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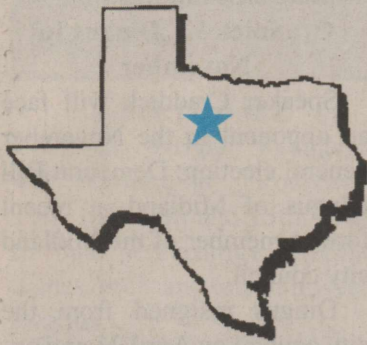
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Looking Ahead

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 10th. Meeting will be held at City of Knox City (City Hall) building, 902 E. Main beginning at 7p.m.

SINGLES AND SINGLES AGAIN

The Knox County Singles and Singles Again will have their next monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11th at the Benjamin Church of Christ, Benjamin, Texas. All singles...widowed, divorced or never married...are encouraged to join us for an evening of snacks, conversation, board games and dominoes.

112TH OLD SETTLERS RODEO AND REUNION

Thursday, July 10th through Saturday July 12th. Starting nightly at 7 pm at the Seymour Rodeo Grounds. Parade will be Saturday afternoon at 5 pm. Cowboy Church Sunday morning at 8 am at the rodeo grounds.

LIVING BEYOND CANCER

Tuesday, July 15th. First Assembly of God, 1502 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas. Support group meeting for anyone touched in anyway by Cancer. Meeting begins at 5:30 and a light meal will be served.

K.C.R.A 2ND ANNUAL RANCH RODEO AND OPEN BRONC RIDING

Knox City, Texas July 25th and 26th. Begins at 7pm both nights. Ranch Rodeo: \$500 per team (team of 4 or 5). Open Ranch Bronc Riding: \$100 per man. Only taking first 20 entries for rodeo and bronc riding. For more information call: Riley Carver 940-256-1866, Tony Hunter 940-256-8807 or Andy Paul Jones 940-256-1050. Come join the fun at the Watermelon Festival and Rodeo.

WATERMELON FESTIVAL

The Chamber of Commerce announces the 20th Annual Donald Johnson Seedless Watermelon Festival July 26, 2008. Plans are shaping up for a fun filled day in the park, beginning with a Parade on Saturday, followed by the Classic Car Show, activities for the kids, various vendors and booths in the city park. Mark the date and tell your family and friends.

JOHN WESLEY ADVENTURE SERIES

Knox City & Benjamin United Methodist Churches will be hosting the Amazing John Wesley Adventure Series on July 27-29, 2008 at the Knox City First United Methodist Church at 406 SE 2nd Street. Dr. Rev. Tom Fuller, General Evangelist for the United Methodist Church will present the series starting on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. during the regular church service and each evening at 6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided prior to each of the evening programs. The Amazing John Wesley Adventure is a concentrated, three day presentation Dr. Fuller brings to local churches, on the life and beliefs of John Wesley. The public is invited to attend. Please call Knox City FUMC office (940)658-3517 if you plan to attend or need more information.

Knox County Hosts First Ever Real Rural Tourism Symposium

By Remelle Farrar

Visitors from across the state pioneered Knox County's Real Ranch Country Trail rating it as "fabulous family fun" last week during last weeks 1st Ever Real Rural Tourism Symposium.

The trail's and Knox County's first foray into regional tourism development drew participants from San Saba to Farmersville, Austin to Canadian with 66 people registered for the three day seminar and activities.

Gathering on Thursday evening for a get-acquainted tour, to find out what our neighbors are doing in Foard and Baylor Counties, served to prime the pump for Friday and Saturday's assessment and planning missions.

Thursday night explorers were treated to an outstanding example of "destination dining" with succulent steaks, and a great explanation of what and how by owners Duane and Margie, Doug and Angie Johnson at the Longhorn Steakhouse.

They also experienced an eye-opening treat at the Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus, which few in the group had even imagined in this area, and with Carolyn Henry and Stacy Henry sharing the stories of Crowell and Foard County's successful funding and renovation of a beautiful and functional Activity Center and the 12,000 acre Teacup Mountain recreation site leased by Foard County from the Corps of

Engineers and managed by the non-profit Pease River Partners. Rusty and Malinda Moore hosted the group at their Crazy Lady Trading Post and Raggedy Creek Ranch a true one-stop shop offering everything from booking your trip, outfitting your hunting experience, buying all your take it home gifts, feeding you while you're here, processing the meat and getting the mount done then bringing you back and hosting your special event.

Wow, talk about inspiration for conversation on the ride home!

Friday's road trip wound through Knox County beginning at the Courthouse in Benjamin, viewing our national landmark Brazos River Bridge, learning about Knox City's awning, tractor art and mural projects and touring the old City Hall building.

While there resource specialists from the Texas Historic Commission and Texas Department of Agriculture offered suggestions on financial support for historic and downtown building renovation and members of the tour group, many of whom were tourism and economic development professionals, shared their own experiences and ideas with the local tour group members.

From Knox City the group went to Munday enjoying the sculpture and streetscape across



Precipitants of the First Ever Real Rural Tourism Symposium touring the old Knox City Hall Building

from Munday Elementary, learning how the project was funded and is maintained, viewing the ongoing work on the old church being renovated into a theatre and Munday's award winning Keep Munday Beautiful campaign.

Miller Creek was termed a "destination draw" that, although outside Knox County, can bring many visitors to Goree, Munday and Knox City. Positioning it self as the Gateway to Miller Creek makes sense for Goree, advised the tourism experts, as does that City's attempts to sup-

port the clean-up and promotion of this neighboring attraction. Bob Rogers, representing Texas Parks and Wildlife and Dick Wilberforce, with the Texas Prairie Rivers Region, inspired the group with stories and examples of their nature tourism success, piggy backing private landowner and small town programs on public sites, to everyone's advantage.

With Roger's example of the success of a program as simple as "Turtle in a Bucket" and Wilberforce's 5 minute assessment of the seemingly end-

less possibilities for bird and wildlife observers right on the peninsula where the group was standing, locals and visitors loaded back up in their cars excited to see what lay around the next bend of the trail, convinced they could hold a visitors interest right in their own backyard.

Tours of downtown Goree, with the animated planning discussions led by Tammy Trainham, an eye opening visit to Todd Leak Farms and its 20,000 + native plants watered and

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CITY PARK AND POOL RECEIVE A "FACE LIFT"

Repairs and remodeling got underway on June 24th at the Knox City Park, just in time for summertime fun.

Robert Crowell Welding of Seymour, Texas replaced the roofs over the picnic tables in the City Park.

The City Pool also received a new roof. Replacement of the pool's roof included enclosing the men's and women's dressing rooms.

The dressing rooms were previously open with no roof at all so the change is a welcomed one by the swimming pool patrons.

The Knox City Swimming Pool was built in the 1950s by the Knox City Lions Club. Shortly thereafter it was turned over to the city for upkeep and maintenance.

This is the first major remodeling project since the installation of the building at the park.

Barbara Rector, City Administrator, states this project was developed by the City of Knox City Economic Community Development Corporation. (KCECDC)

This is a city council board which helps to determine the disbursement of sales tax money received.

The KCECDC is responsible with the maintenance and upkeep of Knox City.

Rector reports the next KCECDC meeting will take place Tuesday, July 22nd at City Hall.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 and it is open to the public. Rector urges the community to participate in these meetings.

"We have new board members with great ideas," Rector states, "but the public's involvement is always important."

Mark your calendars and bring your ideas and lets all help keep Knox City a beautiful place to call home

Knox County Sales Tax Rebate Up 13.45 % Last Month

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today announced that the state collected \$1.8 billion in sales tax revenue in May, a 4.7 percent increase over May 2007.

For the first nine months of fiscal 2008, state sales tax collections are up 5.8 percent over the same period in fiscal 2007, Combs said. While increases are smaller than in 2006 and 2007, growth in state sales tax revenues continues at a healthy rate.

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$459 million in June local sales tax allocations, up 9.3 percent compared to June 2007.

Combs sent June sales tax allocations of \$306.3 million to Texas cities, up 8 percent compared to June 2007. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 5.4 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$28.4 million, up 13.2 percent compared to last June. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are up 6.4 percent compared to 2007.

In addition, \$17.3 million went to 135 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 21.3 percent compared to last June. Ten local transit systems received \$106.9 million in sales tax allocations, up 10.2 percent compared to a year ago.

State sales tax collections in May and local sales tax allocations in June represent sales that occurred in April and were reported to the Comptroller in May.

Roland Marion, Penman Services Supervisor states, "Our city is fortunate to have people who understand what shop "Knox City First" is all about."

For details of June sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special pur- See REBATE on Page 8



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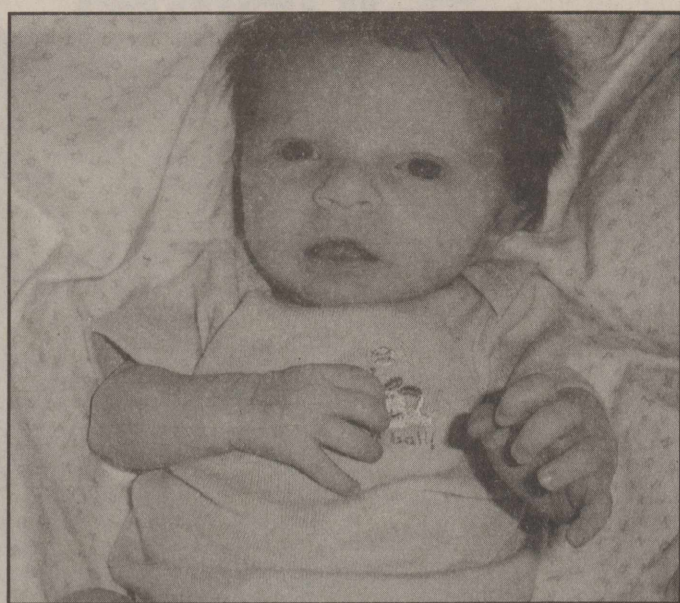
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BABY NEWS



Jathan Dale Bishop

Russell and Kristin Bishop of Wichita Falls are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Jathan Dale Bishop. Jathan was born June 13, 2008 at 5:18 am. He weighed 5 pounds and 0 ounces and was 18 1/2 long. Jathan was welcomed by grandparents Buddy and Tonya Cypert of Haskell and Debbie Wilde of Knox City. Great grandparents are Billy and Donna Cypert of Munday and Pansy Hale of Knox City. Proud aunts and uncles are Cody and Breann Cypert of Lubbock, Brad and Jacy West of Haskell, Tiffany Wilde of Abilene and Jarek Wilde of Knox City.

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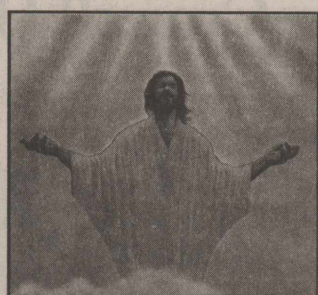
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By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church

For most people emotional hurt comes too often. Hurt may happen in a moment or over a period of years.

There are so many ways to bring hurt into someone's life; young, old, child or adult, man or woman.

When we experience hurt and emotional pain, many lash out in retribution or vengeance, but it seems most people simply bury this pain deep in their heart.

They wonder why you want to hurt them. They don't understand why you keep doing it, especially when you say, "I love you." I want to let the Word of God encourage you in your heart.

Read the following verses of scripture and let God remove the hurt and listen to Him say, "I love you". His love is always healing.

Do not fear for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41: 10 NASB).

For God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. (1 Corinthians 14: 33a)

Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken. (Psalm 55: 22 NASB).

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147:3 NASB).

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is anything worthy of peace, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in Me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4: 8,9 NASB)

May God bless you this week with His love and His peace.

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OBITUARIES

Wanda Durham

Wanda Durham, 81, passed away Wednesday, July 2, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. A Graveside service will be held Saturday July, 5, 2008 at 2pm in the Johnson Cemetery, Munday, under the direction of Mansell - Smith Funeral Home. A viewing will be held Saturday from 12 to 1pm at the funeral home in Knox City.

Wanda was born May 27, 1927 in Knox County, Texas to the late John Lindsey and Janie Fay Lindsey. Wanda was married to B.R. Durham who preceded her in death. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include a daughter Marcella Parker; one son Charles Durham; daughter-in-law Holly Durham; two granddaughters Jensen Durham age ten and Kennedy Durham age seven and a step son Bruce and wife Patricia Durham.

THANK YOU

The family of Trevor Tears would like to acknowledge their deepest gratitude for the acts of sympathy that has been shown to them during their time of loss. To the Abundant Life Church family, words cannot express the appreciation that we have towards you and Pastor Tex Cox. Allowing our family to join in your sanctuary and blessing us with a meal meant more to us than you can ever imagine. To the pallbearers, we realize that Trevor's death was difficult for you as it was for us, you stood as warriors in honor of Trevor and we thank you. To the honorary pallbearers, his classmates, we are pleased that you and your family joined us in the celebration of Trevor's life. As you walk through the course of your life, never forget that there is a special angel watching over you. To all that visited, prepared or purchased food, and offered gifts or gave money towards the benefit account our hearts are gratified. As life turns a new leaf, we will never disregard your kindness. Although our Trevor will never be here on this Earth, his life and love will never be forgotten.

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