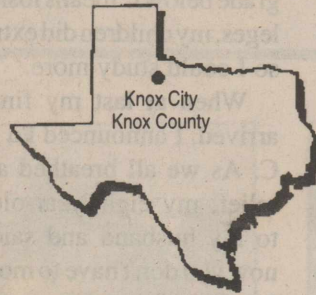


The KCHS Baseball Team will play Cotton Center Friday night at 7:00 in Sweetwater

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Knox City 4-H member receives county family & community education scholarship

Roni Morrow, 18 year old daughter of Poncho and Leisa Morrow of Knox City, has been selected as recipient of the Knox County Family and Community Education Association's '4-H Scholarship'.

The \$200.00 scholarship is awarded annually to a Knox County 4-H member.

The scholarship is based upon their 4-H participation, need for financial assistance, grades, community service and extra curricular activities.

Roni has participated in the 4-H program for 10 years, taking part in such projects as horse, swine, goat and foods and nutrition. Roni has held numerous 4-H club offices and served as a district 4-H Council Delegate. She has received the Knox County 4-



RONI MORROW

H Gold Star Award, Superior Livestock Award, and Jr. Gold Star Award. Roni has been a district winner and state qualifier with

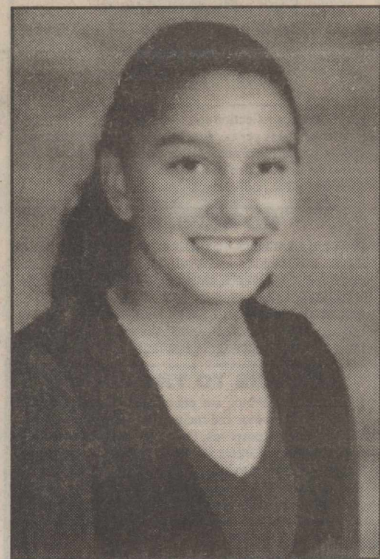
4-H Horse Record Book as well as a district and state 4-H Horse show winner.

In addition to 4-H, Roni is very active in school UIL activities and church activities.

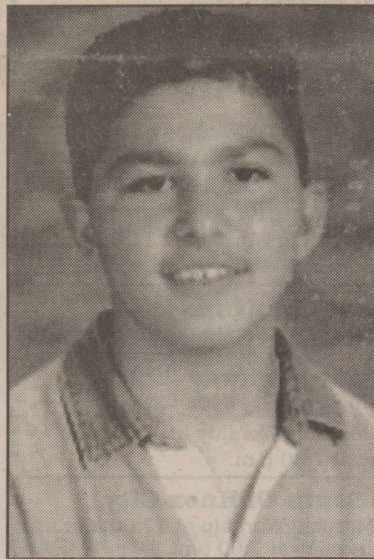
The Knox County Family and Community Education Association is proud to honor Roni with this scholarship.

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 required 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.



ARIANA GOMEZ
... valedictorian



BRANDON ESPINOSA
... salutatorian

O'Brien honor grads named

O'Brien Mid-School principal John Livingston has announced this year's honor graduates for the Class of 2000.

Named as valedictorian is Ariana Gomez, daughter of Cira Gomez. Her grade point average is 96.475.

Class salutatorian is Brandon Espinosa, son of Stephanie and

Raul Espinosa. He posted a 93.975 average.

Other honor graduates for this year's eighth grade class are Carlos Ruiz, 93.275; and Sondra Lankford, 91.825.

Graduation exercises will be Friday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the Knox City campus.

Spring TAAS exit test to be July 11, 12 & 13

The summer administration of the exit level TAAS and TEAMS test will be conducted at 8:30 a.m. in the Benjamin and Knox City High Schools on the following dates:

July 11 - Writing (TAAS only)

July 12 - Mathematics

July 13 - Reading

Students enrolled in the 10, 11 or 12th grades during the spring semester are eligible to take any section of the exit level test that they have not yet mastered. In addition, individuals who are out of school may test at the summer administration.

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the TAAS test and all individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test, may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office in the Benjamin or Knox City high school. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 p.m., June 9, 2000.

The Texas Education Agency and National Computer Systems will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. To ensure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent by either registered mail or certified mail. Questions concerning the fall exit level test should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Division, (512) 463-9536.

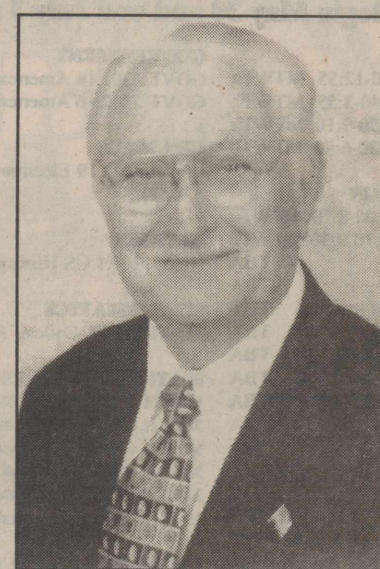
Former resident, veteran to speak at Veterans' Memorial groundbreaking

On Monday, May 29, 10:45 a.m.

The Knox County Veterans Memorial Committee, a subcommittee of the Knox County Historical Commission, announces the groundbreaking of the proposed Knox County Veterans Memorial on May 29, 2000, at 10:45 a.m. at the memorial site, east of the courthouse.

The memorial has been in the planning stages for more than a year. Now with the current plans in hand and fund raising ongoing, the memorial is moving into the final stages toward completion.

The groundbreaking ceremony has been planned to raise the awareness of the vast number of Veterans that Knox County has been home to at some point in time. Currently, approximately 2000 veterans have been identified and more are expected. Anyone with information regarding a Veteran is encouraged to contact the Knox County Historical Commission Office at 940-454-2229; P.O. Box 77, Benjamin, TX 79505; or by e-mail at kchc@nts-online.net. Names must be identified by July 31, in order for Willis Granite Products to produce and



BILL ENGLISH

install the monument by November.

Bill English, Truscott High School graduate and World War II and Korean Conflict Veteran, will be guest speaker for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Knox County Veterans' Memorial.

English flew 10 escort and fighter strikes over Japan with his last combat flight being August 5, 1945, the day before the first atom bomb was dropped. In 1951, En-

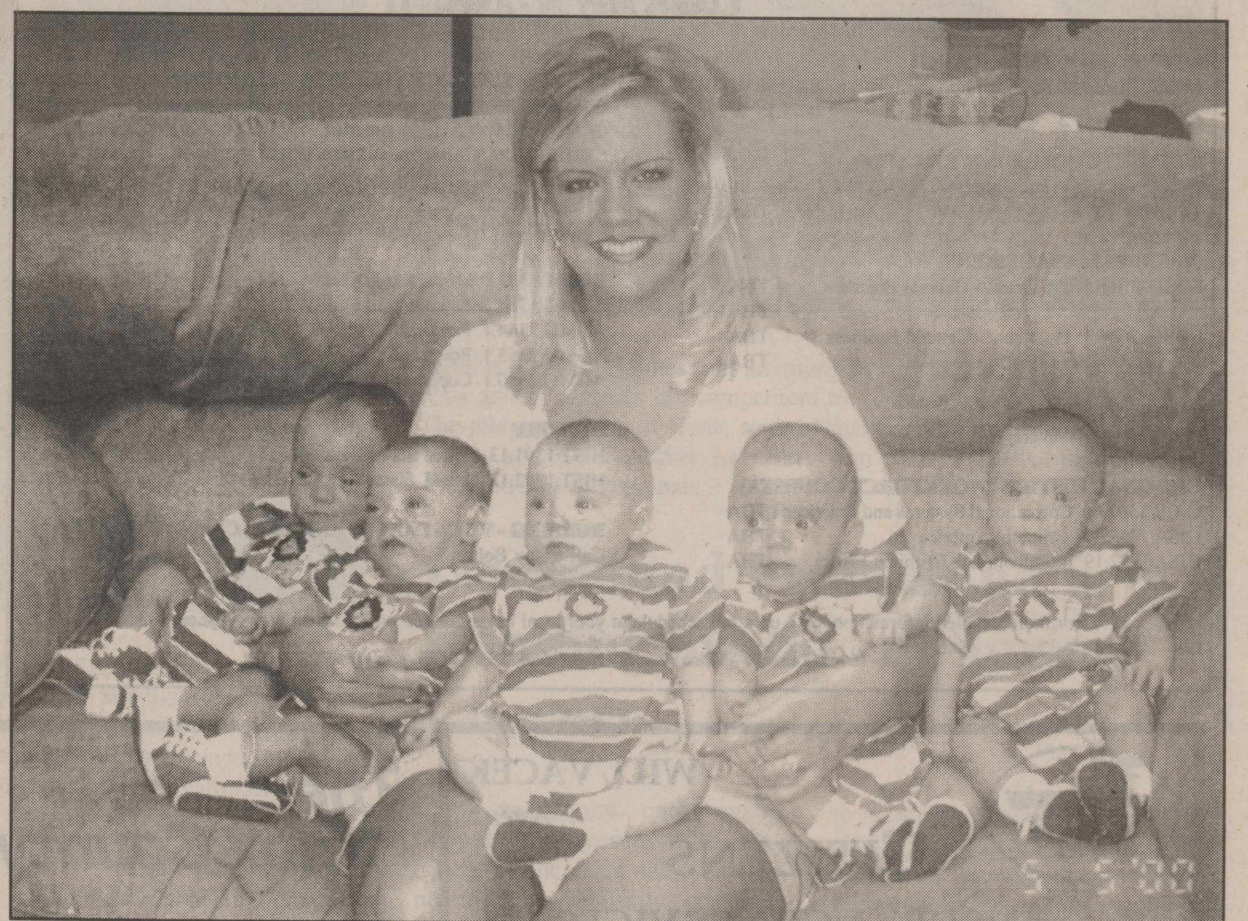
glish returned to active duty during the Korean Conflict as a Psychological Warfare Officer. Since his military duty, Mr. English has served as a credit management specialist, Baptist minister, an active trustee for First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, the Tom C. White Jr. Trust Fund, Rolling Meadow Retirement Center, and member of Lone Stars - Wichita Falls Convention and Visitor's Bureau and host committee of the Iwo Jima Survivors Assoc. of Texas.

His current interests are exemplified by the Military History Collection at the Wichita Falls Public Library in which he founded and coordinates. His life is blessed by his wife, Mary; two sons, Larry and Richard; and six grandchildren.

The Knox City Greyhound Band will provide music for the ceremony.

In addition to the groundbreaking ceremony, a hamburger lunch will be served for \$5.00. All proceeds go toward the Veteran's Memorial Fund's goal of \$50,000. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Lubbock mom celebrates special day, not once, not twice, but five times over !!!!!



CELEBRATING HER FIRST MOTHER'S DAY not once, not twice, but five times over, was Jamie Wells of Lubbock, shown with her quintuplet sons, from left, Briley, Jantzen, Jaden, Zachery and Landon. Born December 14, 1999, to Jamie and her husband Mike Wells, the five boys turned five months old on Mother's Day. The children were dedicated on Sunday during Mother's Day services at Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock. Jamie is the daughter of Tenia and Jim Johnston of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Audie Johnston of O'Brien and Mazelle Kainer of Knox City.

(Courtesy Photo)

Knox City Schools to host community hamburger supper

The Knox City - O'Brien CISD will sponsor a community hamburger supper Thursday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the practice field across from the elementary campus.

Those attending are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and join others from the

community in showing their support for the local school.

Students in elementary, mid-school and high school who participated in the Academic UIL contests will be recognized for their accomplishments. Everyone is invited to attend!

Knox County residents are generous, American Cancer Society collects \$7,189.13

The Knox County Unit of the American Cancer Society has once again completed a very successful crusade drive, due to the generosity of the people of Knox County. A total of \$7,189.13 was collected by 105 volunteers who

made over 976 personal calls on individuals or businesses.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by

preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. The red sword is their official insignia on all literature and only 3% of donations go to management.

Chairpersons, workers and amounts for each town are as follows: Benjamin - \$390.00 Jessie Roberts. Connie Shaw, Linda Parker, Kay Sheedy, Louise Hertel, Gladene Green, Kenneth Roberts.

Vera - \$188.00 Edith Beck.

Harold Beck, Alma Jean Boone.

Rhineland - \$688.00 Valera Hertel. Dayle Kuehler, Dot Myers, Mag Michalik.

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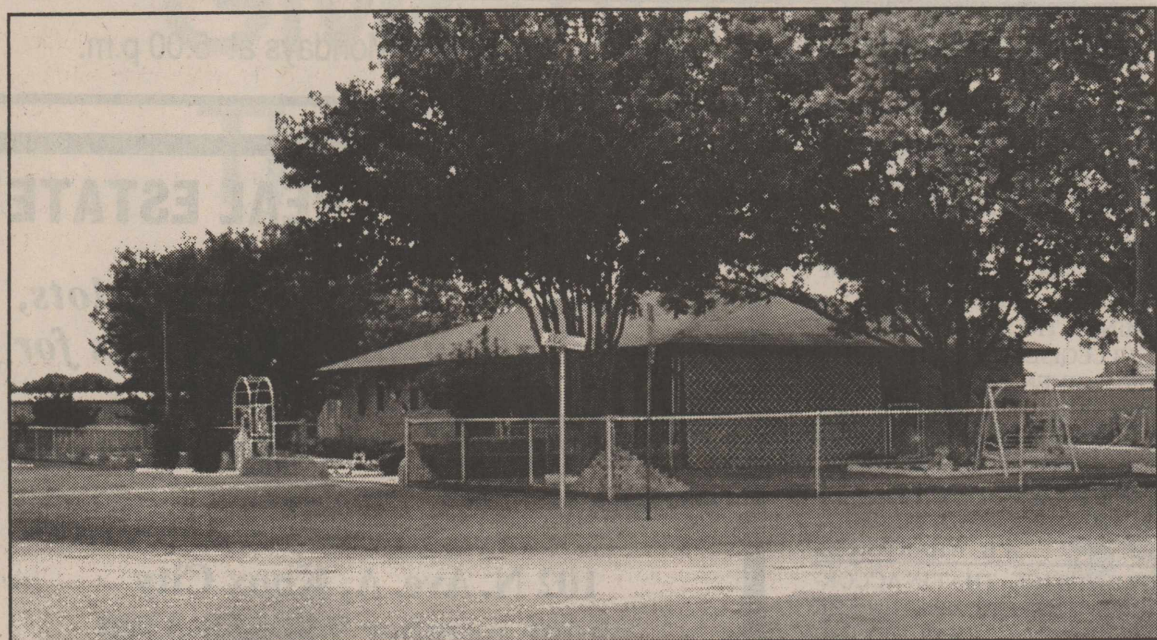
Daniel

Goree - \$34.25 Joy Hord.

Trudy Trainham, Teresa Gray, Dixie Elliott, Tammie Trainham, Paula Nuckols, Cleta Jones, Alene Seals, Barbara Bowman.

See ACS drive, page 3

Yard Of The Week a project of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce



The Oliver Eells residence on South West 7th Street in Knox City has been selected by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce as this week's recipient of the Yard Of The Week honors. This yard is a showcase for flowers, shrubs, and a well manicured lawn. Many personal touches are evident with beautiful yard decorations that reflect the amount of hard work put into this yard.

American Cancer Society drive nets \$7,189.13

Contd. from page one

Knox City Business - \$406.00 Tammie Dillon, Roni Morrow, Serena Parker, Natalie Bloxham, Richard Rincon, Jessica Sliger, Audrey Lankford, Manuel Ledesma.

Knox City Residential - \$1,440.90 Becky Baker, Lillian Rae Verhalen, Peggy McGaughey, Debbie McCown, Ramona Helms, Stephanie Espinoza, Eileen Rolo, Susan Emerson, Coley Mayes and Baptist Youth, Matt Harrington and McKayla, Ronnie Verhalen, Cleo Collins, Faye Railsback, Polly Marion, Rita Rosencranz, DiAnn Stewart, Betty Reece, Ruth Rhodes, Estelle Skiles, Sandra Bateman, Susan Carver, Doris Crownover, Melissa Espinoza, Sammie Offield.

Munday - South Side - \$1,562.68 Brenda Smith, Margaret Hill, Sue Bryan, Christy Benson, John Phillips, Stephanie Lara, Leona Elliott, Cheryl Urbanczyk, Nell Grisham, Sarah Sepeda, Barbara Collins, Jean Collins, Dorothy Brown, Jo Coffman, Melissa Myers, Mary Smith, Nita Hosea, Tommie Crawford, Vickie Wilson, Ruth Brown, Bobbie Jones, Verna Rawlins, Lupe Navarette, Patsy King, Ida Jo Owens, Cindy McWhorter, Ruth Gladden

Munday - North Side - \$1,306.30 Becky Ratliff, Arleda Decker, Hazel Cypert, Olga Jim Reid, Geraldine Koenig, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Jackie Lowrance, Dub Moon, Sudy Howry, Carla Key, Almeda Blair, Nancy Beaty, Beverly McGaughey, Tracy Cooke, Ida Oustad, Gloria Her-ring, Janet Yates, Betty Tidwell.

Munday - Business \$660.00 Lyndel Reeves, Delores Coffman, Corey Moore, Tammy Fetsch, Glenna Shahan.

Valera Hertel, Knox County Crusade Chairman, commended those who helped in any way to make the 2000 Crusade a big success, especially the volunteers who gave of their time and effort.

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Youth Rally set Saturday at First Christian Church

Derrell Marion to speak

A 'Light The Fire' youth rally is planned for Saturday night, May 20, at the First Christian Church.

Organizer Missy Lewis says that a burger bash will begin the activities at 6:00 p.m.

A musical group from Clyde, "Raise The Praise" will begin at 7:00 p.m. and speaker for the evening will be former Knox City resident, Derrell Marion.

The event is open to all local and area youth.

Anyone wishing more information or wanting to make reservations for their group to attend is asked to call 658-5183 or 658-3458.

Graduation Issue is next week

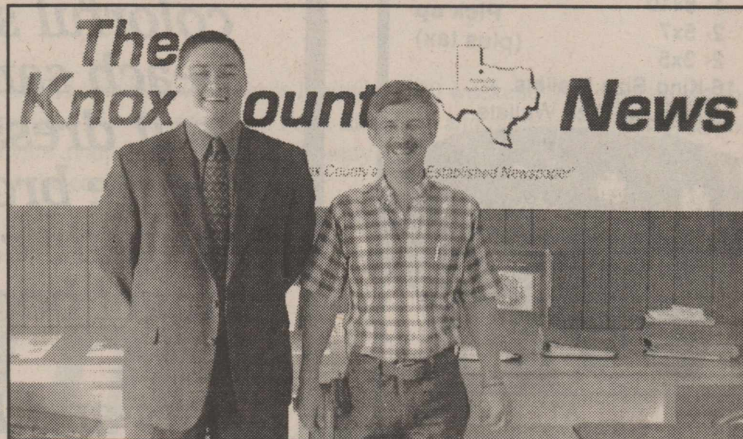
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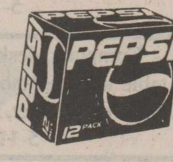
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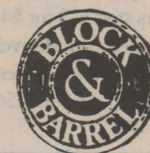
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 A public hearing will be held by the 50th District Court to set the amount of compensation to be paid the 50th District Court Reporter beginning fiscal year 2000-2001. All parties and citizens will be given opportunity to be heard. The hearing will be held in the Knox County District Courtroom in Benjamin, Texas, on Wednesday, May 24, 2000, at 11:30 a.m.

David W. Hajek
 District Judge
 50th Judicial District
 5-18 1tc 76

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IN AN EFFORT to reduce operating costs, extend the field production life, and limit environmental ability, Hunt Oil Company proposes to abandon the Ross A tank battery and commingle its oil, gas and water production with the W.R. Ross 5 tank battery. This consolidation will effect two producing wells in Field number 66069, Ross A-1 and Ross A-2. Hunt Oil Company plans to allocate production by monthly well tests and down time, which is a generally accepted practice. Requests for additional information can be made to Hunt Oil Company field office at P.O. Box 69, Knox City, TX 79529, phone number (940) 658-3567. 4-27 4tc 107

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Blackwood Brothers to be here May 31

The legendary Blackwood Brothers Quartet, practically an institution in the Southern gospel world, will be performing at Wednesday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

The event is being sponsored by the Knox City Ministerial Alliance.

Their concerts are filled with the songs they helped make them famous from 1934 to the present.

Lulac meeting set in Monday

The Knox County Lulac will meet Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Munday Community Center.

Members and interested persons are reminded of the meeting.

COMPLEXITY

"All things are complex when they are poorly understood."

L. Ron Hubbard

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 18 - KC Study Club, 2:30 p.m.; Turning Point - Elementary; UIL Community Hamburger Supper, City Park, 6:00 p.m.; Firemen / Seniors softball game, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 19 - Track Meet at Knox City, PK - 6th grade, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Bi-District baseball playoff with Cotton Center at Sweetwater, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20 - UIL Banquet, KC School Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21 - High School Baccalaureate, W.R. Baker Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22 - Ministerial Alliance Senior Supper

Tuesday, May 23 - Mini Olympics, 8:30 a.m., High School Gym

Wednesday, May 24 - Noon Lions Club, First United Methodist Church fellowship hall; Pre-K Program, Elementary Awards Ceremony, Fourth Grade Play, 1:00 p.m., W.R. Baker Auditorium

Thursday, May 25 - High school awards assembly, 12:20 p.m., W.R. Baker Auditorium; Last Day of School

Friday, May 26 - Teacher Workday; Mid-School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., W.R. Baker Auditorium

Saturday, May 27 - High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., W.R. Baker Auditorium.

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- UIL BANQUET -

changed to Saturday at 6:00 due to the KC baseball playoff.

- HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY -

Thursday, May 25, 12:20 p.m., W.R. Baker Auditorium

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Texas Community Development Program

The City of O'Brien is requesting separate proposals for management services and for engineering services for the preparation of a Texas Community Development Program Grant Application and, if funded, to provide those services necessary for program implementation. If funded, separate contracts for management services and for engineering services will be awarded. Please submit your Proposal of Services and Statement of Qualifications per the proposal format to City of O'Brien, P.O. Box 40, O'Brien, Texas 79539.

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 PM, May 30, 2000, to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and OMB Circular A-102.

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May 18, 2000 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Knox City is requesting proposals for engineering services in conjunction with Texas Community Development Program from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for program years of 2001, 2002, and 2003. The Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) provides financial assistance in the form of grants for public infrastructure improvements, economic development, housing and planning activities. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineer/engineering firm (registered to practice in the State of Texas) to prepare all preliminary engineering reports, budget justification, and maps for submission of application(s) to the appropriate funding category. The qualified engineer/engineering firm will prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections for the applications project that is awarded a contract by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Mayor Tommie Reynolds
City of Knox City
City Hall
P. O. Box 128
Knox City, Texas 79529

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p. m. on the 31st day of May, 2000 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

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May 18, 2000 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Knox City is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative, and planning services in conjunction with the Texas Community Development Program from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for program years of 2001, 2002, and 2003. The Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) provides financial assistance in the form of grants for public infrastructure improvements, economic development, housing and planning activities. In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 5:00 p. m. on the 31st day of May, 2000.

The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all management consultants or firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

A complete Request for Proposal outlining services required by the city, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting the person below:

Mayor Tommie Reynolds
City of Knox City
City Hall
P. O. Box 128
Knox City, Texas 79529

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Property Owners Sent Appraisal Letters for Tax Year 2000

State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. On May 1, 2000, the Knox County Appraisal District mailed 5,786 property owners letters showing their 2000 proposed appraised value.

Stanton Brown, Chief Appraiser of the District, reminds property owners that the letter of appraised value is not a tax bill. "Please do not pay -- this is not a bill," Brown said.

Brown emphasized the importance of this letter and the key information of this letter and the key information that it contains. "A property owner has the right to appeal to the Knox County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership and other areas," he said.

The appraisal review board, more commonly called the "ARB," is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling protests from property owners who disagree with some action by the appraisal district. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest and a protest form.

What should a property owner carefully review? "Look at the proposed value for 2000," Brown said. "The letter states the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the current year." An improvement is a building, structure, fence or any other type of fixture to the land.

The appraisal letter also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last year's value too.

Homeowners that qualify for property tax homestead exemptions have a limitation on their homes' appraised value, beginning with the second year they qualify their home for homestead exemptions. The appraisal district may not increase their home value by more than 10 percent for each year since the last reappraisal year. A homeowner's letter gives both the market value for the home and the limited home value.

Letters to the property owners whose values went up, or increased more than \$1,000 also will include "estimated" taxes. These "estimated" taxes are based on the new taxable value and estimated tax rates if the taxing units set tax rates for the same amount of operating dollars as last year. Taxing units will set final tax rates in August or September. Final tax amounts may vary from these "estimated" amounts.

Brown asks property owners to check the legal description and mailing address to be sure that there are no mistakes. "If the letter has an old address, please let the appraisal district know. The post office forwards mail to a new address for a short time, and tax bills do not go out until October," Brown added.

A property owner is responsible for informing the appraisal district of the correct mailing address. A property owner is liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill that is not paid on time.

The sample appraisal letter shows key information.

Here's what to check on a LETTER OF APPRAISED VALUE:

Check current owner name and mailing address. **DOE, JOHN**
123 N NONESUCH
BOX 000
BENJAMIN, TX 79505

THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD WILL BEGIN HEARING PROTESTS ON 8/18/2000 AT: 9:00 AM
COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BENJAMIN, TX 79505

Review the property's legal description for any error. We have appraised the property listed below for the 2000 tax year. Based on the appraisal date of January 1 of this year, this appraisal is for the following property:

Property Description	Appraisal Information	Value Type	Last Year	Proposed This Year
GED: 00100-00040-00150-000000	PAR: 7788	LND NMS	560	560
JUR: 00 01 34 13 02 50	ACRES: .000			
LOC: LT 7-8-9 BLK 54 ORIGINAL BENJAMIN	CAT: C			

Check if correct exemptions granted; if not, apply with appraisal district. Additional Owner's properties are continued on following page(s). The above tax estimates use last year's tax rates for the taxing units. The governing body of each unit -- school board, county commissioners, and so on -- decides whether property taxes increase. The appraisal district only determines your property's value. The taxing units will set tax rates later this year. The Texas Legislature does not set the amount of your local taxes. Your property tax burden is decided by your locally elected officials, and all inquiries concerning your taxes should be directed to those officials.

File a written protest with the district by May 31 if disagree with some action. If you are 65 or older and received the \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home last year from the school listed above, your school taxes for this year will not be higher than when you first received the exemption on this home. If you improved your property (by adding rooms or buildings), your school tax ceiling may increase for improvements. If you are a surviving spouse age 55 or older, you may retain the school tax ceiling.

Read other items required by law about property taxes. Contact the appraisal office if you disagree with this year's proposed value for your property, or if you have any problems with the property description or address information. If the problem cannot be resolved, you have a right to appeal to the appraisal review board (ARB). To appeal, you must file a WRITTEN protest with the ARB before 6/01/2000. Enclosed is a protest form to mail or bring to the appraisal district office at the address above before the above date. The ARB will begin hearings on 6/16/2000. The ARB will notify you of the date, time, and place of your scheduled hearing. Enclosed also is information to help you in preparing your protest. You do not need to use the enclosed form to file your protest. You may protest by letter, if it includes your name, your property's description, and what appraisal office action you disagree.

Talk to district about any questions. If you have any other questions or need more information, please contact the appraisal office at the phone number or addresses listed above.

Sincerely,
STANTON BROWN, CHIEF APPRAISER
Chief Appraiser
KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DIST
Enclosures Sec. 25.19

Property owners are encouraged to contact the appraisal district with any questions

Brown added, "If you did not get a letter and want 2000 information about your property, please call the appraisal district at (940) 454-3891. The general deadline for protesting to the ARB is May 31 for this year.

Thank You . . .

We want to say 'thanks' for the many acts of kindness shown to Weldon during and after his surgery.

For all the visits, phone calls, food, cards, plants and most of all, your prayers.

May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Love, Estelle and Weldon

It's a boy!

Matthew Philip Fowler
Matthew Philip Fowler was born May 2, 2000, at 9:40 a.m. in United Regional Health Care in Wichita Falls to Meredith Gayle Hacker and Alan Fowler of Wichita Falls.

He weighed six pounds, fifteen ounces and measured twenty inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Lenie Hacker of Grapevine and Rick Hacker of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Grace and Freddie Fowler of Wichita Falls are paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Jo and C.L. Hacker Jr. of Knox City and Helen and Philip Homer of Munday.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's been a gorgeous Mother's Day weekend - Temps have been very near perfect and just enough breeze today (Sunday) to make it very pleasant. I hope everyone had a wonderful day.

Some better news regarding some of our ill.

The Neal's son-in-law, John Blackstock, who was injured in that car accident last Saturday near graham remains in critical condition in Harris in Fort Worth. He is paralyzed from the waist down and it is not likely that he will regain the use of his lower extremities.

My brother, Troy Yeager, in the hospital in Lubbock has improved but is still in critical condition. And the long term prognosis is not as good as we would like but we just hope and pray that he will pull out of this weakened condition. Also my sister, Maxine Nelson in Fort Worth, is having some bad days. Please remember them in your prayers.

Buddy Tolson had a run-in with a bull a few days ago. The bull sort of got the best of him as Buddy wound up with a broken ankle - a bad break. He had surgery and is now in a cast from his groin to his foot. Will probably be out of commission for several weeks. We wish him well a he recovers.

Brenda Larned's dad, Bob Thomas of Wellington, is a patient in Childress Regional Medical Center. He has emphysema and I think some heart problems and is having some pretty rough days right now. Best wishes to him.

And our prayers with all who are having problems of any kind.

Last of School Events - It's nearly over - this 99-2000 school year. Only a few more events to take place before the final bell rings. Tonight (Monday) was the annual PTO picnic. The pot luck meal was enjoyed by a lot of folks. PTO "business" followed the fun and fellowship (and food) and I'll try to have a more detailed account of that next week.

Thursday night, May 18, the annual awards banquet will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. That's always interesting and good to see the students honored for their year's work.

Baccalaureate services for the graduating seniors will be Sunday night, May 21, at 8:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Junior high commencement is Thursday night, May 25 and high school gets their diplomas on Friday night, May 26. So from here on - things will be busy.

The Senior will leave the day after graduation for that long planned for and worked for Senior trip. They will be Hawaii bound and needless to say can hardly wait!! We're all proud of them and wish them well.

Seniors Honored - The First United Methodist Church honored the 2000 graduating Seniors last Wednesday night in the fellowship hall of the church with a supper. The menu was Mexican food, salad, dessert and tea. Six of the seniors, their sponsor Mr. Steele, school supt. Ben Grill and his wife Bell and principal Kim

Chambers attended. The pastor of the church, Vergil Ichtertz, delivered a short message. The church presented each senior with a Bible. Seniors attending were Justin Waldron, Brandi Riggins, Blaine Conner, Carmen Acevedo, Lynne Moorhouse, and Mica Larned. Elizabeth Hostas was unable to be there.

Veteran News - Mary Young of the Knox County Historical Commission has asked me to let everyone know that a list of the Knox County Veterans is at the Benjamin Post Office and you are asked to review the list and see if all the info concerning the veteran (or veterans) you know is correct. The list will be updated every two weeks. If a change needs to be made, there's an application there (red, white and blue) to make that change on. Or if a name needs to be added those forms can be used for that too. A picture of the monument that's to be erected is also there at the post office.

Added info - one of these lists will be (or have been) placed in each community in the county. The goal of the commission is to have every Knox County Veteran listed and all information correct about them.

Spikes kids do 'well' - Dorothy Spikes is mighty proud of her grandkids - Matthew and Sara Spikes of Seymour. Matthew is a freshman at SHS and won a trip to the state ULL meet recently (after winning all competition on lower levels) in the "computer category". He failed to place at state but just to get to go was an accomplishment. Matthew went in individual competition and also in a team effort. And Sara can't be left out! She excels in band and sports. So you can see why Dorothy and their parents, Guy and Donna, are proud!!

Here 'N There - Kenneth Ray Cole of Atoka, Oklahoma visited his aunt, Earlene Meinzer.

Jimmy, Michele and Caleb Barrientez of Lubbock visited home folks last weekend.

Jacob and Tina Siemens visited her brother and his family in Seminole last week.

Lamoyne and Christine Patterson received word Sunday of the death of her brother-in-law, Robert Mayes. Mr. Mayes died in a Conroe nursing center where he had been about three years. He was married to Christine's sister, the former Movelda Mitchell, who is a 1938 graduate of Benjamin High School. Funeral services were still pending Monday.

Peggy Conner Haley of Fort Worth was a Benjamin visitor Saturday. Among those she visited were Leroy and Gloria West. Visiting the Wests Sunday were Betty Parker, Sabra and Chelsea of Aspermont.

Sammy Tipton and his son, Kenneth of Forestburg, visited briefly in Benjamin Sunday. Sammy said he and his wife will be back for Homecoming.

Daniel and Rosellen Albus of Lubbock visited her brother and his wife, Don and Louise Hertel, briefly Saturday then went on and visited her mom, Nora Hertel in the Munday Nursing Center. Mrs. Hertel is doing about as she has for quite sometime. Always glad for visitors to drop by.

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May 22nd thru 26th

Monday, May 22 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hominy casserole, hot rolls, cobbler.

Tuesday, May 23 - Fish with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, cole slaw, cornbread, cookies.

Wednesday, May 24 - Mexican casserole, lettuce and tomato salad, ranch beans, whole kernel corn, crackers, sweet rolls.

Thursday, May 25 - Baked chicken with rice, apple and celery salad, California blend, light bread, cobbler.

Friday, May 26 - Sliced ham with cranberry sauce, buttered potatoes, fried squash, carrot and raisin salad, hot rolls, pudding.

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

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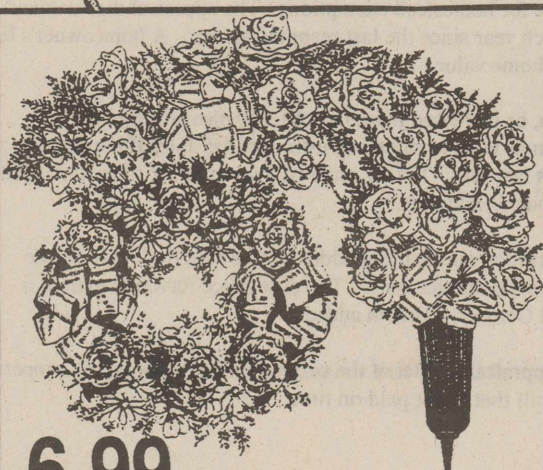
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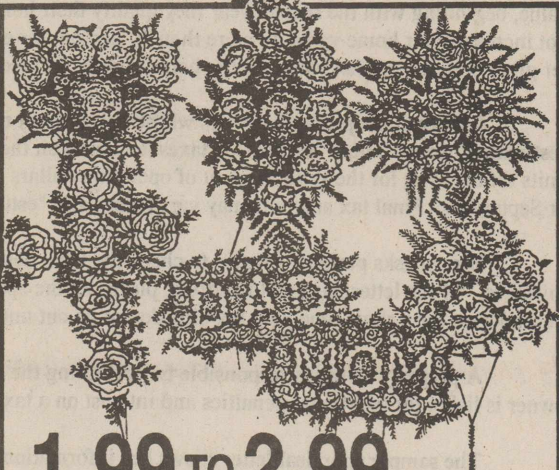
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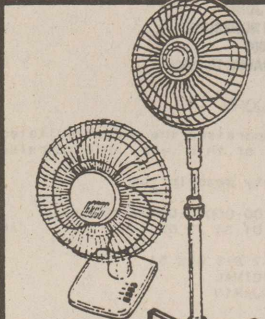
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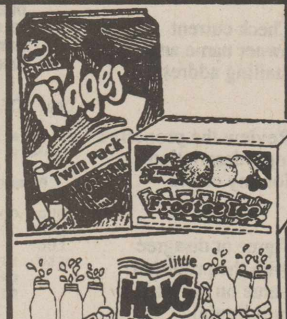
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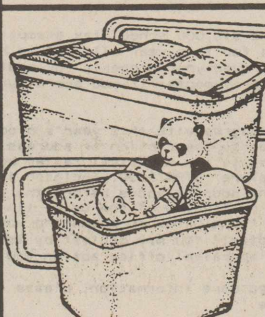
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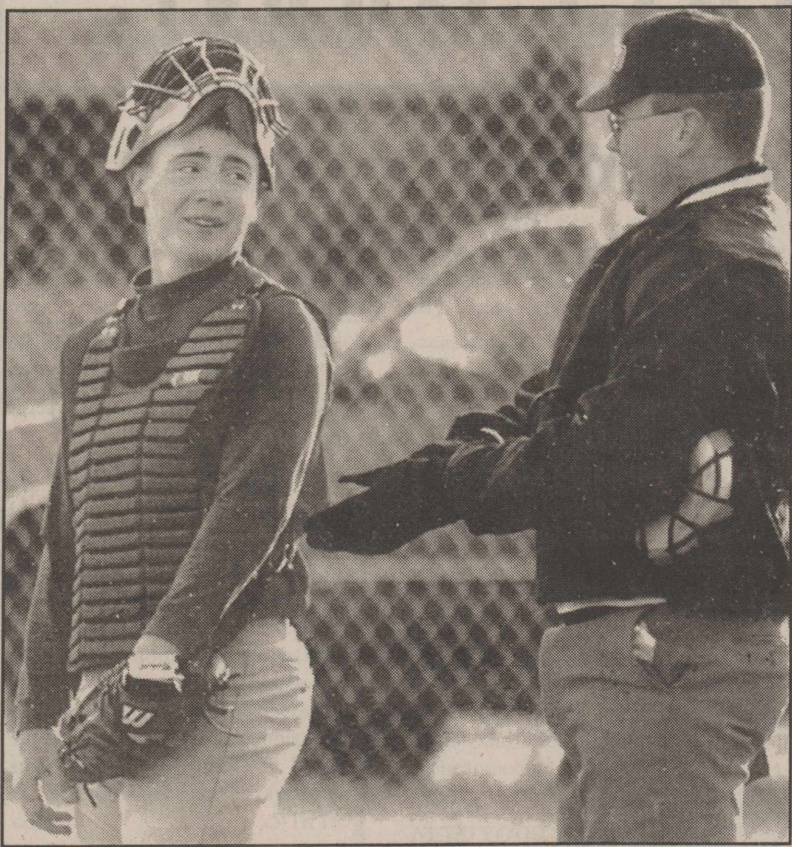
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By the students

GREYHOUND PRIDE



"Ah, where did you say you got your umpire training?" Scooter Thompson appears to be having an interesting conversation with this game umpire. Scooter is freshman catcher for the Greyhound baseball team this season.

Baseball team goes into play-offs

By: B.J. Stewart

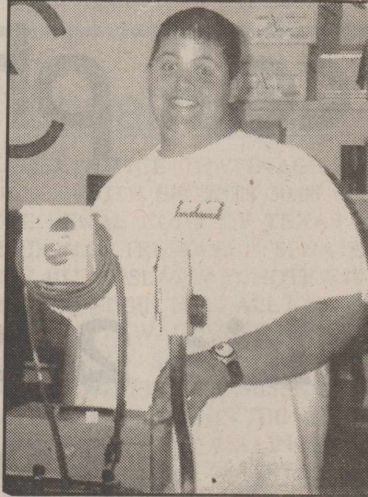
After a final district win against Northside on Monday, May 8, the Knox City Greyhound baseball team clinched the second place berth in the District with a 4-2 record. Both losses were to Paducah. Wins were against Vernon Northside and Chillicothe.

The date and location of the next game was yet to be determined as this article was being written.

Team members this year are: Jay Sandusky, first baseman; Shawn Speck, third baseman and pitcher; Nefro Gonzales, third baseman and pitcher; Chris Garcia, short stop and pitcher; Sedrick Roberson, second baseman; Myles Richardson, left fielder; Jeffrey Hernandez, centerfielder; Justin Vasquez, catcher; Scooter Thompson, catcher; Gemile Roberson, centerfielder; Salvador Silva, second baseman, and Caleb Carver, injured player. The team is managed by B.J. Stewart and coached by Kim Smith.

The team appreciates your attendance at the games and your support for their efforts.

Around campus...



Senior Jeff Acree shows how he feels about upcoming graduation!

O'Brien, Elementary sweep U.I.L. District Meet

Congratulations to Mr. Livingston, Mrs. Williams, the O'Brien and Elementary faculty, and especially to the students of O'Brien Middle School and Knox City Elementary for your overwhelming success at the District U.I.L. Academic Meet. Your hard work and dedication to academics is to be commended!

Due to the length of the results, a complete listing of all events and places will appear in a later edition of the *Knox County News*.

First Grade News Report

By: Landon Lynn and Taylor Chappell

The first grade has been interesting this semester. In math students learned all about adding and subtracting. The really like math bingo, counting "100 Things", learning about coins and putting pennies in groups of 10. In Science, the first graders studied all about plants- their seeds, roots, stems, and how they grow with water. Students planted ivy shoots in cups with water and

watched them grow.

In Social Studies students play this fun game called "Guess Who." There are cards describing someone, and you have to guess who it is. They are "yes-no" questions.

Stephanie Carver has been our student teacher this semester. She taught the Math and Science and Mrs. Vacek taught Reading. Mrs. Carver is married to Riley Carver.

Second Grade News Report

By: Derrick Northrup, Brittany Gonzales, and Kayla Hernandez

Second graders enjoyed a field trip to Abilene. First they went to the park and played on some really cool equipment. Then they ate a sack lunch. After lunch, they went to Hardin Simmons University for Western Heritage Day. When they arrived, they were each given an official "Sheriff's Posse" badge. Then they got put in jail! Next, they saw two of the famous "Six White Horses". They roped, threw washers, pumped water, and washed clothes on a scrub board. The entire class got to make an HSU brand on a piece of wood. The best part of the trip was the play. The skits were really funny. On the way out, students saw a man shoeing a horse. Mrs. Brockett and the students want to thank everyone who went with the

class and made it such a wonderful day.

All the hard work getting ready for UIL paid off. In Creative Writing, Kayla Hernandez placed second, Mina Banks was fourth, and Brittany Gonzales got fifth. In Storytelling, Brittany and Mina made finals. Mina got fifth and Brittany got sixth.

Second graders got to watch "The Prince of Egypt" in class. It was good. In Music, they watched "The Sound of Music" and "Fantasia".

Here is what students have been learning about in the different subjects: Science-animal groups, hibernation, all kinds of fish, insects, warm blooded animals, and looking under a microscope. They learned lots of things in math!

Third Grade News Report

By: Jordan Carter and Brittany Coop

This has been an active semester for third graders. The Easter party was fun-filled with an Easter egg hunt and food feast of candy, sandwiches, dip and chips, and a vegetable tray.

Class members worked very hard designing posters for the Child Welfare board. Mrs. Cole's class was awarded the first place in the poster design contest. The theme of the posters was prevention of Child Abuse. Child abuse is the verbal and physical abuse, or mistreatment, of children.

Carlie Rowan and Brittany Coop made presentations to the class on interesting subjects. Carlie told the class about wheat testing. Brittany told the class how to get a goat ready for a stock show. "It is a lot of work!" stated Miss Coop.

The class did a lot of work getting ready for the TAAS tests (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) Students got pencils with a shark on the eraser end. The message on the pencils said, "ATTACK the TAAS"

UIL Academics went good for third graders. In Spelling, Jordan Carter, Brittany Coop, Christopher Taylor, and Will Livingston made up the team. Brittany got first and Will got third. Ryan Casillas, Carlie Rowan, Chance Agraz, and Jordan Carter were in Storytelling. Jordan got sixth. Brittany Coop, William Livingston, Jessica Ledesma, Christopher Taylor, and William Toliver got first place as a team in Music Memory. William Toliver made a perfect score. Ready Writers were Brittany Coop, Kayla Hacker, William Toliver, and Dillon Loftis. Brittany got sixth place.

The third grade field trip this year was on May 11. They went to the Pepsi Bottling company in Abilene. Then they went to Mr. Gatti's to play games and EAT! The trip was great!

School is almost over for this year. Third graders are looking forward to being the "Seniors" on the Elementary campus next year.

Faculty makes selections for "Top Students"

The Knox City High School faculty has selected top performing students for the year in each class. Some classes are for half of the semester, so students were selected to represent each semester. Students were selected based on active participation as well as grades in the class. Exceptional attitude and cooperation were also criteria for selection. The "Top Students" for the 1999-2000 school year are:

Agriculture

Ag 101- Dominique Collier, Sean Duncan, Marcie Garcia, Kendrick Green, John Maingot, Logan Morrow, Amanda Sliger, Crystal Curd

Intro. Ag. Mechanics- Jeff Rocha

Energy/Envir.- Adam McCown

Home Maintenance- Crystal Curd, Ryan Baker

ICC Intro- Nathan Lierly, Salvador Silva

ICC- Nefro Gonzales

Math

Geometry- Melissa Ruiz

Algebra I- A-Dianna Miranda, Mindy Hudson

Algebra I-B- Crystal Espinosa

Pre-Calculus- Natalie Bloxham, Lauren Clonts

Algebra I- Kimberly Hawkins

Algebra II- Audrey Lankford

Math Modules- A.J. Homstad

Home Economics

Individual Family Life- Latisha Munsell, James Lynch

Personal-Family Development- Tandy Roberts

Parent/Child Development- Tandy Roberts, Kayla Moss, Ashley Harrison

Housing- Jane Ann Penman

FSN- Trey Burt, Christina Vela, Jeff Acree

Health

First Semester- Leah Simmons, Landon Weiershausen,

Second Semester- Wesley Powell, Meagan Davis, Kimberly Hawkins

Speech Communication

Ashley Jobe, Ashley Turner, Landon Weiershausen

Spanish

I- Nikki Gonzales

II- Angela Roberts

III- Lauren Clonts

Theatre

I- Latisha Munsell, Kevin Casillas

III- Jessica Sliger, Amanda

Espinosa, A. J. Homstad

Science

Physics- Serena Parker

Chemistry- Amber Collins,

Audrey Lankford

Intro. Phys. Chem.- Scooter

Thompson, Landon Weiershausen

Biology I- Casey Carver, Garry

Manley

A&P- Lauren Clonts, Audrey

Lankford

English

III- Tandy Roberts, Kayla Moss,

Audrey Lankford

II- Angela Roberts, Tiffany Jobe,

Melissa Ruiz

I- Kim Hawkins, Jennifer Eaton,

Scooter Thompson

IV- Jessie Rios

IVAP- Lauren Clonts

Technology

BCISI- Shawn Speck, Belinda

Lerma, Melissa Ruiz, Angela

Roberts, Tiffany Jobe, Nikki

Gonzales

Word Pro.- Ashley Jobe,

Kimberly Hawkins, Scooter

Thompson, Sedrick Roberson,

Diana Miranda

Yearbook- Christina Vela, Roni

Morrow

BCISII- Roni Morrow, Erik

Rocha, Sonya Contreras, Sal

Silva

History

Economics- Natalie Bloxham,

Roni Morrow, Myles Richardson,

Jeff Acree

World Geo.- Michael Baez

US History.- Jennifer Eaton, B. J.

Stewart

World History.- Jennifer Vacek,

Sonya Contreras, Angela Roberts

Government- Serena Parker,

Natalie Bloxham

Physical Education

Latisha Munsell

Congratulations to these students!

O'Brien Middle School Selects Cheerleaders

Seven girls have been chosen to represent O'Brien Middle School next year on the Bulldog sidelines as cheerleaders.

They are: Meagan Schur,

Hillary Chenhall, Sophie

Gutierrez, Micah Lierly, Nikki

Moss, Sonny Parker, and April

Magana.

Fourth grade news

By: Jessy Schur, Candace Carver, Orrin Myers, Joseph Albus, Travis Hawkins, and J.C. Chappell

Fourth graders have covered some fun topics in class. In Science students learned about the human body systems such as the digestive, circulatory, respiratory, and circulatory systems. Then they studied about tissues and cells. In Earth Science, they studied volcanoes. Social Studies was interesting too, learning about Texas history, Sam Houston, Indians, the Civil War, and about the U.S. Census and why we have to take it.

Fourth graders worked really hard getting ready for TAAS, especially in Math. They did speed drills, mental math, problem sets, and Math tricks.

Reading has been fun with the Accelerated Reader program. Students also read some books together, such as *Shiloh*, *Roll of Thunder, Here My Cry*, *The Hoboken Chicken Emergency*, and *Ma and Me and The Time Machine*.

Fourth graders really did well at the UIL Competition. The Art Memory Team of Candace Carver, Marquita Mayes, Jessy Schur, Orrin Myers, Derek Agraz, and Joe Albus won FIRST PLACE! Nathan King, Sheniqua Woods, and Jessy Schur were in Oral Reading. Jessy got first in finals. The Music Memory Team of J.C. Chappell, Orrin Myers, Derek Agraz, Nathan King, and Candace Carver won first as a team. J.C. and Orrin had perfect scores. In Spelling, Candace got fourth and Orrin got fifth as individuals, and the spelling team got second. Sheniqua was on this team. In Ready Writing, Jessy Schur won first and Sheniqua Woods got fifth place.

Many fourth graders also did the "Jump Rope For Heart". There's a lot to learn about the heart and how to prevent disease!

Well, it's on to O'Brien next year. Fourth graders are looking forward to their end-of school play.

Two classmates have moved- Sara Johnson and Rechelle Raynes. We miss them.

FFA report

By: Natalie Bloxham

This spring many FFA members competed in major stock shows. Landon Weiershausen, took his pig to Brenham and two goats to San Angela. Ashley Jobe and Tiffany Jobe also took their goats to San Angelo. Logan Morrow and Roni Morrow took two pigs to Brenham, with Roni advancing to Houston. Ashley Turner also took a pig to Brenham. Natalie Bloxham took a pig to San Antonio and placed second in the Duroc class. She also went to Brenham where she advanced to Houston. Ryan Baker took his steers to Fort Worth and Houston. Everyone has worked very hard this year and had a really great time in preparing for these shows.

Participation up in tennis, golf

Twelve high school students participated this year in the tennis program and six in golf. More than half of this number are freshmen, so it appears that these two spring sports are making a big comeback in the number of participants.

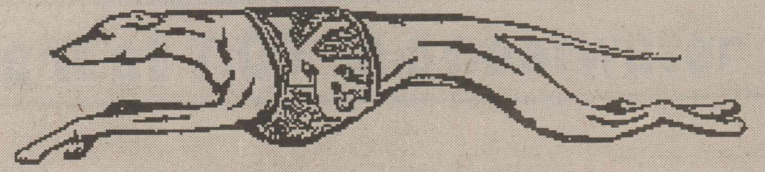
At the Zone meet, the boys singles was won by Brad Johnson. The boys doubles team of Landon Weiershausen and Myles Richardson placed second and advanced to District. The girls doubles team of Nikki Gonzalez and Crystal Espinosa placed first and advanced to District. Others who participated were Gilbert Trevino, Jeffrey Hernandez, Biviana Silva, Kimberly Hawkins, Tandy Roberts, Heather Stovall and Erik Rocha. None advanced to Regionals.

District Golfers were Wes Powell, Scooter Thompson, Nathan Lierly, Caleb Carver, and Nefro Gonzales for the boys team and Kayla Garcia for the girls. None advanced to Regionals, but plan on trying again next year.

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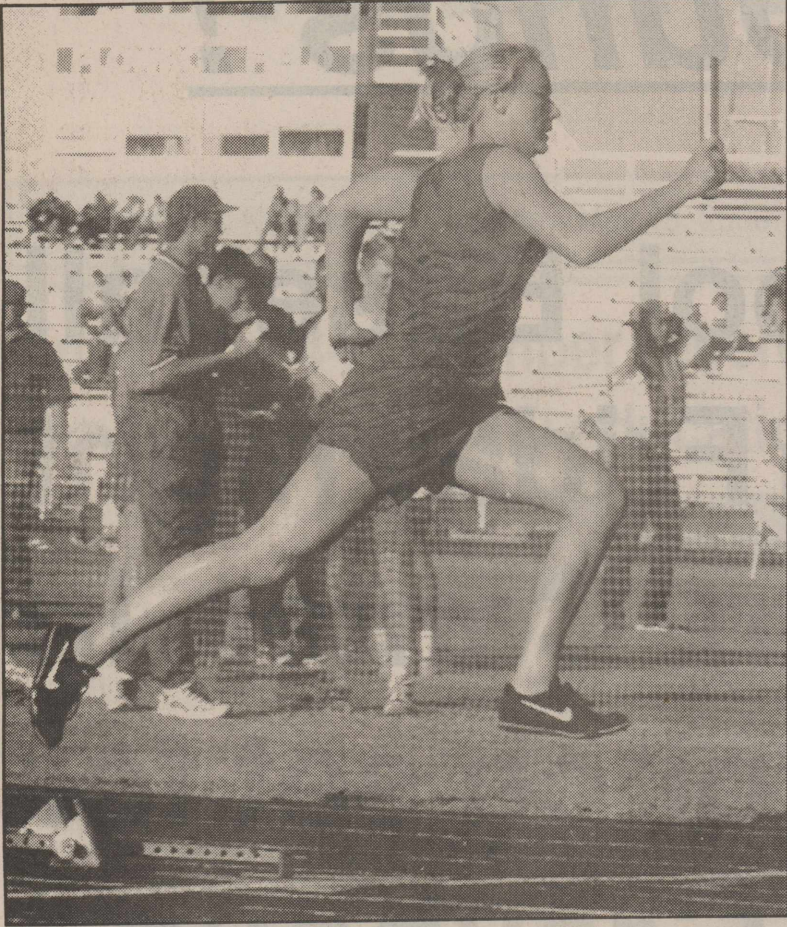


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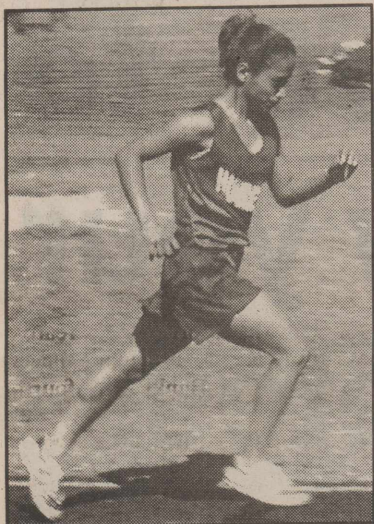
A look back at some Track and Field moments...



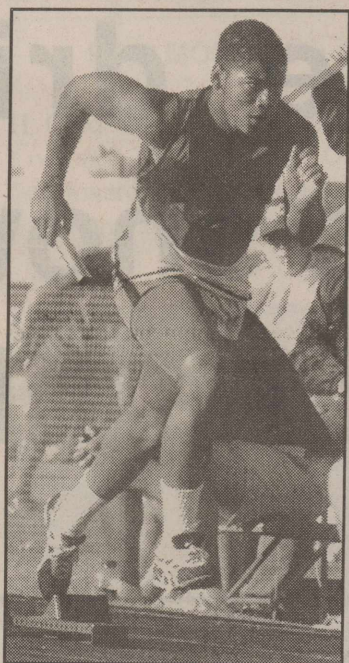
Freshman Jennifer Eaton demonstrates her ability to put out great effort as she strides her way to a hand-off in the sprint relay.



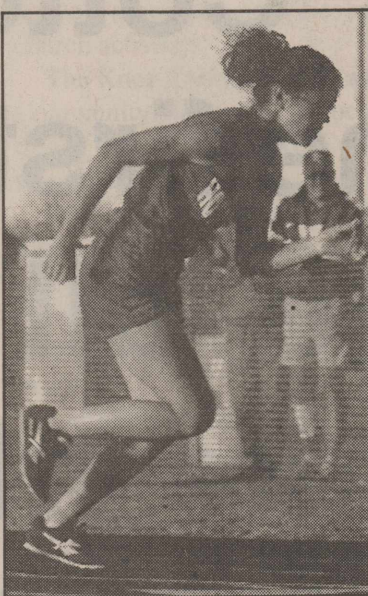
400 meter relay members Natalie Bloxham, Jennifer Eaton, Dana Holmes, and Kayla Garcia enjoy a moment of leisure before they get ready to compete.



Sonya Contraras performed well this year in the 1600 meter and the 3200 meter runs. She ran in the finals at the Regional Meet.



Dominique Collier shows fierce determination in the boys 400 meter relay.



Audrey Lankford proved her abilities in the 400 meter run this year. She was District and Area Champion and made finals at Regionals. She also anchored the 1600 meter relay.



Justin Casillas shows his agility in clearing the 110 high hurdles.



Jeffrey Hernandez sets a pace hard to beat in both the 1600 meter run and the 3200 meter run. After wins at District, Area, and Regionals in the 3200 meter event, he advanced to the State Championships at Austin and placed 7th. Jeffrey placed third at Regionals in the 1600 meters, narrowly missing going to State in that event. This was the sophomore's second trip to Austin.

Student Council goes to Austin

By: Amber Collins and Ashley Harrison

Several members of the High School Student Council attended the State Conference in Austin April 27-29. The group arrived at the Conference on Thursday afternoon and attended the opening ceremony. The next two days were filled with many activities and speeches. The President of the Texas Association of Student Councils addressed the crowd of approximately 6,000 students. Students who were campaigning for offices presented skits. Many awards were given and students were treated to a dance Friday night.

The Knox City delegation enjoyed touring the State Capitol building, the L.B. J. Museum, and eating out at Joe's Crab Shack and The Spaghetti Warehouse. (The food was delicious!) Members reported having "lots of fun" and are looking forward to next year. Elections for new officers will be held May 22.

Members who attended the trip were Kevin Casillas, Matthew Lowe, Amber Collins, Casey Carver, Ashley Harrison, and Wes Parker. (Several members could not attend due to the Regional track meet in Levelland the same week-end)

Jr.-Sr. Prom 2000 spectacular event

This year's Junior Senior Prom was truly a "Stairway to Heaven." The O'Brien cafeteria was transformed into a spectacular scene with elaborate decorations featuring a white stairway. Senior sponsors Bob Collins and Mark Tucker, with the help of other decorators, worked tirelessly to make this a night to remember.

Tandy Roberts gave the invocation and the welcome presented by Audrey Lankford. Myles Richardson presented the Senior response. Following a steak meal prepared by Debbie Sandusky and helpers. Crystal Wallace gave the benediction. Servers for the evening were Casey Carver, Nikki Gonzales, Will Grimsley, Tiffany Jobe, Garry Manley, Carrie Richardson, and Melissa Ruiz. Many teachers and school board members and spouses were in attendance. The meal was followed by the traditional prom dance.

Remember to attend this year's graduations! O'Brien Eighth grade-May 26; Knox City High School-May 27. Wish them well in their new challenges!

Six compete at UIL Regional Academics

U.I.L. Coordinator Renella Watson reported that this year's U.I.L. District Meet was a successful one for Knox City High School. Four new District Champions were named as well as several others qualifying for the Regional Meet.

Erica Quintana took a unanimous first place in Prose Interpretation. She was awarded the first place position by all three Hardin Simmons judges on the panel. This was Erica's third year to advance to the Regional Championships and her first year to be District Champion.

Spellers Tiffany Jobe, Leilani Bruce, and Melissa Ruiz took first, second, and third places respectively as individuals at the District meet. They went on to win second place (alternate to State) as a team at Regionals. Individually, Tiffany placed fourth, Leilani Fifth, and Melissa eighth. The team from Wink, which took first place, was composed of two seniors and one junior. The Wink team went on to win State. "We have a great opportunity to move up into the first place slot next year!" Tiffany remarked.

Natalie Bloxham, Sonya Contreras, and Salvador Silva were also District medalists and advances to the Regional Meet. At District, Natalie placed second in News Writing, Salvador took second in Number Sense, and Sonya was third in Computer Applications.

The group was accompanied to Levelland by Mrs. Watson, U.I.L. Coordinator and Journalism coach. Mrs. Waldrip, Prose and Spelling coach. Mr. Laws, Math coach, and Mrs. Dillon, Computer Applications coach.



Natalie Bloxham gives it all she's got on the 800 meter relay. She was also a member of the 1600 meter relay that advanced to the finals of the Regional meet.

Cheerleaders chosen

Varsity cheerleaders for the High school next year will be Jennifer Vacek (Head), Audrey Lankford, Amber Collins, Erica Quintana, Angela Roberts, Kayla Garcia, and Ashley Jobe. Mascot will be LaTisha Munsell.

Congratulations to these ladies!



Sophomore Dana Holmes runs an impressive first leg of the 1600 meter relay as she outpaces her competitors to give Knox City a good lead. The relay, made up of Dana, senior Natalie Bloxham, junior Jennifer Vacek, and junior Audrey Lankford, won first at District, second at Area and fifth at Regionals.

Greyhound Pride Band gets standing ovation at Spring Concert

The community once again showed its pleasure with the efforts of the band this year by providing a rousing standing ovation at the conclusion of the Spring concert Sunday, May 7.

Earlier last month, the Greyhound Pride band received the superior I rating at the UIL Spring Concert and Sight Reading. Fire trucks and cars lined the highways and downtown

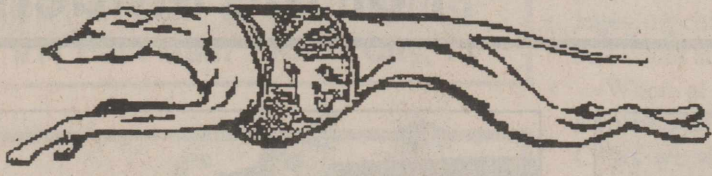
to welcome them home. This elation was carried over into the afternoon of splendid musical performances not only by the high school but by the O'Brien Middle School fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Several eighth graders had participated with the high school at contest.

Mr. Mark Tucker is the High School Band director. This is his fourth year at Knox City.



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The Knox City High School Baseball Team enters the playoffs on Friday night when they take on Cotton Center in Sweetwater. With the first pitch set for 7:00 p.m., we urge all Greyhound supporters to make the drive to Sweetwater and be there to show your support for our high school athletes.

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