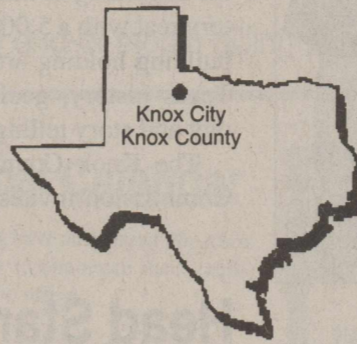


Knox City and O'Brien students will not have school on Friday

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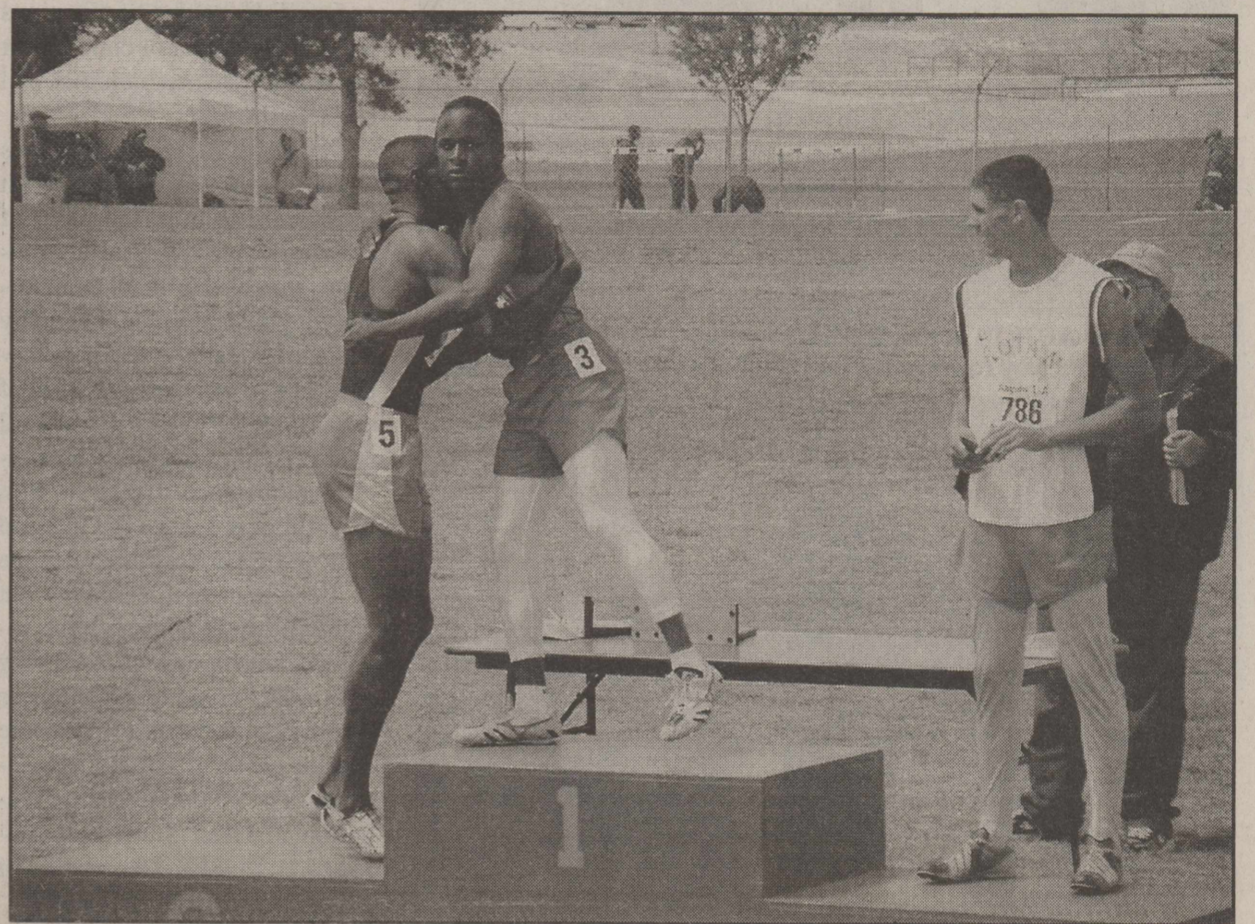
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Regional Track, 2nd Place 400M Relay 5/1/04

HEADED TO AUSTIN AND THE STATE TRACK MEET, the Knox City High School Girls 400 Meter Relay Team is shown here after they finished in second place at the Regional Track Meet in Levelland last weekend. Shown at the left of the photo are Jamilla Ward, Sophie Gutierrez in the front row, along with Martha Perkins and Nikki Moss in the back row. Sophie Gutierrez and Nikki Moss are also advancing to the State Track Meet in Individual Events. (Courtesy photo by June Moss)



HEADED TO AUSTIN AND THE STATE TRACK MEET, Quentin Spells was the only member of the KCHS Boys Track Team to advance. Quentin will compete in the 200 Meter Dash at the State level after finishing first at the Regional Track Meet in Levelland this past weekend. Quentin is shown in the center of the above photo while he is being congratulated by the second place finisher at Regional. (Courtesy Photo by June Moss)

Knox County Aging Center in Knox City plans Mother's Day fundraising lunch

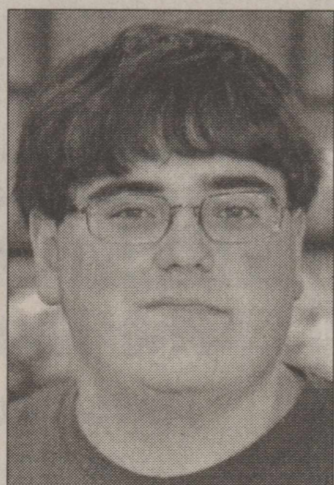
A fundraiser to help pay for repairs on the Heating / Air Conditioning unit at the Knox County Aging Center will be held on May 9, Mother's Day.

A meal of Chicken and Dressing will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12 in advance. At the door tickets will be \$7.00 and \$5.00. Carry out trays will be available for an additional 50 cents. Plan now to treat your Mom, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, wife or even yourself to a day out of the kitchen. Take her to lunch at the Knox County Aging Center. This will be a great way to show appreciation to a loved one and help a worthy cause at the same time.

For more information, call Susan Cockerell at 940-657-3618 or come by 107 North Avenue E in Knox City.

Senior accepted into Texas Tech honors program

Gary M. Bell, Dean of Texas Tech University Honors College, officially notified Cody Brockett of his acceptance into the Honors experience April 23, 2004. The Honors college offers both outstanding academic and extra-curricular opportunities and benefits. Some of the benefits of Honors College are special and generally smaller classes, increased access to and interaction with professors and administrators, access to information and financial support in the pursuit of undergraduate research opportunities, access to specially designated Honors campus housing, and special benefits at the University library, including extending borrowing privileges and access to special study areas.



CODY BROCKETT

These opportunities are designed for those students who are intellectually curious and capable and who are interested in making the most of their time in the university setting. Students who associate with the Honors College embrace the opportunity to explore the world in which they live, to challenge themselves to develop their critical thinking skills, and to go beyond the acquisition of vocational skills to foster a true educational experience containing breadth as well as depth. Each student has the opportunity to explore, define, and pursue opportunity in a way that will maximize their academic and personal growth while attending Texas Tech University.

Cody is the son of Marq and Carolyn Brockett of Knox City.



PROUDLY ACCEPTING A CUSTOM BUILT COOKER made by the Knox City High School metal fabrication class, Chamber Director Marla Hawkins, Executive Director Dave Clark, and Chamber Director Kim Clonts are shown at the left of this photo taken early Tuesday morning when Mr. Dillon's class made the presentation. Shown at the right are Mr. Jim Dillon, metal fabrication class instructor, and Dustin Johnson, Eric Lewis, and Randy Espinosa, KCHS students who designed and made the portable bbq cooker from scratch as a class project. (NEWS digital photo)

Benjamin Groundbreaking set for Tues.

A Knox County historical museum has been a dream of many here where dinosaurs once walked between what is not the Western Cross Timbers and the Cap Rock. The northeastern part of the Permian Sea once washed the land with Spanish explorers and French traders once crossed paths with buffalo hunting Indians in this area.

Apache and Comanche fought territorial battles across red walled canyons and salt laden rivers before U.S. born hunters, soliders

and settlers eased their way into the scene and the war for the land.

Tuesday, May 11, 2004 a groundbreaking ceremony of a Knox County museum, the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center building will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Benjamin.

Located on U.S. 82/State 114 Highway, the site is one block east of the Knox County Courthouse and the intersection of State 6 and US 82/State 114, near and perhaps actually on the trail traveled by members of the 1841 Texas-Santa Fe Expedition.

Knox County was part of an east-

west route from New Mexico and the Texas South Plains to Eastern parts of Texas for centuries before the Spanish touched the land with the white man's civilization. Texas frontier battalions members pursued raiding Indians up the Wichita and Brazos rivers often during the Civil War and many returned to settle the sandy, watered country in the south and the rough red canyons of the west-

See Benjamin, page two

The National Day of Prayer is this Thursday, May 6

Knox City will have prayer gatherings at 6:00 a.m. and at 12:00 noon at the flagpole in the downtown area.

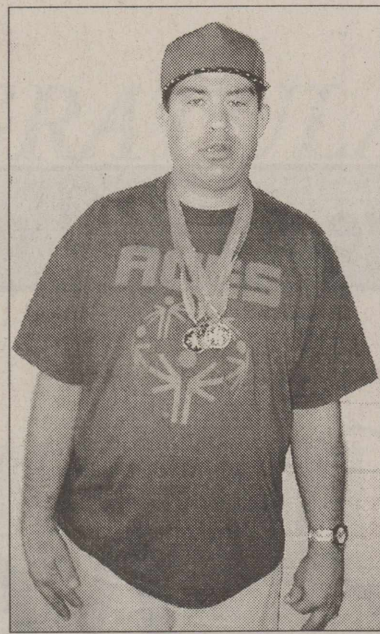
Kevin Reed brings home medals from Special Olympics

Kevin Reed of Knox City was a proud winner as he brought home three medals from the Texas Special Olympics.

Kevin has been participating in the Special Olympics for many years and has a whole collection of medals and awards to his credit.

Kevin is the son of Faye and Charles Reed of Knox City.

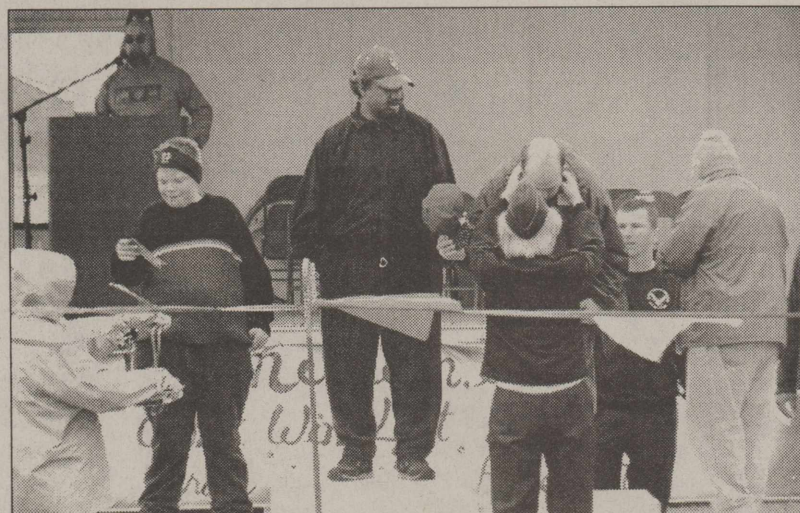
We're proud of you Kevin!



Kevin Reed



SHOWN IN ACTION at the Special Olympics, Kevin Reed of Knox City is on his way to winning another medal. (Courtesy photo)



RECEIVING ONE OF HIS MEDALS, Kevin Reed is shown here as a USAF Colonel puts a medal around his neck. (Courtesy photo)

Letters from our readers

Zena and I enjoy your Knox City reporting, 'From This Angle' each week. We were in KC last Sunday, Monday & Tuesday and wanted to come by for a visit with you all. On such a short stay there are too many things to do and we didn't get around to them all. We stayed in the City RV Park and sure do appreciate that facility. It was freshly mowed and clean and everything worked just right. We'll have to come back another time to partake of the fine hospitality again. We had lunch at the Senior Center and enjoyed seeing many of our long time friends. The lunch is another good thing. Of course, for us just being in Knox City for any length of time is a real treat.

We were on our way back to Childress after spending the last four months in Kerrville. This was our fourth winter to spend in Kerrville and we are liking it more all the time. We stopped in Brownwood for a Couch Cousin's Reunion - that's my mother's

nieces and nephews. When we were growing up there were 25 in all, now there are only eleven and nine of them were there. So we had a good time there. Then came by Abilene to visit with my sister Margaret Anne and brother Robbie. Zena has a nephew - Sammy Bolin, who also lives in Abilene.

You can tell from all this that we have a good time and enjoy our retirement. Please keep the good work going in KC and we plan to see more of everyone during Homecoming in June. I didn't realize that this is the centennial year for Knox City. Zena's grandmother and grandfather Porter and also Zena's mother came to Knox City in 1906. That was a long time ago. Thanks for reading our comments.

Love, Zena & George Wall

Thanks for sharing your news with us! We will look forward to seeing you at Homecoming!

Benjamin groundbreaking

From page one

ern portions. Others crossed the county heading to Texas' northwest, up over the Cap Rock.

The ceremony May 11 will be the beginning of making this history real with a 5,000 square foot building holding artifacts, North Texas history, geology, genealogy and story telling exhibits.

The Knox County Historical Commission invites everyone to

Head Start enrollment to be May 14

Knox City Child Development Center, located at 502 North Second, will be taking applications for the enrollment of children for the Head Start program that will begin in the fall.

The Head Start program serves three and four year old children. It is designed to meet the needs of children by providing an environment which will help them socially, physically, intellectually and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development toward the overall goal of school readiness and social competence. Children with disabilities are welcome in Head Start and are offered the full range of developmental services that children without disabilities receive. The program works closely with other community agencies to provide services to meet the special needs of all children enrolled. The guidelines for participation in Head Start are established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To make application for the program, parents must bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of income for the past 12 months, or 2003 1040 tax return. TANF recipients are categorically eligible for the program; however, they must provide documentation of current benefits such as a letter from caseworker, case numbers, etc. All information is considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of establishing eligibility and defining the needs of the family and child.

Applications can be taken anytime throughout the year. However, special recruitment efforts are being made during the month of May. A special recruitment Round Up Day will be held May 14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Also, applications will be taken beginning Monday through Friday beginning May 17 through May 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To complete an application, go to the Knox City Child Development Center. It is very important that parents wanting their child in Head Start this fall complete an application as soon as possible. Those needing further information, contact Sherry Ellis, director, at 658-3770.

Wanna win \$100.00?

Chamber to sponsor clean-up campaign

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Cleanup Knox City Campaign on Saturday, May 22.

Volunteers who want Knox City to shine are encouraged to come out and pitch in.

There will be roll-back dumpsters available for use.

The Chamber is asking everyone to participate in this Cleanup Campaign. The Chamber is adding a new twist this year by holding a contest with \$100.00 as the prize.

For individuals or groups interested in participating in this

contest, please contact the Chamber of Commerce before May 21 at 658-3442 or come by and give the name, address and a before picture of the property to be cleaned.

For those not able to take a before picture of the property, the Chamber will take it for you.

A picture must be taken before the work begins.

Pictures will be taken after the property has been cleaned up and these pictures will be judged and the property that has made the most improvement will be awarded the cash.

Weather

Courtesy of Plant Materials Center 4 Miles N.W. of Knox City

Date	Low	High	Rain
04/27	52	84	
04/28	56	74	
04/29	54	82	
04/30	68	51	
05/01	47	64	
05/02	40	72	
05/03	45	83	

Total 2004 Rainfall - 8.39

WANTADS

Work!

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Homecoming 2004 dates are June 4, 5 & 6

Homecoming 2004 is 'just around the corner' with designated dates as June 4, 5 and 6.

This is the centennial year of Knox City as well so homecoming officials are urging Knox City exes to mark their calendars for a long weekend to come home and renew old friendships.

Friday, June 4 will begin with registration in the school cafeteria starting at 3:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$15.00 per person which includes picnic supper, dance and door prize drawings throughout the weekend.

Retired Teachers to end year Tuesday, May 11

The Knox County Retired Teachers will hold their final meeting of the year, Tuesday, May 11, at 12:00 noon at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City.

Members are urged to attend a bring a covered dish for the luncheon.

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Saturday, May 8

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Knox County Aging Center

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Chicken and Dressing Meal



Mother's Day Sunday, May 9 11:30 to 1:30

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Proceeds to help pay for repairs on the Heating/AC unit at the Knox County Aging Center.

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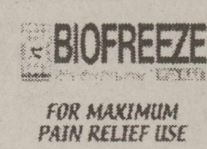
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A Mayo Clinic study says that depressed people tend to recover less well from heart attacks, coronary bypasses and other heart condition problems than people without emotional problems. The study followed 310 men and 70 women entering cardiac rehabilitation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

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

APPLY FOR ENROLLMENT IN HEAD START

Year 2004 - 2005

3 and 4 Year Olds

May 14, 2004 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Knox City Child Development Center
502 North Second, Knox City • 658-3770

Must bring birth certificate • Immunization record
And documentation of annual income or 2003 1040

Children With Disabilities Encouraged To Apply
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DANCE Saturday
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Willow Creek Band with Dan Green
9:00 p.m. B.Y.O.B.

Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 9

As children,
we can't comprehend
or fully realize
The meaning of our mother's love,
how tender and how wise,
The patience and forgiveness
that are part of every day,
The unexpected "little things"
she does in her own way.
Years go by before we can
look back on life and see
Through older eyes and wiser hearts
her love and loyalty,
And yet it's these
and other special things
we'll hold so dear,
For memories of
her steadfast love
will keep her ever near.

For her special day, may we suggest . . .

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**Immunization clinic
to visit here on May 6**

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an immunization clinic at the Knox City Housing Authority Community Room, 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City on Thursday, May 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

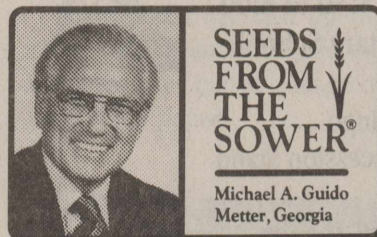
DTaP, Polio, MMR, HHIB, Td, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Chickenpox for children entering school will be available as well as other immunizations for adults, infants and children.

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

Participants are asked to bring immunization records as well as their Social Security Card and Medicare/Medicaid information.

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

For more information regarding immunizations, please call 940-552-8770.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A father called his neighbors and said, "Mother and I went for a walk with our little boy this evening, and he's lost. Help us find him."

A search party was gathered and they tramped the fields in vain. Then someone suggested, "Let's join hands and do it again." In a short time they found the boy's body.

Cried the father to the mother, "Why didn't we join hands sooner?"

A family that's together with Christ here will be together with Christ hereafter. Mother and father, join hands with your children and confess Christ together, pray together, read the Bible together, and go to church together, won't you?

**Elementary PTO
'Spring Fling' is
Tuesday, May 11**

The Knox City Elementary School PTO is hosting a 'Spring Fling', Tuesday, May 11, from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. at the Knox City Elementary School.

There will be lots of games, Bingo, a bounce house and a concession stand. This event is usually held in the fall, but this year the PTO decided to have it outside during the spring.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and have loads of fun.

This year, the theme is "Hawaiian Luau", so be sure to come dressed in your grass shirts, Hawaiian shirts and sandals.

There will be prizes given away at each booth so participants are asked to bring a sack with them to carry goodies in.

PTO members look forward to everyone being there!

**Brazos West Art
Association celebrated**

The 30th anniversary celebration of the Haskell Brazos West Art Association was very well attended. Viewers enjoyed 137 works of art shown by 24 members.

Many visitors made the rounds more than once and the fellowship continued as refreshments of punch and cookies were enjoyed.

The door prizes were awarded as follows: the pencil drawing by Gary Conn went to Lela Bevel and Pauline Norman received a handmade bracelet donated by Fern Livingood.

Club members from Haskell, Stamford, Rule, Knox City and Munday welcomed new members.

Interested artists or wannabe artists are encouraged to contact Dean Johnston, Gary Conn, Kim Clonts or Bobbie Harrison, all of Knox City, for more information.

Obituaries

Barbara Snelson Wright Brock Jones



Graveside services for Barbara Snelson Wright Brock Jones were held Saturday, May 1, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. at the Knox City Cemetery. The Rev. Bobby King and Rev. John Gillespie officiated. Arrangements were by Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, in Anson.

Born in Knox City on October 25, 1922, she was the daughter of Ben and Belle Whitten Snelson. She was a nurse at the Knox

County Hospital and Brazos Valley Care Home for 30 years. Barbara was a member of the First Baptist Church in Knox City for 41 years.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Marvin Jones Jr. of Knox City; three sons, Ben Wright and wife Mary of Mimbres, New Mexico; Wesley Wright of Arlington and Carl Brock and wife Martha of Anson; sister, Bonnie Tankersley of Knox City; grandchildren, Robert Wright and wife Susan of Independence, KS, Holly Wright of Arlington, Johnny Brock and wife Neomi of Olton, Texas, Michele Brock Haynes and Jay of Anson, and Brian Chinn of Los Angeles; great-grandchildren, Cory and Curtis Wright of Independence, KS, Cara, Casen and Jared Haynes of Anson, and Hannahlynn Brock of Olton.

Bobbie Lou Dodd Wells

Bobbie Lou Dodd Wells was born in Bomarton, Baylor County, Texas, on October 6, 1937, to Lebb Vernon Dodd and Kitty Glee Snyder Dodd. She passed from this life on April 29, 2004, in Baylor Hospital in Garland.

She was predeceased in death by her husband, Eugene Wells; her parents; three sisters, Lois Collier, Jolene Dodd and Nelda (Nicky) Pierce; and two brothers, Vernon Dodd and Billy Dodd.

Bobbie was raised in Knox City. Her parents moved there in the summer of 1939. She lived there until she graduated from Knox City High School in 1957. Bobbie enjoyed sports, excelling in many of them. She enjoyed the companionship of many friends. After graduation, Bobbie moved to Dallas and there met her husband whom she married in 1962. They were married for 24 years at the time of his death.

Bobbie is survived by two daughters, Michelle Wells Brown and her husband, Billy; Kathleen Wells Shipman and her husband, Mike; her goddaughter, Crystal Rose and her husband Rick; five grandchildren, Matthew Karner, Sara Karner, Amber Wells, Kendell Rose and Katie Rose, all of the Dallas area; and one sister, Mary Jenkins and her husband Morris of Rochester. Bobbie is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

Mary Lou Carrion

Funeral services for Mary Lou Carrion 48 of O'Brien were held Thursday, May 5, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City with Father Leo Schloemer officiating. Burial was in the Rochester Cemetery with Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Rosary was said at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carrion was born to Raymond and Trinidad Salinas on July 31, 1956, in Haskell County.

Survivors include her husband, Adelaido Carrion of O'Brien and a brother, Richard Salinas of Stamford.

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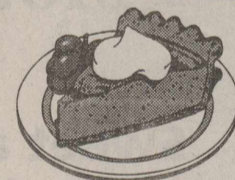
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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

We begin this week with a report of our ill of the community. Don Morrill is holding his own after extensive neck surgery on Friday. He's doing as doctors hoped he would and seems to be more alert every time anyone visits him. I don't have an address at the hospital yet but if you send a card here, his son gets his mail daily and he will get it pretty quickly.

Julia Trepanier continues to have health problems. She can't seem to "spring back" this time like she usually does. But maybe things will improve for her soon.

Mabel Moorhouse continues to be in Knox County Hospital. Mabel, also, is having some pretty rough days. Her age is a factor in her gaining her strength back. She's in her late 90's.

Talked to Omitene Barnett tonight (Monday). She described the way she feels as "fair". Has some back problems along with other ailments and as she said, "When one thing feels better, something else starts bothering" (her). But she's thankful she is able to stay home and still maintain it. Omitene probably won't mind me saying so - she just turned 91!

Jacob Siemens is also a patient in Knox County Hospital. He was admitted Friday with pneumonia. Had thought his stay would be only a couple of days but as of this afternoon he was still over there but feeling better.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Texas, and DPS urges all motorcycle enthusiasts-both experienced and inexperienced-to attend a professionally taught motorcycle course to hone their skills.

"More than 700,000 people in Texas are licensed to operate a motorcycle," said Clifton Burdette, coordinator of the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit. "Operating a motorcycle safely requires the use of special mental and physical skills. Riders can attain these skills by attending professionally taught motorcycle operator training courses, as well as through personal experience.

The DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit offers basic and advanced motorcycle operator training in 60 permanent locations and 7 mobile sites that utilize two self-contained mobile training units. Last year, 23,557 Texans took either the basic or advanced course.

The basic motorcycle operator training course is for unlicensed or inexperienced riders, and the advanced course is for more experienced riders. The basic course may be used to waive the licensing road test and both of the courses may qualify for ticket dismissal and insurance discounts.

While Texas does not require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets, the DPS strongly encourages riders to wear helmets to increase safety and save lives. Texas law states that in order to be exempt from wearing a helmet, a person must be at least 21 years of age. In addition, they must successfully complete a motorcycle safety course or be covered by a health insurance plan providing at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for motorcycle-related injuries.

Information about the Motorcycle Safety Unit classes can be found on the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb. For additional information on motorcycle training, call 512-424-2021 or toll-free at 1-800-292-5787.

Please remember all these friends in prayer.

Birth announcement - She's Kinsey Lynne and her mommy is Laura Benson. She was born Saturday, April 17, 2004, in a Wichita Falls Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and was 21 inches long. Her grandparents are Kathy Moore of Graham and Billy Carl Benson of Benjamin. Great-grandmothers are Ina Reynolds of Breckenridge and Pat Benson of Benjamin. She also has her aunt, Sheila Kuehler, who thinks she's a living doll and uncles, aunts and cousins who are mighty proud of her. Both mom and baby are doing fine.

Cheerleaders selected - The BHS cheerleaders for the 2004-2005 school year have been announced. They are Jessica Moorhouse, Cassie Lyles, Kaitlyn Kuehler and Julia Acevedo. Judit Acevedo will be mascot. Jessica will be a senior, Cassie, a junior; Kaitlyn, a sophomore; and the Acevedo twins will be freshmen. We congratulate these girls and expect to see lots of action from them come football season.

Here 'N There - Jack and Mary Young visited their son and his wife, Jack Jr. and Cindy in Round Rock, recently.

Jerry Don Anderson of Waco and Dennis and Evelyn Anderson of Abilene visited Jan and Fred Carver a few days last week and helped do some work on the Carver's house here in town. Fred says they have done a lot but still have lots to do before they get it like they want it. They also attended graveside rites for Barbara Jones in Knox City Saturday morning.

Recent guests of Omitene Barnett were Nan Mathis of Seymour and Annette Elliott and Joyce Shelton of Dallas.

Jane Gideon and I attended the graveside rites for Barbara Jones Saturday. We extend sympathy to Marvin and the rest of the family.

Casey Conner and a friend of South Plains College spent the weekend here. Did a lot of fishing but did manage to do a little visiting.

There's a new "thing" in Benjamin. A committee has been selected to pick out the best looking lawn every month. This week's "Yard of the Month" goes to Irene and E.O. Reed. She has lots of

roses and other flowers - different colors and the lawn is neatly mowed all the time. (Note: Don't ever expect to see that Yard of the

Month sign in my yard!!) But there are several in town who would qualify. We congratulate Irene and E.O.

Don't forget the groundbreaking for the museum Tuesday, May 11. It is to begin at 1:30 p.m.

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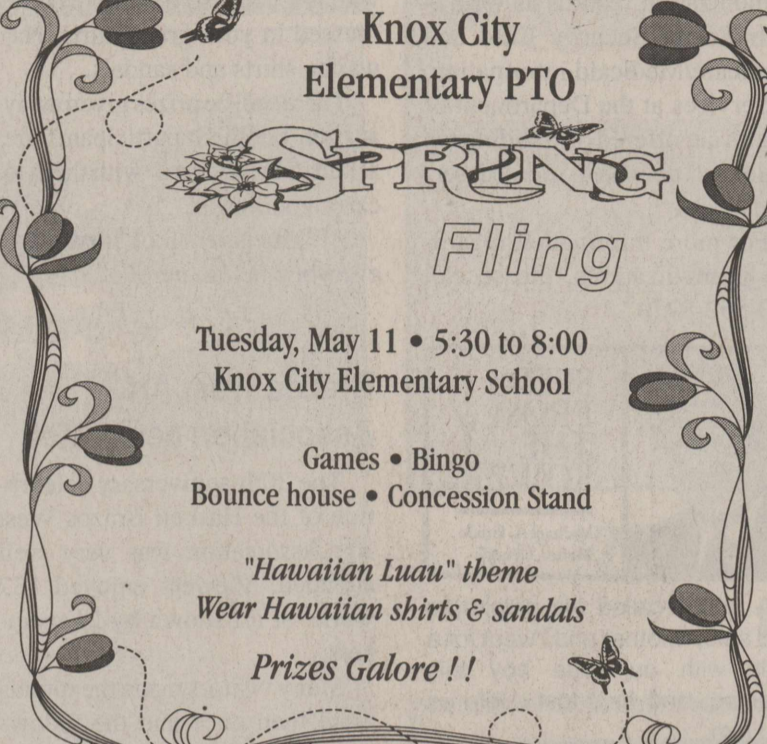
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SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Fiscal Notes, March 2004.

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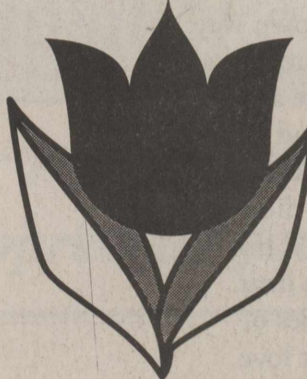
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From this Angle

Local KC Notes by Billye Angle

It seems forever since I sat at this computer and I cannot describe the feeling that I have to be home again! With that glad feeling, I also feel so humble to have received the prayers and good wishes from so many of you! Thanks from the bottom of my heart!

Some of this copy dates back several weeks but I want to go ahead and use it as I am so pleased when our readers send in or call in their news!

Easter visitors in the home of Elaine Lewis included Todd, Missy, Eric and Emily; Danny, Amber, and Grant; Aaron, Julie

and Sloan, all of Knox City; Shane, Amiee, and Abby of Bethany, OK; Trish and Larry Deering of Abilene; Braden, Traci, Alec, Avery and Aidyn Neiman of Wichita Falls; and Eric, Amy, Dylan, Daniel, and Deric McClellan of Anson

Guests in the home of the Don Hawkins during Easter were Lezlee and Jared Moore of Mansfield and Kimberly of HSU. They enjoyed dinner in the home of the Marvin Stegemoellers and the kids enjoyed a flashlight Easter egg hunt Saturday night.

With your continued help, we will get our local news notes go-

ing again. I completely lost the month of April - with one week in Hendrick Medical Center for a hip revision and broken leg and then two weeks in Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation, it pretty well wiped out the month. Oh, I almost forgot - I was in the Knox County Hospital for three days before I went to Abilene.

It will be a few more weeks before I can put my full weight on my right foot, but by being able to touch my toe to the floor when I am on my walker, I can get around pretty well.

Thanks for your continued prayers!

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner
SUSAN COMBS

When it comes to water, most Texans agree it's a hot topic. We all want to hold on to what we've got and learn how to best manage this most precious natural resource so rural communities and future generations are not left high and dry.

That's why an upcoming conference is tackling the issue of groundwater leasing, marketing and sales. The issue has been heating up as cities are increasingly trying to acquire groundwater from rural areas to serve their growing populations. Landowners, realtors, bankers and anyone involved in the issue of Texas water should be armed with information so they can make informed decisions and best manage their own interests.

The conference series, called Landowner and Citizen Information on Groundwater Leasing, Marketing and Sales, will focus on laws governing groundwater sales and exports, implications for landowners and communities, the role of groundwater districts, how to negotiate transactions and how to protect themselves and their communities while still realizing an economic rate of return from water that may be under their land.

The three conference dates and locations are: April 1 in San Antonio, July 29 in Alpine and Sept. 14 in Nacogdoches. Registration for each course is \$55, and late registration within 10 days of the course is \$75. You can register by calling (979) 845-5419.

Benjamin awards banquet set for Monday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Former coach Don Haskins to speak

The Benjamin High School Awards Banquet will be held Monday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Ex-Students Memorial Building.

All academic and sports awards will be presented. However, this year's banquet will be special as Don Haskins will be speaking to the students.

Haskins' first job was coaching 6-man football and boys' and girls' basketball at Benjamin. He then coached at Hedley for four years and at Dumas for one year before taking the helm at Texas Western College in 1967. There he led what is now the University of Texas at El Paso Miners to 34 winning seasons of his 38 years there.

He is perhaps most well-known for changing college basketball forever when his unknown 1966 team (Texas Western) beat Kentucky for the NCAA title, starting five black players to win the championship. Two of his most famous players in his 38 years of college basketball are Nate "Tiny" Archibald and Tim Hardaway.

Some of his players at Benjamin include Jim Bateman, Johnny Tom Hudson, Sammy Pierce, Charles Griffith, Daisy Brown Roberts, Jan Duke Pollock and Mary Duke Sawyer, Glenda Cox Bearly and Linda Cox.

Coach Haskins grew up in Enid, Oklahoma, and played basketball at Oklahoma A&M under the legendary Hank Iba. In his autobiography, *Haskins, The Bear Facts*, as told to Ray Sanchez, published by Mangan Books and the El Paso Herald Post, Haskins recalls playing for "Mr. Iba": "Christmases were awful. During the two-week break... we practiced from 9-12, 2-5 and 7-10 each day. No one ever sat down during Mr. Iba's practices. And no one drank water." As a sophomore Haskins made the All-College Tournament All-Star Team in Oklahoma City and notes that he was "benched the next three games. That's the way he was. There were no individual stars on his teams."

Tickets may be purchased from a Benjamin High School cheerleader.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Manning the computer help desk for the local school district was my first job. And though I was just an intern, I took the job very seriously. But not every caller took me seriously.

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"I am real," I said.

"Oh, I'm sorry," the caller said.

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Here and There - Visiting Adelle Herring were her grandson Kevin Urbanczyk of Munday and Tamara McGaughey of Knox City.

Beatrice Ellis has her sister,

Vondell of California, spending several days with her.

Joe Banner was back in town Sunday to drive the church van before and after church. He also visited his aunt, Audie Johnston.

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

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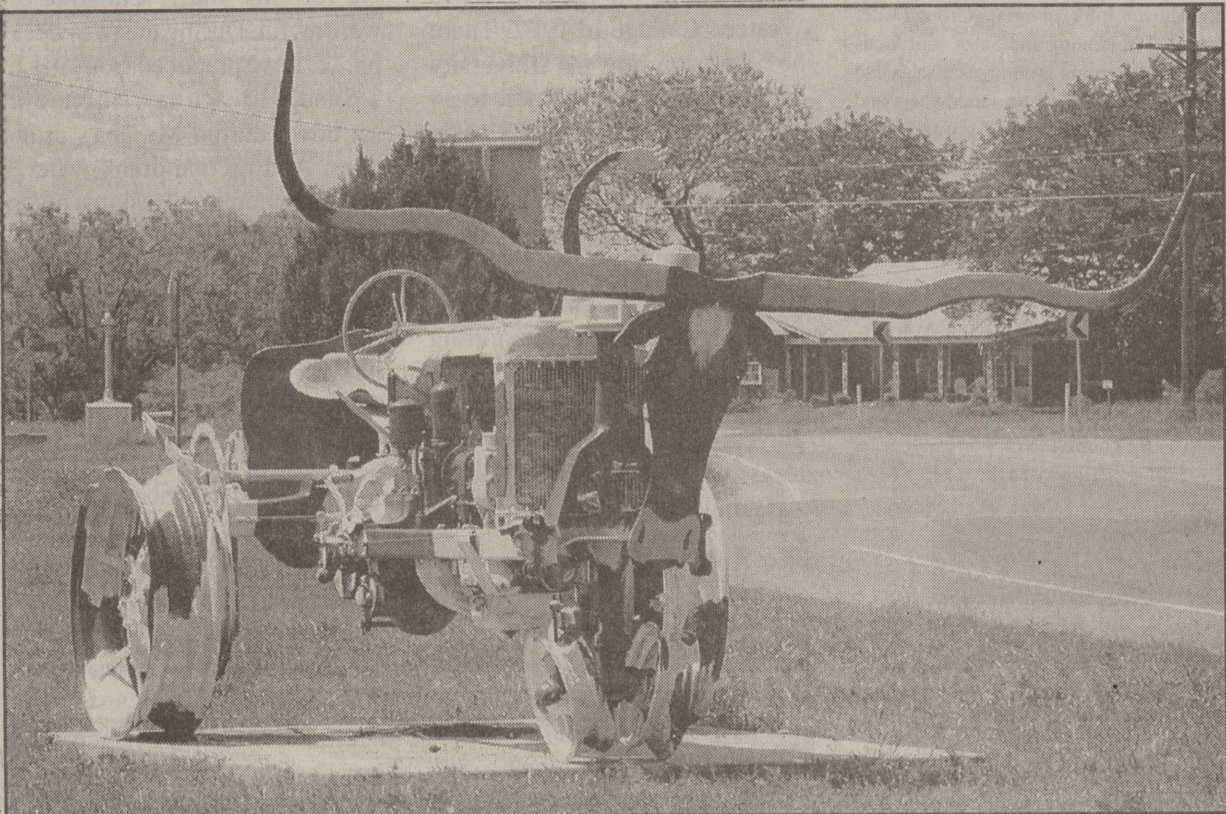
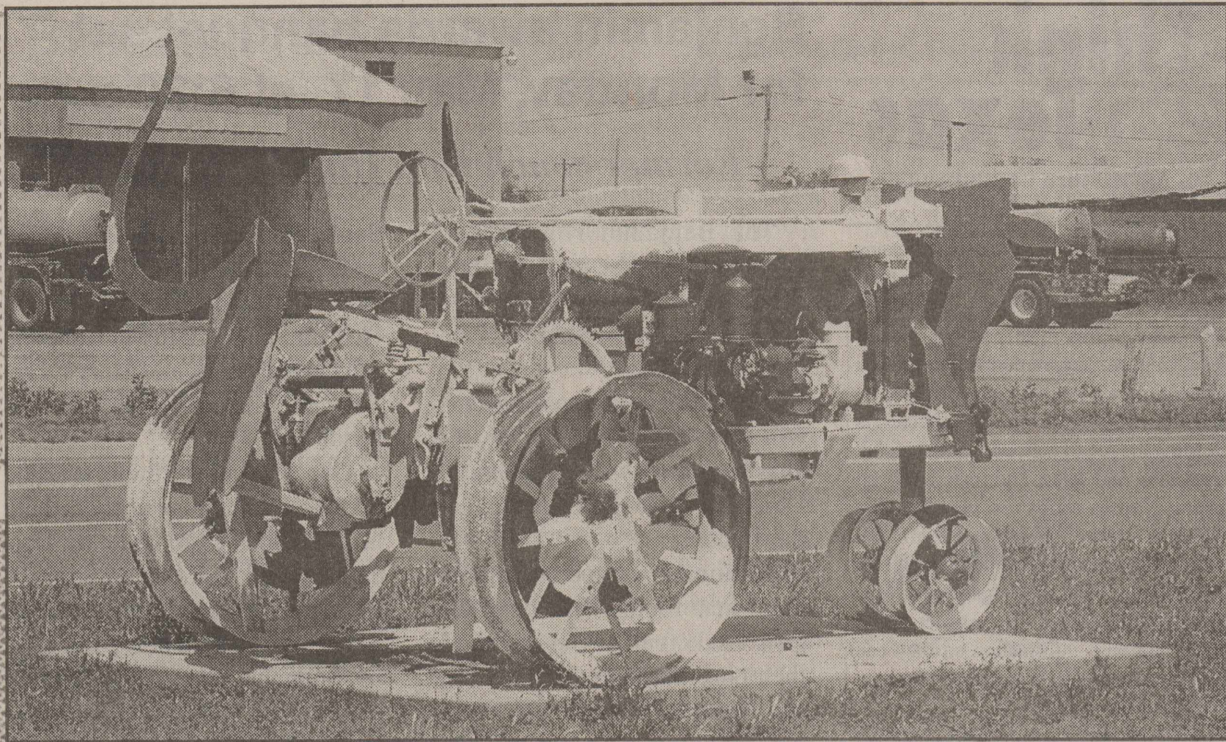
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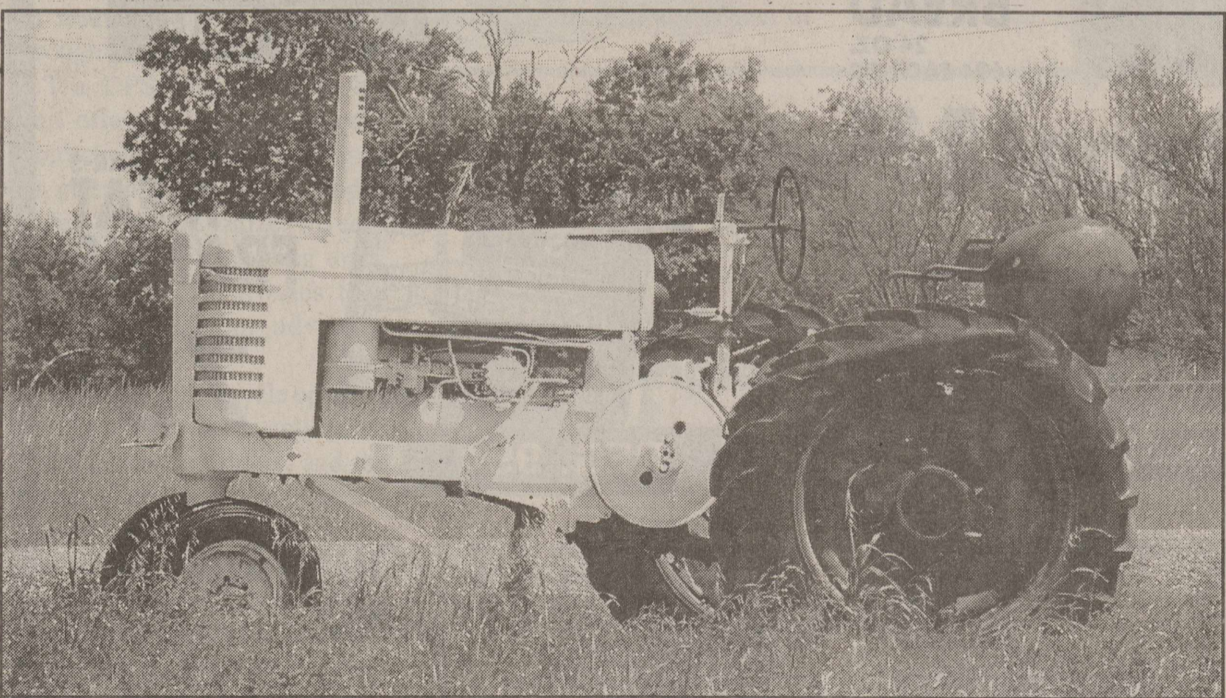
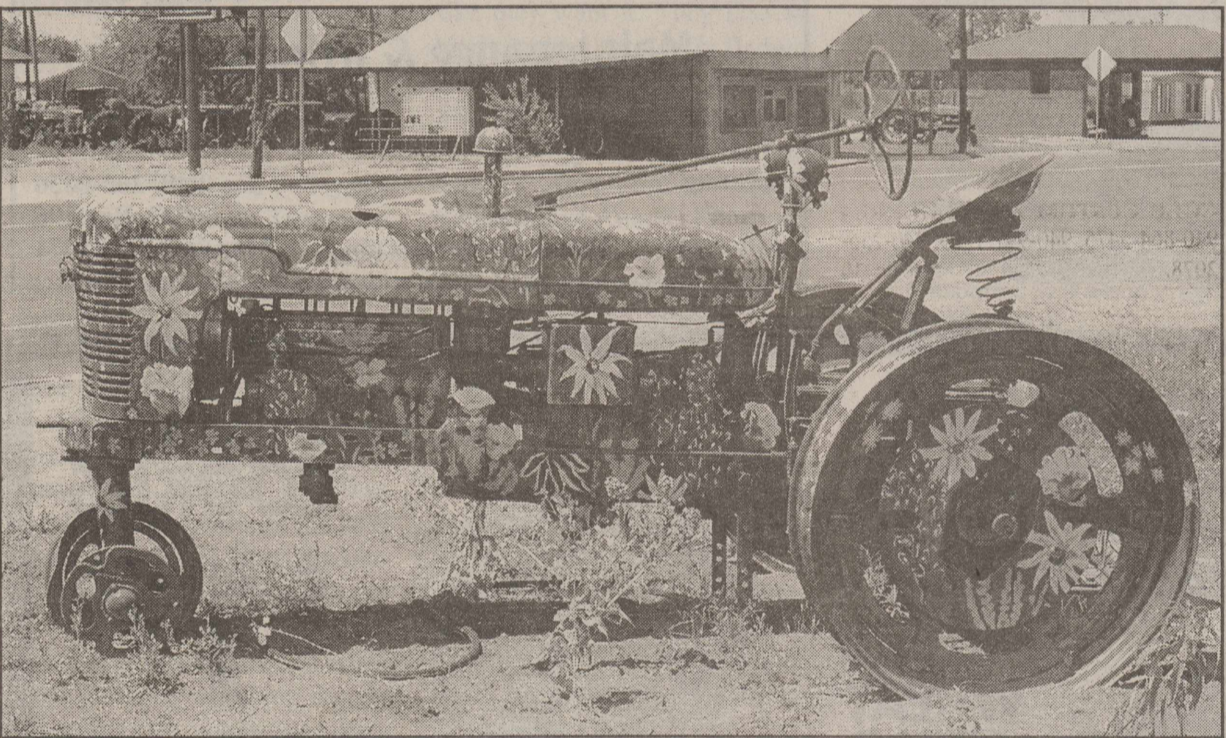
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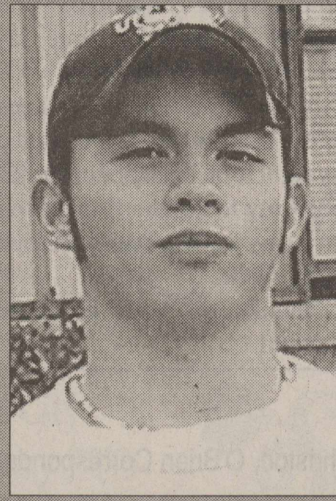


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In last week's paper, we incorrctly identified C.J. Bruce as a KCHS Senior. We are re-running the story below in it's corrected version, C.J. is a Junior at Knox City High School.

Greyhound Junior C.J. Bruce sets all time KCHS home run record for single game



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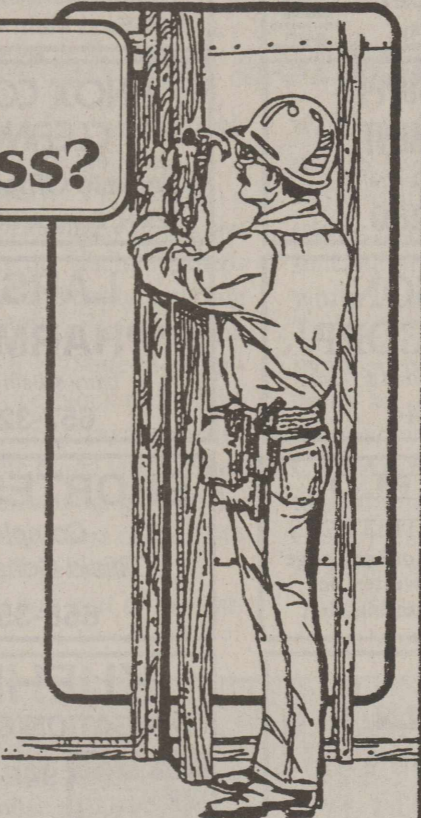
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As farmers and ranchers continue to face challenges in agriculture – from low commodity prices to extreme weather – specialty crops continue to gain importance. While bulk commodities like wheat, corn and cotton are essential to our industry, many farmers are diversifying into new areas and taking a hands-on approach to marketing products like fruits, vegetables and plants directly from the farm to the consumer.

That's why the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking funding from Congress for a specialty crop block grant program that would boost research and development for specialty crops in Texas and nationwide. We must support this industry and help specialty crop growers help themselves.

Congress first approved a \$159.4 million specialty crop block grant program in 2001. Texas received \$2.66 million of the funding and put the money to work.

Based on success of the original program, state departments of agriculture are calling for additional funding in the fiscal year 2005 Agricultural Appropriations Bill.

We sincerely hope Congress gives this funding its full consideration. It is an investment in not only the economic health of the specialty crop industry but also in the health of the people who consume fruits and vegetables. We must be equipped to remain competitive and ensure that agriculture can continue to feed the world.

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400 METER RELAY TEAM
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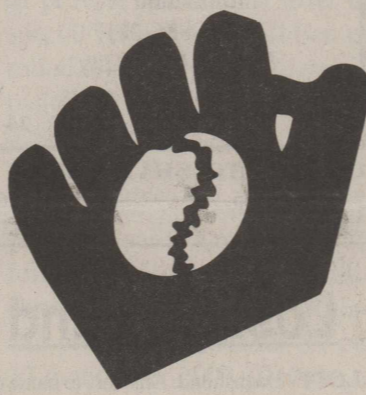


SOPHIA GUTIERREZ
long jump, 400 meter dash, 400 meter relay

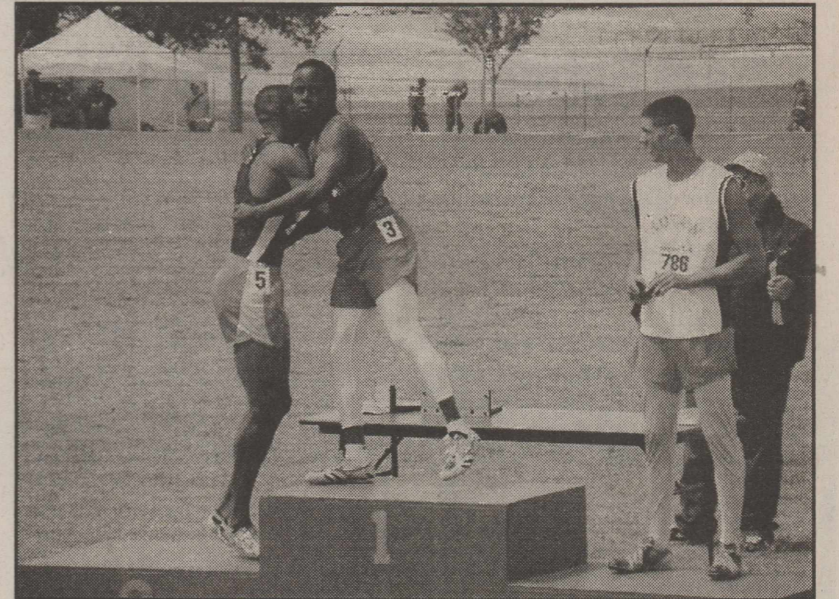
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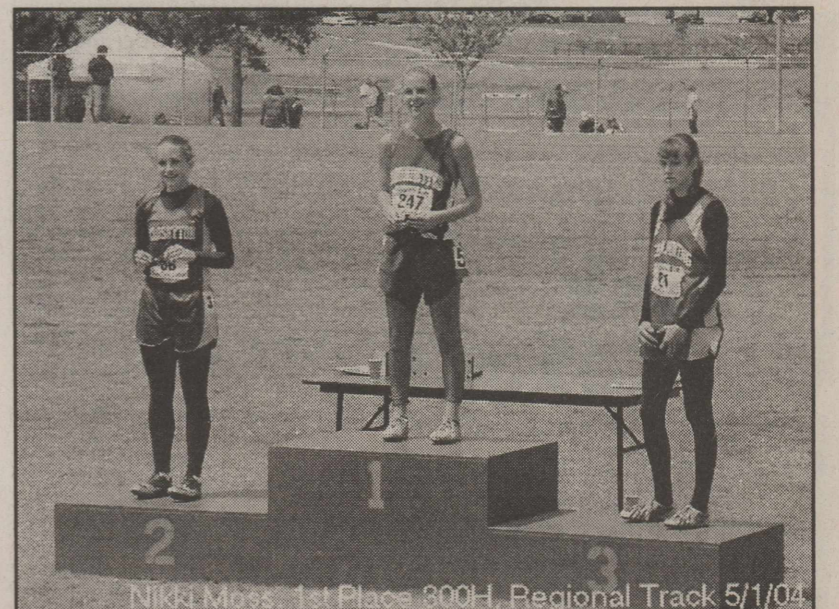
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