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Man arrested after cocaine seized from KC residence

By DEAN W. HOMSTAD Knox County Sheriff

Nighttime, when most people are seriously thinking of going to bed or slowing down for the day, law enforcement officers are continuing with the regular activities. That includes working on reports, patrol, investigation, stake out on locations, serving civil papers, follow-up on informants and gathered information, as well as a wide assortment of various other items. Much of it the normal citizens don't hear about until something happens. Sometimes the general public doesn't always agree with the obvious actions, partially because of misinformation or misunderstanding, but also because of gossip or because it may involve a family member or friend.

Early Friday morning, February 25, 2005, after investigation by a combined effort of the Knox County Sheriff's Office, Knox City Police Department and Texas Department of Public Safety, the investigation came together with a search warrant being executed on a residence in Knox City. As a result of the search warrant, an amount of Crack cocaine and money from the alleged sale of cocaine was seized. Arrested as a result of the investigation was Ronelle Lemar Oudems, a 21 year male who lives part time in Knox

City with other family members. He was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, a State Jail Felony.

During an investigation, it may appear that we, as Law Enforcement Officers, step on toes or make waves in our little pond, but all actions are intended for the improvement of Knox County as a whole in out effort to fight drugs within our community. This office continually strives to improve cooperation and communication with all Law Enforcement agencies as well as the community in general. If this office can be of assistance, please contact us at your convenience.



ALL-DISTRICT HOUNDETTES - Named to the District 8A All-District team were these Knox City Houndettes from left, Kayla Martin, first team; Brittany Hawkins, second team; Nikki Moss, Co-MVP; Jessica Albus, honorable mention; Sophie Gutierrez, Defensive Player of the Year; Bridgett Billington, honorable mention; and Shana Nicholson, first team. (NEWS photo)

Deadline for joint election filings in city, school and hospital elections is Monday

The last day for filing in the joint elections for the City of Knox City, the Knox City-O'Brien CISD and the Knox County Hospital boards is Monday, March 7.

In the City of Knox City elections, the office of mayor and two council seats will expire. Incumbent mayor Charles Lankford has filed. The two incumbent seats of Darren Clark and Tommy Mangis

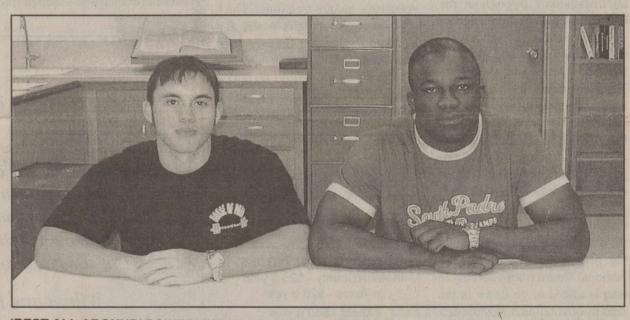
will expire. Neither of these had filed for re-election as of Monday morning.

Holdover city council members are J.M. Emerson, Fred Ledesma and Dan Godsey.

Incumbents whose seats on the Knox City-O'Brien CISD board are expiring have each filed. Charlie Schur, Scott Lynn and Bill Stewart have all filed for re-

election. Holdover members are Raul Espinosa, Todd Lewis, Dale Turner and Gene Ward.

As of Monday morning, incumbent Clint Jones had not filed for his position on the Knox County Hospital Board. Holdover members are Tracy Cartwright, JoAnn Albus, Leon Burkham, Lezlie Meers, Judie Hobart and Jim Reid.



'BEST ALL AROUND' POWERLIFTING GREYHOUNDS!! - These two KCHS senior powerlifters had a very successful day at the 2005 Arlon Barnes Classic in Sweetwater on Saturday and were both the best all around lifters in their weight groups. C.J. Bruce, left, was the best all around lifter in the 114 to 165 classes. His totals in squat, bench press and dead lift, respectfully, were 475.00, 295.00 and 480.00 for a total of 1250.00. He competed in the 165 class placing first with these totals. Riley Spells, at right, was the best all around lifter in the 181 to Super Heavyweight classes with a total of 1490.00. His squat was 550.00, bench press 370.00 and dead lift 570.00. Riley placed first in the 198 class. Both of these seniors have qualified for the state meet on March 12. The Sweetwater meet was the final qualifying event of the season. Chris Norton placed ninth in the 148 class with a total of 810.00. Derrick Magana also competed in the 148 class. Tomas Myers placed fifth in the 165 class with a total of 1025.00. The Knox City team finished fifth overall.



STANDING BY THE QUILT she made for her grandson Daniel, Pam Duke of Benjamin is shown above during the 10th Anniversary Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show held last Saturday at the elementary school building in Munday. With over 100 quilts on display, the event was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Pam's quilt was made with a lot of love in the theme of 'Noah's Ark'. (NEWS photo)

Knox Co. Hospital District awarded \$79,000 for replacement of ambulance in Munday

Knox County Hospital District was recently awarded grants from the Texas Department of State Health Services Local Projects Grant Program and the Meadows Foundation.

In its mission of providing quality care to the people it serves, Knox County Hospital District identified a need to replace the ambulance stationed in Knox City. Beginning with \$15,000.00 in local funding and \$19,300.00 in equipment, The Texas Department of State Health Services awarded the District \$35,000.00 through its Local Projects Grant Program. The Meadows Foundation completed the funding with a

\$44,000.00 grant award.

The Local Projects Grant Program was established to support and improve the development of the Texas Emergency Health Care System and to increase the availability and quality of emergency pro-hospital health care. The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algur H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas.

The Foundation's mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations. The Meadows Foundation is among

the most recognized private philanthropies in the country. It has received numerous awards for both its philanthropy and its management.

Philanthropy has played an important role within the District over the last two years. Grant funding has enabled to District to complete many capital improvement and equipment projects that would have otherwise been difficult or impossible to fund. Included in these projects are facility improvements, a telemetry systems for the nurse's station, replacement of the ambulance in Munday, and the addition of a Physical Therapy Department.

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CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Texans Stand Out in their Support of Our Troops

Do not tell Staff Sgt. Kevin Hinds, a Guardsman from Orange, that the Texas National Guard is composed of "weekend warriors." He knows better. He has spent months in the mountains of Afghanistan helping train 800 afghans to become soldiers. These Afghans will become the core of an army helping defend that county's fledgling democracy.

Sgt. Hinds' experience shows that the days when the men and women of the National Guard and Reserves could be called part-time soldiers are long past. Although they were always part of our military, they were originally planned to be mobilized in the event of allout war, as well as to cope with domestic natural disasters or civil emergencies. Their role evolved into a more active participation in our national security over time, particularly when our armed forces were downsized after the end of the Cold War.

The Reserves and Guard shouldered an increasing part of our defense burden as the operational tempo of our military increased during the 90s, with peacekeeping duties in countries such as Bosnia and Haiti. However, after the 9-11 attacks in 2001, they came into their own. National Guard and Reserve troops protected vital installations throughout the United States. Others participated in the liberation of Afghanistan. Finally, the Guard and Reserves helped overthrow Saddam Hussein's dictatorship and freed the Iraqi people.

Of the National Guard's 15 beat-trained, best-equipped and most ready-to-deploy combat brigades, all but one are either in Iraq now, have demobilized after returning from a one-year tour in that country, or have been alerted for duty in 2005-2006. Although the percentage of Reserve and National Guard troops serving in Iraq is alated to go down in the next troop rotation, today the mix stands at 50-50.

These men and women have all stepped up to do their duty to defend freedom. While they directly bear the burden of service, their family, friends and their employers also face demands during their tours of duty overseas. The job is made easier, however, because their neighbors in Texas are providing them a great deal of support.

For instance, when the 56th Combat Team of Texas/ 36th Infantry Division shipped out for Iraq, 30,000 people gathered in Waco for the send-off. Imagine what it meant to those young men and women that so many of their fellow Texans cared enough to come out and wish them well. I am extremely proud that the Lone Star State is so supportive of our soldiers.

Employers play a significant role when a reservist is activated, because many of them struggle when key personnel report for long tours of duty. Recently, I traveled to Addison to attend a ceremony recognizing an employer's commitment to our troops and their families. The company, Concentra, was receiving the 5star award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for its support for the men and women who make up our National Guard and

Reserve forces. Concentra is entering an exclusive club. Nationwide only one percent of the 8.500 companies who support their Guard and Reserve employees have achieved the 5-Star Level of Recognition. This award means the employer has signed a statement of support

for their National Guard and Reserve employees and supplements their salaries.

In addition to the above, Concentra has done something new. It helped create the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network - called the NSCCN. This organization is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing career opportunities and job portability for military spouses through a nationwide network of employers. With the frequent transfers that are a feature of military life, many spouses have found it difficult to pull up stakes and find work. In addition, they have often found themselves having to start from the ground floor at each new community where their spouse has been transferred.

MSCCN was started, with Concentra's assistance, by volunteer military spouses to help spouses find jobs and build careers despite the frequent moves. This organization charges no placement fees to employers, service members or military spouses and is funded through the support and commitment of its network members. I applaud those who are working to improve the lives of our soldiers and their families.

Texas stands behind our citizen soldiers because they are one of America's unique traditions. The shot heard around the world at Concord Bridge was fired by our first National Guardsman, a Minuteman. They are always on duty to defend our freedom, and it helps them to know that all of us appreciate the sacrifices they make on

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

JAVALINA RAP

"These are javalina," pointed out the zoo tour guide, "Tayassu tajacu, the collared peccary."

"Pig family," I commented, in an effort to dazzle the 6th graders on

"No," stated the guide, "A common mistake made by the ill-informed unknowledgeable ranger groupies who cover up their ignorance of the species with self-important and completely wrong pompous pontifications.'

"Well, they look like a pig," I said defensively.

"Only to amateur wildlife wannabes," he said with a sneer.

"Okay, Bambi Buns," I challenged, "describe a javalina to me without using the word pig, pork, snout, oink, grunt, root, swine, University of Arkansas, boar blunt or BLT!

He couldn't.

I said, "Kids, what does this javalina look like?"

"A pig!" they shouted in unison. I rested my case. Several years ago a folklorist type wanted to include some of my writings in a book he was publishing. "You like the poems or the stores?"

"Those written in rhyming verse," he said. "The poems, then," I clarified.

"Well, officially they are rhyming verse," he explained. "You mean if it rhymes it's not a poem, but if it doesn't rhyme, it is a poem?" I asked.

"Let me read you the definition from Webster's," he offered, "Poem - a composition in verse, characterized by imagination and poetic diction ... marked by elevation or beauty.'

"So," I said, "Longfellow, John Milton, Robert Burns, Frost, Poe, Robert Service, Banjo Patterson and Wallace McRae didn't write

"Only if it didn't rhyme me," he said.

"I believe the world is leaving you behind," I said with some compassion, "The practicality of your definition went out with the flatearth theory. Ask any 3-year-old kid what a poem is. It rhymes, silly!"

We have redefined our language through the ages, to suit ourselves, our fads and ideas of political correctness. A coach used to haul Cinderella; how he's her personal trainer. For a hoarse whisperer we'd always recommend voice rest. Elvis was an icon. Lego is what you'd hollered when someone grabbed you. My idea of reality programming was Clark Kent. Riding bulls was an extreme sport, not riding bicycles. Rap was how we sent our packages.

In conclusion, javalina will always be described as pig-like, poetry as something that rhymes and the die-hards will have to adjust. After all, a punk used to be a piece of burning cow manure we lit our firecrackers with and a cell phone indicated special privileges in prison.

Thank you

for all the cards, calls, plants and memorials. Friends made the difficult days in our lives much easier. Mom was a wonderful mother and we will miss ber. Our family has found peace and comfort to know that she has been "Swallowed up in Life". God bless you all.

Wilma and Bud Hogan

Rolling Plains Ramblings

By Morton Scott

Will return to the News next week . . .

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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Nine members of O'Brien Baptist Church traveled to Abilene February 21 to hear David Barton, American historian, speak at the "In God We Still Trust" rally sponsored by the Discovery Center. After the rally, the group ate at the Golden Corral before driving

Audie Johnston was in Stamford to get new glasses and shop. When she got home and contacted her daughter, Sammie, she learned that her daughter, Loura in California had passed away. Sammie and husband Kenneth came from Plainview to get her. On Thursday she, Sammie, Shirley and Donny flew to California and returned Friday.

A cousin of Billie Walker, Bruce Boydstun of Marlin was buried in Amarillo Friday. Billie drove to Amarillo to the funeral and visited with daughter Laura and husband, Julie, Julie's children and grandchild. Julie, Laura and David also attended the fu-

Brother Jim Reid has challenged the O'Brien Baptist Youth Group. If they can get as many youth in church as there are adults any Sunday evening, he will treat them to a cookout. They have met the halfway mark Sunday

Veeta Reed of Dallas spent several days visiting friends in O'Brien and Knox City. She is also spending time with her brothers, Marcus and Malcum. She graced O'Brien Baptist with her presence Sunday and we were so happy to have her with us again.

C.J. Banner came home with his uncle, Joe Banner from Hawley to visit his great-grandmother, Billie Walker. C.J.'s parents, Kevin and Emily and sister Maddie were in Hawley visiting Kevin's dad, Cliff (Butch) Banner and mom Bobbie. They also visited with Kevin's grandparents John and Barbara Kimbrough at Haskell. Emily will be leaving soon to work in Iraq. Kevin and the children will remain in Lott where Kevin is employed on the military base. The youth program Sunday was based on Scripture memory verses for Security, Behavior, Strength.

Sandra Childress came over a week ago and stayed with Bea Ellis over the weekend. Matt and Julie Harrison (granddaughter) baby Lana came for two days from Murphy, Texas, then left on Saturday. Pleas Childress came from Ozona, Sunday all this bunch went home and David Ellis came for a couple days from Alpine.

Meek Blood Drive

I (Audie Johnston) was in Lancaster, California, last week to attend the funeral for my daughter Loura Proffitt whom had suffered for several days and passed away last Tuesday. Along with my daughter Sammie Roberts and husband Kenneth and son Don Johnston and daughter Kari of Slaton, and daughter Shirley James of Shallowater attended the funeral. Loura was born and raised in O'Brien, Texas. She was the mother of one son Tommy and daughters Judy and Joy and 10 grandchildren. They had lived in California since her husband Bill was in service there years ago. Loura grew up here in O'Brien and finished school here.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot were in Shallowater Sunday to visit their daughter and family. Marilyn will be having knee surgery soon and needs our prayers.

Donny and Diane Roberts were blessed by having their daughter Angela, student at Texas Tech, spend the weekend with them and she attended church with them on Sunday.

Kevin Urbanczyk visited Friday and had lunch with me. He brought Rusty and Sadie with him, they are his dogs. We all had a good time.

Two council seats are open in O'Brien

The City of O'Brien has two positions for two year terms on the city council for seats expiring in May.

Filing deadline is Monday, March 7.

Incumbents are Trudy Hunt and Mague Rocha. Trudy has indicated that she will not seek reelection.

Vernon College application deadline is Friday, April 1

The 2005-2006 Vernon College Scholarship applications can now be picked up in the Financial Aid office on the Vernon campus or at the three VC centers in Wichita Falls or online. Vernon College offers approximately 200 scholarships for \$500 and \$1,000 that are awarded annually to students who are planning to attend VC. Applications must be filled out, postmarked or in the Financial Aid office by April 1 for consideration.

To be considered for a \$500 and \$1,000 scholarship, applicants must attach their most recent transcript separate from the transcript sent to Admissions, have a 3.0 GPA, be a full-time student (12 ours or more), and provide a list of their achievements.

To be considered for a \$1,000 scholarship, the student must be a full-tome returning VC student and be willing to work with the college foundation during its annual giving a campaign and help the college in other ways as the need arises.

Financial Aid and Admissions information along with scholarship applications can be found on the Vernon College website at www.vernoncollege.edu.

After the VC Scholarship Committee meets, scholarship recipients will be announced by the VC President in a letter to the recipi-

Weather

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Date	Low	High	Rain
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02/23	42	50	.03
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High school honor roll

'A' HONOR ROLL **Fourth Six Weeks**

Ninth Grade: Marni Mc-Lemore, Jessy Schur. .

Tenth Grade: Bridgett Billington, Brandon Grimsley, Laura Harrington, Emily Lewis, Tiffany Wilde.

Eleventh Grade; Jessica Albus, Grant Lewis, Nikki Moss, Meagan

Twelfth Grade: Kaylie Billington, C.J. Bruce, Eric Lewis.

'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade: Sarah Burt, Rico McCrary, Jacob Wade.

Tenth Grade: Martha Perkins, Katelyn Railsback, Matthew

Eleventh Grade: Antonio Aguayo, Ty Chisum, Ryan Harrington, Kayla Martin, Tomas Myers, Pablo Sanchez, Jeremy Saxton, Andy Shaver, Sandra Silva, Michael Vaden.

Twelfth Grade: Drew Barnard, Riley Spells, Veronica Hernandez, Joshua Hunt, Erica Nevarez, Ben Simmons, Ricky Dale Smith.

Mid-school honor roll

'A' HONOR ROLL Fourth Six Weeks

Fifth Grade: Destini Billington, Cassidy Carter, Kyle Harrington, Jarek Wilde.

Sixth Grade: Brandon Bradley, Whitney Collins, Landon Lynn, Michael Wilburn, Zakery

Seventh Grade: Clayton Clark. Eighth Grade: Jordan Carter,

Christopher Taylor. 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Toni Brown, Jordan Carver, Reagan Clark, Tiffany Esquivel, Jo Martinez, Christopher Wakefield, Brandon

Sixth Grade: Santos Espinal, Kelsey Harrington, Juanita Ortega, Zachary Shaver.

Seventh Grade: Brittney Gonzales, Daniel Wade.

Eighth Grade: Andrew Aguayo, Caitlin Diaz, Erin Easterling, Samantha Esquivel.

Elementary honor roll

'A' HONOR ROLL **Fourth Six Weeks**

First Grade: Sheldon Baty, Jordyn Eaton, Spencer Edmonds, Wes Hutchinson, Anthony Navarette, Calista Rocha, Payne Stanfield, Ligon West, Brylee White.

Second Grade: Kinslee Cox. Andrea Lynn, Jessica Wilburn.

Third Grade: Zachary Carter, Stratton Edmonds, Garrett Fox, Christopher Richardson, Kelsey Vasquez, Gus West.

Fourth Grade: Blayne Bradley, Hagen Hutchinson, Allison Lynn. 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Ana Araizia, Arron Jonathan Rodriquez.

Arrieta, Cassidy Correll, Isaac Flores, Avery Frausto, Laken Ingland, Marisol Ledesma, Michaela Martinez, Allen Self, Casey Stiewert, Justin Thomas.

Second Grade: Leighten Pepper, Zachary Rodriquez, Nicholas Short, Adrian Silva.

Third Grade: Lyndon Baty, Severando Hernandez, Schelby Houck, Stran Jackson, Ty McLemore, Rocio Ortega, Scotty Reid, Travis Self, Courtney Tay-

Fourth Grade: Selena Benavides, Quenten Burt, Haley Ledesma, Jesus Rodriquez,

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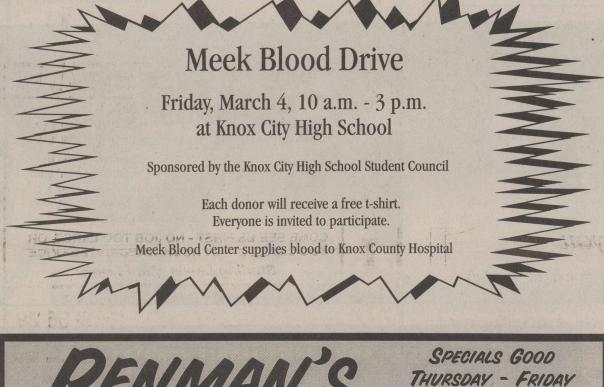
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Letters To The Editor

Dear fellow motorists

I wonder if you realized how close you came to injuring or killing me today. You seemed completely unaware that you began to move into my lane when only half of your car had passed me. If I had glanced at my mirror at that second, I probably wouldn't have been able to brake fast enough to keep you from hitting my front tire and throwing me off my motorcycle. I apologize for slapping your window and lecturing you. It probably seemed to you that some crazy biker was trying to terrorize you. I'm sure you're a nice person and wouldn't want to hurt anybody, but your inattention nearly caused a collision that would have been a mere fender bender for your car, but could have caused me to be killed, and that made me

Perhaps you are not completely

to blame. As cars get smoother,

more comfortable, and easier to drive, as they get quieter inside and come equipped with highpower, nine-speaker, surround sound stereos, as more distractions like cell phones and laptop computers become available for you to use while driving, it's easy to forget that you are hurling two tons of steel and plastic down the road. Inside that nice new car of yours, you have air bags, seat belts and anti-lock brakes to keep you safe. Since you surely have at least the minimum required insurance, a collision with a 600 pound motorcycle just isn't very threatening to you but it is life threatening to me. I ride a motorcycle nearly everyday, year round, because I love the feeling of being in the open air, feeling the temperature changes and of course, the sunshine and wind on my face. I love the feel of the leaning to steer and accelerating out of a curve. I love it so much that I not only ride to work everyday, I ride for fun on weekends. My idea of a fun vacation is riding my motorcycle to a rally in a far off state. I'm very aware of the dangers and I have decided that, to me, the risk is an acceptable trade off. And you must understand that regardless of how you feel about motorcycles, they are legal vehicles and are permitted to use the roadways. Regardless of your feeling about "bikers" I am a human being and deserve the same consideration that you wish to receive from every other driver on the road. And if you accidentally kill me because you weren't paying close enough attention or didn't see me, you will have to live with the fact that caused another human being to die. I can't believe you would want that to happen, so let me try to help you understand what I must do to minimize the danger of riding and how you can help me

stay out from under your wheels and not come crashing through your windshield to die in your front seat. First, you have to understand that the natural at-rest position of a motorcycle is on it's side. In order to keep it upright, I have to balance it. When I get it up to 35 mph or so, natural forces help me to keep it upright, that is as long as the surface I'm riding on remains pretty consistent. But on patched roadways, or worse yet, those that are under construction, there are lots of hazards that can upset that natural balance. Raised surfaces such as the edge of a patch that your car bumps over easily can drop a motorcycle in a second if not crossed over properly. Loose surface gravel and curves that are sloped in the wrong direction all pose potential hazards if I don't ride carefully and give myself enough space to react. I swear sometimes it seems like the highway department is trying to do me in. But I hope that they, like you, just don't understand that the dynamics of a motorcycle are different from that of a four-wheeled vehicle. With practice and concentration, I've learned how to keep the shinny side of the motorcycle facing up, as long as you grant me a few courtesies. If I leave slightly more than a car length between me and the vehicle I'm following, it's so I have enough time to react to the piece of truck tire that's lying in the roadway. It's not an invitation for you to slip into the space while you're trying to leapfrog through heavy traffic. That forces me to drop back and open another gap that someone else will leapfrog into. And since I don't tailgate you, extend the same courtesy to me. If you need to look down to change the temperature control on your climate control, you need to have enough time to avoid hitting me if traffic suddenly slows.

When you see a small gap in the middle of a group of motorcycles, don't maneuver quickly into the gap. It's common for motorcycles to travel in groups, it's part of the fun. Needlessly splitting up the group is rude and dangerous. These are common courtesies and safe driving practices for all vehicles and are particularly important to me as a motorcyclist. But in order for you to extend me these courtesies you have to be aware of my presence. I know that a motorcycle can easily hide in a blind spot so when I ride behind you in an adjacent lane, I always try to see your face in the rear view mirror. That means that you can see me if you scan your mirror regularly as they teach in any drivers education or safedriving class. I always ride with my headlight on to make me more visible. My last line of defense is

a rather loud exhaust system. You may find it annoying, but if it makes you notice that I'm traveling in a blind spot beside you, I consider it a safety device. I try not to annoy my neighbors with

Let me have my lane. You and I can share the road safely as long as you give your driving the attention it deserves and give me the same consideration that you would want from any other driver. In return, I'll try not to vent my anger at you when another, less-considerate driver does something that endangers me. And when we get to where we're going I can take a smaller parking spot designated for motorcycles and leave the big space for your luxury automobile Sincerely,

Tom Macom A motorcyclist

To the Editor:

Thank you for the coverage of Brian's retirement. I'm Happy for them and Cathy. Hope they enjoy retirement and traveling some.

And Thank you to the picture of Rex and the new display cases at Lawrence Brothers. If you haven't been in. go check them out. Ice Cream with not frost covering, boxes of frozen food that are not smashed, and check out the new meat counters. We are getting "uptown" now.

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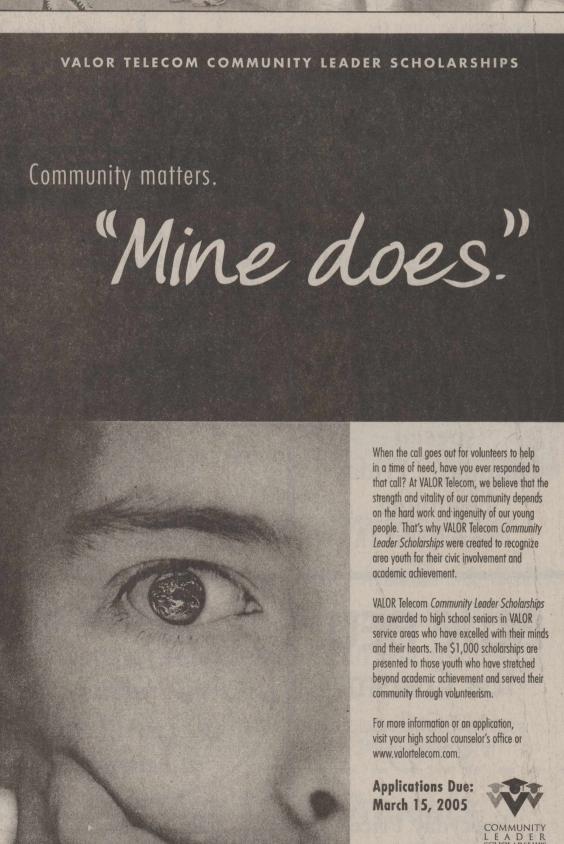
the noise, but I use it to my advantage on the highway. Some motorcyclists ride aggressively and faster than the flow of traffic. Passing other vehicles can be safer than being passed by them in some situations. Maybe the biker that roars past you is just an uneducated or inexperienced rider, or maybe he's trying to observe how you're driving and control the time that you are actually close enough to hit him. In either case, what can you gain by getting mad and returning the aggression? Don't take offense if I ride between lanes and move to the front of a long line of stopped cars, especially on hot days. Without air moving over it, the air-cooled engine on my motorcycle will overheat and be damaged If the motorcycle sits still for too long with the engine running. Don't take it personally. Notice me, but please don't stare at me as you drive beside me. Remember that you tend to steer in the direction that you are looking.

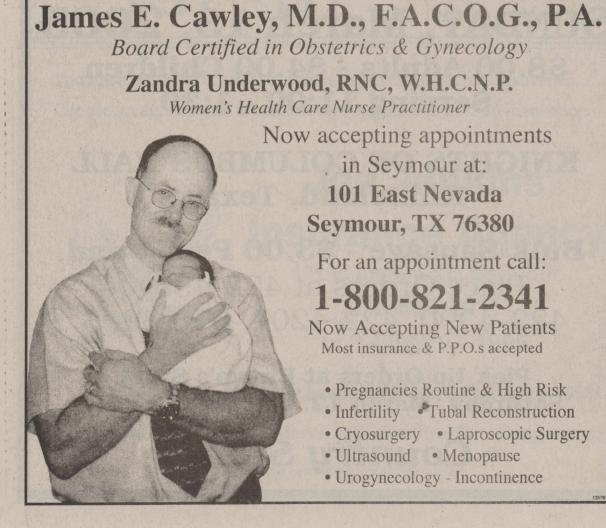
Little Dribble Basketball pics from the Benjamin tournament













THE REGION II FCCLA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE was held in Abilene February 25 and 26. These students placed in Leadership Enhancement Opportunities. Shown with Shea Edmonds, advisor of the KC FCCLA chapter, are shown with medal winners, Ebony Thompson, gold medal winner; Dannie Garcia, bronze medal winner; Tabatha Short, bronze medal winner, and Brie Rios, silver medal winner. (NEWS photo)

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Benjamin News This has been another dreary Saturday. No rain to speak of but

clouds and a little mist off and on. Just enough to make you want to stay inside and not do much. I guess I'm rushing things but personally - I'm ready for spring thunderstorms and all - Sure not hankering for severe weather but am ready for continual warn, sunny days. Oh by the way, guess we'll have frost in April because it thundered in February - Did you

Better news regarding our ill. Hazel Stockton, however, is still testing. Doctors just can't seem to locate her problem. She goes to Abilene Monday for an MRI and if that doesn't show anything, she says she's giving up. Still feels bad but not knowing what's causing it, doctors don't know what to do. Hopefully this MRI will tell them something.

News is pretty scarce around here today. There's a little dribblers tournament going on up at school and teams from several area towns are entered. Maybe before I turn this in I'll have the results. Our kids won first at Knox City last week.

New arrival - Garrett and Lisa Favor are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl. Kylie Michelle was born Sunday, February 27, 2005, at 12:15 p.m. at

Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She tipped the scales at 8 lb. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. Besides her parents, welcoming this new addition to the family are grandparents, Tina and Jacob Siemens of Benjamin and Joe and Sharazan Riggins of Rule, greatgrandparents Joe and Joy Riggins of Rochester and a great-grandmother "Grandma" Beth, who lives at Potosi. According to reports, everyone is doing fine.

Here 'N There - Recent guests of Jessie and Gracia Zavala were their daughter, Monica and her fiance Jerry Grayson, Justin Groetcher and Franklin Rogers, all of Lamesa, Jessica Zavala of Midland and Gracie's cousin, "Mimi" Manuel of Oklahoma City. She had not seen Mimi in 17 years so I bet they had lots to talk about!

Jimmie Kay and Don Liles of Kilgore spent the weekend with her daughters, Stacia Propps and Shannon Propps and their fami-

Bob and Stephanie Brannan and family of Lubbock spent the weekend with family here.

Little Mason Herring of Munday and Lexee Taylor of Childress spent the weekend with their grandparents Mike and Debbie Moorhouse. Mason is three months old and Lexee is

nearly seven months old so I'm sure things were interesting in that household. Lynn Rogers of Maryneal was also a weekend Sammy and Clara Tipton and

their family came through Saturday visited briefly with Bud Conner. They live at Forestburg,

Tyler Collins of Wayland College in Plainview visited his family, the Mike Lyles, during the weekend.

Beckie and Wade Keys and Dillon and Randi of Childress spent Sunday night with me. On Monday, they were in Dallas for Dillon to see his doctor. Randi was battling a cold so she spent Monday with me.

Sheila and Ishmael DeLosSantos and children of Vernon were Sunday guests of her parents, Charles and Joy Jones and attended Sunday morning worship services at First Baptist Church.

Sara Spikes, a senior at Seymour High School, just keeps getting recognition for her accomplishments, both curricular and extra-curricular. She is a member of a choral group in SHS that has won a division I rating in Wichita Falls and is state bound in May. Sara also received a division I rating as a vocalist and goes to state as a vocalist.

She is also a National Merit finalist named by the college board. She was a team leader of the Siemens/Westinghouse Math/ Science competition which advanced to regional at MIT. She helped prepare the team entry. She is now helping to prepare the entry in Intel Science competition and if it advances will go to the international finals in Phoenix, Arizona, in May. Sara has admissions applications pending at Rice, Stanford and Harvard. She plans to get a PHD in Math in field of Research or teach math at the col-

Sara's parents are Guy and Donna and her Benjamin grandmother is Dorothy Spikes and I'm thinking a mighty proud "granny" at that.

Danny Fulton of Coppell spent Friday and Saturday with Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon.

Late News! The little boys (about fifth and sixth grade) won first in the little dribblers tourney. That's two in a row! Carlos Mendoza is their coach. Next week the tournament is at Paint

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Obituaries

Maezelle Kainer

Graveside services for Kathryn Maezelle Kainer of Knox City were held Saturday, February 26, 2005, at the Rochester Cemetery with Rev. Bill Trice officiating. Arrangements were by Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Mrs. Kainer, 75, died February 23, 2005, in a Lubbock hospital.

Born January 5, 1930, in Slidell, Texas, to Deva Hopkins and Lillard D. Greene, she graduated from Weinert High School in 1947 and owned and operated

Maezelle's Beauty Shop in Knox City for 35 years. Maezelle was a Baptist and moved to Knox City from Rochester in 1953.

Survivors are a daughter and son-in-law, Tenia and Jimmy Johnston of Lubbock; a brother, Dick Greene of Stinnett; two sisters, Vernelle Evans of Stinnett and Monnie Hedgecoke of Borger; two granddaughters and a grandson-in-law, Wendy and Shannon Anderson of Lubbock and Jamie Wells of Lubbock; two grandsons, Timothy and Kerrey Flenniken; and six great-grandsons, Brenden Anderson, Briley, Jaden, Zachary, Jantzen and Landen Wells.

Maezelle was preceded in death by a son, Marvin "Big-un" Flenniken.

The family would like to extend a special heartfelt thanks to the staff at Munday Nursing Center and Dr. Kevin Finley.

The family suggests memorial be made to the Southcrest Christian School, 3800 South Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79423.

Mary Measles

Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church of Plainview on February 14, 2005, for Mary Measles, former resident of Knox City and Munday. Mrs. Measles was the mother of Wilma Hogan.

Mrs. Measles was "Swallowed up in life" (II Cor. 5:4) on February 10, 2005, in Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

Born September 1, 1909, in

Boonesville, Arkansas, she moved with her family to Oklahoma in a covered wagon. She married J.G. Measles in Lindsay, Oklahoma, and moved to Olton, Texas, in 1930, where they farmed until 1951. They later moved to Plainview, Texas. They were married 74 years when Mr. Measles passed away in 2001.

Survivors include two sons, James Measles of Lehi, Utah, and Bobby Measles of Mineola; and two daughters, Mary Lu Grant of Littlefield and Wilma Hogan of Munday. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.G.; one daughter, Tia Juana Caddell in 1964; and a grand-daughter, Shalyn Grant Cowan in 1984.

Loura Proffitt

Loura Jeanette Proffitt of Lancaster, California, born October 3, 1933, went to be with her Lord Jesus on February 21, 2005.

Loura is the daughter of Audie Johnston and the late S.E. Johnston of O'Brien.

Loura is survived by her husband of 52 years, Bill Proffitt; son, Tom Proffitt; and daughters, Judi Power and Joy Vierra.

Loura is also the grandmother of eight grandchildren, three greatgrandchildren and a sibling to three brothers and three sisters.

After retiring from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 2002, Loura was active in her church and the local Christian Women's Club.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 24, 2005, at Joshua Memorial Park and Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the American Heart Association or the Arthritis Foundation.

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COMMITTEE CHOICE - Janice Albus was the recipient of the 'Committee Choice' award at the 10th annual Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show held Saturday at the Munday Elementary Gym. Janice was selected for her embroidery and applique work in the applique division. (NEWS photo)

Sheriff Homstad issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff dean W. Homstad has announced that Knox County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

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Knox City notes

Terry Youngblood of San Salvador, El Salvador, and Margaret Youngblood of Brownwood visited Romain Stubbs, JoNell and Clifford Cornett, and other Knox City friends on Monday.

Wretha Fitzgerald accompanied her daughter Donna Ricks and a friend of Ransom Canyon to the Metroplex last weekend. They attended a garden show in Arlington, had dinner Saturday evening with Wretha's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fitzgerald in Carrollton, and also visited Wretha's brother Wayne Walters and family in Haltom City.

Clay Hewitt, who has been employed by Neiman-Marcus for several years, has been promoted from a department manager at the Willow Bend store to director of marketing for all of Neiman-Marcus' 48 stores across the country and Hawaii. Clay is the son of Gwen Decker of Lubbock and the grandson of Billye Angle.

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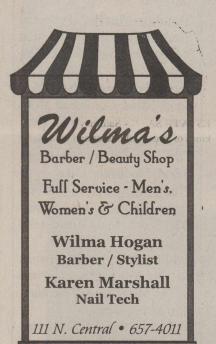
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-----Spring Break

Friday April 1-----High School at Aspermont

Tuesday April 5-----Junior High District at Guthrie

Thursday April 7----------High School district at Crowell Friday April 15-----Area High School Track at Wylie

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Knox City Greyhound Track Schedule 2005

Jr. High School

Archer City

Knox City

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Aspermont

March 3

March 17

March 24

April 4

High School

April 7

April 15

April 22

May 7

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