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Super Bowl Sunday feast at Annual German Sausage Meal

SCOTLAND, TX — The Scotland Knights of Columbus, Council #1715 will hold their annual German Sausage Meal on Sunday, February 6, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Scotland Knights of Columbus Hall located 14 miles South of Wichita Falls on U.S. Highway 281.

The sausage meal is an all you can eat dinner that includes homemade German sausage, sauerkraut with spareribs, all the trimmings, coffee or tea and a homemade dessert. Adult tickets are \$8 and children under 12 are \$4.

For those who can't stay for the meal take-out plates are available, and for those who like to cook their own, raw sausage is also available for sale.

In addition to the meal, the Saint Boniface Parish Christian Mothers and Altar Society will be holding a bake sale with homemade bread,

pies, cakes cinnamon rolls and much more.

The Annual German Sausage Meal is the main Knights of Columbus fundraiser for the year. About 2,000 pounds of homemade sausage is prepared each year for the meal, which attracts about 1,200 hungry visitors to Scotland.

Make your Super Bowl Sunday special this year with a German Sausage Meal before the game and take home some homemade goodies to have during the game, or for those football fanatics who don't want to miss a minute of the pre-game shows, take home some cooked sausage for your Super Bowl party. You can take some raw sausage home and cook it yourself and really impress your guests.

For more information about the Annual Meal contact Jerry Smith at 940-541-2285 or Robert Krahl 940-541-2572.

AEP scholarship available at Vernon College



AEP Texas community affairs manager Greg Blair of Abilene finalizes the name change for the West Texas Utilities Endowed Scholarship to the AEP Texas Endowed Scholarship with Sylvia Mahoney, Director of Institutional Advancement at Vernon College.

Blair also brought an addition of \$4,000 for the scholarship fund, which was established in 1995. A \$500 scholarship is awarded annu-

ally to an AEP Texas customer or a child of a customer.

Scholarship applications may be picked up at the Financial Aid Office on the Vernon campus or downloaded from the Vernon College website at www.vernoncollege.edu.

The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1 to be considered for scholarships for the 2005-2006 fall and spring semesters.

(Photo courtesy of Vernon College)

DSHS says flu shots open for all

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) recommended this week that the flu vaccine be given to anyone six months of age or older.

Since a national flu vaccine shortage was announced last fall, state health officials had recommended limiting the flu vaccines for those in priority groups.

"Demand for the flu vaccine from priority groups had been steady for several weeks," said Eduardo Sanchez, Texas Commissioner for Health Services.

"But it appears, overall, that those demands are being met. We're comfortable loosening the recommendations."

Sanchez said local public health departments may choose to continue recommending limiting the flu shots, depending on the supply and demand situation in their communities.

Flu activity in Texas has been classified as "widespread" for several weeks.

Persons wishing to receive a flu shot should contact their physician for availability.

Knox City election dates set

The Knox City Council met in regular session on January 13 at which time the Order of Election for May 7, 2005 was declared for the purpose of a general election of the mayor for a two year term and two council member seats for a two year term.

The first day to fill out an application to file for a place on the election ballot is February 5 and the last day to file is March 7. Interested persons may file at City Hall, 200 North Central, Knox City, Texas from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Early voting in person will begin on April 20 and cease on May 3 at City Hall. The May 7 election will be held at the Knox County Aging Center, 107 NE Ave. E from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

KCHC Friends receive challenge grant for museum

The Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission announced this week that the Priddy Foundation of Wichita Falls has given a challenge grant for the Wichita-Brazos Museum project.

The challenge grant is a 1:2 grant; the Priddy Foundation has agreed to grant one dollar to the museum fund for every two dollars that are raised locally, up to an agreed amount.

To meet the challenge, the Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission are asking for support from all citizens, businesses, civic organizations and others interested in the museum project. Money donations and support of fundraisers will help them meet the challenge and will make the Wichita-Brazos Museum a reality.

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission are planning several fundraisers in the future, which include the sale of brick and granite memorials, calendars, CD's with county historical events.

A cookbook is in the planning stage and members of the Friends will be contacting residents to submit favorite recipes, especially heritage recipes.

Mark your calendars - February 6 is the date for the annual museum fundraiser meal. Make plans now to attend and bring your neighbors and friends!

Construction on the museum has begun with the completion of the foundation. Cement for the walks will be poured as weather allows, followed by the metal framework of the building.

Donations for the museum can be mailed to: Friends of Knox County Historical Commission; P.O. Box 104; Benjamin, Texas 79505.

Call their office at 940-459-2229 in Benjamin for more information regarding the museum and the fundraising projects.

Board of Trustee members recognized during "School Board Appreciation Week"



The Knox City High School Student Council presented Knox City-O'Brien CISD Board of Trustee members with gifts for "School Board Appreciation Week." Pictured L-R: Student Council Sponsor Shea Edmonds, School Superintendent Louis Baty, School Board Members Todd Lewis, Scott Lynn, Bill Stewart and Charlie Schur, Student Council Members Ty Chisum, Emily Lewis and Katie Railsback, and Principal Mack Lowe. (Not Pictured: School Board Members Dale Turner, Gene Ward and Raul Espinosa.)

See state government in action

"Texas Midwest Day" at the State Capitol in Austin is set for Feb. 16. Hundreds of citizens from more than 20 counties will participate to see government in action, meet with Legislators and promote rural Texas.

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) sponsors the biennial trip to Austin during each Legislative session. Citizens who register to attend receive an official Texas Midwest Ambassador Badge and a schedule of events for the day.

The Texas Midwest Day Schedule includes visits to the House and Senate for regional recognition; a photo session on the steps of the Capitol with Senators and Representatives; and a Texas Midwest Tailgate reception with elected officials and state agency representatives.

"Community leaders are encouraged to make the trip to Austin for the day and make noise for rural Texas," said TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle. "With so much attention being

given to school finance and natural resources, it is especially important for state lawmakers to see that rural Texans stand together and have specific needs, issues and concerns."

To register for Texas Midwest Day in Austin and receive final details, call the TMCN office at 325-676-0329 or contact your local city hall or chamber of commerce for the name of the TMCN delegate in your community. Make a difference for rural Texas; plan to participate on February 16.

Texas Brigades youth camps seek new recruits

By Steve Byrns
Texas Cooperative Extension

SAN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension's Texas Brigades is sounding the call for cadets to participate in this year's summer camps.

"Our core curriculum for all the camps stresses leadership development and conservation of our natural resources," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and originator of the camps.

"We fashion these skills into fun and interesting activities that focus on a particular game species at each camp. The game animals form the nucleus for the camps which typically involve 30 youth ages 13-17 years old."

This year's camps are:

- The "Bass Brigade," June 5-9 at McKinney Roughs near Bastrop
- "South Texas Buckskin Brigade," June 12-16 at La Bandera Ranch near Carrizo Springs;
- "Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade," June 18-22 at Krooked River Ranch near Lueders;
- "South Texas Bobwhite Brigade," June 26-30 at 74 Ranch at Pleasanton;
- "North Texas Buckskin Brigade," July 17-21 at Stasney's Cook

Ranch near Albany; and

• "Feathered Forces Brigade," July 24-28 at Pineywoods Conservation Center, Lufkin.

"This marks our 13th year of the Brigades camps, and the level of enthusiasm and commitment among our various camp committees continues to impress me," said Rollins.

"There's a lot of kids out there today contemplating a career in wildlife management. These camps offer such youth a great introduction to what's involved in such a career. The camps also introduce them to a network of wildlife professionals who can be helpful to them on down the road."

"While we involve hands-on activities that include hunting and fishing skills, our core message is one of getting today's youth to appreciate or judge with heightened awareness our state's natural resources," Rollins said.

"One of the inspirational quotations we recite at the camps is the idea that 'one generation plants the tree, and another enjoys the shade.' We like to think we're planting trees."

Five other states currently field similar camps patterned directly

from Texas' award-winning camps, Rollins said.

The camps are also sponsored by: the Texas Wildlife Association, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Texas Deer Association, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, private businesses, and landowners.

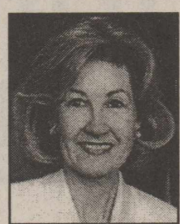
Tuition is \$300 per cadet per camp, but Rollins said cost shouldn't deter applicants.

"We don't want financial hardships to stop any potential cadet from participating in any of these camps," he said. "We have sponsors ready and willing to provide financial aid whenever they are needed."

Applications are available at www.texasbrigades.org and are due by April 15. Mail applications to Helen Holdsworth, Texas Brigades executive director, 401 Isom Road, Suite 237, San Antonio, TX 78216.

For further information contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576 or e-mail him at d-rollins@tamu.edu or contact Holdsworth, at (800) TEX-WILD or (210) 826-2904, or h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Check Out Your Local Public Library

When Andrew Carnegie embarked on his philanthropic effort to improve the quality of life for all Americans, he did not set up clinics or soup kitchens. He invested in libraries, reasoning that we must feed people's minds as well as their bodies. Since books are the stored knowledge, art, and experience of mankind, libraries are a treasury of humanity. The accumulated wealth of human experience is freely available to anyone, rich or poor, who makes the effort to use these facilities.

Following his philosophy, Carnegie provided grants to various Texas communities which helped construct thirty-two public library buildings in communities ranging in size from the booming city of Dallas to the small mining town of Pittsburg.

Since that time, public libraries have continued as a unique public service institution in our democracy. In Texas alone, we have 560 public libraries. They are free to all citizens, and serve every age group from toddler to senior citizen. They unlock the world for young and old through books, computers, audio-visual resources, and important databases such as TexShare, which is a statewide consortium of academic libraries, public libraries, and libraries of clinical medicine administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. It shares staff expertise and library resources while it pursues joint purchasing agreements for information services to lower costs for its members.

I am a proud ally of our state public library system because I personally gained so much from libraries. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I supported modernization opportunities for public libraries through the Museum and Library Services Act. This extended authorization of support for library services and technology through FY 2009. These grants help library systems install advanced technology. I also

support measures to provide teacher education, library and media specialist training, as well as preschool and teacher aid certification to individuals so they may better use these advances in the classroom or instructional process.

Public library funding in the United States is a unique combination of local, state, and federal efforts. At the local level, public library service is shaped by the community. Money is allocated by city councils, library districts, or by county commissioners courts. States add supplemental funding designed to foster library cooperation through the sharing of books and materials between libraries.

The federal role is to help extend the access of libraries across the country and the world through unique information technology networks. Through direct grants to state library agencies, federal funds promote, stimulate and support library innovation.

Public libraries form a remarkable cooperative system. If you consider that the average price of a hardback book is approximately \$30, and that Texas public libraries circulate over 90 million items per year, that adds up to more than \$2.7 billion in annual transactions. The value of the knowledge exchanged in the course of those transactions is incalculable.

Texas public libraries also serve as cultural havens for their communities. They are places for children to learn and develop reading skills. From preschool reading activities to grade school, children benefit from use of the local public library. Teen-agers use public libraries to help with school work and enrich their lives. Adults use public libraries to enjoy a good book, get books on tape, or to learn "how to" do any number of things, such as fix their car or succeed in business. Senior citizens are the new pioneers in the preservation of family histories through study of their family heritage. Public library genealogy collections and TexShare databases aid this important effort. Citizens of all age levels also use their libraries as public meeting places to discuss local issues. The public library is an integral part of community life.

Like you, I have used public libraries to enrich my life, to learn, and to succeed in my work. When I was in elementary school, I read every biography in the library. They gave me inspiration which is with me to this day. We can all support our local public libraries in many ways...through volunteering, contributing to their resources, or using the facilities. It is an effort worth making.

TERRY'S TALK

By Terry Utley, CEA/Ag.

There's Still Time to Soil Test

It's not too late to collect soil samples for testing to determine fertilizer needs for this year's crops. Testing the soil is not only important for producers but as well as homeowners who have lawn and gardens.

Homeowners and producer should consider soil testing before buying fertilizer for the coming season. Hundreds of tons of fertilizer are applied on Texas lawns or in crop production.

Just as too much water creates problems for the lawn, too much fertilizer also can be damaging. If a lawn receives more nutrients (fertilizer) than it can use, the excess may run off and contaminate surface water or groundwater.

Each lawn is made up of thousands of grass plants. Some soils have enough natural fertility to keep your lawn growing well, others don't. Plants use water and the nutrients they get from the air and soil to manufacture their own food.

This process is dependent on a steady supply of nutrients, primarily from the soil itself. One key to a lush, green lawn is timely application of the right fertilizer.

Collecting soil samples now and getting them tested can help homeowners and farmers get a jump on the spring rush at soil testing labs.

Odds are that it will need some fertilizer, but probably less than you think. Find out for sure with a soil test.

Testing the soil properly can be cost-effective indicators of the types and amounts of fertilizer and lime needed to improve crop yield. Several different soil test are available at the Extension Soil, Water, and Forage Testing Laboratory.

Once fertilizer needs are determined, farmers can place their orders. Again, by ordering early, they can avoid the spring rush. Also, fertilizers usually cost more in the spring when demand is greater and supplies are tighter.

With fertilizer at hand, farmers can begin application when field condition permit.

For more information concerning soil testing, contact the county Extension office 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 at (940)459-2651.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Knox County American Cancer Society will be sponsoring a Relay for Life Fundraiser on April 23, 2005.

Relay for Life is not just a fundraiser, it is a unique activity that offers an opportunity to take up the fight. It is about empowering individuals to fight back against a disease that has taken so much from us.

The Relay for Life provides our best opportunity for expanding fundraising, cancer education, advocacy and volunteerism in our community and throughout the nation.

One of the most poignant moments of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life is the Luminaria Ceremony. The Luminaria Ceremony is often called the Ceremony of Hope. It is a time for participants to remember those we have lost to cancer, to support those who currently have cancer, and to honor those who have fought cancer in the past.

By lining the walking path with luminaria bags, the power of this ceremony is that it provides an opportunity for people to work through grief and to find hope.

You are invited to support this effort by purchasing a luminaria in honor of a loved one or in memory of someone. Order forms will be placed in businesses and we ask that you pick one up and return it to the address on the form.

For more information, call 940-422-4390.

We thank you for your support and we hope you will join us in this effort and purchase a luminaria bag and make this a successful Relay for Life.

We appreciate you taking part in this fundraiser.

Sincerely,
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

ME AND JOHNNY

Johnny Carson died. The world lost a friend. People sometimes compare me or some of my cowboy poet friends to Will Rogers. I remind them that in the 1930's Will Rogers was the biggest movie star in the world. An international celebrity, a man of exorbitant wealth who was loved by the workin' man. That description fits Johnny Carson. He was closer to being the Will Rogers of our day than anyone.

I was invited to appear on the Tonight Show as one of several talented cowboy poets. But when the cowboy poets, the 100-year-old woman and the talking dog got on his show it was because we fell between the cracks. We didn't have agents or managers or Hollywood contacts.

So when a group of unsophisticated, nonprofessional, country raised cowboy poets came into his spotlight we were ripe for ridicule. The butt of some cynical talk show host's jibe.

But Johnny didn't do that. He treated us with respect and let us tell our stories. We were so different than anything on the air. We were authentic. Our stories weren't filled with smut and sexual innuendo, and, to our credit, we were clever.

I was on six times. I was always made welcome and befriended by the crew and often was invited to stay after the show for a little private recital.

People asked me what Johnny Carson was like. I only know what you saw on television. After every show he would walk off stage to be picked up by two security guards and escorted to his dressing room. Once after a show he slipped out the back but quickly returned to report there was a person in the parking lot. The guards removed the person and Johnny was free to walk to his car.

That tiny bit of insight led me to realize how protective he was of his privacy. He lived in a sea of people who knew him intimately. Who would feel comfortable asking him about his wives, his houses, his habits, his golf game and his family in Nebraska. We knew him almost as family. We forgot that he didn't know us. It is the curse of the famous. They cannot be themselves or lead a normal life. We won't let them. Paparazzi predators, opportunists and pathological fans wait to invade their space and steal a piece of their soul.

I have videos of my appearances on his show. I watched them again after I heard the news of his death. It gave me great pleasure to see him laugh at my poems. In my little part of the show business world it is one of my greatest treasures.

Rolling Plains Ramblings

By Morton Scott

Today, when a woman in Knox County needs several items, she might send her husband out to the grocery store or the hardware store.

Two hundred years ago, when a Comanche or Kiowa wife needed something, she would send her husband out to the buffalo hunt.

For the Indians who roamed the rolling plains along the Brazos and the Wichita, the buffalo provided almost everything they needed. The buffalo provided food, but also shelter, clothing and other necessities.

Not only did the buffalo provide their material goods, the bison also dominated the Indians' way of thinking about the world, their philosophy and their religion.

A few plains Indian tribes, such as the Wichitas, planted crops; most, however, lived a nomadic life, following the buffalo herds across the Great Plains. Although Indians sometimes hunted deer, antelope and other plains animals, buffalo were their major source of meat.

After a hunt, the Indians cut the meat into strips and dried them. These strips could then be chopped up and stored in skins (buffalo, of course) for later use, particularly during the winters.

The dried strips also provided convenient food while traveling

across the vast, treeless plains. Hides of newly killed buffalo would provide a "stove" for cooking the fresh meat by placing heated stones in water on the hides.

The buffalo provided not only food for the plains Indians, but shelter as well. The treated hides stretched over pole frames created teepees, which protected tribes against winter cold and summer heat. Toughened strips of bison hide served as rope to bind the teepee covering together.

The same hides, tanned by extensive working, provided the Indian clothes and footwear. These could also be treated to provide excellent protection against both rain and snow. Sinews of hide, sewed with needles of bison bone, stitched the clothes together.

As well as needles, other products made from buffalo bones were fishhooks, arrowheads, knives, and even scrapers the men could use for shaving. Sinews from the bison could be used to bind arrowheads and spearheads to their shafts.

In fact, the buffalo even provided toys for the tribal children. The bison's shoulder blade made an excellent sled when snow came to the Great Plains.

The buffalo was the center of their spiritual world, not surprising considering their daily importance. The buffalo dance was one of the

most important rituals in the Indians' lives. These dances were important, because they supposed would bring the buffalo herds into the tribe's hunting grounds.

A sacred experience for any Indians would be the sighting of a white buffalo. White buffalos were rare; these albinos would occur only once in several million buffalo.

Some Indians probably never saw one in their lifetime. The sighting or capture of a white buffalo was an important event that indicated good fortune for the Indian who spotted it and for their tribe. On rare occasions a tribal chief might acquire a white buffalo robe. This gave him a lot of prestige.

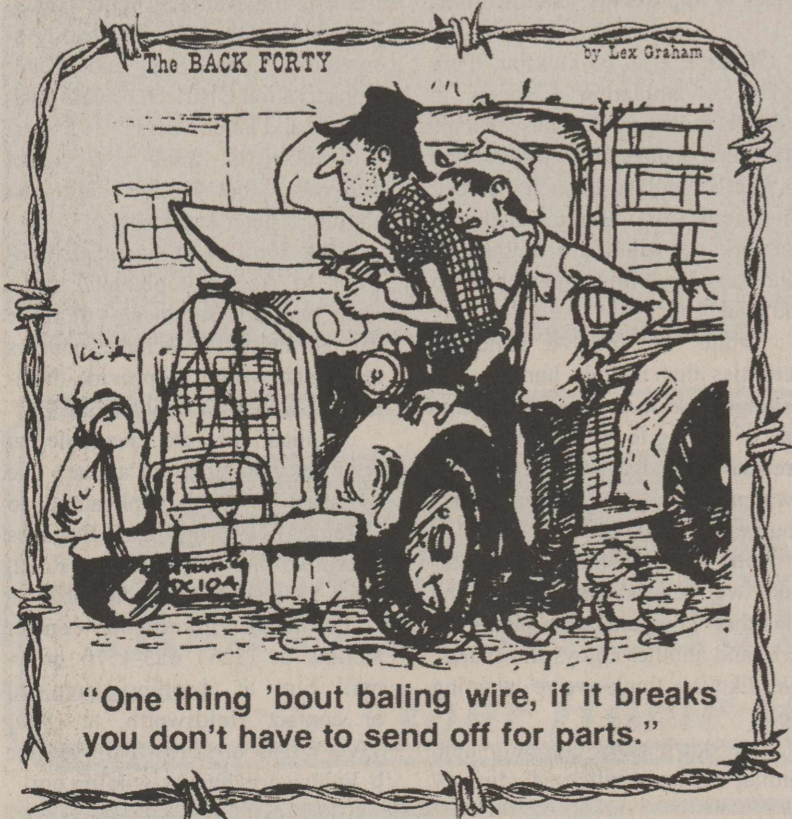
I had the honor of seeing a white buffalo once. Actually, this one was not a pure albino, but more of a "cream-colored" buffalo. Some buffalo had a few white spots on their fur. One was reported with a white star on its forehead. This was considered a very special buffalo - lots of good luck.

May you see a white buffalo which will bring you luck.

Next week, I'll talk about the Tsunami which hit Texas.

If you have stories you would like to share, you can e-mail me at >fmortonscott@aol.com< or drop me a note at the Knox City News office.

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**Plant Materials Center
Knox City, Texas
Weekly Weather Report**

Temperature		
Date	Low	High
1-18	26	54
1-19	32	64
1-20	42	78
1-21	37	73
1-22	28	53
1-23	20	52
1-24	36	71
2005 Rainfall (YTD) 00.41 inches		

Knox City Elementary PTO

Baked Potato Supper



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Hunter Education course being offered this spring at Vernon College

The Division Workforce Education and Training of Vernon College will be offering a course in Hunter Education this spring. This course focuses not only on hunter safety, but also on wildlife management, conservation and hunter responsibility to himself and others.

The course certification is honored in other states that require a hunter safety course regardless of age. The course is open to any age group and is beneficial to young and seasoned hunters alike, however, only students 12 years of age or older can be certified.

Hunter Education has been rescheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 14, 15, and 16 from 6:00 until 9:40 p.m. It will be held at Vernon College, 4400 College Drive in Vernon, Texas. Dr. Gary Don Harkey will be the instructor and the enrollment fee will be \$10.00 (Payable to Texas Parks & Wildlife).

For further information, contact the Vernon College Office of Workforce & Continuing education at 940-552-6291, ext. 2209. Pre-registration is necessary. www.vernoncollege.edu/conted.

Official Don't Mess With Texas Merchandise Benefits Litter Prevention Proceeds Will Assist In Funding

The Texas Department of Transportation Campaign

(NAPS)—“Don't Mess with Texas” is a straightforward litter-prevention slogan that, while often imitated, is a true original. Now the same thing can be said of merchandise showcasing the popular phrase.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is offering a line of adult and children's T-shirts, hats and mugs featuring the trademarked Don't Mess with Texas logo for the first time in the litter-prevention campaign's history. The merchandise can be purchased online at www.dontmesswithtexas.org.

A portion of merchandise sales will help fund the Don't Mess with Texas litter-prevention campaign. This is the only Don't Mess with Texas merchandise sold that helps keep Texas clean.

“Too many people, not just in Texas but nationally, don't realize Don't Mess with Texas was created nearly 20 years ago as a litter-prevention slogan for TxDOT,” said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. “The slogan has since been borrowed by many in the souvenir world, but now for the first time TxDOT is offering an official line of quality Don't Mess with Texas merchandise that in turn keeps Texas roadsides beautiful.”

According to TxDOT research, 96 percent of Texans know the



Don't Mess with Texas slogan, but only 75 percent know it means “don't litter.”

“We're glad our slogan has become so popular, but it's sometimes used to signify state pride rather than litter prevention,” said Howdeshell. “We hope having official merchandise tagged with a litter-prevention message will help people remember the slogan's true meaning.”

The campaign has helped reduce roadside litter by 52 percent in Texas since 1995, but 1 billion pieces of litter still accumulate on state highways each year, costing Texas taxpayers approximately \$35.5 million in cleanup costs.

Consumers can identify the official merchandise by its logo, which features the words “Don't Mess with Texas” inside a red oval accented by a blue star with a highway lane stripe. The logo also bears a trademark symbol. All official merchandise is tagged with a litter-prevention message.

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

In the Panhandle along the Canadian and other local rivers, a group of 37 landowners came together to form the Texas Prairie Rivers Region Inc. to supplement their traditional farming and ranching income. The group offers horseback-riding, hiking, wildlife viewing and other outdoor activities on their collectively owned 330,000 acres.

In South Texas and along the entire coast, many communities, small businesses, and landowners have benefited from the formation of the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail by meeting the lodging and other needs of visitors, who come from all over the world.

These are just two examples of agricultural producers who have expanded use of their land to include nature tourism to supplement agricultural incomes during times of low commodity prices and drought. Nature tourism can be an effective way for producers to boost profits and get the most out of the land.

Like any new business venture, there are challenges. Texas farmers and ranchers interested in delving into the nature tourism market should be armed with research, information and a whole lot of energy if they want to succeed. The key is to be creative.

Texas producers are known for their innovation and persistence when making a living off the land. With our state's growing urban population seeking countryside retreats, more producers are considering nature and recreational tourism as a new income source to help sustain their operations.

Do You Qualify For The Earned Income Tax Credit?

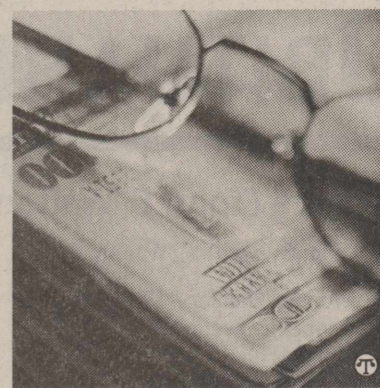
(NAPS)—It may be possible to receive a larger tax refund by claiming a federal tax credit called the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit that benefits low-income workers. Qualified taxpayers who claim the credit, in many cases, may receive all, or even more, of the taxes they had withheld throughout the tax year, resulting in a larger tax refund than possibly expected.

Understanding the qualifications and eligibility levels for EITC can be confusing, making it especially important to seek help if you are unsure about your qualification status and requirements. It's especially important to seek help if you are unsure about your status. Jackson Hewitt Tax Service offers this advice:

1. The amounts that can be earned and still allow a person/family to be eligible for the credit was recently increased. If your filing status is single, head of household or qualifying widow(er), your income must be less than \$11,490 with no qualifying children, \$30,338 with one qualifying child, and \$34,458 with two or more qualifying children. If your filing status is married filing jointly, your income must be less than \$12,490 with no qualifying children, \$31,338 with one qualifying child and \$35,458 with two or more qualifying children. If a taxpayer's investment income is over \$2,650, the taxpayer is ineligible for EITC.

2. The guidelines for determining whether you have a qualifying child fall into three categories: child (or a lineal descendant of the child), sibling (or a lineal descendant of the sibling) or qualifying



Federal tax credit could add more money to your tax refund.

foster child. Jackson Hewitt tax professionals can help taxpayers determine qualification, which, for example, may include residency requirements and the rules if a child meets the qualifying rules for more than one person.

3. The maximum credits EITC filers can receive were recently increased to \$390 for no children, \$2,604 for one qualifying child and \$4,300 for two or more qualifying children.

4. With the Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004, taxpayers can elect to include combat pay in earned income for purposes of calculating their EITC. Combat pay is otherwise excluded from gross income under Internal Revenue Code section 112. Calculate your return both ways (including and not including combat pay as earned income for EITC purposes) to determine which way gives you the more advantageous result.

To find out if you qualify for EITC or to get other tax advice, call Jackson Hewitt Tax Service at 1-800-234-1040 or visit www.jacksonhewitt.com.

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REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS

JANUARY 31, 2005

IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY FOR YOUR 2004 TAXES AND AVOID THE ADDITIONAL PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homeowners are not required to file a homestead exemption annually. If you are already receiving the state mandated \$15,000 homestead exemption or additional over sixty-five \$10,000 exemption, you need not reapply for the taxing year of 2004. However, if you became 65 in 2004, or will become 65 in 2005, you need to reapply for the additional over 65-\$10,000 exemption. If you have changed your place of residency you will need to apply for a new exemption. All homestead applications must be filed with the Chief Appraiser between the dates of January 1, 2005 and May 1, 2005. These exemption forms are available at the Knox County Appraisal District Office, which is located in the Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas. Individuals who qualify for the over sixty-five additional homestead exemption, described above, have the option of paying their homestead taxes in four equal installments, without any penalty or interest. These installments are due before February 1, April 1, June 1 and August 1. If you qualify, and are interested, please contact the Knox County Appraisal District.

AG-USE EXEMPTIONS

Annual applications for qualifying land for agriculture use is not required. If you have been receiving the AG-USE exemption on your land in prior years, you need not reapply for the exemption. If you recently purchased a farm, you need to report this to the Chief Appraiser. AG-USE exemption forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2005 and May 1, 2005.

DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION

These exemptions need not be applied for annually. If you received your exemption on the 2004 tax roll, you will automatically receive it for the tax year of 2005. However, if your disability percentage has changed, you need to report the change to the Chief Appraiser. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2005 and May 1, 2005.

RENDITIONS

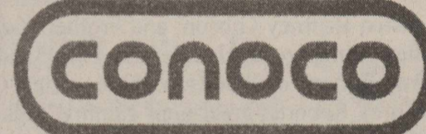
Taxpayers are reminded that it is still their responsibility to render their property to the Chief Appraiser. These rendition forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for tax renditions is between January 1, 2005 and April 15, 2005.

If you have any questions about your exemptions, or any other ad valorem tax related question, you are invited to write the Knox County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, Texas 79505 or call 459-3891. All Appraisal District employees can be of any assistance, please let us help.

Happiness is always a by-product. It is probably a matter of temperament, and for anything I know it may be glandular. But it is not something that can be demanded from life, and if you are not happy you had better stop worrying about it and see what treasures you can pluck from your own brand of unhappiness.
—Robertson Davies

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OBITUARIES

Thomas (Tom) F. Walton, Jr.

Thomas (Tom) F. Walton, Jr., 41 died Monday, January 17, 2005 at an Abilene medical center.

Tom was born April 3, 1963 to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walton, Sr. in Denison, Texas at Perrin Air Force Base. He graduated from Merkel High School in 1981, and married Sheri Grimm in October of 1981. He attended Hardin-Simmons University for several years before pastoring for two years in Trent and two years in Lueders.

Tom had a heart full of love for everyone, especially his Lord and his family. Very rarely do you see a man calling his grown sons over to give them a hug and a kiss, and telling them to be careful before they leave the house to go to school, work, or on a date; basically anytime they left the house.

His daughters were his pride and joy. He tucked them in at night and sung them to sleep, even as they grew older. He was always bragging on his kids.

Tom loved music. He sang and played his guitar with his friends, many weekends for hours upon end. He sang in his church choir, and always gave praise to God for his talent, never wanting the credit for himself.

Tom had compassion for the poor and homeless. Anytime he saw someone on the street corner needing a helping hand, he would give even if he held up traffic.

He loved hunting. He and his sons bonded on those trips.

Tom and Sheri had such deep love for each other. They truly believed that God brought them together until he call them home.

Now Tom is in the loving arms of his Savior, singing praises in Heaven's choir.

"We love you Tom. We miss you more than you will ever know, but we anxiously await that great reunion when we will all be reunited."

Tom is survived by his wife of 23 years, Sheri; daughters, Allison and Emily; sons, Trey and Andy; mother, Roberta Ann Walton of Knox City; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dorothy and Floyd Grimm of Clyde; four sisters and their husbands, Debbie and Jerry Don Sandusky of Knox City, Steve and Kay Pepper of Knox City, Galela and Benny Wofford of Noodle, and Reba and Jay Bob Eaton of Estelline; brother-in-law, Ken Grimm; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Angela Grimm; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27 at South Pointe Church with Pastors Mark Reynolds and Steve Pepper officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Memorial Park directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Hwy 277 South. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis, Abilene, Texas 79603, or Love and Care Ministries, 233 Fannin Street, Abilene, Texas 79603.

Shaylie Nikel Roberts

Shaylie Nikel Roberts, infant daughter of Ashley Roberts of Breckenridge, died Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at Graham Regional Medical Center. Grave-side services were held on Friday, January 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Clear Fork Cemetery in Stephens County with Rev. Melinda Lane officiating. Service and burial were under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Shaylie is survived and lovingly remembered by her mother, Ashley Roberts; her sister, Brittney Gibson; and brother, Kobe Roberts. She is also survived by her grandparents: Jackie and Toni Sanders of Knox City, and Billy and JoAnn Roberts of Woodson; three uncles: Cody Sanders, Timothy Sanders and Corey Roberts; great-aunt Tammy Walker; great-uncles: Butch Posey and David Posey; and great-grandmother Bessie Stuart.

Condolences may be sent online at www.morehartmortuary.net



Words cannot adequately express our sincere "Thanks and appreciation", to the community and the Body of Christ, for their love and support to us during the time of loss. Thank you, for all of your prayers, hugs, calls, cards, food and flowers. He will be greatly missed by all of us. Please continue to pray for our family. May God Bless You All.

The family of Thomas (Tom) Walton, Jr.

Roberta Walton
Debbie Sandusky
Kay Pepper
Galela Wofford
Reba Eaton

Words are the voice of the heart.
—Confucius

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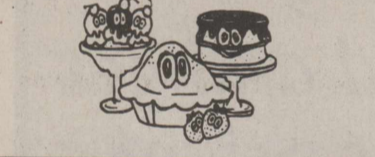
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AGING CENTER LUNCH MENU

- Week of January 31 - February 4*
- Monday, January 31**
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 - Tuesday, February 1**
Meatloaf, Pinto Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Cake
 - Wednesday, February 2**
Sliced Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Hot Rolls, Fruit Salad
 - Thursday, February 3**
Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Biscuits, Banana Ice Box Pie
 - Friday, February 4**
Tacos, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Jello with Fruit

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



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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City**
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- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Knox City**
Tex Cox, Pastor
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- FOUR SQUARE CHURCH - Knox City**
Paul Chambers, Pastor
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.
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EXTENSION SERVICE NEWS - FCS

By Lorrie Coop
County Extension Agent/FCS

New dietary guidelines will help Americans make better food choices, live healthier lives

On January 12, 2005, HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson and Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the release of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005, the federal government's science-based advice to promote health and reduce risk of chronic diseases through nutrition and physical activity.

The sixth edition of Dietary Guidelines for Americans places stronger emphasis on reducing calorie consumption and increasing physical activity. This joint project of the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture is the latest of the five-year reviews required by federal law.

It is the basis of federal food programs and nutrition education programs and supports the nutrition and physical fitness pillars of President Bush's HealthierUS Initiative. "These new Dietary Guidelines represent our best science-based advice to help Americans live healthier and longer lives," Secretary Thompson said.

"The report gives action steps to reach achievable goals in weight control, stronger muscles and bones, and balanced nutrition to help prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and some cancers. Promoting good dietary habits is key to reducing the growing problems of obesity and physical inactivity, and to gaining the health benefits that come from a nutritionally balanced diet."

"The new Dietary Guidelines highlight the principle that Americans should keep their weight within healthful limits and engage in ample physical activity," said Secretary Veneman. "The process we used to

develop these recommendations was more rigorous and more transparent than ever before.

Taken together, the recommendations will help consumers make smart choices from every food group, get the most nutrition out of the calories consumed and find a balance between eating and physical activity."

Eating a healthy balance of nutritious foods continues as a central point in the Dietary Guidelines, but balancing nutrients is not enough for health. Total calories also count, especially as more Americans are gaining weight.

Because almost two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese, and more than half get too little physical activity, the 2005 Dietary Guidelines place a stronger emphasis on calorie control and physical activity.

The Dietary Guidelines, based on the latest scientific information including medical knowledge, provided authoritative advice for people two years and older about how proper dietary habits can promote health and reduce risk for major chronic diseases.

The 2005 Dietary Guideline were prepared in three stages. In the first, a 13-member Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee prepared a report based on the best available science. In the second stage, government scientists and officials developed the Dietary Guidelines after reviewing the advisory committee's report and agency and public comments. In the third stage, experts worked to translate the Dietary Guidelines into meaningful messages for the public and educators.

The report identifies 41 key rec-

ommendations, of which 23 are for the general public and 18 for special populations. They are grouped into nine general topics:

- Adequate Nutrients Within Calorie Needs
- Weight Management
- Physical Activity
- Food Groups to Encourage
- Fats
- Carbohydrates
- Sodium and Potassium
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Food Safety

The Dietary Guidelines provided health education experts, such as doctors and nutritionists, with a compilation of the latest science-based recommendations.

Consumer-friendly materials such as brochures and Web sites will assist the general public in understanding the scientific language of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines and the key points that they can apply in their lives.

To highlight those points, a consumer-oriented brochure accompanies the 2005 Dietary Guidelines. USDA's Food Guidance System also will serve as a tool to educate consumers on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The Food Guidance System, currently called the Food Guide Pyramid, is undergoing revision and will be released in the spring of 2005.

The 2005 Dietary Guidelines and consumer brochure are available at www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines.

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Raleigh Browning presented at International Debutante Ball at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York



Raleigh Browning was one of the debutantes presented at the International Debutante Ball on December 29 in New York City. The Ball was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel; fifty-one debutantes from 20 states and six foreign countries were presented.

Raleigh is a junior at Wells College in New York, where she is majoring in economics. She is the daughter of Jaye Skaggs Browning and Roy Browning, Jr. of Fort Worth. Her grandparents are the late Edna and Doc Skaggs of Knox City.

Raleigh was escorted by her brother, Reagan Browning of Houston and a military escort. For her presentation, Raleigh wore a white gown adorned with Venetian lace, pearls, and silver and white beads.

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Well, hello friends- Here I am again at my "weekly post." After lots of consideration and many, many phone calls and notes and many, many more "in person" comments and so many nice things said about this weekly column and so much encouragement to start again, I decided I'd give it another "whirl."

May not last another 41 years but will do what I can as long as I can!! Just remember - If I don't have the news I can't report it so call me. Everyone wants to know what everyone else is doing! Just one more thought and I'll get on to the business at hand.

I'm overwhelmed by the response. When I decided I wouldn't do this anymore. I just want everyone to know I appreciate all the good "stuff" that's come my way and I'll try not to be too much of a disappointment.

Several of the community have been ailing the past few days. Jane Gideon just can't seem to get back "on her feet" after several weeks of being under the weather.

Then to complicate matters, she developed that dreadful stomach flu, (virus or whatever it is) last week that set her back even more. So, needless to say, she's not in a very good mood. Was feeling better today but still very weak so she's still "shut in."

Hazel Stockton also has had a round with this same thing Jane has had. However, hers is aggravated by a chronic stomach problem so she has an appointment with a "gastro guy" very soon in Abilene. Hopefully after that trip, her health will begin to improve.

Pat Benson is doing pretty well after a few days stay in the Knox City hospital. She's just going to have to take care of herself.

Roger Babcock has also had the flu but I believe he is feeling better.

Our former postmaster Melba Parham underwent surgery in Wichita Falls a couple of weeks ago. She was able to come home Friday after being dismissed on Tuesday and being

at her brother's a couple of days. Send her a note - I know she would appreciate hearing from her Benjamin (and other area) friends.

Joel (Peppy) Bolonaes underwent back surgery in early December in Abilene. He's doing well but still recuperating at the home of his daughter in the Dallas area. He should be able to return home and back to his job at school before long and feeling much better. We certainly wish all these friends a fast recovery back to good health.

Sincere sympathy to Roberta Walton, Kay Pepper and family and Debbie Sandusky and family today. Roberta's son and the girls brother passed away early last week in Abilene, cause of death was an apparent heart attack. He was 41 years of age. His funeral was Thursday in Abilene.

And though there's sorrow in some families lives there's joy in others. Bonnie Bohannon and Craig Howell were married January 1 and have moved with their children to Missouri. Also Ray Hamm and Mary Siemens were married last Saturday here in Benjamin.

And our pastor and his wife John and Peggy Gillispie are proud of a new granddaughter, Addison Leigh born today (Sunday) at 2:30 a.m. in an Amarillo Hospital. Her parents are Pat and Kim and she has a sister, Lauren. Seems all the family is doing well.

In basketball Friday the Mustangs and Lady Stangs reigned victoriously against Chillicothe. The boys had to go to overtime but got the job done and that's what counts. The girls didn't have that much trouble getting their win.

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Historical Commission lunch February 6. I'll be calling for pie donations and if by chance I miss you and you want to donate one, just take it on up to the Memorial Building that morning. I can assure you, it won't go to waste!

Some have said they didn't know

O'BRIEN HAPPENINGS

By Audie Johnston
O'Brien Correspondent

Those from our church in O'Brien last week on Wednesday night were in Roby at the Baptist Church for a night of preaching services. Our pastor Bro. Jim Reid preached and our song leader Donny Roberts led the singing services and sang a special after church services.

From our church other than Pastor Bro. Jim Reid wife Sherry and son Scotty, Donny and Diane Roberts, John and Jo Lippard, Marily Talbot, Bernice Rowan, Helen Manning and I attended service and was blessed for being there.

Spending the weekend with Adelle Hearing were her daughter Pansy Hines and grandchildren Julie and Stephanie Keeling of Lubbock and Kevin and Tamara Urbanczyk of Goree.

C. H. and Linda Underwood were blessed over the weekend by having their daughter Beth and husband and granddaughters Hope and Faith of Roby. They all attended church services Sunday.

Donny and Diane Roberts were blessed having their daughter Angelia who is a Tech student of Lubbock.

Spending some time with his mother Beatrice Ellis over the weekend was David Ellis of Alpine. They seem to be busy most of the time with business here and there.

All of O'Brien residents feel blessed having the Rowan's (Kyle and Katie) being winners in their stock shows last week.

I'm sure they have been blessed by being the winners in so many different events.

Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.

—Helen Keller

who the house down on the Hwy east of the school (that was moved in) belongs to. That belongs to Lori and Curt Coop (and Brittany) They have a home over between Munday and Knox City.

This is to serve as a convenience as Lori works over her and Brit. Is in school here. I'm sure to cut out so many miles is going to really help them out. And we'll be glad to call them at least part time residents. Lori is no new comer here—Her parents are Jan & Homer Rolston.

Debate New: Saturday in Stamford the BHS debate "crew" did o.k. Laura Benson came in 1st in LD debate and Chance Propps and Maria Acevedo were second in their category. That's great.

We just know there will be good news all the time—on through the state meet. C.H. Underwood is their instructor. Belle Grill and her one act play have begun to work on getting it ready for competition. It's a busy time and will be form now until school is out which, tho it seems it just started, won't be long.

Here N There: Todd and Teresa Washington of Abernathy visited Mike and Debbie Moorhouse one day last week.

Maggie Seidenberger of Tech and Brittney Sheedy of Vernon College spent the weekend with their parents, the Wyman Meinzers and the Mike Sheedys.

Donald Hall of Lubbock was a Benjamin visitor a couple of days last week.

Visited with former resident (now of Knox City) Pat Barton Thursday. She's doing real well now after having some health problems in the fall. Those encouraging reports are so good to get.

Looks like it's the Eagle and somebody in the Super Bowl. If anyone's interested, I was for Atlanta tho it really didn't matter, if the Cowboys "ain't in" I'm not too enthused. But I know many are so I say in the Super Bowl may your team win!!

KITCHEN KORNER

Ham It Up All Year

(NAPS)—Whether it's in an omelet for breakfast, stacked high on a sandwich for lunch or the centerpiece of a dinner meal, ham's versatility makes it a hero in many households. Ham is a great fit for busy, health-conscious lifestyles and gives at-home cooks a variety of options, for everyday meals.

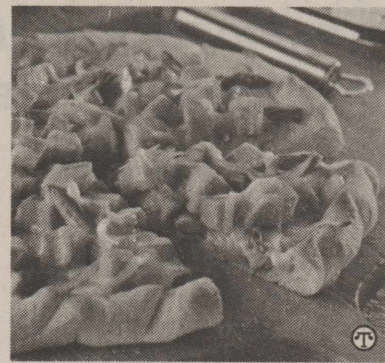
"Most Americans think of ham as a treat for special occasions and holidays, but many don't realize ham's versatility," says Pamela Johnson, Director of Consumer Communications for the Pork Information Bureau of the National Pork Board. "As a snack for a child's birthday party or a picnic among friends, ham is appealing to a variety of lifestyles and works in creative meals, whether as the starring role or as a flavor-boosting ingredient."

In addition to that sweet, smoky flavor, ham is lean and simple to serve. With only about 123 calories and five grams of fat per three-ounce serving, lean ham is a healthful choice and packs a powerful nutrient punch.

Chef Shares Secrets for Hammin' It Up

America's home cooks are always looking for great-tasting and convenient meal ideas for everyday dining. To offer inspiration to cooks of all ability levels, a well-known chef shares his recipe for adding ham to everyday meals. Just like busy home cooks, professional chefs need to have quick and easy, family-pleasing meal ideas in their back pockets.

David Woolley is the head chef at The Fort, a renowned restaurant in Morrison, Colo. Woolley also praises the versatility of ham, "With my busy schedule, making a meal at home often calls for last-minute solutions. I often turn to ham because it provides variety to any meal made in minutes—whether it's breakfast, lunch, din-



ner or even a quick snack." For a quick fix, Woolley suggests serving Honey-Cured Ham and Asparagus Pizza. "Have fun and be creative when planning meals. Ham mixes well with simple ingredients to create intense flavor combinations, perfect for adding flavor to any day of the week," suggests Woolley.

Try this easy and mouth-watering recipe:

- Honey-Cured Ham and Asparagus Pizza**
By David Woolley
- 1½ cups cubed honey-cured ham (8 ounces)
- 8 ounces asparagus
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 large onion, cut into thin wedges
- 1 to 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1 cup bottled roasted garlic Alfredo sauce or Alfredo sauce
- 1 teaspoon cornmeal
- 1 13.8-oz. package refrigerated pizza dough
- 1½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 ounces)

Snap off and discard woody portions of asparagus. Cut into 1-inch pieces.

Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Add onion and asparagus. Cook and stir for 5

to 7 minutes or until vegetables are almost tender. Stir in sherry. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more. Set aside.

Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease a 12- or 13-inch pizza pan. Sprinkle with cornmeal. Pat pizza dough into pan, rounding corners of dough rectangle to fit pan and building up edges. If desired, snip edges with kitchen shears. Bake about 7 minutes or until lightly browned.

Spread crust with Alfredo sauce. Top with vegetable mixture and ham. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes more or until golden. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting and serving.

Serves 4.
Nutrition Information Per Serving: Calories: 616; Cholesterol: 94 mg; Protein: 32 g; Fat: 26 g; Sodium: 1,836 mg; Fiber: 2 g; Saturated Fat: 12 g; Carbohydrates: 61 g

Ham 365: Enjoy Ham All Year

To help families enjoy the sweet and smoky flavor of ham every day, the National Pork Board created "Ham 365: Enjoy Ham All Year." The brochure will arm cooks of all ability levels with what they need to know about ham, including ham varieties, carving tips, specialty hams and leftover ideas. In addition, the brochure offers home cooks a number of easy-to-prepare ham recipes for everyday dining along with a variety of ham recipe ideas for the entire year.

To order the free brochure, and for hundreds of other meal ideas, visit TheOtherWhiteMeat.com and click on "Offers" on the menu bar. The recipe booklet also is available by sending a self-addressed mailing label to: Ham 365: Enjoy Ham All Year, National Pork Board, P.O. Box 9114, Des Moines, IA 50306.

NEW ARRIVAL

Addison Leigh Daily



Addison Leigh Daily was born at 2:45 a.m. Sunday morning, January 23. She weighed 7 lbs and 2 oz.

She was 19 1/2 inches long and has dark hair and eyes. She was welcomed by her big sister, Lauren, seven years old and her parents Kim and Pat Daily.

She is the granddaughter of John and Peggy Gillispie of Knox City. The family lives in Amarillo, Texas.

Be sure that it is not you that is mortal, but only your body. For that man whom your outward form reveals is not yourself; the spirit is the true self, not that physical figure which can be pointed out by your finger.

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—Alfred Lord Tennyson

Keep Texas Beautiful selected as lead agency for National Youth Service Day

Texas Youth to join millions of their peers as part of international volunteering movement

AUSTIN — Youth Service America (YSA) announced the selection of Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. (KTB) as a Lead Agency for the 17th Annual National Youth Service Day, April 15-17, 2005.

Fifty Lead Agencies across the country will coordinate local, regional, or statewide celebrations of National Youth Service Day, promoting projects and events and coordinating volunteer recruitment, local media outreach, and hands-on participation by elected officials.

To strengthen this effort, State Farm Companies Foundation, the Presenting Sponsor of National Youth Service Day 2005, is making a substantial commitment to the Lead Agency program.

National Youth Service Day (NYSD) is a public awareness and education campaign that highlights the amazing contributions that youth make to their communities 365 days a year.

For NYSD 2005, young people will design and lead service-learning projects in areas ranging from literacy and the environment, to healthcare, hunger, and help for the elderly.

As the largest service event in the world, engaging millions of young people, NYSD draws together a remarkable consortium of local, regional, and national partners, while supporting youth on a lifelong path of service and civic engagement.

"It is a distinct honor to work

with such amazing Lead Agencies. Their leadership increases the scale and visibility of youth service year-round, and helps youth in America play a lead role in learning about community needs, while giving their time, energy, commitment, and idealism," said Steve Culbertson, president and CEO of Youth Service America.

"Millions of young people serving together on National Youth Service Day creates a tidal wave of good and sends a powerful message of hope and healing around the globe," Culbertson added.

KTB will be working with youth statewide to implement projects in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off (April 2) and the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup™ (March 1-May 31).

KTB in cooperation with the Texas Municipal League will ask youth attending the Texas Youth Summit, in La Porte on February 26-27, for suggestions and recommendations on involving youth in litter prevention, beautification, cleanup, and community improvement activities.

"We are so proud to be chosen by Youth Service America to involve our Texas youth in national efforts to serve their communities," says Joanne Weik, President of KTB.

"An active participation in the NYSD program will only help to support KTB's goals and efforts to

engage future generations and will give them an opportunity to part of something even bigger."

Keep Texas Beautiful, the statewide grassroots environmental organization and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to empower Texans through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment. KTB works with volunteers, elected officials, businesses and state and federal agencies to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit the website at www.ktb.org.

Youth Service America is a national nonprofit resource center that partners with thousands of other organizations committed to strengthening the youth service movement. YSA's programs and services help to strengthen the effectiveness, sustainability, and scale of the youth service and service-learning fields on a local, national, and global level. In addition to National Youth Service Day (www.ysa.org/nysd) and Global Youth Service Day (www.gysd.net), which take place concurrently each April, YSA also hosts SERVEnet (www.SERVEnet.org), providing the largest database of volunteer opportunities in America. For more information, visit www.ysa.org.

Hospice of Wichita Falls seeking Volunteers

Someone once said, "Open your eyes and the gifts will come." This is a truth lived out by scores of hospice volunteers throughout the United States.

For people wanting to give a part of themselves right here in North Texas, Hospice of Wichita Falls is currently accepting applications for its upcoming spring volunteer training class.

Classes will be held Tuesday afternoons at the Hospice of Wichita Falls office at 4919 Johnson Road. Classes will begin March 1 and continue through April 12, 2005.

In 2004, Hospice of Wichita Falls volunteers provided more than 16,000 hours of service, much of it in direct patient care.

Volunteers are considered an invaluable part of the hospice team. One of the Hospice of Wichita Falls volunteer coordinators commented, "Through their own experiences, insights and losses, volunteers bridge the gap between professional medical knowledge and practical loving companionship."

The work is not easy, but the volunteers believe that the personal rewards are enormous. In addition to direct patient care, volunteers give hundreds of hours to support the Hospice of Wichita Falls organization itself, assisting with bulk mailings, helping the office staff, assisting with support groups and personally acknowledging each and every donation and memorial gift made to the Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Volunteers are needed for Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Knox, Wichita and Wilbarger counties, and there is an ongoing need for bilingual volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering for Hospice of Wichita Falls may call volunteer coordinators Judy Allen or Benita Essler at (940) 691-0982 for further information.

Hospice of Wichita Falls, Inc. is a non-profit organization, serving persons with life-threatening illnesses since 1985.

GUEST EDITORIAL —

TMA Health Tip: Sick? Stay home!

By Brent Anear and Pam Baggett, Texas Medical Association

You hit the snooze alarm three times; finally pull yourself out of bed only to stand in the shower desperately trying to clear your stuffy head. It happened; you've caught the dreaded flu, which in Texas occurs in late December, January, and February. Confident you have the stamina to tough it out for an eight-hour work day? Your coworkers disagree and want to send you a message: STAY HOME.

As the job demands of workers continue to increase and with so much of our time being spent in the office, it's no surprise that our coworkers are the number-one spreader of germs.

A recent report from the Texas Department of State Health Services indicated the influenza activity has risen to the "widespread" classification for the first time this flu season, signifying there is an increase in flu and flu-like illnesses in at least half of the state's regions.

Not only do health officials advise you to stay home from work, school, and public events, but coworkers are fighting back and saying enough is enough. Many believe they have the right to tell coworkers, "Don't be the martyr, we don't need you here, and we don't want you here. In clear words, we don't want your germs!"

"We share cubicles, office equipment, and kitchen facilities with close interaction ongoing and unavoidable, said Jeppe Gustin Ross, human resource director for the Texas Medical Association. "I think all employers have an obligation to offer resources for preventing employee illness, but I also think employees have an obligation to their coworkers. Sick employees do a service to themselves and their coworkers if they stay home and get healthy before returning to work."

A growing problem for many American workers is they don't get paid if they stay home due

to an illness. According to a June 2004 report by the National Partnership for Women and Families, 47 percent of Americans working in private industry have no paid sick days.

For the workers who do, sick time often is used for other reasons, such as caring for a sick child or elderly parent. When an employee becomes sick with no sick leave remaining, he or she may believe the only option is to show up to work, spreading germs to those around them.

Businesses are equally vulnerable during the cold and flu season because of lost productivity. One simple and effective way

to reduce employee illness and absenteeism is to encourage year-round healthy lifestyles, according to Madisonville family physician Andrew Eisenberg, MD, chair of TMA's Council on Public Health. "The most important information we can share with employees is information we share year-round; eat a proper diet, with 25 percent of calories taken at breakfast, avoid alcohol and tobacco products, and moderate your caffeinated beverage intake."

To get through this cold and flu season, Dr. Eisenberg also suggests frequent hand washing, avoiding very crowded areas such as shopping malls, grocery stores, and movie theatres. If impossible to avoid, try visiting during off-peak times. Most importantly, avoid the temptation to attend public events if you are ill. Dr. Eisenberg hopes helpful tips will prompt people to examine their lifestyles and use the recommended alternatives to staying healthy this winter.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 39,500 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state.

TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.

National Handwriting Week highlights importance of proper handwriting

COLUMBUS, OHIO — Zaner-Bloser Educational Publishers, the premier publisher of handwriting curriculum for grades K-8, encourages teachers, parents, and grandparents to use National Handwriting Week as an opportunity to help students practice and improve their handwriting.

John Hancock's birthday, January 23, is National Handwriting Day and is observed to encourage more legible writing. National Handwriting Week, January 23-29, 2005, is a great opportunity to place extra emphasis on students' handwriting. Zaner-Bloser recommends spending some time each day on the Four Keys of Legibility - spacing, slant, size and shape. To make learning fun, award prizes at the end of the week for the most improved handwriting or borrow a book from the

library about John Hancock.

"Strong handwriting is an essential form of communication," said Priscilla Mullins, National Product Manager, Zaner-Bloser. "Research proves that students who write legibly score higher on state tests and have higher academic performance."

In order to promote good handwriting throughout the year, Zaner-Bloser is sponsoring its 14th annual National Handwriting Contest. The contest, which garnered 130,000 entries in 2003-2004, emphasizes the importance of developing good handwriting skills. This year for the first time, Zaner-Bloser will judge entries in two separate categories: public schools and private/non-public schools. Schools select one winner in each grade to submit to Zaner-Bloser for consideration.

State and national winners will be selected in each category. One student will be selected as the Grand National Champion.

For more information about the 2004-2005 National Handwriting Contest, including how to enter and contest prizes, visit www.zaner-bloser.com/html/HWcontest.html. To be eligible, schools must use Zaner-Bloser Handwriting as their handwriting program. All entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2005.

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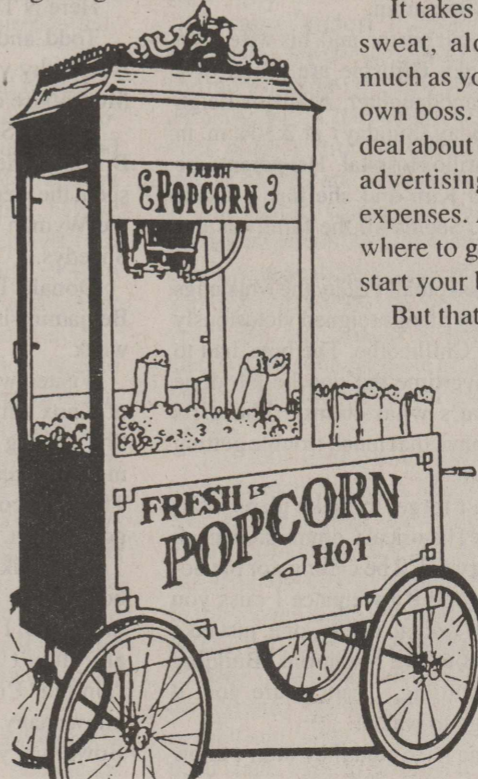
The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Take small business, for example. Much has changed over the years except for one simple rule: You have to start small to get big results.

It takes long hours and lots of sweat, along with learning as much as you can about being your own boss. You must know a great deal about overhead costs, payroll, advertising plans and operating expenses. And you have to know where to get the capital needed to start your business.

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Stop in today or call for an appointment. We want to help you get started on the small business road that leads to big business success.



If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their own happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have paradise in a few years.

—Bertrand Russell

Mustangs win in overtime 68-60

With a lot riding on Friday night's varsity boys basketball game between Benjamin and Chillicothe, Mustangs coach Danny Copeland had to rely on his team's leaders.

And those young men came through in the pinch, winning in an overtime thriller, 68-60.

"One thing we try to instill in all our players is discipline and tonight it paid off for us," Copeland said. "Our four seniors, Matthew Cartwright, Michael Clower, Seth Kuehler and Chance Propps came through in the clutch and really played a great game."

The Mustangs fell behind early, down 13-4 after the first quarter. In the second period, the home team heated up to outscore the Eagles 22-13 and head for the intermission all knotted up at 26 all.

In the second half, the lead changed hands on several occasions as the two squads battled to a 50-50 tie at the end of regulation. In overtime, the Mustangs went to the foul line nine times, making six as the Chillicothe defenders were scrambling to get the ball back on their end.

Benjamin senior Seth Kuehler provided nine of the 18 points scored in the extra period of play.

Classmate Chance Propps added the other nine points to the overtime tally, including one coast-to-coast layup and another baseline drive with a circus shot for two points.

"We set some goals before the game and one of those goals was to be aggressive on offense which would get us to the line," Copeland said. "We didn't make our free shots in regulation like we should have but our seniors were the ones who made them in the O-T."

"We put a lot on our seniors, it's their last hurrah and their team and they pulled it out for us. Matthew Cartwright had an outstanding game on the boards, probably the best game he's ever played."

Kuehler was high point for the Mustangs with 28, Cartwright had 19, including five-of-seven from the line, Propps had 19 points and Tomas Acevedo had two. Cartwright cleared the glass for 16 rebounds, and Kuehler, Propps and Acevedo had three steals each.

The win threw the Mustangs into a three-way tie in district with Crowell and Vernon Northside at 4-1.

Last Tuesday night, Benjamin defeated Harrold on the road, 65-51.



(Photo by Robert Copeland)

Benjamin Lady Stangs freshman Karla Benson glides past the Chillicothe defenders last Friday night for an easy layup.

Propps led all scorers with 24 points, Kuehler had 23, Cartwright 10, Carlos Rodriguez had four,

Acevedo added three and Blake McPherson hit for one. Cartwright led the rebounding stats with 13.

KNOX CITY BASKETBALL

HOUNDETTES

District Record 7-2 Season Record 17-6
January 21

Knox City 50, Aspermont 53

SCORING: B. Hawkins 12 S. Nicholson 11 S. Gutierrez 10 K. Martin 7 J. Albus 6 N. Moss 4

January 25

Knox City 78, Paint Creek 12

SCORING: N. Moss 22 K. Stafford 11 S. Gutierrez 10 S. Nicholson 8 K. Martin 7 J. Albus 6 S. Burt 5 J. Ward 4 B. Billington 3 T. Wilde 2

JV HOUNDETTES

District Record 5-1 Season Record 13-5
January 21

Knox City 56, Aspermont 29

SCORING: S. Burt 16 C. Carver 13 J. Schur 10 V. Solis 8 T. Wilde 7 K. Stewart 2

HOUNDS

District Record 5-4 Season Record 8-13
January 21

Knox City 39, Aspermont 58

SCORING: J. Saxton 13 Q. Spells 13 G. Lewis 4 D. Magana 4 D. Johnson 3 T.J. Richardson 2

January 25

Knox City 65, Paint Creek 39

SCORING: J. Saxton 13 B. Grimsley 10 Q. Spells 10 D. Magana 9 D. Johnson 6 T.J. Richardson 6 G. Lewis 5 R. Norton 4 T. Sanders 2



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Benjamin Basketball

Jan. 7	* Northside	There		VG, VB
Jan. 11	* Meigsdel	Here	6:30	VG, VB
Jan. 14	* Crowell	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 18	* Harrold	There	6:30	VG, VB
Jan. 21	* Chillicothe	Here	6:30	VG, VB
Jan. 25	* Northside	Here	6:30	VG, VB
Jan. 28	* Meigsdel	There	6:30	VG, VB
Feb. 1	* Crowell	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Feb. 4	* Harrold	Here	6:30	VG, VB
Feb. 8	* Chillicothe	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB

* District Games

Go Mustangs and Lady Stangs!

Knox City Basketball

Jan. 7	* Jayton	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 11	* Paducah	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 14	* Guthrie	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 18	* Rule	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 21	* Aspermont	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Jan. 24	Crowell	Here	4:30	JVG
Jan. 25	* Paint Creek	There	4:00	VG, VB
Jan. 28	OPEN			
Feb. 1	* Jayton	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Feb. 4	* Paducah	There	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
Feb. 8	* Guthrie	Here	4:00	JVG, VG, VB

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Published January 27, 2005 and February 3, 2005

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Knox City - O'Brien CISD intends to apply to the Texas Education Agency for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for the 2005 - 06 school year. The district is requesting to begin the first day of instruction for the 2005 - 06 school year on August 9, 2005. A public hearing to allow for public comment will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2005 in the W. R. Baker Auditorium.
Published January 27, 2005

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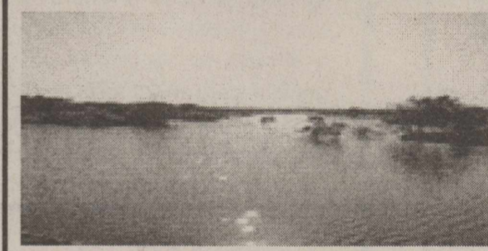
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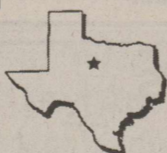
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