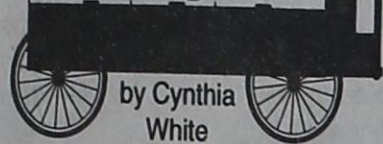


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Mother Nature Hard on Melons - But They're Worth the Wait

Church funnies:
Do you know the three times that most people are in church? When they are hatched, matched and dispatched. - Lowell B. Yoder.
Every evening I turn my troubles over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway. - Donald J. Morgan.

I don't know why some people change churches - what difference does it make which one you stay home from? - Reverend Denny Brake.

If your left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing, you should consider running for a job in Washington. - Anonymous.

Neighbor: "Did I bring your lawn mower back last month?"
Indignant householder: "No, you did not."

Neighbor: "Now what'll I do? I wanted to borrow it again."

"You should advertise!" the salesman told the owner of a small store.

"Nope! I'm against it," was the answer.

"But why?"
"Advertising doesn't leave a man any time," the man replied: "I tried it once and I was so doggone rushed I couldn't get in any fishing all summer."

An optimist is a guy who keeps his motor running while his wife pops in to buy a new blouse.

Too much of the world is run on the theory that you don't need road manners if you are a five ton truck.

Most of us have two chances of becoming affluent: slim and fat.

Ad in college newspaper: "Sweet little old lady desires to correspond with young male student - her son."

A cowboy explained to a Northerner why he would like to "die with my boots on." He told them, "so when I kick the bucket my toes won't hurt."

A little boy from the big city was spending his first vacation on a farm. When he saw a bull, he wanted to know what "those things" on it's head were. "Those are horns," he was told.

Just then, the cow gave out with a long, sorrowful moo.

"Which one of them did he blow that time?" asked the child.

The 12-year-old's first letter home from summer camp read, "Send food! All they serve here is breakfast, lunch and dinner!"

A dime is really a dollar with all the various taxes deducted.

In the clothing store, the wife stepped back to observe the salesman measuring her husband's waist. "It's amazing," she contemplated, "when you realize that a Douglas fir with that much girth would be ninety feet tall."

"People talk about stress on the job but farmers can't control the weather - we just walk around with our eyes on the sky," says Knox County Watermelon grower Dwayne Johnson. And this year his eyes and the eyes of his partner, Donald Johnson, have been glued to the sky, and their emotions have been stressed to the maximum. And for good reason!

The first time Mother Nature hit the Johnson's much anticipated Knox County seedless watermelon crop was during the wee hours of Tuesday, May 26. In the daylight hours that followed Knox County farmer's viewed the destruction of crops like most had either never seen or had not seen in many, many years. The Johnson's were no different. In the twenty plus years that the family operation has been in business they had never sustained as great a crop loss.

Out of a total of 1100 acres planted in watermelons only 300 acres could be saved. That morning Donald Johnson told his crew "if they could find other jobs for this year that they might as well go ahead. Last year we employed about 175 people - this year we have 15 part-timers. That figure will probably grow to around 30

when the melons start coming off," he said.

The Johnson's and their part-timers have replanted about one-half of the remaining fields that were hailed out, the rest will lay barren until the next planting season rolls around. Some thirty-five fields from O'Brien to Munday received heavy damage.

But even with replanting the Johnson's have sustained a heavy hit. "This year we hope to start bringing in melons around the 25th of July - that's one month later than usual. Last year we finished around the 20th of August - this year we'll just be getting started - if we make a crop at all, we're a long way from there," says the senior Johnson.

And while Knox County residents and watermelon lovers from other counties in close proximity wait patiently the rest of the world does not. "Melons get ready in different locations at different times of the season," explains Johnson. "Now we'll be selling against the West Texas grower. One of the hardest parts for us still lays ahead - that is selling them out of our time frame," he says. Last year the Johnson's shipped 600 semi-loads of melons all over the United States. "We

won't have the volume that we're used to - we figure about 50% of our crop production has been hurt."

Along with crop destruction the first storm also knocked out a center pivot and raised the metal roof on one of the barns. The second storm that blew in on a Sunday morning in the area played havoc with another center pivot and picked the roof completely off of the large barn, drug it across the top of the neighboring barn and crashed it against the side of the Johnson's home. But roofs are insurable - watermelons are not.

"You can't insure watermelons - they're just too risky and too expensive," explains Dwayne Johnson. "This year in the valley there is a trial program in place but it is yet to be seen if melon crops will be insurable in the future."
"Mother Nature has really been something this season. Last year went as smooth as silk but this year has been awful," laments the younger Johnson.

"Every year we overplant by about 200 or 300 acres because somewhere we're going to lose a few, but this is the first time we've had this much destruction," says Johnson.

These sentiments are also echoed in the words of another family of Knox County watermelon growers. Sam, Tony and Johnny Hunter awoke to the same type of destruction that was realized at the Johnson farm. "My granddad farmed this same land and he said he's never seen this much destruction - it's so widespread," says Sam Hunter.

The Hunter's were able to save about 60 acres of melons and had enough plants in their greenhouse to put in approximately 60 more acres after the storms. "Of the sixty acres that we were able to save we don't know how well they will produce," Hunter continues.

He also reiterates the marketing



ONE MONTH AWAY. Dwayne Johnson inspects a watermelon that should be ripe in approximately thirty days. That is unless Mother Nature bears down on the Knox County watermelon crop one more time this year. Growers are now faced with a smaller and later crop due to the forces of nature.

problems of a later harvest that the Johnson's are concerned about. "Once school rolls around you only have one good week-end for melons - Labor Day. When August gets here people are having to spend their money on school clothes and supplies, then when the kids start back to classes there are no more picnics, no more lunches that mom has to deal with and so on. It could mean a slow market for us," he explains.

However, like the Johnsons, the Hunters and other local farmers are from hardy stock. They didn't replant their melons but they did put out cotton in their place. "We'll put in our usual amount of melons again next year. After all, we hope

this type of destruction will be a once in a life-time thing. We usually lose some acreage but it's rare that everything is destroyed," he says optimistically.

Munday Track Club Radies For Regionals

Youngsters participating in the newly formed Munday Track Club sprinted to victory at a meet held Saturday in Wichita Falls.

In the 4 x 100 relay, the team of Joseph Gulley, Trent Tidwell, Shawn Gray, and Lenny Moore easily reached first place over some more experienced teams. Joseph Gulley took the first leg and showed much strength as he lead all the way, Trent Tidwell took over next and held his own despite sore quadriceps. In the third leg of the race Shawn Gray gained much ground before handing off to anchor Lenny Moore who left all others in the race behind. The foursome beat out the Quarter Horse Club of Wichita Falls, Winged Feet of Wichita Falls, the Abilene Track Club and the Crowell Track Club in the event.

Lenny Moore took first place in two other events. He headed the list in the 100 meter and the 200 meter race and also was 2nd in the Long Jump. James Nelson brought home 6th in the Shot Put and Joseph Gulley was 5th in the High Jump.

The group will compete in the Jacksboro meet this Saturday and hope to be at the regional competition in 3 weeks in Abilene.

The boys would like to thank Susan and Danny Gulley and also Leslie and Toni Tidwell and Rachel Gray for helping with this past week ends activities.

Farmer's Grain Co-op Expands Operations to Goree

When Goree Producer's Co-op decided that thirty-eight years in the business was enough it was another long established Co-op that decided to expand their operations by purchasing the Goree facility. Farmer's Grain Co-op, with some 100 members, purchased the grain elevators, office, scales and related equipment on May 14th and opened for wheat harvest 1999 the very next day. "Of course, our wheat harvest was cut short due to hail and bad weather but we opened for business on the 15th and got our first wheat in on the 16th," reports Maynard "Sonny" Moore, manager of Farmer's Grain Co-op in Munday.

"Our Co-op grain elevator in Munday is a member of Farmland Industries - they are all over the United States. Goree Producer's Co-op was also a member and they, like Farmer's Grain, owned stock in Farmland Industries," explains Moore. "An individual cannot buy the stock in a co-op but since Farmer's Grain is a co-op we could purchase the stock and business. That stock and the location of the facility was attractive to us."

Meanwhile, the old cotton gin at the location is in the process of being sold and all the equipment that belongs with it will eventually be moved away.

With Milo harvest pending, the facility plans to be in operation again in late July or early August. "That crop is looking good right now so we hope to be busy then," said Moore. "We have grain dryers here that we don't have in Munday. They are small but they get the job done and sometimes they are

needed for Milo harvest," he relayed.

Moore believes that the location of the new acquisition will be convenient for many of his customers. "It affords the Goree customers to market grain as usual. Some customers around here have traded here all their lives," he said.

"We will employ one more person full-time. They will be needed here for maintenance even during the off season and since we'll be storing grain here they would be needed for that also," Moore said. "If a customer needs us they can always call the Munday office and we can be here in a matter of six or seven minutes."

Farmer's Grain Co-op has been in business in Munday since 1968.

The Munday Courier To Be Closed Friday

The Munday Courier will be closed this Friday, June 24. We will be traveling to Austin to attend computer workshops at the Texas Press Association. These workshops are just a part of our on-going efforts to bring to you a quality hometown newspaper.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause to our faithful customers. Please call or come by on Monday, when we resume our regular business hours, for all your office needs or newspaper items. We are always happy to serve you.



FARMER'S GRAIN CO-OP BRANCHES OUT. Maynard "Sonny" Moore of Farmer's Grain Co-op opens the door on what has been known as Goree Producer's Co-op. Farmer's Grain purchased the building in May and will use the location as a branch office.

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Calendar of Events



June 28 - Munday VFD.
 June 29 - Lions Club.

Knox County Aging Center

Munday & Goree Menu

June 28 through July 2

Mon. June 28th. - Fish with tartar sauce, celery, onions, peppers, cheesy potatoes, blackeyed peas, hush puppies, fruit crunch.

Wed. June 30th. - Meat loaf with tomato sauce, cole slaw, buttered squash, pinto beans, cornbread, jello with fruit.

Fri. July 2nd. - "Indoor Picnic", build your own sandwich, pork and beans, potato chips, ice cream and cookies.

If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Freuhwirth at 422-4191. At Goree, call Juanita Davis at 422-4208 the day before.

Red River Boys In Concert Tonight

The Red River Boys from Childress, Texas will be featured in a concert of Gospel music tonight at the First Baptist Church of Munday, Texas.

The annual event follows an all-you-can-eat fish fry hosted by the Munday Baptist Men. Admission to both the concert and the fish fry is free, with the action getting underway at 7:00 PM this evening. The public is invited to attend



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 24 - Tiffany Rivera, Larry Welch.

June 25 - Jeremy Sanders, Roy Don Dudgeon.

June 26 - Becky Matthews, Norene Hawkins, Dovie Partridge.

June 27 - Janie Sanchez, Jackye Johnston.

June 28 - Jerry Lowe.

June 29 - James Merrell, Bob & Bernadette Moore.

Two Munday Students Receive Tarleton Degrees

Spring commencement exercises at Tarleton State University were held Saturday, May 15 on the Tarleton campus. Three commencement exercises were held to accommodate the large number of candidates for graduation.

Commencement speakers included Dr. Don Brown, Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; Dr. James Anderson, Chancellor of Central Texas College; and Dr. Janette Kavanaugh, retiring faculty member from the Department of Fine Arts and Speech at Tarleton.

Receiving a BS in Horticulture and Landscape Management was Phillip M. Bowen. Jason Kirk Brown was awarded his MBA in Business Administration. Both students are from the Munday area.

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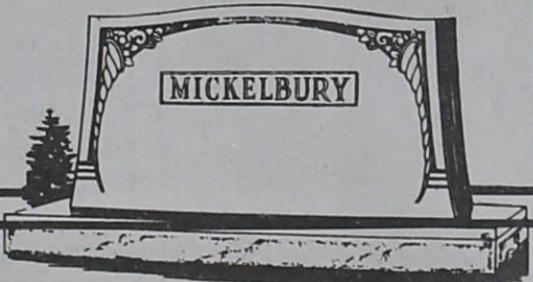
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Local Obituaries

Hardin, Guy

Guy Hardin, 74, died Friday, June 4, 1999.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 1999 in Shamrock, Cemetery in Shamrock, Texas with the Reverend Barry Hardin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Grandfield, Oklahoma, officiating. Arrangements were by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hardin was born in Munday, Texas and graduated from Sunset High School. He received a law degree from Baylor University in 1949. He served in the Army Air Corps and was an original member of the Shamrock unit of the Texas National Guard. In Shamrock, he practiced law for 40 years and was a city councilman, city attorney, served on the volunteer fire department and was a member of the Lions Club. He was also a member and officer of the DeShazo-George post of the American Legion and a charter member of the Shamrock Country Club. In addition, he spent several years as the Wheeler County Attorney, the South Wheeler County Hospital attorney, the South Wheeler County Precinct Justice of the Peace, and 14 years as District Attorney of the 31st Judicial District.

Survivors include a son, Stephen Hardin of Houston; four daughters, Elaine Vinyard of Amarillo, Suzanne Pritchard of Houston, Carolyn Hardin Levine of Cleveland and Alicia Hamilton of Kansas City, Missouri; a brother, Charles Hardin of Phoenix; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shamrock Cemetery Association; or a Veteran's organization; or a favorite charity.

Henderson, Jeanette Campbell

Jeanette Henderson, 84, a homemaker died Sunday, June 6, 1999 in Cleburne.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 9, 1999 in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Jeanette Henderson was born September 20, 1914 in Knox City and grew up in Munday, where she graduated from high school in 1932. She was the daughter of Ridley G. and Alpha Webb Campbell, who preceded her in death. She married Scott L. Henderson September 2, 1950 in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death in 1994.

Survivors include sons Larry Henderson, Jerry Henderson and his wife, Lisa; brother, Ridley Grayford Campbell of Fort Worth; sisters, Darwin Campbell Johnson and Evelyn Jane Campbell of Fort Worth and Mary Inez Campbell Stone of Stanton; grandchildren, Cody, Justin, Winter and Michael Henderson.

Tech Students Receive Honor List Awards

More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Robin Bowen, a senior student majoring in Music Teaching who is the daughter of Bob and Kathyeleen Bowen of Munday, was named to the President's List and Sophomore Lanesa Wilson, daughter of Charlie and Debbie Pankhurst, was named to the Dean's List. Lanesa is an Early Childhood major.

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Willie and Caroline Cuba of Holliday, Texas are pleased to announce the birth of Number Five, Adam John Cuba. He arrived on June 2, 1999 at 10:20 a.m. at United Regional Health Care Center in Wichita Falls. He weighed in at 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 3/4 inches. Proud sisters and brother are Angela, Scott, Rebecca, and Sara. Equally proud are grandparents Henry and Pat Cuba from Megargel, Texas and Dot and Billie Jake Myers from Rhineland, Texas.



LITTLE LEAGUE - YANKEES. The Yankees are coached by John Weeks and Pat Angerer. Their players are (standing, left) Joseph Gonzales, Johnica Fetsch, Josh Angerer, Jacob Fetsch, Pate Stewart (kneeling, left) Curt Groves, Sammy Hernandez, Payden Stewart and Cody Weeks.



LITTLE LEAGUE - BRAVES. Coached by Jimmy Wakefield and Steve Moren the Braves consist of (standing, left) Tory James, Blake Carpenter, Lenny Moore, Doug Carroll, Trey Wakefield (kneeling, left) Kayla Gray, Justin Yates, James Nelson and Cole Gray.

Uniform Turn In Needed by Little League Players

Munday Little League team members need to return their uniforms prior to Saturday, June 26. Uniforms may be turned in to the Munday Cleaners or may be dropped off at the homes of either Kristi Buikin or Kerri Urbanczyk.

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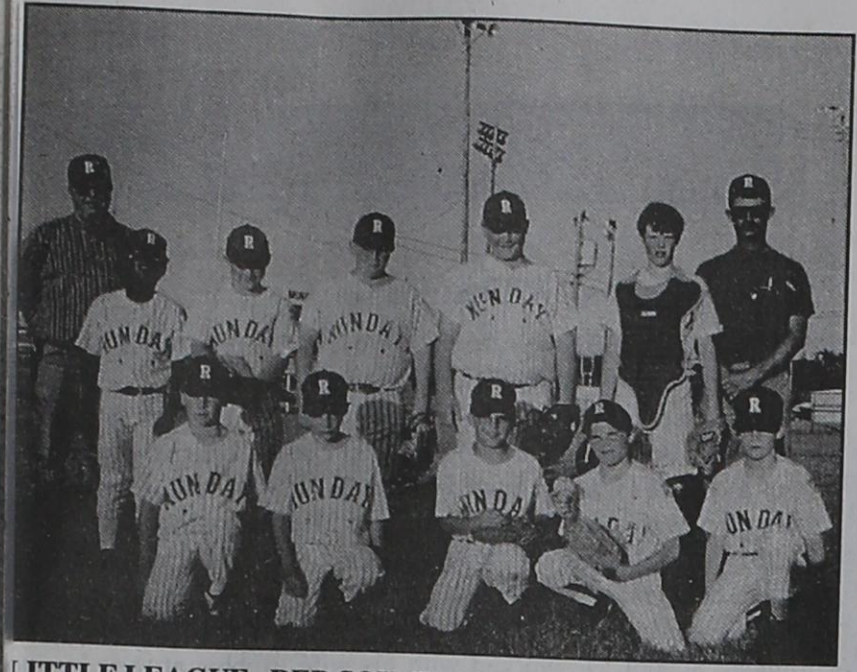
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JUSTIN GRAY

Gray to Kick Up Heels with Cowboy Band at Stamford Rodeo

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What is it that makes the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band unique in its appeal to people all over the world?

It isn't size - the band numbers around thirty-five to forty-five members.

It isn't fancy uniforms - traditional western attire is what is worn.

And it isn't strict regimentation - that's for sure.

Marching at a super-fast cadence of 200 to 220 beats per minute, the cowboys shuffle into view, whooping and hollering and waving their hats in the air. Their leather chaps move in smooth unison as the band seems to float along. Now and then two bandsmen break ranks and join arms to "swing-your-partner" in square dance style. Occasionally, one may stop and greet bystanders, one may borrow a chair to sit a second and fan his hot feet with his hat, and another may give a quick kiss on the cheek to a very surprised (but not displeased) young lady. These are soon rounded up by others, who grab them by the ear and "persuade" them to rejoin the group.

Soon the drum major gives a signal and the Band starts into "The Eyes of Texas," or "Texas March." Periodically, they come to a full stop and begin a series of six or ten giant scissor kicks which criss-cross each other. Nick-named the "cowstep," the origins of this maneuver are said to have arisen out of necessity due to circumstances which arise when following directly behind HSU's Six White Horses. With chaps flying, instruments flashing, and general "carrying on" during each kick, it is an impressive sight. After

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Send Your Memories to The Courier

Memories are made in the summer. During the month of July *The Munday Courier* would like for our readers to become writers. If you grew up in Munday or have a special memory of our community you are invited to share these reflections in our pages.

Please send us your story either typewritten or legibly hand written prior to July 1. Stories should be 500 words or less. There is no fee associated with publication of your story. Content should be suitable for publication and *The Munday Courier* retains the right to refuse or edit at the discretion of the editor. Photographs of your family then and/or now will also be accepted for publication. Photographs and texts may be returned to writer if a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided. Stories will be published during the month of July.

The *Munday Courier* is excited to feature your memories and we think that this will be a great way to celebrate living in our special community. Put your ideas down on paper now and prepare to get your story mailed prior to the deadline. The mailing address is: *The Munday Courier*, P.O. Box 130, Munday, Texas 76371.



T-BALL - RUGRATS. Coaching the Rugrats this year were John and Estella Castorena. Team members were (middle, left) DeWayne Holt, Ashley Castorena, Blanford Paul, Kevin Duncan, Cody Benson, Jacob Castorena, (kneeling, left) Kylie Kingston, Chelsea Ford, Daniella Serrato, Gabriel Castorena, Alonzo Zavala, and Kelly Bejar.

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Goree Man Receives Five Year Prison Sentence

Two men drew five-year prison terms in proceedings before the Baylor County District Court last week, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

Christopher O'Neal Hardeman, 21, of Goree, who had served one prior prison sentence for a drug related offense, had originally plead not guilty to an indictment charging him with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. Hardeman had been arrested by Seymour Police Department officers in the early morning hours of February 7, 1999, when police answered a 911 call to quell a disturbance. Hardeman, who appeared to be intoxicated, was arrested at the scene and was found to have a pistol in his possession.

Tuesday, after a Baylor County jury panel was called to hear the case, Hardeman changed his plea from "not guilty" to "guilty" but indicated he wanted the jury to set his punishment in the permissible range of two-to-ten years.

However, after both the State and the defense, headed by Haskell attorney Andrew Ottaway, had selected a jury from the panel and had presented evidence but before the jury made its decision, Hardeman elected to accept the State's plea bargain offer of a five-year prison sentence. Accordingly, District Judge David Hajek sentenced Hardeman to a five-year prison sentence.

Jeffrey Earl Kemp, 22, of Vernon, was also sentenced to a five-year prison term after District Attorney Bill Neal presented evidence for the State showing Kemp had violated the terms of his probation by stealing various items of merchandise from his employer, Osbornes, of Vernon. His

probation officer, Dale Rush, also testified that Kemp had failed to make the payments required. Kemp was also represented by Andrew Ottaway of Haskell.

Kemp had originally been placed on probation for hindering apprehension of a felon.

Locals Granddaughter Receives College Degree

Marcy D. Graves of San Antonio, Texas received her degree from Texas Tech University at ceremonies held May 15, 1999. She received her Bachelors of Business Administration with a major in Management Information Systems.

While at the university Graves was active in the Kappa Delta Sorority, the Association of Information Technology Professionals and was an Aerobics Instructor at the Texas Tech University Recreation Center.

Graves will be employed as a consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers, a big five accounting firm, based out of Dallas. She will be working in the Information Technology area of the business world.

Attending the ceremonies in May were her mother, Pam Graves of San Antonio, Texas, Gene and Sue Haynie - grandparents from Munday, father Ben Graves, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, Hilary Graves - sister from Scottsdale, Arizona, H.B. and Mildred Graves - grandparents from Munday; Cindy and Paul Bronnenberg of Austin, Phoi, Steve, Paul and Cliff McGuire of Haskell, Texas and Tori Hicks of Haskell, Texas.



MARCY GRAVES

Local Obituaries

Bellinghausen, William (Bill)

William (Bill) Bellinghausen, age 61, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, died Sunday, June 13, 1999 at his home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 15, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. at Rehoboth Baptist Church with Dr. Ed Hinson officiating. Interment was at Floral Hills Memory Gardens. Arrangements were under the direction of Horis A. Ward, Inc., Stone Mountain Chapel.

Mr. Bellinghausen was born August 2, 1937, in Rhineland, Texas, where he attended school and graduated in 1956. Mr. Bellinghausen was an active member of Rehoboth Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School. He worked with his wife, Bobbie at their business, Plants Forever.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Pike Bellinghausen; two daughters, Shellie Bellinghausen of Grover, Texas and Kim Guenther of Sherman Oaks, California; one son, Mike Bellinghausen, and wife, Debra of Kenosha, WI; one grandson, Philip Bellinghausen of Kenosha, WI; three sisters, Catherine Pavlicek, of Colleyville, Texas, Ilene Redder, of Munday, Texas and Phyllis Barker, of Bedford, Texas; four brothers, Urban Bellinghausen, of Munday, Texas, Alvin Bellinghausen of Amarillo, Texas, Charles Bellinghausen of Justin, Texas, and Father David Bellinghausen of Subiaco, AR.

Mr. Bellinghausen was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Rosina Bellinghausen, and two brothers, Wilfred Bellinghausen and Herbert Bellinghausen.

Situation "Just Ducky" In Locals' Back Yard

by Cynthia White

Aw, sweet love! As all good love stories do, this one begins on Valentine's Day.

Bobby Sosolik drove home on February 14, 1999 with exactly the gift his wife, Debbie, had requested. A few weeks earlier she had fallen in love with some baby ducks at a feed store in a neighboring city. It was then that she told her attentive husband that a pair of those little cuties would suit her fancy on the up-coming holiday of love.

Sosolik glided into the driveway on that evening with a pair of lovely Peking Ducks nestled safely in the back. When he entered through the doors of his home wife Debbie spoke up, "Bobby, did you bring the ducks?" "Yea," he replied excitedly (?) "they're in the back."

With the help of son Erik, Debbie escorted the birds to the back yard where they would meet the rest of the family pets. Erik raises chickens, mainly for 4-H and Ag projects, and Bobby has a flock

of penned Quails. Mother and son began to wash and clean up the fowl and soon they were right at home with their new poultry family.

It wasn't long before the pair became close personal friends of a large Araucana chicken that struts around the backyard domain. The female duck and the chicken soon began sitting on eggs that each had laid, side by side. Together they obediently began the vigil of patience - sitting on the eggs in hopes of hatching some little treasures. But, alas, there is no male rooster in the Sosolik backyard to help mother Araucana bring forth babies into the world. Therefore, the Sosolik's always gently remove the green colored eggs that the chicken deposits.

But while chickens feel a strong sense of "love" for the eggs they are sitting upon, sometimes chickens aren't too smart. Mother Araucana never realized that her eggs were no longer in the shared

nest. She must have thought they were just growing and changing their color to white because she just shifted her weight and began to sit on some of Mother Duck's eggs.

On Tuesday, May 26, another mother played a cruel trick on the

dotting fowl mothers. Old Mother Nature sent two fierce and rainy storms into the Munday area. One following the other by mere hours. The deluge that accompanied the storms shed sheets of water that

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"Perfect Pets and Kids" - See Them in The Courier in July

Moms and Dads, Grandmoms and Grandpas, Aunts and Uncles - don't you have the cutest kids and pets in these here parts? We know you do! And during the month of July Four K Feed and Supply and The Munday Courier would like to feature your special photos of those adorable kids with their favorite pets. During the month of July we will be featuring an Amateur Photo Contest entitled 'Perfect Pets and Kids' in the pages of The Munday Courier.

Don't worry about professional quality. This contest is strictly for amateurs and pictures will be judged wholly on originality and creativity.

Get your pictures entered in the contest prior to June 30. Each picture entered in the contest will be featured in a July edition of The Munday Courier with winners announced in the August 4 edition.

Photos will be judged in four basic categories according to the age of the children in the photograph. Children birth through 4 years, five years to 10 years, and 10 years to 18 years of age. Winners in each category will receive a bag of art and school supplies from The Munday Courier and a bag of pet food courtesy of Four K Feed in Munday. The Grand Prize winner will receive a bag of art and school supplies, a bag of pet feed and a \$50 Savings Bond. A special category for out-dated but still adorable pic's will feature your older photo's - please include child's name and age, then and now!

Entries may be submitted to The Munday Courier office located at 111 East B in Munday or by mailing them to The Munday Courier at P.O. Box 130, Munday, Texas, 76371. Each entry submitted should be accompanied by a \$5.00 entry fee. The child's name and age, along with the pet's name and age and the name and phone number of the photographer should be included. Photos entered without a fee will not be published. Photos may be returned to owner if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Grab the camera and start shooting up that film. Summer is a great time for kids and their pets. Let us feature them in our "Picture Perfect Pets and Kids Amateur Photo Contest."

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IN MUNDAY

Vera News
By Mrs. Thelma Coulston

Paul and Teresa Weiss were business visitors in Wichita Falls Thursday.

Phil and Rebekah Boone and little daughter, Paige of Trent, visited Sunday with Mrs. Alma Jean Boone.

Reverend and Mrs. Ernest McGaughey of Tulia spent Tuesday through Thursday with his sister, Harold and Edith Beck.

Donations have been made to the Vera Community Center by Randal and Beverly Kinnibrugh in memory of L.D. Allen and Calvin Christian, and a donation has been made to the community center by Robert and Marilyn Coffman, Marion Rollins and Eileen Lane.

Harold and Edith Beck visited Sunday with her sister, Carol Brooks and Zoe Ann Alford in Wichita Falls.

Recent visitors in the Carl Coulston home was a son, Benny Coulston of Gonzales.

Kevin Trainham of Moran visited Thursday in the home of his grandparents, Jerrell and June Trainham and Jerrell Wendell.

Barbara and Paul Holt of Graham visited Thursday with her father, Bill Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kinnibrugh. Bill accompanied the Holts home Thursday afternoon and returned home Saturday.

Kyle Kinnibrugh and his sister, Sarah, are attending a church camp at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene this week.

Billy and Betty Kinnibrugh visited Friday night with his brother, the Glen Kinnibrughs in Vernon. Brianna and Tanner Thomas of Woodson are spending a few days this week with their grandparents, the Kinnibrughs.

Jennifer Treadaway of El Paso is spending a few weeks in the home of her grandparents, Ed and June Hill.

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Couple wed in May 29 vows

Jana Lyn Hogan and Bruce Eugene Nelson were married Saturday, May 29, at the El Max Ranch in Boerne.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell (Bud) Hogan of Munday are the parents of the bride.

Rev. and Mrs. Vince Nelson of Mesquite are the parents of the bridegroom.

The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Measles of Littlefield.

Lana Jordan of Belton, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Tresa Hardt of Dallas, Michelle Parker of Bedford, Yvonne Perez of Austin and Brandy Anderson of Washington, D.C.

Junior bridesmaids were Jana Jordan, niece of the bride; and Whitney Nelson, daughter of the bridegroom.

Best man was the bridegroom's brother, Jeff Nelson of Lake Dallas.

Groomsmen were Paul Harris of Cameron, Tim Boyd of Garland, Kenny Greenwood and Bobby Heard of Dallas.

Ushers were Jake Jordan, nephew of the bride; and Stephen Nelson and Josh Nelson, nephews of the bridegroom.

Candlelighters were Spencer Nelson, son of the bridegroom; and Kelsey Jordan, the bride's niece.

Flower girls were Carley Nelson, the bridegroom's daughter; and Kellyn Jordan, niece of the bride. Levi Jordan, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

The Rev. W.O. Smith of Munday and Rev. Vince Nelson of Mesquite, father of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride attended schools in Plainview, graduating from Dawson High School in Welch. She attended college at Angelo State University and graduated from the University of North Texas with a bachelor of fine arts.

She is employed by the National Office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in Los Colinas where she serves as the National Assistant Director of Programs.

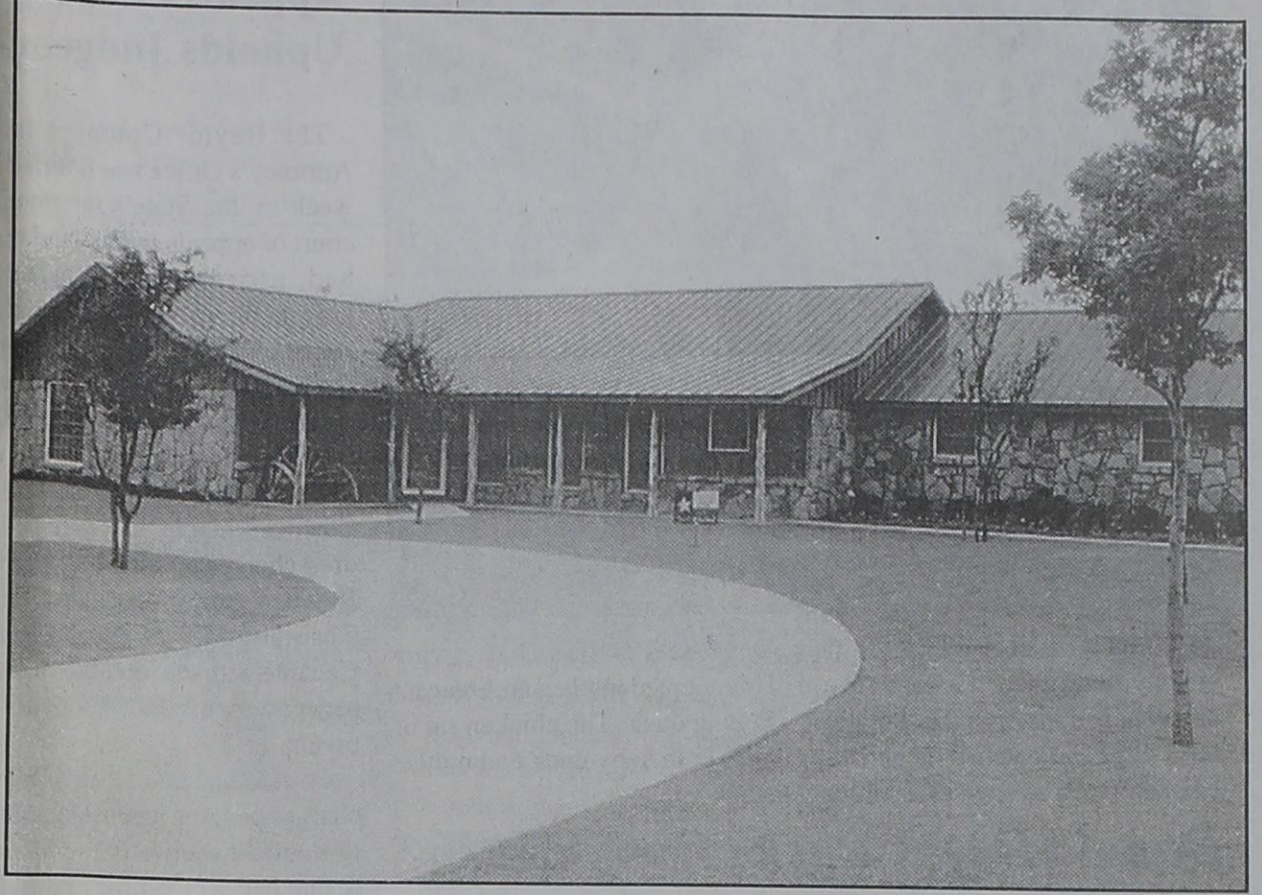
The bridegroom graduated from W. W. Samuel High School in Dallas, attended the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Phoenix.

He is a Senior Technical Training Specialist for Lucent Technologies in Mesquite.

Following a honeymoon to St. Johns in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the couple will live in Mesquite.



MRS. BRUCE NELSON
... the former Jana Hogan



Yard of the Week

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stewart - 1130 East I

"Ducky"...

accumulated on the earth and washed the eggs out of the nesting area of Mama Araucana.

When the storms had lessened the Sosolik's ventured out to check on the animals where they found Mama Araucana sitting on her now empty nest. They thought it only kind to replace the eggs under her even though they were now cold and would probably never hatch. But they forgot to tell that to Mama Araucana!

On June 3rd Debbie wandered back to the chicken house and "found a little yellow blob on the floor. I immediately began calling for Erik," said Debbie. "The little duck was really sick and weak - he couldn't hold his head up, it just flopped around," she said.

But the Sosolik's persevered and so did Mama Araucana. "Every two or three hours we'd go and dip the baby's beak in the water to give him a drink," says Debbie. Erik echoed back, "We were able to give him an eye dropper once or twice." This lasted for about 3 days and then Mama Araucana took over the duties of raising her "child."

"She was O.K. with us handling him for the first few days but when the duck was about 1 week old she became very protective," says Debbie of Mama Araucana.

The motherly chicken now chases away humans that she feels

may be threatening to her adopted baby. "Erik can run fast enough to grab the duck but he's been pecked a few times by the chicken," says Debbie.

And even the family dogs stay away from the duckling. "One of the dogs decided to investigate the duckling and the chicken attacked the dog and pecked him pretty good on the nose," explained Debbie. Now they know to stay their distance!

Erik named the little yellow baby 'Donald Dufuss Duck.' "He

thinks that chicken is his mother so he's not sure of what to do," says Erik of the name.

But Mama Araucana is trying to be an exemplary mother. "She takes it out and tries to teach it to eat. She picks up bread and puts in in front of him and then tries to show him how to peck at it," Debbie relays.

"Now he swims and eats

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Truscott-Gilliland News

by Mrs. Clara Brown

The Truscott Community Center Association held a special meeting Sunday, June 13, at the center for the second reading and vote on the constitution and by-laws.

Most proposals passed without objection or proposed amendments. A proposed amendment on voting qualifications to add that a 90 day residency be added failed to be approved and the proposal to keep the requirement at age 18 or over and living in the area generally regarded as the Truscott Community remained the same with a vote of 16 - 15.

A slight change in paragraph 9, meetings, to read that bills "shall be presented for approval" to the board of directors rather than that bills "shall be approved by the board of directors" at each (board) meeting passed without objection.

Paragraph II - amendments which allows a vote on amendments to the constitution by a simple majority passed 19 - 12 with those supporting a two-thirds majority for a constitution or by-law change losing by 7 votes.

The possibility of requiring U.S. citizenship for voting privileges at center. Meetings were brought up but not offered as an amendment.

The proposal that a person could not serve on both the center and cemetery boards, or two Truscott boards, was not presented at the vote.

June Looney's sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Hickman, and a Hickman cousin, Barbara Evans of Dallas, stopped by Truscott to visit with the Looney's Saturday. They were seeking genealogical information and wanted to go to the cemetery, so, since June was afraid the Saturday rain might cause the visitors to get stuck on her road, they met them at the cemetery and had a picnic lunch there. Lillian and Barbara were on their way home after attending "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon.

Staci and Brisa Brown of Gainesville came by Thursday to spend the night with Jack and Clara Brown. Bill went on to Lubbock with them and they attended a Brownfield wedding Saturday. Bill helped his dad, Jack Brown, with the plowing after wheat harvest.

Bobbie Kinnibrugh of Floydada spent the week end with her sister, Sybil Simmons.

Patty Alexander was in the Abilene Regional Hospital Sunday, June 13.

Alexis von Gontard, Jill Keste, and Jim Casper of Saint Louis, Missouri arrived Friday, June 11, to visit Eugenie and Jerry Bob Daniel. They had planned to attend the Foard County Horse Show, but it was rained out.

Jim flew home Sunday but Alexis, 17, and Jill, 19, plan to stay for two weeks. They brought their horses and look forward to riding and visiting in the area. They were in Wichita Falls Sunday and on Monday planned to visit the 6666 Ranch at Guthrie.

Melissa Elliott of Guthrie, the granddaughter of Manford Elliott, plans to return to Truscott with them for three or four days, she, Colton Daniel, and Becky Daniel will be practicing together for 4-H team penning. The district 4-H horse contests will be at Vernon Friday and Saturday.

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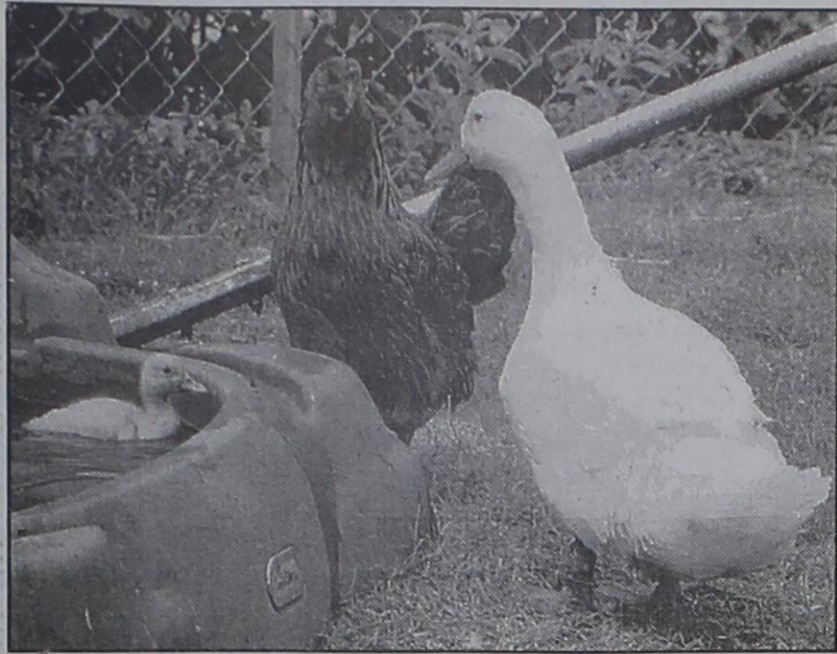
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BIRDS OF A FEATHER. Little baby Donald Dufuss Duck swims happily along under the watchful eye of his adopted mother, an Araucana chicken, and his biological mother, a Peking duck. The chicken sat on duck eggs and hatched the duckling. Now both baby duck and mother chicken feel a strong sense of attachment.

Donald Dufus Duck ... or Chicken?

anything including dog food, scraps, and grass," she says.

In the past several days Mama Duck must have noticed some familiarities in the new little arrival. "She has begun to protect the baby and she and the chicken seem to be sharing motherhood now," says Debbie. "They both follow it and guard over it but it still seems to be partial to the chicken."

Time will tell as to whether the little hatchling will quack or cluck first. It is also still to be seen as to whether he continues to regard the chicken as his mother or whether

he will also realize the resemblance between himself and Mama Duck. But chances are both mother's will continue to teach and protect the baby and regard it as their own - afterall, that's what "mother love" does!

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Appeals Court Upholds Judgement

The Baylor County District Attorney's Office was notified this week by the State's intermediate court of appeals in Eastland that it had affirmed the forfeiture judgment obtained by District Attorney Bill Neal against Robert Costilla, 35, of Seymour, now an inmate of the state penitentiary.

The amount of the forfeiture was \$803.43 in cash seized from Costilla when he was arrested on drug charges on March 3, 1995. A Baylor County jury later found Costilla guilty of Possession of Cocaine with the Intent to Sell and sentenced him to 99 years in prison.

Costilla had other drug delivery charges pending against him at the time of this conviction and prior to that had served time in the state prison system for a previous drug conviction.

Costilla was represented at trial by Michael Valverde, a Wichita Falls attorney. Costilla also contested the State's petition to forfeit the \$803.43 cash in his possession at the time of his arrest. After obtaining a judgment from the Baylor County District Court on December 12, 1997, Costilla then pursued this appeal which was refused by the Eastland Court last week.

Proceeds of the seizure obtained by the District Attorney goes to the North Texas Regional Drug Enforcement Task Force which headed the undercover drug investigation that led to Costilla's arrest and conviction.



Minding Your Own Business

With Don Taylor, co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*

No one likes to be sold, but we all like to buy

Seldom do I write a column based on two totally unrelated incidents, but this one is just that. The first incident occurred in Southern California and involved an over-zealous salesman. The second was a letter from a friend that included a funny little story. Let's begin with the story.

A newly hired salesman named Sam, wrote his first sales call report back to his boss. The sales manager was stunned when he read the report because it was obvious he had hired a man who was nearly illiterate. Here's what Sam wrote:

"Dere Bos. I seen a kumpany which ain't never bot nuthin frum us so I sole them a hunder thousands dollars wurth of guds. I'm goin to Sant Lewis now. Sam."

While the sales manager tried to figure out how to fire Sam, the next sales report came from St. Louis. It read:

"Dere Bos. I cum hear and soled them half a million dollars wurth. I'll trie her hear another weak. Sam."

Unsure of what to do, the sales manager asked the company president, Wilson Jones, for advice. The president read Sam's letters and promised to handle the problem. The following day the president sent copies of Sam's two sales call reports to all sales reps. He attached the following memo:

"Dere Sails teem members: We ben tryin two hart to spel instead of sel. Plez reed Sellin Sam's sails call reports and then let's get on the rode and do like he's dun. Wilson Jones."

Selling: a lost art.

I've met many good salespersons like Sam, even hired one or two. Peter on the other hand is a world apart from Selling Sam.

Peter is the manager of a clothing store in Southern California. He is sauve, literate, and has movie-star looks. He is also arrogantly aggressive on the sales floor. I don't know whether he was trying to impress his sales staff or had a big quota to meet. In any event, he turned on the fake charm and turned up the pressure.

Apparently, Peter thought I was a little slow, so he

lavished me with praise. He kept telling me how good I'd look in suits of browns and greens. I told him from the start I was looking for a blue suit.

After I found a "blue" suit I wanted, Pushy Peter went for the pocket book. While I was being measured for cuffs, Peter pulled a dozen or more shirts and ties and insisted that I allow him to "accessorize" my suit. I said, "No thanks, but Peter didn't catch on."

Selling is a service

I'll take a "Sellin' Sam" over a "Pushy Peter" any day. Here are some sales tips for becoming a "Sellin' Sam."

- Listen to your customers. Ask questions to find out what they want, and hear what they say. Then help them get it.

- Always tell the truth. You may lose an occasional sale, but you'll gain customers in the long run.

- Don't push, instead subtly suggest. Remember, no one likes high pressure selling, but we all like to purchase new things.

- Never argue with a customer. You may be right and you may be able to prove it. But it is better to concede the argument than lose a customer.

- Don't get too slick or polished. If you're just too good to be true, you're probably false. Be real and natural in your relationships.

- Show the benefits and let your customers sell themselves. Show them how to get more for their money. Show them how they'll benefit. Then ask for their business.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Mrs. White:

Enclosed please find our check for our renewal subscription to the Munday Courier. As former residents and alumni of Munday High School, (Class of 60), Elise (McGuire) and I enthusiastically look forward to receiving our copy each week. Although being away from the Munday area for 39 years, we still call it home and look forward to reading about our many friends that come to visit, and friends that still make their homes in the Munday area. We think it is wonderful reading that some of our schoolmates have returned to make Munday their home after living elsewhere for many years. I especially enjoy your White's Waggin Tongue column.

As others have mentioned, we sometimes do not get our copy on a regular basis. Sometimes we may receive two issues together. Although we realize the delay is not your fault, we would like to make a suggestion that might make mail processing better, though perhaps a bit more costlier. We suggest a paper wraparound to enclose the newspaper. This will keep any of the inserts from falling out and separating from the newspaper. It would also help identify it as a publication and separate it from the numerous pieces of loose flyers one receives in the mail. Again, this is a suggestion only, and we realize that you may have already explored this solution.

Thanks for keeping us informed on what's happening at home.

Sincerely,
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Martinez,

Thank you so much for you letter. It truly makes our day when we receive letters such as yours from members of our faithful

family of subscribers. We are happy that Munday is still important to you and we feel privileged to be able to bring to you the news from "home."

The wraparound idea sounds like a good one. However, there may

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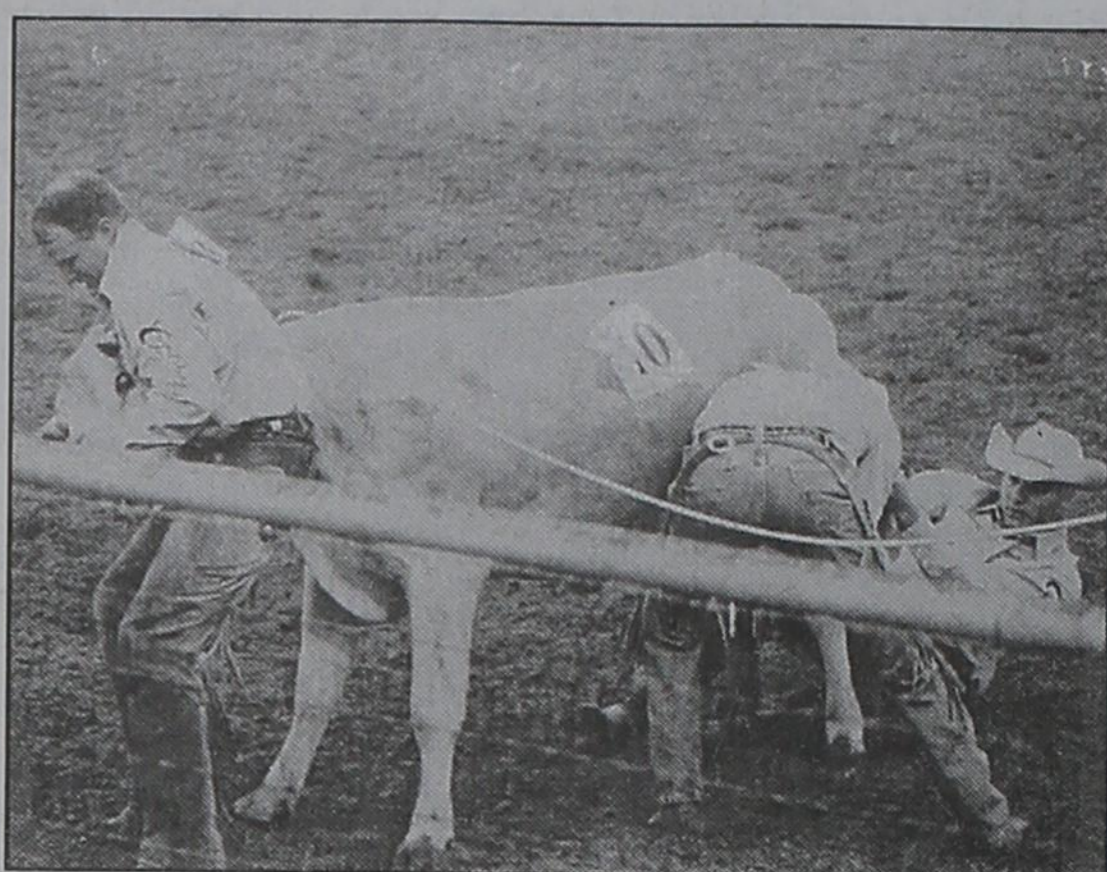


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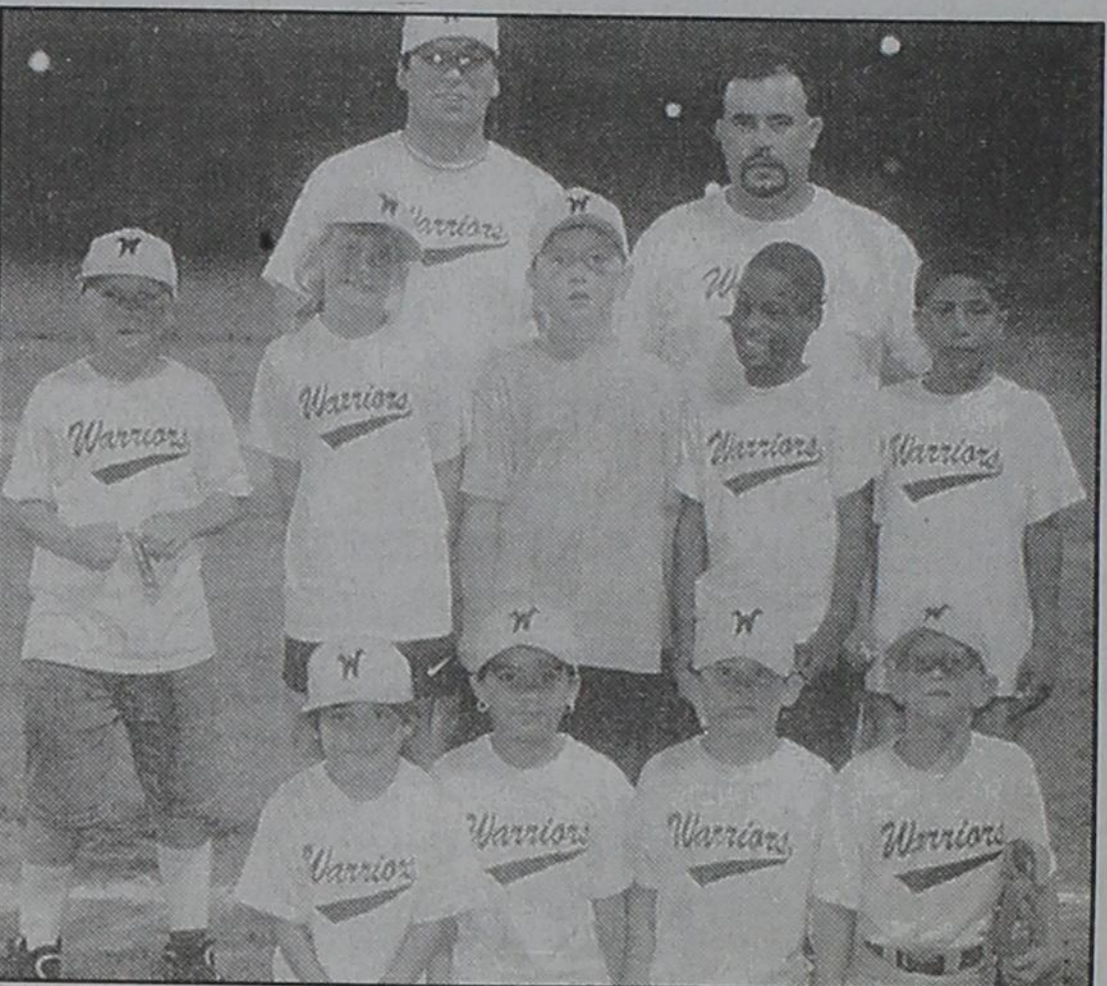


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WILD COW MILKING. Tyler Thompson, Trey Thompson and Jason Bowman came in first place in the Wild Cow Milking contest during the Ranch Rodeo events in Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration.



PEE-WEE WARRIORS. Coaches for the Warriors this year were Marty Navarette and Joe Bejar. Their players were (middle, left) Caleb Alexander, Lari Dee Welch, Michael Ramirez, Jordan Burks, B.J. Dockins, (kneeling, left) Cassie Lerma, Amanda Bejar, Louie Bejar and Geoffrey Cude.

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be a few drawbacks involved such as the expense of the article itself and the increased mailing cost. Postage of the papers is determined by weight and content - therefore a higher cost would be established. Also, there is the time factor involved. The Munday Courier is very much a "mom and pop" business so there are only four hands (my two and Jay's two) to wrap almost 1000 papers each week. However, we are not tossing out the idea - we would like to investigate it further because it is possible that the benefits could outweigh the setbacks. Thanks for a good idea!

Once again, we appreciate your letter and let us hear from you again. Thanks for reading! Cynthia White

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Benjamin News

by Gladene Green

On a showery Father's Day afternoon, I hope all the Dad's have had an enjoyable day. For those of us who no longer have those special Dads in our lives we can only reflect on the memories of special days of the past but do so with thankful hearts and gratitude that we had them as long as we did.

REGARDING OUR ILL

Kenneth Roberts underwent knee surgery Thursday in a Wichita Falls Hospital. He's doing fine and may be home in just a few days. Will have some post-operative therapy and should be doing real well before long.

Sue Ryder Oxford underwent surgery recently, also in Wichita Falls. She's home but not feeling as well as she'd hoped to. Maybe she will be doing better the next time we hear.

I haven't talked to Debra Moorhouse since her return from Houston - maybe by next week I'll have a report. Everyone else seems to be doing pretty well.

HERE 'N THERE

Dutch and Imagean Young, Deann Lamb and Anthony, Pat Benson, Jack and Mary Young and Bubba and Dillon Benson were among those from Benjamin who attended the Young Family reunion at Run Away Bay during the week end.

Recent visitors of Dorothy Spikes were Rusty Spikes of Wichita Falls and Guy and Donna Spikes and children of Seymour.

Dewayne and Jarvis Palvado of Vernon spent the week with their grandparents, Charles and Joy Jones. On Saturday Charles and Joy attended a Rutherford family reunion at Vera. Fathers Day guests of their parents were David Jones of Run Away Bay and Sheila De Los Santos and Tiffany of Vernon.

Bob and Patti Tavernia of Frederick, Maryland came in Friday for a few days visit with her mom, Earlene Meinzer and her brothers, Wyman and Rick and

their families and other relatives and friends.

Debbie Clower and children Michael, David, and Sarah returned home Saturday after a two weeks vacation in Colorado. The first week they spent camping with the Wayne Cadenhead family of Haskell and the second week they visited friends in Loveland.

Dickie Lloyd returned home Tuesday night after a three week visit with relatives in Dallas.

Glenda Bearly of Erie, Colorado and Reba Morrill of Humble spent several days last week with their mom, Odessa Cox. Mrs. Cox received word Tuesday of the death of her brother, Manley Branch, who lived near Waco.

Matt Pierce of Weatherford spent last week with his grandparents, Barbara and Sammy. Father's Day guests of their parents were Jeff Pierce of Snyder and Keith Pierce of Abilene. Wade Pierce of Levelland also visited.

The Roger Bohanon family enjoyed a week end of fishing at Lake McClellan near Pampa.

Shari Brown is attending camp this week at Panfork Baptist Encampment at Wellington.

Rosellen and Daniel Albus of Lubbock visited her brother and his wife, Don and Louise, and her mom, Nora Hertel, at Munday Nursing Center Saturday.

Betty Mancille of Quannah visited Jonnie Williams briefly Friday afternoon. She was enroute home after attending the funeral of a family member at Aspermont.

Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon attended a birthday party for Mary's granddaughter, Courtney Hacker at the home of her parents, Cliff and Brandi near Knox City Saturday afternoon. Courtney was 3. Other "Benjaminites" attending were Bonnie Bohannon and children, Taylor and Bailey.

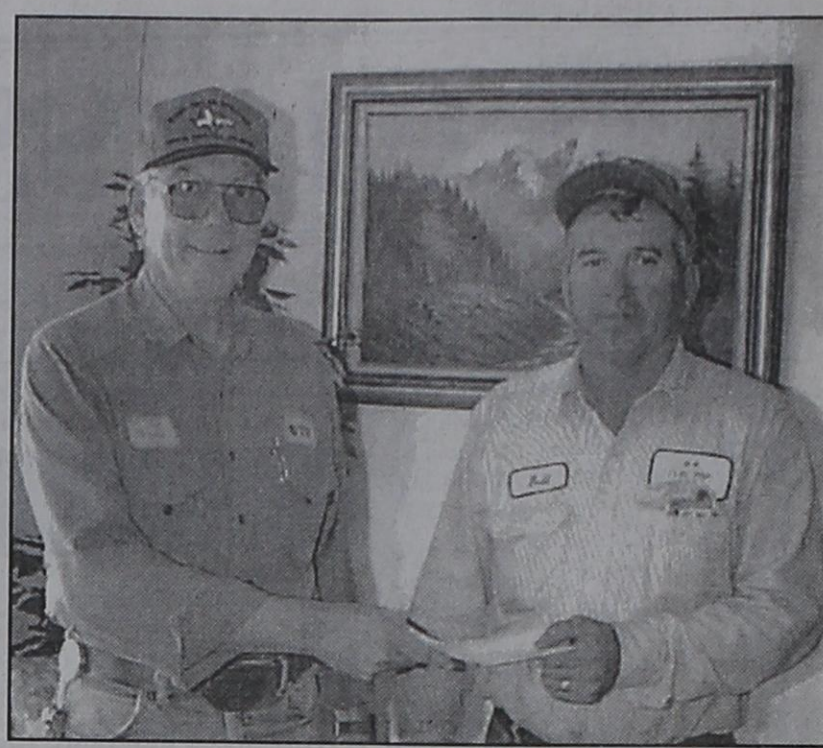
Joan and Gary Hamilton were in Fort Worth on Saturday.



T-BALL - BEARS. The Bears were coached this year by Todd and Kelly Thompson and Elaina Reece. Members were (middle, left) Mica Monasterio, Jade Brown, Cody Reece, Alessandra Mateos, Joe Mac Monasterio, (kneeling, left) Karla Sanchez, T.J. Moore, Rian Dillard, Will Kuehler, and Kristen Kuehler. Not pictured are chase Thompson and Edward Garcia.



HOT BLOODED TEXANS are encouraged to come to the Perry Patton Community Center and give blood on Monday, June 28. Brenda Smith displays a T-shirt that will be given to all who donate the gift of live during the hours of 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. on Monday.



EARNED AND APPRECIATED. James Merrell of West Texas Utilities presents a donation to Fire Chief Bill Longan. The donation was in appreciation of the Munday Volunteer Fire Department who assisted WTU on Memorial Day during the aftermath of a storm that passed through the area. A downed utility pole blocked the north bound traffic on Highway 277 at the Haskell-Knox County line. The Munday Volunteer Fire Department quickly came to assist by directing traffic while WTU crews could right the pole. The process took approximately 2 1/2 hours. "It really did help us because where that pole fell was the worst possible place it could have happened," explained Merrell.



CARDINALS - LITTLE LEAGUE. Mike Urbanczyk and Terry Bufkin were the coaches for the Cardinals. Team members were Pedro Graciano, Glen Bradley, Jocelyn Decker, Ty Bufkin, Joseph Gulley, Phillip Sosa (kneeling, left) Kayla Fernandez, Chris Graciano, Jason Upton, and Steven Urbanczyk.



T-BALL RANGERS. The Rangers were coached by Kim Gunter and Jimmy and Tracy Cooke. Their players were (middle, left) Caulder Cude, Kyler Urbanczyk, Angel Navarrette, Beau Tyra, Melodee Gunter, Lee White (kneeling, left) John Searcey, Dylan Cooke, Jose Gonzales, Kimberly Andrade, and Lori Sepeda.

Appellate Court Upholds Cattle Theft Conviction

After a lengthy appellate process lasting more than two years, Texas appellate courts finally affirmed the Knox County felony cattle theft conviction of Payton Ellis Tankersley, 40, of Knox City, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

Word was received this week by the District Attorney's Office that the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, the State's highest criminal appeals court, had refused to hear Tankersley's appeal, and that his conviction would be final.

Tankersley was found guilty by a Knox County jury of stealing cattle from the Dolan Brinson Ranch in Stonewall County on March 14, 1996. Following a week-long trial, the jury, on April 15, 1997, found Tankersley guilty and set his sentence at five years imprisonment in the state prison, plus assessing a \$10,000.00 fine.

Tankersley first appealed to the intermediate criminal appellate court in Eastland which turned down his appeal and affirmed the

conviction on December 17, 1998. He then appealed to the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, which last week refused to hear his appeal, thus finalizing the conviction.

At the jury trial, the State was represented by District Attorney Bill Neal, lead attorney, assisted by Wichita Falls Attorney Maggie McBride. Former Abilene District Attorney Ed Paynter represented Tankersley at the trial. On appeal, Neal represented the State while Paynter and Austin appellate specialist Roy Greenwood represented Tankersley.

At the trial, the State produced evidence to the effect that Tankersley had, on March 14, 1996 rounded up approximately 50 head of Dolan Brinson's cattle which had strayed from his Stonewall County ranch. Twenty-six head of unbranded cattle were then hauled to the Abilene sale and sold. The remaining 24 head of Brinson's cattle were branded with Brinson's "102" brand. These cattle were hauled to land in Knox County owned or leased by Jerry Eaton where an attempt at disguising the Brinson brand was made.

The scheme began to unravel however, when some of the freshly rebranded cattle escaped and came to the attention of officers. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raiser's Inspector, Scott Williamson, was the lead investigator.

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