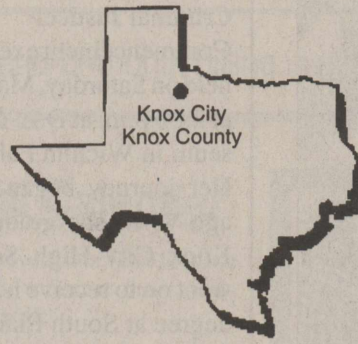


School is out for the summer, watch out for kids playing as you drive around town !

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COLLIDING BETWEEN HOME PLATE AND THIRD BASE while going after a foul ball, catcher C.J. Bruce (at left) and pitcher Riley Spells both avoided injury despite the hard encounter. The pair missed the ball, it can be seen just under and behind C.J.'s catcher's mitt. This photo was taken during the first of two games played on Saturday in Abilene when the Knox City Greyhounds faced Menard High School for the Class A Regional Quarterfinal playoff series. Menard won both games on Saturday and will advance to the next round, the Greyhounds ended their season as the Bi-District Champions.

(NEWS digital photo)

'Homecoming 2004' is just about here !

June 4, 5, and 6 are the days

'Homecoming 2004' for Knox City exes is almost here!

Long awaited plans will kick-off next Friday, June 4, with registration beginning in the school cafeteria.

Registration is \$15.00 per person which includes the picnic supper, dance and door prize drawings throughout the weekend.

Knox City centennial t-shirts will be available at the Homecoming for \$10.00 each.

The picnic supper will be 6:30 to 8:00 in the cafeteria followed by Toby Burt and Bangora in front of the elementary building.

Saturday morning will begin with a complimentary breakfast at the cafeteria hosted by the ex-

students scholarship committee.

Registration continues in the cafeteria beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Various class reunions are planned during the homecoming. Those include the Class of 1954 at the home of Leta and Oscar Mangis on Friday and Saturday; Class of 1964, O'Brien campus; Class of 1965, O'Brien campus (no times listed for these classes); and Class of 1968 and 1969, Mini Mall, Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is planning to cater the evening meal on Saturday beginning at 5:30 and continuing until 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. According to Daveine Clark, Chamber executive director and a Knox City graduate, a

meal of brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, and homemade banana pudding will be served. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, the annual program will begin in the W.R. Baker Auditorium. Announcements, acknowledgement of new officers, a memorial program and entertainment.

Toby Burt and Bangora will provide the music for the street dance beginning at 9:00 p.m. and continuing until midnight in front of the elementary building. Those attending are asked to bring a lawn chair, sit and visit or dance.

Exes may attend the worship service of their choice on Sunday morning.

KCCC plans veterans ceremony and golf playday on Memorial Day

Veteran's speech, flag raising, 'Taps', playday featured

A Memorial Day Flag Raising and Appreciation Service is planned for Monday at the Knox City Country Club.

At 1:00 p.m., Rev. John Gillespie, also the Knox County Veterans Service Officer, will give a speech with Marvin Jones, a veteran of World War II, raising the flag.

Cody Brockett, a 2004 Knox City High School graduate, will play 'Taps' to conclude the ceremony.

A golf playday will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Knox County Veterans Fund, according to Tommy Mangis, organizer.

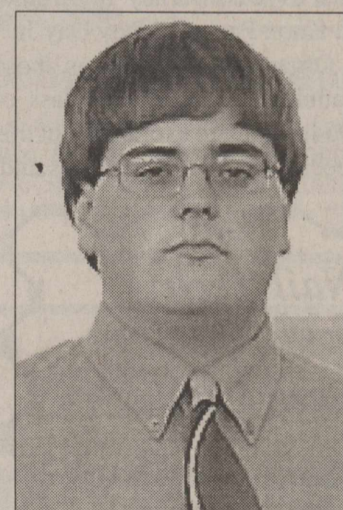
KCHS grad Cody Brockett to play 'Taps'

Cody Brockett, a 2004 graduate of Knox City High School, has been asked to play 'Taps' for the special ceremony to be held on Memorial Day at the Knox City Country Club to honor veterans.

'Taps' means so much to veterans and their families, hearing 'Taps' played on a bugle is often a stirring, solemn and emotional moment for veterans as they remember those they served with in time of war.

In observance of Memorial Day, the following article on 'Taps' was written by Jerry Patterson, the Texas Land Commissioner and a former Lt. Col in the United States Marine Corps Reserve:

This Memorial Day, many Americans will attend special ceremonies honoring the men and women who have laid down their lives in service to our country. With young men and women dying in the war against global terrorism and oppression, Americans are again aware that Memorial Day is more than another shopping holiday. There is a reason our nation has set aside a certain day to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty. Such duty deserves our respect -- and this day allows us an opportunity to show



CODY BROCKETT

that respect.

At many of these solemn observances a somber melody will likely echo over the proceedings. Sometimes played by one bugler, other times by two, the 24 notes that comprise Taps seem so simple and haunting. Why does a simple bugle call convey such deep emotion? Taps has a unique history and meaning known by few who hear it. But it's a story of how 24 plaintive notes came to embody the principles of duty and ultimate sacrifice.

Taps, like Memorial Day itself, has its origins in the Union Army in the War Between the States. According to the U.S. Military District of

Washington -- home to our nation's greatest memorial to fallen servicemen -- the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Taps dates back to one sultry night in Virginia in July 1862.

Encamped with the Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, at Harrison's Landing on the James River, Brigadier General Daniel Adams Butterfield decided he didn't like the bugle call being used for "Lights Out." The call was originally set down by Silas Casey years before, and he had borrowed it from the French. Butterfield thought the call was too formal, too foreign.

Now if a Brigadier General doesn't like something, it gets changed. So, Oliver Willcox Norton, the brigade bugler, was called to Gen. Butterfield's tent to work out a new tune. Butterfield whistled the proposed tune, possibly a derivation of an even older tune. Norton turned it into music, made a few changes and the bugle call we now know as Taps was born. Eventually, it was heard and picked up by other buglers in other commands.

Taps was first used at a funeral later that year during the Peninsular Campaign. Accord- See KCCC, contd. on page 3

'Build it and they will come', museum receives another large donation since groundbreaking

Donation of \$1,500.00 made to museum fund

"Build it and they will come", a phrase that has become part of the American language is working for the Knox County museum project, says the chairman of the Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission.

Since the decision to start building with funds on hand, and the museum groundbreaking ceremony barely a week ago, a Knox County individual has made a \$1,500.00 donation.

"We thought that if people could see a building, help would come in. All we did was break ground and here's \$1,500.00!"

Money is on hand to complete the building "in the dry" and actual construction will begin soon. Some re-bar was purchased about

two months ago and metal has been purchased since, all at prices lower than the present market.

Fundraiser planning is underway to complete the building and start an operating fund. Some kinds of memorial stone project on the museum grounds to honor individuals and families will be one project.

But, first the Friends of the KCHS are holding a big garage sale at Munday, Saturday, June 5, in conjunction with Munday's annual citywide garage sale. Last year the Friends raised over \$2,000.00 at the garage sale, which will again be held at 740 N. 3rd at Mary Cartwright's house.

Those wishing to donate to the museum sale can contact the

KCHC Benjamin office, telephone 940-459-2229 or 940-459-2205 or any member of the Knox County Historical Commission or Friends of KCHS. They include: **Benjamin:** Benny Grill, Sylinda Goree; **Doris Beaver;** **Knox City:** W.R. Baker, Doris Crownover, Oscar and Leta Mangis, Faye Railsback; **Munday:** Jackie and Homer Lowrance, Alice Partridge, Bob Therwanger; **Rhineland:** Mary Birkenfeld; **Truscott:** Gordon Bell and Clara Brown; **Vera:** Edith and Harold Beck.

See 'Build it', Page 3



SLIDING INTO HOME PLATE IN A CLOUD OF DIRT, a runner from Menard High School is safe despite a good effort by Knox City High School catcher C.J. Bruce to get a loose ball back to pitcher Carlos Ruiz, who had moved up to cover the plate. The Menard Yellowjackets went on to win both games against the greyhounds on Saturday, ending the KCHS season in the best two out of three series for the Regional Quarterfinal Championship. Knox City ended the season as the Bi-District Champions. (NEWS digital photo)

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Obituaries

Pauline Wilbanks (Polly) Hoge

Pauline Wilbanks (Polly) Hoge of Seymour, former Knox City resident, died Sunday, May 16, 2004, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 20, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Seymour with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Knox City Cemetery.

Born near Palestine, Texas, on June 28, 1922, to Floyd and Pearl Wilbanks, she married Paul Hoge on June 23, 1946, in Austin. Together they owned and operated Hoge Pharmacy in Knox City before moving to Seymour in 1971 where they owned and operated Baylor Drug. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Seymour, The Friendship Sunday School Class and United Methodist Women. While in Knox City, she was a member of the 1946 Study Club and was a Club Scout, Den Mother and Bluebird Leader.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Paul Hoge of Seymour; a daughter, Anne Hinton and her husband, Robert of Wichita Falls; a son, David Hoge and his wife, Elizabeth Blount of Austin; a sister, Ruby Perkins of Roswell, New Mexico; two grandchildren, Libbie Neskorik of Denton and Shauntel Rinehart of Lubbock; and two step-grandchildren, Shari Vaillancourt of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Dinny Neskorik of Humble; and two great-grandchildren, Nathan and Kyle Neskorik.

The family requests that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 846, Seymour, TX 76380.

Greyhounds dominate all-district selections

Bruce, Magana, McLemore top list

Offensive MVP: C.J. Bruce - Knox City
Defensive MVP: Derrick Magana - Knox City
Newcomer of the Year: Justin Acosta - Northside
Coach of the Year: Mitch McLemore - Knox City

Overall District MVP: Chevy Humphries - Northside

<p>First Team All District Catcher: Jase Fields - Paducah Pitcher: Jared Fields - Paducah, Riley Spells - Knox City First Base: Rickey Gonzales - Knox City Second Base: Ty Chisum - Knox City Short Stop: Carlos Ruiz - Knox City Third Base: Jacob Tucker - Paducah Utility Player: Austin Ham - Northside D.H.: Cory Whitaker - Paducah Outfield: Adrian Sanchez -</p>	<p>Northside Dexter Hurst - Paducah Ryan Harrington - Knox City Andy Shaver - Knox City Quentin Spells - Knox City</p> <p>Second Team Infield: Evan King - Northside Cole Selman - Northside Thomas Turner - Paducah Robert Lanford - Paducah Outfield: Cameron Hutchinson - Knox City, Grant Lewis - Knox City, Reagon Smith - Northside, Chris Poage - Northside, Andrew Bateman - Paducah</p>
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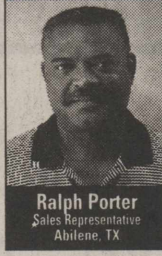
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fun and fellowship.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

The school year - 2003-2004 is over! Graduations were Thursday and Friday night so today (Monday) kids, parents and teachers are enjoying the first day of the "school's out" vacation.

On Thursday night, the 8th grade commencement was held at the Ex-Student Building. Program was as follows: Processional, Invocation - Judit Acevedo, Class Prophecy - Devon Jones and Brittany Coop, Class Will - Sharria Hearn and Julia Acevedo, Salutatory Address - Karla Benson, Valedictory - Nafeesa Ebraheim, Introduction of Speaker - Tina Siemens, Address - Carlos Mendoza, Presentation of Awards - Ben Grill, Presentation of Diplomas - Dicky McCanlies, president school board, Benediction - Lucas Cartwright, Recessional.

Supt. Grill presented trophies to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian who had averages of 95+ and 92+. And the award for the high individual average in Jr. High went to Nafeesa. We congratulate these girls.

The 8th grade class roll includes Karla Benson, Lucas Cartwright, Nafeesa Ebraheim, Sharria Hearn, Blake McPherson, Tina Siemens, Kyle Wilson and Jacqueline Zavala.

A reception followed the program. The programs, stage attendants and servers for the reception were from the 7th grade. They were Gilbert Naverez, Becky Baldwin, Brittany Coop, Devon Jones and Leah Vanderpol.

The kindergarten graduated before the 8th grade. Three little students became 1st graders after giving a short program and receiving their diplomas from their teacher, Pam Duke. They were Dalyn Beck, Ryan Heard and Elias Navaro.

On Friday night, eight seniors sat on the stage for the last time as a class. Their commencement program was Processional - Pomp and Circumstance, Invocation - Brittany Sheedy, Salutatory - Enrique Acevedo, Valedictory - Maggie Seidenberger, Introduction of Speaker - Mary Siemens, Speaker - Tracy Cartwright, Pre-

sentation of Awards - Ben Grill, Presentation of Diplomas - Richard McCanlies, Benediction - Jessica Zavala, Recessional - Senior Song.

Programs and ushers were Laura Benson, Seth Kuehler, Marlon Monge and Chance Propps. Stage attendants were Nancy Siemens and Matthew Cartwright.

A reception followed with Jessica Moorhouse and Maria Acevedo serving.

Following the commencement program and preceding the presentation of diplomas, Supt. Grill assisted by C.H. Underwood presented a number of awards to deserving students.

Receiving Perfect Attendance awards - that's neither absent nor tardy were from the 6th grade - Will Moorhouse, 8th grade - Judit Acevedo, 9th grade - Brittany Kuehler, 11th grade - Nancy Siemens.

Students receiving honor awards - 90 or above average for the year were 1st grade - Ronald Banman, Sidney Mendoza, Will Patterson; 2nd - Jamie Banman, Briceton Pierce; 3rd - Matthew Acree, Valerie Mendoza; 4th - Margaret Banman, Tanner Monroe; 5th - Coleton Caldwell, Cody Propps; 6th - Teri Miller, Will Moorhouse, Amy Ray, Jacob Siemens, Jessica Vanderpol; 7th - Devon Jones; 8th - Judit Acevedo, Karla Benson, Nafeesa Ebraheim; 9th - Sadie Benson, Brittney Kuehler; 10th - Margaret Siemens, 11th - Maria Acevedo, Laura Benson, Michael Clower, Matthew Cartwright, Marlon Monge, Jessica Moorhouse, Chance Propps, Nancy Siemens; 12th - Enrique Acevedo, Tyler Collins, Maggie Seidenberger.

Enrique Acevedo received a \$1000.00 scholarship from Citizens Bank and Maggie Seidenberger received the honor graduate scholarship presented by the State of Texas. They each received a trophy for salutatorian and valedictorian, their averages being 89.52 and 95.67 respectively. Jessica Moorhouse received the high individual in high school trophy with an average of 100.2.

There is other news this week tho not too much of it. The wheat harvest is well underway and I bet the farmers are looking to the skies tonight as some thunderstorms are forecast. So far, it's all north of us and hopefully it will stay there another few days til the wheat is out.

Don Morrill is still improving from his recent surgery. Each day that passes he seems to improve more.

Others with ongoing problems are about as they have been for awhile. No real changes.

Former BHS students have done well in schools they are attending now. Jon Shaw was named MVP in basketball and MVP offensive line and girls basketball beau in Seymour High and his brother Zack was named MVP in boys tennis and girls tennis beau. They moved to Seymour a couple of years ago and their parents are George and Connie Shaw.

Joe Bufkin was salutatorian in Crowell Jr. High with an average of 96.71. His sister, Ashley, is an honor graduate of CHS with an average of 95.4. They are the children of Mike and Lori and moved to Crowell last year. It's always good to hear of "ours" doing well.

Visiting the Lewis Lyles and Mike Lyles and attending Tyler's graduation were Judy and Tommy Robinson of Sherman and Suzanne, Monty and Adelle Brackeen of Celina.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse attended a combined birthday party for grandchildren Randi and Baylee and her niece Ashlee in Childress Saturday. And on Saturday evening, they and her daughter, Beckie and family had dinner with her son Cody and family.

The graduated seniors will be leaving next Monday on their long awaited trip to Hawaii. They have worked hard to get enough money together to make the trip and they are ready to get on that plane in Dallas. Their sponsor, Danny Copeland and his wife Angie, will be going with them. Several others of us have offered to go as chaperones but so far been turned down!! Wonder why?



MOTORISTS TRAVELING WESTBOUND THROUGH BENJAMIN are hitting the brakes and slowing down these days, thanks to the new 'Highway Patrolman' on patrol in their community. As travelers headed west on US 82 between Wichita Falls and Lubbock enter Benjamin, they see what appears to be a Texas DPS Highway Patrol car parked next to a building on the north side of the road. With the east side of the building painted to resemble a Texas state flag, the 'Highway Patrol' car really stands out. After hitting the brakes, motorists approaching the building realize that they are looking at a near lifesize painting on the side of the building !! (NEWS digital photos)



Skiles receives AASN degree from Angelo State

Greg Skiles, a 1984 graduate of Knox City High School, graduated May 15 from Angelo State University in San Angelo. Greg received his AASN (Associate of Applied Science in Nursing). He is the son of Weldon and Estelle Skiles of Knox City.

A special pinning ceremony was held Friday, May 14, in the C.J. Davidson Center at ASU for nursing graduates. Greg was honored to receive this year's AASN Most Outstanding Student award. This is the associate program's highest honor and is voted on among nursing professors at Angelo State University wanting to recognize and honor an outstanding student who demonstrates behaviors that are noteworthy. The award was presented by Dr. Sherry Halfmann, head of the nursing department.

Dr. Halfmann stated that a few of the comments that professors had to say that Greg were, "Always looks and acts in professional manner. All patients, especially the elderly, love this student. He is able to keep a cool head under pressure. Was always willing to go that extra mile to help other students, especially the first level nursing students. And last but not least, this student represents professionalism in a way that we, as nursing professionals, want ourselves to be presented to the world."

Greg has accepted a position in the Neurological Intensive Care Unit at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. He will continue his education in the fall pursuing his BSN, CCRN, CNRN and Masters Degree in nursing.

By Billye Angle, KC Local News

From this Angle

Morris, Rita and Schelby Houck and Bud and Sequoyah Reynolds were in Lubbock, Saturday, May 22, to attend the Texas Tech Health Science Center graduation where Kursten Rachelle Reynolds graduated cum laude. She received her BSN. Kursten is the daughter of Billy Bob and Cindy Reynolds of Hamlin.

Estelle Skiles of Knox City, Rhonda and Jeff Thane of Crane and a friend of Greg's, Billy Reed, were in San Angelo on May 14 and 15 to attend the pinning ceremony for Weldon and Estelle's son, Greg, on Friday and graduation on Saturday from Angelo State University. He received his

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing.

Weldon and Estelle's granddaughter, Kimberly, graduated from Midwestern University on the same day. Her father, Donny, and several other family members went 'the other direction' for Kimberly's graduation.

Estelle reports that Weldon is in Room 14 of the Haskell hospital and she is so pleased with the signs of improvement he is making.

Kimberly Hawkins of Abilene was here last week for her brother, Travis', graduation from O'Brien Mid-School. She spent the night here with her parents, Marla and Don Hawkins.

For those who still have Mother's Day, graduation or any other news, please let us know. Hopefully, Mom will be able to return in a few weeks and provide you with a more in-depth column.

Classes of '68 and '69 to meet

The Knox City High School Classes of 1968 and 1969 will meet Saturday night, June 5, at eight o'clock during Homecoming 2004 at the Mini Mall.

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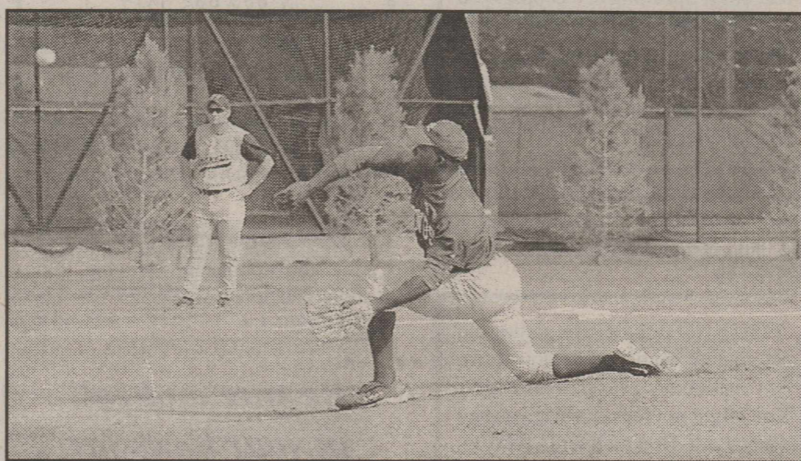
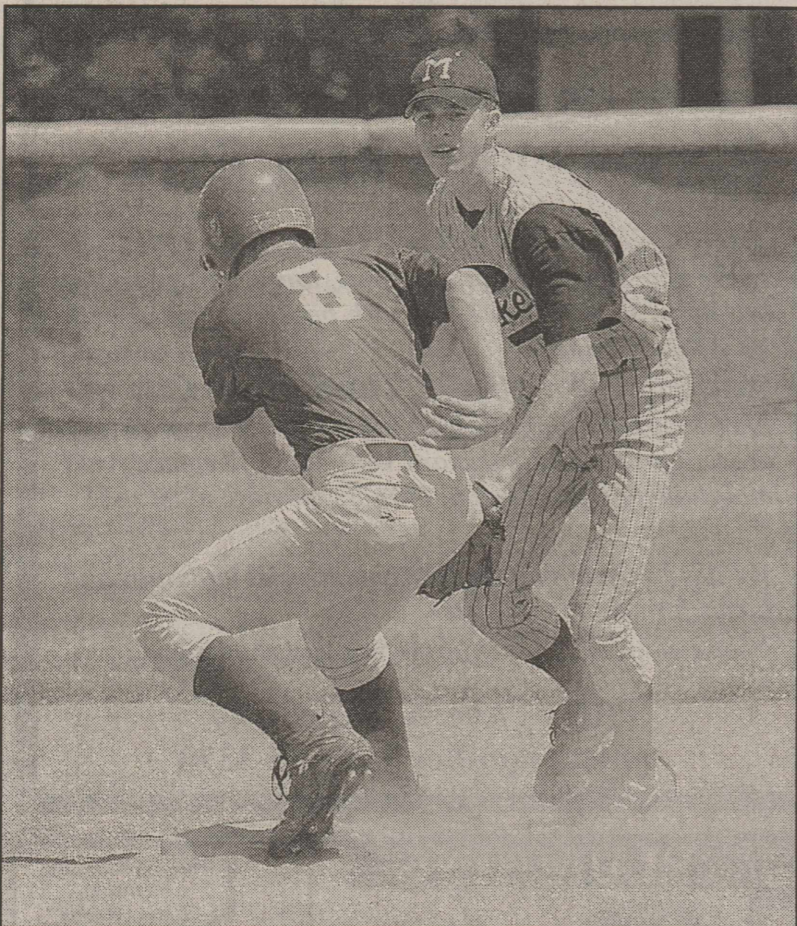
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