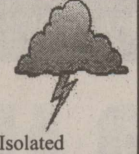
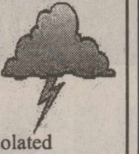
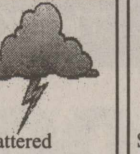

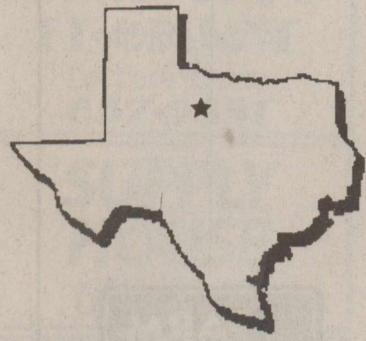
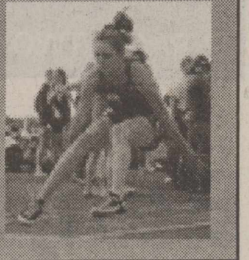
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Knox City Track Teams Advance to State Meet

Following a tough day Friday of battling the wind and cold in Abilene at the Region II-A Track and Field Meet, the Knox City Greyhounds and Houndettes stormed into town Saturday, winning three regional championships, several medals and earned a trip for 11 students to the UIL State Track Championships in Austin, May 13 and 14.

Seniors Sophie Gutierrez, Riley Spells, Evan Clark and Dustin Johnson earned one last chance to run on the fast track at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus. Joining the seniors at the meet are juniors Jamilla Ward, Nikki Moss, Kayla Martin, Quentin Spells and Jeremy Saxton, sophomore Martha Perkins, and freshman Sarah Burt.

Knox City's athletes turned in three lightning-fast relay races and several gutsy individual performances at Abilene Christian University, host of the Region II-A and Region I-AA competition.

Head Coach Wayne Hutchinson was pleased with both the boys and girls teams in Abilene and with the hard work they put in over the long season.

"I'm really excited for them to get the chance to compete in Austin," Hutchinson said. "Peo-

ple may not realize how hard it is to get to the state championships but these kids made it and I'm excited about our chances. It's also special when a relay team makes it, they know that they have to rely on each other to get the job done."

The teams will have a little less than two weeks to prepare for the last track meet of the year, and for many, their last competition as high school athletes.

Hutchinson said that the boys relay teams, the 800 Meter and 400 Meter, workouts would be consistent with what they have done all year, but that the times had room for improvement.

"We have a narrow lead in the 800 meter relay time," Hutchinson said of the Greyhounds, the fastest time in the state in the Class A division. "So we will have to perform at a very high level... Austin tends to bring everybody's times down."

"I think we're capable of doing it and I think they are peaking at the right time. We will stay in our routine, do our conditioning and fine-tune our handoffs, especially in the Sprint Relay."

The 800 Meter Relay team of Riley Spells, Johnson, Saxton and Quentin Spells set a Region II record with a time of 1:30.41.

The Greyhounds Sprint Relay of Riley Spells, Clark, Saxton and Quentin Spells took second in the finals, advancing to the state meet with a time of 44.35, just behind Lindsay at 43.49.

Jeremy Saxton advances in the 100 Meter Dash, finishing second just ahead of teammate Riley Spells in third place. Spells has confidence in both the relay teams which he runs the first leg of each.

"We feel pretty good going in with the fastest time," Spells said. "Everybody in the state of Texas better be ready 'cause Knox City is coming home with the gold."

The Knox City Girls Sprint Relay of Burt, Moss, Ward and Gutierrez also took home the regional championship, posting a time of 51.07. Head Girls Coach Shannon Fisher took his Sprint Relay team to state last year, with one change, the addition of freshman sensation, Sarah Burt.

"This bunch has been there before and our experience will help," Fisher said. "They know what to expect and we have the third best time going in, but we have run faster times."

Houndettes junior sprinter Jamilla Ward blazed across the track in the 100 Meter Dash to



Knox City sprinters Jeremy Saxton (left) and Dustin Johnson pass the baton in front of their hometown fans in the 800 Meter Relay. The Greyhounds set a Region II record in the relay with a time of 1:30.41.

take the gold medal and earn a trip to state in an individual event. Ward ran a 12.44, just three-tenths off the meet record. Ward has also run better times and plans another personal best in Austin.

"I have not yet ran my best time," Ward said of the challenge ahead. "I'm shooting for a 12 flat or better. I try not to worry about the competition and just stay focused on myself."

Senior Sophie Gutierrez, the Houndette with the most state finals experience, has qualified in the 400 Meters all four years.

"I'm excited and I hope I win or at least medal," Gutierrez said. "I'm ready for it but you never really know what will happen until you get there. It is cool though, to see all the fans and the State Capitol when you come around."

Another Houndette with state final experience is Nikki Moss and no one there will run any harder in the 300 Meter Hurdles.

Moss is sitting with the third best time in the state in the event, but Coach Fisher has plenty of confidence in Moss and the rest of his team.

"I'm real proud of their efforts," Fisher said. "We finished fourth in the region as a team and that says a lot about these kids."

Greyhound Jeremy Saxton came up with an unbelievable performance in the 100 Meters. He has improved his times over the season as well and is the lone individual qualifier for the boys team. He also runs on both relays and will undoubtedly run an exciting race in the 100.

The Knox City teams will compete in Austin at Myers Stadium on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Knox City Chamber Ushers in Curious Pig Emporium



Anne Wade, Curious Pig Emporium proprietor cuts the ribbon to officially open the antique and gift shop. Chamber member Marla Hawkins, City Manager Barbara Rector, Anne Wade and Chamber Director Daveine Clark are on hand to welcome the new business to Knox City. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The Curious Pig Emporium has space available for rent and takes on consignment items. The curio shop is full of all kinds of antiques, gifts for Mom and graduates, yard decorations, antique glassware and furniture, and lots of vintage decorative items. Fulfill your curious nature at the Curious Pig Emporium, 902 E. Main in Knox City.

Knox City - O'Brien CISD Election This Saturday

It's time to get out and vote for Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District School Board Trustees. The Knox City-O'Brien CISD polling places include the Knox City Aging Center, O'Brien City Hall and City Hall in Knox City.

Board President Dale Turner and Board Members Raul Espinoza, Gene Ward and Todd Lewis are not up for re-election this cycle, but three seats are in contention.

Current members Scott Lynn, Charles Schur and Bill Stewart are seeking re-election and challenger Michelle Esquivel will vie for the three contested seats.

Esquivel, a former Knox City-O'Brien teacher's assistant and current county employee, is making her second run for the school board and for reasons she says are very important to her.

"Our children, even those who may have special needs, are our future and the decisions we make today will affect them

for a lifetime," Esquivel said. "I would like to build on what we as a district have to offer them. Also, our district's population has steadily decreased and we need to explore different avenues that will attract students."

Scott Lynn, of Lynn Electric in Knox City, has been on the school board since 1996, serving three consecutive terms. Lynn had this to say when asked about the his reasons for serving on the board.

"I'm concerned about the kid's education," Lynn stated. "I always want to look at how a decision we make will affect the students. I put the kids at number one on the list and I believe people will vote for whom they think will best fill the seat."

Schur, who works for the U.S. Research Conservation and Development agency, has served two terms on the board, beginning in 1999.

"I would like to continue to serve as school trustee so that I

may have the opportunity to further serve the community," Schur said. "I would like to have an input into the education of our students by obtaining and keeping the most qualified staff, the necessary facilities and equipment that our budget can afford."

Bill Stewart, owner of Bill Stewart Insurance Services, has served on the school board since 1996, a three term stint with the district.

"I have enjoyed being on the school board and I hope I have served the community well," Stewart said. "Sometimes we have to make some tough decisions but that is part of the process of helping our kids with their education. We need to listen to what the community says and do what is right for the kids, the school and the community."

The school board election will take place this Saturday, May 7 at the three area polling places in Knox City and O'Brien from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Benjamin City Council Election Set for Saturday

The City of Benjamin has two City Council seats up for election this Saturday. Mayor Linda Cox, and Council members Chad Rainwater, Cindy Layton and Misty Jones are unopposed in the election, however Council member Jackie Young has two opponents in his race for re-election, Dennis Duke and Ernie Eaton.

Dennis Duke, who is the project manager of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at Truscott-Brine Lake, is one candidate for the seat. Duke grew up in the city and except for a stint in the military, has been a resident his entire life.

"First I want to say that both the other candidates would make good councilmen," Duke stated. "Jackie (Young) has done excellent work in the past and Ernie (Eaton) has some great ideas and is a good guy. They are both friends of mine."

"I think there are some real positives happening in Benjamin and some things are starting to

gel. The economic development is right on the turning point and there has been a rediscovery of rural life by some urban dwellers. In Benjamin, you see an attitude of making things work and being progressive. We need some work on the streets, the drainage system and the water... you must have the basic structure for the development to happen. I'm for a progressive agenda of growing but without forsaking our background."

Ernie Eaton moved to Benjamin in the early 1980's and served as the City Manager in 1983-84 whose duties included road and other City infrastructure maintenance.

"I'm running because I think everyone in town should serve their time for the City and I'm trying to fulfill my civic obligation," Eaton said. "Right now we only have two elected officials and the rest have been appointed so I hope people will get interested and go out and vote."

"Also, if I'm going to be the

one going around hollering that something's broke," Eaton stated, "Then I'm going to try to be a part of fixing it."

Jackie Young, who grew up in Benjamin and moved back to retire, has served on the council previously in the 1990's. His current tenure on the council began two years ago for reasons he deems important.

"I just think I can help make improvements in Benjamin," Young said of his reasons for running for re-election. "There's three things I'd like to see happen. The water system needs updating with some new pipes, repair cut-offs and replace some and we're in the process of doing that."

"The drainage system needs some work. A heavy rain can put us in bad shape backing up on us. The city roads need to be improved. Some need to be widened and we need materials on some of the roads."

Voting runs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday at City Hall.

Area Schools Receive Funding for Celebrations

CHILDRESS--- Nineteen schools in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District have agreed to hold an after graduation "drug/alcohol free" party for their students. These schools will be reimbursed \$275.00 to be used towards the expense of their celebration.

In Texas, traffic crashes, half of which involve alcohol and other drugs, are a leading cause of death and serious injury for young people ages 15-19. TxDOT started the Project Celebration program in 1984, to give students the opportunity to celebrate graduation without alcohol and drugs.

"Knox County, Benjamin and Knox City High Schools plan to participate in the Project Celebration after graduation party," said Barbara Seal, TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialist. "In addition to being awarded a reimbursement, TxDOT will also donate various items to be given to students who participate in the celebration."

For more information about this program or any other TxDOT issue, contact Barbara Seal Childress District Traffic Safety Specialist at 940/937-7145.

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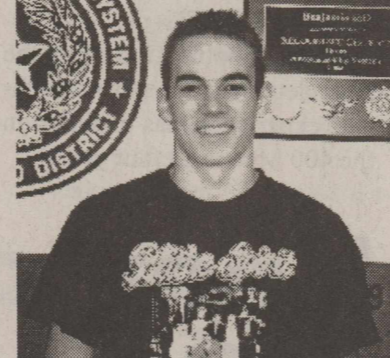
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Benjamin High School's Chance Propps Earns Trip to State



Chance Propps of Benjamin qualified for the UIL Academic State Meet in Journalism.

Chance will compete Thursday, May 5th in News Writing. The meet will be held at the University of Texas in Austin.



Benjamin Cheerleaders for the 2005-2006. Back Row, L-R: Devon Jones freshman, Julia Acevedo, Sophomore, Karla Benson, Sophomore. Front Row, L-R: Judit Acevedo, sophomore, mascot, and Kitlyn Kuehler, junior.

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Relay for Life Exceeds Goal Looks Ahead to Next Year



Volunteers for the American Cancer Society, "Relay For Life" line up for presentations and announcements in Monday at the high school track. Pictured, left to right: Dave Harrison, W.O. Smith, Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, Joy Hord, Knox City Chamber of Commerce Director Daveine Clark, Bob Bowen, Judy Whitten, American Cancer Society Area Representative Kathy Wilke, Jane Mays (seated) and Judy Patterson.

With over \$40,000 in the bank and counting, the Knox Unit of the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" can be declared a huge success. And the money is still rolling in from several sources according to event chairman, Nancy Beaty.

"When we went to the organizational meeting in Lubbock, I put us down on the board for \$10,000," Beaty said. "I thought that would be tough to make but all the people and businesses around here who gave were absolutely wonderful."

Beaty also said that the group will hold a meeting Monday

night to add up the final tally and to begin discussions for next year's event.

Anyone who would like to get involved with one of the area's most successful fundraisers, and for a great cause, should contact Ms. Beaty at 422-4858 or 422-4941.



Relay For Life brought out all types of volunteers and fundraising gimmicks. Everyone had fun raising money for the American Cancer Society and by the looks of one of these photos, the event was open to everyone. What did you do, Seth, to alienate yourself from the rest of the gang?



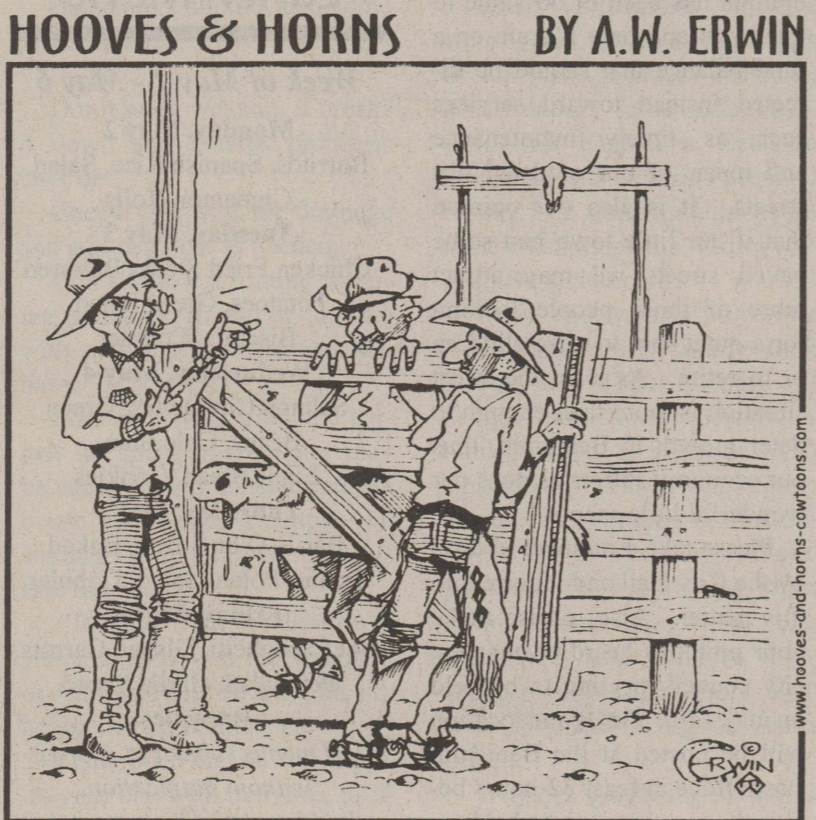
Three Generations get ready to Celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday. Pictured, left to right: Kayla Hunter, Penny Eaton, Kendra Hunter. Seated in her Nana's lap is Ella Hunter.

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MOTHER'S DAY ON THE FARM

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If you are a cow person you already know that the mamas are not abandoning their babies. They are simply working mothers who have left them in Bovine Daycare. Somewhere back in the pasture you will find 10 to 20 calves laying in their nursery watched over by a keen-eyed mama cow. It is a demonstration of "mothering ability," a trait touted by certain raisers of purebred cattle. This trait is evident in other expressions of "concern" and protectiveness; i.e., bawling for her calf when they are separated or attacking a dog, coyote, mountain lion, or man when they get too close to their offspring.

We reserve one day a year to recognize Mother's Day. In my mind it ranks in the top three with Christmas and Easter, far above holidays like President's Day, Thanksgiving, Daylight Savings Time, April 15th, Halloween, John Wayne's birthday or Donald and Ivana Trump's trial separation.


Many of the memories we carry from childhood of our mothers involve directional measures to keep us headed down the path of life; "Stay out of the ditch! Elbows off the table! Stand up straight! Be home at nine! Read a book! Wear something decent! Cut yer hair! Wait till your Father gets home!" Then, sometime during adulthood, usually when we have our own kids, we hear ourselves repeating those same directional instructions.

What we often don't think about, is the primitive reason be-

hind your mother's constant nagging, tinkering, correcting, and guiding of her offspring. It is not love, ambition, or pride, no; it's the preservation of the species. Just like those mama cows, who protect, raise and teach their calves survival lesson. Not out of love, ambition or pride, but to carry on the bloodline. Maternal instinct is the deep current beneath the multiplicity of ripples we describe as behavioral traits, in cows and humans. Nobody loves ya like your mama; ask any calf or first grader. It comes from way down inside.

Note: I did not run this column by my mother before publication. She may think comparing her to a mama cow was not the smartest thing I've ever done. Matter of fact, she may feel the need to apply some "directional measures" to the seat of my pants!

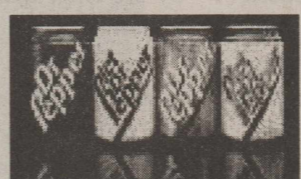
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Obituaries

Lovie Mae (Washington) Boyd

Lovie Mae (Washington) Boyd was born April 27, 1947 to the late George and Lillie Alberta Washington in Marlin, Texas.

She spent her childhood and early adult life in the O'Brien and Knox City area, where she attended McGee Ward (old black school) in Knox City, as well as Carney School in O'Brien. As a child she was a member of Union Chapel Baptist Church in Rochester, Texas. She later moved to Dallas, Texas, in 1971, where she became a member of Revival tabernacle and in 1972 a member of Full Gospel holy deliverance Church under the leadership of Bishop Wardell Dean. After several years she moved back to Knox City, Texas, where she became a member of Liberty Church of God in Christ under the late Supt. Leon Ware. (Her favorite Scripture: No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn. The is the heritage of the servant of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, faith the lord. Isaiah 54:17.)

Sis. Lovie (Washington) Boyd, worked in the Knox County area for many years until here health began to fail.

She departed this life on Friday, April 22, 2005 at United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and one sister.

She leaves to cherish her memories: (Her children who she loved dearly) one son, Benny Washington of Knox City, TX., one daughter LaTarsha Birdow (Sam) of Knox City, TX. and four adorable granddaughters, Ladeja, Aliyah, Taliyah and Alaya, six brothers, Ervin Washington (Earlene) of Dallas, TX., Robert Washington (Murtle) of Dallas, TX., David Washington (Ellie) Rusk, TX., Pastor George Washington (Joyce) Rusk, TX., James Lee Washington (Sirley), Albuquerque, NM., Henry D. Washington, Abilene, TX., five sisters, Nettie B. Johnson, of Temple, TX., Bobbie Jean Sweat, of Garland, TX., Gertrude Craig (James) of Dallas, TX., Lillie Mae Washington, of Austin, TX., Sue Chukwu (sister in Law) of Mesquite, TX., one aunt Willie Mae Johnson, Dallas, TX., one uncle Sammy Lee White, Texas City, TX., Kristi Rocha, (a special daughter) Knox City, TX. and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Anice L. Oates

Mrs. Oates grew up in Union Grove and graduated high school in 1932, in Knox City, TX.

Oates Anice (McBrayer) was born July 13, 1914 in Saltillo, Texas to Minnie and Richard McBrayer. Anice went home to be with our Lord, April 18, 2005 at the age of 90.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Luther, three brothers Estell McBrayer, Paul and Alton Fitzgerald, a sister Flo Olive Curtis, and a nephew Richard Curtis. She is survived by a sister-in-law Wretha Fitzgerald, three nephew Bill Curtis, Tom (Margaret) Curtis, and Leslie (Claude) Ricks, Cora Jan (Dexter) Covington along with many other nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces



and nephews. Along time Garden City resident and 12 year resident of Garden City Towers, she was a bowler, played cards at Maplewood Center.

Wretha Fitzgerald of Knox City and Daughter Donna Ricks of Ransom Canyon visited her a few days before her death.

Horace Lee Mayberry

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at First Baptist Church, in Paducah, Tx., for Horace Lee Mayberry of Knox City.

Mayberry, 82, died in Knox City Sunday, April 17, 2005.

He was born in Knox County February 28, 1923, to L.O. and Bessy Mayberry- one of 13 siblings. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for road construction in Cottle County. A quiet man with a good sense of humor, he loved to play dominoes and listen to country/western music. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church of Paducah.

Survivors include on son, Acie Ray Mayberry of Thoreau, NM. Four daughters, Beth Staggs, Knox City, Sandra Davis, Childress, Diane Johnson of Fairview, OK., and Pat Hoskins of Fallriver, WI., Two brothers, J.A. Mayberry and Bobby Joe Mayberry, both of Paducah. Three sisters, Thelma Trammel, Throckmorton, Maggie B. Harper, Seymour, and Maurice Truelock, Odessa; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

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John Wade, Pastor
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—Thomas Szasz

Letter to the Editor

Concerned Citizen

As concerned individuals who pay the necessary fees and dues required to live within the city limits of this town, my wife and I have been quietly observing the behavior of our City Council in regard to the law suit filed by the City against Mike & Kay Sheedy.

Sylinda and I travel extensively around the state and have had the opportunity to observe the actions and opinions of citizens in towns facing various issues very similar to these we experience here in Benjamin. For the most part these issues deal with fiscal concerns and maintaining basic services for the citizenry of each town. The consideration of priority items such as basic services rendered and fiscal stability appears to be tops on the list of concerns in each town. Unfortunately, this does not seem to be the case in Benjamin.

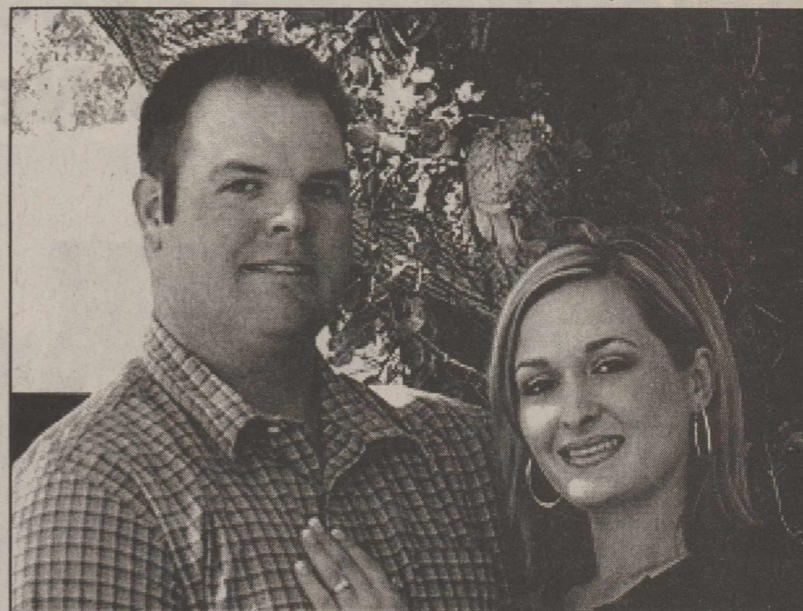
It is our opinion that the citizens of Benjamin should be very concerned and proactive in investigating the merit of this law suit against Mike & Kay Sheedy. Remember that records from city council meetings are open to public scrutiny and anyone has the right to ask for budget reports, current fund balance, and expenditures. For those of you who have consistently observed a lack of services such as road repair (e.g. potholes, road grading and lack thereof), it might be of interest to all that the City Council has currently expended a total of over \$10,000.00 in City funds on this questionable lawsuit. To put this in perspective think of how many truck loads of gravel \$10,000.00 would

have purchased! Gravel is definitely needed for the repair of our pocked streets here in Benjamin! For example, if we were to assume that a load of gravel (11 yards) would cost \$80.00, it would not be difficult to calculate that the City could have purchased at least 125 loads of gravel which comes to 1,375 yards. By any standard, that would be a good stockpile of gravel with which to keep our roads in good repair.

If this lawsuit continues, most citizens of Benjamin will be involuntarily funding a ludicrous legal maneuver, or "strategic move," as it has been called by our Mayor. This so called "strategic move" by the City, in our opinion has been of no value to this town and only a drain on a fund balance that should be directed instead toward services such as timely maintenance and repair of our outdated dirt streets. It is also our opinion that if our little town had some paved streets we may attract more of those people looking for a quiet spot to raise children or to retire. As it is, the street situation is more than enough to deter growth in Benjamin, thus our economy suffers as does our wonderful little school.

Please take a moment to drop by the City Hall and inquire into this matter. Also, please make your opinions heard at our next city council meeting to be held on may 12th. Times and location will be posted at the Benjamin Post Office at least 72 hours before the meeting is to be held.

Wyman Meinzer
Benjamin



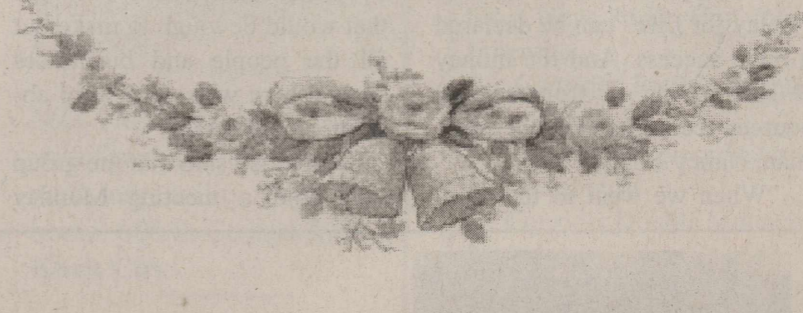
Stanfield - Harris

Tony Stanfield and Sara Harris of Knox City are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Connie and Larry Holder of Knox City and Casey and Larry Harris of Lamesa. Sara is a graduate of Lamesa High School and is currently employed at The

Mane Place in Knox City. The future groom is the son of Chris and Benton Lewis of Wichita Falls and Ron Standfield of Knox City. Tony is a graduate of Wichita Falls High School and is the owner of Stanfield Hunting Outfitters.

The couple plans to wed on June 17, in Knox City.



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Aging Center Lunch Menu

Week of May 2 - May 6
Monday, May 2
Burritos, Spanish Rice, Salad, Cinnamon Rolls
Tuesday, May 3
Chicken Fried Steak, Buttered Potatoes, Green Salad, Biscuits, Cobbler
Wednesday, May 4
Salmon Croquettes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Light Bread, Cookies
Thursday, May 5
Bar-B-Q on a Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cobbler
Friday, May 6
Beef Spaghetti, Glazed Carrots, Pea Salad, Garlic Bread, Brownies
All menus subject to change without notification.
It is important to contact the site manager so that meals can be prepared.

COOKING IDEAS
(NAPS)—Experts suggest eating five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Serving sizes are probably smaller and easier to fit in than you think. The Alliance for Affordable Services, an association dedicated to helping members live better and save more, offers these examples of fruit and veggie serving sizes: 1 medium-size fruit; ¼ cup (6 oz.) of 100 percent fruit/vegetable juice; ½ cup of fresh, frozen or canned fruit (in 100 percent juice) or vegetables; 1 cup of raw leafy vegetables; ½ cup cooked dry peas or beans; ¼ cup dried fruit. For more details, visit www.affordablechoices.org or call 800-733-2242.
Delegation is an easy way for parents to teach children life skills, and free up some precious time. Using products such as Johnsonville Heat & Serve Bratwurst or Italian Sausage can be a good way for teens to learn to cook. The frozen brats and sausagewsw are pre-cooked, grilled and ready to serve after one minute in the microwave. They can be easy to prepare and help create a great meal. For tips and recipes, visit www.johnsonville.com.

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Terry's Talk

by Terry Utley, CEA/AG Wheat Varieties and Production Field Day in Lockett

New wheat varieties and a look at successful production practices are on tap for North Texas farmers and cattle producers at a May 12 field day in Lockett.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the AgriPro Wheat research facility. Tours will begin at 10 a.m. The facility is near the Texas Foundation Seed Service and the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center, west of Vernon on U.S. HWY. 70. There is no fee to attend.

This event is co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension agricultural agents from several counties and AgriPro Wheat.

"This is a chance to compare the newest wheat varieties side-by-side," said Langdon Reagan, Extension agent in Wilbarger County. "Gaylon Morgan, Extension small grains specialist based at College Station, will lead the field discussion of these varieties."

Dr. Kenneth Lehman, DVM, will discuss successful small grains production strategies for the Rolling Plains of Texas and Southwest Oklahoma. Lehman and his brother, Mark, operate a diversified farm and ranch enterprise in Wilbarger and Foard Counties.

"We will also have a discussion of forage production, led by an Oklahoma expert," said Joe Raff, Extension agent in Wichita County. "Jeff Edwards, Oklahoma State University Extension small grains specialist, will discuss ways to optimize wheat forage in grazing systems."

A noon meal sponsored by Independent Environmental Service, Inc., will include a discussion of wheat and cattle profitability. Stan Bevers, Extension economist based at Vernon, will present the results of a multi-year profitability study conducted with diversified wheat and cattle operations on the Rolling Plains.

Lunch will also provide an opportunity to view new farm machinery, the agents said.

Participants can earn up to three continuing education units. For more information, contact Reagan at (940) 552-5474, or Raff at (940) 716-8610.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension Office at (940) 459-2651.

Happy Mothers Day

Spring into Gardening Texas Style

Spring...the wind slows to a breeze. We prop open the doors, raise the windows and happily let it wander in. We soak up the afternoon sun, bask in the knowledge that baseball starts, school's almost out and winter is behind us. It's time to plant! Transplanting. Planting. Pruning. Fertilizing. Color. Diversity. Lush greenery. Consistent quality. Let the growing begin!

Not only are we lucky enough to be surrounded by a gorgeous crop of annual wildflowers, but spring gardeners also have a multitude of blooming reasons to get out and take advantage of the planting and enjoy the stunning results.

And gardeners aren't the only ones reaping the rewards. Texas is the third-largest horticulture producer in the country, and nursery and greenhouse production is the state's second leading agriculture industry. Sales by nursery growers, retail garden centers, home centers and landscape-related firms in Texas have an economic impact of almost \$10 billion a year.

"When spring shows up every year, Texans love to get outside," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "We have such a wide variety of plants and flowers that grow well in the state that it's hard to strike out."

The goal of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Horticulture and Forestry Marketing Program is to increase awareness and sales of Texas-grown plants and forestry products.

Texas gardeners love a vivid and varied assortment of bright blooming Texas-grown annuals and perennials. And while the Texas Mountain Laurels, Redbuds and Wisteria of March

bloom and linger in many gardens across the state, April plants start to come alive, including verbena, honeysuckle, roses, jasmine and sage. Asiatic lilies and snapdragons are just a couple of plants that shower Texas with color. Lantana, petunia, begonia, impatiens, mimosa and iris thrive shortly behind them and continue into the summer months.

"In most areas the weather has cooperated to provide enough rain-free weekends to encourage consumers to carry out back-yard projects," said Marilyn Good, communications director of the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association. "However, an unusually wet winter means some yards and gardens may take longer to dry out."

Consumers should take some precautions:

Don't work wet soil. It breaks it down and creates problems later on.

Check your soil for drainage and add compost as needed.

Don't follow a routine watering schedule if you're starting with a wetter than normal soil base.

Look over your yard and garden for spots where water may be standing and consider appropriate action, for example, installing a drain or planting plants that like wet feet.

"In spite of the availability of water now, before the season is over Texas will be hot and dry again," Good reminds us.

Remember the basics: Build up your soil with nutrients, preferably compost. Find good sunlight and good drainage. Plant at the right time. Get rid of the weeds and watch for pests. And

Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp Planned

A Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp for children ages 8 to 14 is being planned for Saturday, May 28, 2005, at the Munday High School from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The event is being conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension - Haskell and Knox Counties in conjunction with Progressive Farmer magazine.

According to Jane Rowan, coordinator for the event, children often see farm and livestock operations as an exciting playground - providing endless hours of fun and adventure. But these facilities and the livestock and equipment on them also can set the stage for tragedy.

Each year, many children are killed or injured on America's farms. This summer, Rowan said, farm safety day camps, such as the one being hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension, are being held in 35 states across the U.S. to teach rural children how to prevent injuries and reduce the risk of farm incidents. During the camps, children participate in interactive activities that reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Hands on demonstrations teach participants lifesaving first aid techniques and reveal the hidden hazards of farm surroundings. Camp demonstrations focus on farm hazards associated with Fire, Weather, Tractors & Equipment, Electricity, Wildlife, Grain and Chemicals. Participants will also learn basic first aid.

National and local sponsors of the farm safety day camps

A competitive world has two possibilities for you: you can lose or, if you want to win, you can change.

-Lester C. Thurrow

hope participants will maintain a healthy respect for farm hazards throughout their lives, and that, ultimately, the numbers of deaths and injuries among rural children will decline. Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day

Camps are sponsored nationally by Pioneer, AGCO, CASE IH, Kawaski, State Farm Insurance,

Farm Plan, Shared Solutions, The Farm Credit System Foundation, Inc., Shell Lubricants, and DuPont Crop Protection.

The camp allows community leaders to structure a camp that covers basic farm safety issues and first aid, as well as addressing specific local needs. Local farmers, manufacturers, and merchants donate their time and equipment to ensure that each camp is a fun and valuable learning experience.

Parents can obtain a registration form by calling the Haskell County Extension office at 940/864-2546 or 2658 or the Knox County Extension office 940/ 459-2651. Registrations must be received by Friday, May 13, 2005. A \$10.00 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take home packet and a farm safety day camp T-shirt.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- MINUTES:
A. Approval of Minutes ADMINISTRATION:
A. Consider Policy on Personal Leave
B. Consider Aging Services - New Director
C. Consider Technology/Software Upgrade -FYI
D. Consider Request from Texas Dept. of Public Safety for a New Radar Unit (Nick Jimenez)
E. Consider Raul Barrientez Retirement
F. Consider Wireless Security for Courthouse
G. Consider Double Mountain Reservoir
H. Consider Extension Activity Report
I. Consider Aging Services Report
J. Consider Road & Bridge Issues
K. Consider NIMS Adoption Resolution
FINANCIALS:
K. Consider Accounts Payable
L. Consider Financial Statements for April 2005
M. Consider Budget for FY 2005
ADJOURNS:

If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in executive or closed session, the Board will convene in such session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et. Seq.

Note: Items do not have to be taken in the order listed.

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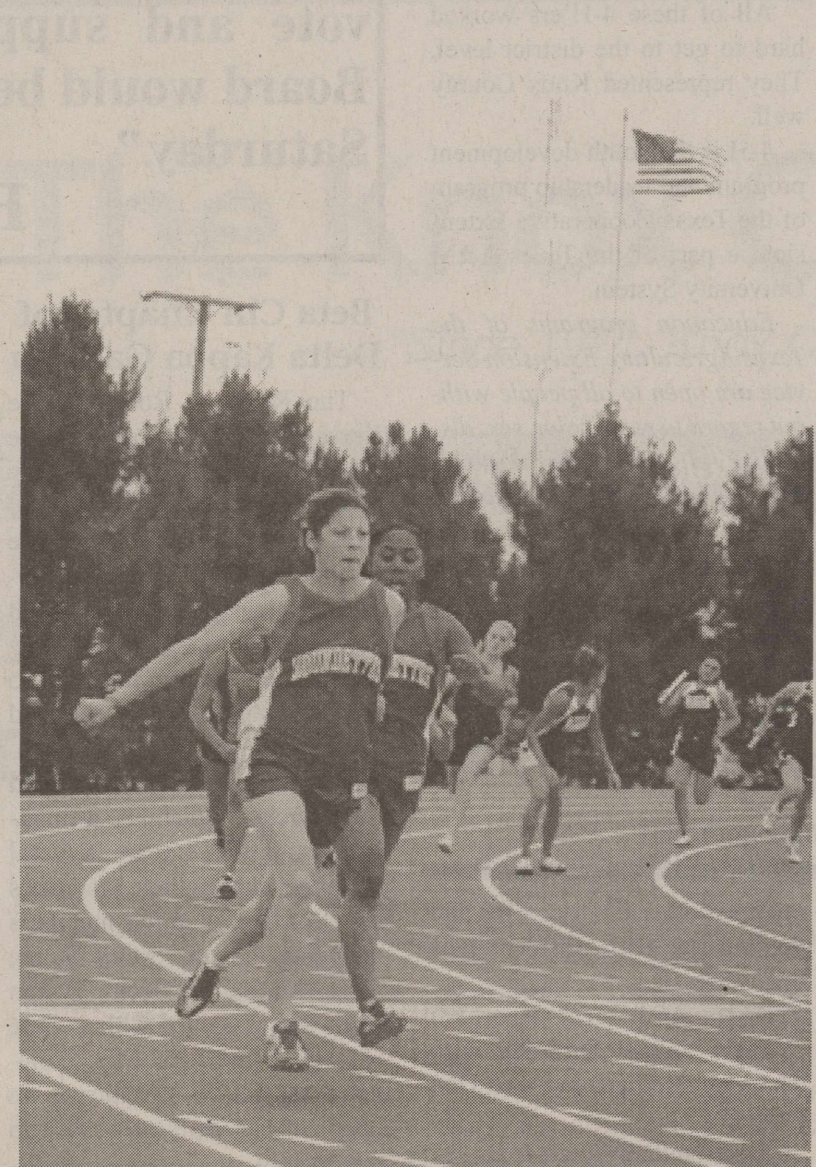
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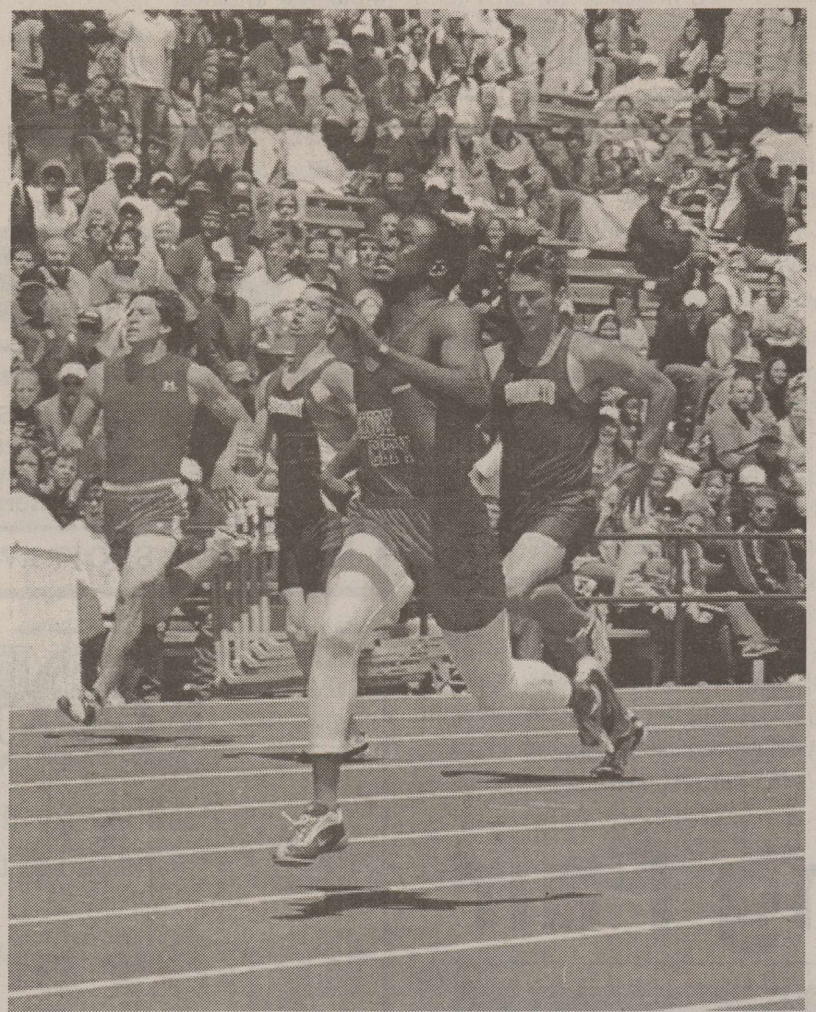
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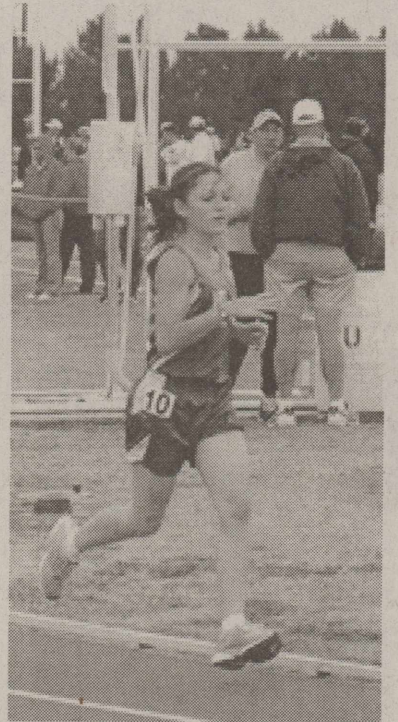
Jamilla Ward hands the baton to Sophie Gutierrez in the Sprint Relay. The Houndettes finished way in front of the field in Abilene.



Quentin Spells heads for the finish line in the 200 Meter Dash in Abilene last week.



Holley Hurt of Guthrie finishes strong in the 1600 Meter Run.



Julia Acevedo of Benjamin runs a great race at regionals.

Knox City in Playoff with Vernon Northside

The Greyhound baseball team lost to Vernon Northside Tuesday night, 9-5, forcing a playoff between the schools to see which team advances to the playoffs.

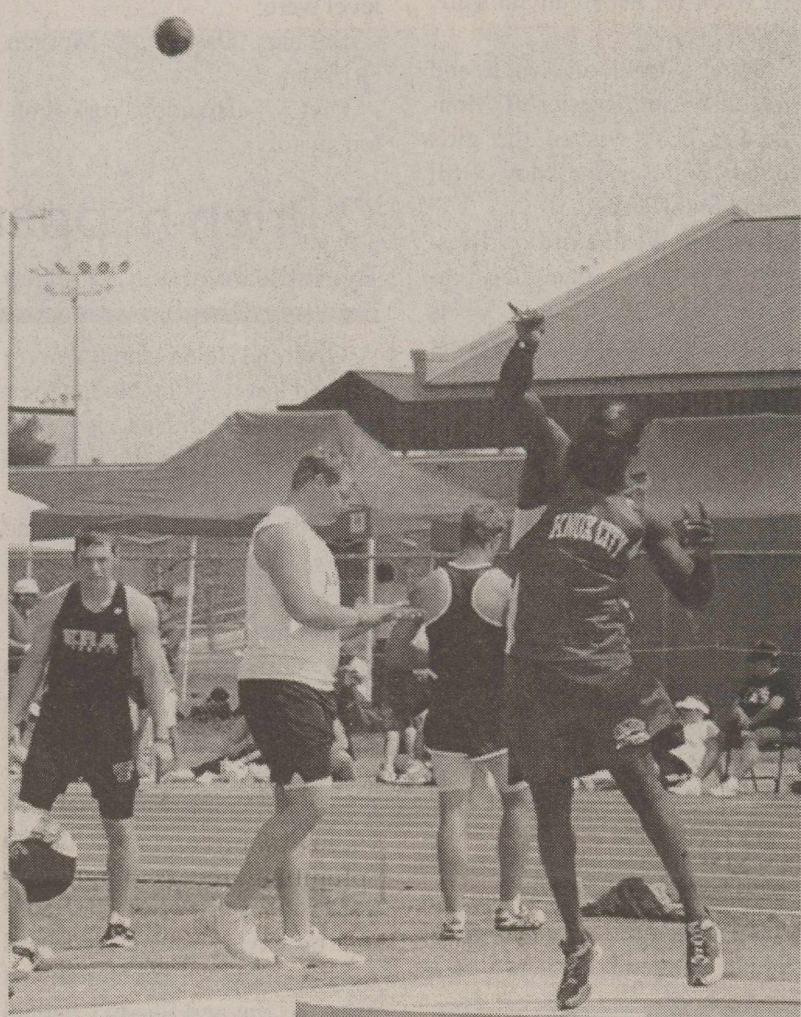
Vernon Northside scored four runs in each of the first two innings.

Knox City was not able to catch up even though they held

Northside to one run for the remainder of the contest.

"We just had one of those days where we couldn't get it done," Coach Mitch McLemore said. "Northside played a good game and we'll try them again on Thursday."

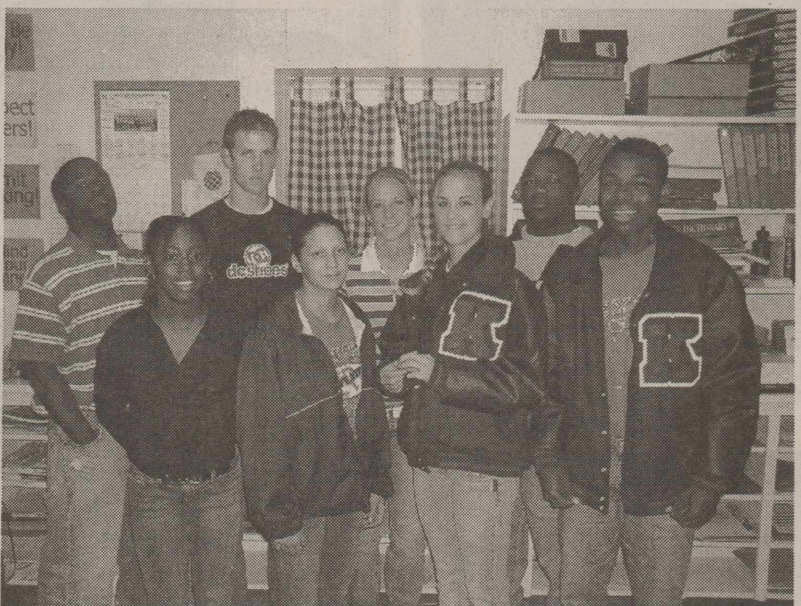
The tentative game time is Thursday at 6 p.m. in Seymour.



Riley Spells does it all for the Greyhounds, and all in two months. State Champ Powerlifter, State Qualifier in the 800 and 400 Meter Relays, Regional Qualifier in the Shot Put. Did we mention second baseman?



Hurdler Nikki Moss will make one more trip to the state meet this year. Moss finished second at regionals.



Knox City High School Boys and Girls Sprint Relays (pictured, left to right): Quentin Spells, Jamilla Ward, Evan Clark, Sophie Gutierrez, Nikki Moss, Sarah Burt, Riley Spells and Jeremy Saxton. GOOD LUCK AT STATE!

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's Sunday night and there's a cloud in the West. Makes me wonder if there may be rain on the way. It would certainly be welcome. And we can hope! At least it's cooler and that's nice. We'll have hot days all too soon.

Mary Young, spent a few days in a Wichita Falls hospital last week. She was admitted on Wed. And got out Friday. She is feeling much better but said she was going to be very careful and take it easy for a few days. Good to see her out and about again.

Talked to Sue Sheedy she said she has had a pretty good week. Seems to have a cold now but glad to be feeling as well as she is. She's had a kind of hard time getting back on her feet and staying there since she had her heart problem two or three years ago. So it's always good to have her feeling "up beat".

Our little Mason Herring of Munday will be in Dallas Wednesday for more heart surgery. This is expected as Drs. had said he would need more about the time he reaches six months. He was born in November and this will be his second surgery plus the heart catharization in his young life. The prognosis is good. One just hates to see the little ones have such problems. I ask your prayers in his and his family's behalf.

Sympathy to the family of Vivian Hendrix. Vivian died on Wednesday her funeral was Friday at O'Brien. She was such a nice person and will be missed by many. I always appreciated her friendliness and kindness toward me.

Shower Honors Kate (Grill) Raesler. Kate was honored Sat-

urday morning with a brunch and pink and blue shower. Lovely refreshments of fruit, quiche, breakfast casseroles, breakfast breads, coffee and punch were served the guests who attended the event at the Methodist Church.

Kate got a variety of very nice gifts. Should be enough to complete her nursery and have everything ready for little Hector when he arrives in mid June.

Here n There.
Teresa Washington of Abernathy visited Debbie Moorhouse on Tuesday.

Dutch and Imogene Young were in Amarillo several days last week for her to attend a J.P. school.

Diandra Grill of Austin and Kate and Alex Raesler of Albuquerque N.M. visited the girls parents, Belle and Benny Grill during the weekend.

I was in Weathford on Tuesday to visit my brother Glen Yeager in the hospital there. He is very ill and I do ask your prayers for him and his family.

Weekend guests of Dorothy Spikes and Penny Eaton were their sons and brothers, Guy Spikes of Seymour, Rusty Spikes of Iowa Park and Ty Spikes of Hunstville.

Carol Felts of Knox City was guest speaker at First Baptist Church here Sunday in the absence of the pastor John Gillispie. It's always good to have Carol come and speak to us.

Also the FBC is getting ready for bible school in June. Watch for notice of it in town and all young kids need to begin now to plan to attend. It should be a good school.

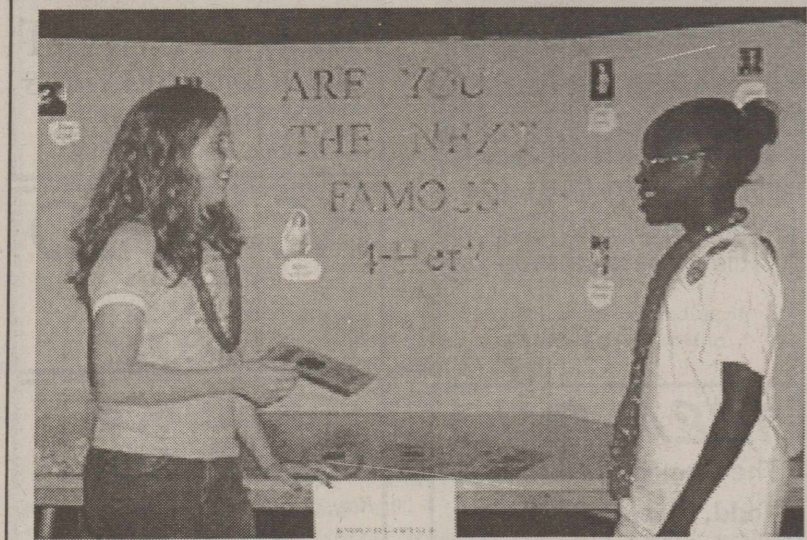
King County Exes and Friends

It is time once again to dust off your old yearbooks and take a walk through memory lane. Start planning now for the King County All School Reunion. There will be ample time for visiting as a full day has been planned to recount those good times spent in King County.

We will be showing slides of the early years of King County Schools. If you have any that you would like to share, please bring them with you.

If you have any old yearbooks or pictures that you would like to share, please bring them so others can enjoy. If any of you would like to help with registration or other activities, please e-mail one of those listed to let us know you are interested. Dennis Cross 972-567-7996 or dcross@desotois.org or dcandlinda@msn.com, Larry Keith 940-937-3068, Travis Adams 806-596-4601 or tsadams@caprock-spur.com, Melody Pettiet 806-596-4481 or 806-596-4598 or melodyjp@caprock-spur.com. June 18, 2005 is the Day of the Reunion. Please RSVP for evening meal by June 6th.

Knox County Parenting Fair



Local 4-H Members Participate in District Fashion Show

Winners from the Knox County Fashion show held March 30, 2005 traveled to Petrolia on April 30 to participate in the District 3 Fashion show as part of their Clothing & Textiles project.

Participants from 24 counties were evaluated on their garments as well as the member's knowledge of their project during an interview process. Final scores also included the participants modeling ability, poise, interview skills and participation in other 4-H Clothing project activities.

Following the judging, 4-H members modeled their outfits in a style show titled AWild West@ and awards were presented. Those participating at the Jr. level were:

Buying: Casual - Morgan Griffith

Dressy - Brandon York, cotton award

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Orvil and Helen Manning were blessed last week by having their son Royce of Abilene visit them and helped a lot in the yard and other chores.

Mairlyn Talbot was in Abilene last week for a physical check up and got a good report which always makes you feel better.

Several of Vivian Hendrix's children spent the weekend after the funeral in Vivian's house taking care of lots of things to be done in her home here. Vivian was around her quite a lot of her life and will be missed in our church.

Our Church was blessed Sunday by having several that used to be members of our church and schools. Jim and Sandy Chappel and two sons of Canadian who taught school here and were members of our church.

C.H. and Linda Underwood's son Reed of Guthrie and their daughter Beth and husband an two daughters of Roby. They all spent the night with C.H. and Linda Underwood and attended church with us on Sunday. Two boys who were raised her and came to our church when growing up. Greg and Mike Oliver were the ones and were blessed.

David Ellis of Alpine is visit-

ing his mother Beatrice Ellis and helping her with different jobs this week.

Rosie and Jerry Brothers of Azle visited Saturday with Charlene Brothers and with Don Brothers.

Julie Sanders daughter Billie Anne Cole and granddaughter Cyan Ciole visited Julie's mom-Billie Walker, over the weekend. All traveled to Hawley to spend sometime with Julie's brother Cliff Banner who is still recovering from surgery. They also visited with Erwin and Frances King and Audie Johnston.

The O'Brien Baptist Church will be well used next weekend with the Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m. and the Mini-Retreat 11-8:30 on Saturday and regular services on Sunday.

The Mini Retreat is for grades 3-12. For a ride, please call 657-3628 before 10 a.m. Saturday. Davy Wade will be leading the retreat.

Don't forget to vote May 7. School board election will be in O'Brien will be at the City Hall.

Adelle Herring was blessed by having her sister Claudia and daughter Marsh Reid of Rochester visit her last week.

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"I'd like to thank you all for your support in the past. Your vote and support for School Board would be appreciated on Saturday."

Bill Stewart

Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma

The Rainbow Room of the Knox County Child Welfare Board was the site of the May meeting of Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Debbie Welborn of Child Protective Services explained the development and purpose of the Rainbow room. The Chapter then went to the First Baptist Church and held its regular meeting.

A memorial service was held for Gretchen Colehour, a member for sixty-five years. Several members shared their memories of Gretchen. Family members attending included Mary Stone, Doris Jones and Becky Baker. Each was presented with a white rose in memory of Mrs. Colehour, as well as certificates in honor of her years of service to the Society.

The business meeting followed with discussion concerning student scholarships and possible new initiates.

A remembrance of one of the Society's founders, Ruby Cole, was given.

Sherry Hacker received the Red Rose Salute.

Blake Boone Receives Award

Blake Boone from Vernon Texas has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Blake Boone, who attends Vernon Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Deann Vargas, an English teacher at the school.

Blake will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. Blake is the son of Kelly and Stacia Boone from Vernon, Texas. The grandparents are Marguerite Gray of Vernon Texas and the late Joe Gray. Also grandparents are Joe and Mary Ann Boone of Knox City, Texas.

Blake, in addition to being an honor student, participates in football and tennis, Impromptu Speaking and Debate, is active in FUMC Youth, and participates in the 4-H horse program in judging and showing.

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Knox City High School played host to the Knox County Parenting Fair last week in the gymnasium. Several local groups, government offices and organizations had booths on hand for children and parents including the Knox County Commissioners Court (Johnny Birkenfeld and Jerry Parker, at top left), local Law Enforcement Officers Sheriff Dean Homstad and DPS Officer Chris Mendoza, the Knox County Hospital District and the local 4-H Club.