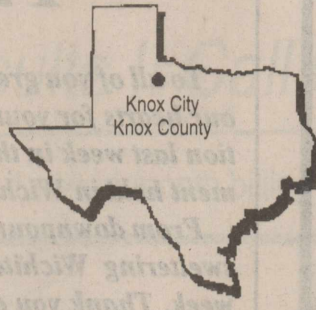


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## Knox City to gain new auto parts store

EDC plays a role in bringing another retail business to our community, opening date set for August 1



ALL SMILES AFTER PURCHASING THE FORMER WHITE AUTO BUILDING, Chad and Jolie Wright of Monahans are preparing for both their move to Knox City and the opening of their new auto parts store in downtown Knox City. Shown in this photo (from left to right) when the purchase of the building was completed are Peggy Guinn of Counts Real Estate, Jolie Wright, Chad Wright, and Julia Hernandez, the former owner of the building that will now house Knox City Auto and Supply.



EMPTY NOW BUT NOT FOR LONG, the former White Auto Building in downtown Knox City will soon house our community's newest retail business. Scheduled to open on August 1, 1999, Knox City Auto and Supply will carry a full line of auto parts designed to accommodate both the professional mechanic and the 'do-it-yourselfers' who like to work on their own vehicles. Work on repairing and updating the building has already begun by the new owners. The store is located just North of Duckwall's.

### EDC helps new business move to Knox City

In a meeting held early Monday morning, the members of Knox City's 4A Economic Development Board voted their final approval of an assistance grant to bring a new auto parts supply store to our community.

Having worked on the project since last November, EDC board members at Monday's meeting were pleased to finally reach this point. Following strict guidelines set into place when EDC was organized, new business owners Chad and Jolie Wright of Monahans not only met, but surpassed all of the guidelines and requirements established by the EDC Board.

Following the submission of

an extensive five year business plan to EDC, the Monahans couple also came highly recommended in both a credit check and a background check.

The EDC project to provide an assistance grant of \$4,000.00 to the Wrights was also approved by the City Council of Knox City, as set forth in EDC guidelines established by the City Council.

The store, named Knox City Auto and Supply is scheduled to open on August 1, 1999. Once open, the retail store will be paying Texas State Sales Tax on goods sold. A portion of those funds will come back into EDC as a means of funding future projects, and into the general fund of the

City of Knox City for day to day operation of the city.

Members of the 4A EDC Board are Judy Perdue as President, Bill Baker, Cathye Williams, Greg Clonts and Danny Parker. Representing the Chamber of Commerce on the board is Executive Director Doris Crowover. Dave Thompson serves as EDC Project Coordinator.

Other highly successful projects of the EDC 4A Board in the last year have been the opening of an area wide youth and family counseling office in Knox City for Catholic Family Services of Lubbock, and the Duckwall's Hometown Variety Store that celebrated its grand opening in May.

### Monahans couple to open auto parts store

Meeting face to face with the 4A Board of Knox City's Economic Development Corporation on Monday morning of this week, Chad Wright of Monahans had the opportunity to discuss the new auto parts store that he and his wife, Jolie, are planning to open here on August 1, 1999. Following his presentation and a question and answer session, Wright left with the backing of EDC in the form of an assistance grant to help open the badly needed retail business.

No stranger to the auto parts world, Wright has been in the management end of the business for the past 12 years. Working as the manager of an auto parts sup-

ply store in Monahans for the past 8 years, Wright took that store from a \$36,000 a month store in 1991 to a million dollar a year store by the end of 1995, and was able to maintain those sales levels despite the downturn in the oil industry.

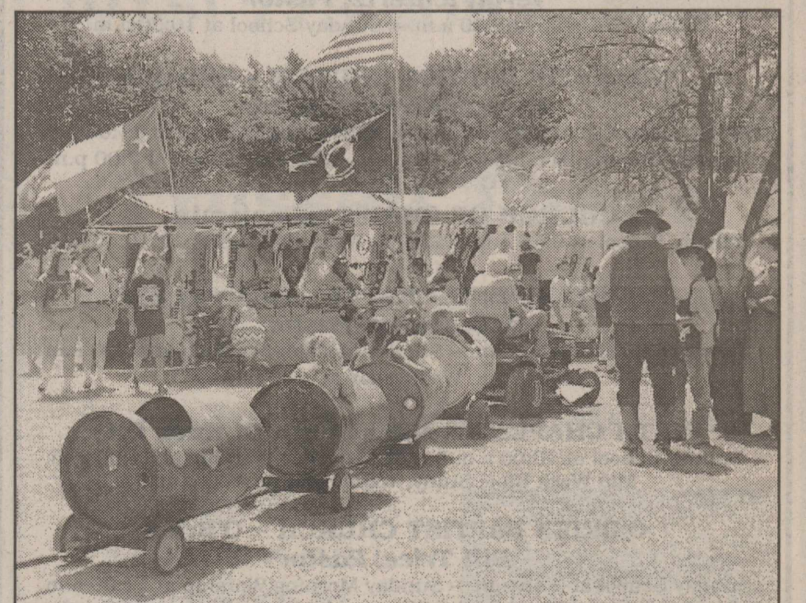
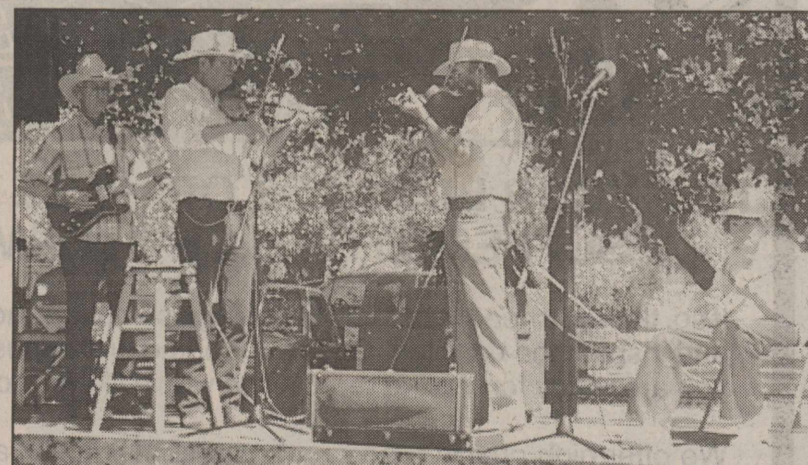
In selecting Knox City as a location for a new store, Wright studied the area extensively and had input from several large suppliers who service the area. Wright believes firmly in the need for an auto parts store in this area, stating, "despite the current decline in the oil industry, there are still farms, ranches, mechanics, oil production, and also a market for the do it yourselfer."

Wright will initially bring an auto parts inventory worth approximately \$165,000 to Knox City and he is willing to expand as the market demands. He will also be carrying an inventory of tractor parts, pickup truck work accessories, and will be able to order other items with a one day delivery in most cases.

Chad was raised in Stamford, and his wife, Jolie, was raised in Throckmorton. The couple has three children who will be enrolling in school here next year. Jimmy is 12 and will be in 7th grade, Lindsay is 10 and will be in 5th grade, and Caitlin is 7 and will be in 3rd grade. The family attends First Baptist Church.

## Annual Watermelon Festival set for Saturday, July 31

Despite recent hail loss of local watermelon crops, Chamber of Commerce goes ahead with annual event



EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME during the 1998 Watermelon Festival sponsored by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. As seen in these photos, those attending the festival had the opportunity to visit, shop at vendor booths, listen to great music, ride the kiddie train, or even participate in the sand volleyball and horseshoe pitching tournaments. Make your plans now, mark the day on your calendar and be a part of this year's festivities at the City Park in Knox City on Saturday, July 31 !!

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To all of you great supporters, thanks from the bottom of our hearts for your genuine interest in Scooter's participation last week in the Texas-Oklahoma Junior Golf tournament held in Wichita Falls.

From downpours of rain, to all kind of bugs endured and sweltering Wichita Falls heat, we did have a wonderful week. Thank you also for your cooperation from the News standpoint as we had to close our office in order to attend.

Out of 122 golfers in his age division, Scooter finished in the 'middle-upper' part of the leaderboard.

We found many junior golfers from all points asking us the question, "Is Knox City in Texas?"

Scooter's three foursome's for the tournament included golfers from Austin, Round Rock, Paducah, Pflugerville, Iowa Park, Abilene, Roanoke, The Woodlands and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Winner of the fourteen year old division was a junior golfer from Mexico City, Mexico, and finishing eighth was a junior golfer from Ecuador.

Over 1400 junior golfers attended from 34 U.S. states and also the countries of Canada, Ecuador, New Zealand, Bermuda, South Africa and Mexico. According to a T-O story in the 'First Reader' of the Wichita Falls Times and Record News this tournament was described as "attracting the best junior golfers in the United States as well as around the world." So when people ask us if Scooter is 'Okay' with how he finished, the answer is 'yes'!

In his own words, he tells us, "I learned what not to do, and I'll be back next year - - in the championship round."

Our most special Thank You to Brian Williams of Knox City. Your genuine and heartfelt interest in Scooter and his golf game are appreciated more than words could ever possibly express. Scooter has learned so much from you Brian, and we know that he treasures your friendship, your support, and your knowledge of the game.

Thanks also to Dave and Jane Styles, for being mentors, cheering section and moral support; and for introducing Scooter to Bruce Cotton, PGA club professional at the Wichita Falls Country Club.

Thanks also to everyone at the Knox City Country Club for your encouragement and support of Scooter. We know who you are! We sincerely appreciate all of you!

Stacy and Dave

**Services held  
Saturday for  
Joe Easton, 33**

Joseph Lee Easton, 33, died Tuesday, June 22, at an Abilene residence. He was married to the former Sheri Evatt, daughter of Dick and Annette Evatt of Abilene. The Evatts are former Knox City residents.

Memorial services were held Saturday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m. at St. James United Methodist Church in Abilene with Rev. Curtis Cadenhead and Rev. Sue Rowlett officiating.

He was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, to John Ray and Janet L. Easton on April 9, 1966.

Mr. Easton was a Ranger in the United States Army for nine years. He graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. Mr. Easton was a deputy sheriff for Jones County prior to his current employment as a sociologist with the Texas Department of Corrections. His hobbies were camping and fishing.

He married Sheri Evatt on December 22, 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Sheri of Abilene; a son, Seth Michael Trueblood Easton of Abilene; his parents, John R. and Janet L. Easton of Rockwall; a brother, John M. Easton of Rockwall; and a sister, Jana Ellen Easton of Tyler.

Memorials may be made to Taylor County Veterans, 400 Oak Street, Abilene, TX 79602; or Sears Methodist Center, 3202 South Willis St., Abilene, TX 79605.

**Rites are held  
June 22 for  
O.C. Sherley**

O.C. Sherley of Megargel, father of Niki Collins of Knox City, died Saturday, June 19, in an Olney hospital.

Services were held Tuesday, June 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Megargel Church of Christ with Harvey McQueen, minister, and Scotte Clark, minister of Hamilton Street Church of Christ in Olney, officiating. Burial was in the Megargel Cemetery.

Born July 17, 1915, in Young County, he and Georgia Louise Snodgrass were married October 12, 1933, in Walters, Oklahoma. He was a farmer, a rancher and an oilfield operator. He was a member of the Megargel ISD Board of Trustees for 43 years and served as an elder at Megargel Church of Christ. He attended school in Bittercreek, Springcreek and Megargel.

A daughter, Peggy O. Kirkpatrick, died January 14, 1989.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Carolyn Sue McDaniel of Seymour, Niki Collins of Knox City, and Deborah K. of Megargel; two sisters, Louise Gibson of Campbell, California, and Maxine Helvey of Olney; six grandchildren and one great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to In Search of the Lord's Way in care of Megargel Church of Christ, Megargel, Texas 76370.

**KCCC scramble results  
from June 24 and 26**

Results of the June 24 playday scramble held at the Knox City Country Club had the team of Homer Rolston, Betsy Allen and Anne Underwood at first place with a score of 31.

Finishing second with a score of 34 was the team of Charlie Starnes, Gene Denton, Elva Gonzales and Eddie Offield.

Third at 34 was the team of Truman Dill, Randy Hollingsworth and Jose Abila.

Ties were decided on scorecard draws.

In the June 26 law enforcement three-person scramble, winners in the championship flight were Todd Austin, Betsy Allen and Jan Wilde, first, 63; second, Danny Grindstaff, Gene Denton and Charles Pack, second, 63; and Homer Rolston, Jan Rolston and Domingo Garcia, third, 65.

First flight tie 1 at 70 were the teams of Brewer, Martin and May; Angerer, Moore and Moore; and Pierce, Pierce and Kenny Woodall.

**Immunization clinic  
scheduled here  
Thursday, July 1**

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an Immunization Clinic at the Community Center/Housing Authority Building in Knox City on Thursday, July 1, from 10:00-11:30 and 1:00-3:00. Participants are asked to note the date change due to scheduling.

Immunizations offered include DTaP, Hib, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella and Hepatitis B for infants as well as all school immunizations. The Td immunization is available for all adults not having one in 10 years.

The Hepatitis series was required for kindergarten entry this year. The Hepatitis B series (three immunizations) takes a minimum of six months to complete. Check the child's immunization record for this series if they will be starting school in the next few years. Even though it is not a school requirement, the Hepatitis B series is available for all school age children through the age of 19, if they or their parents want it for prevention or the child is at risk.

The varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is available to anyone age one through age 15 that has not had the chickenpox. Children in need of this immunization, call the office to reserve a dose as the clinic is the only amount that is reserved.

Participants are asked to bring immunization records and social security numbers. A parent, adult family member or legal guardian must accompany a minor.

All services provided by the Texas Department of Health are provided on a sliding fee scale but no one is denied services due to an ability to pay.

For more information on any of the immunizations, call 940-574-2159.

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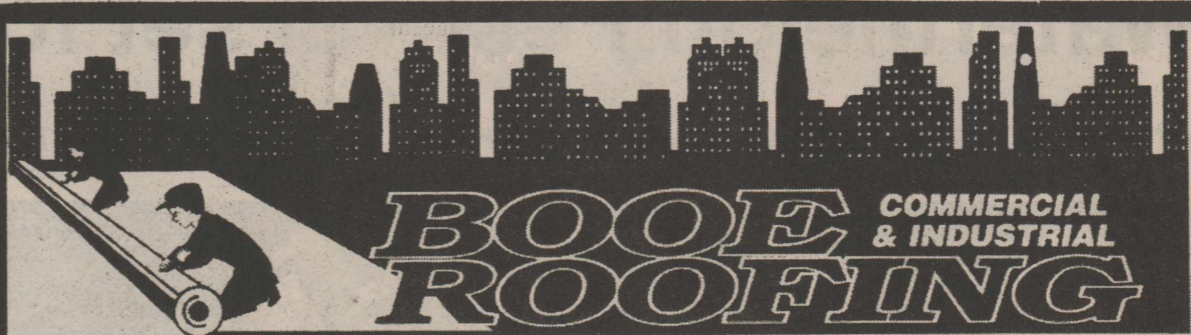
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## Grand jury returns 20 indictments

On Friday, June 18, 1999, the Knox County Grand Jury returned 20 indictments against 12 individuals, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

The following indictments were returned:

Thomas Aaron Baker, 22, of Mineral Wells, Injury to a Child; Kimberly Diane Baker, 21, of Lubbock, Endangering a Child; Pedro Hernandez Araiza, 21, of Knoxville, Theft of a Firearm and Theft over \$1,500.00 but under \$20,000.00; Bonnie Joyce Dever, 40, of Munday, Forgery (four separate counts); Renita Ann

Raynes, 30, of Knoxville, Theft by a Public Servant over \$1,500.00 but under \$20,000.00, Forgery and Tampering with a Governmental Record (three counts); Adriana Del Carmen Limones-Caballero, 27, of Mexico, Criminally Negligent Homicide (two counts); Donnie Edward Ryder, 57, of Benjamin, Hindering a Secured Creditor (re-indictment); Sherry Lynn Tennison, 27, of Benjamin, Tampering with a Governmental Record (welfare fraud); Corey Wayne Roberts, 19, of Knoxville, Credit Card Abuse (two counts) and Forgery (two counts); Usvaldo

Garza Fernandez, 47, of Rochester, Escape; James Earl Flye, 37, of Knoxville, Burglary of a Habitation; and Joann Saucedo Flye, 30, of Knoxville, Injury to a Child.

It was also the Knox County Grand Jury's decision to no-bill an indictment charging Mark Anthony Munoz, 25, of Knoxville with retaliation and passed on two indictments charging Jessie Munoz Jr., 18, of Knoxville and Brandon Heath Gutierrez, 17, of Knoxville with burglary of a building.

(Submitted by Bill Neal, District Attorney)

## Tuesday morning burglaries include KC Post Office

A burglar kept busy in the early hours of Tuesday, striking several business locations and at least one residence here in Knoxville.



Quick work by Knoxville City Police Chief Harry Steen has already resulted in the apprehension of a suspect.

Included in the business burglaries were the United States Post Office, Skiles Service Station, and a bank vehicle belonging to Citizens Bank that was parked in the bank parking lot. Items were also stolen from outside the residence of City Councilman Domingo Garcia.

In the break-in at the Knoxville City Post Office, the facility was entered by breaking out the glass in the lobby area. Items taken included stamps, stamped envelopes and change from the stamp machine. A small amount of blood was found at the scene, possibly indicating that the suspect had cut himself either on the glass here or at one of the other burglaries. Federal Postal Inspectors from Dallas arrived in Knoxville Tuesday morning to conduct their own investigation of that incident. Crimes against a postal facility are a federal offense and are investigated by federal officials.

Skiles Service Station was entered

by breaking out glass, then the station was ransacked and items including fishing poles, a tool box, a cooler and a battery charger were taken.

The white Suburban owned by Citizens Bank was broken into where it was parked overnight on the bank lot. Entry was made by breaking out a window, then in what appeared to be an effort to hot wire the vehicle, extensive damage was done to the dash. A small amount of blood was also found at the scene here.

Domingo Garcia reported that a trolling motor and fishing poles were taken from outside his residence during the same time period.

While on routine patrol, Police Chief Harry Steen stopped an individual in an alley during the early morning hours of Tuesday, just after midnight. That individual was not a Knoxville resident, but claimed to be staying with relatives here while helping to roof a house. When stopped by Steen, he had a cooler and a small flat tool box in his possession. While questioning the subject, Steen noticed some fishing poles and a battery charger on the ground further up the alley. The individual denied any knowledge of those, and since the burglaries had not been discovered yet, Chief Steen had no legal reason to hold the subject. After finding out where the subject was staying, the

subject was allowed to continue to where he was staying and Chief Steen recovered the poles and battery charger from the alley.

Once the reports of the burglaries started coming in as businesses opened later Tuesday morning, Chief Steen remembered the subject from the alley and contacted Texas Ranger Marshal Brown of Haskell for assistance. During the investigation, it was discovered that a male subject matching the description of the subject stopped by Chief Steen had gone into Allsup's in the early morning hours and attempted to try and sell a trolling motor and fishing poles, the same items reported missing from Domingo Garcia's residence. Also, when Steen stopped the individual in the alley, he had Natural Light beer in the cooler he was carrying, and Natural Light beer was found left at the crime scene at Skiles Service Station.

With all the evidence pointing toward the subject Chief Steen found in the alley, that subject was arrested later in the day on Tuesday by both Steen and Ranger Brown.

Knox County residents can be proud of their Police Department, as good solid police work and the investigative skills of Police Chief Harry Steen of the Knoxville City Police Department are credited with the quick apprehension of a subject in these burglaries.

## Texas Cowboy Reunion begins Thursday, July 1

Hailed as the World's Largest Amateur Rodeo, the 69th Annual Texas Cowboy Reunion will get underway for fun, rodeo and reunion, Thursday, July 1, and continue through Friday, July 2; Saturday, July 3; and Sunday, July 4.

The excitement will kickoff Thursday at 4:00 p.m. when Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry will lead the Grand Parade through the historic streets of downtown Stamford.

Raised in nearby Paint Creek, Perry has been a longtime friend and supporter of the Texas Cowboy Reunion and is excited about returning as this year's parade Marshall.

Cowboys and cowgirls of the past, present and future will fill the authentic rodeo arena for the grand entry introduction to the rodeo performances each night at 8 p.m.

Classic rodeo events plus a few that are unique to the TCR include Double Mugging, Oldtimers Events, Wild Cow Milking and the infamous Wild Mare Race.

The setting for the rodeo is picturesque as the grounds are located on the beautiful SMS ranch with the West Texas sunset playing backdrop to the rustic arena which has been coined by many throughout the years as "Little Cheyenne."

Couples can dance the night away beginning at 9:30 p.m. each

night to the western swing sounds of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Held in the TCR's open air covered pavilion, the dance is a fun and relaxing way to end a day full of TCR excitement.

Various other events are planned throughout the four days, including the Western Art Show in the air conditioned John Selmon Gallery and the TCR Trade Show featuring wall-to-wall booths of western attire, jewelry and TCR souvenirs in the upstairs portion of the gallery.

The Preview Party set for June 30 at 6:30 p.m. will be an evening of dancing, Joe Allen's steak dinner, cocktails and a quick-draw auction benefitting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Sunday afternoon, the humorous "Biscuits O'Brien" will headline this year's Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Many of today's top cowboys and cowgirls of verse and song will be on hand for this extraordinary event.

Other events scheduled include the Chuckwagon Cookoff, Bracket Cookoff, Ranch Horse Show, and one of the largest Band and Spur Shows in West Texas which will take place all day Saturday and Sunday.

The Cowboy Oldtimers Association Reunion will be held in conjunction with the events and will include the ever-popular fiddler's contest.

## County veterans to be honored

The Knoxville County Historical Commission has appointed an exploratory committee seeking monument options to honor county veterans.

Committee members include Alice Partridge, chairman; David Perdue, county judge; Jack Young, veteran; Sheri Baty and Bill Baker.

The committee is actively seeking ideas and community support including financial contributions, equipment and volunteer labor.

Those interested in sharing contributions should contact committee chairman Alice Partridge at 940-422-4655 or any committee member.

## Aging center lunch menus

July 4th thru July 9th

**Monday, July 4** - Holiday. No meals served.

**Tuesday, July 5** - German sausage, great northern beans, buttered spinach, potato salad, cornbread, cake.

**Wednesday, July 6** - Chicken fried steak, green salad, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, pudding.

**Thursday, July 7** - Lasagna, garden salad, corn on cob, bread, jello with fruit.

**Friday, July 8** - Beef stew, seven minute cabbage, cheese stick, cornbread, dessert.

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

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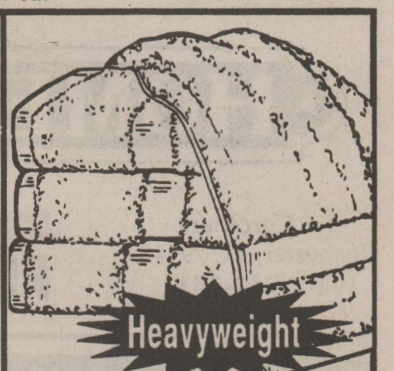
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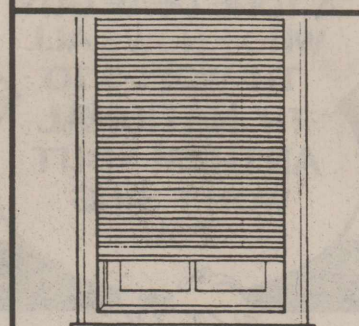


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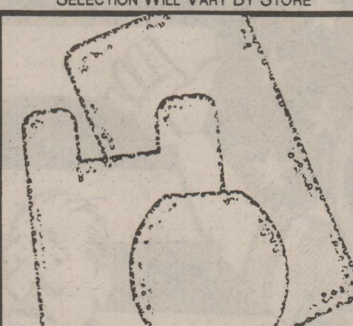
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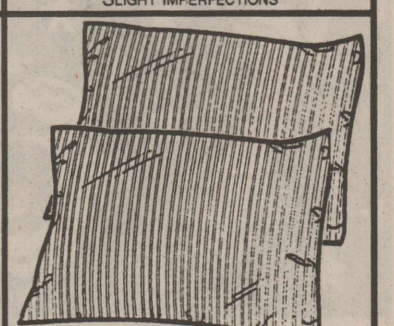
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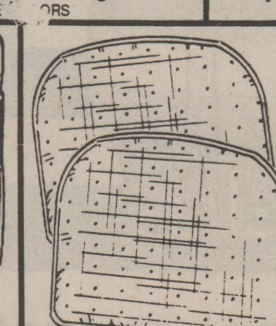
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**Benjamin news**

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Good Monday morning, one and all, after a wonderful weekend, I start another week, "rarin' to go."

The news of our ill friends varies once again today. Sue Oxford is doing much better since her recent surgery and continues to recuperate at her home in Holliday.

Kenneth Roberts returned home Friday and since his knee surgery in Wichita Falls and some post-op therapy he's doing pretty well and very glad to be home.

Leroy West was in Fort Worth Friday for his regular checkup (since his kidney transplant about two or three years ago) and reports that his doctors say he's doing fine.

Debra Moorhouse continues to have some good days and some that she doesn't feel very well. After her last trip to Houston she's been pretty close to home. She learned that the chemo she was taking was not doing what they wanted it to so they are going to try a new medicine on her and hope for better results. Deb is pretty weak and of course, pretty well run down from all the medicine, chemo and just generally feeling bad so the doctors want her to get her appetite back and eat to get built back up before she starts the new medication. Think she's scheduled to begin it Thursday if she feels like it. She will be going to Dallas for that treatment.

Wynelle Holloway, who is Omitene Barnett's sister and well known to Benjamin residents begins another round of chemo in a few days. Wynelle has battled cancer for quite some time. She lives in Fredericksburg.

Dennis Duke was in Abilene Thursday for a stress test but has not gotten the results yet.

As we always do, we urge you

to remember these friends in your prayers.

Here 'N There - Michael Clower left Friday for Mexico where he will be working with bible school for a week. He accompanied Dr. Wayne Cadenhead and his wife on the trip and was looking forward to this new experience.

Betty Mancille of Quanah visited friends here Thursday.

Shari Brown had a wonderful time at Special Friends Camp at Panfork Baptist Encampment near Wellington last week. She got a gold medal for being the best singer at camp, so we have already warned Charles Jones that his job may be in jeopardy!! Charles is song leader at the Benjamin Baptist Church where Shari is a faithful member.

Lynn Fancher of Vernon visited here and with her mom, Eunice Friday at Brazos Valley Care Home, during the weekend.

Class Reunion Held - The graduating class of 1954 of Munday High School met this past weekend at Embassy Suites in Abilene for the first real class reunion since graduation. We always get together during homecoming but that's only for a short while so this gave us a chance to really visit as much and as long as we wanted to. We arrived Friday afternoon and after two days, we all met for breakfast Sunday morning, then said our goodbyes already looking forward to our 50th get together in five years. It so happened that his reunion took place on my birthday so I had an extra special one this year. Even had a cake, which I sure didn't expect, but which we all enjoyed. It was indeed a very nice weekend and one will be talking about and treasure for a long time. Attending were Peggy Cure Richie and her husband Guindel and Barbara

Phillips Cagle of Wichita Falls, Shirley Davis Meharg of Henrietta, Betty Stodghill LeMaster of Lake Jackson, Joan Sokara Blake and her husband Tommy of Friendswood, Gloria Elliott Bell of Abilene, Billy Ray Henson and wife Patsy of Weatherford, Jimmy Morgan and wife Wanda of Waco, Bob Killian and wife Juanita of Lubbock, C.T. Davis and wife Neomi of Haltom City, Fred Lang and wife Beverly of Houston, Dick Ponder and wife Jean of Orange, Jack New and wife Catherine of Liberty Hill, Gene Haynie and wife Sue, Leon Johnson and wife Mae and Charles Yost and wife Gaye, all of Munday; and myself, Gladene Yeager Green of Benjamin. We also had former teachers, Clyde Leverett and his wife Margie Pistole Leverett, came by Saturday morning for a visit. It was good to see them.

Peggy Richie and Leon Johnson and their sponsors did a great job of getting this reunion together and we all thank them a lot!

**DPS estimates  
31 fatalities  
over July 4**

AUSTIN - The Department of Public Safety estimates that as many as 31 Texas motorists could die in traffic crashes over the 54-hour July 4 weekend, which runs from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

Last year, 61 people were reported killed in 48 fatal crashes during the 78-hour holiday. Of those, at least 22 accidents and 29 deaths involved alcohol, according to DPS figures.

"We want to make sure that all our Texans are able to celebrate the next Fourth of July," Col. Dudley M. Thomas said. "Please obey the speed limit, make sure you and all your passengers are buckled up and never drink and drive."

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- Make sure the driver of the vehicle is well rested. On long trips, drivers should take a break every two hours.
- Drive with your headlights on during daylight hours so that your vehicle is more visible to other drivers and pedestrians.
- Watch weather conditions all along your intended travel route. Weather, heavy traffic and road construction can affect your travel time, so plan accordingly. The Texas Department of Transportation has a road conditions hotline - 1-800-452-9292.
- Let others know your intended travel plans and notify them if your plans change.

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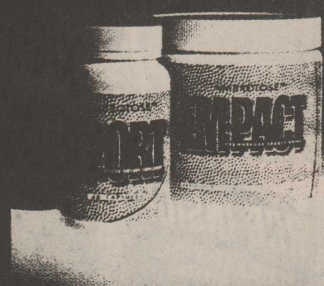


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## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Here and There - Donnie, Diane and Angelia Roberts are on vacation for awhile in Garner, Texas.

Nancy Ellis of Oklahoma spent a few days with her parents, Johnny and Jo Lippard, last week and returned home Sunday.

Spending the weekend with Vivian Hendrix were her children and grandchildren, LeNear Phillips of Wichita Falls, Pretrecia Kinzer of Grandfield, Oklahoma; Karen and Courtney and Kristi of Woodward, Oklahoma, Kimberly Kinzer, Bob and Margaret Goss, Erin and Evin of Carmen, Oklahoma, John Hendrix and Mae Bradley.

Beatrice Ellis, Bernice Rowan and C.H. and Linda Underwood

all attended a Reed Reunion in Seymour Sunday and enjoyed seeing lots of relatives and friends.

Eddie and Claudia Bryant were in Levelland over the weekend to visit their son Jon and attend a wedding.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot were in Lubbock Saturday to be with their grandson Derrick showing his lambs. He had pretty good luck with several wins.

Visiting Clara Hanson over the weekend was her niece Beverly Puckett of Sweetwater. Saturday night, along with Clara and Beverly, Bernice Rowan and I and Delbert and Norma Hayes all attended the Saturday night musical in Old Glory and enjoyed lots

of good music.

Evelyn Trice spent a few days in Hendrick Hospital last week with pneumonia but she came home and is doing real good.

Helen and Orval Manning were in Petersburg Friday to attend the funeral for Helen's nephew, Don Parr.

Billie Walker recently traveled to Farmers Branch to visit her late husband's twin sister and husband, Vera and Monte League. Debbie and Garry Steinman joined them for dinner and remained to help with Monte who began having chest pains and was rushed to the emergency room. He is back home now.

Veeta Reid is in Mexico this

week with a group of people from several churches from this area on a mission trip.

Billie Walker and son Joe Banner traveled to Amarillo for doctor's appointments. Joe's daughter had all her teeth removed so Joe brought grandsons, Thomas and Jacody, home with him. Billie went to Abilene for allergy tests and will begin shots in July.

The Cameron family reunion was held at the Haskell Church of Christ June 26. A pot luck lunch was enjoyed by all 53 attendees. Guests in Billie's home were Julie and Dale Sanders with children Billie Anne and John from Amarillo; Joan and Chris Cameron and children Casey and Matthew of Wichita Falls, Chris' mom Jimmie Cameron of Wichita Falls, Frances King of Knox City.

Joe Banner's 49th birthday celebration Sunday included Audie Johnston, aunt; Dwight Gothard, friend; Thomas and Jacody, grandsons; Julie, sister and her husband Dale; and their children John and Billie Anne.

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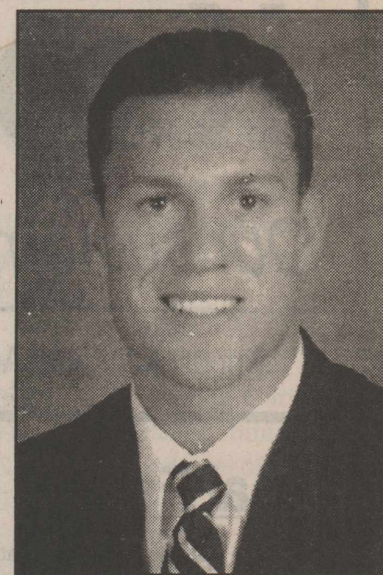
Jason Paul Melton, son of Mary Beth Justice of Georgetown and Jim and Debra Melton of Sulphur Springs, graduated from Princeton University on June 1, 1999.

He received an A.B. in Economics with a GPA of 3.32. Jason was a 1995 graduate of Jim Ned High School in Tuscola where he was class valedictorian. He has accepted a position with Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette in Houston as an investment banking analyst in their energy group.

Attending the Memorial Day weekend commencement activities were Mary Beth and Nye Justice, Jim and Kobi Melton, Judy Anderson and Paul and Kelly Justice.

Captain of the Princeton University Track & Field team, Indoor and Outdoor Varsity Squad, Jason received several honors and awards. He was awarded the prestigious Morgan Award his senior year for outstanding spirit, integrity and sportsmanship. Other awards he received while attending Princeton included Indoor and Outdoor Heptagonal League Champion for 1995-1996 and 1997-1998; second place, Heptagonal League Champion - Long Jump, Outdoors, 1998; Three-time New Jersey State Collegiate Champion - Long Jump and Triple Jump, and the Keene-Fitzpatrick Award for three years.

Jason was President of the Princeton Texans his senior year.



JASON MELTON

He was also the Bicker Chair of the University Cottage Club where he resided his senior year. Active in intramural sports, Jason participated in flag football, basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball.

Other awards Jason received were the Watt R. Mathews Foundation Scholarship, the Robert C. Byrd's National Scholarship and the Abilene Women's Club Scholarship.

Jason is the grandson of Judy Anderson of Haskell and the late Bill Anderson, the late Homer T and Kathleen Melton of Benjamin, and Clara Justice of Coahoma and the late Jim Justice. He has one sister, Kobi Melton of College Station, and one brother, Nye Justice of Georgetown.

### Guthrie ACU students named to dean's list

ABILENE - Will and Joe Hale of Guthrie were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 1999 semester at Abilene Christian University.

They are the sons of Tom and Marilyn Hale and 1995 and 1998 graduates of Guthrie High School. Will is a senior accounting major and Joe is a freshman finance major at ACU.

To make the honor roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

### Intro to computers being offered at VRJC

VERNON - Introduction to Computers (Windows 95) will be offered this summer at Vernon Regional Junior College by the Workforce & Continuing Education Division. The class will be held at VRJC, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

Topics will include general terminology, hardware and software usage, and an introduction to windows usage. Word processing, spreadsheet and database programs will be introduced. Class will meet on Monday and Tuesday, beginning July 6 and ending July 13 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$45.00. Amy Vaughn will serve as instructor. A textbook will be needed and is available at the VRJC Bookstore.

Class size will be limited so early registration is recommended. For registration forms or more information, call the VRJC Continuing Education Office at 940-552-6291, ext. 2209.

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