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Give Blood, Save a Life

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at Knox County hospital on Tuesday, May 17 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. The bloodmobile comes to Knox City every eight weeks, which is how often blood can be donated. Donors who give every eight weeks help prevent shortages. The demand for blood continues to grow and Meek Blood Center must collect a minimum of sixty pints of blood each day to make blood transfusions possible at fifteen different area hospitals. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at Knox County Hospital.

Each pint of blood saves two lives, because each unit is split into red blood cells and plasma. The shelf life of red blood cells is forty-two days. Plasma can be

frozen for up to one year. There are many different medical conditions that require blood or plasma transfusions. This includes cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, accident or trauma victims, surgical patients, premature babies and those with conic anemia. All of these patients depend on volunteer donors to supply them with lifesaving blood products.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with signed parental consent), weigh a minimum of 120 lbs, and be in general good health. All donors must present a Photo ID. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Here's Your Sign



By Cody Propps

Growing up in Benjamin and living here all my life, Benjamin is all I know. My school, in my heart, is not just a school but another place that I call home. Some call us too small of a school, but what I call us is fun sized. Not many schools can send their senior class to Hawaii for a week or even send their grade school students to Abilene with one teacher. Not many people know how great this school is, but they also do not know how much we struggle. With not many students enrolled in school, money from our

lovely government is scarce. Our school may not have all the nice gadgets and new uniforms for basketball, but who needs all that? Our school has functioned and survived for many tough years, and in my opinion it will still strive for excellence in the future.

Brandde Estrada, the mother of one of our elementary students, Grace Estrada, talked to an acquaintance in Wichita Falls and did not realize what a great deal she had discovered for the school. This acquaintance had no ties to Benjamin whatsoever

and never knew of the Mighty Mustang. But as she started to tell him of how small we were and what a great bond we had formed over the years, it caught his attention. His passion and love for small-town ethics made him want to give back to the school. Through his generosity and time, Michael Lam donated a new outdoor school sign.

As a senior here at BHS, I can speak for the school, and we would like to send out many thanks to Michael and his wife Carolyn for their generous contribution.

KC Masons host "Family Fun Day"

Tamara Smart

The Knox City Mason lodge will hold a Masonic Family Fun Day of Saturday, May 14 with a short family bicycle ride beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the Knox City Park. After the ride, at the Knox City Park the KC Masons are calling all chili cooks to come look for "bragging rights"

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God's Promises

What's in a Name?

**Kevin Nelson
O'Brien Baptist Church**

As I began to prepare to bring a message for our high school graduates, at a lunch hosted by our church in O'Brien, I wondered what kind of message they most needed to hear. I started thinking about all of their different family names, and what they might mean. If you have children,

you will likely remember the care you took in choosing the name you ultimately gave that child. I Googled first names on the Internet, and checked out the meaning of some common first names. For example, the name Albert means noble. The name Amanda means beloved. Bradley is a broad meadow. Caroline means giving. Edward refers to a rich guardian and Helen means

the bright one. Pamela means sweetness while Victor means conqueror. Whether or not we are aware of it, our names can have meaning.

Names in the Bible are very important. One name in particular should be important to each of us. Acts 11:19-26 refers to the beginning of the church in Antioch. The Book says that a large number believed and turned to the Lord.

Verse 26 says, "The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." This is the first time that word, Christian, was used in the Bible. The second time the word was used was in reference to the efforts Paul made in trying to win King Agrippa to the Lord. In response to Paul's preaching, Acts 26:28 says, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

Clearly names have meaning. For example, the names of products have meaning for you. If I say the names of Nintendo or Wii, you will have images in your mind of games you would like to play. The names of political parties invoke strong emotions for us. The names of the Democratic, Republican, or Independent party have particular meaning for us depending on our own respective views. Ethnic groups also carry strong images for us. If you hear the name, American, European, Canadian, or African, you have very definite impressions regarding the meaning of each of those words. Family names are also important. In the distant past, John's son

became Johnson. Thus we get the background for many of our family names.

Names can have either positive or negative meaning for us. Consider names like Holocaust, Communism, Nazism, or Democracy, freedom, etc.

For individuals or even groups, names can outlast the person bearing them. Names such as Abraham Lincoln or George Washington have far outlasted the physical life of the person.

Relationships carry special meaning for us. Depending on our own experiences, names such as father, mother, grandmother or grandfather bring up strong responses within us.

In the Bible, even names for God have specific meaning. The first time we read God's name in the Bible is in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The Hebrew name used in that passage is Elohim, the Creator. Yahweh is a personal name for God revealing God as a God of covenant, who desires personal relationship

with humans. Hagar in Genesis named the Lord, "The God who sees." God revealed Himself to Moses and to Israel as "I Am". Even the name for Jesus carries meaning. He is our Christ, the Messiah, Emmanuel (God with us), the prince of peace.

Also in the Bible, men and women have names with meaning. Abram means exalted father. Abraham means father of nations. Sarah means princess. Ezekiel means God-strengthens, and Peter means rock.

What does your name mean? Are you a man or woman of integrity? When people hear your name, do they shake their heads and think to themselves, "You can't trust him", or do they say that you are a man or woman who anyone can trust?

If you are a Christian, your walk with God influences people. That name, found in Acts 11, carries meaning. It means you are a follower of Christ. To say you are a Christian, and then to live like

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Please Vote

Once again it is time for our City election where your vote really does count. Please exercise your right.

Our city is faced with the many challenges that go along with day-to-day operations, changing times, and a new administration as well.

Change is in the air and in some cases needs to happen. If there was ever a time that we need a strong City Council, it is now.

If elected to city council I will bring 35 years of successful business experience to the table that can be applied for the good of our community. I pledge to be diligent at spending your tax dollars wisely and prudently for the best interest of all who live here.

You need a voice in City Hall. I am not afraid to speak. Please vote Saturday May 14, 2011. Steve Pepper for City Council.

Hosts needed for exchange student programs

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. These young ambassadors are looking forward to fulfilling their life-long dreams.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) President, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and want to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools. "At this critical time in our country's history, hosting an international teen is the best and purest form of public diplomacy the United States has," said Doty.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a monthly charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from

Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Hungary, Croatia, Korea, Mexico, Slovakia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to live in American communities.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Families interested in study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.



Knox City High School was awarded the Title I Part A Distinguished Progress Award from the Texas Education Agency. Of all level campuses TEA awarded 148 total in the state of Texas. The award was presented at an awards luncheon held at the Region 9 Service Center. Mr. Moeller would like to say thanks to the hard work of the student body and the continued dedication of the faculty of Knox City High School. Pictured left to right: Mr. Louis Baty Superintendent, Mr. Rick Moeller Principal, Mr. Wes Pierce Region 9 Representative, Mr. Bob Collins Science Teacher

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Sammie Offield

Monday afternoon the youth baseball is at Haskell. The kids are just awesome. They play hard and they play well, and sometimes it pays off. Yet, even when they lose, they have a great outlook on the game. The parents are so supportive of the kids, and we have a great bunch of kids to support. May God bless them and protect them.

It looks like the City Council

race is heating up; although I'm not so sure it affects anything currently. No matter, I'm sure the race will be close.

Chris King made his trip for training and is doing well. Kristi and the boys are staying busy. She is an amazing woman the way that she having everything together. I know I couldn't do it.

There was a fire at the Goree Fire Hall on Saturday. Thank God no one got hurt. I hope all

their equipment is undamaged.

Mrs. Sandy Rodriguez had a fall on Saturday night. No broken bones, but a few stitches on her hand. Thank God so far things look good. She's going to be sore, but doctor says she'll be fine. The fall may have occurred after she had a dizzy spell.

Dawn Wilson and Tabby spent the weekend in Grapevine on a National guard ribbon cutting ceremony.

For all soldiers traveling to Afghanistan in August, I pray they return home safely.

This weekend, I got a chance to visit with Sammie B. White's son-in-law. He gave me a great report on Sammie's health. Sammy is doing good, adjusting to living with Karen and the family.

Our neighbors, Quin and Roni have moved. We are sure going to miss them; especially the little one. I'm sure they love

where they are and togetherness is always wonderful when it's with family.

Easter Grindstaff still is in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. I talked to her son and he says she is improving and looks good, but still has a ways to go before completely healthy.

Kathy and Jacks have announced that they will be closed on Saturday and Sunday for a while. Hopefully they'll be open again on weekends.

They are a great commodity to our little community and it is so conveniently placed for visitors who are staying at the City Motel. Also, it is nice to have choices when it comes to dining locally.

I spent part of Saturday at the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, also known as the Pink Ladies. I'll tell you, if you need anything,

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Knox County Market Place

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05/06	46/82	
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Total Rainfall for month 0.42
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Just Jeff

By Jeff Stanfield

The US spent over 1 trillion dollars looking for Bin Laden. We looked in tunnels, caves, all over Afghanistan, and the one place we did not look was his house. He was home for 5 years and never left. You would think with all the smart people in the CIA that someone building a \$1 million dollar home in Islamabad would be something you might check into.

Also, lets look at this million-dollar home. Wow, it looked about as sanitary as a Wal-Mart bathroom and all the high dollar electronics. The TV would probably go for a \$10 at a flea market. Bin Laden has been trying to purchase a nuclear bomb for 10 years, which I would assume, would go for a pretty high amount. You would think if he could afford a weapon of mass destruction that he could have a 50-inch flat screen rather than a 16", 50 lb. color TV.

The man was not very smart. Heck, he three wives living in the house with him??? What the hell was he thinking? Can you only imagine all the honey-do's he had to do. I can just hear it now. "Osama, why did you paint her room?" "Why did you give her a better birthday present?" "Am I fatter than her?" Poor guy. That is enough reason by itself to have a better TV. The house by itself was not much to turn your head, no Internet or phone service. Maybe if he had the internet, he could have looked up bestbuy.com and got a upgrade on the TV.

I doubt it had a flushing toilet by the looks of it. For a million dollars in Knox City

you could build one heck of a house. Even in New York you can live in nice digs for a million. But in the land of goats, you get a white fort looking thing with 3 wives, no modern electronics and, I almost forgot, he did have a VCR. I doubt he had maid service but he did have a Helipad in the backyard. You know when he heard the first helicopter land, he messed his robes... and then he threw one of his wives at the Navy Seals sent to kill him. But why not sacrifice that wife? He had 2 more, so what did he have to lose? I wonder if she realizes today that she probably was not his favorite.

His wives are already selling his stuff on eBay they have an ad for one used AK-47, a pair of used brown Birkenstock sandals and a Braun beard trimmer that has never been used. I wish them the best I would assume a harem of women used to that kind of luxury will be tough to make happy!

ON another appalling note, I heard something I have never heard before last week, a woman wanting to meet a fat single guy! Yes, you read it right. A woman searching for a fat guy. I had to ask why? The reason so she would not be the big one in the relationship. That really makes a lot of sense.

All the cheesy pick up lines and all a fat guy has to do is be honest. "Listen darling, do you really want to go out with that skinny guy with the perfect hair and teeth? He will make you look bad. You need a guy like me I am fat so you will look skinny, and look at my hairline it is getting way up on my head. You don't even have to fix your hair if you stand next to me. So do you really want to go out with Brad Pitt? No way you want a man like Coach Steele. He makes you look so much better!!"

Hope everyone has a great week! God Bless-
Jeff Stanfield



Sheri and Nati Escobedo & Michael and Jeanne Wilson are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Kyle Wilson of Benjamin to

Gabrielle DeJesso of Wichita Falls daughter of Ronald and Kathy DeJesso. The couple will be married on July 2nd, 2011 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church at 2pm in Wichita Falls, Texas

Diabetes Seminar Scheduled May 14

Texas AgriLife Extension and the Haskell Memorial Hospital will be offering a free Diabetes Seminar designed for people with type 2 diabetes and their caregivers on **Saturday, May 14**. The seminar will run from **9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.** and will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building located east of the Hospital.

A different session will be offered every hour throughout the day. Participants may come for the entire day or choose which sessions they wish to attend. Scheduled sessions are:

- 9:00 a.m. - What Is Diabetes
- 10:00 a.m. - Managing Blood Sugars
- 11:00 a.m. - Foot Care/Exercise
- 11:30 a.m. - Label Reading
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 p.m.- Dietary Treatment of Diabetes

Medications Knowledge is the key to managing diabetes and this See **DIABETES** on page 11



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OPINION

The Paperboy



The American Nightmare

By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

Do you pay federal income taxes? Are you sure?

According to the latest data, over 50 percent of U.S. households pay no federal income tax.

On your refund, was it larger than the amount the government withheld from your paycheck?

There are 23.1 million tax filers who benefitted from the Earned Income Tax Credit. If you were one of these filers, you were effectively put on welfare according to the Congressional Joint Tax Committee.

Out of those 23.1 million, 15.5 million actually received more money in a refund than was paid in by either themselves or their employers through various payroll taxes.

These "taxpayers" did not ask for a welfare handout. The tax code, written by federal bureaucrats, determined these taxpayers did not make enough money on their own so now they are part of a new welfare class - a working welfare class.

I don't like paying taxes anymore than anyone else, but the country cannot withstand this growing welfare class. We most certainly can't continue on this path with the government tak-

ing in less and less money while spending more than it ever has.

The U.S. is quickly becoming a welfare state. This will end the country as we know it and will effectively crush the American Dream.

When more than half of the country doesn't pay for the government they use, is it any wonder we can't cut government spending? After all - we've got more and more people the government thinks can't provide on their own,

When you were a child, were you taught to chase your dreams? Were you taught that you can achieve through hard work and desire? Were you taught to pay your way and take pride in your work?

That mindset is leaving us quickly and it's something we change now or we might as well call ourselves a Banana Republic.

"Tax the rich" has become a popular mantra in this country. If we changed that to "tax the job creators," I wonder if it would be so popular?

We need massive tax reform in this country to go hand-in-hand with massive government reform. Right now, we can't

even get government officials to seriously consider paying as we go. Even with our near \$15 trillion debt, we continue to operate with a massive deficit yearly. I have bad news for you: There are not enough rich people in this country to ever pay down the national debt.

The voters in this country need to begin to elect people who realize that the days of the United States are coming to an end. We have set our own execution date and the only way to stay this demise is to do smart things and once again make the American Dream a possibility by having LESS people depend on the government.

The lessons of history are staring at us in the face and we continue to say "that will never happen here." I'm sure the Romans once thought this way. I know for a fact Europeans thought this way. They were wrong...

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An EPA Attempt to Re-Extend Its Regulatory Tentacles

By **VICTOR MORAWSKI**

In a well-produced brochure touted as its Clean Water Framework, the Obama Administration last week announced its updated and revised policies governing the Nation's Waters. Included in the initiatives it discusses is "updated draft guidance regarding Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction."

Those of us now familiar with the Administration's attempts to use the EPA as a vehicle for circumventing the wishes of Congress and the Courts are naturally prone to want to look past the slick ad copy and beautiful glossy photos of National Park scenes and families on vacation for something far less wholesome.

A matter of contention for the last thirty years has been what is to count as "waters of the United States" as it is these waters that the EPA is charged with protecting via the CWA. Ceaselessly and relentlessly this Agency has tried to broaden its jurisdiction by broadening its definition of what is to count as these waters.

Two important Supreme Court cases in the past ten years have reined in EPA's attempts. Declaring in 2001 that "isolated, non-navigable intrastate ponds" could not be taken to come under CWA jurisdiction "based solely on the presence of migratory birds" it freed them from the clutches of EPA regulatory

hands.

Of particular relevance to the current updated EPA Guidelines is a 2006 ruling asserting that CWA jurisdiction should be limited to only those waters having a "continuous surface connection" to other "jurisdictional waters."

Its efforts significantly hampered in the wake of this ruling, the EPA simply chose not to pursue hundreds of potential water pollution cases in its pipeline, according to MSNBC, because of what the recently released Clean Water Framework brochure calls "the complex evidence needed to establish that [various river] tributaries" fell under the CWA. It now had, said MSNBC, the burden of showing that, "intermittent streams, swamps and marshes flowed into navigable waters."

Accordingly, 2007 EPA Guidelines instructed its officials to "first analyze whether an ephemeral stream or seasonal wetland leads to federal waters" before attempting any legal action alleging pollution.

The whole point of the recently released EPA Draft Guidance is to supersede these previous instructions by once more allowing it to bring as many of these Court-shielded waters as possible back into its regulatory reach — thus thwarting Court wishes under the guise of following them.

Under its new Guidance, EPA officials freely admit that compared to how things stand currently, "the number of waters

identified as protected by the CWA will increase."

Its strategy for bringing these waters back into its fold is to employ as a standard for "waters of the US" in addition to the current one requiring a "continuous surface connection" to navigable waters an alternative one proposed by Justice Kennedy at the time of the original 2006 ruling requiring only a "significant nexus to traditional navigable waters." Defined as occurring when waters in question "significantly affect the chemical, physical and biological integrity of other covered waters" it would include many of the waters it wants to bring back in. New EPA Guidelines will now insidiously consider waters under either standard to be "waters of the US" under CWA jurisdiction.

These Draft CWA Guidelines are currently open for 60 days of comment from the public, so interested and potentially affected readers wishing to voice their opinion on them should go to the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and identify your comment with Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0409 or e-mail it to owdocket@epa.gov including the above Docket ID No. in their message's subject line.

Perhaps we can have an effect on this EPA attempt to re-extend its regulatory tentacles to these waters.

Aging Center Musical

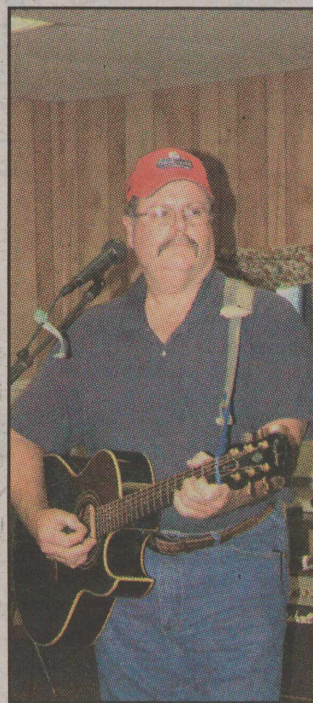
Tamara Smart

Every second Tuesday of the month, the Aging Center in Knox City hosts a musical featuring local talent. This month, the band featured Herman Hearn, Jim Burt, Joe Nelson, Ron Stanfield Steve Pepper with special vocal talent by Jim Hatcher.

Each month, the musical is more and more

popular as spectators bring finger food, the vie for the best seats in the house. By 7:15, only moments after the show starts, ever seat in the house is taken and everyone is enjoying the fine music.

To be a part of the musical, just show up! Watch the Knox County News "Looking Ahead" section for future shows.



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Lady Bulldogs defeat Aspermont, lose to Benjamin

Tamara Smart

On May 9, 2011 O'Brien Lady Bulldog volleyball team traveled to Aspermont to compete with both the Aspermon and the Benjamin junior high teams.

In the first round of play, O'Brien 8th grade took on Aspermont 8th grade. Lady Bulldogs took the win in only two games, 25-15, 25-9. The leading scorers in game 1 were Ariel Ruiz who scored 7 points and Leighten Pepper with 5 points. In the second game,

the high scorer award went to Andrea Lynn with 6 points, and Marlie Steele who earned 10 points toward the win.

In the O'Brien 7th grade vs. Aspermont 7th grade match, O'Brien won again, final score being 25-12 O'Brien, 25-13. In that division, the leading score in game 1 was were Jordyn Eaton earned 9 points, and in the second match Marlie Steele 13 scored points.

When O'Brien eighth grade Lady Bulldogs met up with the Benjamin Lady 'Stangs, they met defeat. The final score was

25-21 (Benjamin), and 25-15 (Benjamin). Leading scorer in that contest was Leighten Pepper who scored 9 points in both games combined

Yet, the O'Brien 7th grade girls won in their second round against Aspermont 7th grade: 25-20, 25-20. Leading scorers; Cheyenne Camp 7 points in the first game, and in the second game, Jordyn Eaton and Calista Rocha 5 points each.

Last game of the season will be played on Monday, May 16 at Rotan vs. Rotan beginning at 4:00.

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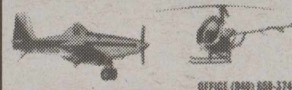
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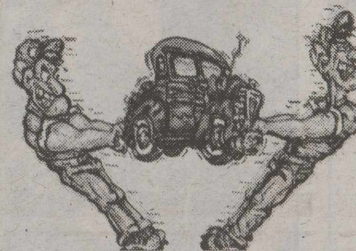
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Benjamin News *By Gladene Green*

It's Monday night and it has been a dry, hot, windy day. The air conditioners are working overtime and it's already a bit scary thinking about these up-coming utility bills. Sure can't get out and ride around in the car. Gasoline is too high so we will just have to do what we can. It is sort of scary also about hoping for rain. Though we need it so badly, seems everywhere they are having any it is storming. We don't need that.

About our ill

Roger Bohannon spent Saturday night in the Knox County Hospital. He had gotten unusually weak and doctors determined that he was very low on sodium. He's home now and much better. He will go back in a couple days for more blood work.

Mike Young also spent a couple days in the hospital. They first thought it might be his heart, but doctors ruled that out. I think now, it is being considered a lung problem. He's also home now and is feeling better.

Weldon Gideon got his pace maker and defibulator on Wednesday. He was able to come home on Thursday and everyday feels better and that's good news.

Dillon Keys was in Dallas for 3 days last week to see his doctors at Children's Hospital. He got a good report regarding his chronic kidney problems. Doctors lifted his diet restrictions and changes some of his routine procedure and hopefully, things will be better for him.

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Judy and Randy Barnett got back Monday after being gone for several weeks to their home in Alvin. On Tuesday, Joe Wayne and Pat Walker who are Randy's cousins, and who live at lake Livingston, came for a couple of days visit. They were in route to California to visit their children. Judy said her sons were not here on Sunday, but both called, as did Randy's son, Rusty, to wish her a Happy Mother's Day. She also said that she and Randy took her mom and aunt, Philomae Roberson and Corrine Parrish, to Abilene on Friday for a "day out" for their Mother's Day treat.

Karson and Sharon Bivens of Tatum, N.M., were here Sunday. They attended church before heading home.

They had been to Wichita Falls to visit his aunt who is not too well.

Taylor and Westin Herring of Munday spent the weekend with grandparents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse, while their parents were in Dallas for the Rangers-Yankee game (wish they could have stayed for the game on Sunday, maybe the score would have been different since the Rangers won Saturday when they were there!)

Peggy Nolan Dillard called to tell me her brother-in-law, Lynn Stephens passed away on Easter Sunday of a massive heart attack. He and Pat lived in Roswell, N.M.. He is a former Benjamin resident and well known by many people here. Peggy also told me her husband, Joe,

passed away in January. I was not aware of that. It was good to talk to her.


The Methodist Church is getting a new look. Several local men are working to put a metal roof on it, which will surely change the looks of it. It's so windy every day, I

imagine it's challenging to get much done.

Deann Lamb was in Wichita Falls today for a check-up with her doctor. All is o.k., but she will go back in a month to see him again.

Hazel Stockton and Kim Moore were in Lubbock

Wednesday for Hazel to see her dermatologist. She got a good report and that was good news. They also went to see the new baby daughter of Clayton and Melanie Conner and, of course, was glad to get to see her. They said they were all doing well.


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Quanah to host Quanah Parker Celebration



Quanah Parker, last Comanche Chief. National Archives and Records Administration Photo

QUANAH, Texas (Spl.) -- A hundred years after the death of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, his namesake town is celebrating his life with a festival and the smoke of sacred cedar.

Quanah Parker Celebration, Thursday through Saturday, June 9-11, will be a time for his descendants to gather for a family reunion in downtown Quanah, Texas, and also an occasion for the public to share in the activities.

The celebration will begin Thursday evening with Comanche and cowboy music and tale-swapping in a teepee camp adjacent to the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Museum. Anyone who arrives early can watch and possibly even help as teepees go up.

Friday activities will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Quanah Parker Monument on the courthouse square with the erection of a teepee with authentic Comanche furnishings. A Comanche ceremony will follow, including songs and the burning of juniper incense sacred to the Comanche.

Celebration participants will travel Friday afternoon to nearby Copper Breaks State Park and to Crowell in neighboring Foard County, where Chief Quanah's mother, white captive Cynthia Ann Parker, was recaptured by U. S. Cavalry and Texas Rangers in 1860 to be returned, against her will, to her white relatives.

Friday evening, back in downtown Quanah, stores and vendors will provide evening shopping opportunities and the teepee camp will continue to be a setting for impromptu entertainment and visiting. The museum will be open late for tours.

Saturday will begin again at the Quanah Parker Monument with ranchers on hand to greet a Comanche procession of carriages and riders that will travel from the teepee encampment up Main Street to the square. A contingent of veterans will present the flag of the United States, Texas and the Comanche Nation.

Food vendors and Comanche artists and crafters will be in place around the square and elsewhere in Quanah's downtown historic district. Gourd dancers will dance on the courthouse lawn. Authors will lecture and sign and sell books in The Foyer, a venue on Main Street just north of the square.

A chuckwagon banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Three Rivers Ballroom on Main Street. Paul Carlson, coauthor of "Myth, Memory and Massacre" will be keynote speaker. The 2010 book, published by Texas Tech University Press, is an account of the recapture of Cynthia Ann Parker.

Cynthia Ann Parker enactor, Sarah McReynolds

of Groesbeck, Texas, and author Lucia St. Clair Robson of Annapolis, Md., will also be part of the banquet program. Robson's biography of Cynthia Ann Parker, "Ride the Wind," is in its 26th printing.

A banquet honoree will be Baldwin Parker Jr., 92, of Cache, Okla., last living grandson of Quanah Parker.

For banquet tickets, \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, call (940) 839 7332 or email carolynswilson@yahoo.com.

The event is expected to draw family members from coast to coast and also to attract many outsiders interested in the intriguing story of Quanah Parker, a transitional chief, brave in war and wise in peace.

The celebration recalls times in the Reservation Era when Chief Quanah and members of his family and tribe visited Quanah on several occasions, including an occasion in 1890, when he blessed the town of Quanah, and a visit on the Fourth of July, 1896, when whites and Comanches together observed the National Holiday. For more information about this year's celebration, see www.quanahmainstreet.com.

Quanah Parker's presence on the Plains of Texas is the theme of the website www.quanahparkertrail.com.

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Waiting rooms are like airplanes. You get stuck with whoever's in them; they get stuck with you. And you're there for the duration.

Sure, the crowd changes more in waiting rooms than on airplanes, but not by much. D. B. Cooper comes to mind.

Waiting rooms are like elevators too. But unless you get stuck between floors, the elevator experience is mercifully shorter.

Like elevator passengers, people in waiting rooms tend not to show emotion. Stoics flourish. They wear facial expressions about right for a police lineup, except you can't see the faces buried in magazines. Yesterday, in the Internal Revenue Service waiting room, there were no magazines.

If I'd walked in the door wearing a mask, I might have been able to liven things up. I did that once, and it worked. I was about 5. It was the doctor's office. My mother let me do it.

A mask would not have amused the IRS guard. He was grim and vigilant in his dark uniform. We got off to a bad start when I tried to use my cell phone to let my husband know I'd not be home for lunch. The guard made me leave to make the call.

Sure enough, when I returned I saw signs prohibiting cell phones. But the guard told me texting was OK. I don't text.

Anyway, there I sat, packing not one cell phone but two, wishing I could feel cocky about getting away with breaking a posted rule, despite the guard's OK. But all I felt was suppressed. It's

the waiting room effect.

Another sign prohibited cameras. The English-Spanish poster reminded me the word "camera" -- or "camara" -- literally means "room." If somebody could just prohibit waiting rooms, the world would be a happier place.

Case in point, my husband, who doesn't even like to wait in line at McDonald's, is already dreading getting his driver's license renewed a year from now. In his own mind, he's there already. If he puts off the event until the last possible moment -- which is likely -- it will be his birthday. He's heard the process can take up to four hours. Poor man.

Some enterprising church should figure out a way to minister to the suffering victims of waiting rooms and long lines. The IRS would soon have to post one more sign on the wall in English and Spanish:

No ministering allowed.


Speaking of ministries, maybe waiting rooms are my personal calling. The challenge to inject life into stagnant settings prompts me to act. I can't help it.

In the IRS space, I met a home health worker named Diane. We talked. We laughed. By the time they called our numbers, I'd given her an idea for a sideline business:

Home pedicures.

I didn't even have time to suggest a business slogan like "No waiting in line for a pedicure by Diane."

Isn't that just how it goes in a waiting room? Just when you're starting to have fun, they make you leave.



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SAMMIE

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go check out what they have, because it seems like they have a little of everything. Plus the store is so clean and organized, and the ladies are always willing to take time and help customers find anything they need.

Golfers get ready! The first tournament of the season starts May 14 with a fundraiser for the fire department. Come out and help show your support to the hard working men who keep our town safe from the fires that blaze from time to time (especially in the recent weeks).

Sunday morning I spent the morning at church and was excited to celebrate mom's special day with my church family. I hope those mom's who couldn't be there were well taken care of by their loved ones.

Our seniors are doing the count down to graduation and the day that one journey ends and a new one begins. I hope they make the most of these final weeks together. I wish them all a great success I their next step in life.

On Monday the churches will all come together to honor the seniors with a lunch at the First

Baptist Church in O'Brien. The menu will consist of Chicken Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread drinks, and dessert. It's always a wonderful feeling to get together and worship one more time with them as Seniors.

The band kids are planning their annual trip to Disney World for a week. I bet they are excited to get to go to such a fun place.

Our hats off to the florist. Barbara, Pam and Diane worked together and pulled off Mother's Day, getting all the Momma's their arrangements and flowers; each made with love and personality.

Jill Kilgore's shop, Blossom's Boutique, is back in full swing and busy, busy, busy. I hope she is really enjoying her new location.

Daline and Make Adkins from Rochester are in Lubbock awaiting the arrival of their son who is scheduled to be here on Tuesday. Right now, mom and baby are doing great, just a matter of waiting.

That's all for today,

Until next week, God bless our troops and all of us.

It was wonderful weather to celebrate Mother's Day.

PROMISES

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the devil, is to take the name of Christ in vain.

By your example as a Christian, you can motivate and influence others to follow Christ also, or by example, you can turn them off, and subsequently away.

Today, if you are bearing the name of Christ, if you are

calling yourself a Christian, consider the meaning of your name. Too many so-called Christians have a hard time walking in integrity. Don't let that be said about you. Today, let that name, Christian, mean that you are walking worthy of our Lord, and of His name!

DIABETES

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seminar is designed to help those with diabetes to take care of themselves and eat foods that are good for them. Participants will learn what you can do to take control of diabetes and to live the kind of life you want to live.

Diabetes educational exhibits and information booths will also be available for viewing throughout the day.

For more information about the seminar contact the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call (940) 864-2546.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

FUN DAY

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to the Rolling Plains. Other events will include a Horseshoe tournament, egg toss (featuring defending champion, Dr. Zeke Duke) and much more. Free Train rides for kids, free face painting for everyone. Raffle for an over/under 20-gauge shotgun will be held. Proceeds go to fund four \$1000 college

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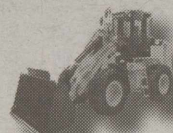
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Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting a Feral Hog Appreciation Day Program at the Woodem Nickel in Knox City, TX on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Dale Rollins, a Professor & Wildlife Extension Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be there to discuss appreciating, distribution, biology, and interactions of feral hogs. Also joining the program will be Dr. David Finch with the Texas Animal Health Commission to discuss disease concerns of feral hogs, as well as Jim Daniels, Game Warden, to discuss laws and regulations with trapping/hunting feral hogs. There will be a registration fee of \$10.00 in which can be paid at the door. CEU's and a lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending this meeting or have any questions about it, please contact the Knox County Extension Office by calling 940-459-2651



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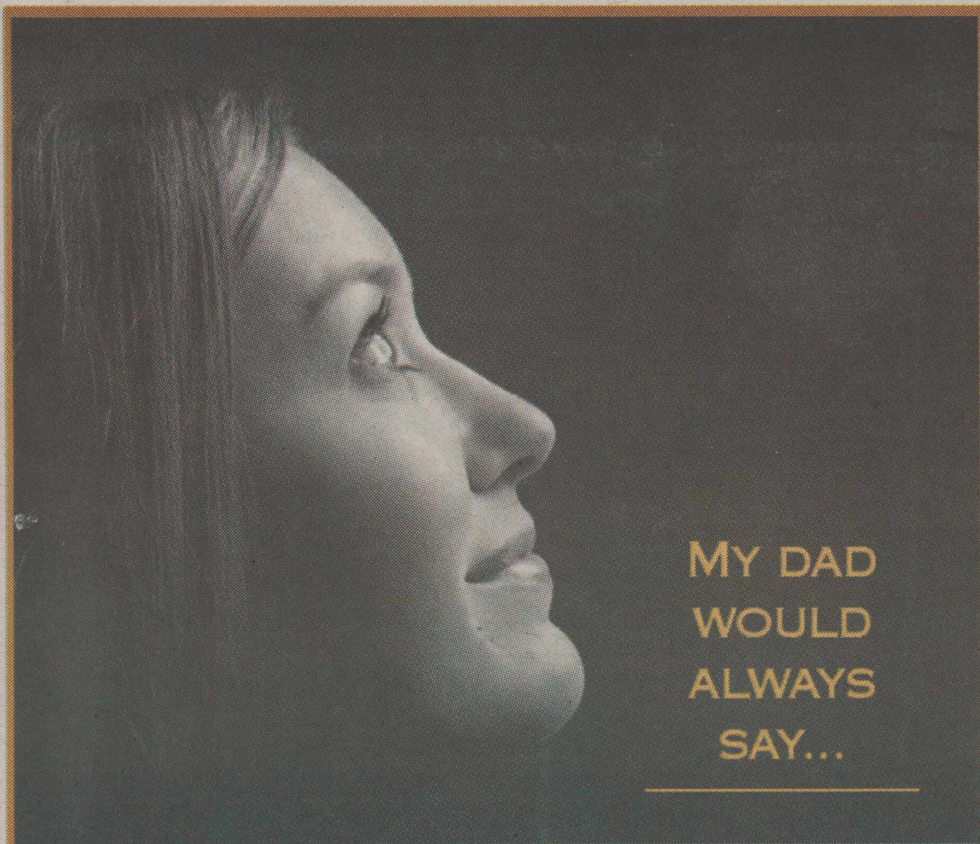
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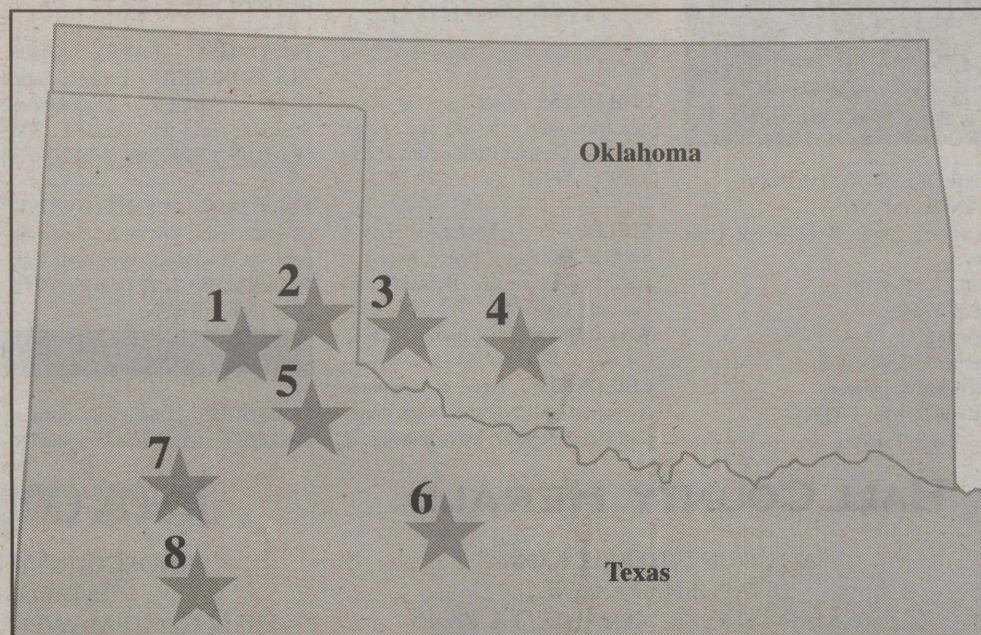
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