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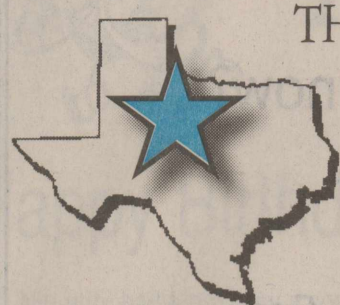


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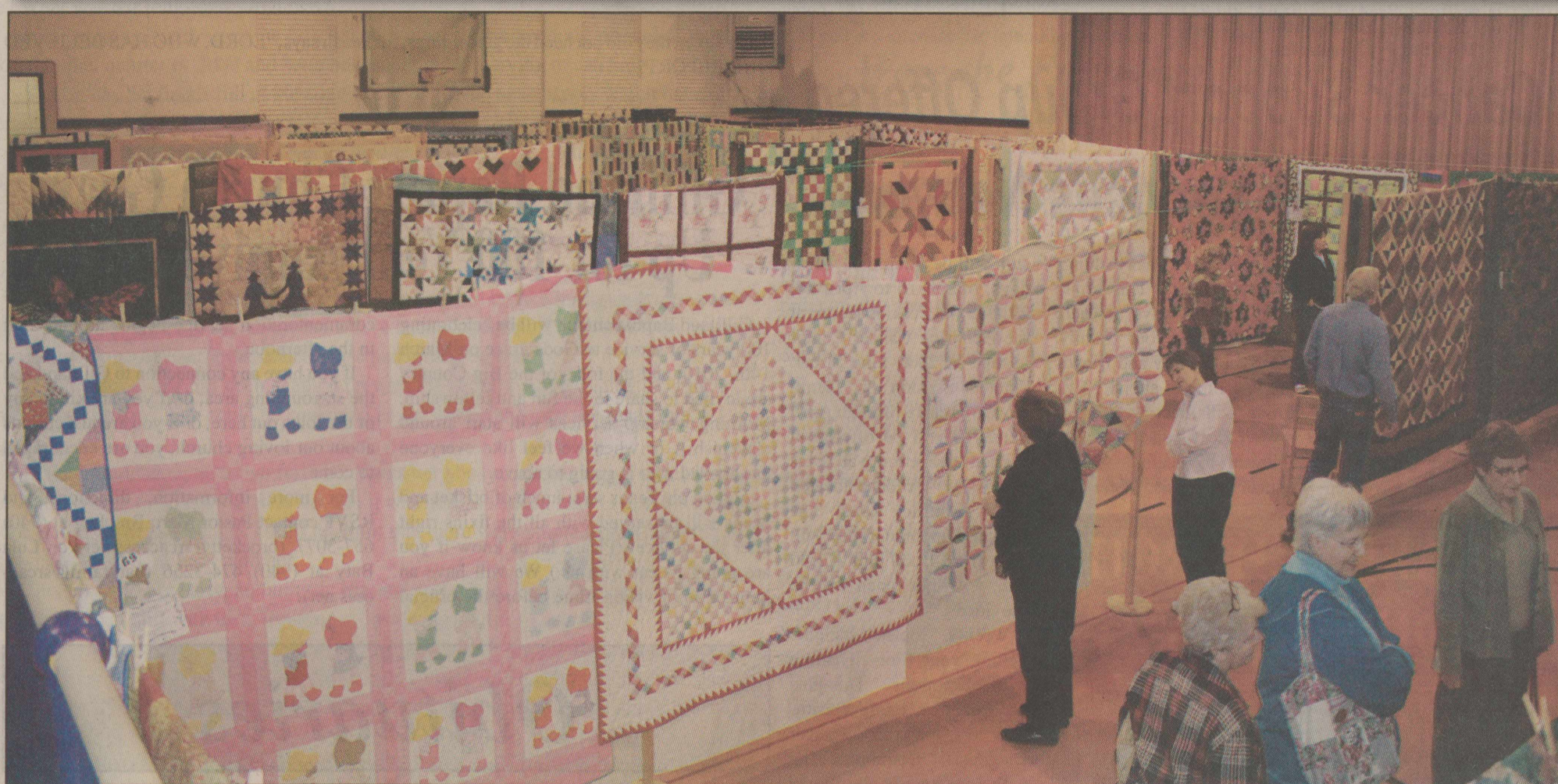
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The Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show was held last weekend in Goree.

Photo by Tamara Smart

The Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show Finds a New Venue in Goree

By Tamara Smart

In years past, the Cotton Pickin' Quilt show has been an event looked forward to by seamstresses, quilters and lovers of this kind of art from all over the area. This year, the Munday Chamber of Commerce had decided to not have the annual show, so the "Going for Greatness in Goree Group" (a.k.a. the GGGG) picked up the idea and decided that their old school yard, which was given back to the City of Goree from the Munday CISD late last year, would be the perfect venue to host such a show.

With the former Goree School gym filled

with over 100 quilts, hung from clothing lines to show off elaborate stitching and designs, the halls filled with 15 vendors and memorabilia from 6 corporate sponsors, the quilt show "showed off" more than just immaculate quilts to over 200 registered guests (vendors, quilters, sponsors and volunteers didn't register, so that number is low in consideration of the amount of people who were actually present at the show).

All registered guests got to pick out a favorite quilt from all the displayed work and enter it as their "Viewers Choice". At the end of the day, with the votes from guests

added up, the winner of the Viewers Choice Award went to Judy Whitten, who received a Wooden Quilt display box for her lovely quilt. Another Quilt, made out of golden fabrics, was raffled off at the end of the day and Glenna Decker went home with a new quilt in which to bundle up in through these lingering cold months.

While the quilts were the focal point of the day, there was something else happening at the Quilt Show that has rarely been seen in Knox County. In fact, people were talking though the halls of the show and in the dining hall over Chicken Spaghetti about the

newfound feeling of camaraderie through out the county. No longer do the cities of Knox County act individually in their social functions and activities. Rather, the Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show was a representation of how the County now is gearing more toward a more conglomerate feel. Every city that makes up Knox County was represented at the Show in Goree, although, the only City which directly benefited from the Quilt Show proceeds was the City of Goree (who will use the money collected to help keep the school building as a working facility; paying for insurance,

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Sheeran to visit Munday

On March 17th, 2010 at 5:30 the Operatic sounds of Raquela Cheeran will fill

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Hospital District Opens Clinic in Munday

By Tamara Smart

On a lot located on the 100 block of East D Street in Munday that once housed four abandoned houses, now stands the newest addition to the Knox County Hospital District. The Knox County Hospital District Cut the Red Ribbon on the new clinic on Sunday, February 28th at precisely 2:00 pm.

This Clinic opens after 5 years of discussions, months of building, and weeks of final touches. The construc-

tion on the clinic began at the beginning of the summer, beginning with the demolition of the abandoned, rundown houses. The final product comes only after all of the Knox County Board of Directors were pleased with the building, the staff and the service center.

The clinic offers 9 patient areas, including one suture room, a phlebotomy station and a nursing station. The clinic will be run with a staff

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Knox County primary results

*County Judge- Travis Floyd (Republican) 176 votes
*County Attorney -Megan Suarez (Democrat) 148 votes
*District & County Clerk -Annett Offutt (Democrat) 183 votes
*County Treasurer- Rosie McElroy Ake (Democrat) 170 votes
*County Commissioner Precinct 2 -Charles Griffith (Democrat) 34 votes
*County Commissioner Precinct 2- Daniel Godsey

(Republican) 38 votes
County Commissioner Precinct 6S & 5- Gary Tidwell (Democrat) 56 votes
*County Commissioner Precinct 6S & 5- Johnny Birkenfeld (Democrat) 74 votes
*Justice of the Peace- Vonnita Ivie (Democrat) 163 votes
*County Chairman- Lou Vail (Republican) 168 votes
(*denotes the nominate for the November election)



Knox County Hospital District, CEO, Stephen Kuehler, cuts the Grand Opening Ribbon at the new Medical Clinic in Munday. President of the Knox County Hospital Board of Directors, Clint Jones, and K.C.H.D Vice President, Tracy Cartwright hold the tape on while Mr. Kuehler cuts. (photo by Tamara Smart)



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LOOKING AHEAD

The Knox City Homecoming 2010 Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 5:15 in the High School Library. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan the Homecoming for June is welcome to participate.

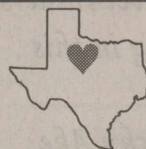
The next Knox City 4-H meeting on March 4th. It will be held in the Knox City Cafeteria from 5:30 - 7:00. We have many events coming up. Please come with any forms you have received on any of these up-

coming events. Some include photography, fashion show, and round up. I want to say congratulations to all that have participated in the stock shows thus far. I know there are still a few majors left to attend.

If you have not signed up for 4-H, it is never too late. Our motto in 4-H is to make the best better. The sky is the limit in 4-H. There are scholarships, ribbons, contests, plaques, and trophies to be won. Please contact Anthony Munoz, Lorri Coop, or Kate Baker for more information.

On March 17th, the Munday Chamber of Commerce will host North American born soprano Raquela Sheeran as she visits Munday High school at 5:30 PM for a concert performance.

The last day to sign-up for Knox City School Board Election is Monday, March 8th and there are 2 incumbents up for re-election-Dâle Turner and Todd Lewis.



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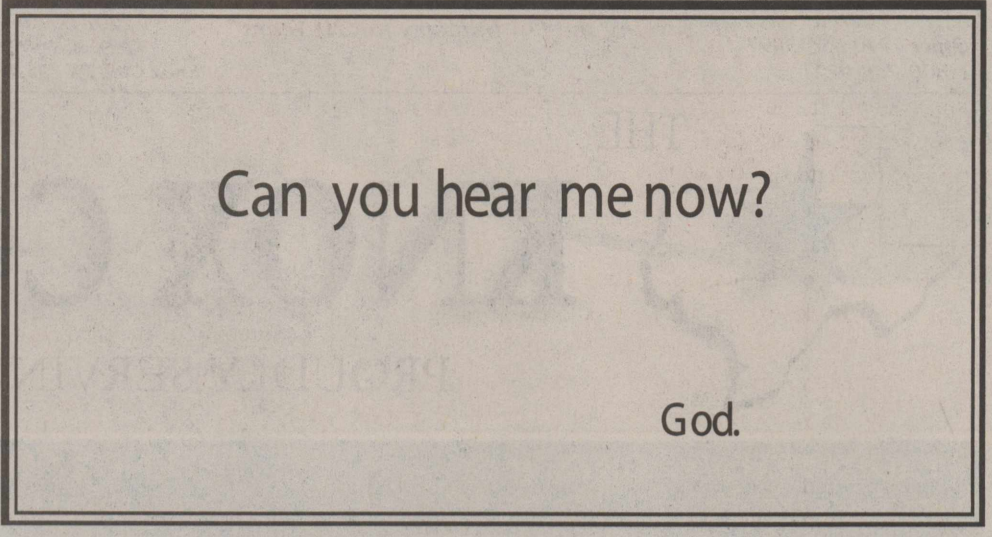
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Knox County Aging Services
Menus For March. 1st To March. 5th

Monday March 8th Spaghetti Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread Cookies	Rice Salad Hot Rolls Fruit Crunch
Tuesday March 9th Salmon Croquettes Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad Sliced Bread Cobbler	Friday, March 12th Chicken Strips/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Blackeyed Peas Biscuit Dessert
Wednesday March 19th Hamburger Steak/Gravy Great Northern Beans Mixed Vegetables Cornbread Carrot Cake	New Serving Time Is 12 Noon (In Knox City Only) Alternate Desserts For Diabetics
Thursday, March 11th Beef/Stir Fry Vegetables	Please Call In Your Orders By 10 A.M. To 657-3618 Orders Cant Be Taken After 10 A.M. And Need To Be Picked Up After 11 A.M.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



However, they did not heed the glad tidings; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

(Romans 10:16)

Cancer Support Group Offered by Cancer Services Network

ABILENE, Texas – Cancer Services Network, an agency of the United Way of Abilene, will offer 2 six- week Cancer Support Groups for those interested in learning to live beyond a diagnosis of cancer. If you or someone you know has cancer, this group is for you. When you have can-

cer, you have many things to think about. This group teaches you ways to help yourself and your family. You, your family and friends are welcome to attend. This group will meet weekly for six weeks to discuss topics relevant to dealing with a cancer diagnosis. One ses-

sion will be offered on Tuesdays, March 16 to April 20, 2010 in the Perkins Room at the Hendrick Cancer Center located at 2000 Pine Street. Another session on Thursdays, March 18 through April 22, 2010 will be offered in the conference room at Texas Oncology – Abilene located at 1957 Antilley Road. The Cancer Support Groups will meet from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Weekly topics include: Telling your Story, Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Using Spirituality to Cope with a Cancer Diagnosis; Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Communicating with your Medical Team; and Coping with the Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, Social Worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Mrs. Colley has over twelve years experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling (325) 672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Gilliland Baptist Church Gears Up for 100 Year Anniversary

Gilliland Baptist church will be celebrating 100 years of service to Gods grace on March 14th, 2010; and the folks of the Big Country are invited to share in the fun and fellowship. Morning worship services will start around elevenish... or when we feel like everyone has arrived who is going to arrive.

A good ole Texas style lunch of brisket and beans will be served with all the fixins right after the service. (Please let us know if you are going to eat with us.) We will have an hour or so of visitin' time before the official

commemoration service begins around 2:00 in the afternoon.

If you have any connection to Gilliland and the surrounding area, or if you are kin to any of the folks out here, or if you are just curious about our loving church, you are encouraged to come.

For more information, directions and RSVP contact Pastor Marq Brockett at (940) 657-3077 (brockett@srcaccess.net) or Lula Baty at (940) 474-3256 (batyfarm@srcaccess.net).

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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.
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Gary A. Schnable, Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:50 a.m.
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Father Charles Gorantla • Deacon Ben Vasquez
Sunday Mass at Noon

LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C. – Knox City

Gene Ward Jr., Pastor
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Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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Father Charles Gorantla • Deacon Jim Novak
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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

Rob Harrison, Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

MUNDAY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Adrian Fletcher, Pastor

Obituaries

Jessie Ledesma



Mr. Jessie Ledesma, 66, of Knox City passed away Thursday. A funeral service will be held at 10 am, Monday, March 1, 2010, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rhineland with Rev. Father Charles Gorantia officiating. Burial will follow in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell Smith Funeral Home. Rosary will be Sunday, 7 pm, at the funeral home in Knox City.

Mr. Ledesma was born on October 19, 1943 in Knox City. His parents were the late Federic Ledesma and Juanita Garcia Ledesma. He married Connie Parga on April 13, 1966 in Zalpa Zac, Mexico. He had retired from cotton ginning.

He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife Connie, of the home; four sons Steve and wife Alishia Ledesma, Fred and wife Tanya Ledesma, Alex and wife Juli Ledesma, and Jessie Ledesma Jr. all of Knox City; three daughters Faby and husband James Vasques of Knox City, Cynthia and husband Donny Taylor of Spur and Sonia Hoeckenorf, Vine Grove of Kentucky; brother Tony Ledesma of Hollis OK; four sisters Rosie Nevarez of Vernon, Yolanda Herrera of Rule, Mary Lou Vargas of

Dallas and Reyes Barrientz of Benjamin; 25 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Jean Healy



Mrs. Jean Healy, 79, of Knox City (formerly of Grand

Rapids, Michigan) passed away Friday in the nursing home in Knox City

Mrs. Healy was married to the late Clifford Terrah Healy. She had lived the past 10 years in Knox City.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Healy Rios and husband, Larry Rios of Knox City, granddaughters Lauren Amanda Rios, Sarah Elisabeth Rios, Brie Anna Jean Rios, great grandchildren Mia Mariah Munoz, Levi Lawrence Munoz, Jena Marie Munoz, Quincy Lorenze Sorrells and three brothers and two sisters.

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There are so very many kind people that I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Brazos Valley care Home and to their nurses who cared for my mother, to Hospice and Smith's Funeral Home. The love and care they showed my mother is so very appreciated. A special thank you to Shortes, Inc. and to everyone who sent cards, flowers, food, hugs, thoughtful words and prayers. You are all so very kind.

In this time of sorrow, I remember from my childhood, my parents would dance in each other's arms under the Missouri starlit skies and now after almost 17 years later, my Mother is dancing in my Daddy's arms in Heaven.

On March 2nd they would have celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Wonderful memories of my parents will remain in my heart forever. Thank you to all that made this very difficult time a little easier.

Thank you, Larry, for being the son to Mom that she loved so much.

I wish my Mom; love, peace, and happiness in Daddy's arms once again.

You will always be missed.

-Mary E. Rios



Many, many thanks go to the volunteer fire departments of Munday and Knox City.

Both came to the rescue of us when lightning hit our house on January 28. The damage was extensive but could have be a lot worse if the men of the fire departments had not worked so tirelessly in order to save our house. This county is so fortunate to have men that freely give their time to train and come to our aid when needed. Thank you also goes to the many people that offered their home, travel trailers and prayers to us. We love living in this community!

Thank you again. Rosie and Ricky Ake

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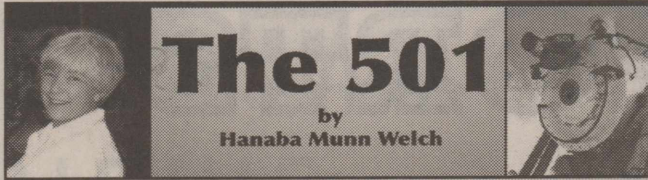
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The 501

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.

A real friend is one who shows up on moving day. Even better is a friend who'll help you clean out an entire garage, one with mice, and then help you put things back (except the mice).

I don't have friends in either category. So I got a regular friend to help me today and paid her. I think she may end up spending all her earnings on an allergy shot. I may need one too.

It wasn't even a garage - just a laundry-tool room at the farm. But it does have mice. Actually, they're rats. And if you really want to know, something even larger scurried into a dark corner and disappeared just the other day - anecdotal information I didn't share with my new hire, Terri, before she signed on.

Our task was formidable. In government realms, the scope of the project might have qualified it for stimulus money.

As it was, we made do with caffeine - morning coffee for me. We drank mid-day Pepsis with lunch. Lattes kept us going in the afternoon. And we drank Cokes with supper. Here's to caffeine.

So, whence the lattes? Well, we needed shelves, and you get shelves the same place you get lattes.

The big city. So we took a break. Call it 60 miles for a latte. We deserved it.

We'd not been loafing. The very first thing we did was take everything out of the room. The space looked great - austere and bare. The yard, on the other hand, lacked only a gypsy wagon.

And maybe some violinists to wander through the camp.

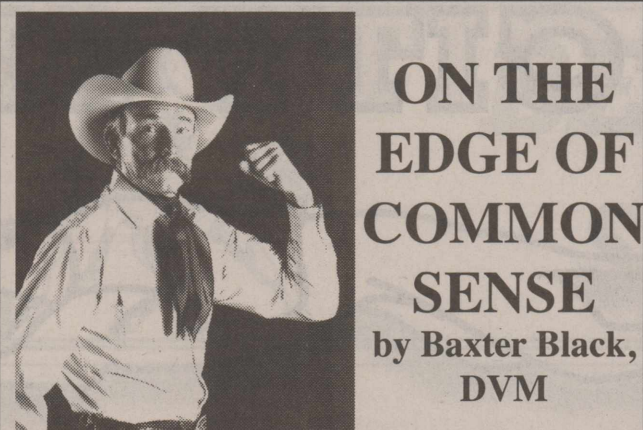
Anyway, next we swept. Then we mixed and poured concrete to fill a space between the floor and one wall. It was either pour concrete or get the vacuum to suck all the dirt out of the crack. Here's to concrete.

You'd think 80 pounds of mix would have been enough to fill a two-foot-long two-inch-wide space plus one small hole. Indeed, the crack filled up predictably, but not the little hole, no matter how much concrete we pushed into it. Terri and I speculated it was simply an air vent for an underworld varmint tunnel system something like a subway. Somebody could turn that concept into an imaginative children's book on creatures that live under the floor. I'd read it.

Once we finally filled the hole, we did have enough concrete left to patch a place in the foundation outside - probably the main subway entrance. Come to think of it, all it needed was one of those "Metro" signs like they have in Paris. Makes me want to write that book myself. I'll scale the underworld characters down to mouse-size and have them speak French. They'll drink lattes.

Yes, we did buy the shelves too. We even assembled them. Whew! But I must admit, all that stuff is still in the yard. It's either get it back in the house and on the shelves or acquire a gypsy wagon.

I guess you know what I'm thinking.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

JAKE WORKING OVERTIME

In an effort to make managing the 20 section ranch more efficiently, the boss bought Jake a Ranger, a 4-wheel drive muscle car ATV. The cowboys on this west Texas ranch were equipped with cell phones, of course. What modern cowboy isn't! They have replaced Copenhagen as the habit-forming addiction for the 'orally dependent.'

Jake received a call. It was a neighbor telling him that there was a calf out on the road to the highway, a mile from the west gate where Charles Goodnight lost a tooth chasing coyotes in the winter of '86 ...down by the Quanah Wash.

Jake sighed and reversed his direction. It was back three miles and over two. But, he thought, only a calf, maybe a week or two old. Probably got under the fence, Mama on the other side. Wouldn't be too tough.

Fifteen minutes later he approached Quanah Wash to find a 300 pound beefy bull calf in the bar ditch! King Richard III whined in his ear, "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!" Making do with what he had, Jake tied the tail of his rope to the bumper on the Ranger and started after the calf. Down the bar ditch they flew! The bull was running along the fence line and Jake was maneuvering with one hand, trying to keep a wheel on the shoulder! Because he was going west on the wrong side of the road he was forced to rope left-handed. Not easy with a right-hand-twist rope!

After four throws and misses the bull was wearing down and Jake caught him by the left front foot! Whilst moving into position he managed to tangle the rope in the Ranger's front wheel which immediately jerked his slack and killed the engine!

Our cowboy stepped out bravely and started down the rope thinking he could do a Fred Whitfield Flank Job and save the day. The bull calf bawled and, thinking HE could do the Pamplona re-enactment, charged up the rope at Jake! Now Jake is a big guy, but 300 pounds of crossbred cowhide and cojones comin' at you at the speed of beef made him pause and take notice! It was like standing in front of the firing squad and saying "Okay! Take your best shot!"

The little bull flattened Jake, who managed to catch one hind leg on the way by. He held on through the brush and gravel till the bull reached the end of the rope!

It then became a wrestling match wherein points were exchanged for takedowns, reversals, and riding time. Somehow Jake found himself with a scissor-lock around the calf's head, a hind foot up his shirtsleeve from the inside, and both hands around the tail!

He weighted the odds, looked up at the darkening sky, slipped the loop off the foot and rolled over. "A management decision," he later explained, "we were both working overtime"

Knox County Participates in the 2010 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up

By Megan Suarez, County Attorney

All our local law enforcement agencies are sending out a warning to those who may have outstanding misdemeanor warrants: Clear them or be caught.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office, Knox City P.D., and Munday P.D. have joined forces to participate in the "2010 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up." They are part of the 300 jurisdictions across Texas participating in this event, which officially begins Saturday, March 6.

The County Attorney's office is seeking to clear our active warrants by encouraging defendants to settle outstanding warrants. Starting March 6th, our local officers will target persons on the warrant list, and arrests

can take place at any location across the state, including the defendant's home, school or workplace.


Don't take the risk. Officers are working early, staying late, and traveling all over the state just to find you. If you, or a loved one, have a warrant and want to avoid the embarrassment of being publicly arrested, make arrangements to turn yourself in. We urge those who may have a warrant out to contact the appropriate jurisdiction to dispose of their cases voluntarily and to avoid arrest during the actual roundup.

Take advantage of this event to get on the right side of the law. Don't lie awake wondering if tomorrow it will be your turn to experience the back seat of a patrol car.

February Fire Calls Knox City Volunteer Fire Department

- February 12 - Landing Zone
 - February 17 - Landing Zone
 - February 17 - Landing Zone
 - February 18 - Lift Assistance
 - February 23 - Landing Zone
 - February 27 - Landing Zone
 - February 27 - Grass Fire
- Submitted by Public Information Officer, Terry Butler, #214

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United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center
Knox City, TX

2009 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)	Rainfall inches	Snow inches
	Low / High		
2/22	29/36	0.01	0.1
2/23	22/35	0.2	3.5
2/24	22/59		
2/25	37/62		
2/26	32/51		
2/27	29/64		
2/28	38/61	0.16	
Total Rainfall for month		2.76	6.6
2010 Rainfall (ytd)		5.83	6.6

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Knox County Market Place

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Burrito Express is looking for a manager. Must be available M-F, 5:00 am - 12:00 noon. Call Mary or Ben (940) 658-3997 or 940-256-1853 if interested or for more information.

Now Hiring: Part Time licensed Social Worker We are looking for a caring dependable professional to provide social services within our facility. Come join the team at Munday Nursing Center a 60 bed long term care facility competitive salary. Come by 421 West F. in Munday and contact Joyce Hardin, Admin.

Thanks for Reading!

For Sale

For sale. 2 3/8 Tubing. 2000 Feet. Call 940-657-5196.

For Sale: The City of Benjamin will accept bids for the Lots 7, 8, 9, Block 31 to be opened March 10, 2010 at the City Hall. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Box 286 Benjamin TX 79505.

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Public Notice

The City of O'Brien will hold a public Hearing on March 11th, 2010 at 5:30 to discuss Atmos Franchise Contract Resolution and to adopt a Plumbing Ordinance. If you should have any questions contact I. Diaz at 658-1144.

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Public Notice

City of Knox City Election
The last day to file an application for open seats for the Knox City Council is Monday, March 8, 2010, at 5:00 pm. The City will hold a regular, special and EDC Type A election, along with a referendum for no smoking in public places.
The election will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Knox County Aging Center located at 107 NE Ave E.
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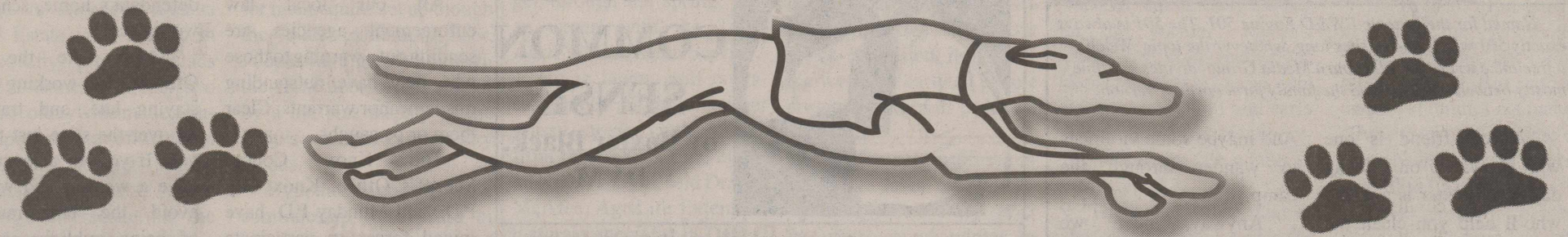
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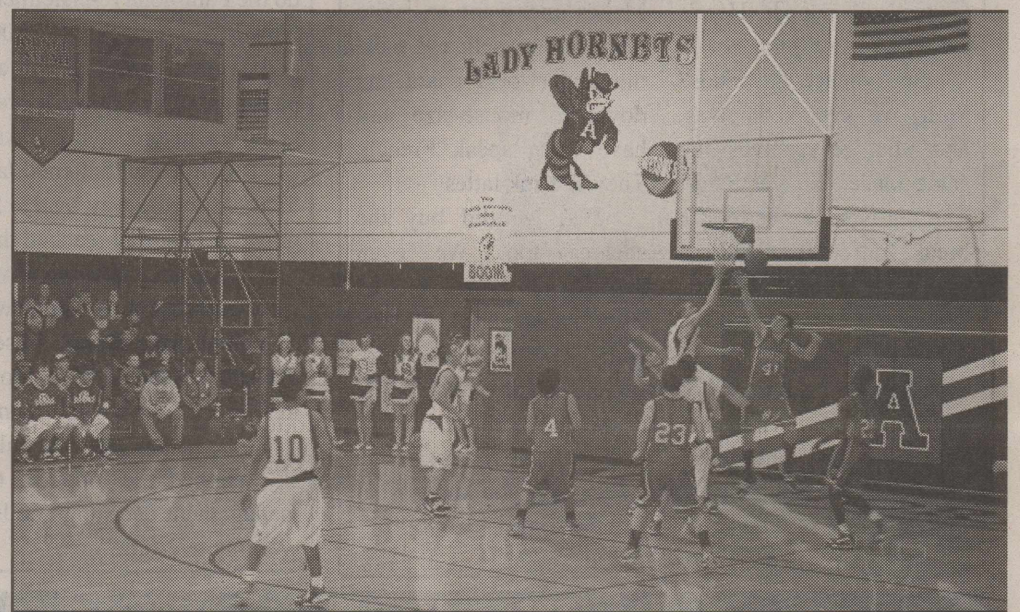
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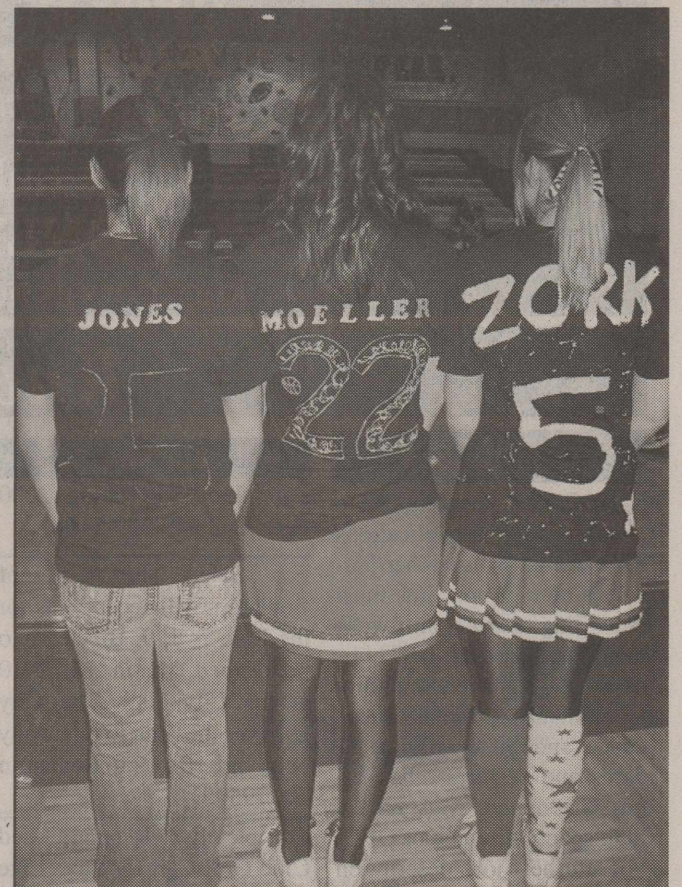
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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green



BENJAMIN SPORTS

March has come in on a cold, rainy (& rain and Snow mix) note. But we may have some nice days coming up & that will be great! Just wonder if we will have these usual pesky March winds- Time will tell.

About Our Ill

Imagean Young is home after a couple of trips to the hospital last week. On Wed, she was taken by ambulance to Wichita Falls in a lot of pain. She was afraid it was from her hip surgery but after testing, Drs determined it was her back, gave her some pain medicine & sent her home Thurs. But on Fri., she felt so bad, she was admitted to Knox County Hospital and was checked out, treated & sent home Sat. & so far is feeling much better. And that's good-

Jonnyie Williams also spent a couple of days in the Knox Co. Hospital. She fell at her home Thurs. morning & thankfully, didn't break any bones but is terribly sore. It will probably take several days to get over that. But she's glad to be home.

Fred Carver is in the Knox Co. Hospital being admitted this morning (Mon). They were to do some tests this afternoon & maybe his stay

Texas crop and weather report: state

COLLEGE STATION - The considerably wetter-than-normal winter continued to be a double-edged sword for much of the state's agricultural producers, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In many areas, the plentiful moisture was greening up winter pastures and, by raising soil moisture reserves, was improving the outlook for spring planting. But hanging over many farmers' heads was the specter of delayed planting, particularly that of corn, according to reports from AgriLife Extension county agents across the state.

However, the problems were by no means universal. In the Panhandle, though muddy conditions also made it difficult for cattle and cattle feeders there as throughout the state, the moisture was greening up winter wheat. In the San Antonio area, the rain was moderated by dry weather, giving producers the best of both worlds, according to Jerry Warren, AgriLife Extension agent for Bexar County.

"Bexar County continues to receive good moisture, and land preparation is mostly complete for spring planting," Warren said. "Livestock producers are still feeding. Winter wheat and oats are in pretty good shape and should see better grazing as average temperatures rise."

"More moisture is making things a little hard for some farmers to get into there fields and do any plowing," said Steve Sturtz, AgriLife Extension agent for Tom Green County, San Angelo. "But the winter wheat is really thriving in the area. Rangeland, pasture and wildlife are excellent."

"Rainfall in the early part of the week ranged from 0.01 inch to 0.43 inch, just enough to keep the topsoil moist and prevent good drying," said Jeffrey Stapper, AgriLife Extension agent for Nueces County, Corpus Christi. "Planting of corn, sorghum, and sunflowers continues to be delayed due to wet conditions. Soil temperatures remain very cool."

"Planting of crops is get-

ting closer due to soils beginning to dry out," said Joe Janak, AgriLife Extension agent for Victoria County in the Coastal Bend area. "As of Friday (Feb. 26), no grain crop is known to have been planted in the county, but by Sunday some may be. Farmers are hopeful there will be no rain this weekend so planting can start."

"Fields were too wet to work," said Edward Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent for Robertson County, southeast of Waco. "We are already behind on corn. Could be at least a week to 10 days before we will be able to plant."

"We had snow and sleet, with temperatures into mid 20s and highs in the upper 40s," said John Toner, AgriLife Extension agent for Sabine County, east of Lufkin. "The ground is still saturated and winter pastures are slow to grow."

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters: Central: Producers were waiting for fields to get dry enough to plant and making fertilizer applications where possible. Cool-season forage growth was slowed by cold, wet weather. Most wheat fields needed dry, warm weather. Livestock producers continued supplying supplemental feed to beef cattle. Coastal Bend: In most of the region, farmers had not yet started planting corn because of the wet ground and cool weather. The normal planting date for corn has already passed. Winter grasses were doing well under current weather conditions. Producers continued to provide supplemental hay and protein to livestock.

EAST: As much as 3 inches of snow fell in some parts of the region, followed by rain. With all the moisture and cold weather, all pasture and fieldwork was all but impossible. Farmers wanted to start to plant cool-weather vegetables, but were unable to due to soggy soils. Hay supplies were nearly depleted. Cattle began to look a bit thin in some counties, but overall, livestock were in fair to good condition with producers providing supple-

mental feed. Frequent feral hog damage continued to be reported.

FAR WEST: The region received from 1 inch to 6 inches of snow. Fall-planted onions were at third-leaf stage. Alfalfa was coming out of dormancy but growing very slowly. All spring wheat was emerged and had good stands. Land preparation for chiles and cotton was in full swing. Pecans trees were being hedged with some yet to be harvested.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from adequate to surplus with continuing rain. Because of wet field conditions, corn planting was delayed. Farmers could not get into the fields at this time to prepare for planting. If the fields do not dry enough during the next few weeks, much of the corn acreage will have to be replaced by a later-spring crop such as grain sorghum. Wheat was in poor to fair condition but were worsening due to the excess rain. Also, farmers have not been able get into the fields to fertilize. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Because of the wet conditions, winter pastures could not be counted on. Rangeland and pasture conditions were poor to fair. Producers were forced to feed more hay, and supplies were being depleted. They were buying hay out-of-region in order to finish the season.

PANHANDLE: Cold and wet conditions prevailed, with unpaved roads

and fields still muddy when not frozen early in the day. Spring crop preparation remained on hold because of wet conditions. In some areas, wheat improved from recent moisture, but growth awaited warmer weather. Producers' hay supplies were becoming low, but cattle still needed supplemental feeding in order to maintain body weight. Cold weather combined with muddy conditions has been hard on cattle in pastures and feedlots.

ROLLING PLAINS: Abundant moisture from rain and snow helped raise soil moisture levels, stimulating growth of wheat and oats. However, winter wheat and pastures needed warmer, sunny weather to really get growing. Where fields were dry enough, producers began top-dressing wheat. Fieldwork was put on hold in many other areas due to the wet conditions. As pastures were short on grass, livestock producers were providing heavily supplemental feeding.

Hay was in short supply, but most producers believe they can make it until the spring green-up. Producers still have tough decisions to make as to whether to graze out wheat or harvest it as they consider weather, cattle and wheat prices. Stock tanks were full, and cattle were in good shape as the spring calving season began. Muddy pastures and feeding areas were causing foot-rot problems in beef cattle.

But like the quilts, those kids are all winners as they put all they have into playing the game.

Pancho and Emily Acevedo & family were in Sweetwater for the weekend to honor her mom, (along with other family members) on her 80th birthday.

Grade school students were in a Little Dribblers tournament at Leuders Avoca on Sat. Benjamin 5th & 6th grades won 1st. They are coached by Cody Propps.

Benjamin Mustangs & Lady Stangs 2010 Varsity Track & Field Schedule

Date	Meet	Location	Time
3/12	Rolling Plains Relay	Jayton	12:00
3/26	Greyhound Relays	Knox City	TBA
4/2	Double Mountain Relays	Aspermont	12:00
4/8	District Meet	Aspermont	

Benjamin Mustangs & Lady Stangs 2010 Jr. High Track & Field Schedule

Date	Meet	Location	Time
3/11	Rolling Plains Relay	Jayton	TBA
3/25	Greyhound Relays	Knox City	TBA
4/1	Double Mountain Relay	Aspermont	3:45
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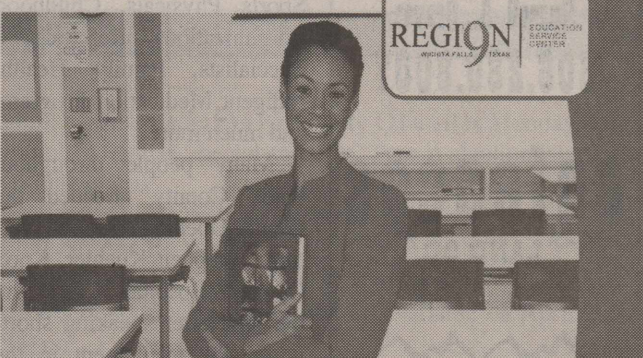
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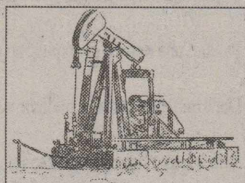
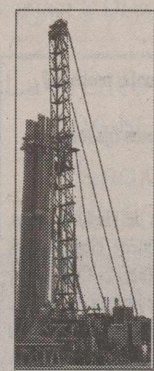
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QUILT

repairs, maintenance, etc.) Yet, all of Knox County turned out to help with the project: Peppers Dry Goods in Knox City gave free Coke Floats to attendees, Counts Real Estate (also located in Knox City) provided salads for 350 dinners. Twenty-two ladies countywide made dishes upon dishes of Chicken Spaghetti, Ranger Creek Ranch of Truscott made Cherry Cheesecake for the dessert for the spaghetti dinner... they also went 2 volunteers to work in the kitchen, preparing and serving attendees of the show. Front Porch Quilts in Benjamin set up a huge display of their quilting supplies and knick-knacks. The Munday Chamber of Commerce, although they opt to not host the show this year, still showed up and worked hard; providing goodie bags and volunteer efforts. Redford Ranch (of Benjamin), The Art Stall (of Knox City),

Casa Blanca Boutique (of Munday), and Santa Fe on the Brazos (of Benjamin) all provided clothes from their unique individual collections for mannequins set up though the quilt exhibition floor. People were greeted through the front door of the school by a life size display of the 1950's era from Peppers Dry Goods.

Hypothesis on this new comradeship were heard in whispers from viewers and exhibitors alike as they peered the quilts and other goods. Perhaps it's the lack of the football rivalry between towns, as the teams don't play each other anymore. Perhaps it's a payoff of the long hours & hard work of the Knox County Visioning Committee. Either way, with the communities bound together, this year's Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show will go down as one of the best in Knox County history.

PROGRAM

the Munday High School Auditorium, courtesy of the Munday Chamber of Commerce.

As an active performer of opera, recital and concert repertoire, North American born soprano Raquela Sheeran has performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Ms. Sheeran has performed roles such as Gretel (Hänsel und Gretel), Blonde (Die Entführung aus dem Serail), Erste Dame (Die Zauberflöte), Amore (Orfeo ed Euridice), Clorinda (La Cenerentola), Ein junges Mädchen (Moses und Aron), Anne Frank (The Diary of Anne Frank, composed by Grigori Frid) with Central City Opera, Chautauqua Opera, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Deutsche Staatsoper Berlin, Giessen Theater, Mannheim Theater, Chamber Opera Vienna, Graz Opera, Teatro Verdi in Sassari, Sardinia, Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona, New Israeli Opera in Tel Aviv and with the Glyndebourne Opera Festival in England. She has been featured in concerts and recitals throughout Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, Israel, and in the United States in North Carolina, Oklahoma, Maryland, Washington State, Washington D.C., New York, Pennsylvania, California, Louisiana, Texas, Rhode Island, Colorado, New Jersey, New Mexico and Florida.

Ms. Sheeran was a finalist in Placido Domingo's competition, Operalia, was a winner of a Belvedere Competition Prize (held in Vienna), Lotte Lenya Singing Competition/Kurt Weill Foundation for Music Award, the American Berlin Opera Foundation Scholarship, the Franz-Josef-Weisweiler Stipendium, the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation Award, and the Opera Index Grant. Raquela Sheeran's engagements for the 2009-2010 Season include tours for The Piatigorsky Foundation and continuing work as a swim instructor in NYC, where she is currently developing an innovative aquatic program of teaching music in the water to infants and young children.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania of Moroccan-Israeli descent, Ms. Sheeran earned a Bachelor of Music Degree from the Esther Boyer College of Music at Temple University and a Master of Music Degree from the Manhattan School of Music in vocal performance. She completed her training as a young artist at The Juilliard School Opera Center.

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Many people throughout Knox County attended the Grand Opening/ Ribbon cutting. Stephen Kuehler, Knox County Hospital CEO, cut the tape after speaking shortly on the excitement in the Knox County community for the new clinic. The sides of the ribbon were held by the President and Vice President of Knox County Hospital District

Long, cold winter likely will continue affecting some Texas lawns

DALLAS - Texas' exceptionally tough winter is nearly over, but its effects on grass are likely to linger through the spring, said an expert with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Home lawns, golf courses, athletic fields and other grassy areas could suffer from the effects of the 2009-10 winter season, said Dr. Jim McAfee, AgriLife Extension turfgrass specialist in Dallas.

"While children and adults seemed to have enjoyed record snowfall in some areas, the long, cold winter could have a major impact on grasses, particularly warm-season grasses," McAfee said.

Grasses already weakened by poor management, diseases and insects were particularly susceptible to damage caused by cold weather, especially in areas where temperatures dropped into the teens a number of times, he said.

Some property owners can expect to see patches of dead grass as spring unfolds, he said. In late winter and early spring, what should be tan, dormant grass might in-

stead be dead, gray patches of lawn.

"It's too early to determine how much, if any, damage has been done to a lawn," McAfee said. "But we're interested in getting the word out early so people are made aware of potential problems."

McAfee said professionals in the lawn care industry have been wary after this year's rough winter. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, for example, they cited low temperatures and the region's record snow fall in mid-February as measured officially at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

"That could be bad news for grasses," McAfee said.

All warm-weather grasses are vulnerable, including Bermuda, buffalo, centipede, St. Augustine and zoysia, he said. However, the most sus-

ceptible are St. Augustine and centipede.

"Winter kills are generally worse during extreme weather either early or late in the season," McAfee said. "Very cold weather can damage a lawn going into dormancy late fall and early winter, or when it is attempting to emerge late winter or early spring."

There are other factors that affect lawns besides the cold, he said, such as lawns that don't get enough water or have areas prone to flooding. Too much shade also could be a problem, and newly planted lawns are vulnerable as they haven't had enough time to adequately establish their roots.

Lawns in central, southern and western Texas will be especially sensitive as they have been weakened already by severe drought,

McAfee said.

"But the best thing people can do is be patient," McAfee said.

If there are dead patches in a lawn, they will be obvious after the lawn turns green, he said. But property owners shouldn't act hastily. Give the lawn some time because healthy grass can grow and fill in dead areas.

If a problem persists, however, contact a lawn care professional for help, McAfee said. Professionals can identify winter kills or other problems that affect lawns and determine the best solutions.

More information about caring for lawns, athletic fields and golf courses can be found at: <http://aggieturf.tamu.edu/aggieturf2/index.html>.

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The Pink Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, who attended the Open House wearing their Pink Cardigans denoting their awesome service to the hospital in providing much needed equipment & services. The Pink Ladies hosted a table full off cookies and punch in the area of the clinic that will be used as the suture room in the upcoming years.

Before this Clinic opened, Munday did have another clinic that had been located behind the bank in Munday. It was only half the size of the new clinic and was unable to provide the immense amount of services that the new clinic will be outfitted to provide.

For more information on the

Russell Graves Outdoors
Feral Hog Nation - Part 2

By Russell A. Graves

Luke Boedeker is an interesting person. Just visit his office and you'll understand why. Under the span of an enormous and decommissioned World War II-era airplane hangar at the Childress, Texas airfield, I recently caught up with Luke.

Inside the hangar is an assortment of aircraft with which I am interested. I am not a pilot but have always wanted to get a license since I first saw Maverick do an aircraft carrier fly-by in the movie Top Gun. Inside his hangar are a couple of bright yellow, broad winged spray planes that he uses for agricultural chemical application. There's also a small Cessna passenger plane and a larger twin engine prop plane. But the aircraft I am most interested in sits on a trailer connected to Luke's truck - a Robinson R-22 helicopter.

I've been acquainted with Luke for a while but over the past year, I've gotten to know him a little better and have flown with him one prior occasion. Today, however, I get to accompany Luke on an animal damage management project where we'll trailer the helicopter about 45 miles away and then fly a nearby ranch to put a dent in a troublesome feral pig population.

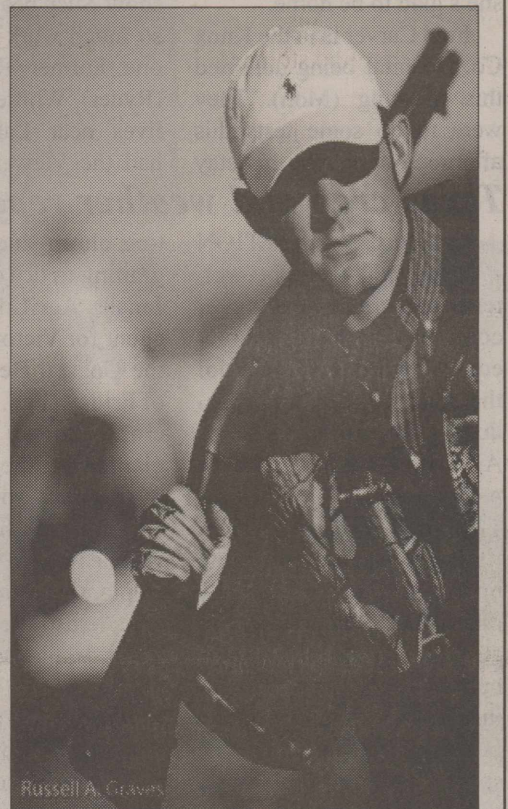
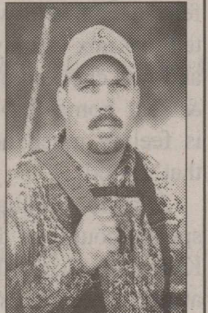
"From the ground, you can see where the hogs root," explains Luke. "But once you get in the air, it's pretty amazing how much ground they tear up."

Five minutes into our flight I clearly see what Luke is talking about. Everywhere I look, the earth is freshly disturbed by herds of rooting hogs. Their rooting upsets native plant communities, affects the productivity of rangelands from a livestock grazing standpoint, and affects native wildlife species like the ground dwelling bobwhite quail - a bird

whose numbers have been slipping for the past half century. While our altitude varies, the lack of leaves on the dormant trees and brush makes seeing the ground easy and we see wildlife like quail, coyotes, and mule deer. It isn't long, however, before we find a large herd of rooting pigs. Controlling them from a helicopter is efficient. Luke is a skilled pilot who deftly steers the helicopter in place while I use a shotgun to dispatch what hogs we can.

When the day is done, we know we've made a dent in their population but the numbers will creep back - pigs are made that way. Capable of having two to three litters a year and around six babies at a time, feral pig numbers continue to expand and Texas is home to half the of the nation's estimated four million wild pigs.

"Control is the key word," Luke tells me. "We can't eradicate them but hope to control them to the point that we can slow down the damage they cause."



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OPINION



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Happy Birthday

My wife had a birthday a couple of days ago. Normally, that is not a topic I would choose to write about. Today, it's all I feel like I can write about.

After her colon ruptured and she underwent emergency surgery on October 6, I wondered what was in store for us. Would she live? If so, what would her quality of life be? What was her long-term prognosis?

Life has been hectic since the fall. We both missed a tremendous amount of work over the final quarter of 2009 and have now spent months trying to catch up.

Sharon has her hands full at the store and I've got the newspapers which have undergone a series of transformations.

Our house is in a shambles as we are having some much needed work done to the 94-year-old structure.

Our boys continue to grow and learn and are the absolute joys of our life.

Currently, we are living with Sharon's parents as the dust from the work on our house forced us out.

Some of you men might be wondering what it would be like living under your in-law's roof. I can honestly say my in-laws have been wonderful. They have been most accommodating and handle the added noise and clutter very well.

My mother-in-law has been keeping up with the laundry and spending too much time preparing food. She could be construed as stubborn, but since she reads this, I digress.

In the days leading up to her birthday, I was very busy and didn't give it much thought. When it finally dawned on me that it was here, a sudden rush of emotion hit me like a punch in the stomach. It's hard to admit that there were points when I doubted this day would come ... at least with her.

There was no big party, no fantastic trip and no fanfare. Just a beautiful wife and mother who was still with us ... teaching us, inspiring us and loving us.

Now I'll probably be in trouble for writing about these things. They should be considered private. But, as I wrote some months ago, when it comes to this column, readers are going to have to take what I can give them and sometimes all I have in my heart to write about is her.

Even though the day came and went quietly, it was obvious Sharon was on all of our minds. And each February 28 will be a very happy birthday for years to come.

Christopher Blackburn is the president of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication.

Private Applicators License Training & Testing

For those of you wanting to receive a Private Applicators License, now is your chance to get one. With a Private Applicators License you are able to purchase and use state limited use or restricted use chemicals either for farm or garden uses.

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Were the Founding Fathers Media Socialists?

By Don Watkins

The Federal Communications Commission's Chief Diversity Officer, Mark Lloyd, wants government to socialize the media. In his 2006 book *Prologue to a Farce*, Lloyd calls for a far-reaching government program that would straitjacket private media companies and funnel tens of billions of dollars into a tax-supported "public" media-agenda shared by many of his associates. A massive nonprofit media run by the state would better inform Americans, Lloyd claims, although, feeling generous, he allows that "there should be a place for private communications services in a republic."

You might think this radical call for government control of the media is at odds with the First Amendment and the ideals of its authors. Not according to Lloyd and his fellow travelers, who portray their vision of a government-funded press as a continuation of the American tradition. The Founders, they say, weren't committed to protecting a profit-seeking press from government control. Instead, their primary concern was making sure the press could effectively educate and inform Americans, and they obsessively sought to subsidize the press in order to achieve that goal.

Let's review the facts. During the founding era, America was buzzing with newspapers—all of them privately owned and for-profit. Profit-seeking was so much a part of the American press that, as Professor Paul Starr notes, "The word 'advertiser' appeared in the title of 5 of 8 dailies published in 1790 and 20 of 24 dailies in 1800." The Founders did not curtail this profit-seeking press or supplement it with a government press. Instead they created a limited, rights-protecting government that secured freedom of speech and of the press. They were keenly aware that a free country depended on the free communication of ideas; indeed, it was America's burgeoning press that had helped transform the colonists from loyal subjects into intransigent rebels, something that would have been impossible had the British government controlled or restricted the press.

Lloyd's plan is point for point a repudiation of the Founders' ideals.

Lloyd advocates billions in new taxes on

the private media, while the Founders reviled the 1765 Stamp Act, which sparked the chain of events climaxing in the Revolution, in large measure because it taxed the press.

Lloyd calls for "federal regulations over commercial broadcast and cable programs regarding political advertising and commentary, educational programs for children" and even "the number of commercials" they can run, while the Founders solemnly declared that "Congress shall make no law" abridging the freedom of speech.

Lloyd advocates a government-run "public" media that would force you to support through taxes ideas you may oppose, while the Founders recognized the individual's freedom of conscience, which includes the right not to support views you object to.

The most Lloyd can dig up to substantiate his claim that a sprawling "public" press and crippling restrictions on the private press are consistent with the Founders' ideals is an obscure 1792 act that reduced postal shipping rates for newspapers. According to Lloyd, the Founders' "advocacy of the Postal Act of 1792 put communication service and a subsidy for political discourse at the center of our republic."

It was not a subsidy but freedom that the Founders put at the center of our republic. Even if we grant Lloyd that the Founders supported the Postal Act because they saw a modest role for government in promoting the spread of news, an objective assessment of such support would have to conclude that it contradicts their fundamental commitment to a free press. The reporting of news must be left to the voluntary actions of private individuals—any news subsidy inevitably sets the stage for government control of the press (just observe Washington's intrusion into the affairs of today's bailout recipients).

At the deepest level, Lloyd's is an act of moral embezzlement. He is using what is at most a minor inconsistency on the part of the Founders to smash their achievement and destroy America's free press.

The FCC's adoption of his proposals would not continue the American tradition. It would end it.

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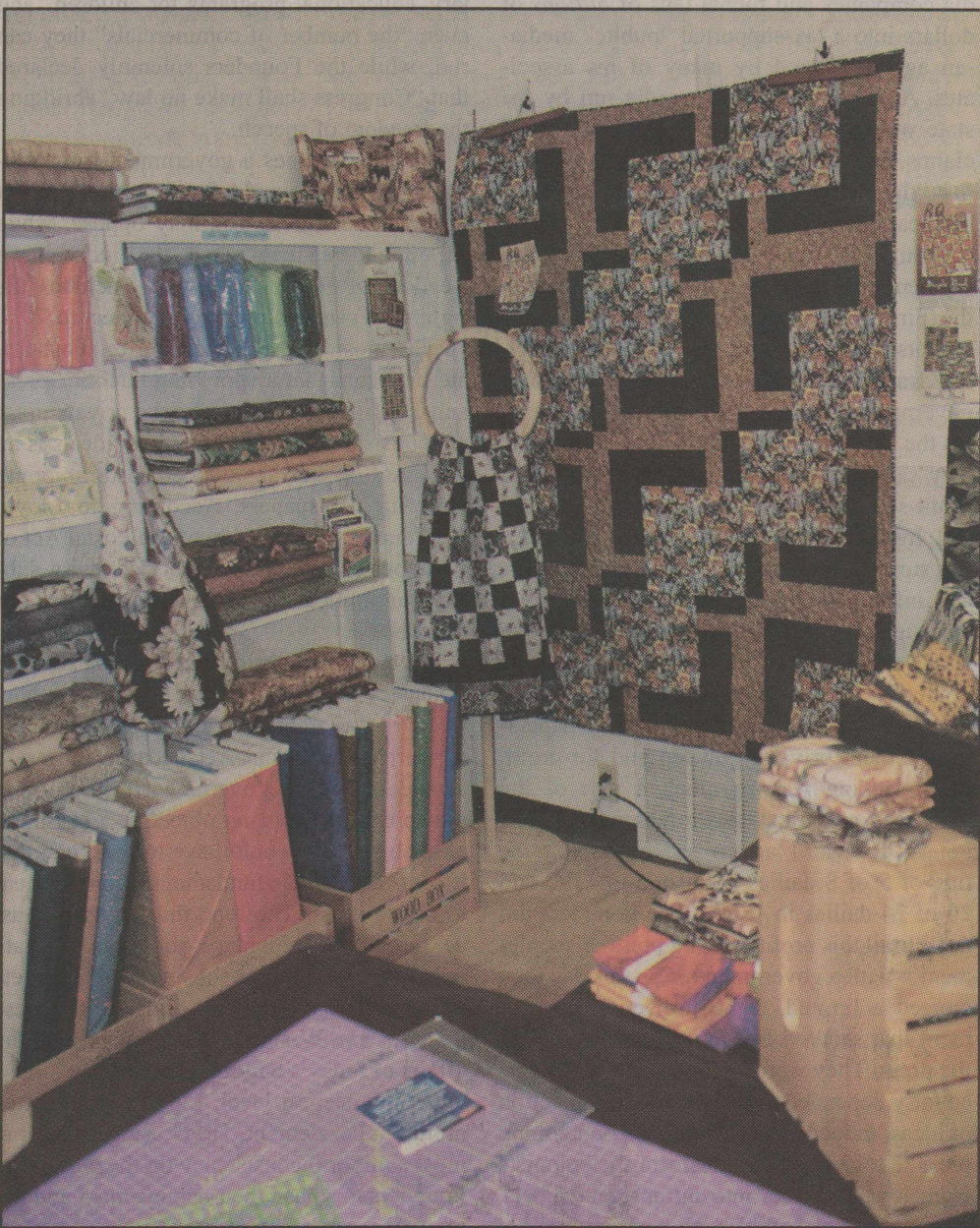
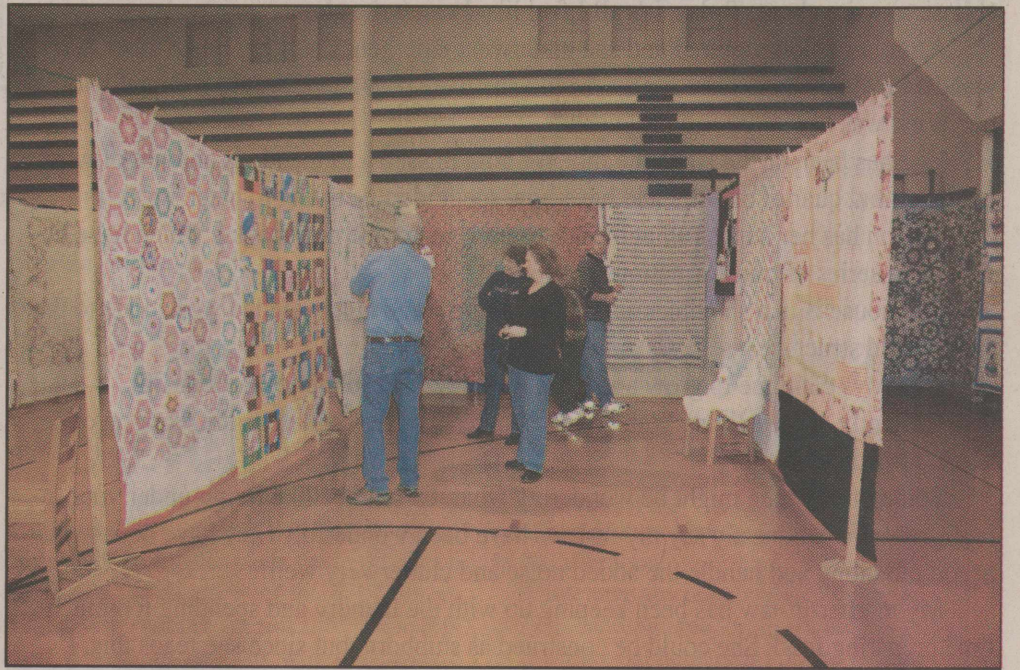
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