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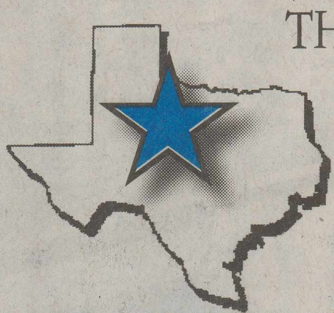
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## The other side of Valentines Day in Knox County

By Tamara Smart

Across the country, this Sunday many people will celebrate their earthly love with heart shaped boxes of chocolate, roses, an intricate date with their "sweetheart" or whatever other ideas couples may come up with to share a special Valentine's day.

Upon turning on the television set, marketers seek to play out the many things men can do to entice their lover to remain their "one-and-only" during this day to honor their love. Many ads are seen to "buy her flowers", "set her heart aflame with jewelry", or "toast her heart over dinner and wine".

Yet, very rarely do you see the same ad's to sway a woman to celebrate "him". In Knox County, it seems our "him's" are made up of a surplus of fine men... and in many cases, those fine men are also excellent sons, wonderful fathers & exceptional HUSBANDS, who are raising (or have raised) the next generation of superior men like themselves.

Yet, after ever so many years, no person knows a man like his wife. For the past week, Knox County News has been enquiring about the softer side of the gentlemen of Knox County, the reason why their marriages still work after many years of romance and struggle. What was found was a new way to view these men, an insight into their hearts and who they truly are.

Many times in collecting these reflections from wives around Knox County, the KC News editor found tears in fellow wife's eyes as they shared about their wonder-



Todd and Missy Lewis

ful husband, their ability to write a book about the man they married and the pain they hated to imagine that they would feel if they were to ever be without their life partner.

This is what some Knox County ladies had to say about their Valentine:

Karen Stiewert's Contemplations on Valentine's Day and her husband of 39 years, David:

"Saint Valentine was a Roman God who was killed for his faith on February 14, 269 AD. He refused to worship Pagan Gods, and he was a priest who would marry young couples in secret who loved each other but didn't have parental permission. He was associated with love because he fell in love with the daughter of the jailer, and would pass notes to her. His final note, before he was executed, read: "from your valentine".

My husband and I ran away to Mexico to get married in 1971, when David was 19 and I was 17. We have stayed true to each other for 39 years and are still very much in love. David has not missed a Valentines Day, presenting me with something very special and very sweet."

Brenda Floyd on her Husband of 44 years, Travis:  
 "Travis is a man who loves the simple things in life, like a sunrise or sunset or a

full moon. I love that about him. Many times he calls me on his way to work to tell me to look at the sunrise so we can share it together. That's very special to me. He is also very demonstrative with his love. My favorite thing is when he holds my hand. We've been married 44 years and I still get a tingle when I see him. He is a strong and faithful husband, father and "Pops", and he loves the Lord, which is the foundation of our marriage. He truly is my Sweetheart in every sense of the word."

Kim Stafford on her husband, James:

"My husband and I have been married 19 years. WE have always helped each other out by helping with whatever needed to be done. Every since getting sick about 13 years ago, he has done the majority of the housework. I have become the breadwinner and he is the stay at home parent. This situation may seem odd to some, but it works for us. He and our son are pretty much inseparable because of this. Not every man would be willing to take on this challenge, but James has whole-heartedly. I think, in the end, challenges in our lie have made us all stronger."

Sequoyah Reynolds on "Super-hubby" Bud:

"Wow, 55 years... and they said it wouldn't last!! Guess We fooled them! The



Sylinda & Wyman Meinzer in the Carmens.

vows we took were from our heart. In good time and hard times, our commitment to the Lord and to each other brought us through. Bud's favorite song "God Made Something Beautiful Out Of My Life" is so true.

Sylinda on breezing through life with Wyman Meinzer:

"Folks have asked me what it's like living with Wyman Meinzer. Well, I say, "it's like living with the wind...I never know which direction he's going". However, I always know I am going with him. We are the perfect playmates! We play all over the Great State of Texas, going to places I'd never even heard of before I met him. Our life together is a grand adventure!!

He's my exact opposite, but we have found a way to use our differences to compliment one another. Wyman allows me to be the free thinker that I am and to live in his world, "an artist's world", as an exact equal. And even though I'll never be a great photographer, Wyman makes a point to have me believe I'm good at what I do. Wyman and I do not compete on any level; and despite our differences we have found that we have common goals to which we work toward every day. I love our life!"

Leona Burkam says that Debbie Boone's 1977 hit song, "You Light Up My



Donha & Ernie Banks  
 The night they got engaged (19 years ago).

Life" sums up her feelings about her husband, Leon, even after 54 years of marriage. "Leon Burkham still lights up my life," says Leona.

Amy Schnable considers her marriage to Pastor Gary Schnable: "Committed, honesty and integrity are words that I could use to describe my husband, Gary. The most valuable statement he continues to make to me through all our years of marriage is: "we made a covenant, not a contract!" As most people are well aware, a contract usually has an "out" clause, but that is not so with marriage. A covenant is something that cannot be broken. When

Gary and I stood together before God, we asked for him to help us, guide us, and keep us strong for each other.

Honestly, There have been several occasions when I could have thrown my hands up and said, "this will never work out," but Gary's constant love, encouragement and "together we can" attitude has laid foundation of trust and openness.

I know our priorities of God first, to each other second, and family third, will keep our marriage strong. Friends will come and go. The kids will grow up and move out, but because we invested time and interesting

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"There is no artificial substitute for human blood. We rely on the citizens of the communities we serve to main-

tain an adequate inventory for fifteen hospitals in a twelve county area," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter.

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# The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

*Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.*

It wasn't my turn to suffer.

When the recent cold spell threatened, I relinquished my cow-watering responsibilities to Bull, who has cows on our place. I would say he has mostly bulls on our place, but you'd probably think I made that up. Anyway, I told him it was his turn.

He raved about how good I am at keeping water from freezing. I listened. I told him it was his turn.

In retrospect, Bull probably suspects I had inside weather information. I didn't.

Anyway, I'll take that compliment and share my watering expertise. You just let the water run.

Wasteful you say? Not really.

You turn the water on. It runs over the lip of the tank and soaks into the ground and filters down to the water table. Then it goes into the well and gets pumped back into the tank again. Recycling.

The only time it doesn't work is when the electricity goes off and your well pump quits. Then all bets are off -- like at our farm during the recent freezing weather. But I wasn't there so you won't have to hear about it. Instead, here's a story from many winters ago.

The cows were watering at a tank far from the nearest faucet. A common garden hose delivered the water. Better said, it was several common garden hoses hooked together, doubtless leaking at most of the joints and splices and probably also where rats and other inconsiderate varmints had gnawed little holes in the hose walls. Can anything

round be a wall? I'm asking.

Anyway, what I remember best about that winter is that the makeshift setup worked. Icicles formed, but the water kept flowing.

The other thing I remember best is the one-wire electric fence strung by the tank across the low spot that holds water better than any place on the farm, especially when fed by a constant water tank overflow.

If you've never worked on an electric fence on a cold dark night next to a tank surrounded by an endless puddle, there's no place to stand but in water. The insulation on pliers isn't perfect. Sparks show up at night. Rubber boots are advised. I wasn't wearing rubber boots. Maybe you heard me.

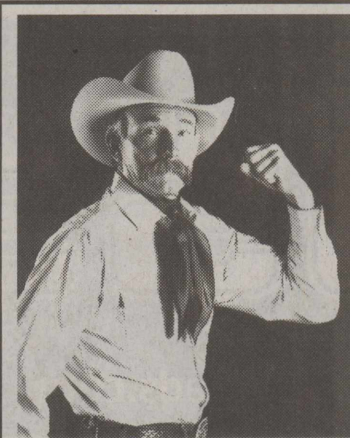
Since that memorable winter, even though I know better, I've kept trying different ways to keep the water thawed, short of buying a pricey device that cuts the water on and off according to temperatures and water levels, no electricity required.

This year I went to great lengths with hoses, cords and heat tape to keep floating heaters heating and pipes from freezing.

The only tank that refused to freeze, except when the power failed, was the one where the water kept flowing because the float was cracked. There you have it.

When I asked a seasoned rancher what he did to keep the water running for his cows in the dead of winter at Antelope Flat, he said he just lets it run.

I should have known.



## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

### COUNTY FAIRS, WHY?

"Most people just don't get it," said Ron, bemoaning the urban politicians that continue to whittle away at funding for county fairs and the ag extension service. "It's all about the kids learning real life."

To their misfortune, urban children have much less opportunity to connect with real life. They look at some farm kid working on his show steer every day for months. It is beyond their comprehension. "Why", they think, "Would anyone want to waste their time in such a mindless pursuit?" and then they whip out their Game Boy and fall into a trance.

Thank goodness there are some politicians, corporations and influential associations that DO get it. As farmers and livestock raisers continue to decline in numbers, it is even more critical that parents, county agents, ag teachers, 4H leaders, scientists and teachers instill in the next generations the realities of life that farming depends on. Does America want to become a net importer of food in fifty years?

I appreciate Mrs. Obama's garden, Whole Foods specialty markets, organic and natural producers. They have a niche market. But who is going to feed the other 99% of our burgeoning population, much less a hungry third world?

Those kids, our kids who are fitting steers, doing chores, picking apples, showing hogs, driving the grain truck, learning to weld, riding pens, irrigating strawberries, managing a pasture, hosing the milk room, stacking hay and learning to read the sky are assimilating the mountain of knowledge that it takes to make dirt and rain into food.

Farm kids start learning the land and the livestock when they are old enough to carry a bucket. When they help with the daily chores they are practicing. It's like taking piano lessons or tennis lessons except what farm kids learn has a much more profound objective; feeding us all.

Our culture expends a great deal of effort on future NBA stars, astronauts, environmental lawyers, doctors, and political science majors. But for every 100 rock stars, Rhoads scholars and Heisman trophy winners our country produces, we better make sure we spend enough to train at least two future farmers, so the rest of them can eat. That is the essence of the county fair.

Beneath all the fun, auctions, and show ribbons, the serious business of learning how to make a living off the land continues like an underground river.

The list of 'essential professions' is a short one. That's the reality of real life. Farm kids hold our future in their hands. They are in training to feed the world. And fair board members and county agents get it.

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Program for the day was Ada Pope's mission trip to Mexico in 1975 before things became so disturbed there. She gave us many interesting facts about the people and their habits there as well as a side trip to an Indian village. They had taken a lot of school supplies, baby clothes as well as a lot of soft goods. Everyone was so appreciate of the goods they brought. The children were especially thrilled with all the school supplies. Mrs. Pope said all the people were happy even though they didn't have a lot of material things that a lot of people take for granted.

Hostess for the day was Modelle Barton and refreshments were served to those present: Modelle Barton, Marguerite Gauntt, Elaine Glover, Mary Johnston, Gerri Newberry, Verlene Stegemoeller, and Ada Pope. Due to the weather a lot of our members were unable to attend. They were missed and hopefully next month the weather will be better and they can all attend.

Our next meeting will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be a book review by Susan Turner. Hope to see al of you there!

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	Temperature (F) Low / High		
2/01	32/52		
2/03	35/44		
2/04	37/43		
2/05	40/44		1.25
2/06	39/56		
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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

The weather was cold & misty- Just plain miserable, really, on sun. but it didn't stop folks from coming to the annual barbeque (& all the trimmings) meal to benefit the museum. From pretty early in the morning when the workers arrived to put the finishing touches on the preparations, til mid afternoon when all the clean-up was over, the Ex-Students building was a busy place. And pretty close to 300 people came to enjoy the meal of brisket, sausage, turkey, beans, potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, onions, deviled eggs & homemade bread, plus any kind of pie you wanted. It was all delicious & you could buy some to take home as long as it lasted. Door prizes were drawn & lots of lucky visitors went home with an extra "something" that they really were not expecting. And the silent auction took in several dollars for this very worth while cause. This annual "feed" s one of three the Knox County Historical Commission sponsors each year & it's always a big day in Benjamin. And fun for everyone.

It is still cold, rainy & pretty uncomfortable today (Mon) And from the way the TV sounds, we may have snow later in the week- Jut what I wanted to hear!!

### Regarding Our Ill

Imagean Young remains in Knox Co. Hospital recuperating from hip replace-

ment surgery. She's doing o.k. Having therapy daily and doesn't know when she may be released to come home. Probably getting about ready to make that move but knows the drs. know best so she'll stay til they say "go".

Hazel Stockton spent Sat night in the Knox Co. Hospital with chest pains & some back problems. Dr. ruled out serious heart problem & said the back pain was cause by a vertebrae problem- Just told her to continue her pain medicine. She felt better today. Mark Brown had his liver transplant last Tuesday night. The procedure took about 6 hours & after being in ICU a couple of days, he's in a room now & barring any complications, he should be able to leave the hospital in about a week to 10 days. He's progressing as drs. this he should. Hopefully that will continue.

Barbara Ryder suffered a stroke last week but is doing o.k. She's home but probably needs to take it easy for a while. Please remember all these people in prayer.

### Sports

Last week, the basketball teams played Northside & Knox City. Tues. nite they defeated Northside here at home then in Knox City Friday night, the girls won, but the boys lost. Tomorrow, Crowell comes here for the last game of regular season. The girls are second in dis-

trict, so have had a good season.

### Here N There

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse were in Amarillo for the weekend with her son, Cody & family & to help grandson, Blaze celebrate his 3rd birthday.

Jayden and Jacy Holmes spent the weekend with their grandparents in Stamford.

Jessica Lamb of Wichita Falls visited her mother-in-law, Deann, briefly on Sun. She was enroute home after a weekend to Lubbock.

We had several out of "towners" with Benjamin ties here for the dinner on Sun. Kenneth & Ila Mae Benson of Wichita Falls & Jerry Benson of Munday, Ishmael & Sheila Jones, De Los Santos & daughter of Vernon, Jimmy & Helen Green of Guthrie, Wilma Feemster of Seymour, John Moorhouse also of Seymour, Jan & Homer Ralston & Lorrie Coop of Knox City, also Amanda Duke of Knox City & sons of Knox City. There are probably more but these are the ones I visited with- Some I hadn't seen in a while even though they live nearby. Just seems our paths don't cross- It's always good to see old friends.

Word was received recently of the death of Tommy Thomas, former Benjamin resident. Tommy and Julie lived here several years before moving to Midland a few years ago. After he left, his health began to fail & he had not been well in quite some time, We send sympathy to Julie & all the family for their loss.

## Benjamin Mustangs Beat Crowell

Both the Mustang Men and the Lady 'Stangs beat Crowell on Tuesday night, which was the last game of regular district play. Now, both teams are playoff bound.

### Lady 'Stangs-62 vs. Crowell-45

- Becky Baldwin- 22
  - Raquel Acevedo- 21
  - Teri Miller- 12
  - Jessica Vanderpol- 6
  - Chloe Baty- 1
- ### Mustang Men- 58 Crowell- 44
- Derrick Northrup- 26
  - Dylan Benson- 20
  - Cody Propps- 5
  - Dusty Stevens- 4
  - Mitchell Welch- 3

Coaches Note: We have to play Crowell girls again this week to decide first place. The location and time are TBD. The boys and girls both played their hearts out tonight, on senior night. The boys finished the year going out in style and the girls finally played like they should. I am very proud of all of them.

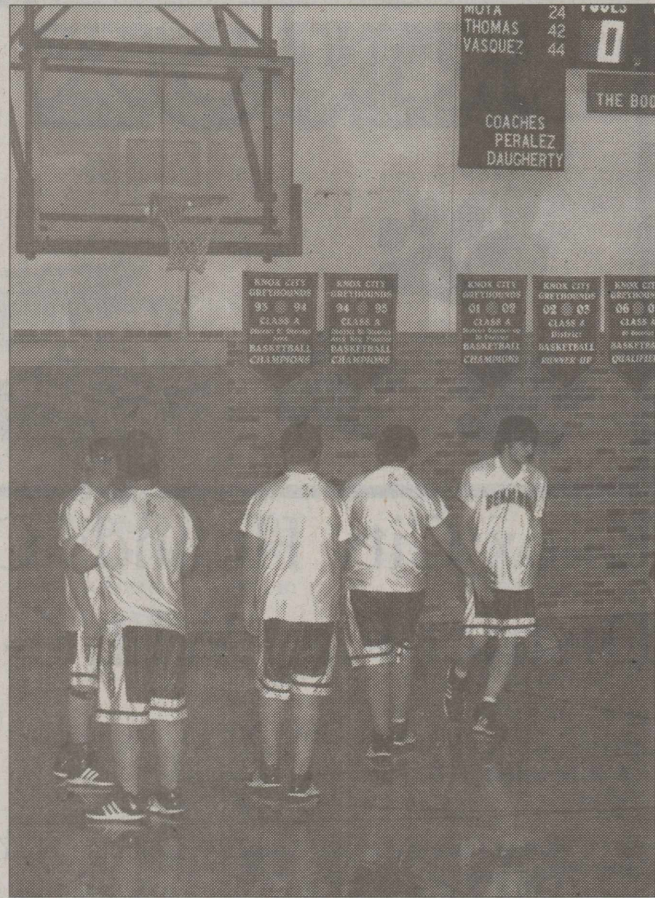


Photo by Tamara Smart  
The Mustang Men warm up for battle during half time of the girls game.

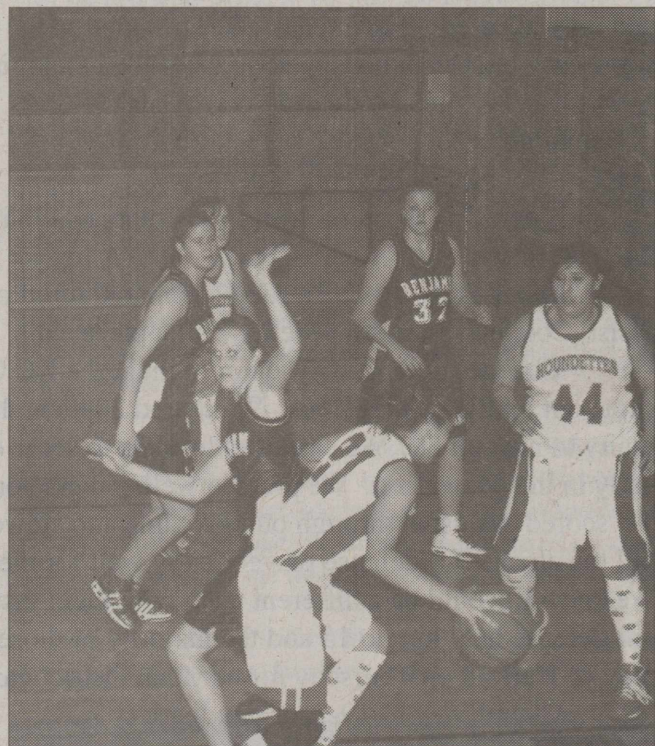


Photo by Tamara Smart  
Lady Stang, Chloe Baty blocks Houndette Lacey Pierce from driving the ball up the court.

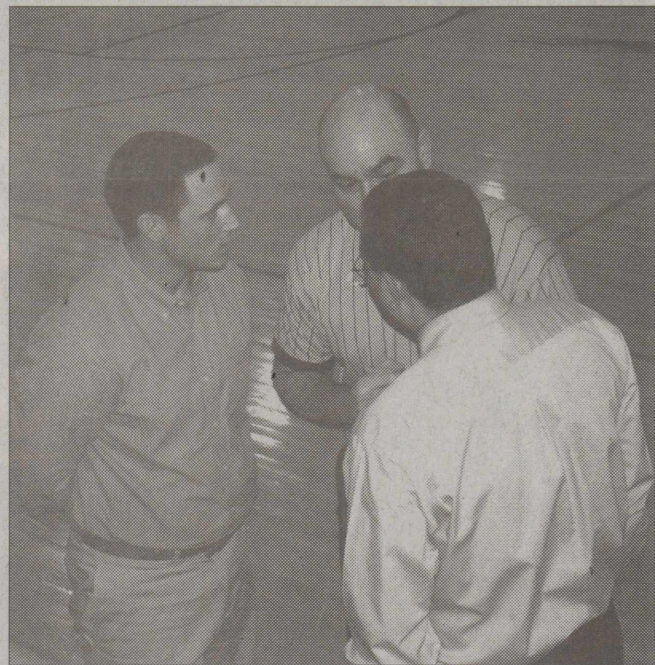


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The Knox City girls coach, Arnold Perales and the Benjamin A. D. Doug McCollough confer with the ref during Friday nights game.

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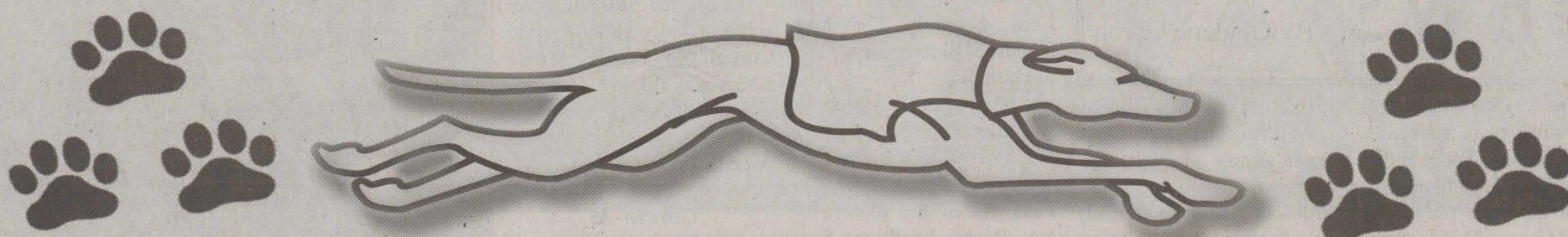
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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Chillicothe	8	3	14	8	33
KC	11	19	24	17	71

Knox City Scorers- Abila 24, Coleman 11, York 10  
 Other Stats- Coleman/Abila 9 reb, Coleman 4 stls

Coaches note: We played really well on both ends of the floor. Our defense was the best part of our game. Last time we played Chillicothe we had one of their players score 36 against us. We held him to 12 this time and only allowed 33 as a team. We struggled in the third by letting them get some easy buckets but stepped up offensively and made up for it.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Benjamin	11	7	2	15	35
KC	20	13	14	10	57

Knox City Scorers- Abila 19, Coleman 17, York 10, Moeller 8, Lewis 2

Other Stats- Abila 14 reb, Coleman 8 reb, York 11 reb, M.J. Abila 6 assist, Coleman 3 ast/stl, Moeller 2 stl a piece

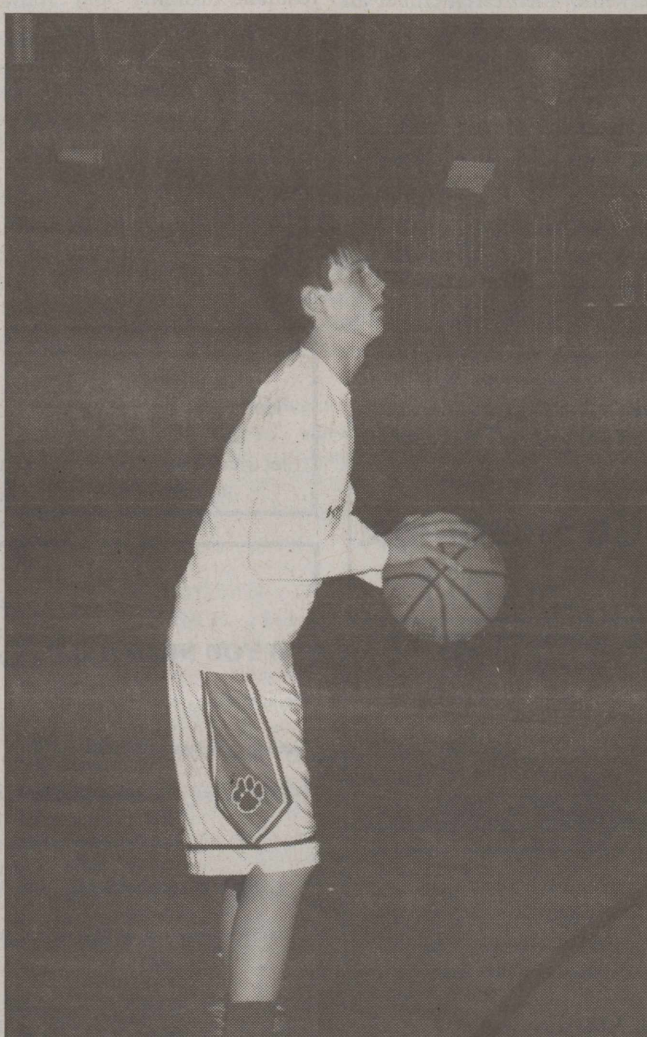
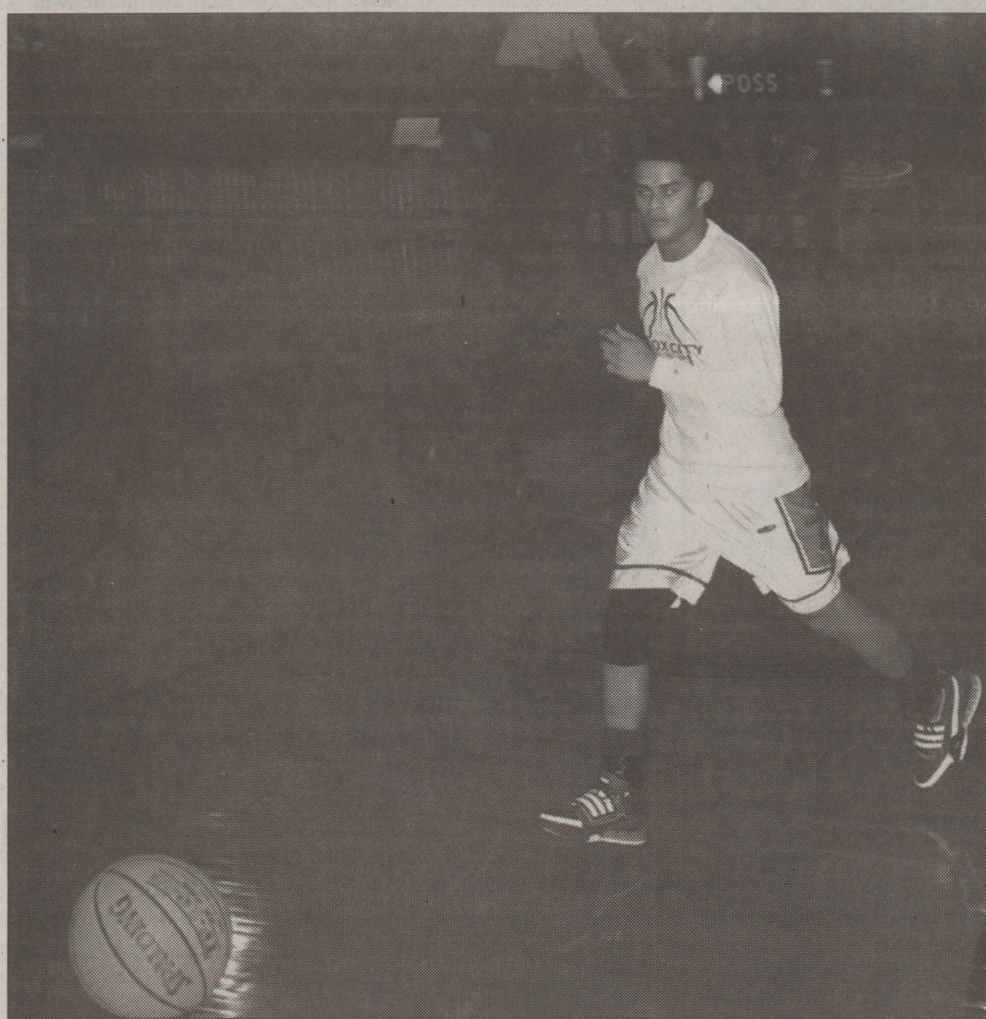
Coaches note: It was senior night at the KC Gym and our seniors came out a little over zealous. We scored 20pts in the first but had the opportunity to make it 30. We came out looking to score early and shot bad shots early in the possession. We pressed well and got some easy buckets off of it. We scored our usual through out the game and slowed it down in the 4th to kill the clock. Our defense played really well for the second time that week. We knew it would be a different team with them getting Northrup back but our defense held him to 15 and the majority of those were in the 4th. We play @ Harrold on Thursday for our final district game.

Overall record 19-7, 6-3 in district



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Chastity Tolson #10 of the Knox City Houndettes, shoots a free throw toward the Hound Hoop.



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# OPINION

## Knox City Police Report January 2010

The Knox City Police Department during the month of January 2010 received a total of 101 calls and tasks that required attention. This total included 4 actual offenses. One charge was filed in regards to the above offenses.

Offenses Reported include:  
 Lost/ Stolen credit card - 1  
 Recovered Stolen vehicle - 1  
 Criminal Mischief - 1  
 Failed to Attend School - 1

During January, this department received several calls from the following agencies:  
 Central (911) - 31  
 Sheriff's Office - 9  
 City Hall - 12

Other Items reported to the Knox City Police Department during the month of January 2010 are classified as incidents. These

incidence are not all considered as a criminal offense, however, they must be handles in a responsible and proper manner.

Incidents Reported include:

Assist EMS	2
Assist other agencies	1
Welfare Concern	2
Horse Call	3
Dog Call	3
Threatened Suicide	2
911 Hang up	7
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Prowler	2
Fire/Transformer fire	2
Reckless driver	1
Transport- Redriver	1
Cattle Call	2
Lost Property	1
Neighborhood dispute	1
Family disturbance	1
Warrant	8

## Local Youth Wins At Fort Worth Stockshow And Rodeo



RYDER CUDE

Ryder Cude, a Knox County 4-H member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the January 30, afternoon performance of the Rodeo at Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. Parents of the winner are Brand and Nancy Cude of Munday, Texas.

Each of the 30 calf scramble events held during daily rodeo performances allows sixteen high school students in the arena to chase and try to catch eight calves. All entries receive a special T-shirt with their contestant number. Those who catch and halter a calf and pull it into the center square receive a \$500 certificate to purchase a beef or dairy heifer by June 2010 for a 4-H or FFA project. The eight students who don't catch a calf each receive a pair of Justin boots. Mrs. Baird's Bakeries

and Justin Boots have proudly sponsored this event for many years.

Winners must care for their animals throughout the year, keep records, submit monthly reports and return for the 2011 Stock Show to exhibit it in the Junior Heifer Show. Those who do the best job will be in line for scholarship funds when they enter college.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension Office.



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### Thanks for the memories Mack!

Just over 15 years ago, Glenda Webb approached my grandfather, Morris Higley (Poppy), about a litter of black labs. Since he had lost his last dog a couple of years prior, he showed interest.

Poppy's health was beginning to fail, but he decided he'd take one of the pups when they were ready.

Glenda reported that one of the little guys - the runt - was starving and needed an owner pretty quick. Poppy pulled the trigger and Newt, about the size of my hand, was taken in.

Poppy would have me bottle-feed the dog and care for it, so I changed his name to Mack. Newt/Mack was enjoyed by Poppy until his death five months later. I officially inherited Mack at that time.

Mack and I became roommates a short time later and he went through extensive training (although only half of it took) so that he could be an indoor dog.

Mack became a legend among those who got to know him.

Mack was as friendly as it gets. He would pester guests until he had to be sent away. He had his favorites, even though his favorites weren't always so fond of him.

For years I would take Mack to Colorado. Boy, did he love that! Mack was in his prime and would stick fairly close. We had a blast and watching him swim and play in that environment was amazing. He sure didn't mind scaring the fish with a mighty splash.

Mack was my roommate when Sharon and I began dating and later married. Since he and I were a package deal, she learned to cope and make the best of her boys.

In those days, it was nothing for Mack to climb the stairs. We often caught him napping in our bed. His bed was at the foot of ours ... guess he just got confused.

Jackson was born and there was concern about how Mack might handle a baby. I had brought some items home from the hospital so Mack could have a sniff and his reaction was fine.

We brought Jack home and the first time Mack heard him cry, he cried right along with him putting his head down in a way which conveyed his sadness. Needless to say, Jackson and Mack became buddies.

Sutton Hawk was born a little over two years later and again, Mack was a great friend. He even shared his dog food with our youngest on several occasions. Come to think of it, many of our friends' toddlers have savored Mack's fare as well.

Mack also faced competition. First came Hermy the hermit crab. Hermy lived over a year, but he died a year ago.

The boys each got a gold fish for Christmas. Those pets died about 24 hours later.

During our Christmas cold spell, I adopted a cat with character. Sherman the cat was getting along fine with Mack, which is odd because I've never liked cats and Mack hadn't either. However, Sherman disappeared a couple of weeks ago.

Mack had become nearly deaf and blind over the years. I'm pretty sure I helped him become deaf because of loud music. Then again, when you are over 100, some things are bound to go bad.

Johnny Longbine, Rice Nippert and Lyall Foster - good neighbors - would holler at me when Mack got out. Hard to beat those guys as they saved me hours of hunting him down.

Friday, heading back in town from a quick trip to Oklahoma, I got the call. Mighty Mack had been run over and killed right in front of the house. Funny, Oscar Garcia, the man in the passenger side of the vehicle, called me to tell me himself. I coached Oscar in baseball years ago and he remembered Mack. I appreciated him calling.

My friend Ryan Mills was ready to make funeral arrangements and was quickly on the scene. Ryan got to know Mack very well over the years and even saved his life once on a 107 degree day when he had knocked over his water.

For a little over 15 years Mack roamed this planet. He stole pizza, sniffed crotches, shook hands, howled at sirens and rolled over. He never played fetch and he never stayed. The "not staying" part cost him in the end.

I've had two dogs: Pepper, an awesome dog in her own right, lived to be about 18. I found her in my neighborhood growing up. Mack made it to 15. Great dogs and better friends.

I've been asked if we are in the market for another dog. Not right now. I'm of the mind that dogs and man can find each other through circumstance. I've got over 33 years of wonderful dog ownership backing me up.

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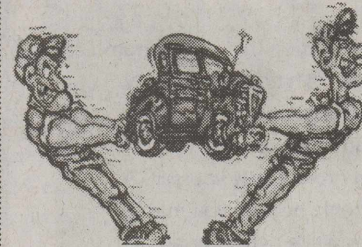


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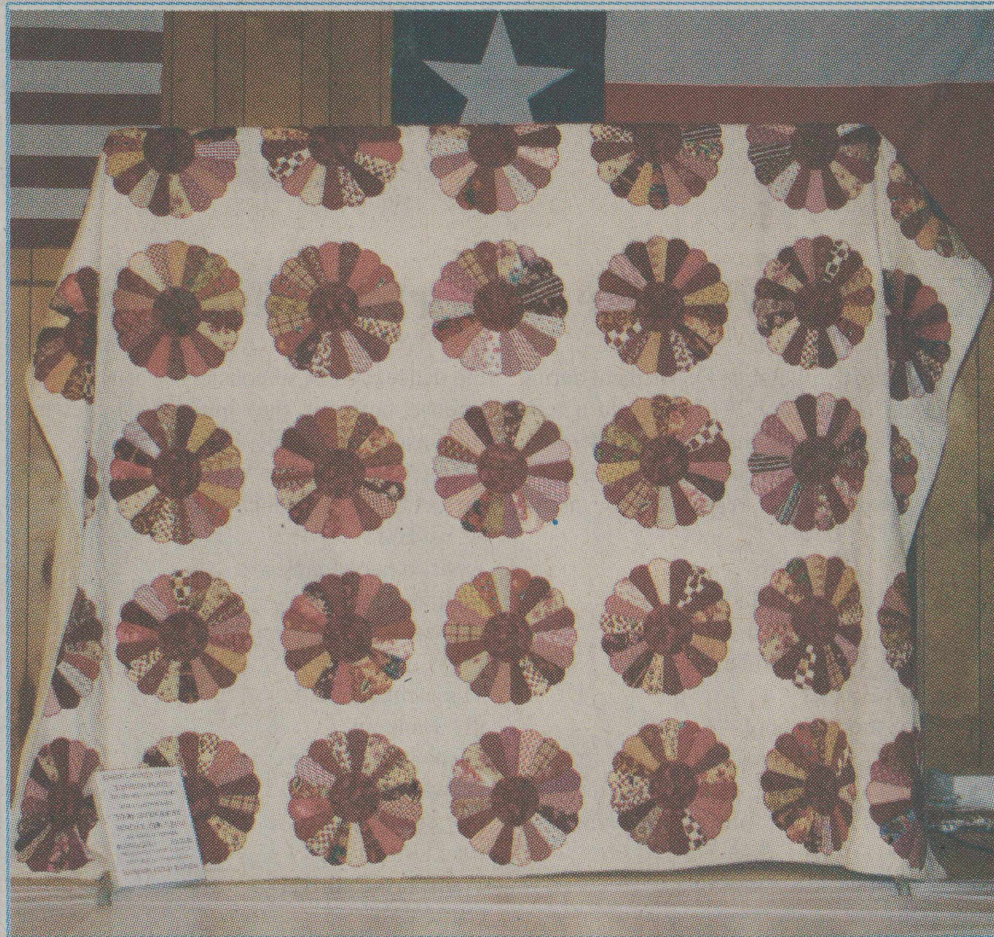
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## LOOKING AHEAD

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!** Mark your calendars for the upcoming March 2<sup>nd</sup> Election! Early voting held Feb 16-26<sup>th</sup> at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin.

A Blood drive will be held Feb 15<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 6 pm at the Knox County Hospital.

Knox City Volunteer Fire Department will host a H2S class Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Brian Graham from Safety Plus will instruct the class to certification. For more information call (940) 203-0815.

The Orient Lodge #905 will host the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Skeet for Scholars on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Spike

Box Skeet Complex. The non-sanctioned tournament is open to all bore sizes and skill levels. All proceeds will benefit local students who will be enrolled in a college or university in the 2010-2011 academic year. A raffle will be held for a Remington 870 12 ga. Shotgun. Concessions will also be available.



### V-DAY

each other all along, we will still have each other through each season of life. Gary, I may not be able to hit that silly little golf ball- but, I'll drive the cart or walk 18 holes with you any day!"

Gail Turner's broken heart was mended when she met her husband Dale:

"Two very broken scared hearts were introduced one day in Truscott, Texas by Eugenie Daniels. Little did that cupid matchmaker know that these two hearts would fall in love and become one! I, Gail Turner, am very grateful to Eugenie for this introduction, but I truly believe that it was God working through her to bring Dale and I together. Dale Turner, you are an amazing man. You pastor two churches, you're a husband, dad, step-dad, daddy-in-law, granddad, son, grandson, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, business owner, contractor, boss, co-worker, school board president, chamber and EDC board member, Clock keeper on Friday night

football games & a good friend to many. One of the things I love the most about you is the fact that you know that you can do none of these things without God. You never want any praise or credit for anything. I have heard homeowner's thank you for their beautiful homes that you have built them, and you always tell them to give God

the praise and glory, because without Him, you would not be able to do any of it. I thank God everyday for you. I appreciate all that you do for me, our family, our churches and the community. You have a beautiful heart & gracious soul. You are the most unselfish person I know. I thank and love you for giving me and my children a piece of your heart and I thank and love your children for sharing you with us. I love our life together with our kids, our grandkids, our churches and our business. We are so very blessed!

Your best friend for life- Gail

Barbara Rector's heart has been sweet on John since high school. In a short and sweet letter to John she says:

J. R., you were my high school sweetheart, college sweetheart, and so far 42 years of marriage sweetheart. I thank you for every day that you have given me. Happy Valentine's, Love B. R.

After years of failing health, cancer, heart attack, transplant surgery, miracle recoveries, a growing family, a business, retirement, and much, much more; Zo Felts could have written a book about the love of her life, Carol. Rather than a book, Zo writes:

To my sweetheart Carol, Happy Valentine's Day to my wonderful husband. I

still love you after 55 years of marriage, four sons, four daughter-in-laws, and 7 grandchildren; good times and time of trials.

Be my Valentine forever- Love, Zo

Missy Lewis on her blessing named Todd:

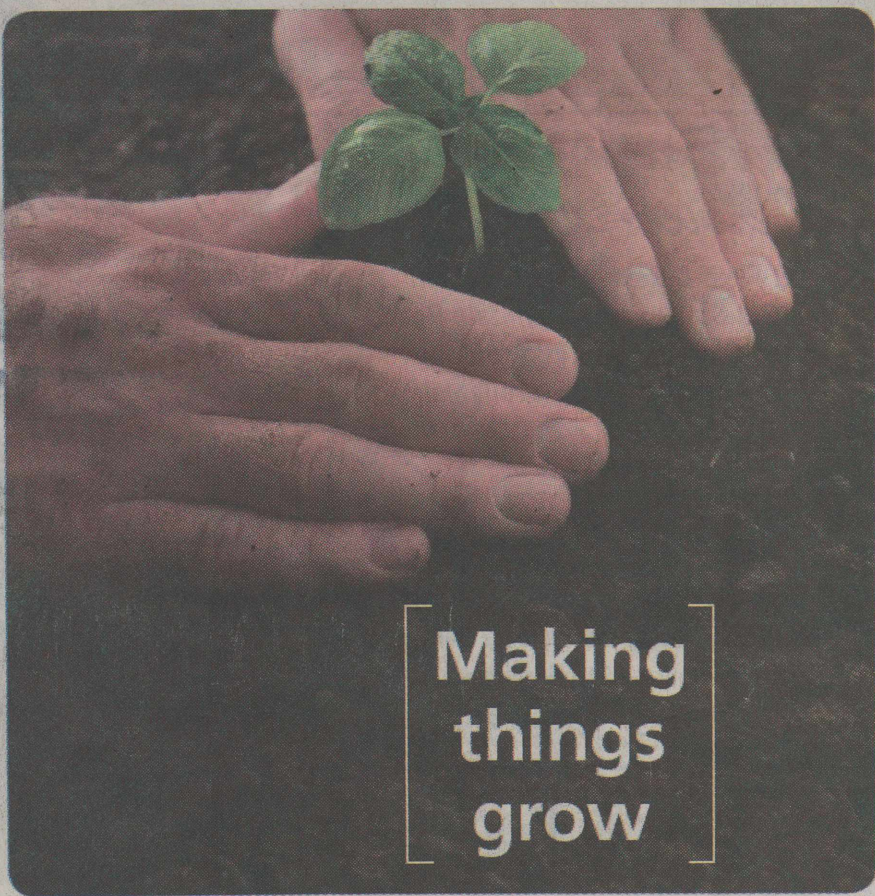
Todd is the love of my life, the father of our amazing children, my reason for breathing in and out every day. God knew EXACTLY what kind of man I needed, and He gave me Todd. I am so blessed to be his wife!

"My beloved is mine, and I am his." Song of Songs 2:16

Donna Banks has too many words to say about her Gentle Giant Life partner, Ernie, but she sums up her feelings in saying:

We were friends first, later lovers. We have spent 19 years together. Not one moment has gone by that I haven't loved you. Thank you for choosing me to walk with you. I thank the Lord for our ups and downs because I wouldn't want to go through them with anyone else. I have seen you grow in the Lord, and I have fallen in love with you all over again.

You have been a great son, father and husband. I am proud to be called Mrs. E. Banks. As we walk here on earth together, I just want you to know I love you.



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