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Knox County Adventure Days approaching

Knox County is full of many adventures! The Knox County Visioning Group wants you to discover and explore Knox County on June 17 & 18 at Adventure Days.

Friday night starting at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Night at the Theater featuring a performance by The Movement Space along with a performance of The Leading Lady by the community theater group. There will also be a cake auction to benefit fire departments county wide. This will take place at the Munday ISD Auditorium.

Saturday is filled with fun adventures. There will be a 5K Fun Run & Walk in Knox City starting around 8:00 a.m. The Knox City Chamber of Commerce hosts this. You can register at www.active.com and enter event number 1960051 or by call-



ing the chamber at 940-658-3442. The online link allows you to pay with a credit card, but credit cards can not be accepted onsite.

Grab the family or a couple of friends and team up to participate in the photography scavenger hunt (teams of 2-5 people), an amazing grace race (teams of 2), or

ageocaching adventure (unlimited). These events will require you to register, pay a small registration fee, and compete for prizes. You can register at www.eventbrite.com. The full link is posted on our facebook page. Check

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Community Internship Underway in Knox County

Ogallala Commons (www.ogallalacommons.org), a nonprofit community resource network working in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, is partnering with the Knox County Visioning Group to create a community internship in Knox County.

Sarah Reeves will serve as this year's community intern. Sarah is the daughter of Lyndle and Jeannette Reeves of Munday, Texas. Sarah graduated from Munday High School in 2009 and currently attends Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She participated in an orientation with Ogallala Commons on June 2-3 in Nazareth, TX. Two dozen interns and their supervisors attended the orientation, coming from Knox, Amarillo, Lubbock, Tucumcari and Harding County, New Mexico, and from as far away as Denver, Colorado



Sarah Reeves

and Sharon Springs, Kansas.

Ms. Reeves will be assisting the Knox County Visioning Group in the creation of a county-wide brochure. The brochure will consist of maps as well as history about the county. Advertising will be available on the brochure. Ms. Reeves will be working with area businesses who wish to participate, and she will be gathering information on interesting assets around

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LOOKING AHEAD

Mark June 17 & 18th on your calendar when then Knox County Visioning Group will host the first annual Adventure Days. The two-day even will take people throughout Knox County on various family-oriented adventures. It will begin Friday evening with a Night at the Theater

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God's Promises

By Gary Schnable, Four-square Church Everyone Needs A Mentor!

One invaluable part of my life has been my mentors who I have called upon when facing big life challenges, changes in life & my calling from God. I have 5 men I allow to speak into my life at all times. They are one of the most amazing gifts God has given to me for all areas of my life! They are

spiritual fathers that love me enough to speak the truth even if it causes temporary pain.

Now that high school & college graduates open new chapters in their lives I would like to especially challenge our recent graduates to find at least two mentors for life that you trust to tell you the truth... so help you God. Godly men or women (Depending on your gender) who you can call on at

any time to coach you through life! Ones you will respect, even when their words are not easy to hear. If you want a great life, ask them to speak freely into your life & then be ready to listen to them!

The Apostle Paul in writing to the Corinthians told them God had called him to be a father to the Believers there in Corinth (1 Corinthians 4:14-17): **"I am writing this not to**

shame you but to warn you as my dear children. ¹⁵ **Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.** ¹⁶ **Therefore I urge you to imitate me.** ¹⁷ **For this reason I have sent to you Timothy (Very young pastor), my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church"**

Some believers did not like Paul because he was so brutally honest & real with them about their lifestyles. Unfortunately, today we do not have "many fathers", ones who truly love us enough to lovingly get in our face to tell us we are wrong. Then again, many do not want to hear they are off base with God. They will only listen when God corners them & then want a magic wand waved to get them out of sin's consequences!

There was a youthful king named Rehoboam who represents a picture of negative peer pressure. In 1 Kings 12:1-33, Rehoboam refuses to listen to wisdom from his father's "mentors" and instead listened to his young friends advice. He split the kingdom & he was known as an unwise evil king! Find mentors who will give you Godly wisdom!

Now look at the young Pastor Timothy who Paul mentored in how to be a father/pastor to the Ephesians: **"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.** ³ **For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.** ⁴

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4:2-5).

Paul speaks to young Pastor Timothy about how to be a mentor/coach/Pastor by being prepared to stand in opposition to the culture and a Believer at times to, "...correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction". Father's/Mentors are to "correct" (e.g. a coach tweaking the little things for success), "rebuke" (times of scolding out of love because you see them hurting themselves & or others) and "encouraging" them in the things they are doing well. Encouragement is a must after a rebuke (After a correction or rebuke encouragement must happen to begin rebuilding that person). This is all done out of love for that person!

Scripture tells us there are very few "Fathers" out there. Many Pastors/mentors are leaving their calling because many reject these very ones God has put in their life to mentor them. Many give up out of exhaustion of loving people who reject them like the world rejected Christ. They only want them around when they are in a deep pickle to bail them out or to stroke their egos. This probably reveals the way they treat God too!

I have had the humble privilege to oversee fellow Pastors (most who were older than I), military leaders with high rank, international leaders, as well as the opportunity to speak into our denominational church leaders lives I serve under. The hardest part is when you must rebuke, correct or give a strong word to them from God. Most often it has been taken with a thank you for loving them enough to speak the truth. A few have refused & sadly suffered over time. Some have walked away mad & continue to suffer to this day because of

pride...this grieves my heart because I love them dearly still.

Just know that we mentors/pastors are not exempt from these same disciplines...sometimes more harshly because of our position before the Lord. My mentors are not afraid to be real & brutally honest with me about my personal life, my marriage (how I treat Amy), fatherhood or my public life in & out of ministry. They have rebuked me...I did not like it...BUT I respected them because they are not afraid to tell me the truth, while never leaving me crushed. They always encourage me to finish the race God has put out before me... especially when it's hard!

Do you have a mentor? Will you accept your pastor as one of your mentors...even when he steps on your toes? They will not always tell us what we want to hear, but out of obedience to God will tell us what we must hear! Real mentors are not afraid of you being angry, they are more afraid of you missing God's best!!!

So...do you have a mentor? No matter how old you are you need at least two. When I youth pastored in Vermilion, OH we had a member who was a former math teacher & principal in his late 90's. He told me that he changed some things in his life because of the gentle rebuke Amy & I (We did not know we were doing it) gave to him in areas of his life during our 4 years there. We were humbled! I felt I needed to learn from him & we did!

You need a mentor...who will tell you how great you are & rebuke you as needed! Real mentors/real fathers will do it because they love you enough to want to see you live the best life no matter what it may cost them!!! BUT...you have to ask them to mentor you!

Dads & Spiritual Mentors...
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Obituary



MARIE DARR

Marie Lusk Darr, 90, of Knoxville City died peacefully on May 25, 2011. Marie was born on January 13, 1921 in Eastland County and joined a family of 4 older sisters who were married and 2 older brothers and later 3 additional brothers were born. Times were very hard in those days so Marie learned a lesson of hard work at a very early age. When she was 13, her mother died so she had to take on the role of homemaker and the care of her 3 younger brothers. By the time Marie was 16 she came to Knox County to visit one of her sisters and brother and was spotted by a young 23 year old named Dewey Darr. They hit it off right away and even tho each of them had said they would never marry, but 6 weeks later they were married in Rochester on November 6, 1937. And the love affair began that lasted 60 years until Dewey's death in 1998. It is almost impossible to speak about Marie's life without including Dewey. Everything they did was done together as a team. Early in their marriage Dewey and Marie moved to Gorman, Texas and opened a gas station and wrecking yard. This was during World War II and with the young men all gone to war

Marie worked side by side with Dewey repairing flats and delivering 55 gallon barrels of gasoline to their customers. There were not a lot of women doing "men's work" in those days so she stood out not only because of her good looks but because of her hard work. Around this time Dewey and Marie were joined by a daughter in 1946 named Pam. They owned various businesses together including a juke box route and running a portable skating rink where they traveled to over 200 towns throughout Texas. But in 1953 a tornado hit Knox City killing Dewey's dad and seriously injuring his mother so they moved back to Knox City to care for his ma. They began to farm the family land west of town and Dewey started pumping for several oil companies. In 1956 their family of 3 welcomed a son, Kent. Marie became a custom hay baler and worked for

many farmers throughout the area. There wasn't any farm equipment or machine that she wouldn't get on and drive. For Marie's 60th birthday, Dewey bought her an 18-wheeler tanker truck to haul salt water. She always said it was the easiest job that Dewey had ever given her. She and Dewey founded Rolling Plains Well Service in Knoxville City and when they began to grow older, Marie spent her time caring for her yard and home. Marie was a long time member of the Knoxville City Church of Christ and she considered all the church members as family. She was also a 20 year member of the County Extension Club and a founding member of the Brazos Valley Quilt Guild. Marie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dewey, four sisters, three brothers and a granddaughter, Erin Mongrain. She is survived by a daughter, Pam Mongrain and husband

Rocky of Knoxville City; son Kent Darr and partner James Wilson of Ft. Worth; a brother, Cavin Lusk of Abilene; four grandchildren: Greg Donaldson and wife Vickey of Wichita Falls, Angela Carnley and husband Michael of Round Rock; Alan Donaldson and wife Kristi of Wichita Falls; Mandy Rippen of Poto, Oklahoma; 12 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. The family will be receiving friends at the Darr family home Friday evening, May 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., Church of Christ, Knoxville City with Jim Hatcher and Leon Burkham officiating under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Burial will follow in the Knoxville City Cemetery. For those desiring memorials, they may be made to the Knoxville City Church of Christ or a charity of your choice.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Sammie Offield

Our kids and parents didn't come home from their trip to Florida Monday, but rather, they returned Tuesday. Thanks to God that they go home safely. They were tired from their journey and ready to be home. They had a wonderful time in Disney World, and they seem to have made the most of their extended day.

Kristi K is back in business. She had some minor doctor's appointments, but she said she will be back at work Tuesday. In the mean time, Wilma will

probably be out for a while. She has discovered that she has aggressive cancer in her brain. God is a mighty God and will take care of her. All of our prayers, calls and cards most certainly will be appreciated and will help remind her of the love she has in the community.

Our graduation is now officially over. Our kids are great- not just the seniors, but the eighth grade too. They had a wonderful time at their party, although a little trouble came along with it, but it will be a lesson learned

for the kids. We only want the best for our kids and we pray they will follow their dreams because anything is possible if you put your mind into it.

Lots of families from all over came to which our kids a great new beginning on their journey in life as adults.

This week we deal with the loss of a beloved lady, Marie Darr. Marie could not have been a harder working woman or a better friend. When she was out and about, there was nobody she encountered that she didn't know. She will be very missed. Pam and Kent

and family, you have our deepest sympathy. We wish you much comfort and love.

Also, I may have offended some people in my recent columns. Perhaps in my talking about cleaning up properties, I may have struck a nerve. Stepping on toes was not my intention. If you need some yard trash hauled off, I am sure the City employees will be glad to help you haul it off... as for any trash I have, I did that a long time ago, and have cleaned myself up. I don't use my column to offend; I

just express my freedom of opinion and speech. If you would like to discuss my column with me, feel free to call my house and talk to me. This might be more effective than calling local businesses.

News on Ester Grindstaff is that progress is still very slow. They had to remove the rest of her leg and the bedsores are healing very

slowly. Don't know when she'll be able to come home.

Johnny Gaston is doing much better and his wife has finely returned home for recovery.

This weekend George Gross and wife, Ida Kay, were out to spend the weekend with one of their daughters and Leon Watson is doing

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Knox County Market Place

Help Wanted

Rolling plains Management Corporation is seeking applicants for the position of part-time Teacher Aide at Knox City Child Development Center in Knox city. All applicants must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or it's equivalent. Interested persons may pick up an application at 502 N. 2nd St. Applications must be received on or before June 3, 2011 at 5 p.m. Equal Opportunity Employer

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Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA) will receive public comment on their Five Year and Annual Plan Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at noon at the Doug Meinzer Community Center located at Southwest 4th Street in Knox City Texas. The plan may be reviewed at the office of KCHA during posted office

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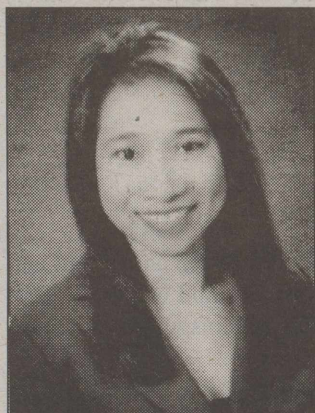
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05/26	53/87	
05/27	69/109	
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Cancer Connections Program – June 6

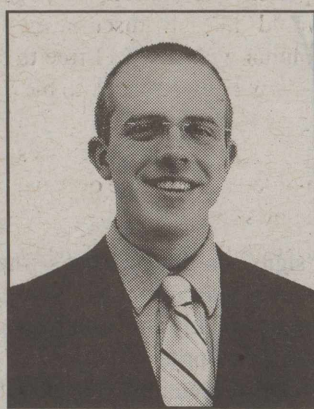


A Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, "CANCER CONNECTIONS", will be conducted on **Monday, June 6, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** It will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building located at 1 Avenue N in Haskell.

The two hour program, "Cancer Connections" will address the following topics:

- *Cancer Prevention
- *Early Detection of Cancer
- *Cancer Treatments
- *End of Life Care and Decision Making
- *Cancer Resources

Dr. Elpidia Balbastro with the Hendrick Cancer Center in Abilene will address the issues of cancer prevention, detection and treatments. Dr. Balbastro specializes in Hematology/Oncology at Hendrick Medical Center.



Addressing "End of Life Care and Decision Making" will be Andy Crocker, Texas AgriLife Extension Specialist in Gerontology Health.

The program is open to anyone with an interest in Cancer and there is no charge for the seminar. The program is being planned and sponsored by the Rolling Plains Rural Health Partnership, Texas AgriLife Extension, Haskell Memorial Hospital and Big County Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

For more information about the program contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2546.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

Input sought at community natural resource conservation meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting. This meeting will be held at the NRCS Office in Knox City, Texas on July 6, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. We are located at 3950 FM 1292 next to the Plant Materials Center northwest of Knox City.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Knox County.

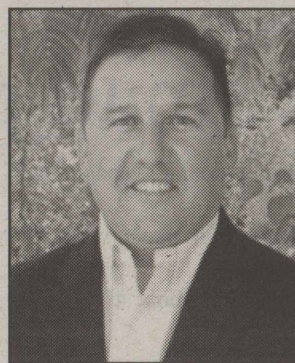
Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommendations about resource concerns to be addressed for county-

based funding. These recommendations will be used to implement the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS for 2012.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Knox City at 940-658-3526 ex 3. Service center locations and conservation program information can be found on the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov for the public.

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The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter is pleased to announce a new family Support Group for caregivers in Wichita Falls, Texas. It will meet the 1st Monday at 3:00 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association Regional Office, located at 901 Indiana Street, Ste. 350, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Support Group is FREE and is open to caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Our Support Groups are a safe haven of understanding, companionship and encouragement for those who are often lost in the

maze of this complicated, mysterious disease. We offer monthly gatherings where members share experiences, knowledge and provide emotional support as well as coping skills in matters relating to caregiving. The groups also provide a forum for learning, with education topics discussed concerning dementia related issues.

For further information and a complete listing of our groups, please call our Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter at 940-767-8800 or 1-800-272-3900, or at our Website: www.alz.org/northcentraltexas

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OPINION

The Paperboy



To the Queen!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Calling Miss Manners! President Obama needs to fire his advisors!

Last week when Obama made his eloquent toast during "God Save the Queen," it had to be the most uncomfortable thing I've seen in a long time.

Obama made the toast while everyone in the room stood at attention as the anthem was played. After realizing what the heck was happening, in what must have seemed like an eternity, Obama sat down his wine and stood at attention like everyone else in the room.

Many people gave Bush a hard time with his unorthodox manner of speaking, but the man knew proper protocol when visiting heads of state.

Obama should have fired the person briefing him on the customs when visiting the Queen of England. This is the United States for goodness sakes. We can't have our president getting caught off guard and embarrassing himself and the country in the process.

The president is surrounded by people who are supposed

to know everything about everything. Typically, a president would be wise to have advisors from all political spectrums, but judging by the last two administrations, I'd argue the room is full of yes men.

Whether it's bowing down to other leaders or giving a toast during a state anthem, it needs to stop. We do not need to insult heads of state because our president is ill-advised by morons.

I often list a variety of reasons I prefer rural living over urban living. Traffic and crowds are negatives for me but there is another major factor: violent crime.

Thankfully, we don't have near the problems with violent crime our neighbors in the city do. That's a wonderful thing.

Without digging into statistics, I would imagine one of the reasons is our familiarity with one another in our towns. I honestly think one is less likely to harm a friend.

Our towns aren't perfect. We've got drug dealers and thieves and others who could use some major reform, but we don't have large gangs. We must see to it we never do.

Occasionally I see little pretend gang-bangers putting their

"signs" on things. That's when I really keep an eye out and start asking questions. You can usually find out the leaders pretty quickly and usually, boredom and misguided intentions are the culprits.

Once identified, respectfully address the issues with the leader(s) and the matter will be solved. On the occasion where adults are a part of the problem, get law enforcement involved.

During the last week, gangs across the country have begun to riot. As this continues to make headlines and the hate spreads across the Internet and from phone to phone, don't think our teens are above the influences they are witnessing.

Talk to your children and your neighbors, let's get these kids busy playing ball, working, swimming, volunteering, etc... There are a number of constructive things our youth can be doing despite the fact they think there is nothing to do here.

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Study shows good news for small papers

Did you know that 80 percent of America's newspapers have a circulation of 15,000 or less?

Did you know that there are about 8,000 community newspapers in America that fit that description?

Did you know that 86 million Americans read those community newspapers every week?

Yet if you read the "the newspaper industry is failing" stories online, in the major daily newspapers and on television, it'd be a good guess that those reporters and bloggers don't have a clue, don't care, or can't be bothered.

Those stories tend to be based on readership and advertising numbers for the major daily newspapers in America, usually the top 100, sometimes the top 250. Yes, absolutely, those are big papers, important papers. But they are not the whole story.

The National Newspaper Association, working with the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism is completing its fourth year of research on the readership patterns of America's community newspapers.

The early data indicates fairly consistent findings all four years:

- 81 percent of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.

- Those readers, on average, share their paper with 2.36 additional readers.

- Community newspaper readers spend about 40 minutes with their paper.

- 73 percent read most or all of their community newspaper.

- Nearly 40 percent keep their community newspaper more than a week (shelf life).

- Three-quarters of readers read local news often to very often in their community newspaper while 53 percent say they never read local news online (only 12 percent say they read local news often to very often online).

- Of those going online for local news, 63 percent found it on the local newspaper's website, compared to 17 percent for sites such as Yahoo, MSN or Google, and 12 percent to the website of a local television station.

- 60 percent read local education (school) news somewhat to very often in their newspaper while 65 percent never read local education news online.

- Nearly half read local sports somewhat to very often in

their newspaper while 70 percent never read local sports online.

- 62 percent read editorials or letters to the editor somewhat to very often in their newspaper while three quarters never read editorials or letters to the editor online.

- Three quarters of readers have read public notices in their community newspaper.

- 68 percent have never visited the website of local government.

- 47 percent say there are days they read the newspaper as much for the ads as for the news.

- 30 percent do not have Internet access in the home.

- Of those with Internet access at home, three-quarters have broadband access.

The local community newspaper is the primary source of information about the local community for 60 percent of respondents: that's four times greater than the second and third most popular sources of local news (TV/14 percent and friends and relatives/13.4 percent). Readers are 10 times more likely to get their news from their community newspaper than from the Internet (5.8 percent). Less than 5 percent say their primary local news source is radio.

Tax advice for newlyweds

DALLAS – It may not be high on the list of wedding plan activities, but there are a few, simple steps that can help keep tax issues from interrupting newly-wedded bliss, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

“With the spring wedding season in full swing, new couples may want to review their changing tax situation,” said Clay Sanford, a Dallas-based IRS spokesman. “Among those tax-related changes that newlyweds should think about now are notification of change of name and change of address as well as updating their withholding on IRS Form W-4. Later, as next year’s filing season approaches, they should consider itemizing their deductions, selecting the right tax return form to use and choosing their filing status.”

USE THE CORRECT NAME:

Taxpayers must provide correct names and identification numbers on their tax returns. If a bride takes her husband’s new last name, but doesn’t tell the Social Security Administration about the name change, a complication may result. If the couple files a joint tax return with her new name, the IRS computers will not be able to match the new name with the Social Security Number. A taxpayer who changes a last name upon marrying should let the Social Security Administration know and should update the Social Security card so the number matches the new name. Form SS-5, “Application for a Social Security Card,” is available through the SSA Web site at www.ssa.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-772-1213.

REPORT YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

If one or both spouses are changing their address, they should notify the IRS, as well as the U.S. Postal Service, to be sure they receive any tax refunds or IRS correspondence. It’s a simple process. To notify the IRS, all they have to do is send in Form 8822, “Change of Address Form.” This form is available by calling the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) or on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov. Or they can write to the IRS center where they filed their most recent return. They should include their full name, old and new addresses, SSN and signature. And, they should remember to let their employers know about any name or address changes so they can continue to receive their paychecks and W-2s.

GET THAT REFUND CHECK:

Each year, thousands of tax refund checks are returned by the Post Office to the IRS as undeliverable, usually because the recipient has moved. Notifying both the Post Office and the IRS of an address change in a timely manner can help ensure the proper delivery of any refund checks. To check the status of a tax refund, use the “Where’s My Refund” service available on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or call the toll-free automated refund line at 1-800-829-1954.

SELECT THE RIGHT FORM:

Choosing the right individual income tax form can help save money. Newly married taxpayers

may find that they now have enough deductions to itemize on their tax returns. Deductions for money paid for medical care, mortgage interest, real estate taxes, state and local income taxes or general sales taxes, charitable contributions, casualty losses and certain miscellaneous costs can reduce federal taxes. Form 1040, which is used to report all types of income, deductions and credits, is the one to use if itemizing. Forms 1040EZ and 1040A do not allow such itemization. Tax forms may be obtained from the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or by calling the toll-free Forms and Publications line at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

CHOOSE THE BEST FILING STATUS:

A person’s marital status on December 31 determines whether the person is considered married for that year. The tax law allows married couples to choose to file their federal income tax return either jointly or separately in any given year. Choosing the right filing status can help save money. A joint return (Married Filing Jointly) allows spouses to combine their income and to deduct combined deductions and expenses on a single tax return. Both spouses must sign the return and both are held responsible for the contents. With separate returns (Married Filing Separately), each spouse signs, files and is responsible for his or her own tax return. Each is taxed on his or her own income, and can take only his or her individual deductions and credits. If one spouse itemizes deductions, the other must also. Figuring the tax both ways can determine which filing status will result in the lowest tax – usually, it’s filing jointly. More detailed information on filing status can be found in Publication 501, “Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information,” on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or requesting the publication by calling the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

CHECK YOUR WITHHOLDING:

Individuals should also check their withholding due to a change in their filing status. The change in filing status may alter the amount of taxes due at years’ end. Wage earners can adjust the amount withheld by giving the employer a new Form W-4. This form asks for marital status, withholding allowances and any additional amount that needs to be withheld.

Employers use the information on the W-4 to figure the taxes to be withheld from employee compensation according to calculation methods provided by the IRS. Those looking for assistance in figuring out whether they are withholding enough can get help from IRS Pub. 919, “How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?” Pub. 919 and Form W-4 are available at www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). On-line help is also available at the IRS Web site. Click on “IRS Withholding Calculator” on the “Individuals” page. With the help of current pay stubs and a copy of last year’s tax form, users can check to see if they are withholding the right amount. Information from this calculator can then be used to revise a W-4.

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Benjamin News By Gladene Green

HooRay- School's out for the year and no one is complaining. Think everyone is ready for a few weeks rest. The graduation programs were Thursday (Jr. High) and Friday (High School) nights. On Thursday night, Sydney Mendoza delivered the salutatory address, and Kelsey Brown gave the valedictory speech. Several awards were given, but since I can't remember them all, I opted not to mention any except the High Individual Award given to the student with the high average for the year. Receiving the trophy was Ryan Heard, son of Glen and Shanna.

On Friday night, the 3 high school graduates received their diplomas. The program was as follows:

Invocation- Taylor Cantrell

Salutatory address- Shelby Russell

Valedictory Address- Cody Propps

Intro of Speaker- Cody Propps

Address- Richard McCanlies
Presentation of Awards- Olivia Gloria

Presentation of Diplomas- School Board President, Glen Heard

Benediction- Cody Propps
Recessional- Senior Slide Show and Rose Presentation

Cody Propps received the high Individual Award GPA in High School.

Reception followed.

The ushers were Toni Brown, Andrew Chandler, and Tyler Kinnibrugh.

There were also award given in high school which I hope to have next week.

Preceding Jr. High graduation, six pre-schoolers became first graders in a ceremony all their own.

Receiving their diplomas into grade school were Nicolas Ham, Josh Brumley, Nicholas Tolson, Wendy Uribe, Kylie Garcia and Richie Soli.

Shanna Heard is their teacher.

Sympathy Sent

I extend sincere sympathy to Cassie and Steve Sheedy today. Cassie's sister passed away suddenly last Tuesday. Her funeral was later in the week in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Here N There

Several out of town folks were here for the graduation exercises, both Thursday and Friday night. I won't have all of them, but I do have some. Here to see Cody Propps receive his diploma were Jimmy Kay and Don Liles and Shannon Propps of West Texas State in Canyon, Herb and Dickie Propps of Saymour, Chance Propps of Los Angeles, and Bill and Judy Bland of Throckmorton.

Stephanie Brannan and children of Lubbock were here to see her cousin, Shelby Russell, graduate.

Mike Young spent a couple of days in a Wichita Falls Hospital undergoing heart tests. All turned out o.k. with his heart, but doctors say he does have a lung problem which needs some attention. He's feeling pretty well.

Lorene Powers grand son-in-law, Kary Bragg, passed away late last week in Midland after a battle with cancer. His funeral is today (Monday) in Paducah.

Certainly, our sympathy to his family.

Jane Gideon was in Seymour Friday night for the graduation program. Her grandson, Coleton Caldwell was a member of the outgoing class, graduating as saluatorian. Also attending were Dutch and Imagean Young, Deanna Lamb and Jessica and Anthony Lamb. Jessica's brother, Jacob Richardson, also graduated.

Ronnie and Lana Hale and Briley and Lana, Sydney and Lexie Mendoza also attended Coleton's graduation in Seymour on Friday. Coleton is Lana's son.

Gloria West and Lorene Powers attended the graduation at Aspermont Friday night. Gloria's granddaughter, Chelsea Parker, was part of the graduating class. Also attending was Cathy Tomlinson of Denton, who came on to Benjamin for the weekend.

Attending Kelsey Brown's graduation on Thursday night were Mike and Lori Bufkin of Crowell, Debbie Goforth and Megan of Fort Worth, Mark Brown of Lone Grove, Oklahoma and Samantha Cummins of Decatur.

Imagean Young honored her husband Dutch on Saturday night with a family party in their home. The occasion was his 82nd birthday. Attending were Jessica and Anthony Lamb, Deanna Lamb, Jane Gideon, Mary Young, and Wendy and

Bubba Benson, Chasity and Lily. They enjoyed hamburgers and all the trimming and an evening of visiting.


Michael and Molly Driver of Albuquerque, N.M. were here last weekend for a visit with friends. It was good to see them. Hard to believe, but I think he

said he had been in Albuquerque for 33 years. Oh, how time does fly!

Weekend guest of Mike and Debi Moorhouse were Lynn Rogers and Shaylee of Snyder, Will Moorhouse and Brandon Hutchinson of Abilene and Liz Herring and family of Munday.

Visiting on Saturday was Mike's mom, Bobbye Moorhouse of Seymour.

My Sympathy today to the family of Marie Darr who passed away last week after being in failing health for quite sometime. Her funeral was Friday in Knox City.



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Just Jeff

By Jeff Stanfield

Today, as I sit in my office on Memorial Day, I think of all the soldiers who have given so much for guys like me who have not given anything at all. I am thinking about how I am blessed enough to have the freedoms I have without having to serve or fight. These men and women are truly the heroes. These men and women are the ones that are forgotten.

Today when kids think of heroes they think of Lebron, Kobe and Dirk. In a couple of months it will be Josh, Ian and Michael Young. They never think about the soldiers; the brave few who are fighting terrorists who are trying so hard to kill every American or Christian they can.

As parents we need to make sure our children young and old understand what

is going in this world. We need to step up to the plate and let our kids know that we are under attack and fighting for our freedom and way of life.

This battle is not like World War I or 2 where we had an objective and went to conquer and free other allies. No, this is about us being attacked on our own soil and countless acts of terrorism by a group of cowards. Have you ever seen a picture of Arlington cemetery in Washington D.C.? Every headstone represents a hero!!

It is a shame that as a country we only honor these heroes during holidays. I bet during World War II each day at schools across this country, when they said the pledge of allegiance, they would say a prayer for our heroes. The really sad thing about today, is some hell-bound anti-Christian will try and

put a lawsuit on a school district for making his little atheist listen to God's word, or even be taught to pay respect for the flag.

It is time for the citizens of the United States to take a stand for God and take back this great country. How is it that the whole world looks to us in times of need? Where does all the foreign aid come from? Who makes the UN so strong? The answer is us, the citizens of the United States. Who carries us on their shoulders? The proud men and women who serve.

Tonight when you give thanks at mealtime, or ask for forgiveness before you sleep, please remember those who have fought for our freedoms... and those who still are.

God Bless
Jeff Stanfield



The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch

There's an e-mail message making the rounds about multitudinous uses for a coffee filter. At the end of the list they add the fact that you can filter coffee with a coffee filter. I knew that.

Another list might be all the things you can use to filter coffee if you don't have a coffee filter.

If you've ever used something unorthodox to filter coffee, then you might be from the country. If you routinely boil the grounds in a pot over a campfire and don't even worry about filters, then you are probably a chuckwagon cook picking grounds out of your teeth even now as you read this column on your iPad, relaxing during the interlude between your pre-dawn breakfast and noon, when the cowboys will ride back into camp for the hearty lunch you're gonna have to start fixing pretty quick. Unless you can't get a signal way out on the far pasture.

Back to filters. Why should someone from the country be more likely to improvise than an urban counterpart?

It's because you can't just go to the store. You have to make do in the country.

Paper towels make nice coffee filters. A nice clean dishtowel works if you don't mind staining it with coffee and you enjoy the primitive aspect of simply pouring boiling water over the grounds. If you've gotta have that first cup, you'll figure something out.

Speaking of "gotta have," I'm reminded of the time my grandmother, whose farm joined ours, had a vanilla extract addict living in her near pasture. He was a post-cutter

by trade from distant eastern Oklahoma. She didn't know he drank vanilla extract when she let him and his wife and children take up residence in the old house by the well where the windmill used to be.

One day some of the younger urchins appeared on Grandmother's porch asking to borrow some flavoring.

"Mama wants to bake Daddy a cake," they told her.

Grandmother was out of vanilla. She gave them nutmeg, ginger and cinnamon.

"This ain't what we want," said the surprised children, who knew their mission was to secure some vanilla.

"Tell her to bake him some gingerbread," my grandmother said.

It was only later that the man's vanilla extract abuse became common knowledge. Meanwhile, my daddy had unwisely loaned him some money. I guess he still owes us. What I most remember about that particular family's departure is that the sheriff told them to leave the county before sundown. (And I remember the banker told my father the "3-P" rule about not loaning money to preachers, painters or post-cutters. My apologies to those professions. But that's what he said.)

"OK. Maybe the sheriff didn't say "before sundown," but that's how I remember it. Back in those days Matt Dillon was always telling people to get out of Dodge before sundown.

Back to coffee filters. It wasn't on the list, but I think they use them to make meth. Beware of children borrowing coffee filters.

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in for each of these events Friday night at the theatrical event or Saturday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Knox County Courthouse.

There will also be driving tours set up to take you around the county and see the greater heritage throughout the county as well as explore some new things.

Check in for the driving tours will be the Benjamin Courthouse. There will also be an exhibitor area setup in Benjamin in the courthouse area.

A fireman's hamburger lunch will be Saturday at the Benjamin High School. Tickets are \$6 each and all proceeds will benefit the fire

departments county wide. Lunch will be come and go from 11-2 or until food is gone.

Don't hesitate to get signed up. Check out our facebook page for more details www.facebook.com/kcvg. catch.the.vision, or give us a call at 940-459-4121. Adventure awaits you!

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wonderful. James Stafford is still awaiting for a new heart, but God only know when the time is right, and it's all in His hands.

I understand that David Counts is also recovering from a heart problem. We pray that he will take care of himself and God will do the rest.

We've got some people leaving Knox City and some coming in. I realize that Ashley Harrison Coleman and her husband will be moving to Wichita Falls as soon as they

can get ready. In the mean time they are awaiting the arrival of their first baby son due any time now. She has been told to rest, and is doing just that.

We have had another bit of rain. We are thankful for what little we have, but still pray for more.

Our Benjamin seniors have arrived in Hawaii safely. They are apparently having a wonderful time.

Monday morning while listening to the guys at Bud's, I was informed that

Billy Ray Morrow had fallen Friday night. He suffered a few bruises and cuts. If you don't see him, please call me or one of his neighbors to remind them to check up on him.

Memorial Day brought many people to remember all the good times shared by loved ones which were only made possible by the brave soldiers who have fought for our freedoms.

God Bless our troops and all of us.

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and end on Saturday with Go Kart Races. Events will include a photography scavenger hunt, a 5K run/walk, a geocaching adventure, hiking, an amazing race, a driving tour, an exhibitor/vendor area and Fireman's Hamburger lunch benefiting Knox county Fire Departments.

The Benson, Coody, Isbell, and Meinzer families,

descendants of George Henry Coody and Corra Isbell, will gather for the 62nd Annual Coody/Isbell Family Reunion June 11-12, 2011 at the Portwood Pavilion, Seymour City Park. Festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, June 11, with a pot luck dinner, bingo and other activities. A catered lunch will be served at noon on Sunday, June 12, followed by a business meeting and

silent auction. Family and friends are invited to attend. Please contact Ron Coody at 972 243-0720 for further information and Sunday lunch reservations

The community Vacation Bible School is planned for June 26th until 30th. This year's theme will be "Superhero Training Camp", and will be held at the Foursquare Church in Knox City.

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the county.

Each year, Ogallala Commons Community Internship program offers motivated youth, college students, and adults the opportunity to carry out projects that add value to their local communities and institutions, while interns gain skill development, paid work experience, and hometown career exploration opportunities. Community Internships build a diverse range of skills for interns. In addition to workplace skills, these internships offer networking opportunities with other community interns and partners in adjoining states--opening doors to new learning opportunities

after the internship, while providing good experiences for job searching and resume building.

Interns supervised by Ogallala Commons are exposed to eight experiences essential to living in the Great Plains: rebuilding local food systems, conserving natural resources, learning and sharing local history, youth engagement and entrepreneurship, community development and nonprofit work, public speaking, fostering a sense of place, and designing a career path.

Ogallala Commons' main partner, CHS Foundation, offers match funding for creating Community Internships. CHS Foundation is the major giving entity

of CHS, an energy, grains and foods company with a stewardship focus of building vibrant communities.

For more information about Ogallala Commons Community Internships, visit <http://www.ogallala-commons.org/community-interns.html> to learn more about the program, or to read blogs and see photos of what interns have accomplished in past years.



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Adventure Days

June 17 & 18

Friday, June 17th
6 - 8 p.m. A Night at the Theater
(Munday ISD Auditorium)

10:00 a.m. Tour of Knox County - Bus leaves from Benjamin Courthouse

Saturday, June 18th
8:00 a.m. 5K Fun Run & Walk
(Knox City Golf Course)
9:00 a.m. Registration at Benjamin Courthouse

- Photography Scavenger Hunt (Teams of 2-5 people) \$20 per team
- Amazing Grace Race (Teams of 2) \$20 per team
- Geocaching Adventure (Team of any size) Free

9:00 a.m. Exhibitor Area Opens
(Benjamin Courthouse)

11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Fireman's Hamburger Lunch
Benjamin ISD Cafeteria - \$6.00
1:00 p.m. Tour of Knox County - Bus leaves from Benjamin Courthouse
3:00 p.m. Afternoon Recap & Awards (Benjamin ISD Cafeteria)
5:00 p.m. Doors Open for Go-Kart Races (Knox City Speedway)

For more information or to register for events call 940-459-4121 or facebook.com/kcvg.
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Memorial Day Play Day at the Knox City Golf Course



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