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Home Invasion Suspects Apprehended

On Wednesday, March 23, around noon, two strangers entered our community looking for an opportunity to use deception and force to remove possessions from our citizens. They preyed on an elderly lady within the city of Munday, taking only a few precious dollars from her, but understandably scaring her severely.

They also traveled to the community of Rhineland, somehow locating an elderly gentlemen minding his own business at his residence. There, they bullied their way into his house, intimidated him to a point where he was afraid for his safety, yet obtained only a few useless items.

They made their way south to Goree, where they really messed up. On FM 266, a short way south of Goree, they were met by Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Jason Zeissel, who had responded sometime earlier in an attempt to assist with a search of the area to locate the suspects.

The suspects were headed north on FM 266, with Trooper Zeissel heading south. During and after the immediate and brief meeting, the suspects vehicle quickly reached over 100 mph, finally blowing a tire. Unknown to the suspects at the time, they were headed toward several other law enforcement units, who were eager to meet the pair.

Moments after the vehicle came to a stop, Trooper Zeissel was on the scene, followed immediately by more units as back-up. Arrested was Tommy Carroll, a 31 year old white male, along with Christopher Bryer, a 25 year old white male, both

charged with two counts of Aggravated Robbery and Possession of Marijuana under 2 oz., each having a total of \$52,500 in bonds to deal with.

Assisting in the search that started in Munday, led to Rhineland and back to Goree within a few minutes were Texas Department of Public Safety units from Baylor and Haskell Counties, Knox County Sheriffs Office, Knox City Police Department and the Munday Police Department.

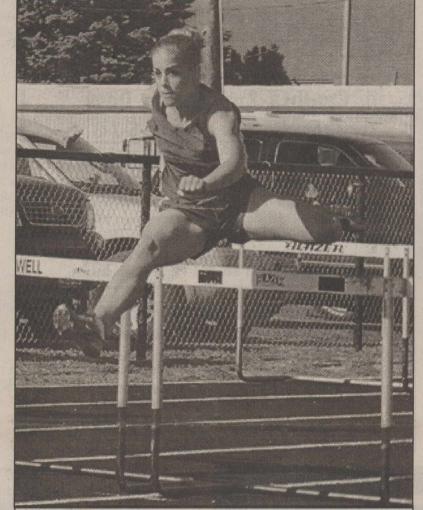
Extremely good information sharing between law enforcement agencies led to a quick apprehension of these two. Behind the scenes, the general public listened to scanners and passed on valuable information to authorities, greatly assisting us.

As the investigation continues, it is suspected that these two were not alone, possibly being involved in a much larger family type organization that stretches from South Carolina to at least Texas. Strong evidence gathered since the arrests leads us to believe that at least these two are involved in similar home invasions and theft in the Lubbock area, however, no warrants have been issued from any other jurisdiction as of this date.

Again, thank you to the various law enforcement agencies and to the public that assisted in the quick capture of these two individuals.

Remember, lock your doors and do not open them to strangers. Try to do business with the local people that you know.

Dean W. Homstad, Knox County Sheriff



Knox City freshman Sarah Burt puts on a clinic for proper hurdling form at the District 11A meet. Burt won the 100M hurdles with a time of 16.6. (Photo by Robert Copeland)

Tax Filing Extensions Available by Phone or Computer

WASHINGTON — People who need more time to complete their forms will find it easy to extend their filing deadline — they don't need an excuse or even a stamp. Automatic fourmonth extensions are available by phone or by computer, as well as through the paper Form 4868. The IRS expects to receive almost 9 million extension requests, which must be made by the normal filing deadline.

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Whether requesting an extension electronically or on paper, the taxpayer must estimate the total tax liability based on the information available. If the IRS later finds this estimate to be unreasonable, the extension will be null and void. The taxpayer will still get credit for any payments made with the extension

The IRS has a special tollfree phone line for extensions (see IRS, Page 5)

Knox County Commissioners Court Meeting

The Knox County Commissioners met April 11 for their regular monthly meeting to discuss a broad range of issues before the Court.

Actions taken Monday included approval of the March 14 meeting; reappointing Lezli Meers and Leon Burkham to the Hospital Board; tabling a request from the Texas Department of Public Safety for a new radar unit; and to leave for present in the General Fund money received from a sale of capital equipment.

Also acted upon were adopting a "Fraud Policy and Code of Conduct" for addition to the County Policy Manual, deleting a clause concerning "Relationships with Clients and Suppliers."

Following a lengthy discussion, Commissioners authorized County Judge Travis Floyd to negotiate with the cities of Knox City and Munday concerning liability of certain city prisoners held in the Knox County Jail; approved a request for providing DSL access for the Sheriff's Office; voted to put out bids to purchase a used motor grader; and voted to pay all bills and accept financial statements for the month of February.

Discussion without action were

as follows: heard from Richard McCanlies, Chief of the Benjamin Fire Department, proposing that the County stand the cost of equipment and installation for communication among the County's fire departments to help during fires and extreme weather; heard from Judge Floyd about ongoing efforts to update software for the Treasurer's Office and perhaps other offices in the Courthouse.

The Court received the Extension Activity Report, the Aging Service Report and the 9-1-1 Report; Commissioner Jerry Urbanczyk reported on minor problems with the new motor graders; Judge Floyd announced the Parenting Fair in Knox City at which the Commissioners will have a booth.

In attendance for the meeting were Judge Floyd, Commissioners Weldon Skiles, Urbanczyk, and Johnny Birkenfield, County Attorney Bobby Burnett, Sheriff Dean Homstad, Treasurer Irma Bell, Clerk Ronnie Verhaulen, Knox City Manager Barbara Rector, Munday City Manager Dwayne Bearden, TXDOT Maintenance Supervisor Gene Ward, and Benjamin Fire Chief McCanlies.



The Knox County Fire Department's newest addition has had plenty of use over the past two weeks. According to Fire Chief, Domingo Garcia, the new truck has been out on nine calls, including three responses to bees where the department sprayed foam.

Ruth Lowrance Honored by National Ranching Heritage Association

Ruth Lowrance, who operates ranches Knox, King and Hardeman counties, has been selected for the 2005 "Boss of the Plains" Award from the National Ranching Heritage Association.

Lowrance will receive the honor April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ranching Heritage Center, located at 3121 Fourth Street in Lubbock.

The dedication and award ceremony will be followed by a reception of heavy hors d'oeuvres and the music of Blue Prairie in the Pitchfork Pavillion. There is no ticket charge, but reservations are required in advance. Contact Whitney King at 806-742-2498 or

email at: whitney.king@ttu.edu.

The seventh such award given recognizes Lowrance's generosity to the museum and historical park, including her donation of the Old Mill Camp to the Heritage Center, its relocation to Lubbock, site preparation, restoration, research and documentation.

Lowrance made the gift to the Heritage Center as a memorial to her late husband, Ed, who back in 1974 provided the Masterson JY Bunkhouse for the historical park.

Born July 30, 1951 in Karnes County, Ruth Lowrance grew up on a farm in Wilson County, then graduated from Poth High School in 1969. She then began work at the Bexar County National Bank in San Antonio which handled a lot of business from some of the big ranches, including the Lowrance family.

"A friend of mine, Bill Matthews, introduced me to Ed in 1978," Lowrance stated. "We dated for about two years and were married on a coffee break at the Bexar County Courthouse on January 9, 1981."

"About a year later I resigned my position and began helping Ed with the day-to-day ranch operations in King and Knox Counties. At that time, we were running 2,000 mother cows and about 20 brood mares."

Ed and Ruth traveled abroad, seeing China, Taiwan, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and Argentina, mainly on fishing expeditions which was one of their favorite pastimes.

Ed passed away on March 8, 2004 and Ruth took over as sole owner of the Lowrance properties. Following her life-long love of horses, Lowrance started a horse division in October of 2004 on the Lowrance Ranch in Quanah after purchasing a new stallion, PG Gunpowder.

(see Lowrance, page 2)



Ranching Heritage Association 2005 "Boss of the Plains" award recipient, Ruth Lowrance.

National Volunteer Week Salutes Volunteers in Texas

Each year, thousands of volunteers in Texas donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2004.

One group that relies heavily on volunteers is the 4-H program. In 2003-04, 52, 279 volunteers in Texas gave their time to help teach 1,059,829 Texas 4-H members life skills, help them become better citizens, give back to their community, and prepare them for employment. This year, 25 volunteers, both young and old, have served as club leaders and project leaders for the three 4-H clubs in Knox County. Volunteers spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as helping organize an event at the county fair, helping a child with a 4-H project or leading a community service project.

Club volunteers are only one group of leaders who are instrumental in carrying out the mission of the 4-H program and Texas Cooperative Extension in Knox County. Over 60 more adults in the county have contributed time, energy, and/or resources to the program as well. This includes the support of all three school districts, Extension Education Association members,

Family and Consumer Sciences committee members, Horticulture Committee members and the Agriculture committee members. Without the tireless effort of these individuals, our program would not be as strong as it is.

Volunteers are involved in every aspect of Texas Cooperative Extension, including determining the needs of residents, planning programs, securing resources and evaluating programs. The value added time to Knox County for volunteers (five hours per month per 85 volunteers X 12 months X \$17.19), which is the Independent Sector per hour value of volunteer time, who reach Knox County 4-H youth and other residents is \$87,660.00.

The work of Extension volunteers is continuous. Every day a volunteer is lending a helping hand to make Extension programs beneficial to the residents of Knox County.

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Lowrance

According to historian Don Abbe, the Mail Camp, built in the 1870's near Truscott, may have originally been a rest stop or way station for military couriers. Postal contractors also used it as they delivered and picked up mail for the early ranch settlers, whose need had become significant by

"Aquisition of the Old Mail Campenhances the NRHC's ability to more fully and accurately interpret pioneer settlement and ranch life in the American West," Executive Director Jim Pfluger stated. "It is with gratitude to Ruth Lowrance and in memory of her husband, Ed, that this important structure will be dedicated.'

Lowrance family members, friends and others interested in the Old Mail Camp are invited to be on hand for its dedication in the northest area of Proctor Park in Lubbock.



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There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest. —Elie Wiesel

TERRY'S TALK

Terry Utley **Knox County Extension Agent**

Major Stock Show Results

Livestock shows are finally over and what a year the kids in Knox County had.

These students put a lot of time and effort into their projects. The students spend a lot of time traveling and searching for that right animal that they think will be the one to get them into the "winners circle." Between the parents and the kids, all the hard work and dedication pays

Knox County participated in Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston, showing goats, pigs, sheep and steers. Livestock shows contribute over \$50 million to the state's economy each year.

Fort Worth Livestock Show Joe Albus 10th light weight

Dustin Johnson 12th medium weight Duroc

Shaylee Propps 12th light weight Spot

Cody Kuehler 3rd middle weight White OPB Kelli Cypert 2nd middle

weight Hampshire Keith Cypert 5th middle weight Crosses

Krystynn Myers 4th light weight Shorthorn

San Antonio Livestock Show Ricky Dale Smith 2nd light weight Hampshire staw tadt niat Kayla Stewart 2nd heavy weigh Duroc

Bryant Moore 8th light weight Hampshire

Trent Tidwell 6th heavy weight Crosses

San Angelo Livestock Show Martha Perkins 7th middle weight Yorkshire

Dustin Johnson 2nd heavy weight Spot

Houston Livestock Show Dustin Johnson 10th heavy weight Berkshire

Kelli Cypert 23rd heavy

weight Hampshire Krystynn Myers 20th heavy

weight Yorkshire

These students of Munday, Knox City, and Benjamin really work hard at what they do.

Congratulations on a job well done. To the 4-H kids, if you are interested in participating in the State Fair of Texas please let me know at the office (459-2651) or at home (657-4330) before or on April 18th thru May 13th.

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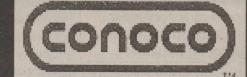
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SLACK FRIDAY NIGHT

ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS -

By Morton Scott

Last week, we read about Capt. Randolph B. Marcy's recommendations about what food to take on a west-bound wagon train across the southern plains, as given in his best-selling book, The Prairie Traveler in 1859.

This week, we're going to see what Marcy had to say about an even more critical need for the pioneer --- water. We're used to having whatever we need - or want - with us when we travel: snacks, pop, napkins, phone, music, water, etc. Marcy experienced the importance of finding water through his own travels, which covered most of the Southern Prairies, including our own Rolling Plains. He was probably the first Anglo to visit Knox County. You may be surprised at some of his suggestions for finding water:

"The scarcity of water upon some of the routes across the plains occasionally exposes the traveler to intense suffering, and renders it a matter of much importance for him to learn the best methods of guarding against the disasters liable to occur to men and animals in the absence of this most necessary element.'

"In mountainous districts water can generally be found either in springs, the dry beds of streams, or in holes in the rocks, where they are sheltered from rapid evaporation. '

"During a season of the year when there are occasional showers, water will generally be found in low places where there is a substratum of clay, but after the dry season has set in these pools evaporate, and it is necessary to dig wells. The lowest spots should be selected for this purpose when the grass is green

and the surface earth moist.' "In searching for water along

the dry sandy beds of streams, it is well to try the earth with a stick or ramrod, and if this indicates moisture water will generally be obtained by excavation. Streams often sink in light and porous sands, and sometimes make their appearance again lower down, where the bed is more tenacious; but it is a rule with prairie travelers, in search for water in a sandy country, to ascend the streams and the nearer their sources are approached the more water will be found in a dry season.'

"Where it becomes necessary to sink a well in a stream the bed of which is quicksand, a flourbarrel, perforated with small holes, should be used as a curb, to prevent the sand from caving in. The barrel must be forced down as the sand is removed; and when, as is often the case, there is an undercurrent through the sand, the well will be continually filed with water.'

"There are many indications of water known to old campaigners, although none of them are absolutely infallible. The most certain of them are absolutely infallible. The most certain of them are deep green cottonwood or willow trees growing in depressed localities; also, flags, water rushes, tall green grass,

"The fresh tracks and trails of animals converging toward a common centre, and the flight of birds and water-fowl toward the same points, will also lead to water. In a section frequented by deer or mustangs, it may be certain that water is not far distant, as these animals drink daily, and they will not remain long in a locality after the water has dried up. Deer generally go to water during the middle of the day, but birds toward evening.'

"A supply of drinking water may be obtained during a shower from the drippings of a tent, or by suspending a cloth or blanket by the four corners and hanging a small weight to the centre, so as to allow all the rain to run forward toward one point, from whence it drops into a vessel beneath. India-rubber, guttapercha, or painted canvas cloths answer a very good purpose for catching water during a rain, but they should be previously well washed, to prevent them from imparting a bad taste.'

"When there are heavy dews water may be collected by spreading out a blanket with a stick attached on one end, tying a rope to it, dragging it over the grass, and wringing out the water

as it accumulates...." "The use of water is a matter of habit, very much within our control, as by practice we may discipline ourselves so as to require but a small amount. Some persons, for example, who place no restraint upon their appetites, will, if they can get it, drink twenty times a day, while other will not perhaps drink more than once or twice during the same time. I have found a very effective preventive to thirst by drinking a large quantity of water before breakfast, and, on feeling thirst on the march, chewing a

small green twig or leaf." Well, now you can buy the right food for your overland trek on the prairie, and you know how to get water. You're ready to go when the Captain yells: "Move 'em out!!"

Maybe if I followed Marcy's recommendations, I would have lost more than two pounds this past week - particularly had I marched 70 miles over the Roll-

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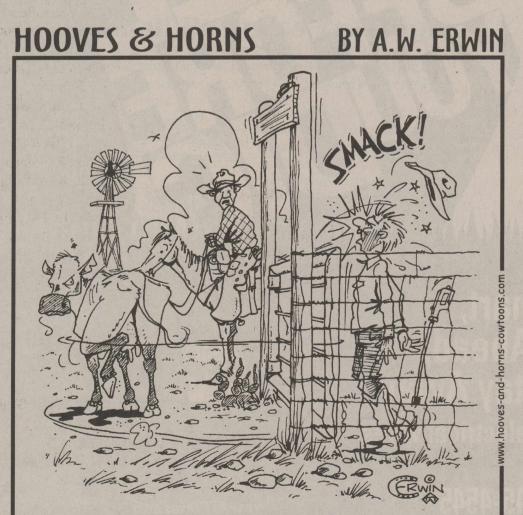
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BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Unsolicited Advice

Sometimes the best advice one can get is the least appreciated. I'm reminded of this observation when I hear of the honest, some would say cruel, comments the English judge Simon makes to mediocre contestants on American Idol. But blunt doesn't necessarily have to be cruel.

I had a nice visit with a fellow New Mexico State alumni who was a student when my father was the Dean of Agriculture. This man, we'll call him Don, was six months into a Master's program with the idea of becoming a college professor. Don told me he received a call from the Dean's secretary. He responded and was ushered into my father's office, who addressed him, "I've just toured a new slaughterhouse in the state and they are looking for a manager to run it. I think you are the man for the job!" Don objected. He was studying for a Master's degree. He had other plans. According to Don, my father said, "You're never going to make it in the academic world. You're too hot-headed. You'd never fit in, you might as

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are generally seen in June or July. Prior to shell hardening, shuckworms feed inside nuts and

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occurring within one or two days.

almost all pecan-growing areas. Left untreated, the larvae will tunnel into pecan

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and can potentially lead to outbreaks of

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well face that now." Don quit school, took the job and has become a successful ag business-

I've offered unsolicited straight talk myself. Although the recipients don't always take it, I've not regretted doing it. While speaking at a veterinary school years ago I met a brilliant older veterinary student. She was admired by her younger classmates and had assumed a leadership role. After two days of being in her company and watching her organize, lead and minister to her classmates I asked what she intended to do. "Go to graduate school and teach," she said. I gave it some thought and before I left I privately told her that she should not become a teacher. That she would be a detriment to the profession as well as herself. That she would become overbearing once she had authority. That in spite of all her attributes she lacked humility. Were she to do private practice, her animal patients might teach her that humility. But she would never learn it from books.

And I, too, have had unwanted observations come clear as years go by. I remember the first time I was on the Ralph Emery Show in Nashville. It was the result of some of my country music friends recommending me. I told a few poems and was a hit. After the show my friends took me out to dinner. I was in cloud nine. They could tell.

"Is there anything else you'd like?" they asked, smiling.

"Well," I said, "I'd like somebody famous to cut one of the songs I wrote."

My friend exclaimed, "I don't believe it! Every poet I know thinks he's a songwriter! Every songwriter thinks he's a singer, every singer thinks he's an actor, and every actor thinks he's a poet! Why can't you be satisfied with what yer good at!"

So I've learned to be content with being a poet, but every now and them I'll hear some new singer and think, "Ya know, that song I wrote for Loretta Lynn back in 1983 would sure be good for this new girl." But a little time goes by and I let it go...with a sigh.

Jan's Journal

Pretty Scary about Grandma!

Stay with this--the answer is at the end - it will blow you

One evening, a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shooting at the schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandma replied, "Well, let me think a minute. I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill. There were no credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man had yet to walk on the moon.

"Your Grandfather and I got married first and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother.

Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, 'sir'--and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, 'sir'. "We were before gayrights, computer-dating, dual careers, day-care centers and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this county was a bigger privilege.

We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spend together in the evenings and weekends-not purchasing condominiums. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. "Pizza Hut, Mc-Donalds and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5 & 10 cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Icecream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards.

You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad because gas was 11 cents a gallon. In my day, 'grass' was mowed, 'coke' was a cold drink, 'pot' was something your mother cooked in, and 'rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby. 'Aids' were helpers in the Principal's Office, 'chip' meant a piece of wood, 'hardware' was found in a hardware store and 'software' wasn't even a word

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap."

And how old do you think Grandma is??? Read on to see-pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time.

'This is something to think about. My how times have changed. Grandma is 58 (born 1946). How could so much go wrong in such a short time?

Check out our Classifieds on Page Nine!

Benjamin News

by Gladene Green

What a week we have had! Wind and dust have been the "order of the day." Tuesday was horrible and one might think anytime you would see part of Lubbock or Amarillo or points in-between go by. It was a Mess! Today (Sun) has been nicer but still we have had the wind to reckon with. Thank goodness the chance of severe weather didn't materialize.

No reports of any serious illness today. Lots of the same sniffles and sneezes but we can deal with that. The dust, pollen etc. in the air adds insult to injury where those ailments are concerned. And about all I've ever found to relieve it is time. When the weather and temp. change, it gets better.

One Act Play:

It's on to regional for the OAP cast and crew after advancing at area on Saturday in Jayton with Highland, the next two weeks will be filled with much more practice in preparation for the regional competition at H.S.U in Abilene, April 23.

Making the all star cast on Saturday were Cassie Lyles and Chance Propps. Given Honorable mention to the all star cast were Julia Acevedo, Nancy Siemens and Jessica Moorhouse.

The very impressive technical crew won for their lighting, sound effects etc. The "Crew" is Matthew and Lucas Cartwright, Kaitly Kuehler and Shaylee Propps. Alternate is Jenna McCanlies.

On Firday at the District track meet in Crowell several of our girls qualified for reginal next

Friday. Laura Benson will be competiting in shot put. Several others qualified in different events but who did what is very unclear

I know there 's the mile and 2 mile relay, sprint relay, pole vault and high jump to name a few. The girls who will be competing on Friday are Jessica Moorhouse, Nancy Siemens, Maria Acevedo, Cassie Lyles, Sadie and Carla Benson, Kaitly Kuehler, Shaylee Propps and Margaret Siemens.

Here N There

Kay Sheedy called to tell me Brittney has made the deans list at South Plains College-Lubbock Camous. Britt is a 2004 graduate of BHS, another example of a BHS grad doing well! Only one half of one percent of the nations college students make this list. That information coming from a release from South Plains. We congratulate Brittany.

Kay and Mike are living on their place near Knox City and are very pleased over there. They are missed here but good to know they are satisfied where

Weekend guests of Hazel Stockton and Gertrude Brannon were Stephanie and Bob Brannon and family of Lubbock. Also Casey Conner and a friend Dustin also of the Lubbock area who also visited Casey's grand father Bud

(Ihope I havn't missed anyone) We also had some boys to qualify. They are Seth Kuehler, Tomas Acevedo and Chance Propps. We wish the kids well in their endeavorsiunim esidt of lice

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all. -Sam Ewig

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O'Brien Happenings

by Audie Johnston

Bernice Rowan was blessed by having her son Lowell and wife spend a few days with her over the weekend,

C.H. and Linda Underwood's son Reed of Guthrie spent the weekend with them. Reed teaches school in Guthrie. C.H. and Reed were in Abilene Sunday afternoon taking care of some things.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot enjoyed having their daughter Cathy and husband of Shallowater spending some time with them over the weekend.

Last Monday night several from our church attended a church service at Four Square Church in Knox City. Those from our church who attended the program and lunch were Sherry Reid, Billie Walker, Marilyn Talbot, Helen Manning, Charlene Brothers, Janoma Stephens, Patsy Orr and myself. There was a big crowd from other churches also there.

We are still having lots of people who need our prayers. Janoma Reeves, Claude and Jean Barnard, Rose Mare Johuston, Vivian Hendrix. I'm sure there are a lot who need our prayers.

Audie Johnston, Billie Walker and Isabel Diaz were in Abilene last week for an election school to learn about new laws. Every voter must show a voter registration card to be able to vote on a regular ballot and they need to verify that they live at the address shown.

Election officials must be registered voters, Opening and closing of the voting polls properly was discussed plus other issues.

Saturday, Charlene Brothers, Janoma Stephens, Audie Johnston and Billie Walker were driven to Stamford by Sherry Reid for a Vacation Bible School Seminar at First Baptist Church featuring "Rambling Road Trip Which Way Do I Go" from Lifeway. Presenters were trained at Glorietts. Stops are Washington, D.C. Destination Worship, Chicago, Illinois Destination Thankfulness, Lebanon, Kansas Destination Salvation, Yellowstone National Park Destination Belief and Knott's Berry Farm, Destination Obedience. Dates for O'Brien Baptist Church Vacation Bible School are May 29-June 2 for children who have completed 1st-8th grades.

Joe Banner was home overnight before returning to work at Bowie.

Cliff "Butch" Banner had emergency surgery Sunday for an intestinal blockage. The surgery was successful: he is recovering at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. Thanks to sherry Reid for teaching the Youth group so Billie could go to Abilene.

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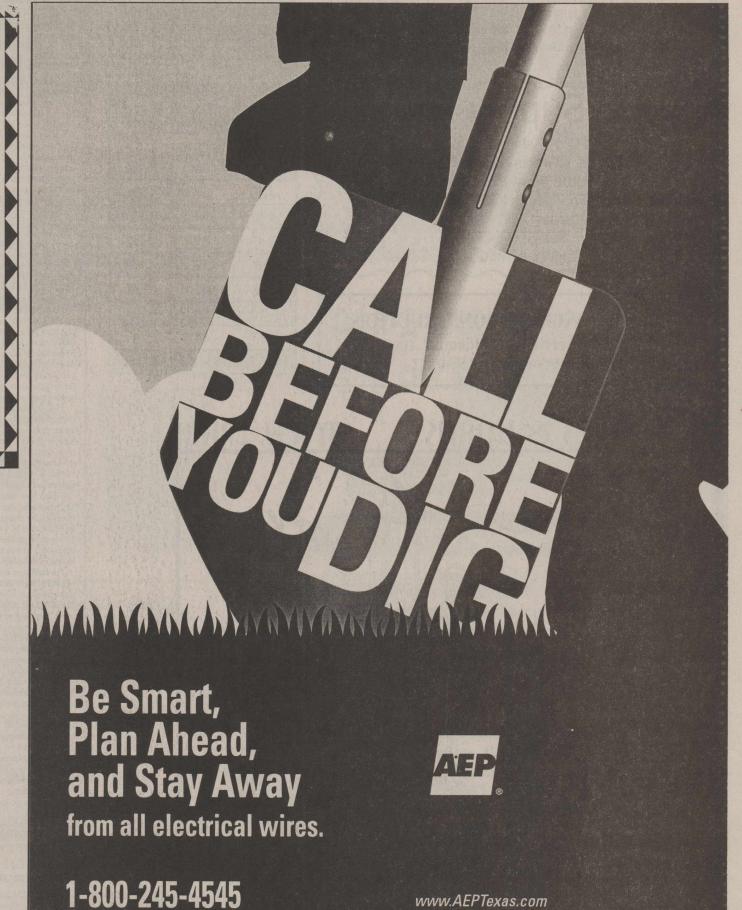
We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crimes. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. In fact, in the majority of the most tragic cases of child abuse- those in which a child died- Child Protective Services had no opportunity to impact the safety of the child at risk. We all have to recognize neglect and not walk away from it.

Parents are not alone. Information and support is available too make communities strong and safe. The Web site www.itsuptoyou.org contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger.

Additionally, volunteers from the Knox County Child Welfare Board are in the community sharing information from Child Abuse Preventions Kits. Contact your local Child Protective Services office to get more information. It's up to all of us to prevent child abuse. We must work to put our children first, safe and secure.

To get more information please join us at the Parenting Fair, April 26, 2005 from 4:00

p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Knox City School Gymnasium.



Obituaries

Mattie Bales

Belton- Funeral services for Mattie Bales, 93 of Moody, will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday April 15, 2005 at the Dossman Funeral Home with Rev. Margaret Boles officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005 at the Knox City Cemetery in Knox City Texas.

Mrs Bales died Monday, April 11, 2005 in Temple Hospital.

Mrs. Bales was born in Oklahoma September 27, 1911. She was a long time resident of Knox City before moving to Moody in 1997. In Knox City she and her husband Raymond Bales were award winning gardeners. She was a member of the Knox City Church of Christ.

Mrs. Bales was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Bales in 1998 and son James Copeland.

Survivors include son Thomas Copeland of Montgomery and Lee Wayne Carroll of Moody, daughters Bonnie Bowers of California and Suzanne Tuck-Carroll of Moody, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends for visitation Thursday evening 6-8 p.m. at the Dossman Funeral Home.

Josephine Rios

Rosary services for Josephine Rios, 85, of Knox City will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 2005 at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 3, 2005 at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church with Deacon Benny Vasquez, officiating. Interment will follow in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City,

Mrs. Rios passed for this life April 1, 2005 in a Mundayn Nursing Center. Josephine was born October 12,1919 in Cuero, Texas. She married Ralph Rios Sr. on October 19, 1936 in Knox City. He preceded her in death on January 27,1999. She was a homemaker and a member of the Santa Rosa Catholic Church.

She is survived by: Six sons, Luis Rios Sr. of Ft. Worth, Ralph Rios Jr. of Arizona, Jessie Rios of Knox City, Sammy Rios of Knox City, Danny Rios of O'Brien and Larry Rios of Knox City. Three daughters, Stella Quintana of Knox City, Angie Pauda of Lubbock and Toni Benavides of Knox City. One Sister, Toni Munoz of Munday, 30 Grandchildren, 32 Great Grandchildren and 8 Great Great Grandchildren.

Josephine was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Rios Sr., one son, Rudy Rios Sr. and one Grandson, Rudy Rios Jr.

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The family of Josephine Rios wish to express a very heartfelt Thank You, to all the people for their prayers, hugs,

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Taxpayers with the June deadline can file a Form 4868 or make an extension-related credit card

payment by June 15 to get an additional two months to file. They cannot request this extension by phone. Merely being outside the United States on the April deadline does not give a person an extension to June 15.

Interest charges apply to any tax not paid by the regular deadline. The current rate is 6 percent a year, compounded daily, and is subject to change each calendar quarter. Taxpayers who request an extension may also be liable for a late payment penalty of 0.5 percent per month if the total tax paid by the regular deadline is less than 90 percent of the actual 2004 tax.

One deadline that taxpayers cannot extend is the date to claim a refund for Tax Year 2001 if they have not yet filed for that year. Unless they had a filing extension in 2002 for their 2001 return, they must mail such late returns by April 15, 2005.

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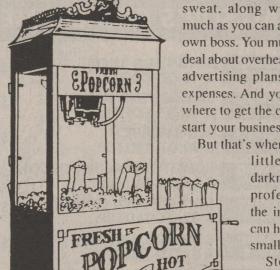
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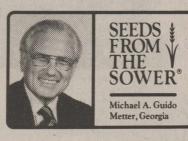
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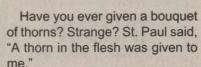


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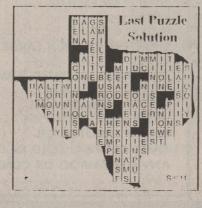
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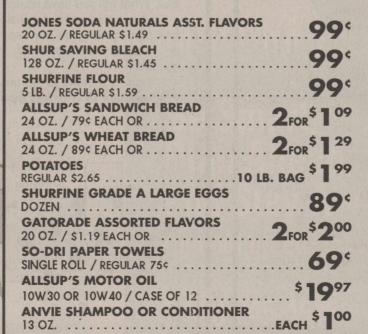
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Benjamin's 136 point total

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Julia Acevedo took the gold

medal in the 3200 M Run and

Sadie Benson finished second in

the 100 M Hurdles, the 300 M Hurdles and in the Triple Jump.

Benjamin coach C.H. Under-

wood said it best, "Score one for

the little guys," following his

sters found yet another gear,

sweeping most of the speed

events and relays. The Houn-

dettes placed first in the Sprint

Jamilla Ward smoked the field

in the 100 Meters with a time

of 12.6. Sarah Burt put down a

16.6 in the 100 M Hurdles, Nikki

Moss won the 300 M Hurdles by

a four second margin, and So-

phie Gutierrez vanquished the

field in both the 200 M and the

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day in the 400 M Dash, finish-

ing second to Gutierrez. Jessica

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the Triple Jump.

Mile Relay placed third as well.

Knox City dominated the Hur-

dles as Dustin Johnson won the

300, followed closely by Evan

Clark. Clark also won the 100

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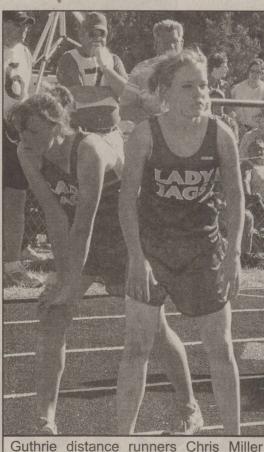
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Knox City's Quentin Spells turns on the afterburners as Sprint Relay teammate Jeremy Saxton cools his jets. The Greyhounds won the relay with a blistering time of 44.2.



and Keely Adams prepare for their long road ahead.

Nikki Moss of Knox City is al-

ways taking the lead. Moss

placed first in the 300 M Hur-

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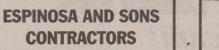
dles and two more relays.



winning form in the 110 M High Hurdles.



Margaret and Tina Siemens take a friendly sibling rivalry to the track. Tina made the Area meet in the 100 M Hurdles.



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Benjamin senior Chance Propps soars through the air in the long jump. Propps heads for the area meet in the 300 M hurdles.

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District Track Results

Meter Hurdles. The Greyhound Sprint Relay and 4 X 200 Relay took home gold medals.

Jeremy Saxton was first and Riley Spells, who also placed second in the Shot Put, took second in a scorching field of 100

Meter speedsters. Quentin Spells melted the track in the 200 Meters with a time of 22.1 and Ricco McCrary advances in fourth.

Tomas Acevedo of Benjamin placed fourth in the 3,200 Run, Seth Kuehler was third in the Pole Vault and Chance Propps advanced in the Hurdles.

Guthrie will send boys to Area in the 1600 Realy and Uribe will advance in the Mile Run.

Congratulations Guthrie, Knox City and Benjamin athletes.

GIRLS

Team: Benjamin 136; Knox City 118; Aspermont 94; Paducah 72; Crowell 53; Guthrie 43; Jayton 37; Northside 32; Rule 24; Chillicothe; Paint Creek

100m Hurdles: 1. Burt, Knox City, 16.6 2. S. Benson, Benjamin, 17.4 3. T Siemens, Benjamin, 18.1 4. Eavenson, Crowell, 18.5

100m Dash: 1. Ward, Knox City, 12.6 2. Thomas, Paducah, 13.0 3. Freeling, Northside, 14.0 4. Eavenson, Crowell, 13.8

4x400m Relay: 1. Aspermont, 4:20.9 2. Benjamin, 4:38.0 3. Guthrie, 4:46.00 4. Crowell, 4:50.6

1600m Run: 1. Lujan, Aspermont, 6:00.9 2. Hurt, Guthrie, 6:16.7 3. Kuehler, Benjamin, 6:30.1 4. Rodriguez, Crowell, 6:39.5

200m Dash: 1. Gutierrez, Knox City, 26.4 2. Thomas, Paducah, 27.2 3. Propps, Benjamin, 27.8 4. Slover, Paducah, 28.1

300m Hurdles: 1. Moss, Knox City, 50.2 2. S. Benson, Benjamin, 54.4 3. Mays, Aspermont, 54.5 4. Bleiker, Jayton, 55.3

3200m Run: 1. Acevedo, Benjamin, 13:39.4 2. Hurt, Guthrie, 14:08.0 3. N. Siemens, Benjamin, 14:25.5 4. Kuehler,

Benjamin, 14:32.0 400m Dash: 1. Gutierrez, Knox City, 1:01.7 2. Perkins, Knox City, 1:02.0 3. Prince, Northside, 1:09.8 4. Adams,

Guthrie, 1:10.6

4x100m Relay: 1. Knox City, 51.0 2. Paducah, 53.0 3. Aspermont, 54.2 4. Benjamin,

800m Run: 1. Wolter, Aspermont, 2:35.9 2. Peters, Aspermont, 2:36.2 3. Adams, Guthrie, 2:45.5 4. Harrington, Knox City, 2:52.3

4x200m Relay: 1. Knox City, 1:52.1 2. Crowell, 1:58.1 3.

Benjamin, 2:00.5 4. Rule, 2:00.9

Discus: 1. Brannon, Rule, 98'7" 2. Davis, Paducah, 88'1" 3. Johnson, Jayton, 87'1" 4. Albus, Knox City, 87'

High Jump: 1. Hise, Aspermont, 5'1" 2. Slover, Paducah, 5'1" 3. Timmons, Paducah, 5' 4. Burt, Knox City,

Long Jump: 1. Peters, Aspermont, 14'9.5" 2. Senn, Jayton, 14'9" 3. Freeling, Northside, 14'5.5" 4. Styles, Aspermont, 13'5.5"

Pole Vault: 1. Westbrook, Aspermont, 7'6" 2. K. Benson, Benjamin, 7'6" 3. M. Siemens, Benjamin, 7' 4. S. Benson, Benjamin, 6'6"

Shot Put: 1. Prince, Northside, 32'8", Johnson, Jayton, 32'7.5" 3. Davis, Paducah, 30'7.5" 4. L. Benson, Benjamin, 29'9.5"

Triple Jump: 1. Senn, Jayton, 32'10" 2. S. Benson, Benjamin, 31'9.25" 3. Billington, Knox City, 30'7.75" 4. Eavenson, Crowell, 30'5.25"

BOYS

Team: Paducah, 125; Rule, 123; Knox City, 113; Crowell, 63; Aspermont, 61; Jayton, 44; Chillicothe, 27; Benjamin, 24; Northside, 23; Guthrie, 22;

Paint Creek 100m Dash: 1. Saxton, Knox City, 11.2 2. Spells, Knox City, 11.3 3. Johnson, Chillicothe,

11.8 4. McGee, Northside, 11.9

110m Hurdles: 1. Clark, Knox City, 15.5 2. Smith, Crowell, 16.5 3. Pace, Rule, 18.4 4. Brisco, Paducah, 19.8

1600m Relay: 1. Paducah, 3:34.6 2. Rule, 3:35.0 3. Crowell, 3:38.3 4. Guthrie, 3:54.4

1600m Run: 1. Lujan, Aspermont, 4:48.7 2. Martinez, Paducah, 4:56.9 3. Brown, Rule, 5:06.5 4. Uribe, Guthrie, 5:14.6

200m Dash: 1. Spells, Knox City, 22.1 2. Humphrey,

Northside, 23.3 3. Swink, Aspermont, 23.8 4. McCrary, Knox City, 24.7

300m Hurdles: 1. Johnson, Knox City, 41.4 2. Clark, Knox City, 41.7 3. Senn, Jayton, 42.0 4. Propps, Benjamin, 47.2

3200m Run: 1. Lujan, Aspermont, 10:50.3 2. Martinez, Paducah, 11:02.0 3. Ranjel, Crowell, 11:29.6 4. Acevedo, Benjamin, 11:33.0

400m Dash: 1. Hampton, Paducah, 51.8 2. Kittley, Rule, 52.5 3. Ranjel, Crowell, 54.2 4. Reid, Guthrie, 55.4

400m Relay: 1. Knox City, 44.2 2. Paducah, 44.9 3. Aspermont, 46.9 4. Rule, 47.5

800m Run: 1. Hurst, Paducah, 2:01.4 2. Kittley, Rule, 2:02.4 3. Brown, Rule, 2:11.4 4.

Speed, Jayton, 2:15.0 800m Relay: 1. Knox City, 1:32.0 2. Rule, 1:32.5 3. Crowell, 1:34.4 4. Aspermont,

1:38.9 Discus: 1. Dudensing, Rule, 123'3" 2. Dominguez, Paducah, 118'4" 3. Moore, Jayton, 117'6" 4. King, Northside,

109'7" High Jump: 1. Carrion, Rule, 6'7" 2. Villa; Crowell, 6'2" 3. Hampton, Paducah, 6' 4.

Hernandez, Paducah, 5'10"

Long Jump: 1. Johnson, Chillicothe, 20'4.5" 2. Hise, Aspermont, 19'5.75" 3. Hemphill, Paducah, 19'1.75" 4. Saucedo, Rule, 18'11.75"

Pole Vault: 1. Senn, Jayton, 14'6" 2. Woods, Jayton, 11' 3. Kuehler, Benjamin, 11' 4. Hill, Aspermont, 10'6"

Shot Put: 1. Dudensing, Rule, 48'1" 2. Spells, Knox City, 42'1" 3. Moore, Jayton, 40'3.25" 4. Humphrey, Northside, 39' .5"

Triple Jump: 1. Carrion, Rule, 42'3.75" 2. Johnson, Chillicothe, 41'5" 3. Hemphill, Paducah, 39'10" 4. Smith, Crowell, 39'5.25"



Houndette's senior Sophie Gutierrez not only looks fast, she is fast. Gutierrez qualified for the Area meet in the 200 M, 400 M and Sprint Relay by finishing first in all three events.



Shaylee Propps of the Benjamin Lady Stangs races past a Vernon Northside competitor in the 200 Meter Dash. Propps qualified for the area meet this Friday at Abilene Wylie.



Guthrie Jaguar sprinter Kelby Phillips rounds the corner in Paducah.



past the finish line in the 100 meters. Ward won three District titles last Thursday.



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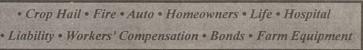
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Feral hogs are tough on agriculture, as they feed on corn, milo, rice, wheat, soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes. They compete directly with livestock and wildlife for food and have been known to uproot pastures by nearly two feet in parts of East Texas. They also pose a significant threat to livestock because they can carry diseases like tuberculosis, bubonic plague, footand-mouth disease and anthrax.

Texas must do what it can to eradicate feral hogs and implement control measures. With no current birth control. toxicants or repellants registered for controlling them, the only legal measures include live trapping, shooting and hunting with dogs. Feral hogs are extremely intelligent and have a keen sense of smell, making them a slippery

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Mrs. Bowen, Pre-Kindergarten teacher, is inviting all students who will be four years old before September 1, 2005 to visit the Pre-K classroom on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday afternoon.

The children may come to school at 11:15 a.m. in order to eat lunch in the cafeteria. The cost of lunch is 90 cents.

After lunch, they will return to the classroom for the regular Pre-K schedule.

The children will participate in music and movement, hear a story, and complete a project to take home. They will accompany this year's students to the playground to play before dismissal at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Bowen is requesting that parents call the elementary office at 657-3147 to make a reservation for your child to visit on either April 26, 27, and 28.

Magana Pitches No-Hitter

Derek Magana had all his stuff working last night in Knox City. Magana pitched a no-hitter in seven innings against the Memphis Cyclones, leading the Greyhounds to their third win in a row, 6-0.

Magana and the Knox City defenders fought off several close calls, but in the end, the zeros ran across the score board.

"I had everyone backing me up and encouraging me," Magana said of his first-ever no-hit pitching performance. "They helped me relax and my curve ball was working real good."

Catcher C.J. Bruce assisted his battery mate with an RBI triple, and Quentin Spells doubled in two runs and scored one more for the home team.

Coach McLemore summed it up by saying, "Derek was terrific."

"We look a lot better all around." McLemore said following the game. "We are peaking at the right time. Next week will be a big week for us."

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Hey Kids

Mark your calendar now for Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church in Knox City, May 23-27, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Bridgett Billington, KaylieBillington, C.J. Bruce, Jordan Carter, Candace Carver, Ty Chisum, Zach Chisum, Tina Clark, Elizabeth Garcia, Brandon Grimsley, Laura Harrington, Ryan Harrington, Brittany Hawkins, Travis Hawkins, Joshua Hunt, Emily Lewis, Eric Lewis, Grant Lewis, April Magana, Kayla Martin, Marni McLemore, Nikki Moss, Orrin Myers, Erica Nevarez, Johnny Nevarez, Shana Nicholson, Chris Norton, Katie Railsback, T.J. Richardson, Tim Sanders, Jeremy Saxton, Jessy Schur, Meagan Schur, Andy Shaver, Sandra Silva, Ben Simmons, Vanessa Solis, Kursten Stafford, Nicole Stovall, Sean Stovall, Lindsey Villa, Jacob Wade, Cody Wainscott, Jamilla Ward, Tiffany Wilde. Director; Mark Tucker,

Benjamin One Act

Play Advances to

Pictured (back row, L-R): Nancy Siemens, Michael Clower, Matthew Cartwright, Cassie Lyles, Kaitlyn Kuehler, Lucas Cartwright, Shaylee Propps. Jenna McCanlies, (front row, L-R) Julia Acevedo, Chance Propps, Jessica Moorhouse, Karla Benson and Director Belle Grill.

39 TXism: "shook hands **ACROSS** The Original TEXAS with ____" (case of the season" 1 rodeo cowboys use rosin CROSSWORD 42 Henderson Co. town: 5 this Jack was in "Black-Eyed Pea film "4 for Texas" Capital of the World" by Charley & Guy Orbison 6 TX CAF has 45 electric atoms Messerschmitt 46 TXism: "does a fat Lago, TX Cory inh! 2005 by Orbison Bros. 8 TXism: "padded man sweat?" 47 school book my belly" 48 female sheep 9 Carrizo Springs is seat of this co. 52 ball-shaped hammers 15 Denver 16 Arlington, Irving, & Grand Prairie to Dallas & Fort Worth 19 on an El Chico plate? taco 21 TX pitching legend Ryan

22 TXism: "he'd have to study up to be a ' (dumb) 27 military branch of Abilene's Dyess

(abbr.) 28 TX Dabney film:

29 gold coin 1st issued at Florence, Italy

30 TXism: "the over" (finished) 32 "Texas, our Texas, wonderful so

33 Guadalupe, Davis, and Chisos

36 "Cowtown Marathon" 37 TXism: "passion

" (drive in movie) 38 game requiring

53 "siesta" 54 Dallas univ. 55 George W.'s time (abbr.)

DOWN

1 TX pro golfer Crenshaw 2 Chicken 3 newspaper in Alvord or Burnet 4 actor in film "Texas Dynamo" ('50)

8 TXism: "thinking doing" 9 Preston Pearson was in Super Bowl

10 TXism: "__ have to get better to die" 11 TX writer Larry Murtry

12 11-down's "Lonesome Dove" on TV 13 TXism: "put the back burner" 14 carpet alternative 15 start of Cowboy or

Texan game (2 wds.) 16 medieval "red eye' 17 black widow spider mate 18 TXism: "hifalutin'

20 "those" south of the border 22 this Ford starred with TX Tommy Lee Jones in "The Fugitive" (init.)

31 TXism: "you're buying a dead horse" saver? (abbr.) Loetscher

37 TXism." 23 Houston Oile: leff who tranically shot himself in '93 24 TXism: "takes a to tope

him" (large man) 25 strong arrie tasts 26 TX Pooh town?

34 TX summer life 35 TX "Turtle Lady"

overcoat" (coffin) 40 archaic "nought" 43 rope fiber 44 car payment, e.g.

50 enter data into a computer past Cowboy star RB who retired in



Pictured Left to Right- LaDonna Smith, Bill Stewart, Ricky Dale Smith, Kayla Stewart, Jennifer and Terry Utley



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Knox City One Act Play



and Benjamin Simmons

One Act Play Knox City High School "Rise and Shine" competed in UIL zone competition in Jayton on March 24, 2005.

Benjamin Simmons was voted Best Actor and Veronica Hernadez received an Honorable mention. Unfortunately the play did not advance.

Too many have dispensed with generosity in order to practice

-Albert Camus