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## City Council moves toward cleanup of Knox City

~ After successful work by EDC with Duckwall project, Council now seeks to replace EDC Board Members ~

#### Council hears guest speaker on cleaning up our community

In their regular scheduled meeting last Thursday night, members of the City Council of Knox City and several guests listened to a presentation by Donna Verhalen Albus of Abilene, the Regional Governor of 'Keep Texas Beautiful.' Invited by the council to present ideas on cleaning up Knox City, Albus discussed the goals and objectives of the 'Keep Texas Beautiful' program (KTB). Following the presentation, a general discussion by the council indicated a willingness for Knox City to become a member of KTB, but since the issue of joining KTB was not on the agenda, the matter was tabled until it could be placed on the agenda for the next council meet-

In the meantime, council members liked the idea of a clean up organization forming within our community, and Councilman Charles Lankford volunteered to head the organization. Lankford stated that he believed 50% of the

See City Cleanup, Page 3





As evidenced in the above photos, the new 'KEEP KNOX CITY BEAUTIFUL' (KKCB) committee was already hard at work on Friday morning of last week with their first clean up project since the volunteer organization was given unofficial approval by the City Council at it's meeting the night before. With the first project involving tearing down two adjacent buildings in the downtown business area, Chairman and City Councilman Charles Lankford and City Councilman Tommy Mangis got this project underway using the volunteer services of workers normally employed by Mr. Lankford. With Knox City's new trash contractor, BFI, supplying a large disposal container for the debris, the demolition continued throughout the weekend and into this week. Plans are to leave the front brick wall standing after the rest of the buildings are torn down and hauled away. Previously owned by the late Janie Wilkinson, the building on the right in the above photo at left was once her barber shop, and the building on the left was a former beauty shop. Seen from the back side in the photo at right, everything behind the brick front wall is being removed. The property was purchased by the 4a Board of Knox City's Economic **Development Corporation.** 

#### Council tables hiring of new employee for maintenance department

In other council action from Thursday nights meeting, the issue of hiring a new employee for the outside maintenance department was tabled until a future date. Following a presentation by City Manager Danny Parker on the need for another employee, and the cost associated with hiring someone, City Councilman Tommy Mangis stated his opposition by saying, "I will throw a kink into it right now, before I could act on this I want to see employee evaluations on current maintenance employees." With regards to the cost estimate of \$23,000 that included a base salary of \$15,600.00 plus benefits, retirement and estimated overtime, Mangis stated, "I feel we are spending too much on the Police Department that maybe we could be spending on the Maintenance

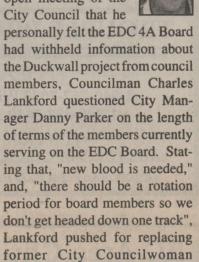
Other council members had comments on the issue, including Jeff Stanfield, who stated, "if we pay someone a good wage, we will get what we pay for", and Charles Lankford, who stated, "Before we hire a new employee, we need to make sure current employees are working to full potential." Following those remarks, Mangis went on to say, "We first have to understand why things are the way they are." Lankford made the motion to table hiring a new employee and stated, "Let's all work on it and think about it."

In other council action, members approved a trip by Municipal Court See Council delays hiring, Page 3

#### Councilman wants 'new blood' on EDC 4A Board

By Dave Thompson Associate Publisher

Claiming in an open meeting of the City Council that he



Also in Lankford's remarks, he stated, "I may get in hot water for saying this, but since I've been on the council, every bit of information we've gotten from EDC, we've had to ferret out."

Cathye Williams with a current

member of the council.

That bit of news comes as a surprise since the minutes of EDC See EDC, Page 3

## **Texas House Speaker appoints Counts**

To ASI Science, Energy & Environmental Resources Committee

AUSTIN - Texas House Speaker Pete Laney has appointed Representative David Counts, D-Knox City, to serve on the Science, Energy and Environmental Resources Committee of the Assembly on State Issues (ASI).

ASI is a component of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) which provides states a forum to address both state and federal issues.

He will serve a term ending December 31, 2000.

"I appreciate Representative Counts's willingness to take on the responsibility of serving on this important committee," Speaker Laney said. "I know his skills and expertise will be put to good use for Texas."

The committee offers members



Rep. David Counts (D) Knox City

the opportunity to exchange statespecific information and hear about federal activities that may require state action. The issues include science, technology, energy, the environment and natural resources.

The committee also follows developments relative to the U.S. Department of Energy's high-level radioactive waste disposal pro-

Representative Counts serves in the House as Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, and as a member of the House Committees on Redistricting and State Affairs.

Representative Counts represents House District 70, which includes Borden, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan, Scurry and Stonewall counties. He has been a House member since 1988.

## Burkham completes 40 years

Knox City vocational agriculture instructor Leon Burkham completed his teaching career at the end of this school term cultivating 40 years of service to public education, 38 of those years being in Knox City.

He was surprisingly honored during the April 30 FFA Banquet and was presented a Texas Resolution from State Representative David Counts by his oldest son, Mike, at the banquet.

Mr. Burkham began his teaching career at Vernon Northside in 1959 and moved to Knox City two years later, completing almost four decades of service to the local school system.

Loved and appreciated by all who know him, Mr. Burkham was a respected educator and agricultural advisor, a friend to students and parents alike, and one who showed genuine interest in the betterment and wellbeing of the

Leon and his wife Leona are the parents of three children and the grandparents of five; son Mike and his wife Missy, sons Ryne and Will of Knox City; daughter Gaylynn Covey and husband Greg and sons Wade and Lee of Littlefield; and son Bob, wife Angela and son Clay of Canyon; who were all in attendance.

The following resolution by Representative Counts is as fol-



Leon Burkham lows: By /s/ David Counts H.R. No.731 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas House of Represenatives is proud to congratulate Leon Burkham on his retirement from the Knox City Independent School District, concluding an outstanding career dedicated to educational excel-

lence; and WHEREAS, Born on April 24, 1936, Mr. Burkham attended Abilene Christian College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1958; continuing his pursuit of academic excellence at Sam Houston State University, he earned a master's degree in agriculture education in 1959; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed educator began his teaching career at Vernon Northside in 1959 and moved to Knox City two years later; during nearly four decades as an integral part of the Knox City Independent School District, Mr. Burkham has endeavored to provide an environment of learning, support and encouragement for his students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burkham and Leona Magee met while both were students at Abilene Christian College; the couple married on December 22, 1955, and have en joyed a close and happy relationship that has been blessed with two sons and a daughter; through the years, the couple have welcomed five grandchildren into their close-knit family; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Leon Burkham has set high standards to which all educators. may aspire, and he is indeed worthy of special recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 76th Texas Legislature hereby commend Leon Burkham for his dedication to the students of Knox City Independent School District and extend to him sincere best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Burkham as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

#### The NEWS will be CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of next week

... so that means we will be working extra hard this weekend on next week's paper. If you anticipate needing to get something in, please do so by calling us on Thursday or Friday of this week.

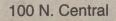
We will be here all day on Tuesday and probably into the night to have the issue in the mail on Wednesday.

While we do not normally take what most might refer to as a 'vacation,' we will be attending an event with our son.

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John Gillispie, Pastor

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#### **Belcher rites** set Thursday

Graveside services for Walter Riggsby (W.R.) Belcher of Knox City will be held Thursday, June 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Knox City Cemetery. The Rev. Johnny Johnson officiated and burial was under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Belcher, 94, died at his residence on Friday following a lengthy illness.

Born August 16, 1904, in Lebanon, Tennessee, he married Minnie Mae Prine on December 15, 1930, in Silver, Texas.

Mr. Belcher was a farmer.

The couple moved to Knox County about 25 years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie Mae of the home; a son, Stiles Dwain Belcher of Knox City; a daughter, Wahnemia Jo Groves of Round Rock; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Robbie Williams of Lubbock; and a brother, Jack Belcher of Lubbock.

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## June state sales tax rebate for Knox City totals \$8,837.53, down 26.30 % from 1998

Last month of sales tax figures without Duckwall's Store, next month's figures will include sales tax being collected by our new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$184 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties, including a check of \$8,837.53 to Knox City. The rebate to Knox City reflects a decrease of 26.30% from a rebate check of \$11,991.55 for the same period in 1998. Knox City collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax, with a full 1.000% of the tax directed towards Economic Development (EDC) funding. The Knox City Economic Development Corporation uses this money for projects to spur the local economy of our community, such as the recently completed Duckwalls Hometown Variety Store. These sales tax figures are for the month of April and reported to the state in May. Since our new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store opened for business on the 6th of May, sales tax figures reflecting Duckwall's payment of collected sales tax for May, 1999 will appear in next months report.

Texas cities received \$169.4 million. Thus far in 1999, rebates to cities are 7.7 percent higher than for the same period in 1998. Counties received a total of 14.5 million in rebates, up 1.0 for the same period in 1998. Another 5.7 million went to special purpose districts around the state.

The checks delivered this month are for sales taxes collected in April and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in the month of May, 1999.

For other Knox County cities, Benjamin received \$411.89, a whopping 84.86% increase from \$222.81 for the same period a year ago. Goree received \$195.65, down 51.47% from a payment of \$403.22 last year at the same time. Last year, Goree had an Allsup's Store collecting sales tax revenue, this year the store has been closed and that is directly reflected on the

This information is provided by the State of Texas and published as a public service to our readers as a reminder that whenever a local resident shops out of town, those sales tax dollars help the community where the sale is made, not your home town of Knox City. We encourage you to shop locally in Knox City and support your hometown whenever possible.

sales tax loss for Goree. Munday received \$6,344.51 up 10.28% from a payment of \$5,373.09 in 1998 at the same time. Even with Knox City's sales tax rebate down this reporting period, readers should note that Knox City still collects more than Munday, thus reflecting in a higher percentage of taxable sales from our local retail merchants. Munday collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax, with Benjamin and Goree collecting a 1.000% sales tax.

In Haskell County, Haskell received \$20,370.24, down 13.73% from a payment of \$23,612.73 in

1998. Haskell collects a 2.000% rate of sales tax. O'Brien received \$45.85 this period, down 20.48% from a payment of \$57.66 a year ago. Rochester received \$363.74, down 18.95% form a payment of \$448.79 during the same period last year.

In Jones County, Stamford received a payment of \$34,655.49, down 14.68% from a payment of \$40,618.67 in 1998. Anson received \$7,781.86, down 24.70% from a payment of \$10,335.35 last year. Hamlin received a check of\$11,104.21,down19.18% from \$13,739.84 in 1998. Stamford, Anson and Hamlin all collect a 2% rate of sales tax.

In Baylor County, the city of Seymour received a payment of \$9,782.35, down 15.97% from a payment of \$11,642.62 in 1998. Seymour collects a 1.000 rate of sales tax.

In Foard County, Crowell received a payment of \$2,576.07, down 8.37% from a payment of \$2,811.68 in 1998. Crowell collects a 1.500% rate of sales tax.

In Dickens County, Dickens received \$2,735.77, down 9.54% from a payment of \$3,024.50 in 1998. Spur received a payment of \$3,077.99, down 2.03% from a 1998 payment of \$3,142.01. Dickens collects a 1.5% rate of sales tax, while Spur collects a

In Cottle County, Paducah received a payment of \$8,109.93, up a whopping 90.01% from a payment of \$4,268.10 in 1998. Paducah collects 1.5% sales tax.

### O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

'Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.'

'If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.'

'Don't talk to strangers.' 'If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.'

'When in doubt; don't.'

'Always wear clean underwear. You never know when you'll find yourself undressed in an emergency room.'

'Pretty is as pretty does.' 'It's not whether you win or

lose, but how you play the game.' Here and There - Beatrice Ellis

was in Plainview over the weekend to attend the Ellis family reunion at Bea's daughter's, Sammie Murry and husband Grady. They had a nice family get-together and

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lots of goodies. David Ellis of Kermit is visiting Bea this week.

My daughter Shirley James of Shallowater and her daughter Beckie of Lubbock spent the weekend with me. We had a nice friendly chat and attended church together Sunday.

LeNear Phillips of Wichita Falls spent one night with her mother Vivian Hendrix last week and took her to Seymour to see her ear doctor.

Paul Gothard of Blackwell picked up his father Dwight Gothard over the weekend and they attended a Wharton family reunion in Kohomo and they enjoyed lots of good food and lots of visiting and lots of family and friends.

C.H., Linda and Reed Underwood spent the weekend in San Antonio with their daughter Beckie and had a wonderful time On the way back they stopped in Mason and ran into some former KC residents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kent. They all visited and enjoyed a good visit with each other reminiscing.

Billie Walker and son Joe Banner were in Amarillo last week for Joe's doctor's appointment and they visited Billie's daughters Julie and Laura and families.

'To have any lasting impact on the word, we must focus our energy on people not profits or success. If we can help one person, our efforts will never be in vain." - Rich Palma

## ISSUE UPDATE

#### To Change What's in Our Children's Hearts, We Need To Look Toward Home

This week, the House of the heart of a young person's debate the issue of gun control, and whether more laws are needed to help prevent tragedies like the more about what's in a young school shootings in Littleton from happening again.

Nearly everyone agrees that we've got a problem. More and more parents are sending their children off to class each morning worried about their safety. But with thousands of gun control laws already on the books, I have real doubts that passing a new one is going to have any real effect. In fact, I worry that

Congress would send the wrong signal by making it seem that passing new gun control laws is the answer to all of our problems. The fact is, it's not. The problem is much deeper than that, and goes to

Representatives is scheduled to relationship with his family, his friends, himself, and God.

We need to be worrying person's heart than what's in his hands. In this, there is only so much government can do. Yes, Congress can encourage the media and entertainment industry to tone down their content and make it less violent. And yes, we can pass an amendment to permit voluntary prayer in public schools -- as I think we should.

But when you get down to it, the real responsibility in all this lies with the parent, and the real work begins at home. Regardless of your position on gun control, that's something on which we can all agree.

It's also something we should all try to achieve.

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#### Councilman wants 'new blood' on EDC Board

From Page One

meetings are provided to the members of the city council in their premeeting packets prepared for them. With regards to the Duckwall project, detailed financial sheets on each stage of the project were also included with the minutes. At each council meeting, members are required to approve the minutes of the EDC Board. By reading the minutes before voting on them, Council members should have had all the information they needed.

If that information were not enough, EDC meetings are open to the public and an advance notice of each meeting is posted on the front door of City Hall in the time period as prescribed by Texas Law. Council members are more than welcome to attend EDC meetings, as is any member fo the community who has an interest in the workings of the Economic Development Corporation.

Also regarding the Duckwall project, EDC 4A Board President Judy Perdue appeared before the council on at least two occasions to answer questions, and the project was put to two seperate votes of approval by the city council. If all this were not enough, former Councilwoman Cathye Williams was also a board member of the EDC 4A Board and provided information whenever asked at council meetings.

To conclude the discussion, the council instructed City Manager Parker to ask (at the next EDC meeting) if any members wanted to voluntarily step down, then for the board to have a lottery type of drawing for setting one and two year terms for those members that remained. The City Council will take up the issue of replacing former Councilwoman Cathye Williams with Councilman Tommy Mangis at the next meeting of the City Council.

The entire matter of replacing members of the EDC Board seems to stem from one or two councilmen's feelings about the Duckwall project. That is very perplexing because the store has been the success that EDC intended it to be. The presence of the store here has started an interest in our downtown area once again, and the store is bringing shopping dollars into the community from all outlying areas. The store set opening day records, and was one of the top stores in sales for their first month. That is proof positive that Knox City and the area was hungry for this kind of a store. As a downtown business person, it's my opinion that EDC fulfilled its role of economic development with the highest of standards.

This column is being written as an editorial comment, and in no way reflects on my part time position as Project Coordinator for The Economic Development Corporation. In that position, I carry out the wishes of the board. But.....being in that position has

given me a unique perspective to how EDC works, and the legal requirements governing the board as set forth by the State of Texas. During the council meeting last week, Councilman Tommy Mangis stated that the public needed to be educated about EDC. That is true, and this newspaper has devoted an enormous amount of space to doing just that during the last year. From EDC columns to countless articles and photos about the new Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store, the word has

The Duckwall project was a project assigned to me by the EDC Board as their Project Coordinator. In and amongst all the hard work necessary to successfully complete a project of that size, I learned a lot along the way. I can attest personally that no information was ever withheld from any-

In my full time position as Associate Publisher of this newspaper, it my job to report the news to our readers. I have tried to do that here, and if I have placed myself at odds with two members of the council by reporting the news and the facts as they are, then EDC just might be looking for a new Project Coordinator.

The surprising part of all this is that I agree 100% with the comment made by Councilman Mangis that there needs to be education about EDC, but I believe the members of the council need to be willing to educate themselves about EDC as well.

EDC is on a roll, working for the good of Knox City. Board President Judy Perdue and Board members Bill Baker, Danny Parker, Cathye Williams and Greg Clonts all have the interest of this community at heart. Just look at the vast experience in our community that these people have: Judy as a former business owner with her own insurance company, and now her experience at Citizens Bank, Bill with all his experience and knowledge as a school superintendent in Knox City and other cities after his retirement, Danny as City Manager with all his knowledge of the working of this community, Cathye as our Postmaster and her dealings with dozens of people every day, and Greg with all his experience as Knox City's banker for so many years. Add all this up and it brings an old expression to mind: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

#### City Cleanup From Page One

ordinance violation locations in Knox City could be cleaned up by personal contact with the owners, and he would undertake that action. If personal contact fails to clean up property sites, possible legal action could follow to get property owners to comply.

At next month's scheduled meeting of the City Council, members will officially vote for Knox City to become a member of the Keep Texas Beautiful organiza-

#### Council delays hiring new worker

From Page One

Judge Robert Harrison to Austin for schooling, and appointed new council member David Chapman as Mayor Pro-Tem. The board also approved a request by Citizens Bank to designate the Knox City Community as an emergency location for the bank in the event a disaster would ever destroy the current bank building.

In other council action from last Thursday night, members voted to pay the city's previous trash contractor an unpaid surcharge the firm had requested.

With regards to the number of roofing companies trying to secure local business following last month's hail storm, council members discussed several avenues of getting information to residents that they need to be careful when contracting to have their homes or businesses repaired. After a considerable discussion, the board instructed City Manager Parker to place the information in The Knox County News.

In their normal monthly reports, the Police Department presented their activity report, Fire Department activity has included putting up smoke detectors and weather watching.

During the financial report, City Manager Parker advised the council that he would be purchasing a new mosquito sprayer, and the council discussed the purchase of a used street sweeper. No action was taken on that item except to have the City Manager go look at sweepers that are currently for sale in this area.

Councilman Mangis asked if records were being kept for the cemetery's Perpetual Care Fund. Both Parker and City Secretary Brenda Correll assured him that accurate records were being kept.

Parker also presented information on the replacement of pumps at the city's wastewater plant. No council action was needed on that

Before the meeting closed, Councilman Tommy Mangis urged the members of the council to talk to each other before the night of meetings, so the meetings would be shorter in length.

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06/12	64	82		
06/13	67	84		
06/14	64	83		
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## The O'Brien City Dump is

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Charlene Brothers, Mayor of O'Brien

## The City Council of Knox City

urges all residents, homeowners and business owners to plan ahead and think carefully when contracting to have work done to repair the recent hail and weather damage in our community.

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- Get more than one estimate on the repair work to be performed. Then compare the estimates and make sure the same items are listed on each. Be sure to check what type of replacement materials will be used.
- Ask for references, then take the time to check those references that are provided !! In larger cities, the Better Business Bureau can provide information on the history of a particular firm that operates from their area.
- Ask about warranties on any work that is to be done. Have this information furnished in writing by all the contractors you choose to use before any work begins.
- Make sure that estimates provided by all contractors include complete cleanup, removal and disposal of all debris from the work site.
- · Be wary of any contractor that asks for payment in advance for any repair work.

The City Council encourages everyone to follow these very important steps. Whether you use a local contractor or someone from out of town, no reputable contractor should object to you insisting on following the above guidelines.

The members of the City Council have placed this advertisement to keep citizens informed, and we urge each of you to use good common sense when having your property repaired.

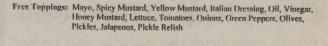
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All the family of Bill Grimsley want to express their gratitude and love to all their friends. doctors and nurses for your loving care. All your prayers, calls, food and love got us through the very trying times.



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> 'A-B' HONOR ROLL Sixth Six Weeks

First Grade: Eric Casillas, Derrick Coleman, Kenyin Collier, Devon Flye, Brittney Gonzales, Kishan Raghu.

Second Grade: Micheal Agraz, Molly Agraz, Ryan Casillas, Rachel Ellis, Samantha Esquivel, Tyler Johnson, John Taylor, Amber Woodson.

Third Grade: Sarah Burt, Candace Carver, J.C. Chappell, Rechele Raynes, Jessy Schur, MIchael Taylor.

Fourth Grade: Michael Agraz, Noah Hedgecoke, Adreanne Mayes, Johnny Nevarez, Crystal Ramos, Joey Rodriguez, Timothy Sanders, Kursten Stafford, Zachary Stevens, Kayla Stewart.

#### **Aging center** lunch menus

June 21st thru June 25th

Monday, June 21 - Chicken strips with gravy, green salad, sweet peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

Tuesday, June 22 - Soft burritos, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, whole kernel corn, pears, gingerbread.

Wednesday, June 23 - Baked chicken with rice, cranberry sauce, apple and celery salad, green beans, hot rolls, cookies. Thursday, June 24 - Meat loaf with sauce, green salad, blackeyed peas, hominy casserole, cornbread, birthday

Friday, June 25 - Barbecue on a bun, onions, pickles, potato wedges, seasoned pork and beans, dessert.

(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)

#### Growing a healthy family is simple with help from WIC

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According to Ann Latham, nutrition education coordinator for Outreach Health Services, WIC's goal is to provide a wealth of information that will empower mothers to make informed decisions about their family's health and nutritional needs. In addition, WIC also offers preventive health care services like immunizations and regular checkups.

WIC is a well-respected federally funded program that has gained a reputation as a preventative health and nutrition program. Participants have access to many benefits that include vouchers for healthy foods, nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance and breastfeeding peer counsel-

Every WIC participant is routinely tested for anemia and a diet recall is performed to assess each individual's needs.

The WIC program is open to women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or have an infant or child and/or children younger than five years old. Additional requirements include a need for improved nutrition, residence in the county where WIC services are provided and household earning within the set income guidelines. If a family is eligible for Food Stamps, Medicaid or Aid to families with Dependent Children (AFDC) they automatically meet the requirements.

In addition to providing WIC services, some of Outreach Health Services' clinics also offer other services that may include women's health exams, maternity care, family planning, Texas Health Steps well-child exams and immuniza-

To find out more about the WIC program or any of the other services Outreach Health Services offers call the local clinic or call toll free 1-800-200-7121 or locally 658-5108.

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## Couple wed in May 29 vows

Jana Lyn Hogan and Bruce Eugene Nelson were married Saturday, May 29, at the El Max Ranch in Boerne.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell (Bud) Hogan of Munday are the parents of the bride.

Rev. and Mrs. Vince Nelson of Mesquite are the parents of the bridegroom. The bride's grandparents

are Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Measles of Littlefield.

Lana Jordan of Belton, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor.

. . . the former Jana Hogan Bridesmaids were Tresa Hardt of Dallas, Michelle Parker of Bedford, Yvonne Perez of Austin and Brandy Anderson of Washington, D.C.

Junior bridesmaids were Jana Jordan, niece of the bride; and Whitney Nelson, daughter of the bridegroom.

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Best man was the bridegroom's brother, Jeff Nelson of Lake Groomsmen were Paul Harris of Cameron, Tim Boyd of

Garland, Kenny Greenwood and Bobby Heard of Dallas. Ushers were Jake Jordan, nephew of the bride; and Stephen

Nelson and Josh Nelson, nephews of the bridegroom. Candlelighters were Spencer Nelson, son of the bridegroom;

and Kelsey Jordan, the bride's niece. Flower girls were Carley Nelson, the bridegroom's daughter;

and Kellyn Jordan, niece of the bride. Levi Jordan, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. The Rev. W.O. Smith of Munday and Rev. Vince Nelson of

Mesquite, father of the bridegroom, officiated. The bride attended schools in Plainview, graduating from Dawson High School in Welch. She attended college at Angelo

State University and graduated from the University of North Texas with a bachelor of fine arts. She is employed by the National Office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in Los Colinas where she serves as the

National Assistant Director of Programs. The bridegroom graduated from W.W. Samuel High School in Dallas, attended the University of Texas at Arlington and the

University of Phoenix. He is a Senior Technical Training Specialist for Lucent Technologies in Mesquite.

Following a honeymoon to St. Johns in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the couple will live in Mesquite.

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## FFA presents awards at April banquet

Friday night, April 30, the annual awards banquet for the Knox City FFA was held in the high school cafeteria.

The banquet was called to order by chapter president David Speck and invocation was offered by Chris Bartley.

Awards were presented to the following students for the outstanding achievements, Trey Burt, Casey Carver, Justin Casillas, Garry Manley, Adam McCown, Felipe Sanchez, Richard Espinosa, Tmmy Trevino, Eric Green, Jeffery Acree, Matthew Lowe, Latissha Munsell and David Speck

Certificates of Merit were given to Ryan Baker, beef and swine production; Nathan Bowles, swine and star ag mechanics; Brackston Barnard, wildlife and recreation; Chris Garcia, ag mechanics; Nefro Gonzales, ag mechanics; Salvador Silva, most improved ag student; Jay Sandusky, outstanding student in ag structures; Roni Morrow, chapter sweetheart.

Chapter appreciation plaque was presented to O'Brien Gin.

Chapter appreciation certificates were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bloxham, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Turner, Mack Lowe, Louis Baty, J.M. Emerson, David Albus and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Munsell.

Special awards were Tommy Trevino, Star Greenhand; Chris Bartley, Star Chapter Farmer; Nathan Bowles, Star Ag Mechanic, DeKalb Ag Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior and Claude Reed Memorial Tro-

Also recognized during the banquet were the poultry team consisting of Nefro Gonzales, Jeffery Hernandez, Salvador Silva; and the horse judging team

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FFA AWARD RECIPIENTS from left are front row, Nefro Gonzales, Tommy Trevino, Richard Espinosa, Natalie Bloxham, Roni Morrow, Salvador Silva. Back row, from left, Jay Sandusky, Adam McCown, Ryan Baker, David Speck, Nathan Bowles, Jeffery Acree. (Courtesy Photo)



SPECIAL FFA AWARDS were presented to Tommy Trevino, Nathan (Courtesy Photo) Bowles, Chris Bartley and Salvador Silva.

Jeffery Acree, Natalie Bloxham, Roni Morrow.

Junior FFA certificates were presented to Logan Morrow, Ryne Burkham, Will Burkham, Ashle y Jobe, Tiffany Jobe, Ashley Turner, Landon Weiershausen, Verishanna Reed and Jordan McCown.

The banquet was closed with the pledge to the flag. A dinner was served prior to the awards.



**NATHAN BOWLES Claude Reed Memorial Trophy** 

#### KC grad named national science merit winner

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Brackston Barnard of Knox City has been named a National Science Merit Award Winner.

Brackston, who graduated from Knox City High School in May, was nominated for this national award by Bob Collins, Science teacher.

Brackston will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy, said.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Brackston is the son of Barbara and Joe Barnard of Knox City.

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#### Rites are held June 10 for Bill Grimsley

James Raymond (Bill) Grimsley of Knox City, 70, died Monday, June 7, in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 10, in the First Baptist Church in Haskell with the Revs. Johnny Johnson and Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in the Weinert Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Born in Weinert, he graduated from high school there. He married Patsy (Pat) Counts on February 9, 1951, in Merkel. He served in the United States

Army during the Korean War. He was a tractor mechanic and butane serviceman for Penman Conoco. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, James Raymond (Rusty) Grimsley Jr. of Knox City; four daughters, Walta Lynne Lopez of Spur, Jamie Kay Phillips of Graham, Shelly Ann Cox of Rochester and Jerri Joyce Buerger of Haskell; three brothers, Larry Grimsley and Gerald Grimsley, both of Abernathy, and Robert Grimsley of Graham; a sister, Donna Thomas of Haskell; 15 grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

Pallbearers were Johnny Helms, Jerry Williams, Billy Leach, Weldon Skiles, Johnny Scoggins, Joe Tidwell and Walter Rauch.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe Marion, Doug Meinzer, Monty Penman, Bud Reynolds, Wayne Dunnam, Frank McAuley, Kenneth Burt, Guy Bradley, Frank Cadenhead and Bailey Toliver.

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#### KCHS graduates reunite, are married on June 11

Former Knox City High School graduates Twyla Standlee and Richard Barnard were married Friday, June 11.

The former high school sweethearts from the Knox City High School Classes of 1968 and 1967 're-met' at the Knox City Homecoming in June of last year after not seeing each other for 17 years.

Together they have five children, ages 24, 21, 15 and 11 year old twins.

They reside in Amarillo.

Richard is the son of R.P. and Barbara Barnard of Knox City and Rebecca Beck of Odessa. He is the grandson of Edrie Barnard of O'Brien.

Twyla is the daughter of former Knox City residents John and Lois Standlee of Vernon.

#### MSU names 1999 spring honors lists

WICHITA FALLS - Midwestern State University had 677 honor students listed for the spring 1999 semester.

The Dean's List consisted of 196 students and 481 students made the University Honor Roll.

To make the Dean's List, a student mut complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an "A".

To make the University Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 horus with a minimum grade point everage of 3.5 and no grade loer than a "c."

Making the Dean's List from Knox City was Stephanie Louise Williams Carver.

Making the University Honor Roll from Guthrie was Stephanie Ann Hoepfner Daniel.

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#### **COLD WAR VICTORY MEDAL**

By U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM



Between the start of the Berlin Airlift and the fall of the Berlin Wall, 17 million Americans served their country faithfully and honorably in what became known as the world's first "Cold War."

For many -- those who risked their lives against shooting enemies in Korea, Vietnam and a hundred

other places around the world -- the war was anything but cold. For many others, service in the Cold War meant the hardship of months at sea or the isolation of duty tending radar equipment on the Distant Early Warning line. It is a measure of the strength of our nation that millions of Americans put on the uniform of our country and did these vital jobs willingly and well.

No matter where or how these men and women served, they all sacrificed to preserve the freedoms of our country, yet America has never formally recognized the service of our Cold Warriors. I think that paying them this tribute is long overdue, and the Senate agrees. Senators recently approved my amendment to the Defense authorization bill creating the Cold War Victory Medal, to be awarded to all who served in the United States military between the beginning of the Berlin Airlift on June 22, 1948 and the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989.

The brave men and women who served America in the military between the beginning of the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall won a victory that brought more freedom to more people than any other military victory in the history of mankind. They deserve to be recognized for their success and honored for their valor, and now they

Victory medals were awarded to memorialize the defeat of America's enemies in World Wars I and II, and to honor the men and women who won the victories. I do not want people to forget that we fought a Cold War with an evil empire, and that Americans won the war.

This legislation will authorize our government to award the Cold War Victory Medal to everyone who served honorably in the armed services during the period of the Cold War. Seventeen million Americans would be eligible to receive the medal, including one million Texans. I believe the House will accept the provision enthusiastically, and I hope the President will support it.

SEN. GRAMM'S LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES --106th Cong., 1st Sess.

AMENDMENT ... by Senators Gramm, Ashcroft, Coverdell, Lott and Hutchison

SEC. 1061. COMMEMORATION OF THE VICTORY OF FREEDOM IN THE COLD WAR. Congress makes the following findings:

- The Cold War between the United States and the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was the longest and most costly struggle for democracy and freedom in the
- history of mankind. • Whether millions of people all over the world would live in freedom hinged on the outcome of the Cold War.
- Democratic countries bore the burden of the struggle and paid the costs in order to preserve and promote democracy and freedom.
- The Armed Forces and the taxpayers of the United States bore the greatest portion of such a burden and struggle in order to protect such principles.
- · Tens of thousands of United States soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen paid the ultimate price during the Cold War in order to preserve the freedoms and liberties enjoyed in democratic countries.
- The Berlin Wall erected in Berlin, Germany, epitomized the totalitarianism that the United States struggled to eradicate during the Cold War.
- The fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989, marked the beginning of the end for Soviet totalitarianism, and thus the end of the Cold War.
- November 9, 1999, is the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

#### Designation of Victory in the Cold War Day

Congress hereby designates November 9, 1999, as "Victory in the Cold War Day"; and requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

#### **Cold War Victory Medal**

Award -- There is hereby authorized an award of an appropriate decoration, as provided for under subsection (b), to all individuals who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces during the Cold War in order to recognize the contributions of such individual to United States victory in the Cold War.

Design -- The Joint Chiefs of Staff shall, under regulations prescribed by the President, design for purposes of this section a decoration called the 'Victory in the Cold War Medal'. The decoration shall be of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances.

Participation of Armed Forces in Celebration of Anniversary of End of Cold War. Amounts authorized to be appropriated by section 301(1) shall be available for the purpose of covering the costs of the Armed Forces in participating in a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the end of the Cold War to be held in Washington, District of Columbia, on November 9, 1999.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on this and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at http://gramm.senate.gov)

#### **VRJC** sets course on defensive driving

The Continuing Education Division of Vernon Regional Junior College has once again scheduled the popular course entitled Defensive Driving.

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The course is approved by the National Traffic Safety Institute and the Texas Education Agency and makes the student eligible for a reduction in their insurance premiums or for traffic citation dismissal.

The course will meet on Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the VRJC campus in Vernon. The course will be taught by a licensed defensive driving instruc-

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#### **Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO BIDDING CONTRACTORS

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Drawing and Specifications may be examined without charge at the office of Michael E. Koen... Architect, Inc. Drawings, Specification and Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, Mr. Benny Grill, 300 Hayes, Benjamin, Texas. All drawings and specification are the property of the owner and must be returned to him. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to receipt of bids without the consent of the owner. The owner requires Workers Compensation Coverage Documentation.

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The Knox County Hospital District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids to best serve the interest of the district.

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THE KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN Consolidated Independent School District requests proposals for re-insurance contracts for its partially self-funded medical program. Proposals should include a 15/ 12 and a 12/12 contract. the proposal will be for a \$10,000 specific stop loss. Proposals must be received by August 2, 1999. Address proposals insealed envelopes to: Rick Holder, RH Administrators, 6502 Slide Road, Suite 300, Lubbock, Texas 79424. Any questions should be addressed to Rick Holder at the above address or phone 806-794-0844 or FAX 806-798-0651. 6-10 2tc 91

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ESTATES SALE - Saturday and Sunday, 8 to ? Lots of misc, file cabinets, furniture, typewriters, sheets, household items, toys, clothes. Four miles north of Knox City on Hwy. 6, first house past Plant Center Road on right. 6-17 1tc 37

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305 Main
Repeat Sale
Sat., June 19th,7 a.m.
1/2 PRICES
6-17 1tp

#### **Bid Notice**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Knox City-O'Brien CISD is accept-

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD is accept ing proposals for the following:

Property & Casualty Insurance
 Student Accident Insurance
These proposals should be addressed or delivered to Mr. Louis Baty, Superinten-

dent, at 606 East Main, Kmox City, Texas 79529. We will accept proposals until 3:00 p.m. July 15, 1999. Proposals will be publicly opened and read at the first board meeting after July 15, 1999.

The District reserves the right to reject any and / or all proposals, to accept any

any and / or all proposals, to accept any proposal deemed most advantageous to the Knox City-O'Brien CISD and to waive any informalities in bidding. Specifications or additional information may be gathered by contacting the Superintendent's office at (940) 658-3521.

6-10 2tc 125

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD is accepting sealed Proposals for Motor Fuels, addressed or delivered to: Mr. Louis Baty, Superintendent, at 606 East Main, Knox City, Texas 79529. Bids will be received until 12:00 noon July 15, 1999. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the next Board Meeting. Additional information can be gathered by contacting the Superintendent at (940) 658-3521.

Proposal qualifications for Motor Fuels:
(1) Protection of District environment with Motor Fuel complying with offsite

(2) Motor Fuel will be available on a twenty-four (24) hour basis.

Proposal envelopes should be plainly marked, "Sealed Proposal For Motor Fuels." Any proposal received later than the specified time, whether delivered in person or mailed shall be disqualified. Proposals may be submitted on any and/or all items. The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, to accept any proposal deemed most advantageous to the Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District and to waive any informatlities in bidding.

6-10 2tc 173

#### **Legal Notice**

LEGAL NOTICE - THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - (CRIMINAL TRESPASS SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE W.T. WAGGONER ESTATE ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME. GENE W. WILLINGHAM

A.B. WHARTON 52
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NOW HIRING! BRB Roofing is reroofing the Guthrie Common ISD. Sheet
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GIRLING HEALTH CARE, INC. Home Care Attendants needed in Benjamin and surrounding areas to help with housekeeping and personal care. For more information call 1-800-665-4471 or 1-915-643-5604. 6-17 ltc 31
HELP WANTED - Cook, apply in person. One part-time for vacation and one full-time position. Penman Conoco, 609

#### **Thank You**

I would like to express my thanks to each of you during me recent surgery. The phone calls, cards, flowers, food, visits and most of all, your prayers were greatly appreciated.

May God Bless Each of You, 5-17 1tp Betty Poe

### **Lost & Found**

FOUND - Bassett hound. Call 658-3681 and identify. 6-17 1tc 7

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#### NOTICE OF WATER QUALITY APPLICATION

PERMIT NO. 13616-001

APPLICATION. City of O'Brien, P.O. Box 40, O'Brien, Texas 79539, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of TNRCC Permit No. 13616-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 20,000 gallons per day. The current permit also authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater via irrigation of 7.1 acres of pastureland adjacent to the treatment facility. Issuance of the proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 13616-001 will replace the existing NPDES Permit No. TX0075906 issued on March 3, 1995 and TNRCC Permit No. 13616-001.

The plant site is located approximately 0.8 mile north of the intersection of State Highway 6 and Farm-to-Market Road 2229, north of the City of O'Brien on the west side of State Highway 6 in Haskell County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to China Branch; thence to the Brazos River Above Possum Kingdom Lake in Segment No. 1208 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life uses for China Branch. The designated uses for Segment No. 1208 are high aquatic life uses and contact recreation.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, will authorize the conditions under which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. Written public comments and requests for public meetings may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TNRCC may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

INFORMATION. Written hearing requests, public comments or request for public meetings may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at <a href="https://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us">www.tnrcc.state.tx.us</a>.

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#### A Golden Time

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TB is becoming an increasing problem. TB infections has been increasing at a rate of about 20% in the U.S. since 1985. A National Institute of Health report says, among some segments of the population, the TB rate is higher than among the world's poorest nations.

More than 10,000 AARP members responded to a poll on age discrimination in the workplace. More than 2/3 said they had left work under duress due to age.

# Knox City resident graduates from UNT in Denton

DENTON (UNT), Texas -Leslie Rae Mahan-Flores graduated from the University of North Texas during spring commencement ceremonies. She is the daughter of LaNell Kight of Knox City and Jodie Mahan of Corpus Christi.

Leslie received a bachelor of science degree with a major in child / human development and family studies.

With an enrollment of more than 25,500, UNT is the fourth-largest university in Texas and the most comprehensive in the North Central Texas area.

The university offers more than 130 undergraduate and graduate degree majors in nine schools and colleges. Since its establishment in 1890, UNT has granted more than 140,000 degrees.

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## Three person benefit scramble set June 26

The Knox City Ladies' Golf Association will be hosting a three-person golf scramble to benefit the Knox County Drug Enforcement.

Tee-off time is 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, at the Knox City Country Club.

Golf enthusiasts are invited to come play a round of golf or for those not playing golf, law enforcement officials encourage interested persons to come out and talk about the program.

A donation table will also be on hand for anyone wanting to donate to the Knox County Drug Enforcement. Proceeds will be used toward eliminating the increasing drug problem in Knox County.

Sign up for the tournament by calling 658-3911. Entry fee is \$60.00.

Anyone with questions or comments about the program, contact Sheriff Dean Homstad or Deputy Jason Zeissel at 454-2211.

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#### Benjamin news

It's cloudy and very "rainy-looking" here on the Knox prairie again today (Sunday). We did have more rain last week and our lawns, grass (and weeds) continue to grow (and need mowing). But as I say often - we can't afford to complain because more often a not - we have some pretty long dry spells in these parts. So we just stay thankful for no storms and hope that trend continues.

Debra and Mike Moorhouse left today for a few days in Houston. She was due to be in the clinic for tests Monday and Tuesday and see her doctor Wednesday, if all goes according to plans. She told me Friday night that she hasn't been feeling the best and has hopes after this trip to M.D. Anderson that she will feel better. If all goes well, they should return home Wednesday or Thursday.

It was good to see Bill and Pearl Ryder at church today. Said they were both feeling pretty well.

Reports on our friends who live away are encouraging. Grace Bisbee is making progress and may be able to come back to Haskell soon. And Bonita Pyatt has finished her therapy and is doing well.

Ruth Idol continues about the same in the Munday Nursing Center. Some days are better than others. She just has not done very well since she had a stroke in the early spring.

Other friends in the nursing centers, Nora Hertel, Eunice Friday, Leola Isbell and Joe Nunley are all doing pretty well. Joe's family brings him over to Benjamin pretty often and he enjoys

being over here and visiting for a while.

Kenneth Roberts is scheduled for knee surgery on Thursday of this week if all goes well. Remember in mid-May he was scheduled to have it but developed a cold and it had to be postponed so maybe it will go as planned now. We wish him well.

Here 'N There - Carla and Laura Benson of Breckenridge are here for a few weeks visit with their dad, Billy Carl and brothers and sister, Bubba, Dillon and Sadie and with other relatives and friends. Carla told me she passed to the third grade and Laura will be in the 7th. My how time flies and age "creeps up" on kids when you don't see them for awhile.

Larry and Gaye Neal attended a family reunion of Gaye's mom's family in Elmore City, Oklahoma, last weekend.

Lisa Siemens spent a few days with friends in Rotan recently.

Recent visitors of Judy Conner were her son, Jim Bob and his friend, Mixie Siepel of Lubbock. Judy was in Lubbock recently to visit both her sons, Jim Bob and Jeff and his family.

Bob and Marie Meinzer left Thursday after several days visit with relatives and friends here and attending the Coody reunion last weekend in Seymour.

Dub and Jo Cartwright and her mom, Ruth Ressel returned home Saturday after about a 15 day vacation trip to Branson, Missouri. They had a good time and saw lots of good shows.

Jessica and Will Moorhouse are spending a few days with

Mike's parents, David and Bobbye at Iowa Park while their parents are in Houston. Lynne and Liz are staying with friends and working.

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Mike Young is doing well after some recent surgery. Now if he will just take care of himself and not "over-do" it, he should be OK. Good to be able to report that he's doing well.

Weldon and Margie Patterson of Fresno, California, are here for a few days visit with his mom, Maretha and his sister, Sharon Johnson. They plan to return home Thursday.

Joy Yancey of Lakeside City visited relatives here during the

Keith, Pam and Casey Conner of Big Spring and Stephanie and Bobby Brannan of Lubbock visited homefolks during the weekend. Stephanie and Bobby attended the wedding of Rebel Rainwater and Brian Huffman in Nocona Saturday afternoon. Casey remained here for a week's visit with relatives and friends. Kim Moore and daughter, Samijo and Shelby of Spur, came Sunday afternoon for a couple of days visit with relatives.

Chris and Penny Phillips and daughter, Christi, of Munday have moved a double-wide mobile home to Benjamin and as quickly as they get it all "fastened down" etc., they will be moving here to make their home. They had put it on the north end of church street across the street from Bud Conner. We are glad they have chosen to make Benjamin their home and hope they like living here. Christi will be a junior at BHS.

# Summer TAAS exit tests set for July 13, 14, 15

The summer administration of the exit level TAAS and TEAMS

tests will be conducted at the high school libraries of the Benjamin, Goree and Knox City High schools on the following dates:

July 13 - Writing (TAAS only)
July 14 - Mathematics

July 15 - Reading
Students who were in the 10th,

11th or 12th grades in the spring of 1999 are eligible to take any section of the exit level test they have not yet mastered. In addition, individuals who are out of school may test at the summer administration.

Out-of-school examinees, enrolled students who wish to test at a site other than their home district, and TEAMS examinees must register.

Students who were enrolled in Grade 10, 11 or 12 in the spring of 1999 are considered enrolled students. Not out-of-school examin-

All TEAMS examinees, whether enrolled or out of school

must register.

Examinees may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office in Benjamin, Goree or Knox City.

Completed registration forms must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 p.m., June 11, 1999.



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