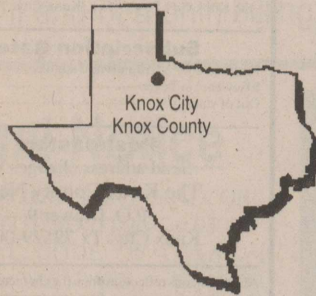


Look around, then do your part..... Help clean up Knox City before the Watermelon Festival

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Mayor urges city residents and businesses to help clean up Knox City



By
Dave Thompson

In a phone conversation with Knox City Mayor Bud Reynolds late last week, the topic of conversation was the upcoming Watermelon Festival on Saturday, July 31, and how all of us here in Knox City need to present the best possible image to all those out of town folks who will be here for the annual event.

From abandoned buildings to junk cars and empty lots overgrown with weeds, Knox City does not present a very positive image in its current state. While the city council is currently working on plans to get the community cleaned up, each and every resident and business owner also has a responsibility with the upkeep of their property.

Possible action by the city will eventually have to include legal means of getting some areas cleaned up, although Councilman Charles Lankford is favoring a much friendlier approach to the problem. He has personally offered to contact errant landowners and property owners and ask nicely if they will clean up their property.

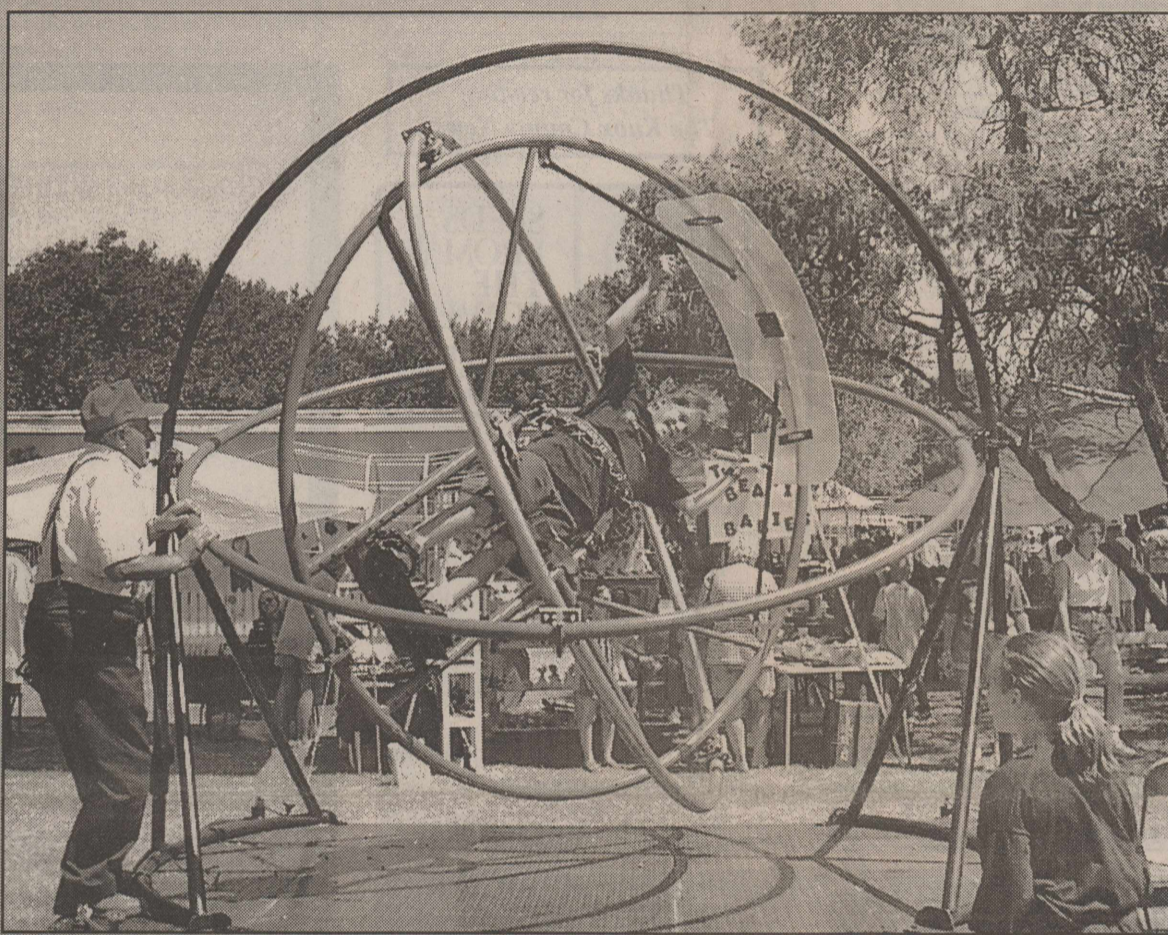
Whether by friendly means, or the harsher legal remedy, something has to get started in order to clean up our community. One sure way of getting the effort going is for each and every resident and every business owner to willingly do their part. From mowing yards and weedy lots to moving junk vehicles, and from repairing buildings to sweeping and picking up trash, each of us in Knox City can play a big role in the impression that others have of our community. We can not, and should not expect our city government to shoulder the burden of cleaning up the community.

Laws are already on the books that require land and property owners to do that on their own. If those laws have to be strictly enforced, there will be a lot of moaning and groaning as offenders have to start paying legal fees and fines.

But, as Mayor Reynolds pointed out last week, a lot of that can be avoided if people start to take an interest in the town and clean up things on their own. And if you remember what Councilman Lankford is saying about doing things in a friendlier manner, we can all help each other. For example, think about these questions:

- While mowing your yard, look around.....is there something else you can mow at the same time and help a neighbor or someone who might not be as able as you?
- Are you a member of an organization such as Lions Club, the See cleanup, Contd. on page 3

Mark your calendar now and make plans to have a day of fun.....The Knox City Watermelon Festival is coming up on Saturday, July 31, at the city park

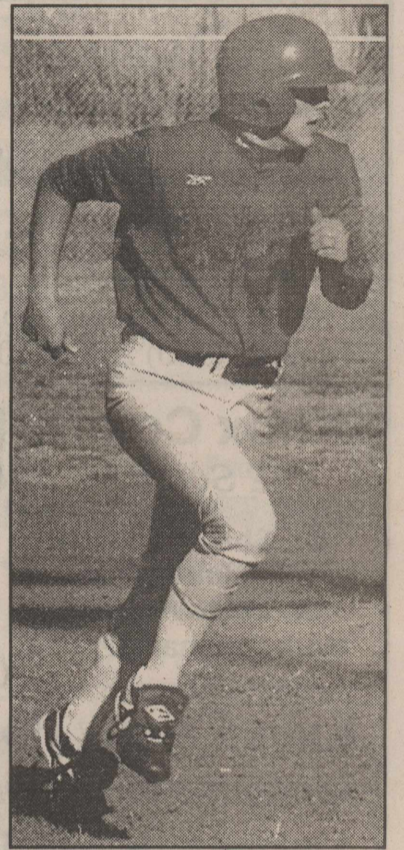


Everyone attending the annual Watermelon Festival appears to have a good time, as seen in this photo taken during the festival last year.

Held each year at the city park here in Knox City, the date for the festival this year is Saturday, July 31.

Although the watermelon industry in the area has suffered tremendously this year with weather related losses, the Knox City Chamber of Commerce will still host a festival that offers lots of fun, food, music and vendors for all to enjoy. Billed this year as the "Melonless Watermelon Festival," some of the items to enjoy will be the Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, Sand Volleyball Tournament, and free swimming all day long at the city swimming pool.

Be there and have fun!!!



Aaron Large

All State Baseball Team selects Aaron Large of Knox City

Outfielder Toby Conner of Bangs, catcher Jesse Pierce of Strawn, first baseman Aaron Large of Knox City and outfielder Jose Martinez of Ranger head a list of 13 Big Country baseball players who received were named to all-state teams Friday by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

The four were first-team selections - Conner in Class 2A and the other three in Class A.

Abilene High catcher Chris Churchill was named to the second team in Class 5A. Churchill was the most valuable player in District 4-5A and has signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball at McLennan County Community College.

Chris Meeks of Brownwood was named second team as a outfielder and third team as a pitcher on the Class 4A all-state team.

Conner, a sophomore, batted .600 with seven doubles, a triple, 10 home runs and 46 runs batted-in this season for Bangs in Class 2A, which was the best represented by the Big Country among the five classifications.

Pitcher Delvin White of state runner-up Coahoma, catcher Lance Hardin of De Leon, second baseman Justin Pharris of Jim Ned and outfielder Jason Reyes of Stamford were named to the second team in Class 2A. Third-team selections included pitchers Bobby Schuman of De Leon and Ernest Herrera of Hamlin and third baseman J.J. Guzman of Stamford.

The Big Country's three selections to the Class A team were all first-team choices.

Pierce batted .603 with six doubles, two triples, two homers and 21 RBI for Strawn. Large hit .619 for Knox City with four home runs and 11 RBI, and Martinez batted .645 with 12 doubles, a triple and two home runs.

Wyman Meinzer selected to deliver commencement address at Texas Tech University in Lubbock

Nationally known photographer receives "highest honor"

Knox County citizen Wyman Meinzer of Benjamin has been chosen to give the August commencement address at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The event will be at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum on Saturday, August 14.

A Texas Tech graduate and a recipient of a Texas Tech Outstanding Alumni award, Meinzer considers the invitation his "highest honor".

Wyman will follow previous speakers including former President George Bush, Texas Governor George W. Bush, as well as royal heirs.

A barbecue will be held at the Ranching Heritage Center on the Texas Tech campus on Friday, August 13, at which Meinzer will attend.

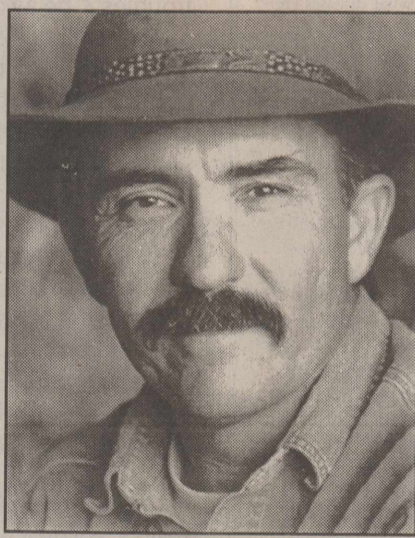


Exhibit at Ranching Heritage Center to feature Meinzer

Starting on Monday, July 12 and continuing through his giving of the commencement address at the graduation ceremonies in August, an exhibit featuring wildlife photographer Wyman Meinzer of Benjamin will be on display at the Ranching Heritage Center on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock.

Wyman said the exhibit will include newspaper clippings and awards presented to him during his long career in photography. Also included in the exhibit will be some of Wyman's trademark clothing, items that people recognize him by that include his boots and hat. Also on display will be numerous national magazine covers that have featured his work. His first, as well as his current camera will also be on display.

City Council meeting is this Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

The City Council of Knox City will meet in a regular scheduled meeting this Thursday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall building. As posted in advance on the front glass door at City Hall, the agenda for the meeting this month includes:

- Approval of prior minutes.
- Public comment.
- Considering a seismic option for oil and gas exploration.
- A resolution to join Keep Texas Beautiful.
- To engage James Rodgers & Company, PC, for annual audit.
- To enact closing Right of Way in the 400 block of South Avenue D and sale of property to

abutting property owners.

- To enter into contract with Hibbs & Todd for renewal of annual wastewater permit.
- To hire an additional maintenance employee.
- To enter into an agreement with the City of Haskell for sealcoating.
- To hire an attorney to represent the city in a legal matter.
- Departmental reports, including the Police Department, Fire Department, and Maintenance Department.
- Approval of the minutes of the 4A Board of the Economic Development Corporation.
- Approval of the finance re-

port as presented.

City Council meetings are open to the public and all concerned citizens are invited to attend the meetings. There is a spot on each agenda for public comment, and Mayor Bud Reynolds welcomes interested members of the community to attend.

All too often, there are residents of any community that like to sit back and criticize anything the city government does. But, just as often, those same people who delight in complaining are usually not ones to participate in the affairs of their city government.

Members of the City Council

are elected to represent the residents of our community, and the best way to make sure they accomplish that task is to let them know how you feel on the various issues on the agenda before the council meetings. While council members do hear complaints when the need arises, they also welcome constructive comments and input from the citizens.

Current members of the City Council are: Mayor Bud Reynolds, Mayor Pro-Tem David Chapman, and Councilmen Charles Lankford, Jeff Stanfield, Tommy Mangis and Domingo Garcia.

The district playoffs for the 9 and 10 year old age division of Little League are going on this week here in Knox City. Come out to the ball park in the evening and have a good time while you support our youth. The concession stand is open and you are welcome!

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"My company was going through a major downsizing and the subject of job security often came up for discussion. I didn't realize how much this affected all of us until one day I heard a co-worker sigh, 'I'm so insecure these days, I'm using staples on my Post-it notes.'"

Here and There - Bernice Rowan spent the weekend in Henrietta with her son Jerry and wife Margaret, and daughters Angelia and Julie. They spent some time at the lake also.

Delbert and Norma Hayes, Clara Hanson, Wanda Brooks and Lela Mae Pack and I were all in Munday to attend the God and Country program at the downtown park. There was a nice crowd and we all enjoyed the program and helped sing out national an-

them along with a combined community chorus and band.

Billie Walker left last week and went to Amarillo to her daughter's Julie's and they all left Friday for points in Colorado where they will spend this week.

Veeta Reid and Susan Carver returned home last Saturday after spending a week in Mexico working and helping with Vacation Bible School. They enjoyed a very happy week helping in the mission.

Visiting Eddie and Claudia Bryant over the July 4 weekend were Jon Bryant and Lindsey Robertson of Levelland, Keith and Jennifer Hicks and Cecylee of Hawley and Melony Mulloy of Cleburne. Also visiting for a hamburger cookout was Jenny Smith of Knox City. Veeta Reid of

O'Brien and Claudale and Jean Barnard.

We had 29 men for the men's community breakfast Saturday morning. Our men did a great job cooking the meal. All of the visitors complimented them. The group saw slides of mission work in Colorado and how they got started. Early in the history of our country Northern Baptist sent missionaries to the South. Then the Northern churches got cold. Now for some 50 years the South has sent missionaries to the North.

Those going to camp last week at Lueders were Matt Harrington and grandson, Jane Rowan, Keil Rowan, Kate Rowan, Kayla Hacker, Britany Coop, Christopher Taylor, Makayla Harrington, Rachel Ellis and Robert Salazar. They reported a good camp.

'On A Wizer Note'

By Paul Weiser
County Extension Agent - Ag

June 23, 1999 - Here it is, the end of June, and we have not seen any days above 100 degrees (or at least we have not at the time this is written). The weather has been very mild and wet in June. Quite the opposite from 1998. Is this good or bad?

Sure, nobody has been pressured to irrigate lawns, gardens, crops, etc. nearly as much as they did last year. However, some people do not have a garden or crops to irrigate. Vegetation that survived the heavy rains, strong winds and hail are looking good. Most fields did suffer at least some minor damage and are still trying to rebound.

In the last two weeks my phone has been busy receiving and answering questions about diseased plants. There are a wide variety of problems going on in Knox County.

Watch your fruit trees. With the excessive moisture most peach trees with borer damage may show signs of "sapping" or leaking a sappy, jelly-like substance from the borer holes. The only thing you can do is wait till after harvest and spray with Lorsban, Thodan or Lindane. Be sure to spray the trunk from the lowest branch to the ground until it is dripping. One application in August should be good.

Keep a close eye on your gardens. With wet mild weather comes fungal diseases. Tomatoes are very susceptible to many fungal diseases. Daconil is a fungicide that works wonders on tomatoes. If you plant to raise any

tomatoes you should keep some Daconil on hand.

If you keep your tomatoes on a good fungicidal program and they still look sick you probably have one of two pests. There are some viral diseases that hit tomatoes. There is no cure. Viral diseases are transmitted by insects. Diseased plants should be removed and destroyed. Also, keep a close eye on insect pests. When hot summer temperatures hit there is often an increase in thrip damage.

Thrips are very small insects (about 1/25 inch long) that are usually white to yellow in color. In most instances chemical control is not necessary - but there are exceptions. Chemicals that will control thrips include Diazinon, Dursban, Insecticidal Soap, Orthene, Sevin and others. Onions tend to be hit the hardest. Thrips will attack other vegetables.

Always remember to read and follow all label directions when applying any chemical. If you have any questions please give Paul Weiser a call in Benjamin at 940-454-2651.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at 940-454-2651.

Graveside rites held for Ellen Ball, 94

Ellen Lee Ball, 94, died Thursday, July 1, 1999, at the Knox County Hospital.

Graveside services were held Friday, July 2 at the Knox City Cemetery with Rev. Bill Trice officiating.

Mrs. Ball was born in Blanket, Texas, in Brown County on November 20, 1904. She married Clifton Ball on January 23, 1924, in Benjamin. She had lived in Munday since 1953.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Sherry Braswell of Odessa; a grandson, David Little of Giddings, Texas; three great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, Billie Lois and JoNell and an infant son.

She had several nieces and nephews including Mutt and Bertie Ivie and Kay and the late Roy Stewart of Knox City.

Wordperfect essentials course set at VRJC

VERNON - Corel Wordperfect 8 Essentials I has been scheduled by the Workforce and Continuing Education Division of Vernon Regional Junior College for the summer semester.

This course teaches the preparation of documents using basic word processing commands for formatting, editing, printing and managing files.

The course will meet from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, July 19 and 20. Registration fee will be \$30.00 plus book.

Aging center lunch menus

July 12th thru July 16th

Monday, July 12 - Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, fried squash, green beans, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

Tuesday, July 13 - Beef taco casserole, lettuce and tomato salad, whole kernel corn, crackers, pudding.

Wednesday, July 14 - Hamburger with cheese slice, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, potato wedges, ranch style beans, cookies.

Thursday, July 15 - Chicken with rice casserole, vegetable salad, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

Friday, July 16 - Meatballs with mushroom gravy, noodles, green salad, green beans, hot rolls, pineapple delight.

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

Residents asked to help clean up their property for Watermelon Festival

From Page One

Pink Ladies, or a church group that could get together and undertake a particular clean up project?

• Are you a business owner with an awning hanging down, or do you have abandoned structures that are falling down, or have junk on your property?

The bottom line here is that we can all help clean up our community if everyone will willingly do their respective part, then reach out to help someone else. Another way to look at this is that if you do the work now, before any legal action begins, you will not only be helping your home town, you will be avoiding a lot of headaches and cost later on down the road.

As I have said many times before in this paper, it's up to you.

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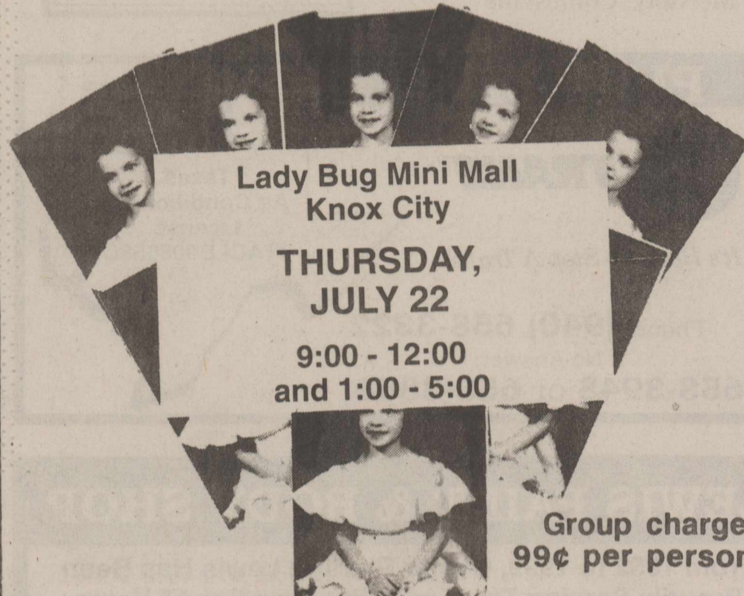
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Wednesday rites are held here for Paula Myers Little

Funeral services for Paula Sue Myers Little of Kerrville were held Wednesday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Knox City. The Rev. Lyndol Cypert officiated. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Little, 52, died at her residence on July 2, 1999.

Born March 1, 1947, in Knox City, to Kenneth and Pauline Goodson Myers of Knox City, she graduated from Knox City High School in 1965. Paula later graduated from Commercial Business College in Abilene.

She married Marvin Little in Abilene on November 24, 1979. She had worked as a nursing assistant for 30 years in Abilene and Kerrville. She worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Kerrville.

She was a member of the Baptist Church in Kerrville.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin of Kerrville; her mother and father, Pauline and Kenneth Myers of Knox City; a brother, Dr. Jerry Myers of Wichita Falls; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H.N. Little of Fredericksburg; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, Knox City; or to the Knox County Child Welfare Board, c/o Juanita Wilcox, 509 South Central, Knox City, TX 79529.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

I hope everyone had a good 4th of July. Many are continuing to celebrate today but for some it's the beginning of another work week. I stayed home this weekend and the only celebrating I did was sitting on my front porch and watching the fireworks display in the community! And enjoyed it!

News of our ill - Debra Moorhouse is a patient in a Wichita Falls hospital. She had some surgery on Friday and was alert and resting at last report. No idea how long she may be hospitalized. She was to start a new treatment Thursday but of course, due to her surgery, she was not able to.

Kenneth Roberts is doing well since his knee surgery. He goes to Haskell several times a week for therapy and feels like before long he will be "good as new". We're glad to report that he's doing so well.

Christine Patterson is a patient in the Vernon hospital. She has had some problems for a while now and after some surgery a few months ago had done better, but she had a flare-up the last of the week. She was feeling some better Sunday morning.

Esperanza Bolanos suffered a brown recluse spider bite on her wrist last Friday. Last report was

that it still is hurting quite a bit. I've never had that type of bite but everyone who has say it's very painful.

I extend sympathy to Kenneth and Pauline Myers today. Their daughter, Paula, passed away during the weekend.

Kuehlers Moving - Stephen and Sheila Kuehler and children, Aaron, Seth and Kaitlyn, will be moving very soon to Shamrock where he has accepted a position in the Shamrock school system. Stephen has coached and taught here several years. We hate to see them leave but wish them well in their new place of residence.

Here 'N There - Jim and Nelda Cox of Denton visited his mom, Odessa and his sister, Linda, last weekend. Friday guests of the Coxes were Maxine and Vern Stubbs of Denver. She is the former Maxine Griffin and is a former resident of the area having lived on the League Ranch for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Young Jr. of Palestine spent Friday night with his parents, Jack and Mary. They were enroute to Ruidoso, NM, for a few days vacation.

Mike Gideon of Bryan spent last week with Jane Gideon and his dad, Weldon. Visiting their grandparents this past weekend

were Valerie and Sydney Mendoza of Seymour.

Omitene Barnett returned home Saturday after several days visit with her sister, Wynelle Holloway in Fredericksburg. Wynelle began a new series of chemo last week and so far has done well with it.

Katy New of Liberty Hill visited her mom, Ruth Ressel and her sister and brother-in-law, Dub and Jo Cartwright Wednesday. Ruth returned home with her daughter for a few days visit.

Betty and Bonnie Bohannon and Bonnie's children, Taylor and Bailey and Lonnie Bohannon of Abilene spent the first of last week with Betty's parents in Dumas.

Jimmy and Michelle Barrientez of Lubbock spent the weekend with Hazel Stockton, Blaine Conner and Raul and Reyes Barrientez.

Briceton Pierce of Dallas spent a few days last week with his grandparents, Jack and Kathy Waldron and Justin and great-grandparents, Bobby and Philomae Roberson.

Jacob and Tina Siemens and family spent the 4th of July with friends in Rotan.

Tommy Markel of Stamford is spending a few days with Rocky and Travis Barton.

Fatalities total 35 in July 4 DPS motorcide

AUSTIN - Thirty-five traffic fatalities in 27 crashes during the July 4 holiday had been reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety by 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 5.

The 54-hour Operation Motorcide period began at 6:00 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight Sunday.

DPS had estimated that as many as 31 people could die in traffic

crashes during the Fourth of July holiday.

Crashes were reported in the following counties: Angelina, Bell, Brazoria, Brazos, Cameron, Coryell, Crockett, Dallas, Denton, Galveston, Glasscock, Guadalupe, Harris (three separate fatalities), Henderson, Hidalgo (five-fatality crash), Hunt, Lamar, Lubbock, Montgomery, Scurry, Shelby, Sterling, Swisher and

Tarrant (two separate fatalities).

The 27 crashes also resulted in 29 injuries. Twenty-three people were wearing seatbelts and 26 were not.

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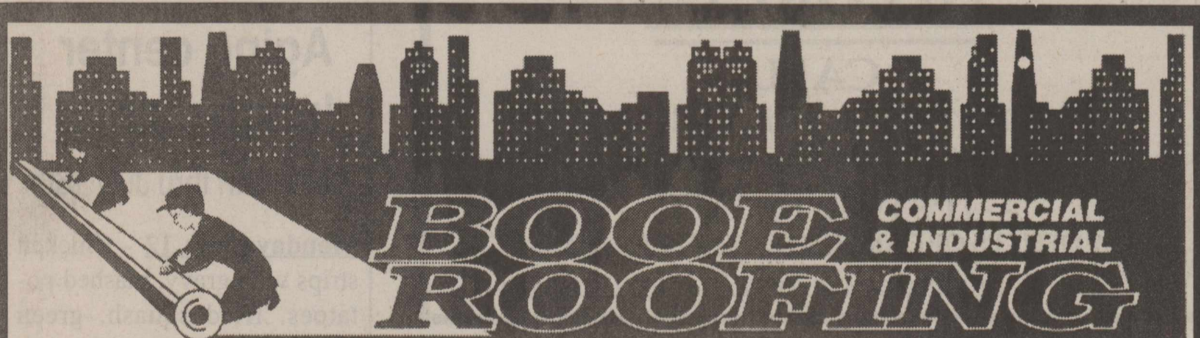


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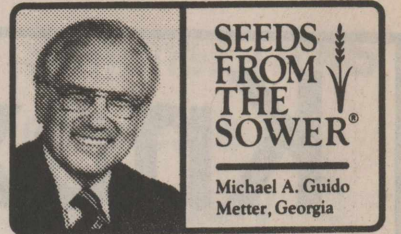
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