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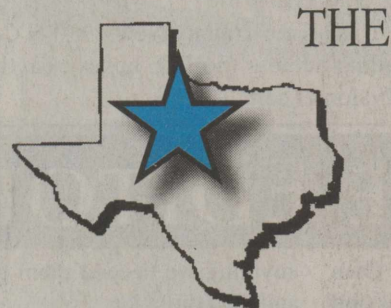


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Cell Phone Usage Signs to be Installed in School Zones

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Commissioners Jimmy Urbanczyk, Johnny Birkenfeld, Dan Godsey, Johnny McCown, County Attorney Megan Suarez, County Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Clerk Annette Offutt, and County Court Coordinator Michelle Esquivel, were present.

Also present was, Gene Ward TXDOT Maintenance Engineer from the Munday Office.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk July 9th, 2009.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion Seconded by Commissioner McCown to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 8th, 2009, the motion passed five to zero.

In Public Comments Gene Ward TXDOT Maintenance Engineer from the Munday Office discussed the signs regarding cell phone use that will be put up in some School Zones.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion seconded by

Commissioner Godsey to renew the annual agreement with Helen Farabee MHMR Regional Center, all agreed.

The Court considered the issue of retaining the same optional County Road and Bridge fee of \$10.00 for calendar year 2010.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by Commissioner McCown to retain the fee; the motion passed five to zero.

Commissioner McCown made the motion to sign a proclamation declaring that Knox County will participate with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure and encourage an accurate count; Commissioner Urbanczyk seconded the motion the motion passed five to zero.

After discussing the issue of adding a Travel Policy to the Personnel Manual, Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld to amend the policy to cover employee meals if they are out of town for training for eight hours or more. All agreed.

Commissioner McCown made the motion to approve a Right

of Way Easement granted by Doris Jones; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Godsey, it passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the 2009-2010 Budget Workshop Schedule.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion seconded by commissioner McCown to Approve the Resolution to Support the Interim Study of Under-Valuation of Oil and Gas properties. The motion passed five to zero.

After considering Aging Service, 911 and Extension reports no action was needed.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion seconded by Commissioner Godsey to approve the financials and pay the bills for June 2009. All agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Court Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner McCown seconded, all approved, and the meeting of the court was adjourned.

Knox City Says Goodbye to Bobby Flanders

By Tamara Smart

They say that even after a star burns out, the light of that spectacle will continue to hit earth for many years to come.

Sometimes, the same can be said for people.

Although a person's life may end, the light they brought to those in their surroundings will continue to be seen. This can be seen today in the eyes of many as the mourning period continues after long-time citizen of Knox County, Bobby Joe Flanders, was

laid to rest last Monday after battling health issues for the better part of the last decade.

Bobby represented the end of a long line of Knox City stars. His mother, Elnora Mallard lived in Knox City her entire life; and her mother, Bobby's grandmother, Anna Mae Moss was a midwife at the Knox County hospital for a quarter of a century delivering babies into the Knox City population.

With the passing of Flanders, also a love story ends.

Featuring a girl from Oklahoma and the ex-Knox City All Star basketball player, Linda Kay met Bobby in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1968, where they promptly fell in love. It was

not for another eight years that the duo decided to tie the knot. During their relationship, Bobby and Linda were left to each other. They had one son, who gave the starry-eyed couple two grandchildren.

Bobby and Linda returned to Knox City when Bobby's mom fell ill and remained in the area after her death because of Bobby's own declining health and his desire to be buried in his home town when it was time. Through his life in Knox City, Bobby left many glorious memories in his wake. A portrait depicting Bobby proudly wearing his KC Jersey and his lean, high school boyish

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Photo by Jason Smart

The first day of two-a-days was Monday across the football crazy state of Texas. Shown are the Knox City Greyhounds during practice this week in preparation for the upcoming season.

Two-A-Days Begin This Week

By Tamara Smart

Two-a-days are one of those realities in a high school athlete's life that can cause a stir of emotion... and the first few days of two-a-days can also cause that very same high school athlete's stomach to stir as well (some would say a good two-a-day practice ends with a hearty up-chuck session).

Two-a-days separate the men from the boys and the girls from the women.

It's those who stick out the dreaded practices that are the chosen ones to wear the honored

jersey to represent their school on the field or on the court.

Monday morning marked the beginning of the athlete's 2009-2010 school year.

Twenty six boys came out to prove themselves as Knox City men.

The Knox City gym volleyball court was filled as of Monday afternoon with Knox City Lady Greyhound hopefuls (under the direction of new girls coach, Coach Peralez.)

The ladies will begin their season this Friday at 10am at a home scrimmage.

Benjamin High School is also the home to a new coach: Douglas McCollough, who is assisted this year by Coach Ben Grill (who lead O'Brien 6 Man football to state in 1972) and Coach Fred McGreggor.

Coach McCollough & Coach McGeggor will also coach the BHS volleyball team. Their first game is against Chillicothe August 11.

The first football scrimmage is Saturday, August 15, as the Benjamin Mustangs visit the field of the Knox City Hounds at 10 am.

BISD Receives Exemplary Rating

Benjamin Independent School District has received an Exemplary Accountability Rating.

To achieve this highest rating possible, schools must achieve a 90 percent or better passing rate in all TAKS subjects for all students and all student groups, a completion rate of at least 95 percent, and an annual dropout rate of two percent or lower.

Benjamin ISD passing rates: Reading/ELA - 98%; Writing - 100%; Social Studies - 100%; Math - 95% and Science - 91%.

USDA Announces \$1.7 Billion In Loan Assistance

TEMPLE — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that USDA is now accepting applications for up to \$1.7 billion to fund projects that help spur business activity and economic growth in rural communities. This infusion of money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into rural business is designed to create and save jobs and help rural communities grow and prosper.

"The Recovery Act funds announced today will help businesses get access to the capital they need to launch and expand their businesses and help bring addi-

tional jobs to America's small cities and towns," said Vilsack. "President Obama and I are committed to building strong rural communities by helping businesses grow so we can put people back to work."

The funding announced today will be made available through USDA Rural Development's Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program, which supports the development of private businesses. Eligible applicants include cooperative organizations, corporations,

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LOOKING AHEAD

Goat/Lamb Validation Deadline

To those of you "4-H'er's interested in having a goat/sheep project and wish to participate at any of the major stock shows the deadline for validations is close upon us. The deadline will be on August 21. The tags for validation are \$10 per tag. If you are going to show you will need to contact the Extension office either by coming to the office or calling the office at 940-459-2651, so financial arrangements can be made. Let the extension agency know ahead of time so they can get any information sent in. Also those of you interested in having a rabbit project need to let the office know about that as well so we can get started looking for them. If you have any further questions feel free to call.

Two-a-days began on Monday in all Texas Schools, as did band rehearsal and practice for other UIL supported activities.

The Knox County News Office's new office hours are: M-W 10 am- 4pm & Friday 10am- 5pm (5 pm Friday is also the advertising deadline). We are closed on Thursday and for an hour daily at lunchtime.

It's almost "back to school" time again! Local schools resume classes on August 24. Please contact your local school with any questions about class schedules, supply lists, etc.



Bobby and Linda Kay Flanders



Photo by Tamara Smart

Local churches held a community-wide Vacation Bible School on August 3-6, 2009 at the Methodist Church in Knox City. On Monday, 52 kids were signed up and showed for VBS; every day more kids were expected. The Bible School activities were directed by Ms. Amanda Duke, although she had a lot of help from community volunteers. The kids met beginning at 9:15 a.m. and were released at 11:45 a.m. after a morning filled with fun, water balloons, games, messages about service to others, lessons on Jesus' teachings, snacks (provided by area churches), cooking classes and lunch (provided by the Methodist church). The activities were free for all young attendees.



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OPINION

The Leaderless Revolution

A revolution is taking place in America. It's as intangible as the whispering wind. Yet as ineluctable as mounting gale. To the politicians, it's still but a passing breeze rustling the hair at the nape of the neck. To the grassroots masses, it's rushing torrent destined to sweep the elite from the Halls of Power.

America is at the very incipience of a Leaderless Revolution. One could see it at the hometown Tea Parties disclaimed by politicians as ragtag assemblies and disdained by Barack Obama who speciously claimed not to have even known they even occurred. One can sense it in the polls, as one after another shows plunging support for this president and his policies.

And one can hear it loud and clear in the angry outpourings at "Town Hall" meetings where sputtering politicians are driven from the podiums and forced to seek shelter behind a phalanx of guards.

In New Hampshire, Rep. Carol Shea-Porter tried to defend the snails' pace of socialized medicine with the absurd claim, "Many of my constituents would love to stand in line." Maryland's Sen. Ben Cardin, when pressed by his constituents on why they should be forced to turn over their health care to government bureaucrats, yammered that Americans simply can't be trusted. (And he has now made his town meetings "by invitation only.")

In Syracuse, NY, Rep. Dan Maffei had to call in the police to restore order at his health care town hall after angry protestors shouted him down. And Rep. Tim Bishop (D-NY1), experiencing his own problems with outraged attendees decided just to cancel town hall meetings altogether.

Ellen Sauerbrey - the courageous lady who many feel won the governorship of Maryland in 1994, only to have it snatched away by a post-

election recount - recently wrote: "I have never seen people so upset and scared. The rebellion today is a true grassroots uprising of citizens that don't believe either party in Washington represents them, hears them or cares what they think. More and more I hear, 'A plague on both their houses. Throw all the bums out'."

What the politicians need to learn is that insulting their constituents' intelligence, denouncing them as slackers, having them arrested, or trying to act as if they simply don't exist is not going to solve the problem of a grassroots rebellion on the ascent. Nor will trying to single out some contrived opponent to belittle and besmirch, as Barack Obama did Rush Limbaugh.

The real problem the politicians face is that there is no opposition leader. In fact, there are no leaders at all. The hallmark of the grassroots uprising now befuddling and deflating the Washington political elite (and their mainstream media factotums) is that they are flying in the face of a Leaderless Revolution soundlessly inundating the very air they breathe.

It is amorphous. It is dauntless. It is unyielding. And it needs no person or party to state its case or fight its cause.

Carried in a purse, a brief case, or a backpack; wielded in the palm of the purveyor's hand; as easy as apps; and summed up in 140 characters or less; this is the Leaderless Revolution that Bill Gates predicted was coming at the "Speed of Thought" on the wireless wings of the wind.

Unfortunately for the Washington establishment, in America today - just as in Iran, Honduras, and Moldavia -- the thought has now become an action. The words have become deeds. They have begun to sew the wind. And the tone-deaf political elitists are about to reap the whirlwind.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make the Watermelon Festival such a huge success:

Car Show sponsors: Bailey Toliver Haskell, TX and O'Reilly Auto Parts in Abilene, TX.

Festival sponsors: Citizens Bank, Santa Rosa Telephone Co., Tri-County Electric, AEP, Lawrence Brothers, Mrs. Bairds, Frito Lay and Basic Energy Services for the Car Show Entrants Meal.

Pepper Dry Goods for getting the meal together and having it available for the Entrants. Basic Energy Services for donating a pallet of water for the Car Show.

Carl Brock and Glen Dale Large for all their hard work getting prepared for the Car Show, without them, the Car Show would not have been such a great success. We have heard all good things about the car show and how well organized it was. Carl Brock can be thanked for that. Lots of leg work, time, gas money to get the door prizes

and raffle items. Carl and Glen Dale took handfuls of flyers and distributed them out at the car shows they went to.

Carl and Glen Dale all your hard work will not be forgotten and was muchly appreciated.

Jason Smart and Jackie Sanders for organizing and doing the horseshoes.

City of Munday for the detour signs and barricades for the car show.

Joe Barnard and the Lynn electric bucket Truck for hanging up the banners downtown.

David Albus for the use of his trailer for the bands at the city park.

Dwayne and Dustin Johnson for having the resource and getting the watermelons donated. Jerry Mueller for the lights at the Go-Kart races.

Stan and Donna Wojcik and Don Brothers for donating barrels for trash at the City Park.

City Employees for all their preparation work in getting the park and community ready for the festival.

Charlotte Crager, Donna and Ernie Banks for volunteering for

anything we needed them to do and they did a lot.

Gary Schnable for helping cut watermelons.

Michelle Stanfield and Rick Moeller for your help with the parade. The Swimming Pool for free swimming on Saturday afternoon.

All the merchants who participated in Melon Money.

Brittany Baker for all her help with the pre-festival preparation work.

Car Show and parade participants.

T-Shirt Advertisers.

All the watermelon cutters and anyone else that helped in anyway.

Thank you to the community for your continued support, we appreciate you.

Sincerely,
Knox City Chamber of Commerce
 Marla Hawkins
 Barbara Barnard
 Steve Pepper
 Dale Turner
 Ray Crager
 Chamber Manager, Gail Turner



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

How Stimulating

Our tax dollars are going toward pornography in Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's district. Hard to believe?

According to news reports, the National Endowment for the Arts is spending some of the money it received from the Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund nude simulated-sex dances, Saturday night "pervert" revues and the airing of pornographic horror films at art houses in San Francisco.

The NEA was given \$80 million of the government's \$787 billion economic stimulus bill to spread around to needy artists nationwide. Most of the money is being spent to help preserve jobs in museums, orchestras, theaters and dance troupes which have been hit hard during the recession. I don't have a problem with that as cultural things are needed in our society.

But some NEA grants are being misused, in my opinion, for things which Americans should be up in arms against. One such matter is a \$50,000 infusion for the Frameline film house, which recently screened "Thundercrack." "The world's only underground kinky art porno horror film, complete with four men, three women and a gorilla."

Makes you wonder what else has slipped through the cracks concerning the stimulus package. Guess that's what happens when Pelosi and her cohorts decide to pass bills without reading them first.

A few members of Congress raised questions as the stimulus bill was being drafted and approved, but President Obama, while admitting there were problems with the \$787 billion legislation, stressed the need for immediate action.

Surely Obama didn't intend to have stimulus money help fund the weekly production of "Perverts Put Out" at San Francisco's CounterPULSE, whose "long-running pansexual performance series" invites guests to "join your fellow pervs for some explicit, twisted fun."

CounterPULSE received a \$25,000 grant in the "Dance" category; a staffer there said they were pleased to receive the grant, "which over the next year will be used to preserve jobs at our small non-profit."

Wow. So basically, our tax dollars are going to porn stars in Pelosi's district.

Victoria Hutter, an NEA spokeswoman defended the agency's choices and said its grants would help "preserve jobs in danger of going away or that had gone away because of the economic downturn."

"Our review process is very comprehensive -- we take great care with applicants and with grantees," said Hutter. "It's a thorough, rigorous process that they all go through, and we're proud of the projects that we've been able to support."

Really?

"The Symmetry Project," which has received past NEA funding and stands to get an additional boost from a \$25,000 stimulus grant, is a dance piece by choreographer Jess Curtis.

According to Curtis' Web site, "The Symmetry Project" features (hold on to your hat) "the sharing of a central axis, [as] spine, mouth, genitals, face, and anus reveal their interconnectedness and centrality in embodied experience."

Basically, it's a live sex show.

Curtis said the NEA funding will help keep his art afloat.

"I think art is an incredibly important part of our culture and our life and ... that it's very much appropriate that our government should be supporting it," Curtis said.

Well, I think it's a complete waste of our tax dollars and San Francisco may be as out of touch with mainstream America as a remote village in Nepal.

"With these stimulus funds San Francisco arts organizations will be able to weather the storm and continue to provide jobs and to generate revenue while enriching people's lives through innovative, high quality programming," said Luis R. Cancel director of cultural affairs for the San Francisco Arts Council.

High quality? Doubtful.

No question, the stimulus bill needs oversight BEFORE money is handed out. Porn, questionable art, etc... - these things need to be funded by patrons and not the taxpayer. As for Nancy Pelosi, she's needs to be run out of office in the worst way.

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Thornberry Says Delay In Vote On Health Care Bill A "Small Victory For Common Sense"

Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13) issued the following statement regarding the schedule for a vote on President Obama's health care reform proposal: "It is good that a vote on health care legislation has at least been delayed for a time. This issue is too important to rush through Congress, as other bills have been. But this small victory for common sense will be fleeting unless significant changes are made to this proposal. No one should mistake tactical compromises to move the legislation along for substantive changes in the goal of the President and the Speaker to have government-run health care."

"Everyone should examine how this health care reform bill may affect them. For example, senior citizens would see significant cuts in Medicare. Millions of seniors who have chosen Medicare Advantage plans will lose their cover-

age, and other seniors will find it harder to locate a doctor who will treat Medicare patients."

"In addition to the tremendous cost, this bill makes a change in the relationship between their Medical of-life choices always

"In addition to the tremendous cost, this bill makes a fundamental change in the relationship between people and their government."

decisions made by a patient and a physician. If this bill becomes law, federal government bureaucrats will have a heavy hand in making decisions on who has "priority" for health care and other choices that should be made by families, patients, and doctors."

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Truscott News

Two rains on the Wichita Ridge last week amounted to a little over two inches for some. This week the weatherman predicts hot and dry for the next week or 10 days.

Last week's article on the Ryder family contained a major error for which apologies are extended to all Ryder descendants. The English ancestor of all Knox and Foard County Ryders was Henry Ryder, not Henry Meyers.

This writer has lived in Truscott so long and been aware of the Ryder and Myers connections so long, that Myers was added to Henry's name instead of Ryder. Henry never left England himself, but he has many American descendants named Myers.

There was at least one other error in the article, but our copy of last week's paper has disappeared and this senior memory recalls that there were two mistakes but can't remember what the second one was, but apologies anyway.

Several from the Truscott & Gilliland attended Bud McClains 90th birthday celebration at the Crowell Center Saturday, August 1, 2009. The list includes (but with over 200 people, some may have been missed): Jane Looney, Kay & Mike Hardage, Ronnie & Sherry Simmons, Jerry Bob Daniel, and Jack & Clara Brown. Also attending were former Truscott citizens, Warren Haynie & Charles & Kay Carroll. Jacquely, Sam, and Claire

Richie came in on Saturday night for a visit with Jack and Clara Brown. Sunday the Richeys and Clara went to Floydada for church and lunch with Clara's sister, Joyce Williams and her family. Around the table were also Q.D. Williams, Monte and Kelli Williams, Todd and Amanda Hinsley and their 2 boys.

Michael Tomanek took his parents, Edmund and Geraldine to Quanah Sunday to eat out. Geraldine for two gifts, celebrating her June birthday and her wedding anniversary with Edmund, and Michael just got one bill.

Monday, Clara Brown and the Richeys visited the Wichita Brazos Museum at Benjamin. Claire voted the Truscott exhibit as her favorite and Sam liked the huge map of Texas showing every county with one or two of a county's early brands.

Grandma got sidetracked looking at old maps in the map cabinet. The museum has several copies of the Spanish and Mexican maps of Texas, but just as interesting are the maps of Knox County and this area from the 1800s, and the maps of trails across North Texas.

Museum Director, Mary Jane Young says the next museum project will be the annual garage sale at Munday, September 19. This is one of the museums biggest fund raisers.

Museum News Article

The Museum homemade ice cream booth at the annual Knox City Watermelon Festival brought in a cool \$350 for museum operations. Eight delicious flavors were sold, 14 freezers of ice cream donated making a total of 162, 10 oz. cups, and plans are to repeat the "sell out ice cream theme", next year.

The grand opening on Saturday, June 27, drew a large crowd and many first time visitors to the museum. If you missed going that day, go by any Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibits of Knox County towns are still up, telling stories from the history of every town in the County.

Don't miss the unusual brand exhibit in the northeast part of the display area. It is a huge map of Texas and its 254 counties burned in leather on a Cow hide with the first recorded brands from each county's borders. This eye-catching display was donated by the Lowrance Ranch of northwest Knox County. Next to the brands, you'll find the saddle exhibit, which has everything from a military saddle to a side saddle to saddles by local saddle makers.

To support the museum and help make it more interesting as time goes by, a garage sale and hamburger lunch is being planned for Saturday, September 19 at the Perry Patton Center in Munday. This annual event is one of the museum's best fund raisers.

You can help make September 19, a success by donating furniture, working appliances from hand mixers to stoves, books, holiday decorations, dishes, toys, etc. Clothing is the only thing not sold. Also needed at the garage sale will be the help of anyone willing to pickup donated items to carry to the center, help setting up the display tables, help putting together hamburgers for the outdoor meal on the porch, and help with customers looking for particular items.

It is a big job and volunteers are welcome for one hour, or all day. The museum is seeking people who are interested in supporting the museum in several ways and helping at the garage sale, may give a person an idea of what becoming a museum volunteer can mean.

Call the Wichita Brazos Museum at 459-2229, if you want to volunteer to help at the sale, donate items, or to learn about Museum Membership opportunities.

Day Family Reunion

After the Seedless Watermelon Parade was over, the opening day of the "Day Family Reunion" began at the Knox City mini-mall. From the first greeting hugs, all the attendees had a "blast with siblings, grandchildren and great grandchildren", according to Romain Stubbs. The gatherings were laden with fun and food, which was prepared by Golden Angel Catering all weekend. Because of the Festival at the Knox City Park on Saturday, there wasn't enough time to have all the pre-planned events. Going to the Go Kart Races Saturday night was high on the priority of many who came to spend some time with distant kinfolk.

Darrin Day made the eloquent remark on his Facebook page: After the reunion was over, all who attended "by the providence of God returned home safely" to whence they hailed before reuniting in the wonderful town of Knox City.

Those in attendance were: Romain Stubbs (Knox City), Sandy Stubbs Smethers & Garret (Collinsville, OK), Shanna & Matt Condey (Tahlequah, OK), Darin Day & family (Memphis, TN), Bobby & Patsy Day (Lubbock), Wyatt Ederman (Georgetown), Kenneth Day & Kerri Day (Lubbock), Hardy Day (Baja, Mexico), Dessie Egenbacher (Lubbock), Sue, Scott Danni & Quade Stephens (Lubbock), Mary Ann & Charles Egenbacher (Lubbock), Shea, Scott Stratton, Spencer, Stuart & Saylor Edmonds (Kerens), DeAnn Stamps (Midland), Dee Stamps (Post, T) Jo Stephens (O'Brien), Charlene Brothers (O'Brien), Kyle Straden & Luke (Grapevine), Dr. Tom & Pebbles Lee, Josephine & Isabell (Abilene), Rob & Bob Jensen (Slaton)

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Jiminez, Marion J.	7/11/09	Public Intoxication (M-C)	Knox County
Bechtez, Michael	7/13/09	MTR/DWLI (M-B)	Foard County
Moore, Zacquory D.	7/16/09	Possession of Marijuana (SJF) Assault w/ Bodily Injury (M-A)	Grayson County
Collins, Philip	7/20/09	Forgery (SJF)	Knox County
Walton, Sheena	7/20/09	MTR/ TBC (M-B)	Knox County
Haumesser, Darrell Jr.	7/20/09	MTR/ DWI (M-B)	Baylor County
Estrada, April D.	7/22/09	Traffic Warrants/ Haskell County (M-C) DWLS (M-B)	Haskell warrant
Morcom, Allen L.	7/28/09	Agg. Sexual Assault of Child x2 (F-1 x2) Indecency with Child- Sexual Contact (F-2)	Foard County
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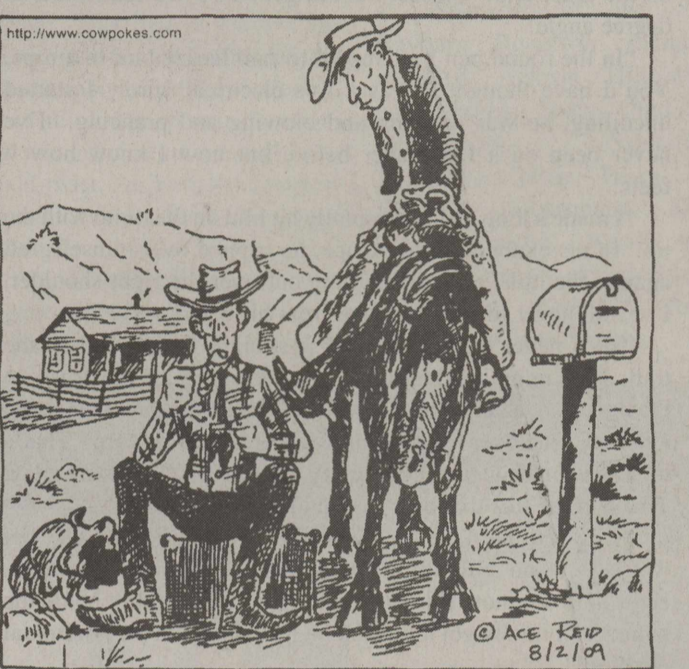
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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Last week was a busy week & I just could not get anything ready before the deadline. I hope this weeks news items will "make-up" for missing last week.

We were blessed last week with rain nearly every night & much cooler weather. And thankfully nothing severe. Don't know exactly how much we got all together but it was all good and very appreciated. Of course, now, it's time to mow again!!

Sympathy this week to the Bobby Flanders family. Bobby, who lived in Knox City passed away week before last after several months failing health. His funeral was last Monday in Knox City.

Michael & Megan Clower were honored Saturday morning with a post nuptial shower held in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church in Benjamin. Calling hour was 10 to 11 and a variety of lunch foods were served the guests- lots of nice & useful gifts were received by the young couple who were married in early July.

Hostesses were Emilia Acevedo, Kaitlyn Acevedo, Susan Cartwright, Pam Duke, Gladene Green, Belle Grill, Brenda Huckabee, Becky Jones, Sheila Kuehler, Cindy McWhorter, Debbie Moorhouse, Lorene Powers, Imagean Young & Mary Jane Young. Here N' There

Bob & Patti Tavernia & daughter of Frederick, MD left Tuesday morning after several

days visit here with her mom, Earlene Meinzer & her brothers, Wyman & Rick & their families. They also visited other relatives & friends while in Texas. Before returning home, they took a side trip to Las Vegas for a day or two.

Jan Carver's immediate family reunion (a few weeks ago) at the home of her niece Brandi Eschle & family at Flower Mound. She said everyone was there except her son Ricky & family who lives in Calif. & two of her grandchildren, Kallie & Ryan Antilley. This was the first time they had ever done this & enjoyed it so much they play to make it a every "two year happening" from now on.

Johnny & Patti Carver of Taft & Dorothy Carver of Knox City visited them last weekend. They were in the area for Johnny's 40th class reunion Class of '69 from Knox City High School.

Don & Jimmie Kay Liles of near Longveiw visited their daughter, Stacia & Shannon Propps & their families last week on Fri. They all accompanied Shaylee Propps to Caynon to help her get settled in her apartment before classes begin at West Texas A&M. Shaylee has complete 2 years at VRJC.

Matt Tyson leaves today (Mon) for New Orleans to get settled in his new surroundings at Tulane University. Matt has been here most of the summer after graduating from U.T. in May. His "headquarters" has been his grandparents Charles

and Linda Griffiths' home, but he's enjoyed lots of visiting & going places since he got here- A break from school before starting anew. He is going to be a lawyer when "school days" are over. We certainly wish Matt well.

Chance Propps is here for a few days with his parents, James & Stacia & brother, Cody. Chance also graduated from U.T. in May & he leaves next week where he will pursue a career in radio & TV production. We also wish Chance well.

Jessie Moorhouse of Abilene was a Saturday visitor of her parents, Mike & Debbie. Sue Terry & family of Dallas & Ariel Gideon of Gilbert, Arizona visited Jane Gideon & Weldon Gideon during the weekend. Also visiting was Lana Mendoza & family of Seymour. Ariel remained for a week's visit.

Doug & Courtney McCoullough & little son, Cayden are new residents of Benjamin. They are former Decatur residents & he is our new coach. They are looking forward to living here & he's ready to get going with athletics (which, by the way, starts today). They attend the Methodist Church- We're glad they're here & welcome them to our community.

Mitzi Welch & sons, Mitchell & Heath are in Austin last week- she, for some schooling concerning her work as a Chief Appraiser & Tax Collector for Knox Co & the boys for a few days of R&R! They returned home Fri.

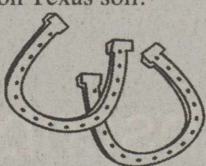
Michael & Megan Clower of Bedfore were weekend guests of his mom, Debbie & other relatives & friends.

Gane Gideon was honored Friday with a going away party at the Aging Service at Knox City. Jane retired after 13 years with them. Several from Benjamin were there to wish her well & enjoy the ice cream, cake and punch. Jane received a salad bowl full of money as a token of appreciation from her friends. Attending from Benjamin were Jack & Mary Young, Gloria west, Lorene Powers, Linda Griffith, Deann Lamb & Gladene Green. Don Hall & his son, Michael, of Lubbock visited Gloria West briefly one day last week.

Tina Siemens & two of her children, Jakey & Tina, returned home recently from a two weeks vacation & visit with her sister & other family members in Canada. I asked Jakey what part of Canada they were in & he said about 45 minutes from Detroit, Michigan. Said they had a great time but as always is the case, were glad to get home.

And as I mentioned earlier, you can when school is getting "in the air"- Two days began today as does volleyball practice. "Gearing up" for a good school year.

Ronnie & Susan White and family were in Nashville TN last week for a wedding party honoring their daughter & new son-in-law, Melissa & Jan Volz. The couple was married earlier in Hawaii & the party was to acquaint them with each others families & friends. Susan and Ronnie said it was a wonderful trip but they were sure glad to get back on Texas soil.



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Texas Anglers Strike Back at Invasive Aquatics

ATHENS, Texas—Texas anglers and boaters get it: Invasive aquatic species are a real and growing threat to their ability to do what they love to do—but they don't have to stand by and watch it happen.

They can fight back, and that was the purpose of two separate events on July 18.

Working with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), volunteers from the American Anglers Club from Temple and Killeen, the Grand Saline Bass Club and the Lindale Bass Club removed seven dump truck loads of water hyacinth from Lake Quitman.

That same day a number of interested citizens and members of the Beaumont Bass Club, the Houston Bass Bandits and the Magnolia-Tomball Bass Club scoured the area around boat ramps on Sam Rayburn Reservoir looking for giant salvinia. "No giant salvinia was found, although some volunteers did bring in common salvinia," said Howard Elder, aquatic vegetation biologist for TPWD. "It's possible the plant is there hiding under buttonbush and along the banks where bass boats couldn't get to it."

Members of local Boy Scout troops joined in the effort at Sam Rayburn, passing out information and collecting litter from around the Jackson Hill Park Marina boat ramp as part of a Keep Texas Beautiful project.

The fight against invasive aquatics like giant salvinia is important to everyone, not just boaters and anglers, said Terry Sympton, who manages the Jackson Hill Park and Marina on Sam Rayburn. "A recent study showed the annual economic impact of recreational activities on Sam Rayburn is more than \$41 million," he said.

"When you think about that amount of recreation, that amount of money involved in the things that we love to do, the impact of giant salvinia can be just absolutely devastating," Sympton continued. "It's really important that everyone—the public, everyone who enjoys being out on the lake—understand what giant salvinia is, what it does, and helps keep us abreast of when they find it so we can do the best we can to keep it out of here."

"We had three goals going into the project," said Leslie McGaha, co-director for conservation for the Southeast Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation and coordinator of the Sam Rayburn event. "First was to remove any giant salvinia we found. Second was to increase public awareness, and third was to map locations of any giant salvinia found. In an odd twist, we actually found no giant salvinia—but that's a good thing."

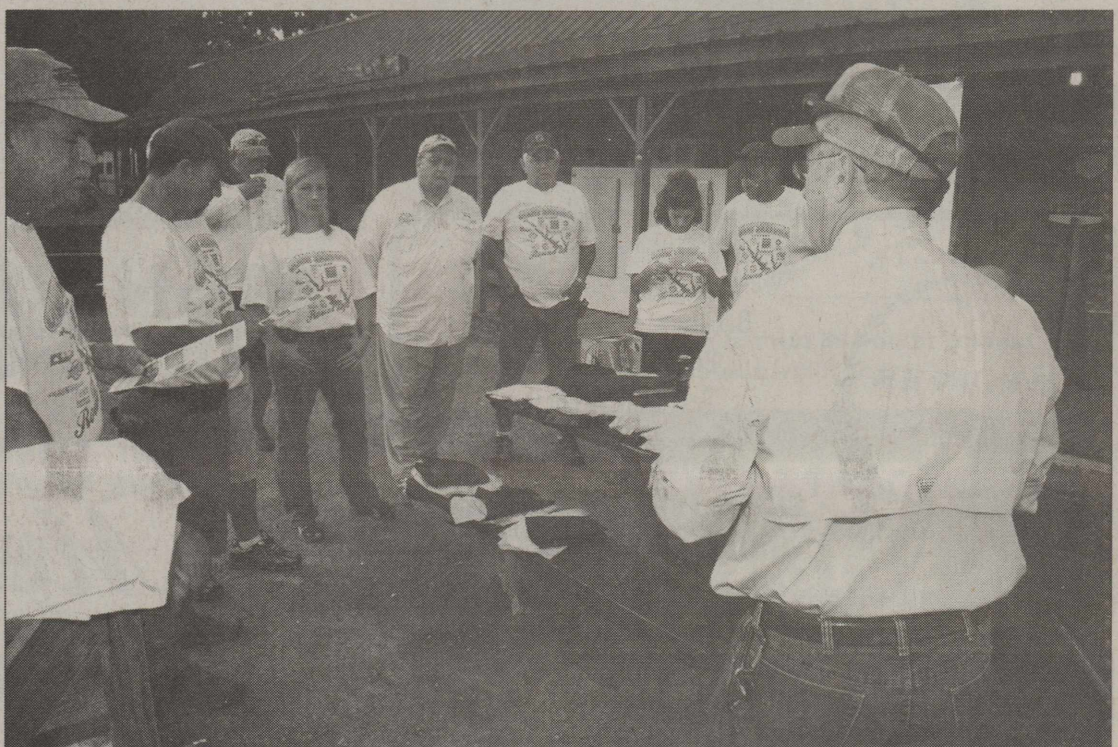
"TPWD biologists and game wardens can't be everywhere at all times, so we depend

on anglers and boaters to report infestations of giant salvinia," said Elder. "Once we know where it is, we can go in and remove or treat it. We request that anyone finding suspected giant salvinia write down the GPS coordinates and call me at (409) 384-9965. There is a fine of \$500 per plant for transporting giant salvinia, but we are more interested in prevention than in enforcement."

McGaha agrees that lake users need to step up and become the first line of defense against the plants that threaten their activities.

"Bill Watts of the Beaumont Bass Club had an excellent idea that the Southeast Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation will expand on: Increasing awareness at every ramp we use during our regional tournaments. That will be a major focus during the 2010 tournament season," she said. "We really feel that although we can be part of the problem, we can be 100 percent of the solution."

Sponsors of the Sam Rayburn Reservoir round-up included Jackson Hill Park and Marina, Sealy Outdoors, Pineywoods Sanitation, Boatlanes, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Keep Texas Beautiful, BASS ACT (BASS Angler Conservation Team) and Southeast Texas BASS Federation Nation.



Howard Elder, aquatic vegetation biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, instructs volunteers on how to recognize giant salvinia before the Sam Rayburn round-up July 18. (TPWD Photo © 2009, Larry D. Hodge)

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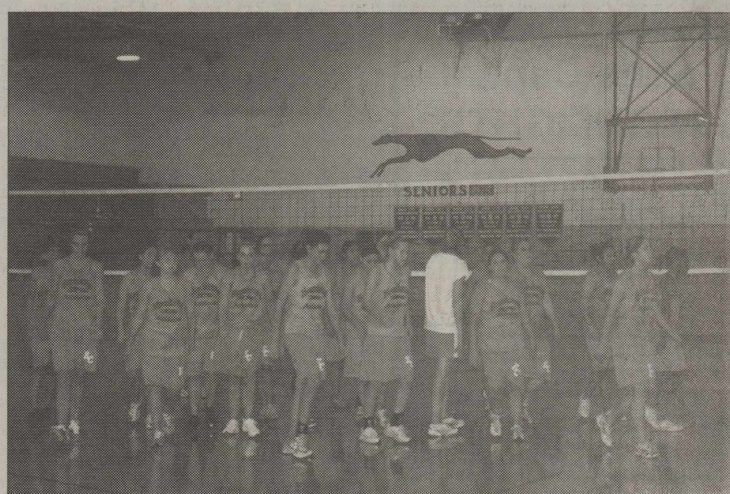
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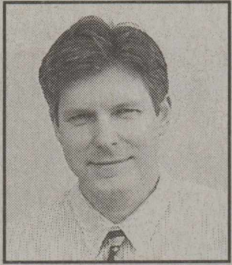
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN -- In mid-July, Texas AgriLife Extension Service estimated agricultural losses at about \$4 billion. And now, nearly 80 counties are in a state of emergency due to severe drought conditions ruining crops and endangering livestock.

The Wall Street Journal, CNN and other major out-of-state media put Texas' record-high temperatures and record-low rainfall in front of readers and viewers last week.

Commodity market watchers and economists admitted

nervousness over worsening drought conditions in Texas and potential effects nationally.

On July 29, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department water specialist Cindy Loeffler said, "It's not as bad as the drought of record in the 1950s, but if it continues through summer and into fall, we've got a problem. What's made this so bad is the record heat. Unless something miraculous happens, this will be the hottest month in Texas ever, not just the hottest July."

July turned out to be the hottest

on record, going back to the 1850s.

Toll 'recovery program' coming

Delinquent toll payers may take advantage of a one-time toll violation "recovery program" approved July 30 at the Texas Transportation Commission's monthly meeting.

The Commission directed the Texas Department of Transportation to develop a program to collect on delinquent toll accounts. The idea is to offer violators a chance to open a TxTag account and pay all tolls accrued in full in exchange for dropping late fees that are owed.

Once the program is finalized, TxDOT will contact those eligible for fee reduction through direct mailings to the home or business address associated with the vehicle's license plate.

TxDOT said the offer will not apply to violations on non-TxDOT toll roads, such as those operated by the North Texas Tollway Authority, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority or the Harris County Toll Road Authority.

Andrade sets Nov. 3 ballot order

Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade on July 28 randomly drew the ballot order for 11 proposed amendments to

the Texas Constitution.

Election Day is Nov. 3 and Oct. 5 will be the last day to register to vote. The proposed amendments, in brief form, in ballot order:

Prop. 1: To allow the financing of buffer zones adjacent to military installations through local taxes.

Prop. 2: To authorize the Legislature to provide for ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead.

Prop. 3: To create uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Prop. 4: To establish a national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence.

Prop. 5: To allow the Legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations.

Prop. 6: To authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized.

Prop. 7: To allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

Prop. 8: To authorize the state to contribute money, property and other resources for the

establishment, maintenance and operation of veterans hospitals.

Prop. 9: To protect the right of the public to access and use public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

Prop. 10: To provide that elected members of governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years.

Prop. 11: To allow the taking of private property via eminent domain for certain public purposes and to limit the Legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain.

AG warns of 'clunkers' scammers

Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 29 said Texans alerted Texans about Web sites offering registration for the federal government's "Cash for Clunkers" program.

Eligible vehicle owners do not need to register or provide personal information in order to participate in the program, he said.

Reliable information about the "Cash for Clunkers" program can be found online at cars.gov.

Congress recently approved the Car Allowance Rebate System program to provide credits of up to \$4,500 to fuel-efficient car buyers who turn in older, gas-guzzling vehicles to be scrapped.

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frame, is captured forever in the trophy case at KCHS. As a grown man, Bobby worked for the City of Knox City. In his latest years, he was a fixture at Bud's Café, waging war on the incessant flies as Linda cooked up whatever the taste was for the day, smoking cigarettes and telling it "how he saw it" with his very dry sense of humor.

Bobby died Wednesday, July 27 in Abilene. Linda was by his side through his final days.

All that is left in Knox City from Bobby Flanders' bloodline is his 95-year-old Aunt Ida Cathcart and his 78-year-old

Aunt Imajean Session. Linda K. is going to go to see her grandchildren in New Mexico for an unspecified amount of time.

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partnerships, nonprofit groups; federally recognized Indian tribes, public bodies and individuals. The funds will be targeted to creating and retaining quality jobs and serving difficult to reach populations, and areas hardest hit by the current economic downturn.

USDA will accept applications for this Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program until Sept. 15, 2010, or until all funds are expended. Recovery Act funding will be available through Sept. 30, 2010. For information on eligibility criteria and for application assistance, please contact your state Rural Development office, or visit www.rurdev.usda.gov for a listing of all state offices.

For example, projects that have utilized the program in the past include Hoffland Environmental, Inc. who refinanced their loan thru a Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan to expand operations, purchase additional equipment, and pay for professional services associated with the loan. The company designs and manufactures equipment, primarily for the economical treatment of wastewater that contains toxic heavy metals, oil & grease, toxic hydrocarbons, suspended solids, and animal waste. This project created an additional 10 new skilled jobs and retained 30 skilled jobs in Conroe, Texas.

Pineywoods Academy, located in Lufkin, Texas, is a college preparatory charter school which utilized the USDA Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan to purchase the building they had been leasing that hosted their charter school. Originally, the Academy was Pre-K through the 8th grade, now they are planning to incorporate a high school. The Academy has an enrollment of 276 students and meets or exceeds the standards set forth by the Texas Education Agency.

More information about USDA's Recovery Act efforts is available at www.usda.gov/recovery. More information about the Federal government's efforts on the Recovery Act is available at www.recovery.gov.

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Hunt Oil Company, 1900 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2300 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into Strawn Reef formation in the S.B. Burnett Estate "D" Lease Well Number D-32. The proposed injection well is located 8 miles southeast of Guthrie, Texas in the Captain Burk (Strawn Reef) Field, King County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5170' to 5530'.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resource Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within 15 days of publication to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792)

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