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Looking Ahead

Munday OAP to Perform

A tentative date of March 22 is planned for a public viewing. The cast will perform "The Cripple of Inishmaan" by Martin McDonagh.

Sign-up Registration for Youth Baseball and Board Meeting After Sign-up

Last Sign-up for youth baseball is Thursday, March 22 from 6-8 in the high school cafeteria. Girls and boys \$15 first child, \$10 each additional child. Board meeting after sign-up. Public is encouraged to attend.

Knox County Retired Personnel Meeting

The Knox County Retired Personnel will have their monthly meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Benjamin at 2:30 on Tuesday, March 27. Lori Coop, Knox County Extension Agent, will present a program on Diabetic Snacking. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Annual Munday Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Will be held on Thursday, March 29 at the Perry Patton Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

Benjamin Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The Benjamin Chamber of Commerce Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29 at the Church of Christ Anne Building at 7:00 p.m.

KC Visioning Meeting

Visioning Meeting is April 5th at 3:00 PM at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday.

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.

Out Of The Old And Into The New



City Administrator Barbara Rector in her new office

The City of Knox City recently completed the transition from the former municipal offices located in the downtown business district to their new home, best remembered as the old Dairy Queen building, on East Main Street.

The entire project, once the building was purchased in November, was completed fairly quickly. The City gained possession of the building in De-

cember after the purchase in November, and they began work soon afterward. The City offices were completely moved in by March 7th. There is still some outside work to be done, though. A brick wall will be formed to the east of the drive through window and drop box lane, both of which have been taken advantage of by the public, according to City Administrator Barbara Rector.

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Construction To Begin For "Awnings Over Knox City" Project



A-Team Construction tears down dilapidated awning in front of Fitness For Life Gym

Last week, preparations began for the first new awning to go up in the downtown Knox City business district.

A-Team Construction of Knox City quickly tore down the dilapidated awning that was in front of the Fitness for Life Gym, located at 120 N. Central,

just north of Duckwalls.

According to Knox City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Daveine Clark the new awning should start going up in the next three to four weeks. The awning will be tan metal with a light blue underside. "It will be really pretty

when it goes up," Clark said. The "Awnings Over Knox City" Chamber project received grant help last spring in partnership with the City of Knox City.

The grant total was \$3500 and came from the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board in Abilene.

Annual Sausage Dinner Successful

The annual St. Joseph's Catholic Church Sausage Dinner was held Sunday, March 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rhineland, Texas to raise funds for the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Building Renovation Fund.

In addition to raising funds with the dinner, bulk sausage was also sold and the Mother Society Country Store sold baked goods and craft items. There were also raffle prizes.

Approximately 915 people attended Sunday's meal. About fifteen hogs were butchered and 1800 pounds of sausage was made for the event.

This was one of the highest attended fundraisers in a few years.

The church, where construction was began in the 1930's and completed in 1951, is a Knox County landmark, and was in need of several renovations.

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Ribbon Cutting Held For Dollar General Store's Grand Opening In Munday

Munday has seen some big changes over the last year, and all are impressive. First, the west entrance into the city changed dramatically with the replacement of sidewalks and the addition of globe lanterns along the new sidewalks.

Then came the cleanup of the lot across the street from the elementary school and the addition of Centennial Park there.

As time traveled on, the view changed again with the addition of the highway bypass on the eastern side of Munday, and now a new Dollar General store.

Several months ago, Dollar General began receiving letters postmarked from Munday. One from the City of Munday, another from the Development Corporation of Munday, and a petition with 750 signatures all in favor of Dollar General coming to Munday. The signatures were gathered by Edith Hobert.

In September of 2006, representatives from Dollar General visited Munday.

"They came in from Lubbock and were really impressed with the city," said Munday City Manager Dwayne Bearden. "We took

them down and showed them the land, and that was all it took, they were ready," he continued.

In November, construction of the store began.

On February 28th, the store had a soft opening. The store was open for business a little over two weeks before the Grand Opening on March 17th. A ribbon cutting was held at 8:45 that morning.

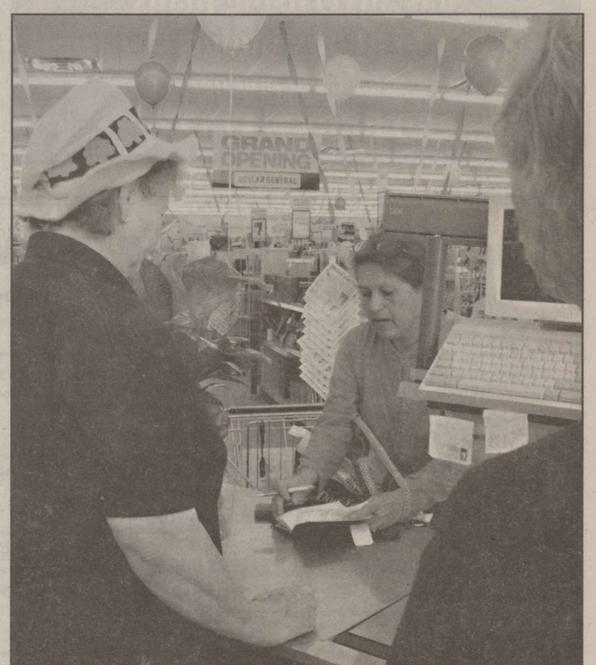
On hand were representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Development Corporation of Munday, the City, including Mayor Robert Bowen, and Edith Hobert.

The 8,581 square foot store boasts wide, clean and well-lit aisles in addition to a wide array of merchandise.

The store has a staff of nine, all very friendly and helpful. The store manager is Traci Blair, a Munday native who recently moved back to the town.

The store has remained busy since its soft opening on February 28th. "Dollar General is real pleased with it," said Blair.

Dollar General is located at 331 E. Main Street in Munday. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and



Myrtle Shaw checks out Mary Ann Yruegas during Dollar General's Grand Opening in Munday on Saturday

Sundays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The store accepts Discover, Visa, and MasterCard by debit only, in addition to checks. The Munday

location will accept Lone Star cards soon, but that is currently not in the system. The telephone number is 940-422-5713.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas Youth Commission board of directors resigned March 16 under pressure from the Texas Legislature.

The board's final act was to submit a plan to fix problems at the agency that led to recent reports of sex abuse, beatings and neglect of confined youths.

After submitting the plan at an emergency meeting, the board turned over its duties to

Interim Director Takes Charge Of Youth Commission

the agency's acting director, Ed Owens.

Even before lawmakers gave the board votes of no-confidence and filed related legislation addressing failures of the agency to meet its obligations, perhaps the loudest voice for swift change was that of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

"I believe the resignation of the Texas Youth Commission board and the submission of a rehabilitation plan will finally allow us to begin making real progress toward reforming the TYC," Dewhurst said.

The lieutenant governor, who is co-chair of the Legislative Audit Committee, said the plan will be reviewed, as will the just-released state auditor's report on the TYC.

Officials will take "whatever action is necessary to protect the children and restore the public

trust in this agency," Dewhurst said.

Owens publicized a list of pledges he intends to fulfill as interim director. A few of those pledges are these:

- To centralize human resource functions to include criminal background checks for new hires and to collaborate with the

Department of Public Safety in conducting monthly notifications of employee arrest;

- To make it so new employees are hired through a central hiring office instead of at TYC facilities.

- To demand that abuse, neglect and exploitation, and complaint policies be redrafted to include review and approval by designated executive staff with notification to the executive director; and

- To restructure programs to

be age appropriate and match the psycho-social stage of confined youths.

Speaker creates education panel

House Speaker Tom Craddick on March 16 announced the formation of the House Select Committee on Higher and Public Education Finance.

The nine-member, bipartisan committee's task will be to improve public and higher education finance policy so Texas will do a better job of preparing students for college and entering the workforce.

Craddick said improving college and workforce readiness "is immensely important for increasing Texas' competitiveness in the global market."

ated workforce, so employers will keep relocating to Texas."

Senate passes utility reforms

The state Senate on March 15 approved a package of electric utility reforms lawmakers hope will bring more affordable rates to many Texas households.

The legislation, authored primarily by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Marble Falls, also discourages market price manipulation and has safeguards to protect low-income, elderly and critical-care customers from having their power cut off.

"Electric rates are out of control and we need to reel them back in," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville.

The Senate passed a Lucio amendment that would require power companies to refund any unfair overcharges to customers, pending review by the Public Utility Commission and the

state attorney general.

Customers reportedly paid \$70 million in overcharges because of market manipulation by power company TXU in 2005.

The legislation next moves to the House for consideration.

Effects foreseen in CHIP funding

The way some House budget writers see it, increasing funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program by \$78 million means cutting other programs that mostly benefit the needy.

According to figures by the House Appropriations Committee, cuts of about \$25 million to Medicaid, plus cuts to breast and cervical cancer programs, community mental health crisis centers, substance abuse programs, foster care programs, and independent living centers would make up the difference.

COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"Faster! I seen John Wayne ketch a rhinoceros this way one time!"

New City Hall—Continued

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The wall will be made up of bricks recovered from past demolition projects throughout the city. It will gently stagger to a maximum height of six feet.

"This was all done pretty economically," said Rector. "Most of the work was done by city employees." The only things hired out were the roofing and heating and air conditioning installation.

At the back of the building, a pipe fence will separate the drive through lane from the parking area. This is partly to prevent drivers using the drop box and drive through window from cutting across the parking lot and having an accident with someone who is backing out of the parking lot, an occurrence that happened during the Dairy Queen days.

The building's interior has separate office spaces for City Secretary Amber Lowe and Rector. A large and beautifully decorated council meeting room is in what once was the main dining area, as is Rector's office. The municipal judge has a private office to hold court, and the building also holds public and employee restrooms, a break room, a storage room and a file room.

The police department is still housed in the old municipal building, but plans are to build a separate structure next to the new city offices for the department in the future.

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ACROSS

- 1 "cow" south of the border
- 5 org. that will select some TXns for Beijing 2008
- 6 El Paso bootmaker "Tony _____"
- 7 winter garment
- 8 TX actress Miller in '55 "Hit the Deck"
- 9 in Cass Co. on hwy. 59
- 16 TXism: "in this _____ of the woods"
- 18 TX Kenny's "Coward of _____"
- 21 TXism: "when _____ ain't hemming, he's hawing"
- 22 TXism: "still wet behind the _____"
- 23 many TXns belong to this gun org.
- 24 hammer again?
- 30 site of JFK assassination (2 wds.)
- 34 1st recorded cattle brand in TX
- 35 wild horse
- 36 prom night transportation
- 37 TX atheist Madalyn Murray _____
- 39 UT's Vince Young did not play in his _____
- 43 TXism: "he's _____ these parts"
- 44 TXism: "the more you work, the _____ you get"
- 45 the original Lone Star puzzle (abbr.)
- 46 Valley rarity
- 47 "Crimson Tide" state participant at a TX "Rattlesnake Round-up"
- 52 TXism: "never _____ 'em see you sweat"
- 53 TXism: "likely _____ not" _____ on it"
- 54 TXism: "drawing _____ on it"
- 55 bedtime drink
- 58 low water garden: _____ scape
- 59 Valley citrus calamity
- 60 Dallas Sidekicks league ('90-'92) (abbr.)
- 61 dir. to Corpus from San Antonio

DOWN

- 1 TX Roddenberry's "Mr. Spock"
- 2 TXism: "busy _____-armed fry cook"
- 3 Quannah Parker was last chief of this Quahadi tribe
- 4 TXism: "there's more than one way to skin _____"
- 9 TX western swing band: "Asleep _____ the Wheel"
- 10 TXism: "getting long in _____" (aging)
- 11 a jet for some of the TX rich
- 12 Fort Worth 1800s red-light district: "Hell's Half _____"
- 13 TXism: "plain as the _____ your face"
- 14 "Et _____ Brute?"
- 15 TX mother of 3-down: Cynthia _____ Parker
- 17 actress Sally in "Brewster McCloud" with TX Duvall
- 19 betrayer of trust
- 20 Peter of PP&M
- 24 Emmitt's old pos.
- 25 hesitation sounds
- 26 TX Rip Torn's character in film "Where the Rivers Flow North"
- 27 "Grapefest" is an _____ event in Grapevine
- 28 tapered ice
- 29 "_____ me now"
- 31 missing soldier abbr.
- 32 noted brand of the Swenson Cattle Co.
- 33 TX Dabney's "_____ Maxwell Story"
- 38 covered store front
- 40 barbecued morsel
- 41 _____ Rim State Park
- 42 UT won this in football in '06 (2 wds.)
- 48 _____ pack (beer)
- 50 network of TX-based "Friday Night Lights"
- 51 nat'l drug agcy.
- 56 contagions
- 57 TX _____ Perot

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

FRIENDS

By Baxter Black, DVM

I was walkin' back to the house about 9:30pm. It was dark. Orion, 7 Sisters, Taurus and Canis Major were blazin' away as I walked by a beautiful handmade bird feeder, complete with water tower, laurel branches and a copper-roofed cabin. Dan made it for me the year before he died. 'Evenin', Dan,' I said as I passed it by.

'Howdy, Wayne,' I said as I scraped my boots on the handmade horseshoe foot scraper. 'Thanks.' That afternoon I had put on a ten-year old pair of Carhartt overalls Andy had given me when he bought a new pair; he is a better dresser than I and has always tried to class up my act. Thanks Andy. And, Larry, thanks for this hat.

There was snow on my 2-year old Suburban this morning. I've had it a month. Red

got a new one and I always buy his trade in. They usually need new brakes or transmission work. But it's worth the money. Thanks Red.

We checked the heifers this morning. My good horse I got from Sonny, my bit from Chuck, and my saddle from Roger, they give me good deals. I'm tryin' to live up to their expectations. One of the heifers in the bunch was the daughter of a cow Gerald traded when he left the ranch. Thanks boys.

My dog went along. Mary had raised him and Jeb showed me how to make him a better stock dog. Thanks.

I can't walk through the house or out to the corals without trippin' over someone's contribution to my good life. Grandpa Tommy's 8 foot table, Jack's gate, Dick's molasses tank, Grandpa Landers's Regulator

clock, Butch's 8 track studio board, Warner's jaguar photo, Ace's cartoons, Mother's paintings on the wall, Chris's furniture, Ron's tapaderas, Phyllis's caned chairs, Pinto's subscription to a favorite publication, friends, mostly, who have taken the time to do something special.

More properly it's people who have penetrated my marrow and help me remember how lucky I am. For me it's the people whose names I remember.

I sent a book to an old partner now living in a nursing home. He can't remember me anymore, but I know him. 40 years ago he gave me a beautiful hunting knife. It had a flexible blade.

Over the years I lost it or wore it out, who knows. But there is a deer head hanging above my piano that came off his ranch.

When I go see him next time, he probably won't know me but I'll tell him about the hunting knife and the deer head on my wall. I'll tell Billy what a blessing it has been to have him in my life. I'll honor him. Couldn't hurt.

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams.

Donation to the Knox City Cemetary Memorial Fund made by Alice Wilson of Knox City for the family of Anita W. White

Guthrie To Compete With KCHS And BHS At Zone

Guthrie High School will be competing at the Zone One Act Play competition on Thursday, March 22nd with Knox City, Benjamin and two other area schools. The competition will take place at the Guthrie Auditorium in Guthrie.

Guthrie will be performing the play "The Cover of Life" by R.T. Robinson and published by Samuel French, Inc.

The play takes place in September 1943 in Sterlington, Louisiana. Three women, sister-in-laws, have all moved in with their mother-in-law to save on expenses while the men are off to war. A local report did a story on them, and it was picked up by the publisher of *Life Magazine*. Kate Miller, a reporter from *Life* has come to do a feature story on them that will be on the cover of *Life*.

The play explores the rela-

tionships of the women with one another as well as the relationships they share with their husbands.

The cast includes: Callie Wynn as Kate Miller; Cassidy McMorries as Addie Mae; Dayla Shipp as Weetsie; JoAnna Elliott as Sybil; Shaley Shipman as Tood; Kim Contreras as Aunt Ola; and James Reid as Tommy.

The crew is Caitlin Lupton running lights; Ashley Daniel sound operator; and props, Katie Jones and Kelsey Timmons. Alternate crew members are Keely Adams, Chris Miller, Nanci Sandoval, and Sonia Lara.

The directors are Vickie Dodson and Lynn Hill.

Zone competition will begin at 1 p.m. on March 22nd in the Guthrie Auditorium with Guthrie's performance, followed by Jayton, Knox City, Spur and Benjamin.

Letter To The Editor

It is time again for The Relay in Knox County. This year the Relay is scheduled for June 2nd from 2 p.m. until 2 a.m., and is the third Relay for Knox County.

Our goal is to continue to make it a meaningful evening such as the one that was held in April 2005 and August 2006. We hope to make it a fun filled evening to acknowledge and rejoice with cancer survivors and to remember those who have lost the fight against cancer.

Our next meeting will be March 27th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Patton Center in Munday. We would like to encourage anyone who is on a team, wants to be on a team, or just wants to help to come to the meeting on the 27th.

Everyone is involved in Relay for Life for a reason, so why am I involved with Relay? I have had seven family members diagnosed with cancer, five of which we lost to cancer. The most recent was my sister,

Donna, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in May '04. She lost a courageous fight six months later. Our family also has much to be thankful for since my dad, Robert Patterson, and his sister, Mary Patterson Bell, are both survivors and, we believe, have benefited from research and work done through the American Cancer Society.

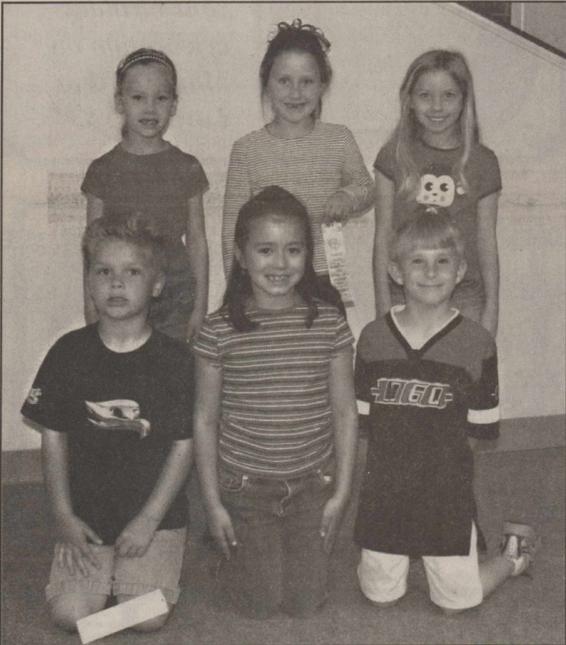
That is just on my father's side of the family, not to mention family members in my husband, Jamie's, family as well as friends, co-workers and classmates who have battled cancer.

Our goal is to aid in research so there is a decrease in those diagnosed with cancer and a continued increase of cancer survivors so we can hear more people say, "I am cancer free!"

Please join us on March 27th as we plan for this upcoming event!

Debbie and Jamie Welborn
Relay for Life Volunteers

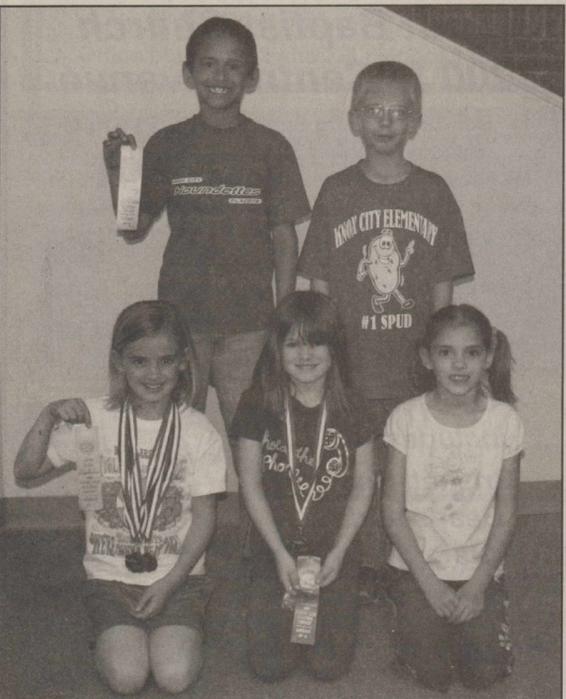
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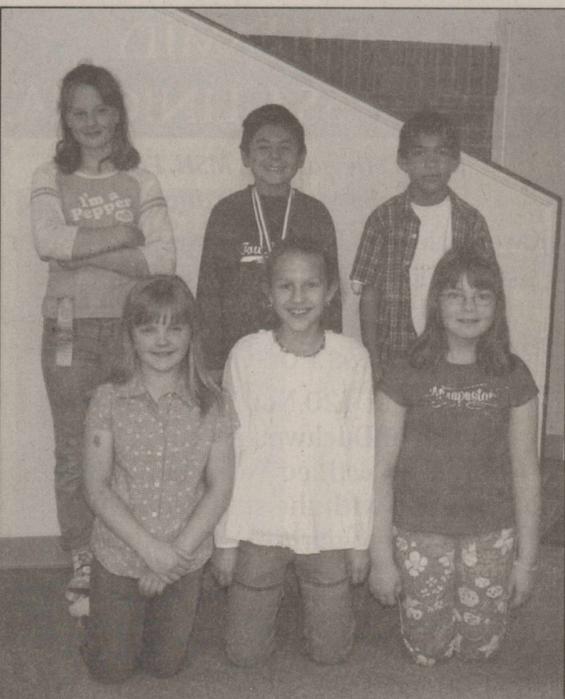
Winners in First Grade — 1. Alexia Jimenez (front Middle), 2. Avery Ball (Back L), 3. Dustin Tuckness (front L), 4. Peyton Shipp (Back Middle), 5. Aaron Gentry (front R), 6. Jessica Andrews (Back R)



Winners in Second Grade — 1. Hailee Cox (front L), 2. Kirstin Tuckness (Back R), 3. Trey Ledesma (Back L), 4. Anthony Estrada (Front R), 5. Kayla Hunter (Front Middle), 6. Cheyanna Huber (Back Middle)



Winners in Third Grade — 1. Cassidy Correll (Front R), 2. Payne Stanfield (not pictured), 3. Sheldon Baty (Back R), 4. Ligon West (Back L), 5. Shailee Manning (Front L), 6. Michaela Smith (Front Middle)



Winners in Fourth Grade — 1. Jessica Wilburn (Front R), 2. Andrea Lynn (Front Middle), 3. Adrian Silva (Back Middle), 4. Israel Rodriguez (Back R), 5. Kinslee Cox (Front L), 6. Leighten Pepper (Back L)

Throckmorton Chamber of Commerce 8th Annual City-Wide

GARAGE SALE DAY

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Free maps available at Throckmorton's Visitor's Center located at the intersection of highways 183/283 and 380.

The Throckmorton County Show Barn will have a collection of garage sale booths set up in one convenient location, in addition to a concession stand and restrooms!

Obituaries

Loyce "Blue" Dennington

Loyce "Blue" Dennington, 82, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at a local care facility.

He retired a Sgt. Maj. after 27 years in the U. S. Army and was the owner of a RV business until 1981.

Services were held Saturday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Mount Olivet Funeral Chapel. Burial followed at the Mount

Olivet Cemetery.

Blue was born June 25, 1924 in Childress to Lilly and Jesse Dennington. Blue was preceded in death by two sons, David Ber Dennington and Ronald Wayne Dennington.

Survivors include his wife, Katie Dennington; a daughter, Brenda Jackson and husband, David; a son, Keith Dennington and wife, Simone; ten grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and a sister, Linda Sklower.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



What to do when you feel discouraged: It is so wonderful to realize that as a child of God we are equipped to resolve any circumstance.

In the book of Philippians, in the New Testament, chapter 4, verses 6-8 God speaks, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things."

So many times in our dis-

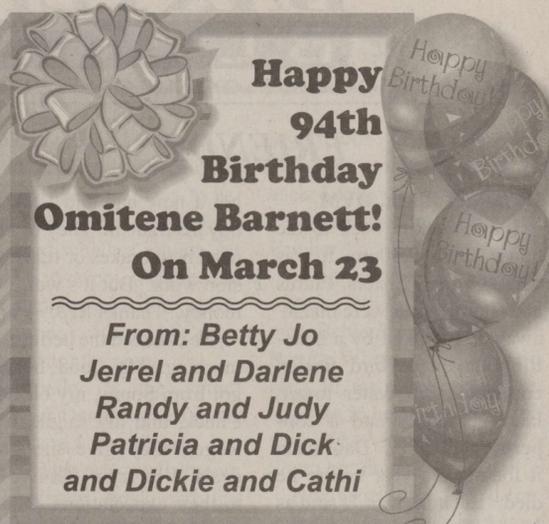
couragement we truly feel beat down and beat up, but God's Word opens the door to the Truth and His name is Jesus Christ. He never wants nor intends for us to be discouraged or disheartened.

He encourages us to think upon the good things in our life. The experiences that time after time have caused us to rejoice in life. Those very special moments spent with our families and children that we treasure deep in our hearts.

If this is a time or a day that you're experiencing depression or discouragement reflect upon these scriptures from God's Word.

Remember, God begins speaking, "don't worry, instead pray and praise God and He will give you His peace."

May the love of God be known in your heart.



Happy 94th Birthday Omitene Barnett! On March 23

From: Betty Jo Jerrel and Darlene Randy and Judy Patricia and Dick and Dickie and Cathi

Happy Belated Birthday Patricia A. Young!



From Husband, children, grandchildren and friends. As you have reached a milestone in your life and hopefully you enjoyed your birthday celebration on March 17th. Love ya!

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National Poison Prevention Week Set For March 18-24



AMARILLO – Each year since 1962, the third full week in March has been designated as National Poison Prevention Week.

On March 16, President George W. Bush is expected to continue that trend by signing a proclamation that will designate March 18-24 as National Poison Prevention Week for 2007.

The week gives poison educators an opportunity to remind the public of the dangers of unintentional poisonings and demonstrate ways in which homes and communities can become "Poison Safe."

This year the Texas Panhandle Poison Center, which serves residents within the 71 counties that comprise Texas Public Health Regions I and II, is focusing on "Prevent Poisonings – Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet" as its theme for National Poison Prevention Week.

According to AAPCC, poison control centers nationwide receive more than one million calls annually regarding poison exposures involving children 5 years and younger and about 30 children younger than 5 years old die each year from unintentional poisonings.

Most of these poisonings are from products commonly found in the home: personal care products, including baby oil and mouthwash containing

ethanol; household cleaners, including drain openers and oven cleaners; over-the-counter pain relievers, including ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin and cough and cold medicines; hydrocarbons, such as lamp oil and furniture polish; and adult-strength vitamins and supplements containing iron.

Ronica Farrar, who has been the educator for TPPC since 2000, says unused and old medicines are a common source for poisonings and should be cleaned out at least once a year.

"Out of all of the calls that we get, the ones that involve exposure to medicines can be the most frightening," Farrar said. "Just one tablet or capsule of some medications can be extremely dangerous if it is taken by a child or by an adult for which it was not prescribed."

To clean out a medicine cabinet, Farrar says the goal should be to remove and safely dispose any old or leftover medicines, whether prescription or over-the-counter.

"If you have questions about whether a medicine is still good or not, contact your pharmacist. Otherwise, when in doubt, clean it out."

She suggests cleaning out medicine supplies once a year at a time when interruptions are less likely to occur.

"You don't want to take medicines out and have them

accessible to children or pets while you're cleaning the medicine cabinet."

Farrar said flushing medications can be hazardous for the environment and that some communities have household waste disposal programs in place to help people safely discard outdated or unused medicines.

If no local programs are available she suggests placing solid medications in a one-gallon zip-lock baggie and crushing them.

Next, add water to the baggie to dissolve the crushed medication and then add Kitty litter or a solid kitchen substance like flour to the mixture.

Finally, the baggie should be sealed and placed directly into an outdoor trash collection container or a secure indoor trash receptacle.

For added safety, Farrar said the entire baggie can be placed in a sealable container such as a small bucket with a lid or an old coffee can.

She said liquid medications can also be placed in a sealable bag with water and kitty litter.

For more information about cleaning out a medicine cabinet or to obtain a free packet of poison prevention material, call 1-800-222-1222 and ask a specialist in poison information or write to Texas Panhandle Poison Center, 1501 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79106.

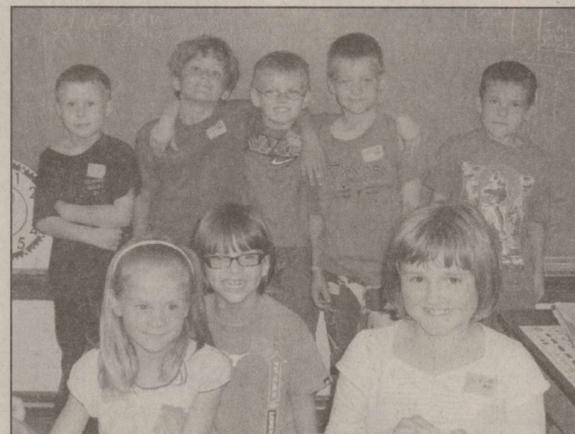


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Last year at this time, plans were to replace the carpet and refurbish the pews and kneelers in addition to painting the interior and updating the electrical wiring. A new roof soon became priority, and the other renovations were put on hold.

In January of this year, the church began holding its services in the Rhineland gymnasium because the pews had been moved out of the church for the interior work, including the painting and repairing of the walls. Hopes are high to be back in the church by Easter Sunday.

Photos — More than 900 people attended this year's Annual Sausage Dinner in Rhineland.

Benjamin Poster Winners Winners Of The SWCD Poster Contest



Benjamin 1st and 2nd Grade Conservation Poster Winners back l-r: Chance Bohannon, Benjamin Vanderpol, Casey Stiewart, Justin Rainwater, Caleb Barrientez. Front l-r: Brooke Jones, Brenn Weiser, Emily Brown. Placings were: 1st Grade - 1st place - Chance Bohannon, 2nd place - Caleb Barrientez, 3rd place - Brooke Jones. 2nd Grade - 1st place - Justin Rainwater, 2nd place - Emily Brown, 3rd place - Brenn Weiser, 4th place - Benjamin Vanderpol



Benjamin 3rd and 4th Grade Conservation Poster Winners back l-r: Sabra Bohannon, Kelsey Brown, Ryan Heard. Front l-r: Elias Nevarez, Chase Potter, Sean Weiser and Gilda Solis. Placings were: 3rd Grade - 1st place - Ryan Heard, 2nd place - Sean Weiser, 3rd place - Gilda Solis, 4th place - Elias Nevarez, 5th place - Chase Potter. 6th Grade - 1st place - Kelsey Brown, 2nd place - Sabra Bohannon



Benjamin 5th and 6th Grade Conservation Poster Winners l-r: Matthew Acree, Cley Plume, Heath Ham, Cody Potter and Jonathan Rainwater. Placings were: 5th Grade - 1st place - Heath Ham, 2nd place - Cley Plume; 6th Grade - 1st place - Matthew Acree, 2nd place - Cody Potter, 3rd place - Jonathan Rainwater

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Guthrie School Election Update

Guthrie CSD had four applications turned in for three school board seats coming open for the May 12 election.

Filing were incumbents Terry Daniel, Jay Hurt, current board vice president and Brenda Jones, current board secretary. Also filing was Rick Chriswell.

Also on the ballot will be a \$5 million dollar bond election.

According to superintendent Dan Pickering, the money would be used to remodel the school, possibly including a new gym, technology classroom, remodeling the cafeteria and new awnings.

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**All-District
Honors —
Shaylee
Propps**

Junior High Track Results

Benjamin Junior High boys and girls traveled to Knox City on March 8th to compete against five other area teams in track and field events. Benjamin boys placed fifth at this event with a team total of 48.

The teams traveled to Jayton on Monday, March 19 to compete against twelve area schools. Benjamin boys ranked sixth while the girls ranked 12.

The boys junior high track team consists of Roberto Acevedo, Cody Propps, Chad Potter, Blake Jones and Tanner Monroe. The girls team includes Shelby Russell and Crystal Baldwin.

Results for the March 9th high school track meet at Spur were unavailable as of press time. The high school will travel to Jayton on Friday to compete there in track and field events.



Newcomer of the Year — Teri Miller

By Gladene Green

We have another work week beginning today and the weather is great! Everyday we wake up to something new-rainy, windy, cloudy or something. Today it is sunny and not too cold! Very pleasant indeed.

In the are of news of our ill, things seem to be improving for some and not getting any worse for others.

Don Hertel is still having good and not-so-good days, but he says he believes it's getting better. He just has such a time with his appetite. He just can't seem to find anything that really satisfies him. So he stays kind of hungry a lot of the time, and of course, when he doesn't eat, he stays pretty weak.

Loraine Powers is still nursing a bad back, hip and leg. She has gone to Midland to see her doctor out there.

Her daughter, Chris, and her husband came for her on Sunday. We sure hope our next word from her is that she's getting some relief from the pain.

Lewis Lyles is about as he's been the past few weeks. I visited him on Saturday and he was resting and had eaten his lunch, so you can't beat that. He just wants to come home, but realizes right now that

would not be a wise move.

Bea Parks was delighted as she was making plans to return home today (Monday). No word whether or not she made it in or not, but she sure was planning on it. She's been in Munday Nursing Center several months now.

Sympathy to the young family of Dana Beck of Vera, who passed away early last week. Dana was well known to Benjamin folks and her children had gone to school here, but are now enrolled in Munday. Dana's funeral was Saturday in Seymour with burial in Vera.

Also sympathy to Gloria and Leroy West. Gloria's aunt, Marguerite Yarbrough died Friday in Brownwood. Her funeral was Sunday.

I ask your prayers in all these friends behalf in their time of sickness and sorrow.

Here 'N There

Maggie Seidenberger of Lubbock was a weekend visitor with home folks.

Gloria and Leroy West were in Early Sunday for the funeral of her aunt.

The First Baptist Church congregation has been blessed by the acceptance of Brother Troy Calpepper as interim pastor. We have not had a full time pastor since John Gillispie resigned Janu-

ary 1, 2006. Though we have had some wonderful speakers each Sunday, it's so good to have one on a regular basis. Brother Troy lives in Haskell.

I just learned of the death of Anita White, mother of former Benjamin city manager Ronnie White. Ms. White had been ill for quite some time and was in hospice care at the time of her death. My sympathy to her family.

Don't forget to "spring forward" before you retire Saturday night. The time change is coming earlier this year. That just means we'll be "mixed up" sooner than usual, but we will adapt to it and then it will change back!

Late News

Sadness in our family tonight. Lucas Taylor, sixteen year old grandson of my former son-in-law, Gordan Taylor, was shot this afternoon and later died in the Childress Hospital. Lucas was a part of our family all his life and we all loved him.

He was a sophomore at Paducah High School. Details and particulars surrounding his death are not clear yet. My daughter, Debbie, and her husband, Mike Moorhouse were in Childress with his family at the time of his death. I solicit your prayers for this family in their time of sorrow.

Truscott-Gilliland News

By Clara Brown

With over two inches of rain in the Divide's recent past, things are looking good for spring, of course, another rain would help.

Edmund and Geraldine Tomanek were visited for a short while last Thursday by Edmund's nephew Danny Tomanek and family of McKinney. Danny's father was Victor Tomanek.

June Looney went to the sausage supper at Thalia Saturday night, March 17.

Jacquelyn Richey and children, Sam and Claire, visited their parents and grandparents, Jack and Clara Brown, Thursday to Sunday.

They got up early each morning to go to the barn with grandpa. As 5 year old Claire pointed out, "He needs us to help him."

Sam, as usual, watched the weather on TV with grandpa, read the weather news in the Wichita Falls paper and checked the sky through the day to make sure TV and the paper had made the right predictions.

Both of them wore their cowboy shirts with snaps, bought at Shaw's in Crowell, while visiting in the country. Sam wore boots, but Claire had to settle for moccasins, as she had outgrown her boots.

The Richey's took grandmother to the star show at Comanche Springs Saturday night. About forty people were there to peer through the telescopes manned by Three Rivers Foundation.

It was well worth the time to go Saturday night. Most of the volunteers were from out of the area. All talked about how great it is to see the star filled skies in Foard County.

One Ft. Worth resident said that at home, he can see the cup of the Big Dipper and about one star on the handle. Hear someone say that, then look up at the ranch country sky and see the Big Dipper blazing and easily identified in our sky and you understand why they like to go to the Comanche Springs project.

The volunteers told a viewer what was being seen at a particular telescope - The Pleiades, Orion, Venus, Saturn and it's rings and answered questions with pleasure.

Most viewers were from out of county, therefore, were prospects for gasoline sales, sandwich sales and steak dinner sales. Are businesses helping tell their customers about this unusual opportunity in our area?

For one China Creek grandmother, after seeing Saturn, etc., it was a pleasure to sit in a lawn

chair and look with bare eyes at the star-filled sky and think about other times. There were the summers when, having no air conditioner, we rolled out pallets on an old wagon, wiener roasts at the China Creek bridge, families visiting on the porch while youngsters chased in the yard.

Does anyone reading this remember when early teenagers played "Knocking for Love" and a boy got to walk around the house holding hands with the girls whose number he had knocked, or if he was a very young teenager, maybe challenging her to a race around the house?

Then, later, older teenagers walked all the way down the hill to the cattle guard holding hands and talking about the starry sky, if nothing else came up.

Starry nights, we need to enjoy them more often, even it it's from a rocking chair on the front porch.

Several events are planned for April at the Truscott Community Center. Times and dates will be reported as activities come closer.

The CHS reunion of several classes at the Truscott Center is still on for noon on the Saturday of Cynthia Ann Parker events. Contact Gordon Bell or Faye Carroll for details.

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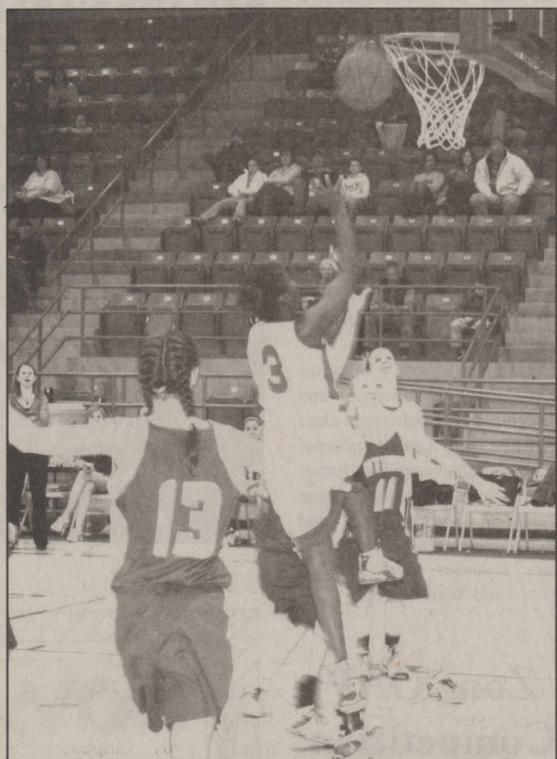
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All-District Honors — Bridgett Billington



All-District Honors — Brynn Moore



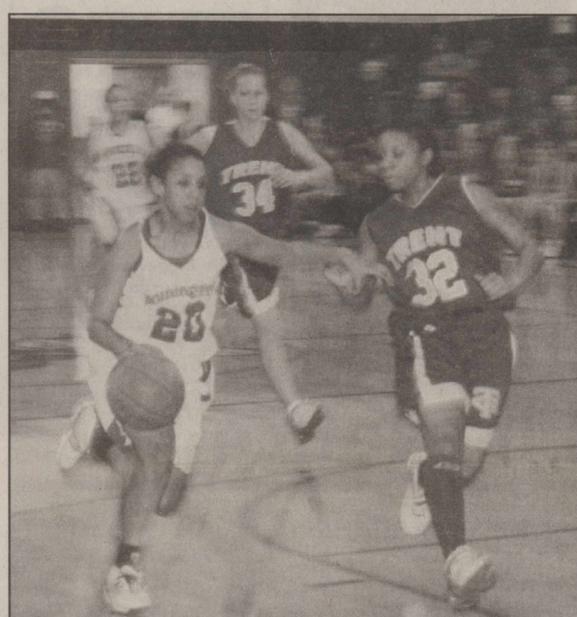
All-District Honors — Sarah Burt

The All District honors for District 13 A were announced recently with Knox City's Shana Nicholson leading the list with the MVP title which she shares with Spur's Lauren McNeill. Karla Benson of Benjamin was named the co-offensive MVP along with Spur's Kati Hill.

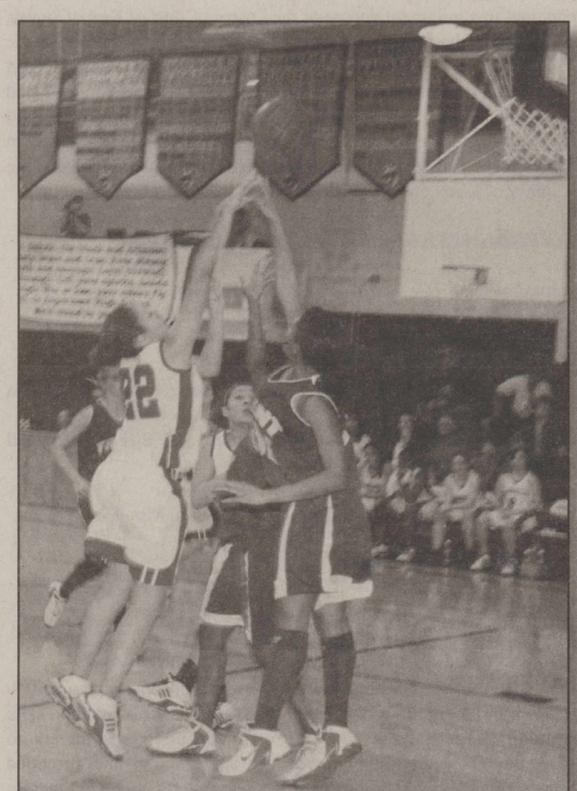
The Newcomer of the Year title went to Benjamin's Teri Miller. All District honors included Knox City's: Brynn Moore, Bridgett Billington, Sarah Burt and Kursten Stafford. Honorable mention honors went to Knox City's Tiffany Wilde;

and Academic All-District Honors went to Bridgett Billington, Brynn Moore and Tiffany Wilde. Benjamin's All District list includes: Kaitlyn Kuehler and Shaylee Propps.

Shana Nicholson was also named to the 6-man All Star Team with Brynn Moore named as an alternate. The All Star Team is a distinguished honor for seniors from six-man school districts. The ladies will have the honor of playing in the All Star game scheduled for July 2007 at the coaches convention in Lubbock. Congratulations!



MVP — Shana Nicholson



All-District Honors — Kursten Stafford

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BHS Honors Favorites

Benjamin High School recently voted for their school favorites in several categories for the 2006-2007 school year.

Honored with the title of Mr. and Miss BHS were Kaitlyn Kuehler and Sean Wilson. Other honors were: Most School Spirit – Julia Acevedo and Kyle Wilson; Best Smile – Nafeesa Ebraheim and Lucas Cartwright; Best Eyes – Karla Benson and Dusty Stevens; Best Dressed – Brittany Coop and Lucas Cartwright; Most Studious – Nafeesa Ebraheim and Lucas Cartwright; Most Athletic – Shaylee Propps and Kyle Wilson; Friendliest – Julia Acevedo and Gilbert Nevarez.

Freshmen class favorites were Jessie Vanderpol and Mitchell Ham. Sophomore class favorites were Leah Vanderpol and Gilbert Nevarez. The Junior class honors went to Nafeesa Ebraheim, Kyle Wilson and Donnie Gee while the Senior class favorites were Shaylee Propps and Sean Wilson.

Zone OAP Competition Leads Area Schools To Guthrie On Thursday

The high school Zone One Act Play contest will be held in Guthrie on Thursday, March 22nd beginning at 1 p.m. in the Guthrie Auditorium, according to Vickie Dodson, Guthrie OAP director.

First to perform will be Guthrie with "The Cover of Life"; the second play will be Jayton performing "The Company of Wayward Saints". Knox City will be performing "The Gift of Tenyin" third, followed by Spur's "Scenes and Revelations". The last play to perform will be Benjamin performing "Living Out".

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or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED March 1, 2007, at Benjamin, Texas.

/s/ Chris Mendoza
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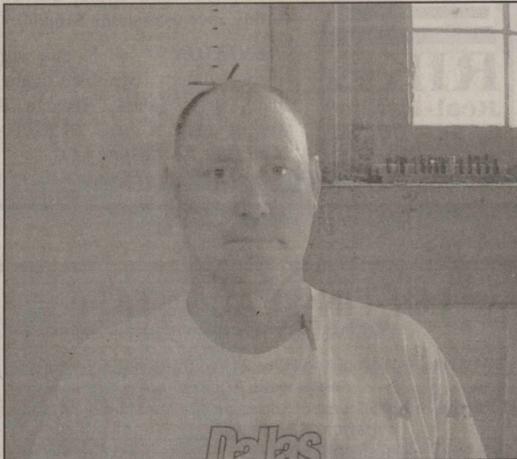
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ANSWER:

ORDINANCE NO: 2007-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENJAMIN ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2007 FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THE

adoption of Section 4B sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to undertake projects as described in Section 2(11)(A) and Section 4B of Article 5190.6 of Revised Civil Statutes, including but not limited to projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports including stadiums, ball parks, auditoriums, projects related to entertainment, convention, tourist, and exhibition facilities, amphitheaters, concert halls, military facilities, including closed and realigned military bases, primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher education, research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, museums and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities, related area transportation facilities, and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities, recycling facilities, and projects to promoted new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, and public safety facilities, streets and roads, drainage, and related improvements, demolition of existing structures, development and expansion of affordable housing, and targeted infrastructure and any other improvements, expenditures, or facilities that are related to any of the above projects and any other project that the board determines will promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, and the maintenance and operations expenses for any of the above described projects.

WHEREAS. The City Council of the City of Benjamin deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Benjamin to order a special election to held on May 12, 2007, for the purpose of voting for or against the adoption of a one-half of one percent sales and use tax pursuant to Chapter 327 of the Texas Tax Code; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENJAMIN:

SECTION 1. THAT a Special Election be held on May 12, 2006, which date is the next succeeding uniform date available for municipal elections for which sufficient time elapses for the holding of an election after passage of this Ordinance. Said election shall be held to determine whether a one-half of one percent sales and use tax should be imposed for the above stated purposes pursuant to Chapter 327 of the Texas Tax Code.

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SECTION 2. THAT ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Election Code so that voters may cast ballots either for or against the measure, which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

For _____
Against _____

The adoption of a Section 4B sales and use tax at the rate of one-half or one percent to undertake projects as described in Section 2(11)(A) and Section 4B of Article 5190.6 of Revised Civil Statutes, including but not limited to projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports including stadiums, ball parks, auditoriums, projects related to entertainment, convention, tourist, and exhibition facilities, amphitheaters, concert halls and public parks, park facilities and events, open space improvements, military facilities, including closed and realigned military bases, primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher education, research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, museums and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities, related area transportation facilities, and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities, recycling facilities, and projects to promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, and public safety facilities, streets and roads, drainage and related improvements, demolition of existing structures, development and expansion of affordable housing, and targeted infrastructure and any other improvements, expenditures, or facilities that are related to any of the above projects and any other project that the board determines will promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, and the maintenance and operations expenses for any of the above described projects.

SECTION 3. THAT the election shall be held at the City Hall, 303 South Hinton, Benjamin, Texas 79505, and all persons qualified to vote in the City of Benjamin under the election laws of the State of Texas shall be allowed to vote therein. Said Special Election shall be held and the polling places shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. THAT notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Benjamin by publication of a Notice of Election as required by Chapter 4 of the Texas Election Code at least once not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the election day. In addition, notice of the election shall be posed as required by the Texas Election Code.

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SECTION 5, THAT early voting shall commence on the 1st day of May 2006 and shall conclude on the 9th day of May 2007, and be conducted at City Hall, 303 South Hinton, Benjamin, Texas on weekdays, other than City holidays, during the regular hours of business, which are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except that on the 1st day of May and the 8th day of May early voting will be held from 7a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 6, THAT applications for voting by mail may be accepted beginning March 14, 2007 and concluding on May 4, 2007. Applications are available from City Hall.

SECTION 7, THAT the election judges to serve at the polling place of the election shall be and are hereby appointed as follows:

Election Judge: _____

Alternate Judge: _____

SECTION 8, THAT there shall be a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) election clerks at the polling place, which includes the alternate election judge.

SECTION 9, THAT the presiding election judge and at least two (2) election clerks shall also serve as the Early Ballot Voting Board to count the ballots received in early voting by personal appearance and early voting by mail

SECTION 10, THAT the election judges and election clerks shall be paid at the rate of \$ _____ per hour and the election judge shall receive and additional \$ _____ for the delivery of the returns of the election.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED

Passed and approved this 22nd day of February, 2007.
/s/ Stephen Kuehler, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Jackie Young, Mayor Pro-Tem

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