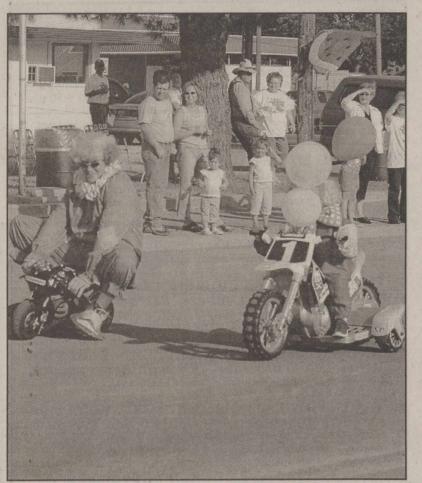
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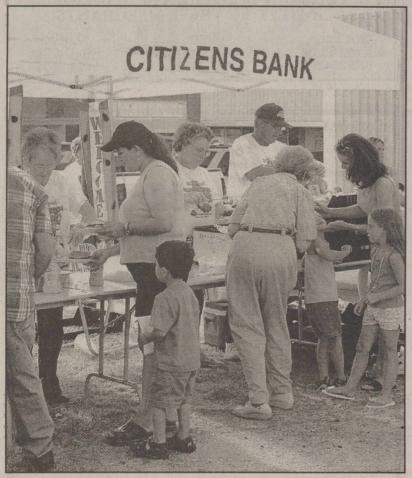
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THESE CLOWNS in the Watermelon Festival parade last year were Clint Lewis and his son Carson. (NEWS digital file photo)

ASC Carles COLL

DRIVING A DECORATED GOLF CART in the 2003 Watermelon Festival parade, Donna Wojcik represented KCCC Ladies Golf.



SERVING BRISKET last year during the Watermelon Festival were Barbara Rector and Dale Turner. The meal is a Chamber fundraiser.

KC to celebrate a century at 16th annual watermelon festival

When Knox city residents and out of town visitors gather downtown on Friday, July 30, and at the City Park on Saturday, July 31, to enjoy the Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival, they will be marking a century of life in the community, from 1904 to 2004.

Festival activities begin on Friday evening (July 31) in the downtown area with a parade that begins at 7:00 p.m. Remember to bring your lawn chairs as you gather to enjoy the many different parade entries.

Following the parade, the Knox City Chamber of Commerce will serve a brisket plate meal starting at 7:45 p.m. in Merchants Park. The meal will be a fundraising project for the Chamber of Commerce, plates will be \$5.00 each.

At 8:00 p.m., a live band will perform in Merchants Park. The band 'Dirtnap' is sponsored by Citizens Bank, NA of Knox City.

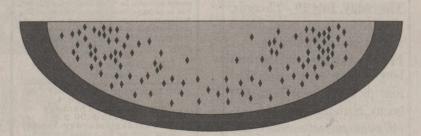
There will be a special presentation by Chamber officials at 9:00 p.m., the band will finish playing at 10:00 p.m.

On Saturday (July 31), events will shift to the area of the Knox City Park. There will be a Classic Car Show sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet Cadillac in Haskell. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 10:00 a.m., with a \$20.00 registration fee. Those registering early through the Chamber office will save money as the early registration fee is only \$15.00. Judging for the car show begins at 12:30 p.m. and trophies will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place in each category, plus plaques awarded for Best of Show and Farthest Distance Traveled, which will also be awarded \$50.00. There will be a dash plaque and a t-shirt for each participant. The chamber is in need of help, if you are interested in helping run the Classic Car Show, please call the chamber office as soon as possible at 940-658-3442.

Throughout the day on Saturday, activities at the City Park will include live music, arts and crafts, free watermelon slices, horseshoes, a sand volleyball tournament, giant slide, obstacle course, booths for everyone, watermelon train rides for the kids, games, food, a mechanical bull ride and a whole lot of fun and visiting. During the day on Saturday, there will be drawings at 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m., with gift certificates in the amounts of \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00 given as prizes. Participants in the drawing will be registered when they purchase \$10.00 or more of merchandise from downtown stores between now and Saturday, July 31. For every \$10.00 spent, shoppers will receive a drawing ticket.

After the festival ends at the City Park, there will be a Rodeo sponsored by the Knox City Rodeo Association at the Knox City Rodeo Arena starting at 7:00 p.m. The rodeo will feature mutton busting and ribbon goats for the kids. All entrants are welcome, and the format is Amateur Open Rodeo. For more information, please call 940-663-2101

T-shirts and caps commemorating the 16th Annual Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival are now available for purchase at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce office, City Hall and Counts Real Estate. T-shirts are sized small through extra large and are \$10.00 each. The caps are also \$10.00.



Knox City-O'Brien registrationdates and times announced

Believe it or not - school registration is just around the corner!

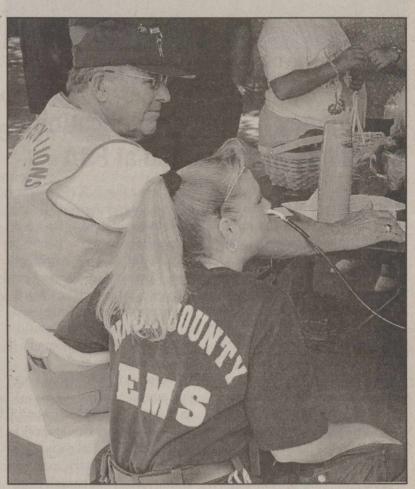
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 Knox City Elementary
- 1:00 until 3:00 p.m., Knox City cafeteria
 - O'Brien Mid-School •
 - 1:00 and 3:00, O'Brien campus
- High School Registration Coach Welch's room in Ag Building Seniors 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Juniors - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

- • Thursday, August 5 •
- High School Registration continues in Coach Welch's room Sophomores 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

 Freshman 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Football and volleyball two-a-days begin Monday, August 2, as well as Greyhound band practice.



GETTING HIS BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED, Bill Baker shown at the Knox County Hospital booth at the 2003 Watermelon Festival.



A GIANT SLIDE was featured at the City Park during the Watermelon Festival last year and will return on Saturday, July 31.



BOOTHS OFFERING A VARIETY of merchandise will be set up at the City Park during the Watermelon Festival. (NEWS file photo)

ENTERED IN BOTH THE PARADE and Classic Car show last year, Glen Dale Large is shown driving one of his classic Fords.

Emergency farm loan applications are still being accepted at FSA

the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

must have suffered at least a 30

percent loss of production to be

eligible for an FSA emergency

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the new farming season," Boone

FSA is a credit agency of the

U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The FSA office in Vernon is open

from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-

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"As a general rule, a farmer

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought, high winds and excessive heat that occurred from January 1, 2003 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Vernon, Texas, FSA Farm Loan Manager Kelley R. Boone said.

Baylor and Knox Counties in Texas were recently named contiguous counties by Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought, high winds and excessive heat that occurred from January 1, 2003 and continuing.

Boone said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders,

Hunter's Safety Course planned August 7 and 8

A Hunter's Safety Course will be held August 7 and 8 at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin.

Instructor for the course will be Sherry McGough, County Extension Agent.

Hunters born on or after September 2, 1971, are required to take the course and must register by August 1.

For more information call Sherry McGough at 459-2651 or Ronnie Ainsworth at 658-3359.

Fair, Rodeo queen entries are sought

Miss West Texas

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair and Rodeo for young ladies interested in the 2004 Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen and Teen Pag-

The pageant dates are September 10-12. Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair and Rodeo Office by 5:00 p.m., August 20.

Winners will reign over the 2004 West Texas Fair & PRCA Rodeo September 14-18. They will also represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and other activities in the West Texas area during the year and will also compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio in June of 2005.

Age limits for the Miss division are 19-24 years of age and for the Teen division they are 14-18.

Prizes for each division include crown, banner, roses, handmade spurs, hand tooled spur straps, Wranglers, buckle and more. Winner of horsemanship in each division receives a saddle blanket with hand tooled corners.

The winner of the Miss division will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship.

Entrants must live within a 100 mile radius of Abilene.

Call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo office at (325) 677-4376 for entry forms.

call in your news for 'From This Angle'

Be sure and

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Aging center lunch menus Weather

July 26th thru July 30th

Monday, July 26 - Fish with tartar sauce, scallop potatoes, cole slaw, hush puppies, cob-

Tuesday, July 27 - Baked chicken, squash casserole, green salad, hot rolls, pineapple crunch with topping.

Wednesday, July 28 - Cowboy cornbread casserole, pinto beans, seven-minute cabbage, brownies.

Thursday, July 29 - Lasagna, peas and carrots, salad, bread sticks, jello with topping.

Friday, July 30 - Brisket on a bun, French fries, relish, onion, pickle spears, pork and beans, birthday cake.

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

O'Brien happenings

Here and There - Visiting Bernice Rowan Sunday was her son Jerry Rowan of Henrietta. They attended church services with us.

Janoma Stephens left Sunday to go to Austin to attend a Study Club meeting for a few days.

John and Jo Lippard have been blessed by having a grandson, John Henry of Oklahoma, visit with them and he also came to church while here and we enjoyed his singing, playing guitar and preaching.

Spending the weekend with Adelle Herring were her daughter, Pansy Hines and Julie and Stephanie Keeling of Lubbock, Andy, Tami, Haleigh and Austin

Hines. They all attended the wedding to Kevin Urbanczyk and Tamara McGaughey.

Claudia Reid and Sharon Mullino of Rochester visited Adelle on Sunday.

Billie Walker left last Friday to go to Amarillo and visit her daughters Julie and Laura and families. They were all getting together and enjoying birthdays.

Our pastor, Bro. Milton McManus and family, will be moving to Ravel, Louisiana, in a few days where he will be pastor. We all wish he and family a good move and we will be praying for them that they're making a good move and we will all miss them and pray for them.

Bro. Milton carried a few of our teenagers to Lueders this morning (Monday) to atend a camp meeting for all this area and around. The teenagers atending were from Benjamin, Knox City and O'Brien.

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

We have some in our church and area that needs our prayers. Jr. Reeves for one who will be seeing a doctor this week, Christie Greenwood who returned from Lubbock hospital after some surgery, C.H. and Linda Underwood and Loretta Hewitt.

Charlene Brothers and I were in Munday Saturday afternoon to attend the wedding for Kevin Urbanczyk and Tamara McGaughey. It was a beautiful wedding.

News Deadline Mondays at 4:00

We appreciate your cooperation.

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Member of the Texas Press Association The summer hours of the News Office

The summer hours of the News Office will be as follows:

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
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.

KC Area Church Directory

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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

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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.

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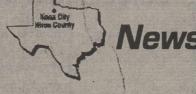
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Drought, high winds prompt additional loans for farms

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and high winds that occurred from January 1, 2003 through November 25, 2003 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located inVernon, Texas, FSA Farm Loan Manager, Kelley R. Boone said.

Archer, Baylor and Knox Counties in Texas were recently named contiguous counties by Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought and

high winds that occurred from January 1, 2003 through Novem-

Boone said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.74 percent.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until December 28, 2004 but farmers should apply as

American Red Cross offers donors opportunity for free gas until 2005

WICHITA FALLS - To help prevent an anticipated shortage and to combat rising fuel costs, the American Red Cross is offering blood donors a chance to win a pre-paid gasoline card. From June 7 through September 6, all donors at Red Cross Donors Centers, bloodmobiles and drives will be eligible to win a gas card which should provide "Free Gas" until

"This is a win-win situation for everyone. Every driver knows that uneasy feeling when the car's gas tank is getting close to empty. This is the same way we feel when our blood inventory is low," said Ron Sheehan, Region Donor Services Director, American Red Cross Southwest Region. "This summer, by coming to donate blood, you get a chance to win free gas from September 7 until January 1, 2005, and help us keep our shelves stocked with blood

Since a person can donate blood.

ber 25, 2003.

soon as possible."

every 56 days, donors at the beginning of the campaign will have time to donate again, increasing the chances of winning but most importantly, saving another three

lives. Another way to increase the chances of winning the prepaid gas card is to donate platelets which can be given every two The summer season in general

and holidays in particular are typically times when blood is in short supply. Those who might otherwise take time to donate blood are often busy with increased highway travel and outdoor activities. Unfortunately, travel and outdoor events can also be cause for accident, increasing the need for blood.

To make an appointment or for further information call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. To donate blood the person must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and bring a valid photo ID. Blood may be donated every 56 days.

Plan now to attend the

Donald Johnson Memorial

Seedless Watermelon Festival

Friday, July 30 & Saturday, July 26

BVRA arena refurbished & ready to go!!

The Brazos Valley Recreational Association Arena, south of Knox City, has been refurbished and is in excellent condition for use by groups and individuals who have horse related activities, according to Weldon Bowman, BVRA manager.

Bowman is encouraging use of the facility and those interested in doing so may contact him at 657-5185.

The first major event will be an open amateur rodeo Saturday night, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. John Akers Rodeo Company of Quanah will produce the rodeo. A full concession will also be open at the rodeo.

The events for the Knox City Open and Youth Rodeo include Open Bareback, Open Ranch Bronc, Open Bull Riding, 3 Point Roping Coors #'s, Open Barrel Race and Double Mugging.

Junior Events for ages 9-13 are Junior Steer Riding, Barrel Race, Poles and Flags.

Pee Wee Events for ages 8 and under are Goat Ribbon Pull, Barrel Race, Poles, Flags and Wild Wool Riding (under 50#'s).

Those wishing to enter should call John Akers no later than July 28 at 940-663-2101, home; or 580-471-5857, cell.

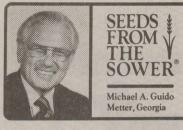
WANTADS Work!

Sell those unwanted items with a classified ad.



THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL always offers residents and visitors the opportunity to spend the day doing some old fashioned visiting at the City Park. This file photo from the 2003 Watermelon Festival shows (left to right) Vonnie Ivie, Vaughn Brooks, Bertie Ivie, Betty Poe and Jessica Ivie enjoying the shade trees while listening to the musical entertainment provided throughout the day on Saturday at the City Park. Everyone is reminded to bring their lawn chairs to the park with them.

(NEWS digital file photo)



A group of boys was handling a pocket knife. "What a pretty knife," said one. "It's sharp," said another. "And it's mine," said the

One day, on seeing the loving, living Christ, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God.

In addition to possessing God, he was also possessed by Him. Instead of just holding something, he was held by Someone. No, he wasn't using God, he was used by

One of life's most important questions is not "What do you have?" but "Who has you?"

Can you happily say, "I am the Lord's and He is mine?"

Vernon College announces Campus Connect registration

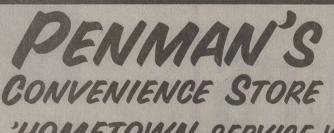
Vernon College Campus Connect registration dates for the 2004 fall semester at three locations in Wichita Falls and the Vernon campus are as follows: July 12 - August 8 (excluding Sheppard Learning Center) and August 11 - 18 for all eligible students.

Campus Connect is Vernon College's new web-based registration system. Campus Connect enables eligible students to register for credit courses from any computer with Internet access or at selected VC computer labs. To be eligible for Internet registration, students must meet all admissions requirements, have a PIN (Personal Identification Number), no holds on their records, and have a trial schedule prior to attempting to register by Campus Connect.

First-time students should fill out an Application for Admission, have high school or college transcripts sent to the registrar's office, have their Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) scores on file, and make an appointment with a Vernon College advisor to have their trial schedule signed. Internet classes are available online.

The Application for Admission, schedule of classes, and registration information can be found on the Vernon College website at www.vernoncollege.edu.

For more information, call 940-696-8752 in Wichita Falls or 940-552-6291 in Vernon.



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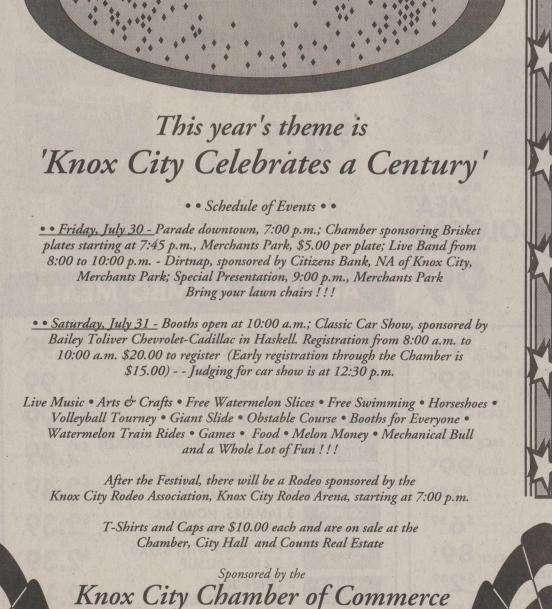


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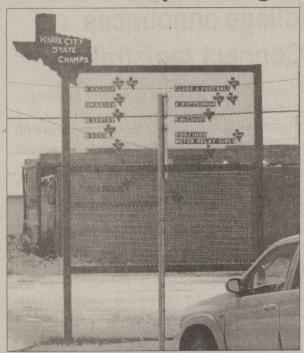
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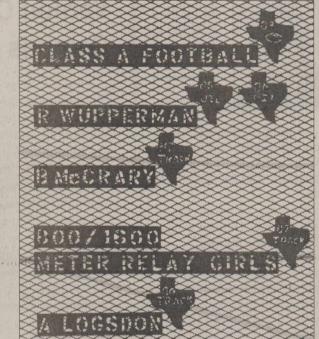




THE WATERMELON EXPRESS will offer train rides to kids at the Watermelon Festival throughout the day on Saturday, July 31 at the City Park. In this 2003 file photo, Timothy Sanders is shown as he operates the ride and entertains the younger children. (NEWS digital file photo)

Downtown sports sign completed by Chamber





HONORING LOCAL STATE RANKED ATHLETES, the new sign erected by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce is located downtown in Merchants Park. The close up photo at the right shows a better view of some of the different names. To to come of the different names.

From This Angle

It has been another week of sadness for those who have lost loved ones. Also, we have those in the hospital who continue to need our prayers.

We did have thunder and a little shower about 4:00 a.m. Sunday and fortunately had cooler temperatures during the day.

In the home of LaNell Kight these past weeks have been her daughter Amber Mahan Wyatt and children Heather Pageant and Ryan Marcus of Virginia Beach, VA. Her husband Donald came with them and was here a few days until he had to return to his station. Amber and children also visited her sister Rae Babe and her husband Alex Flores in Lewisville. They also traveled to Corpus Christi to visit the girls' father.

The Russ Chisum family has been busy this summer taking their kids to various camps. They

Be sure and call in your news for 'From This Angle'

A Golden Time

Brazos Valley
Care Home
658-3543
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 calles ApoE are at risk before age 70.

took Ty and Zach, along with Nikki Moss to church camp at White River Youth Camp from July 4-10 and then later Ty and Grant Lewis attended baseball camp at Lubbock Christian University. Earlier in the month the family was accompanied by Russ's sister and her husband Shirlyne and Myron Granthan and their three children of Panhandle and the Chisums' daughter Tara of Lubbock to Six Flags.

Other family activities included a surprise birthday party for their daughter Tara with a cookout on her 21st birthday at the home of Tara and her husband Jason McMahan in Lubbock.

Good news! Audie Johnston is back home in O'Brien and has her weekly news column in this week. So good to have her back!

Stacy had a note from Zena and George Wall saying that after 31 years they had sold their home in

Childress and were moving to Belton to be near their daughter-Deb and her family.

Scooter Thompson, who is continuing his studies in Abilene this summer, spent Sunday here with his parents, Stacy and Dave Thompson. Scooter was selected for the umpiring crew for two Texas Little League Sectional Tournaments held in Abilene the past two weeks for the 9-10 year old and 11-12 year old all-star teams.

Noticed in *The Clyde Journal* that Wes Hays has been appointed interim superintendent at Clyde CISD. Readers may remember that Mr. Hays began his teaching career here and also served as band director in the early 70's. He has held 10 interim positions in the Big Country area after retiring as superintendent at Rotan ISD in 1996.

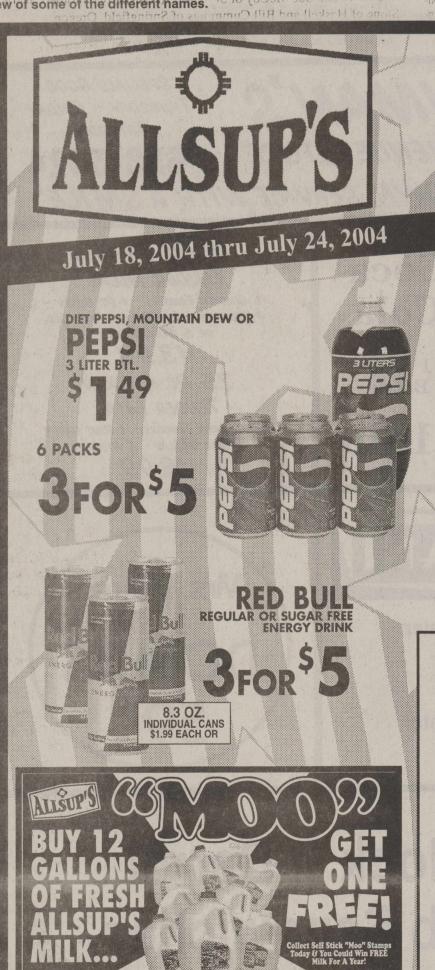
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Benjamin news

Once again our small community has been saddened by the loss of a former resident. Susan Stone Wimbish passed away Thursday in Oklahoma City at the age of 49. Susan has been battling cancer several months. Her funeral was Saturday in Knox City. Sincere sympathy to Susan's family.

Also sympathy to the family of R.P. Barnard who passed away Wednesday. R.P. had been in failing health for quite some time. His funeral was Friday in Knox City.

Concerning our ailing - Still good news about Don Morrill. He's still making it fine. Undergoing radiation therapy and has about 3 1/2 weeks left so will be in early August when he completed the treatments if all go as they have so far. I'm not sure if, after completion of the radiation, if he will get to come home or not. He may have to remain there awhile. He loves his cards, as I have said before.

His address is Don Morrill, Grace Care Center, 1101 Grace St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301. Or send them here - Charlie and Reba will see that he gets all his correspondence.

Bobby Brannan underwent surgery last Tuesday in Lubbock. He's home and doing fine according to last reports.

Omitene Barnett just can't seem to get to feeling like she would like to. She is pretty well "housedin" most of the time and that along would make one feel sort of depressed and add just not feeling too well physically to that and it

makes for some pretty unpleasant days. Hopefully things will turn

By Gladene Green

begin to feel better. We hope so. Roger Parker, the son-in-law of Gloria and Leroy West, who underwent back surgery last Monday is doing well. Roger and his family live in Aspermont.

around for her soon and she will

Here 'N There - Lorene Powers of Midland is here for an extended stay visiting and attending to some

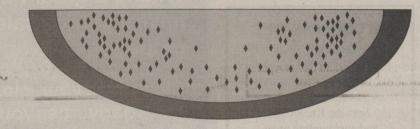
Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and I attended a baby shower for Debbie's daughter-in-law, Kyla Taylor in Childress, Saturday.

There will be a community wide picnic in the park Saturday evening here beginning at 6 p.m. Hamburgers will be furnished but if someone wants to bring a side dish that would complete a hamburger plate or a dessert, please do so.

Watermelon will be furnished also. There will be an opportunity for one to donate to the park fund if one so desires. Come on out to the City Park for an evening of fun

Jacob and Tina Siemens and family vacationed a few days in South Dakota recently.

Lucy Woods and her family have just about gotten everything moved from Benjamin to their new place just north of Knox City. They have done extensive remodeling and from all accounts have made a very comfortable home. We hate that they left us but will forgive them as they didn't go far and she will be living closer to her sister, Teresa Estrada. We hope they like it and are sure they will.





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Texas NASW group comments on Governor Perry

I am writing on behalf of the nearly 6,000 members of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers regarding Governor Perry's plan to investigate the child welfare protection system in Texas. While we appreciate the Governor's concern about our most vulnerable citizens, this is a duplicative and unnecessary task. Abundant research exists to indicate that most CPS failures occur because of lack of funding and trained personnel. The recent study done by the Pew Foundation is the most recent study to support this concept. Every study ever done points to the same issues. The real issue that needs to be addressed by the Governor is a lack of political will by our leadership and the citizens of Texas to allocate the funds necessary to ensure positive outcomes. Child abuse is a complex and serious problem. It is often found in conjunction with substance abuse and mental illness - both requiring highly skilled interventions. Contrary to many assumptions, it is found in all strata of economic and social settings. Successful interventions with families in which abuse occurs requires competence in mental health, knowledge of family systems, the justice system, available resources and well-documented "markers" for risk. Over time the barriers to success have been consistently identified as inadequately trained child welfare workers, too many cases, and inadequate resources. The state of Texas pays approximately \$14,000 to train each new Child Protective Services caseworker yet does not ensure adequate salaries and work setting to decrease the turnover rate. Each new "crisis" causes a brief flurry of activity by legislators and policy makers in response to negative publicity, yet, the long-term commitment through implementing known remedies is never taken. This brief spotlight creates brief opportunities for posturing on the part of politicians but does not lead to known and needed reforms. An example of this is the attention being currently focused on the "kinship" care issues of public child welfare and an attempt to require caseworkers to place at-risk children with family members without an investigation on the assumption that this is in the best interest of the child. Texas already has in place, through the Texas Family Code, a variety of rules, regulations, and procedures designed to ensure that relatives are the first priority in consideration for placement. NASW supports public policies that encourage legislative, administrative, and community efforts to support grandparents and other kinship caregivers in meeting the needs of children in their care. Those kinship caregivers whose children are part of the formal foster care system should receive multiple supports. Recommendations from NASW include: . reimbursement equal to that received by nonrelative foster parents, initial emergency start-up funds to meet licensing and certification requirements or to provide concrete resources for care of the children, subsidies for guardianship or adoption. access to legal resources and representation for helping to obtain permanence, support groups, training, or both, kinship resource lines to provide support and information, counseling, and so forth, treatment resources to meet the special needs of children, caseworkers trained in the unique

aspects of kinship care. That being said, it does not mean, however, that relatives are always the best caregivers and it would be a grave mistake to create policies that would require this. Child abuse and neglect are, not infrequently, multi-generational issues that require serious study to determine whether or not the child would actually be in a better situation with relatives than with their biological parents. To take away the opportunity to fully explore this issue would potentially expose the child to secondary trauma.

NASW maintains that adequate funding of child welfare systems and education and retention of qualified social workers in child welfare is essential to the best outcomes for these children. To ensure this: . Foster care and adoption agencies must be administered and staffed by professionally educated social workers. Child welfare agencies should actively recruit graduates from BSW and MSW programs (DPRS started doing this a few years ago based on data related to case outcomes and retention of workers) NASW supports partnerships between schools of social work and child welfare agencies in working to promote BSW and MSW education for child welfare employees. Child welfare agencies should provide ongoing professional training in cultural competence, changes in laws, policies, and new developments to uphold best practices that are based in research. Child welfare agencies should provide competitive salary levels and professional opportunities in order to recruit and retain social workers. Child welfare agencies should provide a healthy environment, competent supervision, and case consultation. We suggest to the Governor that no research needs to be done except into them hearts and minds of the legislators who will not appropriate the necessary funding.

Vicki Hansen, LMSW-AP **Executive Director** NASW/Texas

Obituaries

R.P. (Rick) Barnard

Memorial services for R.P. (Rick) Barnard of Knox City were held Friday, July 16, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Knox City with Rev. Tex Cox, Rev. Derrell Marion and David Counts officiating. Arrangements were by Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Barnard, 77, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, in the Knox County

Born June 11, 1927, in O'Brien, his parents were the late Rufus (Rufe) and Edrie Barnard. He graduated from Carney High School in O'Brien in 1943. He served in the United States Navy during World War

He married Barbara Egenbacher in 1961.

Mr. Barnard served with the U.S. Postal Department for 38 years. He was a member of the Orient Lodge #905 and a 32nd Degree Mason. He served as a Little League coach, was a member of the Knox City Lions Club, Knox City Fire Department and was an ECA and dispatcher with the Knox County Ambulance Service. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church in O'Brien.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara of the home; four sons, Richard and Twyla Barnard of Dallas, Joe and Barbara Barnard of Knox City, Payton and Kristi Tankersley of Knox City and Andy and Lana Barnard of Knox City; a daughter, Cheryl and Mike Farr of Odessa; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family asks that memorials be made to Ben Richey's Boys Ranch in Abilene.

Susan Elizabeth Stone Wimbish

Funeral services for former Knox City resident Susan Elizabeth Stone Wimbish of Morris, Oklahoma, were held Saturday, July 17, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City with Dennis Duke officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Services were also held in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, on Friday. Born September 6, 1954, she was the daughter of H.C. and Mary Howell Stone. Susan graduated from Knox City High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon and Western Texas

College in Snyder.

She worked for the U.S. Corps of Engineers at the Truscott Brine Lake, at Dyess AFB in Abilene and in the District Office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She married Larry Wimbish on December 26, 1998.

Susan married Larry Wimbish on December 26, 1998. She was an accomplished pianist and seamstress and was also a member of Our Finest Hour Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Wimbish of Morris, Oklahoma; a son, Jeremy Wimbish; four daughters, Jessica Dickson, Amanda Wimbish, Sarah Hudson and Elizabeth Wimbish; grandchildren, Daniel Robert Dickson and Jessie Hudson; her father, H.C. Stone of Princeton, Texas; her mother, Mary Stone, Knox City; two sisters, Cindy Potts of Seagraves and Sue McCoy of Stuttgart, Arkansas; two brothers, Chris Stone of Haskell and Bill Cummings of Springfield, Oregon.

Pallbearers were Roland Marion, Rob Harrison, David McGaughey, Gary Hewitt, Clint Jones, Ryan Baker, Brace Housse and Marq Brockett.

Buddy Wayne Williams Sr.

Funeral services were held for Buddy Wayne Williams Sr. of Imperial, California, on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in Hems Bros. Mortuary Chapel in El Centro, California. Pastor Bill Brewer of Faith Assembly of God of Imperial officiated.

Williams, 62, died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at his home.

Born September 14, 1941, in El Centro, he married Ann O'Neal. The Williamses moved to the Valley from O'Brien, Texas, with their first daughter in 1962.

Mr. Williams retired from the Imperial Irrigation District as a heavyequipment supervisor after 36 years of service and was a volunteer firefighter for the City of Imperial from 1970 to 1980.

He coached Little League baseball in Imperial and was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Imperial, where he also served as a bus driver for many years.

Mr. Williams resided in Imperial for the past 42 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Williams of Imperial; daughters, Venetia Williams and Renee Burch, both of Imperial, and Kylah Williams of El Centro; a son, Buddy Williams, Jr. of Imperial; daughterin-law, Eugenia Williams of Imperial; granddaughters, Dallas and Whitney Burch and Ashlyn Williams; mother, Olene Williams of Imperial; great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Gaddis of Imperial; and grandsons, Tyler Burch, Jon Gaddis, William Cartwright, Brenton Williams and Kyle and Garrett Sanders.

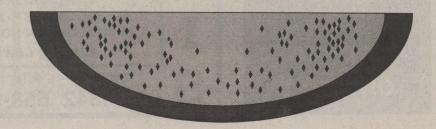
Will Ed Brannin

Graveside services for Will Ed Brannan of Glendale, California, formerly of Benjamin, will be held this Saturday, July 24, at 11:00 a.m. at the Knox City Cemetery. Margaret Goss, niece, of Carmen, Oklahoma, will coordinate the celebration of life service.

Mr. Brannin was the son of the late "Uncle Dick" and "Aunt Alice" Brannin. He graduated from Benjamin High School in 1932. He worked as a cowboy on the 6666 Ranch and the League Ranch. He was born October 24, 1914, and died July 3, 2004, in Glendale, California.

He married Pearl Hendrix of King County in 1940. She died on their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1990. He began work as a tug boat machinist in the San Francisco Bay area in 1940. He later became in charge of a fleet of boats in the Sacramento River Delta. He was a

He is survived by one son, Dick Brannin and wife Dr. Maryika Brannin, granddaughters Sarah and Michelle Brannin of Glendale, California. Also, sisters-in-law, Mae Bradley of Knox City, Vivian Hendrix of O'Brien, Ruth and Irless O'Dell of Austin, Bobbie Brannin of New York, nieces Doris Jones and Rebecca Baker of Knox City and several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Richard Brannin of New York.



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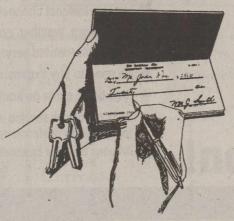
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