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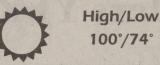


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•2008 KNOX CITY -O'BRIEN **HOMECOMING JUNE 6-8**

Homecoming activities will begin on Friday, June 6th at 3pm with registration in the Knox City Cafeteria and continue on Saturday, June 7th at 8am. Registration is \$15 per person and includes three meals and a dance on Saturday night. Homecoming activities will conclude on Sunday, June 8th with a worship service at 11 am in the W.R. Baker Auditorium. All ex-students are encouraged to attend. (See Ad for "Always...Patsy Cline")

•2008 KNOX CITY -O'BRIEN

SUMMER SCHOOL Knox City O'Brien CISD-Summer school begins June 9th.

•WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS

Festivities begin June 1st and run through June.

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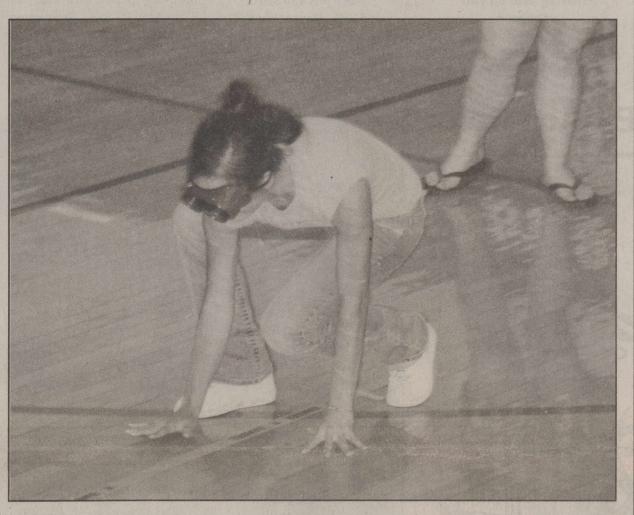
Acommunity blood drive will take place on Monday, June 9. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at Knox County Hospital from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

"Summertime is always a challenge for us," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "We depend heavily on high school and college students to help maintain the level of inventory necessary to supply blood to fifteen hospitals, including Knox County Hospital. We don't have those donors during the summer months, so we must ask members of the communities we serve to help fill the void." "Blood must be available when it is needed. No patients should ever have to wait on a blood transfusion, because it could be a matter of life or death," Baker continued.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. All donors are required to present a photo ID.

Each donor will receive a T-shirt, free mini-physical and a total cholesterol test.

Knox County Students Experience Effects of DWEyes



Knox County Student trying to complete a sobriety test while wearing the simulation goggles

The mission of the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce.

One of the goals we use to uphold that mission is to introduce schoolaged youth to health careers and encourage healthy living through promotions and presentations.

One of the presentations AHEC used to promote healthy living is DWEyes.

The DWEyes kit provides simulation goggles which allow students to experience the visual distortion, loss of balance, and lack of control that make drinking drivers so dan-

On May 8th, Big Country AHEC Health Careers Promotion Coordinator, Susan Lingle, gave the DWEyes presentation in Knox City, Munday and Benjamin High Schools. Susan and Knox County Judge, Travis Floyd, spoke to the students about the consequences of drinking and driving.

Judge Floyd was also quoted as saying, "Knox County would like to thank Susan Lingle and the Big Country AHEC in supporting an initiative to make our teenagers aware of the danger in drinking and driving. All the High Schools in Knox County took part in the DWEyes

With the Proms, Graduation, and other activities going on, we wanted to demonstrate how alcohol would affect your driving and decision

I want to thank all the school districts for partnering with us in this program."

Opportunities like these are the result of partnerships with communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Science Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments. For more information about a school or civic presentation, contact Kelly Cheek at 325-793-8484.

Future Of Texas Windpower Unveiled

AUSTIN - Sunday marks the beginning of North America's largest wind energy conference, Windpower 2008 in Houston, where officials are expected to announce a historic new federal wind blade test facility will be built on the Texas coast. Governor Perry is scheduled to provide the conference keynote address.

"The Texas wind energy industry will reach critical mass with this announcement," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office and leading proponent of wind energy. "Not only will Texas lead the nation in installed windpower capacity, we will be poised to be the one-stop shop for research, manufacturing and production of wind tur-

To be built through an innovative public-private partnership led by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the facility will test ind turbine blades for use in commercial wind farms around the world. The testing lab will be built in Ingleside near Corpus Christi on land donated by BP.

"Once we build this test facility in Texas, the wind turbine and blade manufacturers will come," Patterson said. "Just like when the federal government put the space center in Houston, this test facility will launch new wind blade research and manufacturing jobs in Texas. This facility

will establish Texas as a worldwide leader in wind power for decades to come."

Patterson also noted a Texas-based test facility will give the U.S. an advantage in getting a bigger share of the projected \$80 billion annual international business in designing and building turbines.

Under Patterson's leadership, Texas signed the nation's first six leases for the development of offshore wind power. Texas is primed for wind industry development, Patterson said.

"Texas has deep industrial knowhow based on our history of oil and gas development. Texas has strong gulf winds, the political will and the infrastructure, like transportation and deep-water ports, to make our state the perfect site for this fast-growing industry," Patterson said.

And no coastal state has greater wind energy potential than Texas. Texas could generate as much as 10 gigawatts of offshore wind energy, according to resource assessments conducted by the University of Houston.

The nation's cumulative wind power capacity is currently 9,971 megawatts, approximately half of which is installed in Texas. The booming growth of the wind industry in Texas makes the state a natural fit for the testing of the huge turbine components required for future wind

Another Summer Of Fun In The Sun At The Knox City **Swimming Pool**



Whitney Collins and Toni Brown planing to enjoying another summer of swimming

The Knox City swimming pool hosted "splash day" last Saturday, May 31st.

The hours of operation were from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and admission was free to the public. Melissa Eades returns for her fifth season as Pool Manager and Styler Eades is back for his second season as Head Lifeguard. Joining the crew this is M.J. Abila for her first year as Lifeguard.

The swimming pool will be open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday hours of operation are 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The pool will be closed on Mondays. Admission is \$2 per person and children 3 and under are free. All children ages 10 and under

must be accompanied by an adult. Pool season passes are also available

A family season pass is \$100 and individual passes are \$50. The pool can also be rented for pool parties Tuesday through Sunday. 1 1/2 hours will be \$55, 2 hours is \$70 and 3 hours is \$100. For more information please contact Melissa Eades during normal operating hours at 940-658-3431.

EMERGENCY FARM LOAN APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by severe fires that occurred from Mach 14, 2008, through March 17, 2008, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Vernon, Texas, FSA Farm Loan Manager, Kelley R. Boone said to-

Knox and Baylor Counties in Texas were recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses and physical losses resulting from the severe fires from March 14, 2008 through March 17, 2008.

Boone said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever is less.

For farmers unable to obtain credit form private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.125 percent. "As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for FSA emergency loan, "Boone said.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program and Crop Disaster Program or have property insurance will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until January 5, 2009 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays is applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Boone said.

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Court Orders YFZ Children Returned To Families

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Children the state of Texas removed from a polygamist sect's ranch near in early April must be returned to their parents, the state's highest court ruled May 29.

Beginning June 2 children were returned to their parents if the parents first presented identification and agreed to take parenting classes and remain in Texas.

The conditional release arrangements were made after the Texas Supreme Court upheld a ruling by the Third Court of Appeals in

Austin. The ruling said the state failed to provide evidence warranting the separation of those children from their par-

The removal of more than 400 children began April 3 after the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services received word that a girl or young woman had called a crisis alleging abuse by an older male resident of the ranch.

The state obtained a court order to enter the ranch owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a breakaway sect of the Mormon church.

Buses transported mothers and children to San Angelo, and from there the state placed children in foster care in homes and facilities across Texas.

In its ruling, the Texas Supreme Court said, "While

the district court must vacate the current temporary custody orders as directed by the court of appeals, it need not do so without granting other appropriate relief to protect the children."

So, Tom Green County state District Judge Barbara Walther, whose original order removed the children, now may proceed within her authority to ensure the best interests of each child and that state

Family Code is enforced.

The lawsuit seeking relief from the original removal order was brought by 38 Yearning For Zion Ranch mothers with the assistance of the nonprofit group Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid Inc. and a private law

Hearing held on cost of college

Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Raymund

Paredes and the chairs of boards of regents at all Texas public university systems testified May 28 at a meeting of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education.

The Senate subcommittee is charged with studying the impact of tuition deregulation, passed by the Legislature in 2003, on college participation.

The cost of tuition for a semester at the University of Texas at Austin was \$1,975 in 2002. Today it is \$4,012.

Paredes estimated that the average public university graduate will owe between \$15,000 and \$16,000 in student loans.

Paredes said the increase in the cost of a public university education is driving more students to choose community colleges as a place to start.

State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said, "We must find other sources of revenue in order to fund higher education in the state of Texas.

It is really important for you guys to start coming up with some ideas.

We can't keep taxing the stu-

Texans take Cuba Trade trip

The United States trade embargo with Cuba has been in effect since

1961. In 2000, Congress passed the Trade Sanctions Reform Export Enhancement Act, allowing the sale of agricultural and medical products to Cuba.

Now the Lone Star State is thinking about stepping up trade with the Caribbean state.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and a group of business people traveled to Cuba May 27 to 31 to promote trade with Texas.

The group of 24 included

farmers, ranchers, commodity suppliers and port officials.

"It is only 900 miles between Houston and Havana but for several decades it might well have been a million miles," Staples said.

"This is a great occasion for two nations to work together to improve relations and what better way to do that than through food."

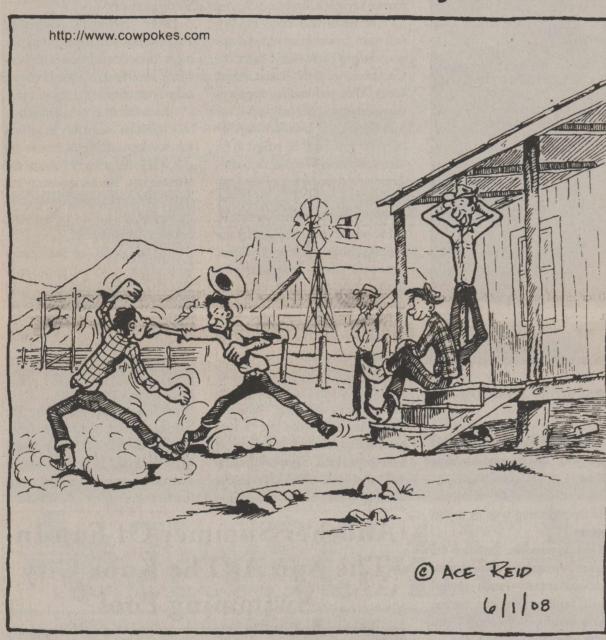
Texas to resume death penalty

A Kentucky case that went to the U.S. Supreme Court put the execution of Texas death row inmates on hold last September. The court ruled that the three-injection system used by Texas and other states is not

This month, Texas will return to administering the death penalty.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"For a couple of guys that can't name two politicians, they sure git excited over which party has the most crooks!"

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

CAMPAIGN SPINOFFS

The last six months of 2008 have been one of the greatest shows on earth! No movie, Superbowl, Olympics, Brad and Angelina, Brittany Spears or Royal Birth can compare to the spectacular, outrageous, full-blown television advertising windfall officially referred to as the Presidential Primaries. And the actual election is yet to come!

But with only six months left to go, television producers are already dreading the post presidential election blues, anticipating plunging plunder, pundit prostration and poorhouse paranoia. The dilemma will be how to continue beating the dead horse once the election is over. They must be debating which scenario will be the most financially beneficial to their own bottom line.

For instance, if Senator Obama wins, he most likely will appoint Senator Clinton the Secretary of Perseverance and President Clinton the Ambassador to Somalia. Senator McCain will finally be able to retire and go on the road with Wilford Brimley as the Diabetic Duo promoting Liberty Mutual.

Or...if the Clintons win, Obama can start his own church and McCain will be named Miss Congeniality.

But if McCain wins, Hillary and Barack will be able to star in their own reality program, a campaign spinoff called RUN-NING FOR PRESIDENT! If you think Hillary's rich now...! The show would be a cross between Survivor and American Idol. The gloves are off! Howard Dean could be the host, exhorting and analyzing as each senator is cast into embarrassing situations; such as having their credit card refused by the waitress at Denny's, forgetting that Columbus discovered America, not George Soros, and mud wrestling with Karl Rove dressed up as Truman Capote.

Both Hillary and Barack would compete in games like Duck Hunting with Dick, The Chad Race against George and Al, or Hide and Seek with Reverend Wright and Ex-president Bill.

Imagine the tempting promos; Will Chelsey ever come home? Does Barack wear brown contact lenses? Is it politically incorrect for Barack to say, "May the best man win."?

The reality show RUN-NING FOR PRESIDENT! could keep them both in the spotlight until McCain is ready to throw in the towel and turn over all responsibility to his vice president, The Ghost of Strom Thurmond, who still walks the sacred Halls of Congress...or so I'm told.

STARS OVER ABILENE 14th **OUILT SHOW**

The Abilene Quilters' Guild is proud to sponsor its 14th annual "Stars Over Abilene Regional Quilt Show" on June 7th and 8th at the Abilene Civic Center main hall. Quiltmakers and fiber artists from many areas of Texas will display their quilts and other quilted items. In addition, a variety of special displays, classes, vendors, and a snack bar will be at the show.

The special displays offer a wide variety of quilts. For the third year the Hoffman

Quilt Challenge quilts will be displayed. This display is sponsored by Hoffman Fabrics.

Quilters from all over the world will use this year's Hoffman challenge fabric in a small wall quilt. The quilts are judged, and the best are displayed at various quilt shows, including the International Quilt Festival in Houston. The Members' Challenge quilts will also be on display. Guild members will use red, white, and black fabrics for this year's challenge. In addition, there will be a display of wall hangings made by students in last year's workshop led by Tom Russell. The guild will also display a donation quilt made by members

One of the highlights of the show is the opportunity to shop at the many vendor booths at the show. Vendors from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma will offer quilting related items such as kits, fat quarters, fabric on the bolt, notions, books, patterns, including vintage pieces. There will also be vendors offering other items that appeal to quilters. Vendors will also donate door prizes to be awarded throughout the show.

Quilters will also be able to learn about new tools and quilting techniques. There will be hourly demonstrations both Saturday and Sunday. The demonstration schedule will be posted at the quilt show entrance. In addition, Tom Russell, a noted quilt designer and teacher from Katy, will be offering all day classes both days of the show. On Saturday he will offer a class for beginners. This will be a hands-on class where students will make a small wall quilt. Then on Sunday he will teach a mystery quilt for intermediate

and advanced quilters. Registration is available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Charlotte Williams at iquilt@sbcglobal.net for more information about these classes.

Abilene Quilters' Guild makes a large bed quilt each year for the quilt show to benefit various community charities.

This year half of the net proceeds will benefit Hope Haven, and half will go to the Cancer Services Network. This year's king size quilt is peach, pale green and cream. The pattern is "Paramount Star". This classic medallion style quilt features a central feathered star design, LeMoyne star blocks, appliquéed leaves and vines, and sawtooth borders. It was pieced by Varnelle McBeth and Jean Moore and quilted by Katherine Rister. The winner of the quilt will be announced at 4 PM Sunday afternoon.

The quilt show will open at 10 AM Saturday morning at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 North 6th, Abilene, TX. Doors will close at 6 PM on Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday the show opens at noon and closes at 5 PM. Admission to the show is \$5 per day, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, or \$8 for both days. There is free admission for children 12 and under. The guild will have a snack bar featuring our famous chicken salad sandwiches or pimiento cheese sandwiches, chips, drinks, and brownies or cookies. The snack bar will be open both Saturday and Sunday.

The Abilene Quilters' Guild meets on the second Monday night each month at the St. Paul Methodist Church fellowship hall, 525 Beech in downtown Abilene. The meeting begins at 7 PM, preceded by meet-and-greet at 6:45 PM. Current membership includes quilters from a number of Big Country towns.

Please contact Vicki Craig at 325-676-1900 for more information. For additional information about the show please call 325-695-5585 or 325-673-9440 or email quiltshow08@yahod

You may also access our website at www.abilenequiltguild.org.

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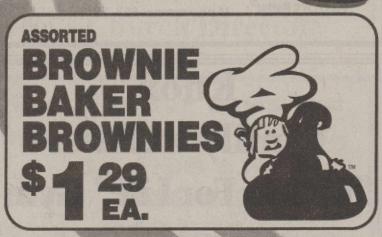




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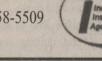
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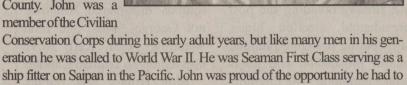
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OBITUARIES

John Lewis

John Lewis 90. of Knox City passed away Sunday, June 1, 2008. A Grave Side service will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 9am with Brother Robert McClellan officiating, under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

John was born August 1, 1917 to the late Martin Luther and Mary Cummings Lewis in Haskell County. John was a member of the Civilian



serve his country. Upon returning from service, he began work at the Knox County Hospital as Maintenance Supervisor and worked there until his retirement 35 years later. John married Velma Capers in 1949 and they immediately began to raise her children Gloria, Carolyn, later having two sons John M. and Randy. John also worked with the local housing authority of Knox City and was a genuine Jackof-All trades being an accomplished electrician, plumber and carpenter.

His hoddy throughout his life was rattlesnake hunting which he found to be a joy and a challenge. John took pride in the appearance of his "home place" and spent countless hours working in the yard and caring for his many pecan trees. He could be foundmost mornings at the coffee shop in Knox City drinking with his friends; Johnny McCowan, Carol Felts, Marvin Jones, Sam B. White, Bud Reynolds, Danny Compton, Dalton Hardin, Roland Marion, Ancil Flores, and Bill Groves. These men will serve as his honorary pallbearers.

John was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson Troy Tucker, and three brothers Lee, Frank, and Henry. He is survived by his two daughters; Carolyn (Glenn) Smith and Gloria Capers of Stamford; two sons; Randy (Kari) Lewis of Stamford and Johnny M. Lewis of Dallas, a sister; Louise Harris of Portales, NM, and five grandchildren; Sarah, Pam, Starla, Tammy, and Scott and eight great grandchildren.

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KC Museum News



Kenneth Roberts and Jackie Young take a look at the Museum sign and brick display at the Knox County, Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center.

The Museum garage sale will not be held on June 7th at Munday due to the cancellation of the city wide

Since many people have already donated items, these will be stored in the museum building until a future sale can be organized.

With the June 7th event being called off, the next fund-raiser will be on June 14th, at Benjamin. "Breakfast on the Porch", will be held on the Museum porch starting at 7:00 A.M. that Saturday morning, along with a bake sale.

The Museum will be open on Sat. June 7th and June 14th to accommodate visitors attending the homecomings in Knox City and Benjamin, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00

Sidewalks, brick display, and the granite display at the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center, have been completed, thanks to our general contractor, Jerry Parker; rock masons, Dale Huffman and Kevin Urbanczyk, and volunteers. IT LOOKS GREAT! We invite you to "Come on down".

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Gas is high ... the highest ever. Who do you blame?

I'm sure most of you blame the oil companies. Some may even blame the Middle East. A few of you may blame China and India. And I know there are a couple of you who blame President Bush.

All seem likely culprits for us having to pay \$4 per gallon. However, to find where the fault lies takes digging somewhat deeper.

As Congress decides to question the oil companies and make them look like the bad guys, it is nothing more than a dog and pony show.

Congress should look no further than the mirror.

Yes, our elected officials are whose to blame for the price you pay at the pump.

How?

Consider this: Congress has let environmentalists wrongly influence them and we are now at the mercy of countries who hate us instead of controlling the market. Simply put, the prices of oil and gasoline are determined by supply and demand. If Congress would let us drill more of

the oil which lies beneath OUR borders, we could meet OUR demand with OUR supply.

· Drilling is prohibited in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge - a potential source of 1 million barrels a day. That is five percent of America's daily oil consumption. We're talking about 2,000 acres in Alaska off limits because of caribou.

• Some 85 percent of America's coastline is also off limits. Shell estimates 100 billion recoverable barrels of oil is reachable there. That is 13 times America's annual oil consumption. Can you imagine - 13 years worth of oil on our own coastline we are not allowed to drill.

· Lastly, the Colorado shale is also off limits. There is an estimated 1.5 trillion barrels there.

In all, we have enough oil we could get our greedy little hands on to last us for decades. We could also do it cleanly.

By the way, we must also blame Congress for limiting our refining capability. That alone could drive the price down considerably.

Instead of Congress wast-

ing our time and money hosting idiotic hearings, they should be ridding this country of laws prohibiting us from supplying ourselves with oil and gas.

It's insane to me that the very vast majority must take its marching orders by a few liberals who are very astute at brainwashing and convincing simpletons they know what is best for this country.

What is best for this country is to drill for OUR oil on OUR turf! Because if we did, we could save billions and make billions selling it ourselves to China and India.

Dous all a favor and swamp Congress with emails telling them to open this country up for exploration and drilling.

And don't call Rep. Mac Thomberry, he's already onboard. Instead, you might try Sen. Barack Obama - he's largely against it.

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PUBLIC NOTICE KNOX CITY

The City of Knox City passed an Ordinance amending Chapter 6, article 5.106 Section of the Code of ordinances on Unsafe Issues/Unsightly Areas. This ordinance is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its Citizens by enforcing the new ordinance concerning the abatement of nuisances within the City. Violations declared to be a nuisance are punishable by fine. Ordinance adopted on April 10, 2008. Full ordinance can be viewed at City Hall, 902 E. Main.

CPR GRAZING

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that conservation Reserve Program acres (CPR), practice CP1, CP2, CP4B, CP4D, CP10, CP18B and CP18C, may be hayed or grazed (but not both) without penalty from July 2, 2008 through November 10, 2008. This privilege is available in all counties

Before grazing or bailing can occur the following must be done:

- 1. Sign-up beginning June 2, 2008
- 2. Your CRP contract must be modified
- 3. All persons who signed the CRP contract must sign the modification
- 4. Pay a \$75 fee
- 5. Show on a map which acreage you intend to graze or bale
- 6. The County committee must approve your request
- 7. Grazing or baling cannot start before July 2

There is no penalty for grazing or bailing as long as you follow the revised lan. You may also sell the hay or lease the grazing to other producers.

If you are interested, contact the Knox County FSA Office, 1101 E. Main Knox City, TX. Phone: 940-658-3537.

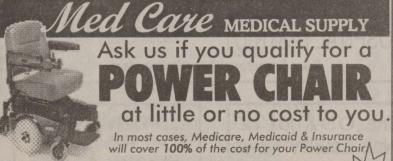
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By Dr. Alex Mills

The U.S. Senate will debate legislation this week that will impact the lives of every American around the clock every day of the year.

If passed, it will change the way we cool our homes in the summer, change how we get to work, and even change medicine and health care.

The bill is proposed by Senators John Warner from Virginia and Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, and it is called the Climate Security Act of 2008. It is called a cap-and-trade bill that establishes a complicated matrix of federal government gibberish designed to reduce carbon dioxide emis-

It theoretically achieves this goal by creating a value for carbon dioxide emissions and then auctions the emission allowances off to business businesses that emit carbon dioxide.

The feds set a "cap" on emissions. Anyone who emits levels of carbon dioxide over the "cap" must purchase additional emission allowances to cover the overage.

Some politicians support cap and trade because they believe it will reduce carbon emissions while using a "free market" approach. It is yet to be proven if the program will reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

The "free market" approach is just flat wrong. In what free market does the government set the price of the commodity?

The Climate Security Act sets the price of emission allowance between \$22 and \$30.

The federal government also sets the number of emission allowance that is available to be auctioned off. Setting the number available for consumer isn't exactly free either.

The money collected through the fed's auction will be redistributed through a variety of new funds, including the Climate Change Consumer Assistance Fund, the Climate Change Worker Training and Assistance Fund (training of workers who lost their jobs because of bill); the Efficient Buildings Program (issues grants to owners of buildings to construct highly-efficient buildings and increase the efficiency of existing buildings); the Super-Efficient Equipment and Appliances Deployment (SEAD) Program (issue grants to retailers and distributors to increase sales of high-efficiency equipment); the Clean Medium- and Heavy-Duty Hybrid Fleets Program,

(issues grants for more fuel efficient

vehicles that weigh at least 8,500 pounds), and the National Wildlife Adaptation Program (assist fish and wildlife, wildlife habitat, terrestrial ecosystems and ocean acidification programs).

The bill will impact even those that are not covered through the impact it will have on the oil, natural gas and coal industries.

Because the massive goal to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, fuel (gasoline, natural gas, coal and other petroleum products) prices for industrial, manufacturing and residential

Speculators will enter the market, also, creating more volatility in an industry the sees many highs and many

Although these are key components of the program, the most important part lies on whether the international community participates. Without China and India, the U.S. will be at a significant economic disadvantage at a precarious time for the U.S. economy.

Adding additional costs to energy production without increasing efficiency is not in the best interest of

Transportation Commission Affirms Toll Road Building Principles

AUSTIN The Texas fransportation Commission today adopted guiding principles and policies that will govern the development, construction and operation of toll road projects on the state highway system and the Trans-Texas Corridor.

The Commission's unanimous vote reaffirms policies and the requirements of state law regarding toll projects, particularly involving the use of comprehensive development agreements (CDA).

The Commission's action today reflects the comments we have received from Texas drivers, legislators and members of our citizen advisory committees," said Commission Chair Deirdre Delisi.

"Texans deserve a clear, straightforward explanation of what we are doing to solve our transportation challenges and how we are doing it."

The Texas Transportation Commission is a five-member board appointed by the Governor to oversee the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The Commission reaffirmed its commitment to meet or exceed the requirements of state law on five key

- All state highway facilities, including the Trans-Texas

Corridor, will be completely owned by the State of Texas at all times.

-AllComprehensiveDevelopment Agreements will include provisions that allow TxDOT to purchase or "buy back" the interest of a private developer in a CDA at any time if buying back the project would be in the best financial interest of the state.

-The Texas Transportation Commission shall approve, in a public meeting, the initial toll rates charged for the use of a toll project on the state highway system and the methodology for increasing the amount of tolls. All rate-setting actions will come after consultation with appropriate local metropolitan planning organizations.

- Only new lanes added to an existing highway will be tolled, and there will be no reduction in the number of non-tolled lanes that exist today.

-Comprehensive development agreements will not include "noncompete" clauses that would prohibit improvements to existing roadways. The Department and any governmental entity can construct, reconstruct, expand, rehabilitate or maintain any roadway that is near or intersects with any roadway under the CDA.

In recognition of the Texas Legislature's commitment to protecting landowners' property rights and in following the department's longstanding practice with other transportation projects, the commission affirmed two additional principles:

-TxDOT will always consider the use of existing right of way that satisfies the purpose and need of the project as a possible project location when conducting environmental studies.

-To the extent practical, TxDOT shall plan and design facilities so that a landowner's property is not severed into two or more separate tracts and the original shape of the property is

"These principles will help guide TxDOT as we work to improve our state's traffic congestion and air quality problems," said Delisi. "The

Texas Legislature shares our commitment to improving highway safety and creating economic opportunity, and they expect us to meet these goals in keeping with our state's tradition of protecting the rights of property own-

Delisi said that the Trans-Texas Corridor implementation plan

"Crossroads of the Americas." should be updated to reflect changes in the state's transportation challenges since it was first released in June of

"As we work to develop important projects like a parallel corridor to I-35 and the long-awaited I-69, we will work toward meeting our goals with these important principles in mind," she said.

TxDOT Deputy Executive Director Steve Simmons reported to the commission that input for the principles included comments from members of the Corridor Advisory Committees and more than 27,000 comments received during the public involvement process for I-69/TTC.

He noted that TxDOT has worked with members of the Legislature to address their concerns with TxDOT's work to develop toll roads.

Simmons also recalled former TransportationChairRicWilliamson's dedication to involving Texans in the department's work.

It's been a busy week for everyone over this way.

By Gladene Green

With school "winding down" there was much going on.

The last bell of the 2007-2008 school year rang Friday and many breathed a sigh of relief just knowing that on Monday morning they didn't have to get up and hit the books!

Some are working, some are visiting and some are just sleeping in for a day or so.

Anyway, everyone welcomes a change of routine once in a while.

The commencement programs were Thursday and Friday nights.

On Thursday night 3 eager 8th graders and 4 kindergartners graduated.

The little ones decked out in their caps and gowns and got their diplomas and are now grown up first graders. The "graduates" were Chase Bohannon, Jaydon Barrientez, Abraham Naverez and Dylan Kuehne.

Following the kindergarten program the 8th grade program was held.

Invocation: Tanner Monroe Salutatory Address: Crystal Baldwin

Valedictory Address: Blake Jones

Introduction of Speaker: Tanner Monroe

Address: Ben Grill of Awards: Presentation Superintendent, Oliva Del

Hierro Gloria Presentation of Diplomas: Richard Canlies

Friday night the class of 2008 had their commencement. The

program was as follows: Invocation: Julie Acevedo

Salutatory Address: Karla Benson Valedictory Address: Nafeesa

Ebraheim Introduction of Speaker:

Sharria Hern Address: Dr. Zeke Duke

Presentation of Awards: Olivia Del Hierro Gloria Presentation of Diplomas: Richard McCanlies

Benediction: Tina Siemens Recessional: Senior Slide

Show and Presentation of Roses. The ushers, stage attendants

and those giving out programs were Gilbert Navarez, Devon Jones, Dillon Loftiss, Leah Vanderpol, Brittney Coop and Tabby Golden. A reception followed.

Following the graduation program and preceding the presentation of the diplomas, Superintendent, Olivia Del Hierro, presented several awards to deserving students. Receiving an award for being neither absent nor tardy for the entire school year were as follows:

4th Grade

Elisa Nevarez 10th Grade Dylan Benson Derrick Northrup Jessica Vanderpol

BENJAMIN NEWS

Receiving awards for maintaining a 90 or above average for the school year were the following:

> 1st Grade McKenzie Gray Brogan White 2nd Grade Caleb Barrientez Brooke Jones 3rd Grade **Emily Brown**

Benjamin Vanderpol 4th Grade Ryan Heard Elias Nevarez Chase Potter Gilda Solis

Sean Weiser Brylee White 6th Grade Scott Reid 7th Grade

Matthew Acree Cody Potter Jonathan Rainwater 9th Grade

Cody Propps 10th Grade Raquel Acevedo Chloe Baty Dylan Benson Teri Miller

Jacob Siemens Jessica Vanderpol 11th Grade Brittany Coop **Devon Jones**

Dillon Loftiss Gilbert Nevarez Leah Vanderpol 12 Grade Judit Acevedo Julia Acevedo Karla Benson

Lucas Cartwright Nafeesa Ebraheim Kaily Sherrard Tina Siemens

High GPA Jr. High for 2007-

Matthew Acree with an average of 93.36. Matthew is in the 7th grade and is the son of Bob and Ruthie Acree.

High GPA High School 2007-

Devon Jones with an average

of 98.43. Devon's parents are Kemp and Becky Jones. She was a Junior at B.H.S. this past year.

Seniors who also were presented as honor graduates (they have maintained an average of 90 or above all 4 high school years) were Judit and Julia Acevedo, Karla Benson, Lucas Cartwright and Nafessa Ebraheim.

Nafessa the received Valedictory Trophy. Her average was 97.18. Karla was the recipient of the Salutatory Award with an average of 94.57.

There was also a Jr. National Honor Award given-the first year for it to be given here- Mtthew Acree received that honor.

Several scholarships were also presented.

Judit Acevedo received the Delta Kappa Gama Scholarship presented to one who is pursuing a career in the field of Education.

Lucas Cartwright was awarded the Citizens State Bank Scholarship and

Nafeesa Ebraheim received 2 – the Scholastic Achievement Scholarship from M.U. and the High Ranking Student Scholarship from the Texas Education Association.

Here 'n There

There were a few more things happening during last week aside from school.

Irene Reed had cataract surgery Tuesday and is doing pretty well with it.

She was out and about Sunday but still doesn't have her glasses so she was pretty careful. She goes back this week, I believe for a check-up to see if all is going as it should.

Lexie Taylor of Amarillo is here for a couple of weeks visiting with grandparents, Debbie and Mike Moorehouse.

David Clowen who attended Blinn Jr. College near College Station last year and Michael Clowen of ACU were home for the weekend.

Michael returned to Abilene to take some summer classes but David will be here until fall when he will transfer to Tech.

Pam and Keith Conner of Midland and Stephanie Brannan and family of Lubbock were here for graduation Friday night and to see Keith's niece, Samijo Russell receive her Diploma.

Nancy and Nathan Beavers of Wichita Falls and Margaret Silva of San Angelo also attended graduation.

The girls' sister, Tina Siemens was one of the graduates.

There were several more from out of town here to see family members get their diploma.

Maybe by next week I'll have a more complete list of who was

Ariel Gideon of Gilbert, Arizona is here for a few days visiting her grandparents, Weldon and Jane Gideon and friends.

She arrived in Lubbock on Thursday and Shaylee Propps met her at the airport.

Visiting with Misty and Lonnie Bohannon during the weekend was her cousin, Travis Fraley of Gorman.

Roger and Betty Bohannon have their Nebraska grandchildren, Taylor, Bailey and Sabra for a few weeks this summer.

Their daughter, Bonnie Howell is in a hospital suffering from what they think might be a gall bladder attack.

She's better and hopes to go home in a day or so.

Her plans are to be here for homecoming. June 13th, 14th and 15th if all goes well.



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judging team was awarded second place at the state competition in FFA. Danny's immediate plans are to participate in Pro-Bull Riding (PBR) while attending college at South Plains for a degree in welding. Danny says his long-term goal is to still ride bulls and raise his own bucking bulls and hopes to make a lot of money



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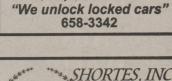
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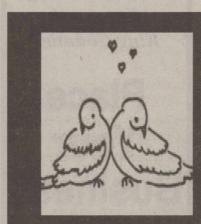


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Amy Harrington Competing In The Hula Hoop Challenge



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