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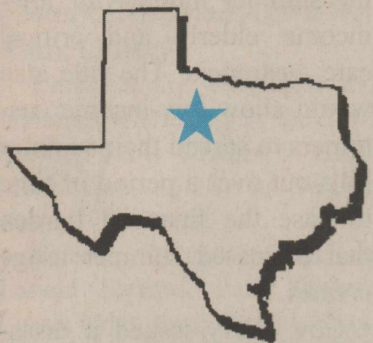
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Looking Ahead

▪ **Donald Johnson Memorial 19th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival and Classic Car Show July 27-28**

Watermelon Festival is set for Friday and Saturday, July 27-28. Parade will be Friday, July 27. Dance at City Park Friday, July 27.

Saturday, July 28 - Classic Car Show, Booths, Free Swimming, Games, Food, Live Music, Free Watermelon Slices, all festivities begin at 10:00 am at City Park.

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is selling Watermelon Festival shirts. Call Daveine Clark at 658-3442.

▪ **Knox County Historical Commission Museum Fundraiser**

Cakes, pies, cookies, and breakfast burritos on museum porch in Benjamin on Saturday, June 30th starting at 7:30 a.m.

Museum fundraiser - get ready for July 4th!

▪ **Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile to be at Knox County Hospital**

A community blood drive will take place in Knox City on Monday, July 2. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked at the Knox County Hospital from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

▪ **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 1½ 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.

Knox City Titans 2007 Quad County Champions

By Mario Abila

It all started a month ago, figuring out whether or not we would have enough kids to sign-up for the upcoming baseball season, since there wasn't baseball in the high school athletic program this year so that the students would be able to be competitive with other schools during the school year.

Fifteen kids signed up and were ready to play as soon as possible. A week later, practices started. The kids had practice after practice after practice.

With all the practice trying to better themselves, the kids started getting very anxious to start playing games.

During the season the team was competing against teams from around the surrounding area.

Two teams from Hamlin, three teams from Anson, Roby, Rotan, Stamford and Haskell.

As the season started the boys had really improved from each and every hard practice that was put in front of them. Due to all the rain in the area we had to postpone a lot of games.

After the weather had calmed down we set up the three games during the same week, leav-

ing the team just two practices a week. The team was on the verge of a perfect season with no losses until the last two games of the season.

The team lost both games to two different teams from Anson on their home turf.

With the two losses we were going into the tournament with the second seed bid; while Haskell took the first seed. Although we were the only team able to beat Haskell in the season 6 to 1, but with all the games that we had to make up due to the rain the boys started to get frustrated and were very tired and ready to compete in the Quad-County tournament.

Going into the tournament our first game we went against Rotan beating them 6 to 5 in seven innings. In the tournament we beat Rotan 11 to 0 in five innings putting the game into the ten run rule.

The team had some good pitching from Chris Jimenez a pick up player out of Anson who shut the team from Rotan down defensively, as everybody else did their job offensively putting runs on the scoreboard.

After beating Rotan we moved into the second round playing Haskell. MJ Abila produced

some good pitching for the team giving the team only two runs in the game.

The team beat Haskell 6 to 2. Again the offensive drive from the team never died out. The team also had some great defensive plays from Jaime West and Jarek Wilde. After beating Haskell, the team made it into the third round of play facing the Anson Reds, the team that had beat us in the regular season 16-15.

Like I said we never died out and the boys kept putting runs on the board as our pitching from Chris Jimenez, MJ Abila, Jaime West and most importantly Bandy Moeller who came into the game with some pitches that saved us, as the defensive did their job once again.

Some outstanding defensive plays from Brandon Bradley and Jacob Smart a pick up player from Aspermont, beating Anson 7 to 5; giving the team the bid to compete in the championship game.

Once again Haskell coming up from the losing bracket wanted to face the team again in battle well at least the championship game.

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Vehicle Stolen In Knox City

A vehicle was stolen in Knox City recently. This is the second vehicle to have been stolen in a little over a month.

According to Knox City Police Chief Aaron Lewis, a 2003 maroon Ford Taurus was stolen on June 18th on the south side of Knox City.

The vehicle is believed to have since been abandoned and Lewis is working closely with another police department in the recovery of the vehicle.

Another vehicle was stolen in

Knox City on May 12th, but was recovered about two weeks later in Wichita Falls.

According to Lewis, a Wichita Falls police officer found the vehicle blocking an alley and ran its plates, soon discovering that the vehicle had been reported stolen. No arrests have been made in this case.

Lewis stated that citizens should not leave their vehicles unsecured with the keys inside, "even if you are running into the grocery store," he said.

KC Chamber To Sale Watermelon Festival Shirts

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will be taking orders for Watermelon Festival shirts.

The shirts are yellow fitted t's. The sizes available are XS - XL, these tend to run small.

The Chamber will be taking orders through Thursday, July 5.

The shirts are \$12 and must be paid for when ordered. The

Chamber will also be selling the white Watermelon Festival shirts as in the years past (no need to take orders for these, the Chamber has plenty.)

Please contact Daveine Clark at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce at 940-658-3442 to order your shirt or see Marla Hawkins, Barbara Barnard or Paula Carter.

KC 4-H's Attend Teen Leader Lab



L to R: Bandy Moeller, Brittany Coop, Cody Trimble, Cody Propps and Mitchell Ham

District 1, 2, 3 and 6 4-H's attended the Teen Leader Lab at the 4-H Center in Brownwood, Texas on June 18 through June 21.

Eighty 4-H's from 13 to 18 years of age represented their Districts.

The theme of the Leadership

Lab was "4-H...Here To Save The Day Through Leadership".

Sessions presented were Public Speaking, Leadership, Conflict Resolution, and Personalities.

4-H's attending from Knox County were Bandy Moeller and Cody Trimble of Knox City;

Brittany Coop, Cody Propps, and Mitchell Ham of Benjamin; along with County Agents, Lorrie Coop, CEA/FCS and Terry Utley, CEA/Ag.

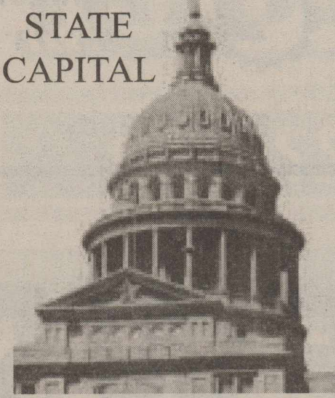
It was a very informative three days and the 4-H's felt they benefited greatly from the Teen Leader Lab.



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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The 80th Texas Legislature was a contentious five-month gathering that may have seemed to end quietly on May 28.

Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, had come out on top of a parliamentary battle to stay in office. Then, House members used the closing hours of the session to pass hundreds of pieces of legislation, instead of pressing issues with Craddick to the bitter end.

Lawmakers Ask Attorney General About Speaker's Powers

But the battle over the speaker's authority and the way challenges were rebuffed raised questions.

The speaker refused to recognize members seeking to make a motion calling for a vote to remove him from office, or in House parlance, "vacate the chair."

Reps. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, and Byron Cook, R-Corsicana, in an attempt to resolve questions about the legal and constitutional scope of the authority of the speaker, asked Attorney General Greg Abbott to render an opinion.

Those who are interested in the details of the request can find RQ-0589-GA on the attorney general's Web site.

Alexis DeLee, Craddick's press secretary, said the speaker welcomes Abbott's opinion.

The state constitution re-

quires the attorney general to issue a written opinion on a question affecting the public interest.

The attorney general is required to issue the opinion not later than the 180th day after the date that it is received, unless before that deadline the attorney general notifies the requesting person in writing that the opinion will be delayed or not rendered and states the reasons for the delay or refusal.

At the beginning of the legislative session, Craddick appointed Keffer chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee and Cook chairman of the Civil Practices Committee.

Keffer and other House members have let it be known that they want to serve as speaker of the House in the 2009 legislative session, but

Craddick has said he intends to seek re-election.

Personnel changes are coming

Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley announced on June 20 her resignation, effective July 1.

Perry appointed Neeley in January 2004. As commissioner, she served as the head of the Texas Education Agency, overseeing 1,037 school districts and a number of charter schools.

Secretary of State Roger Williams resigned earlier. He will be succeeded in office July 1 by Gov. Perry's former chief of staff Phil Wilson.

The governor's current chief of staff Dierdre Delisi resigned. Perry appointed Brian Newby to replace her on July 1. Newby currently serves as the governor's general coun-

sel.

Perry also announced the appointments of senior adviser Kathy Walt and deputy legislative director Kris Heckmann as deputy chiefs of staff, effective July 1.

And, Perry announced Donna White, a member of his senior staff for more than six years, will move to a position at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. White earlier served in the office of then-

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and in the office of the late Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Other Highlights

- Forty-four Texas lawmakers signed a letter requesting the Public Utility Commission implement measures to protect the state's most vulnerable electric consumers this summer. Chief among those mea-

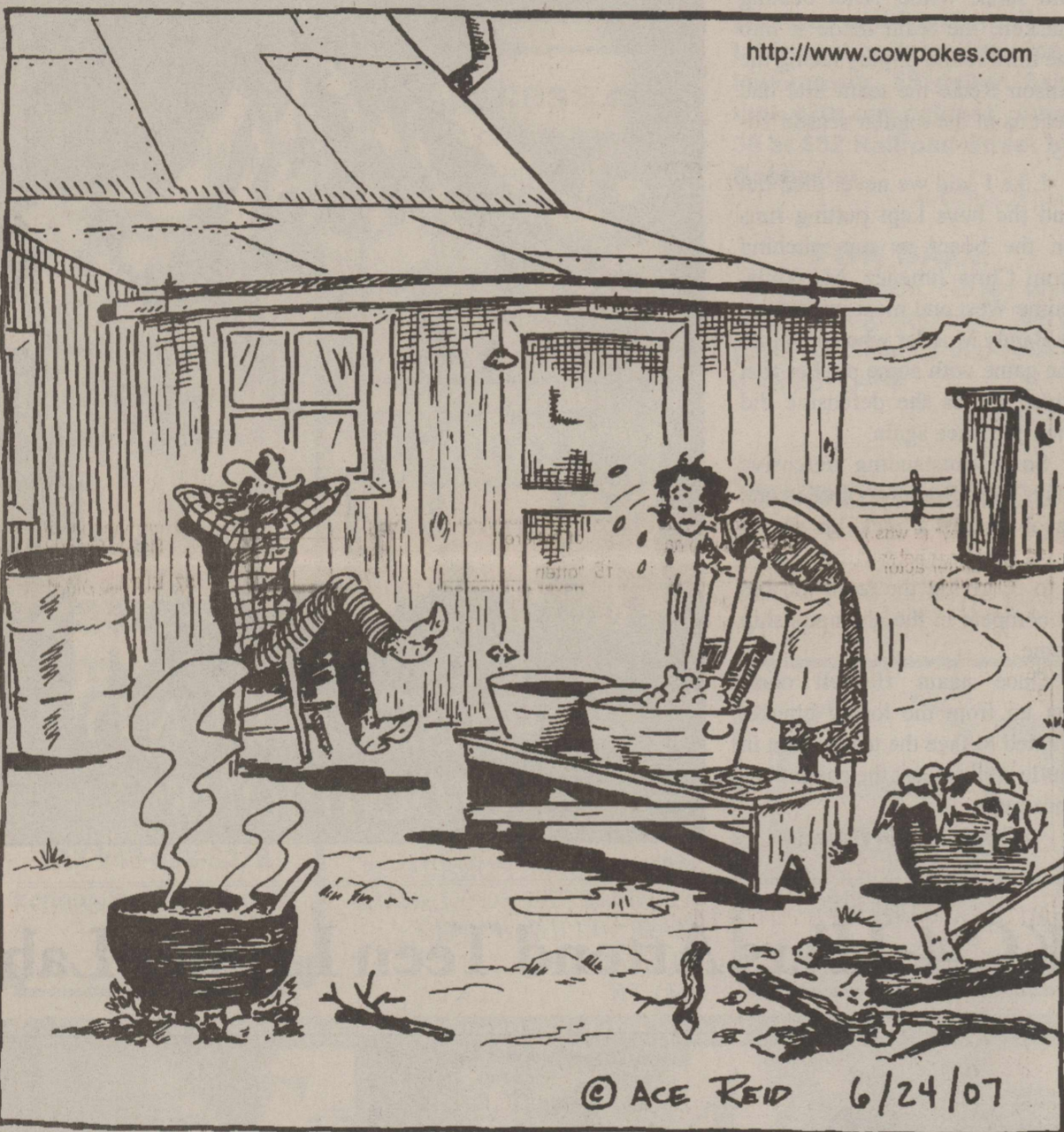
asures is the permanent implementation of a moratorium on electric disconnection during the summer months for low-income elderly and critical care customers. The rule also would allow low-income customers to spread their summer bills out over a period of time to ease the financial burden that increased summer usage creates.

- Gov. Perry issued a disaster declaration on June 19 for Cooke, Grayson, Lampasas and Tarrant counties after storms, flooding and tornadoes struck. Perry summoned military, state and local agencies and private organizations to assist in search and rescue and relief efforts in the affected counties.

- The governor and first lady Anita Perry are on a weeklong visit to Israel and Jordan.

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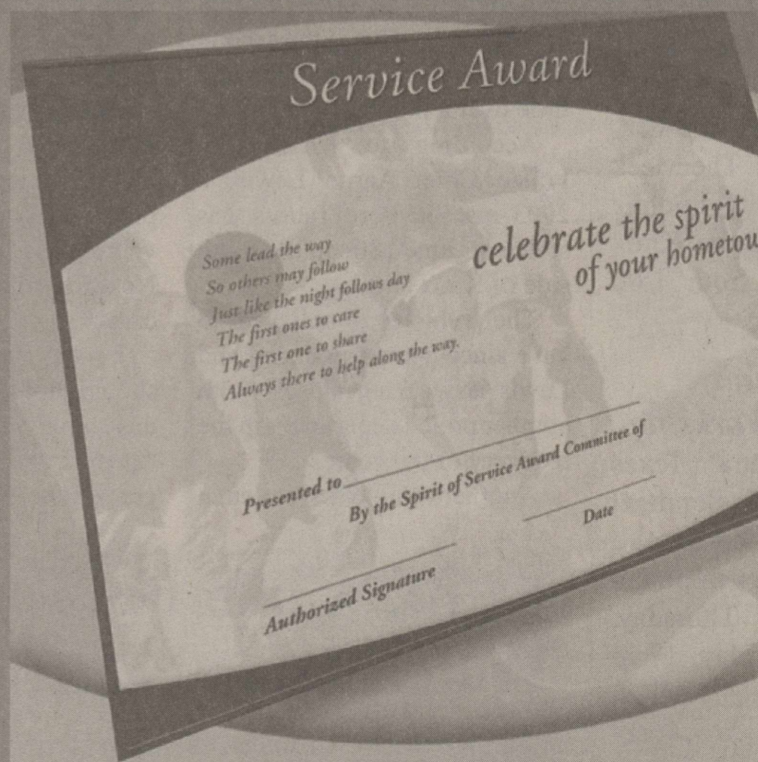
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

It's Easy To Be Green

By Baxter Black, DVM

Never was my observation "It's easy to be green when it's not personal," more obvious than today. As population increases and suburbanization encroaches on previously rural countryside, each new settler or squatter must face their own deleterious impact on the environment.

Most people do not have the luxury or the desire to buy ninety acres, build a house in the corner, and leave the rest as a prairie dog town.

It's easier to buy or build a house on a lot in a development that has already been clear cut and zoned residential. Kiss the prairie dog, coyote, spotted owl, Spikedace, minnow, wetland, and farmer or rancher habitat goodbye. Out of sight, out of mind.

When the developer and city council rezoned and annexed the development, they based their decision on what was personal to them...money and tax receipts.

For the new homeowner, any 'guilt or concern' they might have had over their personal impact is simply out of sight, out of mind. Yet, it is often these same "Now that I've got mine, I draw the line!" newcomers that support the stringent, sometimes justified but often frivolous restrictive edicts on others' private property.

It's a good system. The new homeowner can feel good about funding the Sierra Club or Wildlife Defense Fund, the developer moves to the next farm to begin again, and the City Manager gets a better job in another state. Not to mention the farmer that

sold out. He can retire and move into a new suburban development closer to the grandchildren or the golf course.

I think of it as the inexorable roll of civilization. It gobbles up the land and has since the pilgrims bought Manhattan for a string of beads and a lotto ticket.

There is one public figure who has steadfastly reminded us of our hypocrisy - he walks the walk and talks the talk - Mr. Ralph Nader.

Republicans don't like him because he attacks big business. Democrats don't like him because he cost Al Gore the 2000 election. Republicans can't buy him off and he peels the green veneer off Democrats.

I don't know how Mr. Nader feels about relocating prairie dogs (the 'carbon offset' of the wildlife displacers) or global warming, nuclear power, modern agriculture, or condemning productive land to protect a minnow. Where does environmental protection end and consumer protection begin?

All I know is that as time goes by, his wisdom humbles me.

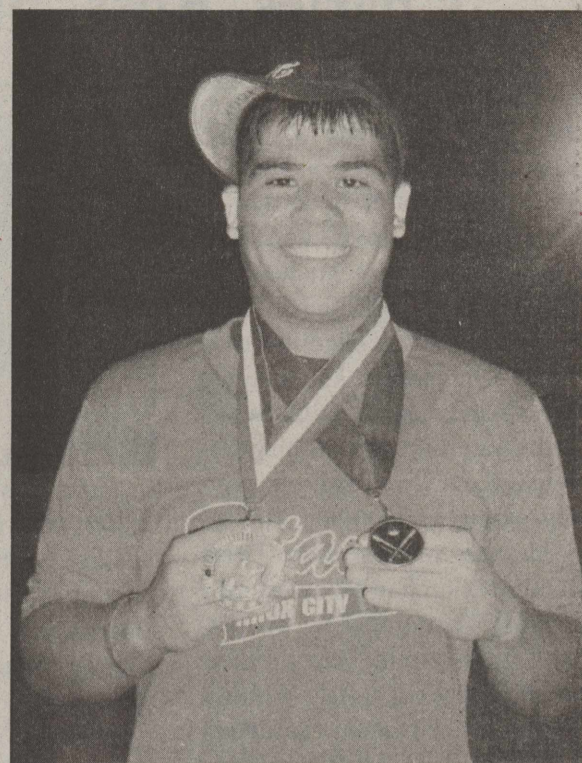
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Once again our offensive sticks came alive to put up 12 runs on the board beating the Haskell team 12 to 5.

We had some outstanding pitching from MJ Abila. All the boys also gave it their all and did an outstanding job. The boys did what they needed to do and I couldn't ask for anything else from them. These kids really played with their hearts and busted their tails to be where they are now CHAMPIONS!

I would like to thank the businesses that donated money for these kids to eat and drink during the tournament. Thank you to Penman Conoco, Offield Oilfield, Teem Auto, PBH, Pumpers Supply, Bill Stewart Insurance, Dillon Greenhouse, Johnson Watermelon, Bud's Café, and 4-B Cattle Company. We would also like to thank the fans and parents who came out to support us and also for the parents who help put together snacks and drinks for the boys. Thank you all from the Titans Baseball Team, MJ Abila, Zach Shaver, Bandy Moeller, Kenyin Thompson, Brandon Bradley, Zakery York, Brandon York, Jaime West, T. J. Moore, Jarek Wilde, Kevin Duncan, Juan Sanchez, Isaac Banks, Ty Baker and Nick Estrada.



M.J. Abila was MVP of the Quad County tournament. 21 strikeouts and 1 home run.

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's cloudy, rainy-looking, humid, but kind of cool this Monday morning. I'm sorry I missed last week, but the time got away before I got it written. Some of this week's news will actually be last week's. Back to the weather for a minute.

Last Tuesday night (rather early Wednesday morning) we had a little thunderstorm come through that had pretty powerful wind and as daybreak came Wednesday, we could see what damage had been done. Thankfully, there were no homes lost, but lots of big limbs broke off of trees.

Several reported some shingles off their houses and at least one storage shed was blown away. We also had some pretty hard rain and a few hail stones fell, but not enough to do any harm.

I didn't have anything here at my house, but there were some limbs, etc., blown off on the next street. We were fortunate and sure hope we don't get anything any worse. The cool weather is wonderful and is giving us a break from those usual sky-rocketing electric bills.

Sympathy Extended

I send sincere sympathy to the family of Robbie Feemster of Vera today. Robbie died Sunday in Seymour in hospice care after a several month illness suffering from cancer. She was a friend to everyone and will certainly be missed by all who knew her. Her graveside service will be tomorrow (Tuesday) at the Vera Cemetery at 11 a.m.

Conner Reunion

On Saturday, June 16th, the Conner family met for their annual

reunion at the Ex-Student Building in Benjamin. The potluck meal plus a full day of visiting was enjoyed by about 50 people. Before departure began, an auction was held on items brought by family members to help pay the extra expenses. Greg Kemp (Brenda Conner's husband) acted as auctioneer and Gloria West kept track of who bought what and for how much.

Towns represented by those present were: Ft. Worth, Dallas, Weatherford, Lubbock, Wolforth, Crosbyton, Brownwood, Plainview, Gilbert, Arizona, Mechanicsville, Virginia, Poolville, Huntsville, Seymour, League City, Cisco, Pearland and Benjamin. (I hope I didn't miss any, but if I did, I apologize.) As folks began to leave for their homes, they were already talking about next year's meeting. It was a fun day.

Here 'N There

Visiting Randy and Judy Barnett recently were friends from Alvin, George and Mary Morgan and J.D. and Barbara Stephens. Coming out here from a much busier part of the state, I'm sure they found our little village pretty quiet. Judy said George is originally an O'Brien resident, so he probably remembers "life in a small town."

Father's Day, Randy and Judy took their grandchildren, Cheyenne and Caden Conner to Dickens to meet their dad, Jeff (and his wife) for their return trip to their home in Lubbock. They had been here about ten days. They met at the park in Dickens and had a little "Dad's Day" party for Jeff and Randy. Debbie Moorhouse was

in Amarillo week before last helping her son, Cody, and his family get settled in their new house. Cody accepted a position with Tyson in early April, but was not able to move his family into their home until June 15th, when their house became available. This past Saturday, Debbie was in Childress to "baby-sit" the grandkids while Cody and Kyla and Becki and her husband attended a wedding and reception.

Visiting Omitene Barnett last week were Jarrel and Darlene Barnett of Baytown and Betty Jo Riggs of Elk City, Ok.

My Saturday guests were daughter Diane Evans and granddaughter Ashlee of Childress.

Keith and Pam Conner of Midland visited with Hazel Stockton and Bud Conner on Sunday.

Bob and Patti Tavernia and daughter of Frederick, Maryland visited her mom Earlene Meinzer and her brothers, Rick and Wyman, and their families several days last week.

Oscar and Shannon Gideon returned to their home in Gilbert, Arizona last Monday after a week's visit here with his parents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon. Their children, Ariel and Damon remained for an extended visit. Also visiting during that week were Sue Terry, Summer and Jake of Dallas.

Lewis Lyles has been readmitted to the Munday Nursing Center for a while. He's doing pretty well, but doctors feel he needs a little more medical attention than he can get at home, and Betty rests better knowing if he needs help it is readily available.

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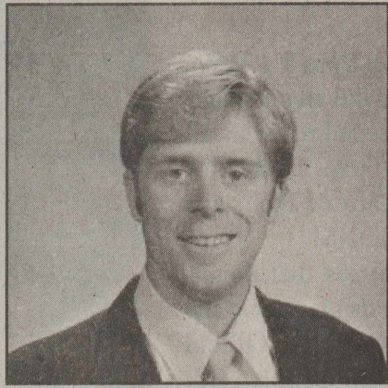
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OBITUARY

Charles "Ross" Baker

Charles Ross Baker, 23, died Saturday, June 9, 2007. Ross Baker was born Dec. 8, 1983 in Amarillo, Texas son of Bobby and Teresa White Baker. Ross was a 2002 graduate of Weatherford High School and was currently enrolled at Texas Tech University Engineering School and member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. An avid outdoorsman, Ross loved fishing, golfing, skiing, and hunting. He was a member of Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church in Weatherford.



Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 15, 2007 at First Baptist Church, 221 W. Church Street, in Weatherford. Interment was held in Memory Gardens Cemetery, in Weatherford.

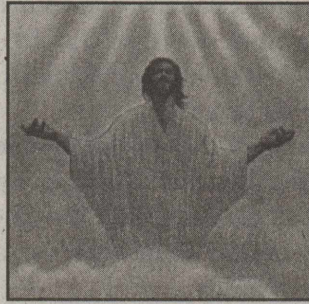
Ross is survived by his parents, Bobby and Teresa Baker of Weatherford; sister, Whitney Baker of Houston; grandparents, Charles and Betty Baker of Munday, Sammy B. and Winifred White of Knox City; aunt, Karen White and husband, Ronny; uncles, Sam White and wife, Renee, Bill Baker and wife, Kathleen; cousins, Chris and Matt White, Sandy Baker Doggett, Samantha and Meredith White. He is also survived by many loving extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church Building Fund, 200 S. Lakeshore Dr., Hudson Oaks, 76087 or the Delta Tau Delta Philanthropy, Children Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

White's Funeral Home, 130 Houston Avenue, Weatherford, Texas 76086, 817-596-4811 www.whitesfuneral.com

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



Have you ever heard the expression, "there are no atheists in foxholes"? You probably have. Of course the expression means that when all hope is gone and fear for one's life is immediate, everyone will cry out to Holy God! There are many other circumstances in life that we would also cry out to God; to save us, to heal us, or to protect us and many more expressions of hopelessness.

Christians cry out also, but our cry is heard by God. He is our hope, our assurance, the loving God that we know. We live with a viewpoint or perception that we know we will live eternally with God. Many people who do not know God personally would ask a believer, "how do you know?"

We know through prayer. We speak with God and He speaks to us. Jesus made it perfectly clear in the Bible as He spoke, "It is written, And

My house shall be a house of prayer" (Luke 19: 45a; NASB). You may think of the church as a place of activities, or programs, or funerals and weddings, or a place where people no better than you try to tell you how to live. His House may be a place that you choose not to enter. Let me encourage you to enter God's house of prayer. God's house is a place where you can speak to Him.

God is faithful to hear the prayer of sinners. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us." (1 John 1: 9, 10) I pray that you will enter God's house this Sunday morning and cry out to Him, that He may hear you and assure you of His love for you.

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WTAMU Announces Lists For Spring Semester

Canyon, Texas - West Texas A&M University has named more than 900 students to honors lists for spring 2007 semester. Of that total, 330 were named to the President's List and 652 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of twelve undergraduate hours. Area students named to the Dean's List include Jeff D. Daniel and Zane L. Daniel of Guthrie, Texas.

Jeff is a sophomore studying Agriculture/Agricultural Business & Economics.

Zane is a senior studying Agriculture.

WTAMU Awards Diplomas To Spring Graduates

Canyon, Texas - Degrees were officially conferred on 650 West Texas A&M University students during spring commencement exercises May 12 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 532 baccalaureate and 118 master's degrees.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and work gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum

Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2007 included 26 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 48 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 71 with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented 12 states and 99 Texas cities and towns.

Local Billy J. Stewart of Knox City graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in History.

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TERRY'S TALK

By Terry Utley
County Extension Agent/Ag.
Knox County

Knox County 4-H Horse Exhibitors participated in the 2007 Rolling Plains District 3 Horse Show June 13-16, in Vernon, Texas.

Entering the competition was Larami Stewart, Pate Stewart, Cassie Lyles, Cody Propps, Shaylee Propps, Payden Stewart, Ryder Cude and Kathryn Cude.

The first event on Wednesday was the cutting; Larami took home top honors with first place and a belt buckle.

In the working cow horse Cassie Lyles placed 10th. In team penning, Pate, Cody and Larami were 4th place and 10th place and Shaylee, Cassie, and Payden were 5th place. In the Yearling Filly Futurity class Larami was 3rd

place. In the 2-year old Pleasure Futurity Larami was 2nd place. In the 3-year Old Stock Horse Larami received 2nd place. After the inch and half rain came in about four-five minutes we started back the next morning with the speed events.

The conditions were a little sloppy but the kids did not mind riding in the mud. In the Pole bending Ryder was 11th place and Kathryn was 12th place. In the Stakes Race Ryder was 4th place. In the Grade Gelding Class Cassie Lyles was 2nd place.

The next competition will be at the State Horse Show in Abilene July 21st through the 28th. These kids really work hard training their horse or in most cases horses.

If you see these kids out congratulate them and wish them good luck at the State Horse Show.

KC MUSEUM NEWS

Work continues at the Wichita Brazos Museum. The interior is shaping up really well. It looks great. You can see for yourself at the Bake Sale on Saturday June 30th. Breakfast burritos will be on hand when the bake sale opens on the museum front porch at 7:30 A.M. Also available early will be sweet things with the coffee being served. If you're having July 4th company coming, a homemade dessert would be helpful.

Each member has been asked to bring at least two baked items. Already promised, are German chocolate cakes, pecan pies, and cinnamon rolls. Anyone else who wants to contribute a baked item is invited to bring their spe-

cialty. Those who don't live close are invited to drive over for the sale and enjoy the view of the green county road sides before the July withering heat sets in.

The June garage sale at Munday on June 2nd was a success, netting \$1,500.00 from the garage sale items and the hamburger sales. It was a fun day, visiting with bargain hunters, friends and eating KCHC burgers.

The brick order has been sent to Brick Markers for engraving. They will be shipped to us the last of August. We are anticipating the arrival of the memorial brick markers to be displayed on the museum grounds.

Give The Gift Of Life — Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile To Be At Knox County Hospital Monday

A community blood drive will take place in Knox City on Monday, July 2. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked at Knox County Hospital from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Meek Blood Center will bring technology to the blood drive which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells.

Red blood cells are the blood component that is transfused most often and are needed most to prevent a blood shortage.

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Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. There is no upper-age limit.

There are some restrictions regarding certain medications, medical conditions, and some travel areas outside the U.S. Those who have questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Donors will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are usually available three days after the blood drive.

TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

June is almost gone, but for more than one wheat farmer in the Wichita River Country wheat harvest is yet to be finished.

James Cruise, who leases the Jones Ranch, has been trying for weeks to finish harvest. Sunday, he lacked one field in the southwest part of the place and combines couldn't get in the field after a Saturday night rain. A call to Glen Heard brought out a similar story, soft fields, weeds greening, stands of golden wheat and rain.

Rain, always wanted, always needed. Rain that came in greater rates in the winter and early spring. Rain promising a harvest better, hopefully much better, than the last one. Rain that fell, and fell, and fell beyond needed, beyond desired. Changing prospects, stopping even thoughts of asking for more rain, not now, not today. Maybe next week. Life long fear of drought quelling any notion of pushing rain too far away.

There was a change in the usual harvest story, welcomed by those who managed to get their wheat out.

The weather in North Texas, lowering of harvest predictions to the north and even a possible shift of acres to corn and ethanol, next year have all been suggested as affecting the price of wheat in 2007. Whatever, if for once in decades you get too much rain, but at least nobody known has complained about getting too much money for a bushel of wheat.

This week, Friday, June 29th, a sanctioned cutting horse event will take place at the Daniel arena west of Truscott. The Truscott Community Center will benefit from profit at the concession stand there Friday. If you have questions contact Jerry Bob Daniel at Truscott.

Also this week, Saturday June 30th, the Knox County Museum will benefit from a bake sale at the museum, a block east of the courthouse at Benjamin. Coffee on the front porch and plenty of good cooking will be available for eating on the spot, to take home, or to save for July 4th company.

Don Daniel reports that Clyde Bullion, brother to his late wife Margaret, visited him on Sunday, returning to Mineral Wells that afternoon.

June Looney was in Vernon last Thursday visiting her daughter, Kay, and taking care of errands.

There are no pets at China Creek. Judy, the dog, died two weeks ago despite two visits to the vet to see why she wasn't eating.

Then a couple of days ago, Cat didn't show up for supper and hasn't been seen since. Judy had lived here a long time and is truly missed. Cat wasn't quite a fixture, yet.

Anyway, all this stretch of China Creek, now as close as the house, are the cattle that were turned in to graze down the weed over-taken corrals, and are now working on the hip high grass and forbs (weeds) in the horse

pasture around the house, and the turkeys.

One recent morning three turkey hens and six or eight toddlers were grazing in front of the house, drifting north. About 75 or 100 feet from the house one of the hens suddenly raced south, almost to the yard fence. Then it routed a hen and turned chicks out of the high grass.

It looked at first like it was telling laggards to get with the family. The bossy hen started back to the flock, then suddenly turned and raced back against the lone hen.

The lone hen and it's chicks got routed out, then chased back and forth across the gravelled turn-around.

Finally, the lone hen and little ones headed south, and Bossy, triumphant, returned to her group.

It was obvious that the south heading hen and her babies were not wanted. The "in" group drifted on north toward the windmill, satisfied in their superiority, whatever that may have been.

Besides having more rain than usual, Truscott and Gilliland water system customers had a water shortage over the weekend. The water kept going off, on and off all Saturday and Sunday. Some had a problem with shower.

One person, we won't use names, got all soaped up in the shower, the water went to a tiny trickle.

No names, but it was a person on the system in Foard County. We won't even tell the gender, but will say it wasn't a male.

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StarWalk at Copper Breaks

Quannah, Texas - The gas giant Jupiter and his moons will be the focus of the StarWalk, set for Saturday, July 14, as the acclaimed stargazing program continues to celebrate eleven years of unique and outstanding public astronomy presentations. Program originator Jeri Turner will lead naked-eye exploration of our solar system as well as brighter objects for the popular family event beginning at dusk, or around 9 p.m. at Big Pond Campground.

In addition to the after-dark program, SkyGuide volunteers regularly offer an afternoon of Sun Fun from 5-6 p.m. Sun Fun offers the public rare views of our own star, the Sun, through telescopes fitted with special filters for safe viewing.

The nighttime observing begins after sunset. Turner will begin the fun, family-oriented program with a tour of the darkening sky - the StarWalk. Blending science with history, legends and lore, Turner takes participants on a trip through major constellations in all four directions, and introduces a technique known as "star-hopping" to find other interesting objects. Following the naked-eye presentation, the public is invited to get a close-up view of our planetary neighbors through the park's binoculars and telescopes as well as

through larger scopes provided by knowledgeable SkyGuides. These volunteers come from throughout northern Texas and Oklahoma to assist the StarWalk program through the generous use of their own equipment.

Selected as the participant program in the Nigh Sky Network sponsored by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Lab, the StarWalk has expanded its presentation format to demonstrate hands-on astronomy materials that the public can experience.

StarWalks are also slated for August 18, September 15 and October 13, weather permitting. Next year's schedule is in development and will feature programs monthly from April through October.

A summer art show will also be held at Copper Breaks State Park July 21 through August 25. Regional and local artists will display their talents.

StarWalk is sponsored by the Quahadi Society, Inc., and the non-profit support group for Copper Breaks State Park. For more information on the Campsite Talks, other park programs or park facilities, call (940) 839-4331 during regular business hours.

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

/s/ Dean W. Homstad
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The Knox City-O'Brien CISD is accepting proposals for the following:

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The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the District and to waive any informality in the proposals.

Specifications or additional information may be obtained by contacting the Administration office at (940) 657-3521.

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PINK LADIES NEWS

Ten Hospital Auxiliary members were present for their monthly meeting Monday, June 18, in the Thrift Shop.

President Cleo Collins called the meeting to order. With the recent rains, a good amount of water has been running down a wall in one of the rooms. Members voted to have Jimmy Johnson of O'Brien check on it and see if it could be fixed.

Members also voted to remove all clothing from the racks that is not selling and take it to the Salvation Army in Abilene.

Hospital Administrator Stephen Kuehler met with the group advising that Dr. Zeke Duke of Benjamin would be moving to Knox City and starting to work on July 11. A reception for the new doctor will be hosted by the Pink Ladies at the hospital on Friday, July 13, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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