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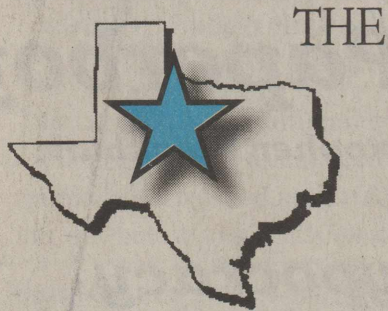


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## The Fifth Infantry Division Reunites in Knox City

By Tamara Smart

Some men recall Vietnam or other wartime memories with much reluctance. Some had their whole psyches altered during these battles in the trenches; most war stories falling in the "boy becomes a man" genre.

Wartime, though, is not only a time of death and devastation, but one of some of the deepest rooted friendships and camaraderie of brethren bound to each other through their survival instincts. Hollywood captured this relationship in the film

Forrest Gump. Forrest Gump's relationship with "Bubba" is the quintessential paradigm of such a friendship built in fox holes, marching through the bush, and working to serve the Country to which these soldiers pledged their allegiance.

These friendships are not just a figment of Hollywood, though. Rather, in some cases, the reality that has kept men going even in years post-war.

Recently, Knox City was the common ground which three of five soldiers who served the

United States during Vietnam reunited after 40 years of being apart. More specifically, what has become known as Glen Dell Large's "'57 Heaven" Garage was the spot that these three long lost brothers came together and allowed each other to know their piece of "the rest of the story."

Large, known to these men as "Papa Large," because he was the eldest in their division hosted Jimmy Garner of Concorde, Georgia, and Jerry Crawford of Walnut, Mississippi for several days the first week of August,



Photo by Jason Smart

The jeep the 5th Infantry used during war-time. At one time during the conflict, the canvas that acted as the roof of this jeep was lost and the Infantrymen used ply board as a make-shift roof for the vehicle.



Photo by Jason Smart

Jimmy Garner, Jerry Crawford and Glen Dell Large reunite in Knox City 40 years after serving the United States of America in Vietnam as the 5th Infantry Division.

2009.

The reunion of the 5th Infantry was bittersweet, as only three of the six men were able to come. Missing was Miguel Romero, who was undergoing a kidney transplant in Washington state, Charles Hardesty of Arkansas and Larry Allred of North Dakota. Yet, the absence of these soldiers didn't halt the garage quickly being filled with stories about arguments over chewing tobacco while in 'Nam, recalling the 21st birthdays of

two of their division men, missing beans cooked in hard hats ("the best beans I ever ate" according to Large and the reason that Miguel Romero was dubbed the "Bean Bandit" through the duration of the Division's tour in Vietnam) and catching up on the last 40 years.

Some stories the former soldiers told almost had Hollywood quality detail behind them. The men were very grateful to see Jimmy Garner again, as for years they had thought their lead

man in the war went MIA. Turns out, Garner's orders changed abruptly mid-tour and he was shipped out away from his original Division. He had no time to tell his men what was happening; truly, he got his orders and got on a helicopter. The men left behind were unaware of this and tried to find Jimmy after returning to the US post-tour. All their searches came back lacking... possibly because they thought Jimmy

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## Knox City Swimming Pool Reduces Costs in 2009

By Tamara Smart

As the summer draws to a close and youngsters around the county prepare for the 2009-2010 school year, a mild case of reflection is in order.

One such need for reflection

is concerning the Knox City pool, which was a source of debate in City Council at the beginning of the summer as to whether this year would be the first year in many that the pool would not open.

Obviously, the council decided to keep the pool open this year again, even with the expected \$11- 12,000 loss the City incurs yearly because of the costliness of the City Pool.

Normally, the City expects the pool to cost between \$14,000 and \$15,000. This year, total expenses totaled only \$9,952.36. Yet, this year was a little different than year's past, as the end of the year cost expended out to the pool was reduced by

\$4000-5000. That includes all cost for labor, lifeguards, chemicals, repair, preparation and upkeep of the pool through the months through which it is open.

This reduction in cost is the direct result of several factors. One of which being the way that money was managed from the get-go.

"Barbara did an excellent job in fund delegation" was the comment made about Barbara Rector in reference to the way the pool moneys were handled. The pool manager was given a limited amount and expected to work under that umbrella - which she did.

Knox City City Pool was man-

aged this year by Kristi Moeller, who is also known around town as one of the fourth grade teachers at Knox City Elementary School.

Between her professionalism and an excellent staff of lifeguards and "summer help", the pool was proud at the close of the season to report 2009 as an accident-free swim season. Also, this year, there were no incidents requiring the pool to be drained. All the pool equipment, although old, is still in working order. The pool was always clean and properly observed.

Moeller plans on applying to manage the pool again next year, during the summer of 2010. Although the expense

went down this year, the amount of Knox City youths (and Knox City youths-at-heart, too) that enjoyed the pool services remained the same from years' prior. On the City budget, the 2009 income for the pool is noted as \$3,987; right along what it has averaged for some time now. Yet, because of the lack of accidents, the well-managed facilities and the money delegation, the pool only cost the city \$5965.63 rather than the figured \$10,000 of previous years.

Will this tradition continue next year, though? That will be discussed at length in City Council before the beginning of the season in 2010 (this year, the discussion about the pool began in March). Mrs. Moeller has high hopes the City will continue to keep the pool open.

"The kids love the pool- if you don't have the pool, where are the kids going to go? I enjoy it and I have fun" were Moeller's sentiments about the pool after running it this year.

### CORRECTION

The new Athletic Director in Benjamin is Doug McCollough and his son is named Kaden.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Tax Free weekend is THIS WEEKEND all over Texas- be sure to get your supplies for the 2009-2010 school year!

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The Knox City swimming pool was a place of enjoyment all summer. There was discussion about not opening the pool this year but it opened and was able to run at a lower cost to the city.

## This Weekend is Tax Free

AUSTIN -- Great news for back-to-school shoppers.

For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

The sales tax holiday is this weekend, Aug. 21-23 across Texas.

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend.

Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list.

The full list can be found below.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 that are already tax-free this weekend.

The Comptroller's office is sending information to retailers about implementing the expanded sales tax holiday.

Tax-free school supplies include:

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- blackboard chalk
- book bags
- calculators
- cellophane tape
- compasses
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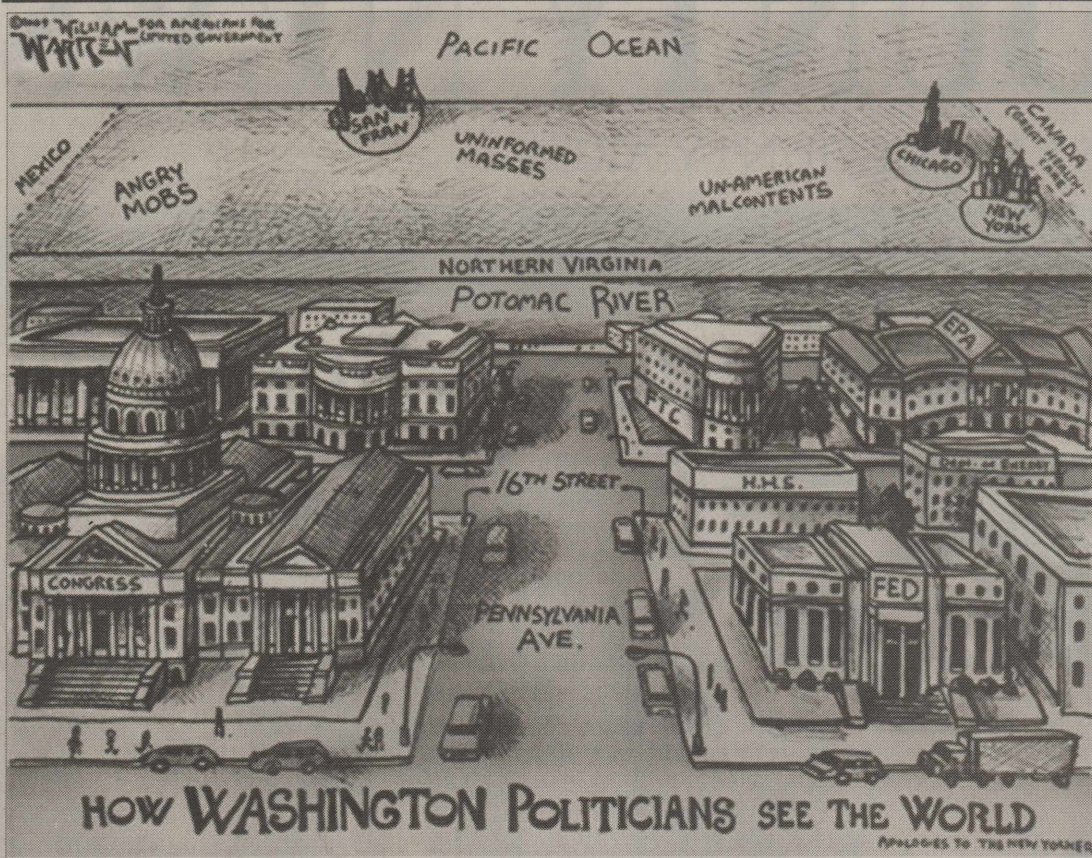
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## The Public Option on the Table

By Robert Romano

The so-called public "option" - no less than a government takeover of the entire health care system - is apparently off the table. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND), appearing on FOX News Sunday, said, "The fact of the matter is there are not the votes in the United States Senate for a public option. There never have been."

Not that it matters in the great scheme of things. Because the American people's adamant opposition to ObamaCare does not matter all that much to their representatives. Besides expanding government's reach to control the lives of the American people, what matters most to Congressmen are their prospects for reelection. They desire nothing more.

And now the American people are learning that, at least in the Senate, they are not willing to lose their seats over this bill.

To put this revelation in perspective, despite having 58 Democrat Senators plus two Independent Senators that caucus with them, and 256 Representatives - more than enough to pass any bill they desire - Congressional Democrats allegedly cannot summon the votes in the Senate to enact their top agenda item: socialized medicine. And why might that be?

The American people have made their voices loud and clear: They do not want a government takeover of their health care.

They do not want rationing boards to eliminate "overhead" costs and cut out "unnecessary" tests and procedures that really means less quality care administered to America's seniors. They do not want the unsustainable debt the program would produce to be passed on to their children and their children's children.

However, while a prominent senator declaring the public "option" dead on arrival in the Senate is certainly good news for the American people, it should be taken with a grain of salt.

Congressional opposition to this proposal is contingent upon the continued opposition by the American people to a proposal that threatens no less than the quality of health care their families and friends receive.

And if the American people stop making phone calls, writing letters, and visiting with their Congressmen to express their opposition to the takeover, then representatives may start to believe that the coast is clear. That perhaps they can get away with it. And that is when they can and will deliver the deathblow to the nation's health care system.

In the House, there are still 3 pieces of legislation, all of which still include the public "option." Meaning it is still very much on the table, at least in that chamber. After all, whether or not the plan can pass the Senate really has little to do with the legislation that the House will pass.

It also says nothing about

what a final version of the bill will look like out of the conference committee, which is where the action always is. There, the House - represented by Nancy Pelosi - will have a full seat at the table. And there, the public "option" will very much be on the table.

In truth, there is no way Nancy Pelosi can get a health care bill out of the House that does not include the public "option," which Kaiser Health News reports will cost more than \$1.5 trillion.

Indeed, the inclusion of the public "option" is a deal breaker for the more radical members of the House. On CNN, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson said, "It would be very, very difficult, because without the public option, we'll have the same number of people uninsured. If the insurance companies wanted to insure these people now, they'd be insured."

The fact is: the public "option" is the Democrat Party's proposal on the issue of health care. Without it, they would have to go back to scratch.

Certainly, Barack Obama is not ready to call it quits. In Colorado on Saturday, he said, "I think that we can craft a system in which you've got a public option that has to operate independently, not subsidized by taxpayers - it would be nonprofit... they would have to go on the market and get a market price for

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## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### A Lesson in Hypocrisy

Something has disgusted me over the past several weeks.

It is hard to believe that the voices of so many were dismissed as "un-American" by elected officials, particularly the Speaker of the House.

What is more un-American, protesting a war you feel is the wrong decision or protesting a health care reform bill?

What is more patriotic, protesting a war you feel is the wrong decision or protesting a health care reform bill?

The reality is, you are not un-American nor patriotic in either instance. That is the beauty of our freedom of speech. It guarantees you the right to say and express how you feel about a given topic or situation.

Freedom of speech can be hard to swallow at times. If you feel strongly about a topic, then naturally, the opposite view will upset you. But elected officials should be above name-calling. It makes them look petty and sad.

Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House and one of the biggest hypocrites walking the globe, called those protesting at recent town hall meetings "un-American," "Nazis" and "right-wing extremists."

Oh yes Madam Speaker, those grandmothers sure did look like "right-wing extremists." How terrifying!

Wouldn't it have sounded more professional if she would have said, "We welcome differences of opinion in this country. It leads to constructive dialogue which enables us to have the pulse of our respective constituents, thus, making us a better country."

Of course, if she were to say those words, would you believe them?

Here are some words Pelosi spoke following the presidential election:

"Last week, in a stunning display of democracy, the American people voted for change," said Pelosi. "Today, House Democrats have elected the leaders who will help take our nation in a New Direction. We will work together to lead the House of Representatives with a commitment to integrity, to civility, and to fiscal responsibility. This leadership team will create the most honest, most open, and most ethical Congress in history."

How wonderful it would have been had she really meant what she was saying back in November.

At times during the war, formerly known as the war on terror, it pained me to see so much hate in the streets of our country. In fact, many of the things said during that time made me sick.

However, I can appreciate the fact that people can assemble and voice their opinions and that right should be, and is, protected.

I remember growing up and seeing and hearing both pro life and pro choice groups going at it in front of clinics around the country. Both groups had one thing in common: freedom of speech.

Freedom of speech is a human right. Without it, we are oppressed.

Read the words of others:

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." - George Washington

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." - Voltaire

"The sound of tireless voices is the price we pay for the right to hear the music of our own opinions." - Adlai E. Stevenson

Speaker Pelosi can't have it both ways. Elected officials condemning Americans for exercising a basic right is both unprofessional and childish. I was going to say it was un-American, but we proved here that would be a mistake on my part.

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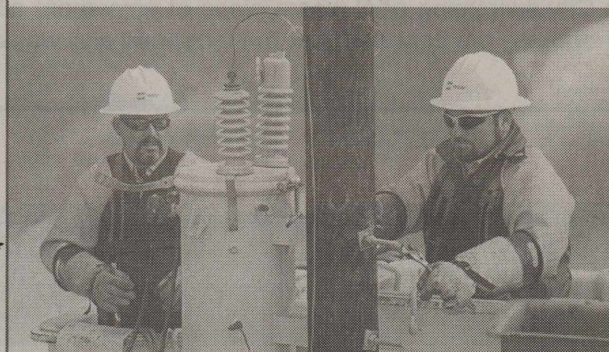
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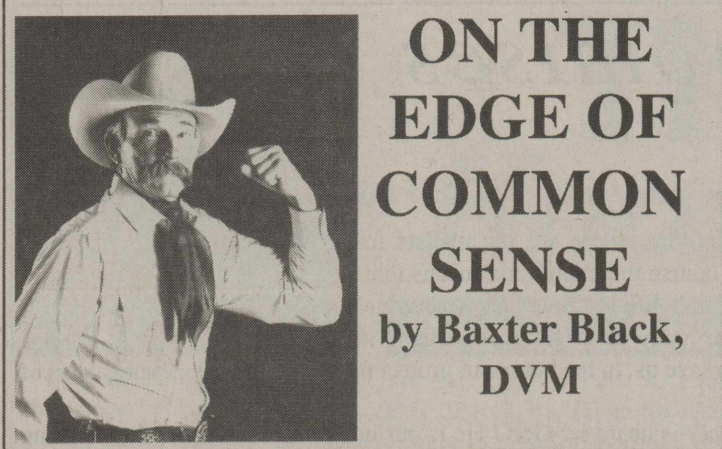
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# ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

## MRS. OBAMA'S GARDEN

Mrs. First Lady Obama's organic gardening is good for all of us involved in agriculture. So few citizens have the time or interest or space to grow anything they eat, that they have no way to relate to the land and what it takes to make it fruitful. Even fewer know how to can or preserve their home-grown produce for the winter's larder.

She, the First Lady, is a modern suburban dweller and has adopted the banner of 'organic', which has now morphed into a brand name like NAVY or Danish Ham. I doubt she could explain the difference except to say 'no hormones or chemicals' but it doesn't make any difference. Organic has become a great niche market for 'real' farmers, too. It is a high end product like prime beef, wild salmon, or Roquefort cheese.

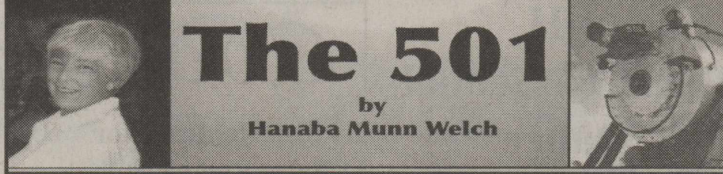
However, home gardening may be making a comeback, whether you choose to use chemical fertilizer or fresh chicken manure, Sevin or to hoe your own weeds. People out of work have more time on their hands and are on a budget. As Steve said, "When you've got enough to eat you've got lots of problems. When you don't have enough to eat you have one problem."

This spring a group of my church members planted a community garden. It's the size of a good Iowa farmer's front lawn! I don't know if it's organic but it takes a lot of work; weeding, watering, fighting bugs, birds, rabbits, and all manner of vermin and varmints. It probably won't produce enough food to sustain a family, but it will offer a few weeks of fresh corn on the cob, squash, onions and tomatoes to spice up a meal. And it didn't cost much, just seeds and chicken wire. That's if you don't count the cost of labor, which, of course, farmers never do!

And yes, I do have a garden. It looks like the solitary confinement cell in *Cool Hand Luke!* It is javalina, jack rabbit, locust, bird, rattlesnake, rat, cottontail and cowdog proof! Good enough for six rows of jalapeños and tomatoes. You'd think I'd have an abundant crop, alas, this morning I called the extension service Master Gardner. DIAGNOSIS: Blossom end rot. ETIOLOGY: Too much water. TREATMENT: Stop it!

So Mrs. First Lady, you are setting a good example, as am I. But obviously even with our own gardens, we can't hardly feed ourselves, much less our neighbors. I mean, you must have lots of company! And that is why we continue to place the burden of feeding the world on the backs of our country's farmers and ranchers who, by using modern agricultural practices are able to keep up with the globe's ever increasing appetite.

And we as a grateful nation thank them for giving us the time to worry about politics, what to wear, energy, global cooling, writing a column, Supreme Court appointments, bank foreclosures and media critics, because thanks to them we don't have to worry that our children are going to bed hungry tonight.



# 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 the family farm north of Vernon.

"Delete" is an action word that has come into its own as the Information Age has blossomed. Thank goodness. Otherwise we'd all be overwhelmed. I am anyway.

Not that the deletion process hasn't always been around, but back in the good old days, life didn't revolve around deleting stuff the way it does now - not for regular people. Deletion was what lawyers and other dictators did to paragraphs and phrases. Of course, it wasn't really the purveyors of verbiage themselves who did the deleting. They depended on minions with hair in buns and pencils over ears. Things went smoothly if said deletions happened during the stenographic process but became quite troublesome when anything already typed had to be erased or trashed and retyped.

Erasures were the worst, especially if carbon copies were involved. Shudder. The process could have been a business college course all its own. Maybe it was. Equipment ranged from different types of erasers, hard and soft, to brushes that whisked away eraser crumbs and shields that protected innocent letters. Onionskin paper came in different colors for multiple copies. Major deletions involved big wastebaskets and filing cabinet purges.

Granted, the hair-in-a-bun stereotype is an exaggeration, but I'm not dramatizing one bit the difficulties of erasures. Trust me. Seems like you could also buy eradication fluid, but I think maybe it was for ink used by draftsmen and cartoonists. I myself never invested in a bottle. It sounded too much like invisible ink or some other scam suitable for advertisement to 10-year-olds on the backs of cereal boxes. Poof. The words disappear.

Nowadays that's really what happens. All it takes is one mouse click or keystroke to delete a word or an entire electronic mail message or an image or lots of other things. I once made two or three ill-advised clicks (not that anyone was advising me but me) and inadvertently deleted a whole photo library. Lots of computer photos. So it's no wonder I'm cautious about deletions.

Maybe that's why I wanted to believe Google's Gmail promotion when they said I'd never have to delete another email if I signed up for one of their accounts. Apparently, the Google team was talking to normal people. I enrolled anyway. Now, a few short years later, they're talking straight to me:

"You are almost out of space for your Gmail account. You can view our tips on reducing your email storage or purchase additional storage."

It takes a super email hoarder to get a message like that. Call me super.

Anyway, I vowed to change my ways and delete whatever it took to reclaim space. I tried. It was like shutting the gate after the cow had left for distant pastures. Messages disappeared, but my storage space didn't expand accordingly. Not at all.

A computer click on Google's tip on how to reduce email storage produced no tip. No kidding.

I paid \$20 for additional storage. That didn't work either.

Erasers and wastebaskets? Delete all those unkind things I said.

Postscript: Delete also what I said about the \$20 not buying extra storage. I tried it again, and it worked. Thank you Google for taking my money.

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2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA LT-XTRA CLEAN ALL POWER, \$11970 STOCK#30856N	2007 DODGE RAM 3500 LARAMIE MEGA CAB, DIESEL, LOADED, \$69560 STOCK#31666	2006 JEEP LIBERTY 2WD, BLACK, CLEAN, 51K, STK#30857, \$8,900	2006 MAZDA MIATA MX5 CONVERTIBLE, SPORTY, WHITE, BLACK, STK#30874, \$14,990	2008 DODGE RAM SLT QUAD V8, \$17900, #10977B	2007 FORD EXPEDITION 4WD LIMITED LOADED LEATHER, \$33840 STOCK#30908	2005 CHRYSLER PACIFICA, TOURING, \$1970, #10953A	2008 FORD F-150 COLOR: BRIGHT RED, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER, AUTOMATIC, STOCK: 30729C, \$18,976	2004 CADILLAC ESCALADE AWD V8, LOADED, \$16777 STOCK#30898A	2007 DODGE CHARGER ALL FWD, CLEAN, STK#30818, \$11,300	2006 GMC SIERRA 1500HD SLE1, COLOR: STEEL GRAY METALLIC, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER, AUTOMATIC, STOCK: 30749B, \$18,866	2005 CHRYSLER SEBRING SKT ALL POWER, LOW MILES, CLEAN, STK#55644, \$6,990	
2006 KIA SPORTAGE EX 4X4, LEATHER, SUNROOF, CLEAN, \$18470, STOCK#10966A	2006 DODGE RAM 1500 ST WHITE, DRIVETRAIN: 6 CYLINDER MANUAL, STOCK: 30849, \$12,362	2004 DODGE RAM 2500DIESEL, QUAD, 4X4, SLT, LOADED, CLEAN, \$16960, 30865A	2006 DODGE RAM 2500 ST COLOR: BRIGHT WHITE, DRIVETRAIN: 6 CYLINDER, AUTOMATIC, STOCK: 30811, \$13,900	2003 DODGE RAM 3500 SLT COLOR: BRIGHT WHITE, DRIVETRAIN: 6 CYLINDER, AUTOMATIC, STOCK: 30768, \$19,400	2006 DODGE RAM 3500 SLT SILVER, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER MANUAL, MODEL CODE: D1842, STOCK: 30942, \$21,500	2006 DODGE RAM 3500 LARAMIE, COLOR: BLACK, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER, MANUAL, MODEL CODE: D1842, STOCK: 30347, \$25,694	2008 DODGE RAM 3500 LARAMIE, COLOR: BLACK, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER, MANUAL, MODEL CODE: D1842, STOCK: 30347, \$25,694	2008 FORD F-150 XLT COLOR: SILVER METALLIC, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER, AUTOMATIC, MODEL CODE: W12, STOCK: 30827, \$19,546	2006 FORD FIVE HUNDRED LEATHER, SUNROOF, NICE, \$12970, STOCK#10953A	2003 CHEVY 271 LT 4X4, LEATHER, LOADED, BRIGHT RED, STK#30866, \$10,300	2007 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB 3500 DIESEL, SLT, LOW MILES, STK#30821, \$29,800	2006 HYUNDAI SONATA GLS LOADED, CLEAN, LOW MILES, STK#109035A, \$9,975
2006 DODGE DAKOTA ST SILVER, DRIVETRAIN: 6 CYLINDER MANUAL, MODEL CODE: N011E3, STOCK: 30843, \$7,775	2005 JAGUAR XJ6 BLACK, LEATHER, NICE, LOW MILES, 15K ACTUAL, STK#30885, \$27,789	2009 TOYOTA CAMRY, SE, SUNROOF, XTRA CLEAN, \$17890, #30871A	2005 MURANO AWD, CLEAN, LOADED, STK#30222A, \$16,900	2006 FORD CUTAWAY VAN GREAT SHAPE, RUNS EXCELLENT, CLEAN, 89K, STK#30863, \$12,300	2006 DODGE RAM 2500 COLOR: SILVER, DRIVETRAIN: 6 CYLINDER, MANUAL, STOCK: 30853, \$22,383	2009 FORD F150 4X4 KING RANCH WOW, 12500 MILES, \$38240, STOCK#30906	2007 DODGE RAM QUAD SLTDIESEL, LOADED MEGA CAB, \$29720, #30892	2008 FORD F350 SUPERCREW DIESEL, 4X4, LOADED, LOW MILES, 59K, \$28,900	2006 VOLKSWAGEN, BEETLE, DIESEL, NICE, \$10530, #10992M	2006 FORD SUPER DUTY F-350 DRW, COLOR: OXFORD WHITE, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER, AUTOMATIC, MODEL CODE: F37, STOCK: 30797, \$22,600	2000 GMC STEPSIDE SINGLE CAB, CLEAN, \$6880, #30977A	2003 FORD MUSTANG WOW, WOW, NICE \$6320, #11018A
2007 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE LT, LEATHER, LOADED, GOOD MILES, STK#3082A, \$25840	2008 DODGE RAM 2500 SLT DIESEL, LOADED, CLEAN, WARRANTY, \$36840, STK#42866	2008 LINCOLN ZEPHER LEATHER, LOADED, CLEAN, \$17850, STK#30910	2005 FORD F150 WORK TRUCK, \$ SPEED, \$8965, STK#30912	2006 FORD FREESTYLE BLACK AND BEAUTIFUL, LOW MILES, LOADED, STK#30970, \$11,780	2007 FORD EXPEDITION EDIE BAUER 2WD LEATHER, LOADED NO PICK 1 OWNER, CLEAN, \$28920, STK#30847A	2006 FORD F-150 XLT COLOR: GRAY, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER, AUTOMATIC, MODEL CODE: W12, STOCK: 30848, \$16,372	2008 FORD F350 SUPERCREW DIESEL, 4X4, LOADED, LOW MILES, 59K, \$28,900	2006 VOLKSWAGEN, BEETLE, DIESEL, NICE, \$10530, #10992M	2006 FORD TAURUS, SEL, LEATHER, LOW MILES, \$9720, #10639B	2006 DODGE RAM MEGA CAB 2500 SLT, BLACK, LOW MILES, 22K, STK#30905, \$37,990	2003 GMC #1500 SLE 4X4, SITE CUSTOM WHEELS, NTRF BARS, SILVER BIRCH, STK#30748B, \$19,700	VERN SAYS: TRADE, WE NEED INVENTORY!
2006 CHEVY IMPALA SILVER, V8, AT, 61K, CLOTH, NICE PRICED TO SELL, \$8,750, STK#3082A	2007 DODGE RAM 1500 ST WHITE, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER, MANUAL, MODEL CODE: D1842, STOCK: 30814, \$9,970	2005 DODGE RAM 2500 BLACK, DRIVETRAIN: 8 CYLINDER MANUAL, MODEL CODE: D1842, STOCK: 30814, \$16,874	2008 FORD F150 SUPER CREW SUPERCLEAN, SUPER PRICE, STK#30728C, \$19,300	07 FORD XLT ICE BLUE, CLEAN, ALL POWER, \$18130, STK#30913	2007 DODGE RAM 3500 SLT BRILLIANT BLACK CRYSTAL, PPL, DRIVETRAIN: 6 CYLINDER, MANUAL, MODEL CODE: D1841, STOCK: 30821, \$25,972	2006 MUSTANG GT CONVERTIBLE, RED, WHITE CUSTOM WHEELS, \$22170, STK#30909	2008 DODGE RAM, MEGA CAB, LARAMIE, LEATHER, DIESEL, \$29720, #30892	2006 DODGE DAKOTA EXT. CAB STK#30843, \$9,300	2005 CHEVROLET COLORADO Z71, RED, CREW CAB, \$13880, 10992M	2003 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB 2500 SLT, 4X4, STK#10821A, \$9,900		

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## Museum News

Recent visitors at the Wichita Brazos Museum were Weldon and Marjorie Patterson of Fresno, California. They plan to bring some Ernest Tubb memorabilia once held by Rex and Maretha Patterson of Benjamin.

Ernest Tubb lived in Benjamin, so many Knox County people knew him and heard him "make music" at local gatherings. After he became a successful country and western musician, Tubb's and his band were on their way to an engagement and stopped as they went through Benjamin, at Hill's Café. People began to gather when they heard he was in town, so he took time to entertain the fans and passed out programs for the upcoming engagement, while visiting with old friends. The Patterson's have one of these programs.

Kenneth Roberts and the Museum office staff are working on the 2010 Calendar. If you have any pictures of Knox County businesses please call or take them by the Museum office. They will make copies for the calendar, and you can keep the original. Both exterior and interior pictures of businesses are needed. Businesses could include wagon yards, general stores, drug stores, early gas stations, etc. Photos with some of the owners or employees of a store are especially sought. The

Museum's historically themed calendars are an important fund raiser for the Wichita Brazos Museum every year, with pictures from each community and stories about the pictures.

Another project is the Museum Garage Sale which will be held Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Perry Patton Center in Munday. Your donation of just about anything will be a help. Let the Museum office know if you need someone to pick up your donations, or if you can help by picking up donations to take to the sale. Start cleaning out your storage space and help make 2009 the biggest Museum Garage Sale ever.

The 2010 Calendar and the Garage Sale are not the only activities on the fall schedule. The annual Veterans Day Program and lunch has been set for Wednesday, Nov. 11.

One thing you may not know is the calendars from past years continue to sell even though the calendars are out of date. People stopping off the highway often buy a calendar for the old pictures before they leave. If you've intended to buy a calendar because it has a picture of some family member in the early days, maybe you'd better get it soon, before some tourist heads down the highway with it!

## 4-H Back-To-School Dance

The Haskell County 4-H Program will be having their annual 4-H Dance this Saturday, August 22, 2009. The dance will be from 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at the pavilion inside the Haskell County Fair Grounds in Haskell. All 4-H members in Haskell, Knox, Stonewall & Throckmorton Counties are invited and may bring guests. Also, all public youth are invited to join in the fun, from ages of 8 and in the 3rd grade up to 18. A 4-H dress code will be enforced.

No one will be allowed to re-enter the dance once they leave. The music will be by K-MAC from Rhineland. Admission for Haskell County 4-H members is \$5.00 and a 6-Pack of soft drinks. Other county 4-H members and all guests is \$5.00. If you will be sitting at any time it is recommended to "BYOC" (Bring Your Own Chair). There will be no chairs available at the dance. This dance will be alcohol and drug free. Haskell County 4-H parents will be chaperoning. In case of bad weather, the dance will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

Before the 4-H Dance, the Haskell County 4-H Clubs will be sponsoring a Hamburger Meal and our 4-H Awards Program. This will be held from 6:30 till 7:30 p.m.. The cost of the meal will be \$6.50 and that would also include the dance. The meal will consist of a real grilled hamburger with all the trimmings, real French fries, homemade desserts and iced tea. In case of rain, the meal and awards will be moved to the Haskell National Bank community Building.

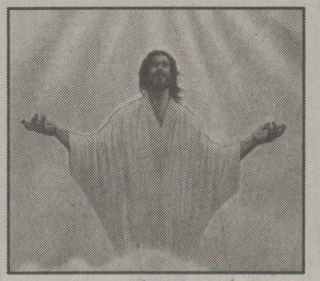
Please call the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658. Wes Utley, Jane Rowan or Tammy Parham will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

"Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this event are encouraged to contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made."

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

## God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church



Have you ever heard the expression, "there are no atheists in foxholes"? You probably have. Of course the expression means that when all hope is gone and fear for one's life is immediate, everyone will cry out to Holy God! There are many other circumstances in life that we would also cry out to God; to save us, to heal us, or to protect us and many more expressions of hopelessness.

Christians cry out also, but our cry is heard by God. He is our hope, our assurance, the loving God that we know. We live with a viewpoint or perception that we know we will live eternally with God. Many people who do not know God personally would ask a believer, "how do you know?"

We know through prayer. We speak with God and He speaks to us. Jesus made it perfectly clear in the Bible as He spoke, "It is written, and My house shall be a house of prayer" (Luke 19: 45a; NASB). You may think of the church as a place of activities, or programs, or funerals and weddings, or a place where people no better than you try to tell you how to live. His House may be a place that you choose not to enter. Let me encourage you to enter God's house of prayer. God's house is a place where you can speak to Him.

God is faithful to hear the prayer of sinners. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us." (1 John 1: 9, 10) I pray that you will enter God's house this Sunday morning and cry out to Him, that He may hear you and assure you of His love for you.

## Subsurface Drip Irrigation Program

If you are a producer, crop consultant, or irrigation professional and are interested in the latest research updates and management recommendations from recognized experts in SDI technology and applications, this program is for you.

Through a collaboration between Texas AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Kansas State University, and USDA-ARS at Bushland, a Subsurface Drip Irrigation Field Day will be presented. It will take place on August 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research Farm and Helms Farm at Halfway, TX. The day will be packed with useful information coming from many known presenters and professionals in their fields. Some of the key note speakers will be Craig Bednarz, Plant Physiologist of Texas AgriLife Research and Texas Tech University, Randy Boman, Extension Agronomist-Cotton at Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Jim Bordovsky, Research Scientist and Agricultural Engineer-Irrigation at Texas AgriLife Research, Paul Colaizzi, Agricultural Engineer with USDA-ARS Conservation and Production Laboratory Soil and Water Management Research Unit, along with others.

Many program items that will be addressed are irrigation

termination in cotton production, cotton irrigation, management research, subsurface drip irrigation uniformity, SDI pros and cons, water quality concerns, comparison of SDI with low pressure center pivot irrigation, and many others. A catered lunch will be provided and the

program is free of charge. If you have interests in attending this program please RSVP by contacting us at the Extension office at 940-459-2651 or Dana Porter, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Extension Agricultural Engineering Specialist at 806-746-4022.

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No Sunday Evening Service

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Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m.  
"Discovering God's Word" radio broadcast Sunday mornings on AM 1400 The River 8:20 - 8:50 a.m.

### FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Knox City

Gary A. Schnable, Pastor  
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

### SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH - Knox City

Father Charles Gorantla • Deacon Ben Vasquez  
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.

### LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C. - Knox City

Gene Ward Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m.  
Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland

Father Charles Gorantla • Deacon Jim Novak  
Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass  
Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Timothy Trimble, Pastor  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie

Matt Harrington, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

### THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222

W.O. Smith, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

### O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien

Jim Reid, Pastor  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.  
Sunday Mornings on KVRP 97.1 at 9:05 a.m.

### WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH

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### MUNDAY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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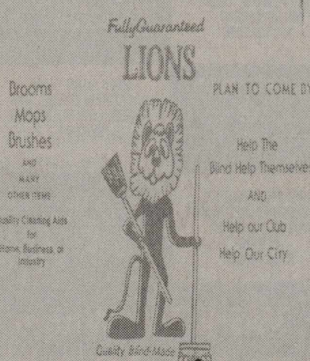
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### Knox City Lions Club

BROOM & MOP SALE  
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# The Classifieds

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### Legal Notice

Public Hearings

The City of Knox City will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase/ decrease total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 31, 2009 at 12:00 noon at City Hall located at 902 E. Main.

The second public hearing will be held on September 3, 2009 at 12:00 noon at City Hall located at 902 E. Main.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

### Help Wanted

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### Legal Notice

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
That in accordance with section 30.05 Of the penal code of texas - (criminal trespass senate bill iii legislature), notice is hereby given that all lands of the W.T. Waggoner Estate are posted - save and except where written permission is given to come up on the same.

Gene w. Willingham  
A.B. Wharton  
We (54)

### Legal Notice

Bid Notice

City of Knox City will be taking sealed bids to purchase selected city owned property within the city limits of Knox City. Property listing may be obtained at City Hall, 902 E. Main. Bids will be taken until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. Bids will be opened at the regular Council meeting on Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

### Garage Sale

704 E. Main, Thursday & Friday from 9 am - ????. Baby stuff, chairs, clothes & much, much more!

### Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
In the name and by the authority

of the State of Texas, notice is COUNTY OF KNOX hereby given as follows: TO

Antonio Diaz, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lot 1, Block 51, Lee Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 293, Page 898 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 2 and 3, Block 51, Lee Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 293, Page 898 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 12, Block 55, Lee Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 288, Page 1248 and Vol. 313, Page 103 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; and the West 120' of the South 100' of Block 41, R.P. Munday Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 294, Page 1180 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,604.79, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on June 24, 2008, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Pedro Castillo et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 9176, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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2009 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)	Rainfall inches
	Low / High	
04/07	24/78	
04/08	57/92	
04/09	56/83	
04/10	46/67	
04/11	45/70	1.07
04/12	53/72	.67
04/13	44/70	
Total Rainfall		1.13
2009 Rainfall (ytd)		2.15

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Attorney: Megan Suarez  
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**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: **JASON FRANKUM** RESPONDENT, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2009 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 50<sup>th</sup> District Court of Knox County, at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas.

Said RESPONDENT PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION July 7, 2009 in this case, numbered 9227 on the docket of said court, and styled IN THE INTEREST OF: JOSHUA JAMES FRANKUM, GT AL MINOR CHILDREN.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: ED HUNT is Petitioner and JASON FRANKUM IS THE Respondents.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Motion on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, on August 7, 2009, 2009.

ATTEST: Annette Offutt, District Clerk  
Knox County, Texas

By: Lisa Cypert, Deputy  
LISA CYPERT, Chief Deputy

THIS COPY BEING THE ORIGINAL FILED ON 20 DAY OF 2009  
SHERIFF, KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS

# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

The days are getting shorter & school is right around the corner. Two sure indications that fall can't be too far off. And that means football! The Mustangs scrimmaged Knox City Sat a.m.

and are looking pretty good. On Fri. this week Woodson comes here for another scrimmage. Time is 10:00 a.m. We hope for and look forward to a good school year.

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**EQUAL HOUSING LENDER**

On Monday the Lady 'Stangs scrimmaged Chillicothe in volleyball. They did ok too.

Sympathy this week to the Tommy Greenwood family. Tommy passed away early last week. He had been in failing health for quite sometime. His funeral was Thurs. in Goree where he resided.

**Here N There**

Randolph & Judy Barnett were in Lubbock & Slaton last weekend visiting her sons, Jeff & Jim Bob & their families.

Last Friday night, Shannon Propps hosted a going away party for her daughter, Shaylee & her nephew, Chance Propps. Family & friends gathered to wish these two well as they go on for further "ventures"- Chance left on Mon for Los Angeles, Calif. Where he will be working in TV & Film production & Shaylee left Sunday for Canyon to further her education at West Texas State.

Linda & Charles Griffith returned home Monday after a weeks vacation to Cloud Croft, N. Mexico.

They said it was very pleasant up there & the few days away was a welcome change from the daily routine.

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Mitzi Welch & sons, Mitchell & Heath & Shelby Russell were in Dallas during the weekend- a final couple of days out of town before school starts.

Mark Brown spent Thurs. nite in Baylor Hospital in Dallas for a Chemo treatment. He came home pretty sick from it, but was feeling better on Sunday.

He also had some other

tests while he was there.

Lynn Rogers of Snyder was a weekend guest of her parents, Debbie & Mike Moorhouse.

Lorene Powers, Bud Conner & I were in Weinert Sun. nite for their "5th Sunday Singing" - They have it earlier in the month so people can attend the other singings. Fellowship & snacks followed. They honored their pastor, Dan Bullock, who

had just completed his master's degree from Hardin Simmons.

Betty Bohannon & granddaughter Liddy spent last week in Nebraska with their daughter (& aunt) Bonnie Howell & family.

Kaycee Wright & son, Copper of Kaufman were recent guests of her parents, Courtney & Bobby Sherrard.



Photo by Sheri Baty

Benjamin's Mitchell Hamm (11) tries to break away from Knox City's Ivan Garcia (7) during the first preseason scrimmage last week. The Greyhounds topped Benjamin eight scores to none.

**Thanks For Reading**  
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**2009 Property Tax Rates in KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL**

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**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 685,287.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 685,287.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 158,889,997.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .43129/\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 688,489.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 158,329,864.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ .43484/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 688,489.00
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 158,329,864.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ .43484/\$100
x 1.08= this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .46962/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ _____ /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ .46962/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

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For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ _____ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

**STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE**

IF KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL ADOPTS A 2009 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$ .43484 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD DECREASE COMPARED TO 2008 TAXES BY 0.00355

**Schedule A- Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	-0-

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**2009 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF BENJAMIN**

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**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 27,076.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ _____
Last year's total taxes	\$ 27,076.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,396,589.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .86092/\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 29,159.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,598,233.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ .81036/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ /\$100
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**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 29,159.00
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,598,233.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ .81036/\$100
x 1.08= this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .87518/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ _____ /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ .87518/\$100

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+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ _____ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

**STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE**

IF CITY OF BENJAMIN ADOPTS A 2009 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$ .81036 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD DECREASE COMPARED TO 2008 TAXES BY 0.05056

**Schedule A- Unencumbered Fund Balances**

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GENERAL FUND	-0-

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Photo by Shari Baty

Knox City's Zack Shaver (9) and Blake Jones (44) stop Benjamin's Dusty Stevens during the first preseason scrimmage last week. The Greyhounds won the scrimmage 8-0.

### Greyhounds Meet Stangs in First Football Scrimmage

Saturday marked the first time that this year's Benjamin Mustang Football team lined up against another school for a scrimmage.

With enough boys coming out to allow the 'Stangs to qualify for UIL play, the boys of Benjamin met the Knox City 'Hounds at 10:00 am on Saturday morning on the Knox City field.

A good game ensued. According to Coach Doug McCollough of Benjamin: "For being the first football scrimmage, [he] saw some positive and some negative, but mostly positive. [The

scrimmage gives the 'Stangs] something to build on."

The Hounds were proud of their boys. Coach Steele commented on how the Knox City "boys played hard." Coach Steele is very excited for the ensuing season.

The final outcome of Saturday's Scrimmage was 8-0 (Knox City).

The Knox City JV football team also scrimmaged on Saturday, leaving the field versus Harrold in a tie 2-2.

### Houndettes Start Season at Albany Tournery

By Tamara Smart

The Knox City Houndettes spent last weekend in Albany playing game after game all day long on Thursday and Saturday. The girls started & concluded their tournament play against Cornerstone High School out of San Angelo. From the opening game on Thursday morning to the "consolation championship" game on Saturday evening, Coach Perales "saw drastic change" and "VAST improvement" in the girls. He said that by Saturday, the Houndettes "worked better as a team."

While all the Houndettes worked hard and played continuously better throughout the weekend, end of tournament results highlighted some bright stars in scoring.

The first game on Thursday, The Houndettes took on Cornerstone losing the match in two games 25-14 and 25-16. Lacy Pierce earned seven of those points during the second game.

The next game on Thursday was played against Abilene Christian. The outcome of that match of three games saw 25-14 (Abilene), 21-25 (Knox City), & 25-13 (Abilene). Brittany Gonzales scored 9 points in the first game, Camille Ward was the KC high scorer in the second and third games, scoring 6 points and 5 points respectively).

Finally Thursday was concluded as Knox City headed up against #4 ranked Bronte High. Bronte won the match in two games: 25-17, 25-11. Lacy

Pierce was the high scorer in this game with 5 points in the first game and 3 points in the second.

The KC Houndettes had another long day of play on Saturday beginning with a three game series versus DeLeon High. In a bout that ended 25-17 (Knox City), 25-19 (DeLeon) and 25-20 (DeLeon), three high scorers were named. Senior Brittany Gonzales won 11 points in the first game, freshman Chasity Tolson scored 7 points in the second game and sophomore Destini Billington was responsible for 8 points scored in game three. The second series of the day the Houndettes saw was against Lingleville, and was the game that the girls were victorious. It only took two games for the girls to prove their superiority, the end scores 25-12 and 25-15. Brittany Gonzales won 9 points in the first game, as did Destini Billington. Junior Camille Ward scored 8 points in game two.

The final game of the tournament was dramatic for all who were present. In a 3 game series versus Cornerstone, Knox City won the first round 25-19. Cornerstone beat KC in the second round 25-17 and the final decision game. Cornerstone was able to barely edge out the Houndettes after a tied game; the final score being 30-28. Brittany Gonzales won 8 points in both the 1st and the 3rd games, and Camille Ward and Chasity Tolson won 5 points each.

The first home game for the Houndettes will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Knox City gym.

### JV Houndettes play in Albany Tournament

The JV team for the Knox City Houndettes played in the Albany tournament this past weekend with some success.

After three games, Knox City JV girls proved to dominate against Rotan (25-14 & 25-18) but lost to Breckenridge (25-7 & 25-9) as well conceded to a loss to Sweetwater (25-10 & 25-15).

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<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 173,199.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 84,646.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 173,199.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 24,469,969.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .81438/\$100

<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 201,859.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 25,205,250.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ .80085/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

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Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 201,859.00
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 25,205,250.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ .80086/\$100
x 1.08= this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .86492/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ _____ /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ .86492/\$100

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+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ _____ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

#### STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

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GENERAL FUND	-0-

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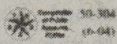
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**Water District  
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate -**

The NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 at WATER AUTHORITY OFFICE AT NORTH MUNDAY AVENUE, MUNDAY TEXAS 76371. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: **JOE CLONTS, LEON BURKHAM, RAY LYNN HARDIN, M M BOOE**  
**AGAINST** the proposal: **BOB PRESNALL, LYNDEL LAMBETH AND JOHN GANNAWAY**  
**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**  
**ABSENT:** **JOEY THOMAS**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year		This Year	
	1999	2008	1999	2009
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	Adopted		Proposed	
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0 / \$100		\$ 0 / \$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	0 %		0 %	
Average appraised value	\$ 21,157.62		\$ 21,521.32	
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0		\$ 0	
Average taxable value	\$ 21,157.62		\$ 21,521.32	
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 38.03		\$ 38.74	
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$ .71		1.8668 %	

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes	\$938,820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,309.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 938,820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,309.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 158,896,817.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 166,608,857.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.63558/\$100	\$/100	\$.12309/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,011,537.00	\$	\$ 1,011,537.00
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 812,110.00	\$	\$ 158,399,644.00
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.63220 /\$100	\$/100	\$.12145/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.76366 /\$100		

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- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,011,637.00	\$	\$ 192,366.00
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 155,393,984.00	\$	\$ 158,399,644.00
= This year's effective rate	\$.63868 /\$100	\$/100	\$.12145 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.68977 /\$100	\$/100	\$.13116 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$/100	\$/100	\$/100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.68977 /\$100	\$/100	\$.13116 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.82094 /\$100		

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GENERAL FUND	-0-

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The BENJAMIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 31st, 2009 in LIBRARY, BENJAMIN ISD ADMINISTRATION, 300 HAYS STREET BENJAMIN, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	.0028 % increase or 0.00 % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00 % increase or 0.00 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	.0028 % increase or 0.00 % (decrease)

**Total Appraisal Value and Total Taxable Value  
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 165,619,698.00	\$ 170,113,191
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 149,480.00	\$ 92,450.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 25,411,632.00	\$ 26,624,384
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 149,480.00	\$ 92,450.00

\* "Appraisal value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 5,500,000.00

\* Outstanding principal

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue	State Revenue
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.17000	\$ 3,980
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service.	\$ 1.22097	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.22097	\$ 4,486
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,627

\* This Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on  
Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 14,919	\$ 14,816
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.0000
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17000	\$ 1.17000
Taxes Due in Average Residence	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.0000
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 0.0000

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17000.**

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 659,863.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN C.I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 31st, 2009 in SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE, 606 MAIN MAIN KNOX CITY, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)  
 School Debt Service Tax  
 Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.06/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations \_\_\_\_\_ % increase or 0.25 % (decrease)  
 Debt service \_\_\_\_\_ % increase or 2.54 % (decrease)  
 Total expenditures \_\_\_\_\_ % increase or 0.32% (decrease)

**Total Appraisal Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 122,098,918	\$ 123,943,175
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 91,360	\$ 350,550
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 75,348,203	\$ 73,301,714
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 91,360	\$ 350,550

\* "Appraisal value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 615,000

\* Outstanding principal

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.06000*	\$ 1.23000	\$ 3,452	\$ 7,088
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.31587	\$ 0.07373*	\$ 1.38960	\$ 3,875	\$ 6,564
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.06000*	\$ 1.23000	\$ 3,402	\$ 7,306

\* This Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 22,612	\$ 22,662
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 7,612	\$ 7,662
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.23000	\$ 1.23000
Taxes Due in Average Residence	\$ 93.62	\$ 94.24
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (-.62)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is **1.17000**. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of **1.17000**.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,056,796
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$



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Department: Department Of Agriculture  
 Agency: Agriculture, Farm Service Agency  
 Job Announcement Number: TX090032  
 Job Title: Program Technician  
 Salary Range: 24,499.00 and up - depending on qualifications.  
 Series & Grade: CO-1101-0307  
 Promotion Potential: 07  
 Open Period: Friday, August 14, 2009 to Monday, August 31, 2009  
 Position Information: Full-Time Permanent  
 Duty Locations: 1 vacancy - Knox County, Knox City, Texas  
 Who May Be Considered: Applications will be accepted from United States citizens  
 Job Summary: This is a non civil service position with the local FSA County Office. Veterans preference does not apply.  
 Responsible for carrying out office activities and functions pertaining to one or more of the following programs: Administrative, Conservation, Price Support, Compliance, OCP, Reconstitutions, Payment Eligibility, Farm Records, NAP and Automation. Job will require working in many programs in the county. Primary crops grown in the county are cotton, wheat, grazing and livestock. Must be able to explain procedures and program regulations to producers and to use computer to maintain producer and program data and process automated program forms. Uses a high degree of initiative and judgment in planning and carrying out assigned tasks and resolving problems encountered.  
 Key Requirements:  
 • This is a non civil service position  
 • U.S. Citizenship  
 • Background and/or Security Investigation required.  
 You must be a U.S. citizen to qualify for this position.  
 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: A background security investigation will be required for all new permanent hires. Appointment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements will be grounds for termination.  
 How You Will Be Evaluated:  
 You will be evaluated to determine if you meet the minimum qualifications required, and on the extent to which your application shows that you possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities associated with this position as defined below. When describing your knowledge, skills, and abilities, please be sure to give examples and explain how often you used these skills, the complexity of the knowledge you possessed, the level of the people you interacted with, the sensitivity of the issues you handled, etc. Eligible candidates will be screened on the following knowledge abilities:  
 1. Ability to communicate orally  
 2. Ability to communicate in writing  
 3. Ability to identify and resolve problems  
 4. Knowledge of FSA Farm Programs and practices  
 5. Skill in using computers  
 NOTE: There are no special forms for these statements. They may be submitted on plain paper with your name and the announcement number at the top. You should include specific tasks performed, the dates you performed them, and where you used these skills. KSA statements may not be more than 2 single spaced pages per KSA. Candidates who do not submit the supplemental statements will not be considered.  
 BASIS OF RATING: All applicants will be considered on the basis of their education, experience, supervisory appraisal, training, awards, Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs).  
 How To Apply:  
 Interested candidates who meet the basic eligibility requirements may file for consideration by sending the following MANDATORY information to the address below:  
 FSA-675 (Application for FSA County Employment) You must include your SSN, your country of Citizenship, education, and work experience.  
 Supplemental KSA Statements responding to evaluation criteria.  
 Employment applications may be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service or any commercial or private carrier (i.e., Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc).  
 Please use the following address:  
 Knox County FSA Service Center  
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 Attention: John Rector, CEO  
 Phone Number - 940/658-3537, ext. 2  
 If you have any question regarding this announcement, contact John Rector, CEO, at 940/658-3537, ext. 2.  
 The use of U.S. Government envelopes is prohibited. Applications received in such envelopes will not be considered.  
 Applications must be received in the County Office with an original signature.  
 Faxed applications will not be accepted.  
 You must submit your application so that it will be received by the closing date of the announcement.  
 Please submit a narrative response to each knowledge, skill or ability listed. Your response should describe what you did, how often you performed this activity, the guidelines available, the complexity of the assignment, and who you performed the activity for or with.  
 Submit a narrative statement responding to the knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) identified in the announcement. This information will be used to determine your eligibility and/or rating and is required.  
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**PUBLIC**

capital." What this so-called not-for-profit "cooperative" would look like legislatively or if it will even be in the final bill remains to be seen. But even Barack Obama still says there will be a "public option."

All of which means that the public "option" is actually still on the table. They may call it something different. They may move a few boxes around. They may paint it pretty colors. But it will still be the same abominable government takeover of the entire health care system. And the American people will not like it.

**SOLDIERS**

spelled his last name with a "d," rather than knowing that he was "Garner" not "Gardner." They

finally found Soldier Jimmy because of an old letter that held his signature.

The three ex-soldiers were seen all over Knox County for several days, riding around in Glen Dell's '57 black and white Ford, eating at Buds and rekindling their friendships. The irony of the reunion was that it took place in an auto-garage (of sorts, if you want to call '57 Heaven a garage... it's more like a museum and Glen Dell's playground), when during the war, these men were mechanics who did "heavy work" to back up the infantry.

The old saying goes "only time will tell;" in forty years these men haven't lost their sense of humor or let life get them down. They are able to tell war stories with twinkling eyes and smiling mouths.

These are the men that make a person proud to be an American.

# New traffic, criminal laws set to go into effect Sept. 1

HB 2730 is the DPS's Sunset Legislation, and many of the DPS-related bills this session were included in HB 2730. Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on Sept. 1 (unless otherwise indicated) include\*:

**Seatbelts:** HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

SB 61 amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats. The bill requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense. The law also creates a new court cost for conviction of an offense under this section to be collected and used by TxDOT to buy safety seats for low income families. The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2009, but tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010. Police officers are allowed to issue a warning before that date.

**Driving:** HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license re-instatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100. Closes a loophole so a person who commits an offense as a minor cannot circumvent the driver license penalty if the person turns 21 before their court date.

HB 2730 allows a new Texas resident to operate a vehicle without a Texas license for 90 days instead of the current 30. (This provision went into effect on June 19, 2009.)

HB 2012 creates two new

punishment enhancements: a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives with a suspended license and without insurance; and a class A misdemeanor if the person driving without insurance or a valid driver license has an accident and someone is seriously injured or dies as a result of that accident.

SB 129 authorizes neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) to be operated on roads with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less. The bill authorizes driver license holders to operate NEVs without having a motorcycle endorsement, clarifies that drivers and passengers in such vehicles are not required to wear helmets and specifies that enclosed three-wheeled vehicles as described in the bill are authorized to operate in preferential lanes.

**Concealed handgun:** HB 2730 amends numerous provisions regarding concealed handgun licenses (CHLs), including eliminating student loan defaults as a disqualifier, to clarify that DPS must suspend or revoke a license when the licensee becomes ineligible and mandating that a magistrate suspend a CHL held by the subject of an emergency protective order.

HB 2664 provides a defense to prosecution if a concealed handgun license holder carries a concealed handgun into an establishment that gets 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages, but has failed to post the statutorily required notice that it derives 51

percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages. (Under current law, a concealed handgun licensee can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor for doing this.)

HB 2730 removes DPS authority to suspend a concealed handgun license (CHL) for the holder's failure to display the CHL to a peace officer on demand. It removes associated penalties and suspensions for the failure to display.

**Driver license:** HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license. The law also requires that a provisional driver license (under 18) or instruction permit expire on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver license or instruction permit be renewed annually and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15. It also extends the current phase-two restrictions for holders of a graduated driver license from 6 months to 1 year. These restrictions include limited night driving, prohibited use of wireless communication devices and a limited number of passengers.

HB 339 increases the total hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction a teen receives from 14 to 34 and creates an adult driver education requirement for applicants older than 18 and younger than 21.

SB 1317 creates a six-hour driver education course required for driver license applicants 18 years of age or older. It also mandates that applicants 25 or under must submit to an approved driver education course. (Goes into effect March 1, 2010.)

SB 328 gives DPS the power to suspend a minor's driver license if they fail a breath or blood alcohol test while operating a watercraft. Chapter 524 of the Transportation Code also clearly defines the suspension period for an individual who was under the age of 21 at the time when the offense of boating under the influence or driving under the influence of alcohol occurred. The law also increases the reinstatement fee for a license suspended under sections 49.04-49.08, Penal Code from \$50 to \$100.

HB 2730 increases the driver license sanction from a one-year CDL license disqualification to a lifetime disqualification if a person uses a motor vehicle to transport, conceal or harbor an alien. If a child is engaged in conduct involving a severe form of trafficking persons, a judge at a juvenile hearing is required to order the juvenile's driver license or permit to be suspended.

HB 2730 prohibits DPS from issuing a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas. The law specifies that an applicant may receive a driver license at a post office box only if the applicant's residence address has also been provided, with some exceptions.

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