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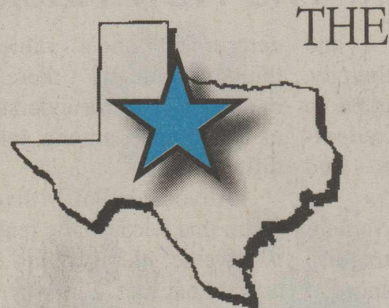


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### LOOKING AHEAD

The Knox City/ O'Brein CISD Band will be hosting a Barbeque Style Luncheon on Sunday May 3rd beginning at 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. See band members for your tickets! \$8 for adults and \$4 for 12 and younger. Take-outs are available. Afterwards the 5th, 6th & 7th and the High School bands will be performing their Spring Concert at 1:30 p.m.

The Aging Center is planning to have a bake sale on May 9th in front of Lawrence Brothers for the Mothers Day weekend. We will start at 8 am. I would appreciate it if you could put this in the paper for the next two weeks. Thanks, Cheryl

## Oil Recession Effecting Knox County in Many Ways

By Tamara Smart

National headlines have been shouting of the recession that is plaguing the United States. It seems that capitalism is collapsing and big business is being affected the most. Everyday new "corporate giants" announce their bankruptcy, merger or going out of business sales. The country unemployment rate is at historical highs. Talk of a second depression is not uncommon around dinner tables and in passing conversation. For some of these companies, though, there is the optimism that comes from the stimulus act and the moneys that will be divvied for those trillions of federal dollars.

Yet, where this national recession hits Knox County hardest will probably never see any stimulus relief, or any financial help at all from the federal government. With the credo "Go Green" on many political tongues, the last place that federal moneys are going will be to the oil field, on which

so many Knox County residents depend. Rather, money is being used on the creation and development of cleaner means to get energy... Wind energy, solar power, etc.

Although the oil price at the current time floats between \$45-\$50/barrel, which is a good, hearty, profitable amount; many local oil field workers find themselves without work, less money per paycheck, the same bills as before the recession of work began, and the query, what is there left to do? Will this "no work/ no pay" trend end? Why does it continue even with the market posting decent oil prices? In the 1980's, oil fell to \$8/barrel, and while many found themselves temporarily out of work, the oilfield came alive again with Desert Storm. In the late 90's, oil fell once again to \$9/barrel, but again this was only a temporary lapse in price. It was only a few months ago that oil field hands (the men who are classified as floor hands,

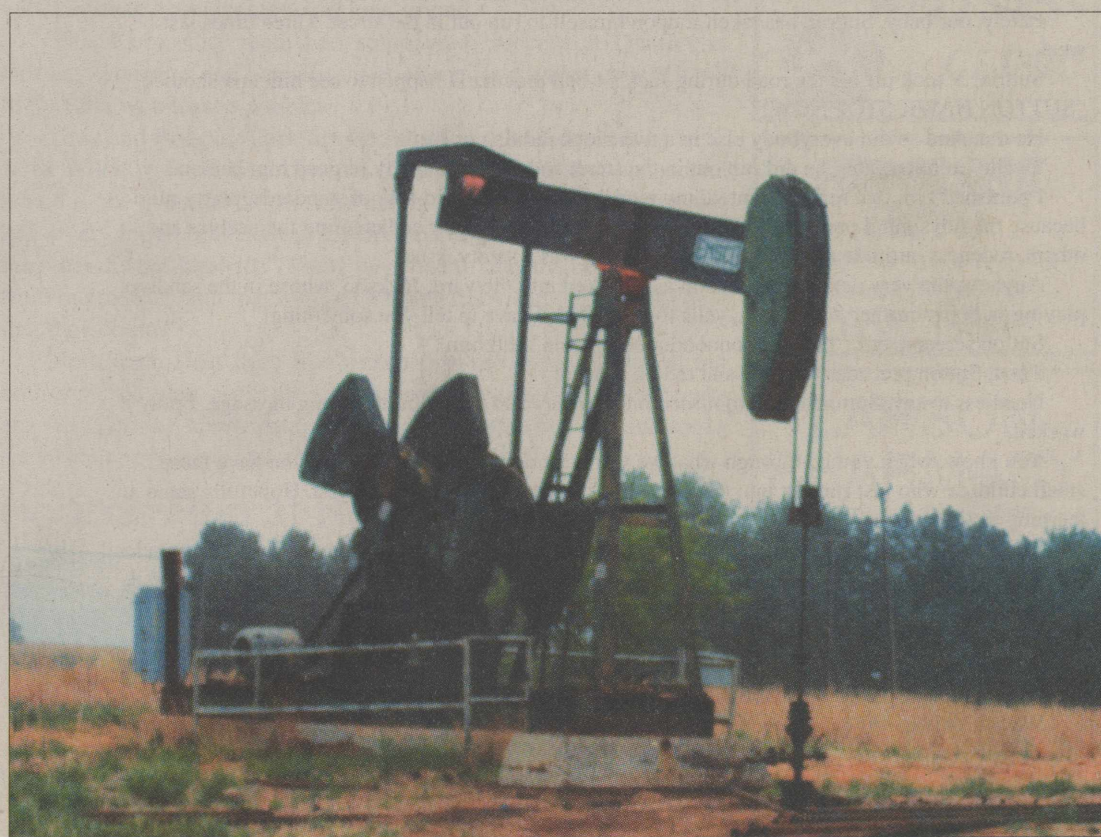


Photo by Tamara Smart

Pump Jacks are a regular sight on the horizon in Knox County. Are these instruments about to become archaic, outdated antiques?



Heath Turner, the newest face on Knox City Council.

### Commissioners Authorize Jail Contract

County Commissioners met on April 13 at 1:30 pm at which time they approved the minutes from the March 9 meeting. Those minutes included votes and discussions pertaining to the following events:

Minutes were approved for the regular meeting of the previous month.

The commissioners unanimously voted to authorize one day off for each employee that completes the ten week County Health Program. The

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## BCFS' Juvenile Justice Program Gives Troubled Youth One Last Chance

By: Krista Piferrer

"I just wasn't willing to give up on her yet," said Louis

Martinez as he shot a kind smile to his teenage daughter sitting across the kitchen table.



Lillie and Louis Martinez trade laughs on the couch in their living room. "I just wasn't willing to give up on her yet," says Mr. Martinez.

Lillie, 15, dressed in a comfy tee shirt and jeans, looks like your average teenager. Yet behind her bright smile and inquisitive eyes is a young girl who has found herself in a world of trouble.

Lillie is currently participating in BCFS' juvenile justice program, a last alternative for troubled teens whose run ins with the law have landed them one step away from state lock-up. Convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a runaway, and known to dabble in drugs, Lillie has one final chance to turn her life around - or end up behind bars.

She was assigned to BCFS' juvenile justice program in January; a condition of her probation. BCFS' intensive intervention program aims to deter juvenile's patterns of troubled behavior by utilizing family strengths and community resources to stabilize chaos. BCFS has a 94 percent success rate for preventing repeat offenses by youth who successfully

complete the program.

Within two weeks of being part of BCFS' program, Louis says he was already noticing a difference in his daughter.

"When we started [the program] I was at my wit's end," he said, recalling an altercation he had with his daughter where he was faced with the tough decision of pressing charges, or giving Lillie one more chance to straighten up. "But since BCFS, she started coming around again. Her caseworker is here every week to pick her up, and if they say something is going to happen, it does."

Reliability and the one-on-one attention, Mr. Martinez says, have had a lot to do with Lillie's success. The family-focused approach to intervention that provides expert advice to parents on how to mitigate serious issues, he admits, has helped him too.

### Looking at Lock-Up

In March, BCFS took more than two dozen juvenile offenders to a Texas Youth Commission (TYC) lock-up facility in Mart,

TX. The experience, Lillie says, "was a wake up call."

"If you don't want to be told what to do, then don't put yourself in the position to have to go to TYC," warned BCFS Case Manager Supervisor Timothy Nava.

After a tour of the campus - residential dorms, barb-wired recreational areas, and real-life conversations with youth serving time in TYC - Lillie, like many of the other youth on the trip, said she was ready to start fresh.

"I may think that I'm tough, but there's someone in there that's tougher," she said. "I just don't want to have to go there. TYC isn't any place for me."

### Time will tell

Lillie's probation is set to end May 19, 2009. She's confident, she says, that she'll complete her term successfully.

"I don't know what we did right to be able to be part of BCFS' program," said Louis, "But I've seen all the difference in the world in my daughter thanks to their team."

## Knox 4-H Livestock Judgers Place at District

The Knox County 4-H livestock judgers have been practicing the last couple of weeks in preparation for the 4-H District Contest in Vernon, TX. Livestock

Judging consists of judging several different classes of cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs followed by oral reasons on why the 4-H'er placed a class in a certain order. Trey

Tidwell, Shannon Reeves, and Parker Finley placed 5th as an intermediate team. Grace Tidwell did a great job in the junior division and should be in the top of her class by next year. Knox 4-H would like to thank Doug Tidwell and Lynn Finley for all the great support they provided this year. Congratulations to all the boys on a great year. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at (940)459-2651.



Knox County 4-H Livestock team placed 5th as an intermediate team at a local competition. Pictured left to right; Parker Finley, Shannon Reeves, Trey Tidwell, and Grace Tidwell

## New Sidewalks for Knox City in the Planning Stage

By Tamara Smart

The era of tired decaying sidewalks, laden with time-created holes and ominous cracks in Knox City may soon be over. Although it has been in the "talking stages" since '01, the sidewalk project by TxDot is finally underway.

People of Knox City may have noticed several "streetwalkers" working down the sides of major thoroughfares for several days last week. Engineers from Munday walked the streets of Knox City with their survey machines shooting from street corner to street corner, making calculations and taking measurements. After a week in the Knox City streets, those same engineers have the daunting task of taking all those numbers back to Munday

and start the planning phase so that Knox City can soon be the proud owners of new sidewalks.

In theory, the plans will be written and presented by sometime in June. New sidewalks will border the edges of Central Ave from N.2nd Street all the way to the southern end of town and from 2 blocks west of Central Ave on hwy 222 all the way eastward almost to the edge of town on Main. These sidewalks will not be solid, but rather broken up by businesses.

The planning stage will last about a year. If all goes right with paperwork, environmental and contractual issues; the cement will begin to be poured by the end of 2010.



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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### Be On The Lookout!

Nearly two years ago, a tragedy nearly occurred in my small family when my wife, Sharon, backed over our then 4-year-old son Jackson after a family reunion downtown. Jack was supposed to be in a different care and Sharon was already in the process of backing out and never saw him.

By the grace of God, Jack suffered only minor injuries - mainly to his ear and head. In fact, he still has an area on his scalp where his hair refuses to grow. It serves as a reminder, though none is needed.

Sharon suffered from the incident. It weighed heavily on her soul and the slightest sound or bump in an automobile was nearly too much for her to handle. It terrified her.

Lately, our baby, Sutton, has taken it upon himself to run out in the street. Three times last week.

Sutton, 3, took off for the road during Jack's t-ball practice. I happen to see him and shouted, "SUTTON HAWK STOP NOW!"

He did. And so did everybody else in a two block radius.

Twenty minutes later, he did run out in the street and Sharon quickly reigned him back in. I punished him that night. Granted, my punishments are, by old-school standards, pretty mild because the boys mind pretty well. They get in the most trouble for endangering themselves and others, rudeness, attitude and lying. Obviously, this was a safety issue.

Anyhow, the very next night, as soon as I walked into the yard, Jackson, whose in the sandbox playing with his brother and cousin, yells to me, "Dad, I have to tell you something!"

Sutton screams out, "Nooooooooooooooooooooo ... don't tell him!"

Then, Sutton precedes to come and tell on himself.

Needless to say, Sutton and I adjourned into privacy and I gave him a strong message. I pray it worked.

You know, when you go through what we went through two years ago, and you have these small children who just run out into traffic .... it just scares the death out of you. Hopefully mine are learning to slow down and look.

I'm sharing this with you, not so you'll call Child Protective Services on me, but as a reminder. Warn your children to watch out for cars. Tell them to stay out of the street if they're young and if they ride bicycles or scooters, urge them to wear a helmet and watch out for cars. NEVER ASSUME A DRIVER SEES YOU!

Additionally, local children will be taking to the streets for an additional eight hours a day in a few weeks. Please, please be aware of them, especially around the parks and residential areas.

We can't always avoid a tragedy, but we have a fighting chance when we are aware of our surroundings.

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### Diversity and Multiculturalism: The New Racism

By Michael S. Berliner, Ph.D., and Gary Hull, Ph.D.

Is ethnic diversity an "absolute essential" of a college education? UCLA's Chancellor Charles Young thinks so. Ethnic diversity is clearly the purpose of affirmative action, which Young is defending against a long-overdue assault. But far from being essential to a college education, such diversity is a sure road to its destruction. "Ethnic diversity" is merely racism in a politically correct disguise.

Many people have a very superficial view of racism. They see it as merely the belief that one race is superior to another. It is much more than that. It is a fundamental (and fundamentally wrong) view of human nature. Racism is the notion that one's race determines one's identity. It is the belief that one's convictions, values and character are determined not by the judgment of one's mind but by one's anatomy or "blood."

This view causes people to be condemned (or praised) based on their racial membership. In turn, it leads them to condemn or praise others on the same basis. In fact, one can gain an authentic sense of pride only from one's own achievements, not from inherited characteristics.

The spread of racism requires the destruction of an individual's confidence in his own mind. Such an individual then anxiously seeks a sense of identity by clinging to some group, abandoning his autonomy and his rights, allowing his ethnic group to tell him what to believe. Because he thinks of himself as a racial entity, he feels "himself" only among others of the same race. He becomes a separatist,

choosing his friends - and enemies - based on ethnicity. This separatism has resulted in the spectacle of student-segregated dormitories and segregated graduations.

The diversity movement claims that its goal is to extinguish racism and build tolerance of differences. This is a complete sham. One cannot teach students that their identity is determined by skin color and expect them to become colorblind. One cannot espouse multiculturalism and expect students to see each other as individual human beings. One cannot preach the need for self-esteem while destroying the faculty which makes it possible: reason. One cannot teach collective identity and expect students to have self-esteem.

Advocates of "diversity" are true racists in the basic meaning of that term: they see the world through colored lenses, colored by race and gender. To the multiculturalist, race is what counts - for values, for thinking, for human identity in general. No wonder racism is increasing: colorblindness is now considered evil, if not impossible. No wonder people don't treat each other as individuals: to the multiculturalist, they aren't.

Advocates of "diversity" claim it will teach students to tolerate and celebrate their differences. But the "differences" they have in mind are racial differences, which means we're being urged to glorify race, which means we're being asked to institutionalize separatism. "Racial identity" erects an unbridgeable gulf between people, as though they were different species, with nothing fundamental in common. If that were true - if "racial identity"

determined one's values and thinking methods - there would be no possibility for understanding or cooperation among people of different races.

Advocates of "diversity" claim that because the real world is diverse, the campus should reflect that fact. But why should a campus population "reflect" the general population (particularly the ethnic population)? No answer. In fact, the purpose of a university is to impart knowledge and develop reasoning, not to be a demographic mirror of society.

Racism, not any meaningful sense of diversity, guides today's intellectuals. The educationally significant diversity that exists in "the real world" is intellectual diversity, i.e., the diversity of ideas. But such diversity - far from being sought after - is virtually forbidden on campus. The existence of "political correctness" blasts the academics' pretense at valuing real diversity. What they want is abject conformity.

The only way to eradicate racism on campus is to scrap racist programs and the philosophic ideas that feed racism. Racism will become an ugly memory only when universities teach a valid concept of human nature: one based on the tenets that the individual's mind is competent, that the human intellect is efficacious, that we possess free will, that individuals are to be judged as individuals - and that deriving one's identity from one's race is a corruption - a corruption appropriate to Nazi Germany, not to a nation based on freedom and independence.

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**ACROSS**

- TX Dan Blocker's "Bonanza" role
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- TXism: "just cause a chicken has wings don't \_\_\_ can fly"
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- Tex-Mex sauce made with a juicy fruit (2 wds.)
- this John was PGA champ in '91
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- national park in Calif.
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- TXism: "with \_\_\_ shot" (near)
- open pasture (or Garth Brooks tune)
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- of Atlantis
- this Mickey hit first Astrodome homer (init.)
- this Myers designed the TX capitol (init.)
- TXism: "no hill for a stepper" rare bird found at Bentsen State Park
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a bull give milk?" (no) dry heat bath
- TXism: "wearing his rodeo parade outfit!"
- male honeybee
- TXism for "bye"
- a Maverick brother
- TX perennial
- horse that walks with an easy gait
- TXism: "wipe the slate clean"

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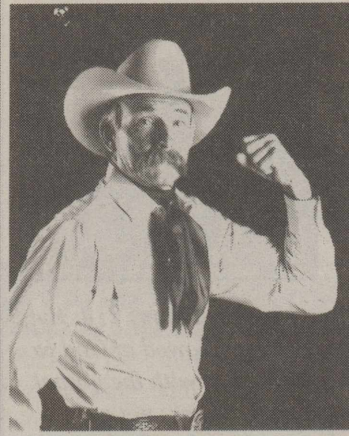
As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then it's telling, here has been well worth while.

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## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

### AMERICA'S FUNNIEST FARM VIDEOS

It's curious why more cows aren't featured on America's Funniest Home Videos. Maybe it's because we cow guardians always have our hands full of hay forks, reins, twine cutters, squeeze chute handles, syringes or up the back of a cow! And, if the truth were known, you could stand in a pen or pasture full of cattle all day with your video recorder and see nothing more exciting than you would in a day room full of senior citizens after lunch.

See cows are not like monkeys, puppies or bull riders who can always be counted on to show you some kind of bizarre body function, tail pulling or booger-related behavior! And yet, I cannot count the number of stories I've been told wherein the dull, cud chomping, cloven-hoofed grazer has made a fool out of our Supermanic cowboy hero!

In Spring Cowbelt cowmen can see green on the horizon from the top of the windmill. You can hear the tickertape sound of mental calculations dividing bales of hay left in stacks divided by days till the grass arrives.

"It's gonna be tight," said Bob as he tossed the last two broken bales off the back of the hay wagon into the adoring crowd of cows. Pete, who was driving the horse-drawn flatbed wagon through the snow, pulled ahead of the cows and looked back. The three cowdogs had jumped on board and were lolling in the lazy morning sun.

"Bob," said Pete. "I believe that brockle-face calf there needs a scour pill." He stopped the wagon. Bob slipped off the side and approached the calf.

The calf's mama lowered her head and snorted a warning! In one smooth cowboy move, Bob grabbed a front and hind leg and swung the startled calf onto the wagon bed! The sudden movement spooked the horses! They jumped, knocking Pete over backwards! Bob ran to catch the wagon with the mama cow right behind him! Up on the wagon...first Bob...then the COW!

The dogs rose to full barking mode! The horses picked up speed! Soon a whirlpool of dogs set upon the cow! Our two intrepid cowboys flew off the wagon like bird poop on a windmill fin!

The final scene in this America's Funniest Farm Video would be of the horses in a crazed run pulling the bouncing, bucking wagon across the bumpy terrain, the cow with legs spread wide trying to keep her balance, and the dogs circling her like Geronimo attacking Ward Bond's wagon train!

Credits would include: Stunt work - Bob and Pete and a cast of thousands.

## The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

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

Recorded books have added another chapter to my life. If only they'd come along sooner - like back when the speed limit was 55 mph. Then all those boring slow-motion highway miles could have been savored rather than so painfully endured.

Ironically, now that the limit is 70 on most open roads, I don't always drive that fast. It depends on what book has me under its spell. Tonight I was listening to a contemplative novel about a woman in Renaissance Italy who was a painter. Three mule deer standing at the edge of the pavement came into view, themselves a painting, my headlights creating the chiaroscuro of a Caravaggio. That's the way it is when you're caught up in a good book. Things blend right into it, especially if you're a little sleepy.

Nothing beats the time I was driving and listening to a book when the phone rang - both in the book and for real. I answered. If the caller on my cell phone had been one of the characters in the book, you'd be questioning my sanity. I'll let you wonder who it was.

As for the book effect on mph, it can work both ways. As for me, when I'm driving and listening to something really action-packed, my tendency is to speed up. The time before the last time an officer stopped me for going too fast, I told him a man was trapped inside a burning building.

Do you ever wonder if highway troopers get together and exchange stories about

excuses people come up with for speeding? Maybe mine was a new one.

If my parents had ever gotten stopped for speeding -- which they didn't -- they could probably have said they were just trying to get away from me. I was alone in the backseat, a one-child band, playing the guitar and harmonica at the same time, mile after mile.

No, I know you can't really get away from someone in the backseat by driving faster, but that kind of entertainment would make you want to try.

Those were pre-seatbelt days when an imaginary line down the middle of the seat kept Johnny and Suzy on respective sides of the car. I've heard it didn't work as well as Korea's DMZ. Being an only child, I really wouldn't know. I had to share my space only with Daddy's hat, not that easy with a guitar.

Nowadays, kids equate the first click of a seatbelt on a road trip with entertainment. All they have to do is settle in to watch a movie or play an electronic game as the landscape zips by without them. I can't say that I blame them or even that it's an entirely new phenomenon.

Circa 1918, when my grandparents took Sunday drives to the country my grandmother's famous line was, "Elwood, get your head out of that book and look at the crops!"

Elwood was my mother, age 10 - not interested in crops.

My mother would have liked recorded books.

### New Members Enter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

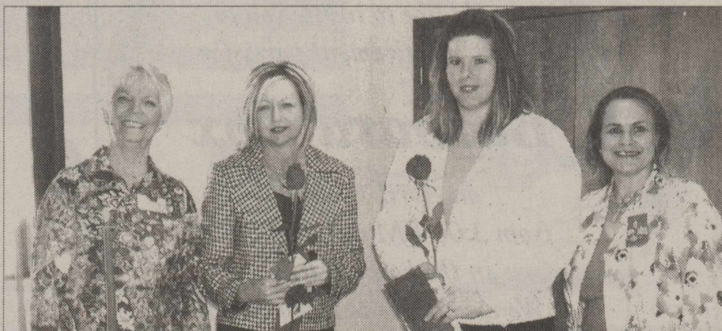
Amanda Baker-Adkins of Knox City and Michelle Dunnam of Haskell were recently initiated as new members into the Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The ceremony was held at the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Munday, Texas.

This society, founded in 1929 on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin, has a list of seven Purposes which are as relevant today as they were in 1929. Those Purposes are:

- To Unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
- To Honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
- To Advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
- To Initiate, Endorse and Support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women

- To Endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.
- To Stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
- To Inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Beta Chi Chapter was organized in 1936 and represents women educators from Haskell, Knox, Stonewall, and Throckmorton Counties. Local scholarships are available to women graduates pursuing education as a career. For further information, you may contact Marsha Quade, Chapter President at 940-657-3090 or visit the state webpage at [www.alphastatexas.org](http://www.alphastatexas.org).



Cindy Neander, Area XVI Coordinator of Lewisville; Michelle Dunnam of Haskell; Amanda Baker-Adkins of Knox City; Marsha Quade, Chapter President also of Knox City.

### TOP WINNERS NAMED AT ROLLING PLAINS 4-H ROUNDUP

VERNON -- Almost 350 youth from the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension

District competed here Thursday, April 16 for the right to represent the District in the State 4-H Roundup June 8-12 in College Station. Winners in more than 25 events for the Senior Division, ages 14-19, will advance to the State competition. First, second, and third place teams or individuals in Educational Presentations, Beef Quiz Bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl, and Consumer Decision Making qualify for the State event.

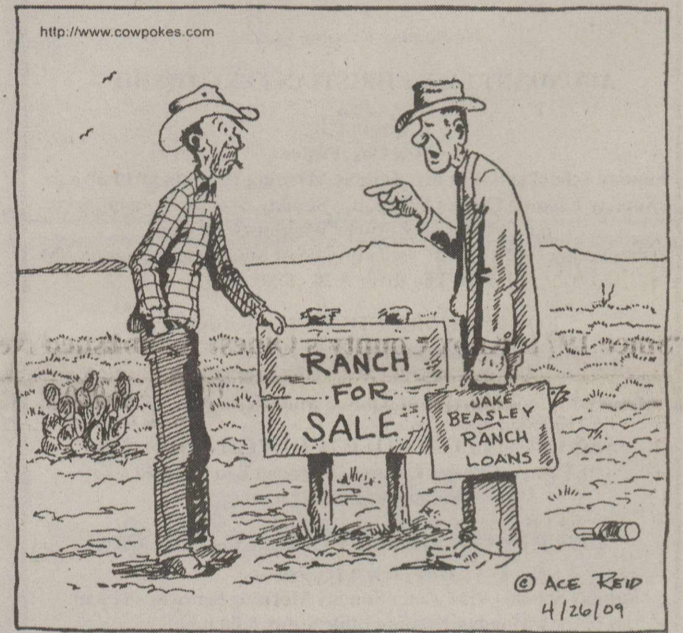
First and Second place senior winners in Share the Fun contests will advance. Roundup winners were honored at an Awards assembly at the Wilbarger Auditorium which concluded a morning of competition. Awards were sponsored by American Electric Power and the Vernon Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 2,500 4-H members, adult leaders, and County Extension Agents will invade Texas A&M for the State 4-H Roundup. Brittany Coop, Devon Jones, and Leah Vanderpol placed 1<sup>st</sup> with their Consumer Life Skills Educational Presentation to qualify for State 4-H Roundup. Jessica Vanderpol, Mitchell Ham, Raquel Acevedo, and Shelby Russell qualified for State 4-H Roundup by placing 3<sup>rd</sup> with their Family Life Educational Presentation. Holly Wilson will be sending her photography entries to the State 4-H Roundup as well as after being automatically qualified

at district. Lyndon Baty entered 2 photography entries at the District Roundup and earned red ribbons for both. Sheldon Baty entered 5 photos and received one red and four blue ribbons for his work. Kristen Kuehler placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Choreographed Routine with her dance performance. Ryder Cude was 5<sup>th</sup> with his fiddle playing in the Share-The-Fun Musical category. Shannon Reeves, Parker Finley, Ryder Cude and Kathryn Cude participated in the Horse Quiz Bowl and advanced further into the contest than ever before. Brittany Coop, Mitchell Ham, Shelby Russell, and Raquel Acevedo also competed in the Consumer Decision Making Contest. Congratulations to all and good luck to everyone going to State 4-H Roundup in College Station. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at (940)459-2651.

Roundup Participants Pictured LtoR: Parker Finley, Ryder Cude, Kristen Kuehler, Shelby Russell, Kathryn Cude, Jessica Vanderpol, Shannon Reeves, Devon Jones, Brittany Coop, Raquel Acevedo, Mitchell Ham, and Leah Vanderpol.

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Barrera, Jesus 4/7/09 Assault/ Bodily Injury (M-A) Knox County	Matney, Elbert Lovis 4/18/09 Poss. Marijuana (M-B) Foard County
Hickman, John F. Sr. 4/9/09 Fail to pay Child Support Baylor County	Brown, Joe Lee 4 / 1 8 / 0 9 Assault (M-A) Foard County
Jones, Cornelius 4/7/09 MTR/ Assault on Public Servant (F-2) Knox Cnty (Arrested in Wichita Falls, TX)	Todd, Glenn Dale 4/19/09 MTR/Possesschemicals w/ intent to manufacture (SJF) Knox County - arrested in Wichita Falls, TX
Bohannon, Jamie 4/12/09 MTR/Modify Probation 96 hour layout Knox Cnty	Brown, John A. 4 / 1 6 / 0 9 MTR/DWI 3 <sup>rd</sup> or more (F-3) Foard County
Zuniga, Cindy 4/13/09 MTR/Bugl. Of Habitation (F-2) Knox County	Huckabee, Michael 4/21/09 TBC/ (M-A) Taylor County warrant (Knox County)
Douglas, Dale E. 4/14/09 Poss. of Controlled Sub. (SJF) Knox County	McCrary, James Zeil 4/24/09 MTR/ Terroristic threat (M-B) Knox County
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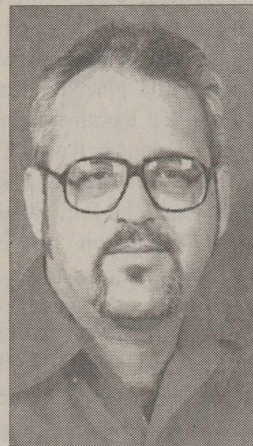
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# Obituary

## Edward Harmon "Skeet" Feemster



Edward Harmon "Skeet" Feemster, 62, passed away Sunday, April 19 at the Community Care Home in Stamford, Texas, after a sudden, but brief illness. Arrangements were made by Holden McCauley Funeral Home, Haskell, Tx.

Skeet was born on August 7, 1946 in Knox City to the late Lloyd and Dollie B Feemster. He attended school at Haskell and Paint Creek. Skeet was in the Navy as a Navy Seal and served

during the Vitamin War; from which he received an Honorable Discharge on September 10, 1965.

Skeet married Judy Rushing on May 4, 1969 in Knox City, TX. Through this union one daughter Cynthia (Cyndy) was born.

He is survived by his daughter Cyndy and husband Dennis Carver; three grandchildren Jordan, Ryan and Cyla of Graford; very dear friend (also known as his "other daughter") Misty Sanford and her husband Shawn, her children Christopher, Tyler, and Austin of Haskell; one nephew Brett Proctor of Houston and his children Logan and Cory; and several cousins as well as many many dear friends.

He is preceded in death by his father Lloyd in 1981; his only sibling Cora "Sissie" Collier in 1984; his mother Dollie in 1997; grandparents Woody Hodges (1968) and Blanche Fields Hodges (1989); Ed Feemster (1969) and Ara Robins Feemster (1991).

Skeet worked at his father-in-laws car repair shop after marriage, he also worked in the oil field business, WTU and

trailer - manufacturing business in Graham. He was an avid outdoorsman and a dear friend to all.

Skeet wishes were to be cremated and his ashes scattered at Stamford Lake which he loved to well. A memorial with all friends and family will be held at the Anchor Marina at Stamford Lake, Saturday May 2 at 2 p.m. Dress will be casual All condolences signatures, flowers, ect. can be sent and signed at the Holden McCauley Funeral Home, TX.

### Jewel Elizabeth Reed Thomas

Funeral service for Jewel Elizabeth Reed Thomas, 89, of Nacogdoches will be at 10:00 am on Thursday April 30, 2009 at Laird Funeral Home with her brother-in-law Rev. Wayne Sharp officiating. On Friday, May 1, 2009 at 2:00 pm there will be a graveside service at Bomarton Cemetery in Bomarton, Texas with Rev. Sharp officiating with burial to follow.

Mrs. Thomas died on Monday, April 27, 2009 at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital with her family at her side.

Jewel was born May 10, 1919 in Amity, Arkansas to the late John and Mary Stanford Reed, the oldest of ten children born of this union. She was married to Rev. Bruce Thomas for 53 years.

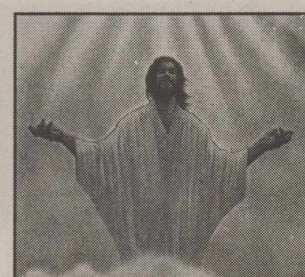
She trusted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior when she was fourteen years old. She devoted her life to the Lord's work. She was a very loving and supportive Baptist Minister's wife for 48 years. She taught Sunday school for 43 years. She played the piano and sang in the Lord's work. She brought children to Sunday school and to church. She was the apple of her husband's eye and he praised her. She was a very loving and caring mother for 69 years. Her son and her husband considered her blessed. The heart of her husband did safely trust in her. She was and is indeed a Jewel.

Jewel is survived by one son, Charles "Chuck" Dale Thomas of Nacogdoches; one sister, Sarah Reed Sharp and husband Wayne of Electra, Texas; three brothers, Floyd Reed and wife Rene of Munday, Texas, Lloyd Reed and wife Jeanette of Seymour, Texas and George Reed and wife Nancy of Willis, Texas; two grandsons, Alan Thomas and wife Rachel of Thomasville, CO and Vaughn Thomas of CO; two great-granddaughters, Amber Thomas and Sidney Thomas of

See OBITS page 8

# God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church



How many times do we wonder if we can trust God? Circumstances and consequences enter into our lives and we question trusting God? Peril and poverty are world wide and we ask, "Can we trust God?" We debate removing "In God We Trust" from our coins and bills, because this nation would argue "Can We Trust God?"

I believe we're asking the wrong person the wrong question! We should be asking, "Can God trust us?" Can God trust me with my spouse? Can God trust me with my children? Can God trust me with my job and career? Can God trust me with my Church? Can God trust me with my thoughts, my words, and my actions? I mean we could go on and on about God

trusting us.

But that really is the question. If I say that I love God and believe that He loves me, can we; do we; trust each other? Every personal relationship of love is a covenant relationship. A covenant relationship is one which is based and founded upon trust one to another.

God began the relationship between you and Him with trust! Believing trust, speaking trust and trust in action and works. The truth of the relationship is, "Can God trust me?" Can He believe what I tell him? Can He see the truth in what I do? Can He see me sharing His truth and trust with others? God does trust you with His gospel message.

*1 Thessalonians 2: 4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which tries our hearts.*

*1 Timothy 1: 11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.*

God wants to trust us completely. He gave us such great blessings and challenges to be trusted with His gospel. He wants us to share His gospel message with the world. Tell God today that He can trust you to share His gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ).

I pray that you experience the love of God in every way every day.

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# BRIGHT IDEAS

**By Alex Mills**  
Has natural gas hit bottom? Jeff Clark, editor of the Growth Stock Wire, believe that if it is not on bottom now it will be soon and well head prices will start to rise.

Clark notes that at \$3.50 per million Btu, natural gas is trading at a 15-to-1 ratio with crude oil. The traditional trading range is between 6-to-1 and 8-to-1. "The current 15-to-1 ratio is the most extreme reading of the past 20 years," Clark writes. "This means one of two things has to be true: Either oil is too expensive or natural gas is too cheap."

The natural gas is limited and the upside is huge, he said.

**Natural Gas Stocks Increase - Again**  
The Energy Information Administration (EIA) said working gas in underground storage increase 46 billion cubic feet (bcf) for the week closing on April 17.

EIA said 1,741 bcf was in storage compared to 1,695 bcf the previous week.

Last year there were 1,282 bcf in storage - 35.8% less than in 2009. The five-year average is 1,419 bcf.

**Petrohawk Announces Large Gas Discovery In South Texas**  
Petrohawk Energy Corp., Houston, recently announced the discovery of large gas reserves in LaSalle and McMullen counties in South Texas from the Cretaceous Eagle Ford shale.

Petrohawk spokesman call the discovery "one of the highest quality shale reservoirs discovered in the U.S."

The company estimates 5.5 billion cubic feet of gas per well can be recovered. The Eagle Ford shale has been encountered in all five wells drilled by Petrohawk from 11,000-11,700 feet (true vertical), and average 53 days from spud to rig release at a cost of \$4.5 million to \$5.5 million per well.

**Range Resources Hits Large Barnett Shale Well**  
Range Resources, Fort Worth, has completed a well in southern Tarrant County that

has average 9.6 million cubic feet of gas for first 30 days of production. So far, the largest producing well was drilled by EOG Resources, Houston, in Johnson County that averaged 8.63 million cubic feet of gas per day. Johnson County is immediately south of Tarrant County.

Range said it has cut its drilling program in the Barnett Shale from six to three rigs.

**Chesapeake Cuts Gas Production Because Of Low Prices**

Chesapeake Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City, says it has curtailed approximately 400 million cubic feet per day of its gross production, because of low well head prices. The reduction includes the 200 million cubic feet per day of curtailment announced in March.

The total reduction represents approximately 13% of Chesapeake's current gross operated natural gas production capacity. The drilling curtailment has been primarily in the Barnett Shale and Mid-Continent areas.



The Board of Directors and Employees of Stonewall Memorial Hospital would like to invite you to attend a retirement party for **Barbara Cox** on April 17, 2009 from 3:00 PM until 5:30 PM in the hospital lobby. We would like to celebrate the 34 years of dedicated service that Barbara has given to our hospital

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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Another week has begun and May is almost here. Things are getting pretty busy with all the end of school happenings. And the Srs. can't hardly wait! They will be off to Hawaii soon after the last diploma is given out. And needless to say, they have already begun to get ready.

Sympathy this week to the family of Cotton Smith of Munday who passed away last week. He was my friend & his love for life always inspired me. He had a good time and he will be missed by so many.

Also sympathy to the family of Charlotte McNitt. Charlotte passed away Fri nite after a long illness. Lots of time spent in hospitals but she never let it get her down. She was always up to beat any time you talked to her. Her funeral will be tomorrow (Tues) at Knox City. Shower Held for Couple

A baby shower for Heather Stovall & Chad Tolson was held Sat. at the community Center. Lots of little baby items were received & will come in very handy for the new arrival. Guests were served punch & cookies from a table covered in a pink and brown cloth- the chosen colors for the baby.

Several guests- including friends and family members- were in attendance.

Here 'N There  
Mark Brown has been in Okla. visiting his son, Zach, & family the past few days.

Jesse Robert said today that Mr. Robert is continuing to progress. Is still having physical therapy which is going well & hopefully he will be home before too long.

The clean-up day Sat (18th) went well. With fog early one wondered if it would be a "fit" day but it turned out to be real nice & a lot was accomplished. Every bit anyone does helps the looks of out little "village" so much.

Ronald & Verna Griffith left Sat. for their home in Minnesota after several weeks here. The winters are cold there, they welcomed the temperature change for a while & we enjoyed having them here "among us". They brought their trailer & just "vacationed" her in and around Benjamin. Of course, they both have relatives all over Texas so it was a chance to do lots of visiting.

(This week's News)  
It's Sunday afternoon & clouds are in the area with numerous warnings coming over the TV. We pray for rain but certainly hope the storms miss us.

I apologise for not having news last week but the short amount that I had just didn't seem like enough to take up space with. And this week isn't a whole lot better- news wise- things are sort of at a "stand still".

It's good to report that we have no serious illness in the community. Mr. Roberts & Lewis Lyles in the Munday Nursing Center are doing pretty well and that's always good news. The spring allergies have begun to bother folks & probably will until it rains.

Here 'N There  
The Relay For Life held Sat. nite at Knox City to benefit the Cancer Society was very successful & I personally say "kudos" & thanks to those organizers & all others who were part of the planning- getting everything just right in preparation for it. Lot of walkers made many laps & for such a good cause- not only was the cause good, but a good chance to see lots of folks!

Steve and Maggie Powers of Midland spent the weekend with his mom, Florence. Connie Porter of Fayetteville, Arkansas is here for a few days visit with friends & relatives in the area to see her Aunt, Omitene Barnett's house.

Gloria West spent last Thurs. nite with her daughter, Betty Parker & her family in Aspermont. On Fri. she & Betty attended the Regional One Act Play Competition.

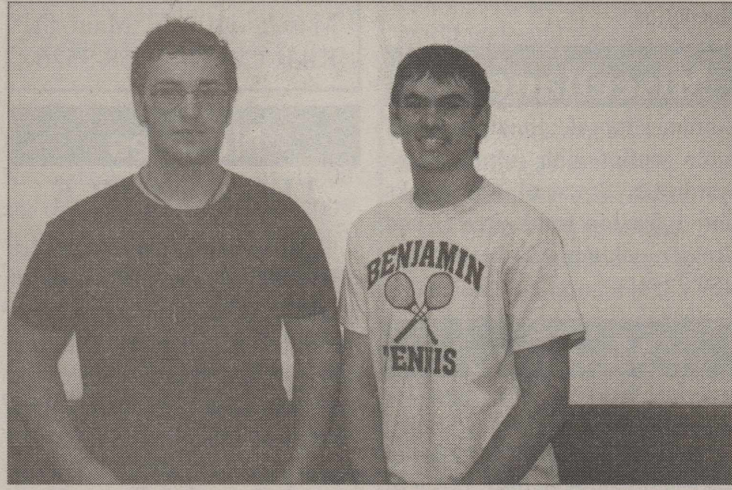
Twenty-four 1-A schools competed (for a chance to go to state) at Cullen Auditorium on the ACU campus. Aspermont was in competition & was named alternate to state with Munday and Lometa advancing. Gloria's granddaughter, Chelsea Parker (of Aspermont) was named to the Regional All Star Cast. We congratulate Chelsea and congratulations to Munday- wish you well as you "keep on keeping on"!

Raul & Reyes Barrientez returned home Fri. nite after a weeks visit with their daughter, Mary Widmer & family of Coppell. The Widmens brought them home & remained for the weekend.

Saw Beckie Moorhouse Sat. She says she's really enjoying her new place of residence. They moved up to Dumont a couple of months ago and are living on the Tongue River ranch. Her sister, Cindy Leyton & her husband Rayburn moved out to the ranch weher Tom and Beckie lived.

Talked to Sybil Simmons on Sunday. She away asks all about friends here. She lives in an assisted living place in Wichita Falls & doesn't get back to Gilliland too often, but still misses her home and her friends, tho she knows she's right where she needs to be living.

Chance Hudgens is back working and doing o.k. Still doesn't knot the long term extent of his injury, but maybe it will not be too bad.



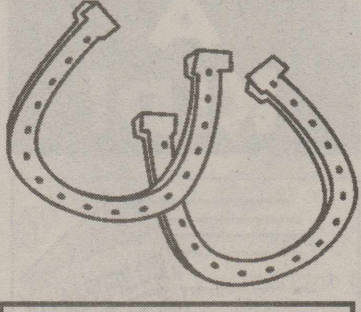
Mitchell Ham and Cody Propps who participated in regional tennis doubles.



Jessica Vanderpol at Regional golf tournament.

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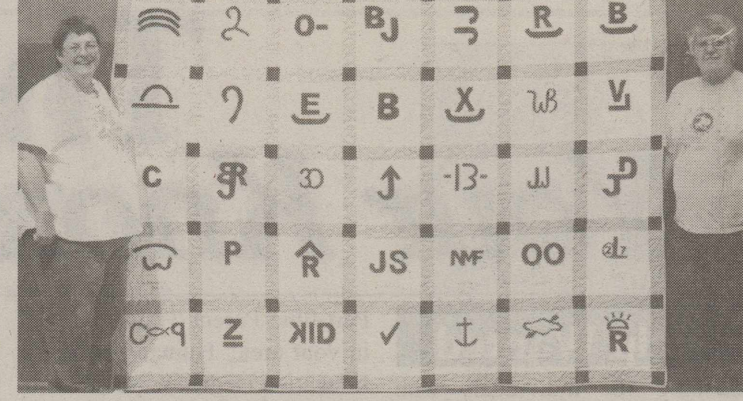
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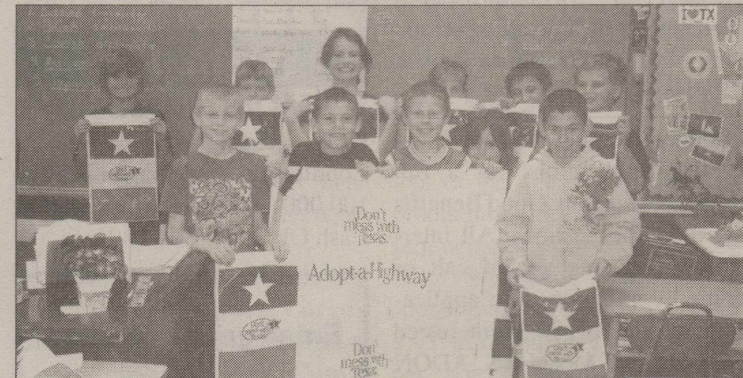
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The Benjamin Senior Class would like to thank everyone that purchased a square on the brand/boosters quilt. It will be given away May 12th at Awards Banquet. If you want to be on next years quilt talk to Janice at BJ's. Thanks again! Benjamin Class of 2009



Benjamin pre-k and kindergarten students participated in a Keep Benjamin Beautiful school campus cleanup on Earth Day. The students, along with their teachers and a KBB representative, cleaned the playground and around the football field.



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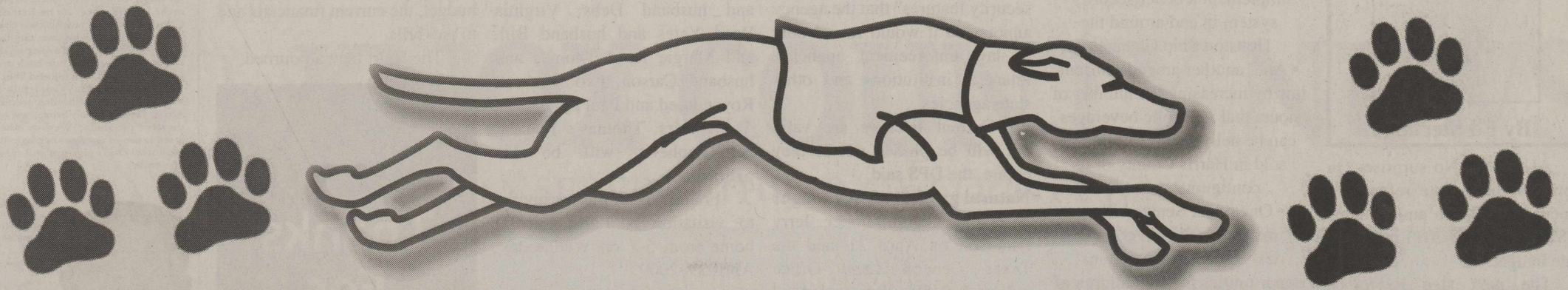
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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



Courtesy photo

Knox City Tennis did very well this year with members advancing all the way to regionals. MJ Abila, Mea Abila, Reagan Clark, Clay Clark, Sam Esquivel and Brittney Gonzales are pictured above.

## KC Tennis Advances To Regional

The Knox City Tennis teams finished up their season last week, with two teams advancing to regional round.

This Knox City team had some great success at District as Brittney Gonzales and Sam Esquivel won girls doubles, and MJ and Mea Abila won mixed doubles.

Clay and Reagan Clark finished third in mixed doubles as well. Jarek Wilde won his first match of district, before losing his second match to the eventual district champion. Skylar Eades unfortunately had a very tough opponent in his first match, and someone who was the other district finalists. "These guys had to play the best of the best from our district, and that was just a tough draw, but they did the best that they could."

Both teams lost their first matches in the regional round, but both matches were well played, and even involved some tiebreakers. All in all the tennis team enjoyed some great success, and looks forward to improving that success in the future.

## Hounds Run at Regional Qualifiers

The Knox City Boys Track team ran well against stiff competition at the Regional Qualifiers Meet held at Abilene Christian University last Thursday night.

Jordan Carter- 5'10" high Jump (no place)  
 Derrick Coleman- 400meter Dash 51.04 2nd place  
 Sprint Relay dropped the baton for no time  
 Mile Relay 3.34.45 (no place) Jordan Carter, Lannie Coleman, Derrick Coleman, Hosiel Rodriguez

The Greyhounds will run this Friday at ACU. Jordan will high jump at 3:00 PM on Friday afternoon and the Running events will start at 5:00 PM. Friday is the preliminary running events and if the students qualify by time they will run in the finals on Saturday starting at 2:30 pm.

## Greyhounds Baseball Season Ends

The Knox City Greyhound baseball season came to an end Friday with an 18-0 loss to the Stamford Bulldogs.

The loss brings the Hounds season record to 2-11 with wins coming against Bryson and Rotan.

The Hounds competed in the district with big 1A schools Seymour, Stamford, Haskell, Hamlin, Rotan and Roby. Coach Steele said, "Playing in that district is not the ideal situation for us. Our enrollment is less than half of every other team in the district. The majority of the kids at the other schools only play baseball in the spring and ours are 2 or 3 sport athletes.

Spring is a very busy time for these young men so it is hard to fine tune everything with the limited amount of time.

I am extremely proud of our guys for coming out every week and playing against the odds. We are very young right now with the majority of our team being freshman and sophomores.

These kids have been working hard all year long and we are looking forward to a bunch of success in the future."

## Houndettes Third at Area Meet

Knox City Houndettes third at the Area Meet! It was a cold and blustery day, but the Houndettes held their own in a crowd of 25 schools. "I am extremely proud of these girls and the effort they put forth on a daily basis!" says Coach Reed, head girls Track Coach.

Area champs and regional qualifiers in the following events:

- 4 x 100 = 1st place (Camille Ward, Shelby Gutierrez, Katelin Reed, Holly McCrary) 51.5
- 4 x 200 = 1st place (Lacey Pierce, Katelin Reed, Camille Ward, Holly McCrary) 1:53.4
- 100m dash = 1st place Shelby Gutierrez 12.43
- 200m dash = 1st place Shelby Gutierrez 26.9
- Long Jump = 3rd place Camille Ward (regional qualifier)
- 4 x 400 = 5th place (Lacey Pierce, Cassidy Carter, Camille Ward, Holly McCrary) 4:33.6
- 100 m dash = 8th place Brittney Gonzales 14.03

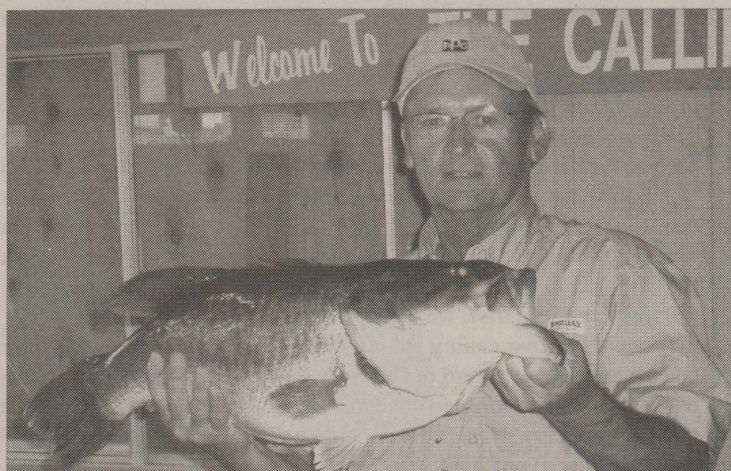
## Choke Canyon Produces Another Monster

ATHENS, Texas—Don't count your chickens until they hatch, and don't close the books on the ShareLunker program until the last tick of the clock April 30.

With less than a week to go until the official close of the ShareLunker season, Sam Koebecke of Austin added another ShareLunker to Choke Canyon Reservoir's tally for the year, a 13.30-pound bass that stretched 26.75 inches long and 20.75 inches in girth.

The six ShareLunkers from Choke Canyon this season weighed a total of 85.31 pounds, an average of 14.21 pounds. The biggest fish of the year from the lake was a 15.45-pound lake record.

As a measure of Choke Canyon's performance, compare the 14.21-pound average with the average for Lake Conroe's four entries, 13.98 pounds; and the average for Lake Fork's four entries, 13.88 pounds.



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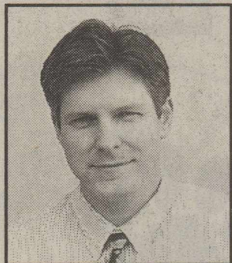
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - No surprise: On April 24 the Senate refused to concur with House amendments to SB 1, the 2010-2011 proposed state budget.

The next step is for a conference committee on SB 1 to reconcile differences in the \$178 billion House version and the Senate's \$182.2 billion version. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, appointed five senators to the conference committee:

- Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chair of the Senate Finance Committee;
  - Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, vice chair, Senate Finance Committee;
  - Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, chair of the Senate Education Committee;
  - Royce West, D-Dallas, chair of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee; and
  - Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, chair of the Senate Administration Committee.
- House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, will name five House members to the conference committee.
- 9 bills hit governor's desk  
As of April 24, a total of nine

bill had been passed by both the House and Senate and had been signed or were ready to be signed by the governor.

- One of the three House bills makes it easier for film studios to get state grant money to do their work in Texas.
  - Another bill helps to implement a better security system in and around the Houston Ship Channel.
  - And, another amends current law by increasing the number of hours that alcoholic beverages can be delivered wholesale or sold in Harris County or its contiguous counties.
  - One of six Senate bills to make it to the governor's desk enhances educational opportunities for the children of military families.
  - Another bill preserves citizens' immunization records kept in the state immunization registry past the age of 18.
  - And, another bill amends the utilities code so that a power company can recover in a timely manner its post-disaster system restoration costs by charging higher rates to customers.
- The governor also has signed a total of 45 House and Senate proclamations and resolutions, most of which are congratulatory or memorial in nature.
- Compensation bill approved**  
The House on April 24 voted in favor of the Tim Cole Act, HB 1736, legislation to increase lump-sum compensation for persons convicted for crimes they did not commit.
- The amount would increase from \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year of incarceration.
- Cole died in a Texas prison for a crime he did not commit.

Driver's license format debuts

The Texas Department of Public Safety on April 22 announced it had switched to a new driver's license format, effective April 15.

The size and shape of the plastic cards are the same, but the cards contain "numerous security features" that the agency announced it would reveal only to law enforcement agencies, financial institutions and other state agencies.

Current licenses are valid but will be phased out as they expire, the DPS said.

Natural gas fuel money sought

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson on April 21 said the Texas General Land Office will seek \$15 million in federal money to be matched by T. Boone Pickens' Clean Energy Inc. to build natural gas fuel stations across Texas.

Patterson said natural gas vehicles emit about 25 percent less greenhouse gases than vehicles powered by gasoline. The public-private effort also has a goal to increase the size of natural gas vehicle fleets.

AG files suit against business

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on April 23 charged Eyal Siman-Tov with violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act for operating a fraudulent water-as-fuel scheme. Siman-Tov, a southern California businessman, operates 1 Freedom Inc. and a Web site, water4gas.com.

The defendant's do-it-yourself manuals on installing water-to-fuel devices in vehicles do not reduce fuel costs, increase gas mileage or enhance engine performance, according to the state's enforcement action.

OBITS

Thomasville, CO; one sister-in-law, Lynne Reed of Fort Worth.

Jewel is preceded by her parents, her husband, Rev. Bruce Thomas, one grandson, Vince Thomas, three sisters and their spouses, Catherine Reed Wilson and husband Debs, Virginia Reed Yates and husband Bill, and Margie Reed Thomas and husband Carson, two brothers, Royce Reed and Paul Reed.

At Mrs. Thomas's request, her nephews will be her pallbearers.

Friends and family are invited to visitation at Laird Funeral home from 5-7 on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

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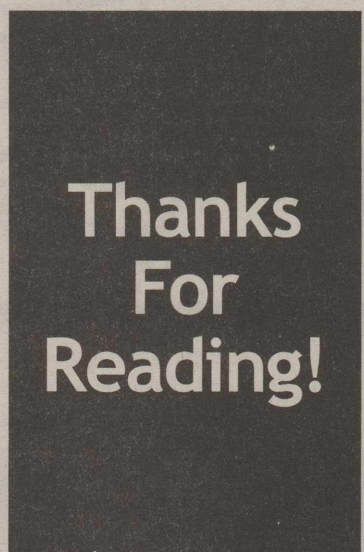
commissioners also agreed to authorize a Jails Contract with King and Taylor Counties.

Under taking the Federal Law mandated issue of random

drug testing of licensed CDL drivers, the court discussed and decided to draw 2 names at random each quarter to be tested. The court passed this decision unanimously.

The court also approved to add another full time jailer, approve the FY 2008-2009 budget, the current financials and to pay bills.

The court then adjourned.

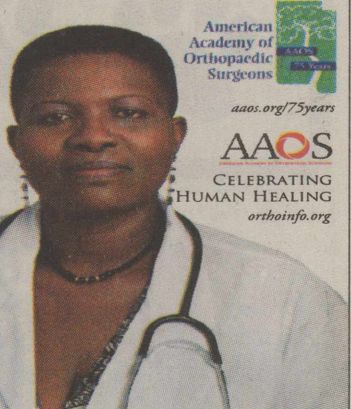


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At her clinic in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Dr. Olabisi Claudius-Cole treated patients of all ages with any condition, and would often take no payment in return. When arthritic hips and knees kept her from the rigors of daily patient care, a disaster loomed.

Dr. Claudius-Cole's sister led her to an American orthopaedic specialist, who had just heard rocker/activist Bono issue his mandate for caring people everywhere to step up and make a difference. As he listened to Dr. Claudius-Cole, he saw his own chance to do just that. Donating his own surgical services, he helped mobilize an entire medical team to get Dr. Claudius-Cole back on her feet. He even arranged free hip and knee implants.

Today, Dr. Claudius-Cole is fully recovered, and back at her vital healing practice in West Africa. Her story truly brings new meaning to the term "pro-Bono." We share it here because it sends two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back.



Knox County 4-H Competes In District Shooting Sports

Knox County 4-H members competed in the District Rifle and Pistol Shoot in Wichita Falls at the Northwest Texas Field and Stream Shooting Range. The district is comprised of twenty four counties and there was around 100 4-H'ers competing in the contest. Overall, Logan Groves placed second as an individual in the Intermediate Pistol Shoot. The Intermediate Team made up of Logan Groves, Parker Finley, Jonathon Rainwater, Trey Tidwell, and

Shannon Reeves placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Rifle Shoot. The junior team placed 4<sup>th</sup> as well and was made up of Chase Wilson, Aiden Hunter, Brady Finley, and Justin Rainwater. All of these 4-H'ers did an excellent job at the contest. Knox County 4-H would like to thank Kevin and Lynn Finley who allowed the kids to practice at their place and everyone who volunteered at the practices and contest. Congratulations to all on a great year. SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1 Educational

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Pictured LtoR: Justin Rainwater, Jonathon Rainwater, Logan Groves, Shannon Reeves, Brady Finley, Trey Tidwell, and Parker Finley.



Junior Rifle Team Pictured LtoR: Aiden Hunter, Justin Rainwater, Chase Wilson, and Brady Finley.

Russell Graves Outdoors Turkey Fest

By Russell A. Graves

Five miles doesn't seem like a lot until you walk it. All day long my brother Bubba and I crawled through briars, picked cockleburrs from our clothes, waded muddy creeks, sat silently in the brush, and whispered to each other endlessly - all in an attempt to harvest a huge tom turkey who amorously followed three hens across the ranch in which we hunted.

I can understand why the turkey eluded us but for the life of me, I can't understand how. First off, he is huge - probably 22 pounds or better and has a beard that drags the ground when he walks. When strutting, his iridescent colors shine a coppery hue that's easy to spot against the green spring growth. Second, he was extremely noisy. Since well before sunrise, he started gobbling from his roost and continued his audible assault on the quiet Clay County, Texas ranch most of the day.

We'd call and he'd call back. We'd move closer and he'd move further away. For eight solid hours we played a game of chess where we'd get close to calling checkmate but the tom, with his amazing sixth sense, always kept himself just out of range for us to make a play.

So goes turkey hunting... While admittedly frustrating, Bubba and I were having a great time as part of the third annual Clay County Turkey Fest in Henrietta, Texas.

Turkey Fest is the result of an organized, grassroots effort among the county's citizenry to bring awareness and tourism to their part of northern Texas. Since the county can't lay claim to any amusement parks or other "traditional" tourist attractions, Deborah Clark and other keen members of the Turkey Fest committee realize that they do have Rio Grande turkeys in relative abundance and a growing constituency of hunters are willing to come to the county to chase the wary game bird. With that in mind, the community built a festival around the venerable wild turkey.

For Bubba and I this was our first invite to Turkey Fest and we were one of only nine teams invited to compete. The teams are made up of various members of the media like outdoor television personalities Dave Watson and Hal Schaffer and others who are plugged into turkey nation.

Besides the turkey competition among the teams, the weekend festivities also include an expo, live music, games, and a fun run. The last full day of Turkey Fest is capped off with the Full Strut Banquet. The banquet is a fund raising event that features a silent auction, catered meal, and the end of the night each of the "celebrity" teams are auctioned for a chance to hunt with the various groups.

Bubba and I were auctioned to a hunter from Cleburne, Texas and at 5:30am Sunday morning, we met to lay out the day's hunt plan. We were taking him to another place just about five miles east of town. Just the day before, Bubba harvested a 19-pound bird only thirty minutes after we relocated away from the first turkey.

Just before sunrise, we heard the turkeys gobbling form the roost and moved just close enough where they could hear our calling but no so close where they'd see us slipping through the dank undergrowth. Once we set up, we heard the birds fly down from the trees and instantly, two toms were booming in the oak and cedar elm forested creek bottom. A few clucks and purrs later, they appeared to our left. Since turkeys have keen eyesight, we couldn't move as they'd see us. So we waited for them to walk to the decoy we placed out front.

Not a minute later, a hen shows up and leads the toms down to the creek and away from us, perhaps forever.

So goes turkey hunting...

For more information about the Clay County Turkey Fest, check out [www.claycountyoutdoors.org](http://www.claycountyoutdoors.org)

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