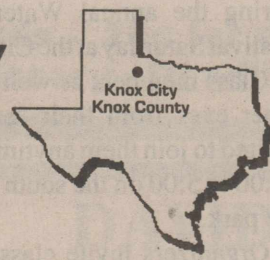


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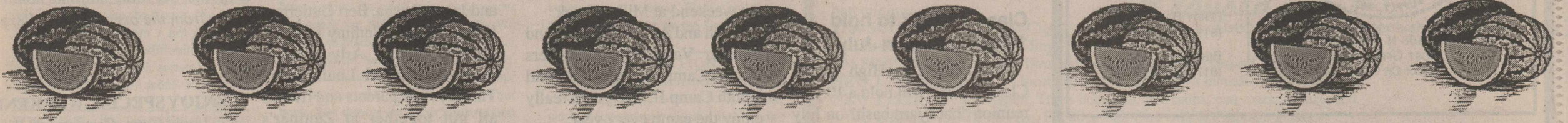


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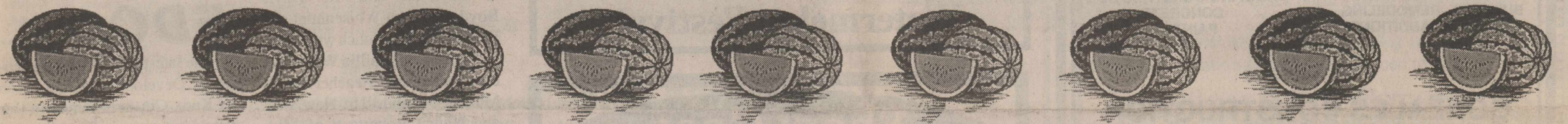
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WELCOME TO KNOX CITY FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL

Saturday, 10:00 A.M. at the city park



Garden evolves into 800 acre watermelon farm

By CHANDRA MATHIS
Big Country Ag Journal

Donald Johnson recalls the day several years ago when a man drove up and asked him to purchase a truckload of watermelons from his garden. It was that truckload of watermelons that got Johnson interested in expanding to become one of the largest melon producers in the area.

In fact, one might say that Johnson's 800 acre watermelon farm has a lot to do with Knox City's claim to fame as the "Seedless Watermelon Capital".

Although Johnson and his son Dwayne also produce cantaloupes and regular diploid variety watermelons, it is the seedless watermelon variety that is their forte'.

They currently farm 26 fields of seedless watermelons throughout Knox and Haskell Counties.

Johnson explains that there is quite a bit more involved in growing watermelons than just planting a seed in the ground.

"It is a very risky crop, conditions have to be just right," he adds.

Watermelons are also an expensive crop. Johnson said that cost averages \$500 per acre due to the constant treatment that incurs.

Johnson transplants his watermelons after starting them in special greenhouses.

After transplanting, the plant must be pollinated from the female to the male.

For this purpose, Johnson keeps over a dozen hives of honeybees at each field.

He explains that since the seedless watermelon is a male sterile, about 30 percent of their harvest is still of the regular diploid variety.

Watermelons are usually ready to pick in about 75 days, but due to this year's cold spring the plants are almost one 30 days behind.

Johnson says that when there is setback, like last April's freeze or last month's hail storm, they usually spray the plants to where they will restart.

Johnson is planning to harvest this year's crop toward the end of this month. At that time, Johnson has over 120 migrant workers who come to pick the melons by hand.

They are then cleaned and packed in boxes or bins. Most of his melons are sold wholesale to major grocery stores sold under the brand names Primetime or What-a-melon.

Although the market for watermelons is best in July and August, the seedless variety will always bring \$2-3 more.

"It took a while for people to get used to seedless," he admits, "but they eventually found out how good they are."

In fact, recent findings from *The Packer's Fresh Trends* profile of the first produce consumer report showed that 70 percent of the 1000 consumer households surveyed in June of last year had bought seedless watermelon. Retail shelf space devoted to seedless watermelon is projected to grow to 40 percent in 1997, up 29 percent in 1992, according to the study.

Gary Lucier, a USDA agricultural economist reports that there are a great number of people who like the convenience afforded by the seedless varieties and some growers report up to half the melons they sell are seedless.

Johnson says that besides his wholesale customers, many people come to the farm to buy directly from him.

In fact, Johnson will continue a tradition of donating 200-300 seedless watermelons to the Knox City Watermelon Festival.

1997 Watermelon Queen to be here Saturday for festival in park

The Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Association in Weatherford, Texas, announced on Tuesday that Gretchen Huff, the 1997 Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen, will be in Knox City on Saturday, July 26 to represent the industry at the 9th Annual Knox City Watermelon Festival.

The 18 year old daughter of Paul and Charlotte Huff of Grapeland, Texas, Gretchen received her 1997 Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen crown at the annual Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Association Convention held in McAllen, Texas, this past January.

Proudly promoting the watermelon industry, Gretchen will be traveling throughout both Texas and Oklahoma during 1997. Along with her title, Gretchen received a \$1500.00 college scholarship. She attends Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches. Gretchen will reign for one year as the Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen, then will travel to Amelia Island off the coast of Florida where she will compete for the National Watermelon Queen title with ten other state queens.

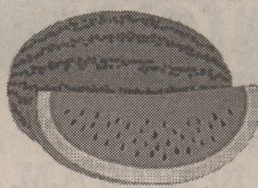
While at the festival at the City Park in Knox City on Saturday, Gretchen will be serving watermelon and visiting with as many people as she can see during her stay at the day long event.

Sponsored by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce to both recognize and promote the local watermelon industry and Johnson Melon Corporation, the 9th Annual Watermelon Festival is sure to attract a large crowd to Knox City.

Events throughout the day are many and there will be something on hand to please just about everyone. As in previous years, the Knox City Swimming Pool will be open for free swimming during the festival.

Lots of food, entertainment, games, craft booths and fun await festival participants, as well as drawings for a 13 inch TV/VCR from the Chamber of Commerce and a propane gas BBQ grill from the Knox County Child Welfare Board.

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce cordially invites EVERYONE to come out to the city park on Saturday and ENJOY!



Early childhood, pre-kindergarten programs explained

Parents of three year old children who would like for their child to be enrolled in Knox City Elementary's Early Childhood Program are asked to please call Maribeth Williams, principal, at 658-3147.

This program is taught by a Texas certified teacher who has many years experience teaching this age child to reach his/her full potential of learning. The Early

Childhood program also offers speech therapy to qualified children. Call Mrs. Williams to find out about qualifying for this program.

Knox City Elementary's Pre-Kindergarten program is for children who will be four years old by September 1. Pre-K is an important part of a child's school years. The Texas Certified teacher has a master's degree with special certi-

fication in pre-kindergarten and each year receives more instruction in the ways to best prepare these four year olds for their kindergarten year.

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Gretchen Huff

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KCHS Class of 1977 to have reunion at festival

Members of the Knox City High School Class of 1977 will have their "20 Year Reunion" during the annual Watermelon Festival Saturday at the City Park.

Class members as well as any other exes from their "era" are invited to join them anytime from 10:00 to 5:00 on the south side of the park.

Organizers invite class members to bring kids and family for a day of extra special fun.

Class of 1987 to hold 10 year reunion July 26

The Knox City High School Class of 1987 will hold a 10 year reunion "backyard bash" on July 26 at the home of Elaine Lewis, 308 South Central, from 7:00 p.m. until ???

Host and hostess will be Shane Lewis and his wife Aimee of Mustang, Oklahoma; and Michelle Pierce Shaver of Knox City.

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O'Brien News

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

HERE AND THERE

Bro. Bill Trice and Evelyn were in Albany last week to visit their son Mark and family. Mark is superintendent in Albany schools and this was their first visit. They really enjoyed the visit.

Carla, Kevin and Dustin Lambricht of Plainview visited with me last Friday. Carla is my granddaughter. They, along with Kevin's parents, were spending the weekend at Miller Creek.

Trish and Angelia Roberts and Jennifer Vacek are in Lueders Baptist Camp this week to attend Youth Camp II. The youth really enjoy the camp every year.

Janoma Stephens and a lady friend of Albany are in Austin this week to attend a Study Club seminar.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot spent the weekend in Shallowater with their daughter Cathy Hughes and husband Gary and son Derrick. Derrick was to return home with them for a few days visit.

There was a large crowd of people from lots of different towns attending the honoring program

for the 1972 football state champions last Saturday night. There were 12 of the 15 players attending and families and friends of each player attended the game and enjoyed seeing all the boys. Their coach C.H. Underwood and two players Danny Del Hierro and Louis Conn were all inducted into the Six-Man Hall of Fame. The boys who attended were Louis and Steve Rojas, Mague and Jaime Rocha, Bert Gutierrez, Henry Casillas, Sammy Jackson, Eulalio Garcia, Arly Watson, Tony Alsides and Louis Conn. The boys and parents and friends all got together at Zentner's Daughter after the game and enjoyed visiting and eating. Several from O'Brien who were friends of the boys attended the event and enjoyed seeing them all together again.

Loretta Hewitt and her daughter Rhonda Moeller and family visited their daughter and sister Vickie Daniel and family in Abilene Saturday and all attended the football game and honoring of the O'Brien football team.

Don, Diane, Trish and Angelia Roberts and John Mark Lippard of Oklahoma, along with a few of the others, attending were Delbert and Norma Hayes and daughter Pam and Amber of Munday, Nettie Mae Watson and several of her family, Janoma Stephens and I and Bernice Rowan, L.A. and Eva Covey, Veeta Reid, Juan Garcia and several of his family.

Troy and Clara Hodges had some visitors Sunday. Former Church of Christ pastor, who lives at Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Boyd and Toby Whisenhunt and Evelyn Boyd had lunch with them.

Visiting with Billie Walker recently were retired teacher friends Maxine Doughdrill of New York and Nancy Robertson of Midlothian. Also friends Carolyn Casady of Glenn Heights, Texas,

and her son Ron Healey visited Friday. Ron is with the evangelistic team, Christ Alive, and he is stationed in Michigan for the present. Cousins Noma Baker of Plainview and Billie Ruth Petterson with son Lane from Aspermont spent Saturday afternoon visiting.

(Editor's Note: Hopefully by next week we will have pictures of the Six-Man halftime honorees from the organizers in Hereford.)

ENJOY SPECIAL WEEKEND

Louis Conn, Carmen and Rick Cook and Destiny James visited their mom, Esther and brother and sister, Gary Conn and Brenda Correll and family during the weekend.

On Saturday, they attended the Six-Man All-Americans Bowl at the Abilene Christian University campus in Abilene.

At halftime activities, C.H. Underwood, Louis Conn and Danny Del Hierro were inducted into the Six-Man Football Hall of Fame.

A get-together dinner was served at Zentner's Daughters Steak House.

After spending the weekend at the Embassy Suites, Carmen, Rick and Destiny took Louis to DFW for his return flight to Fort Lauderdale.

Esther reported how great it was to see the former O'Brien students and football team.

EDC News....

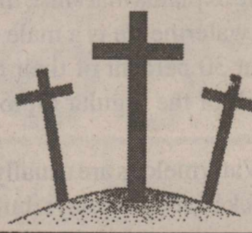
The latest news from the Economic Development Corporation of Knox City was turned in this week, but space in this edition of the NEWS was limited, so we will publish the EDC news next week.

John 12:32 "But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself."

Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

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Graveside rites set Friday for H.E. Wall Jr.

Henry E. Wall Jr., 79, of El Dorado, Kansas, died early Monday morning, July 21, 1997, after a lengthy illness.

Graveside services will be held Friday morning, July 25, at ten o'clock in the Knox City Cemetery.

Born March 16, 1918, in Rule, his parents were Henry E. Wall, a merchant, and Allene Couch Wall, a school teacher and housewife.

He attended schools in Hamlin, Anson, and Stamford and graduated from Knox City High School in 1935 where he was active in all sports.

Mr. Wall received a bachelor of arts degree from Texas Tech University in 1942 and a bachelor of science from New Mexico State University in 1951.

He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve in January 1942 and served 44 months in the South Pacific, mainly aboard ships and in New Zealand and New Caledonia. He resigned his officers commission in the USNR as a Lt (jg) in 1946.

He married Theresa M. Garrison of El Dorado, Kansas, on March 21, 1943, in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Mr. Wall was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service in New Mexico and Arizona from 1951 to 1979 where he received much recognition both from the department and from area ranchers. Following retirement, he returned to Knox City and engaged in farming interests. While here, he served on the council member of the City of Knox City.

He moved to El Dorado, Kansas, in 1994.

He was a life member of the Orient Lodge (Masonic) of Knox City and also a life member of all York Rite Masonic bodies of Prescott, Arizona. He received the "York Cross of Honor", the highest honor that can be bestowed on a York Rite Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa; a daughter, Anne Wall Salapa of Salt Lake City, Utah; two brothers, George R. Wall of Childress and Robert L. Wall of Dewey, Oklahoma; and a sister, Margaret Anne Wall Matlock of Munday. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lela Flo Wall and Rowena Wall Lane.

Two from Knox City are spring TSU graduates

STEPHENVILLE - Commencement exercises for the spring 1997 semester at Tarleton State University were held Saturday, May 17, on the Tarleton campus.

Graduating from Knox City were Holly Gayle Ivie with a bachelor of social work in social work and David Albert Kinney V with a bachelor of science in criminal justice.

Band Boosters to organize Tuesday

Superintendent of Schools Louis Baty has announced that an organizational Band Boosters meeting will be held Tuesday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

He asked that interested band parents please attend to restore this vital organization to our school system.

Elementary, mid-school to register Tuesday, August 5

Registration for the 1997-98 school year for Knox City Elementary and O'Brien Mid-School students will be at the respective schools on Tuesday, August 5. All new students must have a certificate of birth, Social Security number, and immunization record at the time of registration.

Pre-K students must be four years old by September 1 to be

eligible to attend school.

Registration schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 5
 Elementary: Early Childhood and Grades Pre-K - 4
 Last name initial
 A-H - 1:00-2:00
 I-P - 2:00 - 3:00
 Q-Z - 3:00 - 4:00

Mid-School, Grades 5 - 8
 Last name initial
 A-M - 1:30 - 2:30
 N-Z - 2:30 - 3:30

Principal explains

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awareness of printed and written language, art and many other activities.

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

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Gretchen will be at the Knox City Park for the Watermelon Festival this Saturday, July 26, to welcome everyone as she represents the watermelon industry throughout the great states of Texas and Oklahoma. We cordially invite everyone to come by the festival to enjoy good times, great watermelon, and to visit with Gretchen.

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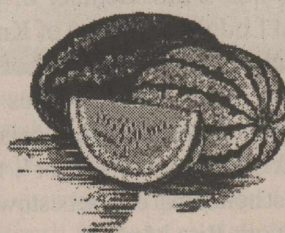
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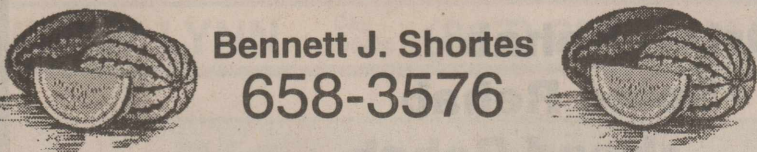
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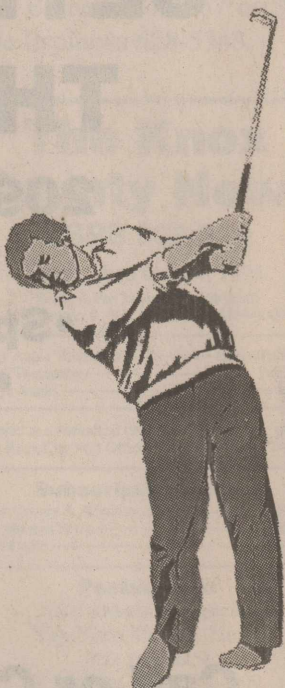
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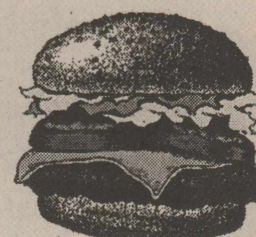
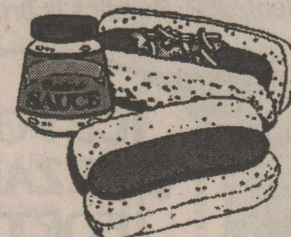
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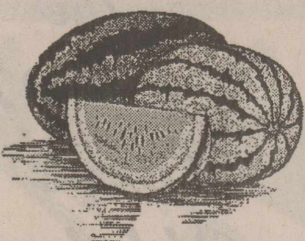
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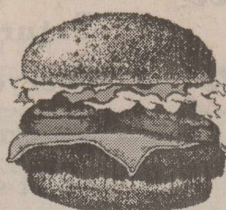
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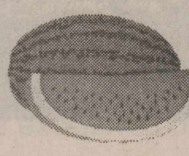
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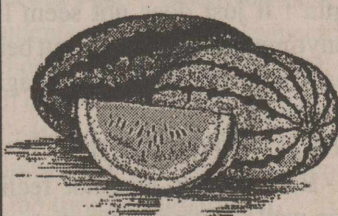
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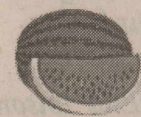


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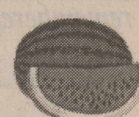
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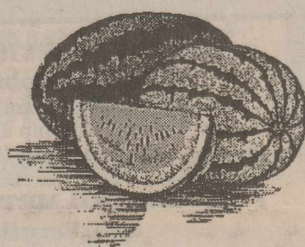
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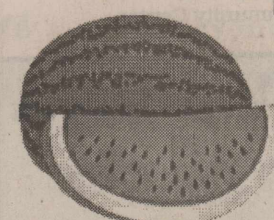
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Wednesday, July 30 - Brisket with brown gravy, tossed salad, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cookies.

Thursday, July 31 - Chicken breast, mixed vegetable salad, peas and carrots, hot rolls, jello and cake square.

Friday, August 1 - Fish, cole slaw, macaroni-cheese, fried okra, sliced bread, dessert.

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Sign up for new conservation program is now underway

TEMPLE - Farmers and ranchers may apply for the new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) July 14, 1997, through August 1, 1997. The new conservation program, a result of the 1996 Farm Bill, offers a limited number of producers who have serious soil, water and other natural resource problems with technical, financial and educational assistance.

According to John P. Burt, State Conservationist for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), "EQIP is not like the former Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP) or Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). This program is extremely limited and is for persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production who would provide the greatest environmental benefits at the least cost to the program.

"Applications will be prioritized after August 1, 1997, according to specific criteria," Burt continued. "After Farm Service Agency (FSA) determines producer eligibility, NRCS conservationists and the producer will make an inventory of the natural resources, identify natural resource problems and concerns, determine treatment needs, and agree upon the land management and structural practices the producer will install." Burt added that

the extent of the conservation practice, fields and acres to be treated, and cost-share rate and incentive payment levels the producer will accept, as well as the total program payments, are included in a ranking formula.

Twelve Geographic Priority Areas (GPS), encompassing 167 counties, are the primary target for over \$8.7 million EQIP funds allocated to Texas. Each GPA has similar natural resource problems and concerns which EQIP can address. Water conservation, excessive wind and water erosion, limited water supply, and brush invasion are a few of the specific resource concerns identified in the GPAs.

Producers in counties outside of a GPA are also eligible for the remaining \$4.7 million EQIP funds provided it will solve identified statewide natural resource concerns, such as excessive erosion and ground and surface water quality.

Each application will compete with other applications in the GPA, while those outside of the GPAs will compete against each other. "Contracts will be awarded based on their ranking, regardless of location," cautioned Burt. "That means some counties may not have any contracts, even though they are located inside a GPA," he said. Burt added that applica-

tions for a single conservation practice on an individual field addressing a single natural resource concern may not be competitive in a GPA or with the statewide natural resource concerns.

Acceptance into EQIP will require a 5- to 10-year contract, even if only 1 year of cost-share is needed. Contracts are for a maximum amount of \$50,000 with a maximum 75 percent cost-share. Though entire farms or operating units are not required to be included in a contract, the proposed area must include that portion with the identified resource concerns which meets the goals and objectives of the GPA or statewide natural resource concerns. Producers may increase their chances of acceptance by submitting a lower than maximum cost-share rate, enrolling entire operating units in the contract, and by agreeing to fully meet treatment needs of all identified natural resource concerns on the farm or ranch.

For more information about EQIP, contact the local USDA-NRCS office, Soil and Water Conservation District office or FSA office or call (817) 298-1214. The information is also available in Spanish.

4-H News...

Next week's edition of the NEWS will feature the results of the youth from Knox City who competed at the Rolling Plains District Home Designer Event.

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