Enjoy yourself at the Texas Cowboy Reunion this week in Stamford!

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72nd Texas Cowboy Reunion celebration to unfold in Stamford July 3 thru July 6

Rodeo, dance, western art, trade show, cowboy poetry, cookoff

Hailed as the World's Largest Amateur Rodeo, the 72nd Texas Cowboy Reunion will get underway for fun, rodeo and reunion on Wednesday, July 3 and continue Thursday, July 4, Friday, July and Saturday, July 6 in Stamford.

The excitement kicks off on Wednesday with the old fashioned grand parade through the streets of downtown Stamford at 4 p.m. World famous rodeo clown Quail Dobbs will be this year's parade marshal. Dobbs entertained PRCA rodeo crowds across the country for 35 years. On August 10, Dobbs will be inducted into the National Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame. He retired in 1998 with his final performance at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo and is now a Justice of the Peace in Coahoma. TCR officials feel it is an honor to have Dobbs at this year's event.

Cowboys and cowgirls of the past, present and future will fill the authentic rodeo arena for the grand entry introduction to the performances each night at 8 p.m.

of the World's Largest Amateur Rodeo. Don't miss the classic events of the rodeo, plus some that are unique to the TCR including the harried Wild Mare Race, Wild Cow Milking and the Double Mugging.

The setting for the rodeo is picturesque as the grounds are located on the historic SMS ranch with the West Texas sunset playing backdrop to the authentic rustic arena, often referred to as the "little Cheyenne."

There will be a nightly dance under the stars to the sounds of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys in the TCR's open air covered dance pavilion beginning at 9:30-

Throughout the four days, various events are planned including the Western Art Show and Trade Show in the air conditioned John Selmon Gallery and the TCR Trade Show featuring wall to wall booths of western attire, jewelry, furniture and TCR souvenirs in the upstairs portion of the gallery.

The top cowboys of verse have been invited to the annual Cowboy poetry Gathering under the dance pavilion at 1 p.m. on Satur-

There will be other events throughout the TCR including a Chuckwagon Cookoff, Brisket Cookoff, Bit and Spur Show in the Roundup Hall and of course the famed Oldtimers Events on Saturday. And of course, Joe Allen will once again serve up his delicious West Texas barbecue prior to each rodeo performance and on Saturday at noon.

Make plans to attend this fantastic event where old and young cowboys and cowgirls alike from across the country come to renew old friendships and make new ones - - it's the 72nd Texas Cowboy Reunion, July 3, 4, 5 and 5 in Stamford.

Tickets for all events are available at the door. For more information visit www.tcrrodeo.com or call the Stamford Chamber of Commerce at 915-773-2411.

Emergency farm loan applications being accepted for Baylor and Knox Counties

Due to losses from January 1, 2001 and continuing

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought, high winds, and excessive temperatures that occurred January 1, 2002 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Vernon, Texas, FSA Farm Loan Manager, Kelley R. Boone said.

Baylor County and Knox County in Texas were recently named by President Bush as contiguous counties eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought, high winds, and excessive temperatures that occurred January 1, 2001 and continuing.

Boone said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less.

For farmers unable to obtain credit fro private commercial lenders, the interest rate in 3.75 per-

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Boone said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program and the Crop Disaster Program will have to figure in proceeds from those pro-

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until February 4, 2003, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Boone said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Vernon is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

grams in determining their loss. Monday through Friday. County burglary suspect is apprehended, Sheriff Homstad gives details of event

At Ranchland Conoco in Benjamin

By DEAN W. HOMSTAD

Knox County Sheriff On Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at around 5:56 a.m. while most of the citizens of Knox County were either at home asleep or preparing to leave for various activities, Knox County Deputy Stan. Hammett responded to a report of a burglary at the Ranchland Conoco in Benjamin.

Upon arriving, he found where someone had broken the east window out of the business and as gold by the manager that about all that was missing was numerous lottery tickets.

Through investigation, and

with the assistance of the Texas Rangers, Texas State Lottery Commission, and other law enforcement agencies along the way, which that continued until May 22, 2002, Deputy Hammett and I learned that the suspect was believed to have been traveling from Wichita Falls, Texas, to Midland, Texas, to see his probation of-

He is believed to have stopped at the store in Benjamin, drove on, scratched tickets, then presented tickets in several areas before reaching Midland.

On May 22, 2002, a warrant was issued for Sonny Wayne

Bradford, a resident of Archer/ Wichita County.

On May 23, with the assistance of the Texas Rangers, Deputy Stan Hammett and I traveled to the Possum Kingdom Lake area, located and then did arrest the subject for the burglary after a short

The suspect was brought back to Knox County and placed in the Knox County Jail, where he was able to shed some light on the said burglary during his stay in our fine facility.

Thank you to all involved in this investigation and assistance in this case.

When in the course of human events....



"Have a happy Fourth of July," read an advertisement. True, but it somehow seems so inadequate.

No, this Independence Day should be different from any we've had in more than 50 years. Not since World War II has our nation been rebounding from an outside attack. Sure, we've been at war, but we have not had an outside enemy within our gates. This Fourth of July is definitely different.

It is a celebration, for sure, not some sort of memorial service, but it would be appropriate for us to take stock of what we're celebrating.

When our forefathers made the decision 226 years ago that the American Colonies should throw off their bond to England and cast out the tyrant king, it cast a new future for not only our fledgling nation but for the world as a whole.

Even recent history offers considerable evidence that King George III was not the worst leader one could have, but the American mindset had taken on new ideas, thoughts that people could indeed govern themselves, that they could hold their leaders responsible, that they could individually and communally achieve seemingly unreachable goals.

HAVE A ... FOURTH

Have a meaningful Fourth of July.

Make some time in your day to consider some specific benefits you have derived from our nation. Much of it can be traced back to that famous phrase from the document signed on July 4, 1776, The Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness ..."

Not everywhere am I free to distribute my thoughts in print, but much of the world may do so today and they can trace that privilege back to the American Revolution and the effect it has had on most other nations since the 18th century.

Have a thankful Fourth of July.

Over the past few decades, it's almost become a cliche that people have fought and died to secure our freedoms. Sure, we've been appreciative, but it hasn't been extremely tangible. Until now.

Were the World Trade Center victims fighting for our freedoms? Of course they were. Not in the military sense, but any freedom that is not claimed, that is not put into practice, is lost. You and I protect our freedoms by using them.

And then our military entered the campaign by pursuing the spectral leaders of the attack on the United States, a campaign we are assured will likely last for a long time.

NATION OF STRENGTH

Have a respectful Fourth of July.

Honor the strength of our nation, which is the fact that we are so diversified, yet are able to pool our many talents and desires into a unified effort for the common good.

Most of us believe in a "Creator," as the Declaration of Independence put it, though our interpretations vary greatly. Christians, Jews, Muslims and non-believers can and do work side-by-side for the betterment of our society.

More and more, the citizens of the United States are putting behind them the fractionating concepts that some people are better than others because of their sex, race, skin color, etc., and are finding greater respect.

Have a happy Fourth of July.

While considering just what all Independence Day means to us, we come back to the beginning. To live in a nation that offers such great potential, one that respects our individuality while encouraging a team effort, one that has redefined government ... it must be a happy Fourth of July.

STEVE MARTINDALE

A TEXAS VOICE

Straight Talk

By Dave Thompson

The condition of our town

Being a typical small town newspaper, we get a lot of comments made to us here at *The Knox County News* about the condition of Knox City. We get asked a lot of questions like "Why won't they fix our streets?" or "Why are there so many weedy lots and abandoned buildings?" We also have folks who want us to 'get after' these types of things in the paper each week.

My question right back to folks the folks asking these kinds of questions is always the same: "Why don't YOU become involved in our city?" That kind of response usually results in all kinds of excuses, including the most popular: "I don't want to make anyone mad, I have to live here."

Well guess what folks? We (Stacy, Scooter, Billye and myself) live here too..... so why do you expect us to make everyone mad all the time???????????

As a small town newspaper, we are here to support the community in whatever way we can. It is not our intention to make people mad with what is printed in the paper. It does happen from time to time, but that is the nature of the business and certainly not intentional.

Instead of this whole mentality of folks getting mad, what ever happened to folks getting IN-VOLVED? That's right, there's that terrible word..... involved. Instead of complaining all the time, some folks ought to try and become a part of the solution. If you want to know how many folks make an attempt to be involved in the community, go to a meeting of the city council and see how many citizens are interested enough to show up. These meetings are open to the public and the council encourages citizens to attend. If you are there and witness first hand how our elected representatives try to deal with a multitude of issues on a dwindling budget, you might be surprised at how much does get done.... on your behalf.

Coffee shop and beauty parlor conversations don't do a lot to help our community. Constructive dialogues at meetings of the city council will. So why waste your time and energy sitting around complaining about things when you can attend the council meetings and try to be a part of the solution?

The same holds true for all areas of the community we call home. Meetings held by the school district, hospital district, taxing entities, economic development, chamber of commerce and county commissioners are open, public meetings that you are encouraged to attend.

Wouldn't Knox City be a nicer place to live and work if folks didn't get mad?

Wouldn't Knox City be a nicer place to live and work if folks didn't look for an opportunity to 'get even'?

Wouldn't Knox City be a nicer place to live and work if conversations were positive?

Wouldn't Knox City be a better place to live and work if the majority became INVOLVED?

Think about it.....

Cemetery Fence Donations

Donations have been made to the Knox City Cemetery Fund in memory of:

Ruby Robinson by Marion Perdue,

Nefro Gonzales by Marion Perdue and Chrystal Tankersley Robison by Wretha Fitzgerald.

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O'Brien happenings

"Humor In Uniform - Stationed in Okinawa, Japan, my son and his wife were expecting their first baby. I was elated when he called me at work with the wonderful news of my grandchild's birth. I took down all the statistics and turned to relate it all to my coworkers. "I'm a grandmother!" I declared. "It's a baby girl, and she

weighs five pounds."

"When was she born?" someone asked.

Recalling the date my son told me, I stopped, looked at the calendar and said in amazement, "Tomorrow!"

Here and There - Bernice Rowan was in Haskell to visit with her granddaughter, Traci and children. They were visiting with Bernice's daughter Debbie and husband Trey.

Visiting Beatrice Ellis last week

was her son-in-law Grady Murry of Plainview. He enjoys coming by and playing 84 at the Aging Center on Thursday night.

John Lippard was in Wichita Falls one day last week for a doctor's appointment and got a good report.

Les and Julie Gueron of Garland visited Bro. Kyle and Leah Gulledge over the weekend. Julie was a cousin of Bro. Kyle's and they attended church service Sunday at O'Brien Baptist.

Veeta Reid will be in Fort Worth for a few days visiting with her daughter Angelia and husband and son Sam.

Bob Acree of Knox City and Veeta Reid of O'Brien hosted our young girls and boys to church camp Friday and Saturday at Lueders. Girls attending were Kate Rowan, Leah Tibbets and McKayla Harrington and the boys were Matthew Acree, Landon Lynn and Hagan Hutchinson. They all enjoyed a good camp.

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Visiting Ranzy and Adelle Herring last week were Jerry Don Beasley of Snyder, Claudia Reed of Rochester, Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree, Sandra Atchinson of Midland, Frances and Billy Joe Jefferies of California, Bonnie Wyke and husband of California.

Joanne Searcy of Montgomery, Alabama, Taylor Hodges of Spur, and Teresa and Ronnie Denson of Stamford visited with Clara Hanson over the weekend and her daughter Joanne will be with her for awhile.

John Lippard, Bernice Rowan and I were at Believers Chapel Saturday night and attended the music of beautiful singing and piano and drum playing.

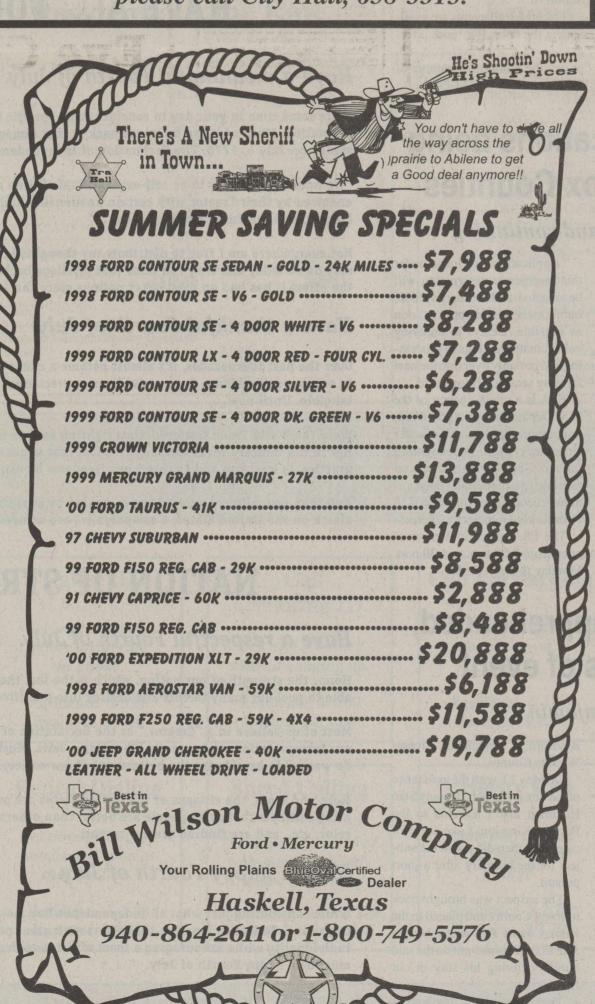
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Sara Stubbs Gibson accepted into Texas Tech Medical School

Sara Stubbs Gibson has been accepted into the Texas Tech Health / Science Center Medical

School to begin classes in Au-

Sara graduated cum laude from

Thanks to everyone for the calls, cards and visits since Guy has been in the hospital.

Special thanks to Charles Auburg for the extra visits and also to Joyce Ball for the extra visits, as well as the ice cream.

God bless you all.

Guy and Jeri Bradley

Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in genetics in May 2000.

She was valedictorian of the Clifton High School Class of 1996. Sara and her husband, Scott Gibson, currently reside in Aus-

She is the daughter of Tim and Debbie Stubbs of Clifton, and is the granddaughter of Verne and Maxine Stubbs of Denver, Colo-





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Grasshoppers 'gone to the birds'

By Trish Jones, County Extension Agent / Ag

Are you like a lot of Texans: overwhelmed by grasshoppers? Perhaps you have tried spraying them with various insecticides to no avail (a waste of time and dangerous to the environment). Maybe you have tried one of the naturally occurring organisms that, naturally, are not very effective at controlling grasshoppers (like trying to stop a herd of elephants with one bullet). Of course, you can cover your plants with fiber row cover and get good protection. That is fine for those broccoli plants or green beans you planted for supper. But why cover up those beautiful roses or core-

If you are looking for a natural way to control grasshoppers in your garden and landscape - one that really works - you should not have to look much further than the state bird of Texas the mockingbird - and some of his insecteating cousins like the bluebird and scissortail.

opsis where you cannot enjoy

When it comes to these insectmouse, redbirds, painted bunting and chickadee, but mockingbirds do not est seed, they eat grasshoppers and other insects. If you have a landscape with bugs, then that is all the feeder you need to supply Mr. Mocker and his friends.

The key to attracting these insect eaters is to provide them with numerous nesting areas and a water source. A lot has been written

and said about building and placing nesting boxes for bluebirds but mockingbirds can also be encouraged to nest in your landscape by providing them with nesting areas. They are not as wary as bluebirds and will tolerate people a lot more so nests can be closer to where you garden and live. Pots filled with straw can be placed high under a porch or under the eaves of you house. For several years now mockingbirds have nested in a small pot at the nursery next door as well as in our caged tomatoes. The mothers will squawk a little when visitors pass within inches of the nests but otherwise they go about their business of hatching and feeding young. They also nest in the eaves of our building and are constantly on patrol in the garden. And guess what? We no longer have a grasshopper problem.

Be sure to provide them with an ample supply of fresh water to drink and bathe in, otherwise they may peck a few holes in your tomatoes looking for a drink. Also if you have cats, put bells around their necks to warn the birds. Until next time, great gardening!

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Phone & Fax Line: (940) 657-3142 P.O. Drawer 9, 110 N. Central, Knox City, Tx 79529 E-Mail: kcnews@knoxcity.net eating garden friends, forget the bird feeder. It is a waste of time. Sure, feeders are great for attract-Entered as a Periodical (903-920) with postage paid a the Knox City Post Office, Knox City, Texas 79529. ing seed-eating songbirds like tit

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LL All-Stars

in tournaments

have been competing in their

division last week, KC was de-

feated by Seymour 14-5 and

Electra in a close contest 13-

Monday night, they lost to

Electra 6-3 and were to play

computer problems, we will have photos of these two teams

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Munday on Tuesday night. Hopefully, with no more

respective tournaments.

KC's Little League All-Stars

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In the 11-12 year olds, on

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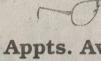
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A Golden Time

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A study in the Archives of Internal Medicine maintains that living wills can save about \$60,000 per patient in medical costs. Researchers studied 474 patients who died in a hospital during 1990-92. Bills for those without living wills were three times as high.

Currently only one medical school in the entire country, out of 126, has a full-fledged department of geriatrics: Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

Aging center lunch menus

July 8th thru July 15th

Monday, July 8 - Chicken fried steak, buttered potatoes, blackeyed peas, hominy casserole, hot rolls, cookies.

Tuesday, July 9 - Peppered steak, buttered rice, sweet peas, salad, light bread, dessert.

Wednesday, July 10 - Meat loaf, pinto beans, buttered spinach, potato salad, cornbread, cake.

Thursday, July 11 - Sliced turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry salad, green beans, rolls, peaches/topping.

Friday, July 12 - Chicken spaghetti, buttered corn, glazed carrots, salad, garlic bread, des-

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

Benjamin news

After a pretty busy week last week and also a busy weekend we awake to clouds and some light rain this July 1. Hard to realize

that 2002 is now half gone. School will soon start again - then after that seems Thanksgiving and Christmas just jumps out at us, so if you think of it like that you readily realize that there is no rest in store anytime soon!

We had a good revival - Good preaching, good music and good crowds. Had several from neighboring towns join us and I think everyone received a real blessing from each night's service.

We are glad to report there are no persons with real serious problems that we know of. Leroy West has had some heart tests and no results yet, but he is feeling pretty well. He's waiting to hear from his tests to see what kind of treatment he may have to have, if any. Jane Gideon is in Wichita Falls today for some tests. Hopefully he problem won't be too serious.

Then there's several who have had that stomach virus (or flu or whatever) that just makes them feel horrible for two or three days and leaves them so weak. So far, I've missed it and hope I continue. But the, I guess no one wanted it. But those "patients" are all feeling better now.

There's a little "sprucin' up" going on around town. Mike and Debbie Moorhouse have been busy getting their yard in shape for daughter Lynn's wedding in August. Mike has built a gazebo and it is really neat. Drive by and see what he has done. He did a great job on it.

The house formerly owned by Jack and Kathy Waldron is undergoing some improvement. They have put in a fireplace and done other remodeling. Kim Sealy has bought that house.

Kemp Jones continues to work on his pens he's building out of pipe. For those who don't know, that the place where Lee and Grace Snailum lived.

The Wyman Meinzer house is nearing completion. I imagine they are getting very anxious to

Then there's those good industrious folks who have pretty yards (mine's not included in this group). They put out lots of effort but the results are rewarding and we all enjoy what they have done.

Another change is that the little house on Hwy. 82 just west of Kenneth Roberts house (known by us here as Ernest Tubbs house as be once lived there) has been bulldozed down and the umber burned. That will be where the Knox County Museum will be

And the Church of Christ folks continue their work on the Christian Church which is theirs now and as soon as work is completed they will begin to have worship services there.

The work was curtailed during Dub's illness and death.

There's probably something important I am forgetting and if there is, please remind me - sometimes my memory lapses!

Did you get all your letters written by today? If not, it'll cost

you 3¢ more - Don't be like I have been in the past, put the old price stamp on and expect it to go - it won't!!!

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Here 'N There - My Saturday guests were daughter, Diane Evans and her daughter, Ashlee of Childress. They also visited Diane's sister, Debbie Moorhouse and family.

Bob and Bobbye Goodwin of Earth were weekend guests of Roger and Betty Bohannon.

Jr. and Virginia Barrientez and family of Stamford were here Friday for the reception following the wedding of Alex Ledesma and Julie Larned Lyles. Alex and Julie are now making their home in Benjamin.

Mike and Lori Bufkin and children recently moved to Crowell to make their home. We miss them but hope they enjoy their new home and wish them well.

Kim Moore and family of Spur visited homefolks during the weekend.

Judy Barnett was honored with a going away party Thursday, June 27, at the Brazos Valley Care Home. Judy left after 17 years as activity director at the home. She received a nice plaque honoring he for her years of dedicated ser-

Sunday guests of Leroy and Gloria West were Tom Hamilton of Munday and his sisters, Dorothy Donoho of Granbury and Dean Harper of Mertzon.

Have a nice 4th of July - If you're on the road, shooting fireworks or whatever, do be careful - See you next week!



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Obituaries

Nella Shaver Hansen

Nella Shaver Hansen died June 16, 2002, in Fruita, Colorado. She was 78 years old.

Born January 25, 1924, to Ed and Molly Shaver in Knox City. She was a 1940 graduate of Knox City High School and received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from West Texas A&M at Canyon, Texas.

She had a long and wonderful marriage to John S. Hansen, who preceded her in death in 1993. They were married in 1943 and two children, who survive her, are

a daughter, Jan Hansen Humphrey; and son, Stan Hansen, both of Grand Junction, Colorado. Also, one sister, Jean Lair of Canyon, Texas, and sister-in-law, Faye Shaver of Knox City; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mayme Shaver and Dorothy Robertson, and a brother, Eddie Shaver of Knox City.

Nella lived the last years with her son, Stan Hansen and wife, Yumi, and children. She is remembered as being a loving mother and wife who enjoyed her life with her family. She enjoyed following her grandchildren in baseball, other sports and school. Nella would want to be remembered as a lifelong 'Yellow Dog Democrat'.

A memorial service will be held later at the Knox City Cemetery for family and friends. McCleans Funeral Home of Fruita, Colorado, performed burial services.

Pauline H. Hewitt

Funeral services for Pauline H. Hewitt were held Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at Green Hills Mortuary Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Father Donald Jolly-Gabriel officiated and entombment was at Green Hills Memorial Park.

Born February 8, 1918, in Ralls, she moved to Haskell County at an early age and attended Rochester schools. She moved to Knox City in 1933 and graduated from Knox City High School in 1935. She worked at the Knox County Hospital several years as a nurses aide. She married Bryan Hewitt in November 1938. She moved to Colton, California, in 1941, and remained in that area the remainder of her life. While living there, she attended nursing school and received her RN degree, working in hospitals and clinics until retiring in 1990.

She lost her son, Johnny in 2001, with a heart attack.

Survivors are Bryan Hewitt and Joy Hewitt of Torrance, California; Oliver King of Plainview, Fannie Carlisle of Kress, Joe King of Canyon, and Mary Lou DeFoure of San Clemente, California.

Margie I. Sutton

Funeral services for Margie I. Sutton of Haskell were held Wednesday, July 3, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at Santa Rosa Catholic Church with Julian Estrada, Kenneth Blair and Benny Vasquez officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sutton, 76, died July 1, 2002, in an Abilene hospital.

Born March 15, 1926, in Alabama, she was a computer technician

She was preceded in death by her brother, sister and one grandchild. Survivors include a son, Robert Sutton of Georgetown; two daughters, Debbie Wood of Cedar Creek and Sandy Espinosa of Knox City; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Knox City Police Report

May 2002

The Knox City Police Department had another very busy month during May 2002 receiving a total of 651 calls and tasks, which required attention. This total included 10 actual criminal offenses of which 4 were cleared or otherwise handled. Four charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with three of the offenses involving juveniles as offenders.

Offenses reported include: Theft - 3, Resisting arrest - 1, Burglary of vehicle - 1, Terroristic threat - 1, Endangering a child - 1, Sexual assault - 1, Burglary of building - 1, Harassment - 1; Traffic Charges Filed - 7, Warnings Issued - 10, Accidents - 4.

Other items reported to the Knox City Police Department during May 2002 are classified as incidents. These incidents were not able to be considered as a criminal offense, however, they must be handled in a responsible and proper manner.

Incidents reported include: Courtesy stand-by - 20, Assist EMS - 2, Loud music - 2, Assist other agencies - 2, Prowler - 1, Open door - 2, Motorist assist - 2, Suspicious vehicle - 1, Cattle Call - 3, Disturbance - 4, Funeral escort - 2, Welfare concern - 3, Escort tennis team - 1, Escort track team - 1, Leaking tank - 1, Medical neglect - 1.

During the month of March, this department received several calls from the following agencies - Central (911) - 75, Sheriff's office - 22, City Hall - 34.

Summer is upon us and there are some kids staying out late after curfew, this department would like to remind the kids and parents that, even though school is out, the curfew will be enforced. Also a reminder about the CLICK IT OR TICKET, if you forget or refuse to wear you seat belt while in a moving vehicle, you will be stopped and possibly issued a citation. Hot weather is here, please be careful around the park area and the streets of the city, many children may be out playing. Our prayers go out to Officer Provost and his family, illness in the fam-

/s/ Harry E. Steen Chief of Police Knox City Police Dept.



Mayson Allen McGaughey

Mayson Allen McGaughey was born to Michael and Tandy McGaughey on May 25, 2002, at 8:03 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

He weighed 6.9 pounds and measured 18 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Rick and Tammy Gonzales and Mark and Marsha McGaughey.

Great-grandparents are J.B. and Dody May of Haskell, Linda Gonzales of Knox City, Peggy and Allen McGaughey of Knox City and Shirley and Byron Gass of Goree.

The baby has two aunts, Brittney Gonzales and Tamara McGaughey, and an uncle, Rick-Gonzales.

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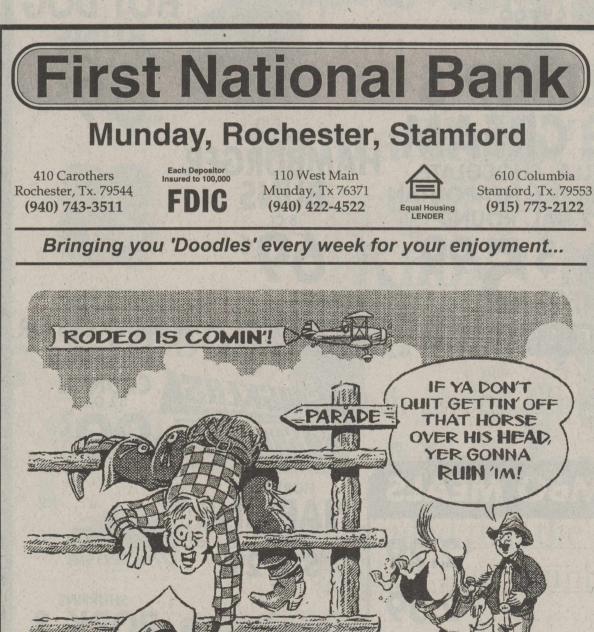
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Western Art Show and Sale – Art Gallery, Pavilion Building July, 3,4,5,6, – Preview Party and Sale, July 2, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday A.M.	y – July 2nd	8:30	Bit, Spur and Western Collectible Show
9:00	Team Roping in Main Arena	9:00	- Roundup Hall Coffee and Fellowship for Old Timers at
P.M. 6:30	Art Preview Party - Pavilion Building	9:30	Bunkhouse Memorial Services for Old Timers at
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9:00	Sponsors Barrel Race - Main Arena		- Roundup Hall
11:30	Barbeque Lunch at Bunkhouse Shed	6:00	Chuckwagon Dinner at
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4:00	Grand Parade - Downtown		Joe Allen's Pit Bar-B-Que
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8:00	Slack Roping in Main Arena, Calf Roping &	0.20	Main Arena
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7.00	Bunkhouse	10:00	Old Timers Fiddler's Contest - Bunkhous
10:00	Old Timers Directors Meeting at Bunkhouse	10:00	Ranch Horse Competition - Main Arena
10.00	followed by Open Business Meeting	11:00	Barbeque Cook-Off Judging
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Working Ranch Cowboy Awards

The Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. was organized in 1930 for the purpose of preserving the traditions of the early-day ranch country and to honor ranch cowboys that served as the foundation of the development of the cattle industry in Texas.

With the coming of this 72nd event or "gathering", the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. has officially initiated a means of recognizing and honoring these individuals who pursued a lifetime career as working ranch cowboys.

A career more challenging than most, since their daily work requires a thorough knowledge of the actions of cattle, horses and the

Two awards will be presented each year; one posthumously and one to an individual still actively engaged in the profession.

The Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. takes great pleasure in honoring Tom Moorhouse of Benjamin and the late George Humphreys as this years recipients of the Working Ranch Cowboy Awards.

These awards will be presented during a special ceremony.

George Humphreys

was born in 1899 on a ranch on the Stonewall-King County line and lived in one or the other of these Texas counties his entire life. At an

early age, he began cowboying on ranches in the local area and hired on with the 6666, headquartered at Guthrie, Texas, in 1918, at the age of

His first duties with the 6666 included breaking horses for the ranch. George developed quite a reputation as a "bronc buster" and was eventually placed in charge of the bronc pen. In this position, he was responsible for taking the "rough" off of more than two hundred horses each year.

In addition to his assignment of breaking horses, George went with the

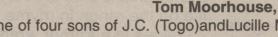
wagon crew during the branding and shipping. Most of the cattle work during his early years was done on the open range with the wagon being out for as long as three-month intervals.

After twelve years of demonstrating his skills in handling horses and cattle, George was appointed foreman of the Four Sixes and maintained this position for forty years. During his tenure as foreman, he also served as Sheriff of King County twenty years and was awarded a commission as a Special Texas Ranger.

During the first few years following establishment of the Texas Cowboy Reunion in 1930, George and the 6666 would make the 85 mile trip to Stamford with the chuckwagon and ride horseback to participate in the Reunion. He enjoyed the Reunion activities and served as one of the rodeo judges for many years.

Probably the most meaningful compliment paid to a cowboy comes from the judgement made by men of the same stature and trade. Several individuals associated with George describe him as a "cowboy's cowboy", "one of the last men of the old west who did it horseback", and "a man that would help everybody".

George Humphreys retired from the 6666 at the age of 70, after fifty-two years of employment. He returned to a small ranch of his own in Stonewall County and remained active in the "cowboy way" for several years.



one of four sons of J.C. (Togo)andLucille Moorhouse, was born in 1946, in Knox County, Texas. His grandfather, Edward Moorhouse,

established a ranch in Knox and King counties in the early 1900's and the Moorhouses' have been in the ranching business since that date.

His father and older brothers initiated Tom into the cowboy way of life at an early age. He soon developed a keen interest in cowboying and acquired his skills by observing the daily routine of

As a young man, Tom chose to expand his knowledge and experience by working on other ranches within the area. He was soon convinced that being a cowboy was the lifestyle for

him, and after attending Sul Ross University to receive a degree in Agribusiness, he returned to the family operation to pursue his career. Tom is currently manager and part owner of the Moorhouse Ranch Co. that operates a cow-calf and stocker operation in several different

Tom has consistently demonstrated his abilities of handling horses and cattle at various ranch rodeos. He was named "All Around Cowboy" on two different occasions at the Texas Ranch Roundup in Wichita Falls, Texas. In addition, the horses he has trained and ridden have received numerous Top Horse Awards.

Tom believes in operating the Moorhouse Ranch Co. the "old way" as much as possible when it comes to cattle working. Horses are used almost entirely in these operations, and the remuda, along with the chuckwagon are driven to the different working locations on the ranch. Tom chooses this method over some of the more modern ones because he belives it reduces his operating cost and this is very important in a low-margin business such as ranching. Tom Moorhouse is completely satisfied and contented with living

the cowboy life. His work has not been easy, but he believes in the freedom that is experienced from sitting astride a good horse, and doing what others have done before him.



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Wild Cow Milking

The contest consists of a roper and two muggers. Only the roper will be mounted.

Cows will be given deadline start, and when said cow crosses deadline, she is roper's cow. Ten-second fine for roper's mount breaking barrier. Only one loop will be permitted. All catches must be by the head. No healing or intentional tripping. Optional dally or tie, but rope must be removed from saddle horn before milking commences.

JERK DOWN RULE— Jerking animal over backwards will result in a ten-second penalty.

The roper must do the milking in a 12 ounce bottle. Cow must be up when milked and rope must be removed from cow before milker runs to the judge. If the milk will not pour, the team is disqualified. The team with the fastest time wins.

A two-minute time limit will be in effect for this contest.

Cowboy Poets Gather for Texas Cowboy Reunion

The American Cowboy has long been known for his brand of rowdy, even abrasive humor and his ability to laugh in the face of crisis and danger. Much of the material presented in today's cowboy poetry is based upon that philosophy.

Cowboy humorist, Dennis Gaines, San Antonio, Tx., will be at the Texas Cowboy Reunion Cowboy Gathering, Saturday, July 6th. expressing the laughable side of everyday life on the range in rhyme.

Gaines is a former wrangler fo the historic Matador Ranch.

He was awarded Cowboy Humorist of the Year in Ft. Worth, Tx., last year.

Another popular poet appearing at the gathering this year is chuckwagon cowcamp cook, Biscuits O'Bryan, San Angelo, Tx. Known for his biscuit recipe and cowboy cookbook, Biscuits writes his own poetry and delivers it in a dignified style.

Paul Davidson, songwriter/Musician from Levelland, Tx., will entertain during the afternoon performance with western songs from his new CD, "The Last of the Desperadoes."

Additional poets include John Dalliston, the Texstralian, with poems he has written about cowboy life in the outback of Australia.

Also Steve Rogers, Stamford cowboy poet, will present his poetry with a look at living in today's world as a cowboy/cattle raiser and the last cowboy romantic.

Several guest poets and musicians will be announced during the afternoon. The Cowboy Poetry Gathering begins at 1 p.m. at the Dance Pavilion.





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Cowboy Dictionary

PICK-UP MAN-A mounted cowboy in the arena who "picks up" the riders after they have completed their contest rides.

SUNFISHING-When a horse twists its body violently from side to side, rolling its belly upward toward the sun, it is said to be sunfishing.

COMMUNITY LOOP-A large loop thrown at stock by a roper.

HOOLIHANNING-To leap on a steer in such a way that the animal's head and horns are driven into the ground. The animal turns over and must be let up and thrown by hand for eligible time.

RUNAWAY BUCKER-A bronc that runs wildly from the chute and then "breaks in two" some place in the middle of the arena.

BALANCE RIDER-A cowboy who rides a bucking bronc solely by balancing himself in the saddle.

PIGGIN' STRING-A short tie-string with which the cowboy makes his roped stock secure.

BLOWING A STIRRUP-To lose a stirrup.

HIGH ROLLER-A horse that leaps high in the air when bucking.

NECK ROPE-A loop around the horse's neck that the catch rope is run through after it is made fast to the saddle horn. This keeps the roper's horse facing the calf while he is tying it.

BICYCLING-Spurring a bronc's sides first with one foot and then with the other.

DALLYING-To take a wrap or several wraps around the horn with a rope, making it temporarily secure.

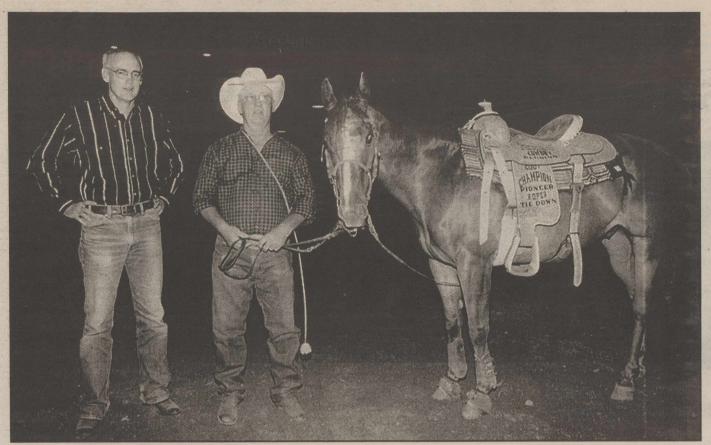
CHOKING THE APPLE-To grasp the saddle horn while contest bronc riding. This disqualifies a rider.

DOG-FALL-A fall of a steer in bull dogging, with its legs doubled up beneath it. To be timed, a steer must fall with all four legs pointing in the same direction.

SPINNER-A bull or horse that bucks in close, tight circles. Such animals are very difficult to ride.

END SWAPPER-A bronc that reverses its position in the middle of a high buck.

CLEAN OUT-When a roped calf is thrown cleanly to the ground with its legs out in one direction, it is described as being "cleaned out."



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Texas Cowboy Oldtimers Association to hold reunion

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The 2002 Program for the Texas Cowboy Oldtimers Reunion is:

July 3 - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship -

Bunkhouse 12:00 noon - Catered Barbecue Lunch -**Bunkhouse Shed**

July 4 - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship -Bunkhouse

Another tradition of the Texas 10:00 a.m. - Directors' Meeting - Bunk-

10:30 a.m. - General Business Meeting -Bunkhouse

Noon - Peacock's Barbecue Lunch -**Bunkhouse Shed**

July 5 - Friday

9:00 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship -

9:30 a.m. - Memorial Service-Bunkhouse Noon - Peacock Barbecue Lunch -**Bunkhouse Shed**

July 6 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship -Bunkhouse

10:00 a.m. - Oldtime Fiddler's Contest-Bunkhouse

Noon - Peacock Barbecue Lunch -**Bunkhouse Shed**

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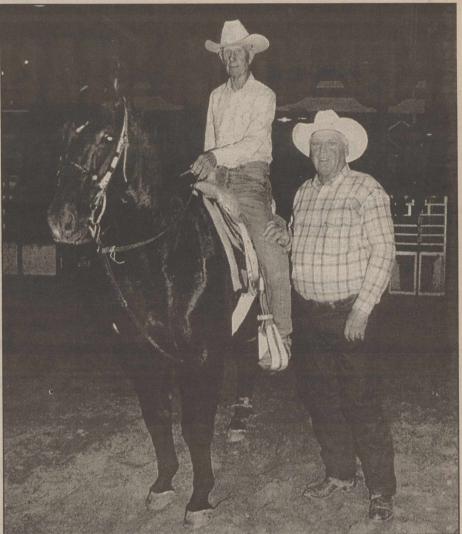
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The Reunion was started in 1930, almost seven decades ago, in an effort to preserve traditions and honor old time cowboys and cattlemen. In so doing, it has itself developed into a tradition.

The annual event came into being as a community project at a time when a large portion of the country was involved in the first stunning years of the Depression. It originated as an idea of several Stamford businessmen interested in preserving the spirit of the Old West

The charter of the organization defines the Reunion's purpose as perpetuating "the memory of the West, to entertain the pioneers of the past, to keep alive the traditions of those that wrestled this country from the Indians and the buffalo is our one aim, and to this task we have pledged our time, our money and our efforts."

The vision of the Reunion's founders remains intact and the event continues to relive a segment of the West.

The first year of the Reunion was possible by selling 52 shares of stock at \$25 a share to interested citizens of Stamford who gave no thought of returns other than to see a real honest-togoodness rodeo each year.

Officials and committeemen the first year were W.G. (Mr. Bill) Swenson, R.R. Robertson, R.L. Penick, W.G. Owsley, D.T. Perkins, A.C. Cooper, J.C. Watson, R.M. Swenson, R.V. Colbert, Warren B. Tayman, C.L. Widney, Ray Rector, R.E. McDonald, L.M. Hardy, Harley Globe and John Selmon.

The first year there were 98 cowboy contestants participating in rodeo events

including calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding and bronc riding. The steers were mean and "only 23 riders signed up to attempt to stay on deck of the big, wild, fast-pitching Brahma steers." Calf roping was the most popular event with 59 entries.

Carrying out the basic idea, pioneer cattlemen of the state, who were honored guests, formed an organization and elected officers. Three hundred and thirty-five of these oldtimers, who had actually engaged in working on ranches 35 years before, signed up for membership

The first Reunion featured a parade and a group of 50 Comanche Indians from Oklahoma reservations presented evening entertainment. Following that was an old-fashioned cowboy dance on an open-air platform near the arena.

Newspaper accounts of the first Reunion recall: "Arena for the show will be situated in the bottom of a draw which is approximately 300 feet wide, with banks on each side rising to a height of about 20 feet. Plans for erecting a bleacher on the west side with seating accommodations for around 1500 people are being considered. The north and east sides will be reserved for those who desire to park their automobiles in such a way as to sit in them and watch the performance. It is estimated that around 4000 people will be able to secure comfortable seats around the arena"

Surpassing all early expectations was the 1935 Reunion when about 55,000 flocked to Stamford - many times the population of the town at any time during its history

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The show that year had another highlight - the attendance of Will Rogers. According to a newspaper account: "The 1935 show was marked especially by the unexpected appearance of Will Rogers, cowboy humorist who said, 'It is unique among celebrations of its kind."

Rogers was discovered sitting on the bleachers at the morning show and preferred sitting there watching the cutting horse contest to leading the Wednesday morning parade. He did agree to stay in the arena during the afternoon. He was there when Governor James V. Allred rode in wearing a ten-gallon hat, and cowboy boots to westernize his attire and had his picture made with Allred and Captain Tom Hickman (Texas Ranger), all on horseback.

He assisted in clearing the arena of the animals used in each event, working with John Selmon; he was there when J.A. Low of Deale tied his calf after his own leg was broken; and he roped the little calf of ex-world champion Ellison Carroll, 73, of Big Lake, saying, "I roped him for you, Ellison, I wouldn't let the varmit get plum away."

A few short weeks later he died in an airplane crash in Alaska.

In addition to its many famous visitors, the Reunion has innovated many popular rodeo events. Among them are the ranch horse contest, wild cow milking, sponsors barrel racing and others. The forerunner of the traditional grand entry was in 1932.

Chuck wagons from ranches a hundred miles distant came to the Reunion,

sometimes traveling for days. The Oldtimers Association acquired a permanent meeting place in the Bunkhouse and later the Roundup Hall was built for fiddling contests and dancing.

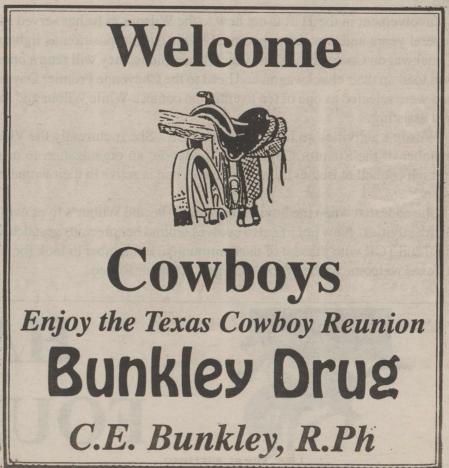
In the years since 1930, Stamford and all of West Texas has been void of a Reunion only one year - 1943. That year the Reunion was not held because of war. Cowboy contestants, along with some of the chairmen and hosts, were off at war ... "in Australia and England and Africa and New Guinea, Alaska and Iceland, or wherever American boys were fighting for what America stands for - rodeos and baseball games included."

And everyone was happy when the Reunion continued the next year and "the most natural thing in the world on July 4 was to ride over to Stamford for the Cowboy Reunion."

W.G. (Mr. Bill) Swenson, president of the Texas Cowboy Reunion for several decades, once summed up the Reunion by saying: "Our work on the Texas Cowboy Reunion has been a labor of love with the object and idea of honoring the real oldtime cowboys at the same time as we are having a reunion of the cowboys who are today doing their job in the livestock industry in the United States..."

And the Reunion has done this in a successful manner. Events have been added from year to year, improving and adding to the meaning of the occasion. Just as the Western Art Show in the John Selmon Memorial Gallery has added a new dimension to the legendary Reunion.





2002 TCR HOSTESS ANNETTE WILSON



The "reunion" of old friends is what Annette Wilson enjoys most about the Texas Cowboy Reunion. This year's TCR is sure to be an extra special reunion for her. Annette, a Stamford native, was declared the Official Hostess of the 72nd Texas Cowboy Reunion, during an Ex-Hostess annual brunch.

"Having grown up here, the rodeo has always been a special part of my life," said Wilson. "Being named Hostess is such an honor and I am so excited about the next few weeks."

As Hostess, Wilson was honored with numerous parties, luncheons and other events that led up to the excitement of the 72nd TCR on July 3,4,5 and 6th. During the rodeo, the Hostess is to act as a "Host" to visitors by being present at various events. She will attend the rodeo each night and will give a special welcome at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering. She will also work closely with this years sponsor, Tara Ford, as they plan a luncheon for the barrel racers and local women of the rodeo.

"I am thrilled that Tara has been selected as a Sponsor. She and her family will be lots of fun to work with," said Wilson.

A native of Stamford and the daughter of the late Oscar and Evelyn Kainer, Wilson is married to Wilbur Wilson. They live east of town in a home they have recently remodeled and enjoy visits from their three sons' families. The Wilson's eldest son Warren and his wife Michele have two kids. They are currently in the process of moving to Abilene from the Houston area. Cody and his wife Leah live in Abilene and have three children. Youngest son Russell and his wife Brandy live in Brownwood and are expecting their first child in October. Wilson says that like they have every year, all three boys will bring their families back to the TCR.

Wilson has been the office manager for Congressman Charles Stenholm in his Federal Office in Stamford for 7 1/2 years. Prior to her present job, she worked in his campaign office for 9 years. Her job duties require her to assist constituents with federal agencies, answer questions and concerns and casework.

Her job is also sending her to Washington, D.C. in June for a week-

long congressional conference. Her husband Wilbur, who works as the Supervisor of Distribution Systems for WTU, will accompany her on the

Involvement in the TCR is not new to the Wilsons as he has served as chairman for about 10 years. He was the Brisket Cook-off Chairman for several years and was then appointed to his current position as lighting chairman. The Wilsons have also competed the last few years in the Chuckwagon Cook-off. As last year's Champions, they will return once again with partners Jay and Joan Hager. Following the TCR, the couple will load up their chuckwagon and head to the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming, an elite competition where they had to submit an application and were selected as one of ten to enter the contest. While Wilbur and Jay do most of the cooking, Annette and Joan do their share of dishwashing and assisting.

Wilson's activities go far beyond the TCR. She is currently the Vice President of the Stamford Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and a member of the Stamford Hospital Foundation, an organization to acquire endowments for the hospital. Wilson has also been active on the Church council at Bethel Lutheran Church and is active in their womens group. She also served on the Stamford Preservation League for several years.

She adds that when the boys were young, she and Wilbur's lives evolved around 4-H, Little League, PTO, Band, Athletic Booster Club and all their activities. Now her life also evolves around her precious grandchildren. It wont be long until the whole Wilson clan will be here to celebrate the 72nd TCR with the rest of the community. Remember to look for Annette each night of the rodeo in the judge's stand as she gives all visitors a Texas welcome to the World's Largest Amateur Rodeo.



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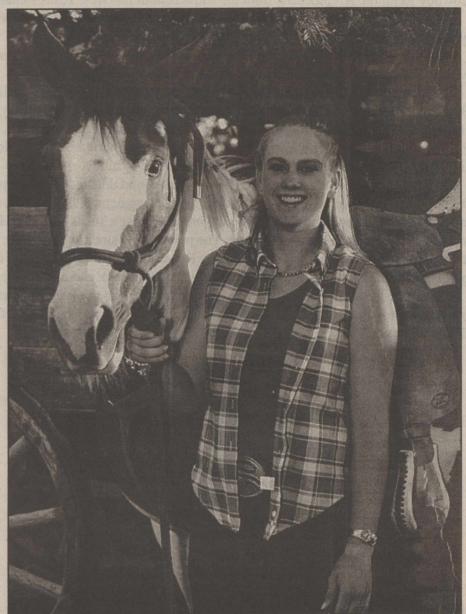
Tara Ford is the daughter of Rex and Cindy Ford of Stamford. She will be a sophomore at Stamford High School next year. Tara has been active in basketball, softball, track, FFA, band, and student council. Her first love is horses. She seemed to have been born with a love for horses. She rode with her dad as an infant, and by the time she was 2 she was riding alone. She was one of the youngest contestants to compete in the TCR at the age of 4. She has competed every year since. Tara has participated in the Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse since the age of two, and has competed in many playdays over the years. She is a member of AJRA and competes regularly in Jr. Rodeos. She rides barrels, poles, and flags in competition.

Whether it be in competition or just for pleasure, Tara is a very confident rider. She can be seen riding around the neighborhood often, stopping occasionally to visit with anyone who is outside and interested in visiting.

Tara has spent most of her riding days competing on a sorrel mare named "Wendy." Tara had to put "Wendy" to sleep last year due to an infection in her foot. She is now riding a 5 year old mare named "Paint." She got "Paint" from one of her special friends, Murry Stasny, 3 years ago. Tara is also grooming a new barrel horse for future use.

Tara's family have always been supporters of the Texas Cowboy Reunion. Both Rex and Cindy grew up enjoying the rodeo performances. Rex has participated in the calf roping, and works closely with the Stamford Art Foundation auction yearly. He also began working the announcers' stand during the calf roping activities two years ago, assuming the responsibilities of a long time dear friend, Cotton Rhodes.

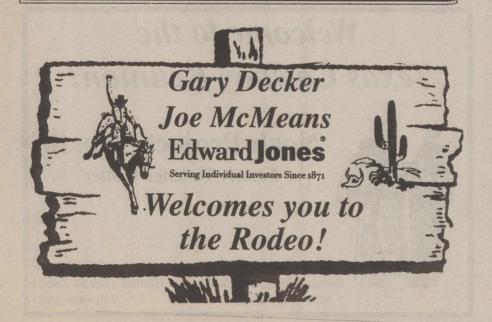
When asked how she felt about being selected as 2002 TCR Sponsor, Tara could not do much more than smile. She says, "I have always dreamed of getting the chance to be Sponsor and I am very excited about this honor. I want to thank the people who felt I was qualified to fulfill this job. I will try to do my best to represent the spirit of the TCR this year."



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The Stamford Art Foundation is a non-profit organization with 15 directors and approximately 140 volunteers who work together to have an outstanding Art Show in Stamford.

Artwork in the show and sale will include oil and watercolor paintings, pencil drawings, and bronze sculptures with a Western influence.

The participating artists are: Barry Arthur, Brian Asher, Don Baker, Bill Barrick, Lynn Brown, R. Russell Brown, Garner Buster, Hugh Campbell, Jean Dexter, Paul Friske, Steve Grey, Ron Howard, Erwin Hearn, Shirley Hullum, Melissa Kohout, Daniel Maldanado, Theresa Martin, Judith Moore, Brenda Murphy, Steve Napper, Tom Paulson, Thelda Rhea, Paul Cameron Smith, Larry Smitherman, Paul Tadlock, Ronald Thomason, Gary Wary, Jim Ward, Roy Lee Ward, Douglas Weaver, and K.W. Whitley.

Shirley Hullum from Stephenville, Texas painted and donated an oil painting entitled "Fields of Wildflower" for the Art Foundation to use in the raffle. The painting depicts fields of bluebonnets, Indian paint brush, buttercups and cactus surrounding a weathered windmill under a Texas blue sky. Her colors are naturally soft, fragrant, and alive capturing the beauty of nature. The painting is valued at \$1,000.00. The drawing for the painting will be at the last performance of the Texas Cowboy Reunion on July 6th. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Tickets can be purchased at the First National Bank or State National Bank and at the gallery during the show.

The art for the 29th show can be seen for the first time at the Preview Party on July 2nd and you will have the opportunity to visit with the artists. There will be a steak dinner, the music of the Billy Bob Bud band, the "Quick Draw" event, and the drawing for two \$100.00 gift certificates.





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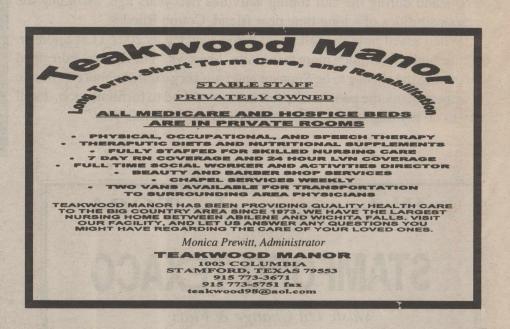
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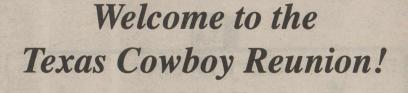
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Hailing from Geronimo, Oklahoma, Blanton says the TCR has become one of his favorite rodeos to announce, "I think I have a pretty good idea of what it takes to present an outstanding rodeo and they do just that at the Texas Cowboy Reunion. It is truly a great and unique rodeo and it is always a pleasure to be a part of the TCR"

Besides announcing about 40 rodeos each year, Blanton produces bullridings across the country each year with his business Buckaroo Productions.

Also returning to the rodeo this year are the riding event judges, Ronnie Ray and Buddy Reynolds.

Besides their experience from several years of judging at the TCR, they both are former TCR participants.

In fact, Ray, a former rodeo coach at Tarleton State University(82-89), won the saddle bronc championship here in 1972. He has judged the AJRA Finals and Pro Rodeos across the country.

Reynolds, who was an AJRA World Champion Bareback Rider, rode in the National Finals Rodeo four years. He too has judged numerous rodeo events.

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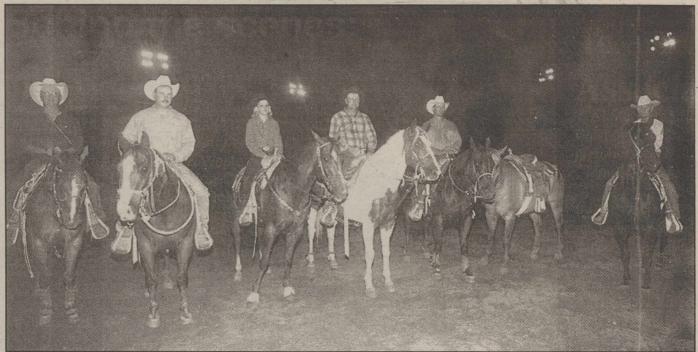
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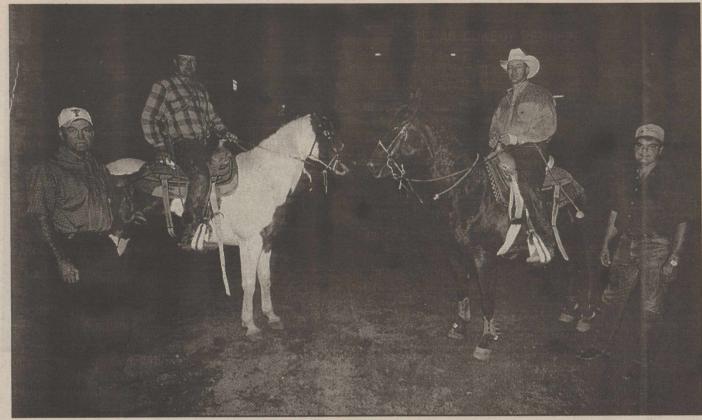
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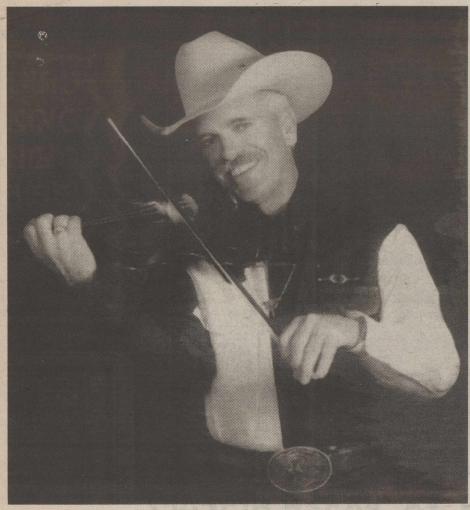
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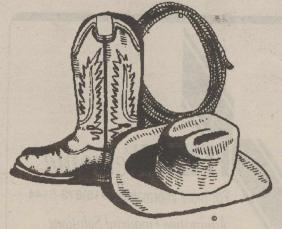
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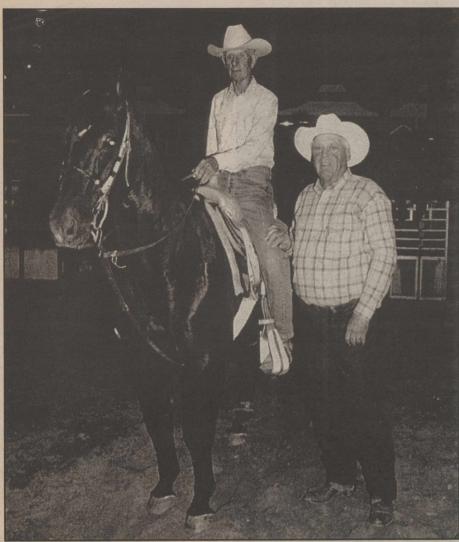


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Area ranches will be competing in the Invitational Ranch Horse Show to be held, Saturday, July 6 at 10 a.m. These selected cowboys from the following ranches will bring his favorite gelding to the Nineth annual competition: Oak Ridge Ranch-Mark Lee on "Baxter"; Circle Bar Ranch-Jerry Bob Daniel on "Genuine Six"; 6666 Ranch-Monte Hollar on "Jamacia"; Moorhouse Ranch Co.-Tom Moorhouse on "Waurika"; Harrington Ranch-Bruce Ford on "Tornado"; Guitar Ranch-Billy Lamb on "Sam"; Tongue Riverd Ranch-Stoney Jones on "Denny"; Beggs Ranch-Casey Daniel on "Shazam"; Lytle Bend Ranch-Josh Allen on "Weather"; Quien Sabe Ranch-Marty Daniel on "Wahoo".

Each cowboy will have eight minutes to complete a six maneuver course that will demonstrate their ranching abilities.

Among the skills, the cowboy will first have to lead the horse into the arena ready to ride, drop the reigns to the ground and pick up all four feet in any order.

Second, the rider mounts the horse and rides to the center of the arena to complete a designated figure pattern following pre-set guidelines.

Following the pattern, the rider will ride the horse to a set of pens and open the gate on horseback. With the gate open, the rider will then drive a yearling calf into the pen.

The rider is then supposed to rope the calf in only two loops.

Finally, a drag or log, with a rope attached will be placed in the arena. The rider will have to attach the log to the saddle and drag the log around the arena to demonstrate the horses pulling ability. Failure to complete the course in eight minutes will disqualify the cowboy.

The Ranch Horse Show is being sponsored by First National Bank-Stamford who is sponsoring the saddle and Wilson Trailer Mfg. who is sponsoring the buckle and R. Diamond W. Co. who is sponsoring the spurs.





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