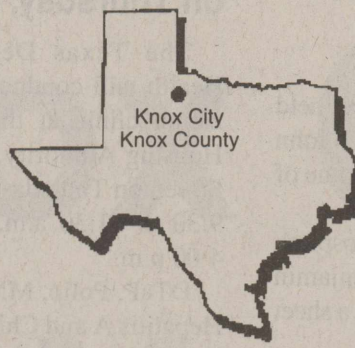


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Knox City Chamber of Commerce announces schedule for July 30-31 watermelon festival

Annual community event renamed 'Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival'



EVERYONE ENJOYS A PARADE and this year's parade for the annual watermelon festival will be no exception. 'Kids' of all ages will join in the parade on Friday evening, July 30. (NEWS digital file photo)



THIS YEAR'S CAR SHOW at the Watermelon Festival will be held on Saturday morning. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 10:00 a.m. Judging begins at 12:30 p.m. (NEWS digital file photo)



FOOD AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE IN ABUNDANCE at the city park during the 16th Annual 'Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival' on Saturday, July 31. (NEWS digital file photo)

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce has announced the schedule and plans for the community's 16th annual Seedless Watermelon Festival, to be held on Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31.

Annual event renamed

Topping the announcement news this year was the chamber's decision to rename the annual event to honor the late Donald Johnson, pioneer of the development, growth, and distribution of Knox City's famous seedless watermelons that are shipped all over the world. Mr. Johnson passed away on January 12, 2004. In his memory, the new name for the festival will be the 'Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival'.

Friday activities downtown

Activities associated with the 16th annual Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival on Friday, July 30, include a parade, supper and live band.

The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. Floats and entries will be decorated according to periods in time from 1904 to 2004.

Officials with the Knox City Chamber of Commerce will serve a bbq brisket supper starting at 7:45 p.m. in the Merchants Park area of downtown. The event will serve as a fund-raising project for the chamber and the cost will be just \$5.00 per plate.

A live band will be set up and performing in Merchants Park from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m. The band is 'Dillon Dean and the Deuces Wild.'

During a break in the band's performance, there will be a special presentation by the chamber at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday activities at the City Park

Vendor booths will open at 10:00 a.m. in the Knox City Park, located between Third and Fourth streets, one block east of South Central. As in past years, vendors will be on hand with arts and crafts, food, cold drinks, fun events for the family, and free watermelon will be served.

The Classic Car Show is once again sponsored by the Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Cadillac and Ford dealerships in Haskell. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. The registration fee will be \$20.00. A discounted registration fee of only \$15.00 will apply to all registrations received at the chamber office before the Saturday morning registration begins on site. Judging for the car show will begin at 12:30 p.m. and trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. There will also be plaques for Best of Show and Farthest Distance Traveled, plus \$50.00 awarded for Farthest Distance Traveled. A free t-shirt will be given to each participant.

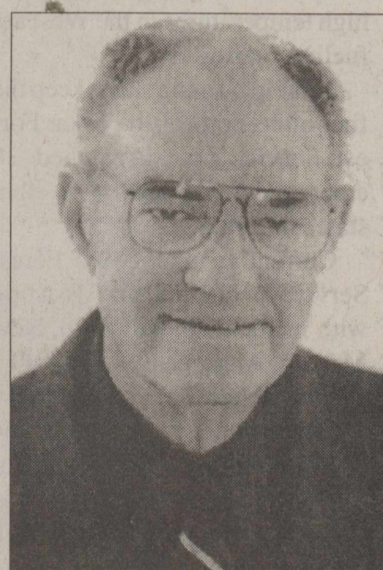
Activities happening throughout the day at the park will include live music to entertain the crowd, horseshoes, a sand volleyball tournament, kiddie rides, and other games. Some of the events are free, others will be held as fund-raising events for local organizations.

A golf tournament will be held at the Knox City Golf Course, sponsored by the Knox City Country Club. The event will start with a tee off time of 8:30 a.m. and the format will be a three person scramble. More information can be obtained from Sammie Offield, the tournament host, by calling her at Knox County Cleaners during the day at 657-3614 or by calling the Knox City Country Club during the evening at 658-3911.

After the festival, there will be a Rodeo sponsored by the Knox City Rodeo Association at the Knox City Rodeo Arena. More information on that new event will be released later.

Chamber of Commerce seeks volunteer help

With the growing success of the Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival and the expanding size of the event every year, the Knox City Chamber of Commerce is asking for volunteer help in many key positions to assure another successful event. Those in the community who will be able to lend a helping hand with the event are asked to contact the Chamber office for more details at 658-3442.



Donald Johnson



CITY WORKERS WHO WENT WAY ABOVE AND BEYOND their normal duties last Friday afternoon were faced with a monumental task when a semi truck backed into a water hydrant in the northeast section of Knox City. The accident knocked out water for the entire city until the city employees shown above were able to get the problem fixed late Friday night. Shown from left to right in the above photo are Paul Strickland, Joe Rodriguez, City Manager Barbara Rector, Mark Torres and Wesley Espinosa.

Obituaries

Tom Brooke Hudson

Graveside services for Tom Brooke Hudson of Knox City were held Wednesday, July 7, 2004, in the Benjamin Cemetery. Rev. John Gillespie officiated and arrangements were by Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Mr. Hudson, 68, died Monday, July 5, 2004, in an Abilene hospital. Born December 18, 1935, in Benjamin, he graduated from Benjamin High School and had worked until retirement, self-employed as a sheet metal lather.

He married Glenna Voss Benson on December 30, 1990, in Knox City.

His parents were the late James Grady and Mary Josephine Hudson. Survivors are his wife, Glenna of Knox City; two daughters, Lynda Brooke Hudson and Deborah Ebraheim, both of Benjamin; a brother, Dr. Bobby Hudson of Benjamin; two grandchildren, Nafeesa Ebraheim and Wade Pierce and wife Tabitha; and three stepchildren, Marilyn Maberry of Munday, Leann Golden of Goree and David Benson of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James Grady (Hut) Hudson. Tom Brooke's favorite charity was Shelters for Homeless Animals.

Texas Forest Service personnel dispatched to Alaska, other hot spots

Above-average rainfall has kept Texas wildfires quiet this summer, but an ongoing drought and high temperatures in the West are fueling roaring fires.

To help burning states keep the fires under control, the Texas Forest Service has dispatched 30 emergency responders to eight states this year.

Currently, nine Texas Forest Service personnel are assisting with incidents in Colorado, New Mexico, Alaska and Arizona.

Dispatched Texas Forest Service personnel from across the state are serving as incident communications technician, information officer, air operations branch director, prevention technician, division/group supervisor, cost unit leader, safety officer and dispatcher.

A Texas Forest Service information officer stationed at the Boundary Fire in Alaska said that continual daylight is a problem for firefighters there.

Nighttime has higher humidity and lower temperatures, which slows the fire activity, but with only 30 minutes of relative darkness, firefighters aren't getting those benefits, thus the need for additional manpower.

If a major fire incident were to happen in Texas, which is unlikely right now considering the recent rains, the dispatched crews would be asked to return.

Right now, local municipal and volunteer fire departments are adequately handling small fires. Texas Forest Service response personnel can be dispatched to an incident for up to two weeks. They respond to fires, floods, tornados and hurricanes.

Immunization clinic to visit Knox City on Thursday, July 8

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an immunization clinic at the Knox City Housing Authority, 203 SW 4th Street, on Thursday, July 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

DTaP, Polio, MMR, HIB, Td, Hepatitis A and Chickenpox vaccine will be provided as well as all other immunizations for adults, infants and children.

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

Participants must bring a copy of their child's 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.

A Golden Time

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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.

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Closed Friday-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.

Keep Secondary Worm Pests Under Control in Cotton

Secondary worm pests such as loopers, armyworms and saltmarsh caterpillars can cause extensive damage to cotton plants at a key stage of production. Although infestations of these pests may be sporadic from year to year, damage from their feeding can be a late-season headache for growers.

Data from studies conducted by Dow AgroSciences and Mississippi State University during an outbreak of saltmarsh caterpillar in seedling cotton indicated that Intrepid® insecticide was highly effective in controlling this pest, as well as beet armyworms, soybean loopers and cabbage loopers.

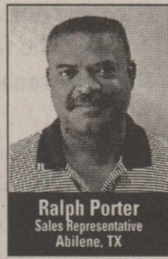
In all studies on loopers and saltmarsh caterpillars, low rates of Intrepid were compared with other commercial standard treatments and untreated checks. Results showed that Intrepid significantly reduced looper and saltmarsh caterpillar populations and percent of defoliation within 2 to 3 days of application.

Feeding among the pests stopped almost immediately, with death following in 2 to 5 days. And, the residual effectiveness of Intrepid on treated foliage was apparent for at least 14 days.

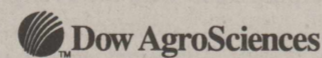
The active ingredient in Intrepid mimics the natural insect molting hormone in targeted pests, causing a premature, lethal molt of the larvae within hours of ingestion. Intrepid, however, is selective, so it allows growers to maintain populations of beneficial insects such as ladybeetles, parasitic wasps and honeybees, which makes it ideal for use in Integrated Pest Management and resistance management programs.

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KNOX CO. CEA NEWS

By SHERRY McGOUGH
County Extension Agent / Ag.

Open Horse Show rescheduled

The Knox County 4-H Open Horse Show has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the Benjamin Rodeo Arena, southeast of the Benjamin School. Books will open at 8:30 a.m. and the show will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. A concession stand will be open, hosted by the Benjamin Class of 2005.

There will be three age divisions: Seniors level, ages 14-19; Junior level, ages 9-13; and PeeWee level, ages 8 and under. There will be a Stick Horse Race for children ages 3-5. Participants must bring their own Stick Horses.

This show is open to any and all youth. Classes are Yearling Halter (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Halter - 4 yrs and under (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Halter - 5 yrs. and over (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.) Showmanship at Halter (Jr. & Sr.), Walk/Trot (PeeWee & Jr.), Western Pleasure (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.),

Western Horsemanship (Jr. & Sr.), Western Riding (Jr. & Sr.), Reining (Jr. & Sr.), Working Cow Horse (Jr. & Sr.), Poles (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Barrels (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Stakes (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Team Panning (PeeWee, Jr. & Sr.), Trail (Jr. & Sr.)

Ribbons will be given through 6th place, 1st thru 3rd will receive tack, and buckles will be awarded for High Point in each Division with tack for Reserve High Point. Must be entered into three events to qualify for high point, with 1 point for entering. Classes will be run according to 4-H Horse Show Rules.

Entry fees are \$5/class with a \$40 maximum (you can ride all day for \$40). A minor's release must be signed by parent or guardian in order to participate.

For more information contact the Texas Cooperative Extension at (940) 459-2651.

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July is declared as swimming disease month by Justin Baty Amebic Foundation

The Justin Baty Amebic Foundation has declared the month of July as the starting of Public Awareness on PAM, the swimming disease.

Warm breezes and the sun are reminders that summer has arrived.

Each summer a number of young people are exposed to a microorganism that can cause a fatal infection called primary amebic meningoencephalitis or PAM, the swimming disease.

This organism is responsible for the PAM infection that thrives in all warm untreated (non-Chlorinated) surface water.

The PAM infection occurs when untreated water containing the organism (*N.fowleri*) is forced into the nasal passages - usually from diving or jumping into water or water skiing.

The ameba than makes its way into the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms occurs 1 day to 2 weeks after exposure, are indistinguishable from fulminate bacterial meningitis and can include headache, fever, stiff neck, anorexia, vomiting, altered mental status, seizures, and coma.

Death typically occurs three to seven days after the onset of symptoms.

The environmental investigation revealed a high ambient temperature (>90°F {>32°C}) and water temperature (91°F {32°C}) in

the untreated water at the time of exposure of one case of PAM.

There are cases from the early part of July in Texas and Florida continuing to as late as October in Arizona.

Only three survivors of PAM have been documented.

Successful therapy appeared to be related to early diagnosis and administration of intravenous and intrathecal miconazole and oral amphotericin B and rifampin. This report is based on contributions by T. McKee, MD, Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah; L. Davis, MD, South Central Health District, Dublin; P. Blake, MD, L. Kreckman, S. Bialek, ND, Georgia Div. of Public Health; M.J. Beach, PhD, G. Visvesvara, PhD, J.H. Maguire, MD, Division of Parasitic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases; L. Fox, MD, J. Amann, MD, EIS officers, CDC.

Epidemiology - • *N.fowleri* is ubiquitous worldwide in warm freshwater bodies, including lakes, ponds, rivers, minimally chlorinated pools, and hot springs. • Cases of PAM are rare but nearly always fatal. • Incubation period 1 - 14 days. • High water temperature can lead to increases risk for infection among swimmers in rivers, lakes and ponds.

Clinical findings - • Symptoms and signs are similar to those of

fulminant bacterial meningitis and include headache, fever, stiff neck, anorexia, vomiting, altered mental status, seizures and coma. • Death typically occurs in 3-7 days. • Autopsy findings show acute hemorrhagic cortex.

Laboratory testing - • Wet-mount preparation of fresh-centrifuged specimen if cerebrospinal fluid is recommended. Fixation and stain with Giemsa-Wright and modified trichrome stain is recommended. • Confirmatory testing includes culture or an indirect fluorescent antibody test.

Recommended treatment - • Recommended therapies include intravenous and intrathecal amphotericin B. and oral rifampin • Intensive supportive care is required

Prevention and reporting - • Avoid swimming or jumping into bodies of warm untreated water. • Hold the nose shut or use nose slips when jumping or diving into bodies of untreated water. • Report cases of *N.fowleri* (PAM) infection to public health authorities.

To learn more about the Justin Baty Amebic Foundation visit: www.justinbatyamebicfoundation.org

This information was provided by Janice Tolson of Benjamin, grandmother of the late Justin Baty. Anyone with questions or requiring additional information may contact her.

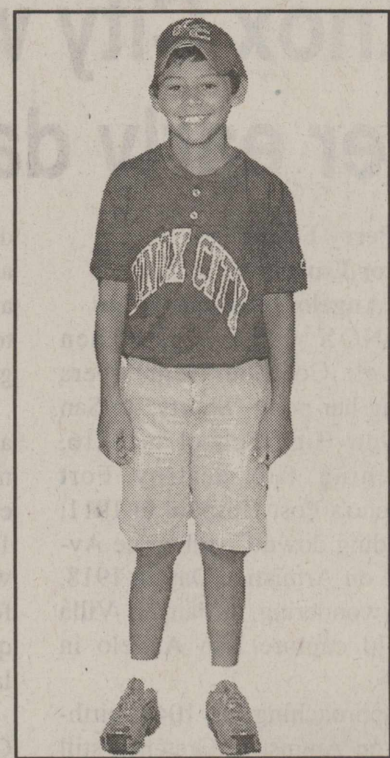
Gus West to play in World Series next week in Edmond, Oklahoma

As part of Wichita Falls North Longhorns

Word was received at the News office late Tuesday afternoon that Gus West, 8 year old son of Sonia and Jeremy West, will be advancing to the USSSA World Series as a member of the Wichita Falls North Texas Longhorns. The World Series will begin July 12 and continue through July 18.

Gus is seeking sponsors for the tournament. Anyone interested in being a sponsor is asked to call Sonia West at 657-1227 or 657-3906.

Gus will be a third grader next year at Knox City Elementary.



From this Angle

Local KC Notes by Billye Angle

The Fourth of July weekend turned out great with no storms and several days off from regular routines.

Mr. and Mrs. Darren Clark, Evan, Clay, and Reagan returned home Wednesday of last week from a vacation to the southwestern corner of South Dakota. The Clarks stayed at the Country Charm Cabins near Custer and did their sight-seeing from there. As they were only about twenty minutes away from Mount Rushmore, they were able to view it in the daytime as well as at night. They enjoyed touring a wind cave in Custer State Park, a gold mine, and the Crazy Horse Memorial. They also enjoyed mountain climbing.

Judy Perdue and daughter Kristen were in Orlando, Florida, last week to visit Judy's sister

Robin Dehlinger and her family. While there, they went to Epcot at Walt Disney World. Also, in May they attended Judy's nephew Josh Ross's graduation from St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio. Josh, who is Judy's sister Beverly Ross's son, will be moving to Fort Worth this month and begin working for the Tarrant County District Attorney's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Felts attended services at First Baptist Church in Eastland where their son Tab sings in the Sanctuary Choir. The choir presented the musical "Freedom and Justice for All." A Color Guard from Dyess Air Force Base was there to present the colors and Boy Scouts presented a flag from each branch of the service and the Christian flag. After a visit with Tab, Jo Ann, T.J. and Austin, the Felts

left to visit another son and his family, Todd, Kathy, and Trey at Stephenville. They also enjoyed the fireworks Sunday night at Lake Leon.

Cynthia Jones of Texas City left Sunday after a visit here with her sister Sylvia, Bro. Bobby, and Katelyn King.

Jonathan Durham of Flower Mound was to leave Wednesday morning after an extended visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durham.

We were able to talk to Elaine Lewis Tuesday and get a report on her grandson Brandon Lewis. He is still on a ventilator and listed in critical condition. He is in Surgical CCU at Covenant in Lubbock. Brandon and his family need our continued prayers. He was injured in a motorcycle accident in Abilene on June 2.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Well here it is July 6 - already! Where is the time going? Someone remarked yesterday that summer will soon be gone and tho it seems a little premature to say it, that is so true. Hard to imagine it! I hope everyone had a good 4th. It seemed pretty quiet over this way. Did see a few fireworks being shot and hear some firecrackers but aside from that, nothing much out of the ordinary was going on.

Sympathy today to the family of Tom Brooke Hudson who passed away yesterday (Monday) after a long illness. His funeral (graveside rites) are Wednesday at 11 a.m. here at Benjamin. Also sympathy to the family of Tom Ainsworth who was the husband of Glenda Conner. Tom died early last week in Mobile, Alabama. His funeral was held in Mississippi. He had been ill quite some time.

News concerning Don Morrill

is still encouraging. He is in Grace Care Center now still undergoing some therapy and finishing with his radiation treatments. And reports are that he is doing quite well.

Here 'N There - Oops, I erred! In listing the names of those attending our class reunion last week, somehow I left out the name of Dicky Ponder and his wife, Jean of Orange, Texas. I certainly did not intend to do that and apologize for my oversight. And of course, that made 17 instead of 16 attending.

Bailey and Joe Dan Taylor of Childress spent Friday night with their grandparents, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse, who took them home Saturday and attended the funeral of Holly Starkey Saturday afternoon.

Diane Evans and Ashlee of Childress visited me (and Debbie) last Tuesday.

Bobby Tib Burnett said he has been in Austin the past 12 days visiting and attending to some business.

Visited with Fred and Nancy McGreger Sunday. They had just returned home from Austin where they and other family members had attended a reception for Kevin Roberts and his wife who were married earlier in the year. Kevin is the son of Bill and Sue. While away, Nancy and Fred visited friends in Victoria. They also told me about their trip in early June to Germany to visit their son, Chris and his wife, Nancy. Got to go other places as well - among them was Rome, Italy! They said they had a wonderful time.

Charles and Joy Jones and their grandchildren Chase and Tiffany of Vernon returned home last Sunday from a week's vacation to the coast. Enjoyed some fishing and lots of rain! But had a good time!

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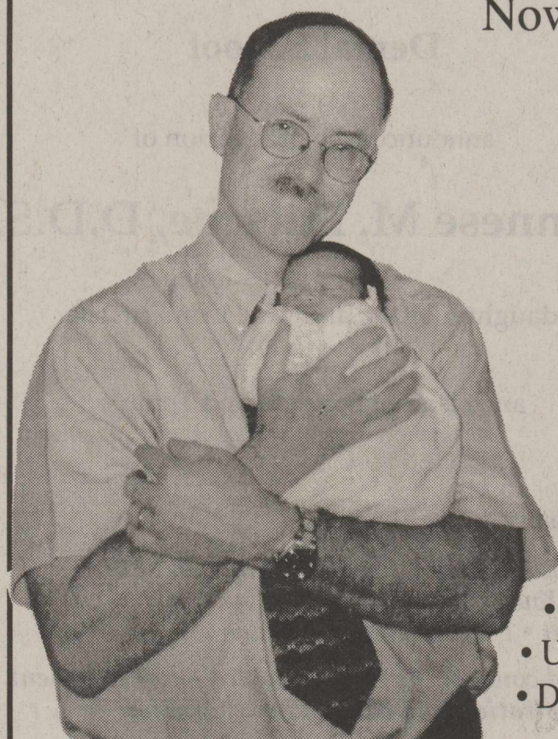
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Knox City woman, 103, recalls her early days in San Angelo

By Perry Flippin
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KNOX CITY - Gretchen Howell Colehour remembers riding her pony "Shorty" to San Angelo High School in 1916, watching fire destroy Fort Concho's Post Hospital in 1911, parading down Chadbourne Avenue on Armistice Day in 1918, and wondering if Pancho Villa would capture San Angelo in 1915.

Approaching her 104th birthday on August 8, Gretchen still vividly recalls arriving in San Angelo in 1908 from Sweetwater. Her father, a master machinist, worked on locomotives for the Orient Railroad.

The Howell family, which came to include three daughters and a son, lived in a house at 1324 South Chadbourne near the railroad roundhouse.

They staked their milk cow on the prairie. Gretchen attended classes at Fort Concho School until 1910.

"I cannot remember the name of the third grade teacher," she said of her first class. "I wish I could."

Although age has diminished her hearing and speech, her memory and humor are still keen. She lives in Knox City, 170 miles north of San Angelo. Her bright blue eyes, cataract-free since surgery three years ago, can still thread needles. A long white braid coils around the crown of her head.

She recounted that on her 100th birthday someone asked how many children and grandchildren she had.

"None," Gretchen replied. "That explains why you lived so long," she laughed, quoting her questioner.

After leaving San Angelo in 1920, Gretchen earned a degree in English from West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon, then a library science degree from the University of Illinois and a Masters Degree from East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce.

In 1928, she became San Angelo's first school librarian, Gretchen said, under Superinten-

dent Felix Smith. When the school administration wouldn't grant her a leave of absence two years later to pursue another university degree, she resigned.

For 17 years, she was librarian at East Texas State. At age 50, she married a professor and they traveled extensively until his death in 1970. Now widowed and using a wheelchair, Gretchen lives comfortably in a two-story house on a quiet, tree-lined street. Bookcases laded with volumes line the walls.

Gretchen's niece contacted Fort Concho recently via the Internet and director Bob Bluthardt arranged for an interview and taping session. Bob and I drove to Knox City, which is located midway between Abilene and Wichita Falls.

"My sister Mabel was afraid Pancho Villa was going to come riding up Chadbourne Street and shoot everybody in school," Gretchen recalled of the days before World War I. "It was pretty wild back then."

"We had saloons," she continued. "I was ashamed to go down those streets."

"Is Miss Hattie's still open?" she asked.

Well, yes and no, Bob said. It's a nice restaurant now and the former upstairs bordello is strictly a museum.

Fort Concho School stood in the middle of the parade ground until it was razed in 1986. An antique sundial, dating from the post's early days and stamped with the date 1866, stood beside the flagpole. The sundial now stands among artifacts in Barracks Six.

Gretchen remembered the sundial from childhood, as well as a mailbox at the railroad depot, where she posted hundreds of cards and letters.

From her front porch, Gretchen said, she watched fire engulf the Post Hospital on Christmas Eye, 1911. Bob said the blaze was attributed to lightning.

With her only surviving sibling, 89-year-old Mary Stone, Gretchen subscribes to four newspapers daily - Abilene, San Angelo, Wichita Falls and the Wall Street Journal.

Gretchen is Democrat; Mary, a Republican. They take politics seriously - mostly.

Mary chuckled about the syndicated columnist who recently wrote and Bill and Hillary Clinton dozed off during the Reagan funeral. "It was the first time they slept together in years," the columnist cracked.

Gretchen didn't think it was funny.

"I, reading Hillary Clinton's book ('Living History')," she said. "It's wonderful, I shed some tears because it made me think of times in my life like when my father died."

Mary said, "I told her I didn't want to hear anything about it. It makes me sick that the Clintons are getting their pictures in the White House."

"I voted for Ike and my brother never forgave me," Gretchen said.

Scanning a copy of Joe Gibson's book "Old Angelo," Gretchen took great interest in a photo of the former Tom Green County Courthouse with its ornate clock tower. When oil money started pouring in during the late 1920s, county officials decided to tear down the old courthouse and replace it with the modern structure in use today.

Other long-ago memories include heavy snows, severe sandstorms, Concho River floods and oppressive summers.

Gretchen said they used a scrub board and an open wash pot in the back yard to do the family's laundry. They also made lye soap.

The family's gray parrot, Bill, was Gretchen's charge until his death at 64.

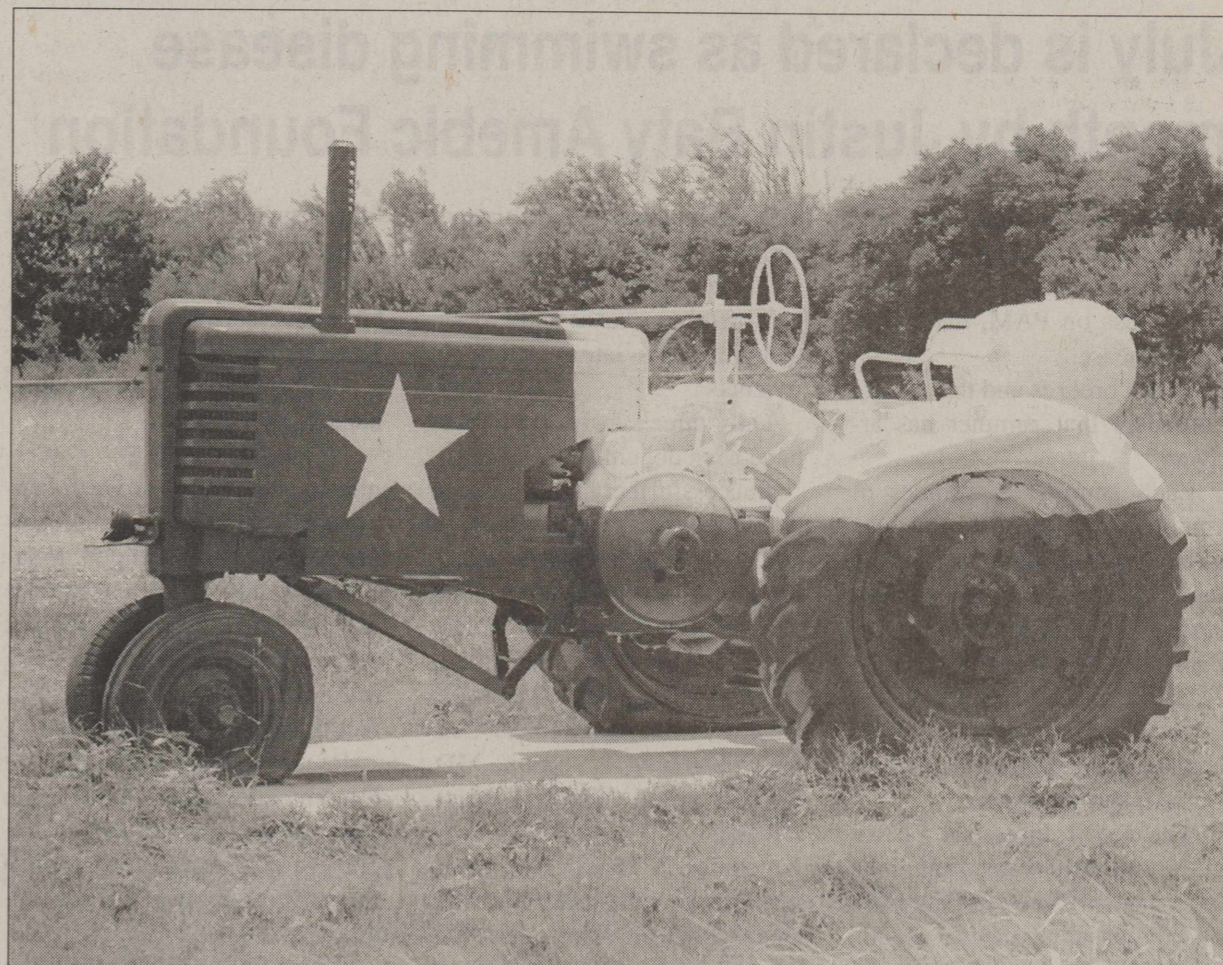
Gretchen survived a 1953 tornado, which killed 17 people, including two across the street from her home.

Perhaps as risky was her driving in New York City: "I wouldn't do that again."

Other New York memories? "Somebody whistled at me once." Would she allow a parting snapshot?

"No more photos." Or dispense any sage advice? "No."

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Donnese Fritsche receives doctorate of dental surgery from University of Texas, San Antonio

Former Knox City High School student Donnese Fritsche received her Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Texas at San Antonio Dental School on May 22, 2004.

Donnese also received the "Award for Excellence in Clinical Dentistry" for two years there.

She is the daughter of Don and Margaret Fritsche of Burkburnett. Don is a former Knox City High School administrator.

The Fritsches moved to Harrold in 1990 where Donnese graduated from high school in 1993. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2000 with a degree in bio chemistry.

Attending the ceremony were Donnese's parents, Don and Margaret, sisters Melinda Fritsche and Temple Baldrige, along with her husband Steve and children Madyson and Maylon, and many other family members and friends.

Attending from Knox City were Cody and Brandi Manning and other longtime friends, Chad and Hanna Carter and Lezlee Hearn Moore.

Donnese plans to practice dentistry in the San Antonio area.



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By FSA definition, an applicant is considered socially disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice, without regard to individual qualities. FSA has identified socially disadvantaged groups as Women, Blacks, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

FSA offers both direct and guaranteed farm loans. Farm loan funds can be used to purchase farms, livestock and equipment. They may also be used to operate a farm, build or repair service buildings, pay for soil and water conservation practices, and in some cases refinance debt.

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