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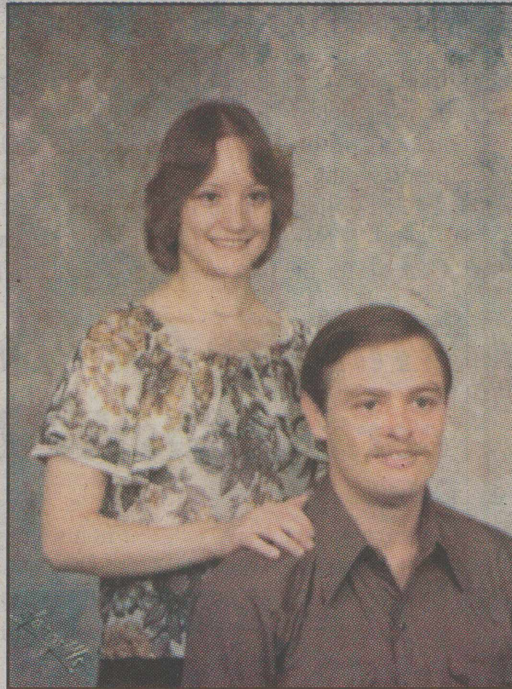
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Young Love In Knox County

Pictured here were one time "Knox County Young Loves". These couples still embrace the beauty of young love, even after many years together.



Bud and Sequoyah Reynolds
Married 56 years



Joe and Barbara Barnard
Married 33 years



The Romain and the late Jack Stubbs
Married 51 years

Tamara Smart

Valentine's Day was not originally intended as a frilly holiday which lovers are required by some unwritten law to lavish each other with candy-filled hearts and romantic dinners. It is not a day that was thought up by some brilliant marketing guru

at Hallmark to sell more cards, nor was it created to celebrate a frivolous love affair between partners.

Rather, Valentine's Day was derived as homage to a man who rebelled against a tyrannical leader who outlawed a festival in ancient Rome that celebrated love and honored to the "god of fertility". It was in

that festival that men choose their mates, and that many lovers found the glory of Holy Matrimony.

Emperor Claudius, the aforementioned tyrant, disbanded this festival in order to prevent men from getting married, settling down and therefore
See YOUNG LOVE on page 11

LOOKING AHEAD

The local girl scouts will be doing a Cookie Booth sale this Saturday, February 12, in front of the Lawrence Brothers grocery store. Cookie sales are almost over and we still have quite a few cookies to get rid of.

February 20, 2011 marks "Biker Sunday". The Christian Motorcycle Association local chapter will do a church visit to Faith Chapel in Rochester and show their mission's field, "Run for the Son" with fellowship

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delicious brisket, sausage and the traditional trimmings. Pie were abundant, and many people left, not only with full tummies, but with a door prize or an item from the silent auction donated by local

businesses and individuals in their possession. The Historical Society made their goal of \$5000.00 after expenses, which will help pay for the expenditures of the museum for the next year.

See Fundraiser Pics on Pg 12

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was born in Knox City and lived there for 44 years. I worked on the Knox Co. Paper several different times, starting with writing a column when I was a senior in high school, another column as a young mother, when the Angles and Stacy and Dave owned the paper. For 12 years, I worked in the Supt. Office at KCHS and made sure the school news got to the paper every week and contributed other news articles, and later I helped with layouts and proofreading.

Even though I have lived around Newcastle and Graham for the past twenty-

four years, I still consider Knox City my home. I feel protective of all things Knox Citian and representing Knox County. In recent years, the KC newspaper has had it's ups and downs, and at certain low points I would cringe to think how Mrs. Cash, the English teacher at KCHS for many years, would react to all the misspelled words and grammatical errors in the paper.

On the plus side, Tamara Smart is to be commended for her enthusiasm and her many colorful articles of local interest. It is nice to have Sammie's Corner, the 501, and of course, the Benjamin News.

However, nearly every week, Jeff Stanfield is an embarrassment to Knox City by writing such a biased, redneck, ignorant column. This week he again insulted his favorite target, President Obama, calling him a "Big Eared Village Idiot; also "fat Chicks" with "big ol' drawers", "commode lickers" and his version of all people on welfare/ I believe his language is offensive and his idea of humor is very unprofessional and I wonder... Is this the message you want your newspaper to send?

Sincerely,
Melanie Verhalen Mitchell

Munday Chief of Police becomes certified as K9 Drug Dog Handler

Tamara Smart

On Thursday, February 3, David Petrusaitis attended the certification classes in Lubbock to become a certified handler of Pistol, his K9 drug detection unit. Now, David is certified through the NNDDA (National Narcotics Detection Dog Association) to handle Pistol through suspected crime scenes that may harbor illegal narcotics. Now, whenever a peace officer in one of the local areas needs the assistance of a narcotics detection dog, either Donna (who has been previously certified with Pistol), or David Petrusaitis can respond; thus making Pistol's services available 24

hours a day, 7 days a week.

The financial burden of getting David certified to handle Pistol through the NNDDA was completely compensated by the City of Munday. According to Officer Petrusaitis, "The City of Munday has been very forthcoming for everything involving the dog, program and Donna." David approached the council for the moneys needed to become certified when he decided to help remove some of the burden off of his wife, Donna, who until last Thursday was the only person certified to handle Pistol.

Although Pistol has not

been called out to many scenes where narcotics are suspected, the fact that she is available is comforting. David describes the presence of a K9 Unit in the local area like "Having a gun and not needing it than need a gun but not having it."

An artisan is working on creating K9 Unit patches to be worn by the Munday P.D. while handling Pistol, which he intends on donating to the Police Department for no cost.

Pistol is certified to locate four types of narcotics: marijuana, methamphetamines, cocaine, and heroine.

See K9 Photo on Pg 3



David, Donna and Pistol Petrusaitis pose for the camera. As of last Thursday, both David and Donna are certified to run Pistol, a narcotics locating K9, through areas where drugs are suspected.

Photo by Tamara Smart

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday evening and that cold winds have come in and, oh, how that makes us older folk feel it in our bones! It's like we have a built-in physical weather report in our own bodies. All I can say is stay warm and hopefully our warm weather will right behind this cold blast somewhere.

When I woke up on Tuesday morning and snow was on the ground. Now my plans are to stay in and hope the snow and ice go away soon. But until then, I will do nothing but stay under the covers to stay warm. It's a good thing that my heaters are doing their job.

Wednesday morning still harbors lots of ice and snow on the ground. I'm still confined to my house because anything I do will endanger my chances of healing from my back.

Good news keeps coming. Frankie and Danielle Rodriguez are then proud grandparents of a baby girl born on Wednesday at 7lbs and was 19" long. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. Josh Rodriguez. My suggestion to little brother, Frankie, is to put out that rockin' chair because it's going to come in handy. Congratulations on your new baby girl. What a wonderful blessing in such a small package that will take up a huge part of your heart. Thursday morning still looks the same outside. Cold with ice and snow. Needless to say, I am still indoors. I hope that if people have to

go somewhere today they are extra careful. Life is a precious thing to have from God.

Alfredo Abila is back in the hospital, but only for a minor problem; a little sore throat and a fever. The doctors are making sure that's the only thing and that he can get over it quick.

From reading last week's paper, I hope that a new business is coming to town. I hope god answers all out prayers as we can always use another business to cause things to really pick up in downtown.

Congratulations to Donna Stuskey for the job she got in O'Brien as the City Secretary. I wish her the best and I hope it turns out to be an enjoyable job that she likes very much.

Ester Grindstaff is back in a hospital in Abilene because she had some real 'set-backs

in her recovery. She had to have the bottom of her leg amputated because of an infection. I hear that she is doing well from the family I have talked to.

Frank Garcia is still having a very hard time with his MS. He has a trip planned to go to Dallas to see a specialist and maybe change his medication or something to help him manage this awful disease.

This Friday morning and Wynell Wadzack from Rochester has passed away. She was June Tankersley, Faye Reed, and Buster Lowry's sister. She has one son, Larry, from Rochester.

Saturday morning and Jane Ann Penman Bosworth had a new addition to heir family with a baby boy and a baby girl born on Saturday, according to some Penman employees. Mom and

children are all doing great. The keep coming in sets of two. Our prayers, blessing and big congratulations to all in the family.

Ruth Rhodes passed away on Monday the 31 of Jan at 6:30 p.m. She is Allen Rhodes mother. She lived here for a

long time and worked closely with the Pink Ladies. She was a wonderful woman. I got to know her and her husband while he was in the oil field.

I'll be back in next column. You stay warm.

**God Bless.
Sammie**

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Menus For Feb. 13th To Feb. 17th

Monday Feb. 13th
Salsbury Steak/Gravy
Brown Rice
Okra & Tomatoes
Sliced Bread
Baked Apples

Thursday, Feb. 16th
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Fruit Cocktail Cake

Tuesday Feb. 14th
Baked Chicken
Apple/Celery Salad
Glazed Carrots
Wheat Roll
Bread Pudding

Friday, Feb. 17th
Chicken Fritter On A Bun
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomato
Dessert

Wednesday Feb. 15th
Macaroni/Meatballs
Salad
Blackeyed Peas
Garlic Toast
Cobbler

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Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
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11/22	46	84	
11/23	35	68	
11/24	47	84	
11/25	23	58	
11/26	18	58	
11/27	21	65	
11/28	33	69	

Total Rainfall for month 0.40
2010 Rainfall (ytd) 36.43

TxDOT wants to hear from the public

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host five open-house style public meetings to solicit public comments and input on the development of the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years (FY) 2012 through 2021, and the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle revision to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

The 2012 UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. The STIP portion of these public meetings pertain specifically to the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle STIP revision for a single project in the San Antonio area. TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions. The FY 2011 STIP Amendment for January 2011 may be viewed online

at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips/htm> or visit any TxDOT District Office prior to the meeting.

The public meetings will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011
TxDOT - Bexar Metro Office
9320 SE Loop 410
San Antonio, Texas 78223

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011
TxDOT - Lubbock District Training Center, Mesquite Room
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135 Slaton Road
Lubbock, Texas 79404

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011
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7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011
TxDOT - Fort Worth District Regional Training Center
2501 SW Loop 820 (at Mc-Cart Ave.)
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Thursday, Feb. 22, 2011
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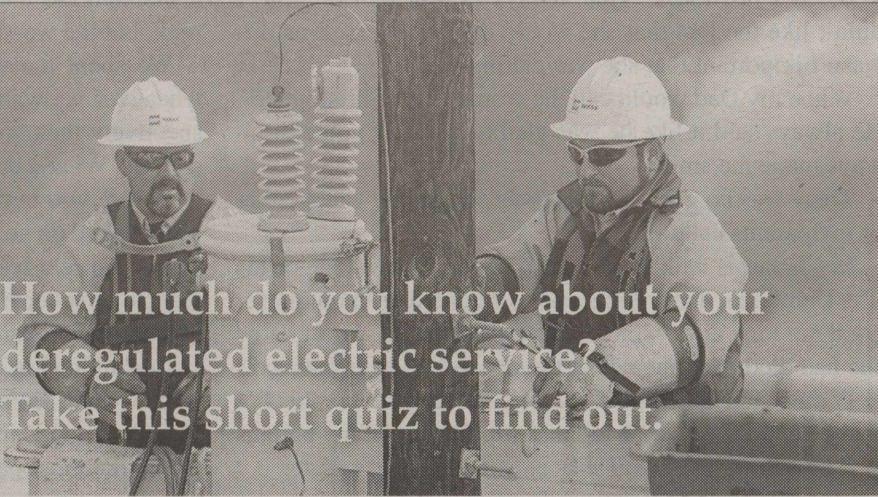
Beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and development of the UTP. Additional information and exhibits will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please go to www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: www.txdot.gov, using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: David Plutowski, P.E., UTP Engineer 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until March 3, 2011.

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- 5) None of the above

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- 5) None of the above

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The Paperboy

Filling the void

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I guess in a way, we never escape the voices of our parents.

Three years have passed since my mom passed, but the echoes of her voice still ring in my ears.

When Mom would call, and I would answer, she always said, "It's just me..." That always ticked me off a bit. I didn't like the fact that she would discount herself as if it wasn't important that she was calling.

When my Dad would call, he would say, "Christopher!" He always said it like he was glad to hear my voice. It always made me smile.

There was no guessing who was on the line when either of my parents called.

My father is still alive, but he has no knowledge of his life. Dementia, likely Alzheimer's, claimed his memory for good not long after Mom died. At the time, he didn't know she had died. Now he doesn't know he was ever married.

Perhaps one of the greatest gifts we are given in this life is our memory. I cherish too many memories of my parents to mention in this small space. Sometimes I wonder if I

will always have them. For now I do and this time of year always brings them flooding back.

It's impossible to come up with a favorite memory of my parents. That's because there were so many good ones.

I remember a trip to Six Flags Over Texas when I was 10. We had a blast. Morning thunderstorms meant the park was shut down for a couple of hours. I recall it was also a weekday, so the crowd may have been lighter to begin with, but the weather made the park virtually empty.

We spent the whole day riding whatever we wanted, whenever we wanted. Mom and Dad were 33 and 34 respectively then so they were up for riding with my sister and me. What a day!

Before you become a teenager, you need your parents. You depend on your parents. Of course you also need them when you're a teen, you just don't want to admit it. You want to be independent and point out how much you know, especially compared to Mom and Dad.

I recall having to get an occasional attitude adjustment. I also recall Mom giving me the old tried and true guilt trip. Every once in awhile I'd receive a guilt vacation.

For the most part, as long as my grades were good and

my mind was right, I got along great with my parents. I now see how lucky, and how sheltered I was.

When Dad really started slipping, I felt the impact immediately. Almost overnight, the advice I had depended on was gone. The progression of his disease was so rapid, his digression was staggering. At that point, I began to babysit my Dad during the day to give Mom a break. I'd pick him up in the morning, and we'd spend the day together. While those memories are still painful, we did share some good times on our daily adventures.

When Mom died, my source for knowledge on child rearing, a job she was very good at and very serious about, disappeared as well. Being an older father with a wonderful wife helps in that regard, but there's not a day that goes by that I don't miss the support.

We try and fill the voids in our lives the best we can. God, the love for family, precious friendships ... all play a key role in balancing our lives. At least they do for me ...

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Social Security and the Fallacy of Government Compassion

By DAVIS BOZEMAN

The chatter is becoming a roar. With the first baby boomers approaching the legal retirement age and concern mounting over the solvency of Social Security, the first solution on the table is to raise the age even higher.

Republicans such as House Speaker John Boehner, governors Tim Pawlenty (MN) and Mitch Daniels (IN) have expressed support for upping the age to 70. Bush 43 spokeswoman Dana Perrino recently proposed on Fox News phasing in, not affecting anyone now at or near retirement, an increase to age 69. Fox News analyst John Stossel, a staunch libertarian, echoes the same idea as the first solution to saving the program.

Social Security, of course, remains the vaunted third rail of American politics, the crown jewel of Roosevelt-era liberalism. Even conservative-minded Americans consider the program the one saving grace keeping the elderly out of the poor-houses. Like a national institution or memorial, it will be saved come whatever. Just the mere concept is an American value unto itself and we will make it endure, regardless of the costs or the puny payouts or the toll on the American worker.

Nothing written here is meant to endorse the privatization of Social Security, but I do submit that the American worker

should not be coerced into planning his or her future on the edicts of Washington politicians and policy wonks. Social Security, like most government programs, offers one-size-fits-all solutions for a diverse nation of 300 million-plus and fosters dependency and conformity. From where in the Constitution does government derive the power to set my retirement age?

Furthermore, Boehner, Pawlenty, Perrino and the rest of the raise-the-age-nowers make their livings in the halls of government and in temperature-controlled studios opining on the issues of the day. Consider that millions of Americans work with their hands. Pipe fitters, bricklayers and construction crews labor in the most intense heat and extreme cold. Factory workers spend eight, nine, ten hours a day on concrete floors, lifting heavy boxes and other materials, leaving hundreds of thousands of Americans with back and knee problems as early as in their thirties.

How many of those who publicly advocate raising the retirement age plan to cut six-inch thick telephone wire or load tractor trailers when they are approaching 70? How many would take comfort in their parents or grandparents forgoing precious leisure time late in life to continue punching the time clock? Is this the brand of government compassion for which agency officials are always beating their chests?

The point is not to lament poor working conditions. Most honest work confers honor, dignity and great benefit for the

employee, and advances in technology and freedom (with a modicum of government oversight) should offer a promising future for the American worker. What we require is greater choice and flexibility in planning our retirement. One need not advocate the abolishment of Social Security to see that while some of us enjoy careers we want to continue through our 70's and 80's, some of us have jobs.

We must further discard the conventional wisdom that we must follow the dictates of a bi-partisan blue-ribbon commission in planning when to retire. Our individual lives and the financial markets still offer options for early retirement (as tall an order as it is), which we can explore while we still enjoy the freedom.

Greater market-based choice would tailor plans to suit the needs of workers and their families, lest the customer go elsewhere. Government plans, by contrast, are predicated upon their own survival, and it is the worker bee who must sacrifice so that a noble endeavor can endure. Government cares little about your aching back, broken knees or frayed sanity, so unless 70 miraculously becomes the new 40, I'd like to enjoy my golden years while I can still walk. Still, if there's an opening for a congressman or a pundit on a cable news channel, I'll consider it.

JUST JEFF

Jeff Stanfield

Valentine's Day is almost here. All I can think of is that someone who owned stock in Hallmark cards invented this money-sucking event. It is a conspiracy that starts in elementary school and finally goes away when we take a dirt nap.

Oh memories, remember when we were in first grade and had to buy the valentines for the whole class, and put one in each kid's little personal mailbox. Your buddies and you would be all embarrassed while the little girls would be giggling about who gave them the biggest, or flashiest card. My how times have changed! Today the ladies sit around lunch, dinner or some other establishment that serves cold drinks and lots of lies and do the same. The woman

with the biggest bling is winner, her better half is the hero, and meanwhile the rest of us other dopes look like Joe "the big fat loser".

Lets look at the top things that we send as gifts and break them down: Roses. Why roses? Why not a peace lily? Good God, can you think if anything you need more than peace in a relationship? Candy. This is a always the funny one. No matter if your lady weighs 380 or a buck 15 she will say, "I just do not need candy". But they always seem to sell out all of the good stuff really fast. I mean, who in the heck does not like the Turtles or even a chocolate covered Strawberry. If your lady does weigh 380, maybe you need to try the "mystery box". You know, the heart with all the candies that you have to

guess what is in the middle. I think out of about 30 pieces, maybe 6 are actually edible. I believe what they do is collect Christmas candy that is left over and mix it up with a little good stuff and Bam! You have yourself a Valentine heart full of candy. Good luck if that is what you get. Be prepared to spit out about every other one.

You also can tell the Grandmas from the newly weds when someone is doing a little PJ shopping for their cuddle queen. If she is under 35, she may be getting a little Victoria Secret; and if she is a little older, maybe a Muumuu. I personally never have even seen where they sell muumuus, but they do somewhere. Lets face it, you will not be heating up the neighborhood in one of those. The gift that is the

Grand Slam of all is jewelry. I mean, what lady would not like a 3 carat diamond ring, or a mother of pearl necklace. Heck, if she really loves you a CZ diamond will bring a smile to her face; if Tiffany's sells it than she will want it.

But these are all reasons that Valentine's, like Christmas and everything but Flag Day, is all over-hyped. How about a nice card telling them you love them? I mean these women wash dirty drawers, and socks. They clean house

and keep up with most of the kids and that alone is a chore itself. That should be the best gift you could give. I understand most of our ladies are under appreciated and over-worked. I hope they all have a Great Valentines Day!!

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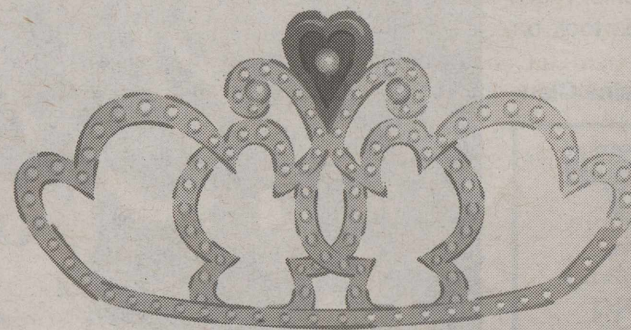
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Houndettes Playoff Bound



Knox City Seniors were celebrated on Senior Night when the Hounds took on Crowell.

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Cassidy Carter puts up two points in the victory against Crowell, which secured the Houndettes as the number 2 seed in District Play.

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Tamara Smart
After a week of cancelled games due to the weather conditions, the Knox City Houndettes have been playing their legs off for the last 3 days trying to make up for the missed matches.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, the Houndettes met Harrold on the court and walked out of the gym as victors- the final score being 43-26 (Knox City). The high scorer for this game was Chastity Tolsen who earned 14 points, followed by Lacey Pierce and Gaby Moya, who earned 8 points apiece toward the victory.

Only two days later, on Monday, Feb. 7, the girls hit the court again. This time their opponent was the #1 seed in the 13th District 13/1A/ Division 2; AKA Crowell. While the Houndettes played hard, Crowell proved their status as #1 in the district by beating Knox City (who finished District play as the #2 seed), with a final score of 45-63 (Crowell). Yet, there were some highlights for the

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Zak York takes it to the hoop for two points against Crowell.

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Benjamin News By Gladene Green

I start his week by re-doing a few items in last week's column. Not exactly corrections, but there were some omissions that need to be taken care of.

First of all, in the items regarding the bridal shower in Plainview attended by some folks from here as well as HSU and Aspermont, the name of the bride elect was left out. Should have said: "Bridal shower honoring Carissa Nichols, bride-elect of David Clower."

Then in the write up about Tina Siemens birthday dinner given by her children, her daughter, Tina Silva's name was omitted. Tine is proud of all her children and was so happy to have them at home for the weekend so we sure don't want to leave any of them out.

And last, and most important, was the omission of David Milson's children, Tanner, Rylea and his mom, Bo, in my expression of sympathy to David's family. Certainly these mistakes (or omissions) happened in typing the column from my copy. My apologies to each family concerned.

Now on to this week's happenings. Last week caught most of us pretty well housed in as the weather was pretty bad for 2 or 3 days. Thankfully, though it was bad here, we didn't have it as bad as many did. That mess in Dallas and the surrounding are and even places closer to home looked terrible. Then yesterday, (Sunday) we had some good rain, which we really needed. But it was still cold- and more is on its way- Hooray!

My sympathy to the family of Wynelle Wadzeck this week, Wynelle passed away early last week after several years of failing health. I didn't know her too well, but was acquainted with her and always appreciated her friendliness and interest in things in other people's lives. She will be missed by many.

Here 'N there

It was a good crowd on hand Sunday for the annual BBQ dinner to benefit the museum. No idea the number in attendance, but know there was a bunch of folks who came to enjoy the meal, prizes and lots of visiting, despite the rain and cold. Do know that everyone always enjoys that day, plus after being where they couldn't get out for a few days, I imagine everyone was ready for a change of pace.

And a personal note: For the last several years, one of my assigned tasks for the even has been to ask locals for pies and deviled eggs for the meal. Not one person turned me down or even acted like they wanted to. Everyone was ready to do what he or she needed to to make this meal a success. And I just was to say Thank You again to everyone who was asked to donate. And if I missed you, that only means I got my quota before I could get to you on the phone. Not to worry- I'll catch you next time.

Well, did the Super Bowl game go as you wanted it to? As far as I am concerned, I was happy that Green Bay won, but would have not lost any sleep if they had

lost. I do especially like their quarterback, though, so I guess I should be happy that he did as well as he did. But I'm a die-hard cowboy fan, and wait for the next time they will return to the Super Bowl. Wonder when that will be?

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse were in Paducah on Friday for the funeral of Willie Rushing. On Saturday, they (and their grandson, Dillon) were in Amarillo to visit their kids, Cody and Beckie and their families and to attend grandson, Blaze Taylor's birthday party. Ashlee Evans of Childress accompanied them to Amarillo.

Mitzi and Shane Welch attended the funeral of his aunt, Mevina Welch, in Stamford. Mevina was the wife of Don Welch.

Jimmy and Michele Barrientez spent the weekend with friends in Fort Worth.

Sunday was a good day to visit with friends who were here to enjoy the "museum meal". I enjoyed seeing Kenneth and Ila Mae Benson and Wanda Joyce Jennings of Wichita Falls, who are faithful to come "back home" to community happenings.

Talked to Dawn Vanderpol and she said her daughters, Leah and Jessica are enjoying school (McMurray). They are roommates. Leah is in her second year, and this is Jessica's first. Always good to get a good report on our kids who have graduated and gone on to college.

Chance and Chase Bohannon of Gorman spent

the weekend with their dad, Lonnie, and other relatives and friends.

Don't forget the Valentine's Dinner Sunday evening (6 p.m.) at the Ex-Students building. Food will be furnished and group singing and special music will follow the meal. The

local churches get together to plan this event, and hope it brings us all together for an enjoyable evening.

And it's congratulations to dear friends, Kenneth and Jessie Roberts who on the 15th will celebrate 70 years of marriage. What a Blessing for these two. They

have served in so many areas of the community- among them, the school and church. FUMC just to name a couple and their faithful service will not be forgotten. Again, congratulations and I hope your special day is just the way you want it to be!!

Legal Notice

Notice of Sale

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County of Knox

DATED January 27, 2011, as issued pursuant to a judicial decree of the District Court of Knox County Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 8909, and styled Knox County Appraisal District vs. Jay White, Ind. & d/b/a The Munday Courier, Cynthia White, Ind. & d/b/a The Munday Courier, M.L. Waggoner, Lein Holder (In Rem Only), Michael Waggoner, Lienholder (In Rem Only), Estar Waggoner, Leinholder (In Rem Only), Texas Converting, Inc., Leinholder (In Rem Only), State of Texas, Texas Workforce Commission, Leinholder (In Rem Only) Account Number 07-338889-9 and United States of America Internal Revenue Service, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on January 27, 2011, seized, levied upon and will on the first Tuesday in March, 2011, the same being the 1st day of March 2011, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Benjamin, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Knox and the State of Texas, to-wit:

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Criminal Mischief (M-B)

Scurry County Warrant

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1/31/11

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Baylor County

Thomas, Ray

1/31/11

Possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (F-1)

Possession of Marijuana (M-A)

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Collins, Phillip

1/31/11

MTR/DWI 3rd or more (F-3)

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Criminal Trespass (M-B)

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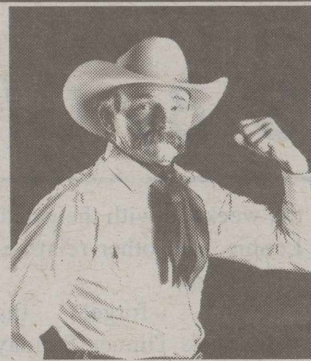
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How many times have you wished you had two keys on your horse? It's daylight. The crew's heading out on a big circle. The ranch foreman is riding a quarter Thoroughbred buckskin that's sixteen hands at the withers. He takes BIG steps! The Peruvian on the Paso Fino, the banker on the walking mule, and the neighbor on her Arabian stud seem to have no trouble keeping up. My horse is following at a pace the equivalent of an ol' timer doing therapy for hip replacement! He's got his head down. The closest description to his gait would be "plodding." Every five minutes, or when I can't see the riders anymore, I kick him into a trot and catch up.

They stop to let their horses blow occasionally, but by the time I reach them they've taken off again! It's like this all day until we point our steeds barnward and start back home. Everybody else's horse picks up the pace a little headed toward the corral but mine suddenly is engulfed with the energy of a caffeine-addled muskrat in a squirrel cage! He's jiggin' and prancing, side passing, throwin' his head, chomping at the bit and whinnying like an Alpine yodeler!

You are bouncing along, the reins tight, trying to have a casual conversation with the Arabian princess about the endurance of Arabians vs. the gas mileage of a Chevy Volt. After five minutes she remarks that she used to stutter, too, when she was young. Would I like the number of her speech therapist?

After you get your horse unsaddled, you remember when you traded for him. You test-rode him in the arena, no problem! But down the road you were eventually forced to accept his eccentricities like; being cinchy, not being able to pick up his hind feet, and if you ever tied him solid he'd pull down the porch roof or uproot the hitching post!

And then you remember the day you suddenly realized that they didn't name him because of his color. I'd never heard of a horse being named Paint Shaker!

What I need is a key!



The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch

What do you wear to an auction?

It depends on what image you wish to convey. I try to look underprivileged. That's an outdated euphemism for poor.

I'm not talking about an estate auction where everybody knows you anyway, auctioneer included, and where you should look nice out of respect for the deceased. Nor am I referring to a livestock auction at the local sale barn, where it's best just to blend in with the farmer set and wear Redwings if you have any or some equivalent thereof.

The kind of auction I'm talking about is one where you can truly be anonymous. I went to one last weekend.

An old John Deere wheat drill drew me to the miscellaneous monthly sale for all sorts of stuff, as in junk and ladders, drywall screw guns, RV air conditioners, a vintage tractor with an ominous oil leak, toys, a bicycle, a round baler, electrical odds and ends, assorted chains and some cars. You get the picture.

I'd been the day before to see the drill. It was like one my daddy had when I was little and also like one I bought from my late friend Roger who got it from his neighbor Joe, also my friend, who inherited it from his Uncle Drew, whom I knew. But the drill at the auction was in much better shape and even had an owner's manual tucked in the grain box. I wanted that drill, even minus a pedigree.

You could say I collect drills. My husband indulges me. He has to. I told him drills are like guitars.

In fact, even he agreed we should buy one at an auction last year. It's a newer John Deere. It works on just one side. I'd like to see what it would bring at an auction.

Regarding last weekend, I started out wrong. The day before, on my initial visit to the site, I had mentioned to an auction employee that I was interested in the drill. I thought he was a farmer. More important than proper auction attire is that you never tell the auctioneer, Heaven forbid, or any of his sidekicks that you want something.

The day of the sale I considered disguising myself but figured it wouldn't do any good unless I dyed my hair. I settled for looking nondescript in jeans and a faded blue plaid shirt.

At the auction, I ran into Ronnie, a relative of a relative. He recognized me despite my shabby look.

Eventually the auctioneer came to the drill. I like to think his spotter was scanning the crowd, eyes narrowed, looking for the short gray-headed lady who'd said she wanted it. I was hiding in the barn. Ronnie, bidding for me, got the drill at a good price, even though he looked mildly remarkable in his orange shirt and didn't look underprivileged.

So ladies, it's good to know how to dress for an auction, but it's even better to find a man to do your bidding.



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YOUNG LOVE

causing those men to become unwilling to set off to battle and leave their brides behind. Yet, a Catholic Bishop named Valentine, a romantic at heart, secretly performed marriages throughout the month of February, binding many souls by the oath of marriage under God... Valentine was later found out, put in jail, fell in love with the jailer's daughter, and, eventually beheaded. His last note to his beloved (the jailer's daughter) was signed "Love, Your Valentine." Thus, Valentine's Day.

In today's society, the notion of love created by Hollywood is perpetuated by lustful thoughts and actions. Sometimes, it is the youngest of us that still harbors the complete innocence that surrounds the concept of "being in love."

With a refreshing look at love from some of Knox County's youth, Knox County News inquired the fresh minds to speak freely about their philosophies of love. Anonymously, several of our youths put pen to paper and candidly wrote about their desires for future partners, requirements for characteristics a person must exhibit to be a great partner, what age is ideal to "settle down", and much more.

Some of the answers to these inquiries were sage and showed wisdom beyond years. As a definition of love, one answer seemed to be right on target. One person said: "Love is a word that describes the way you appreciate anything and everything someone special shares with you. Big hugs and sweet kisses, cute facial expressions, long talks about absolutely nothing and being completely content with it, sharing your deepest secrets, talking about your biggest fears..."

Several responses to the

question of what kind of quality a person must exhibit in order for you to fall in love with them, one person said: "I think love is simply finding someone you can stand to be around for longer than an hour; as well as being able to "love" them for who they are in spite of all their problems and short comings." Another youth joined in with those sentiments adding, "Love is about being true to yourself and to your partner. It is all about hope, hope that you would be there for your partner during the best and worst of times; and always staying true to your word."

When do you know you are in love? One person noted that there is no age that would be perfect to be love, but rather, that they "have known several people who got hitched at an early age, and they are some of the best examples of love I know." A young lady formulates her answer in a more open-ended manner by saying: "When you finally find that feeling in which you don't think that you could continue to live if you lose that person, that's when you know that you want to spend the rest of your life with them. Now granted, it doesn't always happen that way. It's love, far from plain and simple. You can't go to

your local grocery store and buy it. You can't argue your way out of it. If it's true love on both sides, once it grabs a hold of you; it doesn't give up, it continues to love. Now don't get me wrong, I realize we are all human, and the world still spins and things happen. With all the tough things that happen in life, if you can still look at a person and care about them; that is what love is."

Many local kids thanked their parents for the example that was set for them. Quite a few teens noted that their upbringing taught them the real value of love and the perseverance that goes into a relationship. More than one respondent to the love question mentioned never being able to be in love if you are never taught how to love, which is something that they have learned during their rearing.

One young man very astutely noted, "It is human nature to argue, because if we didn't, we would all get our way. All guys need to know this: If you ever argue with a woman, be prepared to lose."

In a nutshell, these young people have a wonderful sense of what real love is:

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not

demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance." (1 Cor 13:4-7)

May everyone find love, be loved, and love another in the same way that these youths embrace the idea of "love". Happy Valentine's Day from Knox County News.

HOUNDETTES

Houndette team, even in this defeat. Reagan Clark was the high scorer in the game, putting 17 points up for KC. Lacey Pierce earned 12, and Chastity Tolsen was the third highest scorer with 5 points.

On Friday, the girls will play a "warm-up" game against Aspermont at 4:30,

to prepare for the Playoff tournament.

The first playoff game for the Houndettes will be next Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 6. There, the Houndettes will square off with the District 3 seed, Woodson. The Houndettes already defeated Woodson during regular district play.

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CAUSE #9347

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Petitioner'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 07 of MARCH, 2011 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 50th District Court of Knox County, at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on SEPTEMBER 20 2010 in this case, numbered 9347 on the docket of said court, and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: TANYA DENA are Plaintiffs and MOSES DENA are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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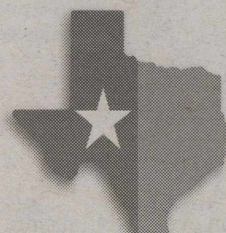


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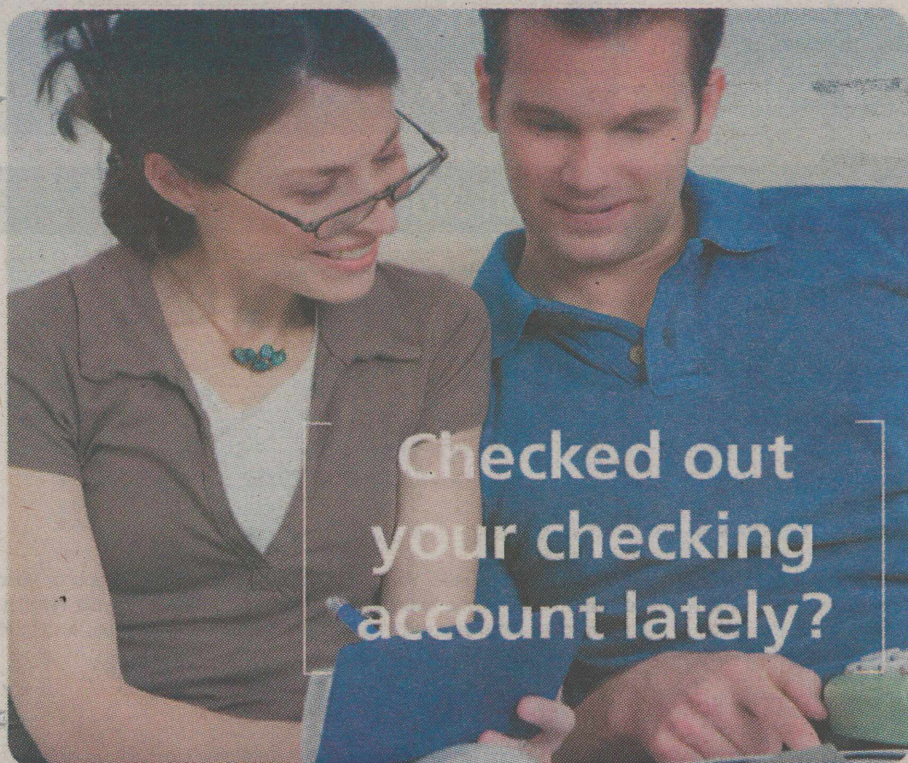
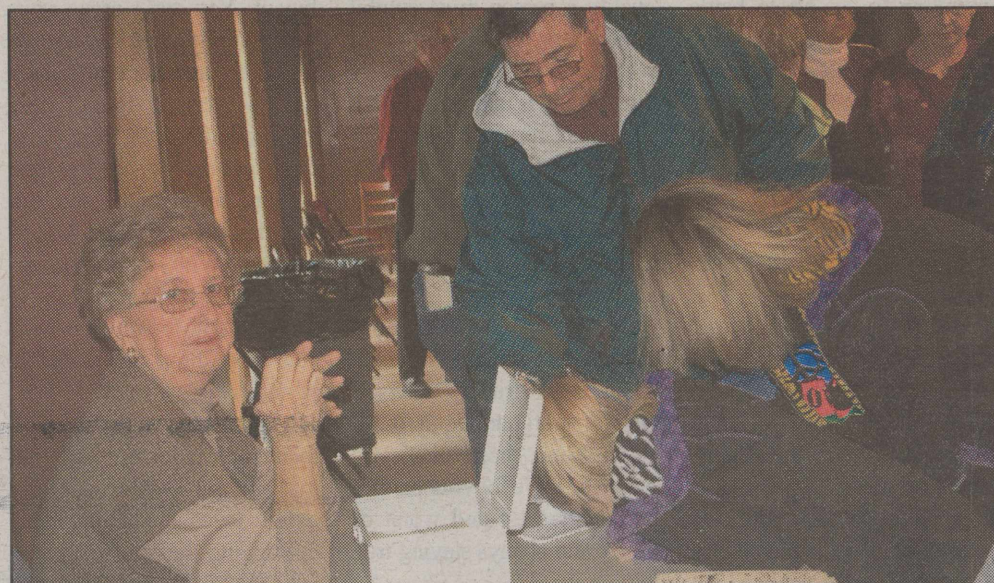
to follow. This is a BYOB (Bring your own Bike) event and begins at 11:00 am.

The Annual Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show will be held on February 26, from 9 a.m. until 3 pm at the old school in Goree. The theme this year will be "Wild About Quilts". Visitors will be able to vote on a "viewers choice" quilt which will be

the official winner of the show. A home-cooked lunch, door prizes, bake sale and vendors will be available. Also a man who sharpens scissors will be available for scissor sharpening.

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