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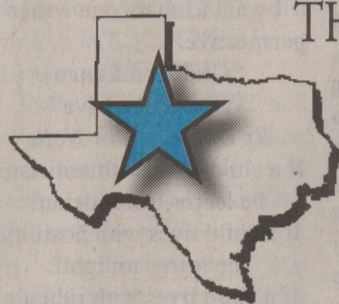


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Front Row: Olivia Del Hierro Gloria, Belle Grill, Doug McCollough

Benjamin ISD Receives Exemplary Rating

Benjamin ISD has obtained not only the highest academic accountability Exemplary rating for 2009, additionally, on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, Benjamin ISD received the Distinguished Performance Award, Title I, Part A from the state Texas Education

Agency. The award was presented at Region 9 Education Service Center in Wichita Falls in recognition for ensuring all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging State academic standards and as-

essment for the 2009-2010 school year. (Picture attached: Olivia Del Hierro Gloria, Superintendent, Nancy McGreger, Teacher) This award was then presented to the Benjamin ISD staff at a scheduled Faculty Meeting on the same date, April 21.



Olivia Gloria, BISD Superintendent, Nancy McGreger, Benjamin teacher and a representative from Region 9.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a charity golf tournament on Saturday, May 15th at 1:30 p.m. to raise money for the Knox City Fire Department. This tournament is a three person scramble and the entry fee is \$60 per person. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Championship flight. Smoked brisket, sausage, hot links and

drinks will be available on the course. Door prize drawings will be held. For more information or to sign up, please contact Melissa Eades at 658-1016 or 203-1221.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in cooperation with Agri-Pro Wheat will be hosting a Wheat Variety Trial Field Day on Tuesday, May 11. The field day will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Kenneth Baker's test

plots about 10 miles south east of Munday near Brush Creek Cemetery off of Highway 222 where it joins into FM 1720. The plots will be located on the east side of the road. Dr. David Worrall with Syngenta Seeds and Dr. Todd Baughman, Professor and Extension Agronomist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be on hand to discuss the performance of the different

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Running Unopposed, Anthony Adkins becomes Knox City Council Member

By Tamara Smart

On May 8th, folks around the country will flood their local polling places to participate in the voting processes that will effect their local government, schools and laws. In Knox City, there will be a undoubted grueling race between 5 people for the 2 open positions on the Knox City/O'Brien CISD school board (Dale Turner, Todd Lewis, Jared Pepper, Ross Shaver and Trish Shaver will be vying for those two positions), and Steve Pepper and Terry Utley are facing off at the polls for the one open 1 year City Council term. Yet, there were three open positions on the City Council open for the 2010 election; two men ran unopposed, on who is already an incumbent, Cody Pack, & as of the election on May 8th, the newest member of the Council will be Anthony Adkins.

Adkins, a member of the Knox City community for the last few years, is married to Knox City native, Amanda Baker- Adkins, who is currently serving the community as a 4th grade teacher at Knox City

Elementary School. With two children, Kate (11) and Kyle (3), Anthony has vested interest in the future of the City. Anthony, Amanda and their children are members of the four-square church, their kids are extremely involved in 4H, their daughter is a published poet, and a 5th grader at O'Brien (who thinks school is "awesome") and Kyle attends PPCD (1/2 day school). Anthony is a apprentice electrician at Lynn Electric, with only 2 years left in his apprenticeship.

Adkins says that he wanted to join the council in part to have a City government with a more diverse representation of the people; specifically an age diversity among the Council members. As a man barely gracing his 30's this year, Anthony will be the youngest member of the Council.

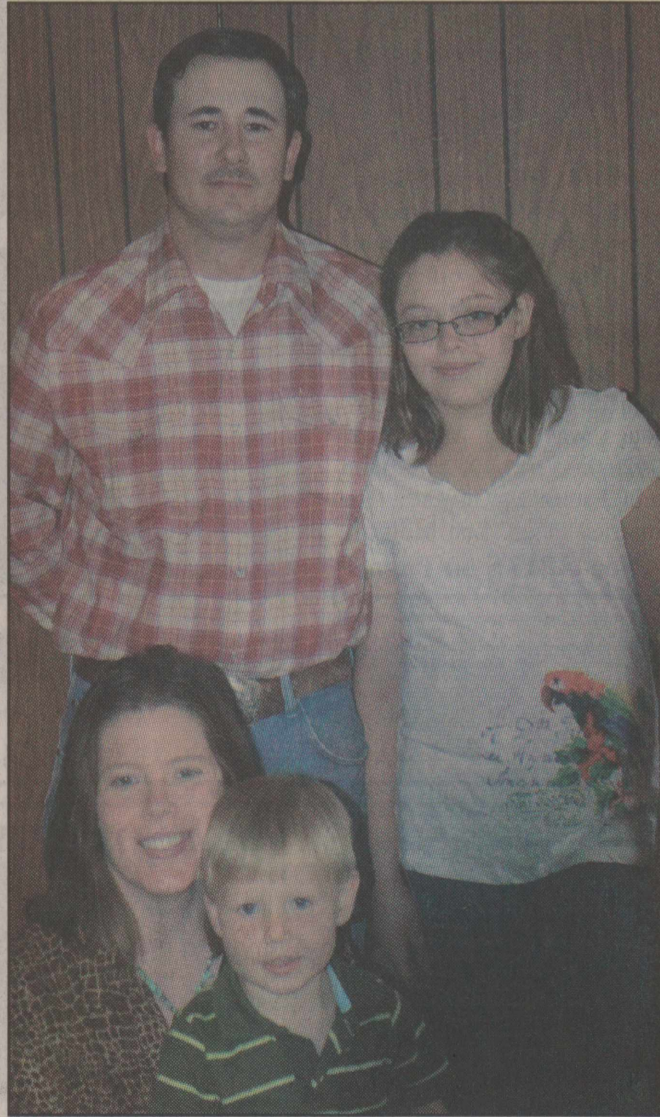
This will not be the first position that Anthony has had to serve the community of Knox, as he has been a proud member of the KCVFD for 2 years. He brought much experience with him when joining the Fire Department, as he had

previously been a member of the Lubbock VFD for 9 years.

Anthony recently sat down with the Knox County News and discussed his future on the Knox City City Council. "I am an impartial person" was the way Anthony described any question as to his agenda on the council. Adkins just wants to "serve and support his community and his family... helping to keep Knox City a small town that involves family and kids... creating a positive, productive place".

When asked what Adkins would like to see happen in the 2 years of serving the Council, he thought about it for a moment and then flowed with ideas of ways to have the Council improve the City: more police officers, firehouse renovations, helping the Fire Department grow (perhaps even expanding so much to have 2 Fire Departments), more programs for the youth, and helping the economy of Knox continue to flourish.

Anthony Adkins will take his seat on the council at the next meeting on May 13th, 2010.

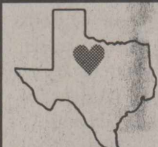


Seen here: Soon to be newest and youngest member of Knox City City Council, Anthony Adkins stands next to daughter, Kate Baker as wife Amada Adkins and their 3 year old son, Kyle kneel in front.

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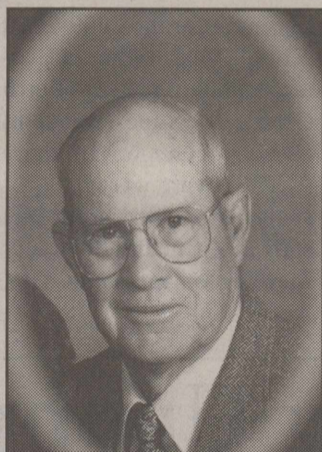
Obituary



Ruby Andress

Ruby "Naomi" Andress, age 92, went to her Lord on March 25, 2010. She was born in Haskell, Texas on May 13, 1917 to Rueben and Olien Buford Lackey. She grew up in Haskell enjoying her family of sisters and cousins. On Dec. 3, 1932, she married JT Andress, her best friends brother. Together they had three children: Billie Somerville (Dave deceased) of Globe, Ariz; Ron (Ruth) of Chino Valley Ariz., and Gary (LaVeria) of Globe, Ariz. In 1940 they moved to Miami Ariz. Where JT found work with the mines and they raised their family. In 1945, Naomi and JT joined a group that had a vision of establishing a southern Baptist church in the area and became charter members of Trinity Baptist Church. Naomi was active in church activities- teaching Sunday school, supporting youth and mission activities, doing whatever needed to be done and, most importantly, adding by her Christian example. In 1959, the closing of Miami Copper Mine forced them to move to Grants, NM where JT found work. They were able to move back to the area and their home church when, in 1965, they established the Burger Box in Lower Miami across from George Washington School. Naomi ran the Burger Box, cooking her renowned hamburgers until 1979. Naomi loved to go on picnics, fishing and camping. She eagerly awaited and planned for the annual family two week camping trip to the White Mountains. The Rusty Nail, as the campsite came to be known, was where family and friends- sometimes as many as 40 plus, gathered for good fun and great food. She was a wonderful cook and her cobblers and biscuits and gravy were treats in store for campers. She loved having her family around her- playing card and board games, sharing stories,

games and songs around the campfire and participating in talent show nights. Everyone knew grandma was hard to beat at Rummy. She enjoyed crocheting, especially afghans for her family, and working word puzzles. For 65 years she remained a faithful member and contributor to Trinity Baptist Church, regularly attending Sunday School and church until her death. She was a good and lifelong friend to many, offering her counsel and sharing her ability to enjoy life. She was an inspiration and a role model for friends and family alike. She dearly loved her family and family holidays and celebrations, having just attended her great-great granddaughters costume birthday party before the end of February. Mom, Mother, Grandma, Nana, GiGi will be greatly missed by her daughter, two sons, two daughters-in-law, seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters, Frieda Fly of Rochester, Texas and Juanita Grimes of Weinert, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years JT Andress, sisters, Willie Andress and Alta Faye Davis of Haskell, Texas; sister-in-law and friend, Lola Faye Wisler. Memorials may be made to Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM)- Schwenk in care of the Trinity Baptist Church, PO Box 2733, Globe, Ariz. 85502. Visitation and funeral services were held March 30 at Trinity Baptist Church in Globe. Internment is at Globe Cemetery.



James "Allen" McGaughey

Allen McGaughey, age 80, of Knox City, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at Knox County Hospital. Services will be held Friday, April 30, 2010 at 10:30 am, at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City with Rev. Tim Trimble officiating. Burial will follow in the Vera Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Mansell Smith Funeral Home, Knox City. Allen was born August 15, 1929 in Vera, TX to Arthur and Esther McGaughey. He married Peggy Lou Milligan. See OBITs on Page 9

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor

O'Brien Baptist Church

Raising our children is a great joy! It is also extremely challenging and demands a great deal of discipline. Experience teaches us that the diligence in which we give instruction to our children is the key to success. Our response and reaction in any given situation can determine the outcome of a teaching experience. Many times in that experience, life lessons are learned. Our children are resilient, but the number of times that they can recover from improper instruction and bad examples are limited. Limited, meaning that they begin to form the same poor traits and habits that have been shown to them.

We can strive harder and become more attentive to the instruction we give them, by becoming more objective with ourselves. How do they respond to our instruction and our example? What are their reactions?

The Bible speaks clearly to give us instruction to raise our children with the heart of God. Godly children become a blessing beyond our expectations. Look at this scripture from Colossians

3: 21 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart. This scripture is but a few words, but words of great wisdom. The scripture is saying, "Don't provoke your children to anger."

I want to share one writer's perspective:

"Children Learn What They Live"

By Dorothy Law Nolte

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
 If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
 If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
 If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
 If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
 If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.
 If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
 If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
 If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
 If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
 If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

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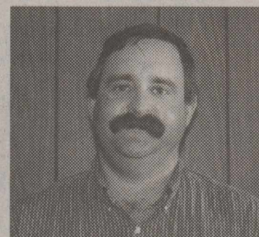
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Ross Shaver

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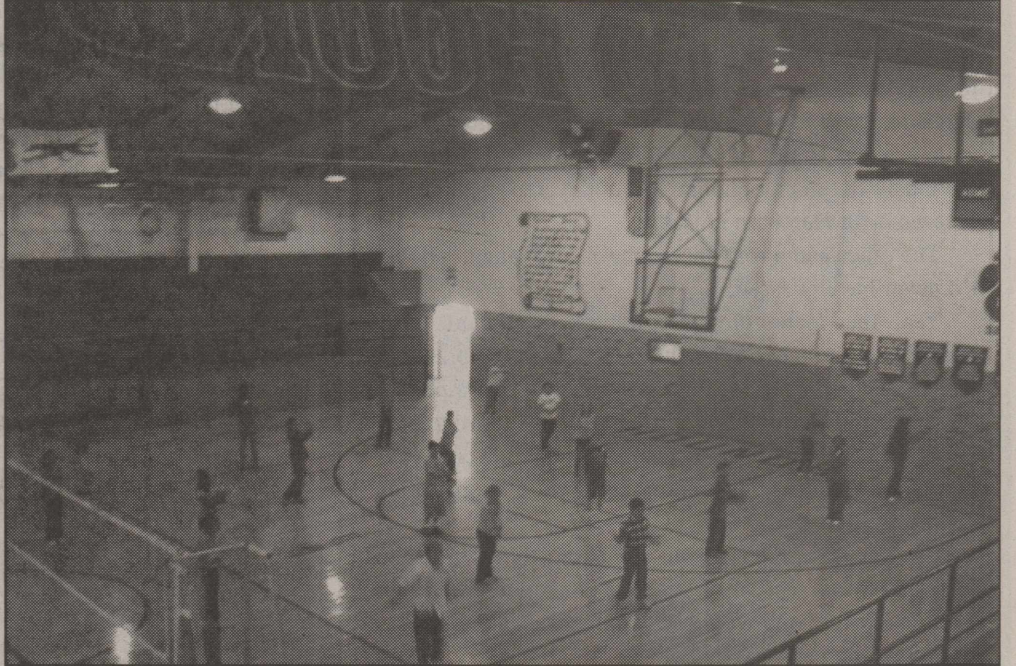
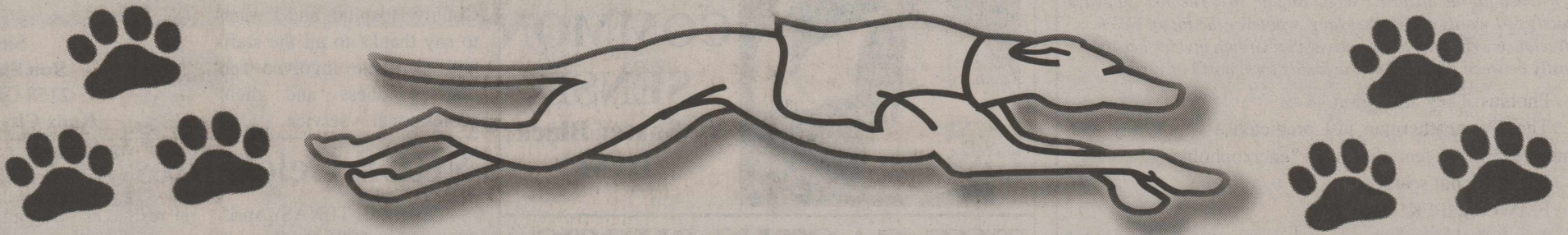


Trish Shaver

With three children, ages 7, 4, and 3 years of age, Trish has a long-term interest in the betterment of the local school system. Mrs. Shaver attended school at Knox City High until her senior year, so is very accustomed to the Greyhound pride and expectations. Trish thinks that each grade is as important as the next, as they are building blocks to prepare the kids for ultimate academic success. Trish Saver comes from a line of people who serve the community. Her father is Jessie, who served Knox in Jessie's auto for 25 years. Trish, like her dad, is already very involved with the youth in the community. She serves as the current President of the Knox City Baseball League, is an active Boy Scout mom, and spent all of the 2008-2009 school year substitute teaching at the Knox City schools.

Pol. Ad. Paid for by Ross and Trish Shaver

KNOX CITY SPORTS



On April 24th, the Knox City 3rd & 4th Grade PE Class participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser. Out of 41 students in the class, 21 students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart. The class raised \$1021.97 for the American Heart Association.

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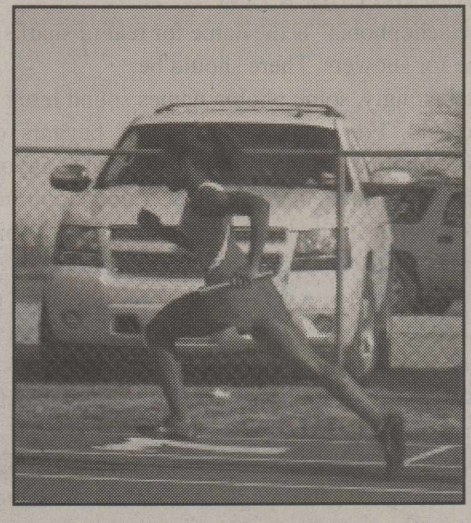
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O'Brien JH Spring Volleyball

By Tamara Smart
 The Jr.High Volleyball Spring season was launched on April 19th at the Knox City High School Gym. With several schools in attendance for this tournament, both teams of O'Brien Jr. High girls set out to win. As the Gold Team took on Rotan "B", they won two of two matches, with scores of 25-21, 25-15, yet they fell to Rotan "A" in a three round match, final scores being 25-12, 17-25, 10-15 (lost).
 The O'Brien Lady Bulldog Blue team met up with Rotan "B" as well that day, losing in two close games, 23-25, 21-25; as well they met district rivals, the Benjamin Mustang

team, and lost 23-25, 19-25.
 The Lady Bulldogs hit the court again on May 1st, this time in the Rotan tournament. The Gold Team met up with Albany "White", yet lost in two games: 8-25, 11-25. They also lost to Albany Red in two matches 23-25, 9-25, but they won against Rotan "A" 22-25, 25-14, 15-4.
 O'Brien Blue Team took on Aspermont at the Rotan Tournament and won 25-12, 25-21, and they also defeated Rotan "B" in a series of three, scoring 16-25, 25-15, 15-13.
 The next tournament the Ladies will participate in will be on Thursday, May 6th in Aspermont beginning at 4 pm.

Houndettes Relay Teams Place 10th at Regionals



"The Knox City Houndettes Relay Teams Raced through District, Area Meets, finishing their season on the ACU Field in 10th place at Regionals."

(Photo by Daveine Clark)

By Tamara Smart
 On May 3rd, the two advancing relay teams representing the Knox City Houndette track team ran at Regional competition at ACU in Abilene. Each team consisted of the same girls; Lacey Pierce, Chastity Tolsen, Holly McCrary, and Camille Ward (alternate Michelle Espinosa). The Sprint Relay

(400 meter) finished 10th, running their best time of the year at 53.08. Later in the day, the Houndettes ran again, finishing again in the 10th position with a time of 152.92. This marks the end of a fantastic season for the girls and a much needed few months of rest before they start running again.

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

This past week was a pretty nice one- "weatherwise"- Showers & a slight rumble of thunder awakened us a couple of mornings but by midday, all was clear & it turned out to be not so bad- other than a little (sometimes a lot) of mind. Thankfully, nothing serious like the tornados & flooding in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee & many other states as well.

Sympathy

I extend sympathy to the families of Billy Hardin of Haskell- formerly of Vera & also Alan McGaughey this week. Both these men passed away early last weekend and these funerals were on Friday. They were both life long residents of this area- They surely will be missed by many relatives & friends.

Regarding Our Ill

Johnnie Williams is continuing to hold her own & feels pretty well despite

her failing health. She does have someone with her at all times as she is pretty weak & family fears she may fall if she gets up and there is no one there to help her.

Rosie Brown continues to get weaker with each passing day. She's not able to be out of bed anymore and according to her family, she's in a semi-coma state. Drs are keeping her comfortable & we are so very thankful for that. To know that she is not in any pain is a great comfort to her family.

Jane Gideon spent 3 days in a Wichita Falls hospital being admitted on Thursday and Dismissed on Sat. night. She was having some heart problems, but drs. said she didn't have a heart attack- just something that needed some attention. She was feeling pretty good on Sun. tho still weak from 3 days in bed.

Homecoming News

The plans for Homecoming continue to take shape. The ex-students board along with some of the committee members met on Wed nite to discuss further plans. Most of the committee chairmen have been selected. They are as follows:

Registration- Philomae Roberson, Dorothy Spikes, Johnnie Williams

Friday nite snacks- Nancy McGreger

Homecoming Queen- Susan Jones
Raffle- Bud Conner, Gladene Green

Roping- Tommy Lyles, Beverly Strickland

Parade- Mitzi Welch & Benjamin Chamber of commerce

Sunday Morning Church Service- Charles and Linda Griffith

Each of these committee chairs will be needing help with their particular assignment and if anyone wants to help, lease feel free to volunteer- either your help or your ideas- We want this to be a weekend everyone will enjoy- most especially those who came from our of town.

There will be a Ranch Rodeo here that weekend also for those who would wish to attend & Historical Commission is planning their

breakfast on the front porch again.

Also there are plans for a pot luck lunch at the community center on Sunday following the church service. More on this as time approaches. The Ex-Students plan to have a newsletter out within the next week or so with much more detailed coverage of the weekend's plans- Remember that the 2nd weekend in June.

Here N' There

The 2009-2010 school year is fast drawing to a close- The Srs have begun to mail out their invitations, the TAKS tests are behind most everyone & tying up "loose ends" is about all that's left to do. Think everyone is about ready for a few week break.

Mike Young of Gainsville & Anthony and Jessica Lamb of Wichita Falls were here Thurs to spend the day with Imagean & Dutch Young and Deann Lamb.

Pam & Keith Conner & grandson, Carson Conner of Midland visited relatives her on Sat.


Hazel Stockton & Kim Moore were in Lubbock on Mon for Hazel to see her dermatologist. They will be back up there for her to have some surgery on her nose. She dreads it but knows it needs to be done.

Wheat Variety Field Day

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in cooperation with Agri-Pro Wheat will be hosting a Wheat Variety Trial Field Day on Tuesday, May 11. The field day will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Kenneth Baker's test plots about 10 miles south east of Munday near Brush Creek Cemetery off of Highway 222 where it joins into FM 1720.

The plots will be located on the east side of the road. Dr. David Worrall with Syngenta Seeds and Dr. Todd Baughman, Professor and Extension Agronomist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be on hand to discuss the performance of the different varieties and pest management practices of the wheat in our area.

If you have any questions you can call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or the Knox County Extension Office at 940-459-2651. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at (940) 459-2651.



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Natural Resources Conservation Service
James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center
Knox City, TX

2009 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches	Snow inches
4/26	46/63		
4/27	41/73		
4/28	50/85		
4/29	61/90		
4/30	56/79	0.02	
5/01	51/69	0.13	
5/02	45/79		
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NRCS to Hold Open House *New Seat Belt Laws*

TEMPLE, TEXAS, April 21, 2010—The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will have an open house for the public at 9 a.m. on June 8, 2010, at the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City, Texas, to showcase the latest conservation plant releases and plant technology, and celebrate NRCS's 75th anniversary.

"Over the years, the development of plant materials has solved a multitude of nature resource problems," said Gary Rea, NRCS plant materials center program manager at Knox City. "We have developed plants that grow in the toughest environments, providing conservation

solutions that didn't exist before."

The open house will include presentations on the history of the center, wildlife habitat management, pesticide applicator rules and regulations, planning and preparing for wildfires, calibrating herbicide sprayers and grass drills, using conservation tillage implements, and landscaping with native plants.

There is no charge to attend the open house, and lunch will be provided. Those who wish to attend need to pre-register by May 14 by contacting Nancy Posvar at 254-742-9880 or by e-mail at nancy.posvar@tx.usda.gov.

Participants can sign in at the center between 8 a.m.

and 9 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The plant materials center is located at 3950 FM 1292, Knox City.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Rob Ziehr at 254-742-9888 at least two weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

For a complete agenda, visit the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/ or contact the plant materials center at 940-658-3922.

Support Click It Or Ticket Campaign

Contact: Bev Kellner, 979-862-1782, bkellner@ag.tamu.edu

COLLEGE STATION - New seat belt laws and a contest for teens are among the features offered to reinforce this year's Click It or Ticket campaign, according to Bev Kellner, Texas AgriLife Extension Service passenger safety specialist.

"The good news is that more people are buckling up in Texas. The bad news is there are still far too many killed in crashes due to lack of seat belt use," Kellner said. "Despite gains in seat belt use for Texas, there are still some groups that do not wear their seat belts."

Kellner explained that the new laws in Texas require adult vehicle occupants in all seating positions to be buckled up - both front and back. Previously, the law required only those in the front seat and those less than 17 years of age in the back seat to be buckled.

The new laws, which became effective last September, extend to 12- and 15-passenger vans as well, she said. For children, the new law requires children under age 8, unless taller than 4 foot 9 inches, to be in a child safety seat system.

According to Kellner, among the groups that have lower usage rates are 16-20 year olds, pickup truck drivers and passengers, and male drivers and passengers. Statistics

from 2008 show that 56 percent of persons killed in crashes were unrestrained.

Because teens are among the groups prone to not use seat belts, the campaign offers them an opportunity to create a personalized video to share with friends. The video will follow a teen beginning a road trip. Teens who participate will be entered into a contest for prizes. More information is available at <http://seatbeltsrock.com>.

"Even with the new laws, more education is needed to convince some groups that seat belts save lives," she said.

The key to surviving a crash is staying inside the vehicle, she said. Statistics from 2008 showed that 77 percent of occupants who were thrown from their vehicle were killed.

"Motorists can increase the odds of survival in a rollover crash in a light truck by nearly 80 percent by wearing their seat belts," Kellner said. "Seat belts are credited with saving 255,115 lives from 1975 through 2008."

The enforcement time for this year's campaign by the Texas Department of Transportation is May 24 through June 6. During that time, extra law enforcement will be on the roads to enforce the new laws with the goal of saving lives.

"The goal is to get every Texan to always buckle up, on every trip, every time," Kellner said. "A seat belt is your best defense against motor vehicle injuries and deaths."



My high school friend Duane Snell has supplied me with another recipe. Duane lives in Colorado but most of his cooking has a definite Texas flavor.

When Duane and I were in high school, doing more goofing off than anything else, I'd have never believed either of us would ever be able to cook much more than toast. For that matter that I would write for a living. I guess it proves you never say never.

Here's a tasty shrimp recipe from Duane.

Ingredients

- Shrimp on skewers
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons butter
- salt to taste
- red pepper flakes to taste

Directions

Heat in tin foil pan on grill while shrimp is cooking. When shrimp is almost done, take off skewers and place in lemon butter sauce.

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA Makes Patronage Distribution

The board of directors of Central Texas Farm credit, ACA, which serves a 20 county area in Central and West Texas, has announced that it has approved another cash patronage distribution eligible to borrowers for the fiscal year 2009. This marks the seventeenth consecutive year the association has returned excess capital to its borrowers. Including this year's patronage, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA has distributed over 37.5 million in excess capital to its borrowers over the past 17 years. This capital has been distributed either through patronage distributions, dividends, stock reductions, or stock equalizations. Patronage distributions alone have accounted for approximately \$27 million of the total amount of capital returned to association borrowers.

This year's \$2.5 million patronage was distributed to borrowers on March 19th and amounts to over three quarters percent reduction in the rate of interest borrowers

paid on their loans during 2009.

In making the announcement, board chairman, Cody B. Richmond, stated that the board of directors and management were delighted to once again reduce the cost of borrowing to the associations stockholders and emphasized that this is only one of many benefits of obtaining agricultural and rural area credit from the Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA. HE noted that the association's financial strength allows the board and management to maintain an efficient and profitable operation and to continue the policy of returning excess earnings back to our shareholders.

Association CEO, James R. Isenhower also noted that despite the adverse economic times many financial institutions experienced in 2009, Central Farm Credit ACA remains financially strong and is able to once again make a patronage distribution when numerous

other Farm Credit institutions are unable to do so.

Central Texas Farm Credit ACA, with over \$400 million in loan assets, provides financing for agricultural, rural housing and certain agribusiness purposes in Central and West Texas. Association headquarters are located in Coleman, with branch offices in Brownwood, Brady, Haskell and San Angelo. Board members include Cody Richmond, Chris West, Jerry Don Klose, Philip Hinds, Mike Finlay, Mickey Dillard, Larry Damron, Brent Heinze, Wayland Shurley, Robby Halfmann, and Glenn Miller. The board and management remain committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the association while offering competitive loan product that meet the financial needs of all eligible borrowers.

Contact Dale Bullinger at the Haskell Branch of the Central Texas Farm Credit ACA at 550 South Second in Haskell, or call him at (940)864-8565 for more information.

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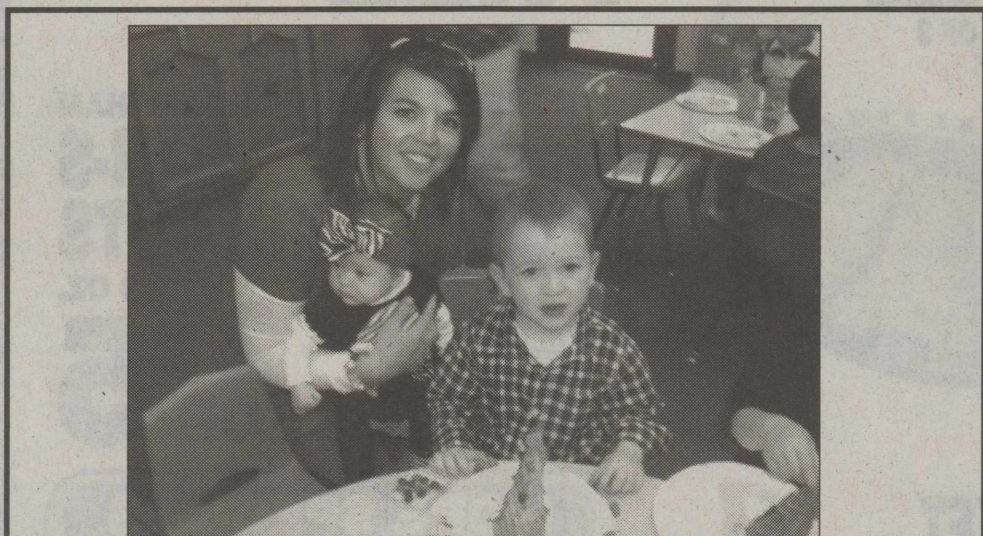
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- 3/12/10- Fire
- 3/13/10- Landing Zone
- 3/13/10- Landing Zone
- 3/23/10- Fire

- 4/7/10- Fire
- 4/13/10- Fire
- 4/14/10- Fire
- 4/14/10- Landing Zone
- 4/22/10- Weather Watch
- 4/26/10- Landing zone
- 4/29/10- Landing Zone

Calls Responded to in the month of April, 2010:

- 4/6/10- Fire

Submitted by
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OPINION



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

What is the answer for immigration in this country?

Many are up in arms over Arizona's efforts to protect the citizens claiming the law will lead to racial profiling and infringe upon the rights of U.S. citizens.

Those in favor of the law, which is around 70 percent in Arizona, say that something must be done because the federal government refuses to enforce the laws on the books.

In a perfect world, those around the world would play by the rules and gain entrance into the United States the legal way. But tell me how those running across the border are supposed to know the rules.

There is no question that this country needs to reform some of our immigration laws and enforce others. There must be an adequate solution.

When asked what I would do about our immigration issues the other day I realized what a complex and contentious issue it is.

What would I do?

1. I would shut off the border. If you want in, go through the proper channels.

2. Any illegal immigrant with a violent criminal history should be removed from this country at once.

3. Illegals actively employed in this country should be given the opportunity to begin the steps toward citizenship and should be encouraged by their employer to do so. They are living here and in many cases, have children in our schools, let's get them legal and on the tax rolls.

4. Illegals not employed, but who are here to work, should be contacted and invited to begin the process of becoming a U.S. citizen.

5. Illegals who will not play by the rules of the rest of the citizenry need to be deported.

The fact is, most of us would be trying to get here if we were in the same situation as the vast majority of those wanting in this country. They are seeking what we have and I don't blame them.

The status quo is not working so the system must be fixed. If not, we could have a disaster on our hands.

The Bush Administration and now the Obama Administration have yet to get in front on this topic. Well, if the feds refuse to do anything, then the states are forced to act, which brings me back to Arizona.

I don't blame Arizona's elected officials for trying to resolve their border situation. Likewise, I can certainly see why people are demonstrating over the nature of the law.

Frankly, it's too late and too expensive to round up 18 million illegals and deport them. Even to attempt such a feat would be a disaster and tragic for millions.

Somehow, we have to deal with those that are here working hard and rearing their families. We need to indoctrinate them into our society and "Americanize" them. They need to be involved in the process just as we are. Right now, fear of deportation prohibits this from becoming a reality.

We cannot keep hiding with our collective heads in the sand on this issue. Families, states and the country suffer from the lack of action from the federal government.

Hopefully, we can find a peaceful resolution to our border problems. If not, I fear civil unrest and violence will become the norm in this country and that must be avoided.

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Get Ready for a Nuclear Iran

By JOHN BOLTON

Negotiations grind on toward a fourth U.N. Security Council sanctions resolution against Iran's nuclear weapons program, even as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad arrives in New York to address the Non-Proliferation Treaty review conference. Sanctions advocates acknowledge that the Security Council's ultimate product will do no more than marginally impede Iran's progress.

In Congress, sanctions legislation also creeps along, but that too is simply going through the motions. Russia and China have already rejected key proposals to restrict Iran's access to international financial markets and choke off its importation of refined petroleum products, which domestically are in short supply. Any new U.S. legislation will be ignored and evaded, thus rendering it largely symbolic. Even so, President Obama has opposed the legislation, arguing that unilateral U.S. action could derail his Security Council efforts.

The further pursuit of sanctions is tantamount to doing nothing. Advocating such policies only benefits Iran by providing it cover for continued progress toward its nuclear objective. It creates the comforting illusion of "doing something." Just as "diplomacy" previously afforded Iran the time and legitimacy it needed, sanctions talk now does the same.

Speculating about regime change stopping Iran's nuclear program in time is also a distraction. The Islamic Revolution's iron fist, and willingness to use it against dissenters (who are currently in disarray), means we cannot know whether or when

the regime may fall. Long-term efforts at regime change, desirable as they are, will not soon enough prevent Iran from creating nuclear weapons with the ensuing risk of further regional proliferation.

We therefore face a stark, unattractive reality. There are only two options: Iran gets nuclear weapons, or someone uses preemptive military force to break Iran's nuclear fuel cycle and paralyze its program, at least temporarily.

There is no possibility the Obama administration will use force, despite its confused and ever-changing formulation about the military option always being "on the table." That leaves Israel, which the administration is implicitly threatening not to resupply with airplanes and weapons lost in attacking Iran—thereby rendering Israel vulnerable to potential retaliation from Hezbollah and Hamas.

It is hard to conclude anything except that the Obama administration is resigned to Iran possessing nuclear weapons. While U.S. policy makers will not welcome that outcome, they certainly hope as a corollary that Iran can be contained and deterred. Since they have ruled out the only immediate alternative, military force, they are doubtless now busy preparing to make lemonade out of this pile of lemons.

President Obama's likely containment/deterrence strategy will feature security assurances to neighboring countries and promises of American retaliation if Iran uses its nuclear weapons. Unfortunately for this seemingly muscular rhetoric, the simple fact of Iran possessing nuclear weapons would alone dramatically and irreparably alter the Middle East balance of

power. Iran does not actually have to use its capabilities to enhance either its regional or global leverage.

Facile analogies to Cold War deterrence rest on the dubious, unproven belief that Iran's nuclear calculus will approximate the Soviet Union's. Iran's theocratic regime and the high value placed on life in the hereafter makes this an exceedingly dangerous assumption.

Even if containment and deterrence might be more successful against Iran than just suggested, nuclear proliferation doesn't stop with Tehran. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and perhaps others will surely seek, and very swiftly, their own nuclear weapons in response. Thus, we would imminently face a multipolar nuclear Middle East waiting only for someone to launch first or transfer weapons to terrorists. Ironically, such an attack might well involve Israel only as an innocent bystander, at least initially.

We should recognize that an Israeli use of military force would be neither precipitate nor disproportionate, but only a last resort in anticipatory self-defense. Arab governments already understand that logic and largely share it themselves. Such a strike would advance both Israel's and America's security interests, and also those of the Arab states.

Nonetheless, the intellectual case for that strike must be better understood in advance by the American public and Congress in order to ensure a sympathetic reaction by Washington. Absent Israeli action, no one should base their future plans on anything except coping with a nuclear Iran.

The Consent of the Governed

By DAVID NACE

Adams, Franklin and Jefferson made it very clear when they wrote the Declaration of Independence. Governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed. On March 23, 2010, when the President signed the healthcare reform bill, the United States government lost its just power to govern.

Our republic is founded on the principle that every individual has certain inalienable rights and the purpose of the government is to protect those rights against the infringement by others. This insures the individual is

insulated against actions from a majority or even a mob that threatens to take away those rights. However the government is given no such protection. It only exists because it represents the consent of the governed.

Regardless of what poll you look at, it is abundantly clear that the Obama Administration did not have the support of the American people when it forced its version of health care reform upon the American public. In poll after poll, 60% of the American public opposed Obamacare. This was made abundantly clear to legislators during the August recess and in the millions of letters, telephone

calls and emails that were sent since then. However, the Obama administration, in conjunction with a group of special interests that would benefit from the legislation, including organized labor, pharmaceutical manufacturers, hospital associations and trial lawyers choose to proceed with the legislation over the objections of the American public. These objections were so strong that Obama, Pelosi and Reed had to resort to the reconciliation process reserved for budget bills and bribes to individual legislators to obtain its passage.

In a country where the government exists to protect the rights of the people, why would

the Internal Revenue Service be enlisted to force people to participate in a program or face fines for nonparticipation? Clearly this violates the concept that inalienable rights belong to the people not to the government.

Americans, our government no longer enjoys the consent of the governed. Just as 2009 was the year that Americans rediscovered the Boston Tea Party, will 2010 be the year that Americans rediscover the words of the Declaration of Independence and again assert their independence from a government that no longer derives its just power from the consent of the governed?

New Jersey's "Just Say No" Debt Plan

By RANDALL W. FORSYTH

New Jersey has made great contributions to the nation's culture. Not The Sopranos and Jersey Shore, but to American music. To be sure, there's Bruce Springsteen, but the greats also include Count Basie from Red Bank, Sarah Vaughn from Newark and, of course, Frank Sinatra from Hoboken.

Where New Jersey potentially could lead next is in tackling its debt crisis. As Europe prepares a bailout for Greece, New Jersey is attacking its fiscal mess head-on.

The Garden State last November elected a governor who vowed to "just say no" to raising taxes. The voters underscored their message by voting down a majority of school budgets earlier this month.

This stance could make New Jersey a test case for the rest of the country, writes Howard J. Cure, Director of Municipal Research for Evercore Wealth Management, a New York money manager for high net-worth individuals with \$1.6 billion under management. The outcome of that test is by no means certain, however.

For New Jersey investors seeking income sheltered from the state's crushing taxes, Cure suggests a number of essential-service revenue bonds with stable finances as an alternative to government-backed bonds "until we are convinced that structural changes to the state's finances have become permanent."

Unlike his predecessors, Republican Gov. Chris Christie has recognized that high taxes were a problem, not the solutions to the state's fiscal woes. The Tax Foundation ranks New Jersey as the highest in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of income. It's especially bad for top earners: 4.4% of individuals account for 55% of personal income-tax revenue.

Even though the state faces a \$10.7 billion deficit -- equal to more than one-third of the total budget -- in fiscal 2011 starting July, Christie has refused to raise taxes and further increase this tax burden. Indeed, he has recommended not renewing a 2% "millionaire tax" enacted by former Gov. Jon Corzine, so that the top state income-tax bracket will revert to 8.97%, still among the highest in the nation.

In addition, New Jersey homeowners pay the highest property taxes in the nation, \$7,281 on average annually. That represents a 90% increase from 1999 to 2009 -- a trend that is driving wealthy New Jerseyans to other states -- mainly Florida, Pennsylvania and even New York, according to Boston College's Center on Wealth and Philanthropy. As Cure notes, for years the migration went in the other direction across the Hudson as heavily taxed New Yorkers sought relief in New Jersey.

Christie has proposed \$10.1 billion in spending cuts while projecting a \$600 million increase in revenues as tax receipts finally show signs of growing. The biggest cut -- \$3 billion in pension expenses -- seems to fly counter to the state's chronically underfunded retirement liability. But the governor contends that reforms have reduced the system's underfunding. And Cure adds that the recent publicity about generous public-employee pensions has allowed the legislative and executive branches to address this problem.

The governor also proposed a constitutional amendment to cap property-tax increases at 2½% per year and another amendment to cap direct state spending increases, also at 2½% annually. That would put pressure on state aid to municipalities and in turn force cities and towns to make meaningful, structural budget reforms, Cure contends.

For municipal bond investors, he notes the state's debt report shows that of the \$33.8 billion of debt outstanding, only \$2.5 billion are state general obligation bonds, which are backed by taxing power of the state. The state constitution limits GO debt based on the operating budget for the year, unless approved by the majority of the voters.

To circumvent the requirement for voter approval to issue GO debt, there's been a huge expansion debt backed by appropriations, which can rely only on the state's promise to pay by the legislature. But Cure doesn't think the legislature will renege on that promise. "The risk of nonappropriation is reduced because funding for a broad range of New Jersey's capital programs depends on market acceptance of approximately \$29 billion of securities backed by general fund appropriations," he adds.

While that means state-funded issues should be secure, Cure recommends for New Jersey residents a number of essential-service revenue bonds that are not as reliant on the state for funds:

- The New Jersey Turnpike Authority, which operates the Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway. If you travel by car through New Jersey, it's almost impossible to avoid their tolls.

- The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. "Near monopolistic control of critical transportation infrastructure," Cure points out, "including the Hudson River crossing and the three major New York airports, a trend of favorable financial results, large reserve balances and recent toll increases." That should support the authority's complex planned capital projects, including redevelopment of the World Trade Center, he adds. (Note: a recent article showing the Port Authority's bonds as the most expensive mu-

nicipal credit on which to buy protection in the credit-default swap market was in error. Port Authority bonds trade at a tighter spread, or risk premium, than New Jersey GOs.)

- Higher Education Student Assistance Authority -- State of New Jersey Student Loan Revenue bonds. The underlying student loans are strong and overcollateralize the bonds, Cure explains. In addition, there is a debt-service reserve fund and a loan reserve.

- Rutgers University: "Flagship state research university with growing financial resources and strengthened fund-raising profile."

- New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust: The credit quality of borrowers in the program is strong. Cure says its loan pool could withstand a 45% default rate.

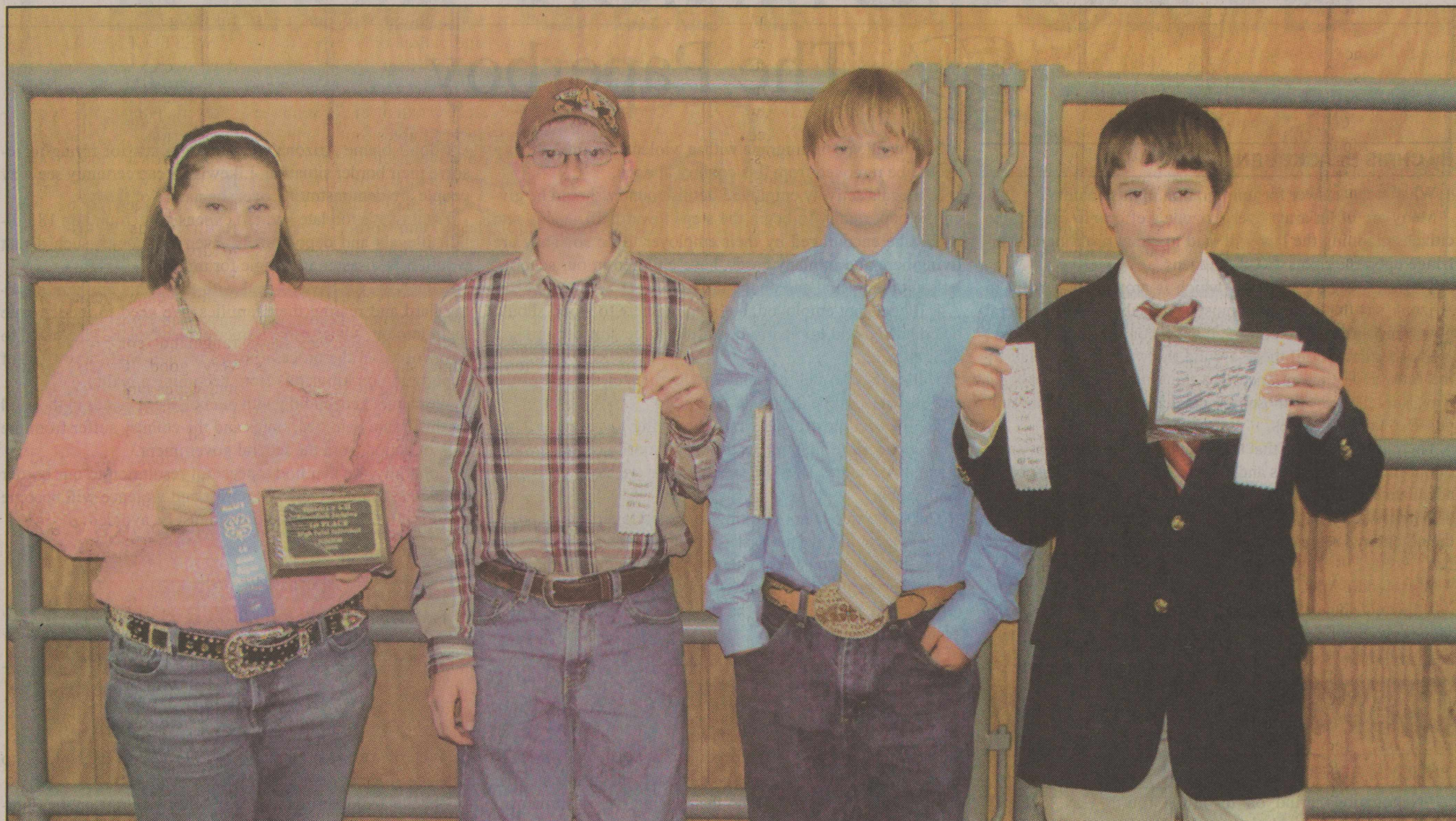
- Princeton University: "Exceptional balance sheet, superb student market position and consistent operating surpluses," he writes.

- New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency -- Single-Family Housing Revenue Bonds. Strong financial position, 1.10 to 1 asset-to-debt ratio. Delinquency and foreclosure rates below the state and national Federal Housing Administration rates.

With states across the nation facing deficit crises, they are watching to see if Gov. Christie can force New Jersey to live within its means. And Cure also notes, states also will wait anxiously to see if Christie -- a former chief federal law enforcement officer for New Jersey -- can challenge the state's endemic corruption.

If Gov. Christie does succeed in bringing New Jersey's dysfunctional deficit under control, the significance would exceed that of a thousand Tea Party rallies.

4-H Judgers Compete at District Livestock Judging Contest



Those competing in the judging contest this year were Shannon Reeves, Parker Finley, Trey Tidwell, and Grace Tidwell.

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Knox County 4-H Livestock Judgers made the trip over to Vernon, TX on April 22 to compete at the Rolling Plains District Livestock Judging Contest. Those competing in the judging contest this year were Shannon Reeves, Parker Finley, Trey Tidwell, and Grace Tidwell.

These individuals had to place 8 classes of livestock which included two classes of market steers, bulls, heifers, market swine, breeding swine, breeding ewes, and market lambs. Each age category had to place all 8 classes. Junior judges had to give one set of reasons,

intermediates had to give 2 sets of reasons, and seniors had to give 3 sets of reasons. In the junior division Grace Tidwell came out on top finishing 1st High Overall Individual. For the intermediate division, Parker Finley received 3rd in reasons. Shannon Reeves placed 3rd in reasons and 3rd High Overall Individual in the senior division. In the senior divisions the top three teams and top three placing individuals get to advance to the state competition held in College Station in June.

All of these individuals have spent many committed

hours preparing and practicing for this contest. They all did an outstanding job and should be very competitive next year as well.

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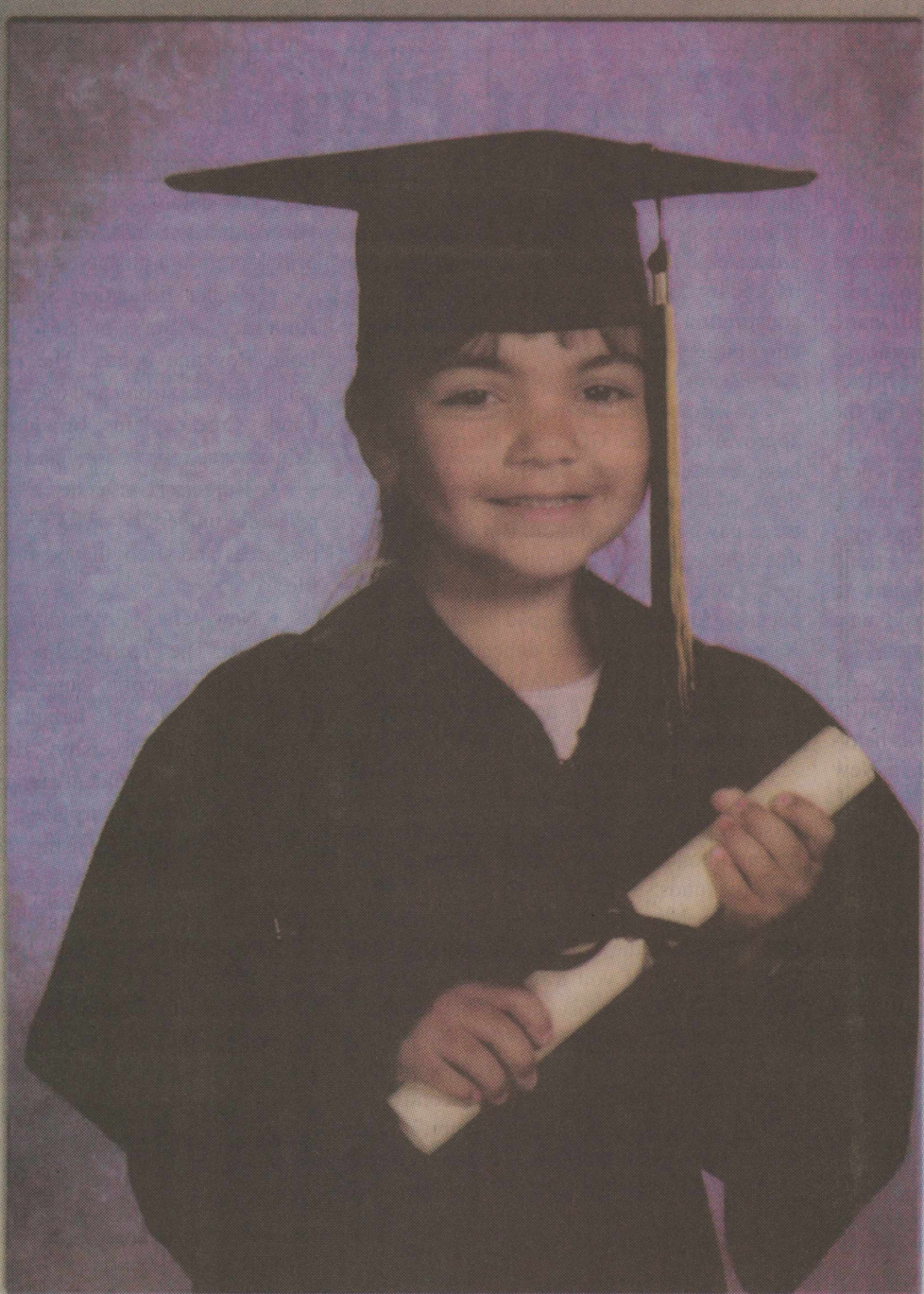
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 heart in pursuing its dreams.*

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 welcome the rain as my garden
 of knowledge prospers in its
 quest to benefit the world.*

*I will learn from the defeats
 as well as the triumphs on my
 journey because from this day
 forward there are no limits to
 what I can achieve.*

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on August 27, 1949 in Seymour, TX. Allen and Peggy recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Allen farmed in Knox County for over 65 years. He served his community as a member of the Knox City- O'Brien school board for many years. He was also an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Knox City serving in many capacities.

Allen was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was honorable and hard working, always helping others in need. His love for children was evident in the relationships he had with his children and grandchildren.

Allen was preceded in death by an infant sister and parents.

Survivors include his wife Peggy of the home, daughters, Lou Ann and Tom Winegar of Borger, and Sarah and Jeff Harbaugh of Keller. Sons, David and Beverly McGaughey of Munday, and Mark McGaughey of Knox City. Sisters, Edith and Harold Beck of Vera, Faye and Don Railsback of Knox City, and Carol and Larry Dan Gore of Iowa Park, one brother, Rev. Ernest and Marianna McGaughey of Tulia. He was also survived by 8 grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren and a special aunt, Loys Welch, of Seymour.

If desired, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 575, Knox City, Texas 79529.

Bobbie Marshall

Services for Bobbie Marshall, 75, will be held 2:00 pm Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Hale Center with Dr. Carrol Green and Rev. Jimmy Cameron officiating. Burial will follow in the Hale Center Cemetery under the direction of Abell Funeral Home and Flower Shop.

She died at her residence on Sunday, May 2, 2010.

She was born December 28, 1934 in Knox City, Texas to Elmo and Pauline Brown Stephens. She graduated as salutatorian from Carney High School in O'Brien, Texas. She married Carl Marshall on July 25, 1952 in O'Brien and moved to Hale Center in November of 1952. She owned and operated The Flower Basket in Hale Center for 29 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church since 1953 where she taught Sunday School and participated in the youth programs. She was also a member of Order of the Eastern Star, Lemon Chapter 38 and was worthy Matron and District Deputy Worthy Grand Matron. She was very active in the 4-H program serving as an adult leader in Hale County for 32 years.

She is survived by her husband Carl Marshall of Hale Center; daughter, Melody & Kenny Campbell of Hale Center, grandson, Jason & Amanda Campbell and granddaughter, Michelle & Trapper Burrus, her second mother Janoma Stephens of O'Brien, TX and 4 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son, Carl Stephen Marshall, her father and mother, Elmo and Pauline Stephens, a brother Elmo Stephens, Jr and a niece Suzanne Stephens.

The family will have visitation at the funeral home from 6:00 - 7:30 pm Tuesday evening.

Spring rains and sunny days abound in Texas

COLLEGE STATION - With a few notable exceptions, Texas agricultural producers were gifted with spring rains and sunny days, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Where soils were beginning to dry, the April showers bolstered moisture levels and encouraged flushes of grass and forbs in pastures and rangeland. Row crops and small grains benefited as well. The condition of livestock improved in response to better grazing, and many producers breathed easier as their hay supplies were all but exhausted.

East Texas was one of the exceptions to the rule, but there were exceptions to the exceptions.

Many counties received scattered showers, but generally dry conditions and high winds did little to help thirsty warm-season grasses.

Other counties received higher winds but their drying effects were generally alleviated by timely rains.

"Windy conditions lately are helping to dry out the soils," said Chad Gulley, AgriLife Extension agent in Nacogdoches County. "Storms pushed through over the weekend with many producers receiving only 0.2 inch of rain. Ryegrass and clover were growing well and many producers are beginning to prepare for their first cutting of hay this season."

The Panhandle and Southwest Texas regions were the other exceptions. The Panhandle not only got high winds along with severe storms, but tornadoes touched down in some counties.

"This week we have been in the center point of severe weather," said J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agent in Randall County, south of Amarillo. "On Wednesday night, tornadoes were spotted in northwest portion of Randall County. Homes were destroyed, windows broken out and crops were lost. It is hard to estimate at this time the total amount of crop loss."

Southwest Texas didn't have reports of tornadoes, but high winds with gusts up to 50 mph damaged some fields of vegetables and row crops. The winds knocked over a few center pivot systems and caused some lodging in small grains, according to AgriLife Extension agents there.

For the most part, farmers and ranchers had favorable weather in Far West Texas. However, winds have dried out some fields. Jesse Lea Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent in Presidio County, reported a lightning-strike wildfire sweeping across 2,125 acres.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: April rains boosted the growth of both cool- and warm-season grasses. Growers planted early season vegetables and melons. Producers were fertilizing and applying herbicides to coastal Bermuda grass fields. Corn improved with sunny days and above-average rainfall. Livestock were in good condition. Corn, milo, sunflowers and cotton were in excellent shape. Rangeland and pasture conditions improved.

FAR WEST: Vegetation responded very well to recent rains. Rangeland grasses and forbs had a sharp growth spurt. With soil moisture levels and weather generally in their favor, farmers were busy preparing field for planting. Fall-planted onions began bulbing. Growers were planting cotton and chiles. Pecan trees were blooming. Alfalfa growth approached the first cutting.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from surplus and adequate. Timely showers continue to promote forage growth. In some counties, storms uprooted trees, downed power lines and destroyed barns. Growers were planting soybeans and completed planting cotton. Rice was in good condition, and crimson clover was peaking. AgriLife Extension agents estimated that only about 20 percent to 25 percent of the total corn acres were

planted due to the extremely wet winter. What corn was planted was in fair to excellent condition.

A few farmers decided to plant grain sorghum on their corn acreage, and what grain sorghum has been planted and was in good condition. The remainder of acreage usually planted to corn will likely remain fallow until next fall for wheat planting or next winter for corn again. Wheat ranged from fair to good condition. Though there have been no reports of significant rust problems, wheat is behind due to the wet fall and winter. In some counties, clement weather allowed field work to proceed. Pastures were also responding to the warmer weather, which was good news for livestock producers as their hay supplies were depleted. Some winter small grains were being harvested for silage and yields were below average. Bermuda grass was slow to get going this year and the cool nights did not help. Peaches and strawberries continued to look good.

SOUTH PLAINS: Rainfall accumulation ranged from 0.5 inch to 7 inches. High winds peaked at 47 mph. Soil moisture was surplus to adequate. Due to the extremely wet conditions, field work was all but stopped. Cotton producers needed drier conditions to evaluate terrace damage and begin field listing in preparation for planting. Wheat was in fair to good condition with most of the crop in the flag-leaf or near heading stage. Pastures and rangeland were in good condition and improving everyday with warm weather. The condition of livestock was good and improving daily.

SOUTHEAST: The area received some rain, but soil moisture levels were marginal. Winter annual grasses were heading out and producing seed. Grazing was poor. The fluctuations in nighttime temperatures played havoc with consistent forage growth. The condition of livestock was unchanged.

SOUTHWEST: Thunderstorms were a mixed blessing, bringing 1 inch to 2 inches of rain, but also hail and high winds with gusts over 50 mph. The hail damaged some fields of cabbage, green beans, onions, potatoes, melons, cucumbers, corn, cotton and sorghum. The high winds knocked over several center-pivot systems, causing

some lodging in oat fields and visited only minor damage to wheat.

It's was too early to fully access extent of the damage to vegetables, but it appears to have been minor as the storms missed most fields.

The harvesting of cabbage and broccoli fields was ongoing, but the crops were showing signs of reduced quality due to a freeze months earlier. Wheat was passing through the soft-dough stage. Some fields were starting to dry down.

High humidity levels were causing rust and other fungal diseases in wheat. Forage availability remained above average for April. Livestock and wildlife were making full use of the plenti-

ful forage. WEST CENTRAL: The days were warm and the nights cool with scattered showers late in the reporting period. Soil moisture levels rose with recent rains. Producers were anticipating applying weed control and fertilizers as fields began to dry out. Spring planting was under way, and small grains were expected to be harvested soon. Pasture and rangeland conditions were very good. Creeks, ponds and water tanks were filling up. Spring cattle work continued.

Livestock were in good to excellent condition. Growers were getting ready to spray pecan orchards.

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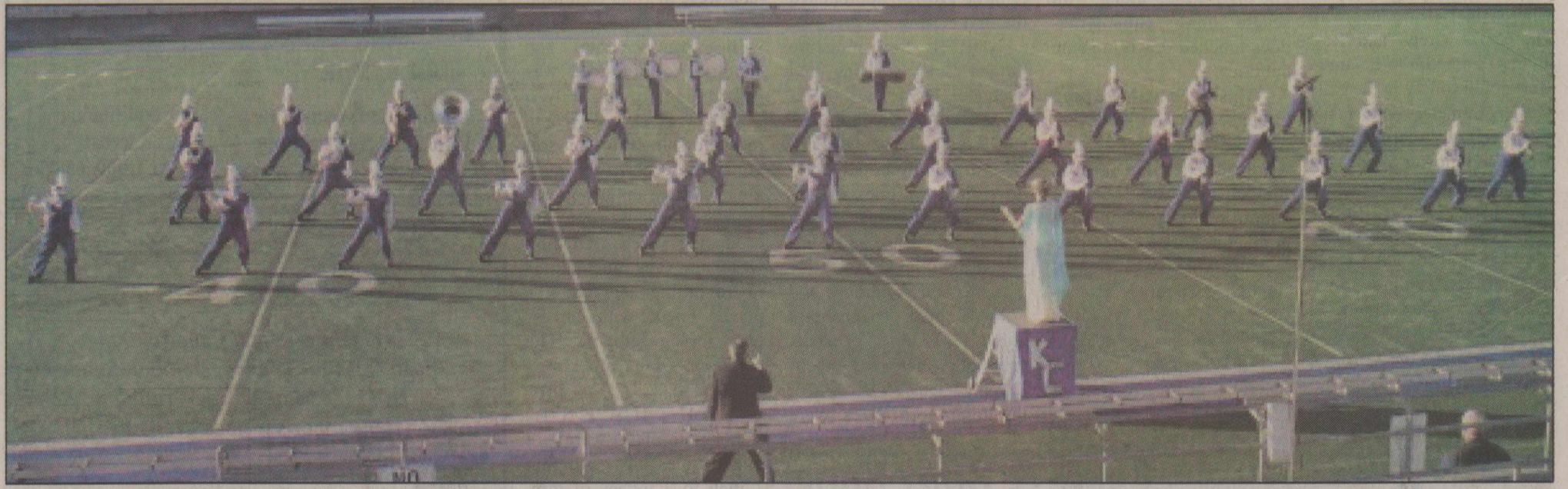
On Sunday, May 2nd, the award winning 2009-2010 Knox City Pride Band closed out their year with a final concert featuring selections they have labored over learning throughout the past year. This is the KC Band that has made local history, as they are the first to march in State Competition, where they scored 15th place. Also, this band received (for the second year in a row) the hard to achieve "Sweepstakes" award from UIL, where they scored "Superior" ratings in all three categories of "Marching", "Concert", and "Sight Reading" contests.

In conjunction with their Spring Concert, the band hosted a fundraising luncheon consisting of Brisket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Green Leaf Salad, and a myriad of dessert choices. High School

principal, Rick Moeller made most of the main course for the luncheon, and the proud parents of the band members donated the desserts. Through their dinner, the band was able to raise \$3700 toward next year's activities.

According to band director, Mr. Mark Tucker, who starts working with the kids to hone their musical abilities when they are in the 5th grade, "this has been an awesome year."

Under the direction of Mr. Tucker, the band gets better every year; each year continuing to win the same awards as the last year, meanwhile earning new trophies for their ever expanding case. And while this year's band dissipates, and some old members will graduate only to be replaced by next year's freshman class, one can only wonder, how great is next year going to be?



LOOKING AHEAD

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Texas Department of State Health Services Knox

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sliding fee scale but no on is denied services.

For information about immunizations, call the Texas department of State Health at 940-552-8770.

The Santa Rosa Catholic Church will host a Mothers Day Bake Sale on Saturday, May 8th outside of the Knox City Lawrence Bros. Come get your Mothers Day goodies!

DON'T forget to vote on May 8th!!!!(School Board and City Council elections will be held together at the following places: Citizens of Knox City & O'Brien can vote at the Knox City Aging Center, Munday Citizens can find their polling place at the Munday City Hall, there is no positions to be voted for in Benjamin.)

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