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Attempted Anhydrous Theft Leads To Four County Chase Two Suspects Apprehended in Vernon

Attempted Anhydrous theft leads to four county chase and arrest of two. Local law enforcement made another impact on the war on drugs Wednesday, June 22 with the arrest of two men after a one and a half hour high speed chase through four counties.

Around two o'clock Wednesday morning, the Knox County Sheriff's Office received a call from a resident in the Northern end of the county stating that an anhydrous theft was occurring on their property.

Deputy Lee Roland of the Knox County Sheriff's Department began to respond to the call. Upon receiving information that multiple suspects may be involved, Aaron Lewis with the Knox City Police Department was contacted to provide

backup.

The two officers identified an early 90's Chevrolet Lumina traveling on Highway 6 as the suspects vehicle. Upon attempting to initiate a stop, the suspects fled North on Highway 6 into Foard County where Foard County Sheriff's Deputies joined the pursuit.

Along the way, the suspects threw various objects out of the windows of the speeding car with the intention of striking the law enforcement vehicles, including tire tools, a television, a backpack, aerosol cans, and compact discs. At one point they actually ripped their stereo unit out of the dash and flung it at pursuing officers to try and deter them.

The two perpetrators continued into Hardeman County to

Quannah where they avoided spike strips laid in the road to puncture their tires by detouring through a nearby housing development.

Upon reentering U.S. Highway 287 South, they traveled East into Wilbarger County and on toward Vernon with Wilbarger D.P.S., and Vernon P.D. joining the chase.

Once on the highway, the suspects would drive erratically, often crossing the wide grass median and driving in the opposing lanes, maintaining speeds from 100 to 120 miles per hour. They "played chicken" with semi tractor trailer rigs, meeting them head on and causing them to swerve to one side.

When the suspects arrived on the outskirts of Vernon they at-

tempted to cross the median once again where they blew out both tires on the right hand side of the car causing them to slide to a halt.

The driver was apprehended at the vehicle while the passenger scaled the six foot chain link fence of a Vernon Business. He found himself trapped inside the lot where he was apprehended a moment later.

When the Lumina was searched, propane tanks that had been adapted to receive and transport anhydrous ammonia, a key ingredient in the manufacture of methamphetamine, was found. The bottles matched those located at the site of the attempted theft.

Hector Saldivar, Jr., 22, and Andrew Terrett Freeman, 25,



Propane tanks confiscated from the suspects.

both of Wichita Falls, were arraigned that morning and charged with possession of a criminal instrument, and evading arrest

using a vehicle. Bond was set at 20,000 a piece and both men were returned to Knox County where they will be held.

Economic Development Meeting Reveals Goals For Knox County

Area mayors, city managers, councilmen, and concerned citizens meet Thursday, June 23 at 1 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin for the first of a series of meetings to discuss county wide economical development.

The meeting, titled "A Road Map To Community Visioning," was sponsored by the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, in association with the Texas Midwest Community Network, and the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. The organizations have teamed up to bring economic development resources to the rural communities of West Central Texas. They cover 25 counties and 41 communities surrounding the Abilene area.

Thursday's meeting began with County Judge Travis Floyd thanking everyone for coming, and asking that things begin on a positive note, saying, "Let's not think why we can't do things, but how we can do them." He also stated this was an informal assembly and that the floor was open for questions and comments.

He then introduced Texas Midwest Community Network's Executive Director Nicki Harle. Mrs. Harle started with saying Knox County needs to "define its vision" of what it should be doing to accomplish its goals of economic viability and while many towns have no vision, she hoped this meeting would help "everyone to regroup and get on the same page." Mrs. Harle handed the floor over to main facilitator Drew Brown with the WCTWDB.

Mr. Brown began by stating "Rural life is fading away." He wanted to find a way for Knox County "not to just survive, but actually turn around and flourish over the next ten years and on."

Mr. Brown asked attendants



Consultant Drew Brown, discusses economic development ideas with business and community leaders from throughout Knox County.

what they would like to see happen to their county in the next three to five years. There were many positive answers.

Judge Floyd said he would like to see wind turbines, about 2,000 acres of vineyards, and more single family housing.

Other goals were more business which would bring more employment opportunities, which in turn would keep youth from moving away. In relation, all high school seniors should have a "sellable" skill when they graduate. More goals included more assisted living physicalities, entertainment, and for Knox County to be known as a good place to retire. All parties would like to see Munday, Knox City, and the county cooperate more.

Mr. Brown then asked what assets the county already possessed. Replies were varied. Excellent hunting/fishing/wildlife, good water supplies, both surface and in ground (enough for

industry possibly,) inexpensive real estate, excellent access to well maintained roads, low crime rate, good health care and schools, and access to hi speed telecommunications which are soon to come to the area.

Challenges or weaknesses discussed were lack of housing, jobs and business, community involvement, no promotion of assets the county already had, not buying locally, and some citizens not wanting change. Many of these oppositely mirror what most in the room had seen as overall goals.

The attendants voted on what the top three assets/challenges were. Top three assets were excellent water, inexpensive real estate, and good highway access while the weaknesses were lack of jobs, funding for promotional programs, and lack of housing.

With goals, assets, and challenges written down and hung around the room were everyone

could see them, the participants separated into groups and formed what they believed would be a "common goal for the community." All four parties were strikingly similar in that saying an "attitude change" was in order and the first step to completing these goals is for all communities to work together for the good of the county.

Knox County is taking a different approach to community visioning by applying economic development to a county wide scale so all communities can benefit. Mr. Brown added we can "succeed in working together."

A "task force" of five citizens was assembled by a vote of those in attendance to record a proper vision statement for inspiration to reach their goals. Nominees were Dennis Duke, Doug Tidwell, Charles Lankford, Barbara Rector, and Bob Bowen.

Those nominated were elected to write and finish the statement.

Agreement Reached on Tax Value

A small step has been made toward the ruling of the Meinzer vs. Stanton Brown as Chief Appraiser of Knox County Appraisal District and Knox County Appraisal Review Board.

Last Wednesday, June 22nd at ten a.m. in his offices at Paducah, Texas, 50th District Judge William H. Heatly presided over a conference call between the Meinzer's attorney Matt Malone and Kirk Swinney the defense attorney representing the Tax Appraisal Board. The parties agreed to sign an entered judgement stating that the tax appraisal value for the Meinzer's property in

Benjamin for 2003 would stand at 85,000. The Meinzers would also be awarded 2823.49 for lawyers fees, which is the maximum amount allowed by law.

This comes after Judge Heatly's heat related collapsed during the closing statements of Defense Attorney Kirk Swinney during the courtroom session Tuesday June 7th.

The final ruling regarding the Meinzer vs. Knox County Tax Appraisal Board will be decided during a conference call to be held Wednesday June 29th from judge Heatly's office in Paducah.

Watermelon Harvest Begins



The annual watermelon harvest has arrived in Knox County. Dwayne Johnson, owner of Johnson Melon Corp., has employed approximately 60 pickers from the Rio Grande Valley to harvest his crop. Harvesting crews spend ten months out of the year harvesting watermelons across the state of Texas.

Mr. Johnson said that

providing we don't have a consecutive string of 100 plus degree days, the harvest should go well. The melons can be damaged if exposed to extreme heat for a sustained amount of time.

Mr. Johnson feels fortunate to have avoided the hail and high winds of the last few weeks. He looks forward to a good crop.

A MOMENT IN TIME

By Joyce Greenwood

Goree is located on Hwy 277 almost exactly halfway between Knox City and Seymour, and should one blink, even for a millisecond, it would never be seen at all. It is one of the hundreds of little towns that, except for a few of us who are still here lives only in memories of those who once called Goree home.

The few buildings that haven't rotten down, have boards nailed across the plate glass windows, but vandals still find a way to either damage or deface then-people who don't care, who moved here after the town was already on its deathbed.

Kent Trainham's Ice Plant still remains, housed where his parents, T.J. and Trudy Trainham were once the proprietors of a grocery store. They operated their store on "I'll trust you until you prove untrustworthy basis". If a family needed groceries and couldn't pay, T.J. carried them on credit until money was available. When my husband, Tommy, and I first started farming, T.J. extended credit to us until we could get a crop out. It didn't matter if we owed him several hundred dollars, he treated us as though we were his best paying customers when we went into his store.

The other establishment still in Goree is James Peek's Service Station. James' station is different from most, in that there are no card pumps--no pumping your own gasoline. I know of very few places where the proprietor still, not only fills your car with gasoline, but washes the windshield, and checks the tires and the oil. His place is not just a service station, but a meeting place for retired men, farmers "caught up" in the fields and those who occasionally drop in for a Coke

in the middle of a workday. In James' place, a man can have a cold drink and catch up on what ever happens to be going on in the area.

Those of us who still call Goree home remember when the town was thriving--alive with people and music and the shout of children playing on the city hall square. George Nix operated a theater and Dorse Rogers a drug store where he made delicious ice cream sodas. Buster Latham had a cafe that he closed at ten o'clock on Saturday night and let us dance to the music on the jukebox. John Coffman operated a skating rink (where this writer first saw the boy who was to be her husband.) We all called John Coffman "Uncle John", (though he was nobody's biological uncle) and his wife was Aunt Annie to all of us. Uncle John did not allow any misbehaving on his skating rink. If an overly imbibed stranger managed to get past Aunt Annie, Uncle John soon spotted him and ran out onto the floor, funny looking little hat pulled down tightly on his head, blowing his whistle and pointing for the outsider to leave the rink.

Across the street from Uncle John's skating rink, a man by the name of Bob had a small cafe. There was a sign in Bob's Cafe that said, "No Profanity" and that meant everybody--by golly!--except Bob. Nobody ever really knew where Bob came from and nobody knew where he went when he left, but for the time he was here he made the spiciest, most delicious chili anybody ever tasted. His cafe would never pass present day state health department regulation and Mother told me not to be eating anything

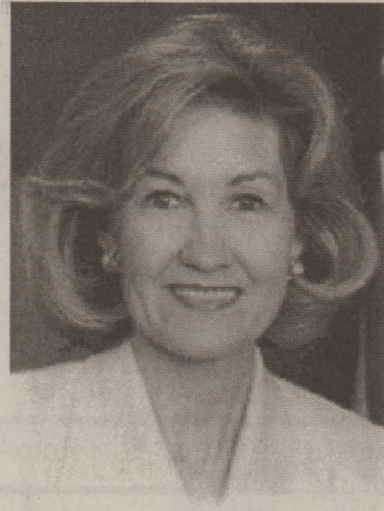
in there, but sometimes, the smell of that chili wafting over the town on the late evening breeze proved to be too big a temptation for my mischievous little dad (the late Pete Beecher) and me. We would slip off and go to Bob's for a bowl of the delicious concoction.

One cold Saturday afternoon, Dad and I sat eating our chili when Uncle John Coffman came in from across the street and ordered a bowl. Bob set Uncle John's chili in front of him, then shoved a little plastic dish of crackers down the counter. "Looks like the mice have been in the crackers," Uncle John said, "Well," he drawled. "I don't think so. The cat's been sleeping in the box."

Nobody expects everything to stay the same as time goes on. It's called progress and progress is inevitable. But, wouldn't you like to go back--just for one more Saturday night--to a time when farm families came bringing butter and eggs into town to sell to the stores--when everybody sat on the street until long past their usual bedtime, swapping news stories--when people helped each other in times of crisis? Wouldn't you like to go back, just one more time?

You're right. It wouldn't be the same.

(Jeff has asked me to write about people in Knox County who have experienced life changing events--something that in one moment in time, may have changed your life; we want funny stories, serious stories, your most outstanding memory. Please write to me at Joyce Greenwood; 301 Greenwood Lane Goree, Texas 76363.



Kay Bailey Hutchison United States Senator America's Independence Day helped spark independence world-wide

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness -- that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men." This is the best-remembered sentence from the Declaration of Independence.

When I was a child, I loved the Fourth of July because of the picnics, fireworks and the patriotic feelings inspired by the flags and red white and blue decorations.

As I grew older, I began to appreciate the deeper significance of the holiday. An avid reader from a young age, I particularly enjoyed history and learned that America's bid for independence came close to failing. We were fighting Great Britain, which was the 18th Century's superpower.

It was only through bravery and steadfastness that our forefathers emerged victorious despite numerous setbacks and defeats.

The Declaration of Independence, written so eloquently by Thomas Jefferson, neither began nor ended the American Revolution.

By July 1776, the 13 colonies had already been involved in a shooting war against the British for over a year, and the Continental Congress had appointed George Washington as the commanding general. The untried Continental Army,

augmented by local militias, had managed to force the British to leave Boston, but had been defeated on other battlefields. In the beginning, the fight was to assert American rights as British citizens, but the Declaration of Independence clarified the goal of the war, making it a conflict about the fundamental concept of liberty.

This concept was a powerful motivator as George Washington kept the poorly paid and equipped army together during the seven years of war. His strength of character, ability to learn from defeat and shrewdness helped drive the Continental Army, but the glue which held it together was the goal of the mission -- liberty for all.

Sometimes Americans forget how revolutionary the idea of freedom was for the world in 1776. There were very few countries which were even vaguely democratic at the time. The Netherlands were a republic. England had its parliament but was ruled by a king. Some of Switzerland's Cantons, and various small city states in Germany and Italy, were republican in structure, but the great nations of Europe, including Spain, France and Sweden, were absolute monarchies. Elsewhere the oppressive autocracies of Imperial Russia, the Turkish Ottoman Empire and Imperial China were the rule.

The idea that a government existed for the benefit of its people and not the reverse was revolutionary. Even within our

borders it took a bloody civil war and a bitter civil rights struggle to broaden the concept to include Americans of all ethnic and religious backgrounds.

The idea of freedom is still unsettling in many parts of the globe, from the dictatorships of Zimbabwe and North Korea to Cuba. Communist China still cracks down on democratic forces and is imposing strict controls on the freewheeling internet. The young people of Iran are rejecting the sham elections approved by the clerics who run that country. Resistance to our liberation of Iraq from the tyrant Saddam Hussein is driven by the fear that a free Iraq can threaten the strongmen who currently oppress so many who live in the Middle East.

Though the present struggles in Iraq and Afghanistan are difficult, I am confident that the power of freedom will help remake this region of the world, just as it remade Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany after the end of World War II. Though there will always be setbacks, history seems to be moving toward greater acceptance of democracy and free markets in South America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East. This will make the world more peaceful and far more prosperous.

This is why our Fourth of July is so important. It was a declaration of independence for 13 small colonies over two centuries ago, which has become a clarion call for freedom that is still being heard today.

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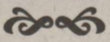
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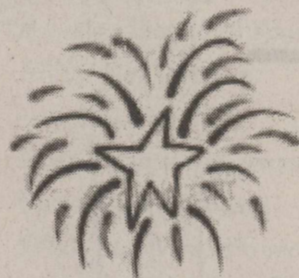
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1. The U.S. flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during hours of darkness. Always hoist the U.S. flag briskly. Lower it ceremoniously.

2. When flown at half staff: the U.S. flag should be first hoisted to the peak for a moment and then lowered to the half staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

3. It is generally not desirable to fly the flag outdoors when the weather is particularly inclement because exposure to severe winds and rain may damage the flag or the pole on which it is displayed.

4. The U.S. flag should never be displayed with the union down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

5. The U.S. flag should never touch anything beneath it--ground, floor, water or merchandise.

6. The U.S. flag should never be carried horizontally, but it should always be aloft and free.

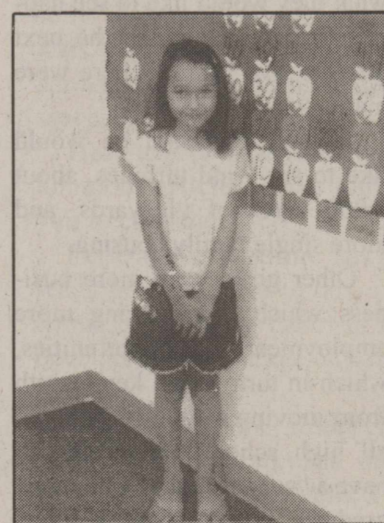
7. Always allow the U.S. flag to fall free--never use the U.S. flag as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery, festooned, decoration in general, use blue, white, and red bunting. Always arrange the bunting with blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below.

8. The U.S. flag should never be fastened, displayed, used or stored in a manner which will permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way.

9. Never use the U.S. flag as a covering or drape for a ceiling.

10. When the U.S. flag is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning, privately.

**REMINDER ABOUT
FIREWORKS**
It is Against the Law to
use combustible fireworks
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Kylie DeVille

Kylie DeVille, first grader at Rule Elementary, reached her goal of 100 Accelerated Reader points. She is the daughter of Kent and Jennifer DeVille of Knox City and student of Ellen Rieger. Kylie was honored with an ice cream sundae party on the last day of school.

July Renewals

Jim Hopkins
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Jans Journal

A New Position With A Great Company

Jake was in the second grade when his parents told him his grandpa would be retiring after working at the same company for forty years.

With a look of amazement on his face, Jake said, "I'm only seven, so that means Grandpa has been there..." He thought for a second and finally exclaimed, "A really long time!"

His parents chuckled and said, "Yes, Grandpa has worked there a long time, and that's why we are throwing him a surprise party."

Jake loved his grandpa very much and wanted to do something special for the occasion. He offered to help with the party plans but was told that all the arrangements had been made. Undaunted, Jake knew there must be some way he could show his grandpa how much he was appreciated and congratulate him on his retirement.

Jake remembered the business card his grandpa had given him a couple of years earlier. It was wedged within the mirror's wooden frame in his bedroom, between a two dollar bill and a picture of him and his dad on the Ferris wheel at the church carnival. He scrambled up the stairs and into his room. Taking the tattered card in his hand, he realized that his grandpa would no longer have that position. Positions are good, he thought, so he decided to create a new one for his grandpa. Jake told his parents about the idea, and they said it was wonderful.

When the big day came, Jake was ready. A collection of different-size boxes, all beautifully wrapped, were placed on a gift table—that is, all except for Jake's. He didn't want to include his gift with the others, so he carried it around with him the entire evening.

He watched his grandpa open the other gifts, "ooing" and "aahing" at each one. He wanted his gift to be the last one Grandpa opened, so as the evening drew to a close, he took his grandpa's hand and ushered him over to a chair in the corner, away from the crowd.

"I've got something for you, Grandpa," Jake stated with pride, offering up the gift.

With that, his grandpa propped Jake up on his left knee and declared, "Well, this sure is a beautifully wrapped present. Did you do this all by yourself?"

"Kind of," Jake replied, shrugging his shoulders. "Mom helped me a little." Grandpa smiled, "Well, it looks wonderful. May I open it now?"

Jake enthusiastically nodded his head.

As Grandpa unwrapped the package, his cheeks grew moist with tears. Jake had given him

the greatest gift he could have ever asked for: official business cards with his new title: FULL-TIME GRANDPA. There were no phone or fax numbers because now his time was his own. There was no business address because his new position didn't require one. Jake gazed lovingly into his grandpa's eyes and said, "Congratulations on your retirement. Now your full-time job is just being my grandpa!"

Holding one of the cards between his right thumb and index finger and wiping his tears with the back of his hand, Grandpa asked jokingly, "Well, how much do I get paid?"

With his bright blue eyes expressing total devotion, Jake responded, "As many hugs as you want each day."

Beaming with joy, Grandpa gave Jake an affectionate hug and buoyantly replied, "Well, I guess that means I'm a rich man."

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

BUCKING HORSE SALE

I went to the Miles City annual Buckin' Horse Sale. I hadn't seen Montana so green since Noah ran aground!

It takes one back to when the west was not civilized. Today, in a time when athletes and audiences are coddled, one is reminded that many modern sports have evolved from more primitive survival skills, i.e., rock throwing to baseball, sword fighting to pool, spear to javelin, cannibalism to chili cook off, alligator wrestling to bull dogging. Over 200 broncs and bulls were bucked out over two days. After each ride rodeo stock contractors bid on the stock. The riders were young men who were competing for a purse.

Many of us have adjusted to the glamorization of rodeo. Clothing and gear furnished by sponsors. Shirts, chaps, jacket, horse trailers, pickup, boots, hats, vests displaying product logos mimicking NASCAR pilots. Television coverage, glossy magazines with ads glorifying the sport! All for the good of rodeo.

As I look back on the few years that I rode bulls, time has made the memory fuzzy. I had come to envision myself as a dashing, mature buckle bunny magnet, sort of a witty Ty Murray or a tall Larry Mahan. As I watched the 50 or 60 bull and bronc riders behind the chutes at Miles City, the truth came back. Most were 18-22 year old testosterone machines, fueled by each other's machismo.

Few had ever qualified for a pro rodeo card, but they were champs in the making. A gumbo stew boiling, one bubbling to the top every minute to strap himself on a beast, look fear in the eye, and say "Gimme your best shot." After their first, then second, then third rides the glamour was replaced by grit.

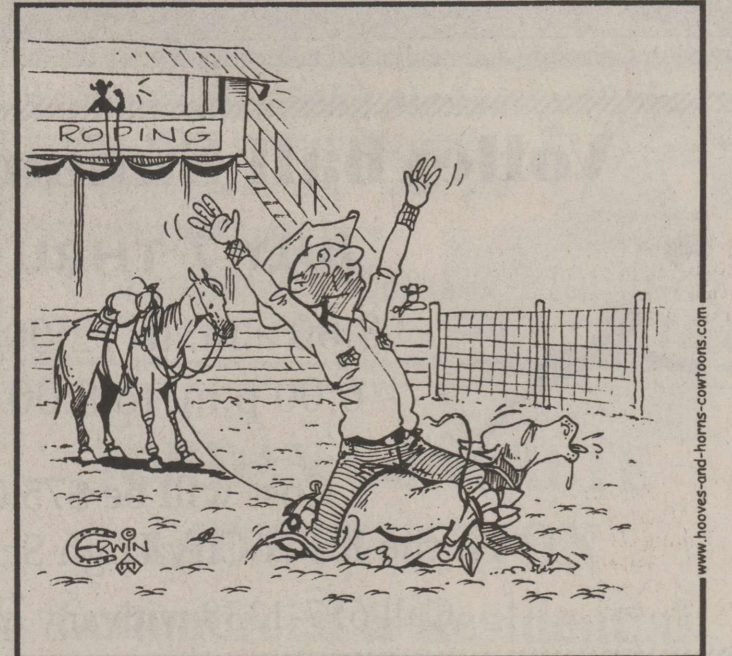
Truth is, most had second-hand equipment, well-worn clothes and not much meat on their bones. Their boots duct taped, jeans patched, vehicles borrowed. As the afternoon wore on, the muddy arena played havoc with any fashion statement they might have intended. Hats were crumpled, shirts torn and bodies pounded. I realized, they were me. When I began I had no chaps, no Crocket spurs, only one hat, baggy jeans and a borrowed bull rope. I could taste the mud and dust, smell the slick brahma hair, and feel the adrenaline.

Saturday night at the street dance on Main, interspersed among the 2500 reeling spectators, I could spot the contestants. They had cleaned up a little, but not much. You knew the slick cowboy with the clean black hat, starched jeans and shiny boots had spent the afternoon in the grandstands!

But our heroes, who had to be sore, were surrounded by admirers (many female), reliving each ride and not looking beyond this night's party. And the longer the evening wore on the more glamorous they became.

That would be the feeling that prevailed and carried them to the next rodeo. I could feel it with them. Made me proud to be a cowboy!

HOOVES & HORNS BY A.W. ERWIN



"Yeah, that's really good, but it won't save yew any money on car insurance."

ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS

By Morton Scott

Saturday, July 2, will be the 129th birthday of our United States of America. Wait a minute! Monday is July 4th. That's when we celebrate Independence Day, isn't it? Well, yes, but well, read on. You'll understand. Let's go back to 1776, back to the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia. We'll discover the hero who made our independence possible. On May 15, 1776, Virginia directed its delegates in Philadelphia to propose the colonies declare independence from Britain. Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee on Friday, June 7 introduced a resolution urging Congress to declare independence.

The Congress adopted their solution and set Monday, July 1 for considering action on independence. On Tuesday, June 11, the Congress appointed a committee to draw up a declaration explaining why the colonies were proclaiming independence. Committee members were John Adams, Massachusetts; Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania; Roger Sherman, Connecticut; Robert Livingston, New York, and Thomas Jefferson, Virginia. The next day, Wednesday, June 12, the committee, urged by Adams and Franklin, selected Jefferson to draft the declaration. Jefferson isolated himself in his

second-floor apartment and spent the next 15 days drafting the declaration.

He conferred with Adams and Franklin. They suggested several changes. On Friday, June 28, the words "We hold these truths to be self-evident..." were first heard when the draft of The Declaration of Independence was read to the Continental Congress. Debate on Virginia's Independence resolution began on Monday, July 1.

These debates began although they heard daily reports from General George Washington about the British landing of a large expeditionary force at New York, less than 200 miles away. The delegates knew they were risking their very lives. A unanimous vote of all colonies was necessary to approve the resolution for Independence. That afternoon, the first vote was taken. Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia voted for Independence. South Carolina and Pennsylvania voted no. New York withdrew because it had no instructions from Albany. Delaware only had two of three delegates present; they were split. The third delegate, Caesar Rodney was at his home, in ill health. Then South Carolina said

it would vote for Independence if that were required for unanimity. The vote was postponed until Tuesday, July 2.

Franklin realized that without Rodney, Independence would fail. He conferred with other delegates, then dispatched a rider to Delaware to tell Rodney he was needed in Philadelphia at once. The rider left immediately, his horse galloping over the cobblestones of Philadelphia, across the darkening countryside, then down to Delaware to the Rodney home past Dover. The rider arrived at the house after midnight, pounded on the door, yelling for Caesar Rodney. When Rodney came to the front door, the rider hastily delivered the message. In minutes, Rodney was atop his horse hurtling through the countryside.

A thunderstorm broke, lightning arched across the sky, illuminating the growing puddles along the road. His many trips over this road to Philadelphia helped Rodney find his way as sheets of rain pounded him. As morning broke, people stared curiously at the drenched rider dashing through Dover.

At Philadelphia, John Hancock hammered the Continental Congress to order. The morning report from General Washington told of more British landings;


at New York. Discussion of Independence continued. Franklin, Adams and others checked the front door frequently to see if Rodney had arrived. The roll call began --- "Massachusetts" --- "New Hampshire" --- "Pennsylvania" Pennsylvania and South Carolina had changed their votes for Independence. Then, from the doorway, came the sound of hoofs on cobblestone. Caesar Rodney had arrived. Pulling his green scarf around his face, he raced into the hall as the Secretary called out: "Delaware" "INDEPENDENCE!" Rodney's voice echoed!...At that magic moment, the United States of America became free and independent. That magic moment was in the afternoon of July 2, 1776. Caesar Rodney cast the critical vote Rodney had pulled that green scarf up over his face to cover the terrible cancer scars.

The only doctors who could maybe treat the cancer were in London, over in England. Rodney knew that when he made that furious ride through the thunderstorm - and when he cast that vote. Next time you have some of the new statehood quarters, look for Delaware. On the back is a man riding a galloping horse. That's Caesar Rodney riding to Philadelphia.

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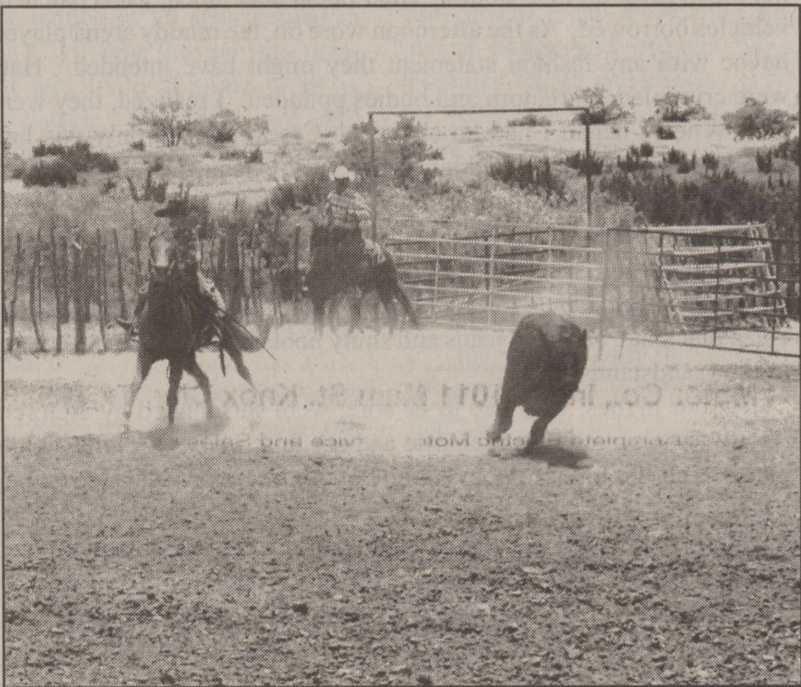
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2004 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

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Special Notices for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: July 14, 2005
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall - Knox City
Phone No: (940) 658-3313

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

WATER SOURCES: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

En Español
Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (940) 658-3313 - para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2002-2004	Arsenic	3.100	3.1	3.1	10 ⁻⁴	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2002-2004	Barium	0.202	0.202	0.202	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2004	Fluoride	0.700	0.7	0.7	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong acidic discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2004	Nitrate	0.120	0.12	0.12	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2002-2004	Selenium	7.100	7.1	7.1	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
2004	Trace beta emitters	11.300	11.3	11.3	50	0	pCi/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

Organic Contaminants NOT TESTED OR REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level NOT TESTED OR REPORTED

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2002-2004	Total Haloacetic Acids	45.600	38.1	50.2	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2004	Total Trihalomethanes	105.333	61.3	174.5	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2002-2004	Chloroform	36.000	36	36	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.	
2002-2004	Bromoform	5.300	5.3	5.3	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.	
2002-2004	Bromodichloromethane	51.000	51	51	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.	
2002-2004	Dibromochloromethane	43.000	43	43	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.	

Where do we get our drinking water?
Our drinking water is obtained from Surface water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: MILLERS CREEK RESERVOIR. The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Susceptibility for all drinking water systems that own their sources. This report describes the susceptibility and types of contaminants that may come into contact with the drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The system(s) from which we purchase our water received the assessment report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

All drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Secondary Constituents
Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

About The Following Pages
The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**
The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)**
The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)**
The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)**
The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.
- Treatment Technique (TT)**
A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL)**
The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ABBREVIATIONS

- NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
- ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
- ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

Year (Range)	Contaminant	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
1999	Lead	1.9000	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
1999	Copper	0.1400	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Turbidity
Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year (Range)	Contaminant	Highest Single Measurement	% of Samples Meeting Limit	Turbidity Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2004	Turbidity	0.31	100.00	0.3	NTU	Soil runoff.

Total Organic Carbon (TOC)
The water system must provide TOC information to their customers by completing this section.

Total Coliform NOT DETECTED
Fecal Coliform NOT DETECTED

Secondary and Other Not Regulated Constituents (No associated adverse health effects)

Year (Range)	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002-2004	Aluminum	54.000	54	54	50	ppb	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2004	Bicarbonate	166.000	166	166	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2002-2004	Calcium	50.300	50.3	50.3	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2004	Chloride	62.000	62	62	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2002-2004	Copper	0.021	0.021	0.021	NA	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
2002-2004	Magnesium	23.300	23.3	23.3	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2004	pH	8.100	8.1	8.1	NA	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2002-2004	Sodium	51.400	51.4	51.4	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposit; byproduct of oil field activity.
2004	Sulfate	65.000	65	65	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2004	Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	136.000	136	136	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2004	Total Dissolved Solids	354.000	354	354	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2002-2004	Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	221.000	221	221	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium.

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Call 657-1338 with any questions.

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Week of July 4th thru July 8th

- Monday, July 4th
CLOSED FOURTH OF JULY
- Tuesday, July 5th
Fish with Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, Hash Brown Potatoes, Hush Puppies, Cake
- Wednesday, July 6th
Meat Loaf, Pinto Beans, 7 Minute Cabbage, Mexican Cornbread, Apricot Crunch
- Thursday, July 7th
Chicken Salad Sandwich, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Cookies & Fruit
- Friday, July 8th
Fried Chicken with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuits, Pudding

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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Tex Cox, Pastor
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FOUR SQUARE CHURCH - Knox City
Paul Chambers, Pastor
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Matt Harrington, Pastor
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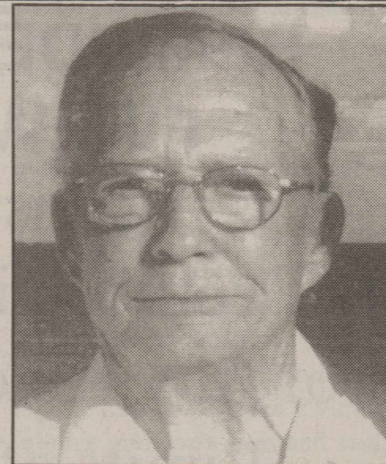
Obituaries

Orville Coleman Dear

On May 28, 2005, in Oklahoma City, OK., Orville Dear joined his heavenly father in heaven.

He was 81 years old at the time of his death. Orville was survived by his wife Frances McGee Dear. They often traveled to Colorado and to South Texas. Prior to his death, he had been residing in Uvalde, Tx. after selling their Knox City home of many years.

Orville was member of the Knox City Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Men's Breakfast Group, Methodist Church, and active in the Walk to Emmaus as well as serve as a traveling minister to many of the area churches.



He is also survived by two sons, two daughters, many grand children and great grand children. His family will miss him dearly.

However, God's angels have called home a true man of God and the heavens will rejoice with his arrival.

Lee Thomas (Shorty) Reynolds

Lee Thomas (Shorty) Reynolds, age 75, died Saturday, June 25, 2005, at Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City, Texas.

A lifelong resident of the area he is survived by his: Two Sisters Belle Rogers of Rochester, Texas, Josephine Lewis of Knox City, Texas, and one brother, Billy Joe Reynolds of Haskell, Texas, as well as many loving nieces,

nephews and family friends.

Arrangements were handled by Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, 210 AVE. A, Knox City, Texas. Funeral service were held at Knox City Cemetery at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 26, 2005, with Gene Klutts officiating.

Interment followed at the Knox City Cemetery in Knox City, Texas.



THANK YOU

The family of Lee Thomas (Shorty) Reynolds would like to thank everybody that called, sent food, flowers and cards.

We Thank the neices and nephews for being there for us. (they were truly Shorty's children.)

We Thank, Dr. Barreto, Dr. Finley and Jamie for guiding us. The Knox County Hospital, and nurses for the loving care. The Brazos Valley Care Home for taking such loving care of him.

To Brother Trice and Larry for the Beautiful service. Also to the Foursquare church family for all the food they provided.

Thanks to Bro. Chambers, Sandra, Wanda, Rita, Melba, and Sequoia.

May God heap his blessing upon all of you. In Gods love, Belle, Josie, Billy

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Points of Interest

Rochester CLISD is now consolidated with Haskell CISD. Starting in the fall of 2005, the Rochester campus will be Rochester Junior High. It will serve 7th and 8th graders from both Rochester and Haskell and will also serve as the District's alternative campus. All academic and sports activities for the Rochester Junior High will be held at the Rochester campus.

A special project just completed in the past year is the Rochester Veterans' Memorial. The monument is located west of Penman Supply and includes the names of all who served in the Civil War through the present and lived at some point in Rochester. Donations are still being accepted to help defray the costs of the ongoing project. To inquire about how to donate, please contact Jane Short, Modelle Barton, Marguerite Gauntt or email sfryrochester@yahoo.com.

2006 will mark 100 years since the start of the town and school and there will be a celebration during Rochester's

Homecoming, tentatively in the first week of October, 2006.

Rochester has much to offer:

Rochester Museum, Depot Museum, Veterans' Memorial, Twin Cities News,

The Doll House and The Rag Doll beauty shops, Penman Supply; Penman Greenhouse and Tackle,

Brazos Valley Irrigation, The Inn on Mullino Hill, City Grocery and Cafe, Her's Steakhouse,

Hearn's Guided Hog Hunts, Turner Dove and Quail Hunting, Webfoot Connection, Short Farms, Rio Brazos, Glover Farms, MA Farms, Green-Turf Farms Ltd., Turner Alfafa, Quade Farms, Lazy S Ranch, Sloan Ranch, MA Horse Farms, Holder Quarter Horses, Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, Gas Shack, Smith Funeral home, Rochester Post Office, Rochester City Hall, 1st National Bank, Rochester Peanut Co., and the newly-renovated and high-tech Rochester Junior High School Campus, a part of the Haskell CISD school system.

Plentiful irrigation and rich soil produce an abundance of wheat, cotton, sod, peanuts, hay, potatoes, cattle, and horses.

Rochester also has excellent dove and quail hunting as well as an over-abundant goose, duck, and wild hog population, bringing in large numbers of hunters from all over the United States throughout the year.

This, along with the peanut dryer plant and major farming operations in the area, keeps Rochester alive and buzzing with activity.

REMINDER ABOUT FIREWORKS
It is Against the Law to use combustible fireworks of Any Kind in the City Limits of O'Brien.

O'BRIEN NEWS

by Audie Johnston

Visiting in the home of Orval and Helen Manning Fathersday were their son Royce and wife Peggy of Abilene, also Grandson and wife Monica and their two sons, Jacob and Samuel Manning of Grand Prairie. Agnes Powers of Abilene was there also all enjoyed a good meal and fellowship together.

C.H. and Linda Underwood are blessed by having their granddaughter Hope Donham of Roby spend a few days with them.

I returned from California and Lubbock Sunday afternoon after attending one wedding in California.

My great granddaughter was the daughter of John and Judy Power of Chino California and the other girl Jenna Roberts daughter of Rodney and Sherry Roberts of Lubbock Texas.

Both weddings were really beautiful and good events it was attended by lots of friends and relatives.

We seem to have a lot of sickness in our area. Claudale and Jean Barnard, Davy Wade are some that need our prayers.

Visiting Adelle Herring recently were Loretta Hewitt and Rhonda, Vita Reed and Dwayne

Ray Mature. They all were O'Brine residents at one time.

Thanks to the help of Patsy and W. C. Orr, Billie Walker pulled a trailer to Grand Prairie to mover her grandson, Davy Wade to O'Brien to serve a youth pastor at the Baptist Church. His parents, David and Laura Wade came from Amarillo and their visit was extended when Davy had to the emergency room with a kidney stone.

Hopefully, he will be able to attend church camp July 4-7 after he goes to day surgery.

Laura and her mom attended Aunt Jimmie Cameron's funeral in Wichita Falls. Billie had gone to the hospital when notified of her aunt's illness.

Joe Banner was home for two days and got some mowing done. He also visited with Duane Ray and Bill Dodd, Maria who were here for a few days from Edgewood.

Kevin Banner, Billie's grandson visited his family in O'Brien. He is busy remodeling his home in Lott this summer.

A swim party was held by the youth to welcome Davy Wade to O'Brien and the kids brought food for this pantry.

TRUSCOTT NEWS

by Clara Brown

The Wichita Divide is back to dry weather. Plowing wheat fields has about stopped to wait for the next rain. Cracks in the ground are getting longer and deeper. It's normal summer weather.

It's not too dry for gnats though, haven't seen many mosquitos, but a walk through grass in the morning can result in a pesky gnat bite. Same thing in the evening, bug spray helps if you are going to be out.

Your writer was gone last week to see our oldest granddaughter, Megan Mescoll, graduate from high school in Blairstown, New Jersey. Flew first to Houston to visit with daughter, Jacquelyn Richey, and her husband, Al, and grandchildren Sam and Claire. Sam will be in the first grade this fall. He and his neighborhood friend, Morgan, have a lot of fun playing together, though they are often burdened with three year old Claire's presence.

Claire can't understand why they don't want her around. After all, as she points out, she is a big girl now, she is "shree and a half".

From Houston oldest daughter Ruth and I flew non-stop to Newark. They say these flights between Newark and Houston are always full, both ways. I just wish they'd either change the spelling or change the way they say Newark. The correct way is just too fast and clipped for a West Texas tongue heavily influenced by ancestral drawls from Arkansas, Alabama and South Carolina.

In Blairstown we saw Meg's dad Steve and Meg's four siblings Alex, Rachel, Thomas, and Grabe who were there for a summer visit and Mescoll reunion.

The graduation was outdoors and of course none was prettier than blonde Mega Mescoll, who is graduating with some nice scholarships as she make plans to attend Malone College in Ohio. (No prejudice admitted in this description.)

New Jersey was pretty, green, with rollings hills, many streams, lots of trees and no ability for a traveler to see where the road is going. (Alright, so we got lost once, but it was because of a detour due to a truck smashing a car, and not enough road signs.)

Once back at Lubbock and heading home it was a comfort to be able to look down a straight road and see the next town miles away. Who wants to feel constant claustrophobia when you're traveling down the highway? A few days you can take, but not for long.

Will have to mention our oldest grandson is transferring from Lee Junior College at Baytown to Sam Houston State as he continues his studies. Our Mescoll line seems drawn by forest shaded places.

The museum bulding at Benjamin has walls and a roof. It will be the scene of a bake sale, Saturday morning, June 25, to benefit the museum.

Call Clara Brown or Frances Cook if anyone wants to send baked goods from Truscott or Gilliland.

If you have been working on wording for a memorial brick or granite stone you might drop by the bake sale and ask for help with the wording.

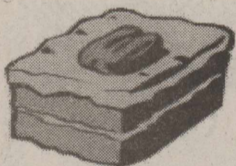
Three Truscott homes were without electricity for a few hours. Geraldine Tomanek called the AEP number to notify them of the outage, and was connected to a person in Corpus Christi who took all her information, then told her she'd have to give the information to another number. So then Geraldine got to talk to an AEP person in Louisiana. Finally, by some miracle or another an AEP crew came from the far off place of Vernon, TX. Why couldn't she have called there first instead of telling someone in Louisiana how a crew could find Truscott?

Does it sometimes seem that the more technology we get, the less common sense its used?

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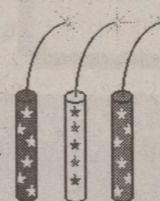
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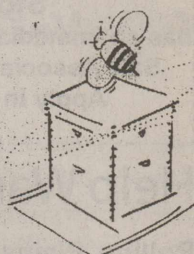
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4-H
HAPPENINGS

Lorrie Coop
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Most Knox County 4-H's know what time of the year this is. For those of you who have forgotten, it's Record book time. In order to be considered for the various 4-H awards that are available to Knox County 4-H members such as Clover, Silver Star, and Gold Star, you are required to complete a record of your 4-H activities. Record books are due to the Knox County Extension office by 5:00 PM on Friday, July 1. If you are working on your book and need help, please call the Extension office at 459-2651. Also, if you have completed a project this year in 4-H, you are required to complete a project record form in order to receive

a project pin. These forms need to be turned in to the Extension office by July 12. All awards will be presented at the Knox County 4-H awards banquet to be held in August. If anyone has any questions about the forms or would like to get more information about 4-H, please call the Knox County Extension Office.

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Shannan's Health Corner

Most insect repellents available today are loaded with toxic chemicals. It stands to reason that if insecticides kill life forms like insects, then they might have the potential to harm other life forms, like you and your families, and our pets. These poisons pose a serious threat to pregnant women, their unborn babies, and any woman planning to become pregnant soon.

The potential health risks are also higher for our children because their skin more readily absorbs chemicals and those chemicals are likely to pose greater harm to their developing nervous systems.

Here are some critical facts about insecticides that I urge you to consider:

*Insecticide exposure has already been revealed to be a potential contributing factor in the development of Parkinson's disease.

*Pyrethrum, one insecticide that has been used, has been shown to cause birth defects in animals studies.

*Some pesticides may also interfere wit your immune and endocrine systems and toxicology testing has shown other adverse chronic effects, including effects on the liver and thyroid.

*Pesticides have been linked to miscarriage.

*Certain insecticide chemi-

cals, such as DEET, have caused diffuse brain cell death and behavioral changes in rats, and it has been suggested you may experience memory loss, headache, tremors and shortness of breath if heavily exposed to some insecticides.

*Pesticides, NOT West Nile Virus, are the leading cause of bird deaths.

Just because the EPA approves of a pesticide doesn't mean it is safe. It has pulled nearly 100 pesticides off the market that were previously available to the public.

There is a healthy alternative to insecticides, it is called Neem.

The Neem is called the "village pharmacy" in India because of its medicinal-like properties.

Neem is extremely safe for mammals, with ongoing research through the USDA indicating that it is "practically non-toxic" even at extremely high doses fed to laboratory rats. It's used in skin care products around the world, from traditional Ayurvedic soaps and lotions to a new anti-aging cream created by Avon. If ever in doubt about where to find organic products, most health food stores will carry these products along with useful information that you can use.

What you put on your skin or in the air is your choice.