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Looking Ahead

• O'Brien First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

The O'Brien First Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 3rd - June 7th. Ages 3-6th grade completed. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3rd.

KC Commissioners **Court Meeting**

The next Commissioners Court meeting will be held on June 11th at 1:30 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse in the Assembly Room.

Pipeline Group Annual **Contractor Awareness** Program

The Pipeline Group Annual Contractor Awareness Program will be held Monday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Auditorium in the city park on North Commerce street in Childress.

New City Secretary And **Municipal Court Clerk**



Kaylie Billington at her desk at City Hall

Residents of Knox City have a new face to greet them at City Hall. Kaylie Billington has been hired as the new full-time city secretary and municipal court

Billington took the job about two and a half weeks ago.

Barbara Rector, City Administrator said of Billington, "We are glad to have her here. She is catching on real fast. She is very computer literate."

Billington has replaced Amber Lowe, who worked at the city office for four years before moving to east Texas. Lowe trained Billington for two weeks before moving.

Billington's duties include answering the phone, deposits, taking payments, meeting agendas, work orders, bills, council meeting minutes, and municipal court reports and minutes, among oth-

"I like it. I do like it. I've learned a lot. It's been busy," said Billington.

Billington is a 2005 graduate of Knox City High School. She is originally from Haskell, but has resided in Knox City for the past

She attended one year at Midwestern State University and was previously employed at Bud's Cafe in Knox City.

"Strawberry Quick" Latest Version Of Meth

The Knox County News has recently learned of an alarming trend in meth manufacturing.

Makers of meth are adding ingredients such as cola, chocolate and drink mixes during the cooking process to cut the harshness of the drug for first time and younger users and to broaden its appeal. The latest version of methamphetamine

is "Strawberry Quick" - the street name for pink, fruit-flavored methamphetamine.

Below is an article from The Jack County Herald/Jacksboro Gazette-News that states just how close to home this problem is.

Thanks to Lorrie Coop of the Knox County Extension office for passing along the information.

Jacksboro Man Faces Drug Trafficking Charge

By KIM GIBBY editor@jacksboronewspapers.com

A 45-year-old Jacksboro man landed himself in Lake Worth Jail last week for allegedly trafficking methamphet-

According to Lake Worth Police, Ronnie N. Smith was parked at a deserted Sonic Drive-In along Jacksboro Highway shortly before 2 a.m. May 8

when he was apprehended. Lake Worth Police Chief Brett Mc-Guire credits Officer H. Freeze with making one of the biggest drug busts in

the department's recent history. Found in Smith's red 1995 Pontiac 'Strawberry Quick" - the street name for pink, fruit-flavored methamphetamine, \$1,800 cash, 100 tablets of various prescription drugs, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

"That's a lot of drugs for one person," commented McGuire.

Other items found in Smith's vehicle

included a laptop computer, handwritten notes, scales used to weigh narcotics, small plastic bags used to package narcotics for resale, several credit cards and driver's licenses that appeared stolen, several purses, cell phones, and other items associated with the sale of

narcotics and ID theft, McGuire said. ing problem in junior high and high juana was found in his pants pocket. schools," McGuire said.

"It's pink, it actually smells like strawberries and it is reported to have a strawberry taste.'

contains a powdered drink mix - such as Kool-aid or Nestle's Strawberry Firebird were more than 400 grams of Quik - that gives the drug its coloring, while the sweetness of the powder makes the drug more palatable.

"These folks are using it as a marketing tool to make it (meth) appealing to the younger kids," McGuire explained.

Freeze became suspicious after noting the Firebird had been parked at the fastfood restaurant for quite some time.

When she approached him, he appeared to be passed out in the vehicle. Smith told her that he had too much to drink and had pulled over to rest.

She noted open alcohol containers in the car and detected the odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath. Smith gave permission for a search of his per-"Strawberry Quick ... is a grow- son and a small bag containing mari-

After placing Smith under arrest fo possession of marijuana, a search of his vehicle netted the contraband.

Smith was booked into Lake Worth Experts say that Strawberry Quick Jail on charges of possession of controlled substance (Penalty Group 1), over 400 grams, with the intent to de-

liver, McGuire said. The charge is a first-degree felony, and because of the quantity, Smith, if convicted, faces mandatory jail time - a minimum of five years, maximum

Smith was transferred Friday to Tarrant County Jail, where he is being held on \$50,000 bond.

Commissioners Hold Court At Two May Meetings

The Knox County Commissioners Court met twice in May, once in a regular meeting on May 14th and again in a special meeting on May 21st. Both meetings were held at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin and were presided over by County Judge Travis Floyd.

In attendance at the May 14th meeting were Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, Commissioners Birkenfeld, Johnny Johnny McCown, Dan Godsey, Jimmy Urbanczyk, Sheriff Dean Homstad, Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Attorney Bobby D. Burnett, Court Coordinator Janet Reed and Janice Tolson on behalf of the Benjamin Ex-Students Association.

The court heard a presentation by Janice Tolson by the Benjamin Ex-Students Association to have the lots south of the Courthouse that were deeded to the County for the Museum, to be given to them for the purpose of building a pavilion and other improvements. After considering the matter, the Court agreed to look into the legalities of letting them make the improvements.

Brian Kuehler and David Albus were appointed to four year terms as Directors for the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Other items coming before the Court was the adoption of 29C.F.R.553.24, 207(k) for Law Enforcement Exemption, which passed unanimously; the bonding of Laura McCanlies for the Clerk's office, which passed; the acceptance of the Proclamation for the Resolution proclaiming July 1-4, 2007 as The American Family Reunion, which passed; the opening of the bids on the 2000 Ford Excursion. A bid of fifty two hundred dollars was accepted. Bank bids were tabled until a Special Session held on May 21st. The court also voted unanimously to pay all bills and approve the finan-

On May 21st, the Court met in Special Session to consider several items before them. In attendance were County Judge Travis Floyd, Commissioners Johnny McCown, Jimmy Urbanczyk, Johnny Birkenfeld, Dan Godsey, Knox County Attorney Bobby D. Burnett, Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Clerk Annette Offutt, County Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Court Coordinator Janet Reed, Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch, County Tax Assessor Linda Parker, representatives from First National Bank of Munday Lyndle Reeves, President and Debbie Kennedy, Head Cashier and Sharon Cypert, President of Citizens Bank of Knox

The Commissioners first considered the issue of bank bids. The Court heard presentations from

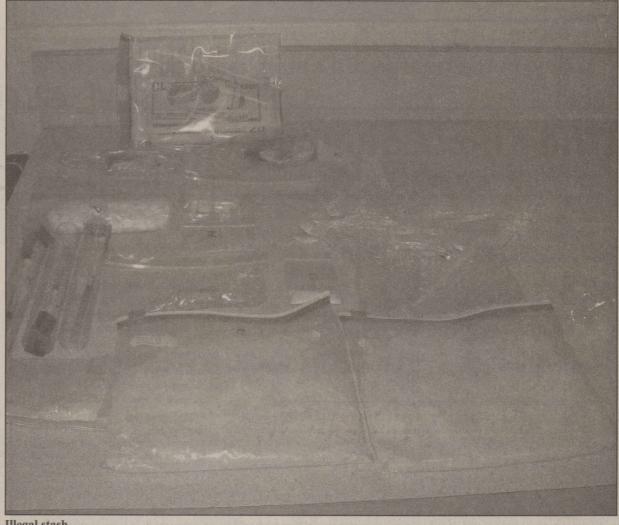
representatives of both First National Bank in Munday and Citizens Bank in Knox City. Commissioner Godsev made the motion and Commissioner McCown seconded to stay with the Citizens Bank of Knox City. The motion failed two to three. Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to move the Depository to First National Bank in Munday. Commissioner Birkenfeld seconded and the motion carried three to two.

Knox County Tax Assessor Linda Parker discussed hiring extra help for the Tax and Appraisal District. It was also decided that extra help would work part time in the County Clerks Office. It passed unanimously to hire Laura McCanlies as this full time county employee.

The county also hired Robert Espinosa as full time Road and

Other decisions made by the Court were to dismiss the Application for a Neighborhood Road, to move a leaking ice maker from the Aging Center to the County Barn, and reconsidering and not accepting any bids made on the 2000 Ford Excursion, but to take it to auction in Abilene. The Court also canvassed election votes at this time. No changes were needed and the canvass was approved.

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Illegal stash

A cadre of contraband is in the Lake Worth Police Department evidence locker room following a drug bust last week. Jacksboro resident Ronnie N. Smith was found to be in possession of more than 400 grams of "Strawberry Quick" - the street name for pink, fruit-flavored methamphetamine, \$1,800 cash, 100 tablets of various prescription drugs, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. (Photo courtesy of Lake Worth Police Department)



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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE CAPITAL

AUSTIN - The 140 day regular session of the 80th Texas Legislature ended on May 28.

By Ed Sterling

The House and Senate completed the essential task of settling on a budget - \$153 billion - covering fiscal years 2008-

The state budget for 2008-2009 includes a set-aside of \$7.5 billion for property tax relief in 2010-2011.Commanding the bulk of attention, how-

Legislation Passes, Speaker Survives Challenges

ever, was House Speaker Tom Craddick's battle to withstand challenges to his authority in the final days of the session.

Members from both major political parties cited parliamentary precedents and House rules in attempts to be recognized on the House floor so they could move to conduct a vote to vacate the chair.

Had such a motion been recognized and a vote taken, Craddick, R-Midland, might have been forced to step down. Then members could have elected another speaker to serve out the remainder of the session.

Three days before the session's end, Parliamentarian Denise Davis and Deputy Parliamentarian Chris Griesel, who had advised Craddick all session long, abruptly resigned their posts.

A short time later, Craddick appointed former state Reps. Terry Keel and Ron Wilson as parliamentarian and deputy parliamentarian, respectively. The pair guided Craddick through a maze of questions from the floor.

Craddick, Keel and Wilson ran down the clock, repeatedly responding to members with rulings that it is the speaker's absolute right to choose to recognize or not recognize a member to make a motion. In effect, "You will not be recognized to make that motion," was the pat response. Attempts to be recognized subsided as lawmakers saw the opportunity to pass legislation slipping

Craddick said he plans to run for a fourth term as speaker, but he will face competition. The list of House members who have expressed a desire to succeed Craddick includes Republican Reps. Fred Hill of Richardson, Jim Keffer of Eastland, Jim Pitts of Waxahachie, Robert Talton of Pasadena and Brian McCall of Plano, and Democratic Reps. Senfronia Thompson and Speaker Pro Tempore Sylvester Turner, both of Houston.

The 81st Legislature will convene in January 2009. Craddick and challengers will have 18 months to get promises of support from colleagues.

Major legislation gains

passage

Despite time lost in efforts to unseat Craddick, legislators still managed to push through and pass about 1,500 bills. Here are the effects of a few of

· A water plan benefiting Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and other thirsty metro areas and giving rural areas some control over interbasin water transfers.

· A \$425 minimum pay increase for public school teachers and a set of standards that if met can qualify a teacher for an additional raise.

· Funding for the Childrens Health Insurance Program will give coverage to an additional 127,000 children.

· Enhanced felony charges possible for owners of dogs that attack other people.

· Elective Bible education classes for schools that have enough students who express an interest in taking them.

· A toll road bill that puts a two-year hold on construction of the Trans Texas Corridor project but allows the planning to continue, while granting local and regional toll authorities control over their own road projects.

· Random steroid testing of Texas high school athletes.

· A requirement for all public schools to have at least one automated external defibrilla-

tor on campus. · More than \$200 million for additional law enforcement officers and technology to aid in border and homeland security operations.

· Constitutional amendment letting voters decide in November if the Legislature should be required to record each member's vote on final passage of substantive bills.

· Constitutional amendment letting voters decide in November if the state of Texas should borrow \$3 billion for cancer research over the next decade. Deadline for the governor to veto bills is June 17.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Hey, cattle guards ain't built jist to stop cows!"

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

To all readers of this column who have called me asking why your news was omitted or printed wrong in last week's issue of the News, I apologize. As far as I know, space was limited in the paper and that caused the errors and omissions. Perhaps this week will be better. I do thank you for calling and ask you to give us a little longer and maybe we can get the problem areas corrected.

About Our Ill

Chloe Strickland had gall bladder surgery is Lubbock on Friday and is home now, and though not feeling on top of the world yet, is recovering. Chloe will be a junior in BHS when school starts again and she hopes this surgery will correct a problem she's had to live with for a while. We wish her a speedy trip back to good health.

Pat Benson had a little accident Wednesday. She was outside and fell and cut her head. Had to have stitches, but a cat scan showed no more problems and she's home recuperating.

Here 'N There

The rains have been a blessing for many, but the wheat farmers are ready for a few days of sunshine and maybe some light winds to dry out a little. All my life I have heard not to say I'm tired of rain, but it would be nice to have some of this in July or August when we know it's gonna be hot and probably dry! But we take what we can get.

On Sunday, the Yeager children, grandchildren and their families met at Lake Mineral Wells State Park for our annual reunion. About

46 TX Rangers AL

West opponent

fifty were present for a full day of visiting, eating, re-hashing the past and revealing future plans. The noon meal was grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings, plus any kind of dessert you might want. To make it even more pleasurable, the young men did the cooking! Persons attending came from Denton, McKinney, Mineola, Arlington, Aubrey, Ponder, Eastland, Saginaw, Childress, Allen, Munday and Benjamin.

Last Wednesday night, several from the First Baptist Church met at the home of Charles and Linda Griffith for an outdoor hamburger supper. It was cool on the patio (and no mosquitoes) and such a pleasant evening. Attending were Charles and Joy Jones, Leroy and Gloria West, Ernie Eaton, Merridee Matson, Chris Wilkinson, Lorene Powers, Gene and Olivia Gloria, Bud Conner, Gladene Green, Troy and Gene Culpepper of Haskell and the hosts, Charles and Linda.

Lorene Powers accompanied Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie to Sulpher Springs during the weekend for a visit with family.

Dolores Dykes, who lives in Fort Worth, called Gloria West last week to tell her that her mom, Leota McCanlies, had suffered a stroke early in May. She is improving and hopefully no long lasting problems will result. She also told her that Juanita Hamilton Dykes passed away in early May. Juanita was Dolores' mother-in-law. Certainly our sympathy to Juanita's family, and we wish Leota a speedy and

Judie and Jack Whitten were in

Versailles, Missouri recently for a reunion with friends made many years ago. She said about ten couples, their kids and grandkids met for a get together the first time in 28 years. These couples were all buddies when they all lived in Missouri and one of the men decided it would be fun to get the bunch together again. Judie said they had a park full for the main day of visiting and that they all had a blast. What a neat idea. Be nice if more of us could arrange a get-together with old friends. (By the way, everyone was able to be present except Judie and Jack's son, Jay.)

Samijo Russell spent the weekend with friends in Spur.

Beckie Keys, Dillon and Randi of Childress spent Saturday and Saturday night with her mom, Debbie Moorhouse and family and attended the reunion on Sunday in Mineral Wells.

New Arrival

Jackie Zavala is very proud of her new baby son. Kryston Ray was born May 24, 2007 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 6lbs, 10oz and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Gracie Zavala and Jessie Zavala. Aunt Christina provided this info to me and also told me Jackie was probably going to move to Dallas and that she was moving to Lamesa. We hate to see them leave, but wish them well.

And one last thing, in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo this past weekend in Haskell, the Lyles-Hunter team came out winners. Congratulations to all who were "rodeo-ing" with that group.

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Every Morning"

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Humane Society Going To The Dogs

By Baxter Black, DVM

How many of you think of United States as a benevolent benign group whose focus is to rescue, care for, and/or humanely dispose of the hundreds of thousands of unwanted dogs and cats? So did I.

I have always looked at them with respect and lent my support. I am saddened to see their transformation into a radical animal rights group now aligned with PETA and the Farm Sanctuary.

They are by far the wealthiest non-profit animal rights group. In 2005 they dedicated \$11 million (9.2% of their budget) to "campaigns, legislation and litigation," and \$28 million to "Regional and local programs." I have seen them in action in my

Why have they taken the acthe Humane Society of the tivist approach? Money. They have so much and greed is ad-

> They display the mask of their kindly historical image as they continue to seek donations and invest their cash.

. But behind the puppy face, they appear to have a darker agenda – eliminating animal agriculture as we know it.

If they were truly concerned about improving the welfare of food animals it would be logical to assume they might build their own hog farm or veal barn.

They could spend some of their wealth and effort into trying to understand the complexity of producing food at a price affordable to the masses, and improve it if they could. Then,

at least, they would have some credibility with the producers they are trying to put out of

But they are basically a big money bully corporation. And it has become clear that they are not trying to improve modern animal agriculture, they are trying to eradicate it.

In my discussions with representatives of the anti's, I have observed they have very little knowledge, much less experience in the businesses and methods they are trying to destroy. I would be embarrassed for them if they were not so shamelessly righteous.

Jesus said about lawyers;

"... Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers." (Luke 11:46)

"Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." (Luke 11:52)

Substitute 'radical animal rights activist' for 'lawyers' and it's right on the money.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Bid Notice

Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. hereby serves notice that it is now taking bids for a Security Fence. 1. Sealed bids will be received in

the Aspermont Small Business Development Center's Executive Directors office, P.O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502 until 10:00 a.m. July 2, 2007.

2. Each bid received shall be in a sealed envelope plainly marked: Security Fence.

3. Bids received after the 10:00 a.m. deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.

4. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dana Myers, ED at (940) 989-3538.

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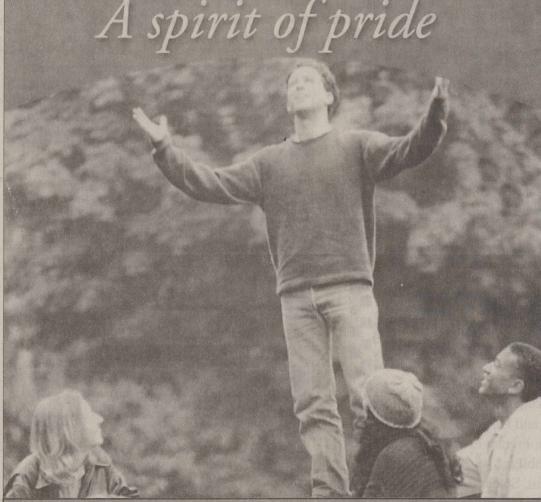
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With Much Love, Ray Rios, Trisha Shaver and Jessie Rios II



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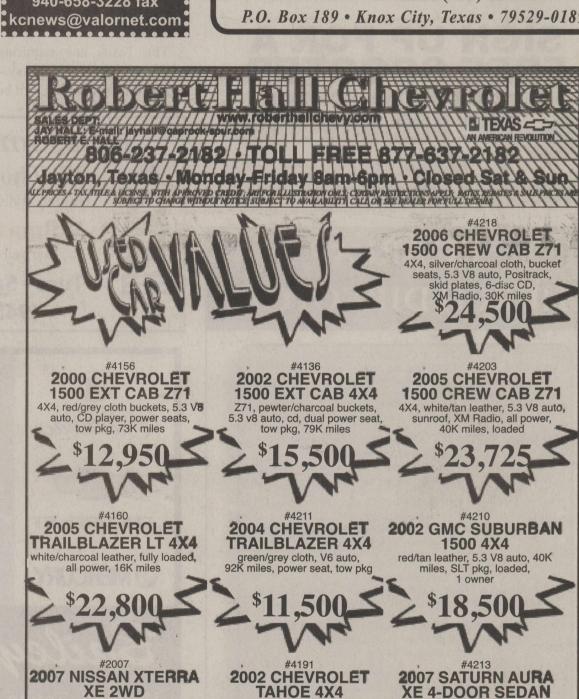
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4 DOOR SEDAN

4 cylinder, auto,

Pipeline Group To Hold

Contractor Awareness Program

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church

It troubles me when I hear so many older people say, "I'm just not good for anything anymore" or even "I'm not worth anything to anyone!" That is so untrue! We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to spend time with elderly people. We are very blessed to have parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, relatives and friends who are elderly.

They need to be told what a wonderful blessing they are to us. The elderly have so much to share. If you and I will take the time to watch and listen to our loved ones who are elderly we will discover wisdom.

Their wisdom is intelligence applied to any situation or circumstance with practical common sense. That kind of wisdom comes only from experience. They have experienced so many situations in life that builds strong character and they have learned the value of personal integrity. Intelligence, common sense, character and integrity are valuable gifts from



God. These gifts of God's love create an incredible power to change the lives of younger people, to change them for the better. They have learned the love of God in their own lives. Listen to how important God is to the elderly.

"O God, You have taught me from my youth. And I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation. Your power to all who are to come. (Psalm 71: 17-18 NASB).

Did you hear that? They are to share God's strength and God's power to all who are to come! God wants you and me to listen to their wisdom and learn from their integrity. Their character is to be respected and admired. I pray they all continue to share their lives with all of us. I praise God for the opportunity of listening to each and everyone who loves God and especially of those who are "old and gray!"

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007 at the Fair Park Auditorium in the city park on North Commerce

Street in Childress, Texas. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground

pipelines and utilities. A free breakfast will be catered by Aunt Sue's Catering and Specialty Company for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Hall, Hardeman, King and Knox Counties.

Following the breakfast, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

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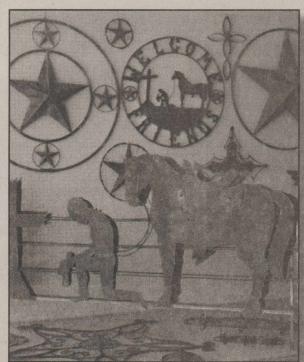
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planet Venus will be the focus of the StarWalk, set for Saturday, June 9, as the acclaimed stargazing program continues to celebrate eleven years of unique and outstanding public astronomy presentations. Program originator Jeri Turner will lead naked-eye exploration of our solar system as well as brighter objects for the popular family event beginning at dusk, or around 9 p.m. at Big Pond Campground.

In addition to the after dark program, SkyGuide volunteers offer an afternoon of Sun Fun from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sun Fun offers the public rare views of our own star, the Sun. through telescopes fitted with special filters for safe viewing. The nighttime observing begins after sunset. Turner will begin the fun, familyoriented program with a tour of the darkening sky, the StarWalk. Blending science with history, legends and lore, Turner takes participants on a trip through major constellations in all four directions and introduces a technique know as "star-hopping" to find other interesting objects.

Following the naked-eye pre-

The mysterious and beautiful sentation, the public is invited to get a close-up view of our planetary neighbors through the park's binoculars and telescopes as well as through larger scopes provided by knowledgeable SkyGuides. These volunteers come from throughout northern Texas and Oklahoma to assist the StarWalk program through generous use of their own equipment.

Selected as a participant program in the Nigh Sky Network sponsored by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Lab, the StarWalk has expanded its presentation format tot demonstrate hands-on astronomy materials that the public can experience. The 2007 StarWalk is also slated for July 14, August 18, September 15 and October 13. Next year's schedule is in development and will feature programs monthly from April through

StarWalk is sponsored by the Quahadi Society, Inc., the non-profit support group for Copper Breaks State Park. For more information on park facilities or programs, or the Quahadi Society, call the park weekdays during business hours at (940)839-4331.



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No eligible applicant will be denied the scholarship because of race, sex, color, national or ethnic origin. Complete application and include a copy of most recent transcript with GPA.

Winners will be presented their scholarships by the Wichita Falls Area CattleWomen and will be paid at the beginning of the fall semester. Applications must be received by a member of the Wichita Falls Area CattleWomen no later than July 25, 2007. Applications received after that date will NOT be considered. Scholarship winners will be announced by August 15, 2007.

Interested applicants may call Jane Ridenour at 940-586-0251, or Nell Tucker, 940-888-3650 for application forms and/or information.

TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

Nobody on the Divide has given up and started building an ark yet.

That may happen if cloudy, damp days mixed with rainy days don't give way to the blue skies, hot sunshine and the dry winds, Frank Debie described as "straight off the Sonoran Dessert."

But, of course, after wheat harvest, and plowing, we will be real glad to get cloudy, damp days mixed with rain. or at least all of us wheat and grass raisers will be.

Last Friday night from the east end to the west end, rain fell, the wind blew, and some places got hail.

At China Creek, it hailed, rested a while then came back and hailed again.

Friday, Geraldine Tomanek and Irma Bell helped set up the annual Knox County Museum's Garage Sale and then helped work Saturday.

It is estimated that the net profit will be around \$1,500 with about half from selling hamburgers and half from the garage sale.

Thanks go to all who donated items to the sale.

If you want to donate for next year's sale, just start putting stuff by now. It's an easy way to help support the mu-

Hopes are to be moved into the museum for the Veterans Day program in November.

If you have souvenirs from any war from the American Revolution to Iraq, please let the museum exhibit them for Veterans Day.

It would be interesting to see how many people in Knox County qualify for Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

Recent Veterans are also asked to help us show artifacts from their service times.

Dudley Myers, member of a pioneer Truscott family passed away Monday, May 28, 2007.

Funeral service was held Thursday, with a nephew, Robert Myers of Tony, Alabama holding services at Seymour Memorial Funeral Home. Graveside service was at Riverside Cemetery in Seymour and was conducted by a U.S. Army Honor Guard from Ft. Hood, Texas.

Dudley was born June 18, 1916, at Roby, Texas to Ralph and Hannah Uban Myers. He married March 3, 1941 to Ruby Horne, deceased at Crowell, Texas.

He was inducted into the U. S. Army March 11, 1942 and served in Normandy, France. He received an E.A.M.E. Campaign medal and three bronze stars.

He was discharged June 30, 1945.

The WWII veteran attend-

ed nearly every Knox County Veterans Day program since the programs began, several vears ago.

Survivors include 3 daughters, Linda Kaye Powell, Whitehouse; Margie Myers, Van Alstyne.; and Diane Karr, Pampa; three sons, Gene of Joshua; Jerry Don of Rule; and James of Corsicana; one brother, C. R. "Jew" Myers of Tony, Alabama; 20 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. The family has requested that memorials be made to the Knox County Veterans War Memorial Building or to a favorite charity.

Ruth Lowrance and grandsons attended the Haskell cutting horse meeting Friday night. They got caught in hail at Benjamin on the way

Eugenie Daniel reports the Circle Bar Ranch team won the team doctoring event at Haskell Friday night with the fastest time in twelve years of the event.

They were awarded a trophy saddle which went to Kyle Everson for his contribution to the team.

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