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Congratulations to Ashley Jobe, 1st Runner Up in the Greenbelt Bowl Queen Contest

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KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE officials and members of the Knox County Child Welfare Board were on hand Monday, June 9, to officially open the Child Welfare Board's latest project 'The Rainbow Room'. Located in Knox City at the Department of Human Services, the new room will help meet the needs of Child Protective Services workers and needy children who are a part of the system. From left are Daveine Clark, DiAnn Stewart, Sherry Ellis, Charles Lankford, Margaret Hill, Tammie Trainham, Barbara Rector, Peggy Guinn, Jessie Roberts, Marla Hawkins and Pam Duke.

## 'The Rainbow Room' opens to help meet needs of Knox County foster children

Members of the Knox County Child Welfare Board have proudly completed and opened their latest project.

"The Rainbow Room", located in the Texas Department of Human Resources, will help meet Board member Tammie Trainham. "This room will enable the worker to gather up clothing, toys, and other necessities that the child might be in immediate need of," she explained.

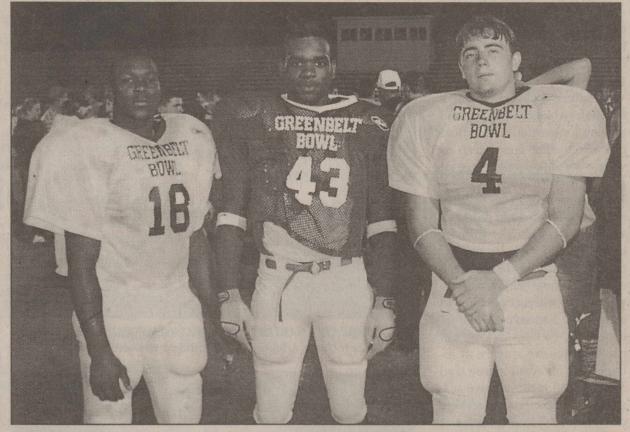
The room is lined with shelves

"We received an anonymous donation that helped establish the room and will also aid in keeping the room ready for the workers and for needy children," Mrs. Trainham said.

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## **Knox City well represented at Greenbelt Bowl All-Star Game**

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SUITING UP ONE LAST time as Knox City Greyhounds and participating in the 54th annual Greenbelt Bowl All-Star game at Childress Saturday night were from left, Sedrick Roberson, Kendrick Green and Scooter Thompson. Kendrick played on the North squad and Sedrick and Scooter on the South squad. In a neck and neck contest until the end, the North prevailed by the final score of 23-10.

(NEWS photo)



the needs of Child Protective Services workers and needy children who are a part of the system.

"When a CPS worker takes a child for placement into the system they often are not able to take nay of the child's belonging with them," explained Child Welfare

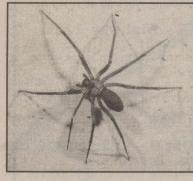
### **Straight Talk**



Thompson One more time

By Dave

Several years ago, *The Knox County News* published extensive information relating to the Brown Recluse Spider and the damage that can be caused by a bite from the venomous insect. In the last several months, people in our area of Texas have been reporting bites so it seemed like a good idea to present information on the spider again.



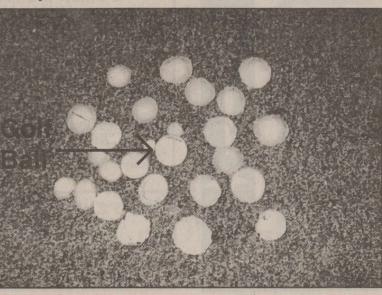
Never to be taken lightly, a Brown Recluse Spider bite can deliver poison that does a tremendous amount of damage to human tissue and muscle. That fact was driven home to me when I was a patient recently at Hendrick Cen-

See Straight Talk, contd. inside on page two.

WARNING: Graphic photos are displayed inside this edition where this column continues. and bars that hold neatly arranged clothing that has been washed and mended. Plastic boxes hold socks and underwear, all sized and sorted for easy retrieval. Stuffed animals peer down from upper shelves and car seats and more line the top shelves at the end of the room. Child Welfare Board helps with nine foster children. They help meet the needs of these children with school clothing and supplies, birthdays and other occasions that may arise. During the Christmas season of 2002, the Knox unit aided over 200 children.



THE WEATHER LAST Tuesday and Wednesday evenings sent folks to their storm shelters as Mother Nature dealt Knox City a couple of severe blows from high winds and large hail. On Tuesday evening, winds in excess of 65 miles an hour blew through town, leaving damage throughout town. In the above photo, members of the Knox City Fire Department and other volunteers responded to the Magana home at South 3rd and Avenue B to cut up and remove what was left of a large tree that had been in the family's front yard. Swirling winds snapped the tree off and sent it crashing to the ground, luckily missing the house itself. In the photo below, Susan Cozart placed a golfball in the midst of hail in her front yard on 3rd Street for a size comparison of the hail that fell for almost 45 minutes on Wednesday evening of last week. That storm left damage to roofs, windshields and vehicles all over Knox City.



## **2003 Greenbelt Bowl Queen and Court**

FIRST RUNNER-UP in the 2003 Greenbelt Bowl Queen contest held this past weekend in conjunction with the football classic was Ashley Jobe of Knox City, second from right. From left, are Kelli Maxwell of Wellington, Miss Photogenic; Nicole Ramon of Spearman, Greenbelt Bowl queen; Ashley, and Audra Gonzenbach of Petrolia, second runner-up and Miss Congenality. Ashley represented Greyhound player Kendrick Green in the queen's contest. Not pictured is Kimberly Hawkins, who represented Greyhound Scooter Thompson. Queen contestants participated in a Friday night pageant, judges interview and a luncheon before being introduced and winners crowned, at the game's halftime. Ashley is a May graduate of Knox City High School and the daughter of Tammie and Jim Dillon. (Courtesy Photo)

## Texas Farm Service Agency announces sign-up for crop disaster program losses

Texas producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday, June 6, 2003. According to Michael McDonald, County Exectuive Director for the Knox County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses for the 2001 or 2002 crop years.

"We (Farm Service Agency) recognize the hardships caused by the drought and believe this program will allow farmers and ranchers to regain some of their lost income," McDonald said.

Crop disaster payments for 2001 and 2002 production and quality losses will be calculated similar to the 2000 CDP. Eligible producers with greater than 35 percent loss will receive payment at 50 percent of the established price if the crop was covered by cro insurance or the noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) or if coverage was not available.

Payments will be based on 45

percent of the established price for crops that could have been insured or covered by NAP, but were not.

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and / or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," McDonald said. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."

See Signup, Page Two

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## Straight talk..... from page one

ter for Rehab after my motorcycle accident. My roommate for several days was an over the road truck driver who had to have a leg amputated because of a bite from a brown recluse spider. He received the bite while hauling a load to the northeast part of the country and tried to treat it himself for a period of almost two weeks as he made his way back to this part of the country. He ended up in the hospital in Abilene as doctors tried several methods of treatment before finally resorting to amputation to stop the spread of the spider's poison in his bloodstream.

The initial bite from the spider seems to take up to 24 hours to make itself visible. Unless a person actually knows they have been bitten, they first notice what looks like a white pimple surrounded by a reddish, swollen area in the form of a circle. The biggest mistake that people make is thinking that it is indeed a pimple and popping it. That allows the venom to spread, and it does spread fast. Within three days, the bite mark resembles a blister, often-wet and seeping a clear fluid. That fluid can affect other areas, such as when a person rubs their legs together .

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If left untreated, the bite can turn into a huge, open, ulcerated wound that eventually exposes bone. The bite of a Brown Recluse Spider can best be described as like pouring battery acid on your skin, it will eat right through to the bone. Serious cases that are untreated for a week or more can require extensive surgery to remove the infected tissue and muscle, then reconstructive surgery, if possible. The more severe cases can result in amputation of limbs to keep the poison from spreading.

The best remedy should a person feel they have been bitten by a Brown Recluse Spider is to seek medical attention as soon as possible. When my wife Stacy was bitten several years ago, Doctor Thompson injected a shot of cortisone and steroid mix right down into the middle of the infected area, causing the wound to dry and the core to pop out. That stopped further damage. To this day, she still has a very visible scar and a very clear recollection about a Brown Recluse Spider bite is all about. The spider itself is usually a light brown or tan in color and is easily identified by a dark 'fiddle' shaped marking just behind the eyes on the top side. It also has long, jointed legs. The Brown Recluse normally likes to keep to itself and does not bother humans unless it feels threatened. It lives in out of the way areas that provide it an undisturbed lifestyle. Outbuildings are prime living areas for the spider, and most anything associated with outbuildings is suspect. If you have clothes stored in an outbuilding, the spiders tend to get inside the clothes and live there. When you put an arm or leg into the clothing, you are threatening the spider, as it usually only bites when it feels that it is going to be 'mashed'. The same goes for beds that have not been occupied for a while. The spider gets in between the sheets and stays to itself until someone gets into the bed and rolls over on top of the spider. Then it feels it is going to be 'mashed' and it defends itself by biting. The Brown Recluse thrives outside in any wooded area. Piles of firewood stored outside are prime living areas, as are under wood shingles on a roof. People bring the spider inside on firewood, or other items that have been outside for a while, like clothing stored in an outbuilding. Once inside a house, it will try to find a hiding place where it will not be disturbed. That can range from closets, to clothing in closets, and bed linen.





DAY THREE OF AN UNTREATED BROWN RECLUSE BITE, notice the blister looking area on the thumb to the right of the photo.



### SIGNUP (From Page One)

McDonald encourages producers to begin organizing relevant crop loss documentation and contact the Knox County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to discuss program eligibility and the application process.

For more information regarding CDP and other disaster assistance, contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537 or visit the USDA web sites at http:// /www.usda.gov and http:// disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

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DAY TEN OF AN UNTREATED BROWN RECLUSE BITE, the venom has 'eaten' its way through skin, tissue and muscle, exposing the bone of the thumb.

Your best defense against a Brown Recluse Spider is to avoid them at all costs. Keep a watchful eye out for them, and check everything that you bring into your house from outdoors. Check clothing prior to putting it on, and check bedsheets before getting into bed. You can also have your home or business sprayed, but expert opinions vary on just how

effective spraying is against the Brown Recluse.

Above all, if you feel that you have been bitten by a Brown Recluse Spider, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

By passing on this information again in The Knox County News, we hope to make our readers more aware of a mighty small, but very dangerous part of everyday life.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

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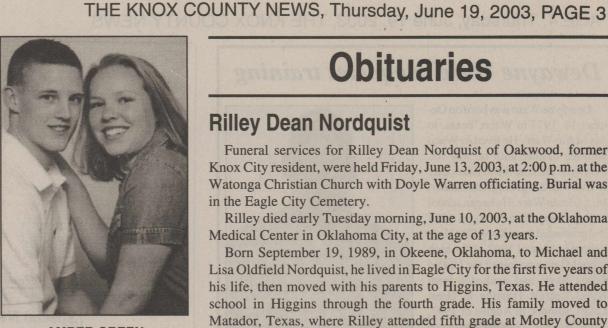
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## Couple to wed August 3 in Ruídoso rítes

Dwayne Green, son of Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie, and Linda Bomer of Muleshoe are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Green to Jerod Pritchett.

Jerod is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pritchett of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The couple will be married in Ruidoso on August 3, 2003, at 4:30 in the afternoon.



**AMBER GREEN JEROD PRITCHETT** 

## Guthrie teacher appointed to state textbook review panel

Marianna Graves, Guthrie High School, has been appointed to the State Textbook Review Panel for Family and Consumer Sciences Education scheduled during the week of June 2-6.

Serving on the state textbook review panel is one of the most influential advisory positions in

Texas education. This panel plays an important role in determining which instructional materials will be used by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools for the next few years.

Responsibilities include reviewing and evaluating the textbooks submitted for the November 2003 adoption by the State Board of Education. The panelists will determine the extent to which textbooks cover the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). They will also be charged with identifying facutal errors in the assigned material.

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## **Booster Club** to meet June 19 The Greyhound Booster Club

will again meet on Thursday, June 19, at 8:00 p.m. at the Doug Meinzer Community Center to. discuss upcoming fundraisers.

## **Obituaries**

#### **Rilley Dean Nordquist**

Funeral services for Rilley Dean Nordquist of Oakwood, former Knox City resident, were held Friday, June 13, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watonga Christian Church with Doyle Warren officiating. Burial was in the Eagle City Cemetery.

Rilley died early Tuesday morning, June 10, 2003, at the Oklahoma Medical Center in Oklahoma City, at the age of 13 years.

Born September 19, 1989, in Okeene, Oklahoma, to Michael and Lisa Oldfield Nordquist, he lived in Eagle City for the first five years of his life, then moved with his parents to Higgins, Texas. He attended school in Higgins through the fourth grade. His family moved to Matador, Texas, where Rilley attended fifth grade at Motley County School. Rilley attended the sixth grade at Knox City-O'Brien CISD at O'Brien Middle School and had just finished the seventh grade at Cranfills Gap. The family had just returned to the Eagle City area for the summer on May 31. Although Rilley lived in the state of Texas, he always claimed Eagle City as his home, returning there every summer during school break.

He was very active in sports, playing football, basketball, and track and also loved playing golf. He was a member of the exclusive South Eagle City Country Club. He was also in vo-ag showing in all the local county shows and also in the major shows in the state of Texas. He was a member of Who's Who Among American Science students, and also received the All State Academic Recognition Award in the State of Texas for every grade he attended in school.

He is survived by his parents, Michael and Lisa of Oakwood; his grandparents, Kelly and Bernadine Nordquist of Canton, Oklahoma, and Scott and Pati Cornwell of Madisonville, Tennessee; great-grandmother, Rose Mary Olson of Madisonville, Tennessee; five aunts and uncles and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his uncle, Jeff; and his great-grandfather, Ole Olson.

Memorials may be made to the Rilley Nordquist Scholarship Fund through Haigler Funeral Home.

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#### Dewayne Ware completes training

Dewayne Ware was born on October 14, 1977 in Waco, Texas, to Jan Marie Ware. He lived in Waco with his mother until he was six. Dewayne then moved to Knox City to live with his great grandmother, Mrs. Cleola Ware. He began school at Knox City Elementary in 1984 and graduated from Knox City High School in May of 1997. After high school Dewayne joined the United States Navy, and graduated from Naval Recruit Training in Great Lakes, Illinois, in August of 1997. After Recruit Training Dewayne then went to Naval Training Center, also in Great Lakes, Illinois. He then returned home for brief leave after boot camp and school.



In October of 1997 Dewayne reported to the USS Abraham Lincoln, stationed in Everett, Washington. In 1998 he made his first deployment onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, to include a three month stay in the Persian Gulf. The Abraham Lincoln finally arrived back home in Washington at the end of 1998. After six months away from home, he returned to Knox City the summer of 1999 on leave.

In June 1999 Victor Ismael was born, and Dewayne then had to return back to Washington. A year passed by, and in July of 2000 Dewayne and Jessica Garcia were married. In August of 2000 Alyssa Marie was born, just days after Dewayne had to deploy again to the gulf for his second tour in support of southern watch. Six months later he happily returned to Knox City to Jessica, Victor and Alyssa. After two weeks visiting friends and family in Knox City, Dewayne returned to Washington where he took his family: Jessica, Victor and Alyssa. They lived in Bremerton, Washington, for a year before Dewayne and Jessica decided to move closer to home. Jessica and the kids returned to Knox City, while Dewayne traveled to San Diego, California, for Naval Law Enforcement School, where he graduated in March of 2001. He and Jessica then moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for Dewayne's next duty station at Tinker Air Force Base.

He recently attended Airman Leadership School, and successfully graduated on May 8, 2003.

Dewayne has been at Tinker AFB for one year and two months, and has two and a half years left in the military.

Dewayne and Jessica would like to thank their friends, and most of all their families for their support. Dewayne would like to ake a special thanks to his great grandmother, MRS. CLEOLA WARE for being there for him through thick and thin, he loves you and GOD BLESS.

## Consumer Confidence Report 2002

(Drinking Water Quality Report)

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Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

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Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Si tiene preguntas o' discusiones sobre este reporte en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. (44)(59 - 312) par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

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## ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not

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#### About The Following Pages

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The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

- MFL million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- pCi/l picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- **ppm** parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
- **ppb** parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)
- ppt parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
- ppq parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

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FAST FOOD FOR people on the go. Penman's Convenience Store, 940-658-3424. 12-19 ltc 12 IN A HURRY? Call ahead, Penman's Convenience Store, 940-658-3424. 12-19 1tc 10

Help Wanted

NOW HIRING FOR full time kitchen position, 32-40 hours weekly. Penman's Convenience Store, 609 East Main, Knox 6-19 tfc 19 City.

**MUNDAY NURSING CENTER** now accepting applications for Assistant Director of Nurses. Must be LVN certified. Contact in person Rachel Gray RN, Di-

**Garage Sale** TWO FAMILY Garage Sale - June 21, 106 SW 8th, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Electric stove, computer desk - good condition, ceiling fans, coffee tables. Sack sale after 1:00

6-19 1tc 32

**For Sale** 

p.m.

AN INTELLETUAL - someone educated beyond the bounds of common sense. Kinney Furniture in<sup>2</sup> Stamford has over 100 La-Z-Boy recliners in stock at the best prices in the Big Country.' 6-19 1tc

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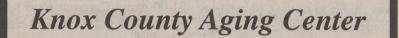
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## **Bid Notice**

THE KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN CISD is accepting proposals for the following: 1. Property and Casualty Insurance

2. Student Accident Insuarnce These proposals should be addressed or delivered to Louis Baty, Superintendent at 606 East Main Street, Knox City, Texas 79529. Proposals are due by 12:00 noon on July 30, 2003. Proposals will be reviewed by the Superintendent and presented to the Board at the first board meeting after the deadline.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and accept the proposal deemed most advantageout to the District and to waive any informalities in the proposals. Specifications or additional



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#### Sunday, June 22 11:30 to 1:30

Tickets - \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children in advance. At the door, tickets will be \$1.00 extra.

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LEGAL NOTICE - THAT IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - (CRIMI-NAL TRESPASS SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE SPIKE BOX RANCH AND CACTUS FARMS ARE POSTED - SAVE AND **EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMIS-**SION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME.

> MIKE SHEEDY 10-29 tfc 52

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We have a list of houses, lots, commercial buildings and farms for sale in our office.

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#### PAGE 6, Thursday, June 19, 2003, THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS

## Local county delegates attend Retired Teachers **Association held at Wichita Falls events center**

The 50th Annual State Convention of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) was held April 23-26 at the Wichita Falls/Wichita County Multi-Purpose Events Center.

Theme of the convention was "TRTA is Golden! - Celebrating The First Fifty Years".

Special events in honor of the six founding local units that formed TRTA were conducted throughout the convention.

> **O'Brien Happenings By Audie Johnston**

"His wife was going into labor, so a man dialed 911 in a panic. When the dispatcher came on the line, he cried, "My wife is having a baby. Her contractions are only two minutes apart. What am I supposed to do?"

The dispatcher said, "Calm down, sir. Is this her first child?"

"No," the frantic man replied. "This is her husband!"

Here and There - Visiting Charlene Brothers and son Don Sunday were Don's daughter Tammy and husband Chris Lindley of Abilene. They enjoyed spending Father's Day together.

Visiting Adelle Herring last week were her sister Claudia Reid of Rochester and Jerry Don Beasley of Snyder.

Beatrice Ellis was in Seymour Saturday to attend the Reed reunion. They all enjoyed visiting and a good meal.

Celebrating Father's Day with C.H. and Linda Underwood were Becky Gaglianella of Lubbock and Shawn, Beth, Faith and Hope

Donham of Roby. They also attended the Reed Reunion on Saturday at Seymour and church services at O'Brien on Sunday.

Keynote speakers were Robert Sweetgall, President of Creative Walking, Inc., and Charles Dunlap, Executive Director of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Over 1.000 TRTA members and friends from across the state attended the convention, and exhibitors from across the state and nation re present for TRTA's first Exhibitor event.

In addition to making care of association business, participants attended leadership training sessions and information seminars.

A memorial was observed for the late Sudia Cash, who was the first president of the county organization.

Attending the convention from Knox County were delegates

Ramona Horne, current president of the Knox County organization; and Claude McKiddy, incoming vice-president. Alternates were Frankie Baker and Judy Burnett.

Also attending were W.R. (Bill) Baker who is the incoming Knox **County Retired School Personnel** president. Baker is the local and district legislative chair, state legislative committee member and was chairman of the Convention Credentials Committee He served with Mike Lehr as a presenter at an informational seminar entitled "Repeal of the GPO and WEP."

Others in attendance were Homer and Jackie Lowrance of Munday.

Homer and Bill were sergeants at arms for the House of Delegates sessions.

Here 'N There - Kim Moore

Bob and Patti Tavernia and

spent several days this past week

with her mom, Earlene Meinzer

and her brothers Wyman and Rick

and their families. Also visited

with other relatives and friends.

home last week after several weeks

work assignment in Canada. He

and his wife, Judy, will be here

awhile before returning to their

last week after a several day Alas-

kan cruise. Said she enjoyed it but

home sure looked good to her

week with friends in Rotan.

Margaret Siemens spent last

I attended graveside rites for

Grady Phillips in Johnson Cem-

etery at Munday last Wednesday.

Corrine Parrish returned home

"other home" in Alvin.

when she got back!

Randolph Barnett returned

## **Aging Center** fundraiser set this Sunday

A fundraiser to help support the Knox County Aging Center will be held on Sunday, June 22. A meal of roast beef with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 to 1:30.

Tickets will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children in advance. At the door the tickets will be \$1.00 extra. Carryout trays will be available for an extra 50 cents to pay for the container.

A raffle for a homemade quilt and a silent auction will also be held. The tickets for the quilt are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and are available at the any of the four different sites.

For more information, call Susan Cockerell at 657-3618.

#### By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

food was shared by those attending. Present were Donald Hall, Glen and Karen Hall, Jan Hunt and granddaughter, all of Lubbock; Sue Terry, Summer and Jake of Dallas, Lana Mendoza, Colton, Valerie, Sydney and Lexie and Shannon and Inez Brown and children, all of Seymour; Glen and Hazel Hale of Haskell and the Benjamin folks, Dutch and Imagean Young, Deann Lamb and Anthony, Jane Gideon, Leroy and Gloria West, Bud Conner, Weldon Gideon and myself.

The date for next year's get together has not been set as we have our homecoming the second weekend in June 2004. But they will decide on a date and place suitable for everyone before too long.

Will Moorhouse spent several days last week with his grandparents, David and Bobbye Moorhouse in Iowa Park.

Shari Brown is off to cap for a couple of weeks. Last week she was at Ceta Canyon and this week she's at Pan Fork near Wellington.

## **THANKS** !

To the City of Knox City, the KC Fire Dept., the Police and Community,

We would like to thank everyone for the work they did to clean the yard in such a hurry after the storm. We really really appreciate it. Thanks so much!

The Chuco Magana Family

## **NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

TXU Gas Company (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all of the customers served by the Company in the incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas in the Company's statewide gas utility system (the "System"). The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact all classes of service and all fees and charges presently being assessed by the Company on its transmission and distribution systems. As of the filing date of the Company's Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are expected to approximately produce a \$69,524,311 or a 7.24 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from customers in the System. The proposed change will affect approximately 1,344,030 residential, 125,603 commercial, and 1,441 industrial sales and transportation customers in the System. The proposed change constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. The proposed changes in rates will not become effective for environs customers until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated city or town. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$41.69, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$3.59 per month or a 9.4% increase. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$173.04, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$13.91 per month or a 8.7% increase. The effect of the proposed changes to rates and services for industrial sales and transportation customers, which may be significant for individual customers, will vary depending on type of service and consumption. The proposed change would constitute an increase of \$0.00 or a 0% increase in annual revenues to the Company for industrial sales and transportation customers. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and all of the System cities and towns on May 23, 2003, is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with specific area questions or who want information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Company at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons located inside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with their respective municipality. Any affected persons located outside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. The Company is proposing to have these proposed rates become effective on June 27, 2003. Este es un aviso para informar a los clientes de TXU Gas Company (la "Compañía") que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa de gas. Este aumento afectara a todos los consumidores de gas de la Compañía en el estado de Texas. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a TXU Gas Company al 1-800-460-3030.

#### **Benjamin news** We're on the downhill side of is in very serious condition at this June heading to the first of July !! writing. He is at home but not doing well at all.

My, where does the time go? We have had nice showers all week last week. Enough to stop the and family of Spur were here Sunday to wish her dad, Bud Conner, wheat harvest and make our lawns grow! The cooler temps have been Happy Father's Day. great tho so we really can't comdaughters of Frederick, Maryland,

plain. Jacob Siemens continues to improve. He's taking some therapy about twice a week and that will help strengthen him greatly. He was able to go to church Sunday for the first time since his accident.

Omitene Barnett had a little "spell" this week - made a trip to the ER and doctors checked her out good and didn't find a real problem so she's back home feeling better but still not as well as she would like to.

Cindy Layton has had some health problems but she was out and about this week so hopefully she will continue to improve. She has had some surgery and will begin a series of treatment soon in Dallas. Cindy and her husband

Spending the weekend with Eddie and Claudia Bryant were their son John and wife Lindsay Bryant and son Hayden of Lubbock and Jennifer, Keith, Cecylee and Hadlee Hicks and cousin Layne of Hawley. They always have fun with all of them.

Lowell Rowan of Denton spent Friday night with his mom, Bernice Rowan, and they all attended a Reed family reunion in Seymour on Saturday. They all enjoyed a good visit and a good meal.

Delbert Hayes and a friend enjoyed his daughter Pam and husband and daughter on Sunday and they all attended church services Sunday morning.

Billie Walker and Joe Banner were in Abilene to visit Billie's grandson, Kenneth Lee Banner.

The Cameron Family Reunion for the families of Jim and Will Cameron was held in the Adult Day Care center in Abilene. Family members came from Oklahoma and several parts of Texas to make a group of approximately fifty to enjoy visiting and a potluck meal. Charlene Cameron Funk is the only surviving child of Jim Cameron. Wanda Cameron Guppy, only surviving child of Will Cameron, was unable to attend. Three of Billie's children attended, Joe and Cliff Banner and Julie Sanders with husband Dale.

Take Dad To Lunch fundraiser for the youth group at O'Brien Baptist Church was a success thanks to the work of Donnie and Diane Roberts. Church women donated desserts and the youth served. All who attended seemed to have a good time. Thanks to all who help with the youth.

Angela Roberts of Texas Tech in Lubbock spent the weekend at hone so she could be with her father, Don and mother Diane and attend church on Sunday.

have not lived here very long. She is Becky Moorhouse's sister. Our friend Bill Parham of Vera

Weather

Courtesy of

**Plant Materials Center** 

4 Miles N.W. of Knox City

Low

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**Total 2003 Rainfall - 7.01** 

Date

06/10

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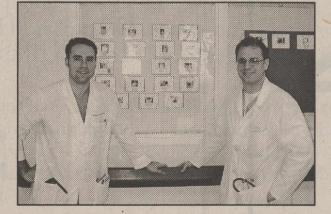
The annual Conner reunion was Saturday at the Ex-Student Building. Lots of visiting and plenty of

The weekend between she got to visit her grandparents, Calvin and Thelma Brown in Perryton.



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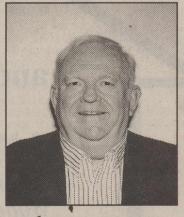


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