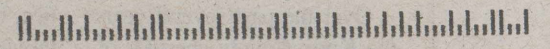


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Veteran's Day 11-11-11 Benjamin



Gold Star Family, Patti and Larry Bratcher, lay a wreath beneath the arch of the Knox County Veterans Memorial in honor of their cousin Marine Corps, Lance Thomas Neil Tranham of Vera, killed in action in Vietnam.

By Sherry Reid

The day was cool with typical area winds that made you hold your hat or hair at times, but this didn't deter 130 people or more from paying their respects during the Veterans Day Program in Benjamin, Texas last Friday, 11-11-11 at 11 a.m. Mr. Ben Grill was Master of Ceremonies of the well-planned event, and Rev. Jerry Vincent, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knox City, Texas, gave the Invocation. Mr. Grill read the names of active military service personnel from Knox County and recognized the veterans present from previous wars.

Benjamin Elementary School students recited the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Nancy McGregor. Three elementary school Veterans Day poster winners from Benjamin, Munday and O'Brien middle schools stood before the audience, approached the microphone and deliv-

ered their speeches about family member's service in the military like pros. Each story and poster was well executed and detailed. Some statements seemed to be first hand accounts from the veterans themselves as told to their young family member, or accounts handed down through the generations.

There were many veterans in the audience. Six were from WWII, five from the Korean conflict, and five from the Vietnam era. Some were sitting in the special section set aside for them, but many chose to stand in the background, some wearing **VETERAN'S DAY** continued on page 11



Downtown Christmas decorations went up quickly Tuesday evening through the effective teamwork of Mark Tucker and DiAnne Stewart in photo, plus Barbara Barnard and Braxton Barnard working close by.

Looking Ahead

EARLY SCHOOLS DISMISSALS: Knox City/O'Brien schools will have a Pep Rally at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18th, then early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. Schools will close Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 1 p.m. for Thanksgiving holiday.

STATE & COUNTY SWINE VALIDATION will be held at the Munday Ag Farm from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, November 20th

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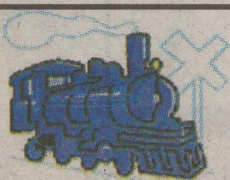


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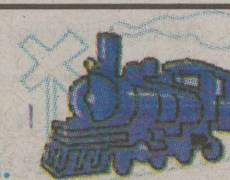


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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF

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ties, which amounts to several thousands of dollars every year. In order to do this, we request that the operating budget be increased slightly at the budget hearings during the summer months, and sometimes we do get a slight increase.

The other things we try to do is to cut expenses without cutting services. This is a very delicate issue, like walking a

tight rope with someone on the other end trying to knock you off the rope. We try to organize our trips throughout the county for non-emergency contacts and tasks that need to be accomplished on a daily basis, patrol regularly in trouble areas and then use stationary observation at given areas or for certain issues, limit mileage when possible, locate on sale op-

erational items when possible such as officer supplies, office supplies, and for goodness jail supplies. Regular maintenance and upkeep of vehicles and equipment is a must as well as careful use of the same. Doing a lot of the maintenance by myself helps to keep costs down.

Vehicles are a particularly expensive and a continuing drain on the budget. Over the past several years, the County of Knox has not had to spend anything, nothing at all, on the purchase of vehicles, initially due to a nice seizure of drug

money, and more recently because of grants that were sought after and obtained. Beginning in 2004, when the first pickup showed up being driven by the sheriff's office, even after some fussing over having a pickup in our fleet, we have had great success having them instead of cars to travel over back roads, bar ditches chasing cattle back to their home, traveling in sandy fields or other bad county roads, hauling anything from AZ ever reason. In 2006, forfeiture money purchased money

purchased another pickup to replace an aging car, and in 2007, forfeiture money purchased a drug interdiction Tahoe along with a bunch of interdiction equipment to make the job more desirable. In 2008, in order to replace another aging vehicle, forfeiture money again purchased another new pickup, which is still being driven by the sheriff's office. These vehicles were purchases with, as stated earlier, no expense to the county, as was most of the equipment in them.

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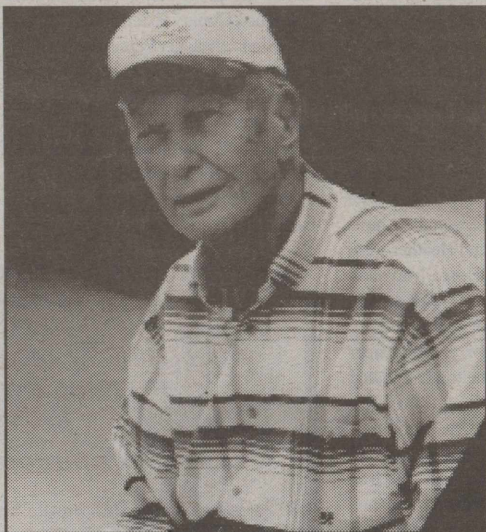
By Derrell S. Peel

Adverse situations always seem to bring out the best and the worst in people. There are many, many examples of neighbors helping neighbors in this drought and oftentimes those neighbors are people several states away that have never met. However, there are already numerous reports of unethical dealings, especially with respect to feed sales.

Many deals are made over the phone and buyers, out of desperation and a generally trusting nature are sometimes being taken advantage of. The reported issues range from poor quality hay being misrepresented as to quality, to truckloads of hay being watered down and arriving at the destination with 25-30 percent moisture and a huge shipping bill.

There have been some reports of feeds being extended with sawdust and other fillers and masked with molasses. No doubt these problems will get worse as we move through the winter and feed supplies dwindle. It is definitely buyer beware and producers buying feed need to be careful to use good business practices and common sense in purchasing feed. Feed and forage testing is cheap insurance against the investment producers are making in feed to maintain cows through this drought. Most of the really good deals on feed really are not good deals. No-where is the old adage more true than in this situation: if it seems too good to be true it probably is.

OBITUARY



CHAUNCEY BURL (C.B.)

Chauncey Burl (C.B.) Ray, 90, passed away in Big Spring, Texas, November 11, 2011. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 14, 2011 at Elmwood Memorial Park, 5750 US Hwy 277 South, Abilene, Texas under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

C.B. was born August 25, 1921 in Aspermont, Texas to Lee Curtis and Adora May

(Edwards) Ray. He graduated from Level-land High School and enlisted into the U.S. Navy on August 4, 1942. During WWII C.B. was stationed in Perth, Australia as a shipfitter, First Class. While in Australia, he met Trixie Hilzinger and they married in 1943. C.B. was honorably discharged on October 14, 1945 and he and Trixie moved back to Texas and settled in Potosi. They lived many years in Potosi and C.B. owned the gas station there along with 14 others in the Abilene area. C.B. purchased 3,200 acres of land in Knox City, and he and his family sold the gas stations and moved in order to farm his land. Trixie passed away June 10, 1976.

Along with Trixie, C.B. is preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Adora Ray; a sister Beverly Ruth Edwards; and two brothers, Curtis Ray and Donald Ray.

C.B. is survived by his four children, Kerry Lee Berry of Knox City, Debbie Kimmel of Abilene, John Allen Ray of Houston, and Mike Ray of Knox City; 10 grandchildren, Ron Jacobs, Brandy Brown, Cassidy Brown, Haley Morrow, Cody Brown, Condell Doyle, Ron Jacobs, and Brandon Peak, Mikey Ray, and Regina Ray Roy; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday was another week to start sound, smooth and quiet. I'm enjoying the start of my week with coffee and the company of a great bunch of guys. I guess I've always enjoyed talking to older gentlemen and women because their stories are so full of what it was like ninety years ago to some and some earlier. It just defines what they are all about.

As I talk to Donna Banks she had finely got to take her step-dad home from the hospital and sorry to say, her mom was in the hospital a day or so but she is doing good and has returned home to recover along with her husband. I know that Tanya Ledesma and Donna have really had their hands full with kids and also their jobs, but God doesn't give us more than we can handle. Our thoughts and prayers are with them always.

Our Pink Ladies had their wonderful banquet and from some of the girls I saw dressed up, they were looking

to have a great night. A huge tribute to our wonderful "ladies" that do their jobs at the Thrift Shop and believe me, they do it very well, indeed. My hat goes off to them and all our prayers and thanks from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you always.

This week, with God's help and our community, I may be able to start our holiday gift bags out of the Four Square Church. I hope that, like us, there are many more in our community that will donate the holiday gift bags from Lawrence Brothers. They have been absolutely wonderful in the past years to help us. Do remember, if you know someone that can't get out, let me know and we will be glad to go to them.

Also, our faithful hearts of the Knox City Church of Christ will be doing their Thanksgiving dinner for all those who will spend Thanksgiving home-bound and can't get out. The meals will be hot and served out of the church fellowship hall, through the door that

faces the east. Your contact number will be 657-3772 or call me at 657-5001 and we will be in touch with each other 'till Thanksgiving Day.

Evelyn Balis is also doing good and is at home awaiting the visit of her kids for Thanksgiving. She says they will be discussing her future needs. She hopes at some point she will be able to move closer where they can check on her and have time to spend with her. God bless you, Evelyn.

If you see lots of trucks in town with 4wheelers and camo outfits, they are hoping to get rid of our wild hog problem. They want to get rid of all of them, but maybe they will at least thin them out. I didn't realize how bad they were until I was watching Hog Gone Wild on TV and seeing all the damage they can do and how dangerous they can be.

Please, if you read this article, be careful, especially if you are bringing young children deer hunting. If you are

hunting trophy deer, please don't waste the meat.

Our Methodist Church had their Bazaar Saturday. I hope everything went great and they had lots of fun. I usually go, but this time the day just got away from me. I'm sure everyone did great.

Chad Tolson has been moved to the Knox County Hospital, as I understand. I have not had time to go visit but I was told there will be recovery time and probably physical therapy. I know the family must be very excited to have him home. The kids and Heather were ready for daddy to be close. May God bless you. You are in our prayers and thoughts always. Love ya'll.

If you read the Knox County paper I read where Charla Shelton has passed away. She was one of our school students when we were all in school. She was the daughter of the late Carl and Evelyn Shelton. How can we lose touch with some of the friends you had in school. Our deepest condolences to

the Shelton families. May God bless during your sorrow.

Anthony Munoz and his wife will be leaving Knox City soon as Anthony was Knox County Extension Agent and his wife is a teacher here. They will be greatly missed. Good luck, guys, and may God bless you wherever you go. Take care.

Lee and Stephanie Roland will be coming back to Knox City to live again. We will be glad to have them back. She is looking forward to start-

ing her candle shop again and also some other new things. She does make great candles and also works with our kids to sell the candles as fundraisers. They are really looking forward to being back and to get to work on their projects. I can't wait to see what they will be doing. Welcome back, guys.

Mrs. Gene Ward is doing good but taking it easy. The word to me is she is having a wonderful recovery and glad

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11/08	44	67	.15
11/09	35	61	
11/10	32	66	
11/11	36	73	
11/12	49	81	
11/13	59	84	

Total Rainfall for month .15
2011 Rainfall (ytd) 5.88

Pink Ladies

Pink Ladies were honored with a banquet given by the hospital staff November 8, 2011 in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The theme was Prairie and servers were dressed in long dresses and bonnets. Two Pink Ladies were tied for 400 volunteer hours. Thank you to all who helped.

The hospital staff has also invited the Auxiliary volunteers to come to the hospital November 17th to share a Thanksgiving meal.

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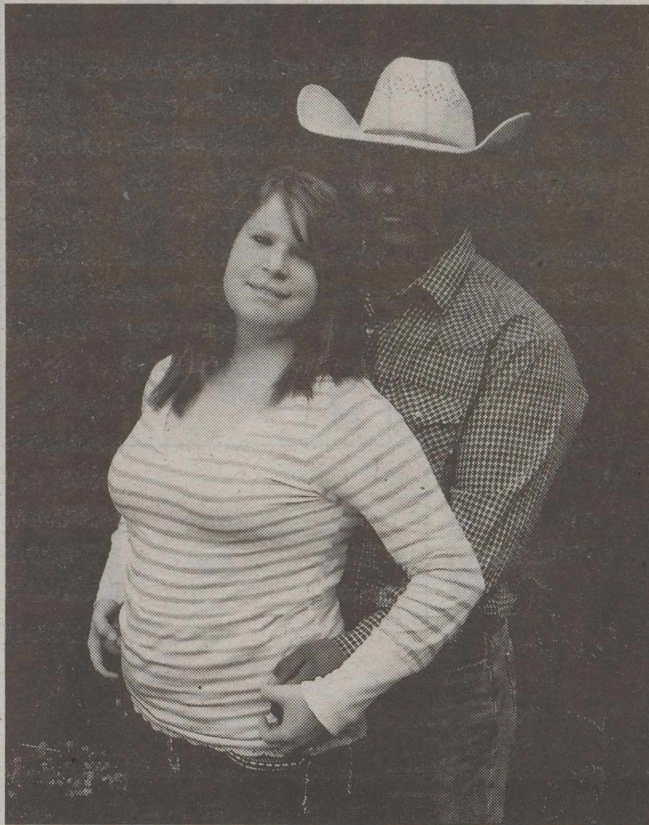
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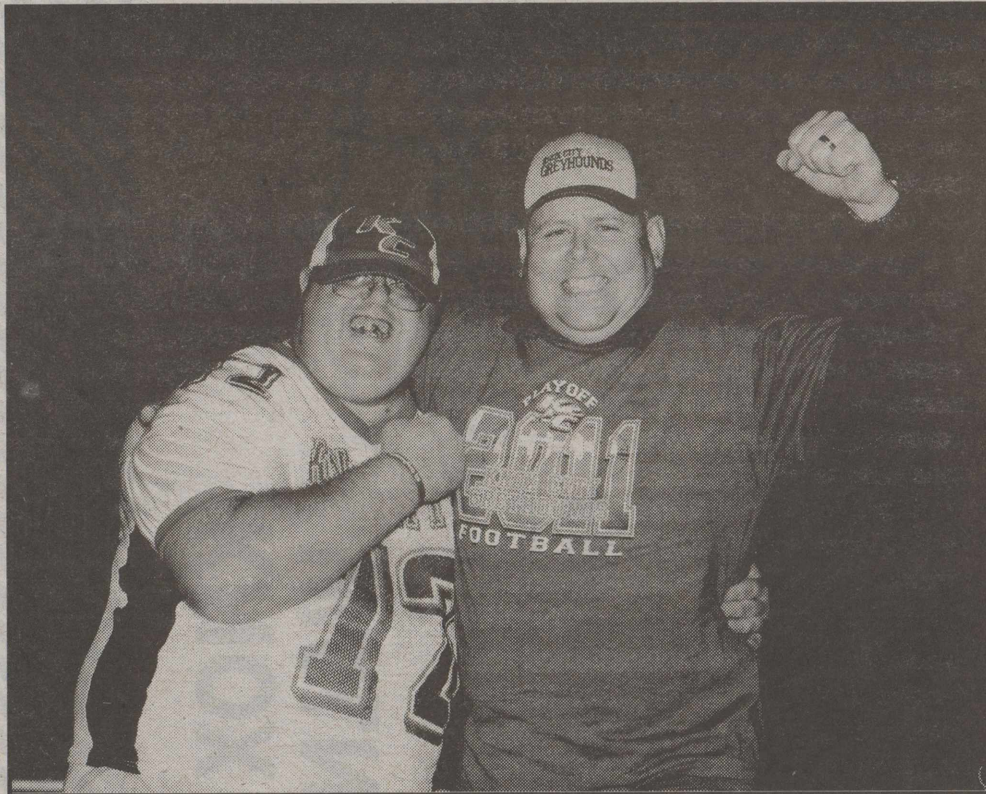
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Two very dedicated fans, YouTube sensation, Chad McGhee, left, and Terry Clark spent the game "encouraging" the Knox City Greyhounds to victory over the undefeated Zephyr Bulldogs.

By Tracy Carter

The Knox City Greyhounds continued their playoff run with a big win over the previously undefeated Zephyr Bulldogs (10-0), last Friday night in Trent. Ryan Ledesma found the end zone on an 18yd run and with T.J. Moores' PAT kick the Hounds led 8-6. In the 2nd quarter, Ledesma connected with Brandon York on a 21yd TD pass and after the PAT kick by Moore, the score was 16-8. Jarek Wilde would then find pay dirt on a 3rd TD run and Josh Schnable then burst through for a nice 32yd scamper and the Hounds would lead 30-8 @ the half. In the 3rd qtr., Schnable would score on a 4yd run and a 27yd run with Moore passing to Blake Jones for a PAT. Ryan Ledesma also

returned a kick-off 55yds for a touchdown. In the 4th period, Moore would hit Blake Jones on a great 11yd TD pass and Wilde would finish with a nice 24yd TD run. The final score would read 65-46 in favor of the Hounds. Special teams played a fantastic roll in the game with Jones kicking the ball deep and T.J. Moore with 5 PAT kicks (and passing for another). The Hounds never punted and forced Zephyr into 2 punts and a fumble. It was a great effort by everyone. The visiting hounds had the biggest crowd @ the game and expect the same this Friday night when we take on Walnut Springs at May. Come on out, keep the "Greyhound Express" rolling.

Special Election Results

On November 8, 2011, Proposition Number 1 came before the voters of Knox City for the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Knox City at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The proposition passed by a vote of 33 to 5.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

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It's Monday night and I have my "ring side" seat in front of the TV watching "Dancing With the Stars". Granted, a lot of it is acting rather than dancing, but I enjoy it. My favorite is J.R. Martinez and I'll just have to wait and see what happens getting down to the finals. Enough about my exciting life.

CONCERNING OUR ILL FRIENDS.

Things are looking up for everyone. Chad Tolson is in the Knox County Hospital and I understand is doing pretty well. I haven't been by to see him yet,

but I will get by there in a day or so.

Charles Griffith is home. Came in Friday night after the ball game at Trent and by the way, Greyhounds. Way to go. Keep up your good work! Charles goes back to his doctor in Lubbock tomorrow and hopefully things will still be favorable after he sees his doctor.

Just continue to pray for these friends and all who may be having any kind of problem, be it health or something else.

SHOWER HONORS RACHEL FARIS

Jon and Rachel Duke Faris are anxiously awaiting the arrival of

Zachariah Jon in December. On Saturday, they were honored with a baby shower in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church. All kinds colors and styles of "little boy" clothes- plus many "side" gifts were received by the honorees.

A wonderful assortment of party delicacies and punch was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Hostesses were Mary Jane Young, Irma Bell, Judy Barnett, Carol Dickson, Mitzi Welch, Janet Reed, Jan Carver, Susan Cartwright, Belle Grill and Laura McCanlies.

Sympathy to the family of Billy

Jake Myers who passed away Saturday after being in failing health for quite sometime. His funeral is tomorrow in Rhineland.

Also a belated expression of sympathy to the family of Joyce Lloyd who passed away several days ago. She also had been in failing for a good while.

HERE 'N THERE

I enjoyed seeing Diandra Grill Saturday. She lives in Albuquerque and says she loves it. She was here to visit her parents, Benny

and Bell and to attend Rachel's shower.

Jane Gideon and I visited the Munday Nursing Center Sunday. Saw several friends. Missed seeing some as they were asleep or doing something else. Did visit Mary Welch, Dutch Young, Kenneth and Jessie Roberts, Alice Wilson and Pauletta Moore (to name a few) and they all seemed to be doing quite well. They do love company.

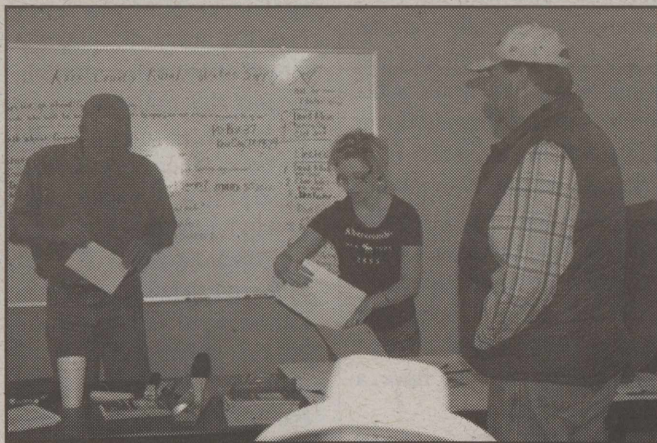
The Veterans Day Program

Friday at the Veterans Memorial site was again a huge success. A good crowd was on hand, despite the fact that it was pretty windy, which made it cooler than was expected. But it didn't seem to bother anyone. A good crowd also ate lunch and toured the museum so all in all, it was a good day and it's hats off to those who got it together. Once again a fantastic job.

"Knox County Rural Water Supply" Conducts Second Meeting

The second meeting of the Knox County Rural Water Supply was held Monday evening, Nov. 14, 2011. After reviewing the activities and discussions of the first meeting, it was reported that the title of the group should be altered to eliminate the word "Corporation" until later. All present were in agreement with the recommendation.

The main topic of this meeting was how important the group felt it was to begin collection of \$100.00 for the membership fee/water meter deposit. It was determined that they would begin immediately at this second meeting. A Membership Fee/Water Meter Deposit form was presented by Brittany Coker. Those present were in agreement for the use of this form and many made out their checks, completed the form and presented them for deposit into an account in the name of the Knox County



Brittany Coker hands out Membership Fee/Water Meter deposit forms at the second meeting of the Knox County Rural Water Supply.

Rural Water Supply. Everyone agreed that as the application for grants takes place, the seriousness of this group will be demonstrated by how much money has been deposited into the special account and perhaps that step would speed up the process.

It was determined that the \$100.00 water meter deposit will increase substantially after March 31, 2012. Any rural Knox County resident

needing a Knox City water line to their property may make their deposit and complete the necessary form at Five Star Services, 1006 E. Main St. in Knox City. If it's necessary to mail in your membership/deposit money of \$100.00, please contact Brittany Coker at 940-256-1426. Failure of the project will result in all monies being returned.

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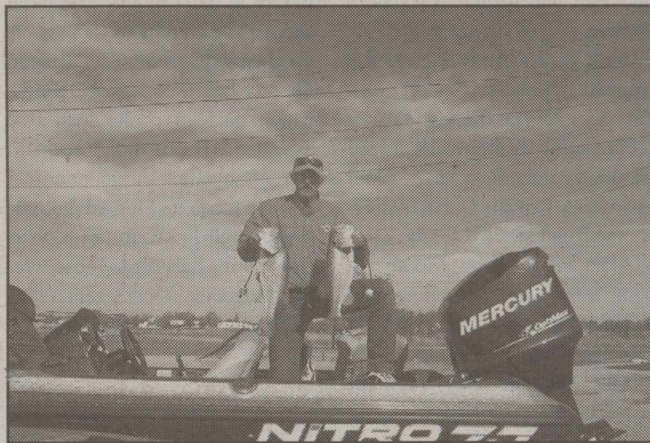
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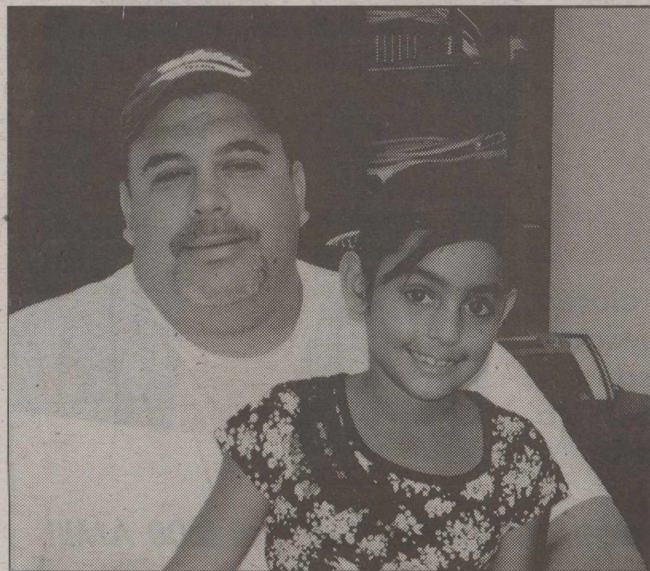
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First, I'd like to apologize for not having a report last week, but as for me, the quickest way to take the fun out of a fishing trip is a 30 mph wind!

This week, fishing was fair. I caught fish on ledges with rocks and wood on shad pattern chattering bucktail. Here's my two biggest fish: 7.69 lbs and 7.12 lbs.

God Bless and Good Fishin'

CHELSEA'S GIFT!



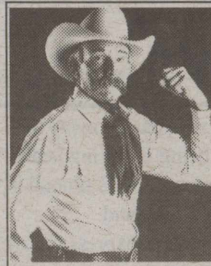
Mayor Jeff Stanfield and Chelsea Casterano.

By Sherry Reid

Before the Benefit Luncheon for Dionisia Estrada last month, a local resident

named Billy Lerma came into the office of the Knox County News one morn-

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

By Baxter Black,
DVM

A Tale of Ol' Blue

A retired Ohio farmer named Phil told me this story of the best coon dog he'd ever seen. I believe it, of course!

The dog was a blue tick hound that his father had trained. His dad was such an excellent trainer that he didn't even have to go hunting with Blue, the dog would go by himself! Dad would put 2 hide-boards out on the back porch; 2 medium or 2 large or 2 jumbo. He never used the small size hide-boards because ol' Blue would always let the small ones go. He knew next year they would be bigger. Just before dark Blue would come out from under the porch, look at the size of the hide-boards and the next morning there would be two coons to fit, lying on the porch.

One night some friends stopped by to listen to the dog run. They could hear Blue running across the hill, makin' the timber ring, when all of a sudden he went silent and didn't make a peep for maybe 4 to 5 minutes.

"He must have lost the track," said one of the men.

"Nope," says Dad, "He was just runnin' across posted ground!"

Blue was so well trained and so smart he would chase the raccoons around through the woods until he spied a tree that was leaning just enough that he could climb up and take care of the coon. Sometimes more than one. Then he would whip out his Barlow knife he carried on

his collar and skin them out. He'd pick up the first one, throw it up in the air, run under it and it would land on his back like a saddle.

He'd carry the other one home in his mouth.

The only thing he couldn't do was sharpen his skinning knife. He couldn't hold the knife with his paws because his toenails were so worn down from running and when he held the knife in his mouth his ears flopped down and he couldn't see! Blue was so proficient with a knife he would hold it in his teeth, peel his lips back like a jack-ass eating briars and reach up with one toenail, open that Barlow knife, skin a coon right quick and not have a nick in the hide.

Dad sent away and got Blue a mail order course on ventriloquism. He got so good at throwing his voice that game wardens from three counties ran themselves ragged trying to catch Blue hunting out of season.

Alas, they lost ol' Blue due to an unfortunate set of circumstances. Mom always did her ironing out on the back porch. One day, as she was ironing, Dad came home with a brand new ironing board for her and set in on the porch. They visited, caught up, and then went in the house completely forgetting about those two ironing boards. They were left out all night. They never saw ol' Blue again!

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The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch



Be careful what you wish for. I wished for an earthquake.

Yep, I even put it in writing back around the beginning of September. I thought a good quake might shake some rain out of the skies or at least give all drought sufferers something else to think about.

My facetious wish came true at 10:37 p.m. Central Standard Time last Saturday.

In a real house it might have felt more like an earthquake, but I was in our farm RV. In a flash, I pictured a herd of large deer pushing against the trailer from all sides, perhaps in league with the cows. Then it was over. I decided it was a freak blast of wind instead.

Apparently "The Far Side" perspectives of Gary Larson have influenced my critical thinking when quick analyses of situations are required. One of his famous cartoons shows a set of wild-eyed horses rearing, mane askew, ready to drag someone out of a house just as the hapless soul, his back to the open door, is saying "Wild Horses Couldn't Drag Me Away!"

That's how I remember it. Larson obviously would advise any human to think twice before underestimating wild horses.

If the quake had lasted a little longer, images of Larson's wild horses probably would have come to my mind instead of the slightly more credible mix of wild deer and longhorns.

Soon a friend called. Let's call her Sally.

"Did you feel the earthquake?" she asked.

That's when I knew I'd lived through my first one. Great. The horses would've made a better story, but I'd asked for a quake. (Nobody asks for wild horses.)

As for Sally, she'd initially thought someone was shaking her easy chair. Then she'd decided she was having a seizure. It took a call from her daughter to let her know it was a 5.6-on-the-Richter Scale seismic shudder.

Her seizure theory is my favorite of all the stories I've heard from friends who felt the quake and couldn't figure out what was happening.

Many folks slept right through it. Neighbor Pam woke only because the dogs barked. She said they had a wild look in their eyes. She told them it was just a coyote. Gary Larson would probably advise Pam not to lie to sleeping dogs, especially about earthquakes.

In her defense, she really did think it was a coyote.

Meanwhile, back at the RV, I'm feeling quite safe and ready for the next rumble. What better place to be in an earthquake than in a vehicle resting on bouncy tires? A house designed to deal with highway bumps can roll with the punches, whether it's the trailer doing the moving or the earth.

I've heard some Gulf Coast inhabitants drink gin and weather hurricanes in motor homes. Call them courageous. Call them foolhardy. Whatever.

Me, I wouldn't want to chance either a hurricane or a tornado in a flimsy RV. But an earthquake? Why not. I'm ready for the next one.

Did I really say that?

VETERAN'S DAY continued from page 1

ing hats with their branch of service printed proudly on the front. Others wore hats without indication of service but proudly there, none the less. The two oldest veterans in attendance were in their middle 90's.

The Munday high school band played to open the program. Their conductor, Trea Singleton, played taps later in the program and not many eyes remained dry.

The Veterans Day Gold Star Family was Larry and Pattie Bratcher, cousins of Marine Corps, Lance Corporal Thomas Neil Trainham of Vera, Texas, who gave

his life in the Vietnam War. They placed a wreath in his honor beneath the archway of the Knox County Veterans Memorial.

Concluding the program some 40 minutes later, was Monette Vincent, wife of Rev. Jerry Vincent, who sang the National Anthem.

Thus ended the Annual Veterans Day program in Benjamin, Texas. The stone tablets, laden with the names of so many soldiers of this area who gave the ultimate sacrifice, is a sobering tribute of the impressive Knox County Veterans Memorial.

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If you are interested in Serious Bible Study, join us beginning November 1st, every Tuesday, 6 - 8 pm, at the Church of God, Family Worship Center, Hwy 380 East, in Haskell, Texas. This Bible study is non-denominational. Come as you are. All you need is your Bible and a desire to learn.

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ing and told this editor an amazing story about his little granddaughter, Chelsea Casterano. It seems that nine year old Chelsea had a rather "burning" desire to collect money for "cancer". Mr. Lerma went on to explain that she couldn't eat, was so excited, just wanted to do something "for cancer". Her idea was to buy a poster board, put squares on it and sell the squares for \$3.00 each and give the income to help "cancer". She was emphatic that she speak directly to the mayor about her plan. I suggested Mr.

Lerma set up an appointment with the mayor, which he did, and later that day, he and Chelsea, myself, and Knox City High School principal Rick Moeller met with Mayor Jeff Stanfield. With a few changes, it was decided that she sell each square for \$10.00, putting Mr. Moeller in charge of the monies collected. Before she left City Hall, the fund was already growing. Then off she went with her grandfather. Later that day, I met Grandfather Lerma along with her grandmother and, of course, Chelsea at

the Knox City Elementary School Open House activities. Why was I surprised to learn, that Chelsea had sold all of the squares on her poster, gotten at least four businesses to donate very nice prizes for four out of all those who contributed, and raised the incredible amount of \$1,000.00! Later, that money was given to the Dionisia Estrada Fund to put toward the expenses involved in her battle against cancer. Who says one person, better yet, one beautiful little girl can't make a difference!

RANGE AND PASTURE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

By Steve Byrns
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ELDORADO - Range and pasture management is the focus of a multi-county workshop to be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in the Schleicher County Civic Center, 427 South U.S. Highway 277 in Eldorado. The workshop which starts at 8:30 a.m., is a joint effort among the AgriLife Extension offices in Schleicher, Sutton and Crockett counties.

"This workshop will be all about drought and drought management strategies," said Anthony Munoz, AgriLife Extension agent in Schleicher

County. "The workshop has been prompted mainly by the drought and subsequent demand for hay that is scarce and extremely expensive this year. Virtually all the talks will feature some facet on ways to manage livestock and ranch country through the historically severe drought.

"Talks will include observations on how the drought affects insect pests. Some pests may be hurt by the dry weather and some may actually benefit from it. "Dr. Chris Sansone, AgriLife Extension entomologist at San Angelo, will give his thoughts on what the drought's effects on insects might mean for not only next season's forages and crops, but also for landscapes and homes.

"Dry weather hasn't slowed the influx of feral hogs," said Pascual Hernandez AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County.

"We've been making an effort to address some aspect of feral swine at several workshops lately, because of the growing problem they've become here.

Dr. Pete Fincher with the Texas Animal Health Commission at Lampasas will be the speaker addressing the feral hog issue."

Other workshop topics and their presenters will include: Evaluating Hay/Forage Quality, Drs. David Drake and Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomists from San Angelo and Lubbock

respectively; Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Angelo; and Brush Control During Drought and Herbicide Techniques and Calibration, Dr. Bob Lyons, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Uvalde.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - two integrated pest management, one laws and regulations, one drift and one general - will be available. Individual preregistration is \$20 before Nov. 23 and \$25 thereafter. Those planning to attend should RSVP to the AgriLife Extension offices in Schleicher or Sutton counties at 325-853-2132 or 325-387-3101 respectively.

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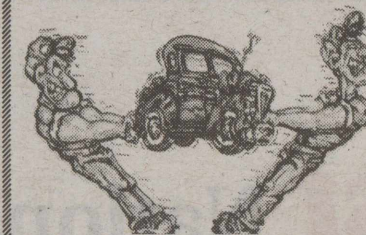
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God's Promises

By Tex Cox

One of the most asked questions I get as a Pastor is, "Tex, I know I am supposed to be out telling other people about Jesus, and I want to.....I just don't know

how!! How can I witness to others?"

Recently, a brother Mellesha and I met during our prison ministry time sent us a letter filled with proverbs he is developing through bible

study. One of my favorites is: "God sees us walking in Victory."

He used Ephesians 2:10 as his inspiration for this quote "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus

unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Tex Cox translation: "The good works, witness, actions, etc are **IN YOU** through Christ.....**USE WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND!!**" In other words, **BE YOURSELF.**

Hey! How easy is that? Let Christ Jesus come out through **YOUR** personality, hobbies, work, time, etc. Quit trying to be the preacher you see on T.V., or the preacher in the pulpit at your church, or your Aunt Rose or Uncle Johnny.....**BE YOURSELF.** Jesus needs **YOU!**

I can remember back when my Dad and I started our insurance agency years ago - - - Dad had already enjoyed a very successful career as an insurance salesman (I always just knew that man could sell a snow cone to an Eskimo) - - - he was trying to train me on how to go out and make a sale. His wise words were, "Tex, don't go out dressed in a three piece suit to talk

to the farmers or oil field guys and don't go out in your blue jeans to a bunch of lawyers!"

You see, God uses me to minister to a certain group of people - - - maybe you are more comfortable around another group - - - Billy Graham to another, etc. etc. (I'm not saying you **CAN'T** or won't sometimes minister outside your "group") - - **use what is in your hand!** God is willing to take you right where you are and begin using you for His Glory!

Another thing I have noticed is that people worry all the time that they might "mess up" when they witness to someone and somehow lead them astray. All the more reason to be yourself! Amen? Don't try to get all theological will people! When the opportunity arises, be prepared to tell them how Jesus changed **YOUR** life. Don't stand there pointing out all their sin, and their unworthiness, and "how you are going

to hell without Jesus" and all that mumbo-jumbo - - - tell them about **how much God loves them** and then show them through your own personal testimony!

Maybe you are sitting here reading this today and you are wondering, "Gee, I never thought of that.....I wonder what **MY** testimony is?"

Good thinking! Take a minute or two and write it out. Do you remember what was going on in your life at the time of your salvation? What made you finally decide to turn your life over to the Lord? What has God rescued you from since that time? How has He been Mighty in your life?

Write it out so you can have it on your heart. Be prepared. Ask God to reveal to you someone to share your testimony with - - - **USE WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND!!!!**

Amen! Now, go get 'em tiger!

Remember - - - YOU ARE BLESSED!!!!

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to be home. I'm sure she is taking it easy and will be relieved to be home with her family. God bless ya'll.

Tabby, who is Dawn Wilson's daughter, is in Afghanistan, and is doing okay. Her daughter sure misses her. She was telling me her mom will come home when she is five years old. She gets to talk to her on skype on the computer and she and her grandma really enjoy the visits they have. Thank you, God, and take care of our troops as the families wait.

Billy Joe Large was at Bud's Café this weekend and he seems to be doing good. He is still the same old guy, full of laughs and lots of talk. He seems to be taking good care of himself and I didn't see Linda, but I'm sure she was here also

Billy Joe and Carolyn Flores are doing good after their experience with a wreck in Abilene a couple of weeks ago, but all the news we have heard is that they are doing good.

Our prayers and thoughts are with ya'll.

I have not been able to talk to Bell or Martel Tankersley lately. I've seen them come in and stay at the house off and on, so things must be going real good. She's an amazing woman and very special. So full of life.

Joe Rodriguez has had the right hand surgery again last Friday. He is in lots of pain, but he is in physical therapy while he is in the hospital so they can monitor his pain. He probably won't be able to use his little finger, but with God's help, everything should go good. He may be home in a few more days. He's in Abilene at Hendricks Hospital and can't wait to get home.

As for our veterans, they had a wonderful celebration Friday. It is so great to be able to honor our war heroes and all our future heroes, because without them, we wouldn't have all the great things America has to offer that we take for granted sometimes. Those who give their lives every day.

We pray and ask God to bless all those families that are home waiting to catch that first glance of them and go throw their arms around them and don't want to let go. God bless ya'll from the bottom of our hearts.

This weekend I noticed that the Shelton family has been in Knox City just spending time with each other and probably bringing back some great memories of their family. Believe me, they were a great family.

This weekend, the Chambers have their daughter, Kristi King and her family home to visit. I bet that was a great weekend and Mozelle got to come home from the hospital and her sister came from San Antonio and is visiting with her. May God bless ya'll. Wish we could visit, but we know when you have a weekend it's hard to see everyone, but hey, we love ya'll and miss you. Take care.

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