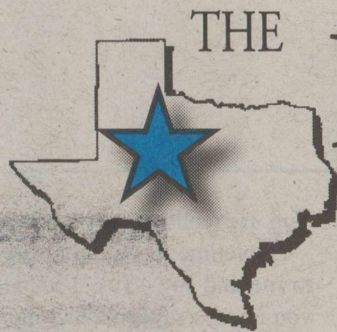




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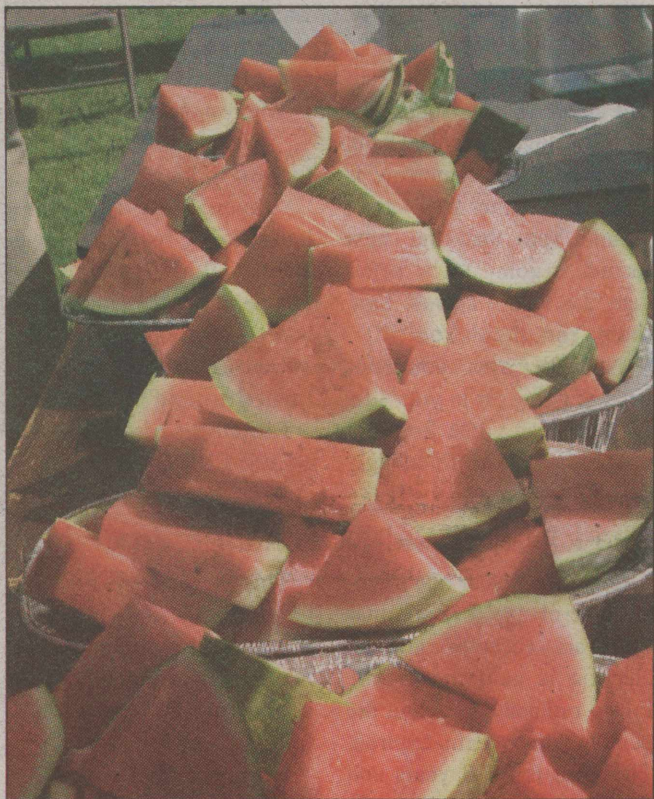
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23rd Annual Watermelon Festival this Friday and Saturday



Tamara Smart

Here it is again, the last weekend in July. With scorching temperatures exceeding the century mark

and nary a drop of rain to be seen in months, that will hardly detract Knox City

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Knox County Adventure Days Raises \$2000 for Local Fire Departments

The Knox County Visioning Group hosted the inaugural Adventure Days Event on June 17-18, 2011. This event hosted a variety of events, including two fund raisers for the local fire departments raising a total of \$2000 for the departments.

"Our fire departments have exhausted their resources this year with all the fires in Knox and surrounding counties. This was one small way we could give back," said Jimi Coplen, KCVG Community Development Director. Friday night during "A Night at the Theater", a cake auction was held. Saturday a hamburger lunch was held. The firemen from each department, their wives and several volunteers, cooked and served hamburgers until all the food was gone. Both events were well attended.

A \$500 check was

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Dwayne Bearden, KCVG President, presents Goree Fire Department with a check for \$500.



Jimi Coplen, KCVG Director, presents Knox City Fire Department with a check for \$500.

LOOKING AHEAD

July 29-30 the 23rd Annual Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival will take place. Friday night will consist of the parade down Main Street and downtown as well as a street dance and inflatable bounce houses. Saturday will bring the annual fair in the Knox City Park starting at 9 a.m.. The festival will wind down Saturday evening with another Street Dance. Be there!

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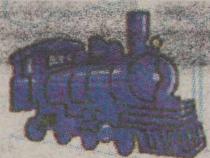


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GOD'S PROMISES

Turn That Ship Around!

Tex Cox, Tex Cox Ministries

Have you ever been in one of those moods where it seems that all you have coming out of your mouth is complaining and negativity? As far as you are concerned, nothing in your life is headed in the right

direction and it sure doesn't look like things are going to change any time soon!

It's time to **turn that ship around!!!**

James 3:4-5 says, "And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go, even though the

winds are strong. So also, the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do...."

I have to be careful here, or I can turn this little post into a big old 45 minute sermon! My Mom would say, "Son, if you don't have anything nice to

say, don't say anything at all!" **HOLD YOUR TONGUE!**

I like to say, "If you don't have anything of the **WORD** to say, keep your big trap shut!"

Amen?

When you complain, you explain the pain without gain.

Wouldn't it be much more advantageous to agree with the Word rather than agree with your circumstances? God's Word says that through Jesus Christ **you are blessed!** When you walk in His light you walk in His blessings!

Quit giving your problems glory and start giving God glory! Stop focusing on everything that is wrong and start focusing on everything that is right!

"But, Tex, you just don't understand! There's **nothing** going right in my life right now!"

Oh really? If you are reading this, then you are breathing air. If you are breathing air, that means you are still alive! If you are still alive....well, **PRAISE GOD!!!!** Amen????

"Thank You, Jesus that I am still alive! Thank You, Jesus that You love me so! Thank You, Jesus that tomorrow is going to be better than today! Thank You that the next second is going to be better than the last! **Thank You, thank You, thank You!!!!**"

No matter where you are or what is going on in your life, **PRAISE** can come forth out of your lips. Jesus **IS** enough.

Yup, He really is.

Sometimes people come up to me and say, "Tex, I know you always say stuff like this - that all I need to do is praise God, love on God, and focus on God and I will start to feel better.....but I don't know if I believe all that stuff about watching what comes out of my mouth. I don't think that stuff is true....."

My response?

"Well, **how's it working for you so far?**"

Amen? In actuality, it looks to be working pretty good! Why not turn that tongue into a blessing tongue instead of a tongue that spits out curses and **get that ship turned around?!**

Remember - - - **YOU ARE BLESSED!!!!!!**

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2011 County Committee Election and Nomination Procedure

According to John Rector, County Executive Director for the Knox County Farm Service Agency (FSA), the time is here once again to nominate someone to serve on the Knox County FSA Committee. The committee has 3 members, one for each LAA (community) in the

county. Each year one member's term expires, nominations are accepted and an election is held in the late fall to replace or re-elect the person whose term expired. The term is for 3 years and the committee person is eligible to serve 3 consecutive terms.

This year an election will be held in LAA-II which is the old "B" community and includes Knox City. The boundaries of LAA-II are as follows:

North — Brazos River
West — County Line

South — County Line coming from the west side of the county over to Hwy-277.

East — FM - 267 from the Brazos River south to Munday by the vet's office and on around by the John Deere House and south down Hwy-277 to the county line.

JoAnn Albus is currently the committee person for LAA - II and is eligible to serve again if nominated and elected.

Nominations will be accepted from June 15 thru August 1, 2011. To become a

**See ELECTION
on page 8**

Bruce and Sandy Railsback
are pleased to announce the
engagement of their daughter

*Katie Railsback
To
Josh Billings*

Son of Bill Billings.

The couple is planning a December 3rd wedding at the Western Trails Cowboy Church in Vernon, Texas.

OBITUARY



**Mary Clodell
(Jackson) Duke**

Mary Clodell (Jackson) Duke, 88, passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2011 in Iowa Park. Funeral Services were held at 10 AM on Friday, July 22, 2011 at the Benjamin United Methodist Church in Benjamin, Texas, with Dennis Duke officiating. Graveside services followed in the Benjamin Cemetery under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home of Iowa Park.

Mary was born in Knox County to Fred and Auneta Jackson and was a resident of Knox County for 81 years. In 2004, she moved to Iowa Park because of health reasons and lived there until her death. She was a graduate of Benjamin High School where she also worked in the school cafeteria for many years spoiling the kids with her famous hot rolls and special treats. Until her retirement, she was employed by the Knox County Appraisal District as a deputy clerk.

On August 11, 1940 she married Earl Duke and they raised five children. Mary Sawyers and husband, Derrell of Hamlin, Texas; Jan Pollock of Iowa Park, Texas; the late William "Butch" Duke, whose wife, Doris, lives in Levelland, Texas; Gaye Roberts and husband, Ken of Wichita Falls, Texas and Sue McCarthy and husband, Denny of Iowa Park.

She was "GRAN" to six grandchildren, Wendy Pollock of North Richland Hills, Texas; Marian and husband, Ronny Miller of Trent, Texas; Mark Roberts and wife, Alyssa of Channelview, Texas; Will McCarthy and wife, Valerie of Flower Mound, Texas; Marcy and husband, Joe Maines of Red Oak, Texas; and Michael

Sawyers of Midland, Texas

She was also GRAN to 9 great grandchildren, Lexi Miller; Conner, Kaiden, Makinen, and Morgynn Maines; Mikenzie and Michaela Sawyers; and Cohen McCarthy.

She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Harris and husband, Jim of Sugar Land, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, her son Butch, her sister, Ila Bohannon; and brother, Darr Jackson. Her grandsons will serve as Pallbearers, Will McCarthy, Mark Roberts, Mike Sawyers, Ronny Miller, Joe Maines, and Conner Maines.

Mary was "Clodell" to most and was well known as a great cook who spent many hours making special treats for her family and many friends. She was mom, gran and friend, who will be greatly missed by all of us who loved her.

Visitation was held from 6 PM to 8 PM on Thursday, July 21, 2011 in the Chapel of Dutton Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Benjamin Cemetery Association in Benjamin, Texas or to the Benjamin United Methodist Church. Please share your tributes with the family at www.duttonfuneralhome.com.

Cancer Support Group offered by Cancer Services Network

ABILENE, Texas – Cancer Services Network will offer a six-week educational support group for

those interested in learning to live beyond a diagnosis of cancer. Sessions are set for 5:30 to

7:00 p.m. Thursdays beginning August 18, 2011 at the Hinds Square Classroom located at 100 Chestnut, Suite 112. Cancer Services Network is an agency of the United Way of Abilene.

This group is designed for patients, caregivers, family and friends affected by cancer in anyway. In a supportive and interactive environment, this group will focus on the practical, emotional and physical aspects of living with cancer. Topics will vary each week. Week 1: Telling your Story; Week 2: Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Week 3: Using Spirituality to Cope with a Cancer Diagnosis; Week 4: Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Week 5: Communicating with

your Medical Team; and Week 6: Coping with the Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, social worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Colley has fourteen years' experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling (325) 672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible by a grant from the Discretionary Grant Cycle of the Community Foundation of Abilene.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday morning and things are slow and everyone is coming and going. Heat is driving us crazy and thank God the wind has decided to die down for a while.

The Burkham's were in San Antonio for a while to see their granddaughter in the Special Olympics and she made third in her class and she also got thirty-third in the nation. The Burkham's made it come safely and were very proud of their granddaughter.

The O'Brien Bible School has had a great week. They really enjoyed getting with the kids and getting to know each other that was the most important thing.

Laura Stovall's son-in-law from Benjamin, Chad Tolsen, is still very sick and in the hospital. I have no recent details on his condition; I know he is still in a medically induced coma as of Monday morning. You will probably begin to see some jars around town with

his family's picture. Please give what you can. They are in need of help with medical expenses and travel and lodging. Heather has been in Wichita since it happened and the babies have been with Laura, his sister, and his mom. Please also keep them in your prayers. May God be with them.

Ester Grindstaff is still in Abilene in the ICU unit. She has taken a turn for the worst. All I have on this is from the children who are

with her all they can be. It's all in God's hands. May God bless this family as they wait to what will be next in their life. Please keep them in your prayers.

Also, lots of birthdays just passed this weekend. Frankie Rodriguez and his son, Josh, celebrated at their home in Knox City. Josh and his family live at the Wrangler Ranch in Seymour. Meanwhile, little Miss Devon Lane Martinez celebrated her sixth or seventh birthday

(I'm not sure which one) this weekend too. Eddie and I joined Stan and Donna Wojick at their Stamford home where Donna's mom, Marie Jackson, celebrated her 80th birthday. It was wonderful. Lots of fun and great celebration were had in honor of Marie. Next weekend, she will travel to Freeport to celebrate some more with all her family and brother-in-law.

I guess you have all received flyers and new about the upcoming Watermelon Festival. IF you are in Knox City this upcoming weekend, some on by downtown Friday night for the parade, or the park on Saturday for the festival. It is always lots of fun. Join the Melon Money contest and win some money. There is always a

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07/19	79/106	
07/20	78/104	
07/21	80/104	
07/22	81/104	
07/23	80/104	
07/24	79/106	

Total Rainfall for month
2011 Rainfall (ytd) 2.22

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citizens from going out a celebrating a 23 year long tradition.

The Watermelon Festival started in 1988 in commemoration of Donald Johnson's huge Seedless Watermelon patch that provided a huge part of the incoming economic scene in Knox. The very first festival, Knox Chamber of Commerce and the Knox County Horticultural Society hosted a number of events including watermelon eating, a parade, ice cream making, a craft fair and much more.

As always, the winds of time continuously blow and mold events into the long standing traditions they become. Eventually, the Knox County Horticultural society dropped from being a Watermelon Festival host, and the Festival actually was officially named the "Donald Johnson Seedless Watermelon Festival". Unlike the first festivals, there is no longer the crowning of Mr. and Miss. Watermelon festival (a contest which was limited to toddlers), nor has there been a watermelon eating contest in the last several years. Yet, some things have remained the same: the weekend is still kicked off with a parade through downtown where all people, young and old are encouraged to come and bring their decorated bikes, trikes and automobiles. Crowd will line the streets to enjoy this display, cheer

for their favorite float, and maybe catch some candy cast out of the parade route. This year, though, while the parade is going on (the parade is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Friday evening), The Chamber has arranged for several of the bouncy rides to be inflated at the park for further entertainment. After the parade, as the sun descends in the sky, a street dance is scheduled in the Knox City Park featuring KC Express, who play classic country music. If dancing isn't your thing, though, the park still beckons—there will be volleyball and horseshoe areas available too.

Saturday is when the big bash will begin. Reminiscent of the last 23 years, the Knox City Park will become a bustling place of excitement, food, games, rides, raffles, arts, crafts, and, of course, WATERMELON. Since the closing of the Donald Johnson watermelon patch several years back, the Chamber of Commerce finds different vendors to donate watermelon, this year getting Lawrence Brothers, the local grocery store, to give openly from their watermelon inventory.

While munching on the endless watermelon supply, people are free to ride the kiddie train, which starts its exploration of the park at 10 a.m., running a second time at 2 p.m. At 11 a.m., Melon games will begin. In a tradition since the first Festival, the City Pool will

open at 1 p.m. sharp; a good thing, seeing as by that time in the day, everyone will need a cool-down relief from the insane heat wave plaguing us this summer. To cool off before the 1 p.m. pool opening, the 20' inflatable slide in the ride section of the park will be made into a "water slide". To ride the rides, a person can either buy one ride at a time, or can purchase and "Unlimited Ride bracelet" for \$12 per person or a Family Unlimited Ride pass can be purchased for \$50 for a family of 5.

Melon Money, which has been divvied out and collected by local merchants for the last week or so, will be put into a raffle and tickets for prizes of \$25, \$50, 75, and \$100 will be drawn throughout the day.

Also, throughout the entire day, local talent is invited to get up on the main stage and showcase their talents for all to see.

After a day of exhausting fun in the park, the evening hours will only bring more thrills. At about 7 p.m., the sound of engine will probably be heard all the way to the corner of Main and Central as Go Karts will "start their engines" at the Knox City Go Kart track. During and after the Go Kart Races, back at the Knox City Park, the band called the Swindlers will take stage, filling the park with the sounds of Texas country music for anyone with an itch to do so can go out and cut a rug.

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presented to fire departments in Knox City, Munday, Goree and Benjamin. A huge "Thank You!" to everyone in the community who helped make this possible. Many people baked caked,

purchased cakes, and ate hamburgers all for a great cause! "We couldn't do it without these guys," said Ms. Coplen.

The KCVG plans to make Adventure Days an annual

event. For more information, you can find them on Facebook under Knox County Visioning Group or attend their monthly meeting held the third Thursday of each month.

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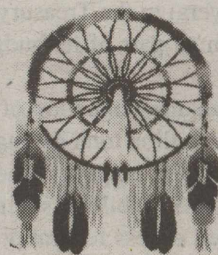
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The Paperboy

To dream the impossible dream

By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

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- Hope VI Program.. \$250 million annual savings.
- Amtrak Subsidies. \$1.565 billion annual savings.
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- U.S. Trade Development Agency. \$55 million annual savings.
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- Cut in half funding for congressional printing and binding. \$47 million annual savings.
- John C. Stennis Center Subsidy. \$430,000 annual savings.
- Community Development Fund. \$4.5 billion annual savings.
- Heritage Area Grants and Statutory Aid. \$24 million annual savings.
- Cut Federal Travel Budget in Half. \$7.5 billion annual savings.
- Trim Federal Vehicle Budget by 20%. \$600 million annual savings.
- Essential Air Service. \$150 million annual savings.
- Technology Innovation Program. \$70 million annual savings.
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program. \$125 million annual savings.
- Department of Energy Grants to States for Weatherization. \$530 million annual savings.
- Beach Replenishment. \$95 million annual savings.
- New Starts Transit. \$2 billion annual savings.

- Exchange Programs for Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Their Historical Trading Partners in Massachusetts. \$9 million annual savings.
- Intercity and High Speed Rail Grants. \$2.5 billion annual savings.
- Title X Family Planning. \$318 million annual savings.
- Appalachian Regional Commission. \$76 million annual savings.
- Economic Development Administration. \$293 million annual savings.
- Programs under the National and Community Services Act. \$1.15 billion annual savings.
- Applied Research at Department of Energy. \$1.27 billion annual savings.
- FreedomCAR and Fuel Partnership. \$200 million annual savings.
- Energy Star Program. \$52 million annual savings.
- Economic Assistance to Egypt. \$250 million annually.
- U.S. Agency for International Development. \$1.39 billion annual savings.
- General Assistance to District of Columbia. \$210 million annual savings.
- Subsidy for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. \$150 million annual savings.
- Presidential Campaign Fund. \$775 million savings over ten years.
- No funding for federal office space acquisition. \$864 million annual savings.
- End prohibitions on competitive sourcing of government services. Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act. More than \$1 billion annually.
- IRS Direct Deposit: Require the IRS to deposit fees for services it offers (such as processing payment plans for taxpayers) to the Treasury, instead of allowing payments to remain as part of its budget. \$1.8 billion savings over ten years.
- Require collection of unpaid taxes by federal employees. \$1 billion total savings.
- Prohibit taxpayer funded union activities by federal employees. \$1.2 billion savings over ten years.
- Sell excess federal properties the government does not make use of. \$15 billion total savings.
- Eliminate Mohair Subsidies. \$1 million annual savings.
- Eliminate taxpayer subsidies to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. \$12.5 million annual savings.
- Eliminate Market Access Program. \$200 million annual

savings.

- USDA Sugar Program. \$14 million annual savings.
- Subsidy to Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). \$93 million annual savings.
- Eliminate the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program. \$56.2 million annual savings.
- Eliminate fund for Obamacare administrative costs. \$900 million savings.
- Ready to Learn TV Program. \$27 million savings.
- Eliminate death gratuity for Members of Congress.
- HUD Ph.D. Program.
- Deficit Reduction Check-Off Act

The total savings of these cuts is \$2.5 trillion over ten years. That is very significant.

Now consider this: let's say you are liberal, or progressive, and you don't want to see any cuts. Knowing it's impossible to sustain our government at the current pace, would you agree to the following:

- Tax all imports coming into the United States;
- Sell significant acreage of federal lands to U.S. individuals and corporations;
- Take 10% of GDP from Iraq and Afghanistan until our expenses of war are covered;
- Drill on U.S. soil and exploit the other natural resources existing in our borders.

Doing those things alone would grow the economy substantially and create tremendous job growth, so why not?

There are ways for us to get ahold of this country without the stupidity on display 24/7 in Washington. Once again, finding common ground on what the country wants should not be as difficult as we are led to believe.

Instead, we let government grow, create uncertainty and never gain traction.

If we don't get these issues solved soon, what is going to happen when Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, Louisiana and a few more southern states are footing the bill for California, Michigan and New Jersey? I can tell you it won't be pretty.

It's time for Congress and President Obama to stop the grandstanding and badmouthing and do the necessary things required to make us solvent for the long term.

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This year, the annual Summer Football camp at KCHS brought out 16 young Greyhounds-in-training. Starting on Wednesday, July 13th the boys showed up, got their garb and went to practice. In the early morning heat, these aspiring athletes showed what they are made of in countless drills, mock-games, throwing, hustling and running. The 2011 participants of the KC Football camp were: Trey Ledesma, Dustin Ledesma, Christian Abila, Caleb Barrientez, Jalen Barrientez, Jessie Munoz, Sean Logsdon, Carson Carver (not Pictured), John Shaver, Andrew Cassillas, Caleb Cassillas, Chance Baty, Sheldon Baty, Aaron Espinosa, Sam Schnable, Anthony Martinez, Coach Charles Steele, Coach Webb, Coach Lawson, Coach Howeth.

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12 noon Melon Money Drawing

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2 p.m. Kiddie Train, Melon Money Drawing

4 p.m. Melon Money Drawing

9 am until 5 p.m Attendees of the festival
are welcomed to come on main stage and
showcase their talents

7 p.m. Street Dance featuring The Swindlers
(Texas Country)

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little of everything for kids of all ages to enjoy.

I visited with Sheila Overmeyer this weekend and she informed me that her little niece is now 8 months old and doing great after her heart surgery to replace the valve. She is now learning how to sit up and all else that an 8 month

old is learning. She is doing great and next week Sheila and her family are going to visit with her and her parents since she has been home from the hospital.

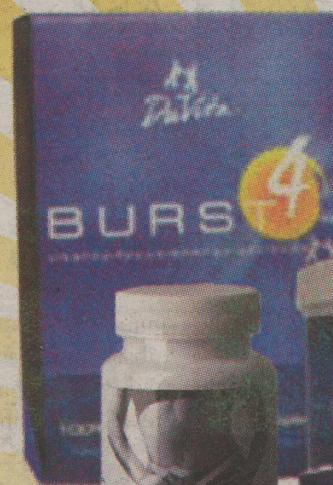
Chris and Kristi King made it home for the weekend for a quick rest stop to catch up on their much needed sleep

before they leave again (which I am not sure when that will be). It's been a hard road for them making arrangements for this move and finding a new home. God bless them and their journeys.

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TxDOT begins seal coat operation

CHILDRESS - Various roadways in the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Childress District are getting a fresh new look starting this month as highway construction crews start putting down a new rock and asphalt [seal coat] surface.

Work will get underway on July 11, 2011 and weather permitting, the estimated completion date is

August 12, 2011.

According to Rickey Gonzales, TxDOT Chief Seal Coat Inspector, the seal coat project is part of an annual preventive maintenance program across most of the 13-counties which comprises the Childress TxDOT district. "Seal coat" is a rock and asphalt layer put down on the highway to reseal the surface

and keep moisture from damaging the road base. It extends the life of the highway.

The contractor for this seal coat project is Lipham Construction Co., Inc. of Aspermont, Texas. According to Chris Lipham, the sequence of work is:

July 11-13 - Hardeman County - Loop 285, US 287, FM 2533
July 13- Foard County - US 70,

FM 2566

July 14-16 - Knox County - FM 3202, US 277, FM 2279

July 18-23 - Dickens/King - US 82, SL 21, FM 193, US 83

July 15 - Cottle County - FM 1037

July 28, Aug 10-12 - Hall County - US 287, FM 657

July 28-29 - Collingsworth County - FM 338, SL 204, FM

1035

August 1-2 - Wheeler County - FM 2229, SH 152

August 4-9 - Donley County - FM 2471, FM 1260, US 287

Work will be in various locations on the roadways listed above. "Motorists will encounter workers who will direct them through the work zone, and there will be brief lane closures in those areas on the

two-lane roadways where seal coat work is being done", said Rickey Gonzales. "Drivers should always use caution and drive carefully and choose alternate routes if possible, while the seal coat work is underway".

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project should contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288.

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nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections is available at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

To hold office as a COC member or alternate, a person must:

1. Live in the county and LAA for which he/she is a candidate, unless he/she has no farming interest in the LAA of residence but does have in the LAA for which he/she is a candidate.

2. Must not have been removed for cause from public office, convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement, or felony.

3. Must not have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

4. Participate in FSA programs.

5. Be a U.S. citizen.

6. Be of legal voting age.

To achieve diversity on the committee, FSA solicits nominations from groups who are representative of the different agricultural interests of the county. Nominations are encouraged from females, minorities, and producers from all other under-represented groups.

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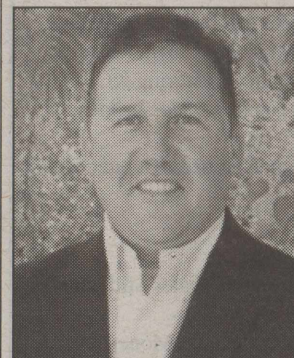
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Sixty days and counting- That's how many 100+ degree temperature days we have had so far this year. That was the TV report today (Monday) and still NO RELIEF in sight. We are wither one day closer, or one day further away from a rain- however you want to look at it.

Regarding our ill

Chad Tolsen remains in serious condition in United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls. It's been nearly 3 weeks since he first got sick and since then, it's been test after test to try and determine the cause of his problems. He does have pneumonia and a viral infection and may be a little better according to some family members. That is encouraging news. An account to off-set the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by this young family has been set up at the Knox City Citizens Bank. As is always the case, at a time such as this, so many needs have to be met... food, lodging, gas back and forth to the hospital, plus everyday living expenses at home, utilities, etc. This money will help to take care of some of these costs. Open your hearts and your wallets and give what you can. Just got to the bank and tell them that you want to deposit into the Chad Tolsen account or give at any of the church. Just be sure to designate it for Chad. Their family will be most grateful and we will all feel better. That and our prayers are all we can offer.

Jamie Bohannon is a patient in Knox County Hospital suffering from pneumonia. She was admitted on Sunday and hopefully her stay there will be a short one.

Jane Gideon came home Wednesday night after surgery in Wichita Falls to correct a problem with her neck and spine. She still has to be very careful so she doesn't undo what they did. Her daughter, Sue Terry from Dallas, and Lana Hale who lives with her, was with her for the surgery.

Here 'N there

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Dawn Vanderpol called to say her children, Jessica, Leah, and Benjamin are enjoying an extended vacation with family in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Benjamin is excited as he's been catching fish!!! They are visiting their dad's grandparents and an uncle and his family.

While they have been gone, Dawn has visited family in Austin and also attended a 4 day United Methodist Women Christian School of Mission at McMurry College so they are having a pretty full summer.

Stacia and Cody Propps visited Judie and Jack Whitten at Lake Stamford Friday night. The Whitten's daughter, Rhonda Sheldon and family of Ames, Iowa was there and also visiting were their son, Jay, his wife, Casey, and Jack Ryder Whitten of Lubbock.

Anthony and Jessica Lamb have moved to Seymour where she has accepted a teaching position in Seymour Public School System. Jessica is a spring graduate of M.S.U.

Sympathy to the family of Codell Duke who passed away last Wednesday in Iowa Park where she had been living the past few years. Her funeral was Friday here at the Methodist Church. She was a friend to everyone and loved by all who knew her.

Several out of town friends and family were here for Clowdell's funeral. Among them, to name a few, were Kenneth Benson and Wanda Jennings of Wichita Falls, Harry Benson and Micky Jackson of Munday, Bill and Sue Roberts who live near Austin, Sue Oxford of Lake Arrowhead, Butch and Le-

tha Young of Saginaw, Judy Whitten of Lake Stamford, Rhonda Shelton of Ames, Iowa, Johnny Tom Hudson of Pilot Point, Selena and Randy Detwilder of Paducah, and Rebekah Boone and children of Abilene. There were many more but those were some of the ones I had a chance to visit with.

Also, I visited Thursday night with Jim and Barbara Harris and their daughter, Beth of Sugarland, who were here for the funeral. Clodell and Barbara are sisters.

It was good to see CH Underwood and here the sports announcers story of his induction into the 6-man football hall of fame in Wofforth on Saturday. This was on Channel 6 (Wichita Falls) and very good coverage. CH has also been coach and teacher over here and we congratulate him for winning this honor.

I talked to Danny and Sharon Hudson this week and they told me his sister, Belle, is having a

pretty rough time now. She had a hip replacement and developed a staph infection and had to have all that work redone. They are looking into putting her in a rehab facility to work on her muscles so she won't lose any more of her muscle tone. Belle lives near Killeen at Florence.

Sharon also said she would probably be having shoulder surgery before long. She fell several months ago and hurt her shoulder

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6230-53-001 for REMOVE AND REPLACE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS - WESTERN in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on August 10, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,367,385.39.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Vernon College has announced GED testing dates for fall 2011

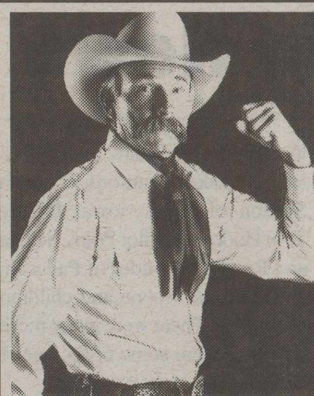
The GED test will be given on the Vernon campus on September 7, October 19, and November 16. Testing begins at 8 a.m. in the Testing Center, Room 213, east side of Wright Library. Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance. Seating is limited, so early sign-up is encouraged. The cost for the full battery of tests is \$75, and a re-test fee for an individual section is \$15. Cash, checks, or money orders in the correct amount made payable to Vernon College are acceptable. Payment for testing must be made at the time of registration in the Testing Center on the Vernon campus only during regular testing center hours. The Testing Center is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Texas resident who is at least 18 years old (17 years old with signed parental permission), who has not graduated from high school and is not enrolled in high school, is eligible to take the test or attend GED classes. Everyone taking the GED test must

provide a Texas driver's license or Texas state issued picture ID, and a social security card. If a Texas driver's license or Texas ID is not available, a person may obtain one through the Texas Department of Public Safety Driver's License Division.

A new series of GED classes is offered by the Region 9 Education Service Center and Vernon College. The classes are divided into 10-week sessions as follows: August 9 to October 13, October 18 to December 22, January 10 to March 22, and March 27 to May 31. Classes meet from 6 - 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the Biggs Arts & Science Center Room 308. Participants will register the first night they attend class, but there is no charge for attending. The instructor is Leslie Taylor.

Participants may attend as many sessions as they choose. Subjects covered will be social studies, science, math, reading, and writing. For further information on testing or the classes, call Testing Coordinator Sharron Shelton, 552-6291 ext. 2317.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

THE HEDGE HOG TALE

It came as a surprise to me that there is a brisk hedgehog business in the country. It shouldn't have. Earlier entrepreneurial promoters had done well with Chia Pets, Pet Rocks, Longhorn cattle, Ostrich and Hum Vees. Hedgehogs (HH) are about the size of an orange with a pointy nose and spiny back. They bring to mind a cross between a pocket-porcupine and a scorpion fish.

My good-hearted and animal-loving friend Kimmy was made aware of HH mania when a Lady-Whose-House-She-Had-Been-Cleaning's HH sow (or maybe it's HOW or HILT) pigged (or HIGGED or HARROWED or even HAMBED). The nasty HH mom attacked her newborn HIGLETS! They were the size of a walnut and covered with prickly, but still soft spines.

Kimmy rescued the two little varmints and decided to take them home till the homeowner returned. It was cold and snowy outside so she filled a Zip Lock baggie with warm water, placed them in her pocket and braved the storm. On her way home she visited with her veterinarian, who was not a member of the American Association of HH Practitioners, but prescribed powdered dog milk. Which I, being a large animal vet, had never heard of.

But it did put me to wondering how one would milk a dog; have a rhesus monkey do it for Pekingese donor milk if the Hignet wanted Chinese take-out? Roll Fido on her back and use a straw? Train an anteater to suckle and regurgitate like a pelican?

A stalwart Kimmy went home and began feeding the Fido Milk every two hours using an eyedropper. Her understanding family pitched in and they made it through the first night. As time passed the Hignets seemed to fill up like balloons full of water. Then Kimmy noticed the absence of Hignet excreta... Hignet pies, Hignet torpedoes or simply Hoop!

Kimmy called an authority, her neighbor, who had an aquarium. Her neighbor compared the Hignets to little kittens and described how the mother cat was constantly licking her babies to stimulate evacuation. Kimmy hung up! After a brief scare of the thought of herself performing the act, she began rubbing their pudgy bellies with a Q-tip. The Hignets responded! Jubilation ensued!

That night the proud Kimmy tucked in the Hignet twins on a heating pad. The room was cold so she adjusted the pad's temperature and retired confident that she had done all she could. She slept through the next feeding. Alas, it was a critical mistake. Sadly, the heating pad overheated and thus ended the Tale of the valiant Hedgehogian Rescue. All that remained were the plump little Hedgehog hors d'oeuvres...that tasted like chicken.

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The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch



Fidibus.

Is my mother trying to tell me something?

The word popped into my head today without warning. Initially I couldn't remember where I'd heard it, but rather than wracking my brain the old-fashioned way, I searched for "fidibus" on the Internet.

As I muddled through 21 Google pages of sites, illustrated memories of "fidibus" began to drift back to me all on their own, essentially my mother at a card table performing her hat trick.

The routine required three walnuts and three men's hats. Except walnuts were rarely available, so Mother usually wadded up pieces of paper as substitutes.

Shuffling of the hats was involved. When Mother eventually lifted the hats, one at a time, the "walnuts" wouldn't be where anyone thought they were going to be. As for "fidibus," that's what made it magic. It's what she said as she waved one hand over the hats right before she lifted them and amazed everyone with her wizardry. Without "fidibus," it wouldn't have been the hat trick.

The whole phrase, in fact, was "hocus, pocus, fidibus!" I'd already remembered her entire invocation before I finally found it on the Internet -- or at least I think I'd remembered it before I found it. I'm not quite sure.

Whatever. I just know the Internet is humanity's collective brain. The more mine quits working, the more I'm going to depend on it. Or maybe the more I depend on it, the more my own quits.

That's a scary thought.

OK, so you're not worried about my brain. You've already figured out it's in the all-systems-shutting-down-now mode. But in a greater context, consider all kids growing up today with the Internet. Already they don't have to depend on their own brains. When they're older, they won't have a functioning set of tools in their craniums to sort through their own old memories. They'll just click on something and -- "hocus, pocus, fidibus" -- the sought memory will magically appear.

That scenario bothers me. It's not fair to all of us who've had to remember things the hard way. Nor is it fair to today's generation to have it so easy. As much as I hate speed bumps, I'd really like to put some up ahead on their Information Highway to rattle their brains a bit. Except it's my highway too. Oh well.

As for "fidibus," my mother's use of the word still remains a bit of a mystery. Per the Internet, "fidebus" is the dative and ablative plural of the Latin word "fidei." To make it work magic, shift the emphasis from the middle syllable to the first and misspell it.

Mother took Latin. Ergo, she knew "hocus, pocus, fidibus" wasn't how Cicero would have said it. So maybe she heard the phrase instead in her youth at the Chautauqua performances that so intrigued her.

Or maybe she learned it when she and my father sold popcorn on the carnival circuit.

Who knows? Some things you never figure out, even with the Internet.

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 7665 Block 134, lot 10, Reeves and Musser E. C Street
 7810 Block 42 W 130' of S/2 & N 5' of E 70' of 11 Lee
 7811 Block 42, Lot 130' of 12 Lee Munday
 8424 Block 127, Lots W/2 of 6-8 Reeves and Musser
 8427 Block 122, Lot 8, Reeves and Musser Munday, N. First
 Ave

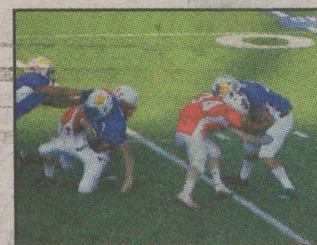
8438 Block 128, Lot 4 Reeves and Musser
 8513 Block 4, Lot N. 58.7' of 7 West Munday
 8989 Block 28 Lt 50' x 150' of 3, PT 4 and W/2 of 3 Wallace
 9135 Block 55, Lot 12 Lee
 9224 Block 37 SE 100'x100' Lee
 10995 Block 21 Lot 30'x100' of N/2 RP
 12456 Block 70 119' of S/2 RP Munday Norwood
 14927 Block 121, Lot 9 Middle 65' of Lot 9 Reeves and Musser

Goree

647 Block 10, Lot W16' of 21;89' of 12
 854 Block 99, Lot 1 Original Goree
 1367 Block 99, Lots 11-12 Original Goree
 2335 Block 23, Lot 6 Original Goree
 2403 Block 17, Lot N/2 and all 5-6 Original Goree
 2408 Block 99, lot 4 Original Goree
 3112 Block 100, lots 1-2 Original Goree
 3113 Block 100, lots 11-12 Original Gloree (.22 ac to state...)
 3533 Block 62, Lots 3-4 Original Goree (.07 ac to state Texas)
 3537 Block 62, Lot 1
 3778 Block 102, Lot 12
 3782 Block 23, Lots W 48' of 11 & 12
 4115 Block 101, Lot 8
 5446 Block 99, lot 8
 5500 Block 33, Lot 1 (.15 ac of Lt 1 State TX)
 5629 Block 62 Lots 11-12 (.03 Ac of 12 to St...)
 6466 Block 5, Lot 3
 6575 Block 14 Lot 5
 6953 Block 62, lot 1/2 of 6
 7009 Block 17, lots 54' W end 10-12
 7405 Block 63, Lot 8
 7413 Block 102, lots 10 & 11
 7440 Block 53, Lots 9-10
 7774 Block 32, Lots 1-9
 8416 Block 22, Lots 7
 8490 Block 48, Lot 11 and 12
 8491 Block 55, lots 11 and 12
 8545 Block 102, lot 1
 8604 Block 99, Lots 9-10
 9362 Block 17, Lots 84' E end of 10-12
 11510 Block 23, Lot 8
 13984 Block 33, Lot 4
 14017 Block 62, lot 5, except .12 ac

6-Man Football All Star Game

Last Saturday, July 13, 2011, C.H. Underwood was honored as he was inducted into the 6-Man Coaches Hall of Fame at the 6-Man Allstar game in Wofforth. Two Greyhound football players made the cut to play in said game as well; Zach Shaver and Marcell Lewis. Knox County is proud to call this man and these recent KCHS graduates citizens.



C.H. Underwood was inducted to the 6-Man Coaches Hall of Fame last Saturday at the annual Allstar game in Wofforth. Picture by Michelle Stanfield

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There will be a race at the Knox City Go Kart Track in conjunction with Watermelon Festival on Saturday evening. Come to the track (located west of the Basic Energy Cement Division) and cheer on our local drivers.

August 1 is the start of 2-a-days!!!! Have your athlete/ musician ready to hit the field for some football, volleyball and marching band bootcamp!

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and the surgery will be to repair the damage.

Dorothy Spikes called and told me her granddaughter, Sarah Spikes has just returned from a 10 day trip to London, Rome, Vienna and Paris. Sarah is a graduate of Stamford University and now works for Google, as does her brother, Matthew. Their parents are Gary and Donna Spikes of

Seymour.

Dorothy and her daughter, Penny Eaton, attended the 80th birthday party for Marie Jackson in Stamford on Sunday.

She said Marie, a former Knox City resident, is doing fine and many friends were there with their well wishes.

Linda and Charles Griffith were in San Angelo during the weekend for a softball tourna-

ment. Their granddaughter, Brooke Jones, played and there were about 16 teams in her age group playing. Linda said they won some and lost some, but had a great time and got a lot of valuable experience.

Sam and Clara Tipton and Kenneth and Jane Tipton of Forrestburg visited with Bud Conner and other friends on Monday.