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Africanized Bees Attack Knox County Family

Just north of Knox City last Wednesday, Clifford and Sherry Hacker and their two-year-old grandson, Austin were attacked by bees. Local pest control expert Don Campbell of Rule, said that the colony had at least some Africanized bees in it.

"Without sending samples of the bees to Texas A&M for testing, the only way to tell if the swarm is the Africanized variety is by their aggressive behavior," Campbell said. "The bees look just like the European Honey Bees. The only difference is their temperament."

The bees that attacked the Hackers were making their colony inside a five-gallon bucket. Mr. Hacker and his wife were doing some cleanup on their lot when he picked up the bucket to move it.

The bees immediately attacked Mr. Hacker, then headed for Mrs. Hacker and their grandson. All three were covered up within a matter of minutes.

"I tried to knock them off me and my grandson but they were getting on us quicker than I could brush them off," Mrs. Hacker said. "I picked up Austin and headed for the house but I passed out before I could get inside.

"My husband went for the water hose but couldn't get around the house to turn it on. Fortunately, my daughter-in-law (Kristy Hacker) heard us screaming, ran over to see what was going on, and was able to turn on the wa-

Before they could get all the bees hosed down, each of the three were stung over 100 times. Knox County EMS took all three to the hospital, where Mr. and Mrs. Hacker were treated anad released and the grandson was held overnight for observation, then released the following day.

As for battling the Africanized

bees, it's a task better suited for professionals. Campbell, who owns Quality Pest Control in Rule, went out on over 100 calls involving bees last year, up considerably from 30 or 40 calls the year before.

"Last year a couple from Rochester was stung over 200 times each and almost died," Campbell said. "About half of all the calls we get have some percent of African bees in the swarm."

Campbell also said that bees tend to come to water sources such as faucets, dog bowls, air conditioners and other places where water stands.

Do not approach the bees if you are unsure of their species. The Africanized variety will chase you a great distance and tend to attack in swarms, just as those that attacked the Hackers. Use caution when you spot any

Knox City Police Chief Resigns

Knox City Police Chief Harry Steen resigned last Thursday, effective immediately. Steen and his wife are moving to Roswell, New Mexico where she secured employment with the local hospital.

City Manager Barbara Rector said that Patrolman Aaron Lewis will be on duty with the assistance of the County Sheriff's Department and that the City would begin seeking Steen's replacement immediately.

Applicants with law enforcement training should contact Mrs. Rector at City Hall.

bees and when working around your yard, house, farm or ranch.

for Local Communities New ambulances for King County and Knox County. A new fire truck for Crowell. Upgrades at the Aspermont Senior Center, Matador County EMS, and the

Throckmorton Youth Center. Where does all that money come from and how does it reach the Rolling Plains? The funding comes from the Federal Government in the form of Community Development Block Grants and other grants from the Department of Agriculture, the Texas Department of Health, and other govern-

ment entities. How it makes its way to the local communities and citizens is through the Resource Conservation and Development Councils (RC&D), their board members and directors. Specifically for the 13 county area including Knox, King, Baylor, Haskell and Foard counties, the Four Winds RC&D seeks and secures those grants, and with money from members, private donors and investors, makes the purchases needed by the local communities.

Without the Four Winds RC&D going to bat for us here in the Rolling Plains, the local communities would be left on their own to fund the projects mentioned before. Most if not all of these 13 counties' budgets barely operate in the black, using their income for expenditures such as the Sheriff's Departments, County Courts at Law, road and bridge maintenance and many more necessities.

Should President George W. Bush's 2006 budget proposal garner support from the Legislature and be adopted as submitted, funding for all the nation's RC&D budgets would be cut in half and 189 RC&D councils would be eliminated alltogether.

Among those on the chopping block for elimination is the Four Winds RC&D.

Riley Spells (left) and C.J. Bruce of Knox City sport medals from the State Powerlifting meet in Houston. Spells won the gold medal in his weight class and Bruce won silver in his class.

Federal Funding May Dry Up

State Powerlifting Champion

CJ Bruce Takes Silver Medal

According to James Belk, Texas Association of RC&D Secretary/ Treasurer, the councils are badly needed entities for communities and counties where the tax dollars aren't as plentiful as what the larger cities and urban areas enjoy.

"Small communities just don't have the resources to support themselves," Belk said at last month's Four Winds Sponsors meeting in Haskell, "This council (Four Winds) has struggled for 30 years to make things work out here for the communities. We rely on Federal funding and if that is taken away almost immediately, we will be lumped in with all the other charities seeking donations from the United Way and other private sources."

Local politicians are aware of the President's budget proposals, including the RC&D funding cuts and proposed changes to the Farm Bill, which would also adversely affect the RC&D's ability to secure

Congressman Mac Thornberry, U.S. Representative, Thirteenth District of Texas, had a representative at the Four Winds meeting in March. Four Winds members made their concerns known in no uncertain terms to Lewis Britt of Congressman Thornberry's office.

Congressman Thornberry returned a call to the Knox County News office on Monday, expressing his concerns as well.

"I'm interested in making every rural development dollar count," Thornberry said. "I'm not interested in reducing the money."

"Every year the President sends up big books of budget proposals

to the Legislature. This year he proposed changes to the Farm Bill but I don't think changing boats in the middle of the stream is a good idea, so I'm optimistic that won't happen."

The Congressman and Clarendon native also stated that he would want to know exactly what would replace the RC&D offices if the cuts ever were to take place. One concern from some on Capitol Hill was that a lot of money goes for overhead instead of the programs. Thornberry agreed that there are probably some good answers for those concerns and that the local RC&D has a great track record for accomplishing its goals.

According to the state RC&D figures, Four Winds has leveraged almost \$9.00 for every federal dollar spent on conservation and economic development. Last year, 33 projects were completed and the total cost of those projects was \$600,457.

The President's budget proposal is just that-- a proposal. The House and the Senate will each adopt budget proposals of their own, seeking agreement on budget cuts, expenditures and all government program funding. Congressmen and Senators will have a tricky balancing act on hand when these recommendations go to the subcommittees where the actual bargaining and budgeting will take place.

This year and next, expect to hear a lot of wrangling over what programs are cut, reduced or expanded.

To express your point of view, contact your U.S. Representative or Senator to learn more about the budgeting process and future of the RC&D's.



Charles Stone, Executive Director of the Office of Rural Community Affairs, recently informed Knox City officials that the city will receive a Texas Community Development Program grant in the amount of \$18,400 for planning activities.

These funds are made available by the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In Texas, the program is administered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs through the Texas Community Development

grant in 2004 with the city wide

mapping of water lines, sewer lines, streets and parks and is a valuable asset for the City's dayto-day operations.

The City began work on this

The 20 year plan encompassed

Conservation Groups React Positively to Senate Bill 3

Three of the state's major conservation organizations reacted positively today to the introduction of omnibus water legislation. Senate Bill 3, carried by Senate Natural Resources Committee Chairman Ken Armbrister, would make some major changes in state water policy.

"The environmental flows provisions of Senate Bill 3 could jump start the effort to move Texas' river management system into the modern era," said Myron Hess, manager of the Texas water programs for the National Wildlife Federation. "The bill would help ensure our children can continue to enjoy healthy rivers and bays as well as the fish and wildlife heritage Texas is famous for."

There is increased recognition of the importance of protecting environmental flows in Texas' rivers. Sixteen coastal communities- places that would be particularly affected if the flows issue is not adequately addressed-have passed resolutions asking the Legislature to take action on environmental flows this session.

Nine counties- including Galveston, Jefferson, Aransas and Matagorda counties-and six cities passed similar resolutions on environmental flows. The resolutions do not endorse any particular legislative approach.

Senate Bill 3 also contains provisions addressing water conservation, groundwater management, and financing for water infrastructure projects.

"It appears that the bill's conservation provisions reflect the broad consensus that water conservation is one of the best ways of meeting the state's water needs," said Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Kramer was a member of a water conservation task force

created by the Legislature last session. He said the water conservation provisions in Senate Bill 3 appear to largely implement the recommendations made by the task force, which had broad stakeholder representation.

"This comprehensive bill addresses some very difficult issues the state will be facing now and in the future as our population and water demand grow and we commend the willingness of Senator Armbrister and the lieutenant governor to tackle these critical topics," said Mary Kelly, senior attorney at Environmental Defense.

The groups also expressed hope that the bill's financing provisions will provide adequate funds for water conservation initiatives, better enforcement of water rights, water research, and protection of environmental flows through the Texas Water Trust.

Region 9 Serves Up Armed Forces Appreciation Day at Area Schools

In appreciation for our troops, the Region 9 Education Service Center is asking all Child Nutrition Departments within its realm to participate in a "Salute the Troops Day."

On April 12, all cafeterias will be serving the same meal as our troops stationed at Camp Buehring in Kuwait. The goal is to provide a nutritional lunch and educate the kids about what our troops are doing to help all

Americans live in freedom. On the menu for the day:

Camouflage Chili Mac **Gunnery Garlic Toast** Army Green Beans Vegetable Salad Red, Whit and Blue Jello Patriotic Pears Fresh Apples Milk Chocolate Milk

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Texas Retired Teachers Association 52nd Annual State Convention

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The 52nd Annual Convention of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) was held March 20-22, 2005 at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel in

Those attending the convention as delegates from the Knox County Retired School Personnel included, Wm. R. Baker and Joanna Delgado. Alternate delegates were Frankie Baker and Janice Vacek

The theme of the convention was: "TRTA, A Launch Pad for the Future." Steve Siemens, "The People Builder," was Keynote speaker.

The Convention Banquet speaker was Anne Barab, known as "The Long Lost Love Child of Mark Twain and Lucille Ball."

More than 1,000 TRTA members and friends from across

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Texas attended the Convention. In addition to taking care of Association business, participants attended leadership training sessions and information

The Opening Ceremonies on Monday, March 21, began with the Presentation and Posting of Colors by the Reagan High School Junior ROTC Female Color Guard from Houston and the singing of the National Anthem by TRTA Secretary/Treasurer Herbert Norris, accompained by Carolyn Lance, TRTA District VII President.

At the President's Reception on Monday evening the Kit Reid Orchestra and Band played for the pleasure of the participants. Soloist Alan Felts, grandson of TRTA President Jack Felts, sang for attendees at the Banquet.

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Her Eyes Were Blue **One Woman Play Coming to Crowell**

Crowell, Texas - Arlos Moore, President of the Board of Directors of the Texas & Southern Plains Heritage Foundation, has announced that the Foundation will sponsor a one-woman play about the life and times of Cynthia Ann Parker during the 14th Annual Cynthia Ann Parker Days Festival in Crowell, Texas, which runs from May 6 through May 8, 2005.

The play "Her Eyes Were Blue," was written by Caralyn "Cara" Daniel of Aspen, Colorado, who will also play in the

The play will be presented free to the general public on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 PM. in the Crowell Activity Center immediately following the dedication of a new Public Library building in downtown Crowell at 1:00 PM.

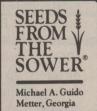
Owner Occupied Housing **Assistance**

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' HOME Investment Partnership Program is a federal program that provides funds for homeowners to reconstruct their home.

The City of Knox City is applying for HOME funds and is asking you to participate by responding to a survey.

The survey is designed to determine the needs of potential household interested participating in this program. You must qualify and be program eligible to participate.

The 2005 median family income limits and other qualifications can be obtained from City Hall at 200 N. Central in Knox City. Final date to apply is April 13.



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

TILT TABLE VS. ROPING

by Baxter Black, DVM

Springtime. Grass is greenin' up, wildflowers are blooming, longjohns are comin' off, and it's brandin' time! It is a festive occasion on lots of ranches. For years it has become a time for neighbors to get together and help one another.

The cows and calves have been gathered the day before. By daylight horses have been unloaded, everybody's saddled up and the calves are sorted from their mamas. In the corral propane burners and branding pots are set up, brands heating, vaccine guns loaded, ear tags laid out, and dad's knife is sharp enough to clean a hornfly's fingernails!

Idyllic...right?

Wait...technology has reared its sleek, rancher's helper-automated-finger mashing-clangingbanging head, in the form of a tilt table calf squeeze chute!

So nowadays when your neighbor invites you to come help him brand his calves you mumble around. You're feeling him out as to whether he's still roping them and dragging them to the fire or pushing them through a long narrow alley, catching them in a calf chute and immobilizing the wiggling beasts. Sure, you appreciate that it's easier on the calves, the help, the horses, that it takes less time and labor, even less space than the traditional way, but it's so...mechanical, so feedlot, so farmerish. It's like work!

Branding calves is not supposed to be work! It's supposed to be like Christmas! The Fourth of July! Going to the National Finals Rodeo! Not like getting your Army physical or helping your neighbor unload a semi full of salt blocks. Ya dress up to come to a branding. You wear your chaps and your spurs, not your coveralls and steel-toed Redwings. You worry about missing your dally, not banging your head.

Getting run over in the alley lacks the excitement of having a calf run under your horse. A deft jab with a Hot Shot or professional SQ injection does not elicit the same 'Yee Haws' as a beautiful over-the-shoulder catch double hocking a snakey calf.

It's the difference between shooting a pheasant out of the air or hitting one with your car. Besides, it gives your horse a purpose, and you a little glamour. And we can all use that now and



Kay Bailey Hutchison **United States Senator**

NASA Must Keep Its Science Focus

When Neil Armstrong radioed Houston, Texas' Johnson Space Center "The Eagle has Landed," a waiting world wondered at this triumph of science and technology. I watched those grainy black and white images along with millions all over the world, and I felt such pride in our nation, and the role Texas played in putting the first humans on the

Since that time, we have had many triumphs in space, including the launch of the space shuttles, putting the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit and inaugurating and using the still incomplete International Space Station. We have also, in these intervening years, experienced deep losses as well. The explosion of Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986, and the loss during re-entry of the Columbia in 2003, are sobering reminders that space travel is still a risky business. The fleet is currently grounded as we work to correct safety problems to ensure access to orbit is as safe as possible.

This year, I have taken the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Space and Science. My goal is to help refocus NASA on its scientific

The road back into orbit faces some hurdles. Our space shuttle fleet is not only grounded, it is aging. The first shuttle flights were launched in 1981. The youngest shuttle, Endeavor, flew its first mission in May, 1992, more than 12 years ago. The International Space Station is incomplete, with many parts ready for launch and assembly. Finally, we have to lay the groundwork to implement President Bush's vision of a Mission to Mars.

The decisions we make this

year will have an enormous impact on how we surmount these obstacles and how we achieve our short-term and longterm goals. As subcommittee chairman, my priorities will be as follows:

First, we have to return to manned space missions. NASA is still working to get the shuttles flying again and its new nominee for administrator, Dr. Michael Griffin, has to make this his first, and highest priority.

Second, as soon as we get our shuttles flying, we need to finish the International Space Station. This is not only an obligation we made to all those nations which joined the project, it is vital to our future space efforts. Weightless conditions allow us to perform many experiments involving crystals, materials and biology that are impossible on earth. The scientific benefit is enormous and is likely to generate tremendous economic benefits in the future.

For example, NASA, in cooperation with the National Eye Institute, has developed a new dynamic light scattering device which allows doctors to detect cataracts in patients 55 years old or less before the clouding of the disease is visible. The research was spurred by the discovery that astronauts with prolonged exposure in space become more prone to develop cataracts. NASA is now experimenting in using this technique for nonsurgical treatment of cataracts and for early detection of other diseases such as diabetes.

The space station will build our experience with prolonged human exposure to zero gravity, which is known to cause loss of bone mass in astronauts. NASA is testing treatments for osteoporosis, a disease which reduces bone mass in many

senior citizens.

The third priority is to develop a new transportation system to get us into space without an interruption in our launch capability. Some plans envisage a gap of several years between the last projected flight of our shuttles and the first flight of a planned new reusable space ferry capable of carrying an entire crew. That is not, in my opinion, a wise course to take. It could be a national security risk for other countries to have men and women in space while America is grounded for five years.

We are at a very important juncture in the history of space exploration. China has become the third nation to orbit the earth with a manned space craft; Japan and India have also announced very aggressive programs.

As we work to achieve our first three priorities, we must also keep our eye on the fourth: the Mission to Mars. Landing men on an entirely different planet would mark a new epoch in history.

The Moon can be our laboratory. The Lunar surface would allow us to perfect the landing equipment, exploration techniques and living quarters for the first explorers of Mars. In the meantime, we could erect the next generation super telescope on the dark side of the moon, where it would benefit from permanent night conditions without the decaying orbits and size limitations which affect orbiting telescopes.

We cannot afford to surrender our lead in space exploration. Our defense depends upon control of the high ground of space and our space program has always been a catalyst for technological and scientific development. Our future lies in space.

By Morton Scott

As I have mentioned in previous columns, Captain Randolph B. Marcy was probably the first Anglo to visit Knox County, when he came through the area in 1854 scouting for sites for a Comanche reservation.

Capt. Marcy is my favorite Western explorer, although he may not be as well known as some others. He was all over this part of the United States when this area was the American frontier. Sometimes he was even beyond the frontier. He probably knew more about traversing the Rolling Plains and the Southern Plains than any other person.

Therefore, we should not be surprised that, in the 1850's, Secretary of War Jefferson Davis (yes, that Jefferson Davis) asked him to write a guide book for groups traveling from the Eastern States to the Western States. This book became a best seller.

I suspect many of you had ancestors who devoured his book, The Prairie Traveler, when they began planning their moves west to places like Texas. I thought you might like to see what they may have read. This is a part of what he said about foods to take traveling:

"Supplies for a march should be put up in the most secure, compact and portable shape."

"Bacon should be packed in strong sacks of a hundred pounds to each; or, in very hot climates, put into boxes and surrounded with bran, which in a great measure prevents the fat from melting away."

"If pork be used, in order to avoid transporting about forty per cent of useless weight, it should be taken out of the barrels and packed like the bacon; then so placed in the bottom of the wagons as to keep it cool. The pork, if well cured, will keep several months in this way, but bacon is preferred."

"Flour should be packed in stout double canvas sacks well sewed, a hundred pounds in each sack."

"Butter may be preserved by boiling it thoroughly, and skimming off the scum as it rises to the top until it is quite clear like oil. It is then placed in tin canisters and soldered up. This mode of preserving butter has been adopted in the hot climate of southern Texas, and it is found to keep sweet for a great length of time, and its flavor is but little impaired by the process.'

"Sugar may be well secured in India-rubber or gutta-percha sacks, or so placed in the wagon as not to risk getting wet.'

"Desiccated or dried vegetables are almost equal to the fresh, and are put up in such a compact and portable form as easily to be transported over the plains... They are prepared by cutting the fresh vegetables into thin slices and subjecting them to a very powerful press, which removes the juice and leaves a solid cake, which, after having been thoroughly dried in an oven, becomes almost as

hard as a rock. A small piece of this, about half the size of a man's hand, when boiled, swells up so as to fill a vegetable dish, and is sufficient for four men. It is believed that the antisorbutic properties of vegetables are not impaired by desiccation, and they will keep for years if not exposed to dampness. Canned vegetables are very good ..., but are not so portable as when put up in the other form."

"I would advise all persons who travel for any considerable time through a country where they can procure no vegetables to carry with them some antiscorbutics, and if they can not transport desiccated or canned vegetables, citric acid answers a good purpose, and is very portable. When mixed with sugar and water, with a few drops of the essence of lemon, it is difficult to distinguish it from lemonade. Wild onions are excellent as antiscorbutics; also wild grapes and greens. An infusion of hemlock leaves is also said to be an antidote to scurvy."

Marcy's experience proved very valuable in his recommendations to our pioneer ancestors when they made their long trek west to their new homes.

In my battle to reduce medical costs, my weight is down one more pound to 227; I've still a "weighs" to go (that's a joke, son).

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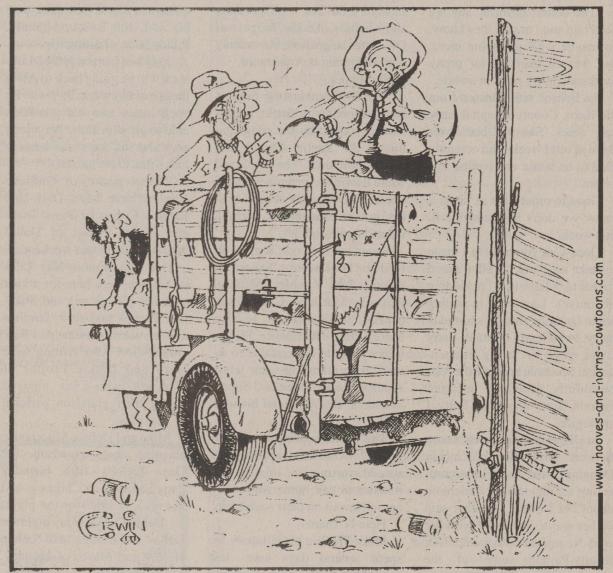
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"Yeah, git that blindfold on tight, I don't wanna take any chances she'll find her way back after the cow sale."

Obituary

Mary Escobar Macias

Mary Escobar Macias, passed away at a medical center on March 2, 2005 in Oceanside, California.

The services were held on Friday, March 5, 2005 at Joshua Memorial Park and Mortuary with her nephew, Father Joseph Palacios, presiding. Vigil rosary service was held at 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 5, with the funeral mass at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment followed at Joshua Memorial Park in Lancaster, CA.

Mary was born on October 28, 1928 to William and Amalia Escobar in Benjamin, Texas. She was a longtime resident and real estate agent in the Antelope Valley. Mary was very proud of her accomplishment of being a successful real estate agent, and she loved to talk and meet new people, but she was most proud of family and friends. Mary's words of wisdom to her loved ones were: "Live life to the fullest and always wear red when you fly."

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Manuel Macias, son Ronald, parents William and Amalia, three brothers: William, Philip, and Bau Escobar, and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-laws. Mary is survived by her son, David Macias of Gardnerville, NV, daughters, Nancy Gallagher and Ruby Johnson of Carlsbad, CA, sons-in-law David Johnson and John Gallagher, grandchildren Amanda, David, Rory, and Ian, three brothers, Ray Escobar and wife, Idella, of Knox City, TX; Ralph Escobar and wife, Mary, of Austin, TX; and Henry Escobar of Tujunga, CA; three sisters, Martha Palacios of Sunland, CA; Betty Martinez of La Crescenta, CA, and Ester Cano of Incline Village, NV.

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Benjamin News

by Gladene Green

Finally a beautiful weekend for those of us here on Knox Prairie. There's some wind today-Saturday but at least it's sunny and the temperature are fairly pleasant. And no mention of rain til Tuesday.

The cotton farmers say we need rain and I'm sure they know, so maybe we'll get some more. But we are thankful for pretty weekends every once in awhile.

Pat Benson was released from the Knox County Hospital early last week. She had been over there several weeks and certainly glad to be home and feeling lots

Good to report that as far as I know we don't have anyone ill

Oops-Can you believe I made mistake last week? Well, it's hard for me to believe too (I'm kidding of course). Last week in writing about Omitene Barnett's birthday party, I carelessly omitted Betty Lyles name as being in attendance. She even brought the cake beautifully decorated in Easter fashion. Sorry about that Betty. I apologize.

In UIL events last week, Laura Benson won first in Lincoln Douglas debate and will be competing for regional in Abilene in about 2 or 3 weeks. Another step on her way to State. We wish her well No reports on any other UIL results-Perhaps some of the school folks will have them available soon.

The One Act Play meet Saturday found our cast and crew advancing with this district win. The next meeting is at Jayton next Saturday. The plays got a late start Saturday as the judge got mixed up on his "orders" and didn't make it to Knox City till around 4:30. So competition began about 6:30 instead of 2:00! But it all got done and sounds like the Judge was OK. After he got here. Advancing with Benjamin is Aspermont.

Sr. Supper -

The 2005 graduating Seniors were honored with dinner Sunday evening given by the congregation of the Baptist Church and held at the church. The purple and white theme was prominent in the decorations. The meal was brisket, potato salad, beans, hot roll, tea and apple cobbler.

Seven of the eight seniors attended. They were Nancy Siemens, Seth Kuehler, Michael Clower, Matthew Cartwright, Maria Acevedo, Jessica Moorhouse, and Chance Propps Laura Benson was unable to attend. Also attending were class sponsor Becky Jones and Superintendent Ben Grill and his wife

The church presented each graduate with a phone card with special instruction to save the minutes to call home while they are in Hawaii on their senior trip.

Here N There -

Mary Whitsitt of Gallup, N.M. spent several days here last week here with mom Gertrude

Jan Carver and her daughter, Stasia Antilley of Guthrie were in

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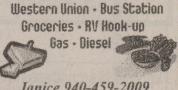
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of days in Slaton last week with

her son, Jim Bob and family.

Judy and her son Jeff of Lub-

bock will be going back to Alvin

the last of the week. Jeff will fly

back home and it's good he's

able to go with Judy. It's a long

way and she says she hates to

Barnett have been Dick and

Patricia Culver of Paris Texas

and Annita Elliott of Dallas

of Kilgore were here for a visit

with her girls Stacia and Shan-

non Propps and their families

and to watch the One Act Play

competition. Also visiting were

Herb and Dickie Propps of

Wofforth who a lso enjoyed

seeing their grandson perform

attended their grandson Joe

Dan Taylor's fifth birthday

party Saturday in Childress and

got back in time for the plays.

Dallas with Liz and Nathan

Herring and Mason of Munday.

Mason will have a heart cath-

eter on Monday. If all goes well

they will be home Tuesday.

Debbie left Sunday night for

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse

in the play.

Don and Jimmie Kay Liles

who visited her last weekend.

Recent guests of Omitene

make that drive alone.

Randy is on a fishing trip.

Judy Barnett spent a couple

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Guthrie, Oklahoma last Thurs-Nobody who ever gave his best day. Stasia had business there regretted it. -George Halas and they took the day to visit Stacia's daughter, Callie who is

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Late Friday night several from our area were in Sagerton to attend the musical that they all came from just about every where. Those enjoying the music were George Hodges, A.P. and Kay Denton, Dan and Marlyn Talbot, Stella Carver, Delbert Hayes and Netti and I. Susan Cockerel is over the center and she drove us all to Sagerton and enjoyed with us.

Maybe by having nicer weather most of our sick people will get well and stay well for awhile. It seems like time is changing everything and with our prayers things can change.

We at O'Brien get all excited by having new people moving in, and then it comes time for some's jobs are too far away and are having to move away. That's the way that's happening in O'Brien and we all have to pray to the good Lord for changes.

However there was a wreck on the highway coming into O'Brien Sunday afternoon and caused some problems and some were injured.

Billie Ruth Carter traveled to Dallas to take son, Lane to consult with a doctor there, so "Aunt" Billie Ruth Walker had the privilege of playing with four year old Luke while his mom was gone overnight. Thankfully, Billie's son, Joe Banner was home overnight to help out.

The O'Brien youth studied the advantages of having a purpose in life and the disadvantages of not having a purpose. The group is working toward getting Dave Wade of Dallas to come one weekend to hold a mini retreat perhaps one weekend in May.

Beatrice Ellis was blessed by having her son David of Alpine to visit her for a few days and did she ever get some yard work done.

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

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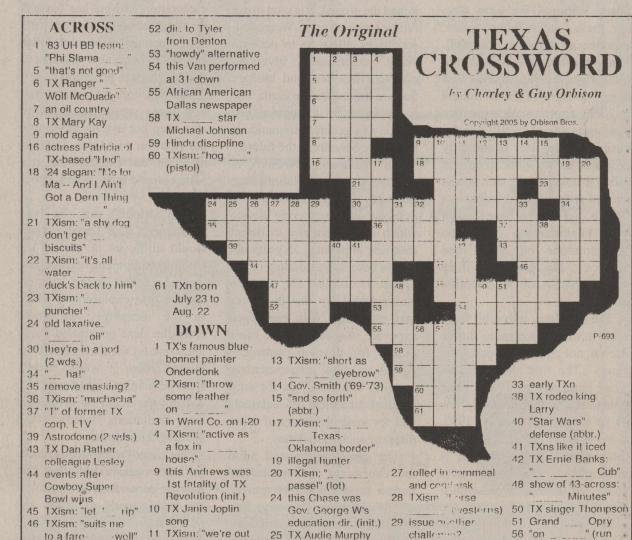
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History...is, indeed, little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind. But what experience and history teach is this—that peoples and governments have never learned anything from history or acted on principles deduced from it.

—Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel



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- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
- II. MINUTES:
- Approval of Minutes III. ADMINISTRATION:
- Consider Hospital Board Appointments of Ms. Lezli Meers and Mr. Leon Burkham
- Consider Funds Received from Sale of Capital Equipment Consider Updating Technology/Software
- Consider Request from Texas Dept. of Public Safety for a
- New Radar Unit (Nick Jimenez) Consider Fraud Policy for Knox County Consider Jail Contract between Knox County and the
- Cities of Munday and Knox City Consider DSL Service for Sheriff's Office
- Consider Extension Activity Report Consider Aging Services Report
- Consider Road & Bridge Issues
- FINANCIALS: Consider Accounts Payable
- Consider Financial Statements for February 2005 Consider Budget for FY 2005

ADJOURNS:

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If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in executive or closed session, the Board will convene in such session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001,

Note: Items do not have to be taken in the order listed.

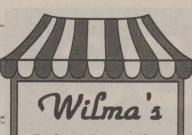
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Salad:

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- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 TBL extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 lemon, juiced 1 cup roma tomatoes, sliced in
- 1 Kirby cucumber, unpeeled, quartered and sliced
- 3 pepperoncini peppers, stemmed and minced
- 1 TBL chopped fresh dill Fresh ground black pepper

Grilled Chicken: 4 chicken breast tenders (about 4 ounces each) Olive oil Freshly ground black pepper

Smash the garlic clove, sprin-

with the flat side of a large knife, mash and smear to a coarse paste. Put the garlic paste in a large bowl and stir in the olive oil and lemon juice. Add the tomatoes, cucumber, pepperoncini, and dill and toss. Give a couple of generous grinds of black pepper. Toss again, and set aside.

Preheat a grill pan or nonstick skillet to medium high. Spray the chicken paillards lightly with the olive oil and season with salt and black pepper. Grill the chicken, in batches if necessary, to avoid crowding the pan, turning once, until cooked through, about 2 minutes per side. Place each paillard on a plate and serve topped with the tomato-cucumber salad.

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How Is Child Abuse Prevented?

Prevention efforts build on family strengths. Through prevention activities such as parent education, home visitation, and parent support groups, many families are able to find the support they need to stay together and care for their children in their homes and communities. Prevention efforts help parents develop their parenting skills, understand the benefits of nonviolent discipline techniques, and understand and meet their child's emotional, physical, and developmental needs. Prevention programs also can help parents identify other needs they may have and offer assistance in getting that additional support.

Source: Prevent Child Abuse Texas, Austin, TX Child Abuse and Neglect: Protection and Pre-

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Discus: 1st - Brannon, Rule,

High Jump: 6th - Lyles,

Benjamin, 13:47.15, 5th - Hurt,

Guthrie, 14:09.82, 6th - Kuehler,

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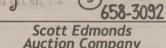
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On the Houndettes day at the races, the Sprint Relay team of Sarah Burt, Nikki Moss, Sophie Gutierrez and Jamilla Ward took the gold medal again.

Ward was first in the 100 Meter Dash, Moss won the 300 Meter Hurdles, Gutierrez was first in the

400 Meter Dash, and Burt won the 100 Meter Hurdles.

The 4X200 Meter Relay team of Burt, Moss, Kayla Martin and Ward finished fourth.

The boys squad had a good day consilidering many of the regular runners were invloved in othe sports and UIL meets.

Quentin Spells won the 200 Meter Dash in a fast field of qualifiers, Dustin Johnson was victorious again in the 300 Meter Hurdles, and Jeremy Saxton had one of his fastest times ever in the 100 Meter Dash at 11.2.



Ty Chisum is met by his Greyhound teammates following his second dinger on the day against Paducah.

Greyhounds Go Yard in Win Over Paducah

Once in a while the baseball looks bigger than a Mexican food platter to hitters. Monday afternoon in Knox City, Greyhound shortstop Ty Chisum saw the whole enchilada.

Chisum hit two home runs in his first two at-bats, then on his third trip to the plate, he launched another long fly ball that fell just short of the center field fence. Paducah's outfielder let the ball get away from him and Chisum was on board the base path again.

"I was seeing the ball good today," Chisum said. "We corrected a few things like not pulling my head up and my foot out and it helped."

Chisum and his teammates' hitting, combined with four strong innings on the mound from Derek Magana, hurled the Greyhounds Chisum. The home team pounded mercy rule in five innings of play.

Magana struck out six batters before Riley Spells came on in relief. Each pitcher allowed a single run. Knox City had 10 hits on the day and backed up their pitching with a good fielding performance, but the timely hits were the difference.

"I changed my stance up a little," Chisum said of his feast on Paducah's pitching, "It seemed to work out pretty good."

past the Dragons, 12-2.

Knox City scored two runs in the third inning on back-to-back dingers from Erik Lewis and out five more runs to enforce the

Knox City takes on Quanah at home this Friday at 4:30 P.M. and ends the three-game home stretch next Tuesday against Memphis.



Derek Magana of the Greyhounds brings it to home plate.

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CJ Bruce pushes up the

bar at the State Powerlift-

ing meet. Bruce finished

Benjamin, 9', 5th - Pace, Rule, 9'

4X400 M Relay: 2nd - Rule,

110M Hurdles: 1st-Pace, Rule,

300 M Hurdles: 3rd - Pace,

400 M Dash: 1st - Saucedo,

200 M Dash: 1st-Kittley, Rule,

Rule, 44.44, 6th - Propps,

Benjamin, 45.98

Rule, 52.80

second in the state.

4X100 M Relay: 2nd -Benjamin, 54.38, 6th - Rule, 56.06 100 M Hurdles: 1st - Benson, Benjamin, 18.18, 6th - Siemens, Benjamin, 19.58

Benjamin, 2:02.71 300 M Hurdles: 3rd - Siemens,

800 M Run: 3rd - Adams, Guthrie, 2:45.15

200 M Dash: 2nd - Propps, Benjamin, 28.21



Kenyon Thompson of KC-O'Brien wins the 100 Meter Dash. Results from O"Brien Middle School's District track meet come next week.

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Middle School crosses the

final hurdle on his way to

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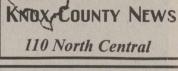
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Special Education Public Meeting Invitation

The purpose of this public meeting is to gather public input on the effective operation and performance of the Knox City-O'Brien CISD's special education program through one or more community focus groups that address a set of predetermined questions. This district public meeting is a required component of the new performancebased Texas Education Agency's Special Education Monitoring system.

The meeting will be conducted in a structured format over 2-3 hours.

Your assistance in sharing this invitation with others in your community who may be interested in attending is appreciated.

Meeting Date & Time April 18, 2005 Registration: 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Meeting: 6:30p.m. All participants should plan to arrive 15 to 30 minutes before the meeting to sign in. Your early arrival for registration will help ensure the meeting can begin on time.

Location: Knox City, Texas W.R. Baker Auditorium 300 North 4th Street 940-657-3521

RSVP: Although RSVPs are not required, your RSVP is requested by April 11, 2005 to help us make arrangements for the meeting space, facilitation and organization needed to allow sufficient opportunity for all to participate. You can RSVP to the meeting by calling Knox City-O'Brien CISD at: 940-657-3521

If you are unable to register in advance, you are still welcome to attend the meeting. However, please plan to arrive 30 minutes early to the meeting to sign-in.

nett Shortes of Knox City.

Special Accommodations:

If you will need accommodations for a disability in order to participate in the meeting (e.g. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternate format), please indicate this need when submitting your RSVP. Requests for special accommodations are required by April 11, 2005. We will attempt to meet requests received after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

INVITACIÓN A LA RE-UNIÓN PÚBLICA sobre la Educación Especial

El propósito de esta reunión pública es reunir opiniones y sugerencias del público sobre la operación efectiva y los resultados del programa de educación especial de Knox City-O'Brien CISD mediante uno o más grupos de enfoque comunitarios que tratan una serie de preguntas predeterminadas. Esta reunión pública del distrito es un componente obligatorio del nuevo Sistema de Control para la Educación Especial de la Agencia de Educación de Texas basado en los resultados.

La reunión se llevará a cabo en un formato estructurado durante 2-3 horas.

Agradecemos su colaboración en la distribución de esta invitación a otras personas interesadas en asistir a la reunión.

Fecha de la reunión Horario de la reunión 18 de abril, 2005 Inscripción: 6:00-6:30 p.m. Reunión: 6:30 p.m.

Todos los participantes deben planear llegar de 15 a 30 minutos antes de la reunión para inscribirse. Al llegar temprano para la inscripción nos ayudará a asegurar que la reunión comience a tiempo.

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Aunque no se requieren las respuestas (RSVP), su respuestas para confirmar su asistencia (RSVP) deben llegarnos a más tardar el 11 de Abril, 2005 ya que nos ayudará a hacer los arreglos necesarios para el lugar en donde se llevará a cabo la reunión, la facilitación y la organización necesarias para permitir que todos tengan suficiente oportunidad de participar. Usted puede mandarnos su respuesta

Llamando a Knox City-O'Brien CISD al 940-657-3521

Si no puede inscribirse con anticipación, igualmente será bienvenido a asistir a la reunión. De todas maneras haga planes para llegar 30 minutos antes de la reunión para inscribirse.

Arreglos especiales

Si usted necesita algún arreglo especial para alguna discapacidad para poder participar de la reunión (p.ej. servicios de intérprete, aparatos para ayudar a escuchar, materiales en algún otro formato), por favor indique esta necesidad al mandar su respuesta (RSVP). Las solicitudes para arreglos especiales deben recibirse a más tardar el 11 de abril, 2005. Para aquellas solicitudes recibidas después de esta fecha, haremos lo posible para brindarle lo pedido, pero no podemos garantizar la disponibilidad del arreglo solicitado. Los lugares donde se llevan a cabo las reuniones son accesibles para los individuos discapacitados.

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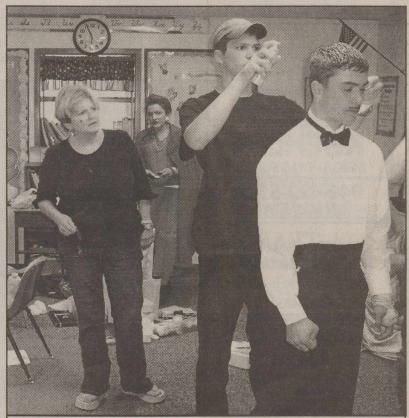
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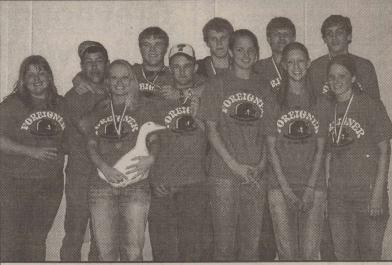
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Benjamin High School One Act Play - (Back, L-R) Nancy Siemens, Michael Clower, Matthew Cartwright, Cassie Lyles, Kaitlyn Kuehler, Lucas Cartwright, Shaylee Propps, Jenna McCanlies. (Front, L-R) Julia Acevedo, Chance Propps, Jessica Moorhouse, Karla Benson, and director Belle Grill. Benjamin and Aspermont will move on to the next round of state competition.



Cast and crew of "Blithe Spirit" prepare for the curtain call. Benjamin High School will advance to the next round.



Aspermont advances along with Benjamin in One Act Play.

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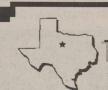
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