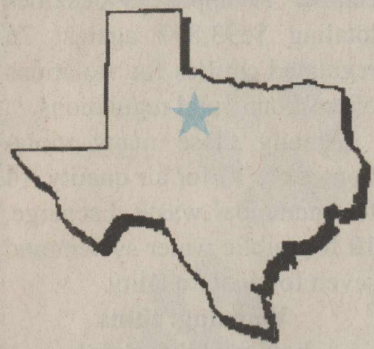


*****5-DIGIT 79505
4P 2T
55 04-21-08
KNOX COUNTY, DISTRICT
PO BOX 196
BENJAMIN TX 79505-0196

THURSDAY, JAN. 3	FRIDAY, JAN. 4	SATURDAY, JAN. 5	SUNDAY, JAN. 6	MONDAY, JAN. 7
High/Low 46°/25° Mostly Sunny	High/Low 56°/32° Mostly Sunny	High/Low 65°/45° Mostly Sunny	High/Low 67°/44° Mostly Sunny	High/Low 69°/43° Mostly Sunny



THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS

Proudly Serving Knox and King Counties

Volume XXXVII Number 10 Thursday, January 3, 2008 Knox City, Texas 8 Pages + 2 Inserts Price 75 ¢

LOOKING AHEAD

• KC Visioning Meeting
Knox County Visioning Group Meeting, Thursday, January 3 at 3:00 p.m. in Benjamin at the Courthouse Assembly Room.

• Immunization Clinic
The Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic will be at the Knox City Housing Authority Community Room, 203 SW 4th Street from 10:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2008. DTaP, Polio, MMR, HIB, Td, Hepatitis A, Pneumococcal Conjugate, Hepatitis B, HPV, Meningitis and Chickenpox vaccine will be provided as well as all other immunizations for children, adults and infants. Flu vaccine is available for children 6 months and older and for adults. A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany a minor under 18 years of age. Please bring a copy of your child's social security card. Services at the Department of Health are offered on a sliding fee scale, but no one will be denied services.

• Knox County Singles Change In Plans
On New Year's Eve, The Knox County Singles Group, Singles and Singles Again, announced a change of schedule for its organizational meeting. The get-together is now set for 7:00 p.m. January 11, 2008, at Patton Community Center, 131 W. Cisco in Munday. All Singles over the age of 18 are encouraged to attend this first activity planning session. Ideas are welcome!

• Workshop - Lightening The Load: Community Resources for the Caregiver
A workshop to introduce dementia to caregivers to the help available through the services of several Wichita Falls area organizations will be Thursday, January 10 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall of West Side Baptist Church 1914 Buchanan Street in Wichita. There is no charge, but registration is encouraged. Contact Beverly Diekhoff at 940-767-8800 or 1-800-272-3900 for more information. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter, Wichita Falls Region.

Reflecting Back On 2007 —

Knox County and its residents had a busy 2007 filled with new businesses, growth, and accomplishments. The following, some of the top stories of 2007, is our year in review.

KC Chamber Awning Project

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce and Knox City Economic Development Corporation have been working jointly on the downtown awning project for over seven years and the fruit of their labor is becoming visible, as the vibrant red awnings now stretch from the Fitness For Life Gym, Duckwalls, the Art Stall and Frame Shop, the Chamber office and KC Video. The gym was the first to receive a vivid red awning shortly before the Watermelon Festival. The remaining awnings have been rapidly going up since before Christmas. The awnings are being placed by Robert Crowell and his crew of Seymour.

"We're so excited! They add so much to the downtown area," said Clark.

While a fundraiser will be held at a later date to help the ongoing project, donations are being accepted now, are tax exempt and "greatly appreciated" according to Clark. About \$4,000 is still needed. Downtown businesses pay for half of the cost of their awning, whether it is monetary or work in kind. Donations can be made payable to the Knox City Community Development Foundation at the Chamber office.

Other businesses (outside of the downtown area) will have the same opportunity to get the awnings, according to Clark.



In the beginning stages — Tearing down the old awnings



New, vibrant red awnings stretch from the Fitness For Life Gym, Duckwalls and the Art Stall and Frame Shop

New KC Doctor Zeke Duke

Zeke Duke, M.D. is coming home.

Dr. Duke, son of Dennis and Pam Duke of Benjamin, is returning to practice family medicine with the Knox County Hospital District.

Duke had been working part-time with the Knox County Hospital District for a year and a half.

Included in his duties were the Saturday morning clinic, rounds at the hospital and working in the emergency room, all one weekend a month, as his schedule allowed.

His duties will primarily be the same, but will be extended through the week on a full-time schedule.

Duke attended Benjamin ISD from elementary school until his graduation in 1996.

He decided during his junior year of high school that he wanted to be a doctor.

Duke chose family medicine as his practice because, according to him, it involves "a little bit of everything." It is also really the only medicine that a doctor can practice in a small community. Certainly a factor when all he ever wanted to do was come back home.

"I never really considered (practicing) anywhere else," said Dr. Duke.

Knox County Hospital Administrator Stephen Kuehler conveyed the feeling was mutual.

"He wanted to come back, and we were more than eager to try and get him back," said Kuehler.

Duke entered Texas Tech University in the fall of 1996 and graduated in 2000, at which time he entered Texas Tech School of Medicine and graduated in 2004.

He then completed his three years of residency through the Texas Tech School of Medicine at Amarillo. On July 23rd Duke was named Resident of the Year in Family Practice by Texas Tech University. He shared this honor with one other family practice resident.

Duke has also been serving as Chief Resident for the past year. Duke served as Class President his sophomore year of medical school.

Duke met his wife, Amanda, who is a nurse practitioner, during his senior year of college and they were married between his first and second years of medical school. They have two young sons.

The Knox County Hospital and Hospital Clinic are located at 701 and 711 SE 5th Street in Knox City, respectively.

Other doctors on staff with the Knox County Hospital District are Dr. Shirley Barretto, M.D. and Dr. Kevin Finley, D.O.

■ See More 2007 Year In Review on Page 3

Glass And Kennedy State Their Reasons For Resignations

Editor's Note: In the December 13th issue the News printed an article about Knox City Police Chief Bill Glass and Patrolman Scott Kennedy resigning. After learning of the article, Bill Glass telephoned the News to state that he felt the information in the article inaccurately portrayed the events surrounding his and Kennedy's resignations, and to state his reason(s) for leaving.

Ex-Police Chief Bill Glass stated to the Knox County News that he is not going to Iraq.

According to Glass, his resignation was given to the City of Knox City effective immediately because of unreasonable demands and false accusations from city officials, and for their display of unprofessionalism.

Kennedy gave two weeks notice of resignation based on the same reasons on a Friday and was told the following Monday that would be his last day by city officials, according to Glass and Kennedy.

Glass stated that he was disappointed that slander would be used toward himself and Kennedy in light of the progress accomplished by the department during their short tenure with the City of Knox City.

STATE CHAMPS

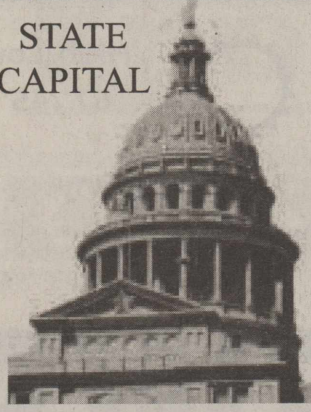
CONGRATULATIONS MUNDAY MOGULS!
2007 CLASS A DIVISION II
FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPS!
MUNDAY 26, BREMOND 6

SANTA ROSA
Telephone Cooperative INC.

940-863-1125
Local • Long Distance • Internet

SANTA ROSA
Telephone Cooperative INC.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE CAPITAL



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN -- The 80th Texas Legislature last spring passed 22 pieces of legislation enacting state laws to take effect Jan. 1.

Here is a whittled down version of what just a few of those new laws do, based on analyses published by the House Research Organization and the Senate Research Center.

• HB 271 by Rep. Veronica Gonzales, D-McAllen, amends the Property Code by requiring a home seller to disclose to a buyer whether they are aware of any previous use of the resi-

dence as a methamphetamine lab.

• HB 310 by Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, amends the Transportation Code so that a vehicle's license plate and registration transfer with the person selling or trading in that vehicle.

• HB 481 by Rep. Jim Jackson, R-Carrollton, amends the Transportation Code to allow the seller of a used vehicle to report the sale to TxDOT through the agency's Web site within 30 days, in lieu of filing a written and signed transfer notice. The bill also increases the penalty for the buyer of a used car that did not transfer the title within the 20-business-day grace period.

• HB 538 by Rep. Bill Callegari, R-Katy, amends the Tax Code to allow a property owner to postpone their appraisal protest one time without showing cause, and increasing the post-

ponement period from 15 to 30 days.

• HB 1751 by Rep. Ellen Cohen, D-Houston, amends the Business and Commerce Code and Government Code by imposing a fee of \$5 on a sexually oriented business providing live nude entertainment. Up to \$25 million in money generated by the fee, per fiscal biennium, goes to the state's sexual assault program fund. The amount of money received from the fee in excess of \$25 million goes to the state's general revenue fund.

• HB 3495 by Rep. John Otto, R-Dayton, amends the Tax Code regarding the notice of an open meeting at which a governing body of a taxing unit will vote on a tax increase.

The notice now must include:

- Dates on which the first and second public hearings on the proposed tax increase were held;

- Total tax revenue raised at last year's tax rate;

- Amount of total tax revenue proposed to be raised excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll;

- Amount of total tax revenue proposed to be raised including the tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll;

- The proposed tax rate; and

- The mailing address of the location where the meeting to vote on the tax rate will be held.

Murdock named Census director

The U.S. Senate on Dec. 20 confirmed Steve H. Murdock as director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Nominated for the federal agency post by President George W. Bush, Murdock has been based at the University of Texas at San Antonio, serving as director of the Texas State Data Center.

State agency warns of scammers

The Texas Department of Insurance cautions seniors to beware of suspicious sales practices by scammers who represent themselves to be insurance agents.

Be especially cautious of unsolicited contacts in which someone tries to obtain information by asking another to complete studies or surveys or asks nursing home personnel to gather the information, the state agency said.

Agents and companies must be licensed in Texas to sell insurance.

To verify a license, call toll-free, 800-252-3439.

TCEQ approves penalties

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on December 19 approved penalties totaling \$593,897 against 76 regulated entities for violations of environmental regulations.

Among those many violations were 13 for air quality, 14 for municipal waste discharge, 10 for public water system and seven for water quality.

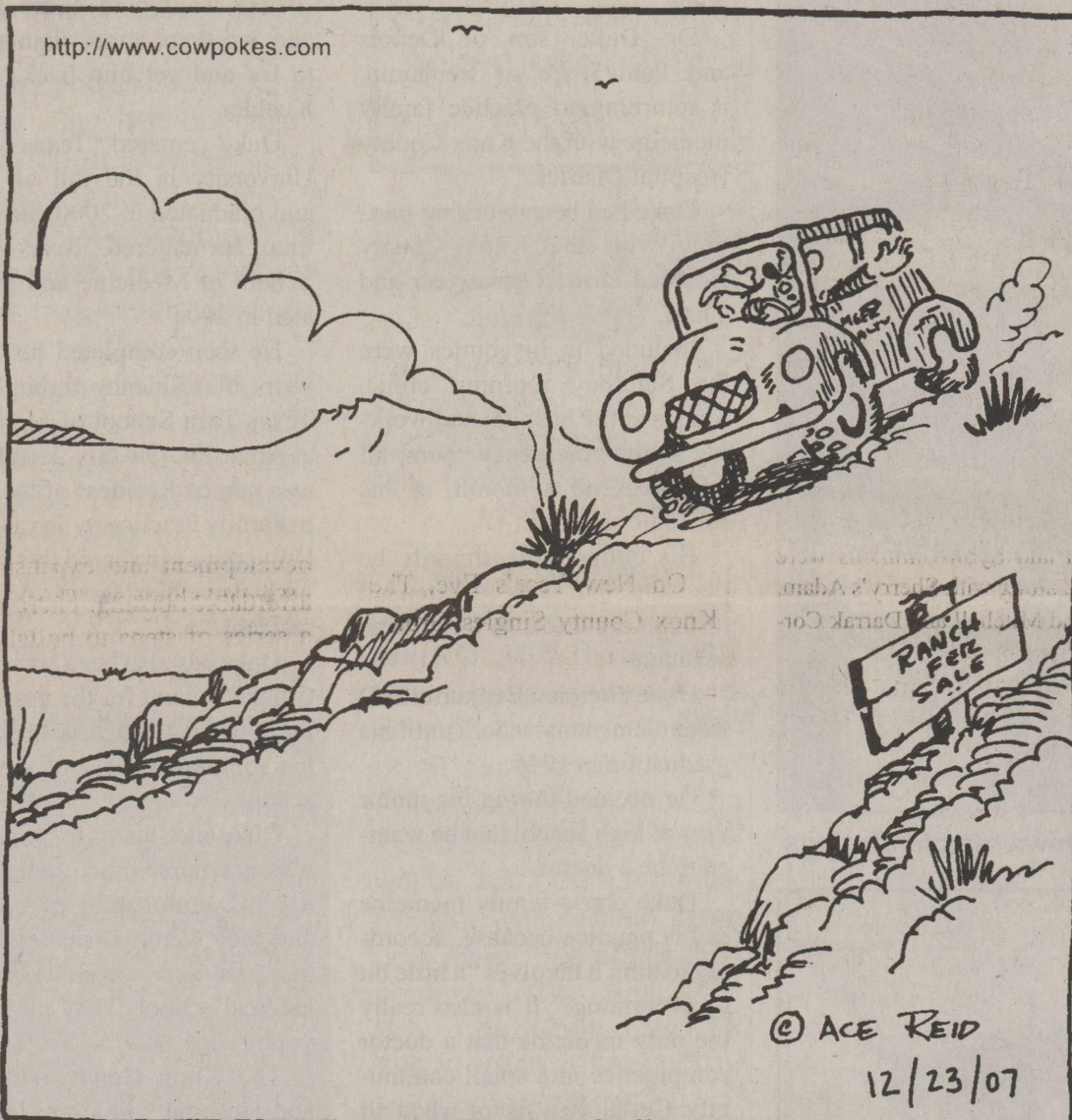
Warning: think before giving drink

Alan Steen of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission reminds folks it is against the law to give alcohol to anyone under 21 (other than your child) even in your own residence, even with parent's permission.

Maximum criminal penalties for violators include up to a \$4,000 fine, up to one year in jail and an automatic suspension of a driver's license for six months upon conviction.

COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"Now if yer lookin' fer a place where the deer, antelopes, jack rabbits and rattle snakes play, we had better look fer another place, 'cause around here thay hafta work all the time!"

The Knox County News

"Since 1971, Knox County's Oldest Established Newspaper"

P.O. Box 188 110 N. Central Knox City, Texas 79529 940-657-3142 FAX 940-658-3228 kcnnews@valornet.com

USPS 903-920

POSTMASTER: Send Form 3579 to The Knox County News, P.O. Box 188, Knox City, TX 79529. Published weekly, except for the week of Christmas at 110 North Central, Knox City, Knox County, Texas. Periodicals postage paid at Post Office, Knox City, Texas 79529.

MEMBER — Texas Press Association • West Texas Press Association

JEFF JORDAN Publisher KATHY RAINWATER Reporter

PAULA CHAMBERS Editor SHERI BATY Sports

SUBSCRIPTION RATES Within Knox County & O'Brien: \$26/Year Within Texas: \$28/Year All others: \$30/Year

DEADLINES — The deadline to submit news and advertising is 5 p.m. on Mondays. Exceptions may be granted only by permission from the Editor.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Knox County News welcomes letters to the editor on any subject. All letters must be signed and will be published with the name of the writer. Letters must include an address and telephone number to allow verification. Please keep letters to a reasonable length. The editor reserves the right to edit any letter for any reason and to reject letters for publication for any reason. Letters deemed libelous and/or not for the public good will be rejected. Letters to the editor reflect the opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of The Knox County News.

SUBMISSION POLICY

The Knox County News reserves the right to reject unsolicited submissions for any reason. Articles and news items submitted are subject to be edited by KCN staff. Article and photo reprints submitted from other publications require the KCN to get permissions from copyright holders and owners. Such articles will be printed in the KCN dependent on time and space requirements.

PHOTO SUBMISSION POLICY

The KCN reserves the right to reject unsolicited photographs for any reason. Photographs submitted to the KCN will kept in the KCN office for no longer than one year past the date submitted. Photographs can only be returned to submitter if a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided.

NOTICE

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

KCN OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Friday • 9 - 1

A family of families



Your hometown is like a family of families. Whatever one does for the good of the community benefits all who live and work there. When you shop and invest locally it helps the local economy. If you trade locally a portion of the money you spend is used to pay taxes in your hometown. This supports education and other vital services like law enforcement and fire protection. Shop and invest locally whenever you can.

First National Bank

MUNDAY - HASKELL - STAMFORD - ROCHESTER

PHONE ~ (940) 422-4522 • TELEBANK ~ 422-4741 TIME & TEMPERATURE ~ 422-5459



celebrate the spirit of your hometown

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "wouldn't know him from ..."
5 Houston trainer Károlyi who was '92 Olympics coach
6 org. that selected 5-across as coach
7 TXism: "___ to the dogs"
8 TX Dan Jenkins' "Life ___ Ourselves"
9 in Howard Co. on I-20
16 classic western "High ___"
18 waitress in the sky?
21 TXism: "he don't ___ nothing but burn hay" (poor horse)
22 splice film
23 ESPN analyst Scott
24 TXism: "___ horse of a different color"
30 NBA center for Rockets ('93-'94) & Mavericks ('97-'98)
34 TXism: "frisky as ___ unsaddled horse"
35 TX Janis died of a ___ OD
36 in Bowie Co. on 67
37 in Crosby Co. on 82
39 TXism for "askew"
43 TXism: "aggressive as a ___ oil salesman"
44 Hilton called his TX Mobley Hotel "a cross ___ a gold mine and a flophouse"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "snug as ___ a rug"
2 so, Dallas suburb
3 early TX mapper: ___ Leon
4 tear gas spray
9 state where TX Nolan pitched for the Angels (abbr.)
10 clean to excess?
11 TX Willie's "Farm ___" was in Champaign, IL
45 Colt revolver inventor (init.)
46 Austin AM radio
47 with "set" in between, playground race start
49 TXism: "loud enough to wake ___"
52 TX Ralph, once a liberal U.S. senator (init.)
53 TX Rangers play-by-play guy, Nadel (init.)
54 in Eastland Co. on I-20
55 DNA determinates
58 unapproved absence (abbr.)
59 TXism: "meaner than a junk ___ dog"
60 org. for some TX teachers (abbr.)
61 TXism: "___ every trick in the book"

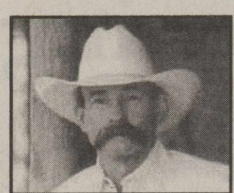
The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Copyright 2007 by Orbison Bros.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61 and clues for each.



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

B.E.L.C.H.

By Baxter Black, DVM

As global warming increases, and most agree it has regardless of the cause, ruminant raisers are going to become conversant in a new field of science called 'Bovine Emissions Lately Considered Hazardous', or B.E.L.C.H.

The study of B.E.L.C.H. will revolve around a simple formula; greenhouse gas emissions per pound of beef produced. It is obvious, if the world truly wanted to reduce methane and nitrous oxide (two of the big three greenhouse gases) they could destroy all ruminants. For the sake of the economy and human survival we should first have a mass eradication of all wildlife species that produce those two gases. From the eland, the mountain goat, and the giraffe to the elk, the llama and the buffalo in Yellowstone Park.

Or, since Carbon Offsets are allowed for coal and oil-driven emitters, we could allow Methane Offsets. For instance, if you normally run 200 cows on your farm, you could get set-aside subsidies for only running 100 cows. The U.S. Conservation Districts are already able to calculate grazing land CRP payments. They could calculate a B.U.R.P. (Bovine Use Reduction Payments.)

In the meantime global warming should bring longer summers, thus longer grazing seasons. As we do research on B.E.L.C.H., I expect we will discover that the more a ruminant eats, the more methane gas it will produce. So improving the ratio of feed per pound of gain will be stressed. There are many products on the market now in accordance with our desire to reduce methane emissions; growth additives will become mandatory. Grass fat beef would be considered too expensive due to the length of time required to make them tender and the additional number of cattle required to meet the quota. But they might get Methane Offsets to trade against the fuel used to grow and transport grain to feedlots.

Another area to consider is palatability. Tenderness derives from two basic factors; youth and marbling. We could mandate that cattle be slaughtered at less than three months of age, following the model of veal which is always tender. That way the critter would not even have to become a serious ruminant.

I expect in the years to come, or until the next ice age prediction, we will develop feed additives which will convert methane into Cool Aid, a lactobacillus liqueur, or Glade Air Freshener and be considered inert.

Or, we'll develop a use for methane in the cure of cancer or aromatherapy and it will be financially viable to trap all emissions in a cow-shaped polyethylene facemask or a rumen fistula installed in each ruminant at their Bar Mitzvah.

Ah, the possibilities are endless. But I have faith that we as a global community with all our cowboy wisdom and computer models will solve the B.E.L.C.H. problem and move on to other, more pressing issues...like the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and whether the Cubs will ever win the World Series. Because the alternative is unthinkable...chicken every night!



David Crouch Photography

- Weddings
- Special Occasions
- Sports
- Will Travel!

940-873-4494

940-256-0431



Construction Services,
Welding, Roustabout Service, Backhoe,
Dump Truck, Fiberglass Repair
Test Tank, Rental

Bennett Shortes
Office (940) 658-3576
Mobile (940) 256-2370

P.O. Box 189 • Knox City, Texas • 79529-0189

Burrito Express

is now hiring.

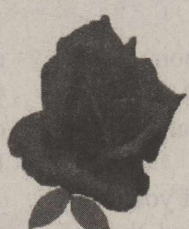
940-658-3997

Blossom's Boutique

Jill Thompson
Owner, Stylist, Nail Tech

Wilma Hogan
Barber, Stylist

Tues - Sat 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(940) 657-4011



2007 Year In Review — Continued

Truscott's New Community Center; Benjamin Voters Pass Sales Tax

Truscott Gains New Community Center

The citizens of Truscott once again have a place to gather.

Their new community center has been completed, aside from some decorating and a few minor details, according to Truscott Community Foundation's Treasurer and Director Jerry Bob Daniel.

The community of Truscott began thinking about a new community center about three years ago and began the groundwork at the beginning of August 2006.

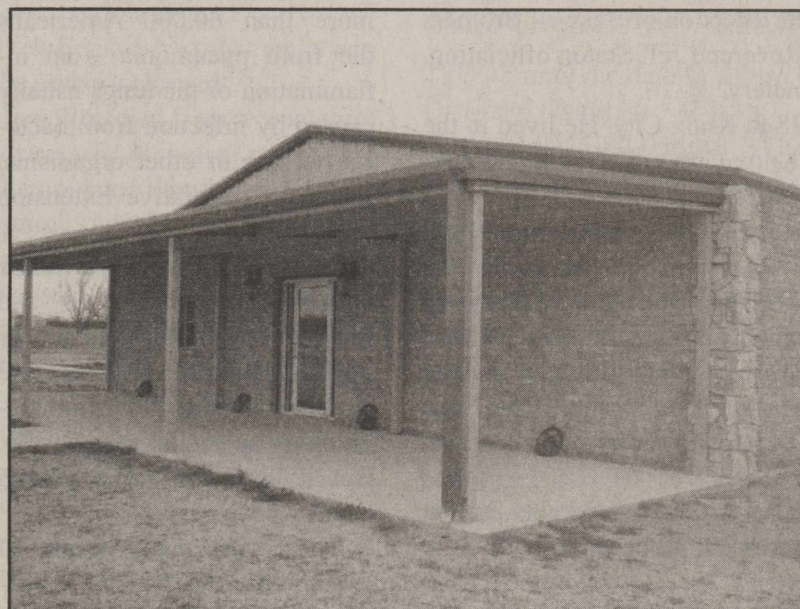
The building was completed in early December 2006.

The building has a large and welcoming porch that precedes a foyer.

Off the foyer are the men's and women's restrooms. Continuing inside, a large meeting room leads to a spacious and modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances.

A door at the back opens up to a 2000 square foot pavilion with a concrete floor and tin roof.

Most of the lots in the block where the community center sits have been donated to the Truscott Community Foundation by their owners, and those that have not



been donated have been loaned for use.

Where the old drug store, grocery store and Post Office once sat to the west, plans are to add a parking lot.

A corner stone still sits where the old buildings once stood.

The foundations of the buildings were in very poor shape, according to Daniel. "It was sad to see the old buildings go down," he continued.

The new community center's bricked exterior is made of the

cleaned bricks that once made up the other three buildings.

Funds were raised for the community center project by selling five hundred "Cookin' Between the Wichitas" cookbooks, which contain recipes from locals, ranch horse cuttings at the Daniel's Circle Bar Ranch near Truscott, personal donations and grant money received from the Meadows Foundation in the amount of \$37,500, with help from the Knox County RC&D.

Benjamin Voters Pass Sales Tax

Benjamin voters passed by landslide the adoption of a 4B sales and use tax at the rate of one half of one percent to undertake the economic development for the City of Benjamin.

The proposition passed 81 to 14. The funds are intended to be used for possible infrastructure improvement in the city and to attract businesses.

"It lets businesses that are interested in locating in Benjamin know that we are serious about economic development," said Steve Bisbee, who played a vital role in establishing the Benjamin Chamber of Commerce and served as chamber president for several years.

The funds collected can be used for projects such as, but not limited to, projects related to convention and tourism, exhibition facilities, primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher education, research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities and recycling facilities. Also, projects to promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs.

The funds can also be used for streets and roads, drainage, and related improvements, demolition of existing structures, development and expansion of affordable housing. There is still a series of steps to be taken in order for the process to be completed, but the enthusiasm is tangible. "I'd just like to thank the citizens for their support. I take it as a sign that the city is behind the economic development of the community and wants to see it grow. Their overwhelming support shows that they want growth and development," said Bisbee.

TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

Christmas visiting was charmed with pretty good weather before, during and after Christmas this year.

Everybody is now ready for a good mix of rain and some sunshine to make that high-priced wheat grow toward a boomer crop. We may never see the prices again that wheat is now, so let's all hope for a good harvest.

Gordan and Irma Bell stayed home for Christmas day, after Irma broke her arm. The day after Christmas her nephew, Donell Rathborn of Grapevine came with his wife and two children. They visited until Sunday afternoon.

Jack and Clara Brown hosted all their children and grandchildren. Ruth Mescall along with Alex, Meagan, Rachel, Thomas and Grace of Baytown came in late, late Friday night. Bill Brown and Staci, Brisa and Brandel arrived Friday morning from Levelland, as did Jacquelyn Richey from Houston with Al, Sam and Claire. After a Christmas dinner and gift exchange, the grandchildren had fun breaking a pinata. By Sunday noon, all visitors were gone.

The only problem they left was the pinata loaded with candy and they didn't take much home.

At the Kenneth Carroll's holiday, guests included Christie and John Winger of Crowell, Tyler, Kim, Kenzie and Taegan Carroll of Crowell and Russell Carroll and friends Jessica and Colton of Lubbock and Bernice Carroll of Crowell.

The holidays also included a Christmas at Crowell.

James Hopkins couldn't attend as he is on a second tour in Iraq with the National Guard.

Eugenie Daniel and Jerry Bob had their children, Becky and Colton home for Christmas. Off and on the Daniels had company several days. All attended the Cowboy Christmas Ball at Benjamin before Christmas. Staying with Eugenie and Jerry Bob were Barry Corbin of Ft. Worth, who was Roscoe in "Lonesome Dove" and is on the Lubbock Ranching Heritage board with Eugenie. Also, guests were Chris and Jeter of Ft. Worth.

Many may not know it, but the Truscott Methodist Church building was bought a few months back by Libby Hines of Ft. Worth.

She hopes to make a home of it and has had Dale Turner looking it over.

Ronnie and Sherry Simmons had several days of holiday celebration. On the 20th, Sherry's sister and husband, Jody and Ed McClure and Elaine and George Allen visited.

On the 25th, Betty Eddy, Mary Sandlin and Sybil Simmons were present, along with Sherry's Adam, Zack and Mitchell and Darrak Corley, a friend of Mitchell's.

Sybil stayed for a few days after December 25th before returning to Wichita Falls.

Shanna Heard said they stayed home for Christmas.

Darrell Hord said their visitors included his son Jim and a grandson of Corsicana and Ginger and Kent Carlisle of Post. Ginger is the daughter of Devotee Hord.

Ramona Horne visited her children and grandchildren in Wichita Falls during the holidays while Jack met with the Horne family members at Gilliland.

Barbara Horne said they hosted their boys and their families while Elaine Horne visited Charlotte and Dennis Welch and that all Horne kin visited back and forth.

If anyone got left out of the above, please accept apologies and we'll add and correct next week.

The first was planned for December 13th, Jason Simmon's graduation from LVN school at Wichita Falls.

He went into the hospital the day before to have his appendix out and didn't make the ceremony. However, a bedside ceremony was held for his graduation, it just wasn't the scene Jason had expected. The Simmon's family attended, anyhow.

Alex Mescall, grandson of Jack and Clara Brown and son of Ruth Brown Mescall, was graduated from Sam Houston University at Huntsville on Saturday, December 15th. His ceremony had a less dramatic setting than Jason's, but the criminal justice major was glad, like Jason, to finish.

The third event was the graduation of Cody Mobley, son of Sonseharry and Paul Cline of San Angelo and grandson of the late Norma Jones Lee.

The history major was graduated from San Angelo University, also on December 15th, as was his second cousin, Alex Mescall, at Huntsville.

It has been a long time since a Truscott-Gilliland column has had so much news. Sounds like everyone on the Wichita Divide had company at some point.

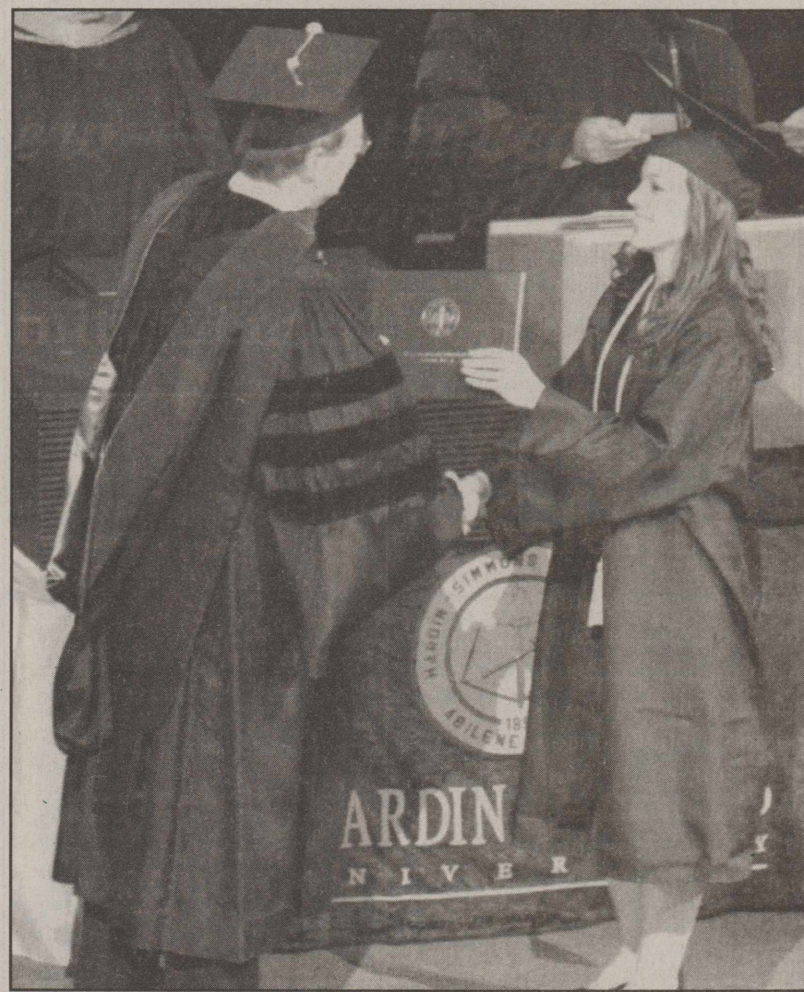
KC Singles Announces Change In Plans

On New Year's Eve, The Knox County Singles Group, Singles and Singles Again, announced a change of schedule for its organizational meeting.

The get-together is now set for 7 p.m. January 11, 2008, at Patton Community Center, 131 W. Cisco in Munday.

All Singles over the age of 18 are encouraged to attend this first activity planning session. Ideas are welcome!

Kimberly Hawkins Receives Bachelor Of Arts Degree From HSU



Kimberly Hawkins, 2003 graduate of Knox City High, is shown receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dr. Craig Turner, president of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. Kimberly graduated cum laude, and is the daughter of Don and Marla Hawkins. Commencement was held Saturday, December 15, 2007 in Behrens Chapel on the HSU campus in Abilene.

OBITUARIES

T. C. Lewis

T. C. Lewis, age 69, died Wednesday, December 19, 2007 in Perryton. Services were Friday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Key Heights Baptist Church under the direction of Boswell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton with the Reverend Jeff Staton officiating. Burial followed at the Ochiltree Cemetery.

T. C. was born December 11, 1938 in Knox City. He lived in the area since 1959, later moving from Knox City to Perryton. He married Betty Bailey on May 22, 1964. She died in 2001.

T. C. was a computer operator. He worked for GTE from 1959 until he retired in 2000.

He was a member of the Key Heights Baptist Church of Perryton. He loved his church. Survivors include a son, Anthony Lewis of Arlington; a daughter, Elizabeth Lewis of Amarillo; four sisters, Jessie McNellie of Arlington; Ann Martin of Louisiana; Betty Hart, of Burleson; and Earlene Rister of Dallas; a brother James Nathan Lewis of Washington State.

The family requests memorials to be sent to Key Heights Baptist Church, P.O. Box 923, Perryton, Texas 79070 or to your favorite charity.

Pneumonia Can Be Life-Threatening Without Proper Treatment

AMARILLO – Every year, more than 60,000 Americans die from pneumonia – an inflammation of the lungs usually caused by infection from bacteria, viruses or other organisms, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist said.

Pneumonia is a particular concern for older adults and people with chronic illnesses or impaired immune systems, said Andrew Crocker, Extension gerontology specialist in Amarillo. But it can also strike young, healthy people.

There are many kinds of pneumonia, ranging in seriousness from mild to life-threatening, Crocker said. Infection often follows a cold or flu but can be associated with other illnesses or occur on its own.

Symptoms of pneumonia caused by bacteria usually come on quickly and include: cough with mucus; fever; fast breathing, heart rate and/or shortness of breath; shaking and chills; chest pains that worsen with coughing or breathing; tiredness; weakness; nausea and vomiting; and/or diarrhea. Symptoms caused by viruses are usually the same as those caused by bacteria, but they may come on slowly and often are not as obvious or as bad, Crocker said.

“Ironically, high-risk groups such as older adults may have fewer or milder symptoms than less vulnerable people do,” he said.

Instead of high fever that often characterizes pneumonia, older adults may have a lower than normal temperature, Crocker said. Or they may have a cough, but not bring up mucus. Another sign of pneumonia in older adults may be a change in how well they think – confusion is common.

“If you think you may have pneumonia, do not hesitate to get medical care,” he said. “See your health provider right away if you have a persistent cough, shortness of breath, chest pain that fluctuates with breathing, an unexplained fever, or if you suddenly feel worse after a cold or the flu.”

A health provider will ask about the symptoms, do a physical exam and may order a chest X-ray and blood tests. This is usually enough to know if pneumonia exists, Crocker said.

“You may need more tests if you have bad symptoms, are an older adult or have other health problems,” he said. “Your health provider may also test mucus from your lungs to find out what germ is causing your pneumo-

nia.” Antibiotics may be prescribed to treat bacterial pneumonia, Crocker said. Patients should not stop taking them because they feel better. Stopping medication too soon can cause the infection to come back and contributes to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. And call the doctor if improvement is not seen after two or three days of antibiotics, or if symptoms worsen, he said.

Antibiotics are usually not effective against viral forms of pneumonia, he said. Although a few viral pneumonias may be treated with antiviral medications, the recommended treatment is generally the same as for the flu – rest and plenty of fluids. Hospitalization may be required for people with severe pneumonia, Crocker said.

“You usually do not catch pneumonia from someone else,” he said. “Instead, you develop the disease because your immune system is temporarily weakened.”

The following suggestions can help reduce the risk of getting the infection:

- Get vaccinated. Because pneumonia can be a complication of the flu, getting a yearly flu shot is a good way to prevent viral

influenza pneumonia, which can lead to bacterial pneumonia. In addition, get a vaccination against pneumonia at least once after age 55. Medicare may pay for this for Medicare beneficiary with Part “B” coverage.

- Wash your hands. Hands are in almost constant contact with germs that can cause pneumonia. Washing them thoroughly and often can help reduce risk.

- Don’t smoke. Smoking damages the lungs’ natural defenses against respiratory infections.

- Plenty of rest with a healthy diet along with moderate exercise can help keep the immune system strong.

- Protect others. Try to stay away from anyone with a compromised immune system while personally infected.

Crocker said people with pneumonia can recover more quickly and decrease the risk of complications by getting plenty of rest, drinking lots of fluids, taking the entire course of any prescribed medications and keeping all follow-up appointments, even if they are feeling better. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a division of the National Institutes of Health can provide more information at <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/>.

BERNARD E. GODLEY, INC.
TAX SERVICE & BOOKKEEPING
 Computerized Tax Returns & Bookkeeping
940-889-8809
 98 Hill Drive • Seymour, Texas
 Office hours: 9-12 and 2-5 • Monday-Friday

If you would like to be a sponsor for the Church Directory please give us a call at 657-3142

KC AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – Knox City**
 Gayle Baucum, Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
 FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Knox City**
 Timothy Trimbel, Pastor
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 No Sunday Evening Service
- ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP – Knox City**
 Tex Cox, Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m.
 “Discovering God’s Word” radio broadcast Sunday mornings on AM 1400 The River 8:20 - 8:50 a.m.
- FOURSQUARE CHURCH – Knox City**
 Don Jackson, Pastor
 Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 7 p.m.
- SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Knox City**
 Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez
 Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11 a.m.
- LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C. – Knox City**
 Gene Ward Jr., Pastor
 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m.
 Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH – Rhineland**
 Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez
 Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass
 Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – Benjamin**
 Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Benjamin**
 Timothy Trimbel, Pastor
 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
- GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH – Gillespie**
 Matt Harrington, Pastor
 Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST – Benjamin**
 Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.
- THE BELIEVERS’ CHAPEL – Highway 222**
 W.O. Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
 Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- O’BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH – O’Brien**
 Jim Reid, Pastor
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m., Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.
 Sunday Mornings on KVRP 97.1 at 9:05 a.m.
- WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH**
 Rob Harrison, Pastor
 Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS BROUGHT TO YOU EACH WEEK BY THESE GENEROUS SPONSORS:

Knox County Hospital
 657-3535

O’Brien Co-op Gin
 658-3631

Aging Center Lunch Menu

Jan. 7 - Jan. 11

- Monday, Jan. 7 - Meat Balls & Spaghetti with Mushroom Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread and Cobbler**
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 - Chili & Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Salad, Crackers and Cookies**
- Wednesday, Jan. 9 - Stir Fry Chicken & Vegetables, Buttered Rice, Glazed Carrots, Light Bread and Cake**
- Thursday, Jan. 10 - Taco Soup, Cheese Sticks, Salad, Cornbread and Pudding**
- Friday, Jan. 11 - Chicken Fritter on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Tator Tots and Cherry Crunch with Topping**

Alternative Desserts For Diabetics

Call in Orders by 10:00 a.m.

657-3618

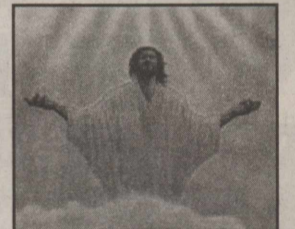
Orders can not be taken after 10 am and need to be picked up after 11 am

YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED!
 (Menu subject to change)

Lightening the Load: Community Resources for the Caregiver
 A workshop to introduce dementia caregivers to the help available through the services of several Wichita Falls area organizations
 Sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association – North Central Texas Chapter
Wichita Falls Region
 Thursday, January 10 from 10:00 to 12:00 Noon
 in the Fellowship Hall of West Side Baptist Church
 1914 Buchanan Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76309
 Cost: No charge; registration is encouraged
 Contact: Beverly Diekhoff at 940-767-8800 or 1-800-272-3900

God’s Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
 O’Brien Baptist Church



I’m sure that many of you will be thinking about New Year’s resolutions during the next few weeks.

Many will be trying to convince themselves of improving upon different areas of their life.

Often we believe that we can surely do all things better. Don’t misunderstand me, I think improvement is great. I have many areas myself that need immediate and continual attention.

The difficulty, as we all have experienced, is to continue with the convictions of our resolutions.

The Lord knows how we think and act. He even knows how we fail many times, but His joy is not in our failing. His joy is in our looking to Him to make our joy complete.

I pray that you will take the time to read the following scriptures.

They will not only reveal the love that God has for you, but will also speak to you of the wonderful promises He has in store for those who believe and obey His word.

1. Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

2. “All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God:

3. “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

4. “Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

5. “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

6. “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

7. “The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways.

8. “The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

9. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

10. “So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you.

11. The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

12. “The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

13. “The LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to observe them carefully, and do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. (Deuteronomy 28: 1-14 nasb)

I pray that you know the love of God and live in it with Him all of this new year.

Dumb Crook News



GPS Device Leads Police To Rightful Owner

I can't think of a dumber thing to steal. Can you? Police in Amityville, New York, learned that a man had stolen a global positioning device after they used the thing to track down its rightful owner.

Police allege that after the man, identified as 33-year-old Alex Batista, was discovered to be in possession of the device while riding his bicycle, they activated "home" function and followed it to the device's real owner, according to the December 29 issue of New York Newsday, a newspaper there.

Upon arriving at the home, the owner told officers that he didn't know that the van that the GPS device belonged to had been vandalized.

"He says, 'It's mine. It should be in that van over there,'" Sergeant Brian Scott said of the early December 29 crime.

Police then arrested Batista on charges of larceny and criminal possession of stolen property, Newsday said.

In addition to the two misdemeanor charges, Batista was also issued a ticket by police for using his bicycle at night without a light.

Law Catches Up With Burglary Suspect After Being Robbed Himself And Giving His Real Address

A burglary suspect in New Bedford, Massachusetts, who gave authorities a fake address when he was arrested ended up being a victim a robbery himself — and gave them his real address when reporting the crime.

Authorities there say that they arrested three people accused of robbing the suspect. They then obtained a search warrant for his address — yes, the real one — and found computer equipment that had been stolen from a university and power tools that had been pilfered from a theater there.

The suspect, identified as Daniel Cabral, was arrested December 26 and charged with burglarizing a building at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, and that is when he gave police the bogus address. He got robbed at gunpoint on the way home from his arraignment.

As of this writing, Cabral is free on his own recognizance.

"It Wasn't My Fault, It Was A Pterodactyl!"

A 29-year-old man in Wenatchee, Washington, told police that a pterodactyl caused him to crash his car into a streetlight around 11:30 PM December 27.

Police cited the unidentified man with first-degree negligent driving. A breathalyzer test revealed "a minimal amount of alcohol," according to Sergeant Cherie Smith.

Witnesses told police that the man was driving northbound on Wenatchee Avenue and drifted into a southbound lane for less than a block. Oncoming traffic stopped and waited for him to pass, Smith said.

He then totaled his car by crashing it into a streetlight, Smith said.

When police asked the man what caused the accident, his one-word answer was "pterodactyl," according to Smith. A pterodactyl was a giant winged reptile that has been extinct for over 65 million years.

The man was treated and released at Central Washington Hospital, hospital officials said.

New Year's Resolution: Store Lawn Chemicals Safely

COLLEGE STATION - While most plants go dormant in the winter, the chemicals that many people use for gardening remain active.

That's why a Texas Cooperative Extension horticulturist urges people to winterize pesticide storage areas.

"Now is the perfect time to prepare a safe holding area for these materials," said Dr. Don Wilkerson, Extension horticulturist and EarthKind advocate. "This is important for environmental protection, human and pet safety, and for maintaining the effectiveness of the chemicals and fertilizers."

He said EarthKind is Extension's program for focusing on environmental stewardship in the urban landscape. Wilkerson said a storage area for lawn and garden chemicals should be:

- Secure from children and pets.
- Well ventilated.
- Lit well for product label reading.
- Dry and not prone to flooding.
- Large enough to separate spacing for herbicides, insecticides and fertilizer.

- Enclosed so that spills can be quickly cleaned.

- Protected from temperature extremes. He also noted that flammable liquids should be stored outside living areas and away from any potential ignition sources. An attached garage, for example, may not be the best place for this type of product.

Chemicals should be kept in the original container, Wilkerson added, and never mixed in an empty food container.

"An updated storage inventory allows for keeping track of what has been placed in storage and also helps in planning purchases when spring arrives," he said. "Make a record of the product name, active ingredient, date of purchases and date/volume stored."

Storage problems can be minimized, Wilkerson suggested, if a person uses the list to plan ahead — buying only the amount of product that is needed for a season.

"Small containers that seem expensive may actually be the most economical over time if larger amounts do not have proper storage," he explained.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. Dist/Div: Childress Contract 0925-00-056 for STRIPING in CHILDRESS County, etc will be opened on January 8, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 25647

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Childress District
District Engineer
7599 U.S. 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705
Phone: 940-937-2571

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that the bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin. (Published December 20-, 2007 and January 3, 2008)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Knox County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2007-08 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest has been available for inspection by the public at the County Judge's Office in the County Courthouse during business hours, beginning December 1, 2007.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on 1/30/2008, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Knox County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.

/s/ Travis C. Floyd
Knox County Judge
(Published January 3, 2008, January 10, 2008, January 17, 2008 and January 24, 2008)

V & V Oilfield is hiring a secretary. Typing skills a must. 940-658-3997

Med Care MEDICAL SUPPLY
Ask us if you qualify for a POWER CHAIR at little or no cost to you.
In most cases, Medicare, Medicaid & Insurance will cover 100% of the cost for your Power Chair.
Toll Free 800-606-9860
www.medcaremedicalsupply.com

PAID CDL TRAINING! YOUR FUTURE BEGINS HERE
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
Stevens Transport, the premier refrigerated carrier in the US, sponsors the total cost of your CDL training! In 17 short days you will earn your CDL and begin your paid on-the-job training! Earn \$40K first year and up to \$150K fifth year! Excellent benefits and 401K!
For more information, call 800-333-8595
www.becomeadrivers.com

Jerry's Plumbing
Texas Air Conditioning License #TACL005658C
Phone: (940) 658-3322
If no answer: 658-5305 or 657-3863

VERNON COLLEGE 2008 Spring Registration
VERNON - WICHITA FALLS
www.vernoncollege.edu
Wichita Falls Registration January 9
Vernon Registration January 10
Classes begin January 14
teaching / learning / leading

Hacker Auto & Truck Repair
1010 E. Main • 657-4576
Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 7:00 a.m. - Noon
Full Mechanic Car Wash & Detail
Tire & Oil Change
Owner — Cris Hacker

LEWIS PAINT & BODY SHOP
From 1952 to 2006, Owner Sterling Lewis has been proudly serving the Knox City Area.
Day or night, the only name you need to know. Specializing in major repairs, custom painting & stripping, windshield & door glass, door & wheel alignments, and frame straightening. We can also replace those worn-out headliners! We UNLOCK locked cars!
COME SEE US FIRST - NO JOB TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL! 24-hour wrecker service
STERLING LEWIS • CLINT LEWIS
Days After Hours OR
658-3342 658-3330 658-3629

Knox Family Wellness
"Fitness For Life" Gym
102 N. Central
Knox City • (940) 657-4365
Get Fit, Slim and Tone!
PHYSICAL FITNESS

Benjamin Sports

Benjamin Basketball Action



Dusty Stevens makes a baseline shot.



Julia Acevedo goes up for a lay up.

The Mustangs and Lady 'Stangs took on Patton Springs Tuesday, December 18 and Lueders-Avoca Friday, December 28 at the Benjamin high school gym.

Stats were unavailable at press time.



Dylan Benson goes up for a jump shot.



Carla Benson shoots a 3 pointer

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Christmas is over and by the time you read this we will be into another New Year. Amid the family gatherings and lots of "fellowshipping" with friends there was sadness for many. My sincere sympathy to the Dockins family in Munday for the loss of their loved one. He will be missed by many.

The school kids, teachers and other personnel have enjoyed a few days off, but are about ready to "hit it again" when school resumes Thursday. There was a good basketball game Friday morning with Lueders. The girls won, but I didn't hear about the boys.

On Saturday, Coach Loftiss took the basketball girls to Lubbock for an all day outing. They spent several hours in the mall, and then attended a Lady Raiders game Saturday night. Reports are that it was a fun day.

Duke's Open House

Pam and Dennis Duke and their family again hosted open house on Saturday, December 22nd. Their beautifully decorated home and lots of holiday treats provided a very inviting atmosphere for those in attendance. This has become a tradition for the Dukes and the community always looks forward to it as Christmas approaches. We all appreciate their endeavors for our pleasure.

Here 'N There

Christmas guests of Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon and Brandi were Jack (Corky) Barker of Tucson, Arizona and Jenny, Charlie and Josh Sheffer of Hawley. Joining them for Christmas dinner was Bobby Hudson of Benjamin.

Jack and Mary Young spent Christmas with their daughter, Debbie Neil and family in Boca Raton, Florida. They left on the 17th of December and returned the 28th. They reported a wonderful time.

Roger and Betty Bohannon's holiday week company has been Craig and Bonnie Howell and family of Missouri (who will be moving to Nebraska soon after January 1st), Alex Espinosa and Jamie Bohannon and family and Lonnie and Misty Bohannon and sons of Benjamin. Also, Marilyn Fisk and Debbie Stephenson of Clyde.

Lorene Powers spent Christmas with family and friends in Midland.

Bud Conner had his family at his café in Knox City

on Christmas Day. Present for a wonderful meal and a visit from Santa were Keith and Pam Conner, Casey Conner and a friend of Midland, Stephanie and Bobby Brannan and children of Lubbock, Blaine and Gary Neal and family of Seymour, Michele and Jimmy Barrientez and family, Kim Moore and girls, Hazel Stockton and Bud, all of Benjamin.

Chad and Kathy Rainwater and family spent the holidays in the metroplex area visiting with both his and her families. Chad's sister, Rebel, and her husband, Brian, of Mobile, Alabama, were able to drive in for a few days of visiting. Rebel has about another year and a half of her residency left in orthopedic surgery, before a year's fellowship, and then she and Brian hope to return to Texas. Rebel plans to specialize in hand surgery.

Jane Gideon had her family Christmas this past weekend. Visiting were Sue Terry and family of Dallas and Lana Mendoza and family of Seymour. Also, Weldon Gideon of Benjamin.

Christmas guests of Gloria West were Cathy Tomlinson of Justin and Robert Clower of Electra. On Christmas Day they had lunch with their daughter and sister, Betty Parker, and family in Aspermont.

Christmas guests of Jessie and Kenneth Roberts were Ken and Gaye Roberts of Wichita Falls, Bill and Sue Roberts of Driftwood, Don and Diane Roberts of Knox City, Jennifer Roberts of Halifax, Virginia, Kevin and Leslie Ann Roberts and Lauren of Austin, Chris McGreger of Freising, Germany, Tim and Trish Johnson, Tyler and Tayleigh of Mineral Wells, Angela Roberts of Dallas, Phil and Rebekah Boone, Paige and Peyton of Abilene, Rachel and Ryan Thomas of Wichita Falls, Dr. Zeke and Amanda Duke, Daniel and Jonah of Knox City, Nancy and Fred McGreger, Dennis and Pam Duke and Bea Parks, all of Benjamin.

Don Hertel was glad to have his sons and their families with him for Christmas. That's Kent and Elizabeth, Victoria and Derek of Coppell, Scott, Debbie and Megan of Dallas and Craig, Donna and Olivia of Gainesville. Don said he's feeling pretty good. Tires easily, and of course, does not have the lung capacity he did

have after his surgery and chemo, but thankful to feel as well as he does.

Jan and Fred Carver had as their guests on Christmas Eve, Gary and Stasia, Callie and Ryder Antilley of Wingate, Ryan Antilley of Abilene, Dorothy Carver of Knox City, Tyler Collins of Seymour, Jacy Collins, Jara Gray and Talon of Munday, Tom Lyles and a friend, Tori and her son, Lane, of Lamesa and Mike and Tammy Lyles of Benjamin.

Christmas Day several of the family had lunch in the home of Mike and Tammy Lyles. They were Jan and Fred, Jacy, Jara and Talon, Tyler, Tom, Tori and Lane, Betty Lyles, Cassie Lyles and Cody Wainscott of Knox City and San Diego, California. (Cody is in the Marines.)

Jan said she has one more "Christmas" coming up, that with her brothers in a couple of weeks.

Visiting Charles and Linda Griffith during the holidays were Lorrie and Rickey La Shomb of Lubbock, Matt Tyson of U.T.- Austin, Drew Tyson of Lewis and Clark University in Portland, Oregon, Amy and Vince Tyson, Kate and Abby of Bemidji, Minnesota (they are moving to Lubbock soon after January 1st) and Becky, Kemp, Devon, Blake, Brooke and Cameron Jones of Benjamin.

We had our family Christmas on December 23rd in the home of Mike and Debbie Moorhouse. Present were Mike, Diane and Ashlee Evans and Beckie, Wade, Dillon and Randi Keys, all of Childress, Cody, Kyla, Lexie, Katie and Blaze Taylor of Amarillo, Lynn and Michael Rogers of Snyder, Liz and Nathan Herring of Munday, Jessica Moorhouse of Tarleton State and Gladene Green of Benjamin.

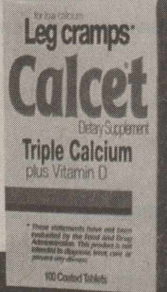

On Christmas Eve, I went to Childress for a couple of days with Diane and family. Attended an impressive Christmas Eve service at their church, First Baptist, where former Munday resident, Chad King, is pastor. After lunch on Christmas Day, I returned home, tired, but filled with lots of pleasant memories of Christmas 2007. I'm sure many of you feel the same way.

One last note - Congratulations to the Munday Moguls on winning state.

You have made everyone very proud of you and your accomplishments!!

SIGN UP FOR A FREE SCOOTER
 One Scooter Given Away Each Month
 Toll Free **800-606-9860**

 www.medcaremedicalsupply.com

STOP LEG CRAMPS BEFORE THEY STOP YOU.

 Calcet's triple calcium formula is designed to help stop low calcium leg cramps. Just ask your pharmacist.


FREE DIRECTV 4 ROOM SYSTEM!

CHECKS ACCEPTED!
 250+ CHANNELS!
 Starts \$29.99
 FREE HBO+Cinemax+ Showtime+Starz 3 Months!
 FREE DVR/HD!
 We're Local Installers!
1-800-214-7110

Mesothelioma EXPERIENCE COUNTS
 Lawyers with over 80 years combined expertise.
 may occur 30 to 50 years after exposure to **asbestos**. Many workers were exposed from the 1940s through the 1970s. Industrial maintenance and operators are among those at risk for mesothelioma, throat cancer or lung cancer. Call us for professional insight.
 Ryan A. Krebs, M.D., J.D. Doctor-Lawyer in Full-time Law Practice
 Richard A. Dodd, L.C.
 Timothy R. Cappolino, P.C.
 Board Certified Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
 NO FEE FOR FIRST VISIT
 CAMERON, TEXAS
1-800-460-0606
 www.AsbestosLaw.com

CITIZENS BANK, N.A.
 FDIC
 658-3527
 Knox City

These Generous Sponsors Support School Athletics And Academics!
 Call Us And Find Out How You Can Too!

Knox County Hospital District
 Knox County Hospital
 Knox City Clinic • Munday Clinic
 Knox County Home Health
 Knox County EMS
 Your hometown healthcare team.

Ranchland Conoco
 454-2323

GO MUSTANGS AND LADY STANGS!
 The Jackie Youngs

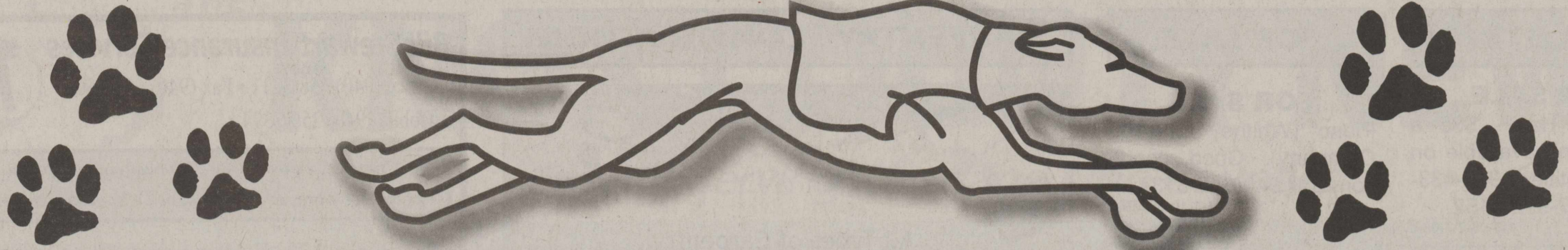
BILL STEWART INSURANCE SERVICES
 658-3211 • 657-3007
 Mobile 940-256-2394

Go, Fight, Win!
 Benjamin Chamber of Commerce

THE 657-3142 KNOX COUNTY NEWS
 We love the sports!

STEVEN'S TRACTOR REPAIR
 Go Mustangs!
 256-1117

KNOX CITY SPORTS



V & V Oilfield Services
658-3997



THE 657-3142 KNOX COUNTY NEWS
We love the sports!

Good Job Athletes!

PBH OILFIELD SUPPLY
Charlie Pierce
Michael & Terry Bartley
658-3559

S-T Trucking
658-3949

PUMPERS SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT
121 S. Central
658-3260

SUPPLY HOUSE
658-3389

Go Hounds & Houndettes!

A-TEAM Construction
4025 State Hwy. 222 W
657-4333

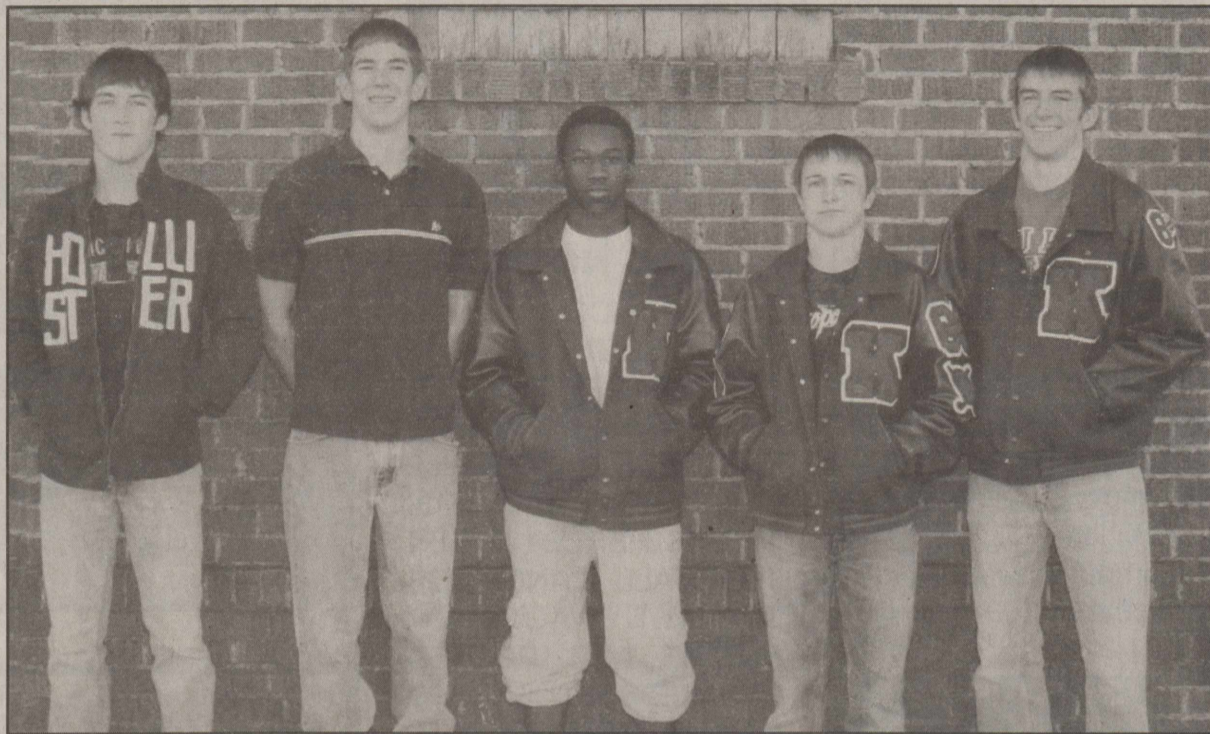
Go Lady Hounds!

CITIZENS BANK, N.A.
658-3527
Knox City



HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Knox County Hospital
Knox City Clinic • Munday Clinic
Knox County Home Health
Knox County EMS
Your hometown healthcare team.

All District Football Selections for 2007 District 7A



(L to R): Travis Hawkins, Joe Albus, Kenyin Thompson, Orrin Myers, and Jordan Carter

All District Football selections for the 2007 District 7A were announced recently.

Leading the second team offense list was Knox City's Jordan Carter as Tight End and Kenyin Thompson as Running Back.

Thompson also made the second team defense list as Line Backer.

Greyhounds making the Honorable Mention list included Joe Albus as End (offense); Orrin Myers as Safety (Defense); and Travis Hawkins as Defensive End. Congratulations!

BURRITO EXPRESS
657-4323
658-5568

LARSON PHARMACY
Larry & Beth Staggs
657-3210

LYNN ELECTRIC MOTOR CO., INC.
1011 Main St. • Knox City
Jimmy Lynn • 940-658-3511

SHORTES, INC.
Complete Oilfield Construction
658-3576

CITY MOTEL
Bip and Anita
658-3541

We are Proud Of YOU!

AIRAG, INC.
Complete Aerial Applications and Helicopter Service
Office 940-658-3744 Stan & Donna
Fax 940-658-3105
Mobile 940-256-1492 Wojcik

Knox County News Proudly Supporting The Knox City Sports and Academics!

PENMAN'S CONOCO SERVICE
658-3513

LEWIS Paint & Body Shop
Sterling & Josie
Clint, Tonya, Carson & Cason
"We unlock locked cars"
658-3342

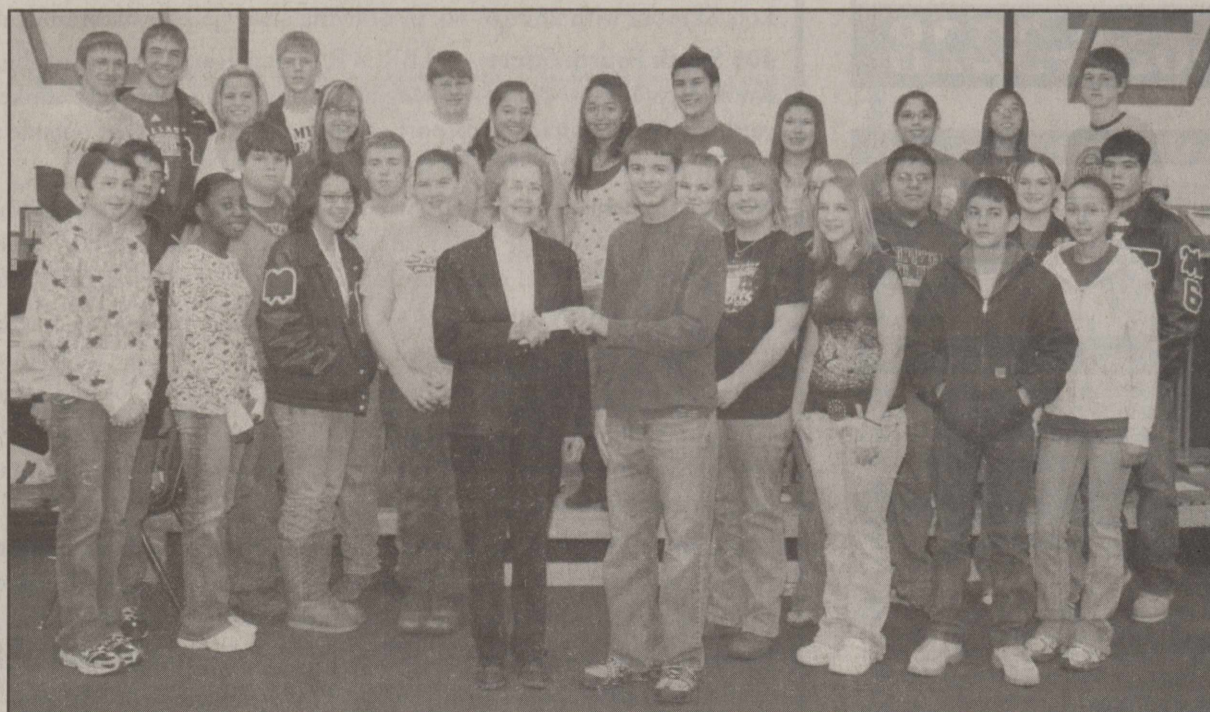
GO HOUNDS!
We are PROUD of YOU!

Knox City Kindergarten Class Performs Christmas Program December 20



Santa Clause and his elves made a special appearance in the Kindergarten class Christmas program presented Thursday night, Dec. 20. The Knox City Elementary, Pre-K through Fourth Grade, presented a variety of programs from skits to carols for the entertainment and enjoyment of friends and family.

Greyhound PRIDE Band Presents \$1000 Gift Card To Doris Crownover



The High School band held a raffle for a \$1000 Walmart Card. The winner of the raffle was Doris Crownover. Mrs. Doris Crownover was presented her \$1000 gift card by Landon Lynn and the Greyhound PRIDE Band. Lynn sold Mrs. Crownover the winning ticket.

These Generous Sponsors Support School Athletics And Academics! Call Us And Find Out How You Can Too!

BILL STEWART INSURANCE SERVICES
658-3211 • 657-3007
Mobile 940-256-2394

LAWRENCE BROS. IGA 658-3715
The former M-System of Knox City

Creative Ink By Sheri Baty
940.658.5352
Action Sports Photos & Portraits for All Occasions
A Proud Member of the Kodak® Team of Professional Photographers

Knox County News Marketplace

CLASSIFIED ADS • CLASSIFIED ADS

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

NEW LISTINGS

FOR SALE

Haygrazer Hay - \$35 a bale, hauling available on large quantities. 940-433-5268 or 817-992-6152.
1-3-08-2-7-08/c

Driver/Production Assistant Needed: Must have CDL license with Hazmat. Must be willing to handle physical labor. Prefer someone that is mechanically inclined. Call Jeff Fox at Agrilience in Knox City, Texas at 940-657-3585.
1-3-08-1-24-07/AG/c

HELP WANTED

Rolling Plains Management Corporation is seeking applicants for the position of part-time Teacher Aide at Knox City Child Development Center in Knox City. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or its equivalent. Interested persons may obtain an application at Knox City Child Development Center, 502 N. 2nd St., in Knox City and returned to the same address. Completed applications must be received on or before January 12, 2008. Equal Opportunity Employer M/F.
1-3-08/RPMC/c

Deadline for news and advertising is Monday by 5 p.m.
940-657-3142
Fax - 940-658-3228

FOR SALE

Piano (Whitney Chicago Company). Good condition. Call 940-657-3134.
12-20-07-1-10-08/MM/c

INTERNET SERVICES

srcaccess.net
Get on-line now!
Dial us up for more information...
1-888-886-2217
Serving Knox City and surrounding areas.
3-28 t/c

HELP WANTED

NEEDED
Part Time Secretary with knowledge of Quick Books. First Baptist Church, Knox City. 658-5316.
12-20-07-1-3-08/FBCKC/c

HELP WANTED EXPERIENCED CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION
The City of Knox City is seeking to fill the position of an experience Chief of Police. Applicants must be TCLOSE certified. Salary will be \$30,000 + benefits. Position will remain open until filled. For application contact: City Hall, P.O. Box 128, Knox City, TX 79529. (940) 658-3313 or fax (940) 658-5135.
12-20-07-1-03-08/KCH/c

CARPENTRY • CONSTRUCTION



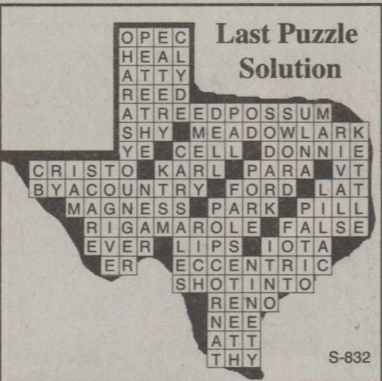
All Types of Carpentry, Remodeling and New Construction. Also Painting!
David Blackburn
940-684-1144 • 940-655-8410

HOUSE FOR SALE

FOR SALE
3 bedroom 2 bath, large living area, kitchen and dining room, utility room. Office just off the master bedroom. garden tub with large walk in shower in master bath with walk through closet. Located in Benjamin but could be moved. Must see to appreciate. Call Mike Moorhouse: 940-459-4022 or 940-256-3634.
12-20-07-1-03-08/MM/c

FOR RENT

FOR RENT
2 Bedroom, den, large living room, fenced back yard. Good storm cellar, clean. Call 940-658-3129. If no answer leave a message.
12-20-07/EP/t/c



LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE -
THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - (CRIMINAL TRESPASS SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE W.T. WAGGONER ESTATE ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UP ON THE SAME.
GENE W. WILLINGHAM
A.B. WHARTON
WE (54)

Bill Stewart Insurance Services

Office (940) 658-3211 • Fax (940) 658-5509
Mobile (940) 256-2394



• Crop Hail • Fire • Auto • Homeowners • Life • Hospital
• Liability • Workers' Compensation • Bonds • Farm Equipment

P.O. Box 99 • 700 E. Main • Knox City, TX 79529-0099

Knox County HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Knox County Hospital
Knox City Clinic • Munday Clinic
Knox County Home Health
Knox County EMS
Your Hometown Healthcare Team

Classified Ads Work!

657-3142
Fax 658-3228

REAL ESTATE

COUNTS REAL ESTATE

102 North Avenue A • Knox City, TX 79529

Looking for your first home? 1106 South Second Street — 1160+/-sq. ft. home located in a quiet neighborhood. Three bedrooms, newly renovated bathroom, large living room, carport, cellar, large fenced back yard, central heat/air and more! Priced to sell...\$27,500

307 SE Third Street— This two bedroom, one bath home has been lovingly maintained. A large living room with French doors and a kitchen with new appliances make this home one you need to see! Fantastic outside amenities include a detached 3 car carport, a large front porch, a big storage garage, and a large back yard, fenced for privacy. Newly constructed 30X40 shop, featuring two overhead doors, air conditioning, phone and TV jacks. \$39,900

404 Central Ave. — Large Brick Home, two or three bedrooms, two dining areas, gas fireplaces, office, attached garages, carport and outdoor porches. Property includes a separate 10X20 building with cellar. Lots of room with 2800+/- sq. ft. of living area. Call for more information.

405 South Fourth Street — 3 BR, 2 BA home located in one of the finer residential neighborhoods in Knox City. 1700+/-sq. ft. of living area, large living room and sunken den with fireplace. Fenced back yard, water well, attached carport, circular drive, and lots of outside storage. Newly painted inside and out and new flooring. \$42,500

New Listing! 1109 SE Fourth Street — 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath frame home. Located on a corner lot, this property features a large back yard, pecan trees, attached carport, siding, C H/A, dishwasher and more! This home is clean and ready for occupancy! Priced to sell at \$27,000

COUNTRY LIVING!!! — 1385 +/- Sq. ft home located on 3 acres. Two bedroom, two bath, brick home with 2 living areas. Open floor plan features a large den/dining/kitchen combination, with the extra advantage of a large living room. This property is located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of Knox City on CR 1213, offering peace and quiet and lots of privacy! Priced to sell at \$40,000.

940 SE Second Street — 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath property needing a family to make it their home! This property is priced to sell!!

708 Central Ave — 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath brick home, with large utility room and large office space. Recently renovated with new wood floors, new carpet, new paint inside and out! New fence surrounding a large back yard and large shop. Come see this one! \$50,000

Hunting Land — Lots of wildlife, birds, deer, hogs. 600+ acres with 3 tanks and a water well. Varied terrain, featuring native brush, dense trees, bluffs and much more! Electricity available, easy access. \$1250/acre

500 SE Fourth Street — Two story home located in one of the best neighborhoods in town! 4 Bedroom, 1 Bath home with detached garage and large corner lot. \$30,000

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

www.countsrealestate.net

Call us today! 940-658-3390.

David Counts, Broker
Marla Hawkins, Agent • Patsy Gonzales, Agent

Classified Advertising DELIVERS

940-657-3142 • FAX 940-658-3228

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK



TexSCAN Week of December 30, 2007

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ALL CASH CANDY Route. Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. 30 machines and candy. All for \$9,995. 1-888-625-5481. Multi Vend, LLC.

DRIVERS

ATTENTION DRIVERS! PAID orientation and bonus. 36-43 cpm + benefits. \$0 lease/ \$1.20pm. Class A and 3 months OTR required. Melton Truck Lines, 1-800-635-8669.

CDL-A DRIVERS: EXPANDING FLEET offering Regional/OTR runs. Outstanding pay package. Excellent benefits. Generous hometime. Lease Purchase on '07 Peterbilts. National Carriers, 1-888-707-7729, www.nationalcarriers.com

DRIVER-O/O'S NEW pay scale, plus fuel surcharge. Company drivers. \$5000 signing bonus. 1 yr. minimum experience. Lots drop & hook! American Eagle Lines, 1-800-387-1011

DRIVER: THE RESPECT you deserve. Get it at Swift! As a truck driver with Swift Transportation, you can have it all - freedom, stability and outstanding financial rewards. Call us at: 1-866-907-5482, www.SwiftTruckingJobs.com. EOE

DRIVERS- GET RESPECT you earned! \$5000 sign-on, 1 year OTR. Class A CDL. Regional/48 state! www.fteinc.com. Students welcome, training available. FFE, Inc. Call 1-800-569-9232.

EXAM / PREP

POST OFFICE NOW hiring. Average pay \$20/hour or \$57k annually including federal benefits & overtime. Paid training, vacations. PT/FT. 1-866-918-1182. USWA. Exam/Fee required.

HELP WANTED

AWESOME FIRST JOB! Now hiring 18-24 guys/gals. Work and travel entire USA. 2 weeks paid training. Transportation and lodging furnished. Start immediately! Success Express Sales, Inc. 1-877-646-5050.

LOOKING FOR WORK? We can help you now! Collect up to \$364/week! Unemployment insurance! 1-800-350-2669. Statepay.com

HOMES FOR RENT

3 BEDROOM ONLY \$178/month! Foreclosed home! 4% down, 20 years @ 8.5% APR! Buy. For listings 1-800-370-5932, foreclosureagency.com

HOMES FOR SALE

FORECLOSURES & BANK REPOS! 4BR/3BA \$30,357 OR \$245/mo! 3BR/2BA \$10,300 OR \$199/mo! (5% down, 20 years, buy@8%) These homes won't last! For listings call 1-800-544-6258 Ext. 9847

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

SCOOTERS & POWER WHEELCHAIRS. Did you know in most cases Medicare, Medicaid and Insurance pay 100% of the cost? Call Melissa or Jon for details. 1-800-606-9860. www.medicaremedicalsupply.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from home. Medical, Business, Paralegal, Computers, Criminal Justice. Job-placement assistance. Financial aid and computer provided if qualified. Call 1-866-858-2121, www.OnlineTidewaterTech.com

REAL ESTATE

35+ ACRE COLORADO Ranches from \$39,900, call 1-866-OWN-LAND ext. 3034. www.redcreekland.com

150.54 ACRES, 6200 ft. elevation, spectacular views, electricity, all weather roads. 1 hour east of Albuquerque/Santa Fe, \$89,571. Toll-free 1-877-797-2624. www.newmexranches.com

NEAR RUIDOSO NEW MEXICO. 140 acres ranch parcels. Great views of Sierra Blanca. Good horse property. Power & gravel roads. Borders national forest, may split. 1-888-812-5830. www.swproperties.com.

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN!

Statewide Ad.....\$450
291 Newspapers, 954,943 Circulation
North Region Only.....\$195
94 Newspapers, 282,347 Circulation
South Region Only.....\$195
99 Newspapers, 426,079 Circulation
West Region Only.....\$195
98 Newspapers, 246,517 Circulation

To Order: Call This Newspaper direct, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

NOTICE: While most advertisers are not guaranteed products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt contact the Texas Attorney General at 1-800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop

Extend your advertising reach with TexSCAN, your Statewide Classified Ad Network.