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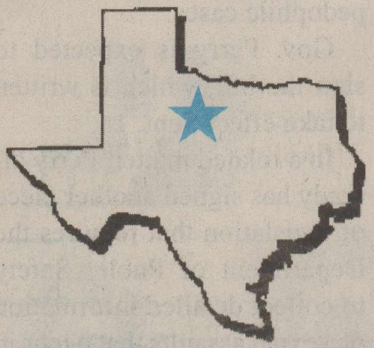
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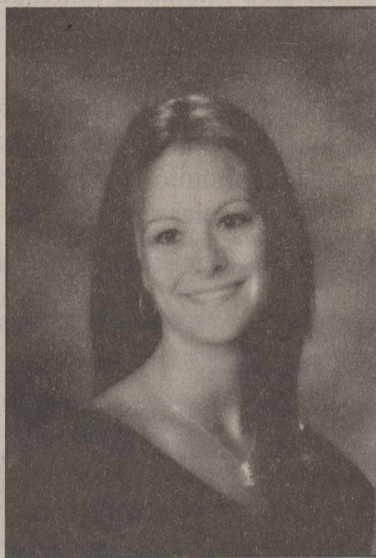
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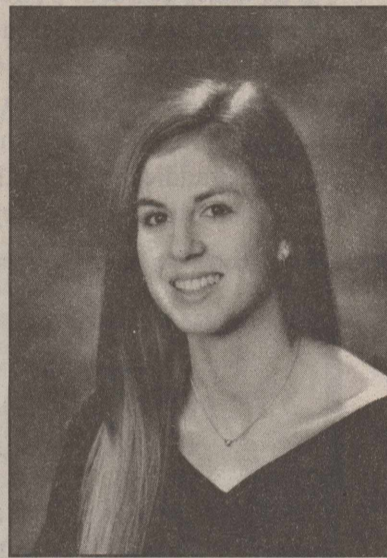
Knox City And Benjamin Valedictorians And Salutatorians Of 2007



Tiffany Wilde

Tiffany Wilde, senior at Knox City High School, has been announced as the 2007 valedictorian of her graduating class.

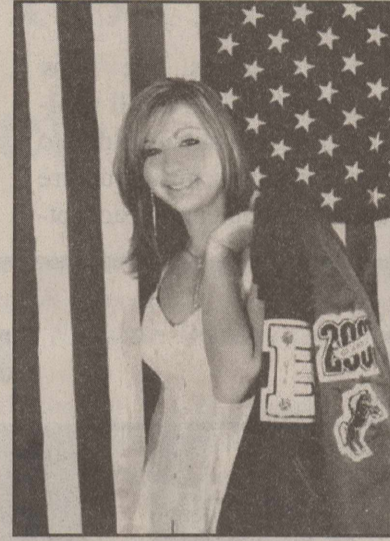
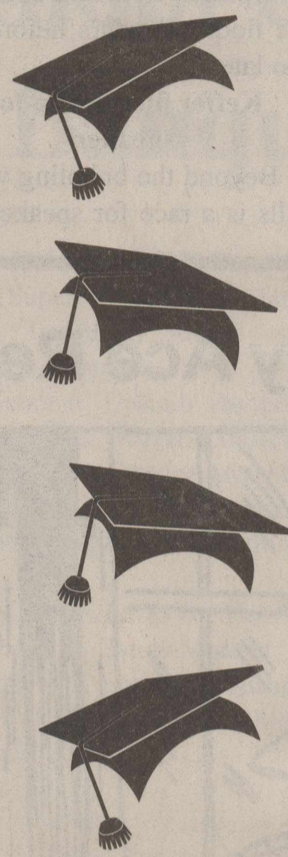
Her grade point average was 97.38. Tiffany is the daughter of Craig and Debbie Wilde.



Laura Harrington

Laura Harrington, senior at Knox City High School, has been named salutatorian of her graduating class with a grade point average of 97.19.

Laura is the daughter of Dalton and Lisa Harrington.



Brittany Kuehler

Brittany Kuehler, Benjamin High School senior, has been named valedictorian of her graduating class with a grade point average of 94.72.

Brittany is the daughter of Mark and Teresa Kuehler of Benjamin.



Sadie Benson

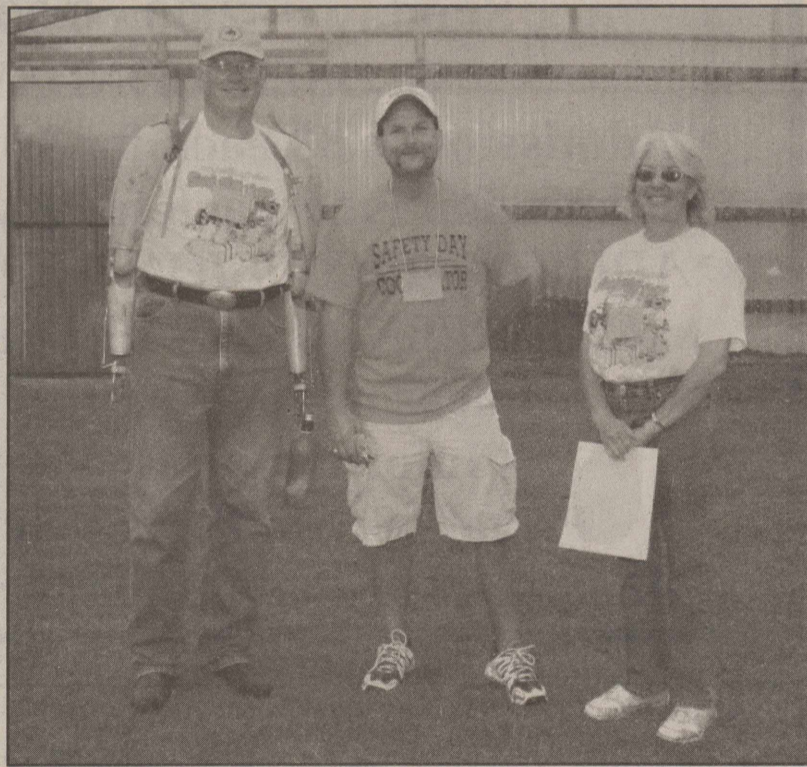
Sadie Benson, Benjamin High School senior, has been named salutatorian of her graduating class with a grade point average of 92.36.

Sadie is the daughter of Billy Carl Benson and Kathy Reynolds.

Looking Ahead

- **Knox City-O'Brien Middle School Awards Assembly** — Will be held on Thursday, May 24th at 2 p.m. in the O'Brien campus cafeteria.
- **Benjamin Kindergarten & Junior High Graduation** — Will be held on Thursday, May 24th beginning at 8 p.m. at the Benjamin Memorial Building.
- **Benjamin High School Graduation** — Will be held on Friday, May 25th at 8 p.m. in the Benjamin Memorial Building.
- **Knox City-O'Brien Middle School Graduation** — Will be held on Friday, May 25th at 7 p.m. in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.
- **Knox City High School Graduation** — Will be held Saturday, May 26th at 7 p.m. in the W. R. Baker Auditorium.
- **Benjamin Summer Movie Kickoff** — Will be held on Saturday, May 26th at 7 p.m. Ben Grill Field at Benjamin ISD. Keep Benjamin Beautiful will have a hamburger meal beginning at 7 p.m. Meal Deal cost is \$5. KBB will have a concession stand open during the movie. Family movie will begin at dark on football field. A second movie will be shown afterwards. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Camp Held In Knox City



Jim and Jill Avis were the guest speakers at the Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Camp. Mr. Rick Moeller assisted in coordinating the camp

The Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Camp was held Saturday in Knox City. Children from Haskell and Knox counties in grades 3rd through 8th grade had the opportunity to learn about farm safety.

Mr. Jim Avis and his wife, Jill, were the guest speakers in the opening ceremony. Mr. Avis lost his arms to a hay baling accident.

He shared his story and encouraged everyone to use caution and safety procedures when around farming equipment.

After the opening session, the students divided into groups and attended a variety of safety

sessions including electricity, weather, PTO's, tractors, sun, fire, drunk driving, and EMS. The day ended with a quiz bowl challenge that allowed teams of participants to compete against other teams about their newly gained knowledge.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, farming related accidents claim as many as 1300 lives and 120,000 injuries a year.

Therefore organizers of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Camp worked hard to teach kids about the hazards of farm equipment and the importance of safety and caution in and around it.

Stefany's Country Candles — A Breath of Fresh Air

Knox City can now boast a fragrant and pampering business as part of it's fold. Stefany's Country Candles, owned and operated by Stefany and her husband offers many luxury goods to the public and more are on the way.

Shortly after their marriage in September, Stefany found she needed something to do and preferred to work from home. She purchased a candle maker from a craft store and began experimenting last November. By January she was wholesaling her product. The candles are hand-made down to the labels on the jars.

When she first started making candles, on a good day she could turn out about fourteen, said her husband.

Now, in an eight hour day she can average several hundred.

"I'm a candle freak," Stefany laughed of her love for candles. Stefany's candles are made of a paraffin and soy blend and are infused with high quality fragrances.

The candles are available in several sizes and Stefany currently has about 25 fragrances in stock.

She has temporarily suspended making votives and pillars because the demand was so high she wasn't able to keep up.

Stefany frequents trade and craft shows and also has several commissioned sales people and businesses who carry her products.

Stefany's Country Candles are carried in Knox City at KC



Stefany shows her display of fragrant, handmade candles. They are available in a variety of scents. Stefany plans to start a line of bath products within the next year.

Video and Gift, Redford Ranch in Benjamin and Bud's For You in Munday.

Her product is sold in stores from Amarillo to south Texas. She has three commissioned sales people.

Since going online with a website, sales are coming in from other states, too.

"Without even being in the search engines, she had a sale from Nebraska within thirty hours of going online," said Stefany's husband.

The website is also available in Spanish.

According to her husband, businesses who carry Stefany's Country Candles total a profitable margin from Stefany's product than most other candle lines available.

Stefany carries a wide range

of fragrances, from Leather to Rose Petals, hitting cozy notes in between with Banana Nut Bread and Sugar Cookie.

She constantly rotates fragrances in and out.

She recently added Honey Harvest and Romance on the Beach.

Stefany also sells topless sandals and will start a line of lotions and bath products within the next year.

She will begin carrying car fresheners in the near future.

Stefany's Country Candles are available for fundraisers.

To place an order or to carry Stefany's Country Candles, contact Stefany at 940-657-4393 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or visit the website at www.stefanyscountrycandles.com.



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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Perry Vetoes House Version Of Toll Road Legislation

AUSTIN - On May 18 Gov. Rick Perry vetoed HB 1892, legislation that would have preserved local control over toll road projects in the North Texas and Houston regions and placed a two-year moratorium on the governor's massive new toll road plan. Perry wants a bill that will centralize control through the Texas Department of Transportation. TxDOT would execute his Trans Texas Corridor

plan, a statewide matrix of toll road projects to be built and run by Zachry, a San Antonio-based firm, and Cintra, a Spanish company.

In his explanation of the veto, Perry said HB 1892 "jeopardizes billions of dollars of infrastructure investment and invites a potentially significant reduction in federal transportation funding."

"Projects important to fast-growth communities would be placed on hold without alternative financing mechanisms to get them constructed. Even more egregiously, the bill serves to break up the state highway system by permitting local control over state assets," Perry said.

Perry's hopes are now pinned to SB 792, a bill similar to HB 1892 but amended to address highway infrastructure issues in a manner more accept-

able to him. The House passed SB 792 with amendments. The Senate did not concur with the House amendments, so the bill will be considered by a conference committee.

The governor has threatened to call a special session if the final version of the bill doesn't suit him.

Little time left to deal with bills

Countdown to the May 28 end of the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature is in single digits.

Various deadlines governing the fate of bills come almost daily.

There is competition to get bills placed on House and Senate floor calendars before it's too late.

Keffer files to run for speaker

Beyond the bubbling vat of bills is a race for speakership

of the House. Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, on May 15 announced his intention to challenge standing Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, for that high office. Keffer suggested three terms are enough for anyone to be speaker. Craddick is completing his third term.

But Craddick, 63, made it plain he wants a fourth term, putting to rest any speculation that he feels like he has had enough time on the rollercoaster. His wife approves. "I have talked to Nadine and I fully intend to run for speaker. The paperwork was already filed last February," Craddick said.

The announcement by Keffer means a long campaign to wage until the 2009 session. And, it is likely Keffer won't be the only House member challenging Craddick. Names that come easily to mind are Reps.

Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, and Brian McCall, R-Plano.

Pitts and McCall already attempted to unseat Craddick at the beginning of the present session. They could try again.

Jessica's Law heads to governor

The House and Senate agreed to compromise language on HB 8, "Jessica's Law" legislation enacting new charges and tougher penalties for sexually violent acts against children younger than 14.

The bill, by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston, will make sexually violent offenders subject to penalties ranging from a 25-year minimum sentence on a first offense to the death penalty for repeat offenses.

Certain offenders also would be denied parole and subjected to GPS monitoring should they ever be released from prison,

the author said. And, HB 8 directs the Texas attorney general's office to support local prosecutors in pedophile cases.

Gov. Perry is expected to sign the bill, which is written to take effect Sept. 1.

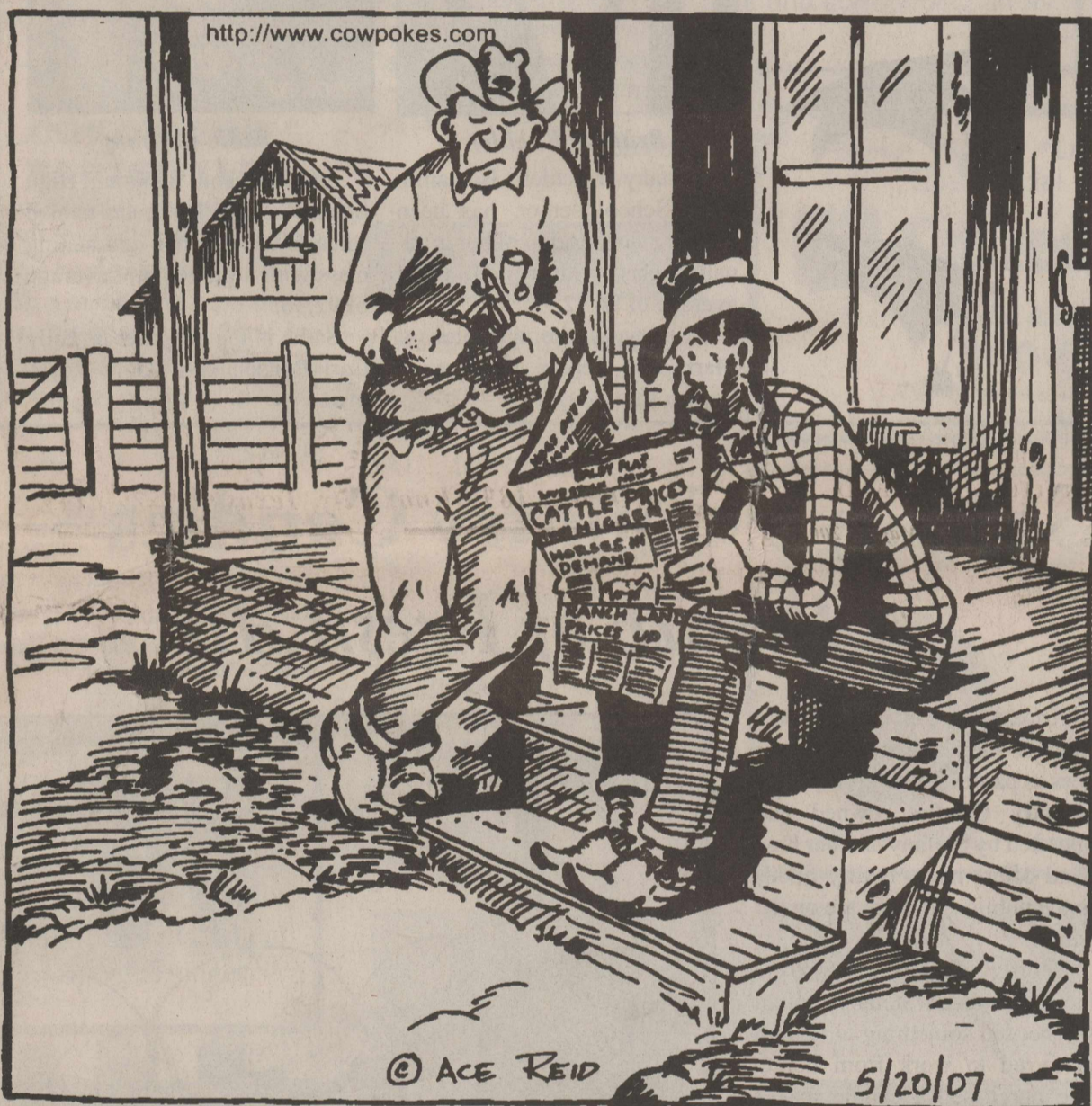
In a related matter, Perry already has signed another piece of legislation that requires the Department of Public Safety to collect detailed information on sexual assaults that occur in Texas.

HB 76 by Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, and Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, addresses a lack in statewide statistics on sexual assault.

Under their bill, what will be collected is information about the offender, the offender's relationship to the victim, any weapons used and any injuries sustained by the victim.

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By Ace Reid



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1 TX Bentsen was an _____ to LBJ

5 film: "The Man Who _____ Belle Starr"

6 TXism: "got as much to do as a hibernating bear"

7 TX King Vidor's _____ in the Sun"

8 TXism: "far as an outhouse on _____"

17 this Robb was not a Rangers closer

18 TX actor who was cousin Eddie in "Vegas Vacation"

21 first 2 initials of TX-born Eisenhower

22 TXism: "_____ as the driven snow"

23 clumsy seaman

24 TX Bentsen family came to TX from South _____

29 singing bird

30 TX tree: _____ d'arc _____ store"

31 5/8/45: "_____ Day"

32 TX Clint Black's "Straight Out of _____"

34 TXism: "that dog won't _____"

35 TXism: "_____ shooter" (slingshot)

36 TXism: "sold 'em down the river"

37 loses firmness

38 a "day duck" is an Aggie who doesn't live in a _____

39 Superman changing rooms

DOWN

1 TXism: "goes together like _____"

2 _____ labor _____ Comanche Co. on hwy. 6

4 "Thieves Like Us" was written by TX Edward _____ Anderson

9 this TX Allen wrote '60 Pulitzer winner "Advise & Consent"

10 TX ranchers _____ cattle with a brand

11 "hole in _____"

12 this Duvall starred with 18-across in "Breakout" (init.)

13 panty hose predecessor

14 TXism: "threw in my hand" (2 wds.)

15 small lumps

16 TXism: "fence talk"

19 TX Garner said becoming VP "was the only demotion _____"

20 TX Kenny's "Don't Fall in Love with a _____"

22 legally forgiven pos. of Cowboy Montavious Stanley

24 TX media giant founder Belo (init.)

26 TXism: "_____ it under your hat"

27 TXism: "there's more _____ than liars in Texas"

28 TXism: "sticks like _____ road"

29 TX Lisa who sang "Stay" from film "Reality Bites"

30 East TX windshield splatters

33 in Taylor Co. on 84

34 laugh words

35 La _____ TX

37 Aggie and Alabama coach, TX Gene _____

38 twilight

40 Atlantic & Pacific

41 treaties

44 nobody calls Paris, TX "Gay _____"

47 TXism: "_____ like sardines in a can"

49 TX Janis Joplin's "Piece of My _____"

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

TIMBER AND GLOBAL WARMING

By Baxter Black, DVM

Oh, no, just when they were beginning to wear me down, a new study concludes that by 2100, forests in the mid and high latitudes will make some places up to 10 degrees warmer than they would be if the forests did not exist!

Does this bode ill for the salesmen offering to sell you carbon offsets by planting a tree in honor of the luxury appliance in your home? Alas, it merely points out the problem of scientists guessing, speculating, hoping, wishing, and/or projecting answers to questions that remain unproven.

The backbone of accumulating scientific knowledge is the requirement that one must prove his hypothesis. This 'body of scientific opinion' is not proof of anything. Over the years it (the

body) has held that the Earth was flat, that Bubonic plague was caused by lepers, that the Earth would soon be in an ice age, that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction, that the Alaskan oil pipeline would be an environmental disaster, that the Atkins diet was bad for you, and now, that the Atkins diet is good for you!

On the face of it, watching glaciers diminish in size indicates a warmer local environment. Is it a trend that will last? What is causing the temperature increase? The 'body of opinion' among meteorological scientists support global warming, and many blame it on air pollution from industrialized nations. In other words, they think, suspect, believe, surmise and/or deduce that this last 20 years of global warming (+1°) is manmade.

It is proper for a champion of the cause to be a non-scientist. Former Vice President Al Gore can exhort us to action because he does not require scientific proof to make his conclusion. If he's wrong, he's wrong. So what.

However, there is another, deeper question; even if the 'body of opinion' is wrong, will the Earth be better off for reducing air pollution? After we've eliminated industrial pollutants, i.e., cars, oil and coal burning power plants, cows, Los Angeles, Beijing, Jakarta and all the forests between 5,000 feet and the timberline, will the Earth's skies return to their pre-industrial, medieval state?

Or, in spite of all our efforts, will it simply continue through the cyclical periods of heating and cooling that have marked its existence to date.

I'm glad I'm only a veterinarian and not a meteorological scientist, that the burden of proof is not on my shoulders. I can say whatever I want and it doesn't carry any weight, like, well, like most of us.

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North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is accepting bids for two (2) year lease on tract of land located at Miller's Creek Reservoir.

Two year lease term begins July 1, 2007 and expires June 30, 2009.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Land Lease Bid" noted on the outside, and delivered to 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371 or mailed to P.O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371.

Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2007.

All pertinent information relating to said lease conditions may be reviewed at the Authority office located at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371. Bids will be opened and read aloud at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 12, 2007.

Published on May 17, 2007 and May 24, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING

THE KNOX CITY CDC 4-B WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE CITY HALL IN KNOX CITY ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007 AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: TXDOT WALKING PATH GRANT, LAMP LIGHTS FOR TXDOT SIDEWALKS AND THE YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

Published on May 24, 2007

BJ Stewart Graduates From West Texas A&M University



B J Stewart graduated on May 12, 2007 from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and a Minor in Political Science.

His plans are to go to Tarleton State University this fall where he plans to start the Master's Program. Attending the commencement exercises were Bill, DiAnn and Kayla Stewart of Knox City, David and Beverly McGaughey of Munday and Wayne and Wanda Ham of Haskell.

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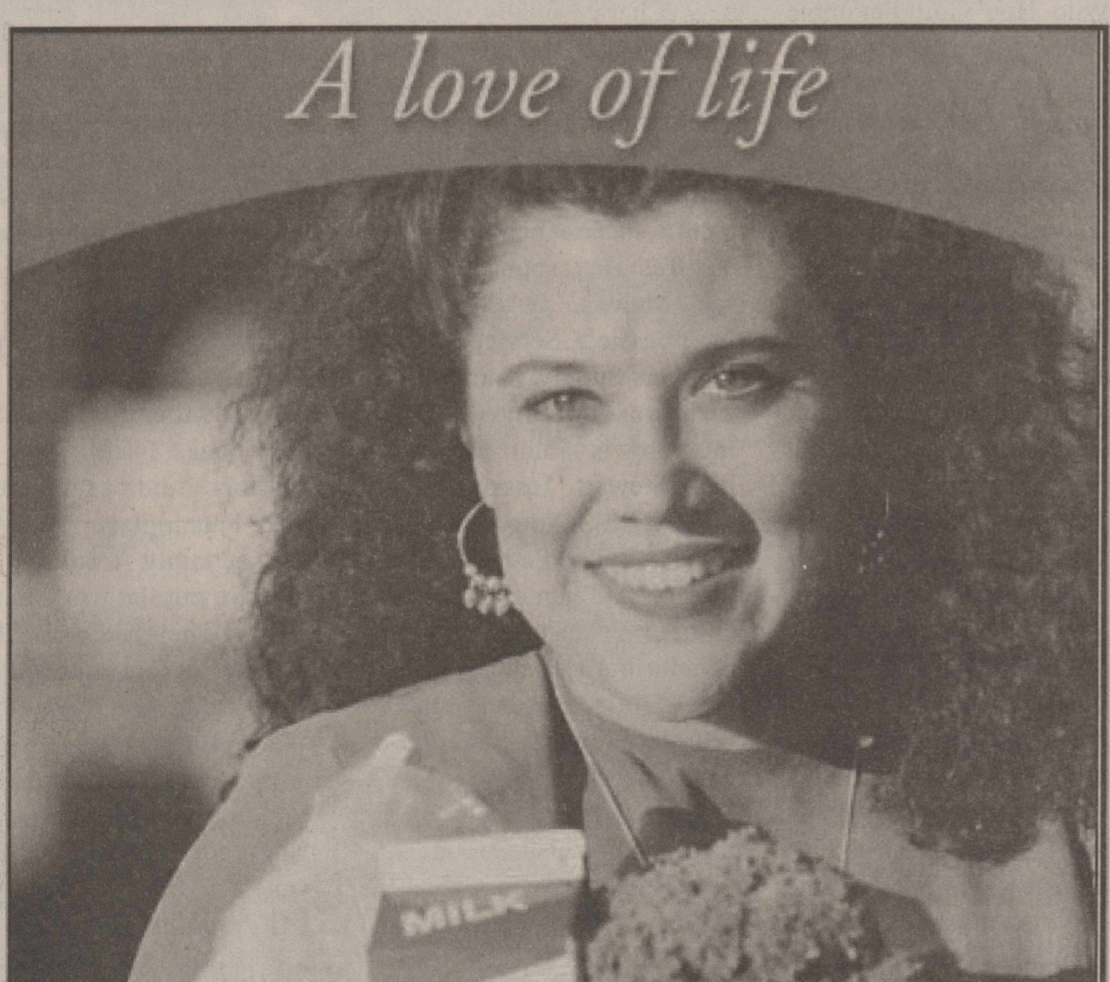
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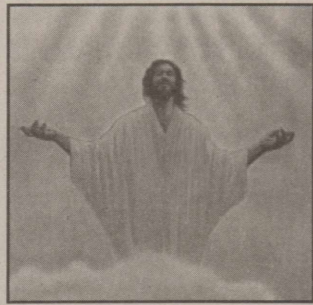
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God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



I was reflecting upon the Baccalaureate service and the enthusiasm in the faces of the graduating seniors. I know they are full of dreams and the expectation of their dreams being fulfilled. They will begin college or technical schools or enter the military or perhaps go directly into the job market, but each one will be planning and thinking upon his or her career. They will have no doubt toward their success, and that is great! But what is it that can guarantee the success of our dreams or the accomplishment of our desires? I say "our", because you and I have those same ambitions as well, regardless of our age.

In God's Word the book of Proverbs chapter 16 verses 1-4 reads, "The plans of the heart belong to the man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man

are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives. Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its own purpose.

The key verse is verse 3: "Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established." How can this promise of God be more simply stated or easily understood?

Regardless of this moment in your life, you can change your motivation in the direction in which you are going. Do it "God's way" and the results will be guaranteed. Don't hesitate, change your motivation today!

Trust His love and prove Him to be God. He will provide all your needs and remove all your fears.

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Boger — Patterson Announce Engagement



Joseph Boger and Lana Patterson

Pat and Donna Patterson of O'Brien are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lana LaRee Patterson to Joseph Adam Boger. Adam is the son of James and Sue Boger of Amarillo and Julie Boger of Abilene.

Lana is a 2003 graduate of Rochester High School. Lama

is currently employed by Red Wing Shoe's.

Adam is a 1999 Abilene High School graduate and a 2001 graduate of South Plains College. He is currently employed by Fed Ex Ground.

The couple has planned a September 2007 wedding. They will reside in Abilene.

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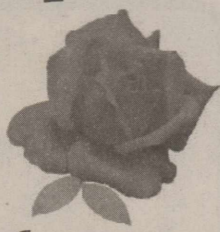
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KC Lion's Club News

Our fifteenth annual "Wild Hog Golf Scramble" had great weather for a change this year. We had twelve teams participate in the tournament and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Just a note of history here, the Wild Hog Golf Scramble came about when Joe Rice was our city manager and a Lion. He came up with the idea of a golf scramble to help our Lions camp in Kerrville. We had one of our local hunters trap a wild hog which we took to Stamford to a processing plant and had the whole hog ground into sausage and smoked.

We cooked the meat out under the tree at #3 tee box that year and of course the weather was very hot and dry. We did that for several years until the processing became too expensive. It's much cheaper to buy the already cooked and smoked sausage now.

I believe James Larned was our president that year. I know the Lions convention was in Wichita Falls that year and we made posters and attended the convention and tried to get Lions from all over our district to attend. We had some from as far away as Mineral Wells that year.

Of course, it was a four person format the first few years and we had several couples play together. Attendance seemed to dwindle down and we changed to a three person format. One year it fell on Mother's Day weekend and that just about killed us, not a good time for a golf tournament, although we did have some out of town guests that came to visit mom. I remember one group came all the way from Wichita Falls.

In 1993, Bill Groves had a sign painted to imitate the "Hog Crossing" sign between Knox City and Benjamin. We try to display that sign each year. This year I could not locate Charles Auburg or Bill Groves to get the sign on display. Charles finally called in after we had started the tournament and let us get the sign again. Thanks Charles!

We want to thank all those who helped make our tournament a success beginning with our Tee Box sponsors. Johnson Melons, UAP, Shortes, Inc., Jessie's Service Station, Pumpers Supply, Knox County Cleaners, G&L Tools, Air Ag. Inc., Lewis Paint and Body, Bill Stewart Insurance Services, TEEM Auto, Knox City Florist, Baker Petrolite, Basic Energy, A-Team and Ledesma Oilfield Construction, who bought four tee box signs. Sorry we missed some from last year and hope they will be on board next year.

Next and very important are those who furnished food! Citizens Bank, N.A. furnished the sausage, Allsup's the bread and cups, Penman Conoco Convenience supplied all the drinks, Duckwall Variety one dozen golf balls and Lawrence Brothers grocery furnished the condiments.

Now to the important stuff. Men's long drive was won by Jared May. Ladies long drive was won by Vickie Campbell. Longest putt was won by Bruce Skiles. Team #1 consisted of McCown, Cotton and Longan with a 64. Team #2 was Starnes, Mangis and Campbell also with a 64. Team #3 was Roman, Pat and Felix, also with a 64. Team #4 was Carter,

Carter and Myers.

Special thanks to some great Lions, Lion Joe Clonts for doing the cooking, Lion Bill Baker for serving the drinks and Lion Sweetheart Zo for taking the money and writing everything down.

Lion Boss Louis Baty brought the cooker and parked it in the shade and we could not have gotten he tournament carded and started without the help of Rastus Pack. Charles helped us for several years and we don't have any golf playing Lions anymore so Pack was glad to step in and help. He even figured out how to break the ties without having a play-off. Thanks, Pack!

Hope I didn't miss anyone, if so, I apologize.

I certainly wouldn't want to leave out the workers at the course. They had worked hard the day before and were out there again Saturday mowing and trimming.

Special thanks to all who came out and played! We certainly couldn't do this without you!

I did forget one of the main Lions, our local sheriff, Dean Homstad, who collected for almost all the tee boxes. And I forgot another tee box sponsor, our local Citizens Insurance.

As of now I don't have the total expenditures so can't give a total given to Texas Lions Camp, will try and do that next week.

We meet each Wednesday noon at the Senior Center for lunch and some fun and sometimes even some business.

We did make enough to write the \$500 check for our high school senior. I'll try and reveal who that is next week.



Over 100 Participants attended the Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Camp held Saturday in Knox City

Tamara McGaughey Urbanczyk Recieves APS Honors Award

Tamara McGaughey Urbanczyk was recently awarded the "APS Honors Award" during a reception hosted by Adult Protective Services in Haskell on April 24th, 2007. Tamara was one of 18 recipients being honored throughout a 60 county region. The award was to recognize citizens who have provided extraordinary care and services to APS clients during the past year.



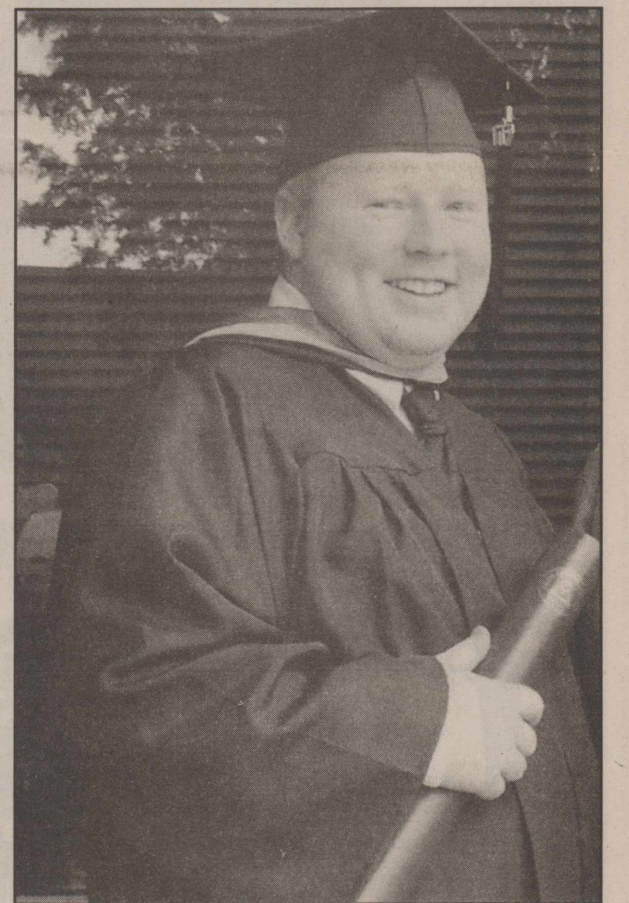
Graduating from Knox City High School in 1999, Tamara continued her education at Abilene Christian University and received her Bachelor of Science in Social Work in 2003. She is a licensed social worker and interim center manager with Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Center in Haskell. Tamara is married to Kevin Urbanczyk, Jr. and is the daughter of Mark McGaughey and Marsha McGaughey. She is the granddaughter of Allen and Peggy McGaughey.

Adult Protective Services is a program of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The APS mission is to protect the elderly and persons with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by working with clients, families and communities.

"Tamara demonstrates her love of people every day in her professionalism and dedication to clients. She is an asset to our community," states APS caseworker Doris Watson.

Shawn Speck Graduates From ACU

Abilene Christian University awarded 496 undergraduate degrees and 80 graduate degrees during May Commencement. Ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Services were held at 3 p.m. Among the graduates was Shawn Speck of Knox City.



During the ceremonies, Dr. Richard Beck, associate professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, gave "A Charge to the Class of 2007" and presented diplomas to the graduates.

Shawn is a 2002 graduate of Knox City High School and the son of Danny and Sherry Speck of Knox City.

He is the grandson of the late Bertha Driver of Knox City and the late Howard and Fychelene Sloan of Rochester.

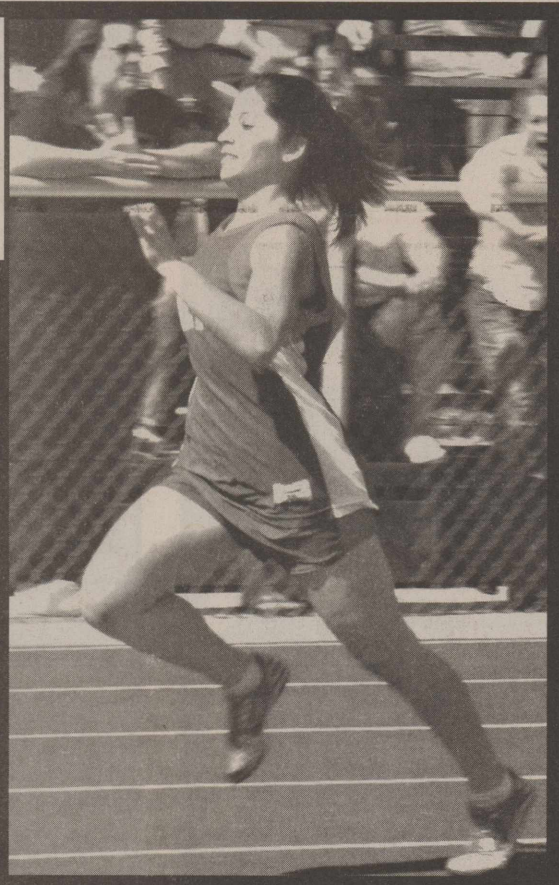
He received a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science and plans to coach and teach in the fall.

The undergraduate hooding ceremony is one of the high points in an ACU commencement, for in this ceremony a loved one or friend is privileged to place upon the graduate the centuries-old symbol of his or her academic degree. Shawn was escorted and hooded by his mother, Sherry Speck.

Attending the ceremonies were Danny and Sherry Speck; Joy and Terry Butler, Zakery and Brandon; Julie, Sloan and Lainy Lewis all of Knox City and Dickie and Shirley Sloan of Rochester.

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Benjamin ISD Holds Health Fair For Students



Health Fair at Benjamin ISD

Benjamin students, grades Pre-K through 6th, participated in a Health Fair sponsored by the Benjamin Student Health Advisory Committee and Texas Cooperative Extension on May 16, 2007. Participants learned about nutrition through better eating habits, the value of exercise, and how to reduce fat in

the diet by going through different learning stations during the three-hour fair. Everyone had a great time and took home some valuable information to encourage healthy lifestyles at home as well as school.

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Region 9 To Have Textbooks On Display

Starting May 1, 2007, textbooks that are up for adoption for the 2007-2008 school year will be on display at Region 9 Education Service Center located at 301 Loop 11 in Wichita Falls. Textbooks may be viewed Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Media Department. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Sullivan, Director of Technology and Media, at 940-322-6928 extension 320.

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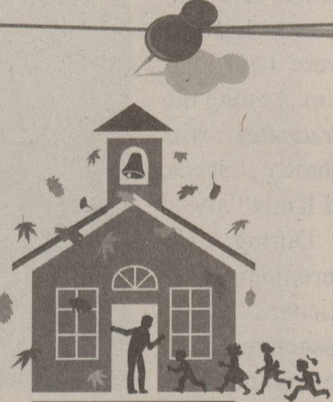
Benjamin Sports

Benjamin Elementary Competes In Track Meet At Rule



Benjamin elementary students traveled to Rule on Thursday, May 17th to compete in an elementary track meet. Also participating in the meet were Rule, Jayton and Paint Creek. Benjamin students did very well and came in first place in several events.





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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's Monday – The beginning of another work week – Also, the start of the last week of school and it's raining – again! So far, it's only been a light shower but the clouds are heavy so I expect more! The kids, teachers and parents are all excited about school being out. Don't know how long that enthusiasm will last but right now, everyone's ready for a break from the regular routine.

The High School Baccalaureate Service was last night (Sunday) at the Church of Christ. The program was as follows:

Processional – Pomp and Circumstance
Invocation – Sadie Benson
Introduction of Speaker – Jenna McCanlies
Address – Tim Trimble
Pastor – First United Methodist Church
Benediction – Shaylee Propps
Recessional – Special Music
Ushers were Julie and Judit Acevedo; Bryan Fetsch and Donny Gee.

A reception was held in the Church Annex, the junior high commencement will be Thursday night at the Ex-Student Building. High school graduates Friday night also at the Ex-Student Building. The program will be:
Processional – Pomp and Circumstance
Invocation – Sean Wilson

Salutatory Address – Sadie Benson
Valedictory Address – Brittany Kuehler
Introduction of Speaker – Kaitlyn Kuehler
Address – Ben Grill
Presentation of Awards – Superintendent Olivia Del Hierro
Presentation of Diplomas – Dicky McCanlies
Recessional – Senior Song

Those responsible for programs and also ushers will be Kyle Wilson, Napes Ebraheim, Karla Benson, Tina Siemens, Samijo Russel and Lucas Cartwright. A reception will follow.

Here 'N There

The prom Saturday night reportedly was very nice. The juniors worked hard to make it very special for the upper classmen. And it seems everyone really enjoyed it.

Lynn Rogers of Snyder, Jessica Moorhouse of Tarleton State and Liz Herring and Mason of Munday visited Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and Will during the weekend and on Friday night they and Will attended the graduation of their cousin, Kaleb Criswell in Guthrie and visited all their Criswell relatives.

My great grandson, Dillon Keys underwent surgery on his foot last Monday in Lubbock.

He's doing okay. He will be in a cast for six weeks but hopefully this will correct his problem.

Chase Palvado of Vernon visited his grand parents Charles and Joy Jones during the weekend and attended the prom at Munday Saturday night.

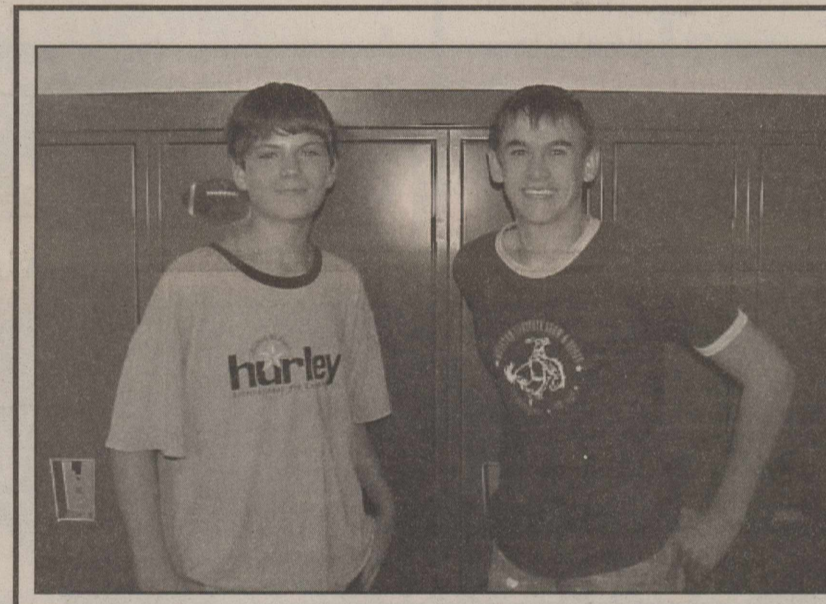
Penny Eaton and Ernie Eaton's grand daughter, Kayla Hunter of Knox City was the winner in the Little Miss Wild Horse, Prairie Days Pageant in Haskell during the weekend.

Kayla will be a "celebrity" during the Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo coming up soon. She'll be riding in the parade – as one of her honors. Her parents are Kendra and Tony Hunter of Knox City, her very proud great grandmother is Dorothy Spikes of Benjamin.

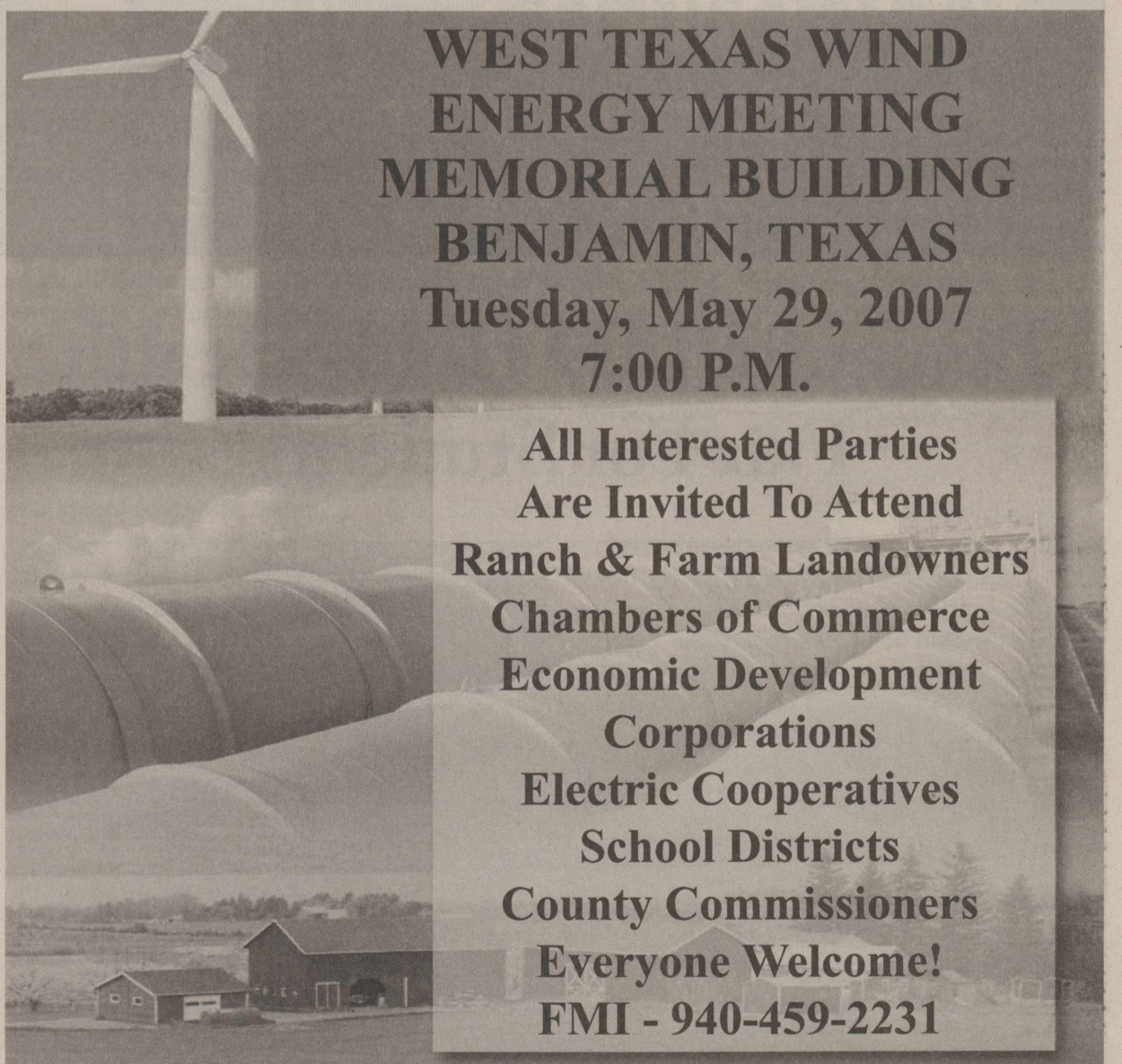
Rex and Audrey Holt of Clovis, New Mexico visited Earlene Meinzer on Monday.

E. O. and Irene Reed have been busy building a screened porch on the back of their house. They have it completed and it's a perfect place to sit and look out across their beautifully kept backyard. They have lots of flowering plants and a well-manicured lawn that makes for a most inviting atmosphere.

Debbie Clower has the "Yard of the Month" sign in her yard. Her place also shows signs of lots of interest and work.



Cody Propps has been named valedictorian of his junior high graduating class. Cody's grade point average was 91.07. He is the son of James and Stacia Propps of Benjamin. Chad Potter has been named salutatorian of his graduating class with a grade point average of 87.40.



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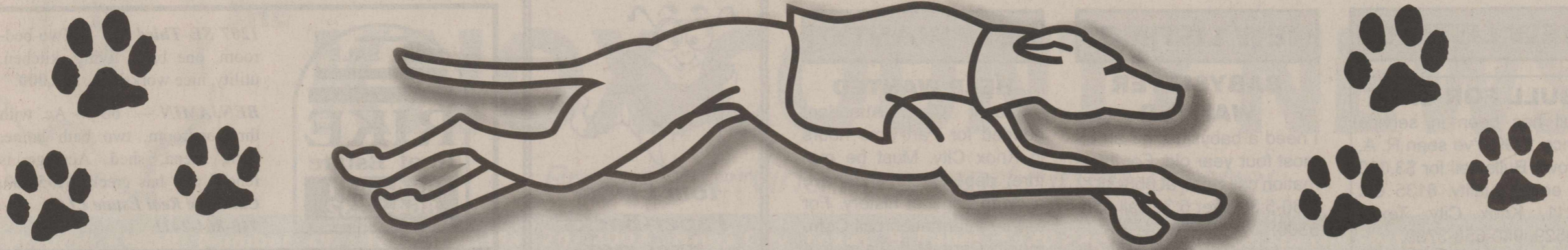
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Knox City High School UIL And FFA Awards Banquet

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 FFA "Top Hand" Award — Cody Wainscott, Brandon Grimsley and Amos Lerma

"National DeKalb Award" (based on grades, 4 year FFA Participation & Overall Leadership) — Lynndy Moeller

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Outstanding Award -- the highest honor for a non-member - David Albus

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Texas FFA Lone Star Award (highest degree earned by a state member of FFA) — Lynndy Moeller, Kayla Stewart, Cody Trimble Athletic Awards

Boys:

Football-- Cody Wainscott; Basketball -- Jordan Carter; Track - Jordan Carter; Tennis -- Orrin Myers; Golf -- Orrin Myers; Most Athletic -- Brandon Grimsley; Fighting Heart Award -- Brandon Grimsley

Girls:

Volleyball -- Bridgett Billington; Basketball -- Shana Nicholson; Track -- Shelby Gutierrez; Tennis -- Shana Nicholson & Jessy Schur; Golf -- Brittney Gonzales; Most Athletic -- Shana Nicholson; Fighting Heart Award -- Brynn Moore & Tiffany Wilde

Other

Lamar Award (given by the Masonic Lodge): Brandon Grimsley & Laura Harrington

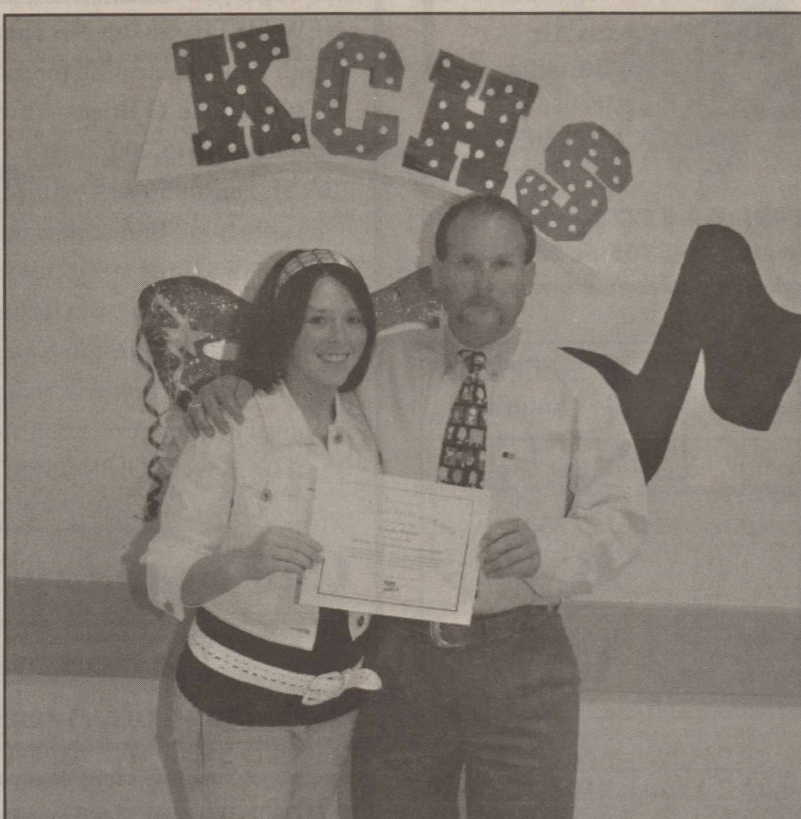
UIL Scholar Award: Tiffany Wilde, Laura Harrington, Bridgett Billington, Lynndy Moeller, Emily Lewis, Brynn Moore, & Brandon Grimsley

US Army Scholar Athlete Award: Brandon Grimsley & Tiffany Wilde

Best All-Around Students: Brandon Grimsley & Bridgett Billington



Fighting Heart Award Receiptants Brynn Moore Tiffany Wilde & Brandon Grimsley



Lynndy Moeller Receives the National Dekalb Award from Ag Instructor Rick Moeller



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