

Detours ahead, but shopping will still be a pleasure



Photos by Sherry Reed

Barriers were put in place around noon Tuesday, Jan. 17th. Above, the main downtown area is blocked with a detour sign at each end.

By Sherry Reid

There's an old saying that states, "anything worth having, takes a little effort". On Tuesday, January 17, 2012, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began the downtown Knox City reconstruction project.

ect to resurface streets and eventually, replace sidewalks. Barriers and detour signs were erected in various areas, some completely blocking access to the main downtown area, but only temporarily. Here is how the schedule

is planned to go: Wednesday, January 18th, the street surface in front of the main block of businesses will be milled down, but not to bare ground, allowing traffic to resume the next day. Then the business area will be opened up Thursday for business as usual and parking like always. One block south of the downtown businesses will be blocked off next and that one block of street resurfacing will begin, probably Thursday or Friday, which will take two to three weeks. The downtown business area will not have the sidewalks replaced for a "period of time".

The contractor for this \$2.4 million project is R.K. Hall of Paris, Tx. The length of this project is 1.212 miles long with 173

working days or 11 months of barricades scheduled, weather permitting.

Depending on the weather, SH 6 will shut down during concrete paving from January through March. Detours are set up one block off of SH 6 on each side all the way through town. The stop signs will be removed at the intersection of SH 6 and SH 222 and traffic will be free flowing for now. The project manager for R. K. Hall is Dennis Johnson who invited anyone who has questions, to speak with him at the project site or to project managers for TxDOT, Rickey Gonzales or Greg Urbanczyk.

For additional information of questions, contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer (940)937-7288.



Right Lane Closed-This detour sign shows right lane that passes in front of Lawrence Bros. that will be closed. Parking spaces may be accessed by driving between the "barriers" in front of the store, or approaching the store from behind the post office.

Knox County Jr. Livestock Show Schedule

Munday Events Center, Munday, Tx.

January 20-21

NOTE: All animals will show on Saturday

Friday, January 20, 2012

12:00 PM Lambs, goats and swine in place

3:00 PM Begin weigh-in, lambs, goats, and swine

Saturday, January 21, 2012

7:00 AM Market Broilers in place

8:00 AM Stock Show begins

Animals will be shown in the following order:

Market Broiler Show

Market Lamb Show

Market Goat Show

Market Swine Show

10:00 AM Market Steers in place

11:00 AM Begin weigh-in Market Steers

12:00 Market Steer Show

Premium Auction will be held 1 hour after completion of Steer Show.

*Times subject to change



Courtesy Photo

The State volleyball awards for the 2011 season have been compiled. Three senior Mogulettes were selected for various state honors. From left to right: Makebra Collier--TGCA All State team, Kristen Kuehler--TGCA All State team, TSWA All State third team outside hitter, 1A-3A West All Star team alternate, Academic All State, Alyssa Moore--Academic All State

LOOKING AHEAD

Big change in schedule for this year's Jr. Livestock Show!!! Everything will take place Saturday, Jan. 21, beginning at 8:00 am in Munday at the Events Center. Friday, Jan. 20, 12 p.m., lambs, goats and swine in place; 3 p.m. begin weigh-in, lambs, goats and swine. See complete schedule above in today's Knox County News.

Annual Barbeque & Fundraiser-for Wichita Brazos Museum, Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, 11 am to 1:30 pm-Benjamin Memorial Building-Benjamin, Texas.

Drive Magazine, a national magazine that is located in Haskell, Tx is looking for articles on Agriculture Heros. If you would like to submit a story to the magazine, please do so by January 25, 2012. They welcome submissions from all age groups. Submit your story of 300 words or less by January 25th, at

<http://drivelivestock.com/magazine>.

The local Alzheimer's Support Group meetings will resume their regular 4th Monday meetings on Monday, January 23rd at 3:00 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Avenue D in Haskell. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending these meetings that are open to anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area. The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term care giving.

For more information, you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at (940)864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at (325)672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

The Knox County Visioning Group will meet January 19th in Truscott at 4 p.m. at Brine Lake. If you've never been to the lake, it is truly a site worth seeing.

Childress Basketball Little Dribblers Tournament will be March 22-24, 2012. Boys and girls division \$65 per team. Deadline to enter is March 11. To sign up or if you have any questions, call Lisa Darter, 940-674-5401.

The Knox County Retired School Personnel will meet Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 2:30 P.M. at the Knox City Methodist Church. The program will be presented by Lorri Coop. Hosts: Joanne Delgado & members.



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GOD'S PROMISES

God's Call

If you have been out to the malls and major shopping places, you most likely noticed, all of the Christmas decorations, wrapping paper & ribbon, Christmas candy, etc. have been tucked off in a corner with discounted prices or put in storage until next fall, and have quickly been replaced with Valentine and St. Patrick's Day merchandise. And, more than likely, you have already taken down your Christmas trees and other decorations and stored them away as well.

I realize that not all people are Christian. People of the Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Jewish faiths believe in at least one God; for some it is the same God. Yet will not celebrate Christmas as they do not accept Jesus Christ as the "Son of God." They

accept Jesus as just another prophet, while there are those who claim to be agnostic or atheist in belief claiming there is no God, and there are those who do not know what they believe. Those of the Jewish faith celebrate Hanukkah, while some celebrate Ramadan. However, a great many people, celebrate Christmas with Christmas trees and decorations and gift-giving.

This leads me to ponder, have we already forgotten what the true gift of Christmas was all about? Have we tucked Christmas away until next year, of has that "gift of Christmas" remained in our hearts?

Many have gotten serious the past few days or week thinking of and attempting to implement *New Year's Resolutions*. Which leads me to ask the question is keeping Christ as the center and focal

point of our life one of your resolutions? Was this Christmas Day just another typical holiday for, spending some time with family and exchanging expensive as well as inexpensive gifts?

Have you truly received the *gift of Christmas* in your hearts and life as you would unwrap and receive the toy or sweater or whatever gift a friend or loved one gave you?

God gives his very best, and gives *himself* through this *gift of Christmas*. How do we receive it? And, what do we do with it? Is it simply *just another gift* under the tree to be unwrapped so-to-speak, or is it one that we take *great joy* in receiving, unwrapping and *putting on*? Does this gift truly become a part of our life and living and one that we *proudly* show off and share with others? Or, is it like the gift from one of the

relatives that really wasn't your favorite color, or possibly the wrong size, or not what you really hoped for that you simply said *Thank You* and then placed it at the bottom of the drawer or in the back of the closet?

Yes, *Christmas* comes but once a year, however, it is something that should be celebrated and lived every day of our life!

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever (1 John 2:15-17 - *N.I.V.*)

This passage states it very succinctly; we can choose to

live as the world lives or as God would have us live. If we live as the world lives, everything will eventually be lost or pass away, where as if we live as God would have us live and we receive this *gift of Christmas* we receive Christ and in receiving Christ we receive the gift of eternal life and will live forever with God. The *gift of Christmas* comes from God through Jesus Christ. Again I ask the question, have you truly received the *gift of Christmas*? If so, what are you doing with it? I hope and pray that it is the *one gift* that you proudly use and share with others every day of the rest of your life!

True inner peace and true forgiveness of one's sins can only come from a life focused and centered on Jesus Christ as the "Son of God, Lord and Savior of ALL!" It will never be purchased, worked for and earned, found through any other means, than accepting the

true gift of Christmas in and through Jesus Christ!

As the world continues to seek and search for something more; God the Father in the person of Jesus Christ came to seek the least and the lost, the sinner, the lame and the afflicted! Jesus met each where they were, as they were, and offered them *Living Water and the Bread of Life*, that they might also receive and have *life abundant!* That is what Christmas is truly about, receiving the fullness and the glory of the Christ into your life and mine as well as everyone else's life! May your life be filled to overflowing with the *goodness and grace of Life Abundant in and through Jesus Christ throughout 2012!*

Grace & Peace!
Rev. Tom Carter
Pastor - First United Methodist Church-Knox City & Benjamin United Methodist Church

Annual Barbeque and Fundraiser for Wichita Brazos Museum

Sunday, February 5th will be a big day for many Knox County residents and friends from surrounding counties. They will be attending the annual barbeque and fundraiser at Benjamin, TX, for the Wichita Brazos Museum, 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., at the Benjamin Memorial Building. At the meal there will be the usual brisket, sausage, turkey,

deviled eggs, pinto beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and pies—all homemade by Knox County supporters—even homemade barbeque sauce.

The silent auction tables will be set up by 11:00 A.M. for people to place their bids. The auction has included everything from a postage stamp to a small appliance to antiques.

There is always something there that you MUST have! There were 104 items to bid on last year. Bidding will close at 1:30 P.M.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the meal. There were 62 door prizes given away last year, ranging from a \$50 bill to gift certificates from area businesses, and many, "Oh Boy, Look What I Got" items.

The Museum will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for visitors to view this year's exhibits, entitled, "Knox County Entertainment".

This annual event is a wonderful time to have a delicious meal, pick up a good bargain at the silent auction, visit the Museum, and enjoy visiting with friends.

KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES

Menus for January 23rd to January 27th

MONDAY JANUARY 23 RD	THURSDAY JANUARY 26 TH
Macaroni/Beef Casserole	Chicken Spaghetti
With Tomatoes	Carrots
Lima Beans	Zucchini
Whole Wheat Roll	Slided Wheat Bread
Fruit Oatmeal Bar	Vanilla Pudding/Bananas
TUESDAY JANUARY 24 TH	FRIDAY JANUARY 27 TH
Turkey Sandwich	Hot Dog On A Bun
Tomato/Lettuce/Pickles	Baked Potato/Sour Cream
Broccoli/Raisin Salad	Seasoned Broccoli
Pineapple Delight	Pineapple Gelatin
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25 TH	New Serving Time Is, 12
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workshops were held every-other month and rotated to each community.
Business owners, managers and employees were encouraged to attend the workshops. Those who attended regularly were rewarded with cash. "If you attended all five, your name went into a drawing for \$100, four meetings, a drawing for \$75, and three, a drawing for \$50, said Jimi Coplen, Community Development Director. Each workshop brought experts to Knox County, making it easier for businesses to get valuable training.
The first place winner, receiving \$100 was Patty Mossburg. The second place winner, receiving \$75 was Romaine Stubbs, and the third place winner, receiving \$50 was Stephen Kuehler. The KCVG applauds all of their attendees who took time to get the business training that was offered.
The KCVG will be repeating this series in 2012. Stay tuned for a full calendar of workshops. For more information, call 940-459-4121 or like them on facebook.

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Wedding Announcement



Gingrich, Gordon Wed

Diane Gingrich and Zachary Gordon, both from Tulsa, Oklahoma, were married October 29th in a double ring ceremony at Thorncrowne Chapel in Eureka Springs, Ark.

Diane is the granddaughter of Hugh and Jane Finley, both deceased, formerly of Knoxville, Tx. Her great uncle is Charles Reed currently of Knoxville, Tx.

Diane works as a preschool teacher for Boston Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa. Zachary is a student at Spartan School of Aeronautics. He also works as a realtor and helps his father, Jerry Gordon, a prominent residential and commercial developer in the Tulsa area.

Diane is the daughter of Karen Finley and Gordon Gingrich. Karen, Hugh and Jane's oldest daughter, serves as a music director for a Tulsa Church, and Gordon, a retired Tulsa Fire Fighter, works as a realtor for Keller-Williams.

Region 9 Education Service Center Board of Directors Election

Applications for Place on Ballot for election to the Board of Directors of the Region 9 Education Service Center, 301 Loop 11, Wichita Falls, Texas, may be obtained at the Region 9 office, above address, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

Open for election are Place Three, currently filled by Ms. Patsy Todd, (representing Wichita County) and Place Five filled by Mr. Johnny Richardson, (representing Montague, Clay, and Jack Counties). Board members are elected to three (3) year terms. Notice of filing must be received at the headquarters office in person or by certified mail no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2012.

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school district board of trustees, or be a member of the board of trustees of any institution of higher education.

OBITUARY



PEGGY MCGAUGHEY

Peggy McGaughey, age 79, of Knoxville, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at Knoxville Hospital. Services will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Knoxville with Rev. Tom Carter officiating. The family will hold a private burial prior to the service in Vera Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes, Knoxville.

Peggy was born May 8, 1932 in Austin, Texas to C.P. and Frances Milligan. She married Allen McGaughey on August 27, 1949 in Seymour, Texas. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary prior to his passing on April 27, 2010. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Knoxville serving in many capacities. Peggy was a charter member of the Knoxville Hospital Auxiliary acting as President for many years. She spent thousands of hours volunteering in the Pink Ladies Thrift Shop.

Peggy also served 12 years on the Knoxville Hospital District Board and was an avid blood donor.

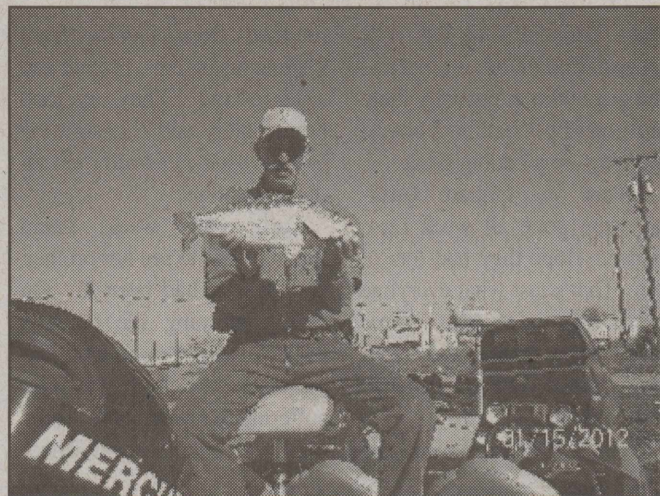
Peggy was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was loving and eager to serve others in need. Her home was always a gathering place for family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen; four sisters; and her parents.

Survivors include her daughters, Lou Ann and Tom Winegar of Borger and Sarah and Jeff Harbaugh of Keller; sons, David and Beverly McGaughey of Munday and Mark McGaughey of Knoxville; and one brother, Collie and Shirley Milligan of Moore, OK. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren with 1 on the way.

If desired, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 575, Knoxville, Texas 79529 or the Knoxville Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 90, Knoxville, Texas 79529.

David's Fishing Report



Stamford Lake
1/14/12
Water Clarity: Stained
Water Temperature: 43 degrees
Fishing was tough all around for all species! A few bass were caught on a variety of bait: squarebill crankbaits, spinnerbaits and chattering bucktails. Fish were very slow in depths of 3' to 12'. This 5lb 5 oz. fish came out of 12' of water.
God Bless and Good Fishin'

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01/10	34/61	0.21
01/11	32/59	
01/12	23/48	
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As Monday evening rolls around, Bud's Café is quiet and the guys who are usually there are gone by the time I arrive, but they are all doing great.

Diana & Gilbert Casillas were gone all week on a cruise. Hope they had lots of fun. That's just what everyone needs once-in-a-while. Time away from home and work might make your life easier to deal with.

Stan & Donna Wojcik just

returned from Florida from visiting his parents, brother and sister-in-law. They returned home safely and I'm sure everyone back in Florida are all doing just fine.

Earlier this week, Laura Stovall went to see her brother, David, who had been ill. On Friday morning she returned back to Ranger to be with David when he passed away after suffering from cancer for some time. Our deepest condolences

to them as they prepared for a memorial service on Monday at Munday funeral home. The families all stayed at Laura's home. As close friends, we always have been there for each other, but we never have the right words to comfort a heartache like this one. God bless ya'll and may God be with you.

In Rochester, Mr. Pittman lost his life in a one vehicle accident. Out hearts go out to those families for the loss of

their loved one.

Lindsey Abila is doing just great with her therapy and recovering after her accident. She is looking great and coming along slowly but surely.

Well, if you've looked around town, you'll notice that the state is getting ready to redo the Knox City downtown sidewalks and down all four sides from our red light. I can't wait to see what it will look like when it is finished. We've waited a long time and

finally it's here. So if you own a business, have patience when they get to your front door. Just think how great it is going to look and how much easier your customers will be able to come into your stores. It's going to look awesome.

Today is Saturday and Diana and Gilbert return from their cruise to find her mom in ICU at Hendrix hospital. She had a bad spell and was transferred there.

Peggy McGaughey passed away Sunday night. May God be with their families as they go through this time of need. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and may God bless you.

Well, it's Monday morning and I'm getting all things in order to start another week. Please be careful when you travel and take care at work.

God Bless our Troops
And each one of us.

Sammie

Multi Cotton Workshop Feb. 2 in Uvalde, Texas

By Paul Schattenberg

UVALDE -- The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Uvalde, Medina, and Bexar counties will co-host the Multi-County Cotton Workshop from 9 a.m.-4:40 p.m. Feb 2 in Uvalde.

The workshop will be held at the Texas AgriLife Extension and Research Center, 1619 Garner Field Road. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with presentations to start at 9 a.m. in the center's main conference room. "Throughout the day we will have various experts from Texas AgriLife and other noteworthy local and state organizations and associations speak about a range of issues important to the cotton industry," said Bryson Dalrymple, AgriLife Extension agent,

Uvalde County. Workshop topics will include optimizing cotton genetic potential through balanced fertility, a fertilizer market update, agronomic laws and regulations, current water conditions and availability, applied cotton agronomy research, new technologies, cotton root rot control, Kurtomathrips morilli thrips, new insecticide chemistries and a boll weevil eradication update.

"This workshop is geared to help producers keep abreast of the new and changing technologies in the cotton industry, enabling them to make educated decisions in their overall business plans," Dalrymple said.

Seven Texas Department of Agriculture continuing

education units for private pesticide applicators are offered -- four general, one integrated, pest management and two laws and regulations.

Registration is \$10. Lunch and break refreshments will be provided courtesy of cotton industry sponsors. Payment may be made on site with checks payable to

"Uvalde Crops Committee" or checks may be made out to the committee and sent in advance to Texas AgriLife Extension Service, P.O. Box 1708, Uvalde, Texas 78802-1708. Attendees are requested to RSVP by Jan. 25 to the AgriLife Extension office in Uvalde County at 830-278-6661 to ensure an accurate meal count.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden

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Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2012, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2011, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Good Monday morning to everyone. It's started out to be a nice day but I think before night we may be experiencing wind & much colder temperatures. More like January than the 70 degree + weather we had yesterday.

I begin this week with an expression of sympathy to the family of David Johnson who passed away early Sat. morning after several months illness. David was 49 & the son of the late Leon & Jessie Mae Rawlings Johnson. Memorial service was today in Monday.

Next, apologies to Ashley Bufkin whose name I completely omitted from the list of her grandparents (Davis & Sonny Bufkin) Christmas company. Ashley is the oldest grandchild & lives in Denton & was definitely here for the holidays. Sorry Ashley!

HERE 'N THERE

Shelby Russell left Sunday for Midwestern University where she will be attending this next semester. Shelby is a 2011 graduate of BHS.

Barbara Ryder got her appointment in Ft. Worth for her knee problem. Goes for

consultation on Feb. 6th & hopefully soon after that will have surgery to fix the problem that has bothered her for so long. She's ready to get something done.

Hazel Stockton was in Lubbock Wed. to see her dermatologist. She will go back in a couple of weeks for a follow-up visit.

I had a visit with Paula Lorenz who was the school nurse here a few years ago. She said they moved to Pennsylvania for a few years, but are now back in Abilene. She asked about a number of folks and sends her best regards.

Tracy & Susan Cartwright were at Liberty Hill Sat. for memorial services for his uncle Jack New Tracy, & his brother, Terry, conducted the services.

Leslie Brumley's mom, Jamie, hosted a slumber party Sat. nite for Leslie & several of her friends, the occasion was her birthday. According to reports, all those little girls had a fun time & ate a lot!

I saw Darlene Billinghaus last week & she recently got a pacemaker. Said she believes she feels better & is

glad to be out & about again.

Cody Taylor of Amarillo visited family here during the weekend.

Plans are in the making for the 2nd Annual Valentine dinner & program scheduled for Feb. 12. There will be food, group singing, special presentations & just a lot of family fun. It will be held at the Ex Student Bldg. and more will be said about it as the time nears. But go ahead now & mark your calendars & plan to join us for this special evening.

Jaqx (pronounced Jax) Jamison is the newest member of the Smart family. She is the baby daughter of Jason & Tamara, former editor of Knox County News. Jaqx was born Fri., Jan. 13, 2012 in a Weatherford hospital. She weighed 7lb. 1oz. & is 20 inches long. Her siblings are very proud of their new playmate. Jaqx grandparents are Sid & Karen Smart of Rochester & her other grandparents live in Farmington, N.M. According to Karen, Tamara, Jaqx & the rest of the family are doing great. We congratulate them on this new addition to their family.



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Life is precious. We're reminded of that throughout our lives when we lose a family member or friend.

Around 6 a.m. Monday, the Sims family of Childress was reminded of that fact in the span of a heartbeat.

As the facts of the case are still being investigated, I will refrain from playing the blame game. I simply want to illustrate how important it is to let those close to us know how we feel about them. Let them know how much we love them.

Tom Sims, 74, was a good man. He was a family man. His wife, children, brothers, sisters ... the whole gang loved the man. He was my wife's uncle. He was my father-in-law's oldest brother.

Monday morning, on the day of their 49th anniversary, he and his wife, Judy, left for a doctor's appointment in Amarillo a little before 6 a.m.

About seven miles outside of town, the check engine light

came on so Tom pulled over to see if he could see anything wrong. A few seconds later, Judy watched as an 18-wheeler took the life of her husband in the blink of an eye.

Can you imagine?

The Sims family is a close unit. If it happens in the family, the family knows about it. Tom was the oldest. His three brothers and four sisters mourn him today.

I've always enjoyed being around the brothers and sisters. They are salt-of-the-earth good people. They are honest, hard-working Americans. In the 12 years I've been around them, I've learned a great deal about many a subject.

I don't know about you, but I'm frequently guilty of taking life for granted. I go too long between visits with family members and friends. I don't let the ones I love the most know it enough.

It is on sad occasions like the tragedy this week where we are reminded by our loved

ones why we really love them. We cry together, we laugh together, we hug and we remember the person who is no longer in the room.

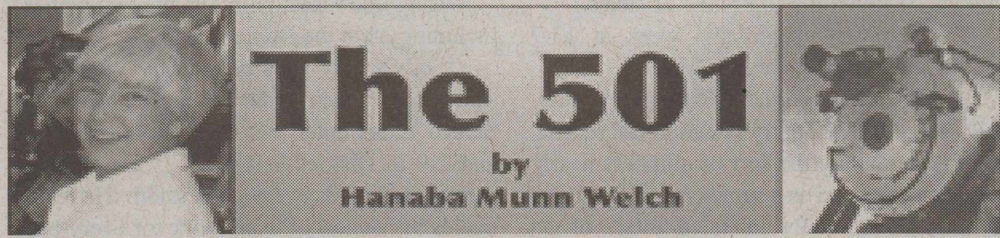
When your kids or grandkids get home from school today, hug them. Let them know today that you love them and that you value their relationship. This evening, call your parents or a sibling and let them know the same thing.

I saw Tom over the holidays and I'm glad I did. I enjoyed visiting with him but more than that, I enjoyed watching the Sims family interact with each other. As I said above, they are close and there is always a lot of love in the room.

Life is precious and you never know how long you have on this earth. Don't hold back your feelings...

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

It's easier to sell up than down. Right? That's why the real estate agent shows you the lesser house first and then the grander one. Same goes for car salesmen. And it's why the person who takes your order at any fast food joint doesn't ask you to consider downsizing.

Here's a fast food conversation you'll never overhear:

"Wouldn't you like just a burger instead of a burger and fries?"

Instead you get asked you what you'd like to add to your order. Some of these days maybe I will add tater tots, but only if they forget to ask me if I want any.

Is "tater tots" a brand name? I think so. Guess we'd better capitalize it. Tater Tots.

By another name, Tater Tots are Brabant potatoes. Brabant gets capitalized because the word refers to a Belgian province as well as a type of plow, no doubt named for the province. (You don't name a province for a plow.)

You probably think I found those two bits of information

on the Internet. Believe it or not, my knowledge of all things Brabant dates from the 1970s. At International House-World Trade Center in New Orleans, I was the secretary given the task of compiling an uppity French-English menu for our elegant main dining room just off the Grand Hall, a lofty place with real wood paneling. The restaurant manager was rough around the edges and as ignorant as I regarding what we could call Tater Tots besides Tater Tots. At the other end of the spectrum our civilized Hungarian general manager knew the term Brabant. I did my research to confirm that he was right. I should have known better than to question a man with a gold-rimmed monocle in his pocket - one strung on a gold chain at that. He even used it.

Anyway, all these years after learning an alternate term for Tater Tots, it's been hard for me to keep the information to myself. Now what I know doesn't matter. The Internet turns all privately held trivial information into, for lack of a better word,

trivia. (By the way, my thesaurus lists "small potatoes" as another term for trivia.)

INTERNET PAUSE.

A little Googling, and my modest measure of Brabant knowledge now has been greatly upsized, yea, even super-sized:

For example, Brabant is an alternate name for the draft horses usually called "Belgians." And now I know what a Brabant plow looks like. Check the "Jardin de Voisins" website. That's French for "Community Garden," loosely translated. Maybe it's a virtual garden, but those folks are ecologically serious about going back to farming with animals like Brabant horses. I'd call that downsizing if the horses weren't so big.

But do they serve Brabant potatoes in places called Brabant? Apparently not. I've checked the Netherlands, France and Belgium.

Just as a prophet has no honor in his home country, neither does a potato dish unless it gets a name upgrade. In Brabant, rule out Brabant.

Tater Tots might work.

Dropout-to-Millionaire

By Trevor Bolin

As a teenager, Trevor Bolin was a drug-abusing high school dropout who weighed in at more than 300 pounds. He supplemented his meager income pumping gas by hauling possessions to the pawn shop, where he picked up just enough money for hot dogs and Kraft mac and cheese. By 17, Bolin decided he'd had enough. He came up with a plan, and within two years, he'd quit drugs, lost more than 100 pounds, and was close to paying off \$85,000 in debt. By 28, he earned his first \$1 million in one year. And he did it simply by coming up with a plan and putting the plan in motion. "My life has nothing to do with luck, good or bad," Bolin, 32, writes in his new book, Take Charge and Change Your Life Today (www.bolininternational.com). "It revolves around working hard, giving back as much as (if not more than) I get, accepting that attitude is everything, and being grateful for what I have." He wishes he had learned those lessons long before he became an unhappy teenager with a seemingly hopeless future.

While many parents teach their children the basics of fiscal responsibility by giving them an allowance, Bolin says his experience offers less obvious but equally important lessons. Children need to have a healthy attitude toward money, not only to avoid making choices that make them unhappy, but to allow them a life path that they control. "I learned my lessons the hard way," he says. "You can start now to make sure your children never reach the bottom that I hit."

These are some places to start:

- Avoid making negative comments about money: Sayings

like "money is the root of all evil" and "a fool and his money are soon parted" are negative and therefore not helpful. Make a commitment, starting today, not to use those phrases. Imagine what a child believes about money if that's what they hear all the time? Money is a great thing -- when you know what to do with it and when you control it rather than allowing it to control you.

- Help children recognize the financial lessons they learn from experience: Say you warned your child he should set aside some of Grandma's birthday money, but he spent it all on impulse. When he's disappointed later because he can't buy something he wants, remind him why he can't. Tell him that feeling disappointed

is a small price to pay for a valuable lesson. And won't it be much easier if he learns the lesson after just one sad experience?

- Pay yourself first: If your child receives a weekly allowance, he or she should immediately put 10 to 15 percent into a savings account that won't be touched. Or set a milestone for when money from the account can be used, such as the child's 18th birthday. By then, she'll be so accustomed to saving, she probably won't tap the account even when she can.

- Help your child set goals: Setting financial goals, noting progress toward achieving them, and enjoying the satisfaction of crossing them off the list are fiscally sound lessons and

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Make more money with heavy weight calves or stockers



By Robert Burns
OVERTON – “Rain or shine, wet or dry, do you want to make more money from your cows next year?” asks a Texas AgriLife Research forage scientist.

“It’s possible primarily as today’s high-priced corn has changed the way feedlots are doing business,” said Dr. Monte Rouquette, AgriLife Research forage scientist.

Traditionally, most livestock producers in East Texas and the southeastern U.S. have stuck to cow/calf operations, Rouquette said. In the past, calves were weaned at 350 to 450 pounds and then moved directly to feedlots for finishing.

Part of this traditional calf-management strategy has to do with the price of corn used in feedlot rations.

“Years ago, when it appeared as if \$2 bushel corn was going to be here forever, the feeders developed animal health programs to allow them to secure lightweight calves and place these calves directly into the feedlot at weaning,” he said.

“These lightweight calves would remain in the feedlot for more than 250 days!”

But corn prices have increased “dramatically” in the last few years, in part due to ethanol production, and have rocketed to as high as \$8 per bushel a few weeks ago. Prices came down in January, but were still in the \$5 to \$6 range.

The response of the feeders has been to seek heavier-weight cattle for entry into feedlots, he said. For the livestock producer, “heav-

er-weight” cattle can mean just weaning calves later for a couple of hundred extra pounds or placing weaned calves on pastures for three to six months to increase weight and maturity. These longer-maintained cattle are commonly referred to as stockers.

These management strategies spell opportunity for livestock producers to potentially make higher profits from their cattle herd by producing the heavier cattle the feedlots now prefer, he said.

“There are two primary strategies for selling heavier-weight cattle,” Rouquette said. “You can wean heavier-weight calves and maintain or purchase light-weight calves and place them on a stocker-grazing program, or do a mixture of both.”

Rouquette noted that the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton, where he is based, has 30 years of data on the “pasture and animal interaction” to show what does and does not work under East Texas and southeastern U.S. climatic conditions.

Since the inception of the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in 1967, one of the fundamental emphases has been forage management and animal performance, said Dr. Charles Long, resident director of research at the center.

“First, heavyweight calves at weaning are produced primarily from cows that calve during the fall to winter period -- and not during the late spring to early summer period,” Rouquette said.

This is because fall and/or

winter calving cows have access to winter annual pasture -- small grain, ryegrass, clover -- to provide the highest nutritive value possible for average daily gain to be high for the calves. It’s not unusual for fall calves to wean at more than 700 pounds by early June, he said.

Rouquette noted that success of this heavier-weight strategy depends upon good climatic conditions for planting and establishing winter pastures in the fall and some hay stocks to carry over during cold and inclement weather typical during December and January.

Another strategy is to retain or purchase lightweight calves born in late spring to early summer and weaned in the fall, he said.

“In this case, the best strategy is to prepare pastures that include small grain plus ryegrass,” he said. “These are the forages that are the highest in dry matter and nutritive value for stockers, and the only forages that are actively growing during the winter months in areas east of I-35 to Georgia and other parts of the southeastern U.S.”

“Another management scenario involves those who have lighter-weight calves, from 400 to 500 pounds in May,” Rouquette said. “They can turn these calves onto pastures such as Tifton 85 or other high-quality Bermuda grass pastures, or onto summer annual forages.”

He noted that one problem with this last strategy is that cattle performance in terms of average daily gain during July-August often declines because the nutritive value of warm-season grasses declines and high summer temperatures stress cattle.

“Of course, if we have another summer of drought like in 2011, then there has to be an alternative strategy,” Rouquette said. “But keeping the possibility open of holding onto calves longer or buying calves for stockers if there is rain and good forage availability means opportunity for producers to make more money this year.”

Rouquette emphasized the markets always have the trump card to play in management scenarios.

“The price paid for 400- to 600-pound calves in 2012 could make it beneficial to sell them at that weight,” he said. “The idea is to remain flexible and ready to adjust

to changing conditions, including markets, and not to be locked into one stocking strategy or another. With a strategic management plan, one can decide to wean early, wean late, wean and sell, wean and retain and so on.”

“For 40 years, Monte has conducted one of the lon-

gest, continuous series of studies’ evaluating productivity, persistence and quality of forage varieties and related cattle performance,” Long said.

In-depth information on these studies can be found at <http://overton.tamu.edu/center-publications>.

Big Country Top 10 Basketball Players Includes Knox City’s Zach Carter/Munday’s Tatum Bufkin

Will Bryant forward, Jr., Jim Ned boys basketball – Opened the week with 20 points, 12 boards and four assists in an upset loss to Eastland, and finished it with 24 points and 19 rebounds in a win over Breckenridge.

The Indians enter this week at 20-5 and 4-1 in District 5-2A, but fell from No.6 to No. 19 in the latest statewide poll following the Eastland loss.

Kami Norton, forward; So., Albany girls basketball – This sophomore continues to score in bunches, handing in a career-high 40 points with 17 boards in a win over De Leon (62-47) on Friday.

Norton, who was Player of the Week for the Weed ending Jan. 7, also had a 12-point, 14-rebound performance against Cross Plains on Jan. 10.

At present, the Lady Lions are 11-11 overall and 2-1 in District 11-1A.

Robert Van Kranenburg, guard, So., Lingleville Boys basketball – Lingleville’s Dutch import has already shown his athleticism as an All-Big Country selection in football. But basketball might be where he is the most capable.

A week ago, the sophomore averaged 24.5 points per game in wins over Meridian and Morgan, to go with a combined 11 steals.

The Cardinals begin this week at 13-7 overall and 1-0 in District 25-A DII.

Katie Isom, forward, Sr, Early girls basketball – An all-Big Country selection last season, Isom is producing the sort of numbers nearly everyone expected as a senior.

Last week’s tally included totals of 36 points, 24 rebounds, seven steals four assists and three blocks in wins over Hico (61-34) and Comanche (53-44).

The Lady Longhorns improved to 16-10 and 6-1 with the two victories, and have now established themselves as a threat in Region I.

Zach Carter, forward, So., Knox City boys basketball – Opened last week with a solid effort in a 60-40 win over Chillicothe, charting 12 points, seven boards and four assists.

Three days later, Carter Exploded for 26 points, nine rebounds, four blocks and four assists in a district win at Harrold. With the

victory, the Greyhounds moved to 11-6 overall and 3-1 in District 13-A DII.

Shyan Seamans, forward, So. Brooksmith girls basketball – Snagged a Dennis Rodman-like 19 rebounds in a 40-20 win over Panther Creek last week.

Seamans narrowly missed a triple-double, scoring 12 points while collecting nine steals.

Jakob Damstra, center, Sr. Dublin boys basketball – Over his past two games, the 6-foot-9 post has scored a modest 18 points. But when coupled with his other tallies of 26 rebounds and 16 blocks, you’re talking about a dominating effort.

Dublin has used Damstra’s presence underneath to build a 17-4 record, including a 5-0 mark in District 6-2A.

Cody Petree, post, Sr., Albany boys basketball – How’s this for versatility? Petree, who rated as one of the best tight ends in the Big Country during the football season, is now doing plenty of damage in the hoops department.

A week ago, the senior took down a total of 26 rebounds in wins over Cross Plains and De Leon, to go with nine steals, five assists and five blocked shots. Oh, he can score a bit too – pouring in 38 total points in the two games, including 24 in the De Leon win.

“Cody’s play goes beyond the numbers,” said Albany coach Ryder Peacock, whose 16th-ranked Lions enter this week at 14-3 overall and 2-0 in District 11-1A DI. “He contributes on both ends every possession. He really makes the opposing team work for every basket they get.”

Jaron Prater, forward, Sr., Gustine boys basketball – Averaged 28 points and 13 boards through a pair of district wins last week, and was good for five steals and four assists per game as well.

Tatum Bufkin, guard, So., Munday girls basketball – Had a huge game in a 71-37 win over Haskell, with 28 points, 12 steals and three 3-pointers. “Tatum is a very hard worker, passionate and knowledgeable about the game and she makes our team go”, said Munday coach Shannon Perry, whose club improved to 13-7 overall and 3-0 in District 9-A DI.

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a good way to nurture healthy attitudes in general. Your child might set goals for the month (\$10 to go to the movies), goals for the year (save \$200 for a Wii system) and goals for the future (\$375 a year for the next eight years for a car when I’m 16).

“Goals are the first step in achieving what you desire in this world,” Bolin says. “You can create success in any aspect of life – not just money – as long as you’re putting a plan

in motion.”

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