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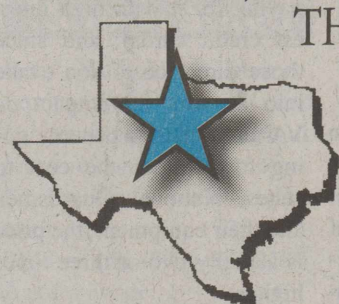
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## Goodbye 2009, Oh What A Year It's Been!

By TAMARA SMART

Knox County has seen quite a year go by in the last 365 days. This year, like every year in history, has mourned death, celebrated new life and dealt with the in-between harshness of day-to-day living.

Watching the snow fall softly on the Knox County landscape, it is almost difficult for some to recall the beginning half of the year when a drought plagued farmlands. The ever apparent movement of oil-field equipment is a reassuring sight on the streets of Knox, when, for several months this year, oil-field hands were "out-of work" even when they "had jobs".

New businesses have sprouted up in Knox County; Front Porch Quilts opened in Benjamin, the Corley Manor now serves Knox City as a Bed and Breakfast, Sha's Furniture now sits on Main Street offering refurbished furniture to interested buyers and Gaston's Tire Service now neighbors Lawrence Brothers IGA in Knox City. A face lift was given around town to existing businesses and buildings: Jeremy Eaton's Trucking headquarters was painted and given awnings on the corner of Central and Main, Banks Tire Repair has a new facing on it, the building on the north end of the shopping plaza on Central Ave in Knox City is still under construction promising to be an awesome eatery in 2010.

Kinder Morgan began their Co2 project in August, refueling the oil field with jobs and putting the oil field hands back to work after a prolonged break in their routines. With the Kinder Morgan project, many predict an influx of people into Knox County communities in 2010.

There were festivals throughout the months of the 2009 calendar in all places in Knox. Watermelon was consumed by the pound during the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Donald Johnson Watermelon Fest. On Halloween, costumes were judged, pumpkins were carved and pies were eaten at Munday's Harvest Fest. November brought the Rockin' Ranch Christmas and the Fall Festival activities to Benjamin where there were skits in the Benjamin School gym and treats at local businesses.

In June, the Wichita Brazos Museum finally held the Grand Opening with a guest exhibit "Tiny Town Texas" featuring working miniature Texas towns made out of toothpicks. On Veteran's Day, people flocked from all over the County to the Museum and Memorial to celebrate the American heritage and the men and women who served our country to make it great.

Sports in Knox County have been exciting throughout the year as well. In June, Derrick Coleman won Gold in the 400 Meter Race in State Competition. Knox City Greyhounds opened their 2009 football season with an 8 game winning streak. Benjamin Lady Stangs and Munday Lady Mogals went head to head to become district champions (Lady Stangs took the victory in that game). Munday Mogals football team won their way to being quarterfinalists in the State of Texas.

The Knox City Pride band won Sweepstakes award at the end of last school year, and ended their Marching season this year only after making it to State Competition in San Antonio with their "Helen of Troy" performance.

There have been many miracles in the families of Knox. A Munday-born and raised man was lost at sea at Matagorda Bay for over a week, and was found alive sitting with his companions on top of their boat. Sequoyah Reynolds survived West Nile after being bitten by a mosquito and has learned how to walk, talk and still praises God every chance she gets. H1N1 shut down the Munday Mogal football team during their first games of the season... only for them to come back and fight their way to becoming quarter-finalists in the State.

Knox County Natives have done their part to put Knox County on the map throughout the year, as well. David Counts has served as the 2009 Grand Master Mason for the Texas Mason Fraternity. Weiman Meinzer put out a new book called "Working Dogs of Texas" (published by Badlands Publishing company owned by Meinzer and wife, Sylinda). Tibb Burnett performed his Cowboy poetry in several venues throughout the States of Texas and New Mexico during the year.

Knox County News itself has undergone some interesting

changes throughout the year. Brandy Wise served as the editor of the Knox County News until she resigned in July; at which time, I, Tamara Smart, took over her duties. I really must take this once-a-year opportunity to let the readers of Knox County know that this paper is only possible because of the community whom it serves.

People like Gladene Green and Clara Brown who submit weekly articles to the Knox County News, are my lifeline to communities beyond my daily reach. Jim Reid always has an amazing word about God that he shares on a weekly basis with Knox County. Daveine Clark has been beyond a blessing in helping me get pictures of Knox City sports events. The coaches who serve at all three of the school districts in Knox County continuously feed me stats and comments allowing for all the youth of Knox County to have the coverage they deserve in this paper. Our local educators, administrators, City officials, County officials and business owners have all been amazing when I have called on them for information, help or explanation over events which may have occurred throughout the year. Barbara Rector, Dewayne Bearden, Travis Floyd, Marla Hawkins, Michelle Esquivel, Stacia Propps & David Petrusaitis are assets that Knox County News cannot thank enough.

And, while all of these people and institutions have helped the Knox County News continue to put out a paper every week, even while I was out giving birth to my son and through the tedious months prior, I really must take this final opportunity in the last 2009 issue of Knox County News to let the Citizens of Knox know that their weekly paper would definitely not be possible without the help of my husband, Jason, who is always willing and ready to be my "man in the field" taking pictures of various events when I am unable to cover them. I have been able to keep covering the news as effectively and thoroughly as possible with a lot of help from my husband, my in-laws, Sid and Karen Smart, and a VERY supportive community... and can't wait to see what wonderful things I get to write about that happen during 2010 in Knox County.

## Knox City Family Man Becomes US Soldier

By TAMARA SMART

When thinking of the act of joining the armed forces, stereotypically the

image comes to mind of a young, fresh out of high school child walking into a recruitment agency to sign their life away to Uncle Sam

for an "x" amount of years. Commercials advertising for the army show 17 year olds talking to their parents and those parents struggling with

keeping an open mind about their "baby" marching off to war.

Yet, while stereotypes may depict accuracy in some households that was not exactly the scene in Michael McGaughey's house when he decided to join the Army. Mike is 30 years old, been happily married to Tandy Roberts-McGaughey since July 14, 2001. He is a proud daddy to three young sons; Mayson, Luke and JayRick. With the fall of the oil field earlier this year, Michael was one of the men who found himself wondering about the longevity of his career in this unpredictable field. As a good family man who's #1 priority is his wife and kids, Michael found himself looking for other manners in which to support his family to the best of his ability. Inspired by Tandy's uncle who has served his country for 28 years (and the country, in turn, has served him), Michael began seeking out employment with Uncle Sam so to make a better life (and create a more feasible future) for his family. Joining the Air Force was one of his life dreams, but the cutoff age for Air Force recruitment is 28, Michael is 30. Tandy's uncle is an Army man, and Michael had enough information on the Army that he decided that it was a good fit for him, his family, and their future.

As of his Boot Camp graduation on December 16<sup>th</sup>, Spc. Michael McGaughey

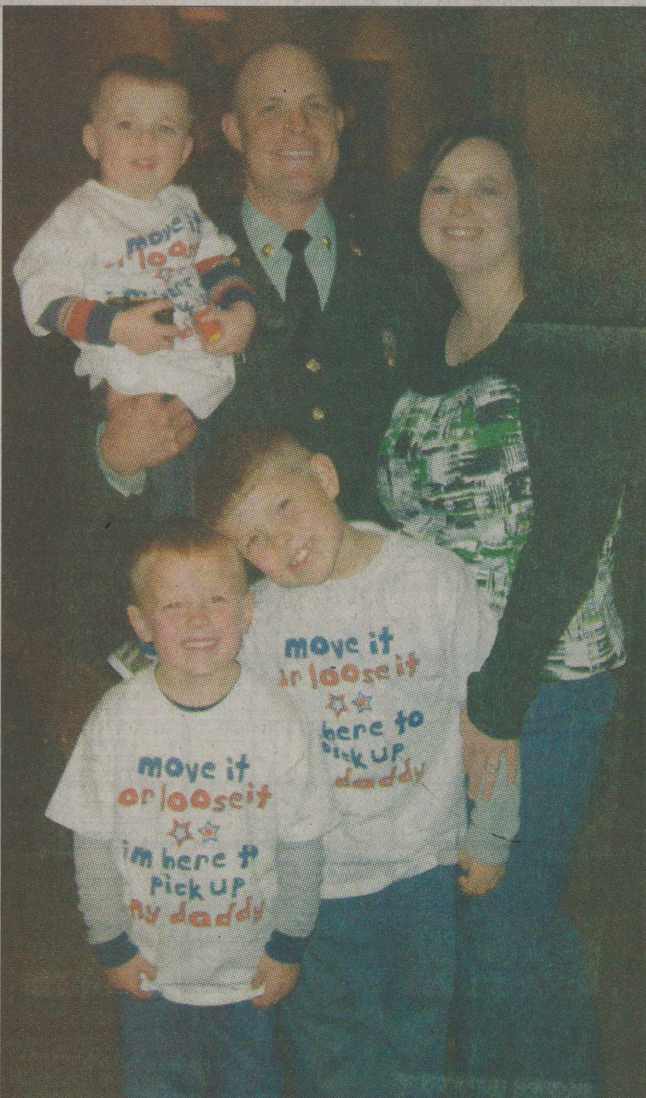
has now finished phase one of becoming an American Warrior. Basic Training is supposed to be a grueling experience designed to weed out those too weak in nature to become U.S. Soldiers. Michael flew through his basic

training, not only "getting through", but excelling in many areas during his 6 weeks at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Spc. McGaughey served as platoon guide for Charlie Battery, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon while in

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Last Friday, children of all ages woke up to a White Christmas morning in Knox County. While the morning may have been a barrage of discovering what Santa had left and a massacre of wrapping paper, the afternoon found many playing outdoors creating snow angels and erecting snow characters in the rarely seen snow on Knox County yards. Todd Lewis and his adult kids were young at heart on Christmas, spending most of the day building this amazing snow bear. It took them almost 3 hrs to complete it and most of it is still standing as of Monday afternoon. The weather reports are predicting that Christmas won't be the last holiday in 2009 that citizens will wake up to a snow blanketed earth, supposedly New Years Eve and New Years day will be sounded in by the soft patter of snow on window panes. Pictured: (Left to right) Eric Lewis and his girlfriend, Caitlin Stephens; the Christmas snow bear, Emily Lewis, and, of course, the biggest kid of them all as well as super dad, Todd Lewis. The kids all attend college in Wichita Falls and were in for the Christmas holiday. (Courtesy of Missy Lewis)



SPC Michael McGaughey and his family at his graduation from Basic Training on Dec. 16. Michael received the "Distinguished Honor Graduate" award in a class of over 180 graduates.



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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### No Christmas Card This Year

For the past several years, our family Christmas card has been a photo of the four of us. This year, we didn't get a photo taken, thus, no card.

In addition, with all that we've been through and the outpouring of love we've received from so many, we originally wanted to send Christmas cards to darn near everyone. In the end, the cards never materialized. We simply ran out of time to make it happen.

At one point, I thought about writing a letter featuring family highlights of the past year. That didn't happen either.

Had I written a letter, I certainly would have mentioned how the awesome power of prayer has had a dramatic effect on the physical and mental well-being of my family. Simply put, our family, friends and neighbors have sustained us with their support.

In my hypothetical Christmas letter, I surely would have mentioned how the acts of kindness, food, flowers and cards lifted our spirits greatly. We've been in awe of so many and how thoughtful people can be. Sharon and I both agree that we are better people because of the people around us.

Surely I would have remembered to thank businesses and individuals we deal with. When you drop your normal routine and basically live in another city for a month, many things can fall through the cracks regardless of what you think you are taking care of. Again, we are blessed in our many professional relationships as business needs to continue regardless of the situation.

One of the most important things I would have said in the letter was how we appreciate the love and support shown to our children. Our two sons have been cared for by so many people. I doubt the boys have a clue how dire things were at times, and that is a result of caring friends and family keeping them active and happy (as well as rested and fed).

No letter would have been complete without mentioning how strong our relationship is, as husband and wife. Not that it is anyone's business, but what was already a strong relationship and been reinforced with faith and determination. When you see your partner fight with everything they have ... every fiber in their being, it is hard to convey the feelings of adoration which develop. I now know without a doubt that my wife is ready to face whatever life throws our way and that she is truly formidable and resilient. There is great comfort in that thought.

During a conversation over the weekend, Sharon and I were discussing how we both feel like we've been in a cloud for nearly three months. Now we feel the clouds have started clearing and the forecast calls for a beautiful life together. A life made much better because of what many of you have done for us in one way or another. Our humble gratitude is yours and our prayer is that each of you have the best year of your life thus far in 2010.

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### More Moms Have to Go to War

By Nancy Fulton

In 2001, after the attack on the twin towers, the US went to war in Afghanistan. Since the folks that had attacked us were funded by Saudi Arabians, and the people of Afghanistan are some of the poorest and most insular on earth, that didn't make much sense. But we've spent almost 10 years moving the rubble around to the tune of a few hundred billion a year anyway.

Attacking Iraq in 2003 made even less sense since they had absolutely nothing to do with the 9/11 attack, had one of the most westernized/secular regimes in the region, and were fully contained by a very effective no-fly zone. We've been at war there for more than seven years ... and all we've done is set up a puppet government that will fall unless US military forces and vast sums of military aide are continuously poured into Iraq to maintain it.

Here in the US ... most of us have managed to do a pretty good job of ignoring both wars. And one can make the case that's kind of adaptive. If people of the US allowed ourselves to get violently angry every time our government did something completely stupid, our society would rip itself to bits. So we all work hard to ignore the crap it does.

But now it is time for us to start a war of our own and

I think Mothers are going to have to be on the front lines.

#### Yes, I Mean You ...

Most of us Mom's can barely manage to get the kids to school and feed them dinner every day. Most of us work. Most of us are responsible for doing the laundry, paying the bills, getting the dog to the vet and taking Grandma to the doctor.

Most of us have barely five minutes a day to call our own.

But I'm here to make the case that if you love your kids you had better decide to spend that five minutes every day working hard to end these two stupid wars.

Our lack of effective political action has cost us a great deal in the last decade and it is on the verge of costing a great deal more in the months to come. Ignoring these wars and all the related government spending is like ignoring a lump in your breast or your husband's chest pains.

You'll live to regret your mistake very much.

#### I Know You Don't Have Much Time ... So Here's the Low Down

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost the US about one trillion dollars (\$1,000,000,000,000) in cold hard cash. Since the war was paid for by deficit spend-

ing, which is effectively like paying for it with high interest credit cards), and since those direct costs don't take into account the impact on VA and veterans benefits going forward, or the cost to states, National Guardsmen and their equipment, the price is actually two or three times higher.

Much of the money we have spent has gone to companies like Kellogg Brown Root, who poisons the water our soldiers drink and electrocutes them in their showers, and Blackwater, who (unconstrained by the Universal Code of Military Justice), commits atrocities that get our military men killed. These companies, and all the other military contractors our money has been "donated" to, have very active "political lobbies" that we've funded insanely well over the last decade.

Believe me, hundreds of millions of the dollars you and have have "invested" on fighting this war are being used to keep it going in perpetuity by the folks who make a profit from it.

Spending all this money on war has meant not spending it on education, jobs, or anything else you or your family benefit from.

In fact, this spending has siphoned money from every program that provides any direct benefit to you, including law enforcement, government regulation that's supposed to protect your food, water or financial investments. It has even gutted disaster relief programs, as we saw in New Orleans.

#### The Problem has Become Critical So You Have to Take Effective Action Now

The United States is currently in an economic crisis which has occasioned more than two trillion dollars of deficit spending in the last year alone. The government tells us that the unemployment rate is over 10%, and that doesn't take into account the 5%-7% that have been unemployed so long that they no longer have benefits.

States, ranging from Arizona and Michigan to California are collapsing due to lack of tax revenues and an explosion in the number of people who need food, housing and health care.

Safety nets that protect children, the elderly and the infirm are evaporating. Cuts to education from kindergarten through University are making it harder for folks who live in this country to get the skills they need to build the infrastructure and economy that we'll need to support the 10 Billion or so people who will be living on this planet in 2050.

Fifty percent of all bankruptcies are related to medical bills, and the multitrillion

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# 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.*

Some of the world's most serious reading material is popular this time of year: instructions.

Assembly is what you read before Christmas; operating comes after. Wouldn't it be cheerful if somebody would write all that stuff with a sense of humor?

All we can do as consumers is read it that way.

For example, our new answering machine instructions say, "Do not use a telephone in the vicinity of a gas leak."

Trust me, if there's a smelly gas leak in the house, that's the last place I'm going to choose to sit around and talk on the phone.

Here's another suggestion:

"Avoid using a telephone during a thunderstorm."

OK, I'd heard that one before. It's something about what happens if you're on the phone and lightning strikes the line, especially if you're taking a bath, which is not usually what you're doing during a thunderstorm, also out of respect to lightning and because you don't want to have to run naked to the cellar if the storm intensifies. That's true in the country. I think it's probably even truer (if truth can be expressed in degrees) in town. That's about all the humor I can scrape together for that scenario.

Anyway, here's another pointer:

"Do not use this product near water, or when you are wet."

The rest of the paragraph gives examples of what it means to be near water or wet, in case you don't know. The instruction manual says that if you are in a wet basement or the shower or next to a

swimming pool, bathtub, kitchen sink or laundry tub you are near water or wet.

I don't know about you, but it's not hard for me to envision a poolside answering machine. I see an executive relaxing in one of those reclining waterproof lounge chairs, a drink in one hand, depending on his trusty sidekick answering machine to screen calls for him better than a poolside secretary. Life in the fast lane.

But a laundry tub? Even in a third-world country, wouldn't you buy a washing machine before you'd acquire an answering machine for the laundry room?

Maybe not. I just heard that when electricity comes to villages in poor overcrowded Indonesia, most people buy televisions ahead of refrigerators. The preacher said it so it must be true. I forgot why he said it.

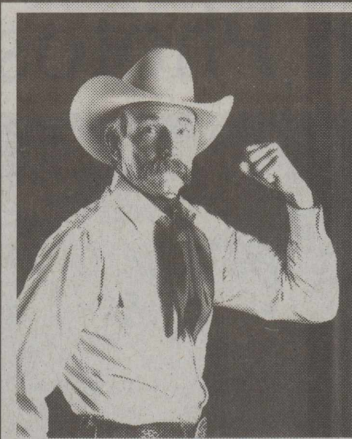
One last safety tip: If you open the answering machine to fix anything that goes wrong, you could be exposed to "hazardous voltages or other risks."

A cartoon comes to mind. Tweety Bird is plugging Sylvester's tail into an electrical outlet. Shocking.

Hey! That's how to spice up dull instructional language, especially safety manuals. Leave the stilted verbiage alone. Lawyers no doubt help write the stuff, meaning neither jot nor tittle can be changed. But why not round up a few beloved cartoon characters who don't mind illustrating dangerous situations?

Speaking of characters, this column comes to you from the bathtub.

Don't worry. There's not an answering machine in sight.



## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

### CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE ON THE FARM

The week before Christmas the farmer announced to the animals that he would not be giving them the traditional cheese and sausage box. The pig was relieved. The farmers suggested instead, they should pool their names in a black rubber bucket and draw names.

"Does that include non-domesticated animals, too?" asked the armadillo.

"Yes, But only warm-blooded," was the answer.

Since not everyone had prehensile lips, the farmer offered to do the drawing in the giant name swap. On Christmas morn the gifts were exchanged.

The buzzard had drawn the possum. He gave him a can of fluorescent paint and a back pack made of reflector tape. "That way," the buzzard explained, "The cars might see you crossing in time to swerve and miss you. And..." he continued, "if it doesn't, you'll be a lot easier for me to spot when you're flat on the highway..."

The dog presented the cat with a coffee can full of sand and a gift certificate to be spayed. She reciprocated by giving the dog a toy flea circus. "I hope you like it" she snarled, "I bought them off a skunk!"

By some coincidence the sheep had all drawn each other, and each gave the other a picture of a sheep. Some thought it was a mirror.

The rooster thought it would be a great joke to give the mouse a piece of cheese in a trap camouflaged as a box of DeCon. Anticipating the rooster's subterfuge, the mouse had already arranged for the rooster to visit the famous poultry genealogy facility adjacent to the Campbell Chicken Noodle Soup Museum. It included a room with a stew.

There was great excitement between the goat and the mare. The goat had always envied the mare's magnificent tail, so she had the farmer clip it and the birds wove it into a beautiful hairpiece. Not sure how to wear it, the goat put it high on his poll between the horns. It made him look like a 1969 debutant at her cotillion party in Lubbock, Texas.

The cow offered to rub the coyote's back. He'd been helping himself to the fermented punch and had lost his ability to judge weight and distance, so he accepted. He did okay till he said, "a little more to the right!" She broke his tail! It healed crooked and now when he wags it he looks like the flagman on an aircraft carrier!

At the end of the evening the farmer and his wife were given a rousing Christmas toast from their barnyard employees. They had chipped in (pardon the pun) and bought him a book autographed by all their cloven hoofed and feathered edible animal friends entitled, "The Vegetarian Cookbook, or how to get the Most out of a Tuber during the holidays!"

### KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES MENUS FOR JAN. 4<sup>TH</sup> TO JAN. 8<sup>TH</sup>

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### Producers may begin applying for SURE Program at FSA county offices on Jan. 4, 2010

Washington, Dec 24, 2009 - Agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Vilsack also encouraged producers to visit their USDA Farm Insurance Agency (FSA) county office beginning on January 4, 2010, to participate in the program if they suffered crop production losses during the 2008 crop year.

"This program is an important component of the farm safety net and will provide financial assistance to producers who have suffered crop losses due to natural disasters," said Vilsack. "Producers will receive payments beginning in January, in time to keep them with planning for next year's crop."

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of the crop insurance and the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the agriculture secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide.

For more information on the new SURE program, please visit your local FSA office.

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## God's Promise Hasn't Changed:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." (Luke 2:14)

Peace to whosoever believes in this child, the Son of God!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

(John 3:16)



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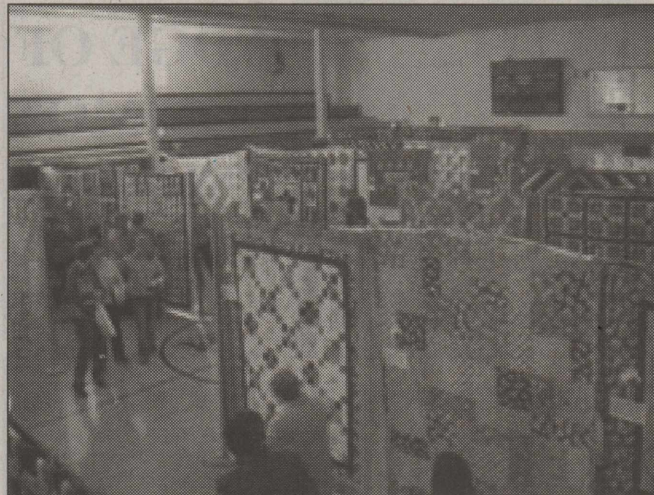
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# 2009 Year in Review in Photos



The school at Goree closed its doors as the Munday CISD school board voted to bring the Jr. High kids to the Munday campus. The building was given back to the City of Goree in October.



The Annual Quilt Show in Munday showed off the talents of many as the whole gym of Munday High school was filled with patches and swatched all sewn together in seamstress poetry.



A drought in the beginning of the year had many farmers worried...when it finally rained mid-summer, it pored. Now in the last fleeting weeks of 2009, snow covers the ground of Knox County.



The KC Chamber of Commerce and '57 Heaven hosted a classic car show in June. The classic models of cars lined the road on Hwy 222 on the west side of Knox City.

## Obituaries



### Samuel Garza Valdez

Samuel Garza Valdez Sr., 84, passed away Thursday, December 17, 2009 in Abilene. His funeral service was at 10:00 a.m., Saturday December 19, 2009 at Elmwood funeral Home, 5750 HWY 277 South. Internment followed in Elmwood Memorial Park. Visitation was from 6:00 till 7:00 p.m. Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Elmwood Funeral Home with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 pm.

Samuel was born December 5, 1925 in San Benito, Texas to Felix and Elena Valdez. He married Rosa Benavidez in 1946 in

the San Antonio area. They relocated to Knox City in the early 1960's where they raised their family and he worked as a farmer. He will be greatly missed by all those who experienced his humor and love.

He is survived by his children, Janie Barrios and husband of Tomball, Dora Rios and husband Jessie of Knox City, Alice Silva and husband Ray of Abilene, Samueal Jr. and wife Nelda of Abilene, Norma Long and husband Dwayne of Pearland, and his Chihuahua "Chiquito"; 15 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; one sister, Maria Rodriguez of Houston.

Samuel was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, one sister and one stepdaughter,

Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family through the obituary link at [www.elmwoodfuneral.com](http://www.elmwoodfuneral.com)

## Knox County News

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W.O. Smith, Pastor  
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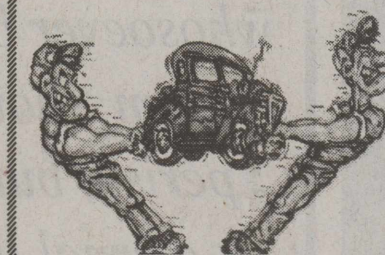
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## God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
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Wow, another year has passed! It seems that 2009 passed so quickly. We're all so busy and involved in so many activities that time really flies. In reflecting upon this year we've all seen a lot of good and perhaps some bad also, but we want to have a better year ahead in 2010.

We may look back and feel like we've had some regrets and would certainly change some things. We might also know that may things have improved in our lives and we know this is good. We know that each year requires more money, more time, harder work and more. Where is peace? Can there be room for peace and joy? Do we ever get to slow down and enjoy more?

Can we really always strive to do more, earn more, be more, go more, and have more? This thinking could be never-ending. Is our purpose to continually please others and self to have acceptance, to feel approved? What if we could change our perspective and even accomplish more, be more, have more and be at peace doing it? What if we could actually live and work in peace? God's Holy Word says we can! God's family plan reads as follows:

*18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. 20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart. 22 Slaves, (workers) in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. 25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.*

Colossians 3: 18-23

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12/23	38/70	
12/24	24/38	1.01
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On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, Spc. McGaughey will relocate to Ft. Riley, Kansas to take his newfound position as an American Soldier.  
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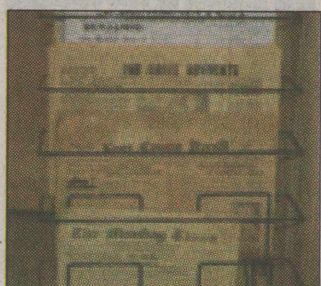
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