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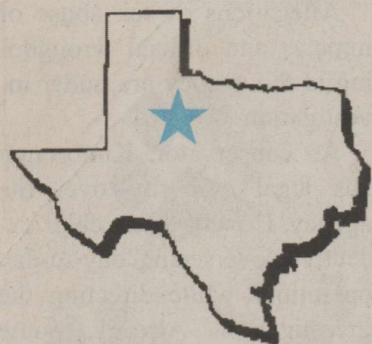
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Looking Ahead

▪ **KC Visioning Meeting**
 Visioning Meeting is April 5th at 3:00 PM at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday.

▪ **Guthrie - Benefit Roping for Jerrot Ferguson**
 Benefit Roping for Jerrot Ferguson will be April 7.

▪ **Community Easter Program**
 The ministerial alliance will present Mission Possible as our Easter program on Saturday, April 7 at the First Baptist Church in Knox City, at 7:00 p.m.
 The presentation includes children, teenagers, and adults from various churches in the community.
 The production, written by Christie Smith will be under the direction of Winfred McQueen and Christie Smith. Everyone is invited to attend.

▪ **Easter Sunrise Program**
 The Benjamin Ministerial Alliance will host its annual Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 8th at the Moorhouse Ranch 17 miles west of Benjamin.
 A chuck wagon breakfast will begin at 6 a.m. and worship services will begin at sunrise (approximately 7 a.m.) under the brush arbor. In the event of rain, the event will be moved to the Benjamin Memorial Building.

▪ **Benjamin VFD Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

The Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 8th at the Benjamin City Park. If you would like to donate eggs, you may drop them off at the Fire Hall between 1:30 and 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Fire trucks will leave the Fire Hall at 3 p.m. and the hunt will begin after the trucks arrive in the City Park. The age limit is 11.

▪ **Munday City Wide Cleanup**
 Munday City Wide Cleanup will be Saturday, April 14 from 8-5. Collection site at Farmers Grain Co-op where four roll off dumpsters will be located.

▪ **County 4-H Meeting**
 County 4-H meeting will be April 15 at 2 p.m. in the Knox City School Cafeteria

▪ **Knox County Parenting Fair**
 The 13th annual Knox County Parenting Fair will be held in the Knox City High School gym on Tuesday, April 17th from 4-6 p.m.

▪ **Child Safety Seat Checkup**
 A child safety seat checkup will be held on Thursday, April 19th at the Munday First United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

▪ **Commissioners Court Meeting**
 Commissioners Court Meeting will be April 19 at 1:30 p.m.

County One Act Plays Earn Honors; One Advances

The Munday one act play, "The Cripple of Inishmaan" will advance to area competition this Friday, while Knox City and Benjamin, with honors for their casts, will not advance past District competition.

Munday competed at District competition last Tuesday in Vernon and will advance to area along with Shamrock's "Steel Magnolias". Honors gathered for their cast at the District competition were Best Actor for Lane Loftin, All Star Cast for Shelbye Hendrix and Emily Mizer, and Rob Dillard and Ashleigh Myers received Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

Knox City's one act play did not advance at District competition Saturday in Jayton, but cast members did bring home district honors. Emily Lewis and Skyler Eades received All Star Cast and Jessy Schur and Laura Harrington received Honorable Mention All Star Cast. Knox City performed "The Gift of Teeny".

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Knox Prairie Idol Searches For Local Talent

Knox County residents will now have the opportunity to compete in their own talent competition, appropriately called the "Knox Prairie Idol". No matter the talent, everyone is welcome to compete.

The first performances will take place in the Downtown Park in Munday on Saturday, April 14th beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be three divisions, elementary, juniors, which is 7th through 12th grades and adult. There is no entry fee.

Performers may enter in more than one category, such as singing and dancing, and soloists may enter with a group.

Audience members will cast their votes for \$1 each. There will be four performances - April 14th, May 5th, June 9th and July 14th.

On July 14th grand prize winners will be announced in each division.

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TxDOT Donates Services To Wichita Brazos Museum And Cultural Center

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently donated their services to the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center through TxDOT's County Assistance Program.

TxDOT crews were busy in Benjamin for several days clearing out the ditch along Highway 82 in front of the Knox County museum and then laying RAP, which is a reclaimed rock, asphalt and pavement material, on the newly cleared surface.

This will provide an all-weather surface for visitors of the museum to park on when the museum opens.

The museum has a tentative fall completion date at this time.

According to Mary Jane Young, Knox County Historical Commission Chairman, plans are to also have parking on the west side of the museum and in the rear, in addition to a driveway on the east side of the museum. Handicap accessible parking will be in the front.

Young stated that the electrical work is almost completed and insulation and wall boards will be going up soon.



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In front of the museum, five-globe lamp posts will be going up in the near future.

These eight foot lights will match the lamp posts at the Knox County Veteran's Memo-

rial, located at the intersections of Highways 82 and 6 in Benjamin.

Open House Sees A Full House For New City Hall

The new Knox City city offices were the place to be on Friday, March 30th. Beginning at 10 a.m., the Open House, hosted by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce went on despite the inclement weather, although, according to Barbara Rector, City Administrator, several citizens came by on Monday morning to pay their water bills and "have a look around" because the rain kept them at home on Friday. "There was a good turnout of citizens, even with the weather," said Rector.

Although the inside of the building is finished, work continues outside with the building of a brick wall along the drive through lane and a fence along the back alley.

Through the County Assistance Program, TxDOT donated RAP, reclaimed asphalt and pavement, and placed it in the alley behind the building. Johnny McCown, Knox County Commissioner stated that the county hauled three to four loads of the RAP to the location and laid it the day



Open House at the new city hall that was held on Friday, March 30

before the open house, this after preparing the alley for water to drain correctly by sloping it. "It held up pretty good through the rain," said McCown of Friday's drenching of the county.

Rector stated that a big thank you goes out to both the County and to TxDOT from the City for their assistance with work on the alley.

She also said that both the

county and TxDOT, along with city employees are helping to redo the roads inside the Knox City cemetery with old road material.

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Texas House of Representatives on March 30 passed House Bill 1, the state budget for the 2008-2009 biennium.

The budget totals slightly more than \$150 billion, an increase of 5.4 percent from the previous biennium. Note: the figure does not include the \$14.2 billion property tax relief passed a year ago in the Third Called Session of the 79th Legislature.

House Passes Version Of State Budget For 2008-2009

Speaker Tom Craddick said that compared with the state's population growth and the rate of inflation since that time, the increase embodied in HB 1 is fiscally conservative, leaving a \$4.2 billion surplus to carry forward to the next state budget cycle.

When compared to the present 2006-2007 budget, education received a \$3.6 billion increase, covering the Teachers' Retirement System, financial aid and additional funding for public schools and higher education. An amendment to HB 1 gives teachers an across-the-board \$850 annual pay increase.

More than \$2.5 billion was added to health and human services for increased Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program costs, improved provider rates for physicians and other healthcare professionals, increased trauma fund-

ing for hospitals, and a new mental health crisis stabilization program. Corrections received nearly \$600 million to meet projected inmate population growth and increase border security.

Before debating HB 1 on the House floor, members voted to require that any new spending item added to the budget must be accompanied by removing another item of equal value.

If the House version of the budget does not square with the Senate version, differences will be debated in a conference committee of House and Senate members.

Report shows costs of obesity

A new report commissioned by Comptroller Susan Combs shows obesity-related costs set Texas businesses back an estimated \$3.3 billion in 2005 and could cost employers about \$16 billion annually by 2025.

The dollar amount includes cost of health care, absenteeism, decreased productivity and disability. Combs commented on the report, "Counting Costs and Calories - Measuring the Cost of Obesity to Texas Employers."

"Nearly two-thirds of our state's adult population is currently overweight or obese, and because of the alarming rise in obesity, we decided to communicate what stake Texas businesses have in stemming the obesity crisis," she said.

"The costs are shocking, and the future could be very grim if we don't take action now to reverse this trend. The trend in obesity is avoidable - not inevitable - but we must take action now."

Perry signs 'Castle Doctrine' bill

Gov. Rick Perry on March 27 signed into law Senate Bill 378, extending Texans' rights to

use deadly force for self-defense in their home, vehicle or workplace. The law takes effect Sept. 1.

Under SB 378, Perry said, a person's right to stand their ground extends beyond the home to vehicles and workplaces, allowing reasonable use of deadly force when an intruder is:

- Committing or attempting to commit a violent crime, such as murder or sexual assault;
• Unlawfully trying to enter a protected place; or
• Unlawfully trying to remove a person from a protected place.

The law also provides civil immunity for a person who lawfully uses deadly force.

Senate confirms Kimbrough

The Senate Committee of the Whole on March 28 confirmed Jay Kimbrough as conservator of the Texas Youth Commission.

Kimbrough had been serving

as special master of the ailing state agency since early March, when he was appointed to the post by Gov. Perry.

Allegations of sex abuse of inmates and official wrongdoing at the agency are under investigation.

As conservator, Kimbrough has legal authority over the agency. He will act as chief executive, overseeing day-to-day operations while directing the investigation. Already, some high-level officials have left, employee firings are possible and sentences of youths are being reviewed for fairness.

The only senator voting against the confirmation of Kimbrough was Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, who wanted a conservator without close ties to Gov. Perry. Kimbrough is a former staff member of Perry's and a former staff member of Attorney General Greg Abbott.

COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"Jake, I finally figured out that the secret to ranchin' is to have a real profession to pay for it!"

Knox County Sheriff's Report

Romine, Bryan (3/06/07) - Bench Warrant from TDCJ/ Court Appearance

Roberson, Lillian Von (3/16/07) - TBC/Misd-B (arrested in Taylor County) Knox County

Foster, Willie Ivory (3/19/07) - DWLI/Misd-B (Knox County)

Adams, Randal R. (3/21/07) - TBC/Misd-B (Crosby County)

Munoz, George Luis (3/26/07) - Possession of Marijuana/Misd-A (Knox County)

McKnight, Jolene Dianne (4/1/07) - Possession of Cocaine (SJF), Possession of Meth (SJF), Possession of Controlled Substance (F-3), Possession of Marijuana (Misd-B) Knox County

Abbott, James Corbett (4/1/07) - Possession of Cocaine (SJF), Possession of Meth (SJF), Possession of Crack Cocaine (F-3), Possession of Marijuana (Misd-B)

Bentley, Amber Michelle (4/1/07) - DWLI (Misd-B) Knox County, TBC/Misd-B) Wichita County, Assault (Family Violence) Misd-A, Foard County

District 10 UIL Competition Brings In Awards For Local Students

Ten schools competed for District 10 UIL academic honors in Jayton on March 27th and March 29th. Bringing in top honors was Jayton with a total of 354 points.

Knox City placed second with 221 points, Benjamin placed fifth with 146 points and Guthrie placed sixth with 117 points.

Other schools competing were Rule, Roby, Spur, Aspermont, Paint Creek and Trent.

The following students, followed by their town and district placing, will travel to Abilene High School on April 13th and 14th to compete at Region II-A: Calculator Applications - Nafeesa Ebraheim, Benjamin (1st), Devon Jones, Benjamin (2nd); Computer Applications - Jordan Carter, Knox City (1st), JoAnna Elliott, Guthrie (3rd); Computer Science - James Reid, Guthrie (1st); Editorial Writing - Vanessa Solis, Knox City (3rd); Feature Writing - Cheyanne Lee, Knox City (3rd); Headline Writing - Tim Sanders, Knox City (1st), Nafeesa Ebra-

heim, Benjamin (2nd), Robin Manley, Guthrie (3rd); Informative Speaking - Karla Benson, Benjamin (3rd); Lincoln Douglas Debate - Leah Vanderpol, Benjamin (1st); Literary Criticism - Laura Harrington, Knox City (2nd); Mathematics - James Reid, Guthrie (1st), Laura Harrington, Knox City (2nd); Number Sense - Jordan Carter, Knox City (3rd); News Writing - Jordan Carter, Knox City (1st); Persuasive Speaking - Mitchell Ham, Benjamin (3rd); Ready Writing - Laura Harrington, Knox City (3rd); Biology - Dayla Shipp, Guthrie (1st); Science - Dayla Shipp, Guthrie (1st), James Reid, Guthrie (2nd), Callie Wynn, Guthrie (3rd); Physics - James Reid, Guthrie (1st). Only those who placed first through third will advance to regional.

First place team placings for District 10 competition are as follows: Calculator Applications - Benjamin; Computer Science - Guthrie; Mathematics - Knox City; Number Sense - Knox City; Science - Guthrie.

There is an account opened at Citizen's Bank for Teresa Rios to offset Medical Expenses

The Knox County News advertisement containing contact information, subscription rates, and office hours.

Crossword puzzle titled 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' with clues and a grid.

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

SHEEP AND GOATS

By Baxter Black, DVM

Scientists at Oregon State University have been searching for physiological factors that might explain why, according to them, about 8% of rams seek sex exclusively with other rams instead of ewes.

To their surprise the animal rights activists and gay advocates have lead a protest to halt the research. Their logic being that the scientists might find something to "cure" the homosexual rams that could be applied to other species.

A minefield of observations can be made by the politically correct such as:

- The less we know, the better.
- Who cares?
- How do the ewes feel about it?
- Should the remaining 92% of rams get a raise in hay?
- How did the scientists fig-

ure out it was 8% in the first place?

Steve, an urban fellow moved to the country, may have some insight into the issue. Several years ago he was given a goat. It was the first "farm animal" on Steve's farm. It had horns so they thought it was a male, but later realized that the beast had no "package" dangling from the backside, so they named her Georgina.

Georgina became a pet but Steve dreamed someday of her having kids. As if by pre-design, an acquaintance offered him a male goat. Steve was thrilled, and it was free! Steve picked up the goat in his old Volkswagen bus. The goat, Hercules by name, was a full grown billy with a massive set of horns and cojones. He thoroughly marked the bus as his territory on the way home.

Once in the pasture, Hercules

marked every fence post, panel, gate, water trough, branch, salt block and feeder with his sinus rattling, eye watering, permanently staining billy goat urine fragrance. He also relentlessly pursued Georgina, to no avail.

Steve watched and after several days of watching her play hard-to-get, he decided enough is enough. He went out and held Georgina by the horns. Hercules had a go at her. Steve could not see, but assumed the job was done.

Several weeks later a lady came by to pick up a puppy from a litter Steve was selling. When she came by, he realized she was a veterinarian. He asked if she would look at Georgina, to see how long before she would kid. The DVM complimented him on his little farm, and what he had done with his goat operation. Steve was feeling pleased with himself so he didn't hear what she said after she examined Georgina. She repeated it, "This goat is not a female! It's a wether."

Steve glanced over at Hercules, who had been watching it all from the feed bunk. His look, the goat's, that is, could best be described as inscrutable

WTU Retail Energy Offers Helpful Energy Saving Tips To Prepare Your Home For Spring

Spring is right around the corner, and for Texans that can mean much warmer weather in the coming months.

Before you find yourself facing the 100 degree heat, WTU Retail Energy offers some simple tips to prepare your home and keep you and your family cool and comfortable this season.

Cooling your home can be expensive. According to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the average American family spends \$1,900 a year on energy bills, with much of the cost going to heating and cooling the home.

To help save money on your electric bills, increase energy efficiency and do something good for the environment, try these simple and inexpensive tips:

Change your filters regularly. David Dollihite, vice president of U.S. Home Services, suggests changing your filters every one to two months.

"Changing a dirty filter is one of the easiest and least ex-

pensive ways you can help your AC system run most efficiently. A dirty filter makes the AC unit work harder, increasing your costs to cool your home," said Dollihite.

Install a programmable thermostat and resist the urge to override the auto settings. "Even turning your thermostat down by only two degrees can result in a significant increase your cooling costs," said Dollihite.

The programmable thermostat allows you to set the temperature adjustments to your family's schedule, so it's not wasting energy running on high while you're away from your home.

Proper maintenance of your AC unit can go a long way. Try to plan ahead and schedule annual tune-ups in early spring, before contractors become overloaded with calls once the first heat wave comes through.

"It's important to make sure your AC unit is running properly and has the correct level of refrigerant in it. If the amount of

refrigerant is even slightly off, it can result in higher electric charges," said Dollihite. Also, make sure your outside coil is clean since a dirty coil uses more energy.

Dollihite adds, "An outside coil can look clean to the eye, but still be dirty. The best way to clean a dirty filter is to spray it off with a garden hose.

Also, try to turn off your AC unit while you're mowing your lawn as this will help keep grass clippings and other debris from getting into your coil."

Insulate properly. The first place you should start when considering adding insulation to your home is in the attic. "It's important to have a minimum of three inches of insulation in your attic," said Dollihite.

Another way to cool your attic is by adding roof vents or by making sure the ones you have are open and not covered up with paint.

The roof vents will help cool down your attic's temperature and save on energy costs.

Lions Club
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Family - \$10

Tickets sold by any Lions Member

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All Proceeds go to the scholarship fund

County One Act Plays — Continued

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Benjamin was chosen as alternate at District competition on Saturday in Jayton and also brought in several awards for cast members. Julia Acevedo was again voted Best Actress.

Receiving All Star Cast awards were Devon Jones and Mitchell Ham and Honorable Mention All Star Cast went to Judit Acevedo and Nafeesa Ebraheim. Benjamin performed "Living Out". Advancing were Rule and Paint Creek.

Munday will compete at Area 3 competition on Friday, April 6 in Munday.

The contest begins at 2 p.m. First to perform will be Shamrock with "Steel Magnolias", followed by Lingleville with "The Trip to Bountiful", Saint Jo with "The Sins of Sorjuana", Gold-Burg with "Interview", Throckmorton with "The Foreigner" and Munday with "The Cripple of Inishmaan". There is no admission charge. The plays will be performed in the Munday High School Auditorium.



Munday's OAP will compete against Shamrock, Lingleville, Saint Jo and Throckmorton Friday, April 6 in Munday

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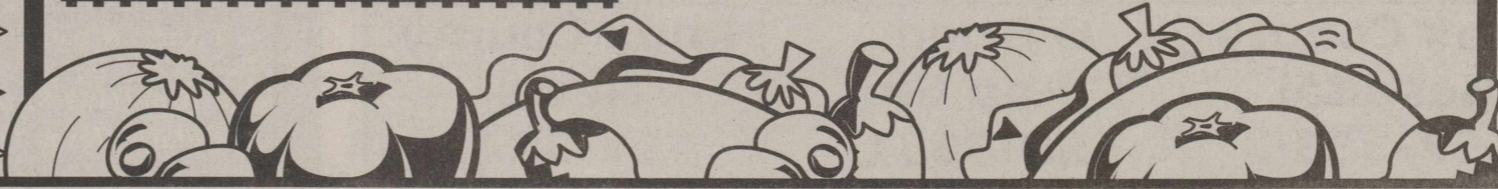
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Obituaries

Joyce A. Shahan

Joyce A. Shahan, 48, of Knox City, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2007 at her residence.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Knox City with the Reverend Gayle Baucum officiating.

Burial will follow under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Joyce was born March 22, 1959 in Santa Maria, California, the daughter of Carl Wesley Shahan and Mary Inez Pixley

Shahan. She has been a resident of Knox City for the past 14 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother Ronnie Cecil Shahan; and sisters Judy Gay Gonzales and Connie June David.

She is survived by a brother Richard Shahan of Knox City; sisters Gal Short and Barbara Jean Shahan both of Knox City; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

New City Hall Open House — Continued

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"(We) would like to say thank you to everyone for the nice open house for the new city hall held last Friday.

The Chamber of Commerce did a great job as host and for the delicious refreshments.

If you missed the party, please stop by for a look, because this is your city hall and we want you to be proud of it," said Rector.

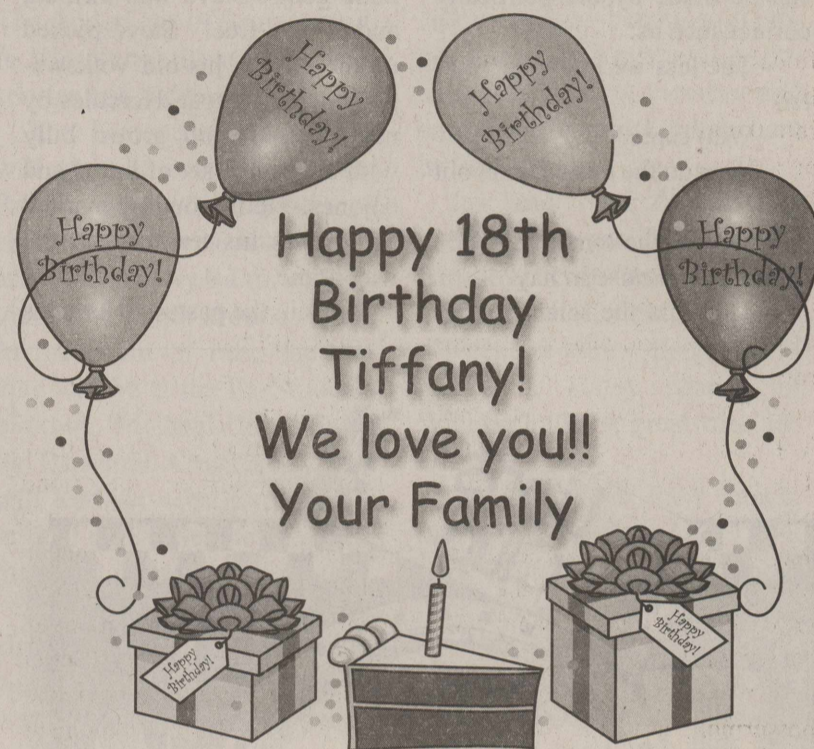
Knox Prairie Idol — Continued

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Half of the proceeds will be divided among the grand prize winners and the other half will go to Keep Munday Beautiful. Winners will be eligible to perform at the Cotton Pickin' Opry to be held on Saturday, August 4th.

Entry forms may be picked up at Munday City Hall, The Munday Courier, or Bud's For You in Munday and The Body Shop or Blossom's Boutique in Knox City. Entry forms need to be dropped off prior to April 11th at Bud's For You, Munday City Hall or the Munday Courier.

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Monday, April 9 - Smoked Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls and Cake

Tuesday, April 10 - Sliced Ham, Pinto Beans, Rice, Cornbread and Peach Crunch

Wednesday, April 11 - Fish with Tarter Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and Fruit Salad

Thursday, April 12 - Smothered Beef Tips, Buttered Noodles, Sweet Peas, Light Bread and Pudding

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Knox County Area Church Directory

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. • Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Benjamin**
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — Benjamin**
Timothy Trimbel, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
- GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH — Gillespie**
Matt Harrington, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.
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No Sunday Evening Service
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Tex Cox, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
- THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL — Highway 222**
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Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
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Jody Smith, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 7 p.m.
- O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH — O'Brien**
Jim Reid, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
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.
- SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH — Knox City**
Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez
Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11 a.m.
- WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH**
Rob Harrison, Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
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Alliance For Women & Children Celebrates New Brand While Recognizing History As YWCA

Abilene, TX – The local YWCA has made the full transition to Alliance for Women & Children today, with festivities that celebrated the 87 years the organization has served the community.

Voluntary Disaffiliation from the YWCA of the U.S.A began in September 2006. Two membership votes were required to make the separation official, the second occurring in December of 2006. Dues were paid through January. The process of changing takes time and today, the new by-laws were accepted by membership and the new name takes center stage.

As part of this change, the national membership dues of more than \$6,600 will be reinvested into the local 23-country service area. Local membership support has increased nearly 60% since the breakaway was announced.

Along with the overall organization's name change, some of the individual programs were renamed as well. YW-Care is now "After School Care" and Y-Teens will become A-Teens. The Breast Cancer Awareness program has been renamed to Women's Health Awareness, to reflect the expansion of the program that includes cervical cancer screenings.

The Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE, for short) program did not undergo a name change.

Only the name has changed, the mission and programs at the local organization have not changed.

In addition to a short membership meeting, a Celebration Luncheon was held to celebrate the past and look toward the future. Jan Woodward, the fourth generation member of her family to be involved in the agency, chaired the luncheon, which included recognition of past presidents, and a history of the organization provided by emcee Roy Helen Ackers.

Another focus of the luncheon was to launch the Alliance's new

brand - including the introduction of the organization's new web site, (www.allianceforwomenandchildren.org) and graphic identity. The new graphic icon is the Butterfly. "Our membership wanted a symbol that reflected our founding and our heritage, as well as where we are heading in the future. We chose the Butterfly to honor our Christian roots. The Butterfly also symbolizes our metamorphoses from the old to the new," said Kristina Jones, Executive Director.

"Through our core program areas and special initiatives, the Alliance touches 750 children and teen girls each day in 24 schools and 1200 medically underserved women annually. While there is still much work for us to do, we believe this change uniquely positions us to do just that. We are focused more intently than ever to empower women and their families with the tools to dream," commented Barbara Pittman, President of the Board of Directors.

Attending the sold-out Celebration Luncheon were many community leaders and friends of the Alliance for Women & Children. The Chamber of Commerce Redcoats were on hand to assist in the sign unveiling and ribbon cutting. Letters of support were presented from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congressman Randy Neugebauer, State Senator Troy Frazier, and State Representative Susan King. The City citing March 29th as "Alliance for Women & Children Day in Abilene" presented a proclamation.

The closing of the celebration was a grand finale of blue butterflies, raised in Winters at Flutter Farm Butterflies, which were released by the participants.

The celebration of past and present continues through the weekend with a reunion of former Y-Teens on Saturday. Y-Teens is the longest running program of the former YWCA of Abilene, now Alliance for Women & Children.

"Dumb Crook" News

Bank Robber Returns For Lost Wallet

Police in Phoenix, Arizona, are searching for a woman accused of holding up a bank there on March 28, but said that when it came to nabbing her accomplice, they didn't have to leave the scene.

According to police, the woman walked into the Compass Bank near Central and Southern avenues around 1:00 PM and passed the teller a note demanding money. She told the teller that her partner was outside the bank and would come inside if need be, police said.

The woman took the cash and met up with her accomplice, identified as Cordae Black, outside the bank, according to police. She and Black fled the scene on foot.

Police said that as they ran across the street, Black dropped some of the cash on the ground, along with his wallet. Police also said that the wallet contained several photo IDs.

"This is one of those crimes that falls into the stupid criminal category," said Phoenix police Sergeant Joel Tranter.

An hour following the robbery, a detective interviewing witnesses said that he spotted Black meandering through the

parking lot of the bank. Detective Liska said that he recognized Black from detailed witness descriptions.

Liska said that he and two other uniformed cops came up to Black not far from several marked police cars. The detective asked Black what he was up to.

Liska said that Black told him that he was searching for his wallet.

"Let me guess. You lost it about an hour ago?" Liska said.

Black told Liska that he had lost the wallet "a couple of hours ago."

Officers arrested Black and said that they found evidence from the robbery on his person.

Black was booked on one count of aggravated robbery, along with an outstanding warrant.

"Very foolish," Tranter said. "Very foolish to do the crime; even dumber to return."

Police are still looking for the female robber, who is described as a white woman in her early 20s. She is six feet tall with a medium build and was last seen wearing a maroon sweatshirt with her hair in a shoulder-length ponytail.

Vernon College To Offer Real Estate Finance

Workforce and Community Development at Vernon College will offer Real Estate Finance through interactive video (ITV) this semester. The course will be held through ITV on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning April 2 through April 25 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. ITV classes are held on the Vernon campus, at Century City Center, and the Graham Education Workforce Center.

The course is an overview of monetary systems, primary and secondary money markets, mortgage loan sources, federal government programs, loan ap-

plications, process and procedures, closing costs, alternative financial instruments, equal credit opportunity laws affecting mortgage lending, and the state housing agency.

The course fee is \$100 plus the cost of the required textbook. Pre-registration is required and therefore participants should call now.

For more information or to register for the course contact the Vernon College Workforce and Community Development Department at (940) 696-8752 ext. 3213 or visit our website at www.vernoncollege.edu.

KC Chamber Has New Website

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce has a new website that covers Knox County, in addition to the city.

The website is fairly new and replaces the www.knoxcountytx.net website that had been in use for the past several years.

"It's a work in progress," said chamber Executive Director Daveine Clark. "If anyone has any information to add or suggestions, we'd be happy to have them."

The website features infor-

mation on the county, Knox City, Benjamin and Munday, in addition to each county school district's information.

Articles are written by Clark regarding area news and business yellow pages and a classified section are in the works.

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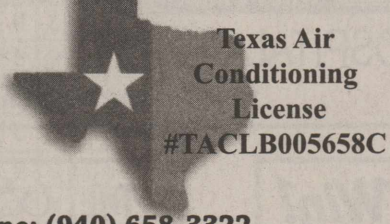
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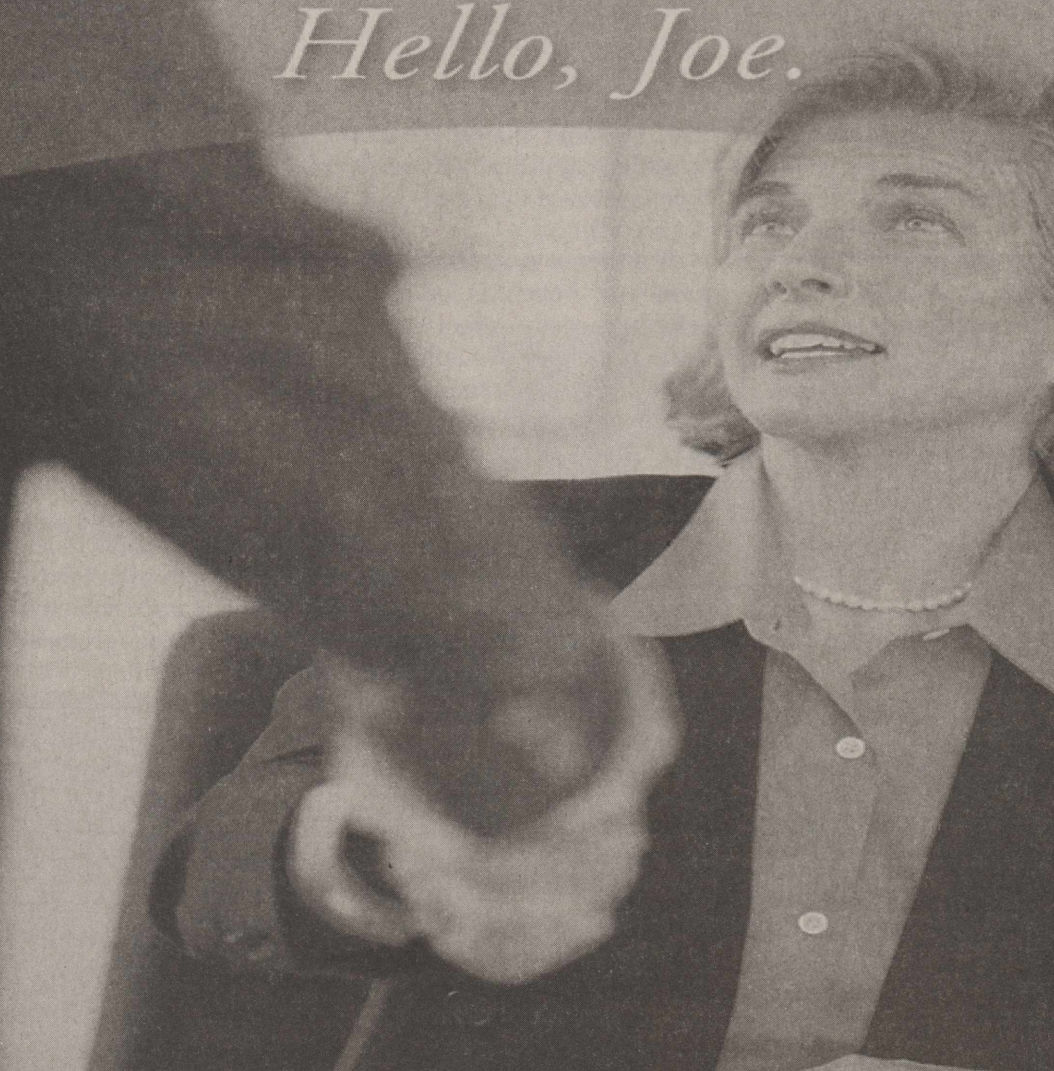



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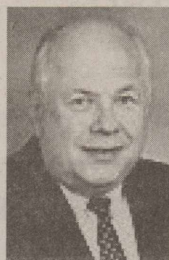


Benjamin All District — Top Left - Lucas Cartwright, Benjamin Junior, Post, All District Honorable Mention; Top Right - Derrick Northrup, Benjamin Freshman, All District; Bottom Right - Sean Wilson, Benjamin Senior, All District Basketball

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Turn Your Next Family Trip into a Texas Education Vacation

As we celebrate National Tourism Week in early May, it is easy to focus on the economic impact tourism brings to Texas. After all, traveler spending contributes



PAUL L. SERFF

close to \$50 billion to the Texas economy each year. As important as that is to our state, I believe the greatest impact of a flourishing travel and tourism industry is the opportunity it provides for families to immerse themselves in fascinating, educational experiences. Imagine living in a state with no Big Bend National Park, no beaches, no Alamo!

For my family, the most memorable vacations are not only a chance to get away and relax; they are a chance to experience and learn together. In fact, the Greek origin of the word "school" (*scholē*) means leisure, vacation, rest. The ancient Greeks believed that life's education came from traveling with the family or sitting at the feet of elders. The basics were tutored, but the real learning came from watching, hearing and doing.

Today, Texans have more opportunities than ever to travel to places and events where families can learn and laugh together while enjoying the fun and thrill of a new experience. Whether it is a day trip to a state park, or a week-long visit to your favorite destination, travel experiences

become an indelible part of the memories, education and even character of children, parents and grandparents alike.

As the school year draws to a close, many families are planning summer vacations. You can transform any trip into an educational experience if you keep in mind the following tips and have a family-blast at the same time.

Make every day a learning day. The old story from a child's eyes, "what I learned when you thought I wasn't looking," reminds us that our children and grandchildren learn lessons from us every day. Assume that they are watching carefully every moment (because they are), and act accordingly.

If a theme park, baseball game or beach is on the schedule, talk about how some principles of science or math are given practical applications in each setting. You don't have to be a wiz or know the exact formulas to point out the arc of the ball, the principles of fulcrums in a park ride, the buoyancy of salt water or the action of waves. Take advantage of your child's natural curiosity to start a discussion.

Seek out nature and cultural experiences. There seems to be a burgeoning awareness of our environment and our heritage. Pick out a festival. Take a side trip to a nature center, state park or a restored mansion. Visit our state capitol. Take advantage of short guided tours which are often packed with great insight and inspiration.

Encourage reading background books and brochures about the places you are visiting. This gives everyone a preview of what they are about to see and some questions to ask the guide, attendant, bellman or waiter. Go visit www.texaseducationvacation.com, a web site designed to help you locate educational attractions and events anywhere in Texas.

Make it memorable. Luckily our memory is selective, but my best memories are of adventures where I came back after laughing, smiling and having a full range of experiences that made me feel richer for having done them. Encourage kids to reflect on their experiences with a travel journal or by sending a postcard to a friend back home.

Follow up. You don't need to say, "Well, what did we learn today?" You can start the discussion by saying what *you* liked or learned. It will start the conversation in the right direction, and will let the kids know they aren't the only ones who learned something. Family travel accounts for almost three quarters of all the vacation trips in the United States. These incredible opportunities are with us for a very short period of time. Savor them and make them memorable. And if you manage to toss in a little education, kids just may get the message that learning is a life-long adventure.

Paul L. Serff is President/CEO of the Texas Travel Industry Association

By Gladene Green

The biggest news this week has been the rain and thankfully, no severe weather with it as some of our friends in other parts of the state experienced. I believe we could have more this week. I guess we'd better enjoy it because when it stops, it may stay dry "a spell".

Good to report our ill friends are slowly making progress back to good (or better) health. Hazel Stockton was in Abilene on Tuesday to see a cardiovascular doctor and according to him, things are not too bad for her. She will continue her present medication.

Sympathy to the family of Dan Snailum this week. Dan passed away last week after being ill for some time. He was a former Benjamin resident and had lived in Ft. Stockton several years.

Also sympathy to the family of Joe Decker, who passed away on Thursday after an extended illness. He will be missed by many.

Dorothy Spikes and Penny Eaton have had house guests this week. Penny's grandchildren, Kayla and Ella Hunter of Knox City, have been over here while their parents, Tony and Kendra, were in Las Vegas for the World Championship Rodeo, in which Tony participated. No word yet on the results, but I bet regardless of the outcome, they had fun.

Judy Robinson of Sherman visited her mom, Betty Lyles,

and her dad, Lewis, last week. Lewis is still in Munday Nursing Center, but hopes to come home and see if all goes well on Saturday.

Corrine Parrish has been having some upper respiratory problems, but was better on Sunday and able to be back in church. It was good to see her back and feeling better though she still is weak and feels run down.

Several from Benjamin were in regular attendance at the revival in Knox City at the First Baptist Church last week. Holding services was Reverend Jimmy Davis of Palestine, Texas. The music was done by The Andersons of Brownwood. It was certainly a wonderful service and well attended.

The Easter Sunrise Service will again be at the Moorhouse Ranch west of Benjamin. A chuck wagon breakfast will be at approximately 6 a.m. and services will begin around 7 a.m. In the event of rain, the service will be at the Ex-Students building. Michael Coughlin of the Benjamin Church of Christ will lead services. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend this most impressive service.

I have learned that Linda Griffith's mom, Mrs. Hawkins, who now lives in Rochester, was taken to a Lubbock hospital on Sunday.

Particular details of her illness are not available, but hopefully her stay there will not be too long. We certainly wish her

well and ask your prayers in her behalf.

The One Act Play on Saturday in Jayton was well attended. The Benjamin play came in as alternate for the area meet. Advancing were Rule and Paint Creek, but we did well. Julia Acevedo was again named Best Actress. Mitchell Ham and Devon Jones made the All-Star Cast, and receiving Honorable Mention were Nafeesa Ebraheim and Judit Acevedo. The play, "Living Out", was again under the direction of Belle Grill. We congratulate the cast, directors and the crew for another job well done.

Visiting Omitene Barnett last week was her niece, Connie Porter of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Connie is a teacher and enjoyed her spring break here in Benjamin.

Jan and Fred Carver had their Abilene grandkids, Kallie Antilley, Ryan Antilley, Jacy Collins and Cassie Lyles for a weekend visit. Also, Ryan's girlfriend, Haley Martin of Wichita Falls. A great time for all.

Jan also said she's much, much better from her bout with Bell's Palsy. She is about back to normal and told me her brother, Dennis Anderson of Abilene made a hole-in-one at the Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird last week. It was a 118 yard drive on the 16th hole. Dennis was thrilled and had two witnesses as proof of his accomplishment!



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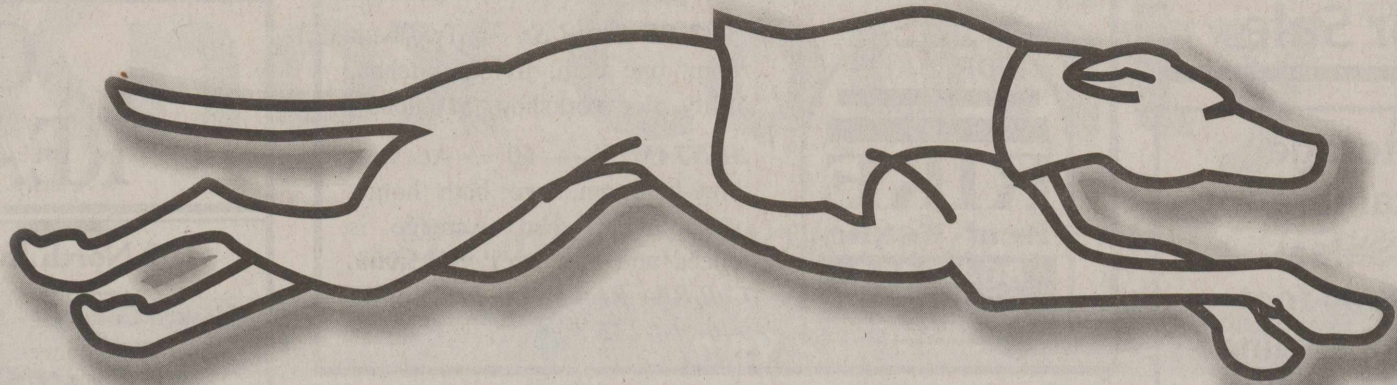
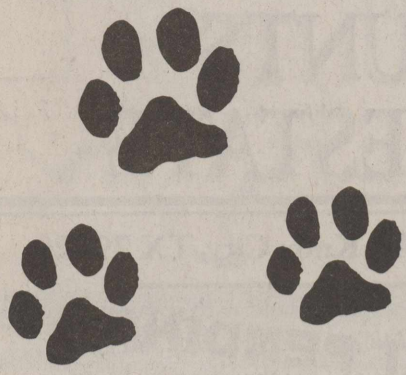
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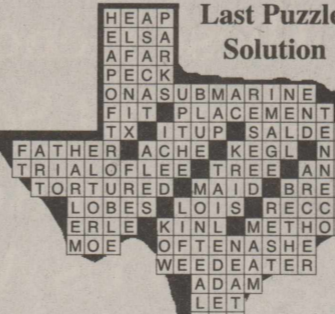
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