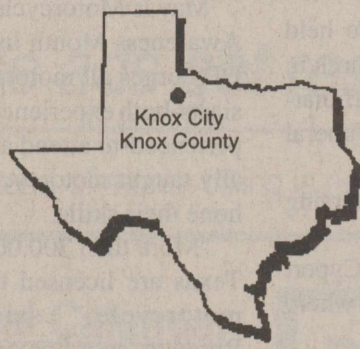


KCHS Senior Baccalaureate is Sunday at 7:00 in Baker Auditorium

# The Knox County



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THE KNOX CITY HIGH SCHOOL GREYHOUND PRIDE BAND stopped for a moment to pose for this group picture at Disneyland last week. Band members, accompanied by Band Director Mark Tucker, parents and sponsors, enjoyed the end of year trip as a reward for all their hard work and honors this school year. Members of the band had several fundraising projects to earn money for the trip. (Courtesy photo by Marq Brockett)

## Pride Band plays for the world

By Marq Brockett

On May 6, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., the Knox City Greyhound Pride Concert Band took the stage at Tomorrowland in Disney World, Orlando, Florida. Greyhound Pride seized the attention of everyone in the area as they presented a 30-minute concert. Not only were their selections enjoyed by nearby crowds, but also their music was broadcast throughout the park. Strangers and passersby stopped and listened to the engaging performance of "Pirates of the Caribbean" and other arrangements.

Months earlier, a selection committee from Walt Disney listened to recordings of junior high and high school bands from across the United States. Bands had to meet certain criteria to be accepted. Knox City Greyhound Pride Band was one of those selected to participate in Walt Disney's "Magic Music Days".

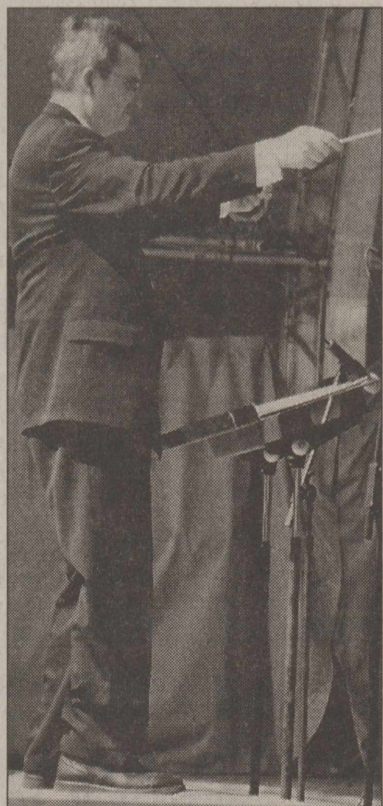
Mr. Mark Tucker, Director of Bands, seized the opportunity to make his student's dreams a reality. He was not alone. None of this would have been possible without the help and support from a number of people. Mr. Tucker took the initiative to accomplish this monumental task. He organized all of the logistics to move a small town band half the distance of the United States to a magical world of different cultures and people without any major problems.

Encouragement and assistance from Superintendent Louis Baty and the Knox City School Board led the way for the Greyhound Band. They believed in the students' abilities, and wanted to see their dreams come true.

A great round of applause belongs to you, Knox City, for helping these students chase their

dreams. Each of you has purchased countless donuts, calendars, and Valentine favors. You have given your money and your blessings to the Pride Band through your support.

Not every parent had the opportunity



CONDUCTING THE BAND at Disneyland, KCHS Pride Band Director Mark Tucker experienced the thrill of a lifetime along with the students. (Marq Brockett Photo)

to go and enjoy Disney World with the band, but each mom and dad, every grandma and grandpa, uncles and aunts had a part in this adventure. You have worked tirelessly in concession stands, fund-raising dinners, and given long hours to your children to make them into the outstanding young people they are.

Sponsors who joined the Pride Band were the heroes of the day. They each lent their enthusiasm, guidance and protection in many invaluable ways. Night hall duty,

loading and unloading luggage, instruments and uniforms, and leading groups of students through the maze of theme park crowds became the norm. Through their love of the students, they helped make memories that will be cherished in every heart and mind.

The Pride Band enjoyed wild rides, theme shows and educational presentations as they made their way through the acres upon acres of beauty, technology and magic. The days and nights were filled by visiting four major theme parks: Magic Kingdom, where the sight of Cinderella's palace greets guests, Epcot Center with its massive globe and World Showcase, MGM Studios, known for its movie theme, and Animal Kingdom where the wildlife of Africa and Asia roam.

We tell our children that, wherever they go and whatever they do, they represent Knox City, their families, and themselves. The Knox City Greyhound Pride Band lived up to their name... PRIDE. Everywhere they went people complimented them on their manners and maturity.

The Disney "Magic Music Days" coordinator gathered the band after the concert and explained how most of the countries of the world are represented each day at Disney World through the diversity of park visitors. She stated, "Today you performed for the world!"

Through the efforts and encouragements of a loving community, young people from a small Texas town were able to reach out and touch the world with their music.

(Editor's Note: Our thanks to Marq Brockett for not only this great story, but also for the pictures he provided to The Knox County News to accompany this article.)

## City election is Saturday

Saturday, May 15, is election day. The only contested election is for three seats on the City Council.

Four candidates are vying for the three places on the two year term positions including incumbents Bud Reynolds and Fred Ledesma along with Dan Godsey and J.M. Emerson.

Voting will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Knox County Aging Center.

## UIL Banquet to be Monday

The 36th annual UIL Awards Banquet "Greyhound Roundup" will be held Monday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Tickets are available at the high school office.

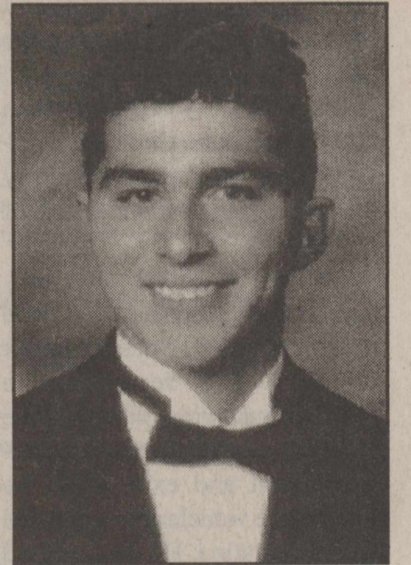
## Head Start enrollment to be May 14

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.

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



ARIANA GOMEZ  
... valedictorian



BRANDON ESPINOSA  
... salutatorian

## Honor graduates named at Knox City High School

Honor graduates for the Knox City High School Class of 2004 have been named by Principal Mack Lowe.

Class valedictorian is Ariana Gomez, daughter of Ciro and Antonia Gomez. She posted a four year average of 97.00.

Brandon Espinosa is class salutatorian with a grade point average of 95.68. He is the son of Stephanie and Raul Espinosa.

Honor graduates are Cody Brockett, 94.25; Carlos Ruiz, 94.14; Krystal Hutchinson, 93.39; and Lindsey Penman, 92.11.

Baccalaureate services will be Sunday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Commencement exercises for the Class of 2004 will be Saturday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Both Baccalaureate and Commencement will be in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.



Next week's News dedicated to Seniors

Next week's issue of The Knox County News will be dedicated to the Class of 2004.

Our traditional Graduation Edition will feature autobiographies of the Class of 2004 from Knox City High School and also Benjamin High School.

## Obituaries

### Morris S. Denton

Funeral services for Morris S. Denton of Knox City were held Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Knox City with the Rev. John Gillispie and Rev. Bobby King officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Denton, 91, died Saturday, May 8, 2004, in a Munday nursing home.

Born June 14, 1912, in Knox City, to James Job and Luwissa Cypert Denton, he was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church where he was the oldest living Deacon.

He married Arnell Liles in July 1935.

Mr. Denton was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one son, five brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

Survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Marion Denton of Houston; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Delbert Lloyd of Knox City; three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

### Sheriff Homstad issues statement concerning Anhydrous Ammonia

By DEAN W. HOMSTAD  
Knox County Sheriff

Anhydrous Ammonia, a chemical beneficial to the farmers, and tough on our sinuses. It is also a substance that is in great demand by those who seek to manufacture illegal drugs, then feed those drugs to our citizens who don't know better.

Through a process in which the anhydrous ammonia is one of the key elements, the illegal drugs are brewed along with several over the counter items, some of the currently popular items being certain battery components, Drano, Muriatic acid, some certain allergy medication, and so on.

Could you imagine putting those chemical into your blood, whether injected directly or inhaled into the system, is doing to you?

Not only this county, but every surrounding county, has cases and instances where someone has taken anhydrous ammonia from tanks located in fields, tanks located in distribution locations, and even suspected of taking an entire tank.

There is no word other than crazy to describe these individuals who are determined to destroy the mental and physical health of our citizens.

On June 29, shortly after midnight, when most sane people are at home sleep, former Knox County Deputy Jesse Johnson noticed a suspicious vehicle in the Munday area. Through good investigation and experience, he stopped the vehicle and conducted an investigation. He was assisted by Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers and the Munday Police Department.

I arrived shortly after the stop to find the situation well under control. Located in the vehicle were components to manufacture the illegal drugs, miscellaneous drug paraphernalia, along with a tank in the trunk set up to siphon anhydrous ammonia from a larger tank.

The driver had outstanding warrants for assault from Brown County and had no driver's license. The passenger had a suspended driver's license, so he had let the female drive.

Arrested was a male and female pari, both charged with traffic violations and various drug charges, both individuals being from the Big Spring area. Citizens, when you see an officer with the Knox County Sheriff's Office at Allsups getting something to drink, eat, or just briefly talking to someone, tell him thank you.

This office believes in service to the community, most of that service you do not see unless it eventually effects you directly. You may say that the only time you see an officer is when he is driving around, at a store somewhere or at home. Maybe the only time you can see him is when he wants to be taking care of business in general when most other citizens are at home either asleep or spending time with their families.

Sometime our efforts payoff, may times not, but we keep on trying. We have some very different people traveling our highways, daytime and especially at night.

Sometime the only thing between them and you is Law Enforcement, which in this area is spread pretty thin.

### Noah Project - North to meet Friday at noon

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet Friday, May 14, at KP's Restaurant in Haskell.

All members are urged to attend to plan a fund raiser.

### Pink Ladies to meet Monday at 5:00 p.m.

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary Pink Ladies will meet Monday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the downtown thrift shop.

Members are asked to attend.

**Did you try to buy in Knox City FIRST?**

### A Golden Time

**Brazos Valley Care Home**  
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605 Avenue F, Knox City

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.

### 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](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb). For additional information on motorcycle training, call 512-424-2021 or toll-free at 1-800-292-5787.

### KCHS senior wins ConocoPhillips scholarship

Krystal Hutchinson, a senior at Knox City High School, has been selected to receive a college scholarship worth \$12,000 from the ConocoPhillips Dependent Scholarship Program.

Hutchinson is the daughter of Cleveland and Kelly Hutchinson of Knox City and will be moving to Tonkawa, Oklahoma upon graduation.

This year ConocoPhillips awarded 60 scholarships and named 30 alternates. A committee of independent educators selected the winners based on academic excellence, community service and financial need. Winners may use their ConocoPhillips scholarship to attend any accredited college or university of their choice.

Each winner will receive a \$3,000 award, renewable yearly based on scholastic achievement, for a four-year scholarship of \$12,000. Nearly 500 students applied for scholarships this year.

ConocoPhillips is an integrated oil company with interests around the world. Headquartered in Houston, the company had approximately 37,200 employees and \$84 billion of assets as of March 31, 2004.



Krystal Hutchinson

### Weather

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

Date	Low	High	Rain
05/04	60	93	
05/05	56	94	
05/06	60	90	
05/07	63	89	
05/08	64	90	
05/09	65	91	
05/10	66	92	

Total 2004 Rainfall - 8.39

### Aging center lunch menus

May 17th thru 21st

**Monday, May 17** - Fish, macaroni and cheese, fried okra, hush puppies, peaches and strawberries.

**Tuesday, May 18** - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, ice box pie.

**Wednesday, May 19** - Mexican casserole, ranch beans, Spanish rice, crackers, sopapillas with honey.

**Thursday, May 20** - Chef salad, corn on the cob, crackers, cobbler.

**Friday, May 21** - Braised beef tips, buttered noodles, mixed vegetables, light bread, pudding.

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

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### Thank you . . .

to all those who purchased tickets supporting the FFA lawnmower raffle.

Lucky winner was

Steve Cochran of Aspermont.

Winner of the BBQ pit was

Bruce Railsback.

Thanks again for all your continued support.

KC FFA and Mr. Dillon

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#### The Barbara Jones Family

would like to thank everyone who has given so much love and help during these last years. To all of you that brought food, sent cards, flowers and memorials, to the nurses who were such good friends, to her church family.

Mickey and Emma Logan who always brought food by (you know how she loved your cornbread), to her circle of telephone friends, Bro. Bobby and Bro. John, the service was special.

Thank you all for what you have done.

Ben and Mary Wright  
Wes Wright

Carl and Martha Brock

Marvin Jones

Michele and Jay Haynes

Johnny and Neomi Brock

### KC Area Church Directory

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City

Bobby King, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City

Claude McKiddy, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

#### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City

Tex Cox, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

#### FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City

Paul Chambers, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

#### SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City

Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez

Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland

Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez

Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Benjamin

John Gillispie, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin

Claude McKiddy, Pastor

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

#### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie

Matt Harrington, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

#### THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222

W.O. Smith, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

#### FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

#### O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien

Milton McManus, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

#### WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Rob Harrison, Pastor

Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

#### "ABUNDANT LIFE" ZION FULL GOSPEL

Rich & Mary Ann Palma, Pastors

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.

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## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

**Here and There** - I was blessed Sunday by getting to see my little four year quintuplets from Lubbock. Their parents are Jamie and Mike Wells of Lubbock. The good Lord knew I needed some company and was I ever blessed. Besides the quintuplets, another granddaughter, Wendy and husband Shannon Anderson and son Brandon and grandparents Jim and

Teena Johnston and a lady helper all visited. Did it ever make my day. You know if you're kinda puny and ill, friends and loved ones can sure make the day.

I also had a very good looking young man visit me on Sunday too and that was Reed Underwood, son of C.H. and Linda Underwood and he teaches school in Guthrie. I bet all the young girls and teach-

ers are after him.

Kenneth and Sammie Roberts of Plainview spent Friday night with me and got things going again.

Visiting Orval and Helen Manning was their son, Royce of Abilene. Seeing your kids pretty often sure helps one feel good.

Janoma Stephens was in Plainview Saturday to help out in the flower shop there.

Pansy Hines and Julie and Stephanie Keeling, all of Lubbock, Kevin Urbanczyk of Munday, Tamara McGaughey of Knox City and Claudia Reid of Rochester all visited Adelle Herring. She needs our prayers.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot spent the weekend in Corsicana visiting friends and loved ones.

John and Jo Lippard are in Georgia this week and Jo will have surgery in a few days but we all need to pray for her.

Joe Banner helped his brother, Cliff, over the weekend to build a metal shed for his travel trailer, then came to O'Brien for the night. He and his mom, Billie Walker, were in Hawley to meet Cliff, his son Kevin and his wife Emily with children Marcie, Maddie and nephew Robert to celebrate Mother's Day. Their son, C.J., was with his grandmother, Bobbie Banner in Haskell, to celebrate Mother's Day with Bobbie's mother, Barbara Kimbrough and husband.

Craig and Chase Brothers of Tuscola visited Mother's Day with Charlene and Don Brothers.

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**Sunday - Thursday**  
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**KNOX CITY GREYHOUND PRIDE BAND**

MARK TUCKER  
 DIRECTOR OF BANDS  
 606 East Main  
 KNOX CITY, TX 79529

**Thank You**

I would like to say thank you to everyone in Knox City and the surrounding area for all of your support of the Knox City Band program throughout my seven-year tenure here in Knox City. Your generosity has been overwhelming through the purchase of TV Tickets, Doughnuts, Band Calendars, Cake Auction, and Sunday Lunches. Without you, we could not have accomplished goals.

A special thank you goes to Louis Baty, Superintendent of Schools, The Knox City - O'Brien CISD School Board, Mr. Mack Lowe, High School Principal, and all of the teachers and staff of Knox City - O'Brien CISD that have encouraged and supported me and the band program for the past seven years. We could not have done it without you.

Also, I would like to tell the 2004 seniors, Cody Brockett, Jodi Chambers, Brandon Espinosa, Wesley Espinosa, Ariana Gomez, Rickey Gonzales II, Krystal Hutchinson, and Sondra Lankford, thanks for sticking with me and for all that you have done for me and the band program. Thanks for all the great times we have shared and the memories that we have made together. I will miss you a lot, but I will never forget you.

Once again, thank you for all your support with making our Walt Disney trip not just a dream, but reality. Thank you for truly "Making Our Dreams Come True".

Sincerely yours,  
*Mark Tucker*  
 Mark Tucker  
 Director of Bands



MARY BETH and Z.I. SMITH

## Former residents to celebrate 60 years of marriage

Z.I. and Mary Beth Smith will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 11 with a family dinner hosted by their children, Judy and Harold Staats and Ben and Brenda Smith.

The Smiths previously resided in Littlefield and Knox City, Texas, where Z.I. was employed by Santa Fe Railway and Mary Beth was business manager for

Knox City Schools.

A son, Kelton, is buried in Knox City.

The Smiths moved to Hurst in 1994 and joined the First United Methodist Church in Bedford.

Z.I. came to Knox City as depot agent in May 1959 and stayed at the Harbert Hotel until school was out in June when Mary Beth, Judy, Ben and Kelton could move

into a house on South Second Street.

Z.I. was the Santa Fe station agent during the years from 1959-1979.

Mary Beth was hired as secretary to Supt. E.A. Youngblood who was replaced by W.R. (Bill) Baker. Supt. Baker promoted and trained her to be business manager at the school.

## Wanna win \$100.00?

**Chamber project may begin anytime, must be completed by May 22**

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. The Chamber stressed that the project may begin anytime and does not have to solely be done on May 22, it must be completed by May 22.**

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.

## Bakers attend District 9 Retired Teachers meeting in Wichita Falls May 4

Knox County Retired Teachers Bill Baker and Frankie Baker met at Region 9 Service Center in Wichita Falls Tuesday, May 4.

These concerns of the Retired Teachers were addressed: federal and state legislative issues, health care and local unit upgrades.

Tom Pritchard, current Texas Retired Teachers' Association president, installed the District 9 Retired Teachers officers for 2004-2006: Dr. Carl Craighead from Vernon as President, Jimmy Strickland from Vernon as First Vice President, Anita Palmer from Olney as Second vice President, Lillian Stratton from Wichita Falls as Treasurer, and Dee Cottrell from Wichita Falls as Secretary.

Outgoing President, Jack Lavy of Wichita Falls, was honored for his outstanding work during the Texas Retired Teachers' 50th anniversary convention held in Wichita Falls last spring.

District 9 Retired Teachers are an active group of education still dedicated to the continued goal of lifelong learning.

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 Letters to the Editor are encouraged. They must be signed by the author and include the telephone number for verification purposes. Only the writer's name will appear in print. Letters should be kept to a reasonable length, are subject to be edited for clarity, table and for the purpose of only conveying a single point. Every attempt will be made not to change the meaning of letters. All letters are run "space available". Each letter is accepted on that basis. Political statements or endorsements will not be accepted or published as Letters to the Editor.

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 Unsolicited photographs will be considered at a charge that will be determined after the picture is viewed. We prefer actual print photographs or 35mm negatives. We will not be responsible for the final print quality of photographs submitted by e-mail, CD, or floppy disk.

**ERRORS**  
 This newspaper is not responsible for errors in more than one edition. Claims will not be considered unless made within 72 hours of publication. No allowance will be made when the error does not materially affect the value of the advertisement.

**NEWS DEADLINE**  
 All items intended for each week's edition must be received in the NEWS office no later than 4:00 P.M. on Mondays. Items submitted after the deadline will be held over for the following week. All items submitted are subject to holdover for future editions, depending on size, content, and available space.

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 All advertising items intended for each week's edition must be received in the NEWS office no later than 4:00 P.M. on Mondays. Items submitted after the deadline will be held over for the following week. We reserve the right to reject, at our option, any advertising, with no explanation provided.

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The regular hours of the News Office will be as follows:  
 Monday thru Friday  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,  
 Closed Saturday-Sunday  
 Note: Since we are a small business with a small staff, these times may vary as we are out of the office to cover news & sports stories, attend school events, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters.

**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
 Michael A. Guido  
 Metter, Georgia

Little Margie was learning to skate, but she was down more than up. Looking at her bruises, an old man asked, "Why don't you give up?"  
 "Because," she cried, "my father didn't give me these skates to give up with, but to go on with."  
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## Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

We have had some beautiful days out of the last several but weather folk say maybe rain later on in the week. Mother's Day was gorgeous and I was thankful for that. There was lots of travel and it's always nicer when the weather cooperates.

Don Morrill continues to make progress since his throat and neck surgery. Tho still considered in serious condition, he is improving little by little. Can't talk yet and so his way of communicating is limited and that in itself is very frustrating to him and his caregivers who sometimes have difficulty in understanding his signs and gestures. He does love his mail he gets. His son, Charlie, takes it to him daily and reads them all to him. So keep on sending a note or card from time to time.

Sympathy to the family of Morris Denton today. Morris passed away early Sunday after several months in Munday Nursing Center. Also sympathy to the

family of Margaret Daniel of Truscott who also passed away early Sunday. They both will be missed by many.

School news - The final two weeks of school is here. Lots of "buzzin" around - both students and teachers are finishing up those end-of-the-year duties. Baccalaureate is Sunday night at the Methodist Church. The Saturday night before - the 15th is the prom and on Monday night, the awards banquet takes places at the Memorial Building. Thursday night, May 20, will be Jr. High Commencement and Friday night, the 21st, the Seniors come together for the last time as a class and receive their diplomas. So you see a busy week's lies ahead for us over here.

And right after school's out, we get extra busy planning for Homecoming which is June 11-12-13. The parade committee is already seeking entries and hopefully we will have several by parade time. I'll give a more exact schedule of events as time approaches.

Here 'N There - Debbie Moorhouse was in Dallas Thursday and Friday to attend meetings regarding her job.

Steve Conner of Colorado City spent Saturday with homefolks.

Several locals attended the fundraising lunch at Knox County Aging Center Sunday. The food was delicious - chicken and dressing and all that goes with it. And it was a perfect chance to see and visit a lot of people we don't see often.

Gloria and Leroy West spent Mother's Day with their daughter, Betty Parker and family in Aspermont.

I enjoyed a visit with Barbara Carver Beavers Sunday at the lunch. She was a school "chum" and we had fun discussing many of the "others". She lives in Lubbock now.

Susan Cartwright has been making frequent trips to Wichita Falls. Her dad, E.D. Welch of Gilliland, is a patient in a hospital there.

## 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": "Christmas 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.



TURNING THE FIRST SHOVEL OF DIRT at the Tuesday afternoon groundbreaking of the Knox County Museum were from left, Mary Jane Young, Knox County Historical Commission chairman; Kenneth Roberts, chairman of finance; Greg Clonts, county judge; and Mary Birkenfeld, chairman of building. Below photo is a marker designating the future museum site. (NEWS digital photo)

## County Museum is one step closer

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Benjamin on Tuesday afternoon at the proposed site of the new Knox County Museum.

An interested crowd of local and county wide supporters attended the groundbreaking ceremony and watched the first shovels of ground turned by those who have worked so hard to make the museum a success.

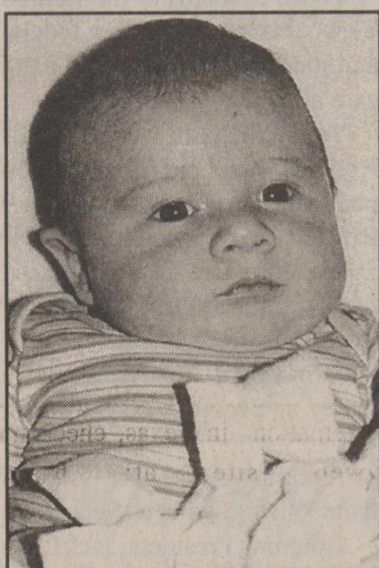
Located on U.S. 82/State 114 Highway, the site is one block east of the Knox County Courthouse and the intersection of State 6 and US 82/State 114, near and perhaps actually on the trail traveled by members of the 1841 Texas-Santa Fe Expedition.

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

The ceremony on Tuesday was 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.



## It's a boy!



Christian Myles Richardson

Myles and Laura Richardson are proud to announce the birth of their son, Christian Myles.

Christian was born March 5, 2004, in Abilene. He weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz., and was 18 1/2 inches long.

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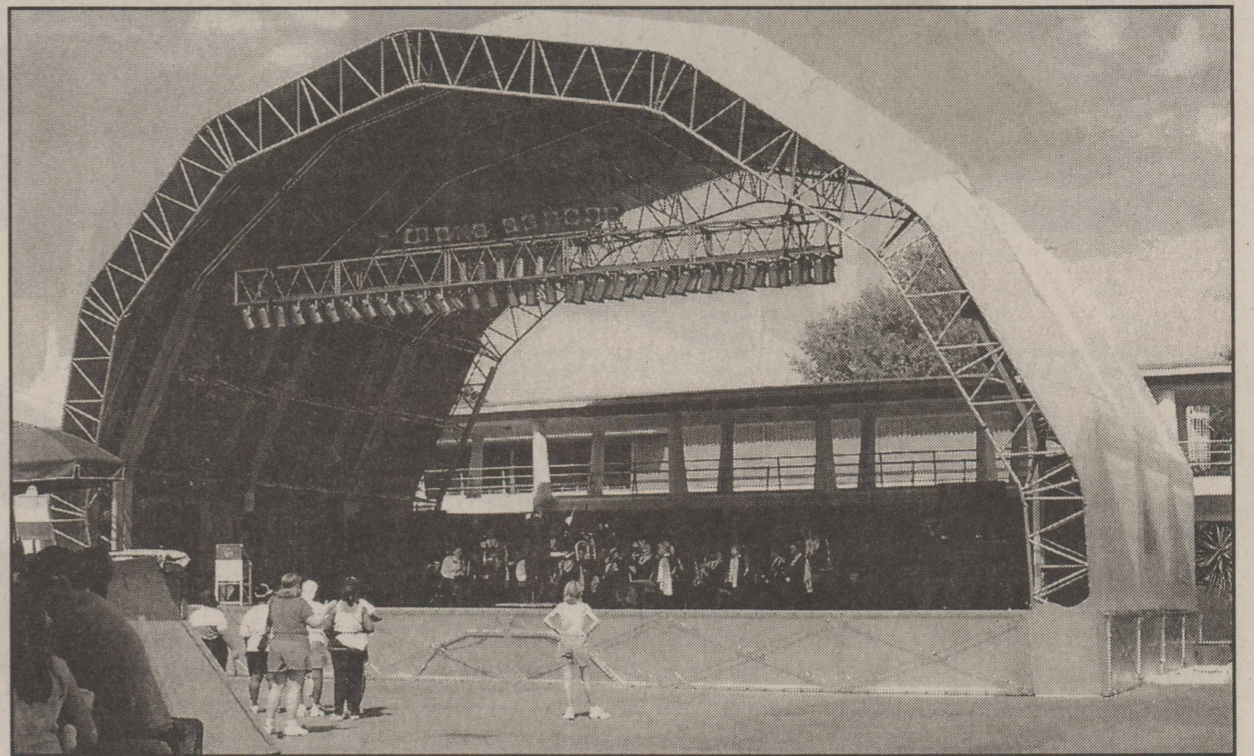
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### VA plans changes in health care system

WASHINGTON - Creating 11 community clinics, evaluating the most appropriate means to care for veterans now treated at Waco and transferring acute care services from Kerrville to San Antonio are part of a comprehensive plan by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to modernize its nationwide system of health care facilities. The plan also calls for a study to examine closing the Big Spring facility and transferring inpatient services to a new facility in the Odessa Midlands area and renovating the Dallas medical center. "These changes will provide greater access to care for veterans," said VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi. "By strengthening our network of outpatient clinics, we will bring a greater quality

of care closer to where most of Texas' veterans live." About 366,000 of Texas' 1,700,000 veterans were treated last year in VA's health care facilities, up from 281,000 in 2000. In 2003, VA spent \$4.8 billion in Texas, an increase from \$3.7 billion three years before. Secretary Principi noted that about 80 percent of the health care provided nationwide by VA is outpatient care. He said the plan would allow the department to provide more of the outpatient care veterans want and use, while building upon VA's expertise in providing highly specialized inpatient care. CARES is a plan to modernize and improve VA's health care system. Among the elements of the Secretary's CARES decision are

more than 150 new community based outpatient clinics, potential creation of four new - and expansion of five existing - spinal cord injury centers, two new blind rehabilitation centers, and expansions throughout VA's health care system that will enhance veterans' access to VA care. "I want to emphasize that no veteran will lose health care as a result of CARES, nor will there be any gaps in their health care services," said Principi. The CARES plan was reviewed by an independent commission, which received more than 212,000 comments and held 81 site visits to VA and Department of Defense medical facilities, and State Veterans Homes, 38 public hearings and 10 formal meetings.

### Storm shelter funding announced

Temple, Texas - USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel announced today that the Agency is offering low interest Section 504 loans to help finance storm shelters for very-low income homeowners living in rural Texas.

"Severe weather can strike Texas unexpectedly, and with serious personal consequences. As Texans know, violent storms and the unfortunate loss of life underscore the need for improved home safety measures. The installation of an approved storm shelter can provide rural Texans added safety and security," said Daniel.

Eligibility requirements for this program includes a family income of less than 50% of the median income for their respective county, an applicant must live in their own home, and the family must reside in an eligible rural community. The USDA Rural Development financed shelters must also meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards in design, construction and installation.

State Director Daniel encourages individuals interested in USDA Rural Development's Section 504 loan program to contact their local office.

USDA Rural Development is the economic development agency for USDA, and the lead federal entity for rural development. For additional program information, you may also log onto the state's Rural Development website at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx).

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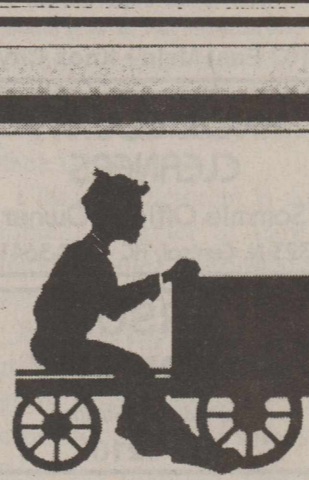
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But with a sharp rise in obesity in children, it's time we re-think our relationship with food - especially junk food. Teaching children that food is central to activities can lead to misconceptions down the road. There are non-food options when it comes to celebrating special times in our lives, and parents and schools should consider these alternatives on behalf of the health of our children.

Many school organizations are planning for next year's budgets and activities, and as they do they should consider options beyond selling pizza, ice cream, popcorn, donuts, and other treats to students to raise funds. While these are not considered "foods of minimal nutritional value," they are still high in fat, sugar and salt.

Many schools have found success selling flowers, plants, candles, wrapping paper or books to raise money for special projects. Drum up school spirit by selling T-shirts or caps with school logos. Provide a service - such as a car wash, babysitting or cleaning - to help out harried parents.

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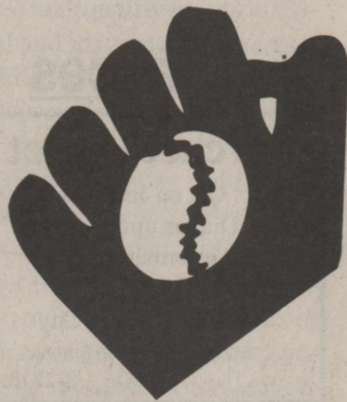
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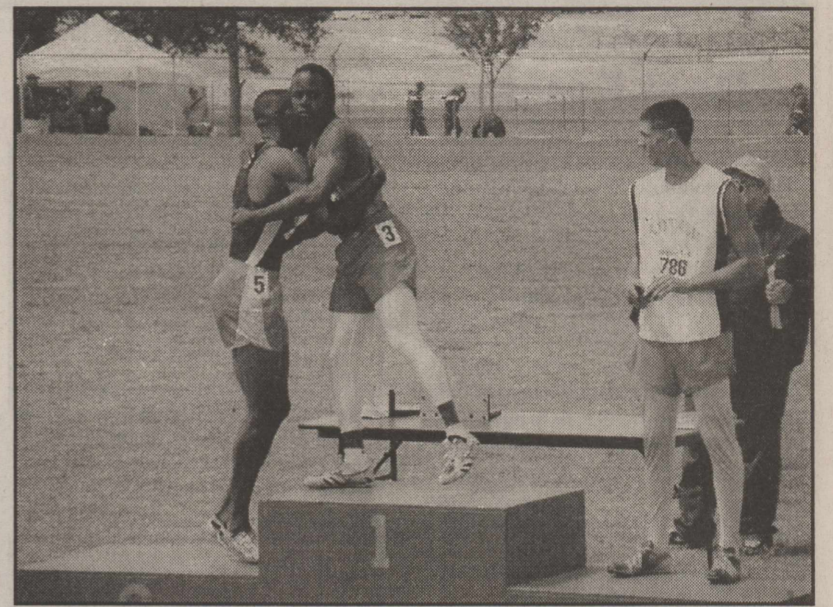
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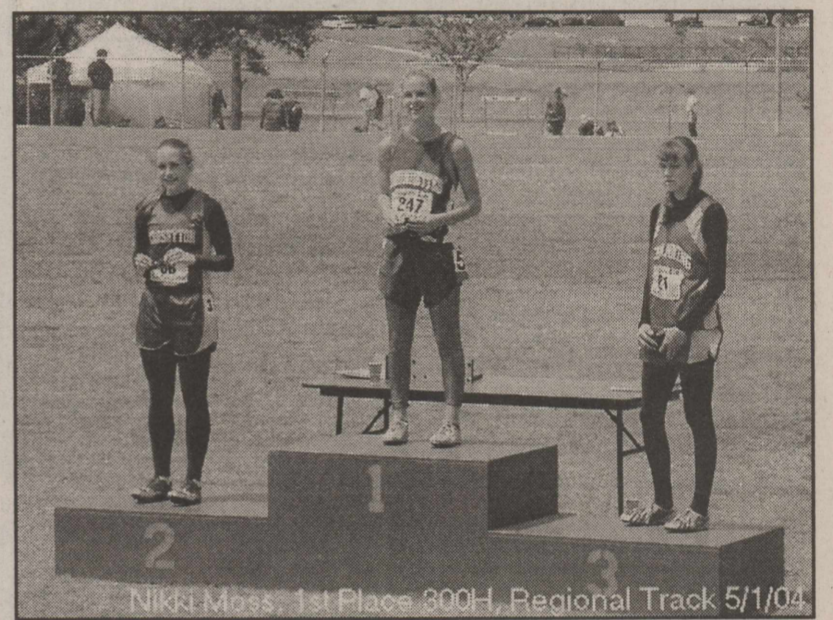


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