





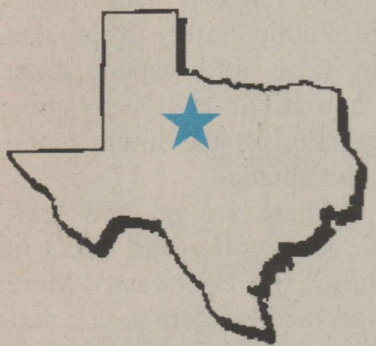


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Looking Ahead

Hospital Auxiliary Meeting

The Pink Ladies will hold their meeting on July 16. All members are asked to attend.

Informal Meet & Greet

The new girls' coach, Jimmie Peters, will hold an informal meeting July 16 at 7 p.m. in the Knox City HS Library. Enjoy coffee and doughnuts and get important information about upcoming team camps, workouts, physicals, etc.

Benjamin Chamber of Commerce FREE Pancake Supper

The Benjamin Chamber of Commerce will host a FREE Pancake Supper Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building. There will be guest speakers and information about the Chambers vision for Benjamin. All business owners, citizens and anyone interested in working with the Chamber invited to attend!

Donald Johnson Memorial 19th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival and Classic Car Show July 27-28

Watermelon Festival is set for Friday and Saturday, July 27-28. Parade will be Friday, July 27. Dance at City Park Friday, July 27.

Saturday, July 28 - Classic Car Show, Booths, Free Swimming, Games, Food, Live Music, Free Watermelon Slices, all festivities begin at 10:00 am at City Park.

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is selling Watermelon Festival shirts. The cost to by a shirt is \$15. Call Daveine Clark at 658-3442.

Community Development Workshop

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board will be hosting a Community Development Workshop on Thursday, August 16 and Friday, 17 at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Abilene. The 1½ day workshop will guide participants through the process of planning a community project from start to finish.

Knox City welcomes new police officer



Police Chief Aaron Lewis and the new Assistant Chief, Bill Glass

Knox City Police Department has a new face on the force. The city recently hired Bill Glass, who will eventually take reins as Chief of Police.

The City of Knox City hired Glass on June 19th as assistant chief of police. Glass will remain assistant chief of police until September, when current Chief of Police Aaron Lewis will leave the Knox City police department to attend Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) training academy to become a Texas State Trooper.

Lewis has been employed with the Knox City police department since February of 2004. He will attend DPS school for 28 weeks beginning in the fall.

Glass has been employed by

the Haskell Police Department as a patrolman since 2000. He spent the last year and a half in Iraq training the Iraqi police. "I've spent the last two summers over there. I won't complain about 110 degrees here," said Glass.

Glass has been in law enforcement for the last 15 years. He graduated in 1992 from the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy.

Glass has worked with Knox County law enforcement in the past, including Knox County Deputy Lee Rowland, who also worked for Haskell Police Department, and Sheriff Dean Homstad.

Glass is originally from Stamford. He is in the process of moving to Knox City.

Watermelon Festival is almost here

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is inviting everyone to come and join in the Watermelon Festival Parade on Friday, July 27.

The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m.; line up beginning at 6 p.m. in front of the Knox City High School.

Please contact the Chamber to enter your float. Remember: there must be some sort of watermelon visible on your float. It can be painted, drawn, real or fake, just make sure a watermelon is visible.

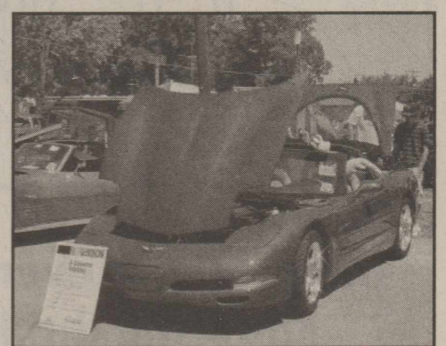
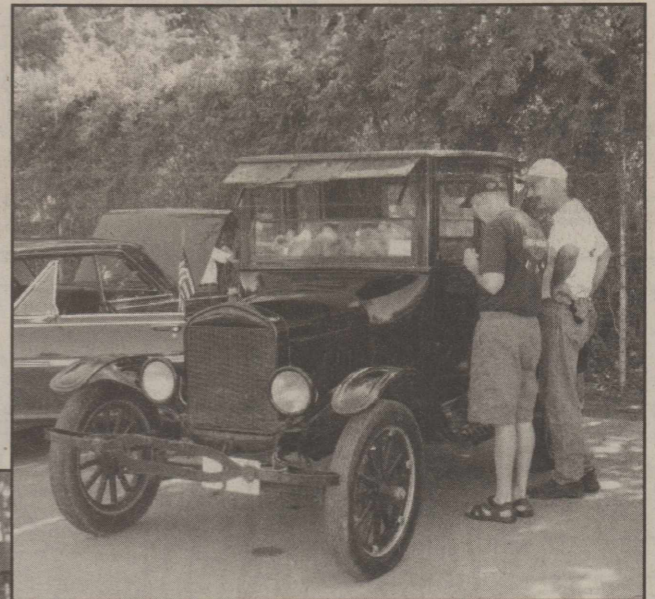
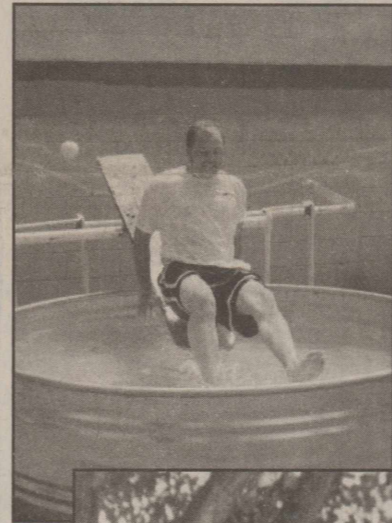
The Chamber encourages everyone to participate in this year's parade and make it the best one yet.

There will be trophies given in several different categories:



Best Decorated Float, Most Original, What were you thinking?, Best Business, and Best out of town.

Please register your float with the chamber before July 25th. The NEWS will print a full schedule of events in the coming weeks.



Stolen vehicle recovered

A vehicle that was recently stolen in Knox City has been recovered in Abilene.

The 2003 maroon Ford Taurus, which was stolen on June 18th on the south side of Knox City, was recovered Saturday, July 7th by an Abilene police officer. The officer ran the license plates, which came back stolen. The vehicle had suffered some damage. The vehicle has been returned to its owner.

According to Chief of Police Aaron Lewis, his investigation is ongoing.

Knox City and Munday have suffered a rash of vehicle thefts in the last several months. No arrests have been made.

Benjamin resident bitten by rattlesnake

The Fourth of July started out like any other day for 78-year-old Benjamin resident Dutch Young, but it didn't end that way.

That afternoon, Young had gone to one of several yards that he maintains, this one on the east side of town next to the school. Plans to mow were cancelled when he began having trouble with his lawnmower. That is when he noticed a broken limb hanging from a tree, the product of a strong storm that passed through a couple of weeks ago. He decided to cut the limb down with his pole saw.

After backing his pickup up to the limb, he noticed an iron weed growing in the fence there and tried to pull it out.

At first, he thought that a wire

had poked a finger on his right hand. He wiped a drop of blood away and started work on removing the weed again, all the while watching for the offending wire. That is when he spotted a foot long rattlesnake lazily making its way from the commotion surrounding its recent hiding spot, and that is when Mr. Young realized that he had been bitten by the rattlesnake.

"It never rattled or nothing," said Dutch.

He didn't even think to kill the snake, it just wasn't on his mind at the time, he said.

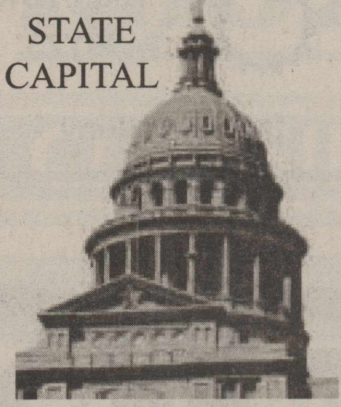
"I thought he was joking at first," said his wife, Imagean, of when Dutch, after driving across town to his home, walked through (Continued on Page 3)



Dutch Young showing his recent rattlesnake bite

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Rainy weather hasn't let up here in central Texas. Lakes and dams are full and river systems saturated.

Central Texas hasn't been alone, weatherwise, with severe storms and flooding continuing to hit just about every zone from the Rio Grande Valley to the Oklahoma border.

Gov. Rick Perry, has dispatched relief agencies to

Governor issues state disaster for 44 counties

many scenes.

In the process, he said, "Rather than celebrating Independence Day at backyard barbecues with families and friends, many Texans spent the Fourth of July holiday battling the dangerous weather events that continue to impact their communities.

"We will continue to help local communities respond to emergencies and recover from the heavy storms and rains that have saturated a large part of our state and we will make sure the necessary resources are in place if the situation worsens."

Perry also urged Texans "to heed the warnings of their local leaders and take all possible precautions to stay out of dangerous situations as this severe weather continues."

Since mid-June, Perry has

issued a state disaster declaration for 44 counties, namely: Archer, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Collin, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Fannin, Gillespie, Grayson, Hamilton, Hood and Hunt.

Also, Jones, Lamar, Lampasas, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, McLennan, Menard, Mills, Ochiltree, Parker, Runnels, San Saba, Starr, Stephens, Tarrant, Travis, Webb, Wichita, Williamson, Wise and Young.

President George W. Bush approved federal disaster declarations for Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Grayson, Lampasas and Tarrant Counties.

U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, who toured stricken areas, co-announced President Bush's disaster approval.

Among things the disaster approval does is allow uninsured individuals and families in eligible counties to apply for assistance in the form of financial aid, temporary housing, tax relief, legal services, crisis counseling and disaster unemployment assistance.

Tax penalty waivers available

There is still time left for certain folks to take advantage of Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' offer of a limited-time waiver of penalties and interest on unpaid taxes.

The waiver, which expires Aug. 15, is available for all state taxes administered by the comptroller, except unclaimed property and the Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessment.

Eligible liabilities can relate to sales or purchases of

taxable items.

Reports originally due before April 1 are eligible. But the waiver does not apply to assessments already identified by the comptroller, to taxpayers under audit or review, or to taxpayers the comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible deficiency, the Office of the Comptroller said.

New tax law takes effect

Legislation redefining "occasional sale" took effect July 1, and it has an impact on people who sell their personal property.

HB 373 by Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, amends the tax code to allow non-business sellers to sell up to \$3,000 in a calendar year in certain merchandise without paying state tax if their items are purchased by Texas buy-

ers.

DPS addresses new law hoax

The Texas Department of Public Safety responded to false information about "new traffic laws" spreading quickly on the Internet and other media.

"There are no new traffic laws going into effect in July," the DPS said. "More specifically, there are no new laws going into effect in July related to cell phones, seat belts or carpooling. No cell phone bills were passed this Legislative session."

Parks & wildlife chief named

Gov. Perry named Peter Holt, CEO of the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs, as chair of the nine-member Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission.

COW POKES® By Ace Reid



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- hammer
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- excellent
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BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Wild Native Cowboys

By Baxter Black, DVM

Maybe you've read of the wild Alaskan Hereford herd. They were established on an uninhabited island in the 1700's and "modernized" by ranchers in the 1960's. They are, according to their promoters, the ultimate organic beef. "Truly 100% organic; receiving no growth hormones or inoculations of any kind." "Course, the freight might put them at a disadvantage, but that never stopped Perrier water or Russian caviar!

Natural selection; meaning bad winters, liver flukes, cancer eye, pneumonia, the occasional harpoon and sunburned bags have produced a small but hardy beast. Maybe like some of the herds that exist today in northern Nevada or the gulf coast.

I wonder if explorers will

ever discover a group of wild native cowboys surviving in some uninhabited primeval forest in eastern Kentucky or living in a bat cave near Carlsbad, NM?

Would they have developed physical traits suited for the life of horse and cow? Like prehensile ears to reach up and pull their hat down when both hands are busy.

Hoof-like toenails, a large bone-spur on the back of each heel, all four fingers grown together like a spatula to lessen the chance of dally roping injury, large callused pads on their glutei like a mandrill baboon to soften the ride, nostril flaps like a camel to keep out dust and burning hair.

The female unit would do all the bartering with nomadic

groups of wild native spear and club salesmen and unscrupulous mammal buyers for feedlots in Nebraska. Her male counterpart, dressed in his woolly mammoth chaps and sabertooth hat-pin would fix fence, break green Eohippi and rope Triceratops for sport. His life span would be shorter than hers because of his tendency to do dumb things.

Natural selection has produced the ultimate organic beef up in Alaska.

The process is still going on in the subspecies of wild native cowboys.

No cave cowboy ever had to shoe his own Eohippus. Think of the branches of the family that were eradicated while trying to shoe horses!

Other inventions that culled out the weaker of the cowboy species were the nylon rope, the squeeze chute, the metal gate and the fence staple.

Now here we stand at the cusp of a new century holding our hand in front of our face, daring anybody, "Betcha can't hit my hand before I move it!"

KC Class Of 1987 Reunion

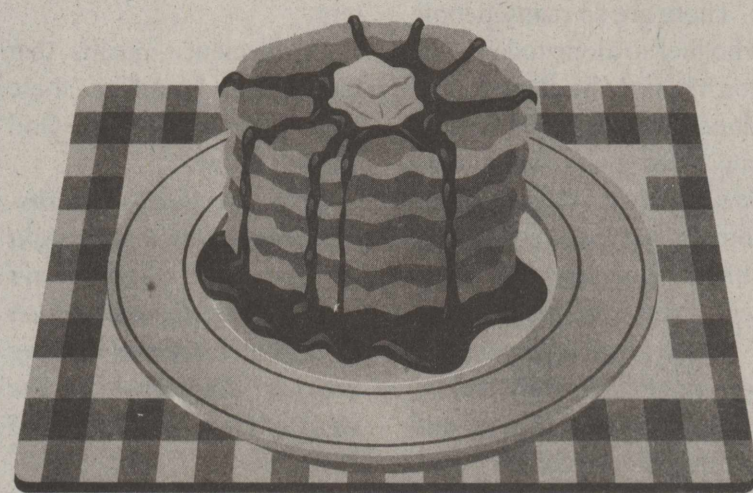
Our class is planning to have a float in the Watermelon Parade on Friday, attending the Festival Dance Friday night, meeting in the Community Center across from the Festival all day Saturday, having a fajita lunch there, while attending the Festivals' pool-car show-food-vendors-music-etc., then performing a Rivalry Revival & Scholarship Fund Raiser Football Game between KC & Munday alumni from the 1987 classes at Greyhound Stadium Saturday night.

At this time donations will be accepted at the game to raise money for the two schools in a time of fun & fellowship. Reunion alumni will attend the rodeo & other events planned throughout the weekend.

Alumni from the class of 1987 need to get in contact with Shane at Shane.Lewis@YukonPS.com. I hope everyone can attend. A forum is available <topix.net/forum/city/knox-city-tx> to post comments, make suggestions, or to read previous postings.

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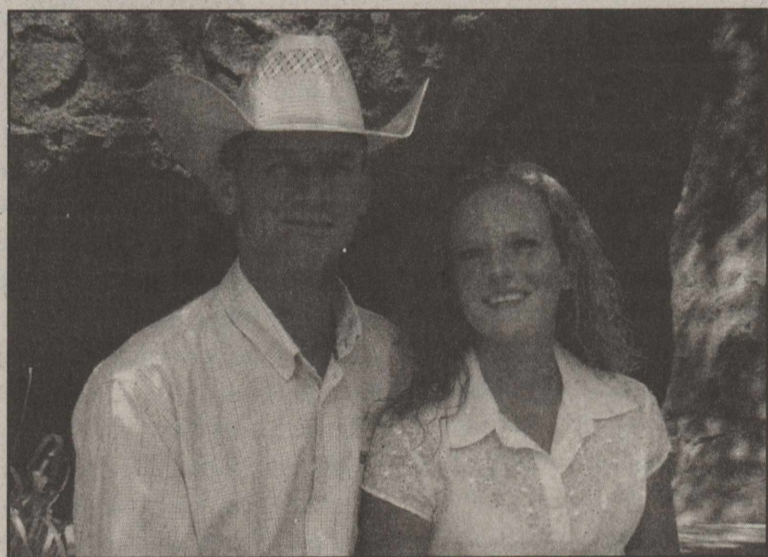
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✨ REPORT ON CHAMBER'S ACTIVITIES

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Williams, Jones to wed



The prospective bride, Jessica Williams, and groom-elect, Lanham Jones.

The Jones, Aultman, and Williams families would like to announce the wedding of Jessica Aultman Williams of Kent, Texas and Lanham Ned Jones of Benjamin, Texas on July 21,

2007, 7:30 p.m., at Rock Pile Camp, McCoy Remme Ranches, Ft. Davis, Texas.

Anyone who would like to join us in this blessed event is welcome.

A donation to the Knox City Cemetery Memorial Fund was made by Judy Anderson of Lubbock and David and Teri Anderson of Ulysses, Kansas, for the family of Kay Dean Johnson.

THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS WANTS YOUR NEWS AND INFORMATION. CALL US AT (940) 657-3142 AND LET US KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Benjamin resident bitten by rattlesnake

(Continued from Page 1) their door and announced, in a very unpanicked way, what had happened.

They got in their car and headed to the Knox County Hospital with Dutch at the wheel.

Once they arrived at the hospital, he was given rattlesnake antivenin, five vials in all, and pain medication.

The area started swelling during the trip to the hospital and had worked its way up to his wrist, along with the pain.

He was then transported, via ambulance, to Bethania hospital in Wichita Falls. At Bethania, he was given five more vials of antivenin and more pain medication. The swelling began to go down and several tests showed that the bite had not affected his heart or caused any other problems. He was released late that evening from Bethania and arrived home around midnight.

By the next morning, the swelling had gone down and there wasn't much pain.

According to Young's wife, the attending doctor at Bethania told Dutch that he had dodged a bullet to not get any sicker than he had. Dutch was mowing yards again two days later.

Young has lived in Benjamin for 52 years and has been caretaker of several yards for the last few years. He has seen, and killed, many rattlesnakes, but never been bitten, or even had a close call, before.

"I hope that's the last one," he said of the bite.

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

First things first! In last weeks column, two errors "showed up". I don't know who's mistake it was, nor does it matter, I just want to correct them. In the item about the Griffith's weekend, the part about their son, Drew, staying at home to look after his sisters should have said he was back in Bemidji, MN, not Benjamin!! Though he's in college in Oregon, he was there with his young siblings.

Regarding Earlene Meinzer attending the Nichols reunion at Vera, the article should have read "The group met for Sunday services" not the Grays. Folks, I apologize, but I do err once in a while!!

The weather was nice last week, but the TV says more showers could be on the horizon, and that means probably a new crop of mosquitoes to add to what we already have. They are bothersome.

Sympathy To Friends

Sincere sympathy goes out today to Pat Waldron Garza and her family. Pat is a former Benjamin resident, now of Knox City. Her daughter, Dee Ann Reese died last Tuesday night at Pat's home. She was visiting from Lubbock. Dee Ann was 39 years of age and had been in failing health for awhile. Her graveside service was Friday at the Knox City cemetery.

Also sympathy to the family of Claudale Barnard. Claudale passed away Friday night. His fu-

neral will be tomorrow (Tuesday) at O'Brien Baptist Church.

Here 'N There

Dutch Young is back out mowing yards and doing other "handy man" jobs after being bitten on the finger by a rattlesnake on Wednesday. He went to Knox County Hospital, got some anti venom serum and pain shots and went on to Wichita Falls where they gave him more medication and let him come home later the same night. He's feeling okay and feels very fortunate that it turned out to be no worse than it was.

Nafeesa Ebraheim finished up some summer courses at M.U. last Monday and is home for a while. She says she may make a trip to New York before school starts, but she's not sure yet. Her classes at M.U. will be applied to her college credits.

Jimmy Redwine, who lives with his family in Wyoming now, was here last week to visit relatives and friends. It was good to see him.

Jenna McCanlies got moved into her dorm last week at Vernon. She will attend VRJC when school starts in the fall.

Ariel and Damon Gideon returned home today (Monday) after a three week visit with grandparents Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon and other relatives. Lana Mendoza took them to Lubbock where they caught a plane for the trip back to Gilbert, Arizona. They are excited as they will be

moving to Texas very soon with their parents, Oscar and Shannon and brother, Ian, to make their home. Oscar has accepted a job at Vernon in the electrical field.

Debbie Moorhouse accompanied her daughter, Beckie Keys, and her children, Dillon and Randi, of Childress to Lubbock on Friday to see his doctor. He got his cast off and is able to walk without a limp. He had surgery in mid May to correct a problem caused by his illness about three years ago.

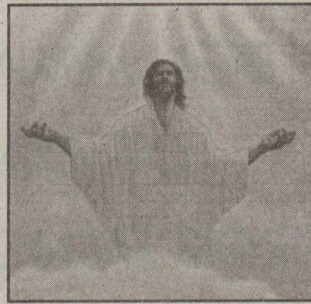
Lorraine Powers met her daughter, Chris, in Abilene last Monday for a couple of days of R&R. Chris lives in Midland and they felt it was time for a mother-daughter get together. Lorraine said they had a blast.

Tabby Golden and Sean Wilson were given a baby shower on Saturday at the Methodist Church. All kinds of brunch foods were served to the guests. The expected baby girl received lots of useful, practical and pretty things. Plus a lot of money, which I'm sure will be used for necessary, but forgotten, last minute items. The hostesses for the occasion were Laura and Jenna McCanlies, Sheila and Kaitlyn Kuehler, Shannon and Shaylee Propps, Sadie Benson, Charlene Rainwater, Michelle Brown, Betty and Jamie Bohannon, Debra and Nafeesa Ebraheim, Dawn Vanderpol and Nancy McGreger.

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God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



There are so many people who feel so alone today. You don't have to be alone to feel alone. People can live separate lives even when they live together. These may be some of the loneliest people. Others who are by themselves feel very alone also.

There are people who feel so weak today. They feel incompetent in their work and without the power to change their situation. They believe there are too many circumstances to overcome for their life to ever be changed for the better.

There are people who feel so unknowing. They seem to never be able to figure out a better way or a way out. They can't seem to get done what is necessary for them to accomplish. They don't understand many things happening in their life; why is it happening and how can I change it?

Knowing God can resolve all the situations above. You can actually see your life completely change for the better when you know God and His person.

There are three wonderful attributes to God's character. He is omniscient, He is omnipresent and He is omnipotent.

Omniscience means that God is all knowing; there isn't anything that God doesn't know.

"You are those who justify themselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God." (Luke 16: 15 NASB)

Omnipotent means that God is all powerful. There isn't anything or anyone that He can't overcome. *"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;" (Acts 1: 8a NASB)*

Omnipresence means that God is always present everywhere. You are never out of God's mind, sight and love. *"That the nations may tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things which we did not expect." (Isaiah 64: 2c-3a NASB)*

God's omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence are for you, so that He may protect you, provide for you and make His ways known for your good. Invite Him into your heart today and let Him reign in your life as your God.

TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

Truscott and Gilliland had a few drying out days when some wet wheat fields got dry enough to cut. On July 9, some wheat was still in fields, and predictions were for rain. Those whose wheat was harvested were trying to get plowing done, though many were having to plow around wet spots.

Jacquelyn, Sam, and Claire Richey of Houston spent Thursday through Sunday visiting their parents and grandparents, Jack and Clara Brown. The cat, Mr. Whiskers, was back so Claire had a good time playing with him. She tried to get him to follow her with a leash, but gave up and let him lead her, as she held the leash.

Gordon and Irma Bell celebrated Independence Day with a family reunion from July 3 to July 6. It was the first time all the Bell children, spouses, and grandchildren had been together at once (all 19 of them, plus Gordon and Irma, who made it 21).

Independence Day included a barbecue at the Truscott Center, games, stagecoach rides and fireworks, along with a few extra Bell relatives from nearby. Several made a trip to the Stamford rodeo afterwards. All joined in a visit to the Crowell cemetery in tribute to the Bell ancestors who helped settle Foard County.

Luckily for all concerned, the Truscott-Gilliland rural water system was back in good shape in time for the Bell reunion, thanks to manager Mike Carlson.

Out-of-town relatives for the reunion included: from Washinton, D.C., Larry and Diane New and Matt and Cara Daggett; from Fairfax Station Virginia, Scott, Denise, Lauren, and Robert

Kidd; and from New Orleans, Ryan New; from Salado, Brad, Susan, Emily, Erin, and Bowen Buckley; and from Bryan, Blake, Dawn, Lindsey, Logan, and Brady Bell.

Brittany Dunlap was honored with a baby shower at the Community Center hosted by Roby Moya, Angela Dunlap, Irma Bell, Joan Daniel, and Eugene Daniel. Several friends and relatives attended.

Two June activities that turned out well were the cutting horse event at the Daniel Arena on June 29 and the bake sale in Benjamin on June 30. Each event made several hundred dollars. The cutting horse concession stand profits went to the Truscott Community Center and the bake sale helped the Knox County museum.

Red River Water Authority will have a meeting at Wichita Falls July 18. On the agenda will be a raise in water rates, Red River finances, and a discussion of needs at the Truscott-Gilliland part of the system. Several from here plan to attend.

Fay Black Carroll of Crowell received a telephone call July 9 from Rusty McNeese of Houston that his younger brother, Doyle McNeese, passed away June 28. A memorial service was being held July 9 in Houston.

Doyle Dolphous McNeese was born in 1935 to C.A. McNeese and Bertha Smith McNeese while they were living in Truscott. He grew up in Truscott and graduated from Crowell High School. Later he served in the Navy.

Doyle was in the 8th grade class to graduate from Truscott. Other class members were Don Brown, Sam Bullion, Mary Lou (Woods) McLaury, Fay Carroll, and the late Norma (Jones) Lee.

OBITUARY

Claudale A. Barnard



Claudale A. Barnard, 82, of Knox City went to be with his Lord Friday, July 6, 2007. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Tuesday July 10, 2007 at O'Brien Baptist Church with Reverend Bob Cameron, Reverend Jim Ried and Brother Bill Trice officiating and special music by Donnie Roberts. Burial followed in O'Brien Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

Claudale was born May 17, 1925 in Rural Haskell County to Claud Alvan and Myrtie Ethel Lambert Barnard. He graduated high school in 1943 and entered the United States Army. During his time in the Army he was a member of Unit Company C of the 330 Infantry 83rd Division. He was in the Invasion of Normandy and Northern France and Rhineland.

While there he earned many medals and ribbons which include: Meritorius Unit Award,

World War II Victory Medal EAME, Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, Good conduct Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge and a Bronze Star. Claudale was discharged from the military on February 5, 1946.

He married Jean Sellers on February 1, 1947 in Rule. Claudale was a farmer. He was a member of the O'Brien Baptist Church where he served as deacon, American Legion Post 229 in Knox City, Disabled Vets of America and a life member of the VFW 144. Claudale was also a former member of the O'Brien School Board and the O'Brien Gin Board of Directors. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Claudale is survived by his wife Jean of Knox City, his daughters, Claudia and husband Eddie Bryant of Weinert and Diane and husband Donnie Roberts of O'Brien, grandchildren, Jennifer Hicks and husband Keith of Hawley, Jon Bryant and wife Lindsay of Lubbock, Trish Johnson and husband Tim of Haskell and Angela Roberts of Plano. Great grand children Cecylee and Hadlee Hicks, Hayden and Raygan Bryant and Tyler and Tayleigh Johnson.

The family wishes to offer special thanks to Dr. Victor Hirsch, his staff and the Nursing Staff at Hendrick Medical Center. Memorials may be sent to the O'Brien Baptist Church P.O. Box 88 O'Brien, Texas 79539.

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By Alex Mills

Even though crude oil prices have crashed through the \$70 barrier again, world demand continues to rise.

Demand for petroleum products - gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, asphalt, etc. - is forecast to exceed 88 million barrels per day world wide during the fourth quarter of 2007.

That's a 20 billion barrel per day (30 percent) increase from 1993.

Rising demand shows that growing world economy has

adapted to more-expensive oil, leaving room for prices to rise further and increasing the potential for greater market volatility, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA), which monitors oil markets on behalf of industrialized nations.

Additionally, some experts believe that oil production has just about reached its peak level. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) provides about one-third of the total production and a majority

of the exports.

Troubles among OPEC members have traders even more concerned.

Resource nationalism - the limiting of exploration and production of crude oil resources within foreign countries to international oil companies - has grown in Russia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. Recently, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez "renegotiated" the terms of contracts of the integrated oil companies operating in Venezuela.

Some countries went along, but ConocoPhillips and ExxonMobil did not. Venezuela is the world's eighth largest oil exporter, and the U.S. is its top market for crude oil.

It has five refineries within

the U.S. that refine Venezuela's special heavy crude oil under the brand name of Citgo.

Oil generates about 90 percent of Venezuela's exports and more than 50 percent of its estimated \$52 billion budget in 2006.

Refining capacities in the U.S. and in other countries is near peak capacity, too.

While crude oil inventories are above average, gasoline inventories are well below average.

Unless the oil production and refining industry is able to catch up, prices will remain volatile and uncertain, which could hurt demand.

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Officials Warn West Nile Virus Is Back

CANYON--Lots of rain leaves standing water. Standing water attracts mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can carry West Nile Virus. And July is the prime month for cases of the disease to start showing up, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Dr. Greta Schuster, an Extension integrated pest management specialist in Canyon, will be dragging out her carbon dioxide light traps this week to determine how many positive mosquitoes can be found in the area.

Schuster is working with Dr. James Alexander and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Alexander reported West Nile Virus is already active in Texas, with one human case in Willacy County. Positive mosquitoes have been found in Collin, Denton, Jefferson, Montgomery and Willacy counties.

In 2006, 33 West Nile human fatalities were reported, and since 2002, 71 fatalities due to the virus have been reported in Texas, Schuster said, quoting state health service figures.

Schuster has been sampling for West Nile virus-carrying mosquitoes for the past five years. She started in an effort to help Extension agents and area veterinarians know the severity of the

situation and to help get horses vaccinated for the disease.

Each year she watches the reports from other parts of the state to know when to start collecting mosquitoes. When the positive cases start showing up in the south, she knows it won't be long before the virus moves north.

When Schuster collects the live mosquitoes in her traps, she sends them to the Texas health department in Austin where they are tested to see if they carry the disease.

"We're trying to find out when mosquitoes are becoming active and what species is active at the time," she said.

With all the recent rain in Texas, a large hatch of mosquitoes can be expected, Schuster said.

"If they are showing up in my traps, then there are a lot more out there," she said. "That's when we start alerting the Texas Department of Agriculture and other agencies who can get the word out that it is time to be more vigilant in control and protection."

To protect against disease-carrying mosquitoes, Schuster said wear long sleeves when working outdoors, use a DEET product and don't go out from sundown to 10 p.m. if possible.

"When we were collecting

mosquitoes off the horses, they were covered the heaviest from about 8 to 10 (p.m.)," she said.

Schuster said there is some concern about using products with the DEET chemical in it, but advises that if people spray most of the chemical over their clothing and use long sleeves to protect themselves, it is safe.

The DEET amounts in products vary, she said. The amount needed depends on how long an individual expects to be outside. The more DEET the repellent contains, the longer not better it will protect.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise that products with a low concentration of active ingredient may be appropriate when exposure to insects is minimal, Schuster said. Higher concentrations of active ingredient may be useful in highly infested areas or with insect species which are more difficult to repel.

When trying to limit mosquito populations outside, a combination of treatments is best, Schuster said.

"First, we advise sanitation," she said. "Empty water from flower pots, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets,

barrels and cans. Remove discarded containers and other items that could collect water."

Second, use a larvicide chemical to control hatching mosquitoes so they never become adults, Schuster said. Larvicides, which kill immature mosquitoes, are put in water sources.

Bacillus thuringiensis more commonly know as BT is a biological larvicide that is safe for animals, she said. It is found in products sold as Mosquito Dunk. Methoprene, a chemical larvicide, is an insect growth regulator that kills larvae by disrupting their development.

As with all products, Schuster advised, read and follow all labels and directions.

The final step to treatment is the use of adulticides or products used to kill adult mosquitoes, she said. These products can immediately reduce the number of adult mosquitoes around the home. They include fogs, mists or sprays, which are often used by city and county officials to treat large areas, she said.

"There's no one control that works the best," Schuster said. "It's a combination of all of them. That's the whole basis to the integrated pest management program."

Crop And Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION - While rain has been plentiful across Texas, it's throwing a kink into hay harvesting activities but producing bumper grain crop yields, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

While most producers harvested a first cutting earlier this spring, hay continues to grow in the field reaching above-average maturity levels, said one Extension specialist.

"The biggest challenge is there's hay out there right now that's two to three weeks overdue," said Dr. Jason Cleere, Extension beef cattle specialist in College Station. "Tonnage is going to be good, but quality is not going to be as good because of the maturity level. When this rain shuts off, there's going to be a large amount of hay being baled."

Just a year ago during the drought, producers were doing good to get one cutting of hay harvested, Cleere said.

"With this cutting of hay out in the field, we may have already cut and baled as much hay as we've baled in the past two years," he said.

Meanwhile, the wet weather is also hampering the wheat harvest, but good yields are ex-

pected, said Dr. Travis Miller, Extension agronomist in College Station.

"West Texas and the Panhandle wheat farmers are reporting excellent yields with some dryland wheat exceeding 60 bushels per acre or more, twice normal averages," he said.

In the Blacklands region from Central to North Texas, Miller said the wheat crop is excellent, but 30 percent to 40 percent of the crop remains to be harvested.

"Quality has been severely damaged by lodging and sprouting due to prolonged wetness," he said. "These losses will be keenly felt, as wheat yields were very low last year and prices were very favorable this year due to last year's failed crop."

Corn and sorghum yields statewide are expected to be excellent due to all of the rainfall received in June, Miller said.

"Overall, we should have much higher grain yields this year than last due to favorable moisture," he said. "The main concern is having favorable harvest weather."

The following condition reports are from Extension officials.

PANHANDLE: Temperatures

were near or below average for the week. Thunderstorms brought some rain and hail to the area. Rain from a trace to more than 2 inches was recorded.

Soil moisture is rated very short to adequate with most areas reporting adequate. Corn is fair to excellent; cotton is fair. Peanuts are fair to good with no pest problems reported. Sorghum planting is ending.

The crop is fair to good. Soybeans are fair to good with no pest problems reported. Wheat harvest is about 50 percent complete.

Rain has caused harvest delays in much of the area. Cattle in excellent condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: A surplus of rain has caused creeks and rivers to overflow their banks.

Wet conditions continue to hamper agriculture activities throughout the area. Rains caused substantial flooding to low areas along the Wichita River. Storms last week destroyed some barns and pivots. More rain has again stopped the wheat harvest. Rain has slowed down cotton planting. Peanuts looking good. Most pasture land is looking good with grass and forbs, and most tanks are full and running.

Munday Quilter Exhibiting in International Competition

Munday-area quilter Amanda Bibb has been selected as a semifinalist for the 2007 AQS Quilt Exposition, August 22-25, 2007, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, in Nashville, Tennessee.

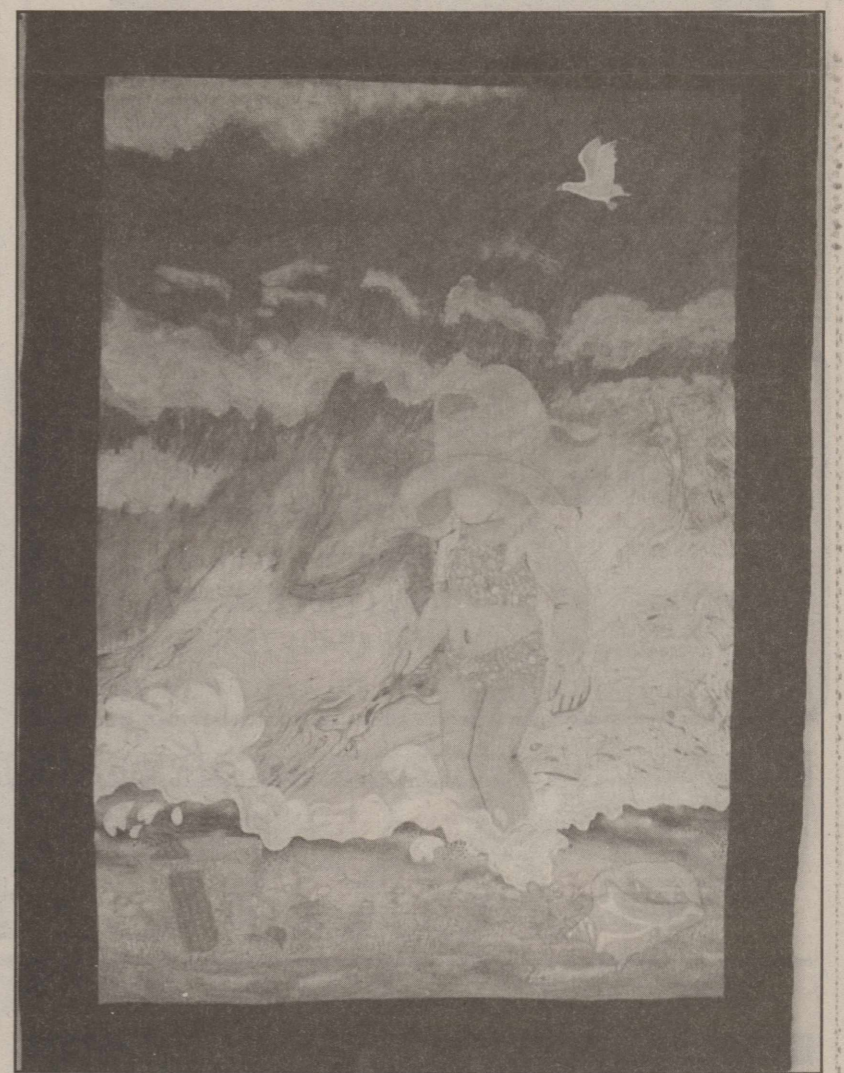
Bibb has been chosen to join 322 others in this annual contest. In its seventh year, the competition is offering \$39,750 in cash awards. The quilt, *Evan by the Sea*, measures 32 inches wide by 43 inches long, and represents hundreds of hours of work.

This entry was chosen by a three-member jury for the final judging. The work will now compete against others within its category. Three quilting authorities will judge this elite group prior to the opening of the show. The individual quilt named best of show will garner the AQS Best of Show award and a \$7,500 cash prize.

Regardless of how the quilt places in the final judging, all 322 quilts will be displayed at the annual quilt show. The annual quilt exhibition brings more than 25,000 quilt enthusiasts, collectors, needle artists, and vendors to Nashville each August for this consumer show.

Quilts are no longer relegated to serving just as bed covers. Many of these works, made with fabric and thread, are designed as art for the wall, according to AQS President Meredith Schroeder. The quilts in this year's contest are from around the world and feature beautiful palettes of color. Entries are from 41 U.S. states and 5 other countries, including Canada, France, Australia, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

There are five categories in the judged contest. The categories include Quilter's Choice, On the Wall, the Ultimate Guild Challenge, and new SewTech and Needlework categories. In addition to the contest, there will be eight special exhibits of quilts: \$100,000 Quilt Challenge; Teachers' Showcase of Quilts; Expressions 2006: The



Bibb's entry, entitled *Evan by the Sea*

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and Miniature Quest. In addition, sewers will have the opportunity to stitch at the Baby Lock USA Quilts for Kids booth to make charity quilts for children.

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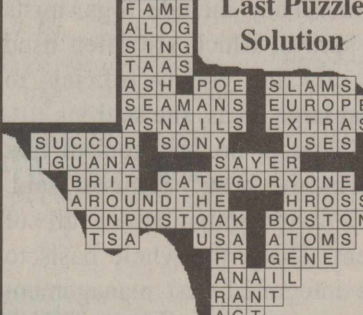
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