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Knox City Allstate Insurance Agent Honored for Volunteerism



Bill Stewart received the Agency Hands in the Community grant award for his commitment to volunteerism.

The grant program recognizes Allstate insurance agents for outstanding community service with a \$1000 donation to a charitable organization. To qualify for the grant, agents must show evidence of volunteer work

that has had a positive impact on the local community.

Bill Stewart, local Allstate Agent and Owner/ operator of Bill Stewart Insurance Agency, has volunteered as a Knox City Volunteer fire fighter for about 25 years. In that time, he has acted as chief, assistant chief, president, vice president and is currently senior captain of the department.

"We believe that it's very important for businesses to take an active interest in their communities," said Stewart. "We are proud to support the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department. The grant from the Allstate Foundation will provide much needed support for it's work.

The Bill Stewart Insurance Agency is located at 700 E. Main Street in Knox City.



Check out the winners of the 2011 Easter Coloring Book Contest hosted by Knox County News on pages 8, 9, 12 and 13. The Knox County News would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors of this contest, especially those who generously donated items for prizes. Each winner received a gift certificate for a mini pizza and a drink at the Pizza Place, one free movie rental at KC Video and Gifts, a \$10 gift certificate to Bud's Café and will receive a shirt from Lighthouse Graphics.

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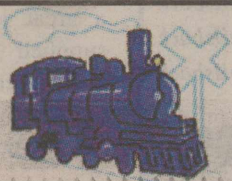


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Quanah Parker Trail at Copper Breaks State Park

COPPER BREAKS STATE PARK, Texas (Special) -- All trails led Wednesday to Copper Breaks State Park for promoters of the Quanah Parker Trail, a grassroots heritage tourism initiative in the Texas Plains Trails Region (TPTR).

"We're identifying places across the Texas Plains Trail Region that have significant ties

to the Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker story," said Deborah Sue McDonald, TPTR director.

Don Parker, a descendant of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, represented the Parker family at the quarterly confab. Parker, who grew up at Cache, Okla., now lives in Lawton.

"From the Parker family perspective, it (this area) feels

like our homeland," he said, referring to the part of Texas where his ancestors once lived and hunted buffalo. "I am thankful that you have this interest in our legacy."

Parker listened intently as people at the meeting told stories of interactions between his great-grandfather and the Texas ranchers, patriarchs of



the Texas Plains. He also shared stories from Comanche oral tradition, particularly regarding his famous ancestors.

Cynthia Ann Parker, captured by Indians at age 9 in 1836, grew up with the Comanche, married warrior Peta Nocona and had three children before she was recaptured in 1860 just a few miles downriver from Copper Breaks. Quanah, not captured with his mother, lived to be the last chief of the Comanche, transitioning from Quahadi Comanche warchief to a renowned leader of his people in the reservation era -- even to ride alongside other Indian chiefs in Teddy Roosevelt's inaugural parade in 1905 and to hunt wolves

with the president when he came to the the Frederick, Okla. area the same year.

But the Texas story of Quanah Parker and his people, particularly their experiences in the 52-county Texas Plains Trail heritage tourism region, is the focus of the Quanah Parker Trail group. The group maintains the website www.texasplainstrail.com. not only to present history but also to publicize upcoming events relative to the Comanche presence in Texas.

On display through mid-June at Copper Breaks State Park is the traveling Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker Trail Exhibit, a collection of photographs of Quanah and his mother.

Quanah, Texas, just 12 miles north of the park, will hold its first Quanah Parker Celebration June 9-11, with an afternoon excursion to nearby Crowell and to Copper Breaks on June 10. The event is the annual Quanah Parker family reunion, but the family welcomes everyone to attend. In years past, the event has been held in Cache, Okla.

In Borger, events in June and July will commemorate battles at Adobe Walls, north of Borger in northern Hutchinson County. In October, Synder will hold its annual White Buffalo Festival, an event named for the white buffalo shot in 1876 near Snyder.

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Thank you

We thank all who loved and cared for us at the time of Don's death and in the days since. We are grateful for your prayers, your visits, the beautiful flowers and plants, the delicious food brought to our house and the visitation and Don's memorial service were truly appreciated. We thank Dr. Duke and his staff, the Munday Nursing Center staff, the Texhoma Christian Care staff and the Hospice staff for the loving and compassionate care given to Don and our family. Thank you Rev. Tim Trimble, Rev. Ernie McGaughey, Joe Nelson, Suzanne Godby, and the Smith Family Funeral Home for a beautiful memorial service for Don. We also thank our extended family that is always there for us.

-Faye Railsback, Donna Railsback
Brent & Crystal Railsback
Bruce, Sandy and Katelyn Railsback



Pink Ladies News

Members met at the Thrift Store on Wednesday, April 20 with eight present. Thanks to the hospital's handyman who repaired the buildings air conditioner. A motion was made and passed to get a new water line run so that the restroom could be used. Also some new light bulbs must be installed.

You folks in the community are still doing a great job of keeping us supplied with merchandise and our customers seem like our extended family. Thanks to you all.

Peanut Industry initiative strives to feed the hungry

Features efforts of Texas Peanut Producers Board and others

LUBBOCK, Texas (April 18, 2011) – The United States peanut industry recently launched a new website for its ongoing initiative to provide valuable nutrients to those in need – *Peanut Butter for the Hungry*.

Peanut Butter for the Hungry is an initiative of the peanut industry, including growers, shellers, manufacturers and allied industry members, to help malnourished children in places where resources are limited. Its goal: to get more peanut butter

to food banks, where kids, in particular, can have access to it.

For years, the Texas Peanut Producers Board has played an active role in the industry's effort to provide peanut butter and encourage donations of peanut butter to Texas food banks and other causes such as the relief efforts following the Haiti earthquake in 2009.

"Texas peanut producers are proud to grow a nutritious product that takes great and can play a vital role in combating one of the world's greatest problems – hunger," TPPB Executive Director Shelly Nutt said.

The website's *Projects* page features a number of the industry's recent efforts and several by TPPB, including its recent peanut butter donation to the San Antonio Food Bank (found here on the website) and its partnership with Breedlove Foods, which provides food to those in need across the world, to produce the peanut-based VitaNut-Pro.

"This site not only highlights what the peanut industry's done to help fight hunger," Nutt said, "it also provides resources on peanut and peanut-products' health benefits and data proving how valuable they can be in

combating malnutrition."

Peanuts and peanut products such as peanut butter can provide critical nutrients to all ages and all populations. While, severe acute malnutrition is a serious problem in the developing world, there is a growing population of malnourished obese individuals in the United States who take in too many calories, yet too few nutrients. Data shows that despite excess energy intake, overweight children are not meeting recommended daily allowances of many nutrients.

Peanut butter is recognized as a nutrient-rich preventative

food for these individuals and research supports daily use to promote health, manage weight and improve nutrient adequacy.

For more information about the peanut industry's humanitarian efforts, visit

the initiative's site, www.PeanutButterForTheHungry.org. Additional information on the Texas peanut industry is available at www.TexasPeanutBoard.com.

Scholarship Program announced

Louis Baty, Superintendent has informed the Knox County News that the Knox City-O'Brien CISD has created a new scholarship program to provide scholarships for graduating seniors of Knox City High School. Mr. Baty stated, "as the cost of furthering one's education continues to rise, Knox City-O'Brien CISD is dedicated to our students success following graduation". The Board of Trustees has designated a "Wall of Fame" in the W. R Baker Auditorium to recognize the individuals and businesses who have created endowed scholarships or who donate to the newly created scholarship fund for graduating seniors of Knox City High School.

With 2011 being the "Wall of Fame's" inaugural year, Knox City-O'Brien CISD cordially invites individuals and businesses to be a part of this exciting time at Knox City High School and be recognized as a Blue Scholarship Sponsor with a contribution of \$250 or more; White Scholarship Sponsor with \$100 to \$249;

or a Red Scholarship Sponsor with a Contribution of \$25 to \$99.

It is the desire of the Knox City-O'Brien Administration and Board of Trustees that each student have the financial means to pursue a dream. With your financial contribution, it can happen. Your donation will

be greatly appreciated by the district and a graduating senior who will have the financial assistance to pursue their vision of an education beyond high school.

Each year various businesses and organizations contribute faithfully to Knox City-O'Brien CISD in their own

generous way. Now, we invite you to join them by making your contribution to: Scholarship Fund, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, 606 East Main, Knox City, TX 79529. Anyone needing additional information is encouraged to contact Louis Baty, Superintendent at 940-657-3521.

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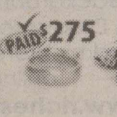
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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Sammie Offield

On Monday, we see the fires have died down some. The firefighters are so tired, but they did a wonderful and heroic job in trying to save as much as they could.

Our baseball players are also having a wonderful time, and the coaches are just awesome. I know how hard it is, but the fun that the players and coaches have make the hard work worth it. I coached Eric and Ruben when they were little. I loved every minute of it. Now it's my grandkids and some out of town great grandkids.

Well, Marvin is back to fishing, Gary is painting, and the other coffee crowd at Bud's; well, you know what they are up to. As always, my morning still starts with coffee and chatting with the guys.

Looks like everyone is having a great time using our walking track at the Country Club Golf Course. I know I really enjoy early in the morning walks. I see others at the track walking before going to work for the day with a fresh start.

If you have not had time to visit the new pastor and his family from O'Brien, you need to. They are a great joy and just great to talk to. When they tell their stories, you feel like you have been there with them. Their kids are great, always polite and full of smiles.

I guess you've noticed our variety store is coming along. I can't wait until it's in full service. The price of gas is too high to travel to other stores for anything. Sometimes, when you don't have something that you are used to you learn to

appreciate small conveniences more.

This week has seen more movement downtown than I have seen in a long time. Some people, I have seen before, most seem to be here visiting families.

I have heard about the Aging Center's Tuesday night talent shows. Apparently they are great fun. I haven't had a chance to go down there personally because of the grandkids baseball schedules.

If you haven't heard, Janice Collins Clark passed away last Friday. Now she is happy and healthy sitting at the Lord's Table. May God bless her family as they take her to her resting place at the Munday Cemetery on Monday.

If you have been missing seeing Joe Rodriguez around

town in the City truck, that is because he is at home, recovering from hand surgery. He is doing well, just in lots of pain. He'll be back to work soon. If I know Joe, his grandkids will be helping their grandpa do everything he needs done.

Dessie Egenbacher was in town this weekend visiting sister, Romain, and having a great time with her family and friends. Also on that note, if you go to Romain's place (the Art Stall and Frame Shop) you will find a display of selections for Dr. Barreta's first grandbaby. Dr. Barreta must be on cloud nine.

Our seniors are getting ready to finish their school year and they all have selections in just about all the local stores. Sunday, May 1, the school

will put on a band concert and usually an auction afterward. They are selling tickets for the meal before the concert, so please feel free to call any of the band students for tickets.

Eddie and I spent Easter Sunday with our daughter, Tracy, and her husband, Rodney, in Hamlin and our grandkids and great-grandkids all helped us celebrate Eddie's 74th birthday. We were joined by Rodney's parents from Old

Glory.

Jimmy Lynn had all his kids in for Easter. A full house is always a good sound. Leon and Leona Burkhart also had a full house over the weekend.

The Knox City VFD hosted the annual the Easter Egg Hunt at the Knox City Park. Those guys and the associated Women's Auxillary work so

See SAMMIE
on page 11

Knox County Market Place

The Knox County Appraisal District & County Tax Assessor office is accepting applications for the position of deputy clerk, which will become available June 1st. Qualifications require high school graduation or equivalent and must pass a background check. This job consists of working with title registration and tag renewal registration, helping with voter registration, tax collection, delinquent tax collection and an other functions which arise in the office. Applicant must possess the following: Computer skills, organization skills, communicate effectively orally and in writing, work efficiently both independently and with others, and must be committed to provide exceptional public service. Applicants must have a RPC or be willing to register with the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulations and obtain certification within 3 years; Reliable transportation is a must to attend out of town classes that are required. Salary is contingent upon experience and qualifications. Applications may be picked up and returned to the Knox County Appraisal District office at 100 W Cedar St, Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas or mailed to PO Box 47, Attention: Mitzi Welch. Applications and resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. The Knox County Appraisal district is an (EOE) Equal Opportunity Employer.

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04/18	70/101	
04/19	64/91	
04/20	57/71	
04/21	55/78	
04/22	64/99	
04/23	64/86	
04/24	58/77	
Total Rainfall for month 2011 Rainfall (ytd)		0.95

FUMC Senior Angels



Top to bottom, left to right: Lyla Mary Isbell, Anita Medford, Wanda Ham, Barbara Kimbrough, Jane Coston, Jane Smith, Billie Parsons, Naoma Fain, Amelia Perry, Darlene Smith, Lois Huntsman, Jerry Josselet, Rowen Hester, Oleta Cornelius, Henrietta Strauss, Vicky Josselet, Alma Terrell, and Pauline Couch.

Haskell FUMC 5th annual Senior Angel Banquet was held Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell church

fellowship hall. Since its beginning back in 2007, the event has become an annual affair and the ladies of the church look forward to it.

Upon arrival, the beautifully dressed ladies were ushered into the sanctuary and were all photographed individually. While waiting for their turn, they watched a DVD show covering 2010 in the church year.

A wonderful meal prepared by a number of the ladies of the church was enjoyed by all.

Angel nightlights from The Drugstore were given to each angel present. They'll be given photos and a DVD show later chronicling the event.

Pastor Tom Long gave the welcome and introduced Mary Rike, speaker for the evening. Brian Burgess entertained with 3 beautiful songs relating to angels.

A group picture was made of the 18 ladies before they said goodnight.

Commissioners' Court Minutes

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF KNOX

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 12th day of April, 2011, there was conducted a **REGULAR** Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. all members were present. Also attending were County Attorney Megan Suarez, County Tax Assessor/Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch, County Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Clerk Annette Offutt, County Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Court Coordinator Michelle Esquivel, County Extension Agent Lorrie Coop, 911 Director Pam Reed, and

County Community Development Director Jimi Coplen. Marshall Pinkston Sales Representative for Yellowhouse Machinery Company and Mike Lyles were on hand. The Court considered the following matters and addendum as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk April 7, 2011.

Mike Lyles was on hand to discuss an issue concerning the fire.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by Commissioner McCown to approve the minutes of the Regular Session held March, 14 2011. The motion passed five to zero.

After considering the issue of the Bank Depository Contract Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to extend the contract for two more years with the First

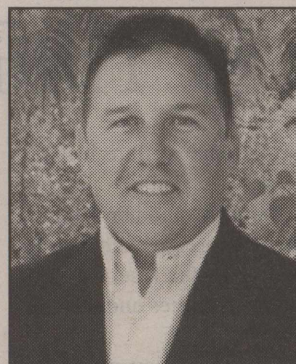
National Bank in Munday, Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion; all agreed.

Commissioner McCown made the motion seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld to approve the contract with Jerry Love, CPA, LLC for the annual audit; the motion passed five to zero.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Griffith seconded by Commissioner Urbanczyk the Court voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Byron and Shirley Gass to fill the vacancy created by the resignations of Bob and Peggy Presnall to the Knox County Historical Commission.

The motion was made by Commissioner Urbanczyk to approve a Memorandum of

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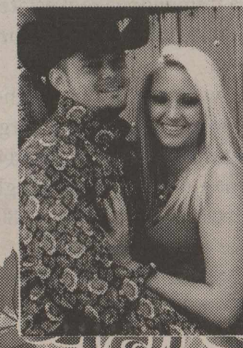
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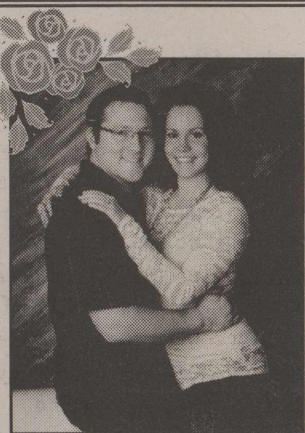
*Mike & Tammy Lyles
and
Danny & Sharon Wainscott
are pleased to announce the
engagement of their children
Cassandra Caye & Cody Dan*

*The two will be wed June 18, 2011
at the First United Methodist
in Knox City*



Wyman and Sylinda Meinzer want to announce of the engagement of their daughter, Maggie Seidenberger, to Anthony Ferragamo.

Maggie is a 2004 graduate of Benjamin High School and a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech University. Anthony graduated from Boston



University in 2008 and is from Easton, Massachusetts.

The couple will be working and living in Bandera, Texas after the wedding. Both Maggie and Anthony are Financial Advisors for Edward Jones.

The wedding will be held just outside Bangs, Texas, on May 28th, 2011, at 7:00pm, at Sara and Derrick Spivey's home, sister to the bride.

OPINION

The Paperboy



Should Trump be taken seriously?

By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

I don't yet know what to make about Donald Trump's potential run for president.

I studied up on Trump yesterday and I've concluded that his greatest love is Donald Trump.

What makes Trump appealing to me is his statement regarding leveling the playing field with China. He would like to impose a large tax on Chinese imports which would help the U.S. out fiscally speaking.

Trump is also open to using existing natural resources in the U.S. to power the country instead of importing so much fossil fuel.

Another reason a Trump run might resonate with southern voters is his staunch support for gun rights.

Trump is a wild card. He's got a major network (NBC) where he has a successful show which could aid him. Strangely enough, NBC and its other networks have been in President Obama's corner for some time.

Despite finding himself in bankruptcy court a couple of times, Trump has a net worth estimated at \$2.7 billion, according to Forbes Magazine. That could mean that he can make a run without owing special favors to unions and other groups who tend to

buy influence with their support.

I do like the fact Trump displays backbone. He has a strong personality and has said the U.S. must lead the world economically.

So do the observations above mean I will lend my support to Trump? Absolutely not. My vote must be earned and he has not done that by any stretch of the imagination.

I have several reservations about Trump:

1. He is an egomaniac and frankly, that gets old. Like President Obama, he loves the limelight.

2. He has nothing in common with the working class or rural Americans. Granted, the chances of us having a president which properly recognizes the importance of rural America is a long shot at best.

3. He is an aristocrat. The presidency might not allow for the Trump lifestyle. Can you imagine the White House made out of gold?

4. He has had several issues with women. Of course, many presidents have liked the ladies, but it can be a huge distraction (Clinton) and does not bode well for one's moral compass.

If I were Obama or a potential Democratic candidate, I would certainly keep an eye on Trump. Regardless if he runs or not, he's determined he'll influence the election one way or the other.

Likewise, if I were a potential Republican candidate, I would shy away from attacking Trump until the primaries and when I did attack, it would strictly be on the facts.

Many of you may think a Trump presidential run is a publicity stunt or a joke. Others may think he lacks the experience.

I'd like to point out that Ronald Reagan was an actor and President Obama had less experience in business than any president in the last century. In other words, it wouldn't surprise me in the least to see Trump or anyone else elected.

So who is my personal frontrunner for 2012? That would be U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, the outspoken libertarian Texan who preaches smaller government, lowering the debt and curbing government spending. He's also suggested a flat tax and other common-sense measures which could turn the U.S. economy around.

In my humble opinion, party politics should be dead in this country. We've been shafted by both parties so it's going to take much more than an "R" or a "D" before the name to get my vote.

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Is China Preparing to Dump its \$1 Trillion of Treasuries?

By **BILL WILSON**

China may be preparing to cut its foreign exchange reserves by about two-thirds, down to about \$1 trillion from its current \$3.04 trillion level, according to Chinese news service Xinhua.

Why? China simply has too much money, according to Zhou Xiaochuan, the head of the People's Bank of China. "Foreign-exchange reserves have exceeded the reasonable level that our country actually needs," he recently said.

Zhou noted that China's stockpiling cash is "feeding inflation and becoming difficult to manage". To be certain, China is suffering from an inflation problem, already up over 5 percent, not to mention a tremendous real estate bubble that threatens its very financial system. It needs to figure out a way to restore price stability.

So, Zhou wants to diversify the country's assets of foreign exchange holdings, an obvious target.

Zhou's sentiments were echoed on April 23 by Tang Shuangning, chairman of China Everbright Group, who wants the reserves be restricted to between \$800 billion to \$1.3 trillion and the rest of the money reinvested.

Tang "suggested five channels for using the reserves, including replenishing state-owned capital in key sectors and enterprises,

issuing foreign bonds and improving national welfare in areas like education and health," writes Xinhua.

Zhou and Tang were not alone. Xia Bin, another Chinese central banker suggested that \$1 trillion of foreign exchange reserves would be sufficient. He too called for the reserves to be used more "strategically" to acquire hard resources and technology for the Chinese economy.

This would be a marked change in Chinese policy, which has been to stockpile these reserves, in particular dollar-denominated assets. It currently holds about \$1.154 trillion of U.S. treasuries — the debt securities that constitute U.S. debt.

Now it may be planning to dump those U.S. treasuries on the market. If China wants to diversify its holdings by reducing its gross reserves by two-thirds, that would necessarily mean a drastic reduction of its share of the \$14.3 trillion U.S. national debt.

This would have severe consequences, mostly for the American people.

Because the U.S. has racked up so much debt among foreign creditors like China, we have become increasingly vulnerable to their whims. China dumping a significant portion of its U.S. treasuries could spark a run on the dollar, uprooting it as the world's reserve currency. How?

It would cause a rush to the exits on the treasuries market, rob-

would not want to risk having the value of their assets devalued. Suddenly, a frenzy would occur by financial institutions to cash in dollars for something — anything — of value.

A dollar run would in turn cause hyperinflation here at home, super-high interest rates, and a complete default on U.S. debt. Without borrowing, we lack the ability to repay principal and interest owed on the national debt. We really are that vulnerable.

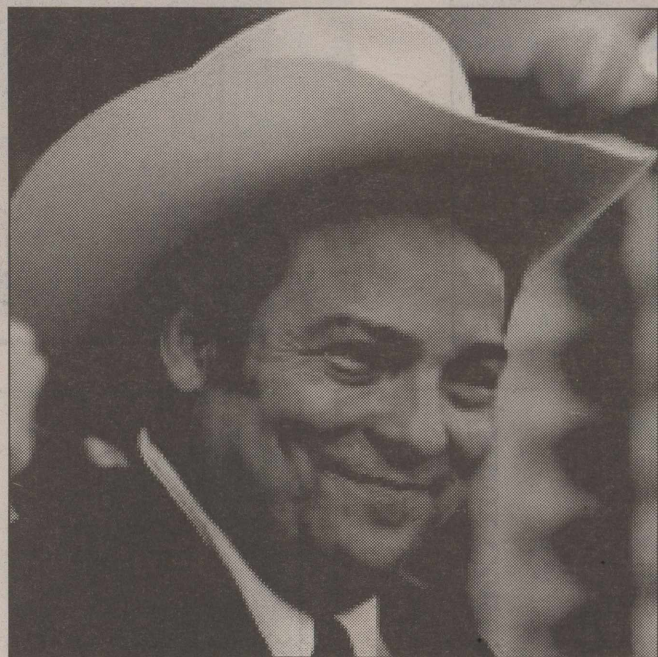
But, wouldn't China be devaluing its own assets? Zhou does not seem to think so. He thinks his country needs to stop stockpiling money to get domestic inflation under control. But even if the Chinese were not looking to dump current holdings — they may still be signaling that they won't be looking to buy any more.

With the Fed supposedly out of the Treasury market come June and with them now buying 70 percent of the issues, who will buy this junk? Barack Obama sees trillion dollar deficits for the next decade. At best, China can just sit back and do nothing and seriously injure us.

At worst, China may want to get out while the getting's good from what amounts to nothing more than a useless paper trade.

After all, the alternative may be to wait for somebody else to start cashing in their dollars first. In this high stakes game of musical chairs, China may not want to be left without a chair when

Bob Wills sighting



Jason Roberts, the Texas Fiddleman, plays Bob Wills in the Asleep at the Wheel production "A Ride with Bob".

Courtesy photo

There are at least three good reasons to be in Turkey, Texas on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 8pm. It will be a red-letter day for lovers of western swing, Bob Wills' fans, fiddle enthusiasts and anyone who likes good dance music.

First, the musicians – Joe Settlemires, an extremely accomplished guitarist who at 19 played with Wills' band, will be directing the UASO (University of Arts and Sciences in Oklahoma) Show Band. Settlemires

has worked with many of today's country stars and has brought the Show Band to Turkey for several benefits. The other well known professionals who will appear with the band are:

Jimmy Cox from Amarillo has a great voice and works with various bands in the Panhandle area.

Scotty Henderson lives in Missouri. He is known for his expertise on the steel guitar and has recorded both western swing and

gospel music.

Chad Maines has come to Turkey to play drums with the Texas Playboys for the past three years. He is a younger member of the Maines Brothers clan from Lubbock.

Jason Roberts, the Texas Fiddleman, plays Bob Wills in the Asleep at the Wheel production "A Ride with Bob." Old timers say, "He looks like Bob, stands like Bob and plays like Bob."

Dayna Wills, Bob's niece, has been carrying on the family tradition for many years. A frequent visitor to Turkey, she has a Will Rogers Award for Female Western Swing Vocalist of the Year among her credits.

Jimmy Young, a former Texas Playboy, will also be playing fiddle with the Playboys on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Second, the music – Joe Settlemires has researched original music by Bob

Wills and rewritten horn parts in order to reproduce Wills' trademark "big band" sound and easy to dance to rhythms. With some of the best musicians around, it will be western swing as it should be played.

Third, the price - \$15 for an evening of great music.

For more information go to bobwillsday.com

LOOKING AHEAD

The next Go Kart race at the Knox City Speedway is May 7th at 5:00 p.m. Bring the family for a evening at the races!

The Knox city and O'Brien bands will have their end of the year concert on May 1, at 1:30 p.m. A pre-concert Sunday lunch will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Prices are \$8/adults, and \$4 /children's plates. The meal will consist of BBQ Brisket with all the traditional trimmings. Get tickets from any band student or at the door. (Take-outs are available.)

The Movement Space will have their 6th annual spring recitals the weekend

of Saturday April 30 and Sunday, May 1. at 3 p.m. in the Munday HS Auditorium. About 100 featured dancers hail from Munday, Benjamin, Haskell and Seymour.

May 14th it's time to get out and vote! Look for voter polling places and times in upcoming issues of Knox County News.

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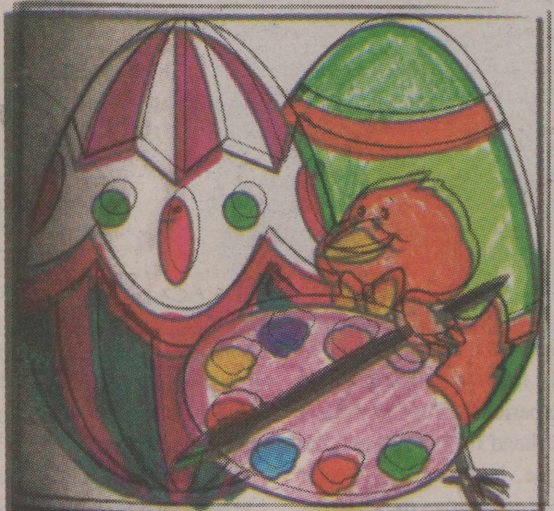
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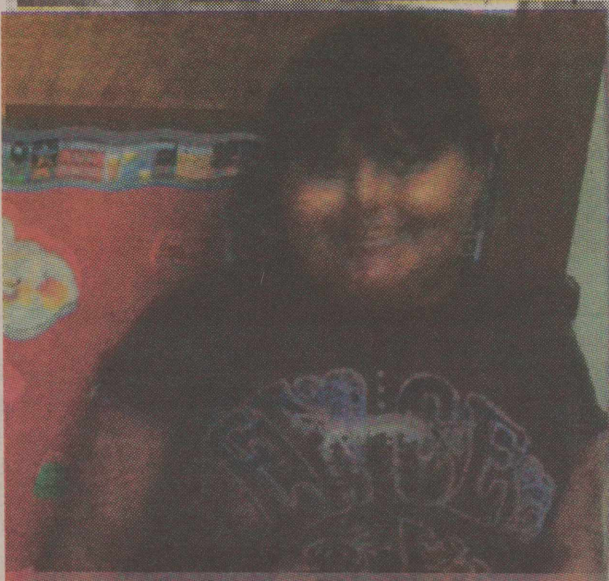
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Just Jeff

Well, the Obama administration has decided that we do not need to drill for oil in Alaska. Shell Oil, which has spent over 4 billion dollars, is going to have to scrap its plans to drill in the Beaufort Sea because the EPA has decided that they will cause too much air pollution to the 237 residents that live over 70 miles away. Shell is paying the federal government 2.2 billion just for the lease. The funny thing is Obama has decided that Brazil needs to be doing offshore drilling, and we are lining up to be their best customer. Excuse me while I go puke!!! He would rather help somebody else's economy than his own. That fat cat plane he flies all over the globe on our tax dollars in a plane that eats up gasoline like a fat chick does a cupcake. Maybe him and Ol' Michelle need to

start up a carpool using the Chevy Volts. Heck he is use to electric motors! He uses a damn golf cart 6 days a week. The sad thing is if we voted today and had to choose between Obama and Charlie Sheen, I would vote for Sheen. At least Sheen might have some common sense if he sobered up!!

Around Knox City we are losing a great asset. Barbara Rector, our longtime City Administrator, is retiring from Knox City at the end of the month. No one will miss her as much as the city employees and I. She has done a great job as city manager and has kept us with money in the bank, good equipment and a great person to work for, just ask any city employee. Charlie Langford told me when I became Mayor that Barbara was a keeper and was damn good. Charlie,

you where right. Barbara, I wish you the best in retirement and hope you and John have many happy days ahead. The city of Knox City will miss you very much.

Facebook is today's way of communicating and everyday I read statuses that make me really think and laugh. Here is one from this past week "If you are gonna stir my pot you better use a big stick".

My Walmart story of the week, if you are shopping and you wear tights and it looks like someone hit you in the rear with a sack of nickels, then please wear a shirt that goes past your cheeks or some short's over them. It does not help them sell more at the candy aisle.

Keep praying for rain

**God Bless
Jeff Stanfield**

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Dieters amaze me. How do they do it?

Last week I saw a friend who'd trimmed down noticeably. I asked him how.

Sure enough, he's cutting down on food, especially the bad stuff. Oh well.

What was I expecting anyway? Some sort of painless miracle pill or plan like diets touted on late-night television?

Yet he managed to inspire me with his talk of fruits and vegetables and water.

The next morning at the grocery store I didn't buy Cokes. I bought a small avocado, a can of roasted almonds, a green pepper, two tomatoes, mandarin oranges, a small Hershey bar with almonds and a gallon of water. I stuck to my modified version of his diet through late afternoon. The almonds staved off hunger pangs rather nicely. The green pepper was juicy. The tomatoes were good. The Hershey bar was fabulous.

Before supper, friends called. They'd just hit town and wanted me to recommend a restaurant where we could all eat dinner. I obliged.

In deference to my diet, using the term loosely, I drank water with my super ten-inch-diameter tortilla rolled into a burrito liberally stuffed with ground meat, red onions, beans and other good stuff and lightly drizzled with a cheese sauce. Yum.

Is it allowed to pity the person who derives no pleasure from flirting with the sin of gluttony? I

think it was risqué Francois Rabelais who said 500 years ago there's no virtue in not sinning if you don't know how. May I similarly suggest you don't get points for not doing what you don't want to do anyway -- like not ordering a super burrito if you don't want one in the first place. If I get any points, it's for not ordering cheese enchiladas instead. Except I usually do.

The next day -- day two of my diet if you're counting -- breakfast didn't happen because of poor planning. A caterer's menu dictated lunch: quiche, green salad, fresh berries in a creamy sauce and a red velvet cupcake. Good. Tea was the beverage. I could have slipped and eaten two of those cupcakes. Or two slices of quiche. Or two cups of berries. I didn't. People were watching.

Later in the day, force of habit prompted me to order a Coke with my late-afternoon hamburger. Oops. I should have ordered water.

Speaking of sinning, are sins less grievous when committed through force of habit rather than thoughtfully? Somewhere in somebody's theology, that's gotta be that tenet.

On the other hand, you could get in the habit of murdering people. That probably wouldn't make it less wrong than being a selective murderer. Maybe habitual killing is more wrong.

Does all this talk of murder make overeating sound less offensive? Works for me.

But isn't it funny

League of Women Voters plans public forum on water issues

The League of Women Voters of Amarillo will sponsor a public forum on "The State of Water in Texas – Yours, Mine or Ours?" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, in the Parish Hall of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1601 S. Georgia.

Guest speakers will discuss a range of issues surrounding the competition for water in Texas and changes needed to ensure that water will be available to sustain future generations in the Panhandle. The Amarillo

League's Environment Committee has planned the event as part of a statewide League study of "Texas Water Resources as a Commodity."

"We invite people from all over the Panhandle to attend the forum as we learn more about the factors affecting how we manage this natural resource that is so vital to life, the economy and the well being of our region," said Tonya Kleuskens, Environment Committee chair and a member of the state LWV study committee.

Speakers and their topics include Dr. Melanie Barnes of Lubbock, geologist and geochemist on the graduate faculty at Texas Tech University with extensive experience in environmental projects, "Water in Texas;" Marty Jones, attorney with the Sprouse Shrader Smith law firm, counsel to Mesa Water and frequent speaker on groundwater rights issues, "Water Marketing;" and Dr. Richard Todd, research scientist at the USDA Conservation and Production Research

Laboratory at Bushland, "Nature's Perspective."

Also, Dr. David Ciscel of Memphis, Tenn., owner of Memphis Forensic Economics and Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Memphis, will speak on "Water Economy," and the Rev. David Green, chaplain with Hospice Care of the Southwest and minister of the Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, on "Water: Human Right or Need?"

Following lunch, four local speakers will give

their reactions to the ideas expressed in the morning. They are C.E. Williams, manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; Mary Emeny, environmental advocate who is turning an old caliche mine into a regenerative community using primarily rainwater; Jim Steiert, naturalist, author and member of Region O Water Planning Group; and Jarrett Atkinson, Amarillo city manager. All of the speakers will then serve as a panel to answer questions from the audience,

Kleuskens said.

Attendance at the forum is free. Lunch costs \$10 if paid in advance to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church or \$15 at the door. Anyone wishing more information may contact Barbara Whitton at the church, 806-376-6316, ext. 105, or barbara.whitton@gmail.com.

Co-sponsors of the event are St. Andrew's, Amarillo Public Library, High Plains Institute for Applied Ecology, Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and Roasters.

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Understanding with Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, INC.; Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded, the motion passed five to zero.

The Court discussed the issue concerning the property insurance; Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by Commissioner Griffith to table the issue for the present. All agreed.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion seconded by Commissioner Urbanczyk to accept the bids made by Jose Castorena for Parcel

#3113, Blk 100, Lots 11-12 (.22 ac to State TX.), Original City of Goree & Parcel #3112, Blk 100, Lots 1-2, Original City of Goree. The motion passed five to zero.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to appoint Leon Burkham and Lezli Meers to fill the two expired terms on the Knox County Hospital Board; Commissioner McCown seconded the motion. The motion passed five to zero.

After discussing the Equipment Quote presented

Marshall Pinkston with Yellowhouse Machinery Company concerning the John Deer 544J Loader Commissioner Griffith made the motion seconded by Commissioner Urbanczyk to approve the lease agreement, all agreed.

County Attorney Megan Suarez gave the Quarterly Hot Check Report.

The Extension Activity Report, Aging Services Report, 911 Report, Knox County Visioning Team, and Road and Bridge Report required no activity.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to approve Financials, Budget and pay the bills for March, 2011; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Griffith, the motion passed five to zero.

There being no further business to come before the Court Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner McCown, all agreed. The meeting of the Court was **ADJOURNED**.

APPROVED this the 9th day of May, 2011

April is Wildfire Awareness Month

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – More than 983,000 acres of Texas land have burned so far this year, a result of dangerous, rapidly-spreading wildfire.

April is Wildfire Awareness Month, and Texas Forest Service's prevention and mitigation staff is spreading the word that Texas is susceptible to wildfire. It can be a force of nature, taking lives, homes and property.

Texas Forest Service has identified more than 14,000 communities as being at risk for wildland fire. So far this year, the agency has saved more than 3,300 homes and buildings – but 231 structures have been lost, and one fire-related fatality occurred in February.

Families should teach their children about fire safety, post fire emergency telephone numbers and avoid outdoor activities that could cause a spark when the state is under

severe drought conditions, as it is now.

"Your home and your yard can be your first line of defense in the event of a fire," said Wildland Urban Interface and Prevention Program Coordinator Justice Jones. "Create an area around your home that is free of flammable plants and other items."

Families should have a fire action plan detailing how best to exit the home and where to meet if a fire occurs. Residents can download information about "Firewise" safety principles – simple measures you can take to protect your home and family.

Learn more about how to protect your family and home by visiting the Texas Forest Service website. More disaster preparedness information also can be accessed through the Texas Department of Emergency Management.

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had to help our community. That is a wonderful thing they do for our little ones. It's awesome that even with all they do, they find it important to stop and make a kid smile. A child's smile is contagious.

Saturday morning, I had a surprise as Raylor and Cyle came with Easter cookies and then later, I received a phone

call from Mary Byrd from Tyler, TX. She used to come down here with her husband before he passed away. He was a dentist in Tyler and an extremely wonderful person. Mary is a wonderful woman, full of life and smiles. It made my week just getting to talk with her.

I heard from my grandbaby

in Guam, which makes my day too. The perfect day is going and watching one grandchild play baseball, then coming home to talk to the other so many miles away.

Frankie and Danielle Rodriguez have been very busy preparing for their son's wedding on Saturday. We'll all be there to share the happy

event with them.

Monday morning saw us in with fog... maybe it will rain???

Well, I leave you on this week after Easter to enjoy your deviled eggs, boiled eggs, and egg salad sandwiches.

May God bless each of us and our troops.

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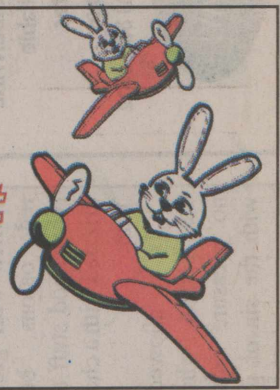
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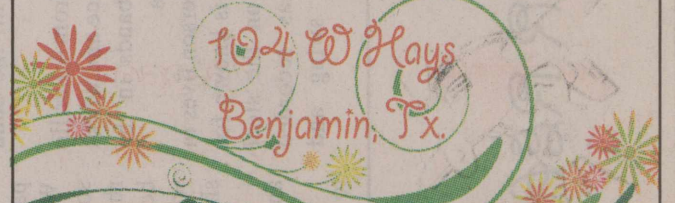
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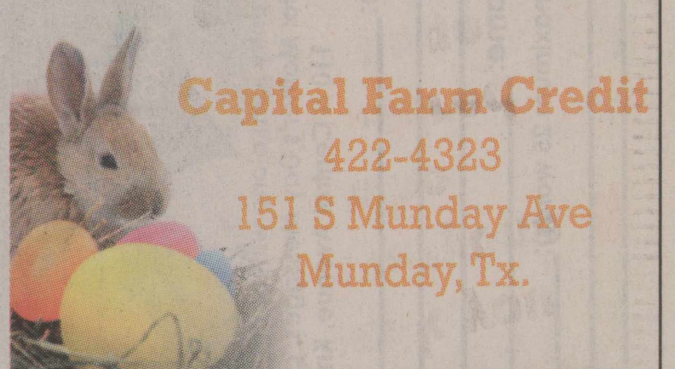
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Update your bathroom in a weekend

(Family Features) Not everyone has the time or money to undergo a complete bathroom renovation, but there are some simple and cost effective ways to make your bathroom as good as new in a short amount of time, and at a fraction of the cost. Waterpik(r) and Kelly Edwards, designer from HGTV's "Design on a Dime," have some ideas and tips that can be used to update any bathroom in less

than two days, and for \$200 or less.

"Even the smallest changes can make a big difference," said Edwards. "Pick one or all of the tips below to quickly update and remodel your bathroom without breaking the bank; sometimes it's the simplest changes that can really give your room a completely revamped look and feel."

Suggestions for simple changes that offer big results

include the following anyone-can-do projects:

Paint. A fresh coat of paint is one of the simplest and most affordable ways to make a big splash in any room.

- Light, bright colors can make the room feel more open and airy.

- Walls aren't the only things that can be painted. Cabinets, ceilings and, depending on the material, even floors can be painted.

Textiles. Look for bargains at closeout stores, and check out online sales so you can stock up



and splurge.

- A fresh set of fluffy new towels brings instant color.

- An updated shower curtain can add an air of drama, whimsy, romance or relaxation, depending on the style you choose.

- Don't forget a new set of rugs to warm up bare, wet feet, and window curtains, too.

Shower and Tub. Turn these functional elements into spa-like amenities.

- Simply changing your

showerhead can turn a regular shower into a true sensual, spa-like experience. The EasySelect showerhead from Waterpik, for example, has a spray selector located right on the handle, so you can change the spray settings from circular massage to full body coverage without having to reach through the water stream. Find out more at www.waterpik.com.

- Get attractive organizers for all your shower accessories. You can find options to fit just about any need and style.

- Replace the typical shower curtain rod with a curved rod. The curve not only gives you more room to shower, but adds a little bit of visual oomph to the room.

Hardware. Because most bathrooms won't have a lot of knobs or pulls to replace, you can afford to splurge a little bit on something special.

- Switch out traditional knobs for ones that say something

about you. You can find knobs in just about any shape - from cowboy boots or kittens, to sea shells and flowers.

- Try a different knob material. Ceramic, wood, stone, brushed nickel and polished bronze all make stylish additions.

Lighting. Nothing creates mood better than good lighting.

- Turn a recessed light fixture into a hanging one - maybe even a refurbished chandelier.

- Install a dimmer switch so you can have just the right amount of overhead light you need.

- Adding light sconces on either side of the mirror will help eliminate shadows on your face.

- Keep plenty of pretty candles on hand to help you create calm, relaxing atmosphere when it's time for a long soak in the tub. The key to any project is to work with the space you have and to create a consistent style that you and your family enjoy.

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Benjamin News By Gladene Green

After a busy Easter weekend, we have settled down to another work week. With blistering winds blowing and sand in the air plus storm warning out all around us, we wonder what might develop before the evening is over. We hope there's nothing serious. And, of course, we pray for no fires to break out that would be devastating.

New Arrivals

There's new baby girls in the news this week. Shaylee Mitchell Rodgers is the new member of her family, her parents being Michael and Lynn Morohouse Rodgers of Snyder. She was born on Saturday morning in HMC in Abilene and weighed 6lb. Local grandparents are Mike and Debi Moorhouse.

Also, Clay and Melanie Conner are the proud parents of a baby girl born Saturday night in a Lubbock hospital. Adahlee Jordan also weighed 6 lbs (plus). Her local grandparents are Janet and Gary Reed, great-grandfather, Bud Conner and great-great grandmother, Hazel Stockton. Other paternal grandparents are Steve and Brenda Conner of Big Spring and great-

grandmother, Edith Broach of Lubbock.

Both little girls (and their moms and dads) are doing well!!!

Here N There

Lots of activities too place this past weekend. There's no way to have it all, but I do have some to report.

The sunrise service on Sunday morning was very nice, according to those in attendance (I am ashamed to say I missed it because I overslept!) I always receive such a blessing from this early service and the fellowship that follows.

Then Sunday p.m., the firemen sponsored Easter Egg Hunt in the park was well attended. Lots of kids climbed onto the truck at the fire hall for the trip to the park. After lining up for the sign to get started with the hunt after the siren sounded, they all branched out in their age groups and had a wonderful time trying to find the "prize eggs". It was so much fun to watch them all having such a wonderful time.

I talked to Dorothy Spikes today. She said she's been staying pretty close to home

while she's having some dental work done. Said she didn't have any company Easter but she and Penny did get out and watch the kids hunt eggs.

Susan White also said they didn't have anyone extra for Easter. She's still sort of under the weather after a bout with strep throat, asthma and other respiratory problems. These sand storms and smoke from these fires are not helping any either. She says she is ready to get to feel better.

Easter guest of Debbie Clower were her kids, David and Carrisa Clower of Plainview, Michael and Megan Clower of Bedford, and Sara Clower, student at H.S.U. in Abilene.

Gloria West's company was her daughters, Cathy Tomlinson of Denton and Betty Parker of Aspermont. Also grandchildren, Sabra and Samuel Turner, who live in Kansas and Jody Tomlinson of Denton were here.

Steve Powers of Roebuck, South Carolina spent a few days last week with his mom, Lorene. On Saturday They, Debbie's family and Gloria's family all had their "Easter

Brunch" together.

Weekend guests of Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon were daughters, Sue Terry and family of Dallas, and Lana Hale and family, who live in Benjamin. Also Colton Caldwell, Ariel Gideon and Addison and Dylan Benson of Seymour.

Cassie Sheedy's mom, Elsie Herrow who lives at Pittsburgh, TX, is here for a few days visit with Cassie and Steve. She has been in the hospital and is here to recuperate and let her daughter help her out a while.

Cassie Lyles, bride-elect of Cody Wainscott, was honored with a pre-nuptial bridal shower on Saturday in the home of Sheila Kuehler. Cassie and Cody received a wonderful array of gifts, which will be useful in their home after their wedding in June.

Charles and Linda Griffith had two of their three daughters during the weekend. Amy and Vince Tyson, Kate and Abby of Lubbock and Becky and Kemp Jones, Blake, Brooke and Kamryn of Benjamin. Also granddaughter, Devon Jones of Texas Tech.

Kris McGregor, who lives

in Germany has been here a few days visiting with his parents, Nancy and Fred and grandparents, Kenneth and Jessie Roberts and other relatives and friends.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse had a houseful all weekend and most of them visited with me also. They were Cody Taylor and family, Beckie Keys and Randi and B.J. Homer of Amarillo, Jessica Moorhouse and Brandon Hutchinson of Abilene, Diane Evans and Ashlee of Childress, Will Moorhouse of TSTI in Sweetwater and Liz Herring and family of Munday.

Stanton Brown of early was in the area on Friday attending to some personal business. Her went by to see Bud Conner and though he missed seeing him, left him a note saying all's well with him and would try to see him next time around.

It was a big day Sunday at Tina Siemen's house. Her company included Tina & Henry Banman and family, Peter and Mary Weibe of Seminole, Nancy and Nathan Beavens of Wichita Falls, Mary and Ray Ham and family

of Abilene, Lisa Siemens and Anthony Ainsworth, Margaret and Sal Silva and Emily and Tina and Adon Silva, all of Knox City, and Kim Sealy of Benjamin.

Bonnie Howell and children and Lonnie Bohannon, who live in Nebraska, and Chance and Chase Bohannon of Eastland spent the weekend with Roger and Betty Bohannon and Jamie Brunley and family.

Phil and Rebekah Boone and children of Abilene were here for Easter with her parents, Pam and Denis Duke.

Kolby, Levi, Abigail and Cierra Jones (children of Clint and Misty), who live on a ranch near Paducah visited grandparents, Mitzi and Shane Welch on Good Friday. Also visiting during the weekend were her son, Ray and Mary Ham and family of Abilene.

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Sequoyah Reynolds places out eggs for the kiddos to find before Saturday's hunt. She joked that she kept putting them down then running over them with her chair.

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Parent's had just as good of a time as the kids did searching out the colorful eggs at the local park.
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