all lawns. They can harm St. Augustine and centipede grasses, especially after cold winters. They don't have cold tolerance. After a lot of winters they'll come back weaker and they'll struggle. Pre-emergent can make it worse. It is also advised against applying the material to shaded St. Augustine, because their root systems are shallow.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	2	6	5	1	4	7	8	3
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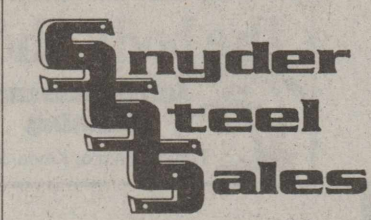
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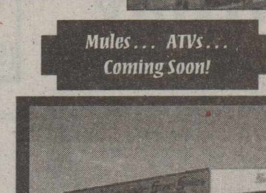
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FDA Update On Peanut Butter Recall

Salmonella Found In The ConAgra Plant

As a follow-up to the recent Salmonella outbreak linked to peanut butter, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is conducting an extensive inspection of ConAgra's Sylvester, Georgia processing plant. Samples collected by the FDA revealed the presence of Salmonella.

The fact that FDA found Salmonella in the plant environment further suggests that the contamination likely took place prior to the product reaching consumers. Last week, tests by several states identified Salmonella in many open jars of Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter recovered from consumers. In these instances, the Salmonella found in the plant and in the open jars matched the outbreak strain recovered from consumers who became ill.

Peanut Butter Toppings Part of Recall

FDA has learned that the ConAgra plant in Sylvester, GA, sent bulk Peter Pan peanut butter to its plant in Humboldt, TN. The three brands described below are part of the original Peter Pan recall. These brands have been recalled and are no longer being sold. However, some consumers may still have these products in their home.

Consumers who have any of the products listed below should discard them. Individuals who are not sure if the purchased product contains the recalled peanut butter topping should contact the store where the product was purchased.

The bulk peanut butter was used to make the following toppings:

Sonic Brand Ready-To-Use Peanut Butter Topping in 6 lb. 10.5 oz cans. Sonic outlets used the topping until 2/16/07, when the product was recalled.

The topping was used in the following Sonic products:

- Peanut Butter Shake
- Peanut Butter Fudge Shake
- Peanut Butter Sundae
- Peanut Butter Fudge Sundae
- Carvel Peanut Butter Topping in 6 lb. 10 oz. cans. Carvel used the topping until 2/16/07, when the product was recalled.

The topping was used in the following Carvel ice cream products:

- Chocolate Peanut Butter
- Peanut Butter Treasure
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Sundae Dasher
- Any other customized products containing the Peanut Butter Topping, including peanut butter flavored ice cream in ice cream cakes

J. Hungerford Smith Peanut Butter Dessert Topping in 6 lb. 10 oz. cans: This topping may be used by retail and restaurant outlets throughout the United States but is not available for direct purchase by the public.

Recall Status and More Information

ConAgra informed the public that it is recalling all Peter Pan peanut butter and all Great Value peanut butter beginning with product code 2111. The company's recall extends to products

made since December 2005. FDA's advice to consumers continues to be not to eat any Peter Pan peanut butter or any Great Value peanut butter beginning with the 2111 product code.

FDA will provide updates on recalled products, including any other products that may have been made with potentially contaminated peanut butter and distributed to consumers.

Symptoms of foodborne illness caused by Salmonella include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps.

In persons with poor underlying health or weakened immune systems, Salmonella can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections or death. Individuals who have recently eaten peanut butter-containing products from these companies and who have experienced any of these symptoms should contact their doctor or health care provider immediately and report the illnesses to their state or local health authorities.

Similarly, institutional food establishments and other food service providers who have received reports of illness from consumers after they consumed a product containing this peanut butter are encouraged to share that information with their local health department.

FDA is continuing to work closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and with states and local officials to identify how the contamination occurred in order to prevent similar foodborne illness outbreaks.

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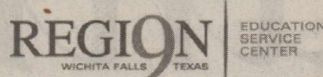
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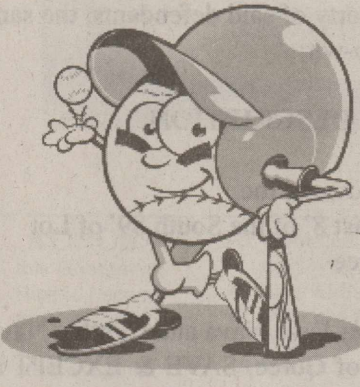
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