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Texas Brigades wildlife programs seeking adult leaders

By Steve Byrns Texas Cooperative Extension

SAN ANGELO - Love the outdoors and working with young people? Consider becoming a Texas Brigades adult volunteer this summer.

The Texas Brigades are educational programs that focus on specific game animals to teach young people about wildlife conservation. The camps are the Bobwhite Brigades (quail), Buckskin Brigades (deer), Feathered Forces Brigade (quail and turkey), and the Bass Brigade (largemouth bass).

"Our adult leaders come with a variety of backgrounds and levels of expertise," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist and originator of the camps. "They're not expected to be experts in wildlife management, though some are. They just have to like kids and appreciate the value of hard work.

"We've had everyone from housewives to neurosurgeons work at the camps, and they all leave with a much greater appreciation of conservation and the talents of our young people. Their 'tour of duty' is physically exhausting, but mentally rejuvenating."

Each camp is four and a half days of intense, interactive learning taught by the state's top wildlife and natural resource professionals, Rollins said. The camps, now in their 13th year, have an enrollment of 30 youth each.

This year the camps are scheduled for:

- June 4-8: Bass Brigade, 2nd Battalion, McKinney

Roughs, Bastrop; - June 12-16: South Texas Buckskin Brigade, 6th

Battalion, La Bandera Ranch, Carrizo Springs; - June 18-22: Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, 13th

Battalion, Krooked River Lodge, Lueders;

- June 26-30: South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, 8th Battalion, 74 Ranch, Pleasanton;

- July 17-21: North Texas Buckskin Brigade, 4th Battalion, Stasney's Cook Ranch, Albany, and

- July 24-28: Feathered Forces, 8th Battalion,

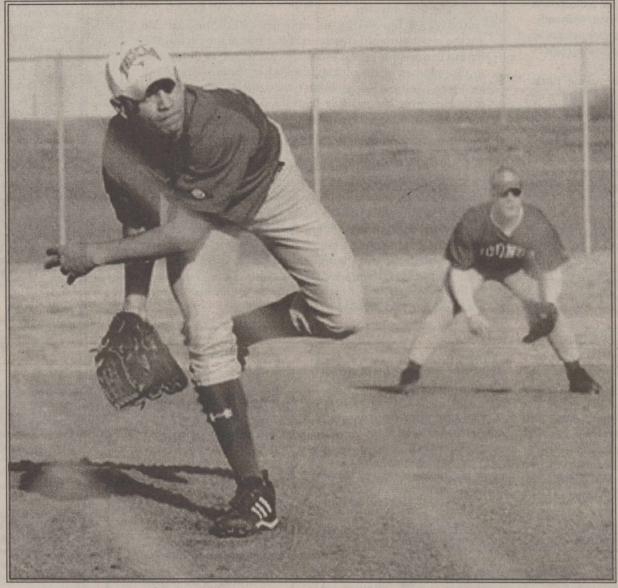
Pineywoods Conservation Center, Lufkin. The camps are sponsored by Extension in cooperation with Texas A&M University, Stephen F. Austin University, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, National Turkey Federation, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Deer Association, Lower Colorado River Authority, individuals, community organizations and businesses.

"Many of our leaders will attend a single camp and be so impressed with the program that they want to continue to serve on the respective camp's steering committee,"

Rollins said. "We take that as the ultimate compliment." Application forms and information for both youths and adult leaders are available at www.texasbrigades.org. For more information contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576.

Diamond days are here!

Greyhounds to open season this week in Seymour Tournament



KC pitcher Derek Magana returns to the mound this season for the Greyhounds. The Hounds played a scrimmage game against Seymour on Monday.

The Greyhounds will officially open their season this Thursday in the Seymour Invitational, KC will open the tournament against host Seymour at 9:00 a.m. and will take on Archer City in the game at noon on Thursday. The final games of the tournament will be played on Saturday. (See related photos and story on Page 7)

(Casey Logsdon - KCN photo)

2004 a year of activity and accomplishments

GREYHOUND BASEBALL • SEYMOUR INVITATIONAL February 24, 25 & 26

KC vs. Seymour • Thursday, Feb. 24 • 9:00 KC vs. Archer City • Thursday, Feb. 24 • 12:00

Retirement ceremony held for DPS Trooper **Brian Williams**



Sgt. Jodie Tullos of the DPS office in Haskell presents Brian Williams with his service revolver as a token of appreciation for his many years of service as a State Trooper.

A retirement ceremony was held for Department of Public Safety Senior Trooper Brian Williams on Thursday, February 17 at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin. Williams' retirement comes after 34 years as a DPS trooper in Knox County.

Williams was presented with several gifts that included a large replica of his Senior Trooper badge which was made by his co-workers.

Present for the ceremony to honor Williams were his Patrol Commanders from Lubbock and Sergeant Jodie Tullos of the DPS in Haskell.

Brian and Cathye Williams reside in Knox City. She has also retired after 27 years of service with the U.S. Postal Service, having served as Postmaster in Knox City and most recently, in Haskell.



Pictured with Williams is his wife, Cathye, and his partner of 22 years, DPS Trooper Canny Wainscott of Knox City. (Stacy Thompson photos)

Wyman Meinzer to be featured at book signing at Red River Valley Museum in Vernon

The public is invited to a book signing at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at the Red River Valley Museum in Vernon by Benjamin resident Wyman Meinzer.

Meinzer will be available to autograph copies of his books, including his two newest releases, "6666: Portrait of a Texas Ranch" and "Windmill Tales."

His interest in photography and photojournalism developed and expanded while he was involved in research at Texas Tech University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management.

His first editorial endeavors were published in 1979 and his first published photos were in National Wildlife and Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine.

His work has since appeared on over 250 magazine covers including more than 50 national and international covers.

He was the official photographer for the historic capture of the last remaining herd of southern plains bison in existence by personnel of Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart-

Meinzer was voted "Outstanding Alumnus" by the department of Range and Wildlife Management at Texas Tech in 1987.

In 1997, Governor George W. Bush and the State Legislature designated him as the State Photographer of Texas.

Meinzer conducts photography workshops across Texas and teaches photography at Texas Tech.

for Knox County Historical Commission

By Mary Jane Young, Knox County Historical Commission

The following is a summary of the activities and accomplishments of the Knox County Historical Commission and the Friends of the knox County Historical Commission in the year 2004.

There have been ten regular meetings, several finance committee meetings, and building committee

The numbers of volunteer hours are unbelievable considering our many fundraisers and work on the museum site.

At the annual museum fundraiser dinner on February 1, 2004, we served approximately 475 people.

Thanks to the great response to our silent auction and the beautiful quilt pieced by Mary Cartwright and quilted by Geraldine Koenig, we raised \$5.500.

On March 10 and October 16 we held garage sales in Truscott at the Community Center. On June 5 in Munday, we participated in the annual citywide garage sale at the home of Mary Cartwright with a delicious hamburger meal prepared by Gary Birkenfield, John Peysen, and friends of Rhineland. These garage sales brought in \$2,310.

The highlights of the year were the museum ground breaking ceremony on May 11 and the foundation being pouring on Veterans Day. The foundation was generously

The Veterans Day Program was an inspiring presentation and was

also held on November 11.

The program consisted of the Munday band playing, Charles Baker as MC, Travis Floyd, John Gillispie, and students Cody Propps of Benjamin and Zack Shaver of Knox City. The students read their interviews taken from veterans in the their families.

The Gold Star family of Raymond O. Burnett placed the wreath in the archway between the engraved names of those killed in action.

"Taps" was played by the Munday Band and the "Star Spangled Banner" let by Travis Floyd concluded the outstanding program.

A delicious hamburger meal was served by Commission members and faithful county volunteers, netting \$400 for the Veterans Memorial

In December we accepted a challenge grant from the Priddy Foundation in Wichita Falls for building the "Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center".

Within a few weeks we will start construction to complete the first phase of the building, putting it in the dry. We have several fundraisers on the slate to help us meet the challenge.

Our 2005 calendar has been a great success. We plan a cookbook, selling of memorial bricks and granite stones, and a 2006 calendar of Knox County Schools, beginning in the 1800's.

2004 was a successful year for us and we anticipate that the year, 2005, will be even greater with the help of all our friends and support-



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U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Saving Texas Sea Turtles

From the high, wide skies of the Panhandle in the north to the southern tropical brush country of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas' rural landscape is unique and unsurpassed by other states. But it isn't just people who enjoy our great outdoors. Our state is home to nearly 90 endangered species and some of the nation's most extensive preservation programs. I am proud of the progress our environmentalists and biologists have made in preserving our state not only as a home for Texans but for every living creature.

One program I have supported is the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Restoration Project. Kemp's Ridley sea turtles (Lepidochelys kempi) are the most critically endangered sea turtle in the world. They are the smallest sea turtle, along with their cousin the olive Ridley, at about 99 pounds or less and 25 inches around in shell size, and they live in shallow coastal areas, bays and lagoons.

A half century ago, at least 40,000 females nested in a single day. Today, fewer than 2,000 nest each year. Nesting on both the coast of Rancho Nuevo, Mexico and South Padre Island, Texas our two nations have worked vigorously together in an effort to save these rare turtles.

The biggest enemies to the kempi are no longer the coyotes or egg hunters that brought about the original decline - today's threats are human encroachment and incidental catching by shrimp trawlers. The Texas coast is the most deadly for these small creatures, especially since most that wash up on shore are pregnant females coming to nest.

By making parts of the Texas coast a Marine Reserve, scientists believe the number of turtles will start to increase. Recently, the Project secured a ban of shrimping in the shallow waters of the coast, but believes more protection is needed throughout these waters, specifically during nesting season. Currently, there are 12 national marine sanctuaries, representing less than one percent of all ocean territory under U.S. jurisdiction. In comparison, about four percent of our land area is protected in national parks.

Other legislation the Restoration Project has supported is making Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) mandatory on all shrimp nets. It is estimated that up to 5,000 turtles were killed each year by these nets prior to the implementation of TEDs, which are simple, yet effective devices that keep objects larger than shrimp out of the net.

However, advocacy and legislation are not the only tactics used in saving the Kemp's Ridley turtles. Scientists have carefully collected data and observed these animals over recent decades by tagging the turtles. When nests are found along the Texas coast, the eggs go through a phase called Head Starting. Here the eggs are incubated and released to their natural habitat after hatching.

This procedure was proven successful just this past April as two turtles that were Head Started back in the late 1980's were located in Galveston laying eggs. Scientists and Environmentalists were delighted over these findings, as it proves their hard work and determination are leading to the increase in kempi population. Since it takes approximately 15 years for a Kemp's ridley sea turtle to mature and lay eggs, scientists are hopeful that they will see similar discoveries in the near future.

At present, nestling aggregations number in the hundreds, not the thousands necessary for the species to survive without man's intervention. With the Project's gradual success, it is clear that our marine biologists need the necessary and most up to date technology to help protect these endangered sea turtles, which is why I have supported continued funding.

The desire to protect our wildlife is a value rooted deep in the hearts of Texans. Biodiversity is critical to the health of the ecosystems that support life on our planet, and we all share the responsibility of preserving the world's endangered species. I believe our natural heritage should be preserved for the enjoyment and education of future generations. And we must continue to maintain a careful balance between the integrity of our natural resources and encouraging economic growth, which will shape America's future.

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

COLLATERAL DAMAGE

Some cows you can walk right up to. Others are like K-Mart employees. You see one at the end of the aisle and by the time you get there, they're gone!

This particular cow was pretty skittish, so Keeler knew something was wrong when she wouldn't get out of the way of his pickup. He decided a shot of long-acting antibiotic would

He dug his rope out from behind the seat and tied it around her neck. He scanned the grassy meadow for something to snub her up to. Coiled like a snake in the bed of his pickup was a 7.50 x 16 LT, 8-ply truck tire still on the eight-hole rim. Keeler backed up to the cow, lifted the 60-pound wheel and ran the tail of his rope through the axle hole and tied it.

'That should work long enough for me to give her a shot,' he thought, not remembering the hundreds of times he had misjudged a cow. When he hit her with the needle, the cow jumped. The movement drug the iron rim against the rusty bed and made a screech! It worked as good as a barking dog! The cow sprang to life and took off, dragging the tire behind her. It bounced crazily, resulting in a circuitous trajectory which lead her back to the pickup. She crashed into the fender, shot-putting the wheel over her head and right through the windshield.

Two weeks later, Keeler was back on duty with a new windshield. It wasn't so much the cost of it all; insurance covered it, it was the inconvenience. Driving to town, leaving the truck, someone to take him home, then another hitchhike back to town.

Today's job was to take an orphaned calf to the sale. He got the two-month-old crossbred bull roped in the corral. But having learned his lesson two weeks earlier, he tied the rope to the bumper of his pickup, instead of the tire which still lay there hissing. Keeler hadn't thought his plan through. After capturing the fighting flighty red brockle calf, he had a vague idea of maybe hog-tying it in the back of his pickup. However, he forgot a piggin' string.

He ran to the shed for some proper twine. In his haste to return he hit a stack of empty linseed oil cans. It made a racket like someone beating on a tin roof with a log chain. The surprised calf jumped into the bed of the pickup, over the cab, and landed on the hood...which was as far as the rope would let him go. There he stomped the hood till it looked like a lumpy mattress, managed to mangle a side view mirror, smash the bug guard, tear off both wipers and break through the brand new windshield...again.

Insurance covered it for a second time, but his Arkansas Farm Bureau deductible has gone up.

The noblest workers of this world bequeath us nothing so great as the image of themselves. Their task, be it ever so glorious, is historical and transient, but the majesty of their spirit is essential and eternal. -George Brown

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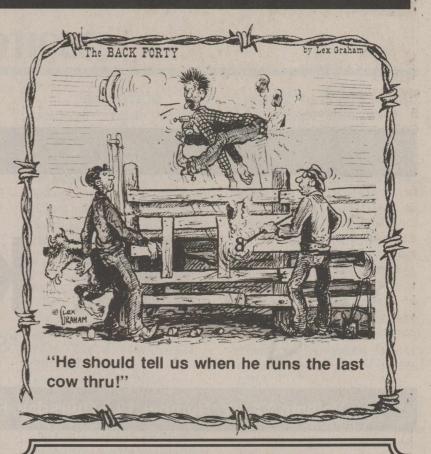
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New Mexico. This area of about The last two weeks, we have 240,000 square miles is larger than

By Morton Scott

talked about the 1850s effort to establish a reservation on the boundary between Throckmorton and Shackelford counties. This was a strategy to end Comanche and other nomadic Indian raids on white settlements spilling out beyond the Brazos and middle Colorado Rivers.

These depredations were a constant threat to settlers and their families. Many settlers gave up and returned to "civilization."

The nomadic Indians had been at home upon the Southern Plains long before Americans crossed the Mississippi. This was their homeland. As long as Anglos settled east of the Cross Timbers, little trouble occurred between settlers and Indians.

Horses evolved in North America but had disappeared by the times of Columbus. The first Indians to acquire horses were the Apaches who lived near Spanish settlements in the Santa Fe, New

Soon, however, the Comanches also got horses. Southwestern history changed. Many historians call the Comanches the best horsemen ever, better than the Cossacks or even the Mongolian hordes who swept across the steppes of Asia and Europe.

Comanches on horseback quickly established control over a vast area from southern noncoastal Texas north through Indian Territory to southwestern Kansas and southeastern Colorado. From mid-Oklahoma, Comanche control extended west across the southern

of the Texas Panhandle and eastern any state except Alaska and Texas, and larger than any European country except Russia, Greenland, Turkey and Ukraine.

Rolling Plains Ramblings

This vast area was known as Comancherea. Other tribes lived in Comancherea, but only by getting along with the Comanches.

Comancheria was ideal for these nomadic tribes. Winters were usually mild. Huge herds of buffalo supplied adequate meat, supplemented by antelope, bear, rabbits, and, eventually, wild horses. These animals also supplied skins for teepees, clothing, sinews, and almost every other need.

Canyons along the "breaks" from the Llano Estacado protected them from attacks and bitter winter winds, ice and snow.

Boys began learning to ride horses before they could talk. They played games like jumping off a horse at full gallop, grabbing a playmate from the ground, then returning to horseback, playmate

A Comanche on horseback could gallop around an area the size of a football field at full speed, shooting 20 arrows accurately at the other side of the field, all while a well-equipped soldier was reloading his rifle.

Only Comanches could effectively fight a battle while firing his rifle mounted on a galloping horse. Other tribes would have to dismount to shoot accurately.

Despite the movies, ONLY

plains across the Llano Estacado the Comanche warrior could tie a rope around his horse's neck with a loop on the opposite end that held his ankle. On approaching the enemy, the Comanche could lean over the side of his horse at a full run, firing from underneath the horse's neck while using the animal's body as a shield.

The Comanche warrior was master of the Plains.

Trouble between Comanches and American settlers was rare until white families began expanding settlements west of the Cross Timbers, thus invading Comancheria, about the time of the Republic of Texas.

One of the earliest Comanche attacks was on Parker's Fort in 1836, where the Indians captured Cynthia Ann Parker and her brother, John.

Cynthia Ann would become the mother of Quanah Parker, the last Southern Plains Indian chief to surrender his warriors, still undefeated, to the U.S. Army. He would then lead in their adoption of American culture, becoming, himself, a major Texas and Indian Territory rancher.

Thus, Texas battles between settlers and Comanches began and ended with Cynthia Ann Parker in 1836 and her son, Quanah, in

We'll have more on the Comanches and other aspects of Texas history as well as many other subjects in future columns. If you have any suggestions for column subjects, please drop me an email at >fmortonscott@aol.com< or leave a note at the newspaper office.

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O'BRIEN HAPPENINGS

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Charlene Brothers was in Springtown Saturday visiting with her sisters, Jean Gibson and Marvelene Lancaster, also visiting were their cousins from Hamilton and Graham. Charlene also visited with her son and family Jerry and Rosie Brothers in Azel.

Sunday, Charlene Brothers, attended church in Buffalo Gap with her son and family, Craig, Lorie an Chase Brothers. Chase was baptized into Buffalo Gap Baptist Church.

Bernice Rowan was blessed Sunday by having her son Jerry come and visit with her and they attended the funeral for Eddie Adkins in Knox City Baptist Church.

Beatrice Ellis is blessed by having her son David of Alpine and daughter Sandra. Beatrice has one of the old ailments going around and will go back to the Dr. today.

Bro . Jim Reid and wife Sherry were in Dallas last week for Bro. Jim's check up, thing's are going o.k. we hope.

W.C. and Patsy Orr was blessed over the weekend by having their daughter Carolon and husband Mark and son Cody over for a good lunch.

Member of forty-nine churches in the Double Mountain Association attended the Evangelism Conference at First Baptist Church in Stamford last Sunday evening. They were served stew, cornbread, peach cobbler and drinks by the host church at 5. Following the meal was a concert of Praise presented by Shawn Drewett of Alexandria, LA.

Dr. Stan Coffey, Pastor of the Church at Quail Cree in Amarillo, Tx. brought a message that entertained, enlightend and encouraged us in our evangelism efforts as he spoke of a Fresh Touch.

O'Brien Baptist Church youth enjoyed pizza before joining the other church members fo the co cert. Thanks to Donni Roberts and Bro. Jim Reid for being our drivers.

Adults other than these young children were Bro. Jim and Sherry Reid, John and Jo Lippard, Betty Poe, Bilie Walker, Bernice Rowan, and me.

We all enjoyed everything thath went on. Bilie Walker and I were in Stamford today (Monday) for mt to get my glasses have new lenses in them.

Attention shoppers!



Lawrence Brothers in Knox City has recently added new features to their market to better serve their customers. Display cases have been added to their meat market and frozen food section. Pictured above is butcher Rex Allsup.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This letter is to request assistance to reclaim missing property.

As most Knox County residents know each year for the last 40 years Mr. W.T. Cartwright of Benjamin built and displayed a fantastic Christmas display.

The display consisted of cartoon characters and other features that did a magnificent job of capturing and presenting the spirit of Christmas and was viewed by thousands of visitors over the last four decades.

Both children and adults enjoyed the magic of the labor of love that W.T. provided for the community. Many hours of work and a considerable amount of expense went into the creation of "Dub's Christmas Collection."

A few years ago the community suffered the loss of both W.T. and his wife Joetta. The residents realized that the Christmas display was a treasure for us all.

With the cooperation of the Cartwright family the Benjamin Fire Department and others volunteered to erect the display on the Knox County Courthouse lawn. All went well until this year.

This Christmas season eight different charcters were stolen. This treasure is in peril of being lost for the community. If the pieces are not returned the display will not be reconstructed for the public.

This collection of work is far too valuable to be made available to vandals. And so, because of this unfortunate circumstance, the magic that has brightened the Christmas season in our community for many years may soon be lost.

On behalf of the Benjamin Fire Department and all of the residents of our community who have enjoyed the "labor of love" for many years, I ask that anyone with information concerning the theft of these items or leads as to their whereabouts contact the Knox County Sheriff's Office or leave a message at 940-454-3561.

Dennis Duke/for the Benjamin Fire Department 400 N. Hinton St. Benjamin Texas 79505

Attention Cancer Survivors!

The Knox County unit of the American Cancer Society would like to honor your fight against cancer!

SURVIVOR'S LAP • Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. The Relay for Life is a unique fundraising event. The event is an opportunity to honor those who have survived cancer and remember those we have lost.

We would like to extend a special invitation for you to participate in the event by walking, running, or wheel chairing the first lap of Relay For Life, which symbolizes the courage survivors and their lives. If you have heard the words "you have cancer," you are a survivor!

For more information call Linda Reddell at (940) 422-4382 or Melissa osselet at (940) 422-4959.

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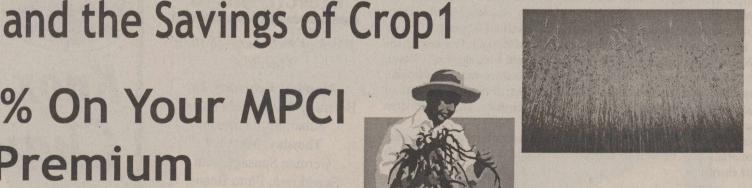
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OBITUARIES

Peggy R. Guinn

Peggy R. Guinn, 68, of Knox City died Monday evening, February 14, 2005 at the Knox County Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, February 18, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church at 2:30 pm, with Reverend Rob Harrison, Sequoyah Reynolds and Reverend Paul Chambers officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell Smith funeral home in Knox City.

Mrs. Guinn was born on December 18, 1936 in Haskell County to Cornelius and Ozelle Stephens. She graduated from Knox City High School in 1955.

She married Jerry Guinn in Oklahoma on November 20, 1954. She had managed an insurance business and was secretary to State Repre-

sentative, David Counts, until retirement. Peggy was active with the Knox County Child Welfare Board for years; American Heart Association chairperson; CCEC Lay Director for Ladies Walk #77; and a Sunday school teacher for many years. She was a member of the Foursquare Church

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cornelius and Ozelle Stephens and one sister, Lucille Lummus.

She is survived by her husband Jerry Guinn of Knox City; one son Dell Guinn of Dallas; two daughters Jan and Jerry Eaton of Fort Worth and Sheryll and Mel Reed of Snyder; one brother and his wife Wyndoll and Ann Stephens of Katy; one sister Wynelle Roberts of Tulia; four grandchildren Wendy and Brady Reed, Crystal Sanders and Jason Zeissel; and three great grandchildren Daniel, McKenna and Reagan.

The family requests that memorial be given to Knox County Welfare Board, P.O. Box 368, Knox City or the American Heart Association.

Mr. Edwin "Eddie" Adkins

Mr. Edwin "Eddie" Adkins, 79, of O'Brien, Texas, died from injuries sustained in a car accident early Friday morning, February 18, 2005.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 20, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Knox City with Gayle Baucum officiating. Burial was in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Adkins was born on February 5, 1926 in Rochester to Ace and Mary Adkins. He was in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946 when he re-

turned home to marry his sweetheart.

He married Virginia Tankersley on January 9, 1947 in Haskell. She preceded him in death on October 23, 2003. Mr. Adkins was a farmer and was on the Board of Directors at Tri-County Electric for over 35 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Knox City. Mr. Adkins enjoyed country music, gardening and fiddling.

He is survived by his daughter Mary Lynn Fowler and her husband Ronnie of Hobbs, NM; one sister, Joyce Nell Turner of Rule, two grandchildren, Brian Anthony Fowler of Odessa and Leigh Anne Bass of Hobbs, NM; three great-grandchildren, Emily Bass of Hobbs, NM, Madison Fowler of Odessa, and Brayden Fowler of Odessa, and one step great grandchild, Leci Blauvelt of Odessa. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Virginia; one son, Jim Edd Adkins and one brother, Wilburn Adkins.

C.R. "Shorty" Messenger

C.R. "Shorty" Messenger, 85, of Haskell died Sunday, February 20, 2005 at his Haskell residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Tony Grand and Rev. J.W. Davis, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Messenger was born on August 5, 1919 to Jessie Lee and Nona Cox Messenger. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He married Emma Cunningham on March 13, 1943 in McLean. Mr. Messenger was a retired oilfield worker and a resident of Haskell for 62 years.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Messenger of Haskell; four sons, Kenneth Wayne Messenger of Snyder, Stephen Richard Messenger of Odessa, Roger Dale Messenger of Rule, and Randy Bert Messenger of Haskell; one daughter, Brenda Cox of Haskell; on brother, Johnny Messenger of Throckmorton; one sister, Rhoda Mae Mayes of Graham; 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Shorty was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister. Memorials may be sent to Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship or donor's



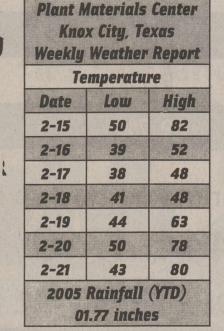


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By Gladene Green

Saturday started out wet, foggy and generally miserable but by late afternoon the sun had shown through the clouds and Sunday morning dawned clear and the day was beautiful. Several were out "doing work" in their yards, making ready for the spring season. About all I have is winter weeds but they have a good start and if I don't get them down I'll have a wonderful crop of them!!

Not much change where our ill are concerned. Jane Gideon's continuing to feel much better, sure glad to get that report.

Hazel Stockton was back in Abilene Wednesday for more tests but has not received any results as yet. Right now, she's feeling fairly

Talked to Becky Moorhouse Friday. She's doing o.k. Has had 1 chemo treatment and will got to Dallas every 3 weeks for a year for treatment. I won't go into detail about her problem, respecting her privacy, but will say she and her family need our prayers during this time. She's in good spirits and that's always good medicine for anyone.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Peggy Guinn today. Peggy was a wonderful person and my good friend. She died on Monday her funeral was Friday.

Also sympathy to family and friends of Eddie Adkins of O'Brien who died on Friday morning in an automobile accident in Abilene. Eddie was also a friend who will be missed greatly. His funeral was

One Act Play Cast Performance: The Benjamin play cast was in Stamford Saturday for a practice "run" and commentary, food and bad. They said they did pretty well and were not critiqued too severely but they know now what they need to work on. Competition begins in late March. Belle Grill is the director.

BBB

Coppedge (her brother) is doing pretty well. He is taking chemo again but about to finish this series and goes back to M.D. Anderson in a few days for a progress report

Also said their granddaughter Amber has an eye problem but so far it has not worsened and Drs. are watching it. Amber has a baby boy who also has a problem and will be seeing a specialist soon and hopefully his problem will turn out to be not too serious. This family also needs our prayers:

BBB

Word was received here this week of the death of Lester Duke. He died at home of a heart attack.

He had been ill awhile. He lived in Ft. Worth where his funeral was held. Lester's twin sister, Leslie is also in serious condition suffering the effects of a stroke.

Penny Eaton enjoyed a long weekend skiing trip to Colorado.

Mary and Jack Young had a young family gathering in their home Saturday night. Enjoying a delicious meal and lots of visiting were Jack. Jr. and

Cindy Young of Round Rock, Billie Faye Cummings of Henderson and Pat Benson, Billy Carl Benson and family. Sheila Kuehler and family, Dutch and Imagean Young and Deann Lamb all of Benjamin. Also stopping in later for a visit were Danny and Sharon Wainsott of Knox Jack is doing real well since

his recent surgery and foes back to the Dr. tomorrow (Monday) for a

Mary Jane says he hopes the Dr. will turn him loose to start driving again. Having to "stay put" until someone can drive you around is hard on someone as active as Jack is. Good to hear he's doing so well.

Anthony Lamb and a fried, former Benjamin resident, now of Guthrie, Jarrett Ferguson spent the weekend with friends in Lubbock. Stephanie Brannan ad Chase of Lubbock were here on Wednesday and accompanied her great grandmother Hazel Stockton to the Doctor

Thank You

The family of Deggy Cuinn wish to express a very heartfelt thank you, to everyone who remembered us during this time. May God Bless each and everyone of you. Thank You,

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your intake of fruits and vegetables can reduce heart disease by providing heart healthy nutrients and phytonutrients such as the monounsaturated fat and lutein in avocados. Compared to other commonly eaten fruits, California avocados rank highest in lutein, which acts as an antioxidant, and betasitosterol, which may block cholesterol absorption. As a substitute for saturated

fats found in butter and mayonnaise, avocados work well spread on toast or in sandwiches. Avocados taste great in a wide variety of salads, especially when teamed with other fruits.

For more information and recipes featuring California avocados, visit www.avocado.org and for more healthful tips on fruits and vegetables, visit www.5aday.org.

> **Avocado and Blueberry** Fruit Salad

Dressing 2 tablespoons honey

- 1/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice 1/8 teaspoon each salt/pepper



Whisk together all ingredients and set aside.

- 1 large, ripe California avocado, cut in slices
- 2 cups fresh blueberries 2 cups fresh apple, peeled
- and diced 2 cups fresh mango, diced
- 1 5-oz. package or 8 cups
- salad greens
- 2 tablespoons chopped
- chives or green onion

2 tablespoons walnuts, toasted, chopped coarsely

Place chopped avocado, blueberries, apple, and mango in medium bowl and toss with 4 tablespoons dressing. Toss salad greens in large bowl with remainder of dressing, and distribute evenly on each of six salad plates. Place an equal portion of fruit/avocado mixture on top of each greens serving. Sprinkle with chopped chives and toasted walnuts to serve. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional Information per serving: calories: 192, total fat: 6g, saturated fat: 1g, monounsaturated fat: 3g; polyunsaturated fat: 2g; % calories from fat: 31%, % calories from saturated fat: 4%, protein: 4g, carbohydrates: 34g, cholesterol: 0mg, dietary

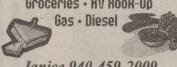
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The test will be offered March 10, March 19, March 24, April 28, May 11, May 16, and May 25. These tests dates are the last scheduled test dates before the program begins in the fall 2005.

Students wishing to take the tests must pre-pay before scheduling testing. The cost for the NET test is \$15.00. For more information, please contact Associate Degree

Nursing Program (940) 552-6291 exr. 2268.

NET study guide is available from the Vernon College Bookstore. NET Prep Course is available from Vernon College Division of Workforce Education and Training on February 12, March 12, April 9, or

The cost of the course is \$25.00 with a minimum enrolment of six students. For more information, please call Vernon College Vernon campus at (940) 552-6291 ext. 2209. The hepatitis B series must be completed prior to any clinical assignment in the program

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Each lunch-box includes: Shaved ham piled high on a fresh roll with Swiss cheese and crisp lettuce, 'a fresh fruit cup of Mandarin oranges, pineapple and grapes, a bag of crispy chips, a tangy pickle, a fresh home-baked brownie and of course, a napkin, spoon, mustard and mayo!

The Lunch-Boxes are just \$6 and may be ordered by calling the museum office at 553-1848. Museum Guild members will deliver lunches in Vernon for those who are unable to come to the First Presbyterian Church to pick them up.

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People with language skills in Spanish, German, Korean, and Vietnamese are needed to help staff in translating during disasters and single-family fires.

Following a natural disaster or single-family fire the American Red Cross assesses family needs and complete actions to help clients return to normalcy. We are in desperate need of volunteers in the event a natural disaster impacts our community.

Two classes that are required to assist volunteers in assessing needs safe Introduction to Disaster Services and Damage Assessment are required to make these assessments.

Introduction to Disaster Services is designed to provide basic information about disasters and how the Red Cross works with other agencies in support of disaster relief. This course is a prerequisite and can be either taken in the classroom environment or self paced study program.

The Damage Assessment course prepares volunteers to assess damage, prepare assessment reports and assist in operational support of disaster relief.

Should a volunteer want to assist in helping clients in temporarily living arrangements and following a disaster, Mass Care courses trains volunteers in shelter operations, feeding, and bulk distribution of necessary relief items.

Shelters require trained volunteers to help staff and care for those that have lost their homes due to a natural disaster or for those that are traveling and are ought in the midst of a snowstorm. There is no fee to attend these courses.

For those individuals who have ample time on their hands, the American Red Cross program has opportunities to be part of their field operations of disaster relief. Volunteers receive advance training to be part of the National response program called Disaster Services Human Resource.

This program functions to support Red Cross units development path. To be a part of this program, volunteers

must be recommended by the chapter and participate in extensive training. Volunteers must be flexible to serve on any disaster in the United States and the territories.

They must be willing to live under adverse conditions and meet medical criteria to allow them to respond to these very austere conditions.

If you are a state employee, The Ready Texans program might be right up your alley. State employees who volunteer for the American Red cross and completed a minimum of three courses may apply for disaster leave. Eligible volunteers can receive up to 10 days leave without loss of pay, vacation, personal leave, and

For youth, the chapter offers youth who are ages 14 and older to participate in the Youth Action Team. This grassroots program gives youth disaster training and provides a corer orientation of the American Red Cross.

For more information, you may call 940-552-2991 for Marleen Moore or toll-free for Peter Flynn at 940-322-8686, extension 20 for additional details.

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Business Personal Property Rendition Forms Are Available At The Knox County Appraisal District Office, P.o. Box 47, Benjamin, Texas, 79505. If You Have Any Questions Concerning This, Please Contact The Appraisal District Staff At (940) 459-3891.

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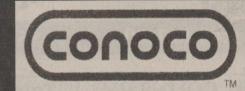
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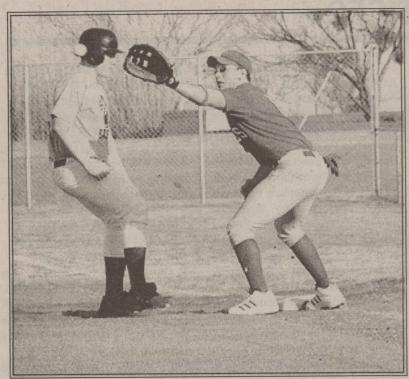
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Not quite spring training - the Greyhounds have been warming up for the opening of the 2005 season. KC baseball coach Mitch McLemore will be leading the Hounds in their quest for a third consecutive district title. (Casey Logsdon - KCN photo)

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Mar. 25	Seymour	Here	4:30
Mar. 28	* Haskell	There	4:00
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Apr. 4	* Paducah	Here	4:30
Apr. 8	* Quanah	Here	4:30
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KCHS baseball coach Mitch McLemore predicts success for his Greyhounds this season.

"Haskell and Vernon Northside are the two teams that we have to worry about," said McLemore. "But we have so many players with determination and skill that I feel our chances for advancing further are excellent."

The Hounds will not be short on experience as C.J. Bruce, Derek Magana, Riley Spells and Ty Chisum will be returning to the field

Bruce and Magana were the district offensive and defensive MVPs. Returning this year for the Hounds after missing a season due to a knee injury will be Eric Lewis.

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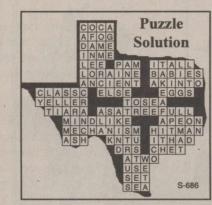
BENJAMIN ELECTION DATES SET

The Benjamin ISD met in regular session on January 10 at which time the Order of Election for May 7, 2005 was declared for the purpose of a general election of three board

member seats for three-year terms. The firs 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 Benjamin School 300 Hays St. Benjamin, TX from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Early voting in person will begin on April 20 and cease on May 3 at the School. The May 7 election will be held at the Benjamin Memorial Building from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Published 2-24-05



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LEGAL NOTICE - THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - (CRIMINAL TRES-PASS SENATE BILL III LEGIS-LATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE W.T. WAGGONER ESTATE ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EX-CEPT WHERE WRITTEN PER-MISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UP ON THE SAME.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS THE ESTATE OF

DECEASED

letters of Independent Administration for the estate of PATSY JANELLE MARTIN were issued on February 22, 2005, in Cause No. 2411, pending in the County Court of Knox County, Texas, to: DERIC K. MARTIN.

The address of the Independent Administrator is:

DERIC K. MARTIN

Englewood, CO 80111 All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 22nd day of February, 2005.

P.O. Drawer 390 Munday, TX. 76371 (940) 422-4525 (940) 422-5544 FAX ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE Published 2-24-05 (121)

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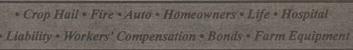
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