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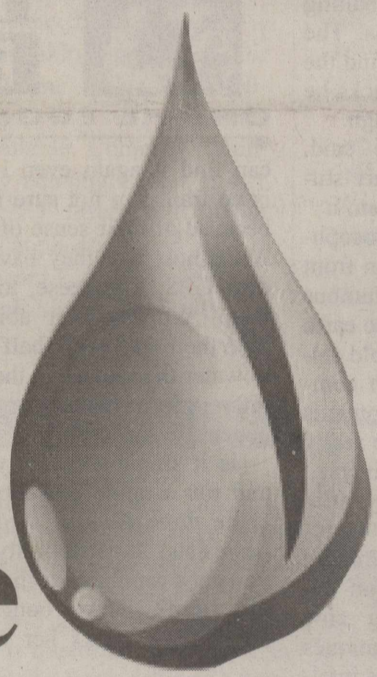
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The Benjamin city lake (above) has been hit hard by the recent drought. The lake is completely dry as of last week. Below, another area lake has also been losing water due to the heat and drought.

Not a Drop to Spare



Heat wave adding to area's water concerns

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

If it is July in Texas, you can expect for it to be hot. Perhaps not as hot as it has been lately.

Well, here's a news flash to area residents from the National Weather Service. You better get used to it for a while.

According to NWS officials, the heat wave that has scorched the southwestern United States over the past two weeks isn't expected to go away any time soon, although summer storms are expected to offer brief spells of lower temperatures.

According to the National Weather Service, the first half of July has been among the warmest in north central Texas on record. During the first two weeks of the month, Knox City residents have already witnessed 12 days in which temperatures have hit at least 92.

This coming week isn't expected to get any better. NWS officials expect temperatures in the area to be in the upper 90s this weekend before climbing into triple digits on Monday and Tuesday.

"We're getting into the hot part of the year for us," said Wayne Davlin, a rancher near

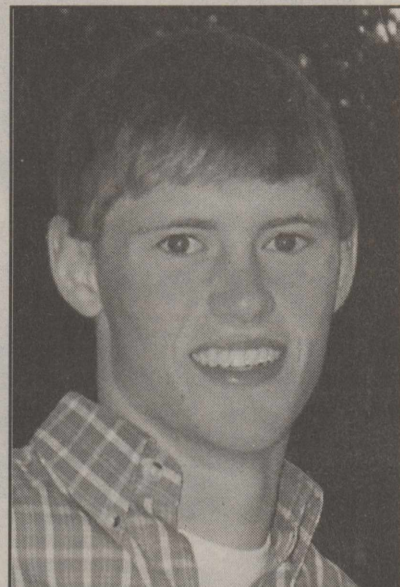
Breckenridge who noted the heat was playing havoc with many crops.

July rolled in with plenty of heat. On July 1, temperatures hit 93 degrees and climbed to as high as 97 in Independence Day. From July 5 through July 8, temperatures ranged from highs of 99 to 100.

It could feel even hotter this week as the humidity level is expected to be high over the next few days, ranging from 30 percent on Thursday to as high as 60 percent on July 17.

Temperatures will be in the lower 90s on

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Brandon Bailey

Area teen killed in fireworks accident

TOMMY WELLS
The Knox County News

The community of Newcastle was rocked last Thursday when it lost one of its own in a fireworks-related accident.

Brandon Bailey, a 19-year student at Tarleton State University, died from injuries suffered from a fireworks explosion on July 5. A 2011 graduate of Newcastle High School, Bailey was pronounced dead at approximately 3:30 a.m.

According to emergency responders, Bailey and several friends were attempting to discharge five artillery shells from a steel tube early Thursday morning.

Artillery shells are designed to be launched out of a cardboard tube and then explode when they are in the air.

People at the scene said one of the fireworks exploded unexpectedly while in the steel tube. The explosion caused the tube to shatter, and sent shrapnel into Bailey's neck and chest areas.

A Young County Sheriff's Office dispatcher received a call from one of Bailey's friends after the accident. Deputies, along with emergency personnel and police from Olney, raced to the site which was in a remote countryside between Newcastle and Olney at about 2:19 a.m.

Bailey was a member of the Newcastle Bobcats' football team that played Knox City a few seasons ago.

FNB merges with Baird, Mid-Cities banks

First National Bank Munday, chartered in 1932, is pleased to announce that it has converted the bank to a State Savings Bank (ssb) charter, effective immediately.

This will more closely align the bank with the Texas state supervisors of the banking industry instead of those based in Washington, D. C. The change will not result in less regulation or less compliance with all laws, but it will mean closer and more effective communication with regulators on the state level as opposed to the federal level.

The bank's customers will continue to experience the same high

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Edmunds becomes 3rd generation at local store

Saylor Edmunds, daughter of Scott and Shea Edmunds of Kerens, Texas, granddaughter of Romain Stubbs and the late Jack Stubbs, enters the front door of the Art Stall and Frame Shop, "Upscale Downtown Knox City." Saylor is the third generation to be a part of the business. The Art Stall will celebrate its 38th Anniversary during the month of July with special sales in the store to honor and thank all loyal customers and friends from all the counties for the store's success. Romain Stubbs, owner, says, "It has been a plea-

sure to serve each and every one."

The Abilene Reporter News carried an article about the Art Stall and the Mini Mall in its June 25, 1999 issue, commemorating their 25th anniversary. In that article, Ken Ellsworth said, "I asked Romain what the secret to her success was. 'I don't know,' she said, shaking her head and laughing, open and friendly. 'We just held on I guess'...She thought some more. 'Well, I guess it's the Beanie Babies that have kept the doors open lately.'"

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Saylor Edmunds became the third generation of Romain Stubbs' family to work in her downtown store, Art Stall and Frame Shop, recently. Edmunds is the daughter of Scott and Shea Edmunds of Kerens, Texas. The downtown store will be holding a huge sale to commemorate its 38th year of existence. For details, see the store's ad on Page 6.



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TxDOT urging Texas drivers to get a summer P.A.S.S.

Summer, a time for fun and celebration. But it also brings many alcohol-related crash fatalities.

Because of this, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching its first summer drinking and driving outreach program to encourage Texas drivers to designate a Person Appointed to Stay Sober (P.A.S.S.) before enjoying those drinks.

"A day on the beach, barbecues, outdoor concerts or just lazing the day away on the river, summer days are

definitely great fun. But folks should put as much thought into planning for a sober ride home as they do into summer event planning," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division director.

"Be sure to include a P.A.S.S. for those events where you plan on drinking," she added.

"It's not cool to drink and drive, even in the heat of the summer," she said. "Be safe, plan ahead, designate a P.A.S.S."

In Texas, 35 percent of all alco-

hol-related fatal crashes occur in the summer months between May and August. In 2011, there were 321 alcohol-related fatal crashes, resulting in 362 fatalities in that same time period.

Drinking and driving continues to be a national and statewide problem. In 2011, there were 24,151 DUI alcohol-related crashes in Texas resulting in 1,038 deaths and 15,960 injuries.

According to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration survey, 40 percent of drivers who consumed alcohol felt it would be safe to have

three or more drinks within a 2-hour period before driving. A portion of that 40 percent actually believed they could have five or more drinks.

The reality is quite different. While the signs of impairment differ with the individual, alcohol steadily decreases a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle safely, and the more a person drinks, the greater the effect. In single-vehicle crashes, the relative risk of a driver with BAC between .08 and .10 is at least 11 times greater than for drivers with a BAC of zero,

and 52 times greater for young males. Further, many studies have shown that even small amounts of alcohol can impair a person's ability to drive.

All 50 states have made it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or higher. But many people, especially young adults, continue to drink and drive. In fatal crashes, the highest percentage of drivers with a BAC level of .08 or higher was for drivers, ages 21 to 24 (35 percent), followed by ages 25 to 34 (32 percent).



Knox City employees work inside a hole to repair a water line lead on Monday morning. The leak took place at the intersection of Fourth Street and Highway 6.

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of July 16-20 for the Knox County Aging Services

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

Monday, July 16 - Chicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, July 17 - Spaghetti/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, Autumn Jell-O.

Wednesday, July 18 - King Ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, brownie.

Thursday, July 19 - Pork chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, combread, baked apples.

Friday, July 20 - Sloppy Joe/

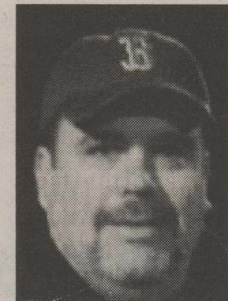
bun, country potato salad, carrots/zucchini, creamy fruit square.

NOTE: New serving time is noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts available for diabetics.

Please call in your orders by 10 a.m. to (940) 657-3618. Orders cannot be taken after 10 a.m. and need to be picked up after 11 a.m.

'Fantastic Freddy' makes debut

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

Well, the buzz the last two weeks has been the movie "Magic Mike" for all the ladies, and, I guess a few guys, who play for the other team. It features some young Hollywood hunks and one old washed up has-been, Matthew McConaughey.

Usually a movie about male strippers would not be something I would have an opinion on, but a local has decided he will try and change careers and make a go as a male dancer.

Fred "Big Head" Ledesma, after going to the movie (and I have no clue why?) is gonna do it. That alone should make him have to turn in his man card in. Fred was so touched by this movie that he has decided he will try and become a Chip and Dale's dancer. Fred went to Dallas this past weekend and went to a fantasy camp for men with aspirations of becoming dancers.

Fred was so excited that he did the unthinkable and bought his costume before he even tried out. It consisted of a bow tie and a set of rhinestone briefs. I am embarrassed for him just writing this.

The tryouts went pretty well he told me. He said his football days and oilfield work prepared him with the perfect body and strength to tackle all the tough dance moves. He had one problem, however - the stage dive.

Me - being a straight man - I was not aware of this term until Fred explained to me that they put baby oil on you and you run and dive across the stage like you would a slipping slide. Then, you slide up to the front of the stage where you get your tips from all the ladies (we hope).

Well, the problem was Fred kept getting stuck about

halfway. No matter how much oil they put on him, he would bog down about halfway through. This was so confusing since the other guys would slide almost off the stage. He just couldn't figure out why he was getting stuck and know one else was. I think gravity, but I didn't want to hurt his feelings. They had out so much oil on him that one of his dance partners said he felt like they were working at Sea World helping a whale that had been beached.

Finally, one of the other dancers said he thought the problem was Fred needed to shave his belly hair. By gosh, that was it! A little belly hair (OK ... a lot of belly hair) almost kept Fred from his dream.

Well, today Ol Fred - who goes by "Fantastic Freddy" - can slide all the way across the stage.

So if you see Fred walking around town scratching his belly from razor burn ... you now know the rest of the story.

Jeff "Hairy Belly" Stanfield is a local columnist, and a wanna-be stripper.

All about a little cow stupidity



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

I was watching Will trying to entice a small bunch of cows through an open gate by baiting them with protein pellets. The last two cows could not find the gate! After three back-tracks he finally coaxed them through.

"It's frustrating," he said. "My dad told me cows are stupid, that's why we eat them."

I thought that was philosophical genius! Right there in front of our eyes, akin to Columbus suddenly realizing that the earth was round, or a six-year-old discovering he can burp on command! One of those moments when a person sees there really is a master plan in the universe.

However, I hear story after story about men trying to out-smart cows. Temple Grandin has built a fine reputation defining and manipulating cow behavior. But, her techniques do not depend on a cow's intelligence. The design of her cattle handling facilities could also be used in bottling plants, air conditioning ducts and irrigation systems. It's all about flow.

It is true we can use fear, temperament or food to get cows to do as we ask. Dairymen have perfected the system. They lure one cow to come in the parlor and stanchion with grain, and the rest of the cows follow. They learn the system but hunger is the instinctive reason they come rather than intelligence.

On the open range, once a cow finds the water hole they

can find it again even if there is no trail. I'm not sure it is all because of their sense of smell. It's almost like they have their own GPS, like geese, to guide them. Witness their ability to hide their calf, walk half a mile to water then return to the calf's hiding place. Instinct or intelligence?

Is it stupidity when you try and run a range bull through a chute three days in a row and he resists? Is it stupidity when you get a roping steer that ducks his head? How 'bout when an ol' cow sticks her nose in

the ground at her annual "Fall Mousing"? Is she really thinking, "I don't want Farmer Bill to see I've got a loose tooth."

Maybe stupid is too harsh a word. We could say learning handicapped, S.A.T. negative, IQ diminished, thinking deprived, thick-headed, brain dead? And stupid, compared to what? A creosote post, a box of gravel, a tamping bar?

To be fair to the cow we must look at the company they keep...cows, and of course, cowboys, who aren't stupid but sometimes you can't tell.

Take charge of your business at Texas Business Conference in WF

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is inviting Wichita Falls-area business owners and managers to the Texas Business Conference (TBC) on Friday, July 13, 2012 at the Courtyard by Marriott Wichita Falls. The conference will provide valuable information for employers and business owners concerning the legal issues of operating a business in Texas.

"The conference will help

employers recognize how laws affect them and their workforce," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Tom Pauken. "Tools presented at the event will give employers the information they need to operate businesses effectively. Texas is a great place to do business, and we need to do our part at TWC to encourage job creation and economic growth in the private sector, while helping our employers address the regulatory challenges of employment law."

TWC staff will present practical, up-to-date information for operating a successful business and managing employees. Seminar topics will include: Texas employment law and the basics of hiring; employee policy handbooks; handling unemployment claims; independent contractors; and federal and Texas wage and hour laws.

Participants will receive the latest edition of the popular publication *Especially for Texas Employers* and the accompanying CD, which address basic legal issues regarding hiring, post-employment and work-separation policy. Certified public accountants who attend can earn six hours of continuing education credit. Other conference participants may qualify for general professional credit.

The conference is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Wichita Falls, Lone Star Room located at 3800 Tarry St. in Wichita Falls.

ACROSS

1 TX Judy Rankin's Hall of Fame (abbr.)

5 TX Johnny Ringo died in this state (abbr.)

6 Eagle Pass FM

7 TX Quaid film: "Postcards from the _____"

8 TXism: "take a look _____"

9 in TX: Randolph _____ Force Base

12 halftime performer: Texas A & _____

17 Rangers AL East Blue Jays foe

19 this Murdoch once owned "San Antonio Express-News"

21 TXism: "tight as _____ string"

22 TXism: "_____ molasses in January"

23 TXism: "blind _____"

28 actress Patricia of TX-based "Hud"

29 "_____ Maples State Natural Area"

30 William in "Rolling Thunder" with TX Tommy Lee Jones

31 in the lead

35 TX's only RR (abbr.)

36 thump result that means a ripe melon (2 wds.)

42 TXism: "would _____ the mineral rights in TX for it"

44 bride & _____

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46 Houston has an _____ industry

48 unsteady walk

49 a Gulf shark

50 TXism: "molar _____" (toothbrush)

51 TXism: "he couldn't drive _____ into a snow bank"

52 TX Pride tune: "Then Who _____?"

53 terminates employment

54 brief, vigorous fight

56 TXism: "he's only got one _____ in the water"

57 TXism: "run _____ white flag"

58 TX Mary Martin film: "Love _____ Neighbor" ('40)

11 TX case: "_____ v. Wade"

12 _____ Baird's

13 TXism: "mean as a _____ gunpowder diet"

14 Kick _____ Indians

15 "Abilene Reporter- _____"

16 expression of annoyance

18 TX Benson film: "_____ to Billy Joe"

20 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the _____"

23 it's classified in 15-down

24 "ready, _____, go!"

34 TXism: "pleased _____ punch"

36 TXism: "if _____ a rooster, he'll crow"

37 "Bum" Phillips (init.)

38 camel-like critters

39 TX-based film: "_____ Cowboy"

40 great UT LB Tommy

41 Ken or Barbie

43 Mason Co. feud: "Hoo _____ War"

45 TX Janis sang: "_____ and Bobby McGee"

47 tombstone words

48 McLennan Co. seat

55 serving _____

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A belated thank you to all my family and friends for telephone calls, gifts, food, and prayers. I thank my ex-son-in-law, Danny Lewis--he called the hospital every day to check on my health. I appreciated that very much. My sister-in-law, Lu Pack, received telephone calls checking on my health. That was appreciated also. The group of young men and women that are in charge of 911 are wonderful. They know their jobs.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

May God Bless Each of You,
 Dorothy Jean and Dallas Dykes

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Obituaries

Christopher Luna Cruz

Our beloved Christopher "Chris" Luna Cruz, born February 21, 1988, passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Chris was 24 years young. Gone too soon, he leaves behind his wife, Rosemary Moya Cruz; his daughter, Casey Luna Cruz; his step-daughter, Ariel Ruiz, all of Knox City, Texas; his mother, Celia Marcolino of Greeley, Colorado; 2 sisters, Mary Marcolino of Greeley, Colorado and Victoria Garay of Crowell, Texas; and 3 nieces.



Christopher Luna Cruz

Chris grew up mostly in Crowell, Texas which is also where he called home. He attended school in Crowell and graduated from Crowell High School in 2006. Chris has a large following of loved ones consisting of friends that we wish to acknowledge with our gratitude for the love they have shared not only for Chris, but in support of his family. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 5, 2012 at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City with Father Aju officiating. Interment will follow at the O'Brien Cemetery in O'Brien under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Knox City.

Pallbearers for Chris are Felix Moya, Demetrio Moya, Otavio Moya, J.J. Moya, San Juan Moya, and Michael Ranjel. Honorary pallbearers are Kody Knight and John Paul Cerna.

Memorials can be given in Chris's name to the American Kidney Fund at 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852.

Online condolences and memories can be shared with the Cruz family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. Meade, Kansas.

She was born July 7, 1936, at Knox City, Texas, the daughter of Nefro and Maria (Pena) Gonzales. As a young girl she attended the Knox City school system.

On Aug. 8, 1961, she married Jesse Saucedo at Benjamin, Texas. After their marriage, the couple moved to Kansas, making their home in Meade. Over the years, she worked as a custodian for several residential homes and later for the Meade school system for 10 and one

half years. She was a member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Meade. She enjoyed playing bingo, quilting, crocheting, knitting, embroidery work and dancing.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Saucedo of Meade; two sons, Jesse Saucedo, Jr., of Kansas City, Kansas, and Nefro Saucedo, of Plains, Kansas; three daughters, Ramona Almeida, of Liberal, Kansas, Antonia Gonzalez, of Liberal and Faye Wells of Dodge City, Kansas; a brother, Guadalupe Gonzales, of Boulder, Colorado; two sisters, Manuela Rios of Knox City and Faye Balatazar of Ft. Morgan, Colorado; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rose Mary Saucedo; her parents, and a brother, Amador Gonzales.

Vigil services were held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 22, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Meade. Holy Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 23, at the church. Friends could call from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday at Fidler-Orme-Bachman Mortuary, Meade. Interment followed in the Graceland Cemetery, Meade.

The family would welcome memorials to St. John Catholic Church in care of the funeral home.

Personal condolences may be given to the family at www.fidleromebachmanmortuary.com.

Mary Howell Stone

Mary Howell Stone, 96, of Knox City, left this earth to begin her celebration in heaven on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. She was the last surviving child of a West Texas ranching family. Her parents were the late John W. and Gertrude Melcher Howell. Mary always taught work ethic and being a good neighbor, she always gave generously, taught so gently and loved deeply. A public burial service will be held Saturday morning, July 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Knox City cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Knox City with a church celebration following at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Knox City. Dr. John Wade of Seymour, formerly of Knox City, and Marq Brockett will officiate. Family visitation is planned for Friday evening, July 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Smith Family Funeral Home in Knox City.



Mary Howell Stone

Pink Ladies Auxiliary, Knox County Red Cross chairman and volunteer co-ordinator. She had been a social worker for the Texas Department of Health. Mary received the Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Community Award.

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Mary Melcher Howell Stone was born in San Angelo, Texas on November 5, 1915. The Howell family bought land at Knox City in 1905, and the women and children moved in 1920. She graduated in 1933 from Knox City High School and in 1938 from Texas Tech University where she was Secretary of the Student Council.

With her college degree in Journalism, her first interview with the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal was with Eleanor Roosevelt in 1934. She worked for many major U.S. newspapers, including Washington D.C. and Seattle, Washington. She returned home to her beloved Knox County in time to survive the famous Friday the 13th Knox City tornado of March 1953. Mary was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church. She served her community in many capacities including Girl Scout Leader, member of the Knox County Hospital

After missing last week, the items today are quite scattered. Some of it is two weeks late, but, I will submit it anyway, as it's newsworthy. We are having a few clouds pop up today (Monday), and the promise of a few showers sure sounds good. However, just a drop in temperature will be welcome as the heat and humidity has been very unpleasant.

Belated expressions of sympathy to the families of Jo Evelyn Patterson of Rochester and Betty Baker of Munday. These friends passed away the weekend of June 23, both after lengthy stays in the Munday Nursing Center. Also, sympathy to the family of Mary Stone, who passed away on July 4 in a Haskell nursing facility. Her funeral was Saturday in Knox City. The passing of these friends leaves a void in many lives, both family and friends.

Reunion Held

On Saturday, June 23, the descendants of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Conner met at the Benjamin Community Center for their annual family get together. Lots of good food, visiting and recalling days gone by was enjoyed by those in attendance. The crowd was smaller than usual, but those present vowed to work hard to get more to attend the 2013 fun. An auction was held in the afternoon to help fund the event.

Regarding Our Ill

Weldon Gideon spent a couple of days in the Knox Co. Hospital last week. He was dismissed Friday and, though feeling better, is still not "up to par" yet. He is in bed most of the time. Please remember him and his family in prayer.

Tim White is doing better after spending some time both in Knox City and Abilene hospitals. He has been diagnosed with diabetes and will have to be very careful about his diet. He is feeling better, and that's good news.

Pam Duke is still recovering nicely from her recent knee surgery. She is still taking it pretty easy, as she doesn't want to undo what's been done, but before long she should be out and about and good as new.

Here 'N There

Cassie Sheedy has been in Pittsburg, Texas, for a few weeks with her family. Her Mom, Elsie Herron, passed away last Sunday after several weeks illness. Her funeral was Thursday in Pittsburg. Of course, we send sincere sympathy to Cassie and her family during this time of grief.

Karson and Sharon Bivens of Tatum, NM, and his daughter and granddaughter, Leslie and Laurel, who live in Minnesota, spent last weekend with Lorene Powers. On Saturday they all attended the 50th wedding anniversary party honoring Bill and Simone Boyd in Coleman, Oklahoma. Simone is Sharon's cousin, the daughter of the late Johnny and Catherine Hertel.

Diane and Ashlee Evans of Childress visited me last Wednesday evening. Ashlee remained for a couple of days, returning home on Friday night. She was visiting her cousins, Dillon Keys (and Randi Johnson in Munday).

Randy and Judy Barnett spend several days in Lubbock and Slaton recently, visiting her sons, Jeff and Jim Bob Conner, and

families. Randy helped grandson Cayden with a Boy Scout project while they were there. Glenda Conner Ainsworth of Montgomery, Alabama, and Brenda Conner Johnson of League City visited Judy and Randolph on Saturday (the day of the Conner Reunion). They said they had a great time comparing notes about family and getting re-acquainted after several years of not seeing each other.

Lexie Mendoza returned home Sunday after several weeks' visit with her Dad, Carlos Mendoza, and family in Abilene. She will attend a junior high cheerleading camp this week and then go back to Abilene for a few more weeks' visit before school starts.

We learned Sunday that former resident, John Chilcoat, now of Knox City, is in Kell West Hospital in Wichita Falls with back problems. He is needing surgery, but doctors are unsure just yet what they will do. His age (he's 94) will be a big factor in their decision. We wish John well.

Dillon Keys accompanied his family from Munday to the Metroplex last week for a few days of fun. They spent a day at Six Flags, also a day at Hurricane Harbor and did lots of other

things that teenagers enjoy. He said they had a great time.

The Yard of the Month award for July has been given to Shawn and Cricket Wilson. The live in the Jonnie Williams home and have done lots of cleaning up and fixing up to make the place look "homey." The flowers they have planted add to the appeal. I congratulate them for winning this honor. Their labors have been recognized!

I talked to Judie Whitten today. She said Jack is still having knee problems from his "run-in" with a cow earlier in the summer. He will finally be having some

By Gladene Green

surgery next Monday to repair the damage that was done. It will be in Abilene as an outpatient, and if all goes well, he should begin to make progress back to better days.

And finally, is everyone as sad as I am about the passing of Andy Griffith? Seems like a long-time friend has left us. One of the better TV programs (in my opinion) that has afforded my family and many others countless hours of entertainment. I still watch the reruns when I can find them on. In my opinion (again) you just don't find good, clean TV programs like that anymore.

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Aju Prince Phillips, Sacramental Minister • Deacon Ben Vasquez
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.

LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C.- Knox City
Gene Ward Jr., Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m.
Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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Aju Prince Phillips, Sacramental Minister • Deacon Jim Novak
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

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Thomas Carter, Pastor
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie
Matt Harrington, Pastor
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin
Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL - Highway 222
Shannon Waters, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m., Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.
Sunday Mornings on KVRP 97.1 at 9:05 a.m.

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Comptroller to hold free tax seminars

During the month of July, the Comptroller's office will conduct 15 free taxpayer seminars across the state. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms, and file and pay taxes electronically. Informa-

tion about e-services will also be available to help taxpayers manage their accounts online. Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"We want to empower Tex-

as business owners by making resources and information accessible. Conducting these seminars and making our team of tax specialists available provides much needed guidance for businesses," said R.J. DeSilva, spokesper-

son for the Comptroller's office.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html.

Letter to the Editor

I would like to address the so-called statement published in the front page article on beer and wine sales in Knox County. The editor and/or writer of the article purports that Mr. Roland Marion thanked the churches of Knox County for not opposing the petition-called election and approval. I tend to believe that Mr. Marion may have been misquoted in the original article.

I think everyone in Knox County is totally aware of how the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption was promoted and successful. I will submit and agree that the local churches did not take a stand publicly of opposing this petition and election. However, just because the churches offered no opposition, does not substantiate any support for or against the sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption! The factual truth is quite the contrary. I believe that as a member of the Knox City Ministerial Alliance and pastor of a local church, I can attest that the official church stance by all of the churches would be that it was opposed. Just because the Knox City Ministerial Alliance and pastor of a local church did not purchase a full-page advertisement opposing this petition and election should not by any means be construed as favoring or supporting the sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption in Knox City or any other part of Knox County. The same would be true for each and every local church.

Both the Knox City Ministerial Alliance and the pastoral leadership of all of the local churches know full well how divisive and destructive the sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption can be. When this petition was discussed in the confines of a church leadership meeting by the church I pastor, I responded that the local church takes the same stand as our denominational church in being opposed to it. In our United Methodist Book of Discipline and United Methodist Book of Resolutions, the church recommends abstinence for the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. I was taught by my father, mother, father-in-law and mother-in-law that anything done in excess is considered to be a sin. A great many people do NOT know how to control their drinking habit!

The gambling through the participation in purchasing lottery tickets and scratch-off cards robs innocent families of the much needed and required funds for food, shelter, life and liberty. The same applies to those who abuse alcohol through overspending daily for beer and or wine, depriving their families of necessary resources for food, shelter, life and liberty.

This issue and program has been and continues to be viewed by the "city leaders" and the

vendors who have begun or will be selling beer and wine for off premise consumption one of looking through rose-colored glasses at strictly the monetary benefit of increased tax revenue for the city and county, and failing to see the long term effects that this can have on our communities.

The "Word of God," as found in the Bible, states that we, all people, are not to cause another to stumble into sin (1 Corinthians 10:32). I interpret this as anything I might do or say which would cause someone to commit a sin.

The sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption has already begun causing known alcoholics who have been sober to return to drinking. There will be no positive impact on our community other than increased sales tax revenue and possibly some profit in the pockets of the vendors within the city confines of Knox County.

We are sliding down a slippery slope. I can foresee that the next step the "city leaders" and local entrepreneurs will desire is to pursue by petition the option of open selling liquor by-the-drink in the cafes and restaurants without private club membership.

I am not condemning the person who desires to take a drink in the privacy and confines of their personal home, however I do have a problem with it occurring on our city streets and highways. Not to mention the possibility of it being made available, even though against the law, to minors or persons not-of-legal-age to purchase said items. Just like the problem of drugs on our city streets, maybe not in an overwhelming amount, however they are there and it is apparent that nothing is being done to stop that illegal business. To date we have been fortunate that it has not cost anyone their life!

For the record my mayor, city council, "city leaders," and whomever: the Knox City Ministerial Alliance and the local churches do OPPOSE the sale of beer, wine, or any other liquor for off premise consumption. It is causing the people to commit sin by indulgence if nothing else!

Respectfully,

Rev. Tom Carter, pastor
First United Methodist
Church of Knox City & Member
of Knox City Ministerial
Alliance

This has been reviewed by the members of Knox City Ministerial Alliance; and the following requested their name be included as endorsing this editorial:

Rev. Gary Schnable, pastor -
Knox City Foursquare Church
Rev. Gene Ward, pastor -
Liberty Community Church of
God in Christ

C of C seeking sponsors for Watermelon Festival

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is looking for sponsors for the for the 24th annual Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival.

"The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is getting ready and very excited, hoping to have a great festival this year. But, of course, we need sponsors to help fund the festival," chamber officials wrote in a flier that was distributed to local busi-

nesses. The festival is scheduled for July 27-28.

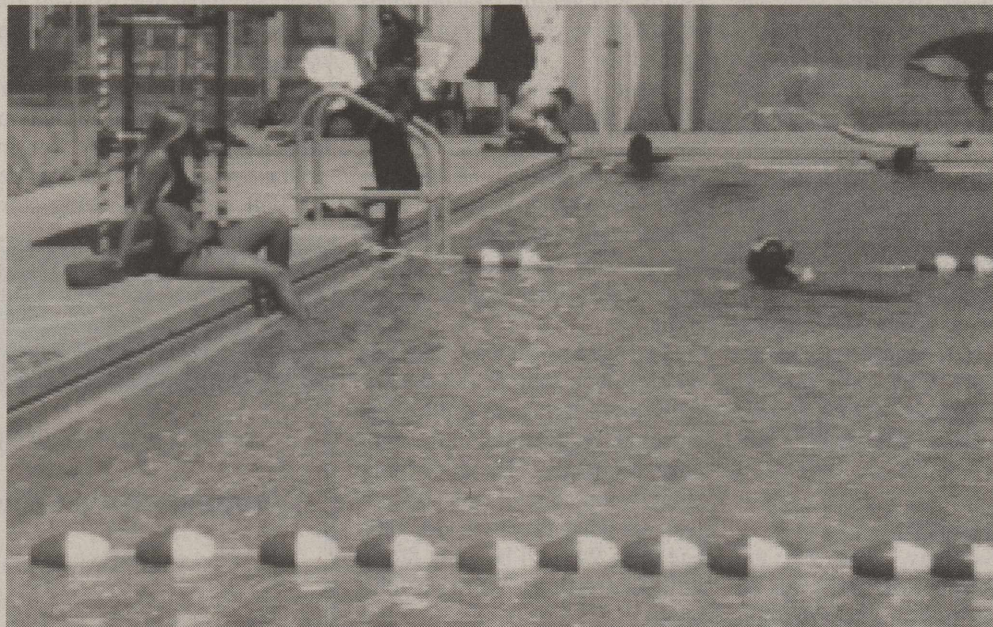
According to the chamber, there are several sponsorship packages available to businesses. Businesses can become a full sponsor by pledging \$500 or more. The sponsorships can range from \$50 to \$400.

For more information about becoming a sponsor call (940) 658-3442.

Crop Field Day slated for July 17

The Rolling Plains Summer Crops Field Day will be held July 17 at the Texas AgriLife Research Chillicothe station, 1340 Farm-to-Market Road 392, south of Chillicothe.

"Maximizing Nutrient and Water-Use Efficiencies" will be the title of this year's program, which will begin with registration at 7:45 a.m., followed by the field tour from 8:30-10:30 a.m., said Dr. Paul DeLaune, AgriLife Research environmental soil scientist at Vernon. There is no charge for the program and lunch will be provided. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education credits will be offered, DeLaune said.



Cooling off ...

With temperatures soaring into triple digits last week, the Munday swimming pool was a popular place to hang out. Temperatures are expected to remain high over the next few weeks.

TSCRA set to meet in Wichita Falls

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will hold a luncheon Thursday, July 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McBride's Steakhouse in Wichita Falls.

The luncheon is open to the public, and is \$15 at the door. Anyone who would like to discuss and listen to what is happening in the cattle industry is welcome to attend.

McBride's Steakhouse is located at 4537 Maplewood Ave.

Noah Project members to meet

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet Friday, July 13, at noon in the Haskell County Courthouse. New officers will be elected and fund raising will be discussed.

All members are asked to be there if at all possible.

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Sheriff's Report

PURSUANT TO YOUR OPEN RECORDS REQUEST, THE BELOW IS A LIST OF THOSE ARRESTED WITHIN THE INDICATED TIME AND PROCESSED THROUGH THE KNOX COUNTY JAIL:

• WINSTON, ROBERT III, 5/18/2012, MTR:CRIMINAL TRESPASS, (M-B)BAYLOR COUNTY

• WJ,IAMS, SHARON D., 5/20/12, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, (M-A), FORGERY (PAROLE VIOLATION) (SJF) BAYLOR COUNTY

• GUTIERREZ, SAVANNAH, 5/20/12, POSSESS DANGEROUS DRUGS (M-A)KNOX COUNTY

• MARIN, SHANA, 5/20/12, POSSESS DANGEROUS DRUGS (M-A) KNOX COUNTY

• BROWN, JOW LEE, 5/22/12, PUBLIC INTOXICATION (W/PREVIOUS)(M-A), OBSTRUCTING HWY (M-B)FOARD COUNTY

• STURGEON, LARAMEY, 5/22/12, MTR:INTERFERE W/ EMERGENCY CALL, (M-B)BAYLOR COUNTY

• POPE, RAY VONN, 5/22/12, MTR:CRIMINAL TRESPASS, (M-B), MTR:POSSESS MARIHUANA (M-B), BAYLOR COUNTY

• JONES, ANASON, 5/23/12.

DELIVERY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (SJF) KNOX COUNTY

• MYERS, LAWRENCE LYNN, 5/23/12, POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (SJF) KNOX COUNTY

• BROWN, KEVIN RAY, 5/24/12, MTR:DWI 2ND W/OPEN CONTAINER, (M-A) KNOX COUNTY(ARRESTED IN TAYLOR COUNTY

• MACIAS, MICHAEL, 5/24/12, THEFT (M-B) KNOX COUNTY (ARRESTED IN JONES COUNTY)

• HUNTER, DAVE, 5/24/12, MTR:THEFT BY CHECK, (M-B) KNOX COUNTY, (HASKELL COUNTY WARRANT)

• KNEZEK, GREGORY, 5/25/12, DEADLY CONDUCT, (M-B)KNOX COUNTY (BAYLOR COUNTY WARRANT)

• GRAY, BRANDON G., 5/27/12, DWI W/CHILD PASSENGER, (SJF) KNOX COUNTY

• SERRATO, ANDREW, 5/25/12, ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE, (M-A)KNOX COUNTY

• RAMOS, ANTHONY, 5/31/12, EVADING ARREST, (M-A)KNOX COUNTY

• VADEN, JACKIE G., 6/2/12, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT W/ DEADLY WEAPON (F-2)KNOX COUNTY

• GUTIERREZ, SAVANNAH,

6/7/12, MTR: ASSAULT, (M-A), MTR:RECKLESS DRIVING (M-B), FAIL TO ID (M-B), KNOX COUNTY

• LANE, PAUL CHARLES, 6/13/12, SILENT/ABUSIVE CALLS TO 911, (M-B) FOARD COUNTY

• HERNANDEZ, JEFFERY, 6/14/12, RESISTING ARREST, (M-A) KNOX COUNTY

• COODY, ERIC LYNN, 6/15/12, DWLI W/PREVIOUS CONVICTION ((M-A)KNOX COUNTY

• VILLA, SANTOS, 6/15/12, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (M-B) BAYLOR COUNTY

• FLYE, JAMES EARL, 6/17/12, EVADING ARREST W/VEHICLE, (SJF) KNOX COUNTY

• SPECK, DAVID KYLE, 6/18/12, MTR:AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON PUBLIC SERVANT (F-1) KNOX COUNTY

• NEWTON, JERRY MARK, 6/23/12, DWI 2ND, (M-A) KNOX COUNTY

• SCHLOSSER, CHERYL LYNN, 6/24/12, INTERFERE W/ PUBLIC DUTIES, (M-B) POSSESS MARIHUANA, (M-B) KNOX COUNTY

• POPE, RAY VONN, 6/24/12, UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE, (SJF)BAYLOR COUNTY

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Thursday, July 19, 2012

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Customer service workshop scheduled for July 19 in KC

When we make a purchase, whether online or at our local coffee shop, customer service matters. We all know how that company or person made us feel during a transaction. Were they helpful? Were they knowledgeable? Were they nice? Did they care I was patronizing their store?

These are things that factor in to our subconscious as we do business. We expect good customer service. Unfortunately, in today's viral society, if a person has a bad experience, they let the world know instantly. And, people are quicker to point out a bad

experience than a good one. This is why customer service is vital. Customer service is the difference between just surviving or thriving.

The Knox County Visioning Group will be hosting its third business development workshop on July 19. It will be held at the Knox City City Hall from 6 to 7 p.m. Vernon College will be teaching the workshop.

The workshop is free, and any one interested in improving their customer service is invited to attend.

"One way we can all be ambassadors for our area and local

businesses is to treat every customer and person that comes to town like they are special and important. If they just stop and ask for directions, they will remember that you tried to help them. "Folks in that town are friendly," is what they will remember and tell their friends. And, they will come back!

"It's one small thing we can all do to set ourselves apart from other communities and businesses," said Jimi Coplen, KCVG Director.

Area residents are encouraged to join in on the workshop on Thursday, July 19, at 6 p.m.



First National Bank Munday merges with several other banking entities last week and changed its name to First Bank Texas.

Tri-county cooking camp set for July 18

Haskell, Knox and King Counties will be sponsoring a "Cooking Camp" on July 18, 2012. The one-day camp will begin at 8:45 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. It will be held at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell.

Youth ages 8 - 11 may attend the camp which will focus on Food Preparation, Nutrition, and Healthy Lifestyles. Cost of the camp is \$20 per participant and includes workshop supplies, lunch, snacks, games, and door prizes.

Haskell Co. Extension Office, 101 S. Avenue D P.O. Box 693, Haskell, TX 79521 or call (940) 864-2546.

BANK

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level of quality service and personal attention to which they are accustomed.

The new charter will provide the bank with additional means to serve customer needs. The loan officers in Munday, Stamford and Haskell, all of whom have many years of hands on experience in agriculture, will continue to make loan decisions based on local experience and local knowledge of each community.

They will not be required to go to New York, Chicago or even Dallas for final approvals. Friendly service from people you know and trust will continue to be the bank's first priority.

"This conversion will provide a higher lending limit to meet the credit needs of our customers and it will result in significant cost savings to the bank which will allow the Banks to

better invest in our communities," said Lyndle Reeves, President of First National Bank Munday since 2002. He further stated that, "recent federal legislation requires bank employees to spend a great deal of time complying with an increased number of regulations that were mainly designed to curb the excesses of large multinational banks. I want to emphasize that the bank is and will continue to be well capitalized, conservatively managed and FDIC insured."

Additionally, First National Bank Munday, First National Bank Baird and First National Bank Mid-Cities have merged into First Bank Texas, ssb. The merger will result in cost savings and efficiencies which will provide better service to all customers. It will further allow all Bank customers, in the near future, to have access to ATM and Lobby services in any location in Munday, Haskell, Stamford,

Baird, Clyde, Abilene, and Bedford. Watch for the updated signage and promotions.

Reeves continued by saying, "the State of Texas is leading the nation in growth and prosperity, and we intend to be part of this. I am confident that this merger will strengthen us and enable us to better serve the financial needs of our communities now and in the future."

First National Bank of Baird and First National Bank Munday - now First Bank Texas - remain a part of the First Baird Bancshares family of banks. The banking group has a history of being well managed and well capitalized institutions with a commitment to the communities they serve.

Reeves added, "We look forward to the future with the confidence that has made the newly combined Bank strong for more than a century, and will enable us to serve the needs of our community into the future."

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Thursday and Friday and reach about 95 on Saturday. The area is expected to return to the 97-100 degree range on Sunday

and through much of next week.

Just how hot has it gotten in Throckmorton in July? The all-time high mark for the county was 116.

The ongoing drought has forced many cities to take

drastic measures. Currently, the City of Throckmorton is in Stage 3 of the drought play.

Last week, the City of Wichita Falls began ticketing residents for water violations under their Stage 1 declaration.

ART

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Every customer during July 2012 will receive a free Beanie Baby with each purchase.

The Art Stall carries Claire Burk home fragrances--the finest in products for the home. Two new fragrances have been added to this line. We also

want to thank you for buying Sharing Your Heart and God's Love items and gift bags by DaySpring.

The Art Stall has Alex Ledesma framed photos and Wyman Meinzer's books for sale. They specialize in ready-made frames and custom framing. Wedding selections and babies registers are available,

and gift cards are always welcome.



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2012 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
07/02	73	98	
07/03	78	100	
07/04	78	101	
07/05	79	102	
07/06	71	102	
07/07	70	103	
07/08	72	103	0.13

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Total Rainfall for month 0.13
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