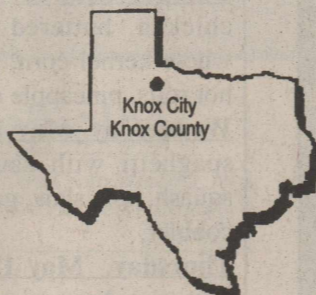


Congratulations to Biscuit on his 4th place finish in shot put at the State Track Meet!!!!

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Graduation Edition is next week

Next week's edition of *The Knox County News* will be dedicated to the Class of 2001.

Senior photos and autobiographies will appear from students graduating from Knox City High School as well as those from Benjamin High School.

Merchants will be saluting the Class of 2001 making this special edition possible.

Parents and other individuals who wish to make special wishes to their graduate are asked to please have them to the News office no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

Bloodmobile to visit here Tuesday

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Knox City Tuesday, May 22, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Knox City Community Center, 212 South Third.

According to a representative of the Wichita Falls Unit, free t-shirts will be given to all donors.



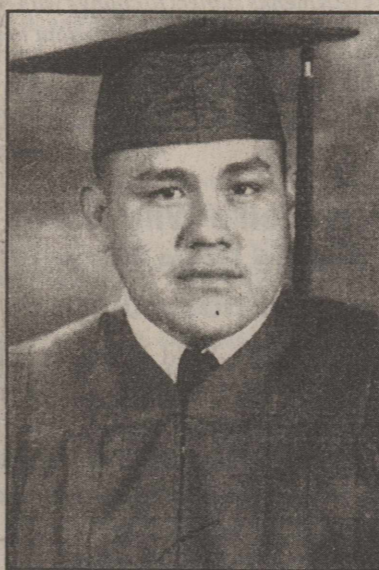
HONORED FRIDAY AFTERNOON of last week for his years of service to the community was Mayor Tommie (Bud) Reynolds. He and his wife Sequoyah were honored by the City at a reception held at City Hall. Bud served as Knox City mayor during the years of 1995-2001. (NEWS digital photo)



AUDREY LANKFORD
...valedictorian



JENNIFER VACEK
...salutatorian



AARON SANCHEZ
...high ranking boy

Knox City High School names honor graduates for this year's Class of 2001

Knox City High School principal Mack Lowe has released the names of this year's Class of 2001 honor graduates.

Named as class valedictorian is Audrey Lankford, daughter of Irene and David Lankford. Audrey's grade point average for four years is 95.85.

Jennifer Vacek was named this year's salutatorian. The daughter

of Janice and the late William Vacek, Jennifer's grade point average for four years is 94.00.

High ranking boy honors for the Class of 2001 go to Aaron Sanchez with a four year grade point average of 93.00. Aaron is the son of Eulalia and Pablo Sanchez.

Rounding out the list of honor graduates for the Class of 2001

are Kayla Moss, Amber Collins, Erik Rocha and Sal Silva.

Baccalaureate for this year's seniors is Sunday, May 20. Commencement exercises will be Saturday, May 26.

Both Baccalaureate and Commencement will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the Knox City school campus.

Hamburger supper set for Thursday night at 6:00 p.m.

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD will sponsor a community hamburger supper at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, at the practice field across from the elementary campus.

According to school superintendent Louis Baty, everyone is encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and join others from the community in showing their support for our schools.

Students in elementary, mid-school and high school who participated in the Academic UIL contests will be recognized for their accomplishments.

Farm safety day camp planned Wednesday, May 30, in Munday

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Knox and Haskell Counties, in conjunction with Progressive Farmer magazine will present a Farm Safety Day Camp, Wednesday, May 30, at the Munday High School from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Through hands-on activities, camp participants will learn how to prevent farm accidents and how to reduce the extent of injuries if accidents do occur.

Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling the Knox or Haskell County Extension offices at (940) 454-2651 or (940) 864-2546.

Pre-registrations need to be received by Monday, May 16, according to Jane Rowan of the Knox County Extension office.

The registration fee covers lunch, snacks, a take-home packet and a farm safety day camp T-shirt.

TDA to hold public hearing on boll weevil quarantine

The Texas Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing in Abilene on Tuesday, May 29, on proposed changes and new rules establishing a boll weevil quarantine in Texas.

The hearing will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Texas Engineering Extension Center in Abilene.

The proposed quarantine regulations restrict movement of regulated items, such as cotton har-

vesting and hauling equipment, vehicles and raw cotton, from areas of Texas that still have boll weevils into boll weevil eradication zones that have been declared suppressed, functionally eradicated or eradicated.

There are currently 11 active boll weevil eradication zones in Texas covering six million acres.

For more info, call (512) 463-7593.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

KNOX CITY HIGH SCHOOL held induction ceremonies for National Honor Society Monday evening. NHS members from left, are Erik Rocha, Carrie Richardson, Sal Silva, Garry Manley (behind Sal), Kayla Moss, Amber Collins, Jennifer Vacek, Audrey Lankford, Casey Carver, Ashley Jobe, Landon Weiershausen, Scooter Thompson, Jennifer Eaton, Crystal Hunt, Kimberly Hawkins, Melissa Ruiz, Wesley Parker, Tiffany Jobe, Shawn Speck and Angela Roberts. Seniors pinned the new inductees of senior Sal and sophomores Jennifer, Ashley, Kimberly, Wes, Scooter and Landon. They were joined by the junior class members in congratulating the new inductees. Bob Collins is sponsor. High school principal Mack Lowe gave closing remarks. (NEWS digital photo)

Summer TAAS exit test set for July dates

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 10 - Writing (TAAS only)
July 11 - Mathematics
July 12 - Reading

Students currently enrolled in the 10th, 11th or 12th grades 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 Austin no later than 5:00 p.m., June 8, 2001.

The Texas Education Agency and NCS Pearson 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 summer exit level test should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Division, phone number is (512) 463-9536.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

The following was received by John W. Drakeford, who is professor emeritus of psychology and counseling at Southwestern Seminary. Letters to 'Dear John' should be sent to P.O. Box 660267, Dallas, TX 75266-0267.

'Dear John, I express my Christian love by greeting people with a hug. Is that wrong? I was brought up in a country church, and tis was our way of expressing love.

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Dear Like to Hug,
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It's wonderful what a hug can do. A hug can cheer you when you're blue.

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And bring a rainbow after rain. The hug! There's just no doubt about it - - We scarcely could survive without it!

A hug delights and warms and charms.

It must be why God gave us arms. Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, Sweet for sisters, sweet for brothers,

And chances are our favorite aunts Love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.

Heads of state are not above them.

A hug can break the language barrier

And make your travels so much merrier.

No need to fret about your store of 'em;

The more you give the more there's of 'em.

So stretch those arms without delay

AND GIVE SOMEONE A HUG TODAY !!!

Here and There - Laura and David Wade of Amarillo spent a couple of days visiting Laura's mother, Billie Walker and brother, Joe Banner, as well as other friends and relatives before going on to visit their son Davy Wade in Hurst. Davy graduated from Criswell College in Dallas May 12 with a bachelor of arts degree.

Billie Walker visited with a friend Janet Lovelady in Cedar Hill and they attended the graduation exercises along with Davy's friends from Amarillo and Oklahoma.

A party of 12 honored the graduate with a lunch at The Land and Cattle Steakhouse in Hurst.

Billie also visited her friend, Carolyn Casady in Glenn Heights.

Craig and Chase Brothers of Abilene, Tammy and Chris Lindley and Don Brothers all helped Charlene Brothers celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday.

Visiting Clara Hanson over the weekend and helping her enjoy Mother's Day were Teresa Denson and daughter of Stamford, Jerry and Lou Hodges of Graham and they celebrated Jerry's birthday also.

Marilyn Talbot, Janoma Stephens and Sue Shortes were in Lubbock Saturday to attend the college graduation of which Stefani Stephens was one of the graduates. Best wishes to all our graduate.

Spending a few days with Adelle and Ranzy Herring over the weekend were Adelle and Doris Herring of Junction. Other visitors over the weekend were Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree, Kay Riggins of Waco, Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree, and Claudia Reid of Rochester. Ranzy was moved back to the Knox County

Hospital Sunday night and needs our prayers.

Vivian Hendrix is spending a few days in Wichita Falls with her daughter LeNear and they were to visit other members of the family over the weekend.

Delbert and Norma Hayes were in Big Spring for a doctor's appointment for Delbert on Monday. They were blessed Sunday with Delbert's daughter Pam and husband of Munday and they all attended church together Sunday night at First Baptist Church in O'Brien.

Reed Underwood, student at Texas Tech, spent the weekend with his parents, C.H. and Linda, and attended church Sunday. Reed will be in college part of the summer.

Visiting over the weekend with Loretta Hewitt for Mother's Day were Rhonda, Allen and Casey Moeller of Haskell, Kelli Moeller of Abilene, Vicki, Reece and Jerod Daniel of Abilene, Toni, Ashton, Andrea and Aubrey Neal of Wichita Falls, Pam and Amber Reed of Munday and Rich and Mary Ann Palma. Vicki's #? birthday was also "celebrated".

Visiting Donnie, Diane and Angela Roberts over the weekend were their daughter Trish and husband Tim and grandson Tyler Johnson of Haskell. They attended church services at O'Brien Baptist Church on Sunday.

My son, Don Johnston and wife Marilyn and daughters Kari Lewis and Kenda Davies and granddaughter Kristen and Kelcee Lewis and Kellen Davies of Slaton spent the weekend with me and helped celebrate Mother's Day and enjoyed church services at O'Brien Baptist Church Sunday morning. Laura and David Wade of Amarillo also visited me.

Demp Emerson lost his youngest brother O.L. (Booger) Emerson last week. Booger was a good athlete and graduate of O'Brien High School a long time ago. Our prayers go out to all the family.

Jon and Lindsay Bryant of Littlefield and Jennifer, Cecylee and Hadlee Hicks of Hawley spent the weekend with their parents and grandparents Eddie and Claudia Bryant.



CHRISTI CLAYTON and MARK SNODGRASS

Couple to say August 11 vows in ceremony at Horseshoe Bay

Christi Susan Clayton and Mark Snodgrass, both of Lubbock, announce their engagement and approaching marriage on August 11, 2001. They will exchange vows at The Church at Horseshoe Bay in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Martha Sue McCurley of Knox City and Paul Clayton of Haskell. She is a graduate of Knox City High School and is completing her degree in education at Wayland Baptist University. She is currently working for Adecco in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glyndol Snodgrass of Horseshoe Bay. He is a graduate of Stephenville High School, Texas Tech University in Lubbock and St. Mary's Law School, San Antonio. While at Texas Tech, he was a member of the Red Raider football team. He is self-employed in Lubbock.

Rolling Plains hunting lease directory is now in progress

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is in the process of putting together a Rolling Plains Hunting Lease Directory for the 2001-2001 Hunting Season.

This directory will include hunting opportunities in the Rolling Plains area and will be provided free to people on request, who are looking for hunting opportunities in this area.

Each year local Parks & Wild-

life employees, County Agents and Chamber of Commerce's receive numerous calls from hunters looking for hunting leases.

For those having land to lease and are looking for new hunters or offering hunting packages, this new TP&W directory will be a good way to pass on information to hunters. Those interested should contact Dana Wright at 806-492-2264.

This service is free to the landowner and to the general public.

CONVENIENCE CENTER HOURS, CHARGES

Beginning Monday, May 21, 2001, the Convenience Center will also be open from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. However to help offset costs, there will be cash charges to dump during these afternoon hours. The charges are \$5.00 pickup load and \$10.00 trailer load.

CITY OF KNOX CITY

Property Owners Sent Appraisal Letters for Tax Year 2001

State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. On April 30, 2001 the Knox County Appraisal District mailed property owners letters showing their 2001 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 2001," 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.

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

Brown added, "If you did not get a letter and want 2001 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.

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LEZLI VILLA

Lezli Villa is All-American scholar recipient

Lezli Villa, a Knox City High School sophomore, has received notification from the United States Achievement Academy that she has been named an All-American Scholar.

She was nominated for this award by Jason Loftiss. Her name will appear in the All-American scholar yearbook which is published nationally.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy, said.

The Academy selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Lesli is the daughter of Mario and Linda Abila of Knox City. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Juan Nanez of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Torres of Albany, Mrs. Stella Abila of Ranger and Ms. Adella Garcia of Haskell.

Flintknapping program set at Copper Breaks

QUANAH - Flint-knapping, the art of making stone arrowheads, spear points, knives and other tools like those used long ago by Native Americans, will be demonstrated during a special program following the quarterly Quahadi Society meeting set for Saturday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the park interpretive center.

The Quahadi society, named for the Comanche tribe that dominated the region around Quanah, was established in 1998 as a volunteer citizens' advocacy group for Copper Breaks State Park and supports park programs and facilities through fund raising and event sponsorship. The group's membership primarily is drawn from the local communities of Quanah, Crowell, Childress, Vernon and Chillicothe, and is open to anyone who is interested in helping enhance the park's educational efforts.

Presenter Bob Hopkins, Cooper Breaks interpretive ranger and longtime avocational archeologist, will explore the ancient art of projectile point manufacture developed by various Native American groups. Using traditional, natural materials such as deer and elk antlers, flint and sandstones, Hopkins will shape a variety of common tools once vital to the survival of native peoples.

For more information, contact Copper Breaks State Park at 940-839-4331.

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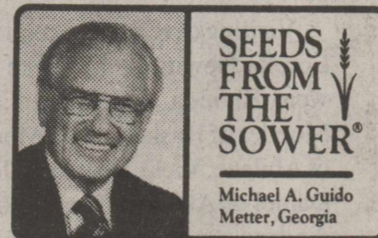
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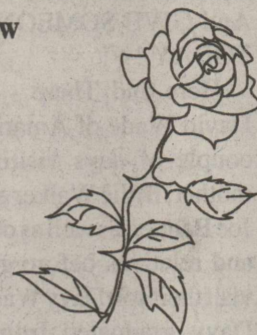
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Lisa Friarson of Haskell and Bea Ellis of O'Brien were the lucky winners in our afghan and quilt raffle. I would like to thank Mary Rocha for crocheting the afghan and Jeanette Phillips for donating the child's quilt.

A special thanks to those who sold tickets, brought desserts or volunteered to work. Without these folks we would not have been able to have our meal.

Sincerely,
Susan Cockerell
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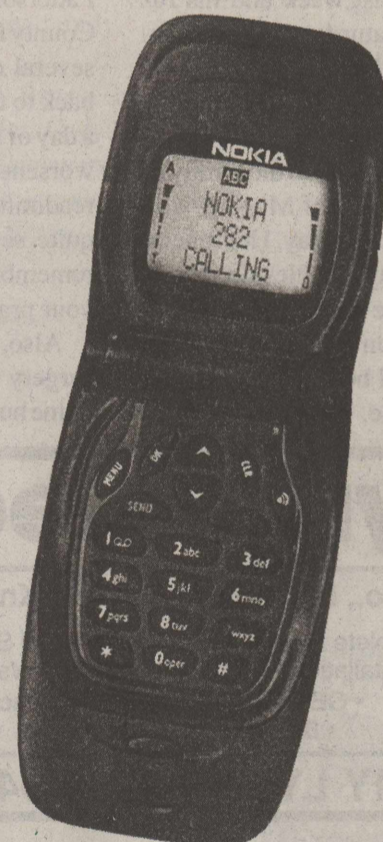
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Andrew and Nicole Williams of McKinney are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Zane Andrew Williams, born April 25, 2001.

Zane weighed in at nine pounds, seven ounces, and was 21 3/4 inches in length.

Brian and Cathye Williams of Knox City are paternal grandparents.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Irv Zeitler of San Angelo.

Great-grandparents are Eva Ross of Burkburnett and Dorothy Williams of San Antonio.

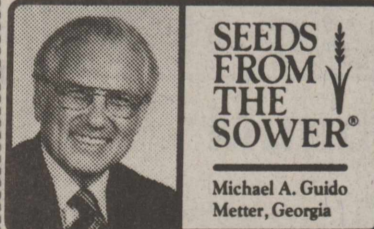
Gloria Nevarez recognized at VRJC ceremony

Knox City High School graduate Gloria Nevarez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emiliano Nevarez of Knox City, was inducted into Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges at the honors convocation on May 4 at Vernon Regional Junior College.

Sixty-nine students have been selected for the 2001 edition.

The campus nominating committee selected these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

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Michael A. Guido
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A girl became a Christian, and she was very happy. When she arrived at home, she started to sing, "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

But one demanded, "How do you know you're safe?"

"Because," she answered, "I'm holding onto Jesus."

"Suppose," asked the neighbor, "the devil cut off your hands?"

"Oh, I forgot," she replied, "Jesus is holding onto me."

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Whom He saves, He satisfies; and whom He converts, He keeps.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

I hope every mom had a nice day Sunday. I did. Had calls from both girls to wish me well. Both were visiting with the other side of their family so I went to Sunday School and church, had a nice lunch, then rested all afternoon! So you see, I did have a good day! And got up ready for a new week this morning.

In news of our ill, Omitene Barnett was able to come home early last week after several days in the Seymour Hospital. She's feeling pretty well except she has a case of laryngitis. Has lost her voice almost completely. Probably some allergy problem that will be OK before long.

Bobby Trainham came home Thursday. He had been in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock over a week. He didn't have his surgery after all. Doctors said his heart was not strong enough. He has to take it pretty easy and rest quite a bit but seems to be feeling pretty well.

Jane Gideon is finally feeling well again. Has had several weeks of not feeling her best and had lots of tests etc. They all came out OK. Doctors say she just had a prolonged virus. Not the 24 hr. kind - the five week kind!! But it's good that she's doing well, now.

My sister, Maxine Nelson, has been in the hospital again, having been admitted last Sunday night. She was very ill for a few hours but soon after entering the hospital and medication started, she began to feel pretty well again. Doctors stay amazed at the way she "bounces" back each time she becomes so ill. They say even though her condition is getting worse almost daily, she does remain unbelievably strong. Please remember her and all these other friends in your prayers.

Extend sympathy to the family of Thomas McMinn. He passed away late last week and his funeral was Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Levelland with graveside rites here Saturday at 4. He was the brother of Era Brown.

Also sympathy to the family of Dovie Partridge of Munday who died last Wednesday. Her funeral was Saturday at Gillespie Baptist Church. She was a good friend, an inspiration to all who knew her and she will be missed by many, many people.

Jr. - Sr. Prom - The Juniors honored the Seniors Saturday night. The annual banquet - prom was held in the Community Center. The theme was "Mardi Gras" and the banquet room was all decked out in "Mardi Gras" style.

A meal of steak and shrimp, rice and salad, dessert and drink was enjoyed by those attending.

The class will be read by seniors Hunter Meinzer and Garrett Favor and the class prophecy was read by juniors Chere Pierce and Sandra Acevedo. Everyone dressed in their finest enjoyed a wonderful evening.

Attend Concert - Larry and Gaye Neal were in Wichita Falls Friday night where they attended a Community Artists Concert at Akin Auditorium on the campus of MSU. The concert was given by their son, Ernest, organist and Rachel Kapelski Bunsold, soprano.

Ernest graduated from Benjamin High School and received his bachelor of music degree in organ performance in May of 1996 at MSU. While a student at Midwestern, Ernest studied organ with Dr. Ronald Hough, professor of music and was first prize winner of the William C. Hall Pipe Organ competition in San Antonio. After leaving Wichita Falls, Ernest completed the master of music degree in organ performance and choral conducting in December 1998 at the University of Tulsa. He is presently director of music and organ at the Parish of Christ the King in Tulsa where he resides. We're all proud of Ernest and his accomplishments. Ms. Kapelski-Bunsold is adjunct professor of music at MSU teaching voice and working with MSU's opera workshop. She has been in concert here in Benjamin in the past and will be remembered by many who attended.

I just learned that Christine Patterson is back in the Knox County Hospital. She was in there several days and was able to go back to the care home in Munday a day or two ago but her condition worsened on Sunday and she was readmitted. I understand she is quite serious and I urge you to remember her and her family in your prayers.

Also, Mitzi Ham underwent surgery in Vernon Friday. She is home but will have to take it pretty

slow for quite some time. We wish Mitzi continued progress.

Here 'N There - Judy Conner accompanied her son and his wife, Jim Bob and Mixie of Slaton to Ruidoso, NM, for a long weekend. They were met there by Mixie's parents, Charles and Marlena Siepel of Lordsburg, NM.

Last weekend, Judy was in Lubbock to visit her son, Jeff and family. Jeff's wife, Kacee, had been in a little automobile accident and got a broken ankle out of it. She was doing pretty well and hopefully will be back on her feet very soon.

Shirley Mooney of Weatherford and Peggy Haley of Fort Worth were her Saturday for a brief visit and to bring flowers for Peggy's mom, Tennie Conner's, grave.

Sheila, Aaron and Caitlyn Kuehler of Shamrock spent the weekend with Sheila's mom, Pat Benson. Stephen and Seth were in Austin for the state track meet. Stephen had a girl to qualify for state in the hurdles (I believe). He coaches at Shamrock High. No word on how she came out. Caitlyn says she will be in seventh grade

next year and has made cheerleaders so she was quite excited. It was good to see them.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and family met Mike's family at Lake Kemp Sunday for a Mother's Day get-together.

Jack and Mary Young were in the metroplex last weekend to visit his brother Butch and his wife. Also their daughter Debbie and her family.

Mother's Day guests of Charles and Joy Jones were son David and hid daughter, Kayla of Bridgeport.

Visited with Daniel and Rosellen Albus Saturday. They live in Lubbock and were here to visit her mom, Nora Hertel in Munday Nursing Center and other relatives.

Sharon Johnson and Maretha Patterson attended the funeral of Dovie Partridge at Gillespie Saturday afternoon.

Bill and Pearl Ryder came "home" Sunday for a while. Had lunch with the family at the home of daughter, Judy Whitten and family. Bill and Pearl, reside now in Munday Nursing Center and are doing pretty well.

Mother's Day weekend guests of Larry and Gaye Neal were their kids, Audra Neal and Sara

Blackstock and Joseph of Mesquite and Larry and Catherine Neal and family of Breckenridge.

Gloria and Leroy West spent Sunday with their daughter, Betty Parker and family in Aspermont.

Betty Bohannon was in Abilene last Thursday to be with her daughter, Bonnie of Knox City, who underwent some outpatient surgery. She's doing pretty well and hopefully will enjoy better health now.

Kathy Zapata and family of Wichita Falls visited parents, Joe and Julia Trepanier during the weekend.

Gerald Barnett of Baytown visited his aunt, Omitene Barnett.

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THE CITY OF KNOX CITY is accepting bids on a 1992 Ford Crown Victoria and a Circa 1950 Elgin Sweeper. Bids will be opened Thursday, June 14, at 5:00 p.m. Bids may be submitted to City Hall, 200 North Central, Knox City. More information may be obtained by contacting City Manager Mike Burkham at 658-3313. The City of Knox City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 5-17 5tc 70

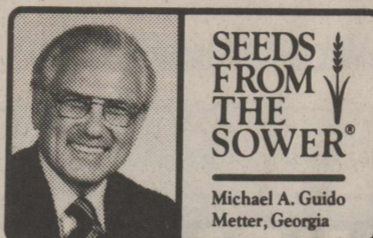
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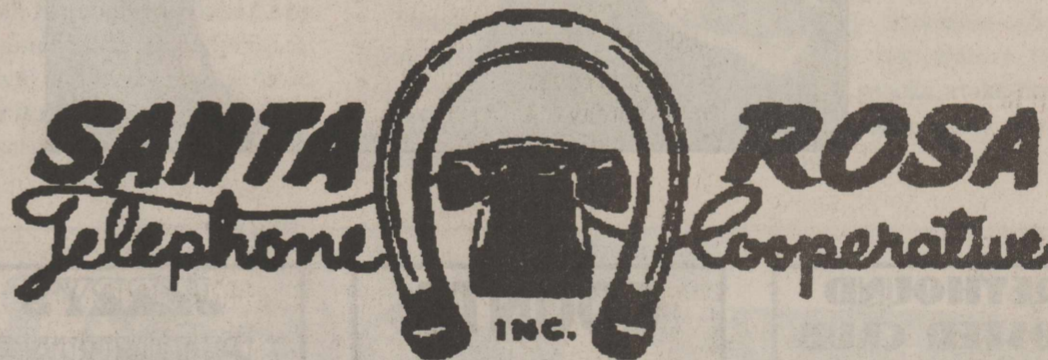
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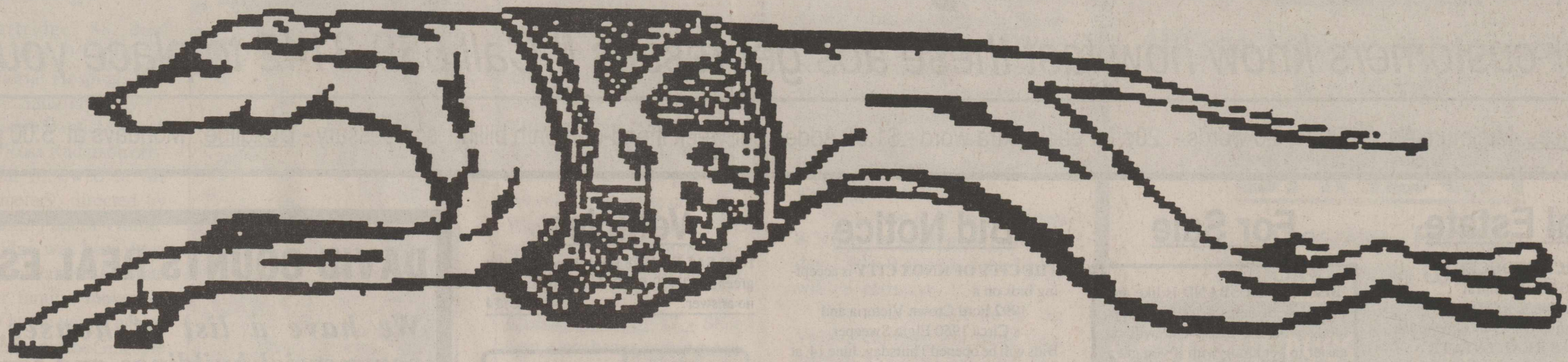


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