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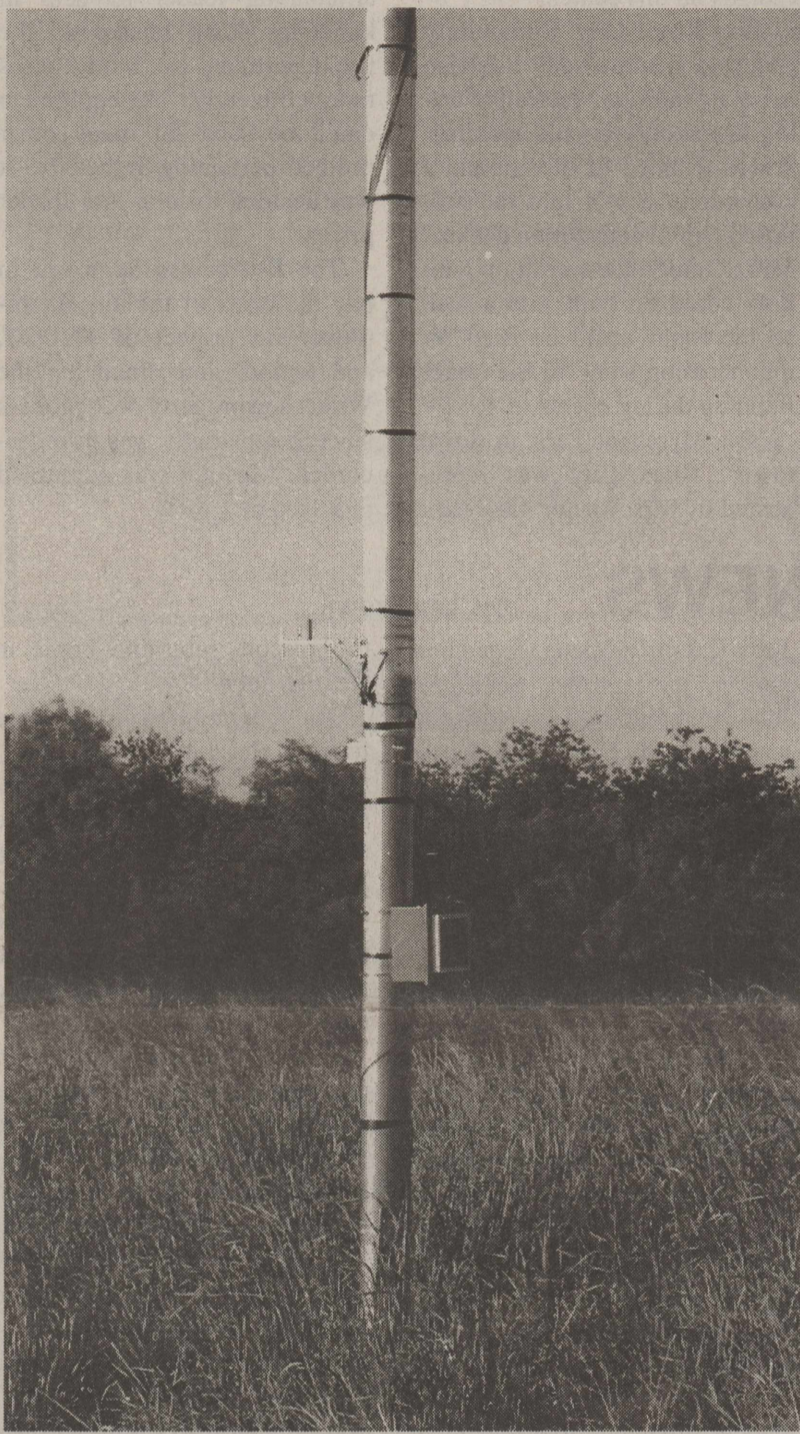
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## Wind May Generate Change In Knox County



Base of 200 ft Wind Testing Tower located North of Vera

Change could be on the horizon for the skyline of Knox County. A test tower has been erected in the Northeastern corner of the county by Renewable Generation L.P., an Austin based company that focuses on alternative power generation, or wind powered generators.

Renewable Generation was formed with the intent of expanding renewable wind power in markets throughout the United States. The team has over three decades of combined experience in energy project development, and they have managed and constructed several sites in the panhandle of Texas with a combined generation capacity of more than 675 megawatts.

The nearly 200 foot tall test tower was installed to test wind speeds over a period of eight months to a year. It is outfitted with anemometers, to record wind speeds, a wind vane to monitor direction, and transmitting equipment to send the information in.

An actual wind turbine, once erected, can be as much as 270 feet tall, with turbine blades from approximately 115 to nearly 150 feet in length, depending on the average wind speeds of the area. The turbine itself comes in different sizes as well, with power outputs from 1.5 to 2.3 megawatts. The cost of one generator is approximately 1.5 to 2 million dollars.

Patrick Woodson, Governmental Affairs and Development

Manager for Renewable Generation, stated that they look for a site with an average wind speed of 18 to 20 miles per hour at the top of the tower. Wind speed can be considerably faster at a higher altitude than measurements taken on the ground. Anything under 18 m.p.h. would become difficult to generate enough power to remain competitive, and call into question the projects economic viability.

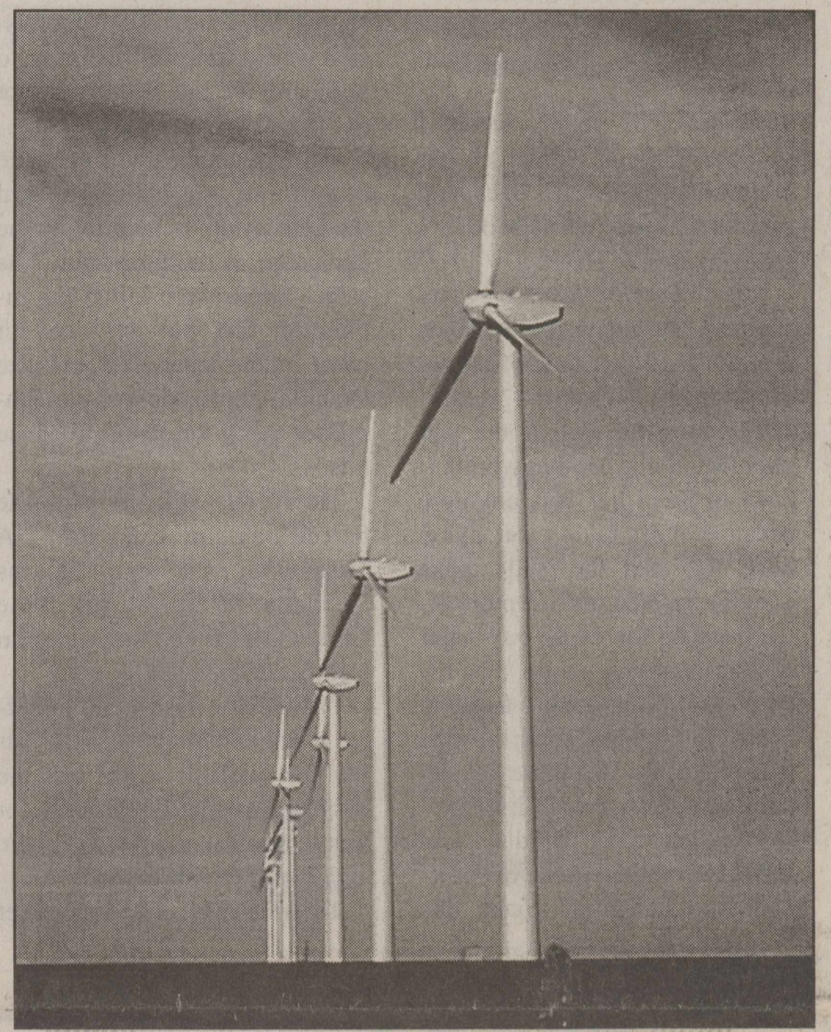
Other factors affect the outcome of the project, such as where the closest transmission lines are located, as well as finding land owners in the proper areas that will cooperate with the company.

With one tower up and receiving information, the company will consult with local meteorologists after they have compiled enough data to determine if more test towers will be needed, and from there they will negotiate future contracts for further tower sites.

Mr. Woodson believes that if the area produces ample wind, and the project moves forward, the economic impact for Knox County could be substantial.

"If the area is as good as we hope, the county may see as much as 30 to 40 million dollars in both tax revenues and royalties paid out to land owners," County Judge Travis Floyd agrees.

"I think this is a potential windfall for the county providing some future tax base and more jobs."



Existing wind project near Panhandle, TX.

### July Business Spotlight Farm & Garden Supply



Mickey and Emma Logan

Our area business spotlight for the month of July belongs to Farm and Garden Supply.

Farm and Garden Supply is located at 905 N. Main in Knox City. Owned By Emma and Mickey Logan, the store has been in business for 25 years. Mr. Logan is from Knox County and when he returned from San Angelo to help out on the family farm, he and a partner decided to open the feed store. After a year, he and Emma bought their partner out, and they've been here ever since.

They sell feed for any kind of livestock and pet, but they have much more than that. Emma

keeps Lawn and Garden supplies, lawn chemicals, vet supplies and vaccines, items for your pets, and a small amount of tack to get you through a pinch. (Although she can order you any kind of tack you'd likely want.)

Farm and Garden Supply's hours are 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. then 1p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, then from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Mrs. Logan says she has always enjoyed working with the different kinds of people and each of their different needs, as well as just visiting with people. She smiled as she said, "A small town business is the way to go."

## City Council Studies Police Department Proposals

A special meeting was called to order July 5th, 2005 at 7:05 p.m. at City Hall in Knox City. The meeting was called to address the options available to the city concerning the open police chief position.

Mayor Charles Lankford presided over the meeting with council members Darren Clark, Fred Ledesma, Tommy Mangis, J.M. Emerson, and Dan Godsey present, along with City Administrator Barbara Rector, Acting

Knox City Police Chief Aaron Lewis, Knox County Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Deputies Lee Rowland and Chris Mendoza, County Judge Travis Floyd, and Alvie Overmyer. The City had placed ads in the Knox City, Wichita Falls, Abilene, and San Angelo newspapers for two weeks advertising the vacant position. Six applicants responded to the ad. Applicants were Aaron Lewis and Ronald Joe Ainsworth of Knox City, Kenny Barnett of

Munday, Rodney G. Waggoner of Clyde, Charles E. Foerster of Abilene, and Clois Ray Davis from San Angelo. The Council reviewed the resumes and decided to keep them for further consideration and possible interviews if needed at a later date.

The council also looked into other options for the Police Department such as consolidating with Knox County Law Enforcement and dissolving the P.D. altogether. They also considered just keeping one officer for the city, and hiring off duty County Deputies to work part time, or to contact the City of Munday and ask if they would consider sharing an officer and splitting the cost.

Sheriff Homstad and Judge Floyd discussed how much approximately it would cost the city to have the county deputies cover for the city officer on their days off.

After much discourse, on all the options, Mr. Mangis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Ledesma for Knox City to develop a list of totals it would be responsible to pay in each of these scenarios. Mayor Lankford

office, and carried out a safe that was behind the counter.

Counts Realty was broken into by throwing a rock through Bill Counts office window. The burglars stole a .357 magnum caliber pistol.

The front door was knocked in at Bill Stewart Insurance Services after an attempt to force the side door had failed. Approximately 85 dollars was taken from a lock box in Mr. Stewart's office.

The authorities have no leads as to who the burglar or burglars might be at this time, but it is still very early in the investigation.

### Sunday Night Break Ins

A series of burglaries occurred Sunday night in Knox City involving four different businesses.

The Pizza Place, apparently had its back door kicked in. This occurred sometime after 10:00 p.m. Sunday evening according to owner, Patty Mossenburg, who was at the establishment until that time. No money was left in the building overnight except change. The burglars took some quarters out of the register, but left everything else.

At PBH Oilfield Supply, the perpetrators entered by forcing the door on the north end of the shop. They rumaged through the



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# A MOMENT IN TIME

By Joyce Greenwood

My mother sat with her ear close to our old battery powered radio on that September 2nd day in 1945. It was unusual for my mother not to be busy with household chores, so I knew something of monumental importance was taking place. At last, she began to laugh and cry at the same time.

"The Japanese have surrendered," she said, hugging my sister, Nell, and me. "Joyce, run down to Clara's house and tell her the war is over!"

The sand was hot on my bare feet as I ran down the road. I was not sure what message I was delivering, but knew I had been entrusted to relate some important news.

"Clara!" I yelled when I saw her hanging clothes on her clothesline. "The war's over--and I guess we won 'cause Mother's really happy!"

"Oh, Praise Jesus," Clara shouted, throwing both hands into the air in a stance of jubilation.

For me, the end of the war only meant that Mother wouldn't have to paint her legs anymore because she couldn't get nylon hose, and that she could make cookies for Nell and me more often because she could buy sugar without a ration stamp. For the adult world, it meant freedom from the threat of super powers that had been determined to destroy our entire way of life.

I called Max Bradley and asked him for the name of someone who helped to make that

freedom a realization--someone who had fought in World War II. He gave me the name of retired Naval Petty Officer, Marvin Jones.

"If anybody can tell you about World War II, it'll be Marvin," Max said. I found Mr. Jones to be a soft-spoken man who graciously agreed to talk to me about serving in the United States Navy. He entered the military in 1942 and was immediately assigned to the Battleship USS Mississippi BB 41 and sent to the Gilbert and Marshall Islands in the South Pacific.

"We were called MacArthur's Navy," Mr. Jones said. "Our mission was to furnish fire power, to bombard all the islands where our troops were landing."

On November 20, 1943, one of the turret guns blew up aboard the Mississippi in addition to the explosion of the turret gun," he said. "Some were killed by anti-aircraft fire, but we were hit twice by the Japanese Kamikaze (suicide) pilots. Most of our casualties were the result of those hits."

He recalls that, perhaps the fiercest battle in which the USA Mississippi was involved was the Battle of Surigao Strait in the Leyte Gulf of the Philippines on October 25th, 2944.

"Miraculously, we didn't suffer a single casualty in that battle," he said. Mr. Jones was the recipient of five battle stars for heroic effort in the South Pacific and two in the Philippines.

He was also a skilled boxer

and won the battleship matches before winning the Light Weight Boxing Championship of the Pacific fleets in the Hawaiian area following the war.

"I guess you would say when I wasn't fighting the Japs, I was fighting my own men," he laughed.

His two brothers entered the military, both with the United States Army. "The three of us were in combat at the same time," he stated. "Gatlin and I came home. Levi wasn't so lucky. He was killed during combat in the European theater."

I told Mr. Jones that one of my grandsons is in the Marine Corp and has recently returned from Iraq aboard the USS Tarawa. Another grandson is with the 3rd Infantry Division of the United States Army and is currently serving in Iraq. I asked for his opinion on our military remaining in Iraq.

"It seems to me like it's necessary," he answered. "Most of the veterans I've talked to agree with me. Our troops went over to accomplish a mission and we need to stay there until it has been completed."

Marvin Jones is just one of many veterans who fought to make America the greatest nation in the world. He saw his friends die and mourned the loss of his brother, but he never wavered from the fulfillment of his obligations-- serve the United States of America to be best of his ability. Mr. Jones, one American says, "Thank You".

# EDC Meeting Held for Month of July

The Economic Development Board of Knox City held a regular meeting held Thursday July 7, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Attendees were Mayor Charles Lankford, City Administrator Barbara Rector, and Councilmen Dan Godsey.

After the meeting was called to order, and the roll was called, the minutes of the last meeting were approved and the board began their considerations.

The replacement of councilmen Clonts was brought up for consideration since he has moved from the area but tabled until more details could be found out. Although he has moved to pursue a job in the Austin area with commercial real estate, he still has an interest in Knox County, and may be beneficial to the board. A motion was tabled until members can define the rules regarding membership.

The condition of the swimming pool bathroom/dressing rooms was placed under consideration. They are in poor repair and were considered for remodeling. Mayor Lankford stated

that he would rather begin looking into rebuilding the entire pool due to the fact that it was built in the early fifties and in poor condition. The consideration was tabled until more info on a long term project can be worked up.

A request to put a cover over the old tennis court to provide shade and weather protection was tabled due to the fact that the Board would rather spend money toward constructing a building that can be used for many functions. The council decided to begin some rough sketches and designs on this center.

The Knox City Community Center was addressed. It is also in poor condition. Instead of trying to remodel the old building, it was decided to incorporate a community center into the proposed "mini convention center." Mrs. Rector added a roll up window could be built into a wall so the room could be used for a concession stand to the larger building during events.

The Merchant Park in downtown Knox City was represented by Mrs. Rector. The park

is the only place to park if you have a trailer, and it is important to the community. Mrs. Rector suggested placing a partial fence around it and maybe setting up a swing set. Mayor Lankford said the entire surface should be blacktopped. The Mayor moved to get an estimate on the improvements. It was seconded by Mr. Godsey and the motion was passed.

The burning of dilapidated and abandoned houses was on the agenda. The EDC may be able to partially finance a large articulating loader to help in knocking down houses so the fire department can burn houses more efficiently. The equipment could be used for many other projects pertaining to the city. It was decided to look into loader prices.

The Board also approved to pay the costs of the airport improvement project of TXDOT, and to look into finalizing the Wilkenson property deed process since it apparently was never recorded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

# TRUSCOTT NEWS

by Clara Brown

Colton Daniel has returned to Lubbock to take a couple of classes at the second summer session at Texas Tech.

Eugenie Daniel Says her sister has returned home, but was here when they branded all 10 of their colts and turned them out.

Becky Daniel is attending college in Abilene.

Eugenie always has news about her pets and is excited over her border collie which will soon be having puppies.

Last Thursday Eugenie and Jerry Bob Daniel were behind a truck near Junior Chowning's house on highway 6 north of Truscott when they saw three turkeys fly across the road ahead of the truck. The last turkey hit the truck's windshield, completely shattering the glass and landing in the sleeper. No one was hurt, but it scared everyone in both vehicles.

Jerry Bob reports seeing Blue Quail coveys on the Browder place southwest of town and also seeing baby Bob White Quail elsewhere.

Lula and Louis Baty took their three grandsons, Louis Lee's children, to the Seymour Rodeo Saturday night. Kay and

Jerry Hays of Abilene visited her mother, jodie Miller, Saturday, July 9th, along with their daughters Joella Michaels of Auburn, Alabama and Jerree Lambert of Amarillo, and the two daughters of Joella and Jerree.

Sherry and Ronnie Simmons visited his mother, Sybil Simmons Sunday afternoon. Sherry reported her two boys, Adam and Zack, are moving to Chorus christi this week to attend college. The past two weekends the Simmons family has been at the lake, a good place to be with summer temperatures rising.

Adam Welch was home with his parents, Charlette and Dennis Welch, over the weekend.

Mary Welch said her daughter Becky and her family visited thursday through Saturday and all her other children and thier families were in and out visiting during the same time. Jacquelyn Richey of Houston and children Sam and Claire visited her parents, Jack and Clara Brown, last Wednesday to Friday. They stopped in Breckenridge to visit Bill, Staci, Brisa, and Brandel Brown Wednesday on thier way to Truscott. thursday morning Staci and their two children came

to Truscott, returning home in the afternoon.

The four children played some form of chase all morning long, there were no memorable disagreements although from time to time Brisa and Sam would entice the two younger ones outside, the run back into the house and race for a bedroom where they would hold the door against the little ones.

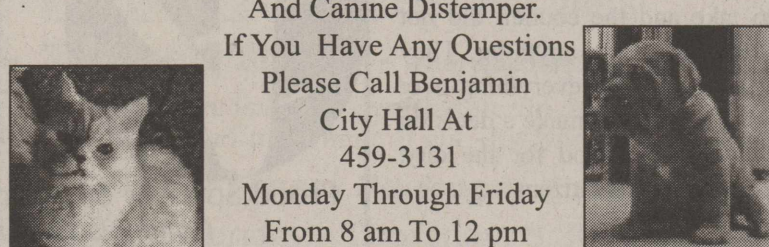
Friday the Richeys headed home to prepare to leave Saturday for Virginia. Haven't heard if they have recieved any rain or winds from Dennis at the homestead.

Jack Brown celebrated his birthday, number 77, July 6 and during the next few days got birthday calls from daughter Ruth Mescall at Baytown, and grandson Alex Mescall from Baytown, but soon to be of Sam Houston College, and Meg and Rachel Mescall. Meagan and Rachel spent last week helping with a Habitat For Humanity project in South Carolina and were on their way back to Blairstown, N.J. by way of Richmond, Virginia the day they called, and planned for thier group to visit an amusement park the next day.

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\*Saturday July 30- Booths open at 10:00 a.m. there will be arts, crafts, home-made items, food, live music, free swimming, free watermelon slices, and plenty for the kids to enjoy including a giant slide, giant bouncer, pony rides, rock climbing wall and more. The Classic Car Show registration will be from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. judging will begin at 12:30 and this year the Classic Car will be judged by our sponsors at Bailey Toliver Cadillac-Chevrolet-Ford-Mercury in Haskell. Trophises will be awarded at 3:00 p.m.

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# It's The Pitts

by Lee Pitts

## Crashing The Party

His name is Lunchtime. The old Mexican steer was christened with that moniker years ago after one observant cowpoke noticed that one of the brute's horns pointed to twelve o'clock while the other one was turned to twelve thirty. Thus... Lunchtime.

Just as you should never judge a book by its cover, Lunchtime was proof that you should never judge a cattle creature by its horns. Lunchtime was a plumb pet.

We've all had one like him at one time or another: A ranch mascot that should have been on a truck headed to town long ago but for some reason we could not bring ourselves to bid adieu. Perhaps it was an orphaned calf you raised on a bottle or maybe it was a half-frozen baby that thawed in your bathtub. It could be that the traitorous creature did the work of two cowboys by leading your cattle to the shipping pens every year. Whatever the reason, the bovine beast captured your heart or stood out in the crowd and so, against all rules, you kept him. Lunchtime was like that.

Because Lunchtime resembled a horse in many ways, being peaked at the withers, swayed in his back and sloped in the rump, it was only natural that Rick would break Lunchtime to a saddle. The steer took to the saddle as if he were a Quarter Horse and the only thing he liked better than a team penning of his

own kind was to rub up against things. Like the \$400 side mirror on a Lexus Rick had to pay for once. Lunchtime was like a middle child, always wanting some attention whenever people were around. So when he saw a crowd of people enjoying a lawn party, Lunchtime jumped at the chance to join them.

As you might expect, Lunchtime was about as welcome as a skunk or a wet dog.

Lunchtime's temporary home was a pasture belonging to the owner of the nicest resorts on the central coast of California. Needless to say, the hundred or so guests for the lawn party were a classy bunch. The bankers, lawyers and business executives were bedecked in the most expensive suits, softest shoes, finest dresses and highest heels. They were enjoying a gorgeous day in a meadow, dining on shrimp the size of your fist and tiny cobs of corn. There was pate and caviar and only the finest fruit of the grape. It was a spread fit for a king, all served buffet style. "Buffet" being a French word meaning anyone was welcome to take as much as they pleased.

Although, we expect this gracious invitation hardly extended to Lunchtime.

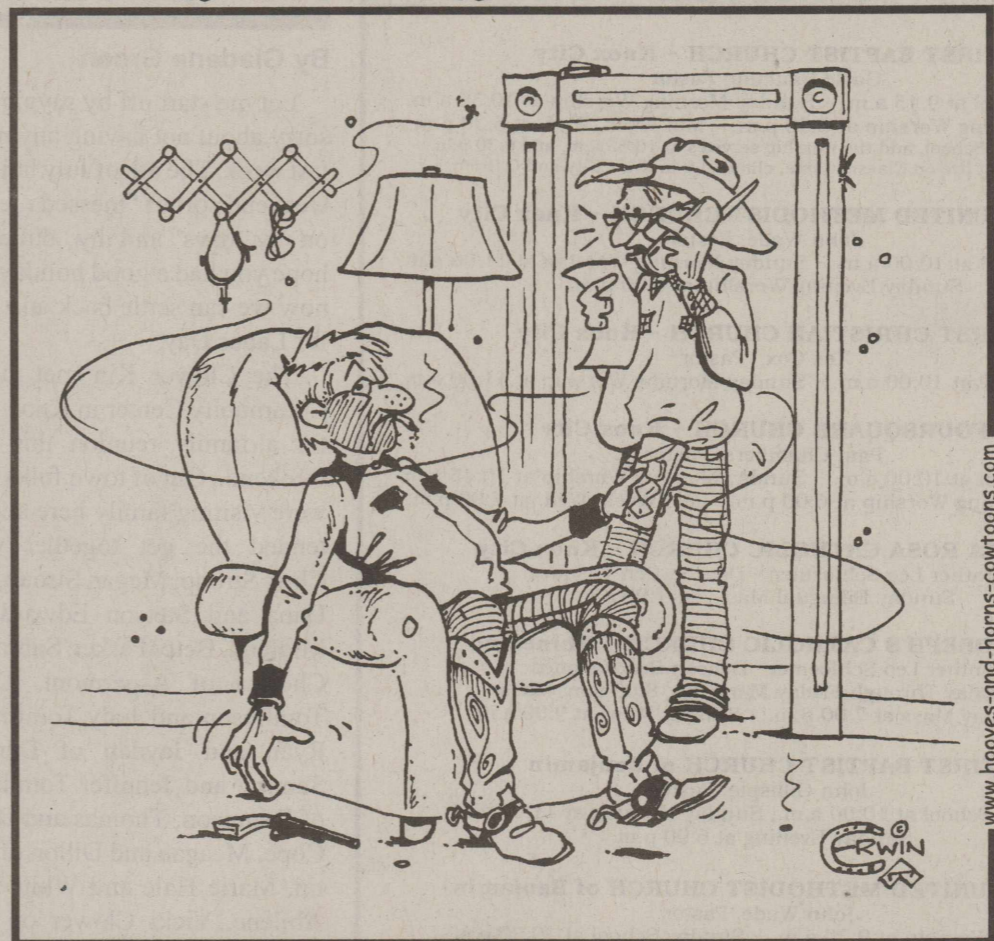
The guests heard him first, breaking through the brush, so by the time Lunchtime's murderous horns first became visible the guests were already a little

on edge. Please keep in mind that although quite sophisticated, these are people whose only experience with bovines was at a rodeo, a Spanish bullfight or a barbecue. And they acted accordingly. The guests were at the distinct disadvantage of not knowing that Lunchtime was as harmless as a pet rabbit. To them he looked like a ruthless mankiller as he jogged down the hill to join the party. The women dove for cover and the men followed. They bailed out of that pasture like red ants leaving a burning log. Broccoli spears and little wieners were flying everywhere as tables were overturned in the melee. And Lunchtime had not even crashed the party yet.

Henceforth, when the survivors would meet at other parties they'd reminisce about the one-steer-stampede when they prayed for their lives and hid behind Mercedes and Porta-Potties. Speaking of which, one man had an especially riveting tale to tell. He was actually inside one when it began to sway to and fro. He looked out the ventilation vent to see Lunchtime rubbing against the plastic outhouse. The guest who lived to tell the tale insists he wasn't really a hero that day for diverting the steer's attention away from the others. In fact, he says it was a good thing he was where he was when he first saw Lunchtime only inches away or he might have wet his pants.

## HOOVES & HORNS

BY A.W. ERWIN



"Yeah, that's right, a pound of bacon, a gallon of milk, a plug of tobacco and a dozen flyswatters."

## BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

### PALMETTO

I remember the first time I ever went to Florida. It was in the cow country around Wachula that I first saw Palmetto. Copses of palm trees, cypress and yellow pine stood like islands in a sea of green grass. Hammocks, the locals called the 'islands,' were carpeted with low-lying exotic-looking jagged-leaved plants. From a distance it appeared to be professionally landscaped. Palmetto, they said.

I was reminded of that day last winter when a visitor stared out on a flat Arizona desert pasture packed paddle to paddle, joint to joint with prickly pear and cholla. He remarked that it looked like a xeriscaped garden featured in Arizona Highways Magazine. But, as any cow, cowboy or horse can tell you, a chase through a cholla forest is akin to being attacked by an army of maddened kindergarten teachers armed with staple guns!

I learned later after chasing a cow through the Palmetto that it,

too, is not as innocent as brushing up against a feather boa. It grows in giant clumps of tangled roots and stems. Rough and hard as cottonwood bark, big as small culverts with stiff sharp spiney saw tooth leaves. Riding through it can be compared to tip-toeing through a bed of petrified sewer pipe all wrapped in porcupine coats.

Palmetto are very difficult plants to eradicate, as my friend Henry confirmed. In an effort to improve the value of his house in town, Henry decided that a lawn in back would be a nice place to entertain friends. Certainly, when compared to its present moonscape/landfill motif that featured ragweed, a dead plum tree sapling and the engine block off his '73 Dodge pickup.

His county agent suggested an initial fertilizing and roto-tilling. Thrifty Henry made arrangements with the local feed lot to simply wash out three livestock trailers in his backyard. The deed

was done. Three loads of 200wt. 3-year olds from the Everglades were unloaded at the feedlot and the trailers hosed out in Henry's yard. Apparently the calves had been eating Palmetto seeds.

By June Henry's yard looked like a pineapple field. By July, a tequila plantation, in August a green oil refinery!

Henry fought back with weed-eaters, tin snips, machetes, chain saws, Spanish goats, backhoes, spray planes, dynamite and nuclear weapons. For three years he tried to beat back the green tsunami that threatened to overtake his home. Finally he sold it to a snowbird from Chicago who covered the whole backyard with a net and built a parrot sanctuary.

In our innocence we see beauty in the world around us. Just last week a lady in town remarked on the beauty of the tall purple-plumed plants blooming in the bar ditch on the way to town. Russian Thistle, I explained.

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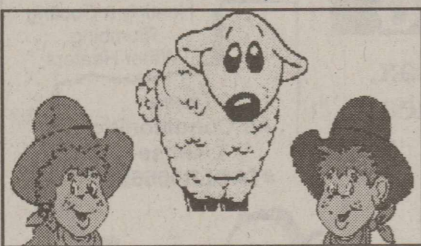
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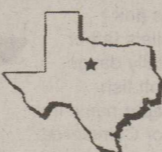
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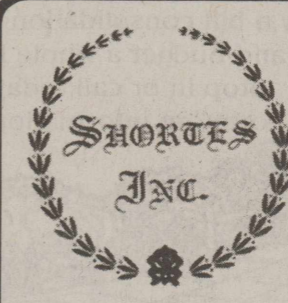


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**Benjamin News**

By Gladene Green

Let me start off by saying I'm sorry about not having any news last week. The 4th of July holiday weekend sort of "messed me up" on my "days" and my "duties". I hope you had a good holiday and now we can settle back and wait for Labor Day.

The Clower Kin met at the Community Center in Knox City for a family reunion this past weekend. Out of town folks who were visiting family here and attended the get together were Chris Stroup, Megan Stroup, and Dana and Stetson Edwards of Midland, Betty Parker, Sabra and Chelsea of Aspermont, Cathy Tomlinson and Jody Tomlinson, Ryan and Jayden of Denton, Sammy and Jennifer Tomlinson of Dennison, Thomas and Diana Cope, Meagan and Dillon of Justin, Marie Hale and Whitney of Abilene, Vicki Clower of Seymour, Christi and Randi Tomme, and Abigail, Tyler, Weston and Brayden of Ft. Worth, and Lorraine Powers, Gloria West and Debbie Clower, and Michael, David, and Sara all of Benjamin

News is rather scarce this week. Guess no one had any, or just failed to get it to me. We have weeks like that.

Jessie Roberts is in a Wichita Falls Hospital being taken there on Sunday afternoon. She was having some problems and Drs. at Knox City thought she needed to be checked very thoroughly so they sent her on down there. As of last night, (Sunday) after several tests, the real problem had not been determined. Hopefully it is a minor thing and will be corrected very soon. We certainly hope and pray that's the case.

Sue Sheedy came home Friday after several days in a Wichita Falls Hospital and a week in a Rehab facility. Sue you remember suffered a stroke at her home 2 or 3 weeks ago. She's much better and so glad to be home. It's good to have that good report on her.

The Jackson descendants met this past weekend in Benjamin for their annual reunion. Much visiting and lots of food was enjoyed by relatives for the states of Arizona, Missouri, Colorado, Ohio, and Amarillo, Pasanton, Llano, Munday and Knox City as well as Earth Texas. They voted to start meeting every two years instead of every year beginning in 2007. Reports are they all had a wonderful time.

Graveside rites were held at the Benjamin Cemetery Monday at 2 p.m. for Beaulah Redwine Snody Huntsinger. She had lived her many years ago and was residing at Magnolia, Texas at the time of her death. She was the sister to the late Buster Redwine of Benjamin and an Aunt of former resident, James Redwine. James called me on Sunday morning and told me his mom, Anna Mae Redwine Crenshaw, had fallen and broken some ribs and cut her head so she had been "laid up" for awhile. She's better now and says she still misses her many friends her in Benjamin. She is 93 and still lives alone. It was good to get that report on her.

Leory West is finally beginning to improve from his fall earlier in June. He was sore for several weeks but said Sunday things were starting to turn

around for him. Were glad to be able to report that. He's had a pretty miserable time for several weeks.

Judie Whitten returned home Monday after a two weeks visit with her daughters Christi and Rhonda and their families in Iowa. Christi has a new baby boy born early in June so she enjoyed helping care of him ( I imagine spoil him a little) Jack went up there for a visit and they returned home together.

Jack and Mary Young attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary party honoring John and Peggy Atkisson Shropshire in New Deal on June 25. Mary Jane said it was very nice and lots of friends and family were there with their good wishes. The Youngs also visited in Lubbock while in that area.

Jack (Corky) Barker of Tucson, Arizona visited his mom. Jonnie Williams and sister Mary Bohannon attended there Jackson reunion this past weekend.

Visited with Jan Barton Rolston on Saturday she had been in an Abilene Hospital. She had to have a heart stint and is doing well now.

Lynn and Michael Rogers of Snyder spent the weekend with her family, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse.

Janet Reed accompanied by her mother Edith Broach of Lubbock spent the weekend in Dallas. Hazel Stockton is in Lubbock and will be undergoing an Angio Gram Tuesday (tomorrow) to determine just what's wrong with her heart, if anything of if her health problem is something else.

**Obituary**

Beulah Redwine Snody, age 89, died Friday, July 8, 2005, in Tomball, Texas.

She was a retired secretary for the Mathis School System and the First Baptist Church as well as a member of the First Baptist Church of Mathis, Texas.

She married Lyndol Ellard Snody in 1936 on the side of Highway 6, between Benjamin and Knox City. He preceded her in death in 1975.

She is survived by One Daughter, Mary Carrico of Magnolia, Texas, Three Sons, Charles Snody of Fredericksburg, Texas-Gerald Snowdy of Hondo, Texas John Snowdy of Shertz, Texas-Two Sisters, Gladys Giles of Fort Worth, Texas, and her twin sister Eula Brown of Tomball, Texas.

Graveside services were held at the Benjamin Cemetery in Benjamin, Texas, on July 11, 2005.

Arrangements were handled by Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, 210 AVE. A, Knox City, Texas. Funeral service were at Benjamin Cemetery at 2:00 PM Monday, July 11, 2005, Rev. John Gillespie officiating. Interment followed at the Cemetery in Benjamin, Texas.

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- 1 football equipment: shoulder
- 5 Confederate's Robert
- 6 TXism: "he camps out in the corner" (religious)
- 7 TXism: "worthless as a four-flush"
- 8 TX billionaire Hughes (init.)
- 9 TX Willie's father
- 12 potentially dangerous Gulf fish
- 17 newspaper name in Clyde or Commerce country of TX
- 19 immigrant Morris Zale who started jewelry company
- 21 this Strauss was Dallas' 1st elected female mayor
- 22 TX Buck sang "I've Got \_\_\_\_\_ by the Tail"
- 23 Independence, TX site: "\_\_\_\_\_ Houston House"
- 28 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ your own horn"
- 29 zoo primates
- 30 patio soaker? (2 wds.)
- 31 TXism: "there's more of them than \_\_\_\_\_ in Texas"
- 35 this TX Jones pioneered theater-in-the-round
- 36 Astro Grand Slam prerequisite (2 wds.)
- 42 TX Tanya's "What's \_\_\_\_\_ Name"
- 44 TX anchorman Chip Moody had a \_\_\_\_\_ role in "Talk Radio"
- 46 solid turf? (2 wds.)
- 48 this Earle was Dallas mayor at time of JFK assassination
- 49 color Easter eggs
- 50 TXism: "It's \_\_\_\_\_ bout"
- 51 TXism: "that's \_\_\_\_\_ how do you do"
- 52 TX Ginger made films for this co.
- 53 split apart
- 54 decorative pitcher
- 56 TX eatery: Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- 57 this Beatty was in "Big Bad John" with TX Dean
- 58 commercials
- 10 TXism: "scary as a \_\_\_\_\_ sleeping bag"
- 11 TX eatery: Steak and \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 relaxin' tub
- 13 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ griddle" (hot)
- 14 TXism: "best I ever wrapped \_\_\_\_\_ around" (delicious)
- 15 TX rancher Norris film "Silent \_\_\_\_\_"
- 16 Fairfield, TX FM
- 18 antique auto
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Pepper
- 23 this Holley wrote 1st TX history (init.)
- 24 a computer abbr.
- 25 execution delays
- 26 this Don was in Buddy Holly film omen
- 27 TXism: "turn about \_\_\_\_\_ fair play"
- 33 Neiman of TX Neiman-Marcus
- 34 TX Orbison (init.)
- 36 TX \_\_\_\_\_B-Que
- 37 "Cowtown" newspaper man Carter
- 38 TX "Germanfest" staple \_\_\_\_\_kraut
- 39 TXism: "smack \_\_\_\_\_ the middle"
- 40 improve by editing
- 41 editorial abbr.
- 43 TX Gilley (init.)
- 45 "good \_\_\_\_\_ boy"
- 47 TXism: "wet as a \_\_\_\_\_ rat"
- 48 TX singer Vikki
- 55 TXism: "lie up the loose \_\_\_\_\_"

### O'BRIEN NEWS

by Audie Johnston

The Reed and Sparks reunion was held at Arlington Lake this past Saturday. David Ellis and Stephen Bartell were the hosts. There was a good turn out as there was 65 registered people there. The meal was enjoyed by all. Also had a silent auction to help pay expenses, and that worked out real well.

There was people their from California, Nevada, Florida, Arizona, Ohio, Arkansas and one highlight of the reunion was a washer-pitching tournament organized by Pleas Childress from Ozona. All had a good time.

Beatrice Ellis was blessed by having her sister Vanell and husband Bill Reynolds of San Pedro California came in.

Cliff Banner spent a few hours with his mom, Billie Walker, Aunt Rose and Jim Johnston before leaving for a vacation in New Mexico.

The youth studied about Distractions From God Sunday and sang songs from church camp before enjoying corn dogs and banana nut bread, Davy Wade

brought the lesson.

Saturday, C.H. and Linda Underwood were honored with a fortieth wedding anniversary party at their home in O'Brien. Attending the party were the couples' children and grandchildren. Their daughter Beth and granddaughters Hope and Faith of Roby, Bephil and Steve of Southland. Their son Reid is living in Austin at this time.

Marilyn Talbot spent Saturday in Shallowater visiting with their daughter and family. They all enjoyed a good and happy day.

Donny and Diane Roberts are in Wichita Falls to be with Donny's mother who is in the hospital. She seems to be pretty ill.

W.C. and Patsy Orr enjoyed visiting with their son Alan Orr, his wife Ellen and granddaughter Kelsie this past Fourth of July weekend.

Their son traveled from Perryton, Texas to celebrate the Fourth with fireworks. Bill and Linda Neely and family of Hamlin, and Marq, Carolyn, and Cody Brockett joined them.

### Rocha Graduates from Texas Tech Magna Cum Laude

Christopher P. Rocha, son of Peter and Robbin Rocha of Munday graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University on May 14, 2005. He is the grandson of Antonio Rocha of Knox City and the late Teresa Rocha, along with the late Woody and Evelyn Roberts. Rocha received a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering degree. He has accepted a job as a civil engineer with Texas Department of Transportation and now resided in Dallas, Texas.

### Meek Bloodmobile to be in Knox City July 21

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be accepting blood donations at Knox County Hospital on Thursday, July 21 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Each donor will receive a T-shirt in appreciation of giving the gift of life.

"Blood shortages occur most often in the summer months," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "I would like to remind everyone that Meek Blood Center supplies blood to seventeen hospitals, including Knox County Hospital. The patients depend on blood being available when it is needed. Our theme this summer is "Don't Take A Vacation From Giving Blood". The time

spent giving blood will give someone else a lifetime."

Those who have questions regarding eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or go to the website at [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org) Each donor will receive a mini-physical, which includes a check of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and hemoglobin level. A complimentary total cholesterol result will be available three business days after the blood drive. "Regular blood donation is a good way to track general health," Baker said. "Statistics show that men who give blood four time a year may reduce their risk of heart disease by as much as 42%.

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  - Tuesday, July 19 th**  
Weiners/Sauerkraut, Great Northern Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Honey Bars
  - Wednesday, July 20 th**  
Beef Tips/Noodles, Sweet Peas, Cranberry Salad, Light Bread, Cobbler
  - Thursday, July 21 st**  
Sliced Ham/Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Pudding
  - Friday, July 22 nd**  
Barbecue on a Bun, Baked Beans, French Fries, Cookies
- Call in Orders by 10:00 a.m.

All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager so that meals can be prepared.

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## July Declared Awareness on Swimming Disease

The Justin Baty Amebic Foundation has declared the month of July as the starting of Public Awareness on PAM, the swimming disease.

Warm breezes and the sun remind us that summer has arrived. Each summer a number of young people are exposed to a micro-organism that can cause a fatal infection called primary amebic meningoencephalitis or PAM the swimming disease.

This organism responsible for the PAM infection thrives in all warm untreated (non-Chlorinated) surface water. The PAM infection occurs when untreated water containing the organism (N.fowleri) is forced into the nasal passages—usually from diving or jumping into water or water skiing. The ameba then makes its way into the brain and spinal cord.

Symptoms occurs 1 day - 2 weeks after exposure, are indistinguishable from fulminate bacterial meningitis and can include headache, fever, stiff neck, anorexia, vomiting, altered mental status, seizures, and coma. Death typically occurs 3-7 days after the onset of symptoms.

The environmental investigation revealed a high ambient temperature (>90°F {>32°C}) and water temperature (91°F {32°C}) in the untreated water at the time of exposure of one case of PAM. There are cases as early part of July in Texas and Florida to as late as October in Arizona.

Only three survivors of PAM have been documented. Successful therapy appeared to be related to early diagnosis and administration of intravenous and intrathecal miconazole and oral amphotericin B and rifampin.

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N.fowleri is ubiquitous worldwide in warm freshwater bodies, including lakes, ponds, rivers, minimally chlorinated pools, and hot springs.

Cases of PAM are rare but nearly always fatal. Incubation period 1 - 14 days.

High water temperature can lead to increases risk for infection among swimmers in rivers, lakes and ponds. CLINICAL findings

Symptoms and signs are similar to those of fulminant bacterial meningitis and include headache, fever, stiff neck, anorexia, vomiting, altered mental status, seizures and coma. Death typically occurs in 3 - 7 days. Autopsy findings show acute hemorrhagic cortex.

LABORATORY testing Wet-mount preparation of fresh-centrifuged specimen if cerebrospinal fluid is recommended. Fixation and stain with Giemsa-Wright and modified trichrome stain is recommended. Confirmatory testing includes culture or an indirect fluorescent antibody test.

RECOMMENDED treatment Recommended therapies include intravenous and intrathecal amphotericin B and oral rifampin Intensive supportive care is required

PREVENTION and reporting  
\* Avoid swimming or jumping into bodies of warm untreated water

\* Hold the nose shut or use nose clips when jumping or diving into bodies of untreated water.

Report cases of N.fowleri (PAM) infection to public health authorities.

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