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Christmas in November



By Sherry Reid

You might think that howling winds and bitter cold temperatures would keep residents inside in a cozy chair watching TV in the warmth of their homes. But many people chose to come out and enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas in downtown Knox City, Saturday night, the 26th of November. Activities planned to take place in the Gazebo had to be canceled because of the strong winds, but several of these events took place in more desirable locations, either inside the stores or out front on the sidewalks, protected from the winds by the buildings.

The First United Methodist Church youth group bravely sat up their table filled with brownies, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, hot cider, hot chocolate and coffee to raise funds for their

youth group. Shortly after their Concession stand was set up, a long, white limousine pulled up near them and out stepped Santa and Mrs. Clause. Kids quickly gathered around as Mr. & Mrs. Claus took their place inside Knox City Florist where pictures were taken of the children as they told Santa what they wanted as they sat in his lap.

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce held their drawing for Santa Dollars at 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, & 7:00 pm as scheduled. Tickets for this event were given out from the downtown merchants with every \$10.00 purchase on Friday, then double tickets were given on Saturday with each \$10.00 spent. Since you had to be present to win the Santa Dollars, everyone gathered on the sidewalk for the drawings and went away with smiling faces.



Photo by Sherry Reid
One of the first children in line for Santa, Saturday evening during Christmas in November, was Jackson Ellison from San Angelo, happily listing all his "wants" (notice the fingers counting them off).

Downtown merchants did an impressive job decorating their windows, with some creating a Christmas "wonderland" throughout their store.

Christmas in November ended Saturday evening, but the stores remain brightly

decorated with the sights and sounds of the holiday. Support the hometown businesses by visiting them during this holiday season and buying your gifts locally. Just seeing the Christmas decorations themselves are a treat for the whole family.

Looking Ahead

SIGN UP DATE to be included on the democratic ballot is Nov. 28 with the cutoff date of Dec. 16.

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ous Bible Study, join us beginning Nov. 1, every Tuesday, 6-8 pm, at the Church of God, Family Worship

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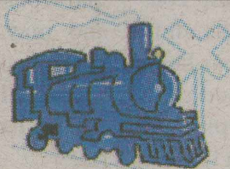


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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday, things looked good around Knox City. Everyone is making their Thanksgiving celebrations. My guys seem to be ready. They all have a place to spend the day with someone. Whoever didn't, I hope they went and enjoyed the day with the Church of Christ Faithful Hearts.

Great news in Knox City

is that we'll have a new business downtown. I understand that Dusty Johnson will have his office in Kristi's old beauty salon and hopefully will be able to work out of there with his business with the chopper services. You'd probably be surprised at the business he will have and if that's it, I give him my best wishes and

may be do a great job.

Kristi King and family were in Knox City early for their Thanksgiving with their families. I'm sure she is trying hard to get around to see everyone, but I know how hard that is because we'd all like to have a little time with her, I'm sure. Sandra and Paul are just absolutely happy, especially if

the other girls make it in. I really miss you, Kristi.

Evelyn Balis is just having a great time getting ready for all her kids coming in for Thanksgiving and also her sister-in-law from Wisconsin. She was married to the late Johnny Bradford and they always had a great time together. I loved visiting with them because she has a wonderful accent. She's lots of fun, too.

Pam Roger's son, Chris, has been in the hospital for a while. He's had a little health set-back. Hopefully they will take care of it and he will get to go home soon. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tuesday, I had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner from the school. They all did a great job. Everything was so good and very well prepared and seasoned. I give ya'll an A+. It was good with large servings for adults. I like to thank our Junior crew and all their parents for doing such a great job. I hope it was a successful fund raiser.

Wednesday was our holiday gift bags again. We did good, but I know there are still some out there that are in need that we don't know about. Hope we get to make many happy during this holiday season. It's a great time to share our love.

Mommy Rod had all her children come in to see her and she had a wonderful Thanksgiving. She hadn't had one like that in a while. Joe, our brother, didn't make it but with that hand surgery and cold weather, sometimes you just want to stay home.

I spoke with Laura Stovall and her son-in-law, Chad, is doing great. Still having

some extreme therapy, and his recovery will be slow, but they had a wonderful Thanksgiving and family time and those times are always extra special. God, thank you for being with them through all the heartaches. Love you guys.

Terry and Jennifer Utley's boys are just growing so fast and we are so blessed to have them in our lives and as great neighbors.

Mrs. Broach has really been working on her home, the Lawson house. We just can't wait for her to get moved in and to get to know her better. She was just so wonderful when I met her. She really will be happy to be here in good old Knox City, a community of lots of love and always there for each other's needs.

It was a perfect holiday to be thankful for God's love and blessings and also for the wedding of Mingo Garcia and the new Mrs. Mingo Garcia Saturday night as they exchanged their wedding vows. They celebrated with all the family and friends while at the Wooden Nickel. Amos and Cassidy Lerma did the same thing. Both women made beautiful brides and may God bless them and give them lots of happiness in the years to come.

If you go in the bank you will notice that our Angel Tree is up for all the children whose parent's have had hard times this year. If you know any children whose names need to go on the Angel Tree, please contact someone with the child welfare office. If your heart tells you to do a good deed this year, go and pick an "Angel" or two from the tree

and buy them a Christmas gift. These kids are thankful for anything they might receive. You can speak with anyone at the bank for details and on the back of the Angel cards is information about the child you picked. May God bless you always.

Charlie and Betty Starnes had their son, Todd and wife visiting them for Thanksgiving as they also visited us at Four Square Church. We had lots of visitors and it was a wonderful time. It's always great to have them visit. They are always welcomed with open arms. It's always great to have new faces come in even for a short while. I know their parents are always happy and blessed to see their kids and especially the little ones.

There was a small golf tournament to raise money for a couple in need. They hosted 18 people who showed up for the golf game. They did good and everyone had a great time just getting to play a little golf. It was chilly, but they played anyway.

Our Christmas in November was a wonderful time for all our downtown merchants. They did a great job. It's so nice to have something like that take place in our little community.

Well my week has been very busy and interesting. Eddie and I spent Thanksgiving in Hamlin and got to see some of our children. May all our holidays remain peaceful, full of joy, and may ya'll be careful wherever you may go.

God Bless our Troops and each one of us.

-Sammie

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TUESDAY DEC. 6TH

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Turnip greens
Cornbread

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Talipia/lemon slice
Whole kernel corn
Cole slaw
Hush puppies
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THURSDAY DEC. 8TH

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FRIDAY, DEC. 9TH

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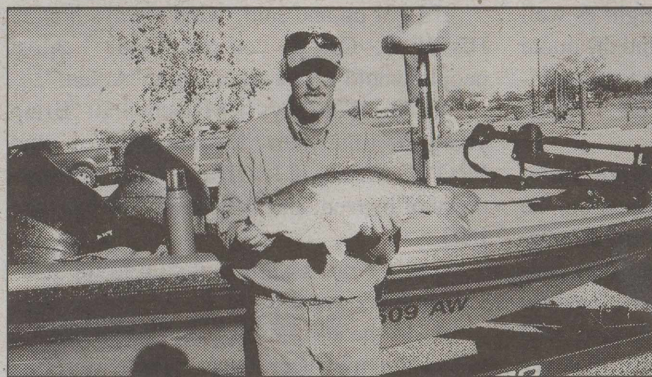
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DAVID'S FISHING REPORT



Stamford Lake
11/24/11

Water Clarity:
Stained

Water Temperature:
53 degrees

Fishing is good. Bass are feeding up for winter. They are staging on creek channel and steep rocky ledges. We caught 10 bass ranging from 2 lbs. to 8.22 lbs. and all my fish came on chattering bucktails in a shad pattern.

God Bless and Good Fishin'

THANKS FOR
READING!

OBITUARY



**PAULETTA FAYE
MOORE**

Pauletta Faye Moore, 65, passed away in Knox City, Texas on November 28, 2011. Services will be held at Four-square Church at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2011 in Knox City with Pastor Gene Ward and Pastor Gary Schnable officiating. Burial will be at the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. A visitation is planned for the evening of November 30 at the funeral home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Pauletta was born May 19, 1946 in Stamford, Texas to L.B.

and Jessie Cox, Jr. She has lived in Knox City for 35 years and was the 'class favorite' at Rule High School her junior year, Coronation Queen in 1964, her senior year, a 5-star manager at Dairy Queen, the Resident President and the Welcoming Committee Chairman at Munday Nursing Center.

Pauletta is survived by her daughter, Kim Stafford and her husband James of Knox City; two grandchildren, Kristopher (Bubs) Stafford al of Knox City and Kursten Martinez and her husband Matthew of Abilene; her mother, Polly Cox of Rule; a brother, Gary Cox of Rochester and his wife Shelly; sister, Nellon Dillard of Denton, Texas; two nephews, Bryan Cox of Graham, Texas and Heath Dillard of Lubbock, Texas; a niece, Cary Cox of Rochester, Texas; and numerous aunts and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father in 1995, L.B. Cox; also, Burt and Naomi Cox of Rule; and Lowell and Lucy Fulbright of Rule.

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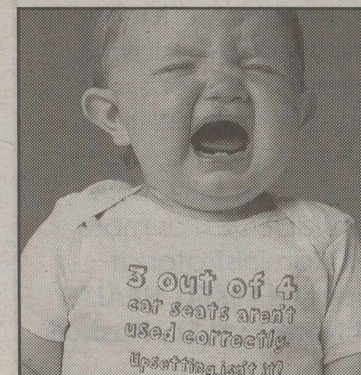
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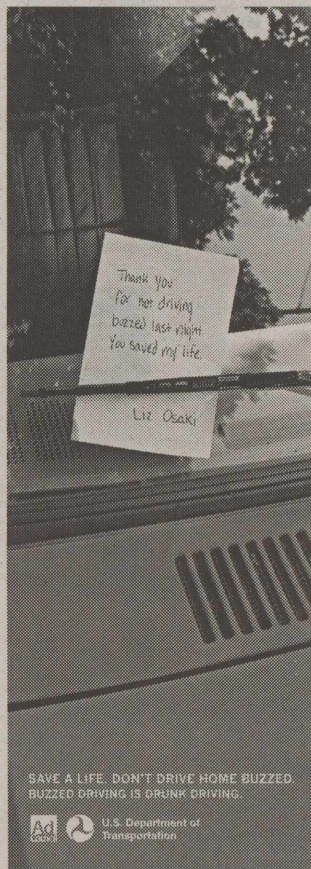
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Knox City,

A few days ago, I received quite the shock as I sat down to read last week's Knox County News. As I went through the Classifieds section, I noticed a small, non-descript ad - - browsing over it quickly, I almost didn't catch what it was about. Within this small ad, was a petition to bring about a vote for allowing the sale of alcohol in Knox City.

I almost could not believe what I was reading. Knox City? Is this something our little town wants to open the doors to?

As I sat and thought on this, trying to come up with reasons on how this could be "good" for our little community, I heard in my mind's eye the "reasons" most people would use to justify the sale of alcohol.

The first being "money." After all, just think of all the money we as citizens are missing out on by not allowing alcohol sales!

And the second being, "Well, they are going to buy it somewhere, they might as well buy it here!" (Which brings to mind the quote most every parent has used at one time or another ... "If your friend jumped off a bridge would you jump too??")

I guess one could argue that we are "missing out" on loads of money that could be made by the sale of alcohol within the city limits and that we are seeing lots of tax dollars "run away from us that could be used for good things", but even though I have read my bible over the years from cover to cover dozens of times - - - and other Scriptures and books of the bible even more times than that, I have yet to find a Scripture that says, "If thou needeth more money, goeth forth and sell alcohol. The Lord your God will bless you in the city with money from your alcohol sales."

I've looked, but I haven't found that yet. Now, I can imagine, if I climb up on my pulpit Sunday and preach a sermon and say, "Let God be first in everything you do and seek Him first!", I will get lots of "Amen!" from the congregation.

What do you think? If we sought God first and let Him be first in everything ... would His answer be "by all means, open the door for alcohol sales in Knox City! Be Blessed!"

Amen or Oh Me?

"But, Tex! You don't understand! We're just trying to help Knox City grow!"

I know this is probably too radical for most people, but when I open up the bible I see COUNTLESS ways to bless the city and

even more to bless businesses and individuals. "Give and it shall be given unto you ... bring ALL the tithes into the storehouse ... he who sows generously will also reap generously ... honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency (from righteous labors) and with the first fruits of all your income ... seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be given unto you..." and on and on and on and on.

I suppose it makes more sense to put faith in alcohol than it does the Word. Amen? Only "crazy" people would TITHE out of their business and let God do the rest. Most have a hard enough time trying to trust God to tithe out of their salary, much less trust Him with our businesses.

"There is no way we can afford to tithe off our business!! Are you kidding me Tex?"

Have you ever tried it? Nope? Then how would you know?

If I got up and said, "God always honors His Word. Or, 'do you trust God?'" Most people would give a resounding "Amen!"

Yet His Word says in Malachi 3:10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, ...and PROVE ME ... if I will not open the windows of heaven, and POUR OUT A BLESSING..."

God's Word says it ... it's up to the individual to believe it.

As to the second reason, "They're going to buy it somewhere, they might as well buy it here."

Now that's an Academy Award winning line!

I think on this and it causes me to reflect on all the PAIN I have watched alcohol cause in the lives of people throughout my lifetime.

I recall countless times I watched my cousins as they grew up in an alcoholic home. My experiences with them would literally turn most stomachs. My aunt died from cirrhosis of the liver at the tender age of 42. Regardless of where they bought it ... ALCOHOL is what killed her.

I remember watching a family grieve and literally be torn apart from the loss of their 15 year old son who had just been killed in a car accident after dropping off his "first ever date" from the Sports Banquet. I held my sister for most of the night as she cried out "Why?? Why???" - - - this young man had asked her to be his first real girlfriend after she graduated the 8th grade and became

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Knox City – O'Brien December 1-7 Lunch Menu

Thursday

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Monday

Italian Beefy Macaroni w/Roll or Italian Antipasto Salad w/Salami or Energy Meal w/Bologna & Cheese

Glazed Carrots, Sweet Corn, Fresh Fresh Fruit, Cinn. Apple Slices, White Slushy, Milk

Tuesday

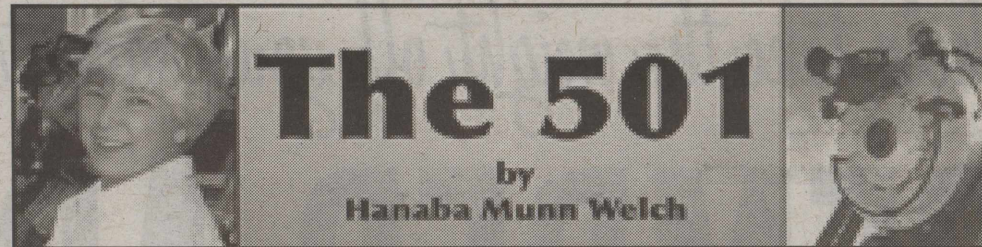
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy & Roll or Fajita Chicken Salad or Energy Meal w/Turkey & Cheese

Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Whole Wheat Crackers, Majestic Pears, White Slushy, Milk

Wednesday

Chicken Fajita Enchiladas or Garden Pasta Salad or Energy Meal w/Ham & Cheese

Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Fresh Orange, Mixed Fruit, White Slushy, Milk



A trip to a foreign country isn't much of a trip unless you collect something.

I collect haircuts. Sometimes I collect pounds too.

After all, who needs a wooden shoe that hangs on the wall and holds a shoe brush? I have one of those too. Somewhere.

When you get a foreign haircut, the fun part is communicating with the person wielding the scissors. I've got a degree in French. I'm still unsure about the French word for hair. It's similar to horses.

Doesn't matter. If you go into a beauty salon in Paris and tell them you want your horses cut, they'll understand. Just be sure to point to your hair.

The horse-hair mistake is a common verbal gaffe non-French-speakers make in France. Another one is tell-

ing the waiter you're dead. Moi, I did it in the plural, indicating all my friends were dead too. The waiter took our money anyway.

When you're multilingual, it means making mistakes in multiple languages. When I was learning German, I ordered "ein Coca-Cola" in a Frankfurt hotel. I waited several minutes and decided I'd better repeat my order, thinking they hadn't understood me.

The next thing I knew, I had two Cokes. When I got ready to pay, I told the waiter I'd had two Coca-Colas – "zwei Coca-Cola." He brought me two more.

That's what's good about haircuts. There's not much room for confusion about how many you want.

I can't say the same for Italian ice cream cones. If you hold up your index fin-

ger to order one, you get two. That's because Italians hold up just the thumb to mean "one" and thumb and index finger to mean "two." When the ice cream vendor sees the index finger, he imagines he sees the thumb too and thereby sells two cones instead of one. But who cares? He makes twice the money, and you get to make someone happy with an ice cream cone they weren't expecting. Or you make yourself happy by eating it yourself.

Like I said, pounds are souvenirs too. You don't even have to declare them at customs. You just smug-

gle them home under your clothes, around your waist or elsewhere – reminders of all the memorable meals and the extra Cokes and ice cream.

Back to haircuts.

I'd like to go back to Europe and get another one in a foreign language. But my calendar has no trips penciled in. What to do?

I just did it. I got my haircut in Spanish in Fort Worth for less than I would have paid in Barcelona or Madrid.

I told them to leave a little over the "orellas." Wrong word for ears. I should have said "orejas." Who knew?

But in Aragon, Catalonia or Galicia, "orellas" would have been the right word. Thank you Wiktionary. I'd say there's a haircut waiting for me in all those places – me and my orellas.

Come to think of it, I've already got a fancy red and black fan from Catalonia. Somewhere.

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Among the many who attended Christmas in November activities in down town Knox City last Saturday night, was Miss Betty Poe. A long time resident of Knox City, Betty, with her trusted walker, went from store to store, visiting with friends and enjoying the events taking place that evening.



First United Methodist Church Youth



During the Christmas in November festivities in downtown Knox City last Saturday, the youth department of the Methodist Church raised money for their group by selling cupcakes, Rice Krispie treats, cookies, brownies, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and coffee.

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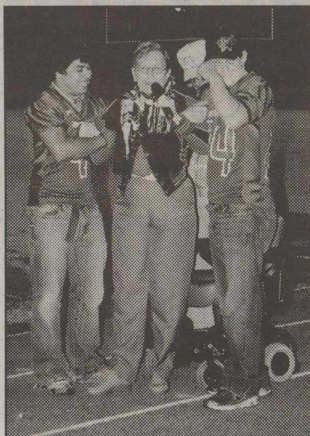
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Special Fan's Tribute



Sequoyah Reynolds encourages the Knox City Greyhounds before their game with Throckmorton.

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By Sherry Reid

At the last Knox City Greyhound pep rally the

evening of November 24, 2011, and before the KC Hounds met the Greyhounds of Throckmorton, a very special fan named Sequoyah Reynolds was wheeled onto the track in front of the Greyhound team and had these words of encouragement to say:

"Guys, I am so proud to have the chance to speak to you tonight. You are a very special group to me. Tonight I am wearing a KCG football jacket that belongs to Bud (her husband). He was the quarterback who led the Greyhounds to bi-district champs in 1948. That was state for 6-man at that time, and now for 57 years we have been a team. What is a team? A group of two or more who work together to accomplish a common goal.

About 3 1/2 years ago after a long hard battle for my

life, I was welcomed home with a basketball that had been signed by many of you sitting here tonight and that inspired me to keep fighting, push harder, and keep getting back up when I fall. So tonight I want to ask Ryan and Jared to please come stand here by me (they came and helped Sequoyah stand)...and as we all stand together we will, as a team, keep fighting and pushing harder. Keep getting back up, because we believe in who we are. Go KC. I love you guys...go get'em!"

That was the ending of an emotional and exciting pep rally as Sequoyah left the field, and a time when ten of the Greyhound team members would be, as seniors, playing their last football game. The Greyhounds went on to end the season with a hard fought year behind them to be proud of.

Greyhounds playoff run ends



Greyhound photo courtesy of Daveine Clark.

By Tracy Carter

In the battle of the Greyhounds Friday night at Graham, the Hounds from Throckmorton came out on top 78-43. Four turnovers and 2 touchdowns called back (on penalties), proved to be too costly to overcome. The KC Hounds played valiantly throughout the game and never quit trying, even scoring on the last offensive play, with T.J. Moore finding Blake Jones over the middle between 2 defenders, taking it 47yds, breaking 2 tackles and dragging two defenders into the end zone, to score. Ryan Ledesma found the end zone on a 27yd run to start the scoring for the Hounds. Heath Welch had a 14yd TD scamper in the 2nd QTR. Jarek Wilde

took a 25yd scoring pass from Ledesma and the halftime score was KC 20, Throck 32. In the 2nd half, Ledesma found Jones open on an eight yd TD pass. With Throck up 36-24, the Hounds came within 1 yd of closing the gap 36-30, but the ball was stripped out at the goal line to end the drive. Throck then went on a 24 pt. scoring run to take control of the game. Also scoring for the Hounds was Tylynne Eaton on a 13yd pass from Moore. T.J. kicked 3 PATs and passed for another to Eaton. The KC Hounded ended up with 488 total yds compared to 468 for Throckmorton. Coach Steele, Coach Howell, Coach Webb and Coach Lawson are to be congratulated on a great season and a two year

playoff run. The Greyhound seniors of Blake Jones, T.J. Moore, Ty Baker, Brandon York, Kyle Harrington, Jarek Wilde, Josh Schnable, Ryan Ledesma and Austin Valimont, will be greatly missed. The greyhounds were a lot of fun to watch and brought a lot of excitement this year to Knox City. Looking forward to next year already! Congratulations Hounds on a great year.

NOTE from the editor: Thank you, Tracy, for the exceptional play-by-play articles you submitted each and every week. Even though I saw all the games, I enjoyed reading about the action the following week! We look forward to that continuing next football season!

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Benjamin News By Gladene Green

The Thanksgiving holiday weekend has come and gone and I hope everyone had a pleasant one, with no problems at all. Now it's on to Christmas preparations. It's always a busy time of the year but also such a fun time. Folks over here (as well as everywhere) have begun to decorate, both inside and out and if you're not in a festive mood, after a drive around town, you should be. The Cartwrights have again placed all of his parents' outside decorations on the courthouse lawn. Dub and Jo always had their yard so pretty with all the cartoon figures etc, they had made themselves (he did the cutting and she did most of the painting) and after their deaths, their family has graciously continued to share their handiwork with everyone and we do enjoy it. If you've never seen it, it would be worth a trip over here some night to look it all over. You would enjoy it.

REGARDING OUR ILL

Chad Tolson continues to make progress as he recuperates at home. He's out and about and seems to be adjusting once again to life outside hospital walls where he was for so many months. That's very encouraging.

Jan Carver went for a heart stint last Monday, but when doctors got ready to do it, discovered her problems needed more attention. Two of her main arteries were blocked with calcium and a stint was not an option, so now she's facing by-pass surgery. With 90% blockage in one and 68% in another, this was just about her only choice. She goes Wednesday to visit with her surgeon and set up the date for her sur-

gery. She's having to take it pretty easy and, of course, is anxious to get this behind her. Pray for her and her family during this time.

Reyes Barrientez is feeling much better after a three-day stay in the Stamford hospital suffering from a gall bladder attack. She will be having surgery on Dec. 5 in Abilene and she's hoping after that she will be rid of so much discomfort. Of course, prayers and good thoughts go to Reyes and we will all be glad when this is over for her.

Corrine Parrish seems to be doing much better following treatment for her back problem. She still has to be very careful not to overdo things, but says she can handle that limited activity to be able to be free of pain.

Dutch Young and Kenneth and Jessie Roberts are making it pretty well in the Munday Nursing Center. They enjoy folks stopping in to see them so if (and when) you get a chance, drop by for a few minutes. They will appreciate it and you will feel better knowing you have brightened their day.

Sympathy today to the family of Sara Offutt. Sara passed away on Wed. nite at the age of 98. I had known her all of my life and have nothing but good things to say about her. Always pleasant, warm and kind to everyone, she will be missed by so many family members and friends. Her funeral was Sunday in Munday.

HERE 'N THERE

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Lorene Powers returned home Saturday from a week's visit with a granddaughter and family in Branson, Missouri. She planned to stay a few days longer but the weather began to look threatening and she thought she ought to get home and said she did drive in pretty heavy rain until she got to Wichita Falls. She said she did have a wonderful time but Benjamin sure looked good to her when she got here.

Lexie Mendoza spent Thanksgiving with her dad, Carlos and family in Abilene. They also went to Lubbock to visit relatives during the weekend.

Jeff and Cayden Conner of Lubbock spent Thanksgiving with his mom, Judy Barnett and Randy. Thanksgiving day they had lunch with Judy's mom, Philomae Roberson. Others enjoying the day with them were Kathy Waldron of Knox City, Briceton Pierce who lives in Colorado and Tres Pierce and Will, Kensey Benson and Corrine Parrish all of Benjamin.

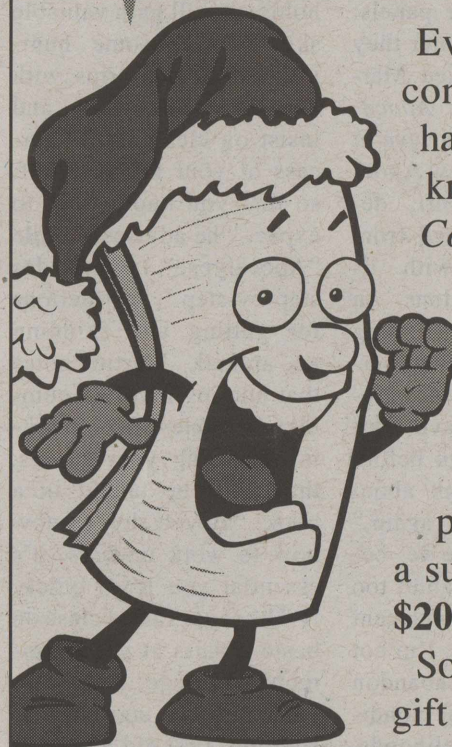
Thanksgiving guests of Jan Gideon and Weldon Gideon were their daughter, Sue Terry and family of Dallas, Colton Caldwell, student at North Texas State in Den-

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Could You Fend For Yourself After A Disaster?

Some scoff at doomsday prophecies, but this year alone, millions of people have endured catastrophes of seeming apocalyptic proportions. Consider: March 11 -- A 9.0 magnitude earthquake violently shakes Japan, unleashing a tsunami that triggers a nuclear crisis. As of Aug. 15, Japan's National Police Agency reported 20,364 people dead or still missing. May 22 -- A Category 5 tornado rips through Joplin, Mo., wreaking 14 miles of havoc, including 159 lives lost and 7,000 homes destroyed. By July 23, recovery was just beginning, according to a Huffington Post report. Those spectacularly devastating events were just two of dozens this year that left stricken survivors without the essentials of modern life: water, shelter, electricity. Could you manage for a few days? A few

months? Author Dan Martin is confident he could -- and comfortably. He and his wife, Lucia, lived off the grid for 10 years on a self-sustaining Texas ranch they built themselves. They grew, raised or trapped their food; made their own ethanol fuel and solar panels; survived on rainwater they captured and purified. Martin's newest book, *Apocalypse: How to Survive a Global Crisis* (www.ApocalypseTheBook.com), details lessons gleaned from the experience with illustrated instructions on everything from finding clean water sources to performing an emergency tracheotomy. "We have a lot of backwards to go before we can even think about going forwards again," Martin says. "We've become too comfortable; too secure; too complacent with our lifestyles. I'm not saying we should abandon everything, our air conditioning, our livelihoods, our technology, and go live in a cave. But when you're 100 percent dependent on these systems and they fail for whatever reason, most people have no idea how to cope and continue." A Desert Shield/Storm veteran and former Boeing aerospace technician, Martin

now works as a consultant on sustainable-living initiatives through his and Lucia's company, Agua-Luna, Inc. He says people must first get back to the basics, and there are simple ways anyone can begin now. No matter what the future holds, they'll gain valuable skills. "Take some hunting and fishing trips with experienced hunters and insist on cleaning the carcass of your kill yourself, so that you know what to expect," he advises. While "Apocalypse" includes step-by-step instructions for gutting and skinning an animal, Martin notes that hunting involves complex variables, from tracking to using your senses, that can't be taught in a book. "If you don't know how to work on cars, it's essential you learn quickly," he says. Take a class on basic repairs at your community college, and while you're there, sign up for welding, first aid and food preservation. Try sleeping without pillows and blankets; going for a day or two without food; taking a cold shower. Once you've experienced such deprivations, they won't come as unnerving shocks following a disaster. While Martin's book hinges on

predictions that the world as we know it will end Dec. 21, 2012, he acknowledges other doomsday dates have come and gone uneventfully. One has only to remember the devastation in New York City following Sept. 11, 2001, he says, or the 2004 tsunami that left millions of people in 11 countries homeless, to acknowledge that some of us may one day face surviving on a dramatically changed planet. "Stop for a moment and take a look around," Martin writes. "The quantity and size of today's natural disasters are rising. It's just a matter of time before we experience a major change, be it 2012 or beyond."

About Dan Martin

Dan Martin is the author of dozens of do-it-yourself guides to self-sufficiency projects. A graduate of the University of Hawaii with a degree in environmental sciences, he also studied physics and engineering at the University of Texas, and practical skills such as mechanics at San Antonio Community College. He and his wife live on a self-sustaining Mexican hacienda, where they host people interested in learning more about sustainable lifestyles

God's Promises

NGU

By Tex Cox
Pastor, Abundant
Life Church

Knox City, Texas

"When you feel like giving up, remember why you held on for so long."

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take."

These two quotes have been resonating in my thoughts the past few days, and I just feel the Spirit of the Lord speaking to us - reminding us that He is for us not against us. He has never forsaken us - - - He is always with us.....if God be for you, WHO can be against you?

Let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Perhaps God is speaking to you right now - - - right at the point of "I have had enough!" - - - DO NOT QUIT!!!

The Spirit of the Lord says DO NOT QUIT!

I have overcome the world!! In Me, YOU have overcome the world! FOCUS!!! DO NOT QUIT!

God has plans of peace for you, NOT plans to harm you. He loves you! Get that down in your spirit right now -- GOD LOVES YOU - - - right at your lowest point - - at your point of desperation, and

GOD LOVES YOU! God IS fighting for you right now - - through this very email, I feel He is calling some of you who are reading - - - you have been asking, "How much longer, Lord? How much more can I take???"

God says, "DON'T QUIT!!! DO NOT GROW WEARY! Lay down that burden and GIVE IT TO ME. Come, REST IN ME, am I, the Lord of Hosts not enough? Let Me show you!!!! Quit struggling so and let Me pull you out of the waters of despair!"

For those of you reading today that do not feel this email speaks to you right now, I challenge you to PRAY for your brothers and sisters who it IS speaking to. Pray for them - - - call upon the peace that God has for them and THANK HIM for the peace that YOU have!

Thank You, Jesus that you care for us so much! Thank You for loving us! Thank You for meeting us RIGHT WHERE WE ARE and simply holding us in our time of need.

Know that I am praying for each and every one of you.

In Him,
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ton and Dylan Benson, Ariel Gideon and Addison and Valerie and Sydney Mendoza all of Benjamin.

Visiting Hazel Stockton and Kim Moore and Shelly Thanksgiving were Pam and Keith Conner of Midland, and Clay, Melanie Conner and baby girl of Lubbock. Bud Conner joined them for lunch.

My family had lunch on Thanksgiving with Debi and Mike Moorhouse and Dillon Keys. Present for the day were Jessica Moorhouse and Brandon Hutchinson of

Abilene, Will Moorhouse of Sweetwater, Beckie Keys and Randi of Holliday, Nathan, Liz, Taylor and Westin Herring of Munday and Gladene Green. Also a friend of Randi's, April (I forgot her last name) was there. She also lives at Holliday.

Charles and Linda Griffith and Kemp and Becky Jones and family were in Lubbock for Thanksgiving with the Griffiths' daughter, Lori La Shomb and Ricky and Amy and Vince Tyson and family of Clovis, New Mexico.

From the Office of The Knox County Sheriff

From the Editor: The following article is a continuation of the sheriff's article which ran in the Nov. 17 issue of the Knox County News.

In 2010, the Knox County Sheriff's office along with the greatly appreciated assistance of Michelle Esquivel, secretary to the county judge and county attorney, obtained a grant to purchase a pickup for the sheriff's office. Again, with no cost to the county and tax payers. Again, in 2011, the same situation presented itself, the Knox county sheriff's office along with Ms. Esquivel, were able to obtain another grant for another vehicle. Keep in mind, neither of us are high paid grant writers paid to obtain grants, and had literally no assistance from anyone in getting this money for the county. The only comment we ever heard was "Why did you apply for another vehicle?" Answer, 'Cause that was what the grant was offered for'. Anyway, sounds pretty good. Well, there is more. The older vehicles were sold back to the county at a very reduced cost to be used by the road hands in their work.

You might say, well big deal? Yeah, it is a big deal. Not only did the sheriff's office along with Ms. Esquivel save the county well over \$150,000.00 in the long run not having to purchase vehicles to replace the aging sheriff's office vehicles but also replaced worn out or aging equipment on the vehicles and purchased additional equipment. The saving did not stop

there. As a good gesture, the sheriff's office then passed on the savings to the county again by allowing the county road and bridge to purchase the passed down vehicles at, as stated earlier, a very reduced cost, as in half or less.

Some may say, "Well, you don't have to pat yourself on the back", but I can say, yeah, why not. It takes dedication, persistence, every day determination along with the help of a very few others involved in the grant process, to make some things come to pass. It's not an automatic approval or guarantee that the every day expenses can be controlled when working with something as complicated as the sheriff's office. The organization deals with employees, inmates, a whole host of family members who are concerned about the inmates, budget, supplies, building maintenance, complaints, criminal offenses, general public who need assistance with a number of problems in situations. Assisting other law enforcement agencies, and on, and on, too many to mention. It's not just sitting around waiting for the phone to ring and for time to go home.

I hope all this has not totally confused anyone, as it has me, and I am the one who has the responsibility to keep things somewhat going in the right direction. Thanks for letting me bend your ear a little.

Dean W. Homstad, your sheriff, Knox County

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a freshman the next year. Regardless of where the driver and his friends (who all lived) bought their beer that night.....it was ALCOHOL that caused this young man to lose his life.

I watched again in later years as an employee struggled through the pains of alcohol only to be found dead one morning after driving home intoxicated in spite of several friends offering him a place to stay until he sobered up. Again, ALCOHOL caused this death.

As a Pastor here in Knox City for the last 8 ½ years, I have counseled many people who have struggled with husbands and wives who are alcoholics, many who struggle in their own lives because of alcohol use ---- people who have lost jobs, spouses, and their joy because of alcohol.

I've listened to Mothers and Fathers, children, and friends as their hearts cried out for their loved ones who refused to acknowledge the pain they were causing themselves and others through their use and abuse of alcohol. I've even listened to those in the midst of struggles try to "rationalize and justify" their "right" to self medicate.

I've visited those who have spent time in jail or prison because of DWI's or accidents caused by alcohol use. I've watched and visited with people who have overcome their addictions and struggled with all the lost opportunities and the "might have beens" ----- and I watch daily ... wondering when the next friend and loved one will fail to make it home safely ... maybe they didn't buy it HERE in Knox City, but it was still ALCOHOL that caused all this pain.

By all means, let's participate in and make MONEY off of pain, misery, death, sorrow, and regrets! Why let them buy all that somewhere else when they can get it right here in Knox City? Amen or Oh Me?

Whether or not you partake in alcoholic beverages really isn't any of my business. You might even be tempted to bring up the fact that "Jesus turned water into wine and gave it to a party full of people." I chuckle as I mention that because I can just hear all the "fermented wine vs. unfermented wine" arguments that will spring up over that. The Word also says in 1 Corinthians 10:23 "You

say, 'I am allowed to do anything -- but not everything is good for you. You say, "I am allowed to do anything" -- but not everything is beneficial."

The individual use of alcohol may not be my business, but whether or not alcohol is sold in Knox City IS. Mellesha and I may only make up two votes when that day comes, but it is our business whether or not to participate in that vote. It's your business as well.

To tell you the truth, that sums it up. Yes, we all make mistakes, but this is a mistake we can CHOOSE not to make. The Lord tells us in one of my favorite verses in the bible to choose between life and death, blessings and curses ... and then He advises us on how to choose when He says, "Choose life!!!"

Knox City ----- when this petition becomes an item to vote on, HOW WILL YOU CHOOSE? As for me and my house, we will serve (choose) the Lord!!

**In Him,
Tex Cox
Pastor
Abundant Life Christian Fellowship**



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11/22	38	58	
11/23	33	72	0.01
11/24	37	73	
11/25	48	68	0.02
11/26	43	60	
11/27	25	54	
Total Rainfall for month			.19
2011 Rainfall (ytd)			5.92



Christmas in November

Photo by Sherry Reid

Not everyone was excited to see Santa as shown here when blond-haired Briley Barnard buried her face in the soft pillows on a sofa. Later she changed her mind and crawled right up in Santa's lap.



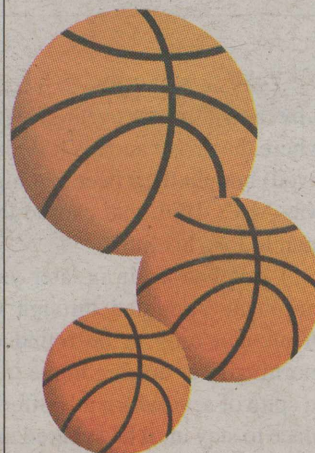
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FEBRUARY 3	* KNOX CITY	AWAY		6:00
FEBRUARY 7	* CHILLICOTHE	HOME		6:00



BENJAMIN JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

NOVEMBER 10	HARROLD	HOME		5:30
NOVEMBER 17	CROWELL	AWAY		5:30
NOVEMBER 28	CHILLICOTHE	HOME		5:30
DECEMBER 5	NORTHSIDE	AWAY		5:30
DECEMBER 12	KNOX CITY	HOME		5:30
JANUARY 6	HARROLD	AWAY		4:00
JANUARY 13	CROWELL	HOME		4:00
JANUARY 20	CHILLICOTHE	AWAY		4:00
JANUARY 27	NORTHSIDE	HOME		4:00
FEBRUARY 3	KNOX CITY	AWAY		4:00



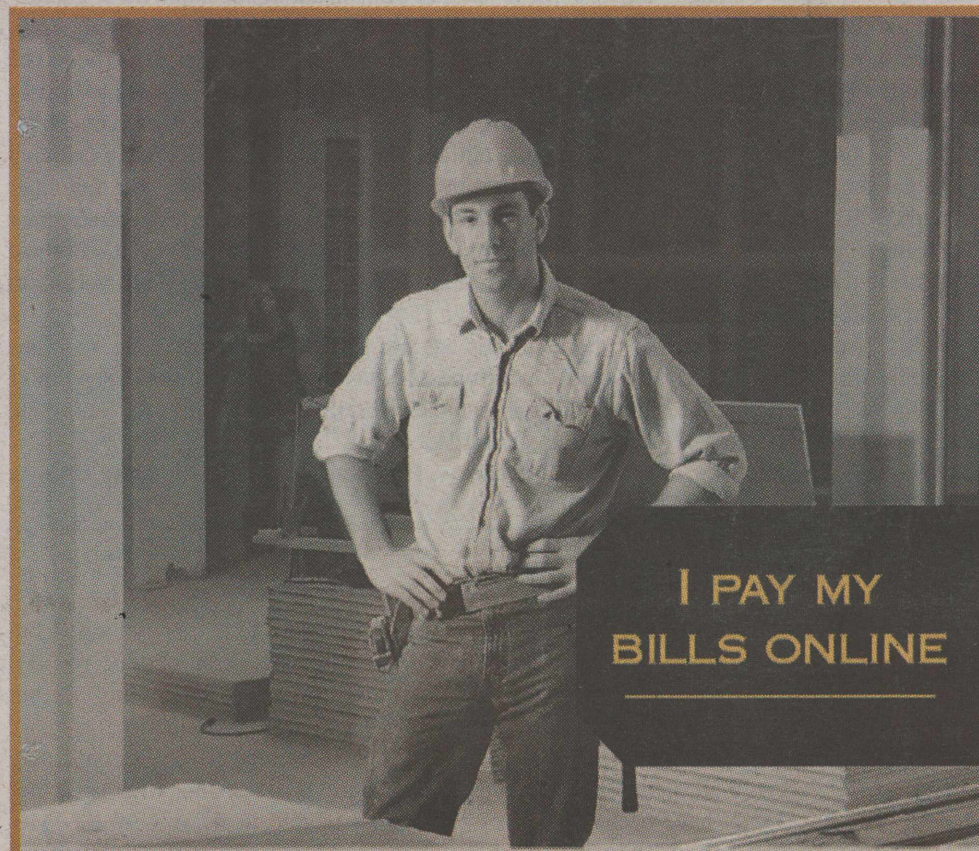
Munday Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov. 8	Open			
Nov. 11	Paducah	There	6:30	JVG/VG
Nov. 12	Paducah JV Tournament	There	TBA	JVG
Nov. 15	Petrolia	Here		JVG/VG
Nov. 22	Anson	Here	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Nov. 29	Olney	Here	5:00	JVG/VG
Dec. 1-3	Archer City Tournament	There	TBA	VG/VB
Dec. 1-3	Jayton Tournament	There	TBA	JVB
Dec. 6	Petrolia	There	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Dec. 8-10	Vernon Tournament	There	TBA	VG/VB/JVB
Dec. 13	Quanah	There	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Dec. 16	Electra	There	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Dec. 20	Iowa Park	Here	5:00	JVB/VB
Dec. 27-29	Jayton Tournament	There	TBA	VG,VB
Dec. 30	Newcastle	There	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Jan. 3	Quanah	Here	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Jan. 5-7	Aspermont JV Tournament	There	TBA	JVB/JVG
Jan. 6	Roscoe*	There	5:00	JVG/VG
Jan. 6	Archer City	There	8:00	VB
Jan. 10	Stamford *	There	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Jan. 13	Haskell*	Here	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Jan. 17	Rotan*	There	4:00	JVG/JVB,VG,VB
Jan. 20	Hamlin *	Here	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Jan. 24	Roscoe *	Here	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Jan. 27	Stamford *	Here	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Jan. 31	Haskell *	There	4:00	JVG,JVB,VG,VB
Feb. 3	Rotan *	Here	4:00	JVG/JVB,VG,VB
Feb. 7	Hamlin *	There	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 10	Roscoe *	There	5:00	JVB/VB

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