

## Happy @ New Year

### 2010: A year in review...

January 6, 2010



At quarterback, senior Jason McKinnerney (5) led the JHS 2008 Eagles to the state semifinals and 2009 team to the quarterfinals. He was recently named to the *Standard Times* All West Texas Team QB. This year, McKinnerney had a 45% pass completion rate, with only five interceptions. He passed for 1,182 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also rushed for two TDs. As a defensive back, McKinnerney was a major force. His role as a strong and steady leader for the Eagles is difficult to quantify, but was the basis of the Eagles deep run into the playoffs for the last two years.



Senior William Whitworth (70) did not break his collar bone in this take-down, but was the leading blocker for the Eagles, providing running room for Junction's two 1,500-yard rushers, Stapp and Fuentes; and 1,000+ yard passer, McKinnerney. Coach Spivey said that Whitworth graded out at 88% and had 63 pancake blocks. He was named to the All West Texas team offensive line and was also selected for the All West Texas Super Team. The broken collarbone would happen during a holiday ski trip.

On Sunday, December 3, at 6:40 p.m., the Junction Volunteer Fire Department was toned out to what was initially identified as a "chimney fire". Assistant Fire Chief Adrian Condarco left directly from his home at 6:43 and was the first to arrive at the country home of Dick and Dee Bowen, about seven miles south on US 377. With two tankers, the fire engine and the rescue vehicle already on the way, Condarco notified the Sheriff's dispatcher that the roof of the home was already involved and requested mutual aid from the London and Mason Volunteer Fire Departments.

As the Bowen's country neighbors drew close and offered support, the couple could only stand and watch helplessly as their wonderful, historic home, filled with beautiful antiques and a lifetime of cherished possessions and family mementos, was being ravaged by the growing inferno.

Rachel Jane Hicks, 65, of Junction, died December 24, 2009, after a short illness.

Dorothy Jean Timms, age 68, of Grape Creek, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at home following a lengthy battle with cancer. Born in Bronte on February

Loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Natilee Beatrice Brite, 83, of



JHS junior Ty Stapp (23) was recently named Class 1A Most Valuable Player by the *San Angelo Standard-Times*. His MVP selection was based on 1,530 yards rushing on 211 carries (7.25 yd avg.), 25 touchdowns this season on offense. On defense, Stapp was credited with 46 tackles, 11 sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries. Stapp was also named to the *Standard Times* All West Texas Super Team as a defensive back. The Super Team includes players from all area high schools, Classes 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A.



Senior David Fuentes (8) can cover the real estate! He was named to both the All West Texas Team (Class 1A) and the All West Texas Super Team (all size West Texas teams) at running back. This year, Fuentes rushed for 1,572 and made 17 touchdowns. Fuentes combined strength, quickness and speed to earn his spot as a power runner, known for dragging defenders with him.

Junction, passed away on January 2, 2010, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Rev. Willie Earl McWhorter, 85, of Junction, passed away Friday, January 1, 2010, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Joyce L. Strode, age 67, of Junction, passed away Friday, January 1, 2010, at Hill Country Care Center in Junction.

January 13, 2010

A standing-room-only crowd attended the January regular meeting of the Kimble Hospital Board in the District Courtroom on Tuesday, January 11. Charles Loeffler, president of the board, welcomed the large audience, and said, "We are here to listen." He then asked Debra Mudge to lead the invocation.

Several members of the community had signed up to speak in the "public comment" portion of the agenda, for which portion the maximum time of one hour had been allowed. As the first person on the list, Nol Dear asked a question of the board members. At that time, Loeffler informed those present that no answers would be forthcoming from the Board during the public forum because the subject matter was not on the agenda. He explained to the obviously disappointed crowd that each person would be allowed time to express his/her opinion, but would receive no answers.

On Thursday, January 7, 11th U.S. Congressional District Representative Mike Conaway made several stops around Junction.



Happy New Year from *The Junction Eagle* and this wonderful group of kiddos, who are already celebrating the fact that they are on winter break and ready to welcome the new year. Brothers Crue, 3, Cole, 8, and Ragan Leven, 5, are busy showing their little cousin Libby Whitworth, 4 months, how the holidays are done Texas style. The Leven boys are the sons of Luke and Marcy Leven, grandsons of Bill and Molly McMillan and great-grandsons of Clayton and Dorthy Murr, all of Junction. Miss Libby is the daughter of Dwight and Brittany Whitworth, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the granddaughter of Bill and Molly McMillan and David and Diane Whitworth, and the great-granddaughter of Clayton and Dorthy Murr and Gerald and Avis Loeffler all of Junction.



Mike Chapman, criminal investigator for the 198th District, shows again that his instincts about drug runners and money traffickers are dead-on when he made a routine traffic stop on Wednesday, January 6. After receiving conflicting stories from the passengers, consent-to-search was obtained, and approximately \$389,000 in U.S. currency was discovered. One Puerto Rican male was arrested on state money laundering charges. The case is under investigation. Under the current agreement with the DA's office, 30% of the money will remain in Kimble County and 70% will go to District Attorney Amos Barton in Kerrville.

Conaway, a Republican in his third term, held a town hall style meeting at the Texas Tech-Junction cafeteria.

Junction City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 11, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room. All members were present.

Mayor Shannon Bynum briefed the Council on two items concerning LCRA. Representatives will be on hand Wednesday, January 13, to help assess the North Llano River bank erosion and determine if more cost effective solutions can be considered. Bynum noted that LCRA's Barbara Hoffman had been particularly helpful in this process.

Bynum also noted that LCRA has informed the city that the expanded study area for power transmission lines along Hwy I-10 will include land within the city limits. LCRA has requested the city identify environmentally sensitive areas and areas with land uses that may preclude transmission lines. LCRA also requested information on permitting requirements.

Odean Allison, age 88, of Junction, passed away Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at Hill Country Care Center in Junction.

Ofelia Espinosa, 88, of Dallas, Texas, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2010.

Elvira Gonzales, age 88, of Junction, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2010, at Kimble Hospital.

January 20, 2010

On Monday, January 18, a Kimble County grand jury charged Richard Harris, 56, and Donna Carpenter, 39, with capital murder in the death of Darryl Carpenter, 42. The tragic death has rocked this community where Darryl lived his life quietly, peacefully and with a deep commitment to his family and his church.

On Monday, January 18, 2010, seventy-five plus people gathered for the dedication of the Opal B. Roberts Landscape of Hopes and Dreams in front of Junction Middle School.

Darryl Carpenter, 42, of Junction passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2010.

James Clifton Crumley Sr. born on November 10, 1919, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at the age of 90.

January 27, 2010

Senior Junction Eagle lineman William Whitworth has another recognition to add to his awards wall. He has been named to the Academic All-State First Team. Candidates for selection must be seniors who have maintained a 92-or-above grade-point average during their entire high school careers, must



Good job of getting the bad guys off the highways! Kimble County Sheriff Hilario Cantu is seen here congratulating Deputy Ty Gerstenberger on his first (of many more to come) large drug arrest. On January 25, Deputy Gerstenberger stopped Darvin Powell, 30, of San Antonio, for speeding and driving on the improved shoulder. A consent search of Powell's vehicle exposed approximately 2 pounds, 7.5 ounces of cocaine and 20.5 pounds of marijuana. Powell was booked into the Kimble County Jail for possession of a controlled substance-first degree felony and possession of marijuana-third degree felony.

be of good character and must represent themselves well on the field of play and in the classroom. They are nominated by their coaches. The Texas High School Coaches Association and State Farm are the sponsors

of the Academic All-State selection, recognizing players from all size high schools. Cecilia Belle Carson Stewart, age 88, of Junction, died Wednesday, January 20, 2010, in Junction.

**February 3, 2010**

Junction City Council met for a called meeting on Monday, February 1, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room. All members were present.

Mayor Shannon Bynum submitted his letter of resignation, February 2, being his last day in office.

"We, the voters of Kimble County, Texas, and Kimble Hospital District, petition the Kimble County Commissioners Court to order the election to dissolve the Kimble Hospital District."

So says a petition presented to Kimble County Judge Andy Murr on Monday, February 1, 2010. As of presstime on Tuesday, County Clerk Haydee Torres had not completed verifying the 80 signatures on the petition as registered voters in Kimble County, but, with only 50 required to force an election, it seems likely that one will be held. The goal of dissolving the district is to stop the construction of a new



Kimble Hospital Board members, seated facing audience, are from left, Norma Guzman, Debra Mudge, Bobby Chenault, David Newton and J.D. Kidwell. Standing at the lectern are Kimble Hospital Administrator John Hughson and Board President Charles Loeffler. (Board member Robert Young was absent.) The audience of about 150 people gathered to have their questions answered about various issues in connection with the new hospital.

\$16 million medical facility, decrease the necessity of tax increases, in addition to several other issues.

Bernardino A. "Nino" Torres, age 78, of Junction, passed away Thursday, January 28, 2010, at Kimble Hospital following a sudden illness.

Sherry Lynn Heimann, 38, of London, Texas, died January 29, 2010.

**February 10, 2010**

On Thursday, February 4, a crowd of local citizens with questions and concerns regarding the future of health care in Kimble County met at the courthouse to hear from those who have planned the hospital facility, which has already reduced in size by 45%, and by those who sold the bonds to finance the construction, as was mandated by the election

of May, 2009. The Hospital District Board has come under fire recently when property owners, whose taxes will pay for the new hospital, received their tax bills. Although the increased tax rate was exactly what had been announced prior to the election, some were surprised and alarmed at how that translated to dollars on their property tax bills.

Answers to previously-submitted questions were answered by various professionals (legal counsel, architect, general contractor, public finance attorney) who have been consulting with the Kimble Hospital Board, some for over five years. They also took questions directly from the folks in attendance. The fees incurred by those professionals in preparation for,

and in attendance of, the Thursday meeting have cost the Hospital District to date close to \$10,000.

Also in attendance were six of the seven current Kimble Hospital Board members.

Alton David (A.D.) Murr passed away at his home on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at the age of 77.

Mary Katherine Murr Lewis, 76, a lifelong resident of Kimble County, died in Menard, Friday, February 5, 2010.

Sally Menchaca, 63, of Junction, died Friday, February 5, 2010, at her residence.

Victor Harry Herbst, 78, of Junction, passed away February 7, 2010, in a San Antonio hospital following a short illness.

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JNB directors on hand to congratulate Darla Rooke, newly appointed president and CEO of Junction National Bank are, standing from left, Rob Roy Spiller, B. Lee Spiller, Bill Ed Hooks, JoAnn Hammonds, K. Cowser, John Loeffler and Andy Murr.



Members of the Diocesan Council group pictured are, in the back row, from left to right, Banshee Lawler, Fr. Jim Sproat, Charles Evans, Ben Thomson, Teddy Holekamp and John Cashman. In the front row, from left, are Quince Lawler, Sterling Lawler, Landry Lawler, Sara Lawler, Margaret Akers, Ginny Shaheen, Anne Cotterell, Pat Thomson, Ceil Watwood, Laurie Allen and Dave Akers. Not pictured are Elizabeth Burt Evans, Robert Sproat and Lindy Sproat.

**February 17, 2010**

The Board of Directors of the Kimble Hospital District met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, in the conference room at the Hospital. All seven board members were present, as were representatives of Preferred Management, the operator of the Hospital.

A committee of three Board members -- Charles Loeffler, Debra Mudge and J.D. Kidwell -- reported on its efforts to reduce the scope and cost of the proposed new hospital.

Former district judge Karl Prohl was indicted on charges of theft by a public servant and booked into the Kerr County jail last Friday, February 12, and was released on a \$20,000 personal recognizance bond.

According to the 216th grand jury, Prohl is alleged to have received and cashed 17 checks, in amounts totaling over \$30,000, from several accounts, without permission of the individuals who controlled those accounts. The Kimble County 198th Juvenile Probation 4E account, the 198th Judicial Community Supervision CD account, the Kerr County General Clearing Accounts Payable account, the Kerr County Treasurer's account, and the 198th District

Attorney Law Enforcement account were all listed as having checks made out to the former jurist during the three year period from 2004 to 2007.

Robin Gardner has been recognized for her work and selected as Counselor of the Year runnerup for the state.

Proud mother, Barbara Whitworth, has the honor of pinning the Daughters of American Revolution's Citizen of the Year pin on her son, JHS senior William Whitworth. The ceremony took place last Saturday.

Tamra Kott's stock recently received both Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Southdown Ram sheep honors at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Clarence Simon passed from this life on February 11, 2010, at the age of 93. Clarence was a soldier, rancher, mechanic, husband, father, and friend.

Betty Jane Page was called

home to our Lord on February 10, 2010, after a long struggle with lung cancer.

Micah and Lesa Meador of Kerrville are proud to announce the birth of their son, Logan Alexander Meador. Logan was born January 13, 2010, at St. Luke's Hospital in San Antonio.

Kayla and Israel Uribe would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Gracie Lynn Uribe. Gracie was born at the Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg on February 4, 2010, at 12:51 p.m. She weighed seven lbs. ten oz. and was 20 inches long.

Carlo and Shannon Anguiano of Austin are proud to announce the arrival of their twins, Mia Marie and Max Miguel on February 8, 2010. Born in Seton Hospital in

Austin, Mia weighed 5 lbs. 10 oz. and arrived at 11:53 a.m. Max weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and arrived at 11:54 a.m. They are also welcomed by a big "brudder", Harrison James Anguiano.

**February 24, 2010**

On February 18, 2010, Darla Rooke was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of Junction National Bank, and is now a member of the bank's Board of Directors. Darla is the fourth President in the 75-year history of the bank.

Doroteo Sanchez, Sr., 74, of Junction, died Wednesday, February 17, 2010, in Sutton County.

T C Hight, 85, of London, died Sunday, February 21, 2010, at Kimble Hospital in Junction.

more step in the Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation's (JTEDC) commitment to improve opportunity for local businesses. Texas Tech University, Rice University and Prairie View A&M University are sending four-member student teams to spend the weekend generating design ideas and concepts for Main Street improvements. The competition will end on Sunday afternoon, March 14, with an award ceremony and juror review of the concepts presented.

The Junior Varsity and Varsity Eagle basketball teams had a very productive year, both finishing the season with winning records. The JV finished 12-5 overall and 9-1 in District play. The Varsity finished 13-11, taking second place in District after winning a tie-breaker game against Rocksprings to advance into the playoffs.

**March 3, 2010**

On March 12, three university teams will converge on the Texas Tech-Junction campus to begin a three-day design competition, a charrette, for the best ideas of what can be done to make Main Street a signature experience for visitors and a more enjoyable part of our every day life.

At the recent annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, Trinity Church was approved for Parish Status on Thursday, February 18, after having been an organized Mission of the Church for over 119 years.

The competition is one

On Monday, March 1, the six members of the Junction Economic Development Cor-



"On the road again!" Bill Neiman, left, and Robert Valenzuela make a quick stop in downtown Junction on their way home from one of the LCRA's open houses held last week. In Menard, Mason, Fredericksburg, Sonora, Eldorado and Junction, they hauled and displayed the one-quarter scaled model of the "four-legged, robot-esque lattice towers" that Lower Colorado River Authority "is considering" installing for the transmission lines it is scheduled to construct across the Texas Hill Country. Clear View Alliance (CVA) is the grass-roots organization, with a growing number of members throughout the Hill Country, that is working to raise awareness regarding the less-offensive-but-more-expensive, monopoles. The monopoles are universally preferred over the lattice towers by landowners whose property values (and their beloved vistas) are to be adversely affected by the transmission lines. The "traveling tower" didn't make the Kerr County LCRA open house at Schreiner University. Neiman said it was denied access in Kerrville because the Schreiner University president said he didn't want to appear to be taking sides. Huh?

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poration board voted to replace former Board president Jack Smith, who resigned last month. J. D. Kidwell, vice president, was selected to serve as Board president and Cesar Vasquez was chosen to take Kidwell's place as vice president. Lynn Foreman serves as secretary.

After taking care of paying bills, reviewing minutes and hearing financial reports, the Board heard from Executive Director Patricia Whitty, who told the Board that she had had a notice published in The Junction Eagle soliciting individuals interested in serving on the JTEDC Board. To date, she said there have not been any interested candidates come forward.

Organizations across the Hill Country are asking state and federal agencies to ensure that protecting the Hill Country environment is a primary consideration as sites are selected for the high-voltage transmission lines soon to be built throughout the region.

"From the beginning, the Clear View Alliance (CVA) has maintained that Hill Country residents need to speak with a collective voice as we stand up for our beautiful region," CVA president Bill Neiman said.

Bill E. Richnow, Sr. passed away on February 25, 2010, at the age of 81.

8, at 6 p.m., in the City Hall Meeting Room. All members were present.

Hill Country Fair Association members Craig Brooks, Bobby Chenault, Teddy Holecamp, and Deanna Murrah were on hand as the Council voted to approve \$15,000 in tourism grant funds for next summer's rodeos. Although the Fair Association has enjoyed a significant profit over the past few years, Chenault noted that the fair grounds is in need of maintenance and repair.

The Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway "Welcome Home Run" was founded in 2003 by Brent Jackson of Wolfforth, Texas, as a way of honoring Vietnam veterans. He was inspired to do this while traveling to Junction to ride in the Texas Hill Country. He stopped at a roadside rest area to stretch his legs, where he read the sign telling the story of US Hwy 83, the Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. Brent grew up during the Vietnam War and had watched veterans returning from Vietnam without the parades, honors, and glory that is customarily awarded returning veterans. That memory, coupled with the story on the sign post, sparked the idea that has become an annual event, the "Welcome Home Run". Seven years later, on March 15, 2010, more than 100 riders (plus many others who join in for shorter distances), will begin at the Texas State Line, north of Perryton and

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Eagle basketball team members named to the District 29A All-District team are, back row, from left, junior Tyler Wilson, Second Team All-District, and freshman Kade Wimberley, Honorable Mention. In the front row, from left, are senior Jason McKinnerney, First Team All-District; senior William Whitworth, Defensive MVP, and sophomore Alec Menchaca, First Team All-District. Taking it easy is Newcomer of the Year sophomore Ducie Carrington. Congratulations, Flying Eagles!

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**Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa,  
I have been thinking real hard about what I want for Christmas. And this is what I want a pocket knife and Pelet BBgun and a calculatur and a big fire eigen.  
Your friend, Cory

Dear Santa,  
I would like a desk and telephone. I would like a pluto puzzle. I would like stocking. And lots of presents.  
Love, Kelli

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll that wets and has two bottles and some diapers and a diaper bag. And a pupet that is a dog. And some skates for me. And a Starr girl with clothes and some skates for her. And I would like a gocart for me. And a stuffed Santa Claus. And a stuffed dog. And a picture of Laise.  
Your friend, Karen Adams

Dear Santa,  
I want a Rabio and telephone and a remote control jeep and a desk.  
Love Chad

Dear Santa,  
I want a invader mag bike (black and yellow),(star wars men) IG-88, Stormtroopes, Darth Vader, R2-D2, Ben Kenobi, Lando-Calrisean, (space ship) Millenem falcon, Darth Vader's tie fighter, stormtooper's tie fighter.  
Love, Buck

Dear Santa,  
I want a Taperecoter and a big briece doll set and a stov. With dishes and a big go cart with a rack.  
Love, Michelle

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll with a Barbie set can I have 13 Barbies with 13 stars with 7 boy Barbies.  
Love, Susan

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car. I want a remote control airplane. I want a remote control boat. I want a remote control helicopter.  
Love, Kelly

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that crys and a watch. I want a desk a T.V. And skates. Telephone. And a new bike.  
Love, Angie

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll and some colths with it and a game of Checkers and some candy and some leather boots and some shirts and some pants and a swim suit.  
Your friend, Sara

Dear Santa,  
I want a junjack and a pair of skate and some trucks.  
Love, Shannon

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, and a barby doll and a hous for the barbydoll and some close for the barby doll. And some skaites. and a roll controll car  
Love, Sharon

Dear Santa,  
I want some trucks. I want a rockidy hourse. I want new shoes and new cloths. A Piggy Bank and a new book and a new hat. A new high chair and new bed and new sheets. I am Larissa C. Geddis brother.  
Love, William Geddis

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike with trainer wheels for Christmas. I want a Barbi doll for Christmas. I want a Baby doll for Christmas. I want a Table and some Cheers. I want a guitar a real one. I want some new cloths. A play stove, sink and Refrigerator and plates, forks, knives, and pots and pans. I am Larissa C. Geddis sistir.  
Love Tabby Suzanne Geddis

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike with trainen wheels. I want a guatar that is real. I want a Barbi doll with a house and cloths and a car for the doll. I want a Baby doll that sucks a bottle and have cloths and it cries. A real TV that I can put in my room. I am a Sister of Larissa C. Geddis.  
Love, Jenny C. Geddis

Dear Santa,  
I love you verey mu... Miss Santa.i love your elves. . love all of you., I want a bell. I want a bike. I will leave cookies and milk.  
Love, Julie

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a bike and a nice footbooll? You are a nice man, Santa. I like toys. You are going to bring when I am asleep in the bed in the night.  
Love, Eduardo

Dear Santa,  
I want ras cars. I want sum mokrs I want phone I want Sum colrs I want a no boke  
Love, Wayny

Dear Santa,  
How is Rohdoff and how are you? I want a 22 Winchester and a box of Pellets and a now bike and a radio and I guess that is all.  
Love, Bubba

Dear Santa,  
You're good to us Santa. Santa I want some boats and a umbrelu. I want a sweater and some more cios and socs. I want a bed and qwilts. I want a stuff dog and cat and rabbit. I want some dishes and a table with it. I want a horse. Thank you, Santa.  
Love, Twiba

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me these following things. a backpack, a pocet radio, books, clothes, tapes to listen to. and thats all.  
Sincerely, Wilson Wilkinson  
P.S. I you, cant get any of these things. Just give me any thing.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cortney doll, a Sweet Valley High game, a unicorn sbirt, a bluejean dress, a white belt with a gold buckle, a telephone, and a Cat Sleeping Bag.  
Sincerely, Melissa Mathis

Dear Santa,  
I would like a indian pony and a babby alive doll and a bed room set for the doll and a trampilen. Plus some spers and a saddle and ranes.  
Sincerely, Shauna Lewis

Dear St. Nick,  
I already have a jambox. Do you think you could get me a Typhoon? My mom says she can't afford one. Anyway here is what I want for Christmas!  
Typhoon Remote Bigfoot Black and Red Duster Ruggy Bad Boy Shorts  
and a crystal glittered unicorn for my mom.  
Love, Brett

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pants and a base ball.  
Your friend, Jeffrey Timms

Dear Santa,  
I want a gocart and a bike plus a football and a soccerball and a remote control car. and a remote controll Airplan.  
Love, Eddie

Dear Santa,  
I want some shoes of Pittsberg. And a jacket of Pittsburg. And an electronic football game. And a suit of steless, And a racetrack, A stufed haulk, And I want a tipwiter. And a Cawcaulater.  
(Unsigned)

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car. I want a remote control airplane. I want a remote control boat. I want a remote control helicopter.  
Love, Kelly

Dear Santa,  
I want a pet raabbit. I would like a fashion face. New make-up set. And scatise. A reel puton stuff Kol laer.a Science cit. A new Bicke. A new pole. a candy doll. a new coat. a basket ball water game. costoom cit. A music cit. a cit of pins. in my stoking I want a winnie the poo snale. candy.  
Your frinde, Krystal Gail Cornier

Dear Santa,  
I want a racetrack and I want a horse to and I want a football and I want a Dallas Jacket and I want a tweny-two and I want a Supersman and batman and I want Dracula and I want some cars and I want a pet snake.  
Your friend, Yancey

Dear Santa,  
I want a B.B. gun and a foot ball and a football suit and a helmet and a baseball game and shoulder pades and a dirt bike and a zap zap race treck and  
Your friend, Charles Conner

Dear Santa,  
I want a football and a football shirt and a little car and a new baseball bat and some football  
Love, Ramona

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At left, junior Ty Stapp shows the fine form that won him a first place in the 300 hurdles in the Hubbell Track Meet in Junction last Saturday. It's the same form he frequently used to sail over would-be defenders on the gridiron. Both the Junction Eagles girls and boys track teams won the overall meet last weekend.

hospital, and the business plan that had generated it, to determine if any cost savings could be realized.

Lady Eagle Joanna Gutierrez recently won the Harper Invitational Golf Tournament at the Hidden Springs course with a score of 109. A week later, in Comfort, she was the only Junction player to place, finishing fifth.

The two hundred people who traveled last Saturday to 700 Springs Ranch with the annual pilgrimage to this unique spot were fortunate to enjoy beautiful weather for the trek. Due to the generosity of Lee Pfluger and family, the privately-owned property has been made available once a year for fifteen years. Each year, Kimble County historian Frederica Wyatt organizes the trip and provides history and background information. Folks bring their comfy shoes, sack lunches and lawn chairs and soak up the natural majesty of the rock formations from which millions of gallons of water pour daily into the South Llano River.

The JISD Board of Trustees met on March 14 for its regular monthly meeting. All members were in attendance with the exception of Luke Levien. JMS was the campus honored, and the JMS candidates for National Junior Honor Society



Hard-working, athletic and smart Lady Eagles! Honored are, back row from left, senior Morgan Wellmann, senior Sheyanne Smith, senior Jessica Stapper, junior Clarissa Hernandez and senior Haley Martinez. In the front row, from left, are senior Magen Abilez, sophomore Mary Whitworth, senior Kayley Eckert and junior Zoey Ellingwood.

make their way south along US Hwy 83 for four days, ending in Brownsville.

ence room. All members, and a number of the public-at-large, were in attendance.

The main purpose of the meeting was to address the December 15, 2009, letter submitted to the Board by four of its previous members. The letter requested that the Board review the design of the new

**March 17, 2010**

The Kimble County Hospital District Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 9, at 6 p.m. in the Hospital confer-



Ed's Fix-It Shop crew, old and new, are, back row Clyde Rogers, James Stewart, Valerie Williams and Ed Stewart. Front from left, Gary Gold, Bruce Stewart, Dale Williams, Barbara Stewart and the Stewart's grandson, Nathan Stewart.

were introduced.

Beverly Millican, age 78, passed away at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Gladys Deana Whiteman born November 4, 1934, in Oklahoma, passed way on March 9, 2010.

Bert F. Winston, Jr., husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, age 76, died in a Denver hospital on March 7, 2010.

Hallie Amelia Baker, born April 2, 1910, entered into her eternal rest on March 12, 2010, at the age of 99.

Evelyn Sherry, age 83, passed away peacefully at SPJST Rest Home in Taylor, Texas, on March 16, 2010.

**March 24, 2010**

The District 29A selections for the All-District Team were recently announced,

after being voted on by the coaches of that district. The list included seven players from the Junction High School Lady Eagles' Basketball Team.

Senior Kayley Eckert was the Defensive Player of the Year. Sophomore Mary Whitworth was the Newcomer of the Year. Senior Morgan Wellmann was named First Team All-District, while Junior Zoey Ellingwood was Second Team All-District. Honorable Mention All-District went to seniors, Magen Abilez, Haley Martinez and Sheyanne Smith.

Eckert was named to both the San Angelo Standard Times All-West Texas Division I Team and the Super Team, which includes girls from all size high schools. She averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds, seven steals and three blocks per game for the third-place Lady Eagles.

Earning Academic All-District honors were

Whitworth, Clarissa Hernandez, Smith, Wellmann, Martinez, Jessica Stapper and Eckert. To be named Academic All-District, a student must have a grade-point average of 90 or above.

After 33 years of fixing, Ed and Barbara Stewart are hanging up the wrenches and taking a rest. On April 1, 2010, Dale and Valarie Williams and Gary Gold are taking up where Ed and Barbara are leaving off and will be the new owners of Ed's Fix-It Shop.

The South Llano River Bridge project is complete. According to TxDOT area engineer Lewis Nowlin, all the physical inspections have been completed and accepted. Final papers were signed Tuesday, March 23, 2010. All that remains are inspections of the terrain below the bridge by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and TxDOT's envi-

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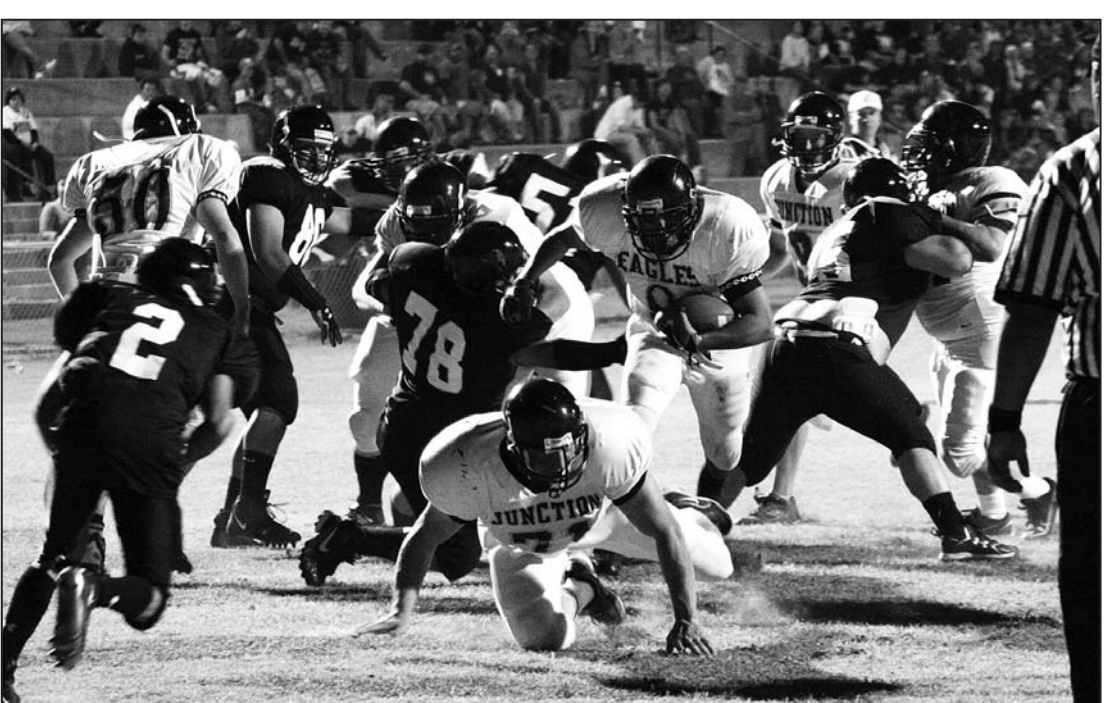
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They may be a bit over-the-hill, but they're far from has-beens! Manuel Ortiz (8) has taken the pig skin from quarterback Casey Murr (9) and charges through the hole made by Matt Suttle (71). He would score the Junction Eagles Alumni team's first touchdown. Junction won the match over the old fellows from Menard 22 to 8.



Junction High School students going to UIL Regionals in Brenham on April 23 are, from left, Joanna Gutierrez, current issues and events; Ashley Mogford, computer applications; William Whitworth, science; Kendra Powers, ready writing and literary criticism; Rachael Katerle, editorial writing; and Maria De Leon, current issues and events. Not pictured are Cody Katerle, computer applications; and Teresa Rayes, chemistry. Junction placed sixth overall. Congratulations!

**March 31, 2010**

The 60th annual Easter Pageant will be presented in Junction under the stars at the amphitheater under Lover's Leap beginning at dark, approximately 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3.

More than 70 volunteer actors, wearing brightly colored costumes, will portray the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The cast and crew are comprised of people from all facets of the community. These individuals have dedicated countless hours to keeping this local tradition alive.

Mildred Louise D'Spain Ham passed away peacefully at home in Austin, Texas, on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the age of 92.

Kevin and Jennifer Timms are the proud parents of a daughter, Kyndal Leanna, born March 3, 2010, in College Station. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 19.5 inches. She was welcomed by her big

sister, Reagan, and grandparents, Nick and Sandra Timms of Junction and Larry and Judy Bearden of Joplin, Missouri.

**April 7, 2010**

On Tuesday, March 23, the Junction Volunteer Fire Department held its annual banquet, at the Texas Tech University Center Dining Hall. The event began with a fine meal of beef and chicken fajitas, followed with an assortment of desserts, prepared by the TTU Junction dining staff.

The highlights of the banquet were the introductions by Chief Cecil Connor and Assistant Chief Adrian Condarco of the much anticipated 2009 Fire Fighter of the Year and the 2009 Blooper of the Year. The 2009 Fire Fighter of the Year was first year rookie, Travis Brown. His unyielding motivation, thirst for knowledge, and pursuit of any and all training, was an inspiration to the other firefighters, and is the reason he was selected and was deserving of the Award.

The 2009 Blooper of the

Year went to long-time firefighter Steve Brown, Travis' dad. As for the reason he was selected for this award, you'll have to ask Steve to explain it when you see him.

Well, well, well!! It turns out the ole boys have still got it!

Last Friday night in Menard, 33 former Junction Eagle football players suited up in pads, helmets, cleats, and jerseys, slathered themselves with copious amounts of Ben-Gay and took to the field in fine style. From the most "mature" JHS graduates, Gilbert Gonzales, 1979, and Frankie Boone, 1986, to several who graduated last year, it looked like everyone was having fun reliving their glory days on the gridiron, behaving like a bunch of teenagers.

In the end, the Eagles came out on top, 22 to 8.

The Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation met in regular session on Thursday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room. All Board members were present.

The first order of business was the swearing in of new

Board member Bill Simon. Simon filled the vacancy left by the resignation of Jack Smith.

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Antonio "Tony" Sepeda, passed away peacefully on March 22, 2010, after a courageous 2 1/2 year battle with pancreatic cancer.

**April 14, 2010**

On Monday, former 198th District Attorney Ronald Sutton pled guilty to two third-degree felony charges of misapplication of fiduciary property. Special prosecutor Bill Turner, Brazos County District

Attorney for the 85th, recommended a two-year deferred adjudication. Sutton has agreed to pay \$20,000 restitution. Sutton was not convicted. If Judge Bert Richardson accepts the plea agreement, Sutton will be sentenced on May 21. After between eight months to two years, the charge-



JPD Sgt. Mike House handles traffic control as JVFD fire trucks approach the scene of a burning junk vehicle in the lot beside Henry Auto Shop on North Main. JVFD personnel were able to extinguish the blaze before it spread to the buildings on either side of the storage yard. Neighbor Kathy Jackson moved her car to provide the firefighters better access. According to Fire Chief Cecil Conner, the fire was started by the cutting torch that was being used to cut up the vehicle.

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es will be dismissed. Junction City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 12, at 6 p.m., in the City Hall Meeting Room. All members were present. During the public forum, Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation (JTEDC) president J.D. Kidwell addressed the Council. He first apologized for difficulties his Board had been experiencing, but gave no specific details as to the nature of the problems. He explained that the JTEDC was in need of legal counsel. He said the Board could not utilize the City Attorney for several reasons, but that he didn't need to read the list he was carrying with him. He noted that, as reported in the April 7 Junction Eagle, two of the Board members had come to the last meeting with legal counsel.

as subcontractors or suppliers for the new Kimble Hospital and Rural Health Clinic. Hosted by UEB Builders, the Open House provided attendees with an overview of the construction project scheduled to start in July 2010, and the types of tradework that will be needed. Cherokee Bridge & Road, Ltd., Cowboy Cottage, Harding Plumbing, KBK Construction, Metco/Kimble Concrete, Parker Lumber/Junction, Reece Albert, Inc., 4-D Electric, Rick Clausen Electric, Robinson Plumbing, Simon Brothers Construction and Swift-Train were among the companies in attendance. Boyce John Eidson, 72, of Junction, died Monday, April 5, 2010, at Menard Manor Nursing and Retirement Center in Menard, Texas. Loma Harris, 73, passed away at Hill Country Care Center, in Junction, Texas, on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

**April 21, 2010**

The athletes who successfully made it past Area competition and on to Regionals in track are: Ty Stapp, 300 hur-

dles; Jordan Keaton, shot put; Kayley Eckert, long jump, triple jump and 4x400 relay; Chelsi Davis, 4x400 relay; Katy Heap, 4x400 relay; and Jessica Roper, 4x400 relay. In UIL, Rachal Katerle, Editorial Writing; Teresa Rayas, Chemistry; Kendra Powers, Literary Criticism and Ready Writing; Ashley Mogford, Computer Applications; William Whitworth, Science; and Cody Katerle, Computer Applications, will be advancing to the next stage. Philip Wright of London, Texas, passed from this life on Friday, April 16, 2010, after a valiant battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Noemi Perez Gonzalez, age 76, of Kerrville, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in Kerrville. Funeral services for James Dennis Abbott, 75, of Granite Shoals, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 2010, in the Edgar Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Marble Falls City Cemetery. Mr. Abbott died Saturday afternoon April 17, 2010, in the Veterans Administration Hospital of Central Texas.

**April 28, 2010**

EDC officers Lynn Foreman and Cesar Vasquez have filed a lawsuit against the Junction Texas Economic Development Board and the City of Junction, EDC Executive Director Patricia Whitty, EDC Board members J.D. Kidwell and Dale Johnson, and Mayor Larry Maddux. The lawsuit alleges violations of the Open Meetings Act and the Open Records Act and misapplication of fiduciary property and breached fiduciary duty to the taxpayers of Junction. The suit has required the City to seek legal assistance. All of the defendants are covered by the City and are scheduled to meet with their attorney next week. On Thursday, April 22, the Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board President, J.D. Kidwell, addressed the City Council during the "Public Forum" portion of its specially called meeting. Kidwell explained that he was there because he needed to make the City Council aware of some disturbing behaviors of the EDC's former legal counsel Keaton Blackburn. Blackburn resigned from his contract with the EDC on March 1, 2010.



Ashley Mogford, left, and Cody Katerle are ready to take on the competition at the state UIL meet on May 7-8 in Austin. The two JHS students have every reason to be feeling confident. At the Regional competition in the Computer Applications category, Ashley had a perfect score of 300, Cody was second with 290, so bring it on! Their coach, Janice Stockton, says they're ready and she's very proud of them. Good luck and congratulations!

He also resigned from his contract as the City Attorney for Junction, effective May 1, 2010. Kidwell said he felt he needed to make the Aldermen aware that after resigning his position as a member of the EDC Board of Directors in 2009, Blackburn had entered into a contract (effective October, 2009) with the EDC Board to provide legal services for a monthly fee of \$250. Kidwell said that recently, the EDC Board learned that Blackburn had previously signed a contract with the City to serve as the City Attorney for a fee of \$750 a month, and that the terms of that contract with the City include providing services to the City's appointed boards and corporations.

The Board of Directors of the Kimble County Hospital District met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 26, at 6 p.m. in the hospital conference room. All members were present. Clyde Lawler, Patricia Chenault and Sue Carlile, representing Kimble County

Meals on Wheels/Senior Citizens Center (MOW/SC), were on hand for a discussion concerning the possible use of vacated hospital buildings by MOW/SC. Lawler stated that his Board had met on April 20 to further examine the possibilities. He noted that a great deal of information was still needed, but MOW/SC was interested in looking further into the details of the situation. Hospital Board president Charles Loeffler stated that currently there are no plans for the buildings and the Board would be happy to work with MOW/SC to see what might be arranged. Both Loeffler and Lawler agreed that further discussions should await the outcome of the May 8 election.

**May 5, 2010**

Thomas James Deal, age 72, of Junction, died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, in Junction. Beverly Peavy passed away peacefully on April 11, 2010, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Private funeral services were held April 15, and honor-

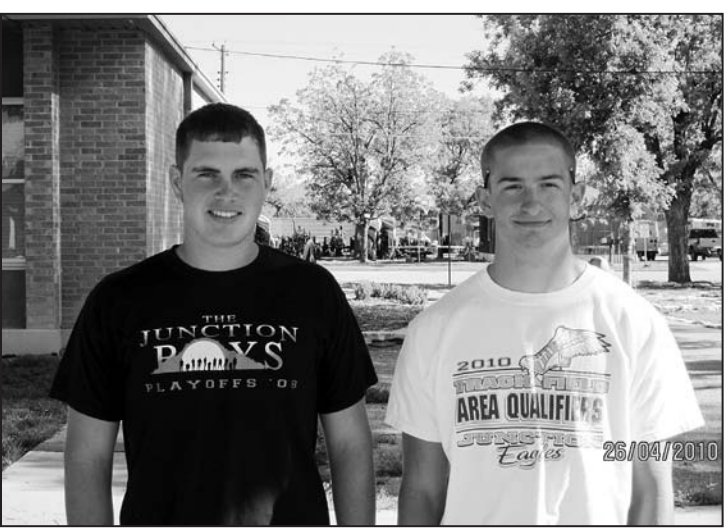
ing her lifelong desire she will be laid to rest at a later date near the gravesite of her mother and father, Lessie and Weaver Baker in the Junction Cemetery. Estelle James, age 99, passed away at a nursing home in Mesquite, Texas.

**May 12, 2010**

2010 Prom Queen and King, Michelle Craig and Victor Parga, were chosen by their classmates for the honor. With graduation only a few weeks away, these two seniors are sporting big smiles to go along with their bling and fancy evening duds. The decision of whether or not to dissolve Kimble County Hospital District was decided last Saturday, in an election that has raised community tensions and strained relations between friends and neighbors. In the end, after all the angst and bitterness, advertising, telephoning, arm-twisting, yard signs, mail outs, emails and the distribution of a whole lot of misinformation, five



Above, from left, Kayley Eckert, Jessica Roper, Katy Heap and Chelsi Davis are regional qualifiers in the 4x400 relay. Eckert also qualified to compete in the long jump and the triple jump. Below, Jordan Keaton, left, qualified for Regionals in the shot put, and Ty Stapp will compete in the 300 hurdles. The Regional meet takes place May 3-4 in Huntsville; the State meet will be in Austin May 14-15. Great job! Your hometown will be rooting for you!



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hundred fifty-eight voters cast their ballots against dissolving the Hospital District. Forty fewer folks voted in favor of dissolving the District. The Hospital remains intact, forging ahead with the construction of a new hospital and clinic facility.

Junction City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 10, at 6 p.m., in the City Hall Meeting Room. All members were present.

Mayor Pro Tem Maddux made note of the upcoming Open Houses at the City Water Plant and Police Department. Both events will be held May 14 and will include tours of the facilities, food and beverages.

Junction's City Pool will be open from May 22, which will be a free swim day, to August 28. Sandra Van Winkle is the new pool manager and lifeguards this year will be Jessie

Jo Nixon and C.J. Ramsey.

State Champions! Cody Katerle placed first and Ashley Mogford placed second in the State UIL Computer Applications last week in Austin. Cody and Ashley earned scores that beat 327 students in Conference 1A division! "Their diligence to practice and learn new skills throughout this year is exemplified by their State accomplishment," enthused their coach, Janice Stockton. Awesome job, Cody and Ashley... and Ms. Stockton!

Lloyd G. Lopez, 59, of Abilene, Texas, died May 5, 2010, at his residence in Abilene.

## May 19, 2010

On Monday night, Junction residents had to get themselves ready for bed and do their nighttime reading by

candlelight. All the folks who normally enjoy late night television, or the insomniacs who spend their middle-of-the-nights at computers, were left without access when the power went out at 9:58 and wasn't restored until 5:11 Tuesday morning.

Local American Electric Power (AEP) service technician Kenny Smart responded to the substation on North Llano Street and quickly found the culprit responsible for the loss of power. The "home-grown terrorist", a small and badly wounded bull snake, was barely conscious when Smart arrived on the scene. During the reptile's attempted ascent of a utility pole (to reach a nest full of tasty baby birds located high up on the electrical transmission equipment), it had foolishly touched one 12,500 volt line, while a part of its body was also

touching another 12,500 volt line. Big zap! The reptile paid for its gluttony with its life, and the city was plunged into darkness. Kimble Hospital and Hill Country Care Center switched to auxiliary power and remained operational.

Company safety rules required Smart, a 16-year AEP veteran, to call in another company employee, Zane Blackwell, who drove to Junction from Eden. Working with very limited light, the two men cleared out the debris of six blow-apart insulators, two burned 90-amp fuses and, of course, the snake carcass. However, when they threw the switches to re-energize the transformer, which would have turned the lights on in Junction, it immediately became apparent that the transformer had been very badly damaged.

Four members of the Board of Trustees met on May 12 for the regular monthly meeting. Those absent were Noe Martinez, Ronny Carpenter and Derrick Ard. Cody Plumley, vice-president, presided at the meeting. Wheeler Hanks, JHS principle, led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags and said the invocation.

Then the votes of the May 8 Board of Trustees election were canvassed, resulting in the election of Angie Wilson and Sharon Sissel to the school board. Cheryl Herring, the superintendent's secretary, administered the oath of office to these new members. Wilson and Sissel then took their seats at the table. New officers to serve from May 2010 to May 2011 were elected as follows: Cody Plumley, president; Luke Levien, vice-president, and Ronny Carpenter as secretary.

## May 26, 2010

Jessica Stapper is Valedictorian of the JHS class of 2010 and is the daughter of Reginald and Becky Stapper.

Jana Cole is Salutatorian and is the daughter of Gene and Patty Cole.

Last Friday, former 198th Judicial District Attorney

Ronald Sutton was sentenced to two years deferred adjudication on two counts of misapplication of fiduciary property. He is required to pay \$20,000 restitution.

Sutton is unapologetic. He is convinced that he was targeted by state officials who would like to have the drug forfeiture money, which is seized by local law enforcement officers, removed from the control of the districts where it is confiscated.

Marguerite Nell King Heap Stevenson, age 92, of Telegraph, died Monday, May 24, 2010, in Ozona where she had lived with her daughter since 2005.

## June 2, 2010

In searching for his Eagle Scout project, Nathanel Warden decided upon serving his home church, the First United Methodist Church of Junction. He consulted with David Dobbins and Johnny Snow, members of FUMC, for ideas for a project.

Nathanel decided to replace the rope to the large bell that hangs in the very top of the church, repairing the carillon (chimes), power washing the front of the church, repainting the cross, flame, lettering and the railing outside the small window, and caulking and painting all the windows on the front of the church.

Campbell Blayre Murff was born on April 29, 2010, to Kacey and Michelle Murff of Midland and is welcomed by big brother Jimmy Logan Murff. Campbell was born at 7:02 p.m., and she weighed 5 lbs. 7 oz. and was 18 inches long.

## June 9, 2010

Congratulations to Kayley Eckert, Junction High School 2010 graduate, as Angelo State University in San Angelo has recruited Kayley to run track as an ASU Rambelle beginning in the fall of 2010.

She ran track at Junction schools throughout her career as an Eagle, competing at the regional level each year in high school, advancing on to state competition her sophomore year.

For the tenth consecutive year, the family and friends of Andrew Noe Gonzales are looking forward to a fun weekend of friendly competition in around-the-clock softball games, great barbeque and home-cooked sides and revisiting cherished memories of a native son taken from his community and loved-ones far too soon.

The Tenth Annual ANGel Classic softball tournament is



It's blue and gold for JHS star athlete Kayley Eckert, shown here sporting her new colors.

scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. on Friday. With a whopping 33 teams entered, games will be played non-stop all night Friday, June 11; all night Saturday, June 12; and should be finished around 3:30 to 4 a.m. Sunday.

JHS seniors Kayley Eckert and Jason McKinnerney receive plaques in recognition for being named "Top Eagle" and "Top Lady Eagle" for 2010 at the JHS Sports Banquet.

Senior athletes Morgan Wellmann and William Whitworth were recipients of "Eagle Pride" plaques at the JHS Sports Banquet.

From January through March, Cody Katerle, Ashley Mogford, Heather Burseson, and Rocio Perez took four Computer Applications tests, and the results were submitted online to "Best of Texas".

Katerle won first place and Mogford took second place. Katerle received a gold medal for top individual and a first place ribbon, and Mogford received a second place ribbon.

At the Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation Board's regular meeting on Thursday, June 3, the Board held a closed session to consult with Texas Municipal League Attorney Jon Mark Hogg, of San Angelo, regarding a lawsuit, which includes various claims against both the City and the JTEDC and several individual members and an employee. The lawsuit was brought by JTEDC members Lynn Foreman and Cesar Vasquez.

At a hearing on May 20, District Judge Rex Emerson heard nearly five hours of testimony from plaintiffs Vasquez and Foreman, alleging misappropriations of JTEDC funds, and also Open Meetings and Open Records violations. Without hearing any testimony from the defendants, Judge Emerson stopped the



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proceedings and ordered the temporary restraining order lifted, indicating that he'd heard nothing in the case presented by plaintiffs and their attorney, Ilse Bailey of Kerrville, that convinced him that there was cause to extend the restraining order.

Billy Howard Bennie, 80, of San Angelo, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2010.

Thomas and Alanna Bode of Harper are proud to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Hannah Brooke Bode. She was born May 27, 2010, weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. She was born in Kerrville at Sid Peterson.

Caralise Hope Thornton arrived April 8, 2010, in Oktibbeha Hospital in Starkville, Mississippi. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

She is the daughter of Robert Frank and Amanda Colleen Holloway Thornton of Starkville.

**June 16, 2010**

This past weekend, thirty-four straight hours (in addition to the many, many hours of preparation) were dedicated to a softball fundraiser played in memory of Andrew Noe Gonzales. The 10th Annual ANGel Classic tourney began on the evening of Friday, June 11, at 5 p.m. with 33 teams entered. The last game ended at 3 a.m. on Sunday, June 13. More teams had applied, but Amy Lovelace, organizer of the teams, had to turn them away because of the lack of time for more games. Lovelace said the participating teams came from Junction, Blanco, Mason, Stephenville (Tarleton State

University), Sonora and San Angelo.

At midnight on Friday night, all softball action ceased, and a memorial service for Andy was held. In the middle of the field, friends and family formed a capital A with the family making the cross bar and friends making the side "legs". Out of the 70 past JHS recipients of scholarships from the Andrew Gonzales fund, 45 were able to attend, and they formed a halo above the A. What a powerful moment and a beautiful pictorial idea brought together by Andy's mom, Lori, and Molly McMillan!

The City Council met on June 14 in regular session with all members in attendance. Mayor Larry Maddux presided and asked City Secretary Vivian Saiz to open with a prayer.

On June 13, 2010, inmate Armando Armijo, 24, of San Antonio, stole a vehicle and escaped from the Kimble County Jail.

Armijo, a nonviolent offender convicted of livestock theft, was recently sentenced to 90 days at boot camp with the Texas Department of Corrections.

The JISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 9 with all members in attendance. Wheeler Hanks, JHS principal, said the invocation, and he and Melissa Hoggett, JMS principal, led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

To begin the business, the Consent Agenda was considered and approved unanimously as presented. Within this agenda were the minutes of the May regular meeting, financial and food service reports, personnel report and the approval of the ES Region XV Service

Agreement for 2010-2011. The personnel report included the resignations of the elementary principal, Kara Fluty, and JHS social studies teacher/coach, Sam Fluty.

Then, although not posted on the agenda, the board immediately went into Executive Session for a little over an hour. Following that closed session, the board members voted on the hiring of Norma Guzman (already employed in the school system) as elementary counselor and Clayton Garmon as JHS social studies teacher/coach. Garmon's hometown is Wall, and he will coach JMS football/basketball and will be an assistant JHS baseball coach. The vote was unanimous to accept these two people to these positions.

The Pedernales Electric Board of Directors terminated the contract of General Manager Juan Garza during the Board's regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 14. Garza will continue to serve as general manager with full authority until June 30, 2010.

The Board voted during executive session and announced the decision in open session Monday afternoon. Board President and District 6 Director Larry Landaker also announced a special called meeting of the Board at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, in Johnson City. During this



Approximately 360 lbs. of marijuana were seized on Thursday, June 10, when two Mexican nationals were involved in a one vehicle roll over. The two occupants of a 1996 Ford Explorer were airlifted from the accident scene approximately 13 miles east of Junction.

meeting, the Board will consider the matter of an interim general manager to assume the duties of the office beginning July 1.

Wendy Lee Wismer Whitehead went to be with our Lord and Savior on June 12, 2010. She suffered an unexpected brain injury while attending a Friday night baseball game.

Concepcion "Concha" Mendez, age 63, of Junction, passed away Thursday, June 3, 2010, in San Antonio.

Virginia Gayle "Ginger" Baugh, age 63, of Junction, passed away Sunday, June 13, 2010, at Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg.

Melvin Ray Conner, age 67, went to his mansion in the sky to play his golden fiddle on Saturday, June 12, 2010.

**June 23, 2010**

William Ivan Eckert pled guilty to second degree aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the case of family violence against his wife, committed on November 25 of last year. As part of his plea agreement, Eckert received a sentence of eight years confinement, to be served in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) is about to give a facelift to the traffic signal at US 377 and

Loop 481. TXDOT workers from the San Angelo District Traffic office will be in town this week to replace the sig-

nal and install a variety of upgrades. Work is expected to

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The Kimble County Chamber of Commerce float has been totally reworked, and it's gorgeous, according to Chamber Executive Director Connie Booth. She thanks all who helped. Here, 2010 Miss Kimble County, Heather Burleson (left), and 2010 Miss Kimble County First Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality, Mary Whitworth, take their new ride for a spin in the Stonewall Peach Jamboree Parade, for which they collected a blue ribbon.

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