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AgriLife to conduct 3-year study to determine benefits

What happens when traditional cotton country is converted to grow bioenergy crops?

That's what a team of Texas AgriLife Research scientists will determine in a new U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture-funded project. The team, led by Dr. Nithya Rajan, AgriLife Research agronomist in Vernon, has been awarded a \$500,000 Agriculture and Food Research Initiative bioenergy grant.

In the study, Rajan said they will

help analyze how a change from the traditional cotton in the southwestern Cotton Belt to a switchgrass or biomass sorghum would affect the carbon balance, hydrologic cycle and greenhouse gas emissions.

The bioenergy grants are being offered to help ensure the U.S. can reach the goal outlined in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The act requires the U.S. to produce 36 billion gallons per year of biofuels by 2022, according to the USDA.

As outlined by USDA, the sustain-

able bioenergy initiative supports the development of regional production systems that contribute significantly to reducing dependence on foreign oil, have net positive social, environmental and rural economic impacts, and are compatible with existing agricultural systems.

The overall goal of Rajan's study is to investigate the energy, water, carbon and greenhouse gas fluxes associated with the change in agricultural land use to a biofuels-dominated cropping system in the semi-arid

southwestern Cotton Belt region. She also will be assessing the implications of these changes on hydrological and biogeochemical processes.

The thought is that the second-generation biofuel feedstock systems will reduce the negative environmental effects associated with the conventional, intensively managed cropping systems currently in the region, Rajan said.

This would lead to a more environmentally sound system of agriculture that can promote agricultural sustain-

ability while supporting the goals of the Biofuels Strategic Production Report, she said.

Rajan said the majority of land-use change studies previously conducted in semi-arid regions have involved the transitions from natural to agricultural systems or the return of agricultural systems to natural ones.

"Our study will build on the established, documented methodologies for investigating such land-use changes, but we will apply them to purely agroecosystems," she said.

Reunion slated for this weekend

The 2012 Knox City-O'Brien Homecoming reunion is scheduled for this weekend (June 1-2) with activities being held.

Activities will get under way on Friday, June 1, at 3 p.m. in the Knox City High School cafeteria when registration gets started. There is a \$20 registration fees that covers the cost of a picnic supper and program later Friday evening, and a breakfast, lunch and dance on Saturday.

Once registration is completed, the focus will turn to eating. From 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., a picnic supper will be held in the KCHS cafeteria.

A complimentary breakfast will be held at Saturday's registration and run through 9 a.m. The Ex-students Association is sponsoring the breakfast.

Beginning at 10 a.m., several class reunions will be held at the high school. The Classes of 1954, 1955 and 1956 will be meeting in Corley Manor, while the Class of 1961 will meet in the Homemaking room.

The KCHS Class of 1962 will be holding its 50th reunion in the library, while the Class of 1967 will conduct its 45th at The Wooden Nickel.

The Classes of 1953 and below will meet at the Aging Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Book bonanza ...

Members of the Knox City Head Start display the books they recently received. The class was given approximately 25 books while in Munday. Margaret Hill and Barbara Collins presented the books to the students.

Seminar stresses importance for farmers to protect weeds

HANABA MUNN WELCH
 Special to The Knox County News

WINGATE -- A range and brush seminar underwritten by Dow AgriSciences doesn't sound like the place for a field lecture on protecting weeds. But it was.

Last Thursday near Abilene, after a string of indoor and outdoor presentations on Dow's latest concoctions for killing mesquite and juniper, ranchers stood on a sandy hillside on the Antilley Ranch in the mid-day sun to hear good things about keeping weeds in the scheme of things -- even if grass production is the primary

concern.

Wildlife biologist Steve Nelle of San Angelo categorized his comments as "a bit of a course on weed management" and described the weed-tolerant approach to pasture maintenance as a fresh way to look at things.

Why keep some weeds when livestock mostly prefer good grass? The short answer: for wildlife, especially quail and turkeys.

Baby quail and baby turkeys eat mostly insects, Nelle said, noting that the insects thrive in weedy pastures.

With an uprooted western ragweed in his hand, Nelle

also noted that many broadleaf weeds provide crucial cover for birds.

"The worst enemy of a quail is a hawk," he said.

Nelle encouraged his listeners to learn more about the properties of various weeds.

"You need to become a botanist," he said. "Which ones have value? Which ones don't appear to have value? ... Becoming willing to tolerate a number of weeds in your pasture may have some benefit."

If weed eradication is the goal, some plots can be spared the herbicide.

"It doesn't have to be all or See WEEDS on Page 4



The ragweed in the hand of Steve Nelle, wildlife biologist from San Angelo lecturing Thursday (May 17) on a ranch southwest of Abilene, is one of many weeds that provides critical cover for quail. Nelle supports an approach to pasture management that includes weed protection.

Scoggins re-elected to Haskell Co. commission

Johnny Scoggins found his way back onto the Haskell County Commissioner's Court on Tuesday evening when he was re-elected to represent Precinct 1.

Scoggins, who represents the O'Brien-Weinert areas, received 109 of the 167 ballots cast in the election.

Challenger Don Adkins finished second with 58 votes.

The decision wasn't as easy in Throckmorton County where sheriff John Riley and challenger Ricky Hodges will face off in a run-off election on July 31.

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CRP sign-up results released

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will accept 3.9 million acres offered under the 43rd Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up. During the extended five-week sign-up, the Department received nearly 48,000 offers on more than 4.5 million acres of land, demonstrating the CRP's continuing leadership as one of our nation's most successful voluntary efforts to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources. Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has now enrolled nearly 12 million acres in the CRP since 2009. Currently, there are more than 29.6 million acres enrolled on more than 736,000 contracts.

"For more than 25 years, lands in CRP have helped to support strong incomes for our farmers and ranchers and produce good middle-class jobs throughout the country related to outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing," said Vilsack. "As the commodities produced by our farmers and ranchers continue to perform strongly in the marketplace—supporting 1 out of every 12 jobs here in the United States—it is no surprise that American producers also recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP."

Enrollment of the new 3.9 million acres will allow USDA to continue important targeting of CRP acres through continuous sign-up initiatives—including those announced earlier this year.



Traffic jam in KC ...

Heavy equipment made its way into Knox City last week as local contractors began preparing to demolish the old clinic. A new clinic will be constructed to serve the residents of Knox City.

Letter to the Editor

Sales have been good for Benjamin

Dear Editor,

Knox City seems to be the latest community in a several county area that has shown interest and progress in offering alcohol sales. Good, bad, indifferent. Doesn't seem to really matter.

Everyone has their own argument, whether increased taxes from the sale to decreased accidents involving alcohol. Possibly fewer Driving While Intoxicated cases, and so on.

Some others argue that it should not be legalized because of increased accidents involving alcohol, more Driving While Intoxicated cases, and so on.

Throwing up the religion card is also one reason not to legalize alcohol, but on that everyone has their own agenda, too.

The economy in the small (areas) is generally shrinking and

ailing. And, as said earlier, taxes from sales seems good and will add up in time. But how much could it possibly cost the county to have to appoint an attorney to represent just one DWI or other alcohol-related offense? Could be several hundred dollars from the county—not the city collecting the revenue.

Anyway, good, bad or indifferent, there are several possibilities to the outcome.

There seems to be plans, or possible plans, to satisfy the need to sell the alcohol. Everyone wants to get into the business, which will seemingly spread out the sales so no one will get overly rich on the idea. Kind of a novel idea after all these years of talking.

Not such a novel idea in the City of Benjamin, though. Several years ago, the City of Benjamin was progressive and ahead of its time ... and other's

opinions—and legalized the sale of alcohol. Since that time, only one store in town, B.J.'s Country Store, has been selling alcohol. You would think that right off Highway 82, just west of Highway 6, there would be some problems.

But to this date nothing that has to do with the sale of alcohol has occurred in a negative way. Janice Tolson, who has run the business for many years and continues to operate it since the alcohol issue was resolved, operates the store with alcohol sales in a respectable manner, not allowing anyone questionable to work there and not allowing anything illegal to occur. There have been no obvious drunks leaving with their alcohol since they cannot sell to an intoxicated person, no public intoxication cases. Really nothing as far as problems with the exception of increased business and lots of vehicle traffic coming and going from the business.

It's kind of nice to see a business actually thriving in Benjamin.

Have a good day.

Dean W. Homstad
Knox County Sheriff

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It was a very busy week last week as the last week of the school year was completed. The final exams have all been taken and the commencement programs are over, and now it's on to a few weeks of "free" time for many of the students. Vacationing and working will take up many of their hours, but it is a welcome change from the usual routine.

The Kindergarten and Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises were Thursday night. Five little girls graduated into first grade prior to the Junior High Commencement. Each had a part on the program, and they were very proud to get their diplomas, signifying their work completed and their readiness for "real" school. Those little grads were Chasity Benson, Hallie and Jolie Everson, Bella Carver, and Jayden Holmes.

The eighth grade program was as follows:

Graduates were Katey Brown, Alyssa Casillas, Ryan Heard, Elias Nevarez, Chase Potter, and Gilda Solis.

The High School Graduation Exercises were Friday night. The program appeared in last week's column). The Salutatorian was Andrew Chandler, with an average of 86.61, and the Valedictorian was Tyler Kinnibrugh, with an average of 86.75. The other graduates were Toni Brown and Zachary Garcia.

The award for the highest GPA average in Junior High went to Ryan Heard with an average of 95.75. In High School it went to Matthew Acree, with an average of 94.12.

I congratulate all these students for a job well done.

HERE N THERE

It's good to report that I don't have any news of anyone with any new health problems. Seems everyone is doing pretty well. I did talk to Philomae Roberson about her great grandson, Mason Pierce, three-month-old son of Tres and Laura, who live in Seymour. He was taken to Cooks' Children's Hospital in Fort Worth Thursday for a thorough checkup. The doctors out here thought he was having some vision problems, but after a complete series of tests, all was ok, and he is fine. That is wonderful news for his family and all who knew of the possible problem.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse were in Amarillo Thursday to see their granddaughter, Katy Taylor, graduate from kindergarten. Katy's parents are Cody and Kyla.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of June 4-8 for the Knox County Aging Services

All meals are served with Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1 percent milk.

Monday, June 4 - Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, June 5 - BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, carrots/zucchini, ambrosia.

Wednesday, June 6 - Meat loaf/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, whole wheat roll, apple fluff.

Thursday, June 7 - Baked ham/pineapple, lima beans, chuck wagon corn, whole wheat roll, chocolate chip cookies.

Friday, June 8 - Pork chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apples.

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5 this Carter founded the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

6 Valley citrus

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8 TXism: "the bigger they ____, the harder they fall"

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12 climb the mountain

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21 bow and arrow skill

22 in Hill Co. on I-35

23 how an exerciser would run (3 wds.)

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29 TX Henley co-wrote "Take ____ the Limit"

30 in Milam Co. on 79

31 in Lamb Co. on 70

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42 "nolo contendere"

44 "Guns N' ____" were at TX Willie's "Farm Aid IV"

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49 TX-sized phone co.

50 TXism: "out of the woods"

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34 TXism: "come hell ____ high water"

36 TXism: "call ____ day"

37 NJ NBA team

38 Kimball Art Museum has large collection of ____ art

39 Lone Star Park long-shot: "50 ____"

40 TX Billy Sol

41 ____ Park, TX

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48 liquor container

55 TX ranch measurement

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Tale of the Testosterone Toro



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Back in Timber's youth he got a job helpin' gather wild cattle out of the fields of an Arizona cotton farmer. He and his partner, Jesse tried roping them but were unsuccessful. Number One, the cows only came into the field at night along with the native deer, and Two; the horses were not nocturnally trained and wouldn't get within a rope's length of the stealthy beasts!

Plan Two involved the use of a tranquilizer gun. The second night our boys arrived 'loaded for bear,' as they say, and began stalking their prey. Jesse had taped a flashlight to his dart gun and Timber carried a tie-down rope, a flashlight and was wearing a miner's helmet with a light. I admit I can sort of picture this cowboy thought process; combining the skills of a spelunker, a mountain climber, and a referee at a blindfolded sword fight!

After two misses, Jesse pulled down on a long-yearlin' Hereford cross bull and fired. Right on target! The chase began but the bull

quickly showed signs of impaired ambulation (walking like a drunken sailor). They watched him stop. Then drop to the ground.

Timber was on him like a coon dog on a ham sandwich! He rolled the bull on his side, gathered up three feet and hog-tied him. The bull began to struggle and pushed back. Timber tried to hold his ground thinking, surely the tranquilizer will take affect?...but the opposite was happening!

The bull seemed to be gaining his balance and strength back. Jesse was whacking him with his flashlight, his miner's lamp bouncing crazily in the dark! From a distance all Jesse could see were two beams of light jerkily writing on the earth and the sky. It looked

like Obi-Wan Kenobi and Slim Jaywalker going at it with lightsabers.

As the bull stumbled to his feet, Timber was still draped over his back. Our cowboy had managed to hang on to his flashlight in the scuffle. Again, from Jesse's seat in the bleachers, they might have been two inebriated friends who had lost their car keys. Then the bull's head cleared and he shook Timber off. Jesse heard a thud!

Timber's flashlight broke, but to his credit, he still clung to the tie-rope with one hand and was being dragged behind the escaping bull. Finally the bull stopped and looked around. There on the ground lay a wild night-crawling predator creature with one bright-shining cycloptic eye in the middle of his head. The bull did what any slightly-drugged 950 lb King-of-the-Hill, Top-Of-the-Heap, Testosterone Toro would do when challenged...He charged!

Jesse saw it all. The one beam of light danced and banged and flipped and flew in a firecracker ballet until it finally lay, still shining, a lone beacon in the night sky.

Jesse ran to the light. "Over here," said Timber, ten feet away from the luminous ray. "Did you see where he went?"

"South," said Jesse, "Towards Mexico."

"Good, maybe I'll meet him again someday," said Timber, "in a taco."

Swim lesson registration now under way at Knox City pool

Knox City parents interested in enrolling their children in summer swimming lessons can begin reserving spots in the upcoming class.

According to KC Swimming Pool manager Charles

Steele, classes will be offered for \$10 per week throughout the summer. Classes will be held Monday through Friday at varying times.

For more information contact Steele at (940) 658-5540.

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KCAC to hold musical on June 4

The Knox County Aging Center will be holding its regular monthly musical event on June 4 in Knox City.

The event is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and last for about two hours.

Persons attending the musical events are asked to bring a covered dish.

For more information contact the Knox County Aging Center at (940) 657-3618.

Making the trip to the Rule Drive-In was well worth the trip

Well, after 20 years of living in Knox City I finally went to the drive-in movie in Rule. Me, Michelle and Payne joined the Overmeyers, Steeles and Ledesmas for front row parking and had a great time.

Where else can you take a \$20 bill, get three people in the movies and still get three cokes?

The weather was perfect. No mosquitoes and the company was, well, it was loud. Fred "Big Head" Ledesma fell asleep and was snoring so loudly we had to turn up the radios to hear. Heck, Ol' Fred sounded like a fat kid walking up the stairs, huffing and puffing. I didn't know if he was having an asthma attack or just sleeping.

I hope I did not waste my 20 years in Knox County by just making one trip to the Rule Drive In. I am hearing rumors that this might be the last summer for the

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

famous landmark.

From my understanding, the new releases will only be in digital so I am going to make sure that my big rear end will be in a lawn chair, with my feet propped up drinking a \$1 soda, and snacking on some cheap popcorn. You can't do that in Abilene or Wichita Falls, I can guarantee you that!

What a bargain on a family night!

Well, we have had another graduation come and go. Jarek Wilde and Kyle Harrington had two of the best speeches I have heard in a long time. In the junior high, Sheldon Baty and Shalie Manning did a heck of a job, too. In Sheldon, I see a young man about to bust out of his shell between he and Jarek, I don't know who made me laugh more. Good Job to both of them.

Sheldon made a few laughs at my expense so I told his dad pay-backs are coming.

I didn't even mention that if we could turn the auditorium temps under 80 on graduation days we wouldn't be able to bake bread in our underwear.

Jeff "Sheldon Baty, I will get my revenge" Stanfield is a local columnist.

Deadline approaches for FSA programs

Throckmorton County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Jacob Chapman, reminds producers that the approaching June 1, 2012, deadline is for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE), the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE).

"It is crucial that producers meet the deadline for these programs in order to receive disaster and income support," said Chapman. "FSA realizes that farmers and ranchers take risks everyday and these programs form part of the safety net that can keep producers operating after devastating natural disasters and during times of low market prices," he said.

The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster. All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses during the 2010 crop year must apply for SURE program benefits by the June 1 deadline. Eligibility requirements differ between producers located in counties designated as a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture and between producers located in non-disaster counties. In addition to other eligibility requirements, producers must have purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

While SURE helps after natural disasters strike, DCP and ACRE provide income support when there is a decline in commodity prices. Eligible DCP participants receive a direct payment and/or a counter-cyclical payment. Direct payment rates are established by statute regardless of market prices. FSA reminds producers that the 2008 Farm Bill does not authorize advance direct payments for 2012. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price.

ACRE protects producers from farm market revenue declines when revenue triggers are met for a commodity at both the state and farm level. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP and ACRE payments on the farm must sign up by June 1.

Motorists warned to buckle up in 'Click It or Ticket' campaign

Here's a warning for all Knox County motorists, buckle that seat belt or else be prepared to give some money to the state.

Through June 3, including the Memorial Day weekend, state troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies will be on the lookout for drivers and passengers who are not buckled up, or whose children are not properly restrained.

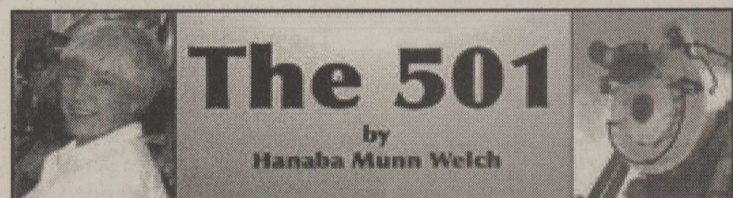
Throughout this two week-long enforcement period of the Texas Department of Transportation's annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign, drivers and

passengers who choose not to fasten their seat belts could be pulled over and fined up to \$250, plus court costs.

Texas law requires that both drivers and passengers wear seat belts. Children younger than 8 years old must ride in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches.

TxDOT uses the "Click It or Ticket" campaign to raise awareness about the law surrounding seat belt use and the importance of always buckling up.

"It only takes a minute to



"This little piggy went to market?"

Nursery rhymes, like all great literature, leave room for misunderstanding.

I'm viewing my toes right now and thinking of those pigs. It has just dawned on me that all but one apparently went on a shopping excursion to the weekly town market. But of course!

Picture them in a quaint European village square, walking on their hind feet, each with a basket over one arm-like front leg. Charming. In my mind's eye, a little blue and white checked cloth is draped over the goods in the baskets. The pigs are smiling.

But until now, I'd always envisioned those pigs piling into a 1940s car -- probably a no-frills black Chevrolet -- and going to town to the weekly local livestock sale. After all, they were pigs. Never mind that the sale was for cows.

What else was I to think? In my pre-supermarket childhood, the word "market" connoted livestock and the weekly auction. As Mother recited the rhyme to me, toe by toe, it seemed indeed strange that a pig would put himself up for sale along with all the cows going through the dusty ring, but I accepted the notion. Even at age 3, I knew nursery rhymes didn't always make perfect sense. After all, there was that guy who put his wife in a pumpkin.

The rest of the scenario: "This little piggy stayed home."

Based on the probable fate of the first pig, the second one always sounded like the smart one to me.

As for the last three lines, the only logical part was the ending -- the little-toe pig crying "waah, waah, waah all the way home." Such a crybaby. But at least he didn't get sold.

The roast beef episode puzzled me. What pig eats roast beef? I asked myself that question when Mother got to those toes. Roughly six decades later, I'm still asking.

Mad Cow disease comes to mind. Pigs should think twice before eating roast beef. Quote me.

If you'd asked me about mad cows when I was little, I would have said a mad cow was one that didn't want to get dehorned or otherwise cooperate with whatever regimen my father had in mind.

Picture Daddy in overalls. A cow that didn't want to get in the trailer to go to market -- now that would be a mad cow.

Which brings us to yesterday. Those four bull calves didn't exactly step into the trailer politely. They nearly got mad, squeezed as they were into a space that gave them no choice but to hop aboard. Whew!

From there it was all uphill. Stressful experiences are best remembered set to rhyme:

"The farmer's wife went to market,

She left her husband at home.

They should've had roast beef for supper,

Fried chicken was good to the bone.

The old diesel pickup cried 'rumble-dy-ping' all the way home."

Be glad I've spared you the details.

But yes, that was me going 30 mph on the Lloyd Ruby Overpass.

Editor's Note: If you have read this column to the end and aren't familiar with the Lloyd Ruby Overpass, it's a part of the highway system in Wichita Falls and is designed to move traffic through at highway speeds. The late Lloyd Ruby, racecar driver, was from Wichita Falls. Seeing his name on an overpass always makes me want to speed. But all I wanted to do last week was make it to the downhill side and ultimately to the livestock auction outside of town. It's as close as I've ever come to getting arrested for going too slow!

Obituaries

Malcom Jack (MJ) Davis

Malcom Jack (MJ) Davis, 64, and lifelong resident passed away at his home in Throckmorton, Thursday, May 24, 2012. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Smith Family Funeral Home in Throckmorton with Bro. Peter Parker officiating. Visitation was planned at 1 p.m. prior to the services. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral

Homes.

Malcom Davis was born Jan. 21, 1948 in Brown County, Texas, to Bart and Oma Davis. He married Nellie May Humphrey on Aug. 20, 2007 in Throckmorton. MJ was an oil field worker as well as a farm and ranch hand.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bart and Oma Davis; a brother, Edward Davis; and two daughters, Jennifer Davis and Lana Kay Davis.

MJ is survived by his wife, Nellie; four brothers, Bobby G. Davis and wife, La Rue, Don Davis, Bert Davis and wife, Donna, Derrale Davis and wife, Debbie; two sisters, Dona Guthrie, and Betty Rankin and husband, Bob; a son, Keith Davis and wife, Connie; his daughter, Crystal Davis, a step-son, Larry Wayne Foster, Jr.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

McKnight to face Springer in run-off

Throckmorton's Trent McKnight moved a step closer to a seat in the Texas Legislature on Tuesday evening when he earned the right to face off against Muenster accountant Drew Springer in a run-off for the District 68 state representative position. The run-off election will be held on July 31.

McKnight overwhelmingly carried Throckmorton County. He received 655 of the more than 750 ballots cast.

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Gary A. Schnable, Pastor
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Matt Harrington, Pastor
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

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"While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit'" ~ Acts 7

In my growing up years for our yearly summer vacation we headed to the Jersey shore, while making a few trips to Florida in my teen years. My father was awesome at packing the trunk of the car for vacation. He required everything for our trip to be in the garage to pack this massive puzzle of luggage, beach chairs, cooler, food for a week, etc. into a small space. Amazingly the five of us never had to bother with the discomfort from holding or sitting on something that did not fit. Dad was gifted packer!

Another thing dad did, that we grew privy to as we matured was the inspection of the car's belts, hoses & spare tire. You see, he took precautions ahead of time to make sure that our family vacations were the best that they could be! In all those years he forgot his wallet once

and we incurred a flat tire on our way to Florida.

Thinking of tires, have you ever thought about inspecting your spare tire before going on a trip or even to Abilene? Most times we forget about that spare tire until we are in desperate need only to find it is dry rotted, flat or somebody stole it! Hmmm...when is the last time you checked on it???

How often do we treat God the same way in our daily travels? Is He like our spare tire, only checking with Him in times of desperate need? Have we only checked on our relationship with God when we want Him to do something for us? Do we even have a spare tire/relationship with Jesus Christ? Something to think about!

In the Acts 7 Stephen faced death the day he stood before the religious leaders. He was still a young buck and probably had no idea that he would be traveling that day. They chose to stone

Stephen because he exposed their hypocrisy and their lack of a relationship with God...NO spare tire! However, Stephen traveled into eternity with Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior that day...because the wheel that God controlled was his steering wheel! Because Stephen had planned daily with God, his travel plans for eternity were already secure ahead of time!

You see, that's why Stephen could cry out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" in this crisis. Because he knew who was "Lord" (Jesus was the boss of his daily life) and that Jesus was ready to save him at any time because of a daily established relationship!

As you travel this summer on vacation near or far make sure your spare tire is prepared to be used in case of trouble. As you travel the road of life make sure that Jesus Christ is Lord of your life (He's the Boss of your daily life) and when you encounter tragedy He will be ready to save you! May the Lord bless you and keep you in all your vacation travels and the roads of life God leads you upon! May they be filled with great joy and wonderful memories!!!

Tornadoes wreak havoc in Kansas

Tornadoes touched down in parts of central Kansas last Friday injuring one person, destroying some homes and buildings, and knocking down trees and power lines. Rush County and Russell County Emergency Management officials reported damages to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. The storms came through the area at approximately 10 p.m.

Russell County officials reported a tornado touched down south of I-70 in the city of Rus-

sell that injured one person. The individual, transported to Russell Hospital, was injured from being inside a modular home that was destroyed. Several outbuildings and other homes sustained damages in the area. Local officials conducted search and rescue operations after the tornado.

Rush County officials reported five tornadoes in the county with the most significant touchdown in the city of LaCrosse. The tornado impacted approximately four blocks. One building, a farm

shed/storage barn, car wash, and three camping trailers were destroyed. Tree limbs, power lines and poles were downed as a result of the storm.

Downed power lines forced the closure of U.S. 183 north of town and K-4 west of town.

No injuries were reported. The county will continue to assess damage Saturday.

State assistance was not requested, and the State Emergency Operations Center was not activated.

Wild Horse Prairie Days set for June 1-2

The 17th Annual Wild Horse Fair Days Ranch Rodeo will be held on June 1-2 at the Haskell Expo Center. As part

of the event, a West Texas Barrel Racing Association contest and the 2012 John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be

held.

The two-day event will get under way at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 1 with a craft and trade show in the Haskell Civic Center. The Sam "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cutting Horse contest will start at 9 a.m., with the parade getting under way at 5 p.m.

The WRCA Ranch Rodeo will begin at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, June 2, the Ranch Horse competition will be held at 9 a.m., and a Junior Rodeo will start at 11 a.m. A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Knox Cty Youth Baseball Schedule

Date	Time	Teams	Place
May 31	5:30 p.m.	KC Thunder at Haskell	Haskell
May 31	5:30 p.m.	Anson Red at KC Dirty Devils	KC
June 4	5:30 p.m.	KC Dirty Devils at Anson Black Anson	Anson
June 4	5:30 p.m.	Hamlin at KC Thunder	KC
End of regular season			



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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
05/14	58/77	
05/15	53/86	
05/16	55/94	
05/17	57/94	
05/18	59/93	
05/19	64/97	
05/20	63/89	

Total Rainfall for month 1.32
2012 Rainfall (ytd) 5.53

WEEDS

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nothing," Nelle said. "Spray in a strip pattern."

Nelle didn't have to point out to his audience that hunting has become a significant source of income for many ranchers -- a way to supplement income from livestock.

The weed talk came at one of three bus stops on the ranch during the field trip portion of the event.

Other topics at the seminar, which started and ended at the Taylor County Exposition Center in Abilene, ranged from reports on the properties, effectiveness and best use of Dow's newest herbicide for mesquite control to various techniques for dealing with mesquite and juniper and other invasive brush, from plant-to-plant eradication methods to aerial application of herbicides.

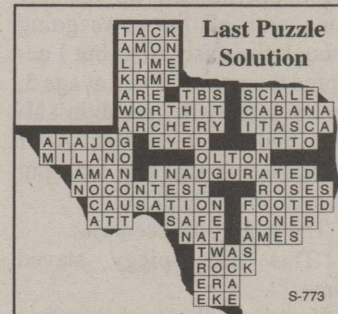
Extension specialists from both Texas and Oklahoma plus spokesmen for Dow Agri-Sciences presented the information. About 250 ranchers attended.

Reed sets six-man camp in Gordon

A six-man football camp will be held in Gordon on July 23-25. Throckmorton head coach Mike Reed will be running the camp.

The camp will be open to students in grades 2-6 and 7-12. Early registration is \$60 prior to June 30.

If interested please email: gordonfootballleague@hotmail.com.



CORRECTION

In the May 17 issue of the KC News, the name of the award given to Benjamin students was inadvertently identified. It was the Lamar Award presented to outstanding students. It was presented by the Masons of Orient Lodge 905 of Knox City. The Masons presented scholarship awards to students of Benjamin, Knox City, and Munday at their recent graduation exercises.



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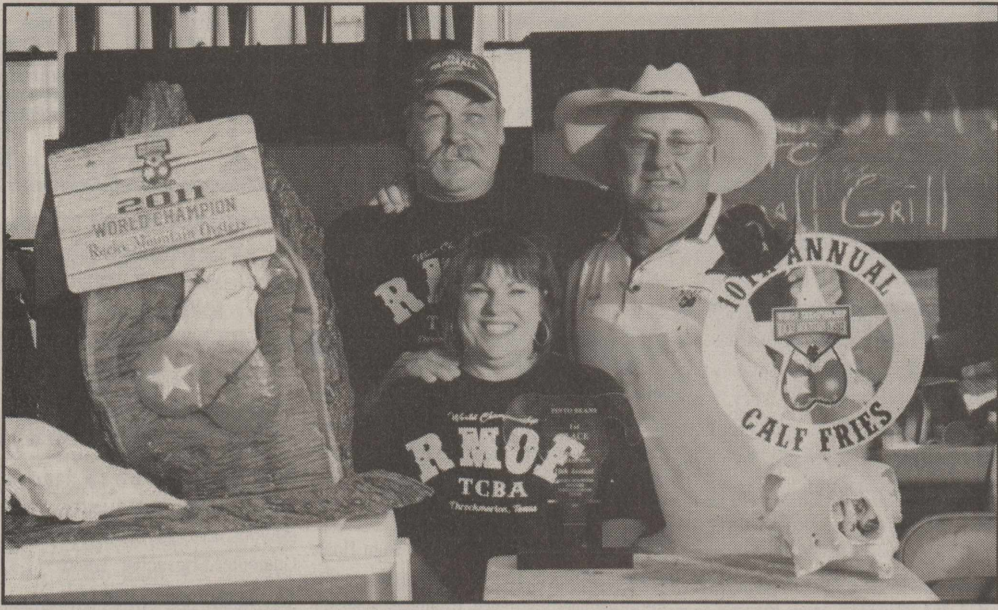
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Fry-masters, again ...

Seymour's Jim and Cynthia Stout pose with World Championship Rocky Mountain Oyster Festival director Mack Pirtle after winning the Calf Fry division for the second straight year. The annual event was held in Throckmorton on May 18-19.

Game wardens stress education in water safety

With many Texas lakes holding more water than they did this time last year, Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens are anticipating a busy boating season. And while they will be doing everything they can to make it a safe one, wardens could use a little help from boaters.

"Last year we had 32 boating fatalities across the state," said Jeff Parrish, assistant chief for marine law enforcement. "Tragic as that number is, we can learn something from statistics. Of those 32 deaths, all but five were of people not wearing a personal flotation device. That really underscores the vital importance of wearing a life jacket."

State law requires that a personal flotation device be available for each occupant of a boat, but only those under 13 years of age are mandated by the law to wear one while the boat or paddle craft is underway or drifting.

"The numbers speak for themselves," Parrish continued. "Wear a life jacket and your chances of surviving a life threatening event on the water increases 10 fold."

While the life jacket requirement is not new, the last session of the legislature did make it mandatory that all persons born on or after Sept. 1, 1993 obtain a boater education certificate before they can legally operate a vessel with a rating of more than 15 horsepower. Anyone super-

vising the operation of a vessel by another must be exempt from the boater ed requirement (born before 1993) or have a boater ed certificate.

Six of the boating deaths in 2011 were alcohol-related, underscoring the importance of not drinking while operating a boat.

"If you want to drink when you're out on the water, do so responsibly or have a designated operator," Parrish said. "Anyone

who finds operating a boat while intoxicated will be going to jail."

In addition to the 32 boating fatalities in 2011 (up four from 2011), Texas saw 229 boating accidents that resulted in 121 injuries. State game wardens and other marine enforcement officers made 259 BWI arrests and issued 305 citations for no life jacket.

Texas businesses step up for state parks

Whole Earth Provision Co. presented a check for \$30,000 to benefit Texas State Parks at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting today. The donation came from a month-long in-store promotion as well as proceeds from the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

The in-store donation effort took place for the entire month of April in the company's eight stores in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin. Whole Earth purchased \$5 gift cards from Texas State Parks to give to every customer who donated \$20. They actively requested donations from their customers and promoted the effort with signage in stores, post cards, press releases, and through

social media. The in-store effort brought in more than \$20,000, which was a record for Whole Earth.

"The public and our customers have been very enthusiastic in joining us in supporting Texas State Parks," said Jack Jones, Founder and President of Whole Earth Provision Company. "This is the largest response and the most money we have ever raised in a non-profit fund raising campaign and we had a lot of fun doing it. Texas State Parks belong to us all and we are now eagerly planning future support campaigns for OUR parks."

Whole Earth approached TPWD about the promotion after hearing about the fundraising campaign.

Benjamin Elementary honor roll

The elementary and junior high Academic awards were given at the Junior High Graduation. They are as follows:

- A HONOR ROLL:**
First Grade
 Adrian Barraza
 Kiley Garcia
 Ricardo Solis
 Nicholas Stovall
 Gwynneth Willings
Second Grade
 Andy Andrews
 Kinsey Benson
 Cassidy Chambles
 Dal Everson

- Briley Hale
 Grand Jackson
 Maggie Kuehne
 Cassidy McIlroy
 Catalina Perry
Third Grade
 Madison Barrientez
 Jeannie DePippo
 Grace Estrada
 Samuel McIlroy
Fourth Grade
 Jalen Barrientez
 Hope Donham
 Braden Garza
 Dylan Kuehne
 Conner McIlroy

- Abraham Nevarez
Fifth Grade
 Julio Acévedo
 J.C. Espinal
 McKenzie Gray
Sixth Grade
 Caleb Barrientez
 Daniel Jackson
 Kaleb Whittle
Seventh Grade
 Faith Donham
 Benjamin Vanderpol
Eighth Grade
 Ryan Heard
 Elias Nevarez

Benjamin Perfect Attendance roll

The elementary and junior high Perfect Attendance Awards were given at the Junior High Graduation. They are as follows:

- PERFECT ATTENDANCE**
Pre-K
 Lily Benson
Kindergarten
 Chasity Benson

- Hallie Everson
 Jolie Everson
Second Grade
 Andy Andrews
 Kinsey Benson
 Dal Everson
 Maggie Kuehne
Third Grade
 Madison Barrientez
Fourth Grade

- Jalen Barrientez
 Dylan Kuehne
 Abraham Nevarez
Sixth Grade
 Caleb Barrientez
Seventh Grade
 Justin Rainwater
 Benjamin Vanderpol
Eighth Grade
 Elias Nevarez

Benjamin HS honor roll

The high school Academic Awards were given at the graduation ceremony. They are as follows:

- HONOR ROLL**
Ninth Grade

- Kelsey Brown
11th Grade
 Matthew Acree
12th Grade
 Andrew Chandler
 Tyler Kinnibrugh

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