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# KNOX COUNTY NEWS

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**Knox City, Texas** 

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50th District Attorney.

KNOX CITY - Bryan Daniel,

USDA Rural Development State

Director, today announced Knox

County Hospital District was

selected to receive \$137,313

through the agency's Community Facilities Loan and Grant

Program. This effort is part of

the USDA Rural Development

mission to help rural areas build

and enhance essential commu-

"USDA Rural Development

Community Facilities Programs

help rural communities keep

pace with the needs of their ris-

ing populations," said Daniel.

"Rural residents can utilize our

programs to help provide essen-

tial public services that will en-

hance the quality of life for all

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digitize traditional film technol-

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and then have the capability to

transfer those images internally

within the Hospital or externally

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es providing the patient a faster

evaluation and diagnosis. Knox

County Hospital District serves

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The funds will be used to pur-

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Texas Rangers Investigating

Officer Involved Shooting

An aggravated assault on a peace officer was reported to have

All matters have been referred to the Texas Rangers for investi-

**USDA** Rural

**Development Announces** 

**Funding For Knox County** 

Hospital District

services.

In Fiscal Year 2006, \$16.5

million in Community Facility

Direct and Guaranteed Loans

and over \$802,000 in grants

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Rural Development Community

Programs have awarded \$1.8

billion for these purposes, and

touched the lives of more than

1.8 million households in the

strives to see that rural citi-

zens can participate fully in the

global economy by providing

technical assistance, funding,

and other programs that help

rural Americans build strong

economies to improve their

quality of life. For further infor-

mation regarding USDA Rural

Development Programs, contact

USDA Rural Development

These programs are important

Funds are used to enhance the

were obligated in Texas.

gation. The District Attorney's office is awaiting reports.

occurred on June 6, 2007, which resulted in an officer-involved shooting incident in Munday, Knox County, Texas. Any officerrelated shooting is investigated as a matter of the policy of the

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# Ahead

#### • The Noah Project -North Advisory Committee

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet at noon on Friday, June 15 in the jury room of the Haskell Courthouse. All members are asked to please attend if pos-

- Knox County Auxiliary The Knox County Auxiliary meeting will be Monday, June 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Thrift Shop.
- Knox Prairie Idol The next competition will be Saturday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the downtown City Park across from City Hall.
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- Knox City Country Club Guys and Dolls Saturday, June 30. Starts at 1:30 p.m.

• 19th Annual **Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless** Watermelon Festival

Will be Friday, July 27 and July 28 at the city park.

#### Community **Development Workshop**

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board will be hosting a Community Development Workshop on Thursday, August 16 and Friday, 17 at the MCM Elegante Hotel

in Abilene.

The 11/2 day workshop will guide participants through the process of planning a community project from start to finish.

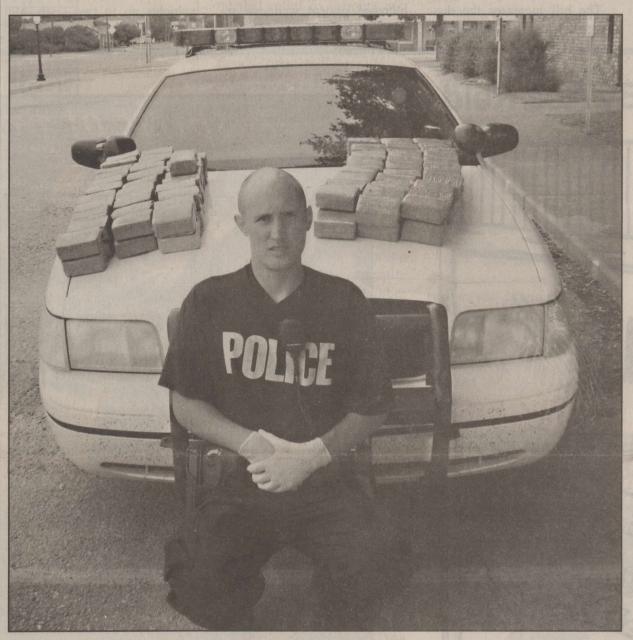
#### - TOPS

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 p.m. Location TBA.

# Munday Patrolman Nets Largest Looking Drug Bust In Munday's History



Patrolman Shawn Scarborough pictured with 126 bricks of marijuana that led to the arrest of an Oklahoma City woman

Munday patrolman Shawn Scarborough discovered 131.5 pounds of concealed marijuana during a routine traffic stop early Saturday morning in Munday.

Scarborough stopped the vehicle at 2:15 a.m. Saturday morning on a minor traffic violation. The vehicle, driven by 44-year-old Carolyn Chairez of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was en route from El Paso to Oklahoma City on Business 277 south.

According to Scarborough, the driver's actions led to suspicion and a search led to the discovery of 126 bricks of marijuana concealed in two spare tires.

Also with Chairez was her eight-year-old granddaughter. CPS was contacted and the girl was released to her

Chairez was charged with a second-degree felony - over fifty pounds/under 2000 pounds. She was released Sunday morning on a \$10,000 bond.

Chairez had no prior convictions. DPS and Knox County deputies assisted Scarborough. This is the largest drug bust ever in the city of Munday.



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# TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE CAPITAL

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry signed SB 11 into law on June 6, creating a border security council to advise him on how to allocate funds along the Texas-Mexico border.

By Ed Sterling

Perry will appoint all of the members of the council, and among its many duties, the council is to:

- Define the role of emergency management directors;
- · Create disaster districts, out-

# Governor Signs Border Security Legislation

line the process for political subdivisions to request and provide mutual aid assistance;

· Provide for reimbursement of

The legislation, which takes effect Sept. 1, was authored by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Frank Corte, R-San Antonio. SB 11 also does things such as:

· Allow up to 350 amateur radio operators who are state employees to be granted leave from their jobs so they can participate in emergency manage-

 Expand wiretapping to catch kidnappers, human traffickers and money launderers;

· Authorize the Health and Human Services Commission to maintain a registry of immunization and medication administered during a disaster; and • Expand information the state can collect about criminal street

Perry lauded the bill, saying it "removes bureaucratic hurdles when seconds count and lives are in jeopardy."

"If a city has been hit by a wildfire, a chemical spill, a biological threat, or an act of terrorism, bureaucracy should not impede compassion," he said.

#### Bill targets funeral disrupters

Gov. Perry on June 4 signed HB 1093 by Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth.

Geren's bill, which took effect as soon as the governor signed it, makes it illegal to disrupt the funeral service of a fallen member of the U.S. mili-

The bill increases the distance barrier for individuals

picketing from 500 feet to 1,000 feet of a facility or cemetery being used for a funeral service. beginning one hour before the service and ending one hour after the service is completed.

School food study to be done

The Texas Department of Agriculture wants to find out what schoolchildren are eating.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples appointed a committee of 12 people to conduct a study of school breakfast, lunch and afterschool snack programs.

The study, due before the next school term starts, should

• Determine if there are barriers to participation in school meal programs;

· Identify changes in the nutritional policy that would increase student wellness, increase meal participation and decrease obesity; and

· Examine availability of processed or prepackaged foods in meal programs and note the trans fat content of those foods.

#### Governor signs smog control bill

Gov. Perry signed SB 12 into law on June 8, in support of the state's clean air incentive grant programs TERP (Texas Emissions Reduction Plan) and LIRAP (Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program).

SB 12 extends TERP to 2013 and raises the cap on amount of grant dollars allowed per ton of nitrogen oxide emission reduction from \$13,000 to \$15,000

LIRAP, now tiered to allow vehicles up to two years old to qualify as replacement vehicles, also expands eligible participants to those who earn

up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

Bill to attract TV, film jobs Gov. Perry signed HB 1934, the film incentive bill, a \$22 million package to help Texas attract jobs in television and film production.

The bill provides filmmakers with grants equal to 5 percent of what they spend in Texas. To qualify, they must spend at least \$1 million in Texas, shoot at least 80 percent of the project within state borders and hire at least 70 percent of actors, crew and extras in Texas.

The Texas Film Commission reports there were 32 film projects in the last four years that researched Texas for their production location but instead chose other states that offered incentives.

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## By Ace Reid



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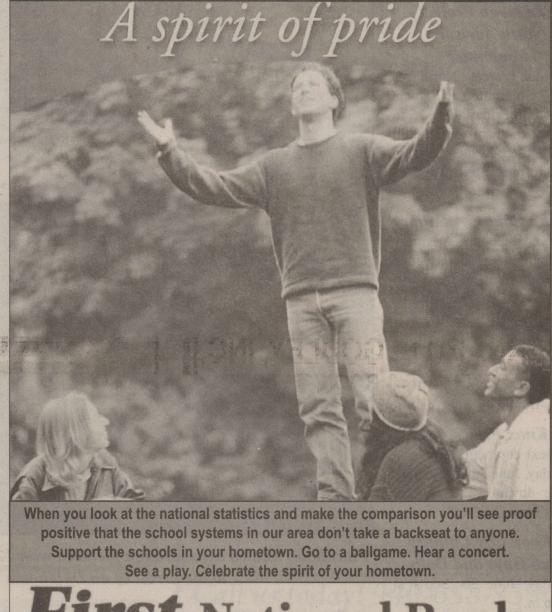
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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

# Suggestion From Your Rural Veterinarian

By Baxter Black, DVM

The number of rural food animal veterinarians is diminishing rapidly nationwide. So if you still have one, it would be beneficial to know how to get the most from the one you have.

Recently I read an article by a rural DVM entitled "Before you Call the Vet." In the interest of expanding on his suggestions, I will try to clear up and remove any confusion you might have.

Suggestion #1 -"If you have no intention of paying for your vet's services, do not call."

On the surface, this seems self-explanatory. But to be more specific it definitely includes the spotted owl that flew into your picture window, the neighbor's dog you hit with the truck trying to drive him off your sheep and the National Park buffalo that was wounded by a deer hunter in your backyard.

Suggestion #2 - "Do not call your veterinarian if what you want is illegal."

Say you have been quarantined by the State or Federal Livestock Department for Brucellosis, tuberculosis, B.S.E., scabies, having poor facilities, or misplacing your last veterinary bill, you may be thinking of asking your vet to fudge the test results. A simple little thing, no one would know, you'd tip him 50 or 60 bucks, maybe promise to give him the hide off your next slipped calf. And, although the offer of the hide sounds tempting, don't bother. When veterinarians take their state boards, they have to promise to be honest.

Suggestion #3 - "Always capture and identify the animal in question before calling the doctor"

Capture means in something

smaller than 40 acres. 'She's the one over by that scrub oak, Doc. The one just left of the red cow, or is that the mule? Anyway, she's the solid black one, no, wait a minute...Phil, which cow did you say had the lump on her jaw?'

Suggestion #4 - "Avoid blanket treatments – not all downer cows have milk fever, not all lame cows have footrot."

No amount of calcium/dextrose solution IV will cause a cow that has been hit by a feed truck, to stand and walk away! And no formaldehyde footbath or tetracycline injection will cure the steer that limps till you pull the nail out of his hoof.

The doctor's article included many more useful tips on how to better use your rural veterinarian, but it all boils down to this: Take care of your local cow vet. Treat him like visiting royalty. Pay him like you do your bookie. Remember his (or her) birthday, share your pheasant, quail, sweet corn, homemade cookies or 4-H pig sausage. And it's always nice to offer to co-sign his note for his house, his car or his bass boat. Because remember, he can always desert you for a comfortable cat and dog practice in someplace like Orlando or Cabo San Lucas!

# Munday Receives Prestigious Environmental Awards

Community One Of Nine Governor's Community
Achievement Award Winners

Munday — Keep Texas Beautiful announced Munday as a winner of the 2007 Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) for outstanding community improvement on Tuesday, May 22. The honor recognizes Munday with one of the most celebrated annual environmental and community improvement awards in Texas.

The nine winners, based on population categories, were selected by Keep Texas Beautiful and will receive a share of one million dollars from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to be used in landscaping state rights-of-way in their communities.

"These communities have made outstanding efforts to clean and beautify their environment," Debbie Johnston, Keep Texas Beautiful President, said. "Texans should be proud of the work put forth by the citizens, businesses, and local governments in these

**Bid Notice** 

Aspermont Small Business

Development Center, Inc.

hereby serves notice that it is

now taking bids for a Security

1. Sealed bids will be re-

ceived in the Aspermont Small

**Business Development Center's** 

Executive Directors office, P.O.

Box 188, Aspermont, Texas

79502 until 10:00 a.m. July 2,

2. Each bid received shall be in a

sealed envelope plainly marked:

3. Bids received after the 10:00

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4. Additional information may

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the bidder unopened.

communities to improve their neighborhoods, schools, parks and public spaces. They are helping to make our state the most beautiful in the nation!"

The winning communities were chosen for their achievements in seven areas including community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and property improvement, and solid waste management. Munday will receive a \$65,000 prize from TxDOT, which will be used to complete a landscaping project in the community.

Major projects during 2006-7 were the continuing cleanup activities, completion of the downtown streetscape project, the development of Centennial Park, the Centennial celebration, and the acquisition of the rock church for a community theatre.

The GCAA program has recognized outstanding communi-

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ties for 38 consecutive years, with the Texas Department of Transportation providing prize funds since 1985.

Munday will formally receive its award on July 12, 2007 in San Antonio during the 40th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 340 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit the website at www.ktb.org.

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# Knox City VFD Report

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department had two calls in May.

Two LZ (Landing Zone) calls.

Reported by P.I.O. Terry Butler #214.

Asperment Small Business Development Center, Inc. hereby serves notice that it is now taking bids for a Parking Lot Development.

1. Sealed bids will be received in the Aspermont Small Business Development Center's Executive Directors office, P.O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502 until 10:00 a.m. July 2, 2007.

2. Each bid received shall be in a sealed envelope plainly marked: **Parking Lot Development.** 

3. Bids received after the 10:00 a.m. deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.

4. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dana Myers, ED at (940) 989-3538.

5. ASBDC, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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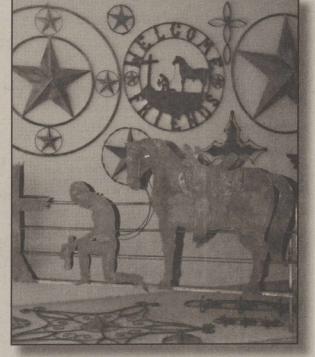
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Since **AEP Texas** and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler this summer by saving energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms.
   Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
   Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

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# **OBITUARY**

## Teresa Lynn Rios

Teresa Lynn Rios, a long-time resident of Knox City, went to meet her maker on Monday, June 11th, 2007 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas. She was fifty-one years of age.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 14th at O'Brien Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Chambers and Chaplin Jack Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Teresa was the sixth child born to T.P. and Nettie Mae Watson on December 19th, 1955 in Grapevine, Texas. She attended the majority of her school career in O'Brien. It was then that she met Alfred Rios and on June 9th. 1973 they married. The couple endured obstacles in life that led them to become the fervent duo. In August of 2005, Teresa was diagnosed with a very intense form of cancer that attacked her lungs. Although, Teresa survived that, the cancer came back with a vengeance. On September 11th, 2006, Teresa was informed that her brain cancer had returned yet again. At this point, her physical body began to take a series of cruelty. Teresa being the strongwilled woman that she was fought this disease with all that she had. As Alfred had stated in his vows he spent their 34th wedding anniversary by Teresa's bedside. Two days later, Teresa went fast asleep into her eternal

Teresa was preceded in death by her Father, and brother Randy Watson.



She is survived by her husband, Alfred Rios of Knox City; one daughter, Tracy Rios Espinosa and husband Robert of Abilene; one son, Al Rios and wife Dina of Knox City; four grandchildren, Coletun and Larissa Espinosa and Tyler and Jayden Rios; her Mother, Nettie Mae Watson of O'Brien; her Mother-in-Law, Nellie Rios of Knox City; four brothers, Tom Watson and wife Jenine of Midland; Tim Watson and wife April of Knox City; Arly Watson and wife Cynthia of Springtown; Terry Watson and wife Becky of Abilene; three sisters, Phyllis Gaston and husband Johnny of Boyd; Cathy Watson of O'Brien; and Martha Casillas and husband Charles of O'Brien; many nephews and nieces with great nephews and nieces that she loved dearly.

Teresa is a hero to many and will missed by many more.

Pallbearers will be Nephews, Ricky Watson of Ira; Aaron Watson of Abilene; Cary Watson of Springtown; Jeff Casillas of O'Brien; Jeremy Casillas of Cisco; and Trey Watson of

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to a Memorial Fund for expenses, at Citizens Bank, Box 668, Knox City, TX. 79529.

# Thank You!

us to make our Memorial Day celebration a success.

We would also like to thank June Tankersley for taking the enjoy that so much.

Home try to keep up with celebrations and festivals throughout the nation and the month of June is full of them. This

The residents' at Brazos month we will be celebrating Valley Care Home would like to the Banana Split Festival, with thank everyone who donated to homemade banana splits, the Strawberry Festival with strawberry shortcake and the Peach Festival with fresh peaches.

If you would like to voluntime to come out and play the teer your time or perhaps dopiano during rhythm band. We nate to our facility please contact Sandra Baker at 658-3543. We at Brazos Valley Care Good things to donate would be gifts for Bingo, books, games or puzzles.

Thank you, Brazos Valley Care Home

# Thank You!

Relay for Life 2007 is over for another year and there are so many people to thank for making it happen. We want to thank those who chaired a committee for the wonderful work you did with the survivor meal, entertainment, logistics, luminaries, underwriting, education, publicity, team recruitment, and accounting and registration. We appreciate the 11 team captains who organized your teams and for each team members who helped to raise over \$13,000 for this year's relay. We want to thank those who came to walk or spend the day with us. We also thank the many merchants, businesses, and individuals who contributed generously to the Relay for Life. Without these many volunteers this year's Relay would not have been possible. Volunteers are a heart of any community and Knox County residents showed their heart by giving of themselves for this event.

Jamie and Debbie Welborn Chair and Co-Chair

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## This Father's Day, Show Someone You Love How Much You Care

By Social Security Administration

On Father's Day, we celebrate the special men in our lives. There are a number of ways you can show someone you love how much you care. This year, while you're watching the ball game or spending some quality time together, tell that special someone about something that can really make a difference. Tell them how to get extra help with their Medicare prescription drug

The high cost of medicine can be a burden on your loved ones who have limited income and resources. Extra help — available through Social Security — can pay part of their monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The extra help could be worth more than \$3,300 per year.

To figure out whether they're eligible, Social Security needs to know your loved one's income and the value of their savings, investments and real estate (other than the home they live in). To qualify for the extra help, your loved one must be receiving Medicare and have:

• Income limited to \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple living together. Even if their annual income is higher, your loved ones still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription copayments.

Some examples where income may be higher include if they or their spouse:

—Support other family members who live with them;

—Have earnings from work; or —Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

• Resources limited to \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count their house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easyto-use online application that anyone — family members, friends and caregivers — can complete.

You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply by phone or get an application, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office for assistance.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call-1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-, 4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

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# God's Dromises

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church

We have just finished our Vacation Bible School and what a joy it has been to spend quality time with the children who attended.

Some I knew and others I came to know for the first time. I believe there is a lot of evidence in the Bible to support the idea that children are God's greatest creation.

How wonderful it is to hear the honesty in their hearts when they ask questions about God. Questions like, "How does God know me?", or "How did God create us?" They also asked, "Did God like Abel more than Cain?" and "How did God get water out of a rock?" These are just a few examples of the great questions that I was asked this last week.

The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22: 6 NASB). This does not mean show him a little bit of church and he will be okay



and turn out fine in the end. When the Bible says to "train up", the correct interpretation is to initiate, discipline or dedicate the child. The context of the verse means to "narrow" their way.

God has every desire to train up our children, but he expects us to lead the way, show the example and discipline their path accordingly. Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19: 14 NASB). What a wonderful promise of Christ.

I pray today that you will bring your children to Christ

Bring them to the church of your choice this coming Sunday and let them be taught the Word of God, assuring their entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

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# Look Who's

Hannah Grace Bisbee was born August 20, 2004. Proud parents are **Stephen and Annette** Bisbee of Cresson Tx.

# Update On The US 82 Realignment Through Guthrie

CHILDRESS - The project for the realignment of US 82 through Guthrie is 50% complete.

According to Gary Mizer, Munday Area Engineer, the project is slightly behind schedule but the quality of work has been

The \$16.7 million project on US 82 is a realignment with a grade separation (overpass) at US 83/82, south of the city of

To reflect the local art and culture of the city and region, images of the recorded King County brands are on the retaining walls. "Work on the retaining wall is going well," said Gary Mizer, "we have had only minor problems with some of the panels having to be straightened. It is TxDOT's goal to provide a highway system that is both attractive and safe", continued Mizer.

For more information: Call Gary Mizer, TxDOT Childress Munday Area Engineer, 940-422-4115, or Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer 940 937-7145.

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# Crop And Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION - Heavy rains in many areas of the state benefited row crops, greened up pastures, but delayed hay harvests and planting of some crops, reported Texas Cooperative Extension agents.

"Well, it just keeps raining, something we're just not used to around here," said J.D. Ragland, Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources in Floyd County. "Just this week we've had 5 inches. It's making it really difficult to get this year's cotton crop in up and going."

"All fields are saturated, and there was some hail damage reported on wheat, corn, soybeans and cotton," said Scott Strawn, Extension agent for agriculture and Natural Resources in Ochiltree County.

"However the majority of the crops have benefited tremendously as a result of the wet conditions. Range conditions are near perfect with the rainfall. Cattle are in great shape."

"Finally some cotton weather," said Lee Howard, Extension agent for agriculture and Natural Resources in Martin County. "Cotton producers are soaking up the high 80s to low 90s as they hurriedly plant their acreage. Cotton seems to be coming up in every field that we check."

Extension representatives gave the following regional reports:

PANHANDLE: Field activities are on hold until drier conditions return. Temperatures were near normal most of the week, with much of the region receiving from a quarter to a half inch of rain. There were isolated reports of 2 to 4 inches. Light hail caused some crop damage. Reports show last week's heavy rains caused flash flooding that washed out miles of fencing and damaged crops. Corn is rated fair to excellent with most areas reporting good. Cotton is 90 percent planted with stands rated mostly fair. Peanuts are 90 percent planted and stands are rated fair to good. Sorghum is 50 percent planted and stands are rated fair to good. Wheat is rated mostly good to excellent. Range conditions vary from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting good. Cattle are in good to excellent condition. Horn flies continue to be a major problem.

SOUTH PLAINS: Frequent thunderstorms have made spring planting a struggle. Rainfall ranged from a half to 6 inches. Some areas received hail and high winds, damaging crops and flooding fields. What cotton that did get planted has been held back by the cool and wet weather. Wheat looks good, though some was damaged by heavy rain and laid down (lodged) by high winds. Extension agronomists expect the wheat that wasn't damaged to produce top yields. Corn is in good condition and has responded well to recent rains. Only about 50 percent of the pumpkin acres have been planted. Sorghum that has been planted looks good. Peanuts look good overall and should survive the weather, but some fields were damaged severely by hail and heavy rains. Pastures and ranges are in good to excellent condition. Cattle continue to be in good to excellent condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: Rains continued to hamper the wheat harvest across the district, with some fields beginning to layover. When fields are dry enough for combines to enter, the humidity remains too high for harvest until late in the day. Only about 20 percent of the crop has been cut. Producers are worried about custom harvesters moving north and leaving little help in getting this year's crop out. Reports of 45- to 65-bushel dryland wheat have been coming in. Warm-season grass pastures are greening up, but some producers are worried about how much grass is under all the weeds. Some of the early planted cotton has emerged and is looking good. Livestock are in good condition. Recent rains have filled tanks and creeks.

NORTH: More rain came to the region, with some areas receiving torrential downpours. Soil moisture ranged from adequate to surplus, with surplus the norm for most areas. Stock tanks, lakes, creeks and rivers are full with some overflowing. Many producers have hay down in the fields. The rain has put a complete stop on the wheat and oat harvest in some areas, but boosted row crop prospects. Corn is in good condition; with 100 percent emerged and 30 percent to 80 percent silked. Soybeans are in good condition and 100 percent planted and emerged. Sorghum is planted and in fair to good condition. Winter wheat is headed and in good condition, though lodging has become a serious problem in some fields. Oats are about half harvested. Lodging is becoming a serious problem

in wheat. Bermuda grass is looking good. Cotton is planted and about 35 percent to 50 percent squared and in fair to good condition. Peaches continue to do well. Livestock are in good condition. Insect populations are on the rise, and some fungal problems are showing up.

EAST: The district received plenty of rainfall, but this has prevented producers from harvesting hay. Forages and vegetables are doing well. Lakes and farm ponds are full. Blueberries, peaches, squash, tomatoes, beans, onions and potatoes are all being harvested.

FAR WEST: Soil moisture ranges from very short to surplus, and pastures are in very poor to good condition. Corn is in poor to good condition. Cotton is in fair to good condition. Sorghum is in good to excellent condition. Winter wheat is in very poor to good condition. Oats are in fair to good condition. Scattered showers were reported across the region with rain accumulations of 0.2 to 1.5 inches. Pastures are improving because of recent rains. Cantaloupes are doing well with some being replanted.

WEST CENTRAL: Cooler temperatures, light showers and cloudy conditions, accompanied by high humidity, came to the region. Recent rains have slowed field activity. Flooding has taken out fences in a few areas, and some producers lost hay cuttings due to washing. Cotton planting has been in full swing where field conditions allow. Most small grain fields need to dry out for grain to mature. Wheat fields should be harvested in the next few weeks. Where fields are dry enough, there has been some cutting and baling. Pastures continue to green up and have excellent growth. Fungus problems have been reported in many landscape plants and turf grasses. Livestock are in good to excellent condition. Grazing continues. Fly problems are increasing on livestock. Pecan trees are loaded with the largest crop in years. Peach harvest

CENTRAL: Heavy rains kept wheat fields too wet for harvesters to enter. Black point fungus has been detected, and with moisture delaying harvest, sprouting in the head could be a problem. Producers continue to cut hay when they can get in the fields. Cattle are fat and doing well. Cotton is off to a good start.

SOUTHEAST: Scattered rains slowed or stopped all farming activities. Field conditions are still too wet for much hay harvest or fertilizer applications to be done. Many fields are ready to cut, with producers waiting on drier conditions. No reports of insect or disease damage were filed. Livestock are doing well. Despite the heavy spring rains, there are varying amounts of grass in pastures.

SOUTHWEST: Rainfall was about twice the long-term average for May. The year-to-date cumulative rainfall is about 125 percent of the long-term average. Minor additional rainfall over the weekend delayed harvesting. Farmers are cutting an excellent hay crop. Corn, sorghum, cotton, peanuts, potatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes are making good progress. Wildlife populations are down because of the recent drought, but rain has improved the nutrition situation for remaining wildlife. A good fawn crop is expected. The harvesting of wheat, oats, cabbage, beets (for processing), onions, green beans and squash should resume as soon as fields dry.

COASTAL BEND: Scattered showers, some heavy, were received early this week with sunny weather in the latter part of the week. Some field flooding occurred, but did not persist. Crop conditions have greatly improved with the rains. Cattle prices are still good with grass plentiful. Hay continues to be in good supply and is being sold at a premium.

SOUTH: Adequate soil moisture conditions were reported for the entire region with good to excellent range and pasture conditions. The western part of the region received a timely rainfall for dryland corn and sorghum. Warmer temperatures were the norm for most of the cotton area, and the crop made excellent progress. The abundance of high-quality forage has helped livestock retain excellent body condition. Early planted corn is approaching its dough stage. All sorghum planted in the western part of the region has headed and should begin changing color within the next seven to 10 days. Watermelons are in the blooming stage. The sugarcane harvest is finished. The vegetable and citrus crop harvests are nearly complete. Row crops are growing well under hot weather and moist conditions.



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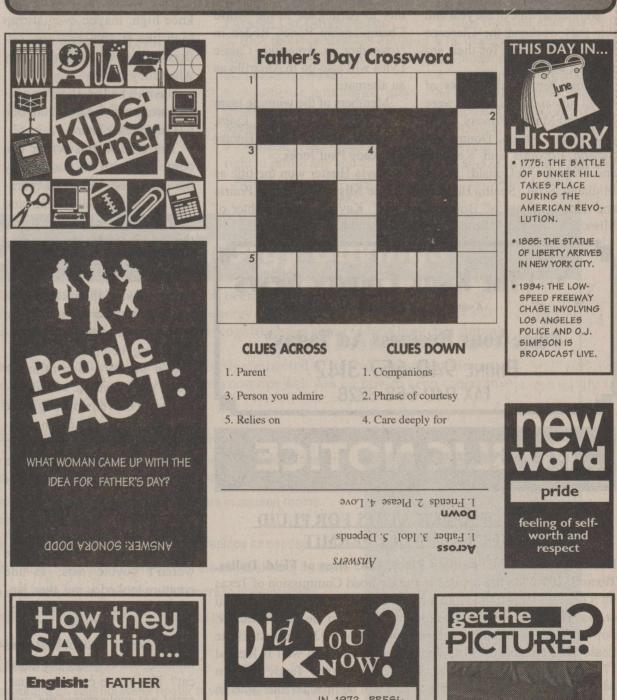
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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

June is almost half gone and so far the "summer-like" days have been pretty good.

Though it's still several days before the official first day of summer lots of things are going on that take place this time of the year.

The wheat harvest is going pretty good and if the weather holds on for another day or so it will be over. We hope for a few more hot, dry days.

Very good to report no serious illness (at least I'm not aware of any). Chloe Strickland is out and about and told me Friday night she's feeling fine since her recent gall bladder surgery.

News about former residents, Helen Coppedge Green of Guthrie and James Coppedge of College Station. Both are cancer patients and are doing very well. We're always glad to have good, encouraging reports.

Leroy West is doing pretty well, also. He does have some things that need some medical attention, but he opted to wait a while before making those appointments.

#### Here 'N There

Randolph and Judy Barnett are here for a few days before returning to their other home in Alvin (and his work). Visiting them this week are grandchildren Cheyenne and Caden Conner of Lubbock.

Pat Benson had a birthday last Wednesday and her daughter, Sheila Kuehler, honored her with a family party at her home. Guests enjoyed coke and ice cream and an opportunity to visit and say "Happy Birthday".

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse have their Childress grandchildren, Dillon and Randi for a few days this week.

Its reunion time of the year and this past weekend the Clarence Clower family met for their annual get together.

Those here to enjoy lots of food, fun and fellowship were Steve and Maggie Powers, Chris and Megan Stroup, Donna and Stetson Edwards and Kenneth and Dakoda McDonald, all of Midland; Scott, Shelli, Heather and Hunter Keys of Branson, Missouri; Robert Clower of

Electra; Betty Parker, Sabra and Chelsea of Aspermont; Cathy Tomlinson and Tomas, Diana, Meagan and Dillon Cope of Justin; Sammy and Jennifer Tomlinson of Sherman; Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie; Jody, Marcie, Ryan, Jaden, Whitney and Robert Tomlinson of Abilene; Penny Tomlinson of Austin and the host families, Debbie Clower, David and Sarah, Leroy and Gloria West and Lorene Powers all of Benjamin. Reports are that they all had a wonderful time. With their busy lives, work schedules and other conflicts, it's hard to get everyone together at one time, so this really was a treat for everyone.

The seniors of 2007 of Benjamin High School returned home Tuesday after a week in Florida, their last class get together for a while.

Three of the seven graduates, Shaylee Propps, Kaitlyn Kuehler and Jenna McCanlies and their sponsor and his wife, Paul and Misty Weiser, made the trip and reported a good time.

Saw our friend, Lee Bruce, Saturday.

He is having lots of back problems and was going to Plano Sunday and will see the well known back doctor down there this week. Lee lives in Munday.

He's a life long friend of mine and I certainly wish him well.

#### Lyles-Hunter Team Wins At Haskell

The first weekend in June, the rodeo team representing the Lyles and Hunter Ranches of Benjamin and Knox City walked off with top honors at the Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo in Haskell.

The team placed 1st in enough events to earn them the winning position and an opportunity to participate in the World Championship Ranch Rodeo in November in Amarillo. Cassie Lyles will also go to Amarillo as an alternate.

Members of the winning team were Mike Lyles, Tom Lyles, Wayland Davis, Tony Hunter and Andy Paul Jones.

Kayla Hunter won the title as "Little Miss Wild Horse Prairie Days" Kayla is the daughter of Tony and Kendra Hunter.



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**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environment Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792)

Published on June 14, 2007

# TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

#### By Clara Brown

There is more sunshine now and the showers are lighter and less often.

Its much better wheat cutting weather. Fields are drying more and ruts left behind in wheat being cut now aren't nearly as deep as earlier.

It rained some Sunday morning in both Foard and Knox Counties, but the afternoon was sunny, hot and humid without wind.

Right now, even people with their wheat cut are wanting wind, not to dry the fields, but to blow the mosquitoes around and maybe away.

Kyle Everson and his boy were mowing grass Sunday afternoon, but they finally had to quit due to mosquito attacks.

Lots of people were gone Sunday afternoon, the time for news calls. Some were probably cutting wheat.

J.J. and Judy Williams of Stratford cut the Brown wheat again this year.

This makes about fifteen years they've cut for us, but they've been cutting in Foard County much longer.

Wheat harvest is like the end of the year for wheat farmers, and plowing the harvested fields is the first of a new year, sort of like weaning calves and shipping time for cattle.

The wild flowers are still blooming, except for yucca blooms, which have gone to bolls.

The weeds and grass are knee high, maybe even stirrup high like all the early day settlers used to describe the grass when they came.

Haven't had any bear or panther stories for years. If anyone has one please share.

The wildest this writer can come up with is passing by the open front door one morning about 5:30 last week and hearing an unusual sound and thinking maybe it was a young coyote.

Stepped out on the porch, looked toward the sound and it was Mr. Whiskers, crouched on the west end of the porch making a long, keening sound.

(No wonder I didn't think it was a grown coyote sound.)

Then a movement caught the eye and in the pre-dawn darkness could be seen two sharp pointed ears and two big eyes about six or eight feet north of the porch.

"Coyote" was the first thought, as that had been in mind, but then realized those weren't coyote ears, as the creature looked at me, then languidly turned west and slipped through the yard fence.

Wonder if that bobcat was thinking about eating the house cat? The house cat was apparently not welcoming the visitor, but not attacking it, either.

In looking for a word to describe Mr. Whiskers' eerie sound the word "keening" came to mind.

The dictionary gives as one definition of "keen" as being "to lament, mourn or complain loudly."

It really did sound like a complaint about the early morning visitor, high, thin and long and not the usual house cat sound.

# TERRY'S TALK

By Terry Utley
County Extension Agent/Ag.
Knox County

# Preparing For The Next Drought

We have been pretty lucky to have rainfall so far this season, the potential to make good forage is in our hands, but we all know how hot and dry it can become here in West Texas.

Unless your production practice is irrigated, drought will always be a concern for forage and livestock production. One of the most important strategies to help conserve forage is stocking rate.

The cow herd should be stocked at 75 percent of what would be appropriate based on long-term precipitation records.

Base the stocking rate on several years' averages on a typical rainfall average. Sample the forage to learn the amount of forage produces annually for each pasture.

When stocked at 75 percent, livestock producer won't typically be overstocked during drought conditions.

This will also cut down on offfarm purchases at higher prices while attempting to feed your way out of a drought.

The proper stocking rate will also reduce your need to sell livestock at a time when many other producers are likely selling their stock.

During the good forage production years, use stocker calves as flex grazers to use the extra available forage sources. These calves may come from your own herd or be purchased. Also a producer that as a surplus of forage you might want to provide additional forage to producers looking for forage and charge on the amount of gain or a per-head per month basis.

Extra forage may also be harvested and conserved as hay or sold to local hay producers.

During the time of grazing be careful not to graze down to the roots.

Removing most or all green photosynthesis material (leaves) deprives the plant of its ability to convert sunlight into carbohydrates/ energy which are vital to plant growth.

For bermuda grass, the target residue height should probably be no less than four inches; other species will differ depending on growth habits.

It is important to note that close grazing usually occurs during drought conditions, but this same close grazing impairs forage recovery from drought and with added stress to the forage and reduces the moisture in the soil.

Drought makes hay supplies short and high priced. Purchases emergency supplies of hay early in the season when prices are typically lower.

If you put off purchasing hay the cost is only going to increase your feeding cost.

Try to stretch your hay supplies, use corn or other by-products to make your hay supply last longer. Forage roughage should be 50 percent of the diet.

Corn will substitute for good quality hay at a ratio of one pound of corn to 2.25 pounds of hay.

Feeding cattle in a drought can be very expensive and may not all ways be the best practice, don't be afraid to sell cattle if you have to.

The cost of fertilizer has increased dramatically, so the first inclination of forage based livestock producer is to withhold fertilizer during the doughty conditions.

Maintaining proper soil nutrient status helps the plants tolerate and survive drought better.

Nitrogen is generally the most limiting factor to forage production behind moisture, phosphorus is critical for root development and overall strength.

Potassium is for plant production and important in water use relations.

A well balanced fertilizer program helps plants survive drought better and enables drought stressed plants to recover more rapidly after drought has ended.

It is generally better to have fertilizer in the field waiting on moisture.

A generally rule of thumb is it takes two rains, one rain to motivate them to action and the a second rain to actually move the fertilizer into the soil.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Cooperative Extension office at (940)459-2651.



Abilene — The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board will be hosting a Community Development Workshop on August 16-17, 2007, at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Abilene.

The 1½ day workshop will guide participants through the process of planning a community project from start to finish.

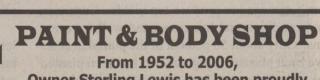
A professional facilitator will assist teams from each community through all phases of project development. The culmination of the workshop will be a competition for funding of one or more community projects.

Last year's event was attended by representatives from ten communities in the 19-county West Central Texas region, and each team received assistance in developing proposals for community development projects. Project proposals and grant requests were presented, and based on an evaluation process that also included input from workshop participants, \$25,000 was awarded for a variety of projects deemed to have a measurable impact on the economic development of the sponsoring community.

Teams of five members are required for participation in this year's workshop, and the names of the team members must be submitted with the registration form

Lodging and meals for the event will be provided by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. Detailed information and a registration form may be accessed on the Workforce Board website at www.workforcesystem.org or by contacting Lisa Colyer at (325) 795-4305. Space is limited, and the registration deadline is June 29, 2007.





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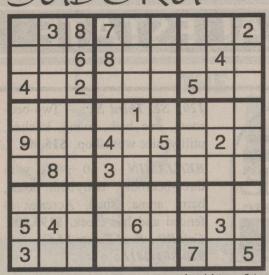
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# **TWPA Applauds** Passage Of Agricultural Disaster Assistance Legislation

After nearly two years of work, the Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA) is pleased to report that Congress has passed an agricultural disaster assistance package of \$3 billion.

The legislation will provide needed relief to farmers and ranchers who experienced serious losses due to drought, floods, fires or freezes in recent crop growing seasons.

"The TWPA leadership and staff have dedicated countless hours to making disaster assistance a reality for our wheat farmers," said Jack Norman, TWPA president and wheat producer from Howe, Texas.

"We applaud our Texas Congressmen for standing firm on this issue, despite a threatened veto and other roadblocks. It has been a tough fight, but our efforts have paid off."

The legislation will provide crop production loss assistance for farmers who lost 35 percent or more of their crop in 2005, 2006 or 2007.

Producers can apply for disaster payments for only one of the three years, and the 2007 losses will only be covered for crops planted prior to February 28.

The legislation also provides disaster assistance to livestock producers in counties that experienced USDAdesignated natural disasters during the same three-year period.

Only producers with crop insurance coverage or who signed up for the Non-insured Assistance Program will be eligible for assistance. Payments are to be made within 60 days of a producer's application.

Texas farmers faced unforgiving conditions over the course of 2005 and 2006. Staggering increases in fuel and fertilizer costs cut deeply into margins in 2005, and in July 2006, Texas producers completed their smallest wheat harvest since 1971.

The statewide crop totaled a mere 33.6 million bushels, which was down 65% from 2005. In addition, the harvested acres, finalized at 1.4 million acres, were the lowest number of acres harvested since 1925.

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# Can't Stand the Heat? Stay Out of the Tanning Booth

COLLEGE STATION — All tans are created equal, no matter what the source of the damaging ultraviolet rays, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

That's why tanning booths aren't any safer than natural sunshine when it comes to skin damage, said Courtney Schoessow, Texas Cooperative Extension health education and development specialist.

Because tans are signs that skin has been damaged, she

"Tanning beds have been marketed as a 'safe' alternative to sunbathing outdoors," Schoessow said. "However, tanning is actually an unhealthy habit."

"This is because the radiation that causes tanning also causes deep skin changes that can lead to skin cancer.'

Two main kinds of ultraviolet radiation are UVA and UVB, she said.

"The UVA rays can penetrated deeply and damage the skin's lower layers," Schoessow said. "This can cause sunburn, wrinkles, freckles, suntan, precancerous skin conditions and skin cancer.

UVB rays can damage the skin's outer layer and also cause sunburn and skin cancer."

Tanning booths emit mostly UVA radiation, she said. This kind of radiation may not burn the surface of the skin as badly as UVB rays, but it does penetrate deeper into the skin and cause more permanent damage.

So even though the radiation in tanning booths may feel more 'gentle,' Schoessow said, don't be fooled.

"There's no such thing as a safe tan," she said. "Sometimes people associate a suntan with good health and vitality, but that's just not the case.

Yes, our bodies do need some sun to produce vitamin D, but it just takes a small amount of sunlight for that to happen."

According to the American Cancer Society: "Ultraviolet radiation from sunlight can damage DNA, the critical genetic material in every cell of every person. When damaged by UV radiation from sunlight or artificial light sources such as sun lamps and tanning booths, DNA loses its power to control how and when cells grow and divide. Sometimes this DNA damage leads to the formation of skin cancer."

And if that isn't scary enough, consider this. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, UV radiation whether from the sun, sun lamps or tanning beds - can damage the body's immune system and can "cause premature aging of the skin, giving it a wrinkled, leathery appearance."

But what about getting a 'base tan' - doesn't that help prevent

In a word: No, Schoessow

"You can still potentially sunburn if you have a base tan," she said. "So not only can you potentially sunburn but you will already have damaged skin by tanning artificially."

But for some, summer just isn't summer without getting tan. Schoessow's advice: Investigate sunless tanning products.

"The Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of these products since 1977," she said, mostly in the form of over-the-counter lotions

"These products interact with the dead surface cells in the outermost layers of the skin to darken the skin color.

Using these products gives you the 'look' you are wanting to achieve without the cancer

However, Schoessow said, in order to more completely protect skin from damage by UV rays: always wear sunscreen with at least a 15 sun protection factor, stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. if possible, wear protective clothing with long sleeves and pant legs and hats with brims, and wear sunglasses with 100 percent UV

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