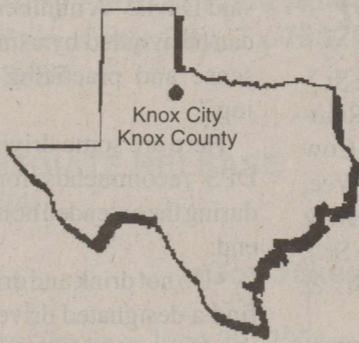


Have a safe and happy Fourth of July weekend !!

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## DPS says 'Be patriotic - drive safe and sober'

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking the public to celebrate the nation's birthday by driving safe and sober during the holiday weekend.

"Many motorists will be out on Texas roadways over the Fourth of July," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Show your pride in America by driving safely. Stay sober, slow down and make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly secured."

July 3 this year marks the tenth anniversary of the deadliest day ever in Texas driving history. A total of 46 people were killed in one day on July 3, 1994: 14 were killed in a minivan/18-wheeler crash in Parker County; 11 were killed in a pickup truck/18-wheeler crash in Scurry County; and 6 were killed in a car/18-wheeler crash in Runnels County.

Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) - a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

The DPS also is supporting a nationwide crackdown on drunk drivers during the Fourth of July holiday - the "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail" campaign.

See DPS

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FIVE FROM KNOX CITY'S two minor league baseball teams were invited by advancing teams to participate in last week's League Tournament held in Aspermont. From left are Jonathan Rainwater of Benjamin, Ty McLemore, Gus West, Zach Carter and Matthew Acree, all of Knox City. Jonathan and Ty played on one Munday team, Matthew played on another Munday team and Gus and Zach played on two different Haskell teams. (NEWS digital photo)

## Art Stall to celebrate 30 business years

Things are in full swing at the Art Stall and Frame Shop, 114 Central in Knox City, as preparations are being made for their 30th Anniversary Sale and Fourth of July celebration.

Romain Stubbs and her late husband Jack began their business venture in July 1974 and have been in their present locations for the past 18 years.

For years, the business has been known throughout the area for carrying arts, crafts and frames; as well as paintings, rugs, crystal, silverware, toys, silk flowers, DaySpring, cards, children's, pre-teen and ladies clothing. A big hit for the children and their moms are the Tommy Hilfiger clothing line.

Probably the 'biggest hit' to the Art Stall has been the line of Beanie Babies that patrons love to come buy and see.

Romain is offering savings to her customers this weekend during her 'Rainy Days and 30th Anniversary' storewide sale, as well as a Sidewalk Sale on Saturday.

Children's Tommy Hilfiger will be available at a reduced price, as well as ladies clothing, a select group of jewelry and collectors dolls.

Gift wrapping, along with all major credit cards, are all a part of the extras Romain offers to her valued customers.

Be sure and stop by during Romain's annual celebration.

## Knox City receives a lot of rain, over 3 inches reported in some areas



CANAL STREET LOOKED LIKE A RIVER after hard rains hit the Knox City area over the weekend and late Monday night and Tuesday morning. Cars and trucks going through the water on Tuesday slowed down to avoid stalling in the water. Reports of 2 inches of rain were common. (NEWS digital photo)



HARD RAINS THAT HIT KNOX CITY over the weekend and on Monday night left lots of water standing everywhere. This picture shows the water in front of Lynn Electric Motor Company on Main Street early Monday morning after a night of hard rain. PMC reported 3.24 inches. (NEWS digital photo)



**KNOX CO. CEA NEWS**

By SHERRY MCGOUGH  
County Extension Agent / Ag.

**Open Horse Show rescheduled**

The Knox County 4-H Open Horse Show has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the Benjamin Rodeo Arena, southeast of the Benjamin School. Books will open at 8:30 a.m. and the show will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. A concession stand will be open, hosted by the Benjamin Class of 2005.

There will be three age divisions: Seniors level, ages 14-19; Junior level, ages 9-13; and PeeWee level, ages 8 and under. There will be a Stick Horse Race for children ages 3-5. Participants must bring their own Stick Horses.

This show is open to any and all youth. Classes are Yearling Halter (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Halter - 4 yrs and under (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Halter - 5 yrs. and over (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.) Showmanship at Halter (Jr. & Sr.), Walk/Trot (PeeWee & Jr.), Western Pleasure (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.),

Western Horsemanship (Jr. & Sr.), Western Riding (Jr. & Sr.), Reining (Jr. & Sr.), Working Cow Horse (Jr. & Sr.), Poles (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Barrels (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Stakes (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Team Panning (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Trail (Jr. & Sr.)

Ribbons will be given through 6th place, 1st thru 3rd will receive tack, and buckles will be awarded for High Point in each Division with tack for Reserve High Point. Must be entered into three events to qualify for high point, with 1 point for entering. Classes will be run according to 4-H Horse Show Rules.

Entry fees are \$5/class with a \$40 maximum (you can ride all day for \$40). A minor's release must be signed by parent or guardian in order to participate.

For more information contact the Texas Cooperative Extension at (940) 459-2651.

**DPS urges**

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"The summer months are generally when we see the most alcohol-related fatalities in the state," said Davis. "A number of crashes can be avoided by using common sense and practicing safe driving."

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers during the extended holiday weekend:

- Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.
- Have everyone in the vehicle buckle his or her seat belt. Remember, "Click It or Ticket."
- For long trips, have the car checked to make sure it is roadworthy.
- Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.
- Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.
- Be polite and courteous while driving - do not practice road rage behavior.

*Be sure and call in your news for 'From This Angle'*

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A Mayo Clinic study says that depressed people tend to recover less well from heart attacks, coronary bypasses and other heart condition problems than people without emotional problems. The study followed 310 men and 70 women entering cardiac rehabilitation programs.

Researchers know that the protein ApoE is involved in Alzheimer's. Some Duke researchers say people who inherit a variant called ApoE are at risk before age 70.

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Note: Since we are a small business with a small staff, these times may vary as we are out of the office to cover news & sports stories, attend school events, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters.

**Immunization clinic to visit Knox City on Thursday, July 8**

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an immunization clinic at the Knox City Housing Authority, 203 SW 4th Street, on Thursday, July 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

DTaP, Polio, MMR, HIB, Td, Hepatitis A and Chickenpox vaccine will be provided as well as all other immunizations for adults, infants and children.

A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany a minor under 18 years of age.

Participants must bring a copy of their child's immunization records as well as their Social Security Card and Medicare/Medicaid information.

Services at the Department of Health are offered on a sliding fee scale but no one is denied services.

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- Top chocolate ice cream with chopped peanuts or drizzle with warmed peanut butter
- Decorate a chocolate cake with peanut butter instead of icing
- Smear peanut butter between two chocolate-chip cookies
- Dunk a dollop of peanut butter into a mug of hot chocolate

For more recipes, visit the National Peanut Board Web site at [www.nationalpeanutboard.org](http://www.nationalpeanutboard.org).

**Easy Peanut Butter Chocolate Cheesecake Pie Makes 8 Servings**

- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons chopped unsalted peanuts, divided
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- 2 tablespoons caramel topping, divided
- 1 1/2 cups (11-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Peanut Butter & Milk Chocolate Morsels
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 cups frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed

Sprinkle 1/4 cup peanuts onto bottom of pie crust. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon caramel

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**WATER AND LOTS OF IT FLOODED** a lot of intersections in Knox City early Tuesday morning. The intersection by Jessie's Service Station overflowed into his business lot. Eastern Knox County reported between 2 and just over 3 inches of rain all over the area. (NEWS digital photo)

**Lauren Clonts named to Texas Tech dean's list**

LUBBOCK - Anna Lauren Clonts of Knox City has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2004 semester at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained a 3.5-3.9 grade point average.

Lauren is a junior journalism major and a graduate of Knox City High School.

**Former student selected to play in basketball nationals**

After an outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition, Boyd High School standout Trey Watson has been invited to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival July 6-11 in Columbus, Ohio.

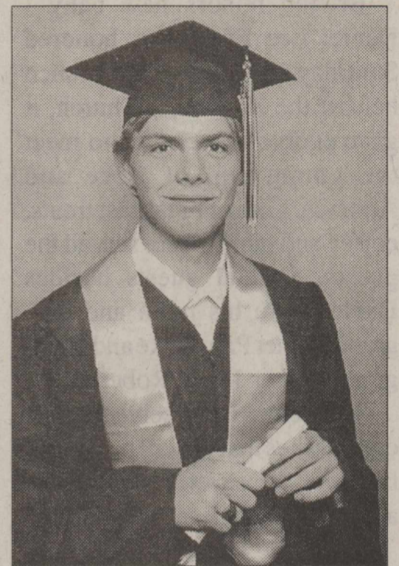
The honor is one of many Watson earned during his senior year. After leading the Yellowjackets to the Class 2A state basketball playoffs, he was named All District and All Wise County.

Based in State College, Pa., the USA Junior Nationals provides one of the top amateur competitions in the United States and offers its program to all athletes who have a high interest in basketball and are interested in developing their skills and techniques through statewide, national and international competition. This is a unique opportunity for all athletes to improve their basketball talent through highly organized competition.

USA Junior Nationals offers one-day competitions at 44 sites throughout the country in the spring with competitions scheduled throughout the South, Midwest, East and West coasts. Athletes who demonstrate advanced skills, team leadership, competitive spirit and good sportsmanship go on to the next level of play which is the USA Junior National Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio.

Watson is the grandson of Terry and Becky Watson. He is the grandson of Nettie Mae Watson of O'Brien.

Trey attended school in Knox City through the third grade. He has received a full scholarship to McPherson College in Kansas.



**TREY WATSON**

**Weather**

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Date	Low	High	Rain
06/22	67	80	
06/23	63	86	
06/24	62	93	
06/25	69	93	
06/26	62	85	1.41
06/27	63	84	
06/28	68	87	1.83

**Total 2004 Rainfall - 18.47**

**Aging center lunch menus**

July 5th thru 9th

**Monday, July 5** - Closed for Fourth of July holiday.

**Tuesday, July 6** - Mexican casserole, ranch beans, salad, crackers, sopapillas with honey.

**Wednesday, July 7** - Baked chicken, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread, cake.

**Thursday, July 8** - Bar-b-q on a bun, baked beans, French fries, ice cream.

**Friday, July 9** - Chicken fried steak, buttered potatoes, whole kernel corn, biscuits, 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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## Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

*(Editor's Note: We received 'last week's' Benjamin News and 'this week's' Benjamin News this week at the KC News - - enjoy!)*

Last week's news - Can't believe June is fast slipping away. On this rainy looking Monday, news is pretty scarce. I am glad to report that Don Morrill is continuing to improve. Is undergoing his radiation therapy and so far - so good. He will go to a nursing home within the next few days and continue this treatment and says his next move then will be "back home to Benjamin". We'll be glad to have him back among us.

Saw Linda Brooke Hudson Friday. She said Tom Brooke is not doing well these days. Was seemingly doing better for awhile but seems now he's having some pretty rough days. Maybe the next report will be more encouraging. We surely hope so.

Brunch honors new baby - Daniel Lee Duke was honored Saturday morning with a brunch held at the Methodist Church, it gave everyone a chance to meet the young son of Zeke and Amanda. Lots of breakfast treats, coffee and punch were served the guests. Special guests besides Daniel were his mom and dad, grandmother Pam Duke and great-grandmother Jessie Roberts.

The young lad received lots of cute clothes that he will be "growing into" for several months. He and his parents live in Amarillo.

Here 'N There - Lynn and Michael Rogers of Maryneal were weekend guests of her parents, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse. Her brother, Will, returned home with them after spending a few days with them.

Dicky and Laura McCanlies and Jenna spent the weekend with friends in Fort Worth.

Rhonda and Dustin Shelton and daughter who live in Iowa spent a week recently with her parents, Jack and Judie Whitten.

Pat Benson told me that her sister, Billie Faye Cummings, who lives at Henderson is having some health problems. Doctors are trying to decide on what treatment

will be best for her. We wish her well, and hope things turn out good for her.

E.D. Welch of Gilliland, who has been in the hospital in both Wichita Falls and Haskell, was able to come to the home of his daughter, Susan Cartwright and family last week. His family felt the "homey" atmosphere would be good for him. At last report he was feeling pretty well.

Gloria and Leroy West spent Father's Day with their daughter, Betty Parker and family in Aspermont.

Stopped by to see Jack and Mary Young's remodeling job one day last week. They have extended their kitchen and made what I'd call a breakfast area. Whatever you call it, it is nice and gave lots more room. Also added a porch on the south and she said sooner or later they may screen it in but right now (like it is) it sure is nice.

There's work beginning on the museum. The forms were put in place on Saturday and I imagine in a few days we'll see the foundation being poured. Seems almost unreal but it sure is good to see that "work in progress". Before long, another structure will be in place in Benjamin!

This week's News - It's Monday and another cloudy day - what wonderful weather for June! Had rain over the weekend - varying amounts around the area but all very welcome. And we, around here, are very thankful that we didn't have any flooding.

Don't have a great lot of news today - most of what I know concerns me. I attended my 50th class reunion in Abilene at Ambassador Suites, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There were 28 in our graduating class - five have passed away. They are Venta Mae Baty New, Billie Tuggle Bradford, Joe Lynn Phillips, Charles Yost and Gene Haynie. Of the 23 remaining, 16 were able to make this weekend". They are Peggy Cure Ritchie and husband, Guindel of Wichita Falls, Leon and Bera Spann, Boyd Johnson of Abilene, Joan Sokora Blake and husband Tommy of Houston, Fred Lang

and wife Beverly of Houston, Bob and Juanita Welch Killian of Lubbock, Billy Ray and Patsy Henson of Brock, C.T. and Neomi Davis of Haltom City, Jonnye Matthews Yandell and husband James of San Antonio, Lois Ann Michels Smith and husband Wayne of Los Angeles, California, Jack and Katy New of Liberty Hill, Jimmy and Wanda Morgan of Waco, Jerry Bob and Becky Goodwin of Megargel, Barbara Phillips Cagle of Wichita Falls, Shirley Davis McHarg of Henrietta and Gladene Yeager Green of Benjamin. Those unable to be with us for various reasons were Betty Stodghill Lemaster of Houston, Shirley McAfee McLennan of California, Gary Offutt of Idaho, Lewis McGuire of Waco, Parker New of near Austin and Walter Owen of Denton. We all had a great time and look forward to the next "meetin".

Word has been received here of the death of Austin Coker of Haskell. He died in a skiing accident Sunday while on a family outing near Lake Buchanan. He was 17 and would have been a senior at HHS this coming year. He was the nephew of Pam Conner, formerly of Benjamin, now of McAllen, Texas. Services are pending.

Former resident Tom Brooke Hudson is still quite ill in West Tex Regional Hospital. Please pray for Tom Brooke and his family.

Jane Gideon and Lana Mendoza and family are spending a few days at the home of their daughter and sister, Sue Terry in Dallas. Enjoying Sue's children while Sue and her husband Dave are on a Caribbean cruise.

The 4th of July weekend is coming up. Please be careful if you are fooling with fireworks. They can be dangerous if not treated with respect.

As I said at the beginning, news is scarce so everyone have a safe 4th of July and if you are traveling, do be careful. You probably are a safe driver but is the guy in the other car?

See you next week.

## From this Angle

Local KC Notes by Billye Angle

This has been a great week, weatherwise, with the cooler temperatures and the almost nightly rainfall. We could surely get used to the cooler weather!

Kay and Gary Fannin of Chico, Claire Qualls and Becky Ford of Corpus Christi have been recent visitors in the home of Lea Reeves.

On Thursday of last week, Lea, along with Bobby, Cathy and Courtney Reeves of Lubbock went to West Monroe, Louisiana, where they attended the wedding of Bobby's and Cathy's son, Kristopher to Tiffany Kaye Harris on June 26. Also attending the wedding was Linda and Charles Reeves of Blue Mound, Charlotte Reeves of Coppell, Kay and Gary Fannin of Chico, Norma and Casey Proffitt and children of Pensacola, Florida, Mark Coffman of Midland and Jo

Coffman of Munday. Lea and Jo are grandmothers of the bridegroom.

Lezlee Moore of Mansfield returned home Friday after spending a week here with her parents, Don and Marla Hawkins, and Travis. Lezlee and her husband, Jared, had vacationed to Denver the week before and enroute home, Lezlee remained for a visit. The Hawkins returned her home and visited until Sunday.

Keegan Reynolds of Lubbock was here Friday to visit his grandparents, Bud and Sequoyah Reynolds, and his aunt and family, Rita, Morris and Schelby Houch.

Carol and Joe Judisak of Waterflow, New Mexico, are here visiting her mother, Bertha Driver. Bertha was delighted to report that she underwent phase one of a

back implant in Wichita Falls on Thursday, June 24. The second phase is scheduled for July 8. She said she is presently in "total relief" and she "strongly recommends" this for people with back problems. That's great news, Bertha. We are glad to get that report and we know how happy you are.

Barbara Barnard and Kristi Tankersley were in Dallas from Thursday until Monday to attend Gift Market.

Betty Poe visited her sister and her husband, Mary and Leo Reddell, in Seminole over the weekend. She spent Monday night in Lubbock with her sister, Edith Broach, before returning Tuesday morning.

Romain Stubbs and Donna Byrd of Rochester attended the Dallas Gift Market in Dallas over the weekend.

## Think Texas

By Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

A Victoria dietician recently e-mailed me about 4-year-olds in her facility who were three times their recommended body weight. She also recently counseled a junior high school girl who weighed 344 pounds.

I also received a note from a mom who ate lunch with her second-grade son at school and was shocked to see kids eating nothing but cookies, pudding, chocolate milk and ice cream bars, leaving their entrees untouched. Another parent e-mailed me upset that a teacher was offering candy bars and cupcakes as daily "reading rewards" to her pre-diabetic daughter.

These are just a few of the examples of child nutrition gone awry in Texas.

Over the past 20 years, our country has seen dramatic increases in obesity. In fact, obesity is on track to take over smoking as the leading cause of death among Americans. We are "supersizing" ourselves, and it's creating a deadly epidemic that's sweeping the nation.

That's why we jumped head first into reversing this sad trend. Texas is leading the nation in its efforts to combat childhood obesity as the first state to have an all-encompassing school nutrition policy. We recently released a policy limiting the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas schoolchildren are served each week and also restricted portion sizes for chips, cookies and frozen desserts. We've tightened the rules on everything from vending machines to French fries and released educational commercials with the help of Academy-award winning actor Tommy Lee Jones.

With innovative, fresh ideas and a strong focus on Texas schoolchildren, we will improve our state's obesity problem and pave the way for strong, healthy futures for our kids.

With three of the 10-largest cities in the United States located here, Texas has become much more urban over the years. As Texas cities rise in prominence, rural Texas cannot be left behind in terms of infrastructure, water, jobs, health care, technology and economic development. There's still a substantial rural population and many rural issues that need to be addressed quickly and carefully.

Many rural Texas communities are finding that through grit and innovation, there are solutions to these challenges. With the U.S. economy making a positive turnaround, the Texas Department of Agriculture is poised to help rural Texas move forward.

Various programs are in place to assist rural communities in creating jobs and boosting business development. Texas Yes! is the agency's campaign to promote agricultural diversification, small town revitalization and rural tourism, and the Texas Capital Fund program promotes business development and retention by providing funding awards to qualified applicants.

In fact, a new Capital Fund program was recently developed called the Downtown Revitalization Improvements Program. It is a matching fund program that provides financial assistance for projects that breathe new life into downtown areas. It puts hard dollars toward new, inventive projects, and we expect to see great things from communities across the state.

With a variety of resource guides and rural development specialists positioned across the state, TDA offers hands-on assistance to communities looking to grow.

Texas was built on homegrown successes and roll-up-your sleeves determination, and we are tapping into this spirit to gather fresh ideas for the future of rural Texas. Together, let's not leave rural Texas behind.

## The Family of Edwin Fly

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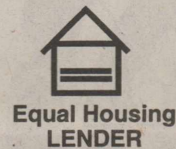
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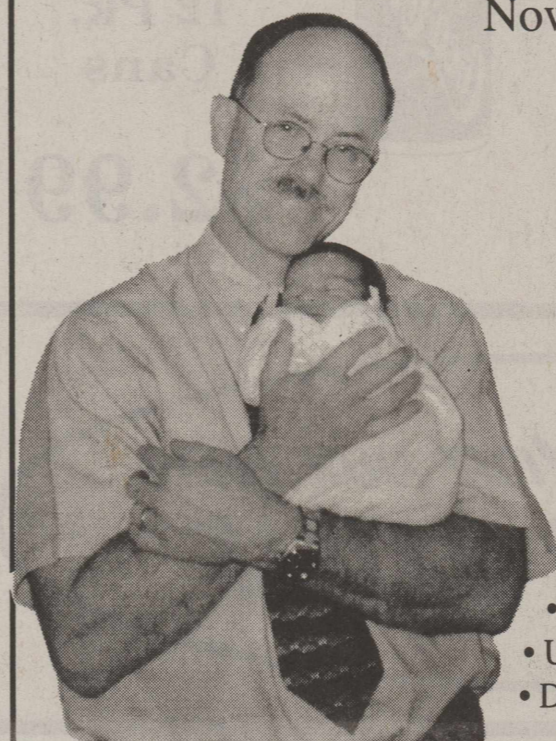
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Farm Service Agency

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CONTACT: Carla West

eGov Takes USDA Programs to the Web

**Knox City, Texas** – June 29, 2004— "Expanding electronic government" is a key element in the President's Management Agenda. USDA is making program delivery more convenient and accessible for its agencies and customers with "eGov." Now, Farm Service Agency (FSA) customers with internet access can complete and submit electronic program applications and eligibility forms 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the convenience of their homes or offices.

"Better service to our customers is what eGovernment (eGov) is about", said Eddie Trevino, District Director for Texas State Farm Service Agency (FSA), and coordinator for FSA's eGov initiative in the State. Trevino said, "eGov provides a simple and less redundant method for delivering FSA programs. Eventually, FSA customers will benefit from a one-time data entry process that can be shared among all programs."

"eGov capabilities expand daily," said Trevino. According to Trevino, individuals soon will be able to complete pre-screening profiles to determine their potential program eligibility before submitting applications online or in person. This technology will allow farmers, rural planners, conservationists, researchers, and other agricultural land management specialists to use digitally created maps and Geographical Systems Information (GIS) to view cropland, range and pastureland, wetlands, building sites, neighborhoods, and roads and highways.

USDA's eGov services include the USDA Customer Statement which combines a wide range of information on services and program activity in a single, confidential, and secured report. Personal information displayed includes a summary of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, a year-to-date summary of FSA payments received and the status of FSA direct loan requests.

Michael McDonald, County Executive Director for Knox County Farm Service Agency, said, "Many of our farmers and ranchers are using computers for business purposes. I believe our producers can see the advantages and convenience to doing business online." McDonald said, "Our producers are not the only ones benefiting from eGov. Our program technicians in our service center offices will be able to process applications in a more efficient manner allowing them more time for other customer service and program-related tasks."

"The managed haying and grazing option provides producers latitude when making land management decisions regarding their operations. The periodic disturbance of vegetative cover under managed haying and grazing will increase the diversity and quality of the cover and improve wildlife benefits," said McDonald.

For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding CRP Managed Haying and Grazing, contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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June 29, 2004

CONTACT: Michael McDonald

Texas Farm Service Agency Announces Authorization for Managed CRP Haying and Grazing

**Knox City, Texas** -- June 29, 2004--Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather-related emergency, is now an option for Texas producers.

Michael McDonald, County Executive Director of the Knox County Farm Service Agency, announced today that managed haying and grazing is allowed on CRP lands. Haying is approved in Texas July 2 through September 29 and grazing is approved beginning July 2 and ending October 29, 2004. The starting date for both haying and grazing is tied to the end of the primary nesting and brood rearing season in the state. Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited except for weather-related emergencies such as droughts.

To take advantage of the haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices. The plans must be developed in conjunction with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or one of its technical service providers.

Producers must also agree to certain terms and conditions, including signing an agreement to re-establish, at the producer's own cost, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

McDonald emphasized that for acreage that is hayed or grazed, annual rental payments producers receive for enrolling land into CRP will be reduced by 25 percent.

Under this enhanced CRP provision, producers can cut hay or graze livestock on a given acre no more than once every three years after the vegetative cover is fully established. An area hayed or grazed this year, for example, may not be hayed or grazed again until 2007. CRP participants can choose to hay or graze their entire CRP acreage in the first year, or only a portion of their CRP acreage each year. Producers may not harvest hay and graze livestock on the same land in the same year.

eGov access and registration is available online at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/eauthCreateAccount.html> The local FSA Office will use a state photo ID or driver's license, military ID, or a passport, to verify online users' identity.

For more information regarding eGov, eforms and efilings, or the USDA Customer Statement, contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

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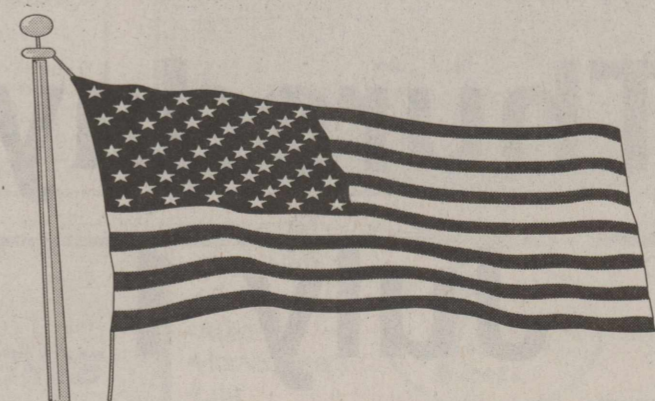
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