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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION **State Capital** HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Third Court of Appeals in Austin ruled May 22 that evidence was not strong enough to warrant a lower court's decision ordering the emergency removal of children from the Fundamentalist

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-days Saints' Yearning for Zion Ranch near Eldorado in early April.

The ruling leaves the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and its subagencies, the Texas Department of Family and Protective

Services and Child Protective

Appeals Court Rules YFZ Raid Unwarranted

Services to review the ruling and ponder the next move.

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, which brought the appeal on behalf of dozens of mothers of YFZ children, hailed the ruling.

The San Angelo-based court of original jurisdiction ordered the state to take the children into custody because of suspected child abuse and forced marriages of minor girls. More than 400 of the children now reside in foster care.

Senate Panel Eyes YFZ Costs

Costs related to the state's multiagency raid of the YFZ Ranch were the subject of a hearing by the state Senate Committee on Finance.

Committee chair Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, called for a detailed accounting of the costs at the May 20 hearing.

Albert Hawkins, chief of the Health and Human Services Commission, estimated the cost of the multi-agency response at \$5.26 million.

Thomas Suehs, the agency's deputy executive commissioner, reported details such as \$2.4 million for goods and services, \$1.7 million for overtime costs, \$1.1 million for travel and \$1 million for buses.

As the specter of costs continued to rise during the hearing, Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, suggested that the state pursue the assets of the fathers of YFZ children.

Judge Ben Woodward, 119th state district court, said Schleicher County and Tom Green County do not have the money to fund the multitude of YFZ cases pending.

Woodward, who also serves as a local administrative judge for Tom Green County, told the committee he suspects a \$2.25 million estimate for legal costs is low and that it does not include hourly attorneys' fees.

Some 300 lawyers presently involved will expect to be paid, he said.

Scott McCown, director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, expressed concern about adding to Child Protective Services' caseload. The agency is presently handling 30,000 clients, McCown said.

The Dallas Morning News reported May 19 the Health and Human Services Commission estimated it would cost Texas taxpayers \$21 million to care for the children over the next year.

Child custody status hearings began May 19 in the Tom Green County courthouse in San Angelo for families of children removed from the ranch.

The hearings are scheduled through June 5, with parents of the children, their attorneys and caseworkers with Child Protective Services present.

Meanwhile, on May 21, YFZ ranch gate guards turned away

CPS workers who asked to search the facility after receiving notice that more children still may be living there.

Nuclear Waste Application Is Ok'd

On May 21, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality voted 2-1 to approve Dallas-based Waste Control Specialists LLC's application for a license to dispose low-level radioactive waste at an underground site in West Texas.

The disposal facility is to be located near the New Mexico border along Highway 176, about 30 miles west of the city of Andrews.

Ag Settles In Vioxx Class Action

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on May 20 reached a \$58 million settlement with Merck & Co. Inc. over the marketing of the prescription drug Vioxx.

Merck pulled the drug from the market in 2004.

The settlement resolves a three-year investigation by 30 states that joined in a lawsuit against Merck for not adequately warning consumers of the health risks of the drug marketed as a painkiller and anti-inflammatory.

Texas' portion of the global agreed judgment will exceed \$4 million, Abbott's office said.

New Sales Tax Holiday Debuts

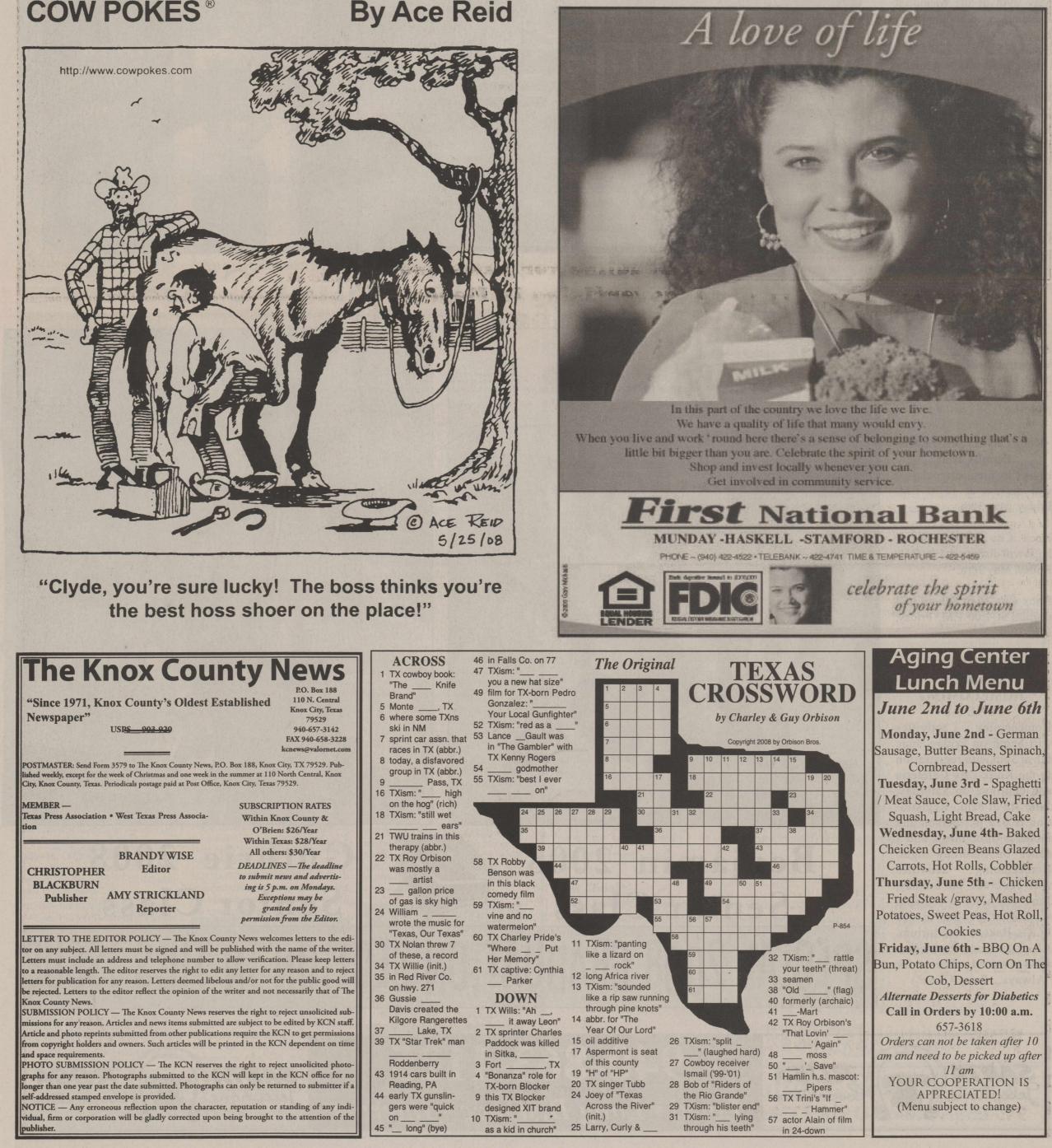
Texas held its first-ever sales tax holiday for energy-efficient products on Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26.

The "Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday" applied to the purchase of air conditioners, ceiling fans, dishwashers, light bulbs, refrigerators, clothes washers, and other appliances.

Texas shoppers will get another break from state and local sales taxes Aug. 15-17 in the state's annual clothing sales tax holiday.

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I don't know if it will have an impact equal to the invention of the men's fly. That was earth-shattering! Of course they didn't need it in the days of the loincloth and toga. Then people had more time because they hadn't invented the wristwatch. Bathroom breaks were longer. No one knew if you were late. Did you ever hear two 3-year old kids say, "Well, it's getting late," or a turtle say, "Well, it's time to go!"

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In the days of the Roman Gladiator, when the urge struck, a soldier had to pull down his breeches and stand there with his pants around his ankles, vulnerable to attack! The invention of the fly (by Giuseppe Wrangler) changed all that. They could hold a sword in one hand and still take care of business.

Cowboys were saved a lot of injury by the invention of snap shirts. In the 18th century, people were serious about buttons. They were big, made of cast iron or elephant tusk and sewed on with rawhide. They were meant to stay buttoned! So when a big steer stuck his horn under your shirt, it was

like putting a handle on a cowboy! They could pick him off his horse and sling him into the Palo Duro Canyon! Or, if the cowboy hooked his shirt over the saddle horn, he was there for the whole ride! Like being hooked to a paint shaker! The buttons held. So, snaps on the cowboy shirt let him escape ... like a lizard's tail that breaks off in an emergency. Functional clothing.

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I'm looking beyond the Olympics for other uses. For instance, in nursing homes it would allow residents to get to the dining area quicker. Or, how 'bout suiting up the cruising farmer who patrols the country roads at 20 mph looking for stuff to scavenge as traffic backs up behind him for two miles. It would make his arm out the window more aerodynamic.

Or, maybe the Pro-Rodeo Cowboys Association could allow barrel racers, team ropers and calf ropers to wear them! Although it's hard to imagine Joe Beaver in a Speedo? The image of a Sumo wrestler in a cowboy hat comes to mind.

THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS **TXDOT And TXPDS Host Click** It Or Ticket Press Conference

CLICK IT

CHILDRESS -The Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Public Safety hosted a press conference on May 19, 2008 to kick off the upcoming Click It or Ticket mobilization.

The press conference was sponsored by the Clarendon Junior College in Clarendon, TX.Law enforcement attending the event to show their support of the Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization were Sheriff's Offices from Hardeman, Childress, Donley, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Cottle and Foard Counties.

Also in attendance were Police Departments from Amarillo, Dumas, Spearman, Pampa and Borger, and Trooper Dan Hawthorne attended to represent the Texas Department of Public SafetyTxDOT and TxDPS would like to thank these law enforcement agencies as well as the Clarendon Junior College for supporting Click It or Ticket.

The speakers for this event were; Jim Hollis, TxDOT Programs Director for the Traffic Operations, Traffic Safety Section in Austin, Dr. BillAuvenshine, PresidentClarendon Junior College, Warren Chisum, Texas State Representative, Fred

Underwood, Texas Transportation Commission Member, John Howard, M.D., Clarendon Family Medical Center, Trooper Daniel Hawthome and Melissa McCoy, a safety belt survivor. Click It or Ticket paign in Texas, safety belt usage has increased from 76 percent to more than 91.8 percent.

Even with these impressive numbers, nearly one million children ages 5-9 are riding without a safety belt. Pickup drivers, passengers and teens continue to be the least likely to buckle up.

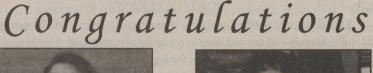
In 2005, more than half of those killed in rollover crashes in Texas were not wearing safety beltsFor every percent increase in safety belt use, 25 fewer Texans will be killed in traffic crashes and another 586 will escape serious injury.

The bottom line is that seat belts save lives. Please buckle up every time, all the time.

Circle Club Presents Books to Child Development Center



The Knox City Circle Club presented books to students of the Knox City Child Development Center May 15 as part of an annual project to promote literacy. Left to right standing: Cathye Williams, Eleanor McCarty and Pam Mongrain were members present. Sherry Ellis, Director of the Child **Development Center and students accepted the books.**





BrieAnna Jean Rios Hey Brie,

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Special Congratulation to the entire Senior class of 2008 - we have watched you grow up before our very eyes, what fine citizen you have all become. We are so very proud of you. Knox City is proud of you. Love,

Knox City has two events that will bring people into our community this

a few small steps and pick up or remove trash from around your busi-

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is a statewide event where state troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies will be stepping up enforcement of the state's safety belt laws from May 19 to June 1. They will be drawing the line for Texas motorists; buckle up or pay a fine. In the past six years of the Click It or Ticket cam**PAGE THREE**

summer. The first is Homecoming which is the first weekend in June and the second is the Watermelon Festival which is the last weekend in July. Prior to each of these events, would you take a few minutes to walk around your business, your home, and surrounding vacant properties and pick up the trash? This effort would be greatly appreciated. It would be great if this could become a weekly habit for individuals in this community. Plus, it is good exercise!

The installation of the downtown awnings was a big step in improving the appearance of our community. There will be more big steps to achieve other improvements. But right now, would you please take

ness or home. If you need help hauling off large items, please contact the Chamber office at 658-3442 or City Hall at 658-3313.

Another suggestion to decrease the amount of loose trash in our community is to just make sure that all trash placed in a dumpster is in a securely fastened bag. With the strong winds we are currently experiencing, loose trash placed in a dumpster can be blown out of the dumpster during the 'collection process' and then the effort of putting the trash in the dumpster is lost. Your help and cooperation is much appreciated!

Remember, what makes Knox City a Small Town Paradise is the people!

REMINDER NOTICE FROM CITY HALL

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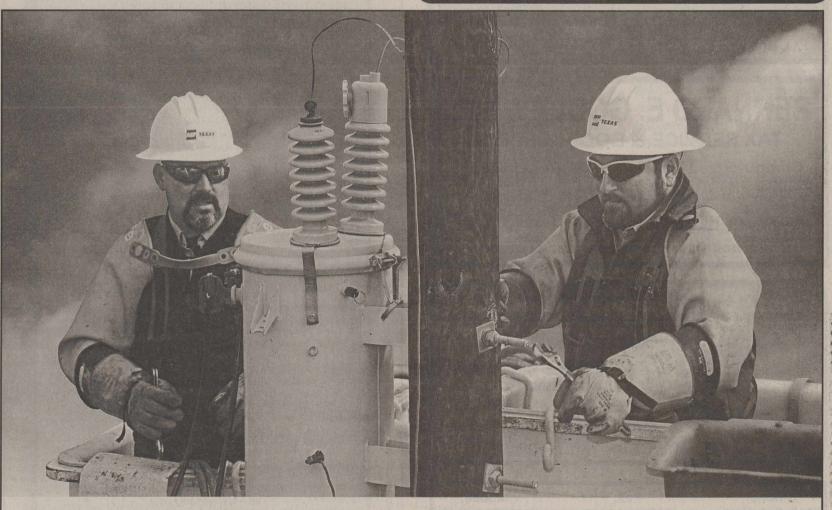
The City of Knox City needs your help and corporation. This is a reminder to everyone in Knox City about the dumpster/collection problems. The city is under contract with Allied Waste Collection and the City needs everyone to understand the rules. The dumpsters in the alleys are ONLY for general household garbage. Please do not put other items in the dumpsters, for example, TV's electronics, boards, pipe, limbs, dirt, etc. These items cannot be picked up by the truck so therefore, the dumpster will not be emptied. If the dumpster is loaded and is too heavy the truck cannot lift it. Also, if forbidden items are down inside the dumpster and the truck does empty the dumpster, this could damage the truck.

If this happens, then the company will inform the City as t which dumpster ocation it occurred at and there will be a municipal ordinance code fine given by he police department.

The City provides for everyone's convenience two large roll off dumpsters at the City dump grounds. It is opened Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am to noon. Also open Saturday from 8:00 am to noon, then 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Closed Tuesday and Sunday. After hours there will be a charge to dump. All items taken to this dumpsite are to be placed inside the large dumpster's and only limbs on the ground brush pile. NO tires allowed. Please be proud of your town and help keep Knox City clean.

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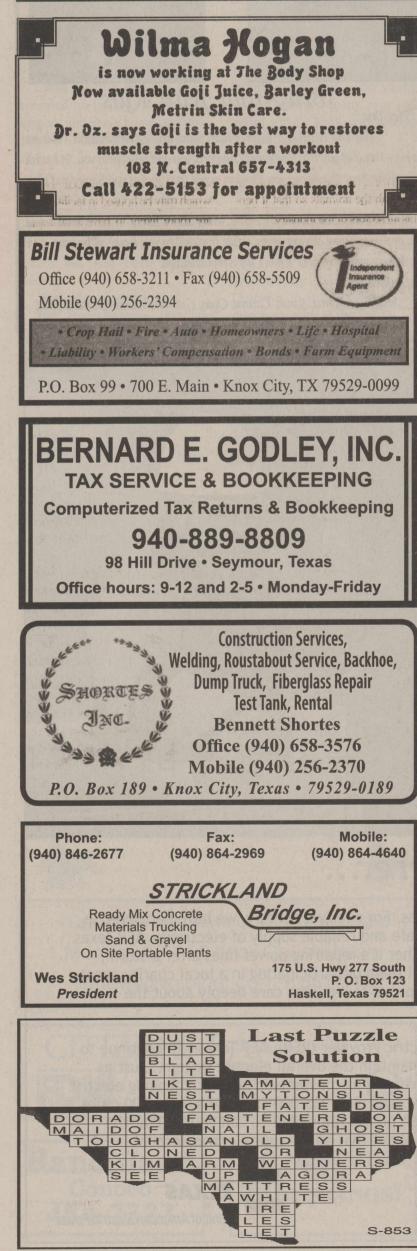
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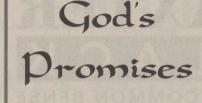
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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008



By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist Church

This time of year is so exciting for those who are graduating from High School and College. They are looking toward establishing their selves in the real world. They will be making their own decisions about everything new. Many of their decisions will be important ones and some will be lifetime decisions. We want to pray for them and those decisions.

Decisions are not always terribly difficult if you have enough information to affect the decision. The one emphasis we would want them to always know is to always look for the truth in any decision. Truth in many areas is a short commodity today, but that doesn't change the outcome of any situation that truth will bring into every circumstance.

There is one sure way to always know the truth. If we



realize that truth is a person instead of a perception then we can always know the assurance of being confident in our decisions. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14: 6). Now truth never is complete without trust and that is what Jesus asks us to believe. We simple put our trust into His word; the bible. Every graduating senior received a wonderful translation of God's Word at Baccalaureate service and I pray that each one will read and search the truth of His word. Each one will find His direction for their life and will learn to live in the blessings of God in everything they do.

I pray that God will watch over them and protect them by His mercy and grace and that they will all look to Him to always know Truth; and truth is a person whose name is Jesus Christ.



Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. • Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City **Timothy Trimbel**, Pastor Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. No Sunday Evening Service ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Knox City **Tex Cox, Pastor** Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. unday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m. "Discovering God's Word" radio broadcast Sunday mornings on AM 1400 The River 8:20 - 8:50 a.m. **FOURSQUARE CHURCH – Knox City** Don Jackson, Pastor Sunday Morning Worship at 10:50 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH - Knox City Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Vasquez Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11 a.m. LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C- Knox City Gene Ward Jr., Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m. ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland Father Leo Schloemer • Deacon Ben Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin **Timothy Trimbel, Pastor** Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. **GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH – Gillespie** Matt Harrington, Pastor Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m. **CHURCH OF CHRIST – Benjamin** Bible Study at 9 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m. **THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL – Highway 222** W.O. Smith, Pastor Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. **O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien** Jim Reid, Pastor Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m., Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m. Sunday Mornings on KVRP 97.1 at 9:05 a.m. WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH **Rob Harrison**, Pastor Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m. **MUNDAY CHURCH OF CHRIST Adrian Fletcher, Pastor** THE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS BROUGHT TO YOU **EACH WEEK BY THESE GENEROUS SPONSORS:** O'Brien **Knox County** Co-op Gin Hospital 658-3631 657-3535

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Energy Column

CEO Scott Sheffield and ordered

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Even though 95% of Pioneer's

The report outlined problems

Ironically, U.S. politicians

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Conditions were changing,

the sale of Pioneer's assets.

By Alex Mills

Many large independent oil and gas producers ventured outside the shores of the U.S. in the 1990's in search of larger and more lucrative production. However, many have given up on their international adventures and are returning to the U.S., according to an article in the May issue of Oil and Gas Investor magazine.

"International exploration beckoned independent North American E&P's a decade or so ago," wrote author Steve Loon. "Margins at home were slim as commodity prices dipped as low as \$10 per barrel in 1999, and many producers viewed U.S. assets as mature and depleting. The next big discovery awaited afar."

The strategy also included the possibility of finding an elephant (an industry term for large reserves), or an acquisition strategy to purchase proven properties at bargain prices.

However, political risks in many countries became a huge negative. For example, Pioneer Natural Resource Co. in Dallas ventured into projects in Australia, Argentina, Canada, offshore South and West Africa. Argentina devalued the peso and implemented a 20% tax on oil exports. That was enough for

KNOX CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Knox City Housing Authority will hold a PUBLIC MEETING on July 16, 2008 at 6 p.m., at Doug Meinzer Community Center, to receive comments on the Annual and 5 year Plan for the Knox City Housing Authority. All documents are on display at the office of the housing Authority during posted office hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Knox City passed an Ordinance amending Chapter 6, article 6.106 Section of the Code of ordinances on Unsafe Issues/Unsightly Areas. This ordinance is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its Citizens by enforcing the new ordinance concerning the abatement of nuisances within the City. Violations declared to be a nuisance are punishable by fine. Ordinance adopted on April 10, 2008. Full ordinance can be viewed at City Hall, 902 E. Main.

Proposed Wild Hog Rules Aim to Aid Producers, Trappers & Hunters

Described as being as prolific as cockroaches, destructive as rats, and as surly as badgers, wild (feral) hogs are the bane of ranchers and farmers, but they're a boon for hunters. Nearly three million of these dirt slingin' critters roam free in Texas, rooting up pastures, wallowing in creek beds, and gorging themselves on crops and gardens. Trappers and hunters often are called in to help reduce hog numbers when feral swine run amuck.

For nearly a year, a team of commercial swine and show pig producers, slaughter plant operators, veterinarians, hunters, hog trappers and wildlife biologists have wrestled with rule ideas that would prevent captured wild hogs from creating more chaos, while still giving hunters an opportunity to bag a boar trophy worth bragging rites. In mid-May, draft regulations were presented to commissioners for the

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Public comment on the proposed

rules, to be published in the Texas Register June 6, will be accepted by the TAHC through July 6. TAHC commissioners will consider the rules for adoption at their next meeting on July 29 in Austin.

"The 80th legislature, in the TAHC's Sunset Bill, provided for the TAHC to regulate feral swine, which are regarded as free-ranging livestock. The TAHC regulations are to be limited to disease control purposes, including holding facilities, sale, exhibition, hunting or movement," said Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas' assistant state veterinarian and TAHC advisor to the feral swine working group. "If these proposed rules are adopted, they will supersede TAHC's current feral swine regulations that aren't comprehensive. We know we can't get rid of feral swine, but we can find ways to deal with the animals so that it benefits all sectors of the industry."

Dr. Ellis said the proposed regulations give trappers greater latitude for holding and moving trapped swine. Approved holding facilities and authorized hunting preserves would be sanctioned and inspected by the TAHC, and operators or owners would be required to keep records on the animals for at least five years. Applications for operating the holding facilities or hunting preserves will be available from the TAHC, if the regulations are adopted. Because there is some limited interest in changing captured feral swine to "domestic" swine by testing the animals, the proposed regulations would allow for wild hogs to be reclassified as "domesticated" pigs after a series of at least three negative blood tests for swine Brucellosis and pseudorabies during a minimum 150-day quarantine period. (This practice is not recommended, however.) Additionally, sows and other sexually intact female swine would be required to undergo a fourth negative test for the diseases, at least 30 days after their initial farrowing in quarantine. The disposition of feral swine that are not "domesticated" through the quarantine and testing process is limited to slaughter only, except for boars and barrows, which may be moved to TAHC-authorized hunting preserves. The proposed rules also would allow for the wild pigs to be held after trapping in an escape-proof pen or enclosure on a trailer for up to seven days before moving the animals directly to a federally or state-inspected slaughter plant, to a TAHC-authorized hunting preserve, or to an approved holding facility, awaiting final disposition. The proposed rules would allow only boars and barrows to be moved to TAHC-authorized hunting facilities, which would have to be equipped with swine-proof fencing at least five feet high. Boars and barrows also would have to be individually identified prior to being placed into the preserve.

cense, both from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, but there is no season on these animals so often regarded as a pest and a threat to livestock health.

"It is extremely important that proposed holding facilities and hunting preserves be 'escape proof.' Identification on the boars and barrows in hunting preserves would help us identify pigs that 'get loose,'" said Dr. Ellis. Required record-keeping would include the number of swine. placed in or removed from the facilities, the animals' weight, size, color, sex and any identification applied to the animal, and the locations from which they were trapped and to which they were moved.

"Strict requirements are necessary to prevent moving an animal that has a potential livestock disease from one site to another," said Dr. Ellis. "From tests on feral swine over a four-year period, we know that around 20 percent of wild hogs in Texas carry pseudorabies, a regulatory flu-like swine disease not related to rabies. About 10 percent of the feral pigs have swine Brucellosis, the swine form of "Bangs," or cattle Brucellosis."

Since January 2006, the swine form of Brucellosis has been detected

in 26 cattle in 19 herds. Although the swine infection in cattle does not affect Texas' hard-won 'free' status for cattle Brucellosis, it does cause positive test results when cattle are tested prior to sale. The bacteria must be "grown out" in the laboratory to differentiate between swine Brucellosis and cattle Brucellosis infection. In the meantime, cattle in the consignment or herd must be held up, and additional tests may be needed to ensure there is no cattle Brucellosis infection in the herd.

Feral swine also can have a health impact on noncommercial swine, which may be housed in facilities that are more likely to have feral swine contact than commercial swine facilities. Of the 41

noncommercial swine herds quarantined for swine Brucellosis infection since January 2003, 29 either had definite or possible contact with wild hogs. "'Contact with feral swine' can be as simple as a wild sow or boar either being allowed in, breaking into swine pens, or making contact through a fence," noted Dr. Ellis. "Related contacts" can include an activity such as purchasing piglets from a producer who allows feral swine into his or her pens. In this case, a buyer could be purchasing piglets that have been exposed to disease carried by feral swine. Dr. Ellis advised domestic swine owners to keep feral swine out of their pens. When purchasing replacement swine by private treaty, ask if the pigs have been exposed to feral swine. If possible, keep the animals isolated until tested for swine Brucellosis and pseudorabies. At livestock markets selling sexually intact swine six months of age or older, these tests are required, and blood samples are collected from the animals by TAHC personnel. "Commercial swine herds are operated with great attention to biosecurity, and in Texas, these herds currently are swine Brucellosis and pseudorabies-free," said Dr. Ellis. But each time we detect infection in a noncommercial herd, it puts a hardship on producers, because we must trace animal movement, test herds in a widespread area, and handle infected herds appropriately. Swine brucellosis also poses a significant public health threat to those handling or inadvertently producing infected animals. By adopting regulations that make it easier for trappers to remove feral swine from an area, and place boars and barrows only in a hunting facility, we encourage legal regulated movements of the animals and have less chance of disease transmission from these wild hogs. These proposed regulations can benefit swine producers, cattlemen, trappers and hunters, too."

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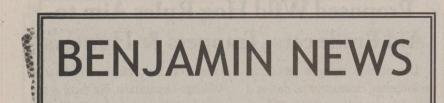
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By Gladene Green

On this day when we celebrate the Memorial Day, I'm hoping you had a pleasant one. It's been hot but as long as you stay inside, you are o.k. The wheat harvest is getting in full swing and if the weather cooperates, it wont be long 'til the crop of '08 is history.

Sympathy to the family of Bobby Roberson today. Bobby passed away Sunday night at Knox County Hospital where he had been since Thursday. He was in Wichita Falls several days after suffering a stroke at his home early last Saturday. His funeral (graveside rites) will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Benjamin Cemetery. He was a friend to all and will be missed greatly.

Regarding Our Ill

Shane Welch spent several days in United Regional in Wichita Falls last week. He had a serious problem with his diabetes but hopefully they have it under control now. He cam home Saturday.

Bud Conner was in Lubbock Tuesday to see an allergy specialist. He also had to see a skin specialist and will have some surgery for removal of a cancer-a place on his noise. That will be Tuesday, June 4th.

Linda Griffith had her knee operated on Friday. It was day surgery and she's home and doing well. Just cant get around as fast as she would like to, of course in a few days she'll be back and "as good as new".

Deann Lamb is doing pretty well. Since her return home from Munday Nursing Center where she had been several weeks.

Introduction: of 0 Speaker: Samijo Russell Address: Rev. Troy 0 Culpepper

Benediction: 0 Lucas Cartwright

Recessional: Special 0 music a reception was held in the church of Christ Annex. Leah Vanderpol, Brittney Coop and Devon Jones were ushers and also several at the reception. Commencement is Friday at 8 pm. Junior High graduation is Thursday night at 8 pm. Both events to be at the Ex-Student building.

Here 'n' There

Samijo Russell and Mitchell Ham were in Spur Sunday to visit friends and relatives.

Sue Terry, Summer and Jake of Dallas spent the long weekend with her parents Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon.

Jimmy Mancille of Austin was here for the weekend to visit his mom at Extended Family Living in Rochester.

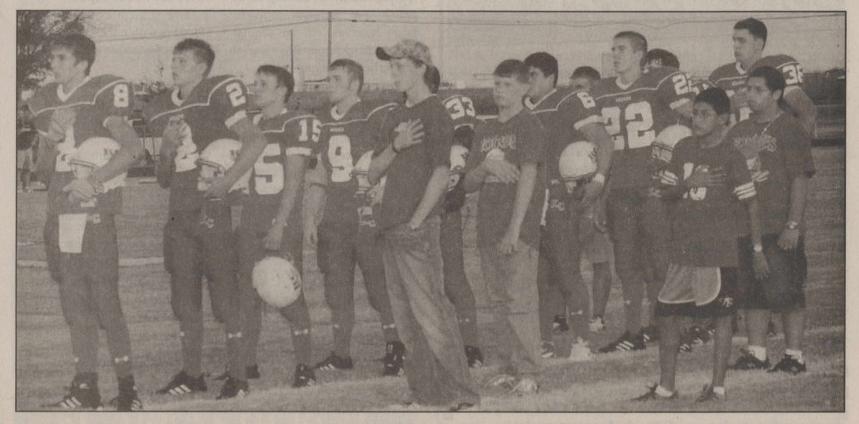
Betty and Roger Bohannon were in Nebraska during the weekend to visit their daughter Bonnie Howell and family.

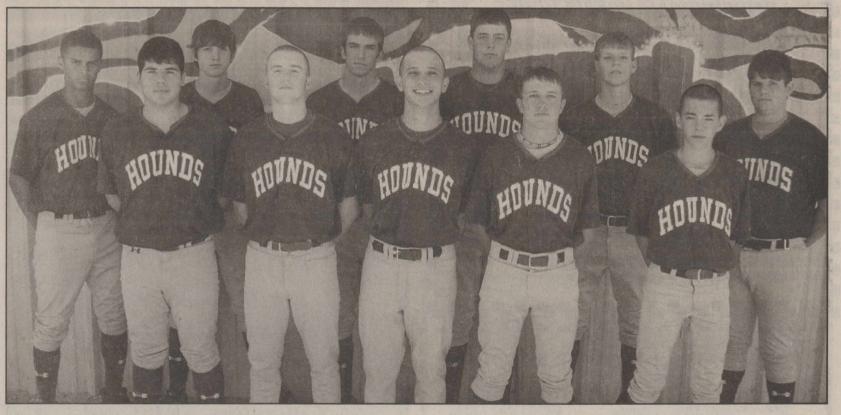
Several Benjamin attended the pre-nuptial brunch on Saturday honoring Katilyn Kuehler, bride elect of Enrique Acevedo. The brunch was held in the beautiful home of Becky Offutt at Munday. The young couple received many nice and useful gifts. They will wed in the late June.

Former Benjamin residents James and Jimmie Klutts received work early last week that that her great nephew had been killed by a pit bulldog. The young boy, 7 years old, lived with his parents in Breckenridge. His funeral was Thursday in Breckenridge. We send sympathy to the family. I had a nice visit with Cotton Smith and his wife, Marie on Monday. It was Cotton's 95th birthday and he was enjoying the day. It was good to see them, their daughter and her husband Sue and Spike Bryan and Winston Blacklock.









Baccalaureate Sunday

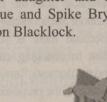
The Baccalaureate Service for the 2008 Seniors was held Sunday night at the First Baptist Church here. The program was as follows:

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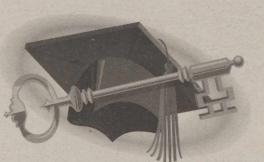
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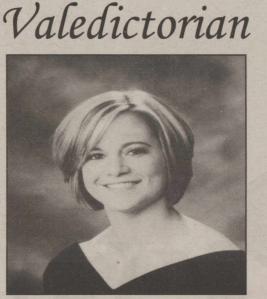
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Knox City High School Class of 2008

2008 KCHS Graduation Ceremony Saturday, May 31st at 7 p.m. in the W. R. Baker Auditorium



Jessy Shcur

Jessy Karel Schur is the daughter of Charlie and Julie Schur. She has one older sister, Meagan, and a nephew Haven Schur. She was born in Lubbock TX, and moved to Knox City when she was two years old. She has gone to school her entire school career in Knox City. While in High School she has been involved in varsity volleyball four years, and was named team captain this year, she was also named MVP of the Harold tournament, first team all district, and received the award of academic all-state. Some of her other activities have included: basketball one year, varsity cheerleading three years where she was head cheerleader this year and named all-American cheerleader for three years, varsity tennis for one year, and UIL for three years. She has been in band for four years where she served as drum major this year. Jessy was named a member of the National Honor Society; she is currently serving as president. She also was involved with the one act play for two years and was named part of the honorable mention all star cast at the district and zone meet last year, this year she was name to the all-star cast at zone competition. She has been in student council three years where she is currently serving as secretary, annual staff one year, FFA one year, class officer four years, and class favorite one year. Last year her peers selected her to be crowned Miss Firelighter at homecoming, and this year they selected her to be crowned as Miss Firelighter, Football Sweetheart, and Band Sweetheart at homecoming festivities. After graduation she is planning on attending Texas Tech University to work on a degree in business administration and then she plans on starting her own business.

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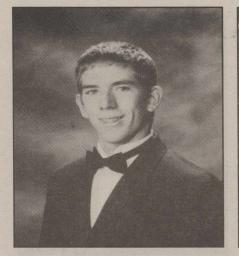
Sarah Novilene Burt

Sarah Novilene Burt, was born in Seymour Texas. She is the daughter of Robin and Kenneth Burt. Sarah has two older brothers and two younger brothers; Kenneth O. Burt III (Trey), Jonathan James Burt, Quinten Thomas Burt, and Zachary Joshua Burt. She also has a wonderful eight month old daughter; Novileh Brenee Louis (Whom, is the center of her world), and two spontaneous nephews; Hayden James Burt and Gaven Jule Burt. Sarah has attended school in Knox City O'Brien CISD all of her school years. As a freshman, sophomore, Junior, and Senior; Sarah has been on Varsity for Volleyball; Basketball, and Track. Her junior year she was a Varsity Cheerleader. She has been given many awards for her extracurricular activities. Sarah received first team All District all years in volleyball and basketball, except her freshman year where she received Honorable Mention. Sarah's freshman and sophomore years she advanced to State in Track receiving two medals both years. The first two years of high school she was a member of student council and was class favorite for her sophomore and junior years. Her future plans are to attend Basketball tryouts at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and finish out her college years at this school. Her major is still undecided. Sarah's hobbies are spending time with some of her family, watching sports for long periods of time with Germaine, and enjoying Novileh's play time. Sarah loves enjoying her sister-in-laws home cooked meals, and it's never a dull moment when Trey comes home. Sarah wants to thank her Mom, Germaine, and Selena for making her senior year a bearable one and for being beside her throughout all of her tough times when nobody else stood beside her.



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Joseph Michael Albus

Joseph Micheal Albus is the son of Judy Albus of Plainview, TX, and Jimmy Albus Sr. and Kathy Albus of Knox City, TX. His siblings include Jimmy Ray Albus, Jr., Jessica Albus, Martha Perkins, and Shawn Scarborough. He was born August 25, 1989 in Abilene, Texas, but was raised in Knox City where he went to school his entire school career. He accomplished many things in high school. He was named second team All District in football his junior year. Also, he received 1st in District and 5th in area in Agricultural Mechanics, where he was awarded a blue ribbon at San Antonio and blue and 2nd in class at the San Angelo show. His senior year he received honorable mention in football and was also awarded a Blue Ribbon at San Antonio. Another Blue Ribbon and 2nd place was awarded to him in San Angelo. Joe participated in U.I.L. Science, Current Events, and Accounting. He was also on the U.I.L mathematics team who advanced to regional at Texas Tech University this year. After Graduation he plans to attend Tulsa Welding School to get a degree as a Master Welder. Eventually he plans to move back to Knox County and start his own business



Santiaga Lee Barron

Santiaga Lee Barron is the daughter of Albert Barron and Diane Segura. She was born on February 14, 1990 at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene, TX. She has 6 sisters: Jennifer Barron, Kristy Beasley, Rafailita Segura, Diane Larned, Delilah Larne, and Elizabeth Thompson. She has 4 brothers: Christopher Segura, Noel Larned, John Larned, Jr., and Delano Thompson. She attended Hawley schools through the seventh grade, Abilene schools eighth through tenth grade, and then Hawley again her junior year. She then moved to Knox City her senior year. She has participated in gymnastics, ballet, cheerleading, tennis, basketball, softball, cross-country, track, and selfdefense courses. She enjoys reading and writing poetry. Her future plans are to attend the T.S.T.C. Automotive technician program to learn automotive collision repair. She would love to one day open up her own shop in memory of her grandfather Basilio A. Segura. She would like to thank the McCrary family and Aguayo family.



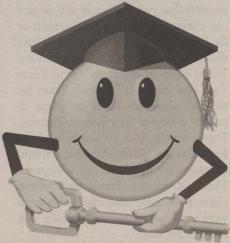
Tina Clark

Tina Clark is the daughter of Beverly Vanburger and has one older sister Vicki a graduate of Seymour High School. Tina was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on December 13, 1989, and moved to Seymour where she started pre-K. Tina moved from Seymour to Knox City during her freshman year where she has resided all four years of high school. Tina has been involved in One Act Play for two years, the Greyhound Pride Band for four years, volleyball one year, annual staff, and U.I.L Academics. She was a class officer for two years, an officer in FCCLA for one year, and vice president of the student council her senior year. She was also nominated for Band Sweetheart and Miss Firelighter her senior year. Tina's future plans include moving to Wichita Falls, Texas and attending Midwestern University in the fall. Her degree while at MSU is still undecided. Tina enjoys reading, hanging with her amazing friends, spending time with her boyfriend Derrick Magana, shopping, cruising around KC, and watching as many movies as possible. Tina would like to thank her mother Beverly, late grandfather (James Doyle Clark), her boyfriend (Derrick), and all of her wonderful friends for the love and support they have given her throughout her high school career.



Carmen Garica

Carmen Danielle Garcia was born on December 12, 1989 in Abilene, TX. Carmen is the daughter of Kelly Garcia and John A. Dockins. Her grandparents are Sandy and Raymond Garcia of Knox City. She has attended Knox City - O'Brien CISD for fourteen years. Carmen's high school activities include: Band for four years, FCCLA for one year, and annual staff for one year. She enjoys spending time with family and hanging out with her best friends, Kursten and Heather, and spending time with her boyfriend, Travis. Her future plans include attending Texas College of Cosmetology in Abilene, TX. She would like to thank God, because without him she wouldn't have anything. She would also like to thank her mother, grandparents, and Kayla. She loves you.



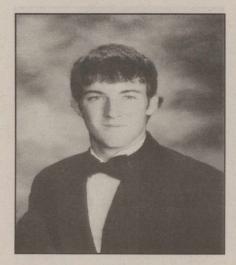




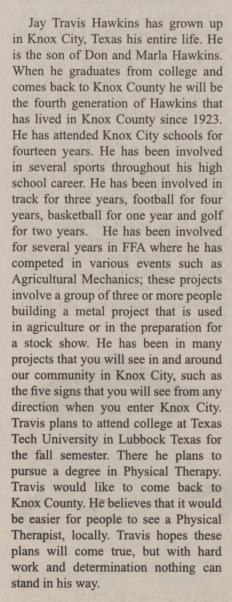
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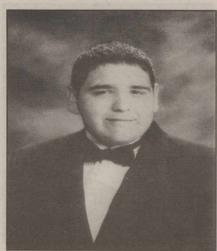
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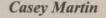


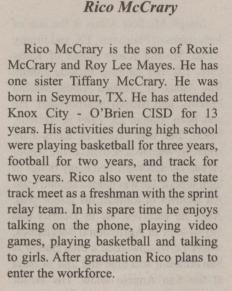


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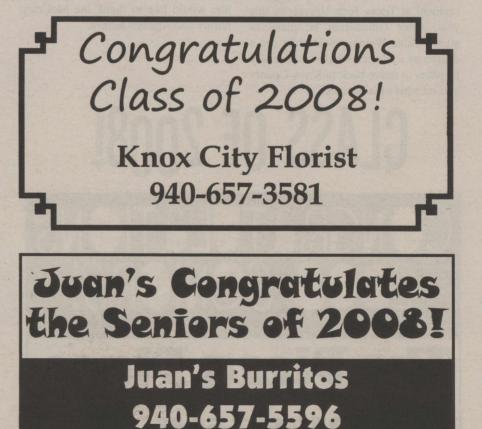
Andrew Ingland is the son of Nocona Ingland and he has two sisters Laken and Madison Strickland. He was born in Abilene, Texas on July 26, 1990. He has attended Knox City Schools all twelve years. While in school he has been active in football for two years, track for four years, basketball for two years and they were District Champions his senior year. He has been active in FFA for four years and has had the Grand Champion Broilers for three years, as well as senior showmanship for two years. He also participated in livestock judging for two years and UIL current events for one year. His future plans are to go to T.S.T.C. in Abilene to further his education. His hobbies are hanging out with friends, going to the movies, going to the lake and fishing, being around the people he loves, and just having fun. He would like to thank his grandma for everything she has done for him and helping to raise him to become the person he is now. He would also like to thank his mom for always being there for him when he needed her and both his sisters. He would also like to thank all his friends that he has known his entire life and the friends he has just gotten to know through high school. He wants to thank his whole family for what they have done for him and helping him get through high school and all the things they have taught him. He also wants to give a special thank you to his girlfriend for helping him get through the hard times and always being there for him!! Andrew wants to say, "Thank you everyone for everything I love you all!"

Casey Joseph Martin was born June 24, 1990 at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, TX to Youvon Martin. He has two sisters, a 2006 Knox City graduate Kayla Martin, and second grader Kailyn Martin. Casey attended Rochester schools until his eighth grade. He was Rochester Junior High's eighth grade Salutatorian. His activities have included: football, for one year, U.I.L. Science team, and he was involved in the one act play. Casey also has taken a college course this year. Casey's hero is a great man, his grandfather, Joseph Martin. He would like to thank those that helped him along the way his Granny Vertie Martin, his aunts Maxine and Velma, and a special uncle that had his back, Frankie. He plans to attend McMurry University.







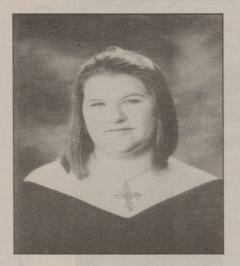






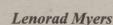
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Heather Moore

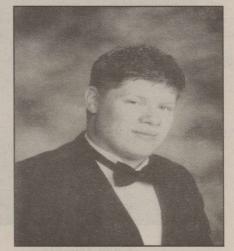
Heather Moore was born on June 8th, 1990 in Wichita Falls, TX. She is the daughter of Marilyn Maberry of Knox City and Michael Moore of San Antonio. She has three siblings Travis Moore, T.J. Moore and Laura Maberry. She is the granddaughter of Glenna Hudson of Knox City, Jerry Benson of Munday and Benny and Diana Moore of Houston. Heather spent 11 years as a part of the Munday school system and 3years at Knox City High School. Some of her accomplishments in high school include Band for four years, FCCLA for one year, FFA for three years, and Annual Staff for one year. Heather was nominated as Best All Around Girl this year. Also, she is the recipient of the Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative scholarship. Heather enjoys spending time with family and friends (especially Dannie), and making the "drag" in town. Her future plans include attending the paramedic degree program at T.S.T.C. in Abilene. She would like to thank God first and fore most, her mom and grandmother for everything they do, and my grandpa for always being there when she needed him. She also would like to thank Dannie for being there when she needed her.



Leonard Orrin Myers is the son of Rocky and Rickie Myers, and the brother of Tomas Myers. He was born in Seymour, TX, but raised in Knox City, TX. He has attended Knox City - O'Brien CISD all 12 years of his education. He has been involved in: Band; 4 years, where he was elected Drum Major this year, FFA; 2 years, football; 4 years where he was awarded Honorable Mention this year, Basketball; 4 years where he was awarded Honorable Mention 2 years, and this year he was awarded Defensive MVP and welcomed to play in the All-Star Game, baseball; 3 years where he was awarded Honorable Mention his sophomore year, Track; 3 years, and Golf; 4 years. He participated in UIL 3 years. He was elected as a class officer 4 years, and he has been involved in Student Council 3 years. His plans for the future include going to South Plains College in Lubbock, TX. After that he would like to get his license in dentistry and come back to Knox City to start his own practice. Orrin's hobbies include: golf, hunting, fishing with his dad, making the drag, and hanging out with family and friends. He would like to thank his family and friends for always being there. He would also like to thank the entire community of Knox City, because they have made him who he is today. He would like to give a special thanks to Daniel Hinojosa, who was a great adviser and role model.

BrieAnna Jean Rios is the daughter of Mary and Larry Rios. She has two older sisters Lauren and Sarah Rios. BrieAnna was born on October 9, 1989 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She moved to Knox City during the middle of her 1st grade year, when she was 7 years old. BrieAnna has been involved in FCCLA for 2 years, Band for 1 year, Student Council for 2 years, Annual Staff for 2 years, and One-Act Play for 3 years. She is the annual editor; she was also named to the All-Star Cast in OAP, and is one of the Best Around Girl Nominees. Her future plans after high school are to go become a flight attendant. BrieAnna loves to hang out with her friends, hang out at the lake, go to church, shopping at the mall, and to curl up on the couch with a good book. BrieAnna would like to give a special "thank you" to her parents, her older sisters, her friends, her caring and dedicated teachers, and everyone who has made an impact in BrieAnna's life.

BrieAnna Rios



Sean Stovall

Sean Michael Stovall is the son of Laura Stovall and the late Paul Stovall. He is the brother of Derek Wayne Stovall, a 1997 graduate of Knox City High, Melissa Stovall Sayers, a graduate of Knox city High in 1998, Heather Michelle Stovall, a 2000 graduate of Knox City High, and Danielle Nicole Stovall, a 2005 graduate of Knox City High. He was born in Haskell Texas on April the 12th 1989. He has attended Knox City Schools his entire school career. He participated in the Knox City Pride Band for three and one half years. His senior year he was an alternate in One Act Play. His future plans involve going to Western Texas College in Snyder to pursue a career in psychiatry. Hobbies include hanging with his crazy friends and making wild and awesome memories. He would like to think all of his friends, Jaadon, Tina, Brie, Shane, Sarah, Jessy, and many, many other people that have touched his life in many ways.



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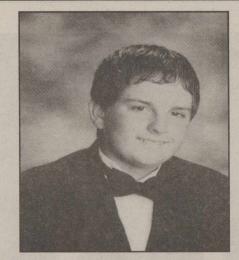
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Cody Trimble

Cody Trimble is the son of Tim and Betty Trimble; he has one sister Katie Trimble. He was born in Amarillo, Texas on June 22, 1990. He went to school in Childress, Texas for nine years, then in Dumas, Texas for two and a half years, finally Knox City for the past year and a half. In high school he has been active in 4-H, FFA, and sports. In 4-H he was part of the District 1 livestock judging champion team and was second high individual his freshman and sophomore year. His junior and senior year he was District 3 individual champion and last year was ranked eighth individually at state. He also showed pigs and had a class winner at the San Antonio Barrow Show, and a fifth, sixth, and eighth at the Houston Barrow Show. He also had the Grand Champion of the Knox County Show Swine Show his junior year. In FFA he was on the livestock judging team in which he received second at the area 4 contest last year and fourth this year. He was also on the agricultural mechanics team and their project was second at the San Angelo agricultural mechanics project show. In sports he played golf and basketball. This year he was the District Champion in golf. His future plans involve going to Blinn College in Brenham, Texas to be part of the livestock judging team. From there he plans to attend Texas A&M University and pursue his PhD in animal genetics. He hopes to then work as a Swine Specialist for Texas A&M. He enjoys fishing, golf, and hanging out with friends. He would first like to thank God for getting him to this point. God has been his leader through thick and thin. He would like to thank his dad for all he has helped him with from his swine projects to golf. His father has been a leader and inspiration in Cody's life. He would like to thank his mom for all the work she has done without ever complaining. His mother has always been willing to do whatever was asked of her and she has always found the positive in any situation. Cody would like to thank his sister for being a best friend. Katie has helped him through many things and has always been willing to lend a helping hand. He would like to thank his grandparents, Ike and Joyce Trimble; and Tom and Dorothy Durham for supporting him in all of his projects. Finally, he would like to thank all his friends for taking him in when he moved to Knox City.





DANNIE GARCIA Dannie, we are proud of you. Love, Mom, Raymond, Sandy and Kayla!

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Benjamin High School Class of 2008

2008 BHS Graduation Ceremony Friday, May 30th at 8 p.m. in the Benjamin Memorial Building

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Valedictorian



Nafeessa Ebraheim

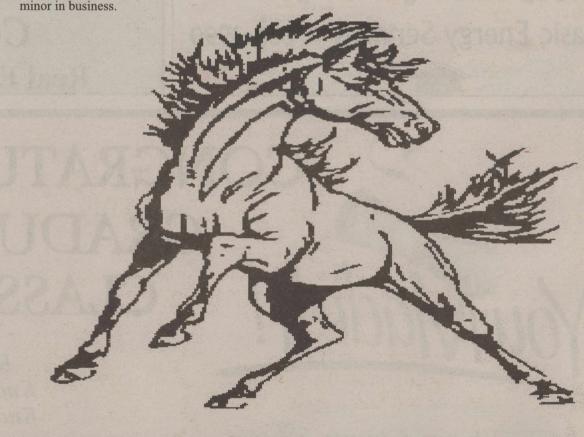
Nafeessa Ebraheim- from the house of Hasson and Debra Ebraheim. Nafessa participated in Cross Examination Debate, U.I.L., basketball, volleyball, cross country, track. She was a member of the One-Act Play Honor Society, as well as, a cheerleader. Nafeesa is the Benjamin ISD 2008 Valedictorian. She was first team All-District in volleyball and honorable mention in basketball. In State Debate she was both octafinalist and quarter-finalist. She will attend Midwestern State University for four years where she will major in pediatrics and minor in business.



Salutatorian

Karla Brianne Benson

Karla Brianne Benson- daughter of Billy Carl and Kathy Benson. Karla's activities while a student at Benjamin included cross county, volleyball, basketball, track, tennis, golf, C-X Debate, L-D Debate, U.I.L. and cheerleading. Karla is the Benjamin ISD Salutatorian for 2008. She plans to attend Midwestern State University where she will study pre-law and then proceed to law school.





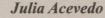
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Judit Acevedo

Judit Acevedo-daughter of Francisco and Emilia Acevedo. School activities included cross country, volleyball, basketball and track all four years of high school. She also participated in cheerleading, U.I.L., One-Act Play, tennis, golf, Debate and was class secretary. She was fist team All-District basketball and volleyball second team All-District. She was awarded Best Speaker at District L.D. Debate at the Regional competition and a State qualifier in this event as well. She also held the title of Miss Benjamin High School. While she is undecided on which college she will attend, she does know that she will major in Biology in hopes of becoming a science teacher.



Julia Acevedo- of the house of

Emilia and Francisco Acevedo. Julia

has attended Benjamin ISD since

Kindergarten. Her achievements at this

school are not considered by plaques,

medals or honors, but by gaining

another family aside from the one she has at home. "Benjamin is a great

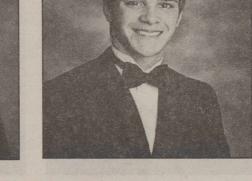
school," Julia states, "because not only

was I able to get a good education, I

learned how to cooperate with many

different individuals. I never thought

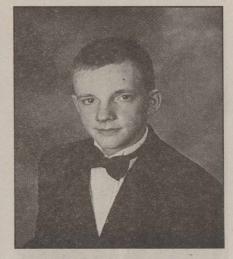
hopes in becoming an English teacher.



Lucas Wayne Cartwright

Lucas Wayne Cartwright- son of Tracy and Susan Cartwright. Lucas participated in basketball, football, cross country and U.I.L. events. His plans are to attend South Plains College to become a Paramedic





Bryan Fetsch

Byran Fetsch- from the home of Tina and Michael Borton. Byran has been a student in Benjamin since his freshman year. Byran Participated in the Benjamin ISD football program while a student at Benjamin. His future plans are to attend Advanced Individual Training in Missouri during the summer of 2008 then join his unit in Iraq.





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Danny Wayne Gee

Danny Wayne Gee- son of Jay Bob and Reba Eaton. Danny rode bulls in THSRA and participated in FFA and 4-H horse judging. He received multiple banners and plaques in these events and his horse judging team was awarded second place at the state competition in FFA. Danny's immediate plans are to participate in Pro-Bull Riding (PBR) while attending college at South Plains for a degree in welding. Danny says his long-term goal is to still ride bulls and raise his own bucking bulls and hopes to make a lot of money.

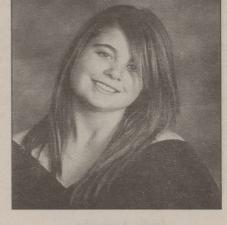


Samantha Jo Russell

Samantha Jo Russell- daughter of Kim Conner-Moore of Benjamin. Samantha has participated in volleyball, basketball, track and was a member of the football Pep Squad. She started school in Benjamin her sophomore year and was awarded many friends who have been more like family than acquaintances. She is honored to say she is a graduate of Benjamin ISD and is proud of the accomplishments and friends she has made here. Her future goal is to attend South Plains College, Reese Center, in Lubbock, Texas enrolling in the L.V.N. program. Sharria Caye Hearn- daughter of Andy Beck and the late Dana Beck. Sharria's school activities included L.D. Debate and she also participated in the Benjamin Athletic Program for two years and was voted "Most Friendliest" by her peers. She plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland and become a psychologist.

Sharria Caye Hearn

(SB)



Kaily Morgan Sherrad

Kaily Morgan Sherrad- from the house of Bobby and Courtney Sherrard. School activities included THSRA Region three, THSRA Region four, LSHRA and horse judging. Her honors and awards were Champion Ribbon Roper, Finals Champion Ribbon Roper, Year-End Reserve Champion Break Away Roper and Texas High School State Breaking qualifier. Kaily plans to further her education by obtaining a taxidermy degree and starting her own taxidermy business.

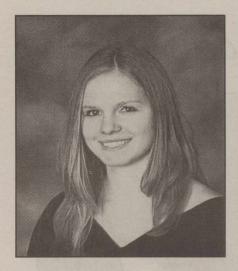




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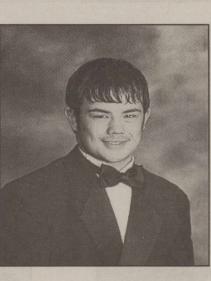
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Tina Wiebe Siemens

Tina Wiebe Siemens- from the home of Katharina Siemens and the late Jacob Siemens. Tina was an active student in Benjamin ISD and events. She participated in One Act Play, basketball, volleyball, cross-country track, U.I.L., Cross-X Debate and Pep Squad. Her accomplishments include Class Treasurer, Regional Cross-County Qualifier, Track Regional Alternate, First Team All-District in Volleyball, State Debate Qualifier and Best Debate Speaker two years running at District. Her future plans are to attend South Plains College in Levelland and live in Lubbock while majoring in photography and accounting.

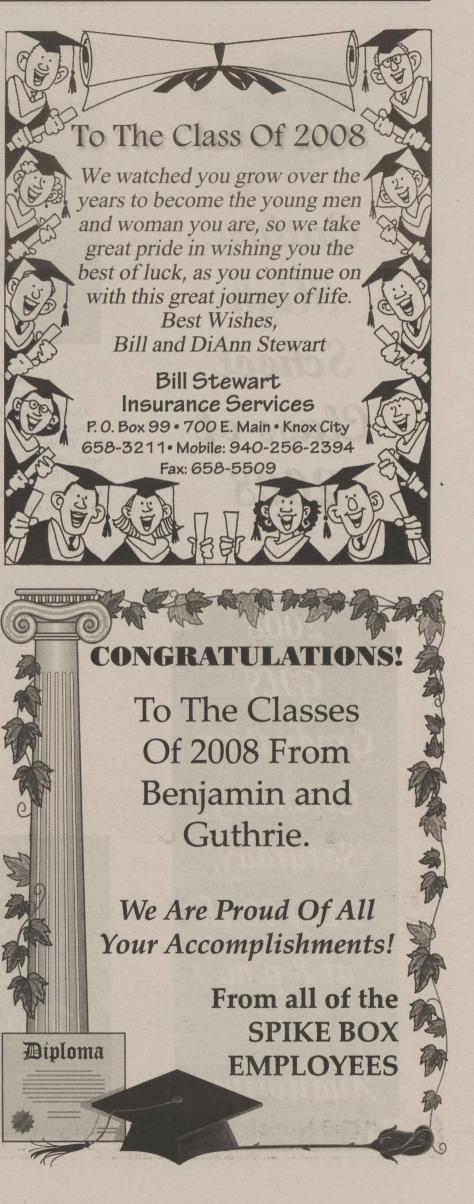


Terran Kyle Wilson

Terran Kyle Wilson- son of Michael Wilson and Sheri Parker. Kyle participated in football, basketball, track, cross country, tennis, golf, U.I.L., and Agricultural contest. Awards included All State Honorable Mention, first Utility Back, first team All State Linebacker, first team Honorable Mention, second team Honorable linebacker and more. Kyle plans to attend a four-year university and some day become a Game Warden and live a very successful life.

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Valedictorian



Quentin Daniel

Quentin Daniel is the son of Jr. and Debra Daniel of Guthrie, and Stephanie Daniel and Bob Yomboro of Wooster, Ohio. Quentin has been involved in football, basketball, track, FFA, UIL, and the NHS during his high school years at Guthrie. After he graduates he plans to attend Vernon College.

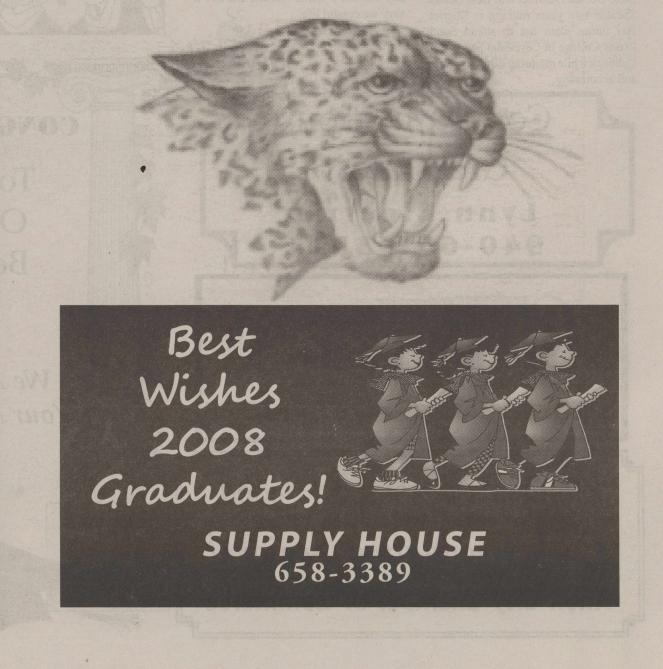
Salutatorian



Omar Sandoval

Omar Sandoval is the son of Isabel and Juana Sandoval. While in high school, Omar has participated in sports, FFA, UIL, and he is a member of the National Honor Society. After high school, Omar plans to attend Vernon College to study in the medical field to become an X-ray technician.

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Keely Adams

Keely Adams is the daughter of Kerry and Sherri Adams of Guthrie. She has been a member of FCCLA and has participated in UIL, One Act Play, and also wrote for the Paducah Post. Keely has also been involved in basketball, track, cross-country and cheerleading all four years of high school. After graduating from Guthrie High School, she plans to attend Western Texas College in Snyder. While there, she will be on the cross country team and majoring in English. After receiving an Associate's Degree at WTC, she will transfer to Angelo State University in San Angelo to continue her education. At Angelo State she will be a Journalism major working toward becoming a writer.

Pat Butler

Pat Butler is the son of Kelly and Traci Butler. Pat has been a member of FFA and 4-H through high school. He has been active in several events during his school career, such as ranch rodeos. He rides with the Masterson Ranch, and is their bronc rider. He was also 2nd team defensive middle linebacker in this football season. He plans to ride horses and day work when he gets out of school.

Shawn Decker

Shawn Decker is the son of Monte and Beverly Hollar. He has participated in football, basketball, track, FFA, and 4-H. After high school he plans to attend South Plains College and major in Diesel Service Technology.



Ty Fox

Ty Fox is the son of Phil and Cynthia Fox. Ty has participated in football, basketball and track all four years of high school. After he graduates, he plans to attend Vernon College and get a degree in Ranch Management. During his time at college he plans to have a job of riding horses for people and a part time job of shoeing horses



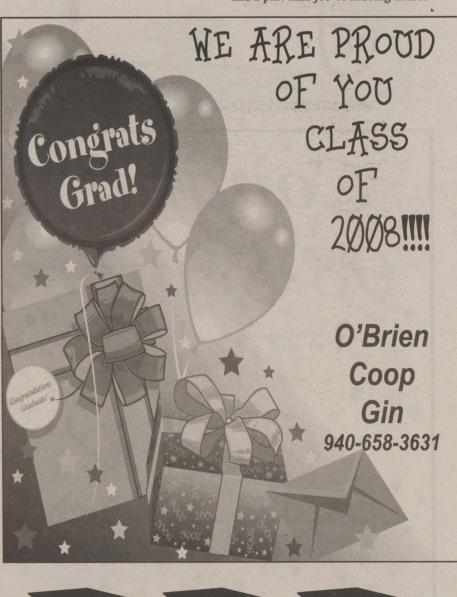
Chris Miller

Chris Miller is the granddaughter of Donald and Kay Miller. During her high school years she has participated in FFA, FCCLA, 4-H, cross country, basketball, track, and cheerleading. After Chris graduates high school, she plans on attending South Plains College.



Clint Winslow

Clint Winslow is the son of Craig Winslow and Adan and Debbie Rodriquez. He has participated in football, FFA, and FCCLA. After he graduates from Guthrie High School, he plans to work on a ranch for a year and then go to a trade school where he plans to get his welders degree and become a welder.



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