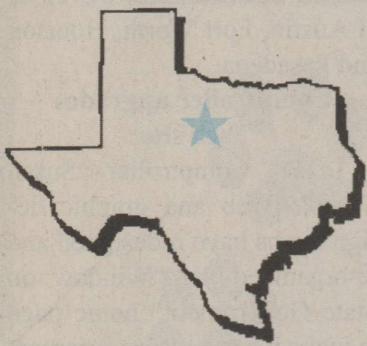


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Looking Ahead

• Stock Show Schedules

The schedules for the major Texas shows are as follows: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo - January 31 thru February 17; San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - February 21 thru March 2; Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo / Austin - February 29 thru March 15; Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - March 3 thru March 22.

• KC-O'Brien Ex-Students Homecoming

There will be a homecoming planning meeting for all interested ex-students at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 21, in the KC High School Library. The homecoming will be the first weekend in June - June 6 & 7, 2008.

• The Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show

February 23 in Munday. Over 100 quilts displayed. Raffle quilt, "Tree of Life French Braid". Tickets are \$1 each. Viewers Choice, concession stand, door prizes, vendors, merchant mall, handicap accessible, free parking. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$3. At the Munday Elementary Gym.

• Return of the Golden Girls
 Return of the Golden Girls presented by Noah Project - North will be Saturday, February 23 at the Haskell Civic Center. Silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and show begins at 7:00 p.m. \$12.50 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under.

• Knox County Retired School Personnel

will have their monthly meeting Tuesday, February 26 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Knox City. Jerry Hamilton of Waco will present a program on Member Benefits. All members are encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

• KC Job Fair

The Knox County Visioning Committee will host a non-traditional job fair, business showcase and entrepreneurial support enterprise event, Thursday, February 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church Hall.

• Benjamin Little Dribblers Tournament

The Benjamin Little Dribblers Tournament will be March 1, at the Benjamin School Gym.

SA Stock Show And Rodeo Rural Youth Banquet Honors Outstanding Texas Young People



Brittany Coop is pictured with Mr. Steve Bridges, President and Elaine Van de Walle-Thompson Vice President of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

San Antonio - The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo in association with the San Antonio Kiwanis Club honored forty outstanding young people from across the state during the 53rd annual Rural Youth Banquet on Friday, January 25, 2008.

The twenty 4-H and twenty FFA members were chosen by their organizations for their continuing contributions to agriculture and agricultural related fields, and for their involvement in leadership and community service activities through their respective organization.

Brittany Coop, daughter of Curt and Lorrie Coop, was one of the outstanding youth who also received a Youth Leadership Award.

The honoree is pictured with Mr. Steve Bridges, President, and Elaine Van de Walle-Thompson, Vice President, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

The Rural Youth Award is a prestigious honor and each recipient receives a \$1,000 scholastic award to assist them with their college education.

The San Antonio Kiwanis Club and the Stock Show are avid supporters of higher education and believe that this investment in the leaders of tomorrow is a sound one.

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, is a volunteer, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote agricultural awareness and its advancement through education.

In 1984 they began their re-investment in young people with their first scholarships being awarded to 4-H and FFA youth.

Since that time, over \$79 million has been awarded to over 3,000 Texas youth to assist them in pursuing degrees in agriculture so that they could give back to the industry.

Retired School Personnel Walk For Better Health

The members of the Knox County Retired School Personnel walked 76,470,000 steps, the equivalent of 38,235 miles, in 2007 as they participated in the Texas Retired Teachers Association's (TRTA) WALKS-A-MILLION Program.

The purpose of the TRTA WALKS-A-MILLION Program is to encourage the organization's 64,000 members in the 257 Local Units throughout Texas to walk on a daily basis in order to maintain good health and at the same time keep health insurance costs down.

The Knox County Retired

School Personnel is proud to announce Margaret Hill of Munday, walked the most steps in 2007, 4,400,000 steps = 2,200 miles.

She will receive a certificate of recognition from the TRTA.

The WALKS-A-MILLION Program at the Knox County Retired School Personnel is coordinated by Frances King, Health Care Committee Chairman.

Joanna Delgado, President of the Local TRTA Unit, expressed her appreciation to all the WALKS-A-MILLION Program participants.

KC Ag Mechanics Team Receives Blue Ribbon



The metal project of the Ag Mechanics Team of Joe Albus (Center), Travis Hawkins (Left), and Cody Trimble (Right) met the standards of excellence for a blue ribbon at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 15-17. The project, an entrance gate for Stanfield Hunting Outfitters, was designed, constructed and painted by the team. Every detail including the artwork was from the masterminds of the team. This project and others from the Knox City Agriculture Science Department will be exhibited and judged at the San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 26-28. Mr. Tom Farmer is the Agriculture Science instructor.

Job Fair Opens Opportunities Next Week

With the support of the Knox County Visioning Committee, Knox County will have access to a non-traditional job fair, business showcase and entrepreneurial support enterprise event in Knox City on Thursday, February 28th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church Hall.

Instead of the traditional job fair where visitors are able to wonder from booth to booth, a program will begin shortly after 6:30 p.m. and after presentations by agencies and other people in the know, booths can be visited until 8:30 p.m.

Some agencies who will be available at the event are the

Small Business Association and the Texas Workforce Commission of Abilene.

This will be an event that will bring job seekers together with those who are looking to fill jobs, along with agencies who can offer support to the entrepreneur.

See **JOB FAIR** on Page 5

Rock Being Placed On Museum Exterior



The rock exterior is being placed on the Knox County Museum exterior. Dale Huffman and Kevin Urbanzyck of Munday started work last week.



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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Reflecting the importance of Texas in the political landscape, U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama opened campaign offices here on Feb. 16.

Both candidates, who are competing for the Democratic presidential nomination, have begun airing campaign ads in many Texas markets.

And, the two are scheduled to engage in a Feb. 21 debate at the University of Texas.

Admission for students, members of the university com-

Democratic Frontrunners Set Up Camp In Capital City

munity and the public was by invitation only due to security restrictions.

Voter education drive begins

With the March 4 Texas primaries only days away, a May election on the horizon and the 2008 general election coming up in November, the move is on to increase the public knowledge about the right to vote.

Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson on Feb. 11 launched "VOTEXAS," a statewide voter education program funded through the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Wilson, the state's chief elections officer, described the initiative as "Pretty much everything you could ever want to know about voting in Texas."

Information is available at VOTEXAS.org.

Early voting runs Feb. 19 to Feb. 29.

Heart screening program begins

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 14 awarded a \$1 million contract to Championship Hearts Foundation to screen sixth-graders for heart conditions that can cause sudden and unforeseen death.

The Early Cardiovascular Detection Pilot Program, created in 2007 by Senate Bill 7, will screen about 12,750 students enrolled at public schools across Texas, beginning this month.

The contractor will select schools that are geographically and ethnically diverse, the Texas Education Agency said.

AG: watch out for refund scam

The Office of the Attorney General has received complaints from Texans who have received unsolicited electronic mail and telephone calls from purported IRS agents claiming that the taxpayers are eligible for "Bush refunds."

Scammers demand taxpayers' Social Security and bank account numbers, claiming the IRS will use the information to directly deposit "rebate checks" into the taxpayers' accounts.

The IRS does not call or e-mail taxpayers unexpectedly to demand personal information for direct deposits, the AG's office said.

To report this kind of solicitation, call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline, (800) 621-0508, or the Internal Revenue Service, (800) 829-1040.

Wimberley pays 'Robin Hood'

Wimberley Independent School District, about 35 miles southwest of Austin, made headlines across the state last fall when it refused to send its "Robin Hood" tax revenue share to Austin.

But the school district's board of trustees put the issue to a vote

Feb. 14 and decided 6-1 to pay "under protest" about 15 percent of the \$2.4 million owed.

The Wimberley school district is considered property wealthy under state law, but school officials have maintained that the district could not afford to send the money.

Crime lab grants are awarded

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 12 awarded grants totaling nearly \$900,000 to nine forensic crime labs.

The money is awarded through the federal Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act fund and is distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

"Texas must provide law enforcement with the latest in forensic science technology in order to protect our citizens while ensuring our criminal justice system does not wrongfully convict the innocent," Perry

said. Receiving grants are Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Jefferson and Tarrant counties, and the cities of Austin, Fort Worth, Houston and Pasadena.

Comptroller upgrades Web site

Texas Comptroller Susan Comb's Web and graphic design teams have redesigned and re-organized the "Window on State Government" home page to make it more action-oriented, cleaner and easier to navigate.

The address for the page is www.window.state.tx.us.

Users are asked what they want to do - pay taxes, find a tax form, search for unclaimed property or locate other information - and a quick click takes the user to the right location.

A recent addition is "Where the Money Goes," a link to in-depth information about how the state spends taxpayer dollars.

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By Ace Reid



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1 TXism: "just a ___gen" (small amount)

5 "up ___ good"

6 TXism: "plain as the top line ___ eye chart"

7 San Antonio AM 8 "___ More Beef"

9 TX-filmed "Middle ___ Crazy"

12 in downtown Dallas: John Neely Bryan's ___

17 TXism: "hungry as ___ a concrete pasture"

19 TXism: "packed like sardines ___"

21 things unrevealed

22 TX-born Carolyn Jones was "Morticia ___" on TV

23 where a team logo is found (3 wds.)

28 Jayton is seat of this county

29 TX Gary Morris' "Sweet Red ___"

30 LBJ's defense sec. Robert Mc ___

31 TXism: "according to ___" (play by the rules)

35 more "nekkid"

36 Conway Twitty's "Good Is Gone"

42 crude oil

44 early name of TX salsa maker: "Pace ___"

46 TXism: "ought not"

DOWN

1 TXism: "she don't eat enough to ___"

2 mixture of elements

3 TXism: "sank like an anvil ___ tank"

4 actress Drake in "Down Laredo Way"

9 ___gallon hat

10 TXism: "___ an alley cat" (sinner)

11 TX Perot's first naval rank (abbr.)

12 TX George H. was dir. of this agcy.

13 TX Oveta Culp Hobby was first U.S. Sec. of "Health, Education, ___"

14 TXism: "want it so ___ could spit"

15 TX Nash's "___ See Clearly Now"

16 "Racehorse" is nick ___ of TX Richard Haynes

18 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)

20 TX singer Stuckey (init.)

23 TX Perot film: "___ Wings of Eagles"

24 seize suddenly

25 it's free at a TX info center (2 wds.)

26 tender touch

27 TXism: "the bigger they ___ fall" harder they fall"

32 "now ___ never"

33 TX QB ___ Tittle

34 TX Sissy Spacek in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)

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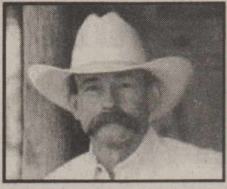
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

COWBOY PAMPERS

By Baxter Black, DVM

It is not uncommon to see real cowboys in the communities where cattle are part of the economy.

I don't mean posing in the street like gunfighters in Tombstone, or passing out casino flyers on a corner in Las Vegas during rodeo week, but in the middle school parking lot picking up their kids, in the latte drive-up, or at the lumber store.

One lady told of seeing two authentic-looking cowboys strolling up the aisle at Safeway. She described them as wearing 'dusty jeans, ten gallon hats, and well-worn boots with jangling spurs.'

"What could they be buying in here?" she wondered... "probably beer and tobacco."

Personally, my first thought was Metamucil, Prilosec, or Ben Gay. But our lady of this story made a point to follow these two cowboys through the checkout and saw them leave,

'strutting' out the door, carrying under their arms four jumbo-sized boxes of disposable diapers!

I can immediately see the misconceptions she might have had; that these two cowboys each had a toddler at home and were forced under the threat of NO SUPPER-NO CLEAN SOCKS-NO ROPING PRACTICE and ENFORCEMENT OF THE THREE FOOT RULE unless they made the didy run!

However, for the lady's benefit I can think of many more logical reasons they were on a diaper-buying mission.

For instance, Huggies are quite handy as blinders on a bad horse when he won't let you swing up! OR for keeping stray mongrels from bothering your good blue heeler female when she's in season, OR placing over a bull's nose for the same reason, OR to tape on like boxing gloves around the wrists of your daughter's boyfriend before a date.

It could be that these two rustic cowboys were using the nappies for protection in some contact sport to wrap knees, elbows or feet.

Maybe they were skinny, pot-bellied, hair stickin' up team ropers who were trying out for the sumo wrestling team? It is also possible they lacked enough natural padding and long hours in the saddle made their seat bones sore. They could be wadding up the diapers and wearing them like their old bareback pad (for the really skinny, it takes two!)

Author's note:

There are many, much more logical reasons a cowboy would be buying disposable diapers than the obvious one. As ornamentation, wild rag, hat cover, ear muffs, saddle pad, pillow, hanky, coin purse, saddle bag, bed roll, small Batman cape, blindfold, face-mask, moustache protector, and handy wipe in case your horse poops on the carpet.

I, myself, use it in my lunch box to carry my soup. But not like you might think. I just saturate the pampers with chicken noodle. I can wring it out into a cup when I'm ready or just chew on it now and then as a treat.

Um um good, um um good, that's what...

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Hunt Oil Company, 1900 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2300 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Tannehill, Canyon, Twin Peaks, and Barber Strawn (5400') formations in the QQQ/Ross (Strawn Sand) Well Number 7. The proposed injection well is located 18 miles southeast of Guthrie, Texas in the Barber (Strawn Sand) Field, King County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2588' to 5349'.

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 Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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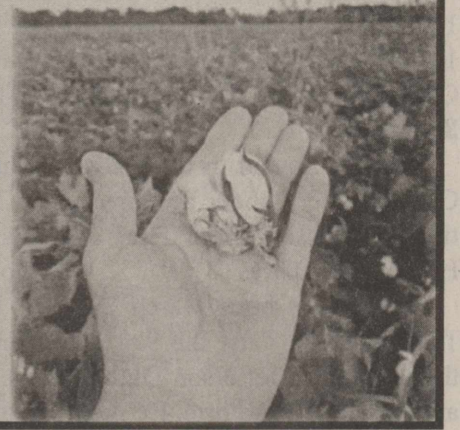
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OBITUARIES

Jimmy Dutton

Jimmy Dutton, 67, died Thursday, February 14, 2008. A Funeral Service was held 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church, Knoxville.

Burial followed in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knoxville.

Jimmy was born March 29, 1940 in Knoxville, the son of the late James Jefferson Dutton and Ruie Seale Waldrip. He was a teacher, and taught in O'Brien, TX, Reno, NV, San Francisco,

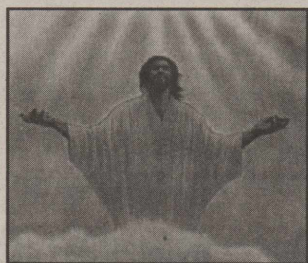
CA, and Spring Lake-Earth schools where he retired. His students were his children and he took great pride in them as he watched them grow and prosper in their lives. He was a member of Primitive Baptist Church, Muleshoe.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Doug Logsdon.

He is survived by his sister Renda Logsdon of Muleshoe; niece Meischelle, nephew Ronnie, great nephew Logan and wife Stacy, and great nieces Meagan and Machayla.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



I really enjoy fishing. Recently my son and I were out on Miller Creek Reservoir enjoying a beautiful afternoon in January. As we were fishing, I made a cast and ended up with one of those wonderful, huge backlashes. I couldn't believe how much line was entangled in my reel. I went to work trying to untangle the mess I had made. Suddenly I realized that enough time had passed for me to drift toward the bank and into the trees. Not only had I not untangled all my line, but now I'm fighting the trees and Scotty is fussing at me, because he has nowhere to cast his line. Well, some time later, and I do mean later I finally straightened out my mess. Scotty is happily making one cast after the other, and he is now quietly fishing. As I began to relax from all the confusion I could see a great scriptural illustration in all the chaos that we had experienced.

Romans 6: 12-14 (NASB)
12. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,
13. and do not go on pre-

senting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

14. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

So what does this scripture have to do with fishing? Well, like the temptation that Satan uses to draw us into sin, my backlash totally distracted me from my objective of fishing. I was so focused on my circumstance that I allowed the pull of the waves to continually draw me into a dangerous area. One of Satan's greatest tools of evil is distraction. He wants to distract you from serving God so that he may draw you back into places of your life that prevent you from living the godly life that you know you should live. Our lives can have many "backlashes", but let us always be careful not to become distracted of the love that God has for us. I pray today that you experience the love of God in every way; everyday.

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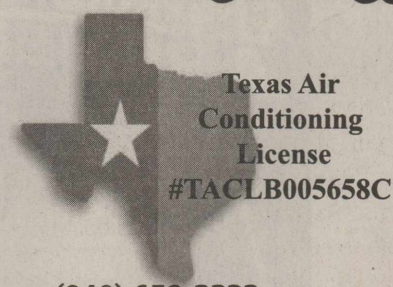


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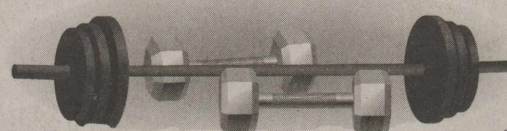
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Home Burglar Takes Weapons, Leaves Behind His Shoes

The answers probably lie within the black Converse shoes. A 62-year-old man in Bayonet Point, Florida, told the Pasco County Sheriff's Office that someone broke into his home early February 17, and more than a dozen weapons, including a samurai sword and firearms, were taken.

Michael George Aston of 13322 Brigham Lane said that he woke up around 12:15 AM and saw a stranger standing in the doorway of his bedroom. He initially thought that it might be his nephew and called out his name but got no response, a report states.

Aston, the owner of an air-conditioning business, grabbed a shotgun next to his bed and walked into his living room discovered that his sliding glass door was open. He then spotted someone running from his backyard and heard the sound of clanging metal.

A pair of black Converse shoes was left inside his home. Aston had never seen them before, according to the report.

Aston told deputies that he likely couldn't identify the thief because he only saw him running from the back.

A deputy took the shoes as evidence. According to the report, the weapons were stolen from places that "only someone with prior knowledge would know their location."

A bottle of tequila and a crystal flask were also stolen, but the tequila bottle was found outside and also marked as evidence.

Man Gets 50 Years For Bringing Drugs To Meeting With Parole Officer

A man in Georgetown, Texas, was arrested at the office of his parole officer in April of 2007 on new kidnapping and assault charges out of Travis County. The man, identified as 39-year-old Augustine Salazar, was just about to complete a 12-year sentence for false imprisonment. Prosecutors say that the parole officer requested that Georgetown Police take Salazar to jail and impound his car. District Attorney John Bradley says that while searching Salazar's car before towing it, the Georgetown officer found more than 10 grams of cocaine in a plastic baggie, marijuana, and some car lock picks. Fresh possession charges were then filed against Salazar. A Williamson County Jury convicted him on those charges last week.

As part of the sentencing phase, the jury was told about Salazar's criminal history, which also includes burglary. Additionally, the woman who says that Salazar kidnapped her in Travis County testified. The jury recommended a 50-year prison sentence for Salazar. Judge Burt Carnes handed down the sentence and ordered the sentence to begin only after Salazar finishes the remainder of his previous 12-year term that was interrupted by his April 2007 arrest.

Underwear Over The Face Fooled No One

A robbery suspect in Welch, West Virginia, tried to hide his face with a pair of underwear but the not-so-cunning disguise didn't fool witnesses. Police arrested the man, identified as 40-year-old Jerry Keene; and a woman, identified as 48-year-old Elizabeth Blankenship, who both hail from English, West Virginia, a short time after they allege that the pair robbed the Hillbilly Market in English the night of February 12. McDowell County sheriff's Chief Deputy Mark Shelton says that Blankenship went into the convenience store and then left. Shelton also alleges that Keene then entered, concealing his face with the underwear, showed a gun and demanded money.

According to Shelton, witnesses identified the suspect, even with the disguise. Blankenship and Keene were each charged with armed robbery. As of this writing, they are being held at the McDowell County Holding Facility.

Knox County Sheriff's Report

Jan. 29 - Feb. 14

Ausburne, Chrystal - (1/31/08) - Forgery (SJF) (Knox County)

Macias, Michael Ray (2/02/08) - Forgery (SJF) (Knox County)

Lara, Latisha S. (2/02/08) - Fail to identify (M-B) (Knox County)

Warner, Blake Andrew (2/02/08) - Assault w/ Bodily Injury, Interfere w/public duty (M-A) x2 (Knox County)

Macias, Andrew G. - (2/03/08) - Terrorist threat (M-B) Agg. Assault w/ Deadly Weapon (F-2) (Knox County)

Mayes, Roy Lee (2/07/08) - Theft (M-B) (Knox County)

Daniel, Jason Eugene (2/09/08) - Public Intoxication (M-C) (Knox County)

Barrioz, Ronnie (2/12/08) - Criminal Non-support (Fail to pay child support) (SJF) (Knox County)

Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Gamma News

Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will hold its March 2 meeting at the Knox City High School library at 2:30 p.m.

The speaker for the meeting will be Katy Latham. She will talk about how art can improve small communities.

The Christmas program was held December 1 at the home of Shirley and Byron Gass. Members brought covered dishes for a luncheon. A silent auction for Christmas decorations was held. A short history of the house was given by Marsha McGaughey.

The home was designed by a protégé of Frank Lloyd Wright. Quilts by artist in the spotlight, Mary Cartwright of Munday were displayed. Our chapter's Red Rose Salute went to Shirley Gass for sharing her home with our chapter.

Job Fair — Continued

(Continued from page 1)
In addition to showcasing jobs already available and supporting future entrepreneurs, hopes are to show people in county, and who would love to remain here, how to prepare for a career that will allow them to work at their dream job in Knox County, instead of losing them to outside businesses.

"Our competition is not each other, but outside of the county where we are losing our young people and jobs," said Remelle Farrar, Community Development Director.

KC Immunization Clinic To Be At The KC Housing Authority March 6

The Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic will be at the Knox City Housing Authority Community Room, 203 SW 4th Street from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6.

Vaccinations for children and adults will be available including Hepatitis A, pneumococcal conjugate, polio, MMR, HIB, Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis, Hepatitis B, HPV, meningitis, and chickenpox vaccine.

A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany a minor under 18 years of age.

A copy of your child's social security card and Medicaid letter, if applicable, must be provided.

Services at the Department of Health are offered on a sliding fee scale, but no one will be denied services.

For more information about immunizations, call the Texas Department of State Health Office at 940-522-8770.

Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-Se-Dos, What's your favorite?

So do we and we are so excited that the Girl Scout Cookie Sale is on the way! March 8th is when you will start to see area Girl Scouts all around town tempting your taste buds with their sweet confections. As always they will have the Trefoils shortbread cookie, Tagalongs peanut butter patties, Do-Si-Dos peanut butter crèmes, Samoas chewy chocolate and coconut cookie, Thin Mints peppermint cookies, and All Abouts shortbread and chocolate cookie. This year they have 2 new cookies: Lemon Chalet Crèmes a lemon sandwich cookie, and Sugar Free Chocolate

Chip cookies.

For only \$3 per box you can help girls in the 16 counties of the Wichita Falls Service Center area learn necessary life skills such as setting goals, strategic planning and implementation as they earn monetary bonuses for their troops to participate in special opportunities - AND satisfy your sweet tooth all at the same time. What a bargain! Counties serviced by the Wichita Falls Area Service Center are: Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, King, Knox, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger,

and Young.

On Saturday, March 1st drop by Sikes Senter Mall in Wichita Falls, from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm for their Cookie Kick-off Rally and sample delicious desserts prepared by area chefs! Vote on your favorites and be one of the first to taste the new cookie varieties.

Be on the look-out for Girl Scouts in your area selling cookies, or call the Wichita Falls Area office at (940) 723-4336 for information or to purchase cookies.

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 ✦ If you are looking for a better future
 ✦ WE WANT YOU to join us for our Job Fair, Business Showcase, Entrepreneurial Support Enterprise Event.

Thursday, February 28 at the Catholic Church Hall in Knox City 6:30-8:30 p.m. Be there for the presentations at 6:30.

Then we will have an hour to visit all the booths. Spanish Speaking Team members are on hand to assist as needed. If you would like to showcase your business or have an opportunity to talk to potential employees please call Remelle at the Courthouse or on her cell at 806-255-0909 this week so we can reserve a place for you!

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March 7	2:30	Spur	Varsity
March 13	TBA	Jayton	Junior High
March 14	TBA	Jayton	Varsity
March 20	3:45	Throckmorton	Junior High
March 21	12:00	Throckmorton	Varsity
March 27	3:45	Aspermont	Junior High
March 28	2:30	Aspermont	Varsity

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

After another wintry weekend today (Monday) has been fairly nice. The mix of snow, sleet, rain, thunder hail and lightening early Saturday morning proved to be very interesting.

I couldn't tell what might be next! Amid the light mist and sleet, the fire alarm sounded and the call was to the Steve Sheedy residence on the Spike Box Ranch. This was around 7:00 a.m. The house was pretty well destroyed inside as well as all the contents. No definite cause has been determined as far as I know.

Sympathy to Pat and Gayle Baucum today. They are former Knox City residents where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church. Their grandson, Caleb died early Saturday morning at their home at Eddy, Texas, where they had lived since September. Caleb was handicapped, confined to a wheel chair and was only 15 years old. Everyone who knew him loved him. His funeral was today in Anson where he had lived for several years.

About Our Ill

Brittney Meinzer spent a couple of days in the hospital last week with this respiratory problem that's bothering folks. She's home now and much better.

And I think maybe the virus has "slowed down" a little and that's good to know. We don't need another "wave" of that stuff as it is not good company!

Betty Lyles spent a few days at their home in Ballinger last week. Maintaining her home here and the one in Ballinger

is pretty well a full time job for her.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and Will were in Seymour Saturday for the funeral of his uncle, Don Mobley. On Sunday they and Liz and Nathan Herring of Munday, visited Jessica Moorhouse in Stephenville where she's a student at Tarleton.

Lorene Powers, her niece Debbie Clower and Sara and Tina Siemens attended a sing song at ACU in Abilene Saturday. Debbie's son, Michael is a member of that singing group.

Visiting Jack and Mary Young last week were her niece and nephew and their families; Kobi and Brandon LeBlanc of Round Rock and Jason and Tiffany Melton of Houston.

They were here for the funeral of Kobi and Jason's grandmother, Judy Anderson, a former Knox City resident who had been living in Lubbock for some time.

Sympathy to Judy's family. She was a faithful reader of this paper and this column. She wrote me a note recently expressing her appreciation for my "news" each week. She said it was like a letter from home. I certainly appreciate her kind words.

Hank and Linda Wagner of Lubbock were in Benjamin visiting on Friday.

The work crews are busy this week putting rock on the museum. It is looking great and will be an even more talked about attraction after the job is completed. The office of the Historical Commission was moved into the museum building one-day last week so now it is all under one roof!

The Arbor Day Foundation Offers 10 Free Trees

Now's the time to start thinking about the spring planting season, and the Arbor Day Foundation is offering an ideal way for everyone to plant trees when the weather warms up.

Every person from Texas who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in February will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees.

The 10 free Eastern redbud trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America

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"Redbuds will add lasting beauty to homes across Texas," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions.

The 6 to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication,

Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

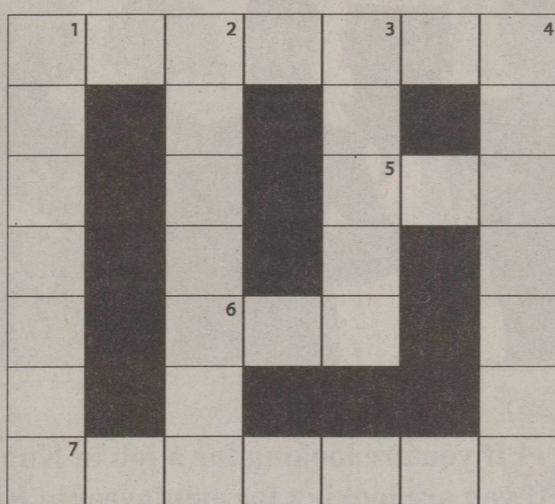
To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 29, 2008 or go to www.arborday.org.



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5. Family and relations
6. To drag
7. Touching or pushing

CLUES DOWN

1. Sustained show of appreciation from a crowd
2. Found position of
3. Off center
4. Making vocal sounds

Answers:
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Down: 1. Ovation 2. Located 3. Askew 4. Singing

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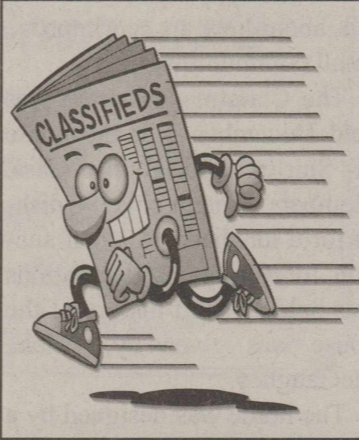


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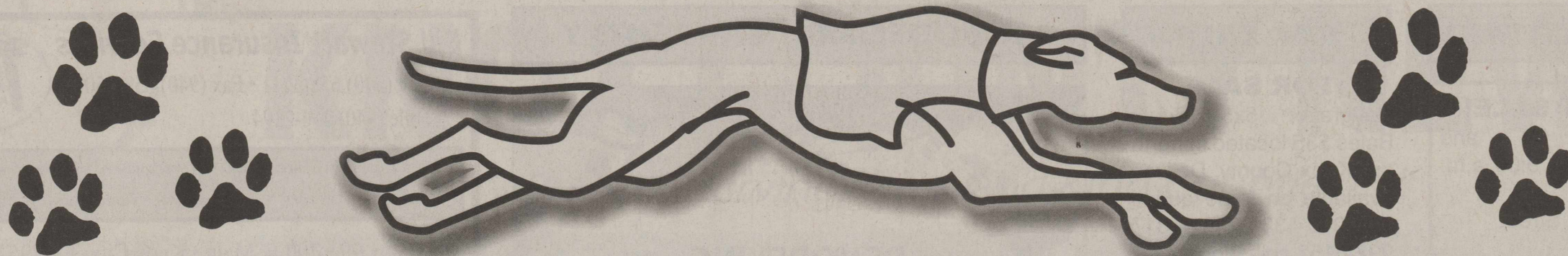
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Greyhounds To Play Area Competition In Abilene Friday



The Knox City Greyhounds kept the hardwood hot in preparation of the Area playoff round scheduled for Friday, February 22. Last week, Knox City met Ropes at Jayton on Monday, Feb. 11, for the first round warm-up game. The Greyhounds were under heavy pressure by the Eagles for the full 4 quarters. The Hounds led 34-21 at the half and went on to win the game 52-45. Shane Strickland led the team at the net with a season high of 19 points followed by M.J. Abila with 11. Derrick Coleman and Bandy Moeller

hooped 6 points each and Jordan Carter and Orrin Myers hit the iron with 4 points each. Rico McCrary netted 2 points for the team. Coach Moore commented, "The guys did a great job of breaking their press and getting lay-ups and other short shots. I am proud of them and we will continue to focus on next week's Area game."

On Friday, Feb. 15, the Greyhounds played game two of the warm-up week against the Blackwell Hornets at Rotan. The Hounds came into the game without a strong team leader,

Jordan Carter, who was out with the flu. The game would test the team and its depth. The Hounds and Hornets scored point for point in the first quarter with the Hounds coming up short 14-15 at the buzzer. In the second quarter the Hounds came on strong outscoring Blackwell 10-5. In the fourth quarter, the Hounds finished off the Hornets 55-48. M.J. Abila was 14 for 14 at the free throw line and was the team leader at the hoop with 27 points. Bandy Moeller netted 15 points followed by Shane Strickland with 6 points,

Andrew England with 3, Orrin Myers with 2 and Derrick Coleman with 2. Following the game Coach Moore stated, "It was a good team effort that the guys can be proud of. Now we have to focus on the Area game completely."

The Greyhounds will play the Area playoff game at the Abilene-Wylie Gymnasium at 7:00 pm on Friday, February 22. They will face either the #18 ranked May Tigers or the Paint Rock Indians. Please support your Greyhounds at their Area playoff game!

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