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# Looking Ahead

### **1ST ANNUAL KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Annual Knox City of Commerce Golf Tournament. Saturday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at the Knox City Country Club. 3 Person Scramble. \$40 per person or \$100 per team if paid by September 1st. Cash and Prizes awarded. Please contact the Knox City Chamber of Commerce to register.

### O'BRIEN HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar and check your mail---the O'Brien Homecoming is scheduled for October 10-12,

If you are an O'Brien Ex-Student or O'Brien Ex-Teacher please share your email and postal address with us. We want to keep you informed about the Homecoming this year.

Email: derobe@srcaccess.net Or O'Brien Homecoming Committee P. O. Box 11 O'Brien, TX 79539



Glass blocks in a window in the old city hall building catch the late afternoon sun Tuesday. The old two-story building, once a bank, is changing ownership from the city to Knox City Community Foundation. Development Built in the early 20th century, the original style of the building is still somewhat visible despite a mid-century update done in the spirit of Art Deco. Learn more about the historic building on page 5.

# Bells Are Ringing

New School Year Under Way

Amanda Sandusky Reporter

With the sound of school bells and laughter in the hallway, Monday, Aug. 25, marked the start of another school year for the students and teachers at Knox City-O'Brien schools.

Knox City Elementary School welcomed 155 students and 14 teachers this year, including 15 new students and five new teachers. This year's pre-K class welcomed 24 children this year.

O'Brien Junior High enrolled five new students this year making the total number of students 59. The Junior High also welcomed three new faces to the teaching staff to go along with the 11 returning teachers.

Five new students joined the returning 62 high school students this year. Knox City High School also welcomed five new teachers, who joined the returning seven teachers.

Little Pup's Daycare in O'Brien welcomed 12 future Hounds and Houndettes this year, plus two former daycare staff members who worked at the facility year-before-last.

"We are excited about the upcoming year and the challenges that we face in the public education system," said Louis Baty, superintendent. "We have 16 new faculty and staff members who will bring lots of new ideas to the school system. The returning faculty members are dedicated to the success of the system."

Baty also complimented the district board.

"The school board is dedicated to providing a quality education with the goal of having the best school system around," he said.

Pouring out the door Monday at Knox City Elementary, students and new teacher, Amanda Baker-Adkins, share the excitement of the first day of school. Students from the foreground are Kayla Eaton, Haylee Cox (partially visible), Amy Harrington, Carson Lewis, Cara McGhee, Anthony Estrada (right) and Jaylon Roberson. Photo By **Amanda Sandusky** 



# Abundant Life Christian Fellowship & Reconcilers Prison Ministries Host 1st Annual Bike Rally & Games Fandango

By Tex Cox

A hot August weekend at the park marked what many hope will become an annual event in Knox City.

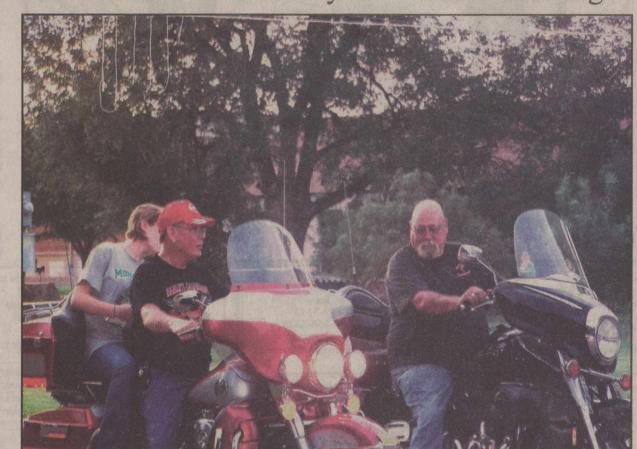
The Reconcilers Ministries roared into town Friday evening, bringing with them their treasured Harleys and the Reconcilers Band.

Saturday brought much anticipation as locals watched the band begin setting up and motorcycles running up and down the streets throughout the day. Kids watched as men and women with nicknames of Big Dog and Turtle sat at Bud's scarfing down burgers and cokes.

Just who were these rough looking characters with "Jesus Loves You" and "Born To Raze Hell" patches on their jackets? Where did they come from and what were they doing in this little town?

The Reconcilers hail from

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Motorcyclist Jerry Hatfield of Iraan Texas, one of the head members of the Reconcilers Prison Ministry, rides Saturday evening at the Knox City Park alongside James Meredith and his daughter, Morgan Meredith, both of Monahans, Texas. Photo by Haylee Cox



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Midland, Odessa, Pampa, & Iraan - a self professed motley crew that came together over the years with one thing in mind; tearing apart religion and introducing a relationship to those in society who have long since given up the hope of the possibility of True Love.

Jesus Christ is the One they want to introduce people to - showing people from all walks of life that Jesus loves them – regardless of where they come from or what

their past involves.

Jerry "Big Dog" and Tommie "Turtle" Hatfield from Iraan, TX head up this crew of Reconcilers and travel the country wherever the

Ordinarily ministering in prisons throughout Texas, Jerry and Tommie decided to make a stop in Knox City. Those who came were encouraged to bring their motorcycles and participate in the bike games, enjoy riding, and admiring

each other's bikes.

Following the golf tournament, food, and bike games, came the concert. What could better round out the summer than an outdoor concert? A big thanks to Steve Pepper for providing the "stage"!

Sunday morning, the Reconcilers Band led the service with praise and worship, followed by a powerful testimony given by Tommie and message given by Jerry. If you were not able to attend any of

Ag-Oil Golf Tournament Results August 2008

Morning Results

Pete Owens Team- Pete Owens, Butch Turnbow, Rick Mayson, Johnny Craig place with a score of 56

Billy Flores Team- Alex Flores, Bruce Skiles, Abernathy, Trace Bailey 2nd place score with a of 57

Mingo Team- Mingo Garcia, Shane Welch, Robert Alcala. Cody Trimble 3rd place with a score of 58

Closest to pin

Hole #2 Robert Alcal (hole

Hole #5 Chris Mendoza Hole # 9 Raul Arismendez

Wild Card- Jermy Eaton Team- AL Rios, Cody Pack, Chris Mendoza, Greg Williams

Afternoon Results

Basic (Randy Smith) Team-Garry Johnson, Mike Benivedas, Mike Echoles, Mingo Garcia 1st place with a score of 54

Basic ( Dale Doby) Team-Dale Doby, Kyle Marky, Dewey Townsen, Troy Knuckles 2nd place with a score of 56

Judge Ward Team- Logan Ward, Mike Webber, Turner Carriker, Judge Ward 3rd place with a score of 57

Closest to Pin Hole # 2 George Johnson Hole # 5 Dale Doby

Hole # 9 Donnie Skiles Longest Drive

Houghton Wild Card Homer Rolston

Team- Chance Rolston, Mike Rolston, Mike Snead

Raffle WIners:

Irons: Nathan Bowles Driver: Kenny Woodale

Golf Balls: Ronnie Stewart

Thanks to all of our sponsors, cooks, and all that helped make this tournament a successful one.

these events, we encourage you to be watching around this time next year for the Reconcilers to come back into town.

This is a group of people you don't want to miss meeting.

Don't worry too much about missing them, just hang your ear out the window and listen for the rumble...that's the rumble of the Reconcilers, sending religion to its knees by bringing Jesus in that West Texas breeze.



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### TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION **State Capital** HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Their goal, they said, is to finance a "worldclass transportation system."

Texas' top three elected officeholders co-signed an Aug. 19 letter to Texas Transportation Commission Chair Dierdre Delisi expressing their collective wishes for a plan to fund transportation projects over the next bien-

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick told Delisi to prepare for an Aug. 29 bond review board meet-

# Heads Of State Submit Ideas To Solve Transportation Funding Puzzle

ing with certain goals in

• End the practice of funding the Texas Department of Public Safety with gas taxes that are needed for road construction. Use general revenue to fund the DPS.

· Create a finance entity that will allow the state's public investment fund managers to put money directly into state transportation projects that offer a "potential solid long-term return."

• Pass enabling legislation and appropriations for the Prop. 12 bonds approved by voters.

In November 2007, voters approved Prop. 12, amending the state constitution to authorize \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for transportation projects.

In September 2003, voters approved Prop. 14, allowing short-term borrowing by the Texas Department of Transportation. Perry, Dewhurst and Craddick instructed Delisi to prepare to begin selling \$1.5 billion in Prop. 14 bonds in

### September. **Executive Order Begins Blue Alert**

An executive order signed by Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 18 launched Blue Alert, a communications network to help track down suspects who flee after killing or seriously injuring federal, state or local law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

Blue Alert, based on the AMBER and Silver Alert programs, combines efforts of the DPS, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management and TxDOT.

When Blue Alert is activated, the suspect's vehicle information will be displayed across the state primarily via TxDOT dynamic message signs and media broadcasts.

Alerts instruct the public to contact local law enforcement via 911 if they have information related to the offense.

### **Immigration Policies In** Question

Two Republican state lawmakers have asked Attorney General Greg Abbott if the Texas Legislature has the authority to deter local governments from adopting policies, or invalidate existing policies that hinder state enforcement of federal immigration laws.

In the request for an opinion, Rep. Frank Corte of San Antonio and Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston wrote that "sanctuary cities" advocate policies that are favorable to illegal immigrants.

To support their views, the lawmakers cited the Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act of 2007, which prohibits sanctuary cities and bars local governmental bodies from creating policies to limit or prevent local law enforcement officers from communicating or cooperating with federal officials on the immigration status of a person.

### **Online Certification Test**ing Grows

Applicants took more than 50,000 online Texas teacher certification tests via the Internet in the past year.

And, Texas is leading the nation in online certification testing, the Texas Education Agency reported Aug. 20.

Online testing has been available in Texas since 2004-2005.

Test takers have five hours to complete an exam, but the average completion time is between three and four hours. The results come back in about a week.

Karen Loonam of the State Board for Educator Certification said she expects online testing eventually will be the sole method for certification but she does not expect paper and pencil tests to disappear anytime soon.

### **Interim DPS Director Is** Named

The Texas Public Safety Commission named Texas Highway Patrol Major Stan Clark of Garland interim director of the Texas DPS on Aug. 15.

Clark will take office on Sept. 1 and serve until the Texas Public Safety Commission, which oversees the DPS, has selected a permanent director.

Clark has been with the DPS since 1973.

He has worked at DPS offices in Tyler and McAllen, and has been a member of the DPS Capitol Police force.

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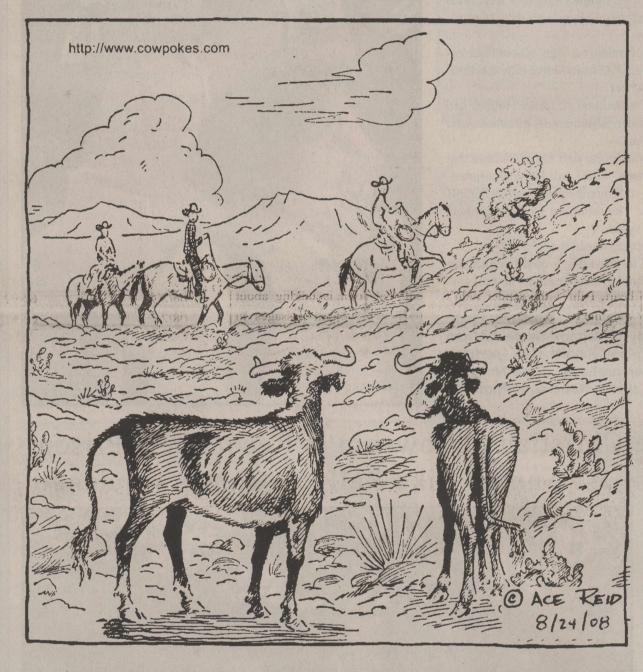
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# By Ace Reid



"What an economical breed! They're thriving on hot weather, prickly pear and alkalai water!"

I think the Barack Obama campaign dropped the ball with the selection of Sen. Joe Biden as his running mate.

Had Obama picked New York Senator Hilary Clinton, I think it would have guaranteed him the White House. Now, depending on who Sen. John McCain picks, it will be a dogfight.

Listening to the political talking heads, of which there seems to be no end, the Clintons have several problems with Obama. Likewise, I doubt Obama has much regard for the Clintons. We may never know.

It would be fun to be a fly and the wall and hear what the two camps have to say about each other. You know it gets heated.

At the end of the day, Democrats feel their best chance to win is to show the country how "unified" the party is and what a great opportunity for "change" their ticket is.

McCain now must pick wisely. He does not have the luxury of picking someone too polarizing nor can he ignore the Republican base.

I think McCain's best pick would be a woman, but unless he pulls a major surprise, that won't happen.

Of course, unless McCain can find a way to break through the Obama-media love affair, it may not really matter...

Readers can now comment on this column at http://thenewbastion.blogspot. com/. I have joined the "blogosphere" and now readers can post comments about this and other things I may write on at this Web site.

Please feel free to check out "The Paperboy" online and comment or enter a

The only thing I ask is to watch the hate. We see enough hate every day in our society and I think we can all agree it's counterproductive.

There is something about the fall and football season. You've heard the saying, "it's in the air." It certainly is!

Whether you like high school, college or pro football, there is plenty to go around. It's strange that a game where the goal is to cross a line for points, can be taken so seriously by so many, but that is exactly the case.

Football in America brings communities together and sometimes rips them apart. It can build pride and it can make you want to hide your head in the sand.

The great thing about football or any other sport is that is fuels the fire to compete. Regardless of what allegiance to what team you may have, it's good to get fired up occasionally. Just remember, when the final whistle sounds, the game is over and sportsmanship should be the rule rather than the exception.

Christopher Blackburn is the President of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication. Feel free to comment on this column at http://thenewbastion.blog-

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

### SCARECROWS VS. SCARESHEEP

Sometimes birds can be a nuisance. I don't care if they are blackbirds, pigeons, seagulls, starlings or guinea

Starlings have always been a problem for feedlots. They eat a lot of grain, besides desecrating the feed bunks. One particular afternoon when I was having visions of Alfred Hitchcock's movie, I sent one of the feedlot hands to town to get some replicas of owls: I had read that decoy owls would scare off birds. I left that afternoon before he returned.

The next morning I got a call on the 2-way from the boss. He was in a fowl mood (sorry), "What the \*(#%@ do ya think this is, Halloween! Do ya think the EPA and the Audubon Society would approve? Are they waterproof? Packing guns? Where did you go to school again?"

"Stanford," I lied.

I had no idea what he was talking about until I pulled into the feed yard and started down the first alley. Owls were posted on every other pen sign with scotch tape! Course you couldn't tell they were owls from the side, but. from the front it was obvious. They were cardboard cutouts of cartoon owls, painted black and orange. Many were surrounded by starlings perched on the cable picking their teeth and gossiping. We tried carbide guns, poisoning, negotiation and bribery, to no

Last fall I was invaded by

big black birds. At night, they roosted in my hay barn, on top of gates, at the water tanks, by the hundreds. All painting my facilities the color of a bat cave.

I tried decoy cow skulls, dogs chained to the gates, fans, chicken wire, rap music, old hides, a stuffed deer until...in my frustration, I sneaked out at daylight with my 20 gauge and dusted one off. I hung him by his ankles from a horizontal brace post over a gate 12', in the air. The herd of birds departed and have never, not even once, come back.

Six months later his carcass sways in the breeze as a warning. I have noticed this method doesn't work for all species, although you'd be surprised. I talked to a sheepherder from Idaho that claimed the scarecrow, or 'scaresheep' method worked on fine-wool Debolliet. He reported that the ewes had located a loose stretch of fence line and began crawling under. They'd get onto the road and get run over by traffic.

The sheepherder laid a carcass under the bottom wire to act as an example. None crossed at that space, however they just moved down the fence line about 3 feet and crawled under ... only to be hit by a car.

He finally concluded that the 'scaresheep method' did work, but it just took more decoy sheep. About 3 furlongs worth, piled 2 high in his experience. .



Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 vords and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north

What would world history be without categories?

Some are clever - like different ages named according to the tools people have used over time. I'm guessing a man thought up that system and that we're probably now in the declining years of drop forged.

Wouldn't it be just as valid to go with clothes washing systems? We could have the don'twash-clothes age, then the wash-clothes-in-the-river age followed by the wash pot age and the washing machine age, in that order, the later divided, of course, into wringer and non-

I would throw in top-loading and front-loading, but we seem to be going in circles on that

OK. Either way, tools or laundry, both systems smack of sexism. So, to please all genders and keep things simple, let's just divide history into two great ages: pre-rebate and rebate. We now live in the rebate age.

If you've never filled out a rebate form, you're living in the past. I don't blame you. These are difficult times.

That said, modern woman that I am, I just deposited three rebate checks. They totaled \$110 – almost enough to cover the time and effort it took me to earn them. I'm feeling smug.

I am also feeling lucky I even opened the envelopes with the checks within. Deep in my heart, I think the sender didn't

For one thing, the backside of each of the three long-awaited envelopes was a \$10-off coupon. Clever disguise. It's a wonder I didn't just treat the mailings like the coupons they were ing there might be coupons.

and tuck them away for future use in some dark niche, like the glove box, to expire with others of their kind.

Sometimes I just glance at all the fine print on such coupons and discard them immediately, sparing them time in the morgue. But, for whatever reason, I neither tossed nor stashed the three coupon-envelopes concealing my checks. I opened them.

It would have been helpful if "Check Enclosed" or "Here's Your Rebate" or "Do Not Discard" had been written on the address side. On the other hand, it's usually markings of that sort that make me toss mail automatically. Are you rebate folks listening? Just write "Important" on your stuff. Then we'll throw it away as a matter

Call it reverse mail psychology - how to make real mail look like junk mail. The backside coupon ploy was a step in the right direction.

Follow it through with inyour-face advertising and bold directives on the address side. Who would want to open such mail? Certainly not anyone smart enough to have filled out a rebate form.

As this rebate scenario unfolds before my visionary eyes, the rebate-givers are no doubt a step ahead, in league with powers of darkness and junk mail designers. No doubt some really clever person will soon figure out that John is talking about rebates in certain passages in Revelation.

Here's a comforting thought: No description of Heaven mentions rebates.

That said, I don't mind think-

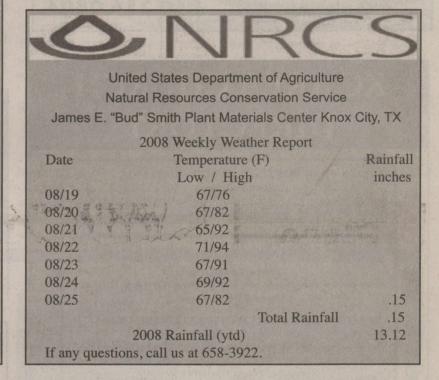
# Knox 4-H'ers Place at **State Horse Show**



L-R: Pate Stewart, Cody Propps, Larami Stewart

The State 4-H Horse Show took place in Abilene with a little over 2,100 4-H'ers, family members, and agency staff and 1,100 horses. Knox County 4-H had four members qualify for the show by competing at the Rolling Plains District 3 Horse Show in Vernon. Pate Stewart, Larami Stewart, and Cody Propps won buckles by placing fifth out of seventy-two teams in the Team Penning event. Ryder Cude also competed at the show and qualified for the finals in the Barrels and the Pole Bending events. He received rosettes for placing in the top twenty and for being a finalist. Larami placed seventh in the Cutting and her brother Pate was ninth in the Working Cow Horse. They both competed in the Two Year Old Pleasure Class and the Three Year Old Stock Horse Class. All four of these kids did a great job of representing Knox County and each one showed a great deal of promise for next year's State 4-H Horse Show.

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Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler this summer by saving energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts. Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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# COMMONSENSE LAWS

### What is Public Intoxication?

The Texas Penal Code Section 49.02 states that a person commits this offense if the person appears in a public place while intoxicated to the degree that the person may endanger the person or others. This offense is a Class C Misdemeanor.

### Riding in Open Beds;

Section 545.414 of the Texas Traffic Code states that a person commits an offense if the person operates an open bed pick-up truck or an open flatbed truck or draws an open flat bed trailer which a child younger then 18 years of age in the bed of the truck or trailer. There are expectations to this rule such as being in a parade or in an emergency, on a beach to name a few. This offense is a Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$200.00

### What is Criminal Non-Support?

Section 25.05 of the Texas Penal Code states that an individual commits this offense if the individual intentionally or knowingly fails to provide support for the individual's child younger than 18 years of age, or for the individual's child who is the subject of a court order requiring the individual to support that child. A violation of this law is a State Jail Offense.



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# Barbara Jean Turner Meier

ABILENE - Barbara Jean Turner Meier, 66, of Clyde formerly of Rule, passed away on Friday, August 22, 2008 in an Abilene hospital after a brief

Jean was born February 8, 1942 in Jud, Texas to Shores Franklin Turner Sr. and Willie Mae Goode Turner. The family moved to the Rochester, Texas area where they lived on a farm. Jean graduated from Rochester High School in 1960; she was involved in the band and was an extremely talented basketball and volleyball player.

On June 25, 1960, Jean married Allen W. Meier, of Old Glory, in Abilene, Texas at the home of the sister and brother-in-law, Frankie and Olen Simpkins. Jean and Allen lived in Old Glory after they were married and later moved to Sagerton, where they remained until August of 1990. When they left the Sagerton Community, they did not go far, just 10 miles north to Rule, where they lived until they decided it was time to be close to the grandkids. They bought a house in Clyde in February of this year, and were able to finally get moved in July.

Jean was no stranger to hard work. She worked for a number of years for Russell-Newman Manufacturing. When Walmart decided to come to Stamford, Jean signed her contract to work for Walmart before the slab was even poured for the building. She continued with Walmart in a management position at Stamford until her death.

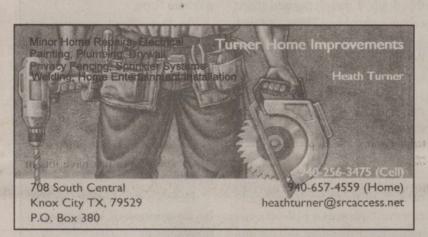
She was preceded in death by her parents; two sister, Frances Meier and Ann Wright and two brothers, Billie Dale and Glenn B. Turner.

Jean is survived by her husband of 48 years, Allen Meier of Clyde; one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Mendy Meier of Clyde; three grandchildren, Drucilla, Will and Jess Meier, all of Clyde; four sister and brothersin-law, Loveta and Dalton Hearn of Rochester, Maxine and Tommy Ingle of Beeville, Frankie and Olen Simpkins of Big Springs, and Mollie and buddy Lee of Abilene; two brothers-in-law, Luther Meier of Old Glory and C.H. Wright of Seymore; two brothers and sisters-in-law, S.F. and Shirlan Turner, Jr. of Monahans, and Kenny and Judy Turner of Nashville, TN.; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Beunice and Gus Vahlenkamp of Old Glory and Eunice and Harry Koehler of Haskell, along with a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 24, 2008 at First United Methodist Church of Clyde, 217 Oak, Clyde, Texas. Burial will follow in the Rochester Cemetery at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be a family visitation at Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2008.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Rochester Cemetery Association, First United Methodist Church of Clyde or the donor's favorite charity.





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# God's **Promises**

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church



There seems to be much to do about the new HDTV's. I can certainly appreciate the technology and would love to have one myself. Have you noticed the commercial currently running on television for one our area electronics stores? The commercial shows a husband getting his wife's approval to go and purchase a new HDTV, then the music in the background surfaces loudly proclaiming, "I want it all, I want it all, I want it all and I want it now! The song is from 1989 of a rock band by the name of Queen. The lyrics of the song continue on to speak of the desire of our youth demanding their way, acting in rebellion with their understanding of a false truth embedded in a one track mind. Here is an excerpt of the lyrics:

Listen all you people come gather round

I gotta get me a game plan gotta shake you to the ground

Just give me what I know is mine

People do you hear me just give me the sign It ain't much I'm asking if you want the truth

Heres to the future for the dreams of youth

I want it all (give it all) I want it all I want it all and I want

I want it all (yes I want it all) I want it all (hey)

I want it all and I want it now.

This one track being, "I want it all, I want it all, I want it all and I want it now!" Is this a road to destruction? Does this type of thinking refuse sacrifice and the integrity of selflessness? We all can be tempted to live in this philosophy of greed.

King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, speaks in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes of the knowledge of seeking wealth for the sake of having it all.

Ecc 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance, with increase: this also is vanity.

Ecc 5:11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what advantage is there to the owner thereof, save the beholding of them with his eyes?

The word "vanity" means emptiness, transitory, temporal. In essence saying, theses things never satisfy, because it is never enough. I pray that we can encourage our youth to see the deceit in this type of thinking and aspirations. To say, "I want it all, I want it all, I want it all, and I want it now", is a downward spiral to ruin. Let us continue to pray earnestly for them to realize the riches and prosperity of Holy God.

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# Many Cities, Large and Small, Cash In On Trends in Historical Preservation

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Correspondent ABLIENE -- It's not all about

the suburbs any more. Big city growth patterns across America are changing, and some small towns are experiencing positive changes based on natural

charm. Through it all, urban design and architectural preservation are drawing more attention as tools for economic development.

At a conference Saturday, Aug. 16, in Abilene, Dallas architect Marcel Quimby and Galveston preservationist Brian Davis talked about the new trends and how preservation fits unfolding scenarios.

Davis covered the waterfront, literally, with his description of how the Galveston Historical Foundation saves many significant old houses by moving them from precarious situations and renovating them for sale to new owners.

Quimby told the audience how Dallas is spending millions on parks and other features to nurture historic downtown neighborhoods. At the same time, she noted the amazing resurgence of Santa Anna, a small town in Coleman County, population 1,000.

"Dallas, about ten years ago, started to realize they really had a problem with downtown," Quimby said, starting on her home turf and showing maps of the Downtown Dallas Parks Master Plan.

New green spaces at strategic locations are part of the Dallas makeover.

But preserving and rehabilitating old buildings -- like the 1914 Dallas City Hall building and the 1956 Statler Hotel -- are also elements in the plan for a better, more attractive downtown Dallas.

The old city hall is especially popular with tourists. Lee Harvey Oswald spent time in the old jail on the top floor and caught the fatal bullet from Jack Ruby's gun in the basement.

"We take people into this building (on tours), and we can't get them out," Quimby said.

In neighboring Fort Worth, developers are maintaining the historical character of old residential neighborhoods close to downtown by building multiple-family dwellings to look like single-family housing and to blend with the styles of older existing housing, Quimby

In Santa Anna, a success story of a different sort, a few stores have made a difference.

"It's just a blip on the map that just kind of showed up," Quimby said, referring to the town's emergence as a popular place for visitors to stop to shop and enjoy the positive aspects of being in a small town. A rustic furniture store, a wine shop and boutiques are part of the mix.

"It's a classic case of a groundup grassroots progress," she said. "It's just a little gem ... a great example of something that just happens on its own."

Quimby, however, doesn't advocate leaving all growth and change to chance. Case in point, she favors protection of historic neighbor-

"Economic Development in Texas determined that property values in (designated) historic neighborhoods increased relative to adjacent neighborhoods that had no protection," she said.

Among new trends in preservation is an interest in the recent past. In both East Texas and West Texas, the 1940s and 1950s saw significant buildings constructed as oil money infused the economy, she said.

Green architecture is also a current consideration among builders and designers. It's a point of irritation for Quimby -- not that she doesn't believe in the environmentally sensitive principles of the green movement. She just knows the ideas aren't new.

Texas vernacular architecture, for example, incorporates many

green principles: front porches, building orientation, trees for shade.

"People think those are new ideas," Quimby said. "It's just basic stuff."

Following Quimby's presentation, the focus of the conference shifted to one of the most renowned historic cities in Texas: Galveston.

Davis, preservation services director for Galveston Historical Foundation, displayed pictures of time- and weather-damaged historic houses, large and small, that GHF has bought, salvaged and, in many cases, relocated. A revolving fund finances the purchases and rehabilitation work. leave the floor plan up to the new buyer," Davis said. "We're looking for those lost dogs. ... We sell them

Few houses are past saving, whatever their condition.

as a shell."

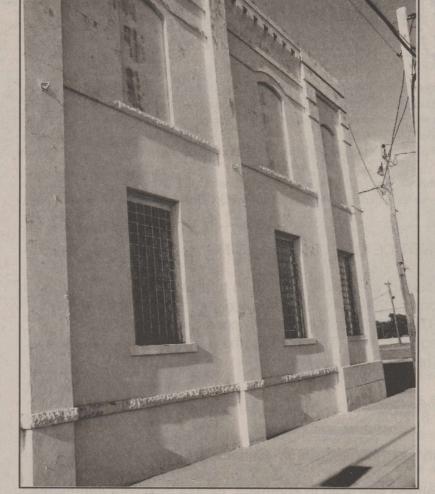
"There are very few times when there will be a building totally beyond repair," Davis said. "It's only a matter of time and money."

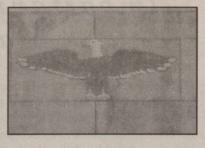
Local bankers, real estate agents, contractors and architects help the foundation staff make decisions about houses -- which ones to buy in the name of preserving Galveston's architectural history.

Davis shared his ideas about how to start a preservation agenda similar to the work of the Galveston Historical Foundation: "Form a real estate committee, start off small, stabilize the property, sell it with a covenant (that insures the historical integrity of the property will be respected), let the buyer personalize it."

Davis applauded the decision of the Abilene Preservation League to purchase and restore a fire-damaged turn-of-the-century house in one of Abilene's oder neighborhoods.

"Nothing is impossible," he said. "All it takes is determination, tenacity and the support of each other."





An Eagle still flies over the entrance of the old city hall. The south wall of the two-story corner building on North Central Avenue shows two styles of architecture -- the original style of the building expressed in detailing and arched upper-story windows and a "modernization" accomplished with glass block windows, smooth plaster surfaces and other Art Deco architectural features popular through the middle of the 20th century. Both styles represent eras in the history of Knox

Photos by Hanaba Munn Welch.

# Old City Hall Building Changing Owners

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Correspondent

Once a bank, then City Hall, the future use of a now-vacant Knox City landmark is yet to be decided. But a wrecking ball no longer threatens the prominent building.

Pending legal formalities and the relocation of the city's storm warning siren, ownership of the old building at NW Second Street and North Central Avenue will change hands from the city to Knox City Community Development Foundation.

"They (The city) just wanted to be rid of the liability," said Marla Hawkins, president of the KCCDF.

"It was of no use to us," said Jeff Stanfield, mayor.

The city's options were to find a buyer or pay to have the building demolished, he said.

"We were going to auction it," Stanfield said. "They're going to repair it and restore it. I have lots of faith that it will be preserved."

Painted on an interior wall is a large mural.

"It's from the 1950s, I believe," said Steve Pepper, a member of the foundation. "The mural depicts what was going on in Knox City in that era. It's too good to let somebody tear it down."

A classic Art Deco facade and glass brick in the windows are features from the mid-20th century. Other parts of the building, including pressed metal ceiling tiles on the second story, are no doubt from an earlier time -- probably original to the building.

"There used to be a building on the west side," Hawkins said.

But that building has been demolished, meaning that the onceprotected rear wall of the old city hall building now must function as an exterior wall and be exposed to weather conditions, an issue that the new owners plan to address along with other concerns, Hawkins said.

In general, the old building is sound, she said, and, in her opinion, well worth saving.

"We didn't want someone else to buy it and strip everything of value in it," Hawkins said.

Pepper shares her sentiments. "It's too good to let somebody tear it down," he said. "We want to restore the building to some good

Whether the building ultimately becomes a visitors' center or place of lodging or a conference hall or ends up serving some other purpose, the immediate challenge to the Knox City Community Development Foundation -- once ownership is formalized -- is to stabilize and weatherproof the historic

Mayor Stanfield has faith.

The foundation has ideas and the beginnings of a plan.

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If you want to show chickens or rabbits contact either the County Extension Office or your Agriculture Teacher by September 5. Please try to turn in your tag orders as soon as possible. SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Knox County, Texas, will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING to allow public comment on a Texas Community Development Program infrastructure improvements project (TCDP Contract No. 725297). The project involved reconstruction of storm damaged roads and drainage facilities. The intent of the public hearing is to review program performance and receive public comments.

The public hearing shall be as follows:

DATE: September 8, 2008

TIME: 1:30 PM

PLACE: Knox County Courthouse, 100 W. Cedar, Benhamin, Texas

Should you not be able to attend and wish to comment, please mail your comments to Knox County, P.O. Box 77, Benjamin, Texas 79505.

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Attorney: Michael A. Henry P.O. Box 113 Ouanah, Texas 79252

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To: **JUAN ESPINAL, SR.** 

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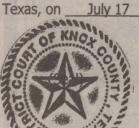
Said Plaintiff's Motion to Modify Parent-Child Relationship was filed on July 17, 2008 in this case, numbered 8990 on the docket of said court, and styled \_\_\_\_\_ THE INTEREST OF: ISAAC FLORES AND JUAN ESPINAL, JR., MINOR CHILDREN.

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FOR the proposal: Joe Clonts, Ray Lynn Hardin, Lyndel Lambeth, Leon Brukham, Joey Thomas, Keith Everett AGAINST the proposal: none PRESENT and not voting: none ABSENT: MM Booe, Bob Presnall

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# Lady Mustangs Welcome New Challenges After Four Starting Player Graduated Last Year

Mellisa Casillas

Sports

Benjamin Lady Mustangs 2008-2009 volleyball season has had a slow go but, expecting an exciting outcome towards the end of the season. Last year, the Lady Mustangs held the 14-2 District Championship title and were in the Area Qualifiers realm. Due to graduation, the team lost four starting positions. Therefore, Coach Jason Loftiss scheduled more games for the team hoping to better prepare them for district play. Coach Loftiss said, "We should have close to twenty matches played before district begins. The teams we are playing are very good teams." Coach Loftiss is eager for a tight district race this year. He is expecting Rotan, Knox City and Aspermont to be a challenge for the district crown. Coach stated that Munday is new to the district and he doesn't know much about their team. So far, the Lady Mustangs hold a 4-5 overall record.

Aug. 9: Scrimmaged Archer City and Newcastle. Aug. 15/16: Burkburnett Tournament:

Pool Play: Vernon 7-15, 14-16; Whitesboro 4-15, 1-15; Rider 9-15,

Silver Bracket: City View 13-25, 23-25; Iowa Park JV 23-25, 18-25; Hirshi 25-23, 25-18 (Won 1st Match)

Aug. 19: at Notre Dame

Notre Dame JV 25-21, 21-5, 25-23, 25-19 (3-1 Win); Notre Dame 21-

25, 12-25, 13-25 (0-3 Lost) Aug. 23 Archer City Tournament

Iowa Park 6-25, 8-25 (0-2 Lost); Archer City 16-25, 23-25 (0-2 Lost); Wichita Falls Christian 25-16, 25-16 (2-0

Win); Ranger 25-17, 25-23: Finished 3rd at Tournament.

# Benjamin Lady Stangs Volleyball Schedule 2008



08-30	Chillicothe Tournament	Т	8 am
09-02	Vernon Northside	H	5:30 pm
09-06	City View (dual)	T	11 am
09-13	Newcastle	Н	10 am
09-16	Childress (dual)	T	5 pm
09-20	* Aspermont	T	2 pm
09-23	* Knox City	Н	6:30 pm
09-27	* Rotan	T	4 pm
09-30	Abilene Christian (dual)	T	5 pm
10-07	* Munday	H	6:30 pm
10-11	* Aspermont	Н	2 pm
10-14	* Knox City	T	6:30 pm
10-18	* Rotan	H	10 am
10-21	Childress (dual)	H	5 pm
10-28	* Munday	T	6:30 pm

\* district matches

# BENJAMIN MUSTANGS 2008 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30	Newcastle (Gridiron C.)	Jayton	10:30am
09/05	Christ the King	Home	7:30pm
09/12	Paint Creek	Away	7:30pm
09/19	OPEN		
09/27	Paint Rock (Varsity Only)	Trent	11am
10/02	Bryson	Away	7:30pm
10/10	* Jayton	Home	7:30pm
10/16	* Patton Springs	Away	7:30pm
10/24	* Harrold	Away	7:30pm
10/31	* Chillicothe	Home	7:30pm
11/07	* Guthrie	Away	7:30pm

\* denotes district games

# Benjamin 2008 Jr. High Football



09/11	Paint Creek	Here	5:30pm
09/18	OPEN		K
09/26	OPEN .		
10/02	Bryson	Away	5:30pm
10/09	* Jayton	Away	5:30pm
10/16	* Patton Springs	Away	5:30pm
10/24	* Harrold	Away	5:30pm
10/30	* Chillicothe	Away	5:30pm
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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Galdene Green

After two weeks of Olympics, I don't know what to watch on T.V. GuessI'll watch a little bit of the Democratic Convention. That's about all that's' on. But I must admit as far as I'm concerned, it doesn't provide the entertainment the Olympics did!!

To borrow a fact from Adrian Fletcher, the loss of sleep the past couple of weeks is about all the complaint I have. Just couldn't "turn in" while the competition was going on.

School started today and lots of little ones were "scrubbed and dressed" ready for their first step into a new way of life. Think the first day went well over this way.

### **About our Ill**

Don Hertel seems stronger and says he feels better. That's' great news and we hope he continues to do so. He is weak and in bed most of the time but maybe in time, he will begin to get stronger.

Jack Young went for some heart test Wednesday and got a pretty good report. He does have some leakage in 2 valves but Drs. aren't going to do anything about them except treat with medication. He does have a stress test this week but they feel that will all go O.K.

Dutch Young will have some surgery Thursday in Wichita Falls. This is to correct a problem with his neck. He is in a lot of pain and this surgery should correct that.

I talked to Sheila Kuehler today. She said her mom, Pat Benson, is a little better. Still not doing to well but was able to eat some ice cream Sunday. Don't think she's been eating much lately. She's still in the Munday Nursing Center.

Sympathy to Hazel Stockton today. Her brother, Sam Loper passed away Monday morning. He lived in Lubbock and had been in failing health for quite some time. Funeral services are pending at this time.

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Here 'N There

Debbie Niell and grandson, Cullen, returned to her home in Boca Raton, Florida Friday after a two week visit here with parents, Jack and Mary Young and other relatives friends. Debbie left from Austin. They all visited in the home of Jack Jr. and Cindy Young at Round Rock a couple days before her departure.

Saturday was a good day for my family. Diane Evans and Ashlee were here from Childress. We spent the day with Mike and Debbie Moorehouse who had grandchildren Lexie, Katie and Blaze Taylor of Amarillo, Liz Herring and Taylor of Munday and Jessica Moorehouse of Tarlton State in Stephenville. We all had a great time.

Kim was in Lubbock during the week and helping daughter Samijo get moved into apartment into preparation for her first year in the Reese school of Nursing which is a branch of South Plains College.

I missed at least three who are off to college this fall, Aaron Kuehler will be at South Plains in Levelland and Kaitlyn Kuehler Acevedo will be at V.R.J.C.

Tina Simmons was also in Lubbock Saturday helping get her daughter, Tina, moved into her apartment and ready for college. Sara Clower was there with them lending a hand where she could.

The Revival at First Baptist Church Friday, Saturday, and Sunday was such a blessing to all who attended. Marris Johnson of Haskell brought the messageseach one better than the last. An ice cream social followed the Sunday night services.

Folks, be careful! Reba and Charlie Morill killed a large rattlesnake in their driveway one day last week. Be sure you have areas lighted at night when you are out, and do be careful all the time. Those things scare me to death!

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Some of the responses from last year's seminar were: "This seminar provided me with the best information concerning my retirement. Thank you for sponsoring an event so helpful to future Texas Retirement System retirees. Wow, this was the great!" If you were planning on retiring from school employment in the next five years, it would be very beneficial for you to attend the Retirement Education Seminar, sponsored by District 9 Texas Retired Teachers Association. Enroll early seating is limited. To register for this Retirement Education Seminar go to Region 9 web page www.esc9.net, , and then go to Professional Development and enter #43.3771. Retiring school personnel, your future is being discussed here; it is smart to attend and be informed

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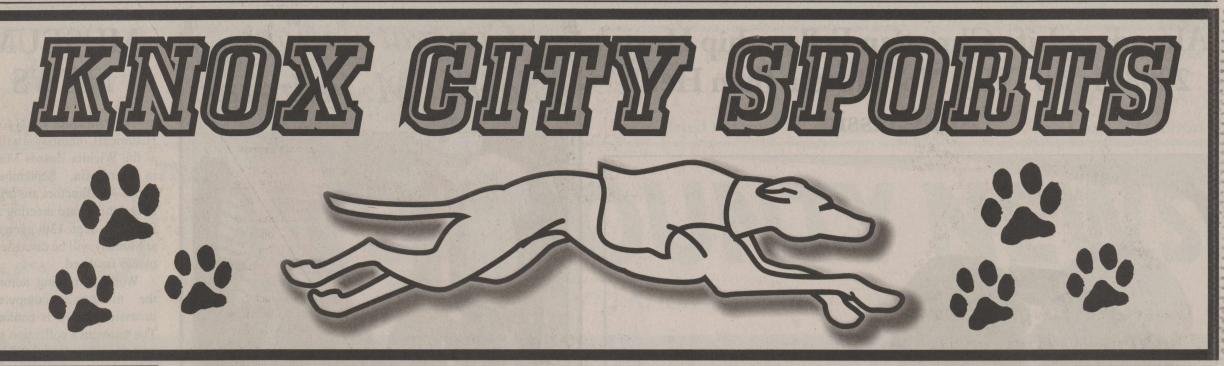
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# Let's Hear It From The Hounds

Mellisa Casillas Sports

Friday, August 22nd marked the last scrimmage for the 2008 Greyhound football season. Coach Charles Steele was pleased with the improvement from the first scrimmage to the second. Coach feels that the Hounds held their own against Abilene Christian High. He was impressed with the defense the team played and the passing game the offense performed. Coach Steele mentioned that with Jordan Carter being back in good health is a lot of relieve and MJ Abila throwing like he does will be a huge asset later on this season.

This season will be the final year of high school football for seniors Jordan Carter and Shane Strickland. Both have been playing 6-man football since their sophomore year of high school. Jordan feels that since the change from 11-man to 6-man, the game has become easier. He stated that at first, the fast pace of 6-man was hard to adjust to. Shane believes that since his first season of 6-man football he has learned how to get a better understanding of the game. The guys have high hopes for this season. They anticipate stirring up the state of Texas and letting everyone know who they are. Jordan and Shane said that Marcell Lewis and MJ Abila are two of the upcoming players that we should keep watch out for.

The Greyhounds appreciate all the community for coming out and supporting their team this past Friday. Coach Steele and the athletic department value all of the towels and laundry soap that was donated. Coach said, "we will have enough laundry soap to make it through for awhile."

On Friday, August 29th, the Greyhounds will be traveling to Southland. The game will begin at 7:30pm.

# 2008 Bulldog JH Football



9/11	Chillicothe	Т	5:30 p.m.
9/18	Bryson	Т	5:30 p.m.
9/25	OPEN		
10/2	Guthrie	Н	5:30 p.m.
10/9	Throckmorton	Н	5:30 p.m.
10/16	Paducah	* Т	5:30 p.m.
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10/30	Northside	Т	5:30 p.m.
11/16	Newcastle	Н	5:30 p.m.
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# TEEN NEWS

By Rachel Ellis

School started with lots of activities already in motion. The football team, volleyball team, and band have been working hard to prepare for a great season.

The football boys have put in many hard hours of work, and are now

ready to suit up and face the Southland eagles for their first game on Friday night.

The game will be in Southland and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Due to the location of the game there will be a send off for the boys rather than a pep-

rally.

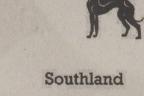
It will begin at 2:45 in front of the high school. The spirit day will be hat day, so be sure to wear your hat and support the hounds.

The volleyball girls have had a great start at their season. They faced the Paducah Lady Dragons Tuesday night, and will play in the Chillicothe Tournament on Saturday. The band has been working hard to produce a good show this year.

They will perform part of their show during half time of the football game on Friday night.

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# 2008 Knox City JV Football



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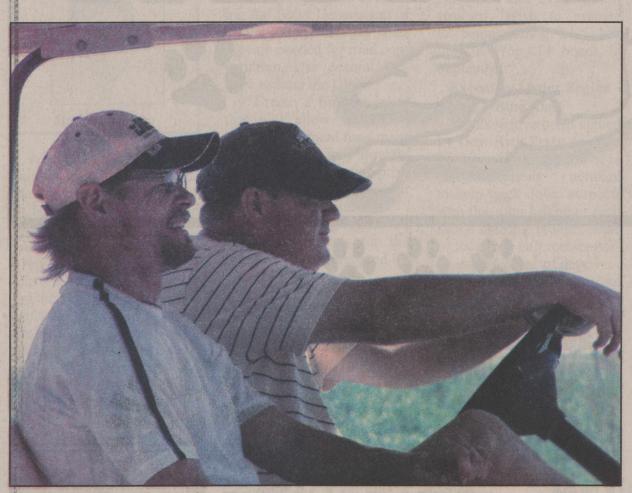
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This year's tournament was followed by a motorcycle rally and live concert hosted by the Reconcilers Prison Ministries from Midland, TX.

Golfers were treated to an unusual scramble format which included tee shots using kid clubs, a par 3 with a 30 foot diameter hole for ample hole in one opportunities, and a 150 yard par 5.

Following the tournament, prizes were given to all teams while they enjoyed fried crappie and catfish catered to the event by Ron Risinger.

Two grand prize drawings were held and given out with the top prize being valued at over \$1000 and the 2nd prize being valued at over \$400. No team went home empty handed.

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# A Special Thank You From Tori Hicks

On August 8, 2008
Tori Jane Hicks graduated from Midwestern State
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Tori would like to thank the many people who contributed to her personal and professional success. Her parents, H.B. and Jo Graves of Knox City for the constant example to preserve against all odds. To Phio and Steve McGuire for the never ending encouragement. To Brazos Valley Care Home personnel and the Knox City Clinic staff- special thanks to Jamie Caldwell, Dr. Shirliey Baretto, and Dr. Duke for the clinical and professional experi-

and professional experience. To her daughters, Leslie and Kristen, for the joy of understanding that anything is possible. A special thank you to Christyne Green, Laura Wiist, Spril Henderson, and Alaina Wiist for the unconditional love needed to see the education to completion. Finally- to her church family at First Baptist Church Haskell for the prayers during the last 14 months. Tori is thankful and will carry each of you into her professional practice.

Ms. Hicks is a member of the Texoma Nurse Practitioner Group, the Texas Nurse Practitioner Association and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. On August 18, 2008, following vacationing in Palm Beach Flordia and Boston Mass., Tori joined the practice of Dr. Michael Anderson, Psychiatrist at 1411 9th St. Wichita Falls, Texas 76301.



# MUSEUM NEWS

The Friends of Knox County Historical Commission will meet at the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin, September 9, 2008. All directors are urged to attend this board meeting as the Saturday, Sept. 13th garage sale at Munday will be discussed and planes finalized.

Work on putting items into the museum's computerized accession record is continuing. The museum's collection policy will soon be scrutinized by the collections policy committee before going to the board of directors for approval.

Two museum exhibit design companies have been contacted by the museum to speak to the board. No meeting date has been set at this time. Several exhibit ideas are floating around but area museums, such as Red River Museum at Vernon, are pleased with the help they've had with exhibit design professional companies These companies range from expensive to making what you have interesting at a do-able price.

Here's hoping that the garage sale will net its usual thousand dollars or so and get the museum on the way to at least one "interesting" museum exhibit soon.

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