### THE OX COUNTY NE THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011 VOL XXIX NO. 71 75 CENTS

# Munday "Citizen of the Century" dies General Election Ballot Announced

known to some as "Mr. Munday" died last week after living one of the fullest and richest lives that one man can in 86 years. Mr. Baker is known throughout the community and the region at large as being one of the kindest, most forthcoming men around. Because of his extreme influence in making the Knox County city of Munday such an amazing place to live, work and visit as it is today, Knox County News has decided to pay Mr. Baker the honor of publishing his obituary which contains a list of his accomplishments and honors while on this earth Munday.

Baker's official obituary, opening a business there in and a list of most of the 1902.

Charles Baker, also impactful actions that Mr. Baker had on Munday (after the obituary was written. several people though tof more honors, positions and accomplishments of Mr. Baker that had been left out. It would be extremely hard to fully list all the wonderfulness that Mr. Baker gave to his community, so this obit would be hard to really complete):

Charles Baker, longtime business and civic leader of Munday, died Thursday, March 10, 2011, in the Munday Nursing Home. Born August 14, 1925 to Pitzer and Marie Baker, Charles was a third generation Munday and as a proud citizen of resident. His grandfather, W.A. Baker, was one of the

The following is Mr. original settlers of Munday,



One of Munday's most esteemed citizen's passed away this last week. Charles Baker was one of the most essential figuers in making the City of Munday the great place it is today.

Charles married Betty Golden on June 15, 1947 in Denton Texas, in the See BAKER on page 11

#### **Tamara Smart**

On Monday, March 14, marked the deadline for candidates to file for running in the 2011 General Election to serve their respective cities. Several incumbent seats in each city that makes up the greater Knox County had come to term, each allotting for new candidates to come forward, and those already in office to choose whether they want to continue serving their town through elected position.

The people who will be choices on the ballot for the May 14 election are as follows:

### **Knox City:**

For mayor, current incumbent, Jeff Stanfield will run again, and is opposed by Danny Lewis.

There are two council seats open for voting, and three men vying for those two seats. The choices to

fill those positions are: incumbent, Terry Utley, Steve Pepper and Ezekial Duke.

### **Munday:**

The current mayor, Buddy Norville is running again, this time unopposed.

There will be two 2-year term positions to be voted on. There are four people contending for those seats: Todd Wilson (current incumbent), Mario Segala, Fidel Rodriguez, and Robert Bowen.

There is also one 1-year seat open, for which Scott Perry and Ryan Cottingham are competing.

### **Benjamin**:

There are 3 council seats to be filled in Benjamin, and 3 people willing to fill them; current incumbents, Kim Sealy and Dick Dickson, as well as new-comer, Jerry Parker.



## OOKING AHEAD

The next KCVG regular meeting is being moved to March 24th in Benjamin, at the museum starting, at 4:00 p.m. The change in schedule is due to Spring Break this week. Please mark your calendars.

The KCVG in partnership with Ogallala Commons will be hiring a summer intern. This internship will be paid. It is open to Junior and Seniors in high school as well as college kids who may be home for the summer. Please have anyone who is interested fill out the application and return it to Jimi

See LOOKING AHEAD on page 12



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### Pink Ladies (and the 2 Pink Men) News

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for the delicious meal and for the recognition of out community service. We are grateful for the E. Hob Smith award and plaque.

A meeting of the members was held at the thrift sore on Wednesday, March 16. Where to display the plaque was part of the

discussion, as well as the transporting the clothing. number of times the Pink Ladies have received the the Chamber award. Tabled to a later date was the decision of whether we would begin to keep a scrapbook.

Clothing was can't use is being shared with the Abilene Salvation Army. Ronnie Verhalen is

Thanks to the hospital, heater/a.c. is now working in the back of the store again.

As always, we appreciate costumers our and donations for the store. We could not purchase needed equipment for the clinics and our hospital without them.

# God's Promises

#### **Jim Hatcher**

**Knox City Church of Christ** The Psalmist wisely charges are Psalm 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God "

As we are observing the coming of Spring, with all the flowers blooming, the birds singing, and all things turning beautiful, how can we possibly deny the existence of God?

Yet there are many attacking our faith today. Those who believe in God and the Bible are often ridiculed on television.

Atheist and agnostic people have their say in the classrooms of our colleges ad Universities, while Christians thoughts are suppressed. Our young who try to do that which is right, and maintain a strong faith in God, are bombarded with criticism. But with all the criticisms and attacks on our faith, we must remember the words of Paul to the Romans. He says in Romans 3:3-4, "For what if some did not believe? Shall

forbid: Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar."

The critics shall pass from the scenes of time, but not the truths of God's word. Jesus says in Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

So let the critics and the foolish rage. We must continue to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

### Letter to the Editor flooded with food, cards and

their unbelief make the faith

of God without effect? God

Dear Editor,

There is no way to fully express the way the this community has come together in order to support long time citizen of Knox City, Danny Reece, through his recent illness.

Danny was diagnosed with cancer on October 29, 2010, and has since undergone many procedures, including a hip replacement, and chemotherapy to alleviate this disease.

Since the time of Danny's diagnosis, our house has been

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well-wishers. When Danny was in the hospital, his room was a revolving door of Knox Citizens who stopped by to just say a friendly word. Every church in this community had Danny on a prayer list and took time out of their Sunday worship

to pray over his health. It is my privilege to tell

Knox that Danny's cancer has shrunk 40-50% and the doctors only have scheduled two more chemotherapies. Last month, Danny was seen in his usual spot

at the City Council table, as he was able to resume serving our community as a councilperson.

This community has been essential in the continuous improvements in Danny's recovery. At one time, our house was filled with 3 or 4 pies a week that were given to us from neighbors and friends.

Thank you and know that this is why living in a small community is so wonderful.

> Sincerely, Glenda Huff and Danny Reece

Lance and Jill Kilgore of Knox City & Dan and Marty Neises of Burkburnett wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Chelsey Neises To Orlando Flores Jr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Flores Sr., formerly of Knox City

Ceremony will be at First Baptist Church in Burkburnett July 2, 2011 1:00 p.m. Reception to follow at the Knights of Columbus building in Burkburnett The couple is registered at Peppers,

The Art Stall, Dilliards and Bed, Bath and Beyond



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### BERNICE JERENE ROWAN

Bernice Jerene Rowan, 94. of Henrietta, Texas and formerly of O'Brien, Texas went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 21, 2011. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the O'Brien First Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Cameron officiating and assisted by grandson in law, Rusty Oglesby. Burial will follow in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford. The family will be receiving

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**Obituary** friends at the Smith Family

Funeral Home in Knox City, Texas on Friday evening from 7 until 8 p.m.

Bernice was born October 14, 1916 in Haskell County to Ellis Herbert "Hub" and Clara (McWhorter) Tankersley. She was raised in the area and attended Cliff School. She married Walter Milton Rowan on December 25, 1936 in Knox City, Texas. Bernice was a homemaker, a member of the O'Brien First Baptist Church and a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Survivors include two sons, Lowell Rowan and wife Sue of Denton, Texas, Jerry Rowan and wife Margaret of Henrietta, Texas, one daughter, Debi Burson and husband Trey of Haskell, Texas, six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers, Jack Tankersley, Jewel Tankersley, E. H.

Tankersley Jr., and Lynn 'memorials be sent to the Ruby Tankersley.

Serving as pallbearers will be C. H. Underwood, J. M. Emerson, David Albus, may be viewed at www. David Ellis, Paul Chambers, tankersleyfuneralhome. and E. G. "Mutt" Ivie.



Tankersley, and one sister, O'Brien Baptist Church, P. O. Box 88, O'Brien, Texas 79539.

Online condolences com or www The family requests that davisfuneralhome.net

We, the family or Frank Garcia, wish to express our heartfelt Appreciation to all who gave so generously of their kindness and sympathy through cards, food, phone calls, and by coming to be with us during this difficult time. We would like to extend out gratitude to the Brazos Valley Care Home for the loving manner in which they cared for Frank during his stay. Also, our sincere appreciation goes to the Church of Christ for the wonderful meal they prepared for the family. Additional special thanks go out to the following: the Knox County Aging Center, Knox Family Wellness Clinic, Karen Stiewert, Home health of Seymour, PBH, City Hall, Knox City Florist, and Buds for You. Please forgive us if we have left anyone out. Know your kindness and condolences offered are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

-The family of Frank Garcia

### The Knox City Chamber of Commerce thanks everyone for coming to the banquet and showing support for our town and its businesses.

Our guest speaker, Hanaba Welch, selected the Art Stall's generous donation of the new Wyman Meinzer book and it was given as a gift to her. Hanaba Welch was excited and very pleased with the gift.

Other door prizes were donated by Atmos Energy, Blossom's Boutique, Bud's Cafe, Kathie & Jack's, Knox City Florist, Knox County News, Kristi K's Salon, Lighthouse Graphics, Penman Services, Pepper's Dry Goods, The Pizza Place and Rockin Grill.

The door prize winners were K. Walton, Charles Steele, Marla Hawkins, Shelly Rogers, Kristi Moeller, Rick Moeller, J. Stephens,

Lawri Lynn, Landon Lynn, Sandra Stone, Brad Smith, Ociel Castorena, Justin Coker, Kay Sheedy, Danny Reece, Kelsey Vasquez, and Gladys Walton.

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# Sammie's Knox City Corner and Final Thoughts

#### **By Sammie Offield**

This week has been great and everyone is moving alson like usual. Guys still hanging out at Bud's Café and loving every bit of it with their wild stories. There is nothing I like better than a great old fashioned story. They remind me of my dad, David Rodrigues and Barney Arnold. I try to imagine being a character in their stories.

This spring break has had lots of parents on the road with their children, creating lots of memories together as a family that will last forever.

Diana Gilbert and Cassillas enjoyed having all their grandkids in for Spring Break from Abilene.

Elda Martinez had some of her kids from Oklahoma come in. She had a great little concert at her house

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for all the kids. They all swam, played, ate and had a wonderful time- With Elda, the sky is the limit when it comes to her kids and grandkids. I sat and watched, seeing the excitement in all their faces.

I had a wonderful visit with Sue Tolison today. She said Norman was doing good. He has some bad days, but God has been good and answered prayers for his good days. Please keep up the praying, because I know for a fact that God is listening and will touch our lives.

Wednesday I traveled with Peggy and John Grindstaff to Abilene for her heart doctor's appointment. He made some adjustments to her meds, but she is doing great.

While we were in Abilene we visited Ester Grindstaff in the hospital and spoke with her a little. She is very ill and prayers are still very much needed. She is in much pain and they are trying to keep her comfortable the best they can. She is very frail and at this point, is in God's hands.

News on the students who were in that horrible accident in Crowell is not good. One of the injured girls has passed away and I understand the other girl has some brain disability. She has been moved to a physical hospital to be evaluated for brain damage. I don't have information on the funeral arrangements, but I'm sure all you need to do to find out is call the Crowell funeral home. Prayer and comforting words are needed for these families.

Friday, I had news that Beth Staggs' mother had

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passed away. A note or phone call would mean so much to this family at a time of need. You would be surprised at what a little gesture like that could do to brighten someone's day.

Donna Wojick's Aunt Mary and Uncle Sonny are all in bad health right now. Her and her mother, Maria Jackson is traveling to visit with them while they are in the hospital and some rehab place. Pray for their travels.

Alfredo Abila is still having some problems with his blood count. His count has been low. He is due for some more tests soon to correct the problem

This weekend there was a baby shower for Delaine Adkins for Rochester at Donna Wojick's home. There was a great turnout for a very happy mom-tobe and we are all excited. Meanwhile in Rule, a bridal shower for young Miss. Miller, bride-elect of Jeffrey Rodriguez also had a good turn out and much fun was

had.

As I leave you for this week, please enjoy your week, and remember everyone in prayer.

God Bless our Troops and each of us.

### **Knox County Aging Services** Menus For March 23th To April 2nd

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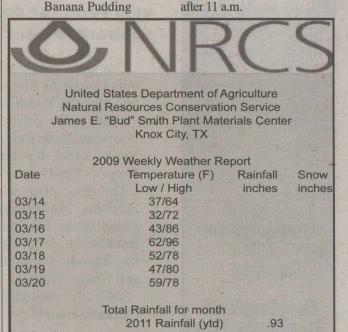
**Tuesday March 22nd** Chicken Strips/Gravy Corn Casserole **Green Beans** Biscuit

Chocolate Chip Cake

Wednesday March 23rd German Sausage/Potato Casserole Salad **Glazed Carrots Garlic Toast** 

Thursday, March 24th Bbq On A Bun Cole Slaw Chips Cobbler

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# 03.24.2011 Burrito Express showed off new sign

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Now they are serving two

bacon, cheese and raw diced

### **Tamara Smart**

The Burrito Express debuted their new sign about three weeks ago, and it shines like a beaconing light to a starving traveler on Eastbound 222. This new sign is reminiscent of their old one, new combinations of burwith the noted Burrito Ex- ritos- the T. Smart, which press train and the Burrito is a tortilla embracing egg, Express logo, but now, it is easier to see, as the sign is illuminated and can be seen easily to any passerby.

Burrito Express has been in business since November of 2004, serving Burritos to many hungry workers, who not only buy their favorite tortilla rolled specialty to satiate their breakfast needs, but buy a few extra to serve their lunch necessities as well.

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The new sign is not all items to the menu: a pancake that Mary and Ben Vasquez, on a stick, and migas.

> The owners of the Burrito Express have also sought out another way to better serve their very busy clientele as they rush to work. Coming soon, their facility will have two drive-thru windows, in order to serve twice as fast as before.

jalapeños; and the Morn-The Burrito Express is ing Expression Burrito, with opened from 6 a.m. until 11 sautéed pico and eggs. They a.m. Monday through Frihave also added non-burrito day.



The Burrito Express, located on the Eastbound lane of hwy 222 in Knox City, debuted a new illuminated sign about 3 weeks ago.

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# OPINION

# Sen. Vitter Highlights Duplicity Toward Oil Drilling

### **By KEVIN MOONEY**

Take a good look at the recent filing from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that seeks to stay a court order directing the feds to issue new oil drilling permits. It tells a much different story than what top Obama Administration officials claim in their statements to members of Congress.

In a letter addressed to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) Director Michael Bromwich, Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) details these discrepancies.

"Over the last several weeks and months, you have indicated publicly, before Congress, and privately to members, including myself, that there are only a handful of permits awaiting agency action," Vitter wrote in the letter. "It is a mathematical impossibility for your representations to be accurate, as well as the filings of the Department of Justice to be accurate. It is not possible for there to be 'too few permits' awaiting review, and simultaneously 'too many' permits being reviewed to make issuing a particular handful problematic."

The numbers reported on page 11 of a motion the U.S., Department of Justice (DOJ) filed last week tell a much different story than what has recently reported in congressional testimony and transmitted privately to elected officials, Vitter notes in his letter. The DOJ motion seeks to stay federal judge Martin Feldman's two recent orders directing BOEMRE to issue at least seven permits. Since there are 270 shallow water permit applications pending and 52 deepwater permit applications pending, the court's orders could force a potentially harmful "re-prioritization," DOJ warns in its filing.

However, in his recent testimony before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Salazar said the Interior Department has received only 47 shallow water permit applications over the past nine months and only seven deepwater permit applications are pending. For his part, Bromwich told Vitter personally that only six deepwater permits are pending and publicly stated that deepwater permits would be limited because "only a handful of completed applications have been received."

The timing of Vitter's letter coincided appropriately enough with Sunshine Week, which ran through Saturday, Mar. 19. It is a national effort organized through the American Society of News Editors that highlights the public's right to know about government activities.

Salazar and Bromwich both have a legal obligation to

maintain the integrity of the information they convey in their official capacities, Vitter points out in his letter.

"I would like to remind you of your responsibility as agency officials under the Information Quality Act (IQA). Section 515 of the IQA directs federal agencies to maximize "the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity" of information they prepare and disseminate and it requires agencies to adopt and follow implementing guidelines. The OMB guidelines note the IQA applies to the "creation, collection, maintenance, and dissemination of information." The basic standard of care is that information must be "accurate, clear, complete, and unbiased." Stricter and even more rigorous quality standards apply when the information is "influential," meaning it will "have a clear and substantial impact on important public policies...."

British Petroleum's Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded one year ago this past April 20 killing 11 workers and causing an estimated 5 million barrels of crude oil to spill into the Gulf of Mexico. The Obama Administration responded with a series of proviso and restrictions on future drilling that besets the industry to this day.

# Other Views

# **Enough is Enough**

### **By ROBERT ROMANO**

Once again, Congress has passed a shortterm continuing resolution, this time with \$6 billion of cuts over three weeks, which would bring the total of cuts passed this year to \$10 billion. The reason for the stop-gap measure is because Harry Reid's Senate has not passed the House-passed measure that funds the government through the end of the fiscal year and cuts \$61 billion.

Although cutting \$61 billion is only the beginning of the work that must be done, at least the House has begun that work. Which is more than one can say about the Senate.

In fact, the Senate under Reid's watch has not passed anything that funds the government through the remainder of the fiscal year. As a result, that body has yet to address the mounting fiscal catastrophe facing the nation, with an ever-growing \$14.1 trillion national debt, and a \$1.645 trillion budget deficit for

#### this year alone.

Obviously, more needs to be done to cut spending and bring the nation's fiscal house into order, but if the Senate cannot even bring itself to cut a measly \$61 billion — which would only reduce the deficit by 3.7 percent — how will it ever begin to balance the budget?

Similarly, how will the Senate ever be able to rein in out-of-control so-called "mandatory" spending? That accounts for over \$2.1 trillion of the entire \$3.5 trillion budget, and includes Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. And it is spending that is completely on automatic pilot, that is allocated and disbursed without any vote in Congress.

There is no question that the nation is on an unsustainable trajectory. As the \$14.1 trillion national debt grows and likely exceeds the size of the entire economy this year, it becomes harder and harder to borrow money. Why? Because in addition to needing to borrow additional moneys every year to fund the deficit, the government also needs to constantly refinance existing debt.

The larger the national debt becomes, the harder it becomes to refinance it. And the harder it becomes to refinance, the more likely the nation's central bank is to simply print the money to be lent to the government. This is what Adam Smith called a "pretended payment" on public debts in The Wealth of Nations.

In fact, Pimco reports that in 2009, 80 percent of treasuries were purchased by the Federal Reserve, and in 2010, it had to buy 70 percent. That's just money essentially being printed to sustain what everyone knows is unsustainable as the demand for U.S. debt plummets.

That is probably why the Treasury has floated the idea of selling "ultra-long" 40-, 50-, or 100-year bonds — to put the bill as far off into the future as possible.

Because the government never really has any intention of paying these debts back. It does not contemplate it. It cannot even foresee how it would begin to do that — because it cannot politically bring itself to make the spending cuts necessary to even come close to making paying down the debt possible.

Again, \$61 billion of cuts made by the House-passed continuing resolution would only reduce the deficit by 3.7 percent. Heck, it would only reduce the budget itself by about 1.7 percent. But what does Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid have to say about it? He called the cuts "draconian."

And the American people are calling this debate pathetic. Who's he kidding? It's time for Majority Leader Reid to stop insisting that Congress spend the nation into the grave — and to do his job. Enough is enough.



### 03.24.2011

# **TxDOT** to hold public meeting to discuss plans for improvements in Knox City

Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host a public meeting on March 24, 2011 at the Knox City City Hall, one block east and west 902 East Main in Knox City . The meeting will begin at

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in Knox City. A phase of this project will also include concrete paving on SH 222 of SH 6 and on SH 6 one block north and south of SH 222, and the intersection. The purpose of this public The proposed construction meeting is to discuss the sequence will be discussed

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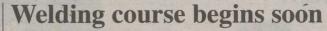
> The public meeting will conducted in English, be and the Knox City City Hall is handicap accessible. Any request for language interpreters or other special needs should be made at least two days prior to the public meeting by contacting Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at (940) 937-7288, or Gary Mizer, Munday Area Engineer, at (940) 422-4350. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

the public meeting may be submitted in writing to Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer or Marty Smith, Director of Transportation Planning and Development at, 7599 US 287, Childress, Texas 79201.

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little bit more about welding? Now is your chance. The Knox County Visioning Group will be hosting a 40-hour welding course for anyone wanting to learn to weld. The course will be taught by Rick Moeller and will start in April.

The course will cost \$150 per student and will consist of 10 classes at four hours each. Students will learn various beginning welding techniques. The course is

Ever wish you knew a limited to 15 students. You must be at least 15 years of age to take the course.

Employers are encouraged to , send employees. This will help them be more versatile as well as learn a new skill that could potentially benefit your company.

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# Benjamin News By Gladene Green

It's another windy day today (Tuesday) and looks like that may be the pattern for the next few days. But we are one day closer to that much needed rain, or as one man told me, a day further for the last one! Anyway, there's sure not any in sight right now, according to the guys on tv who are supposed to know.

### **About Our Ill**

My great grandson, Dillon Keys, is a patient in the Seymour Hospital being admitted around noon on Sunday. Dillon has a chronic kidney problem that flares up from time to time and makes him really sick. He's feeling better but will be going to Dallas to Children's Hospital right away for evaluation

and correct the problem. Doctors say these infections are occurring too much and after seeing the Dallas doctors, maybe some procedures can be done to help him. Not sure when he will go to Dallas, but hopefully it won't be long. Please keep him in your prayers.

Patti Kendrick has been pretty well "housed in" the past few day with this stuff so many are having. Just a bad stuffy head, runny nose, etc. Is taking her medication and maybe she will be out and about soon.

in Abilene Wednesday to see her eye doctor. She is bothered by macular degeneration in one eye, but her doctor said so far, it's not in the other one.

so she feels blessed and is thankful for this news.

**Here N There** It was back to school Monday, after a week of Spring Break. Now it's on to the finish line as these next two months will fly by so fast. Parties, the prom, graduation and then, for the graduating seniors, that much looked forward to trip to Hawaii! I know they are excited about that.

The Propps family, James, Stacia and Cody were in Houston last week for the Stock show. (I haven't heard is Cody did Hazel Stockton was any good or not.) Guess this was his final stock show. He's been to a lot of them during his school days and won a lot of honors so whether or not he placed in Houston, that doesn't matter! He's "done good" a long time.

Beckie Keys and Randi of Amarillo spent several days here last week with her parents, Debi and Mike Moorhouse and her son, Dillon, who is making his home with his grandparents.

Jane Gideon and her daughter, Lana Mendoza, were in Seymour on Monday night to see the presentation of the one-act play. Lana's son, Calton Caldwell, is a member of the cast and as the

**SERVICES LTD** 658-3513 competition begins, I wish them and all the plays from schools around us good luck. They practice many long hours on these things and deserve some recognition for their work and staying power!

Michele Brown, Kelsey and Emily and Shelby Russell spent past of their Spring Break in Fort Worth visiting Michele's sister, Debbie Goforth and her

daughter, Megan.

Roger and Betty Bohannon spent last week with their daughter, Bonnie Howell and family in Nebraska. Their son, Lonnie is also there and they were to take his children. Chance and Chase, and possibly their daughter, Jamie's children with them. Don't know if they did or not.

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# **JUST JEFF**

# **By Jeff Stanfield**

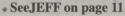
"In God we Trust". Aren't those the words we live by in the USA, or suppose to? Rather, we more often hear people saying things like: "What the heck is wrong with this country?" Or ."Our country is going to Hell fast!" Why? Because we have forgotten those 4 words: " In God we Trust".

We have taken God out of our schools. That right there is a big problem. Why? Heck when I was in school we did a "Pledge of Allegiance" each morning before class started. That pledge has the statement in it: "One nation Under God." It does not say under "Mohammed", "Satan", or even a goat, or chicken, or whatever the heck these people want to worship. This could be another reason that when I was a kid, we did not have school shootings, kids were more civil towards each other, and respected the

teachers. If we got out of line, we got our butts blistered and we did not have a bunch of whiny parents going to the school every time Little Johnny got in trouble either. Maybe it is time we realize we are pushing God further and further away

from our kids. This country was founded on Christian principals, not Muslim, or Sun-Worshippers or Snake-Fondlers. So why do we bend over backwards for all these other people?

Have you looked on our money lately? Yet again, you find that phrase," In God we Trust". If you get elected to the highest office in the United States or testify in court you take a take a oath on the Bible. What will happen at the trial of the 9-11 terrorist? People who testify will take an oath on the Bible. It will not mean much to them, but it means

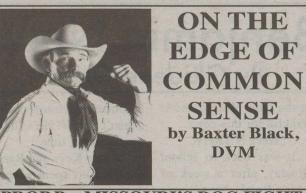




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### **PROP B – MISSOURI'S DOG FIGHT**

Last fall the animal rights groups put Proposition B on the ballot in Missouri. The bill was written to reduce the number of breeding kennels that produce usually purebred puppies for pet stores. The bill was opposed by the Missouri Veterinary Association, the American Kennel Club and other animal-related groups. The bill failed in 111 counties and passed in 3. The three were St. Louis and Kansas City. That was enough. It passed.

The main thrust of the animal rights groups support was that, according to them, breeding kennels produce an estimated one million puppies a year and animal shelters in the U.S. euthanize an estimated two million dogs a year. Therefore people should adopt abandoned dogs instead of purchasing new puppies. That is an altruistic suggestion but...do we have the right to deprive citizens of choosing their own puppy or kitten? To carry this logic on, should we disallow new housing to be built in Florida because people are abandoning their homes in Ohio?

The debate over Prop. B was an emotional one. It involved many issues and "shadings" regarding the seriousness of the problem and the motives of both sides. But both sides would agree that if animals are abused, abusers should be punished.

The substantive argument revolved around required enforcement of laws already in place that are administered by the state and veterinarians under the guidance of the USDA. The emotional argument incorporated examples of abuse and incendiary claims of malnutrition, greed, and unhealthy conditions. Which, of course, is already against the laws in place.

Which begs the question, why are responsible pet owners being restricted from obtaining a pet of their choice, because irresponsible people abandon their dogs which often have to be euthanized by the pound? Where is the ACLU? What's next? Cars? Whenever Toyota has a recall and can't sell all their inventory, should General Motors and Ford be forced to reduce their production until Toyota cleans up their act? Where is Thomas Jefferson!

Eminent Domain is based on the principle that your private property may be taken from you for the public good. The animal rightists support of Prop. B use that same insidious logic when they restrict the public's right to choose, in order to punish the irresponsible and ignorant. Where's the NRA!

To use their specious reasoning to limit all purebred kennels because we have to euthanize two million abandoned dogs a year, flies in the face of the rights of every American. Where is the Supreme Court?

But I am one who believes there is more to this than animal cruelty. I suspect that the animal rightists have a deeper motive; the intention to limit or deprive or eliminate all of us from having pets. This is based on their idea that humans do not have the right to "own" animals. I go back to the archives and quote the president of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS): 'We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding."



Some people are natural leaders. Some are followers. Some are loose cannons. A few are hermits.

Actually, I've never met a hermit. I'm guessing they are people who don't like giving orders, don't like taking orders and don't want to be caught in the crossfire.

If I were a hermit, I'd want to campaign for a better-sounding name. It's probably the hermit crab connotation that makes the word sound pretty creepy to me.

The name campaign would be tough. All the hermits would have to unite and march striker-style with placards. Picture guys with scraggly beards in tattered robes tied at the waist with ropes, all looking sort of like derelict monks, all going around in a circle on a New York City street corner. I don't think you could get hermits to do that.

A second choice would be for hermits to launch their campaign on, shall we say, a Facebook page for hermits. You probably couldn't get them to do that either. That's why they call it social networking. No hermits allowed.

If you think I have a flawed concept of hermits, you're probably right. A hermit in my own mind's eye is some sort of mix between an official religious hermit (hence the monk-style attire) and the kind of hermit who lives alone simply because he doesn't want to be bothered.

Notice my use of the word "he." Not only do I consider that pronoun grammatically correct to represent single people of both genders, but I also suspect all hermits are guys anyway. Can you imagine a woman wanting to be a hermit? We're too social. We turn into cat ladies instead. Or maybe nuns in strict orders where talking isn't allowed but you still get to be with people. A friend of mine tried that. Back to cat ladies. Is there an official definition? For me the term connotes an older woman who lives alone, so to speak, with 300 cats.

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Indeed, if you Google "cat lady" you will find a couple of definitions, ranging from a spinster type who has one cat (no doubt a pampered cat named in her will) to a crazier sort of person, called an "animal hoarder," who maintains a huge feline collection. I have a friend who falls somewhere in between with five. She's not the one who tried the monastic existence. I have lots of friends. I've had cats too. Now I have a husband.

Meanwhile, is it not a bit curious that "animal hoarder" is a mot du jour? In our politically correct age, would a euphemism not serve better? "Hoarder" has negative connotations. Ask any hoarder. Ask me.

Besides, if I'm allowed to state the obvious - which is all I do anyway - "hoard" means to collect and store. You need not collect cats to have cats. Cats happen.

In closing, a word to my hermit readers:

If you don't mind the word "hermit," then it works for me too. Those crabs really are sort of cute.

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### JEFF

something to a Christian. You see, that book represents our whole being, it is what we raise our kids to value, when we get married it is a symbol of unity between a man and a woman . It just chaps my fat rear to see our government so worried about other countries and religions. One of the things that make our country so great are many different cultures and traditions. Yet, the thing that will be the ultimate fail for the U.S. is to push aside what made us so powerful: we are a country founded on Christian beliefs.

Thank God we live in Knox City, Texas, where we can pray before a football game, fly a flag in our yard and still be able to have it printed in the paper.. But, if we do not watch our back, that could all change. Look at all that has changed in the last 30 years. Let's not forget about what has happened to the good people of Japan; they have been through a national disaster and have been a great example of what a country should be like during a crisis. They have been through a horrible tragic earthquake and tsunami but no looting, fighting or shootings. God Bless the people of Japan and lets all pray for them.

Never ask a man if he is from Texas, if he is you will know it. And if he isn't a Texan, there is no reason to embarrass him.

## BAKER

Woods.

A veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict, Charles established Charles Baker Insurance in 1954, and was active in the Munday business community until the time of his death. For many years, he served on the Munday School Board and was privileged to be the president for several terms. Charles was also president of the Munday Chamber of Commerce that awarded him Citizen of the Year in 1963 and in 2010. The Chamber of Commerce honored Charles and Betty as Citizens of the Century in 1999. During the Munday School Homecoming Celebration in 2010, the Homecoming Committee presented Charles with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his service to the school and the community of Munday. The Keep Munday Beautiful Committee announced at the same meeting that the new memorial park would be named the Charles Baker Memorial Park. The Munday Lions Club was of special interest to Charles. With over 26 years' perfect attendance; he served in all offices of this organization, including Zone Chairman and District Deputy Governor. Long active in the Boy Scouts of America, he was honored by the Northwest Texas Council with the coveted Silver Beaver Award in 1968. He once served as the chairman of the 14<sup>th</sup> District Committee on admissions Jeff Stanfield for the Supreme Court of

Little Chapel in the Texas and the Board of Law Examiners. Charles served on that board at the time the bank was sold. Charles was proud that he was a 10-gallon donor to the Red Cross Blood Mobile.

> An avid sports fan, Charles was the Voice of the Moguls" for over 15 years and was one of the organizers of the Munday Little League. A member of the First United Methodist Church and a Certified Lay Speaker, he served as Chairman of the Board and for many years taught a Young Married Couples Sunday School Class that was attended by many couples from other denominations.

> Baker was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Ross Baker, in 2007.

> He is survived by Betty, his wife of 63 years; two sons and their wives, Bobby and Teresa Baker. and Bill and Kathy Baker, all of Weatherford, Texas; two grandchildren, Sandy Baker Doggett and husband, Chad; and Whitney Baker and fiancé, Allen Flack. He is also survived by one brother. Kenneth Baker and his wife, Joy, of Munday; niece Kerri Urbanczyk and nephew Chris Baker. He also leaves 3 great grandchildren behind.

> The family suggests any donations be made to the "Keep Munday Beautiful". the Johnson Memorial Cemetery", or the Munday First Untied Methodist Church.

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# **Knox County inmates take** to cleaning the streets



### **Dean Homstad**

Perhaps in the past few days, some locals have seen a few guys wearing black and white stripes uniforms working along the roadways. Officer Donna Petrusaitis was given the honor of escorting several inmates to different locations in the county to do some long overdue cleanup duties, which ranged from highway

cleanup to cleaning around municipal signs outside of county cities. The inmates focused on "welcome signs", Lions Club signs, as well as various church signs. Some of this type of clean up had not been preformed in what appeared to be several years. These locations looked much better after Officer Petrusaitis and these involved inmates gave them their do attention.

**Courtesy Photo** 

This work is just a little of Knox County Sheriff's office is attempting to do in order to give a little more back to the individual communities. If there are other shortterm duties that can be accomplished using inmate services, feel free to contact Sheriff Dean Homstad at 940-459-2211 to see if the job in mind is feasible and qualifies for inmate assistance.

### by March 25, 2011. For more information, please contact Jimi Coplen at the Knox County Visioning Group at 940-459-4121. Applications are available at local school's main offices, and at the KCVG office located in the Benjamin Courthouse.

March 28 is the last day to sign your youth up for Knox County Youth Baseball.

### LOOKING AHEAD

The March meeting of Knox Co. Retired School Personnel will be at 2:30 on Tuesday, March 22nd, in the fellowship hall of Knox City's First United Methodist Church. Anita Palmer, past president of Region 9 Texas Retired Teachers Association, will bring a program on her recent trip to the Holy Land. Bill and Frankie Baker will host the meeting. Members and guests are invited to attend.

The Haskell/Knox Relay for Life will be on April 1 at Indian Field in Haskell from 7PM until 7AM.

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