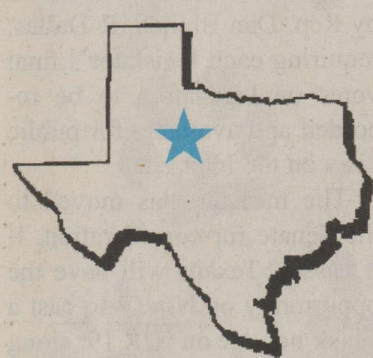


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Looking Ahead

- **Knox County Unity Festival**
 The Knox County Unity Festival will be Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building.
- **Grandma's Dinner**
 Truscott Community Center. Sunday, April 29. Noon - 1:30. Price is \$8 a plate. All proceeds to benefit new Community Center.
- **Head Start Program**
 The Knox County Child Development Center, located at 502 N. 2nd in Knox City will be accepting applications for the enrollment of Children for the Head Start Program that will begin in the Fall. Headstart serves three and four year old children. Special recruitment Round Up Days - Monday, May 7, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Also, May 8 - May 31, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information please contact Sherry Ellis, director at 658-3770.
- **Fish and Calf Fry Meal**
 The Benjamin Ex-Students Association will host a fish and calf fry meal on Saturday, May 5th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building. The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children under 11. There will also be a silent auction and live entertainment. Proceeds will help purchase a new air conditioning and heating unit for the senior citizens room at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

KC 4-H Livestock Judging Team Participates In Livestock Contest

Knox County 4-H Livestock Judging Team participated in the District 3 Livestock Contest, on April 12, at Weatherford, Texas.

The junior team members are Shannon Reeves, Trey Tidwell and Parker Finley, and senior individual is Cody Trimble. The 4-Hers have been practicing livestock judging since February.

At the contest, the students judge eight classes of animals, market lambs, market swine, market steers, market goats, breeding heifers, breeding sheep, breeding gilts, and a class of bulls.

The junior team is required to give one set of reasons explaining why they placed the class the way they did. Seniors are required to give three sets of reasons.

It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of a total stranger and explain the way they judged that class. Not only are you scored on the placing in the contest but also scored on the oral reasons.

You can judge as a team which it takes three to make a team, also you compete as an individual. This is the first year for the juniors to compete in the livestock judging contest.

It takes a lot of time and dedication for livestock judging. Not only at practice but after practice as well. All the hard work paid off for the whole team this year, and they are looking forward to next year.

The junior team placed second overall. Shannon Reeves placed first in reasons and third overall in the contest.

Parker Finley placed fifth in reasons, and Trey Tidwell placed fifteenth overall in the contest.

Cody Trimble was first in reasons and won the overall contest. Cody will be competing at the State Livestock Judging Contest at College Station in June.

I would also like to say thanks to our coach Tim Trimble for all of his help and support with our kids, also to all the parents, thanks for working around our schedule and showing your support, we could not do this without your help and support.

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Area Cowboys Place High At Competition

Cold wind and cloudy skies did not slow anyone down Saturday, April 14 at Jim Rounsaville's arena south of Megargel for the Ranch Cutting Horse Association competition.

Over 100 riders and horses looked good and the bite in the air kept things moving at a fast pace with Knox City's own Quentin Gass taking first place in the Limited Division, Bob Moorhouse, of the Pitchfork Ranch taking first in the Open and hard-to-beat young Lane Livingston riding away with a first in the Junior Division and a first and second place in the youth division.

The next go-round for the RCHA will be on Friday, April 27th in Lubbock for the Texas Tech Rodeo Cutting.

The canceled cutting at the Pitchfork Ranch has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 5th in Guthrie.

The following week will see more RCHA action on Friday, April 27 in Lubbock at the Texas Tech Ranch Rodeo, Saturday, May 5 at the Pitchfork Ranch in Guthrie and Thursday, May 10th in Abilene for the Western Heritage Celebration. Be sure

and catch one of these events and see some incredible horses and riders. For more information or scheduling, please go to www.ranchcutters.com or call Cindy Burkett at 940.525.4270.

ROUNSAVILLE SHOW RESULTS

Junior Division

- 1 Fancy Badger Doc - Lane Livingston
- 2 Shining San Olena - Tommy Parker
- 3 Jasper Sandino - Jim Rounsaville

Open Aged Division

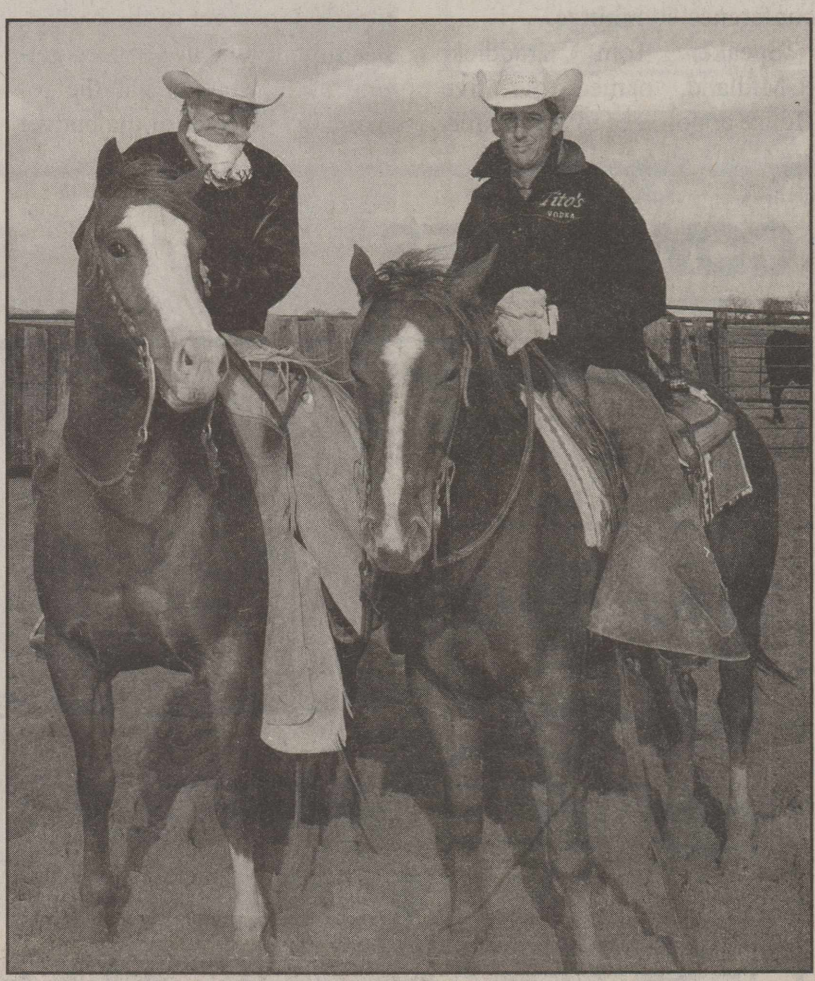
- 1 Sancies Dynamite - Bob Moorhouse
- 2 Dozen Plus Freckles - Kim Lindsey
- 3 Shining San Olena - Tommy Parker

Limited Division

- 1 Dualin Scotty - Quentin Gass
- 2 TRR Play Pistol - Donny Choate
- 3 South Orient - Danny Whitfield

Youth Division

- 1 Fancy Badger Doc - Lane Livingston
- 2 Smart Safaritari - Lane Livingston
- 3 Johns Gota Pistol - Kevin Porter



Knox City's own Quentin Gass (pictured on the right) rode Dualin' Scotty and came up winner of the Limited Division at the Ranch Cutting Horse Association's Rounsaville Cutting held April 14 in Megargel. Bob Moorhouse, of Pitchfork Ranch fame, (pictured on the left) took first place in the Open Age Division riding Sancies Dynamite.

Cowgirl Boutique To Open In Benjamin

A new business will open May 5th in Benjamin and it will cater to the dressier side of western heritage. Missy Redford will open her Redford Ranch western 'cowgirl' boutique next month.

The boutique will offer handmade turquoise jewelry and original screen print t-shirts by Redford, candles and other home accessories, in addition to other western apparel from Redford and Krisi Hager of Munday, and a tanning salon ran by Brittany Meinzer of Benjamin.

"Benjamin Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome Redford Ranch to our city. They will be a great addition. Redford Ranch does a wonderful job of showcasing the western style this area is known for," said Benjamin Chamber of Commerce President Steve Bisbee.

Hager's apparel falls under her 'Ropes 'N Rhinestone's' line. Meinzer's tanning salon, 'Tan Your Hide At The Cowgirl Saloon' will feature a new 2007 tanning bed with fifteen-minute sessions, in addition to lotions. The boutique will also feature a 'Little Cowpokes Corner', which will offer baby onesies, t-shirts and baby bags and gifts.

Redford said that because

the three women have children, Redford and Meinzer both have sons and Hager has a daughter, they felt a children's line would be appropriate.

"We are three fashionistas with two outlaws and a cowgirl," laughed Redford.

Redford and her husband, Ron, along with their son, Rance moved east of Benjamin recently.

Ron grew up on his family's ranch, the Redford Ranch, in Kansas and now works for La Mejor Ranch of Seymour. Missy is originally from New Mexico. Although she didn't grow up on a ranch, she did grow up with an artist father and she was always around horses.

"I always knew that I would do something creative," said Missy.

Missy has a degree in business and worked in a school district as the dance squad coach and the high school secretary before moving to Texas with her family. After the move, Missy didn't have anything to do and she began designing and stringing turquoise jewelry. Her business grew to include western apparel soon after. She sold her goods in Guthrie for three years

before purchasing a building in Benjamin after moving east of the town.

One thing that people noticed around the building was that the mural of the Texas State Trooper car surrounded by the Texas flag disappeared under a coat of paint. Redford said that she plans to replace that mural with a western-themed mural in the near future.

Redford attends various markets to find items to sell in her shop.

She also sets up booths at ranch rodeo trade shows including the Wichita Falls Western Heritage Classic. She plans to begin wholesaling her jewelry and clothing to other stores by mid-summer.

Redford Ranch will have an open house on Saturday, May 5th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The tanning salon will accept sign-ups beginning May 1st.

Redford Ranch is located at 104 E. Hayes in Benjamin. The telephone number is 459-4282. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can shop Redford Ranch online at www.redfordranchstyle.com.

Blood Mobile To Be In Knox City May 3

A lifesaving blood drive will take place in Knox City on Thursday, May 3. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at Knox City High School from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and at Knox County Hospital from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

According to information provided by Meek Blood Center blood usage has increased for a number of reasons. The aging baby boomer and World War II generations are receiving advanced medical care that often requires blood transfusions. As the usage of blood continues, and older donors become unable to continue giving for a variety of reasons, new blood donors are needed more than ever before. At this time there is no artificial substitute for human blood. The blood supply is totally dependent on volunteer donors who are willing to donate their blood to save the life of someone they will never know.

Those who have questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Budget Bill Goes To Conference Committee

AUSTIN - The Texas House of Representatives on April 17 refused to accept Senate amendments to House Bill 1, the proposed state budget for 2008-2009.

Differences in the House and Senate versions of the \$150 billion budget will have to be worked out in a 10-member conference committee.

Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, named the five House appointees to the confer-

ence committee: Reps. Warren Chisum R-Pampa; Ryan Guillen, D-San Diego; Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown; and Lois Kolhorst, R-Brenham.

Four floor motions to instruct conferees to go into the negotiations with certain non-negotiable points were voted down by the full House.

Chisum thanked members for voting down the motions, saying he thought it better to proceed "without tipping your hand."

Senate members had not been named to the conference panel as of press time for this column.

The Legislative Budget Board's pie chart of the Senate version shows education getting 36.6 percent of the budget, health and human services getting 31.6 percent, and the remaining one-third of the budget

going to all other functions, including, for example, business and economic development, property tax relief and public safety and criminal justice.

House approves handgun bill

The House passed HB 991 by Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, legislation that would make the names of concealed handgun license holders confidential.

Current law allows a requestor to give the Department of Public Safety another person's name and find out if that person holds a Texas concealed handgun license.

Advocates of the legislation say it's nobody's business who has a license.

Opponents say it's a matter of personal safety to be able to find out who might be carrying a concealed handgun.

The measure now moves to the Senate for consideration.

If HB 991 becomes law, concealed handgun licenses will be the only confidential state-issued licenses.

Senate amends loan program

The Senate on April 18 passed legislation amending the forgiveness part of the Texas B-On-Time Loan Program.

SB 1496 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, would allow students who graduate within five years from an eligible four-year institution with at least a 2.5 grade point average to have 50 percent of their education loan forgiven.

In 2003, Zaffirini's SB 4 created the B-On-Time Loan Program, providing Texas students with a zero-interest higher education loan.

Under the program, students are required to graduate with a 3.0 GPA within four years for a four-year degree or within five years for a five-year degree to

have 100 percent of their loans forgiven.

Senate passes redistricting bill

Legislation by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, would require congressional redistricting to be determined by a bipartisan panel appointed by the House, Senate and governor's office.

The Senate passed SB 1068 by Wentworth on April 16, and it has moved to the House for further consideration.

Until the recent, mid-decade redistricting, lines were redrawn every 10 years.

Supporters of the bill say if the redistricting task is in the hands of a special commission, it would free up the Legislature to work on other important law-making.

Opponents say moving district boundaries is a job the full House and full Senate should

keep.

House passes record votes bill

The House approved House Joint Resolution 19, authored by Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, requiring each legislator's final votes on legislation to be recorded and available for public view on the Internet.

The measure has moved to the Senate for consideration. If it passes, Texans will have the opportunity on Nov. 7 to cast a yes or no vote on HJR 19, along with other proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Flags fly at half staff for V-Tech

Gov. Rick Perry directed that flags be flown at half-staff to honor the lives of the victims of the April 16 shootings at Virginia Tech.

The governor's directive was effective April 17 through sunset on April 22.

COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "it's all water ___ duck's back"
- 5 most TX cities have council-manager of gov't
- 6 Pearsall is the seat of this country
- 7 TX George Jones' "The Race ___"
- 8 TX Halliburton co. in Scurry Co. on hwy. 350
- 18 Bill Clinton called TX Menger Hotel's mango ice cream "a great treasure ___ life"
- 21 this Alex was a Mav in early 90s (init.)
- 22 inclined surface
- 23 TX town named for coach Knute
- 24 TX's first Miss America: Jo- ___ Dennison
- 29 ridin' ___ back
- 30 TX Comanche ___ nuclear plant
- 31 movie cowboy Clint (init.)
- 32 veggie (2 wds)
- 34 TXism: "he's the big frog in the ___"
- 35 sun tea jar cover
- 36 " ___ Gordon" sang TX Buddy Holly's "True Love Ways"
- 37 Lufkin is in ___ TX
- 38 banana
- 39 Paris is its seat
- 41 in Johnson Co. on hwy. 67
- 42 film: "The ___ From the Alamo"
- 43 TX Kathy Whitworth is in this Hall of Fame
- 44 TX Orbison's last CD: "King of ___"
- 45 TXism: "slim ___ none" tire air abbr.
- 46 in '91 Fort Bliss'
- 47 Melissa ___ was 1st female POW since WWII
- 48 TXism: "active as a fox in a ___"
- 50 flirtatious woman
- 51 TXism: "beats anything I ___ saw"
- 52 band " ___ Speedwagon"
- 53 ___ Angelo, TX

DOWN

- 1 in 1869 the King Ranch registered the "Running W" as this (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "a sight ___ eyes"
- 3 in Parmer Co. on hwy. 60
- 4 noted Fort Worth publisher ___ Carter
- 9 TXism: "there's more of them than ___ in Texas"
- 10 "I'll treat" (2 wds.)
- 11 TX Gail Borden prepared 1st typographical TX ___
- 12 "Gig ___ Aggies!"
- 13 lease again
- 14 TXism: "sticks like tar on ___"
- 15 "don't ___ me off"
- 16 noted TX fiddler Robertson
- 19 TXism: "older than dirt"
- 20 sewing sticks
- 22 Scott of film "Fort Worth" ('51)
- 24 Gable of TX-based "Boom Town" (init.)
- 25 in Smith Co. on 135
- 26 rod and ___
- 27 TX horse racing site: " ___ Park"
- 28 TX "Red" Barry film: "The ___ Jury"
- 29 TX Supreme Ct. sits "en ___"
- 30 a nosegay
- 33 TXism: "cling like a tick to a dog's ___"
- 34 " ___ -cake"
- 35 suspicious
- 37 train drivers
- 38 Norman Vincent ___ once spoke in the Cotton Bowl
- 40 distressed
- 41 Eastland AM station
- 44 TX air stunt team of the '90s TAG- ___
- 47 TXism: "plain as the ___ your face"
- 49 TXism: "does a cat ___ climbing gear? (yes)"

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

COON DOG NAMES

By Baxter Black, DVM

One of the hazards of marrying a redneck, an east Texas long-suffering wife told me, is the husband's habit of naming their children coon dog names; Buck, Jake, Sal, Missy, Hoot, Booger, Blue, Red, Blackie, Lady, Bubba, Sweetie, Smokey, Tank, Scooter, Jimbo, or Ring. I know people named Cratus, Cretia, Eulafern, Ysidro, Helmut and Orville, but I've never heard those names mentioned in hunting dog shows on the Outdoor Channel.

We're working on a website addition, a "Hall of Fame" with pictures of animals named Baxter. It includes many dogs, horses, cats, and some steers, but also included are mules, swine, reptiles, ferrets, snakes, fish, birds and one beetle. Black, of course! In my case, I'm not sure

if having a hamster named after you is a compliment, But naming your first-born after a dearly departed good hunting dog is surely meant to be an honor. "Eat your Gerber's, Badger, you want to grow up big and strong and be able to drool."

Naming after animals is an ancient traditional ritual. I had a Chinese virology teacher named Fu Ho Chow and a pharmacology teacher named Dr. Heron. There's a state in Mexico called Chihuahua, a country called Turkey, a river named Salmon, and of course, states christened Carolina and New Hampshire.

I've always been intrigued by the popularity of naming kids after towns in Wyoming; Cody, Douglas, Cheyenne, Kaycee, Sheridan, Jackson, Powell and Laramie. So far they've avoided Thermopolis, Chugwater and

Baggs, but an unusual name can make a kid unique; Englebert, Dweezil, Pinky, Elvis, Ejulio, Bunny or Babbette.

Indians are perhaps the most ardent practitioners of naming after animals; Sitting Bull, Little Squirrel, Roan Horse, Buffalo Bill (sorry), Crow, Elkhorn, Deer Slayer, Eagle Feather, Big Foot.

So, regarding the east Texas Lady's concern about her husband's choice of coon dog names for kids, it could be worse.

She could have married an astronomer who insisted on naming his children after constellations, or a doctor naming his kids after surgical procedures, Mike Kroscope, Lipo Suction, And Angieo Plasty.

Or a geologist who chose names from natural formations. "These are my children Alluvial, Tectonic, Strata and our new baby, Hemisphere."

Or a corn farmer - Hy and Stubbie

Enough, Enough! Stick with names that are named after a baseball cap and a ceremony - Bill and Mary.

Knox County 4-H — Continued



From left to right, Tim Trimble, Shannon Reeves, Trey Tidwell, Parker Finley and Cody Trimble

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day™ To Teach Local Youth Basics Of Safety

Teaching youth how to take some of the responsibility for their own safety is the subject of an upcoming Haskell/Knox Safety Day event.

Texas Cooperative Extension - Haskell and Knox Counties and many local sponsors in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation will present a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day™ on Saturday, May 19 at the Knox City School Campus in Knox City. The safety day designed for children ages 3rd grade through 8th grade will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

Through hands-on activities, safety day participants will learn how to prevent incidents and how to reduce the extent of injuries if incidents do occur.

Scheduled speakers and interactive demonstrations will reinforce the importance of children taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parent's safety rules, and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Many area community members are contributing their knowledge and experiences to this learning experience. Farm accident victim, Mr. Jim Avis of Henrietta,

TX, will kick off the event as he speaks on his own experience of losing both arms in a hay baling accident.

Youth will then rotate through nine safety session topics including: PTO and Tractor Safety, Alcohol Awareness, Wildlife Safety, Fire Safety, Seatbelt Safety, Weather Safety and Electrical Safety. Ronnie Brown and Knox County EMS will be on hand to discuss basic first aid and the use of 911 in the event of an accident.

Safety day sponsors hope that children who attend the safety day will maintain their new safety attitudes and safe farm behaviors throughout their lives. Ultimately, they hope to see a reduction in the rate of deaths and injuries among children.

Parents can register their children to participate in the safety day by calling the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2546 or the Knox County Extension Office at (940) 459-2651. Registrations must be received by May 4.

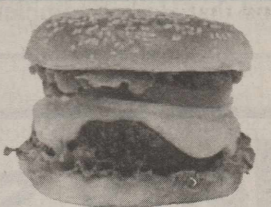
A \$10.00 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home bag, and a safety day T-shirt.

Thank You

The family of Wanda Hearn would like to express our most sincere thanks to all our friends for the acts of kindness, prayers, food and flowers during the loss of our beloved Wife, Mother and Grandmother.

May God bless each of you,
The Wanda Hearn Family

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To the registered voters of the County of Knox, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Knox, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el de 20 para votar en La Elección Especial para _____)

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
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between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007

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(fecha)

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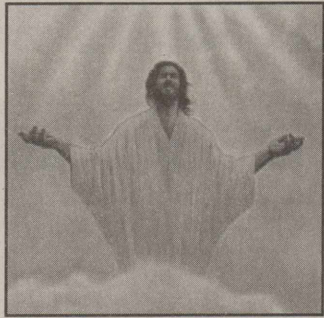
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Nomination Forms may be picked up at the local campuses or the Administration office at 606 E. Main in Knox City. Deadline for Nominations will be May 1, 2007.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



Can I trust you? We have that question enter into our lives in many different ways. We may be thinking of a stranger, an employer, or perhaps even a loved one. Trust is a rare attribute today. Trust is truth and truth is not truth if it contains any lie. We all desire to trust and to be trusted.

Can we trust God? As a nation we say with all confidence, "in God we trust". What is it that we want when we say, "can I trust you?" We want assurance that whatever we're about to share we can be confident that others will not use it to bring harm or hurt.

Many people are afraid to trust God. God can be trusted every time and with everything! Trusting God is to believe that He knows all things and that He has complete un-

derstanding. We can't know all things and understand all things. When we say that we trust God, we're saying Jesus take my life and lead me in your wisdom.

Teach me to follow after you and show me your perfect love and trust as I follow after you.

Think upon these verses of scripture this week and His Word will bless you.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 19)

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." (II Corinthians 3: 5)

Trust His love today and prove Him to be God. He will provide all your needs and remove all your fears.

Aging Center Lunch Menu

April 30 - May 4

Monday, April 30 -

Fish with Tarter Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas & Carrots and Hushpuppies

Tuesday, May 1 -

Chicken & Stir Fry Vegetables, Buttered Rice, Pear & Cottage Cheese Salad, Batter Bread and Dessert

Wednesday, May 2 -

German Sausage, Pinto Beans, Buttered Spinach, Cornbread and Cake

Thursday, May 3 -

Sliced Ham, Baked Beans, 7 Layer Salad, Light Bread and Honey Bars

Friday, May 4 -

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Shanna Smethers To Wed Matthew Condley May 12

Gary and Sandy Smethers of Owasso, OK announce the engagement of their daughter, Shanna Lee, to Matthew Christopher Condley of Stillwater, OK.

He is the son of Chris and Dana Condley of Muskogee, OK.

The bride to be is a 2006 graduate of Northeastern State University with a degree in business, speech, meetings and destination management. She is employed by Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK.

Matt will graduate in May 2007 from Oklahoma State University with a degree in landscaping contracting and horticulture. He is currently the owner of Condley Landscape.

A wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12, 2007 at Big Cedar Lodge in Branson, Mo, where the couple became engaged in July of 2006.

Shanna is the granddaughter of Romain Stubbs of Knox City and the late Jack Stubbs.



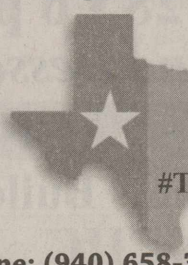
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No Sunday Evening Service

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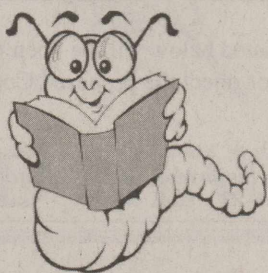
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The City of Knox City has passed a Fair Housing Ordinance on April 17, 2007. It declares the policy of the City of Knox City to bring about, through fair, orderly and lawful procedures, the opportunity for each person to obtain housing without regard to his or her race, color, creed, sex, religion or national origin, physical or mental disability, marital status, parenthood or age. Copies of said ordinance are available at City Hall. If citizens have any questions regarding this ordinance, please contact the City Secretary at 940-658-3313.

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KC Safety Seat Checkup Helps Save Lives 13th Annual Parenting Fair Held In Knox City

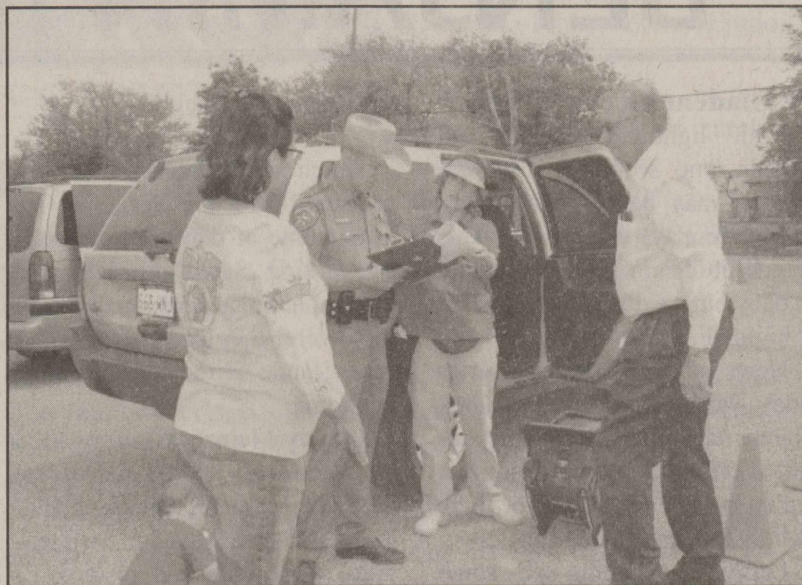
A child safety seat checkup was held in Munday on April 19th from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In the four hour period, 35 seats were inspected all of which were installed incorrectly.

The safety seat program is part of the Texas Cooperative Extension and is funded by the Texas Department of Transportation, Save A Life, Passenger Safety, Texas Cooperative Extension.

According to Bev Kellner, program coordinator for passenger safety and a certified child safety seat instructor, over 99% of car seats are installed incorrectly.

Of the 35 child seats that were inspected, 11 unsafe seats were collected, four of which were on the recall list, two children arrived completely unrestrained and twenty new car seats were given out, all according to Knox County Extension Agent Lorrie Coop.

Coop, after a weeklong course, is newly certified to check safety seats from her office in the Knox



Tina Lyles watches as DPS Trooper Cody Pack, Myrna Hill (Program Coordinator for Passenger Safety) and Knox County Judge Travis Floyd check her child safety seat against the recall list

County Courthouse. She has some appointments lined up already.

In addition to representatives from Texas Cooperative Extension, Knox County Judge Travis Floyd was on hand to volunteer as were the Knox County Sher-

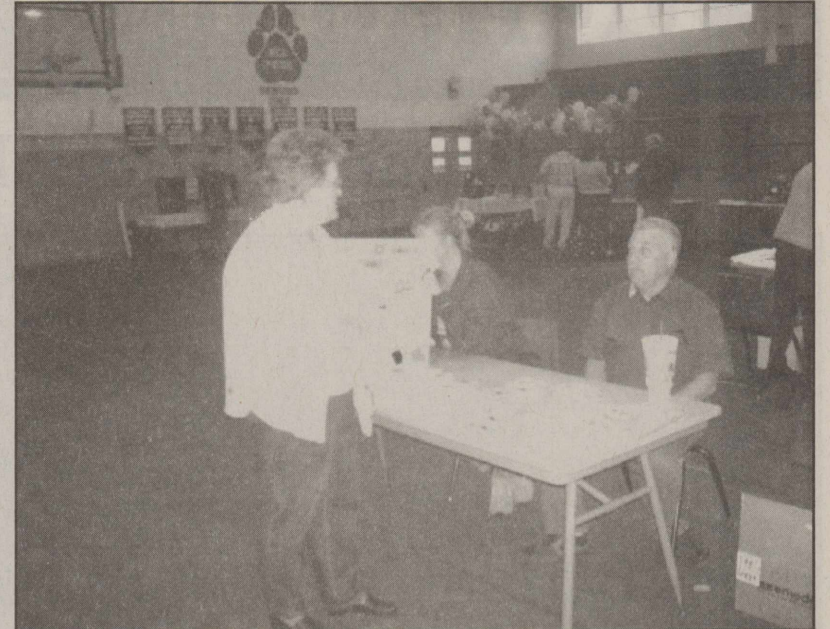
iff's Office, Knox County EEA, Knox County EMS, Munday Police Department and Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Knox County Extension Office can be reached at 459-2651 for more information on child seat safety.

The Knox County Family and Consumer Sciences Committee sponsored a pretty successful Parenting Fair on April 17, 2007 at the High School Gym in Knox City, TX, despite the rain.

Approximately 160 individuals registered during the two hour fair and viewed 28 exhibits relating to a variety of educational topics for parents, families, youth, and educators.

Exhibitors participating were — Knox City and Munday Child Development Centers, Knox County Hospital Home Care, Knox County Extension Education Association, Knox County Child Welfare Board, Knox County Sheriff's Department, Big Country AHEC, Express Medical Supply, West Central Council of Governments, Knox County Historical Commission, American Cancer Society-Knox County, Texas Department State Health Services, Outreach Health Services-WIC, Catholic Family Services, Knox County 4-H Council, Knox County Commissioners Court, Legal Aid of North West Texas, American Red Cross, Helen Farabee MHMR, Department of Family and Protective Services, Knox County Hospital, Southwest Transplant Alliance, Take Off Pounds Sensibly Program (TOPS), and Knox-Haskell Farm Safety Day Camp. Participants received free infor-



One of the booths at the Knox City Parenting Fair

mation and had the opportunity to ask questions regarding services, ideas, and products available for use in raising children.

Both adults and youth enjoyed demonstrations, videos, lots of door prizes, and other goodies given by the sponsors of the various booths.

The Knox County Child Welfare Board put on a puppet show about child abuse prevention.

They also had a special drawing for a car seat which was given away at the conclusion of the event. Jan Carver of Benjamin, TX was the recipient of that prize.

The Knox County Family and Consumer Sciences Committee is a part of the Texas Coop-

erative Extension located on the 2nd floor of the courthouse in Benjamin.

For more information regarding the parenting fair contact Lorrie Coop, Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 940/459-2651.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension Office.

First Round Of Knox Prairie Idol A Success

The first round of the Knox Prairie Idol contest, held in Munday last Saturday evening, was a great success, according to Keep Munday Beautiful President Karen Longan.

Contestants came from Munday, Stamford, Bomarton, Goree, and Haskell to perform. Longan stated that they are hoping to attract talent from other communities for the upcoming June contest. The final contest will be held on July 14th.

Audience votes will determine the final winner on July 14th.

The votes from all four rounds will be tallied and one winner will be announced from the Elementary, Junior, and Senior (Adult) division.

Audience members will cast their votes for their favorite contestant for \$1 each.

The total money collected from voting will be split between the winner and Keep Munday Beautiful.

Keep Munday Beautiful will use their half of the proceeds to renovate the rock church in Munday for a community theatre.

Performers may enter in more than one category and soloists may also enter in a group.

Entry forms may be picked up at The Body Shop and Blossom's Boutique in Knox City, or at the Munday City Hall, the Munday



Ryder Cude performs at the first Knox Prairie Idol

Courier, or Bud's For You in Munday. Entry forms should be dropped off at Bud's For You, Munday City Hall or the Munday Courier. There is no entry fee.

Winners will be eligible to perform at the Cotton Pickin' Opry to be held on Saturday, Au-

gust 14th. Because Munday High School has advanced to State with their one act play, the May 5th Knox Prairie Idol contest has been moved to June.

A date has not been set as of press time.

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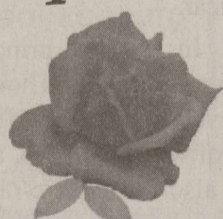
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Seniors Complete Work Ethics Class



Pictured l-r — Billie McKeaver, Sean Wilson, Kaitlyn Kuehler, Shaylee Propps, Jenna McCantlies, Melissa Northrup, Brittany Kuehler, Sadie Benson and Ben Grill

Benjamin seniors recently completed an intense three day work ethics course by the Regional Texas Essential Skills Consortium.

The 20 hour program, an outgrowth of the Knox County Visioning Committee, will help teach students skills to help get

and keep a job.

The students practiced skills such as interviewing for a job, how to make a good impression, how to dress, the importance of attitude and etiquette.

The course was taught by Billie McKeaver, a consultant, trainer and grant writer with the consor-

tium. McKeaver said, "We want them to be productive citizens by showing them job skills to help them get and keep a job."

Several local business people spoke with the group. Knox City and Munday students will also take part in the work ethics course.



Dylan Benson runs the 800M race at area



TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

The Wichita Divide world is still green, but needs a rain to shine it up some, wheat fields are deep into April and when May appears will soon start turning their green into gold.

Turkeys are talking every morning and many report seeing them about. Turkey hunters have enjoyed the spring season. Some have reported seeing quail around.

Haven't heard yet of any combines pulling in, but it shouldn't be long before they do.

June Looney reports she and her daughter Kay Hardage were in Lubbock Saturday to visit Kay's daughter, Emily, while in Lubbock they also visited another of June's granddaughters, Farrah, daughter of Lee Looney, and

Farrah's two children.

The Gilliland Baptist Church is midway through a twelve week Bible Study on Wednesday nights at the Truscott Center, Experiencing God. Those attending enjoy supper at 6:30 then the study begins at 7.

Gordon Bell was in Dallas recently for a reunion of friends from their Baylor University days.

He reports plans are still underway for the three class reunion of CHS graduates on May 5 at the Truscott Center.

MaryLou (Woods) McLaurry of Abilene called to let him know of the recent death of a classmate, Billy Johnson who grew up at Foard City.

The hamburger supper, April 28 to benefit the museum will be 6-8 p.m. at Benjamin in the Benjamin Ex-

Students Center, followed by a music program and silent auction.

The next day Sunday, April 29, Grandma's Sunday Dinner will be served at the Truscott Center. Entertainment there will include a garage sale!

Roasted domestic pig will head the menu at the Truscott Grandma's Dinner, Sunday, April 29.

Salads, side dishes and desserts will fill out the \$8 meal. The pig was donated by Kyle Everson according to Eugene Daniel, Eugenie will show tables and chairs from the old Community Center Sunday to anyone interested. The tables and chairs are being offered in a garage sale, set for Sunday, dinner and the garage sale will be from 12:00 to 1:30, all for the benefit of the Truscott Center.

By Gladene Green

With lightning flashing all around, one wonders if severe weather may be here before tonight (Monday) is over. We hope not. A little rain probably would be okay but we don't need any hail or high wind.

News of our ill friends varies today. Pat Benson is in the Knox County Hospital after being admitted on Friday. Reports are that she's a little better but will be there awhile. She has pneumonia.

Leroy West is doing fair — some days better than others. Also, Bobby Hudson is still not feeling the best in the world but is home. These friends all need our prayers.

Clean Up Day Saturday

Despite high winds and some cool temps several folks were out and about Saturday, cleaning up the town. A little work makes a world of difference. A truck was available to haul off the "big stuff" a noon meal in the park rewarded

the workers for their efforts.

Here 'N There

Dutch and Imagean Young were in Amarillo for the weekend. Got in on some of that severe weather warning Saturday night and though nothing happened where they were, they saw results of it near Claude as they were returning home.

Claudia Meinzer Wintrop called on Wednesday to tell me of the death of Margaret (Blackie) Bell Robertson on March 5 in Stephenville, where she had resided 12 years in a care facility. Her funeral was March 8, also in Stephenville. She was a 1945 graduate of B.H.S. and was known by many here.

Visiting Gloria and Leroy West last week were Dorothy Osborne who lives in Oklahoma and Wanda Smith of Aledo, Texas. These ladies were formerly Jennings and former residents of Benjamin.

Corrine Parrish said her sister-in-law Robbie Feemster is about as she's been awhile. She's living

at the Beach House in Seymour and loves company so if you have time when you're down that way drop by to see her.

Betty Lyles said her husband Lewis is doing pretty well since his return home from the Munday Nursing Center. On Friday, they were in the area on Monday attending to some business. Peggy is doing pretty well since the death of her husband, John earlier this month. It was good to see them.

Penny Eaton spent the weekend in Austin with her daughter Heddy.

Peggy Gillispie and her daughter, Jackie Riley both of McLean were in the area on Monday attending to some business. Peggy is doing pretty well since the death of her husband, John earlier this month. It was good to see them.

Don't forget the Unity Festival this Saturday night. It's hamburger and the trimmings followed by live entertainment. All proceeds will benefit the museum. The event begins around 6:00 p.m. at the Benjamin Ex-Student Building.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BANKS OF KNOX COUNTY

As authorized and required by Art. 2544, V. C. S. State of Texas, the Commissioners Court of Knox County at their regular meeting place will accept bids for designation as County Depository for Knox County funds until 1:00 p.m., May 14, 2007. Any banking concern within the County desiring appointment as depository bank will file their bid application as depository bank will file their bid application with the County Judge of Knox County and must be in his hands by 1:00 p.m., May 14, 2007.

/s/ Travis C. Floyd
County Judge
Knox County, Texas

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/s/ Dean W. Homstad
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Graduated from Angelo State University with a secondary teacher's certificate in math, English, and physical education. In 1996, I added an Elementary Certification. My graduate work in administration is with the University of Texas. I hold both principal and superintendent certificates with the Texas Education Association.

During my years as a classroom teacher and coach I lead my varsity track teams and cross country teams to district championships, regional, and state. I also lead the math teachers as their coordinator and enjoyed success in the classroom and on the TAAS tests where 85-95% of my students passed the math portions each year.

In 1997, as principal in Benjamin ISD, I wrote a TIFF grant for \$100,000. The grant enabled the school to receive their first ever computers. The grant was used to purchase 50 computers, software, supplies, and hardware to achieve internet connectivity. I also wrote the e-rate grant to help pay for the phone line charges to acquire the internet. In addition, I worked with the Commission for the Blind, Austin Texas, to receive a donation of government surplus appliances for the lunchroom. As a result, Benjamin ISD received the districts first automatic ice machine, industrial freezer and refrigerator, and stainless steel tables.

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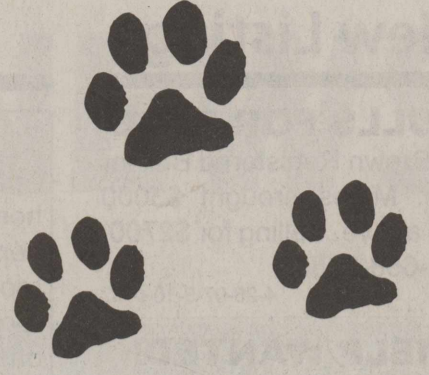
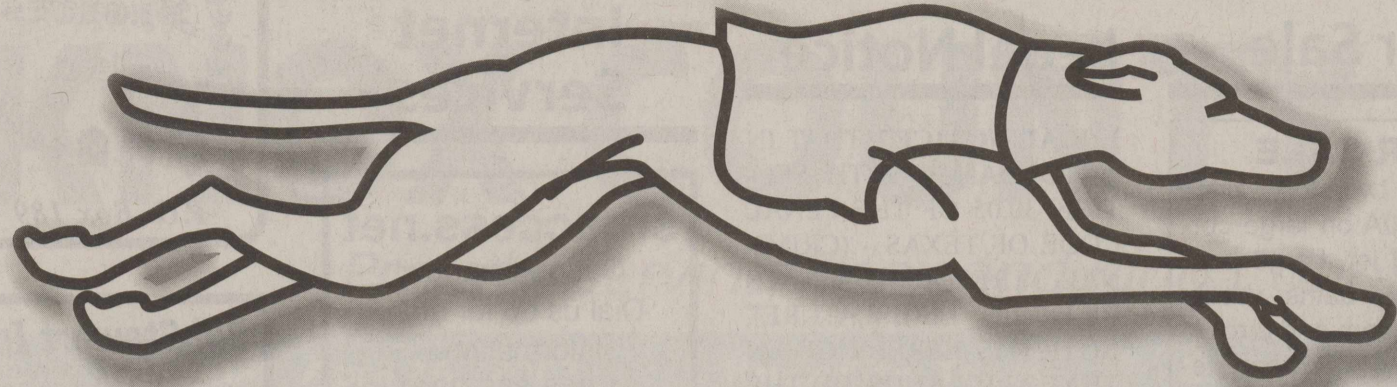
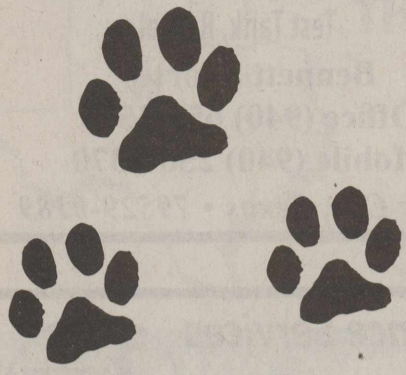
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Local Students Collect Coins To Find A Cure

For the past three weeks, students at O'Brien Middle School have brought their spare pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to school for the Pennies for Patients Campaign benefitting The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This change will save the lives of people touched by blood cancers, such as leukemia, which strikes more children and young adults under the age of 20 than any other type of cancer.

In 2005, schools throughout the country which participated in School and Youth Programs like Pennies for Patients raised \$15 million dollars.

Over 400 schools in the North Texas area are participating in the campaign that has been endorsed by the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC).

Funds raised through these schools support the Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Each class at O'Brien Middle School participated. Raising the most money and winning a pizza party was the fifth grade class with a total of \$250.65.

Not far behind was sixth grade with \$228.32, the eighth grade with \$167.94 and the seventh grade with a total of \$93.96. O'Brien Middle School Student Council is adding \$100 to the donation, bringing the total contributed by O'Brien Middle School to \$840.87.

O'Brien Middle School Student Council Members are Brandon Bradley, Landon Lynn, Camille Ward, Michael Wilburn, Cassidy Carter, Reagan Clark, Kyle Harrington, Selena Benavides, Blayne Bradley, Allison



O'Brien Middle School Student Council



5th Grade

Lynn and Jonathan Rodriguez.

Students of the 5th grade class are Lyndon Baty, Tylonne Berna, Zackary Carter, Garrett Fox,

Cheve Hernandez, Stran Jackson, Cassandra Ledesma, Tanna Moeller, Tayler Pepper (not pictured), Cley Plume, Scotty Reid,

Laquita Roberson, Jose Sanchez, Travis Self, Courtney Taylor, Jerico Thompson, Kelsey Vasquez and Gus West.

Greyhound PRIDE Band Hosts Annual Spring Concert



The Greyhound PRIDE Band performed their award winning selections at their annual Spring concert

The Greyhound PRIDE band took the stage Sunday afternoon at the W.R. Baker Auditorium. Selections from the band's award winning performances were played for the audience's listening pleasure. The annual Spring concert brings together students from 5th - 12th grade and allows them to exhibit their many skills they have attained throughout the school year. The high school band had an extremely successful 2006-2007 year. They began their year with marching contest where they achieved the superior rating; followed by the spring concert and sight reading contests where, again, they achieved the superior rating thus making them a "Sweepstakes" award winning band. A designation not achieved since the early 1970's. The afternoon performance was enjoyed by many. The concert followed the organization's annual brisket lunch which fed over 400 people.

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