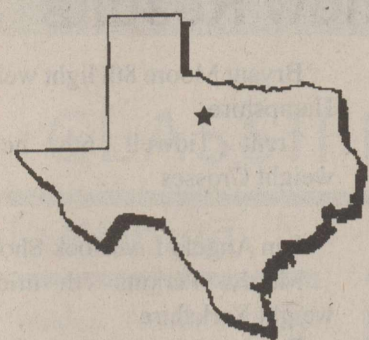


"On the Edge of Common Sense" by Baxter Black (pictured at left), "Rolling Plains Ramblings" by Morton Scott, and "Jan's Journal" by Jan Williams, inside on Page 3 of today's issue.

Knox City's Derek Magana Pitches No-Hitter (Page 10)

District 11-A Track and Field Meet results and photos, including Knox City, Benjamin and Guthrie boys and girls teams. Pages 7 & 8



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Home Invasion Suspects Apprehended

On Wednesday, March 23, around noon, two strangers entered our community looking for an opportunity to use deception and force to remove possessions from our citizens. They preyed on an elderly lady within the city of Munday, taking only a few precious dollars from her, but understandably scaring her severely.

They also traveled to the community of Rhineland, somehow locating an elderly gentleman minding his own business at his residence. There, they bullied their way into his house, intimidated him to a point where he was afraid for his safety, yet obtained only a few useless items.

They made their way south to Goree, where they really messed up. On FM 266, a short way south of Goree, they were met by Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Jason Zeissel, who had responded sometime earlier in an attempt to assist with a search of the area to locate the suspects.

The suspects were headed north on FM 266, with Trooper Zeissel heading south. During and after the immediate and brief meeting, the suspects vehicle quickly reached over 100 mph, finally blowing a tire. Unknown to the suspects at the time, they were headed toward several other law enforcement units, who were eager to meet the pair.

Moments after the vehicle came to a stop, Trooper Zeissel was on the scene, followed immediately by more units as back-up. Arrested was Tommy Carroll, a 31 year old white male, along with Christopher Bryer, a 25 year old white male, both

charged with two counts of Aggravated Robbery and Possession of Marijuana under 2 oz., each having a total of \$52,500 in bonds to deal with.

Assisting in the search that started in Munday, led to Rhineland and back to Goree within a few minutes were Texas Department of Public Safety units from Baylor and Haskell Counties, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Knox City Police Department and the Munday Police Department.

Extremely good information sharing between law enforcement agencies led to a quick apprehension of these two. Behind the scenes, the general public listened to scanners and passed on valuable information to authorities, greatly assisting us.

As the investigation continues, it is suspected that these two were not alone, possibly being involved in a much larger family type organization that stretches from South Carolina to at least Texas. Strong evidence gathered since the arrests leads us to believe that at least these two are involved in similar home invasions and theft in the Lubbock area, however, no warrants have been issued from any other jurisdiction as of this date.

Again, thank you to the various law enforcement agencies and to the public that assisted in the quick capture of these two individuals.

Remember, lock your doors and do not open them to strangers. Try to do business with the local people that you know.

*Dean W. Homstad,
Knox County Sheriff*



Knox City freshman Sarah Burt puts on a clinic for proper hurdling form at the District 11A meet. Burt won the 100M hurdles with a time of 16.6. (Photo by Robert Copeland)

Knox County Commissioners Court Meeting

The Knox County Commissioners met April 11 for their regular monthly meeting to discuss a broad range of issues before the Court.

Actions taken Monday included approval of the March 14 meeting; reappointing Lezli Meers and Leon Burckham to the Hospital Board; tabling a request from the Texas Department of Public Safety for a new radar unit; and to leave for present in the General Fund money received from a sale of capital equipment.

Also acted upon were adopting a "Fraud Policy and Code of Conduct" for addition to the County Policy Manual, deleting a clause concerning "Relationships with Clients and Suppliers."

Following a lengthy discussion, Commissioners authorized County Judge Travis Floyd to negotiate with the cities of Knox City and Munday concerning liability of certain city prisoners held in the Knox County Jail; approved a request for providing DSL access for the Sheriff's Office; voted to put out bids to purchase a used motor grader; and voted to pay all bills and accept financial statements for the month of February.

Discussion without action were

as follows: heard from Richard McCanlies, Chief of the Benjamin Fire Department, proposing that the County stand the cost of equipment and installation for communication among the County's fire departments to help during fires and extreme weather; heard from Judge Floyd about ongoing efforts to update software for the Treasurer's Office and perhaps other offices in the Courthouse.

The Court received the Extension Activity Report, the Aging Service Report and the 9-1-1 Report; Commissioner Jerry Urbanczyk reported on minor problems with the new motor graders; Judge Floyd announced the Parenting Fair in Knox City at which the Commissioners will have a booth.

In attendance for the meeting were Judge Floyd, Commissioners Weldon Skiles, Urbanczyk, and Johnny Birkenfield, County Attorney Bobby Burnett, Sheriff Dean Homstad, Treasurer Irma Bell, Clerk Ronnie Verhaulen, Knox City Manager Barbara Rector, Munday City Manager Dwayne Bearden, TXDOT Maintenance Supervisor Gene Ward, and Benjamin Fire Chief McCanlies.

Tax Filing Extensions Available by Phone or Computer

WASHINGTON — People who need more time to complete their forms will find it easy to extend their filing deadline — they don't need an excuse or even a stamp. Automatic four-month extensions are available by phone or by computer, as well as through the paper Form 4868. The IRS expects to receive almost 9 million extension requests, which must be made by the normal filing deadline.

An extension of time to file does not give more time to pay any taxes owed. A person may choose to pay any projected balance due when requesting an ex-

ension, and the payment may be made electronically. Even without a payment, one can still get the extension.

Whether requesting an extension electronically or on paper, the taxpayer must estimate the total tax liability based on the information available. If the IRS later finds this estimate to be unreasonable, the extension will be null and void. The taxpayer will still get credit for any payments made with the extension request.

The IRS has a special toll-free phone line for extensions (see IRS, Page 5)

Ruth Lowrance Honored by National Ranching Heritage Association

Ruth Lowrance, who operates ranches Knox, King and Hardeman counties, has been selected for the 2005 "Boss of the Plains" Award from the National Ranching Heritage Association.

Lowrance will receive the honor April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ranching Heritage Center, located at 3121 Fourth Street in Lubbock.

The dedication and award ceremony will be followed by a reception of heavy hors d'oeuvres and the music of Blue Prairie in the Pitchfork Pavillion. There is no ticket charge, but reservations are required in advance. Contact Whitney King at 806-742-2498 or

email at: whitney.king@ttu.edu.

The seventh such award given recognizes Lowrance's generosity to the museum and historical park, including her donation of the Old Mill Camp to the Heritage Center, its relocation to Lubbock, site preparation, restoration, research and documentation.

Lowrance made the gift to the Heritage Center as a memorial to her late husband, Ed, who back in 1974 provided the Masterson JY Bunkhouse for the historical park.

Born July 30, 1951 in Karnes County, Ruth Lowrance grew up on a farm in Wilson County, then graduated from Poth High School



The Knox County Fire Department's newest addition has had plenty of use over the past two weeks. According to Fire Chief, Domingo Garcia, the new truck has been out on nine calls, including three responses to bees where the department sprayed foam.

in 1969. She then began work at the Bexar County National Bank in San Antonio which handled a lot of business from some of the big ranches, including the Lowrance family.

"A friend of mine, Bill Matthews, introduced me to Ed in 1978," Lowrance stated. "We dated for about two years and were married on a coffee break at the Bexar County Courthouse on January 9, 1981."

"About a year later I resigned my position and began helping Ed with the day-to-day ranch operations in King and Knox Counties. At that time, we were running

2,000 mother cows and about 20 brood mares."

Ed and Ruth traveled abroad, seeing China, Taiwan, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and Argentina, mainly on fishing expeditions which was one of their favorite pastimes.

Ed passed away on March 8, 2004 and Ruth took over as sole owner of the Lowrance properties. Following her life-long love of horses, Lowrance started a horse division in October of 2004 on the Lowrance Ranch in Quanah after purchasing a new stallion, PG Gunpowder.

(see Lowrance, page 2)



Ranching Heritage Association 2005 "Boss of the Plains" award recipient, Ruth Lowrance.

National Volunteer Week Salutes Volunteers in Texas

Each year, thousands of volunteers in Texas donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2004.

One group that relies heavily on volunteers is the 4-H program. In 2003-04, 52, 279 volunteers in Texas gave their time to help teach 1,059,829 Texas 4-H members life skills, help them become better citizens, give back to their community, and prepare them for employment. This year, 25 volunteers, both young and old, have served as club leaders and project leaders for the three 4-H clubs in Knox County. Volunteers spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as helping organize an event at the county fair, helping a child with a 4-H project or leading a community service project.

Club volunteers are only one group of leaders who are instrumental in carrying out the mission of the 4-H program and Texas Cooperative Extension in Knox County. Over 60 more adults in the county have contributed time, energy, and/or resources to the program as well. This includes the support of all three school districts, Extension Education Association members,

Family and Consumer Sciences committee members, Horticulture Committee members and the Agriculture committee members. Without the tireless effort of these individuals, our program would not be as strong as it is.

Volunteers are involved in every aspect of Texas Cooperative Extension, including determining the needs of residents, planning programs, securing resources and evaluating programs. The value added time to Knox County for volunteers (five hours per month per 85 volunteers X 12 months X \$17.19), which is the Independent Sector per hour value of volunteer time, who reach Knox County 4-H youth and other residents is \$87,660.00.

The work of Extension volunteers is continuous. Every day a volunteer is lending a helping hand to make Extension programs beneficial to the residents of Knox County.

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Lowrance

According to historian Don Abbe, the Mail Camp, built in the 1870's near Truscott, may have originally been a rest stop or way station for military couriers. Postal contractors also used it as they delivered and picked up mail for the early ranch settlers, whose need had become significant by 1879.

"Acquisition of the Old Mail Camp enhances the NRHC's ability to more fully and accurately interpret pioneer settlement and ranch life in the American West," Executive Director Jim Pfluger stated. "It is with gratitude to Ruth Lowrance and in memory of her husband, Ed, that this important structure will be dedicated."

Lowrance family members, friends and others interested in the Old Mail Camp are invited to be on hand for its dedication in the northeast area of Proctor Park in Lubbock.

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—Elie Wiesel

TERRY'S TALK

Terry Utley
Knox County Extension Agent

Major Stock Show Results

Livestock shows are finally over and what a year the kids in Knox County had.

These students put a lot of time and effort into their projects. The students spend a lot of time traveling and searching for that right animal that they think will be the one to get them into the "winners circle." Between the parents and the kids, all the hard work and dedication pays off.

Knox County participated in Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston, showing goats, pigs, sheep and steers. Livestock shows contribute over \$50 million to the state's economy each year.

Bryant Moore 8th light weight Hampshire
Trent Tidwell 6th heavy weight Crosses

San Angelo Livestock Show
Martha Perkins 7th middle weight Yorkshire
Dustin Johnson 2nd heavy weight Spot

Houston Livestock Show
Dustin Johnson 10th heavy weight Berkshire
Kelli Cypert 23rd heavy weight Hampshire
Krystynn Myers 20th heavy weight Yorkshire

These students of Munday, Knox City, and Benjamin really work hard at what they do.

Congratulations on a job well done. To the 4-H kids, if you are interested in participating in the State Fair of Texas please let me know at the office (459-2651) or at home (657-4330) before or on April 18th thru May 13th.

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Fort Worth Livestock Show
Joe Albus 10th light weight goat

Dustin Johnson 12th medium weight Duroc
Shaylee Propps 12th light weight Spot

Cody Kuehler 3rd middle weight White OPB
Kelli Cypert 2nd middle weight Hampshire

Keith Cypert 5th middle weight Crosses
Krystynn Myers 4th light weight Shorthorn

San Antonio Livestock Show
Ricky Dale Smith 2nd light weight Hampshire
Kayla Stewart 2nd heavy weight Duroc

Cynthia Ann Parker Days Crowell, Texas—May 6-7-8

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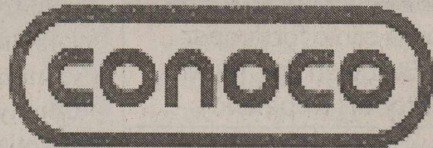
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SLACK FRIDAY NIGHT

Benjamin News

by Gladene Green

What a week we have had! Wind and dust have been the "order of the day." Tuesday was horrible and one might think anytime you would see part of Lubbock or Amarillo or points in-between go by. It was a Mess! Today (Sun) has been nicer but still we have had the wind to reckon with. Thank goodness the chance of severe weather didn't materialize.

No reports of any serious illness today. Lots of the same sniffles and sneezes but we can deal with that. The dust, pollen etc. in the air adds insult to injury where those ailments are concerned. And about all I've ever found to relieve it is time. When the weather and temp. change, it gets better.

One Act Play:

It's on to regional for the OAP cast and crew after advancing at area on Saturday in Jayton with Highland, the next two weeks will be filled with much more practice in preparation for the regional competition at H.S.U in Abilene, April 23.

Making the all star cast on Saturday were Cassie Lyles and Chance Propps. Given Honorable mention to the all star cast were Julia Acevedo, Nancy Siemens and Jessica Moorhouse.

The very impressive technical crew won for their lighting, sound effects etc. The "Crew" is Matthew and Lucas Cartwright, Kaitly Kuehler and Shaylee Propps. Alternate is Jenna McCanlies.

On Friday at the District track meet in Crowell several of our girls qualified for regional next

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all. —Sam Ewig

Friday. Laura Benson will be competing in shot put. Several others qualified in different events but who did what is very unclear to me.

I know there's the mile and 2 mile relay, sprint relay, pole vault and high jump to name a few. The girls who will be competing on Friday are Jessica Moorhouse, Nancy Siemens, Maria Acevedo, Cassie Lyles, Sadie and Carla Benson, Kaitly Kuehler, Shaylee Propps and Margaret Siemens.

Here N There

Kay Sheedy called to tell me Brittney has made the deans list at South Plains College-Lubbock Camous. Britt is a 2004 graduate of BHS, another example of a BHS grad doing well! Only one half of one percent of the nations college students make this list. That information coming from a release from South Plains. We congratulate Brittany.

Kay and Mike are living on their place near Knox City and are very pleased over there. They are missed here but good to know they are satisfied where they are.

Weekend guests of Hazel Stockton and Gertrude Brannon were Stephanie and Bob Brannon and family of Lubbock. Also Casey Conner and a friend Dustin also of the Lubbock area who also visited Casey's grand father Bud Conner.

(I hope I haven't missed anyone)

We also had some boys to qualify. They are Seth Kuehler, Tomas Acevedo and Chance Propps. We wish the kids well in their endeavors.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City

Gayle Baucum, Pastor
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Matt Harrington, Pastor
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CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

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O'Brien Happenings

by Audie Johnston

Bernice Rowan was blessed by having her son Lowell and wife spend a few days with her over the weekend.

C.H. and Linda Underwood's son Reed of Guthrie spent the weekend with them. Reed teaches school in Guthrie. C.H. and Reed were in Abilene Sunday afternoon taking care of some things.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot enjoyed having their daughter Cathy and husband of Shallowater spending some time with them over the weekend.

Last Monday night several from our church attended a church service at Four Square Church in Knox City. Those from our church who attended the program and lunch were Sherry Reid, Billie Walker, Marilyn Talbot, Helen Manning, Charlene Brothers, Janoma Stephens, Patsy Orr and myself. There was a big crowd from other churches also there.

We are still having lots of people who need our prayers. Janoma Reeves, Claude and Jean Barnard, Rose Mare Johnston, Vivian Hendrix. I'm sure there are a lot who need our prayers.

Audie Johnston, Billie Walker and Isabel Diaz were in Abilene last week for an election school to learn about new laws. Every voter must show a voter registration card to be able to vote on a regular ballot and they need to verify that they live at the address shown.

Election officials must be registered voters. Opening and closing of the voting polls properly was discussed plus other issues.

Saturday, Charlene Brothers, Janoma Stephens, Audie Johnston and Billie Walker were driven to Stamford by Sherry Reid for a Vacation Bible School Seminar at First Baptist Church featuring "Rambling Road Trip Which Way Do I Go" from Lifeway. Presenters were trained at Gloriets. Stops are Washington, D.C. Destination Worship, Chicago, Illinois Destination Thankfulness, Lebanon, Kansas Destination Salvation, Yellowstone National Park Destination Belief and Knott's Berry Farm, Destination Obedience. Dates for O'Brien Baptist Church Vacation Bible School are May 29-June 2 for children who have completed 1st-8th grades.

Joe Banner was home overnight before returning to work at Bowie.

Cliff "Butch" Banner had emergency surgery Sunday for an intestinal blockage. The surgery was successful: he is recovering at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. Thanks to Sherry Reid for teaching the Youth group so Billie could go to Abilene.

Sunday evening the congregation of O'Brien Baptist watched a video about the history of five hymns and enjoyed a hamburger supper.

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April is Child Abuse Prevention month. It's time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring. This is your opportunity to make a difference in young lives. Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse. Yes, children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised.

We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crimes. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. In fact, in the majority of the most tragic cases of child abuse- those in which a child died- Child Protective Services had no opportunity to impact the safety of the child at risk. We all have to recognize neglect and not walk away from it.

Parents are not alone. Information and support is available too make communities strong and safe. The Web site www.itsuptoyou.org contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger.

Additionally, volunteers from the Knox County Child Welfare Board are in the community sharing information from Child Abuse Preventions Kits. Contact your local Child Protective Services office to get more information. It's up to all of us to prevent child abuse. We must work to put our children first, safe and secure.

To get more information please join us at the Parenting Fair, April 26, 2005 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Knox City School Gymnasium.

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Week of April 18 thru April 22

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Tuesday, April 19
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 Macaroni & Cheese, Cole
 Slaw, Hush Puppies, Fruit
 Salad

Wednesday, April 20
 Mexican Casserole, Ranch
 Style Beans, Lettuce &
 Tomato Salad, Chips & Hot
 Sauce, Cinnamon Rolls

Thursday, April 21
 Baked Ham, Green Beans,
 Salad, Hot Rolls, Cake

Friday, April 22
 Beef Tips & Noodles, Glazed
 Carrots, Blackeyed Peas, Hot
 Rolls, Cobbler

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

Cynthia Ann Parker Days Celebration

Crowell's Annual Cynthia Ann Parker Days Celebration will be held on May 6, 7, 8 under sponsorship of Crowell Spirit of Texas. Organizers invite everyone in the area to visit Crowell and join the fun and festivities on that weekend.

Highlights of the big weekend include two night rodeo, wild hog cook off and barbecue contest, a parade, chuck wagon meals, historical symposium, three-on-three basketball, live entertainment, mud bog, Czech heritage program, dramatic presentation on the life of Cynthia



Ann Parker, and much more.

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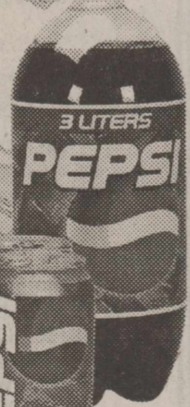
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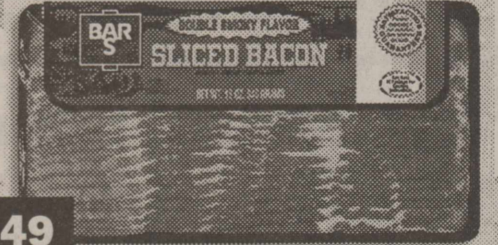
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District 11A Track Meet

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The District 11A Track and Field Meet in Crowell last Thursday provided plenty of fast times, long leaps and most importantly, teamwork by area schools. Knox City, Benjamin and Guthrie will send busloads of student-athletes on to the Area Meet Friday, April 15 at Abilene Wylie High School's stadium.

Benjamin won the girls division followed by Knox City in second, Guthrie finished sixth.

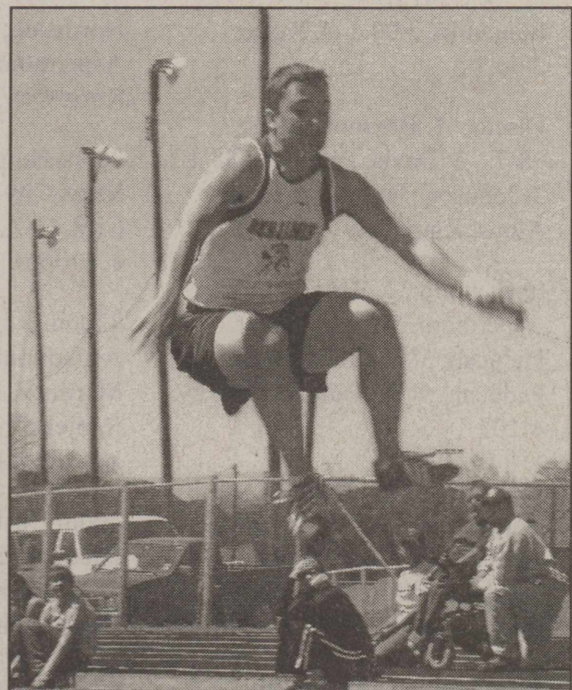
Benjamin's 136 point total came from several great efforts. Julia Acevedo took the gold medal in the 3200 M Run and Sadie Benson finished second in the 100 M Hurdles, the 300 M Hurdles and in the Triple Jump.

Benjamin coach C.H. Underwood said it best, "Score one for the little guys," following his girls' performances.

Knox City's squad of speedsters found yet another gear, sweeping most of the speed events and relays. The Houndettes placed first in the Sprint Relay and the 4 X 200 Relay.

Jamilla Ward smoked the field in the 100 Meters with a time of 12.6. Sarah Burt put down a 16.6 in the 100 M Hurdles, Nikki Moss won the 300 M Hurdles by a four second margin, and Sophie Gutierrez vanquished the field in both the 200 M and the 400 M races.

Martha Perkins had her best day in the 400 M Dash, finishing second to Gutierrez. Jessica Albus qualified in the Discus and



Benjamin jumpers Sadie Benson and Michael Clower catch some air. Benson was second in the finals.

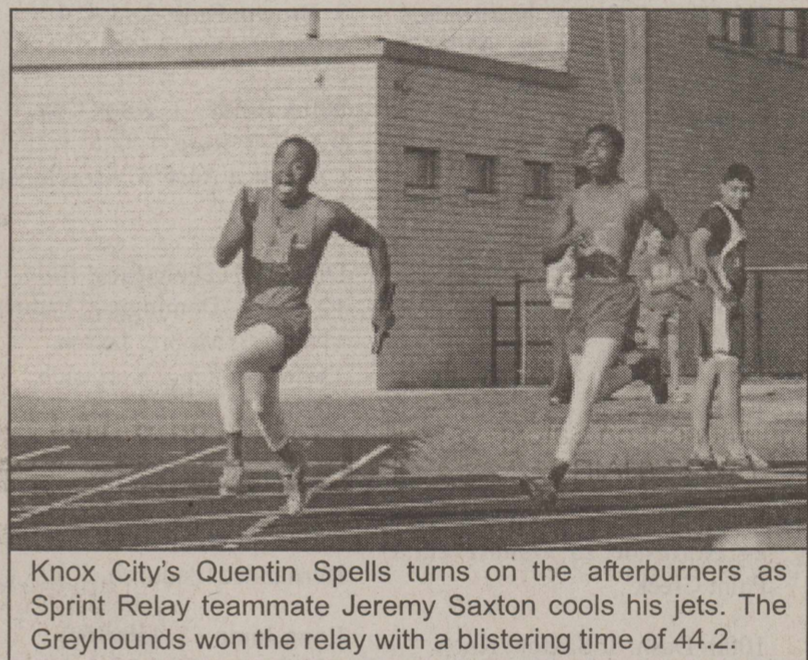
Bridgett Billington was third in the Triple Jump.

Guthrie's Lady Jags were led by Holley Hurt, who finished second in the 1600 Meter Run and the 3200 Meter Run. Keely Adams raced to third 800 Meters and fourth in the 400 Meters. The Mile Relay placed third as well.

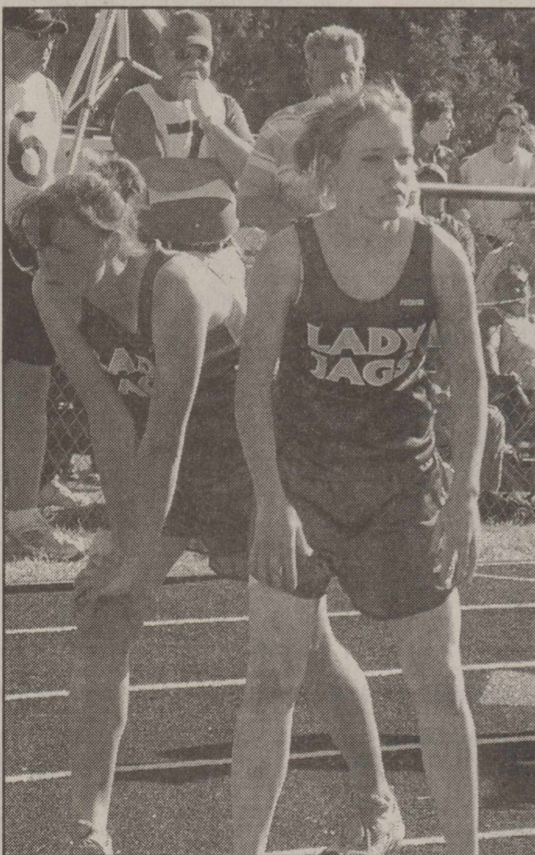
All the girls and boys results, which are too many to list here, are continued on page eight.

On the boys side, Knox City finished third, Benjamin was eighth and Guthrie finished 10th.

Knox City dominated the Hurdles as Dustin Johnson won the 300, followed closely by Evan Clark. Clark also won the 100 (see Results, page 8)



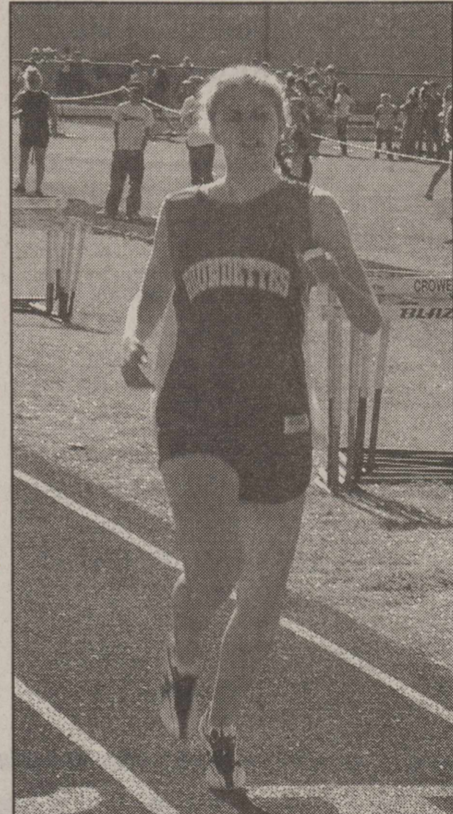
Knox City's Quentin Spells turns on the afterburners as Sprint Relay teammate Jeremy Saxton cools his jets. The Greyhounds won the relay with a blistering time of 44.2.



Guthrie distance runners Chris Miller and Keely Adams prepare for their long road ahead.



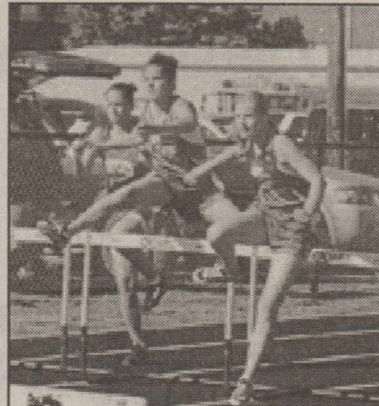
Evan Clark of Knox City shows his first place winning form in the 110 M High Hurdles.



Knox City's Laura Harrington advances to the area meet in the 800 Meter run.



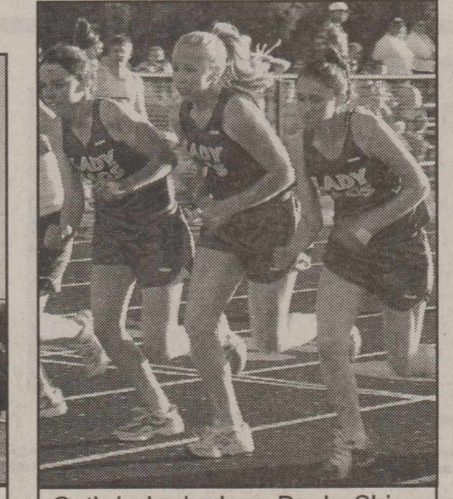
Nikki Moss of Knox City is always taking the lead. Moss placed first in the 300 M Hurdles and two more relays.



Margaret and Tina Siemens take a friendly sibling rivalry to the track. Tina made the Area meet in the 100 M Hurdles.



Benjamin senior Chance Propps soars through the air in the long jump. Propps heads for the area meet in the 300 M hurdles.



Guthrie Lady Jags Dayla Shipp, Joanna Elliott and Holley Hurt begin the mile run at Crowell. Hurt advances to Area in the 1600 M Run and the 3200 M Run.

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District Track Results

Meter Hurdles. The Greyhound Sprint Relay and 4 X 200 Relay took home gold medals.

Jeremy Saxton was first and Riley Spells, who also placed second in the Shot Put, took second in a scorching field of 100

Meter speedsters. Quentin Spells melted the track in the 200 Meters with a time of 22.1 and Ricco McCrary advances in fourth.

Tomas Acevedo of Benjamin placed fourth in the 3,200 Run, Seth Kuehler was third in the

Pole Vault and Chance Propps advanced in the Hurdles.

Guthrie will send boys to Area in the 1600 Realy and Uribe will advance in the Mile Run.

Congratulations Guthrie, Knox City and Benjamin athletes.

GIRLS

Team: Benjamin 136; Knox City 118; Aspermont 94; Paducah 72; Crowell 53; Guthrie 43; Jayton 37; Northside 32; Rule 24; Chillicothe; Paint Creek

100m Hurdles: 1. Burt, Knox City, 16.6 2. S. Benson, Benjamin, 17.4 3. T Siemens, Benjamin, 18.1 4. Eavenson, Crowell, 18.5

100m Dash: 1. Ward, Knox City, 12.6 2. Thomas, Paducah, 13.0 3. Freeling, Northside, 14.0 4. Eavenson, Crowell, 13.8

4x400m Relay: 1. Aspermont, 4:20.9 2. Benjamin, 4:38.0 3. Guthrie, 4:46.00 4. Crowell, 4:50.6

1600m Run: 1. Lujan, Aspermont, 6:00.9 2. Hurt, Guthrie, 6:16.7 3. Kuehler, Benjamin, 6:30.1 4. Rodriguez, Crowell, 6:39.5

200m Dash: 1. Gutierrez, Knox City, 26.4 2. Thomas, Paducah, 27.2 3. Propps, Benjamin, 27.8 4. Slover, Paducah, 28.1

300m Hurdles: 1. Moss, Knox City, 50.2 2. S. Benson, Benjamin, 54.4 3. Mays, Aspermont, 54.5 4. Bleiker, Jayton, 55.3

3200m Run: 1. Acevedo, Benjamin, 13:39.4 2. Hurt, Guthrie, 14:08.0 3. N. Siemens, Benjamin, 14:25.5 4. Kuehler, Benjamin, 14:32.0

400m Dash: 1. Gutierrez, Knox City, 1:01.7 2. Perkins, Knox City, 1:02.0 3. Prince, Northside, 1:09.8 4. Adams, Guthrie, 1:10.6

4x100m Relay: 1. Knox City, 51.0 2. Paducah, 53.0 3. Aspermont, 54.2 4. Benjamin, 54.5

800m Run: 1. Wolter, Aspermont, 2:35.9 2. Peters, Aspermont, 2:36.2 3. Adams, Guthrie, 2:45.5 4. Harrington, Knox City, 2:52.3

4x200m Relay: 1. Knox City, 1:52.1 2. Crowell, 1:58.1 3.

Benjamin, 2:00.5 4. Rule, 2:00.9

Discus: 1. Brannon, Rule, 98'7" 2. Davis, Paducah, 88'1" 3. Johnson, Jayton, 87'1" 4. Albus, Knox City, 87'

High Jump: 1. Hise, Aspermont, 5'1" 2. Slover, Paducah, 5'1" 3. Timmons, Paducah, 5' 4. Burt, Knox City, 4'10"

Long Jump: 1. Peters, Aspermont, 14'9.5" 2. Senn, Jayton, 14'9" 3. Freeling, Northside, 14'5.5" 4. Styles, Aspermont, 13'5.5"

Pole Vault: 1. Westbrook, Aspermont, 7'6" 2. K. Benson, Benjamin, 7'6" 3. M. Siemens, Benjamin, 7' 4. S. Benson, Benjamin, 6'6"

Shot Put: 1. Prince, Northside, 32'8", Johnson, Jayton, 32'7.5" 3. Davis, Paducah, 30'7.5" 4. L. Benson, Benjamin, 29'9.5"

BOYS

Team: Paducah, 125; Rule, 123; Knox City, 113; Crowell, 63; Aspermont, 61; Jayton, 44; Chillicothe, 27; Benjamin, 24; Northside, 23; Guthrie, 22; Paint Creek

100m Dash: 1. Saxton, Knox City, 11.2 2. Spells, Knox City, 11.3 3. Johnson, Chillicothe, 11.8 4. McGee, Northside, 11.9

110m Hurdles: 1. Clark, Knox City, 15.5 2. Smith, Crowell, 16.5 3. Pace, Rule, 18.4 4. Brisco, Paducah, 19.8

1600m Relay: 1. Paducah, 3:34.6 2. Rule, 3:35.0 3. Crowell, 3:38.3 4. Guthrie, 3:54.4

1600m Run: 1. Lujan, Aspermont, 4:48.7 2. Martinez, Paducah, 4:56.9 3. Brown, Rule, 5:06.5 4. Uribe, Guthrie, 5:14.6

200m Dash: 1. Spells, Knox City, 22.1 2. Humphrey,

Northside, 23.3 3. Swink, Aspermont, 23.8 4. McCrary, Knox City, 24.7

300m Hurdles: 1. Johnson, Knox City, 41.4 2. Clark, Knox City, 41.7 3. Senn, Jayton, 42.0 4. Propps, Benjamin, 47.2

3200m Run: 1. Lujan, Aspermont, 10:50.3 2. Martinez, Paducah, 11:02.0 3. Ranjel, Crowell, 11:29.6 4. Acevedo, Benjamin, 11:33.0

400m Dash: 1. Hampton, Paducah, 51.8 2. Kittley, Rule, 52.5 3. Ranjel, Crowell, 54.2 4. Reid, Guthrie, 55.4

400m Relay: 1. Knox City, 44.2 2. Paducah, 44.9 3. Aspermont, 46.9 4. Rule, 47.5

800m Run: 1. Hurst, Paducah, 2:01.4 2. Kittley, Rule, 2:02.4 3. Brown, Rule, 2:11.4 4. Speed, Jayton, 2:15.0

800m Relay: 1. Knox City, 1:32.0 2. Rule, 1:32.5 3. Crowell, 1:34.4 4. Aspermont, 1:38.9

Discus: 1. Dudensing, Rule, 123'3" 2. Dominguez, Paducah, 118'4" 3. Moore, Jayton, 117'6" 4. King, Northside, 109'7"

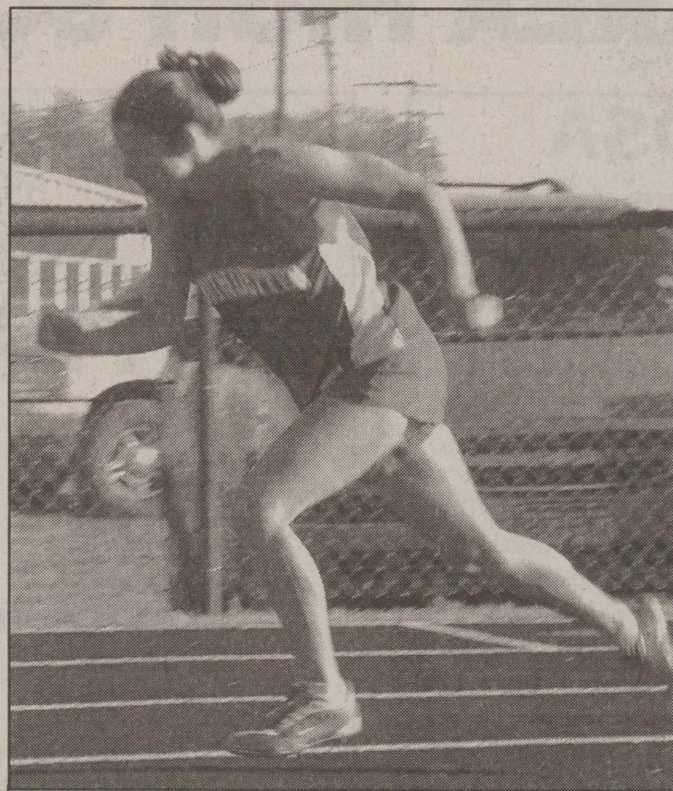
High Jump: 1. Carrion, Rule, 6'7" 2. Villa, Crowell, 6'2" 3. Hampton, Paducah, 6' 4. Hernandez, Paducah, 5'10"

Long Jump: 1. Johnson, Chillicothe, 20'4.5" 2. Hise, Aspermont, 19'5.75" 3. Hemphill, Paducah, 19'1.75" 4. Saucedo, Rule, 18'11.75"

Pole Vault: 1. Senn, Jayton, 14'6" 2. Woods, Jayton, 11' 3. Kuehler, Benjamin, 11' 4. Hill, Aspermont, 10'6"

Shot Put: 1. Dudensing, Rule, 48'1" 2. Spells, Knox City, 42'1" 3. Moore, Jayton, 40'3.25" 4. Humphrey, Northside, 39' .5"

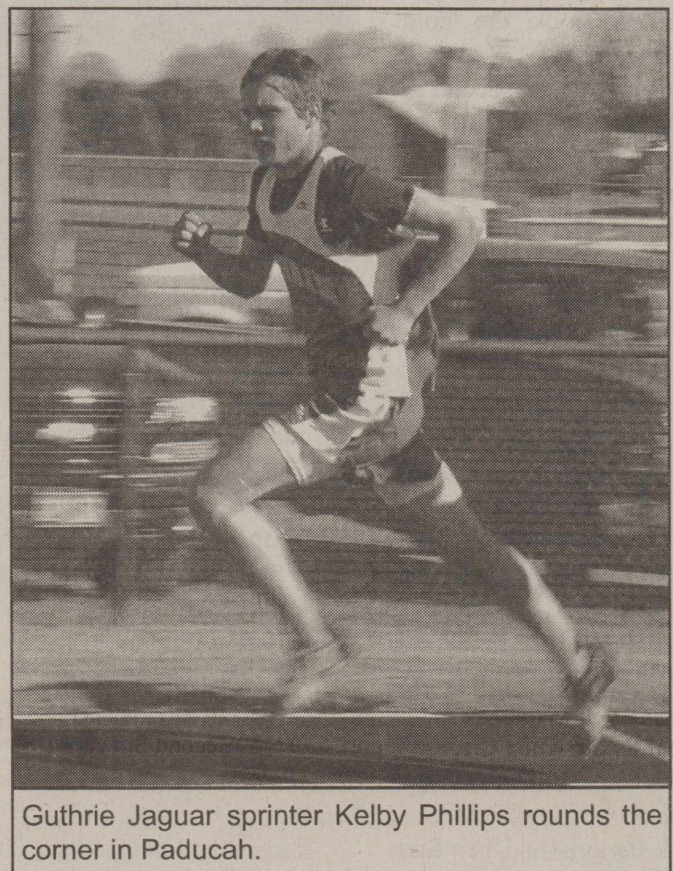
Triple Jump: 1. Carrion, Rule, 42'3.75" 2. Johnson, Chillicothe, 41'5" 3. Hemphill, Paducah, 39'10" 4. Smith, Crowell, 39'5.25"



Houndette's senior Sophie Gutierrez not only looks fast, she is fast. Gutierrez qualified for the Area meet in the 200 M, 400 M and Sprint Relay by finishing first in all three events.



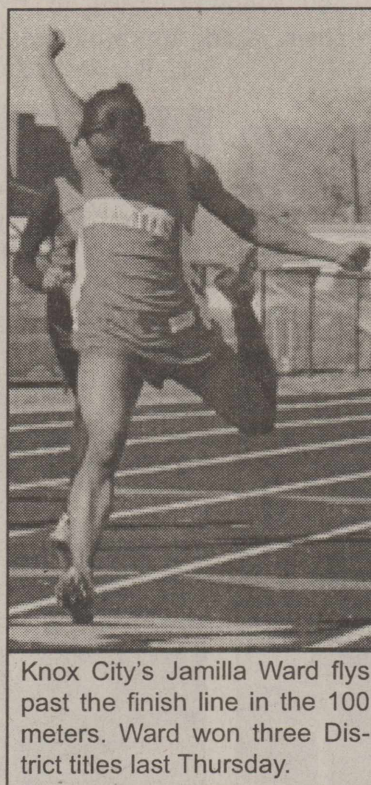
Jeff Daniel of Guthrie meets the winds head on in Crowell.



Guthrie Jaguar sprinter Kelby Phillips rounds the corner in Paducah.



Shaylee Propps of the Benjamin Lady Stangs races past a Vernon Northside competitor in the 200 Meter Dash. Propps qualified for the area meet this Friday at Abilene Wylie.

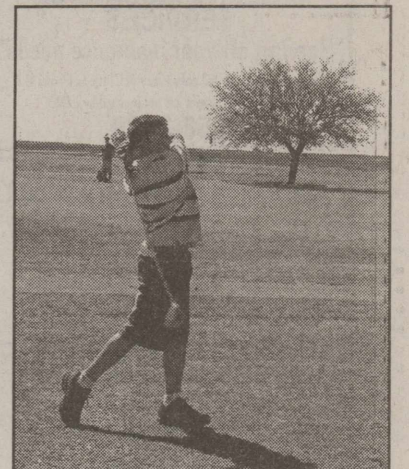


Knox City's Jamilla Ward flies past the finish line in the 100 meters. Ward won three District titles last Thursday.



Houndette Martha Perkins finishes strong to claim second place in the finals of the 400 Meters.

District Golf



Knox City golfer Orrin Myers lets the big dog eat. District Golf results from Wednesday's tournament are forthcoming.

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Magana Pitches No-Hitter

Derek Magana had all his stuff working last night in Knox City. Magana pitched a no-hitter in seven innings against the Memphis Cyclones, leading the Greyhounds to their third win in a row, 6-0.

Magana and the Knox City defenders fought off several close calls, but in the end, the zeros ran across the score board.

"I had everyone backing me up and encouraging me," Magana said of his first-ever no-hit pitching performance. "They helped me relax and my curve ball was working real good."

Catcher C.J. Bruce assisted his battery mate with an RBI triple, and Quentin Spells doubled in two runs and scored one more for the home team.

Coach McLemore summed it up by saying, "Derek was terrific."

"We look a lot better all around," McLemore said following the game. "We are peaking at the right time. Next week will be a big week for us."

The Greyhounds play district leader Haskell Monday and face off against Northside Friday.

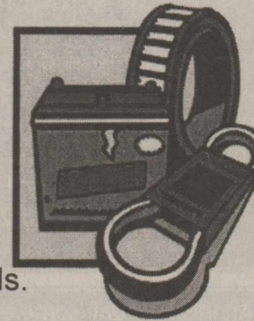
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Benjamin One Act Play Advances to Regional



Pictured (back row, L-R): Nancy Siemens, Michael Clower, Matthew Cartwright, Cassie Lyles, Kaitlyn Kuehler, Lucas Cartwright, Shaylee Propps, Jenna McCanlies, (front row, L-R) Julia Acevedo, Chance Propps, Jessica Moorhouse, Karla Benson and Director Belle Grill.

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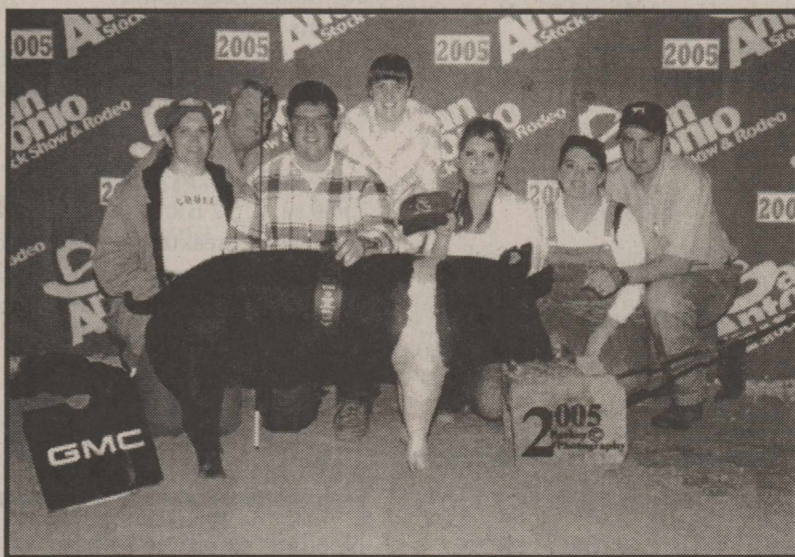
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Mark your calendar now for Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church in Knox City,
May 23-27, 6:00-8:30 p.m.



Bridgett Billington, Kaylie Billington, C.J. Bruce, Jordan Carter, Candace Carver, Ty Chisum, Zach Chisum, Tina Clark, Elizabeth Garcia, Brandon Grimley, Laura Harrington, Ryan Harrington, Brittany Hawkins, Travis Hawkins, Joshua Hunt, Emily Lewis, Grant Lewis, April Magana, Kayla Martin, Mami McLemore, Nikki Moss, Orrin Myers, Erica Nevarez, Johnny Nevarez, Shana Nicholson, Chris Norton, Katie Railsback, T.J. Richardson, Tim Sanders, Jeremy Saxton, Jessy Schur, Meagan Schur, Andy Shaver, Sandra Silva, Ben Simmons, Vanessa Solis, Kursten Stafford, Nicole Stovall, Sean Stovall, Lindsey Villa, Jacob Wade, Cody Wainscott, Jamilla Ward, Tiffany Wilde. Director, Mark Tucker, Asst. Niki Collins



Pictured Left to Right- LaDonna Smith, Bill Stewart, Ricky Dale Smith, Kayla Stewart, Jennifer and Terry Utley

Knox City One Act Play



Pictured: Veronica Hernandez and Benjamin Simmons

One Act Play Knox City High School "Rise and Shine" competed in UIL zone competition in Jayton on March 24, 2005.

Benjamin Simmons was voted Best Actor and Veronica Hernandez received an Honorable mention. Unfortunately the play did not advance.

Too many have dispensed with generosity in order to practice charity.
—Albert Camus

ACROSS

- rodeo cowboys use rosin
- this Jack was in film "4 for Texas"
- TX CAF has Messerschmitt
- Lago, TX
- TXism: "padded my belly"
- Carrizo Springs is seat of this co.
- Denver, TX
- Arlington, Irving, & Grand Prairie to Dallas & Fort Worth on an El Chico plate? taco
- TX pitching legend Ryan
- TXism: "he'd have to study up to be a _____" (dumb)
- military branch of Abilene's Dyess (abbr.)
- TX Dabney film: "_____ Five"
- gold coin 1st issued at Florence, Italy
- TXism: "the _____ over" (finished)
- "Texas, our Texas, _____ wonderful so great"
- Guadalupe, Davis, and Chisos
- "Cowntown Marathon"
- TXism: "passion _____" (drive in movie)
- game requiring special card deck

DOWN

- TX pro golfer Crenshaw
- Chicken _____ King
- newspaper in Alford or Burnett
- actor in film "Texas Dynamo" (50)
- TXism: "thinking _____ doing"
- Preston Pearson was in Super Bowl with 3 _____
- TXism: "_____ have to get better to die"
- TX writer Larry _____ Murtry

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12 11-down's "Lonesome Dove" on TV

13 TXism: "put _____ the back burner"

14 carpet alternative

15 start of Cowboy or Texan game (2 wds.)

16 medieval "red eye"

17 black widow spider _____ mate

18 TXism: "hifalutin'"

20 "those" south of the border

22 this Ford starred with TX Tommy Lee Jones in "The Fugitive" (init.)

31 TXism: "you're buying _____ for a dead horse"

34 TX summer life saver? (abbr.)

35 TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher

37 TXism: "_____ overcoat" (coffin)

40 archaic "nought"

43 rope fiber

44 car payment, e.g.

50 enter data into a computer

51 past Cowboy star RB who retired in '05 (init.)