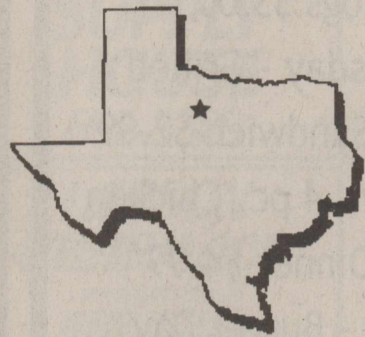




"On the Edge of Common Sense" by Baxter Black (pictured at left), "Rolling Plains Ramblings" by Morton Scott, and "Jan's Journal" by Jan Williams, inside on pages 2 and 3 of today's issue.

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Head Start Fall Enrollment Knox County April 25 Begins in May Commissioners Court



This year's group of Head Start kids enjoys a day of learning and interaction involving the ocean and its creatures. A couple of them are ready for a deep sea dive while others just have fun no matter the circumstances. Head Start staff members Sheila Overmayer, Rhondi Rodriguez, Lynnzie Eaton and Director Sherry Ellis provide instruction for the kids. Head Start sign-ups for the fall semester begin May 5th.

The Knox City Child Development Center will be taking enrollment applications for the fall semester Head Start Program.

Head Start serves three and four year old children. The program was designed to meet the needs of children by providing an environment which will help them develop socially, physically, intellectually and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development toward the overall goal of school readiness and social competence.

Children with disabilities are welcome in Head Start and are offered the full range of developmental services that children without disabilities receive.

The Program works closely with other community agencies

to provide services to meet the special needs of all children enrolled. The guidelines for participation in Head Start are established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To apply for the program, parents must bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of income for the past 12 months or their 2004 tax return.

TANF recipients are categorically eligible for the program, however they must provide documentation of current benefits such as a letter from caseworker, case numbers and the like.

All information is considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of establishing eligibility and defining the needs of the family and child.

Applications can be taken any time throughout the year, however, special recruitment efforts are being made during the month of May.

Special recruitment "Round Up Days" will be held on May 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also, applications will be taken Monday - Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May 6 through May 31.

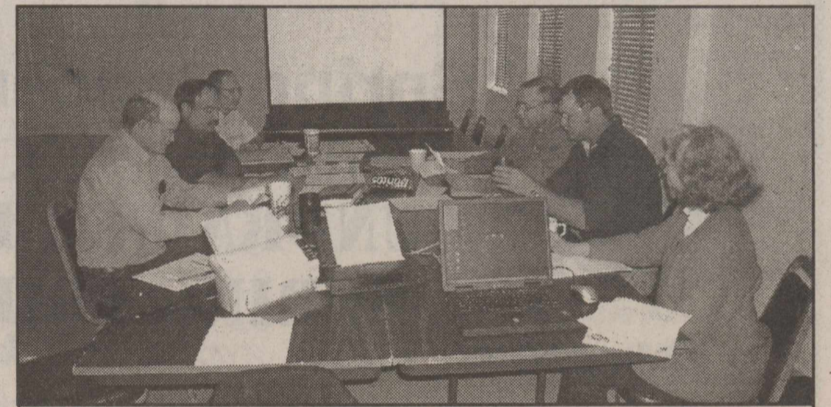
To complete an application, go to the Knox City Child Development Center, 502 N. 2nd St. It is very important that parents wanting their child in Head Start this fall complete an application as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Knox City director Sherry Ellis at: 940-658-3770

Monday afternoon at the County Courthouse in Benjamin the Commissioners weighed in on four matters before the court.

First on the agenda was opening bids for the County depository. Every two years, the County puts out for bid where it will do its banking. Citizens Bank of Knox City was awarded the account. Citizens Bank has had the County's business off and on for at least 20 years, possibly more.

"We just want to let the County know how much we appreciate their business," Sharon Cy (See Commissioners, Page 2)



Knox County Commissioner's Court in action. Pictured left to right are: Commissioner Jerry Parker, Commissioner Johnny Birkenfeld, Clerk Ronnie Verhauen, Judge Travis Floyd, Commissioner Jimmy Urbanczyk and Treasurer Irma Bell.

Relay For Life a Huge Success



The American Cancer Society, Knox Unit "Relay For Life" was held in Munday over the weekend and it was a huge success. Cancer survivors (pictured above), caregivers, volunteers and numerous area businesses were involved in raising close to \$40,000 for the ACS. Look for all the details and more photos from the event in next week's edition.

Museum and Cultural Center in Benjamin Taking Shape

"A building has all the requisites of a great aunt. She is neither very pretty nor elegant, but she has enduring qualities of character." ---Richard Oulahan

Buildings take on many forms but none takes on it's surroundings like that of a community cultural center. The Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center is not unlike that "great aunt." She's currently taking on the basic foundation of her character.

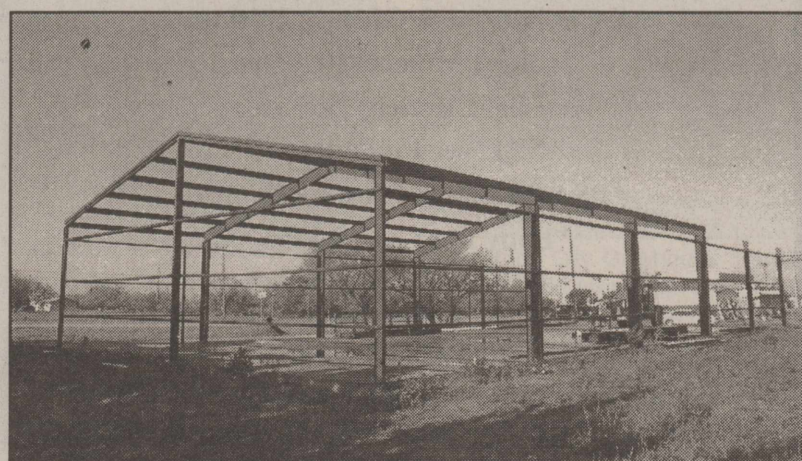
Just this week, the steel walls and roof frames have been added to the project which has for several years been on the drawing board. With help from a bevy of volunteers, construction crews and others, progress has begun

in earnest on the structure.

There is still something missing, however with the project that will one day stand as an honor to its predecessors in Knox County. The Friends of Knox County Historical Commission needs your financial support to help pay for the building costs.

The commission has applied for and received a challenge grant. This translates to every dollar raised locally, the grant will contribute matching funds.

As one way to raise money for the museum and cultural center and commemorate its benefactors, the commission will be selling bricks and granite markers. The markers can have your own



designs, logos or names of loved ones engraved on them and they will be laser imprinted.

The Historical Commission is also preparing a cookbook for publication and it will be offered

for sale in the area. The deadline for submitting recipes is Friday, May 1. To make a donation, purchase a marker or submit a recipe, call: 940-459-2229 or email: kchc@srcaccess.net.

Knox City Council April 14 Meeting

The City Council of Knox City met in regular session on April 14, 2005 at 7:07 p.m. with Mayor Charles Lankford calling the meeting to order.

Mayor Lankford presiding with Council Members present: Darren Clark, Fred Ledesma, Tommy Mangis, Dan Godsey and J.M. Emerson. Also present: City Administrator Barbara Rector, Maintenance Supervisor Joe Rodriguez, Knox City Police Officer Aaron Lewis, Knox County Constable Buddy Curd, Knox County Sheriff Dean Homstad and Jennifer Heath.

Mayor Lankford gave the invocation. There were no public comments.

The minutes of March 10, 2005

and the Special Minutes of March 28, 2005 were approved as written. Motion made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Mangis. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Cancellation of 2005 Election was next on the agenda. Mrs. Rector presented Mayor Pro-Tem Darren Clark with a Certification of Unopposed Candidates and an Order of Cancellation. The governing body must meet and vote to cancel the election and certify the unopposed candidates "elected". A motion was made by Mr. Ledesma and seconded by Mr. Godsey to declare the May 7, 2005, election cancelled and certify the unopposed candidates

(See Knox City, Page 4)

Jan's Journal

I Owe My Mother...

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY.

- "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
 9. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all those peas are gone."
 10. My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks like a tornado went through it."
 11. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I have told you once, I have told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
 12. My mother taught me BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father."
 13. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."
 14. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it

- when we get home."
15. My mother taught me E&P. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know you are cold."
 16. My mother taught me HUMOR. "When the lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
 17. My mother taught me about HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
 18. My mother taught me about my ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were raised in a barn?"
 19. My mother taught me WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
 20. And my favorite: - My mother taught me about JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids and I hope they turn out just like you!"
- HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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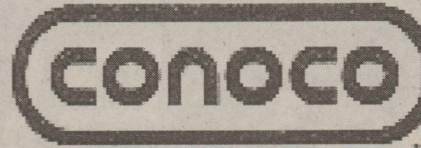
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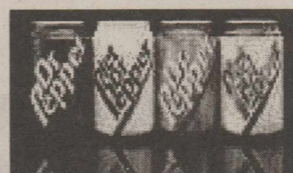
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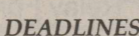
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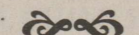
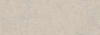
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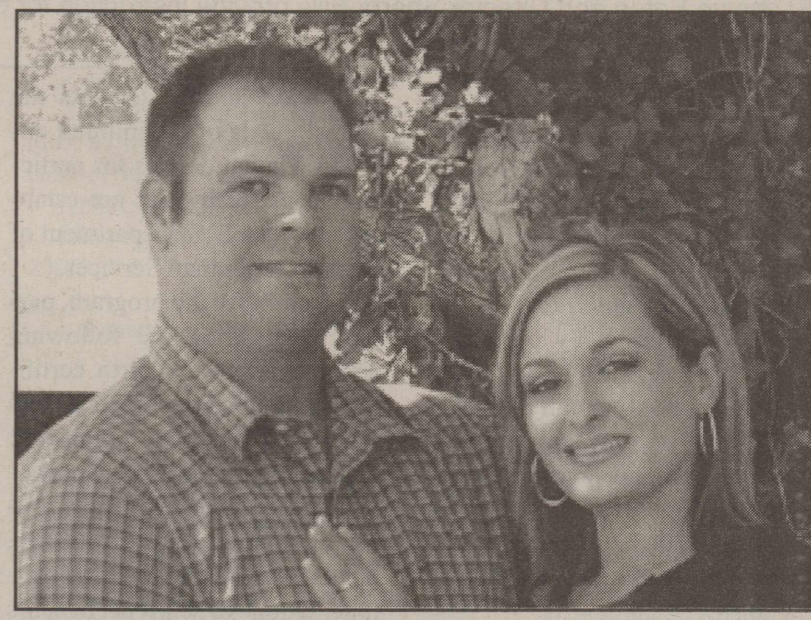
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Mane Place in Knox City.

The future groom is the son of Chris and Benton Lewis of Wichita Falls and Ron Standfield of Wichita Falls High School and is the owner of Stanfield Hunting Outfitters.

The couple plans to wed on June 18, in Knox City.

Commissioners

pert, Senior Vice President and Branch Manager said. "We want to work in their behalf and help out in the County's affairs where we can."

Next on the agenda was opening bids for a used motor grader purchase for the County's road maintenance. Yellow House Machinery, a John Deere retailer, was awarded the bid for offering a 1997 year model grader for a cost of \$70,000. The Court deliberated on how to pay for the new grader, deciding to use a portion of the \$78,000 obtained from sales of surplus equipment last month, and to finance the remainder with Citizens Bank.

The next item for delibera-

tion was reviewing applications for the County Director of Aging Services. Four applications were received by the Court causing the Commissioners to begin interviews with the applicants.

Current director Susan Cockerell is leaving to take a job in Judge David Davis' office at the Haskell County Courthouse.

Finally, the Court discussed the pending retirement of one of Knox County's longtime employees, Raul Barrientes. A formal ceremony, dinner and plaque will be given to him next month in Benjamin.

Thanks and appreciation are due to Mr. Barrientes for 16 years with Knox County.

ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS

By Morton Scott

The giant buffalo herds which had thundered across Texas since prehistoric times were gradually pushed west by the increasing settlements of first the Spaniards and then the Americans in Eastern Texas.

As the line of forts like Griffin, Phantom Hill and Chadbourne was built to protect the settlements of Eastern Texas, the buffalo and the Indians who followed them were forced to the Rolling Plains and the Llano Estacado. The last great herd on the Southern Plains was isolated in the Texas Panhandle and the area just south of it on the Rolling Plains.

In the early 1870s, the Great Buffalo Hunt began in earnest. Two things led to this Great Buffalo hunt. One, in Europe and the Eastern United States, a new fashion began in men's clothes: buffalo robes. With this fashion fad, the buffalo hunters swarmed into the Texas Panhandle and Rolling Plains area. A second major pressure for massive buffalo hunting was the Army's decision that by killing buffalo, the Indians would be forced into reservations.

The Big Hunt began in earnest in 1872. The very first permanent buffalo camp in Texas was established at Big Lake, near the present Knox County-Haskell County line. By the end of 1872, more than 20,000 buffalo had been killed on the Staked Plains, the Llano Estacado, west of Knox County.

Thus began a massive slaughter of the herds of millions, tens of millions, of buffalo, which

almost resulted in the extinction of the buffalo by the end of the 1870s.

The buffalo hunts intensified. Buffalo hunters set up camps throughout the Rolling Plains and the Texas Panhandle, including one at Adobe Walls, in Hutchinson County. By June, 1874, the Indians of the Southern Plains were being devastated by the decline of the buffalo herds, which were their basic sources of food, clothing and almost everything else they needed.

In June, 1874, the Indians, the Cheyenne's, Arapahoe, the Kiowa and Comanches, and others attacked the buffalo hunters at Adobe Walls. It was one of the largest attacks on the Southern Plains, the leader was Quanah Parker, the last chief of the Comanches. The buffalo hunters at Adobe Walls drove the Indian warriors away, losing three men.

This Battle of Adobe Walls was the beginning of the Red River War of 1874.

The campaign ranged over Western Indian Territory, northern Texas, the Texas Panhandle and eastern New Mexico. The War ended in June, 1875, when the last Indian warriors, the Comanches led by Quanah Parker, surrendered at Fort Sill.

The buffalo herds had practically been eliminated. The Southern Plains Indians were forced onto reservations. The Indians' way of life had changed forever.

No longer did giant herds of buffalo munch their way across the plains. A few small herds were occasionally found, but

these, too, soon disappeared.

A few buffalo were protected by such people as Charles Goodnight in the Panhandle. Except for these, the buffalo would have become extinct.

Yet rumors continued about small herds, moving undetected in hidden valleys on the plains. Stories began to circulate about the Last Wild Buffalo, but no one found it.

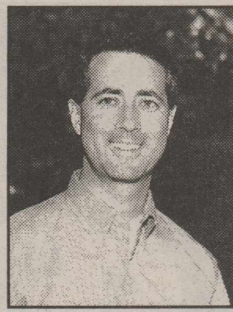
Well, perhaps they did. Read on.

The place the Last Wild Buffalo was seen may surprise you, but you'll be even more surprised by the date.

The Last Wild Buffalo was discovered exactly a century after that first buffalo camp on the Knox-Haskell county line. In May, 1972, L.B. Robertson reported seeing a wild buffalo near the town of Margaret in Foard County. Even though Robertson reported the sighting, Sheriff Emmett R. Howard was undoubtedly startled when, in the middle of the night, he saw a buffalo "running full blast on California Street headed west in front of City Hall" at Crowell in Foard County.

Riding in the back of a pickup truck driven by Sheriff Howard, Jack Walker, soon roped the buffalo. The animal was shot full of tranquilizers and loaded into a stock trailer. When no owner came forward to claim it, the buffalo was given to Ace Reid, the Western cartoonist, who took the animal to his "Cowpoke City," near Electra in Wichita County.

Maybe some of you saw the Last Wild Buffalo there.



Issue Update

with

Mac Thornberry
U.S. Congressman (TX 13)

We Need The New Energy Bill

Most of us do not realize how dependent we are on various sources of energy in our daily lives. From the buzz of the alarm clock and brewing of the coffee, our day is spent using all sorts of products that are made from or require various forms of energy. When the cost of that energy goes up significantly - or when it is cut off for some reason - we do take notice.

For example, some of us remember the OPEC oil embargo in 1973. The gasoline shortages caused lines at gas stations that often stretched for several city blocks. And, if your car desperately needed a fill-up on a day when the date on the calendar was an even number, you were out of luck if the last digit on your license plate was an odd number. Many Americans felt angry, frustrated, discouraged, and helpless.

You would think that those events would motivate us to become as energy independent as possible. But, incredibly, we are more dependent on foreign sources of energy than ever before. In 1973, America got 30 percent of its oil from foreign countries. Now that level of dependence is up to 60 percent, and studies indicate we are headed to 75 percent by 2010.

In addition, we have sealed off huge reserves of energy from exploration and production. We

have made it impossible to build new refineries or new nuclear power plants. Not only has the government been lax in encouraging the development of new sources of energy, in too many cases it has actually discouraged or prevented it.

Several times over the past few years, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a broad energy bill to try to get us back on the right track. Unfortunately, the Senate has not followed suit.

Once again, the House is offering our country an opportunity to turn things around. Last week, we passed H.R. 6, the "Energy Policy Act of 2005. If such a bill had been signed into law years ago, I believe the United States would be much more self-reliant in meeting its energy needs. This bill is not perfect and will not result in instantly lower fuel prices, but I am impressed by how diverse and visionary it is. Some of the things H.R. 6 includes:

- Boosting the domestic energy supply through various tax incentives to increase production, by allowing more exploration and development of oil and natural gas on non-park federal lands, and by increasing by 1 billion barrels the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;
- Accelerating the reactivation of idle refineries and the construction of new ones by making

the regulatory and approval processes less burdensome;

- Stimulating the production of energy from such sources as wind, solar, clean coal, and biomass through various incentives;
 - Reducing pollution through such measures as a program to make hydrogen fuel cars competitive in the marketplace by 2020;
 - Funding energy efficiency programs for public buildings, and requiring a 20 percent reduction in energy use in federal buildings by 2013;
 - Giving the Department of Energy the authority to develop programs to expand electricity production and supply through nuclear and hydropower production;
 - Making the national electricity transmission grid more reliable through new enforceable standards and incentives for improvements;
 - Promoting the production of liquefied natural gas by making the regulatory process simpler.
- There are some indications that the new Senate that was seated in January will be more receptive than past Senates about getting something done on energy policy. But I will do everything I can to keep pushing this bill until it is signed into law. We cannot afford to neglect this national priority any longer.

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Behind Those Eyes

Behind those eyes there shines a light. That's guided me from my first step. Down life's highway through thick and thin. So I could tell the wrong from right.

Behind those eyes there beats a heart. That taught me love is what you feel. And to be taken as it is. And not something you take apart.

Behind those eyes there lives a soul. That speaks to me from deep within. And warns me I must not despair. Those things in life I can't control.

Behind those eyes there is a love. That never lets me out of sight. And stretches from my deepest flaw. And reaches to the stars above.

Behind those eyes I see myself. The hopes and dreams she had for me. I see myself as I could be

Behind my mother's eyes.

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Local Cotton Producers Tour Cotton Inc Headquarters

CARY, N.C. — A group of local Texas cotton producers recently visited Cotton Incorporated's World Headquarters and Research Center in Cary, North Carolina.

As guests on the Cotton Board/Cotton Incorporated Producer Tour, sponsored by Syngenta, Bayer Crop Science, Monsanto and Delta and Pine Land, the participants had the opportunity to tour Cotton Incorporated's world-class facility and visit with key staff to see how check-off dollars are increasing the profitability of and demand for cotton through targeted research and promotion efforts.

Participants spent the first day learning more about Cotton Incorporated and the ongoing research and promotional activities through presentations given by senior staff as well as participating in a comprehensive



tour of the research facility. The group spent the second day touring Cone Mills in Greensboro, NC to see the process of how cotton is transformed from bales into denim fabric.

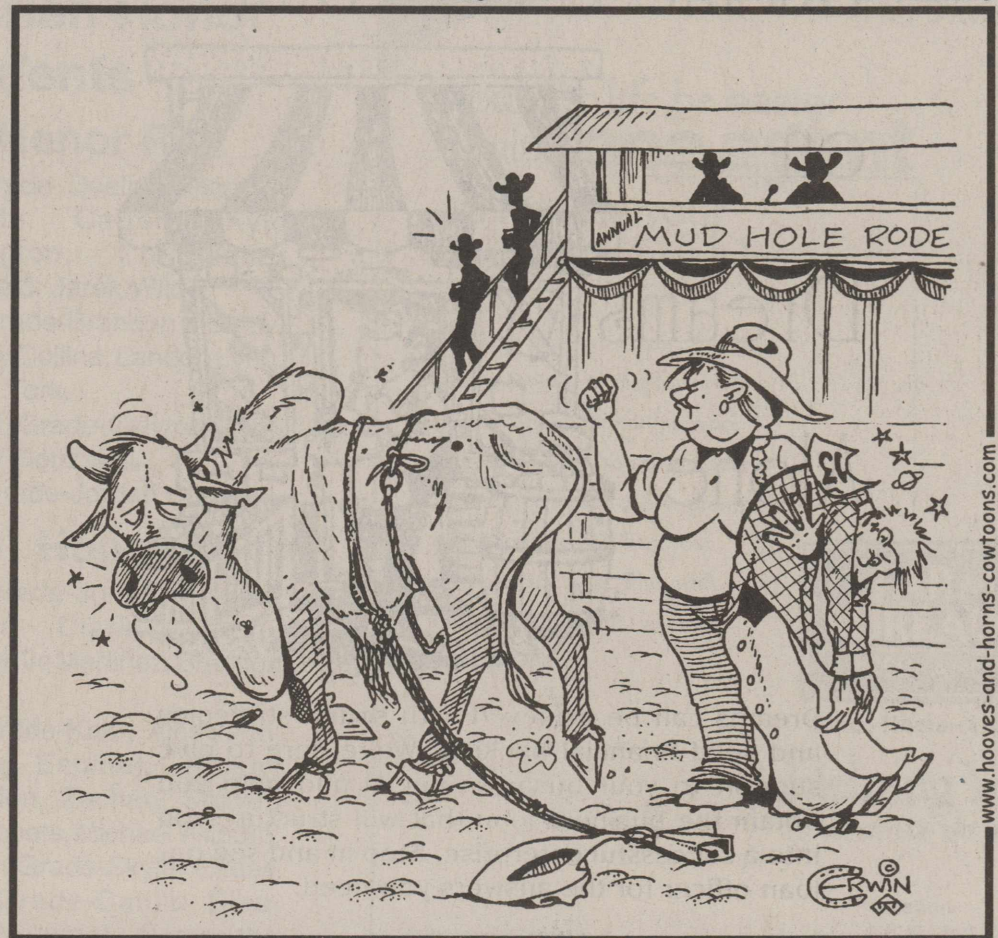
Tour participants include (from left to right): Christopher Brown, Paul & Sandra Chambers, Brenda & Steven Davis,

Paul Edwards, Johnny Eicke, Karin Kuykendall, Larry Lytle, Eicke Perry and Gloria, Ryan and Ted Posey.

The Cotton Research and Promotion Program is administered by the Cotton Board and conducted by Cotton Incorporated for U.S. cotton growers and importers of cotton and cotton products.

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BY A.W. ERWIN



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4-H Sewing Workshop

Lorrie Coop County Extension Agent/FCS

As part of the 4-H clothing project 4-H'ers had the opportunity to learn the basics of sewing and help someone out in the process by participating in a sewing workshop on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at the Knox City High School Homemaking-Department, conducted by 4-H leader, Shea Stubbs-Edmonds. 4-H'ers, Morgan Griffith, Raquel Acevedo and Brittany Coop, made pillowcases in conjunction with the state-wide 4-H community service project "Just In Case".

The community service project will be ongoing through December 2005 and will allow 4-H'ers across the state to construct as many pillowcases as possible and donate them to organizations within their own counties. The totals will be reported at the completion of the project.



Pictured (left to right) Morgan Griffith, Raquel Acevedo and Brittany Coop.

If any 4-H member has any questions about the community service project and would like to participate, please call Lorrie Coop at 459-2651.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without

regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension Office.

Knox City Council Meeting

"elected". All voted aye.

J.M. Emerson entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Deliberate and act on American Legion Request Utilities Paid by the City was next on the agenda. Mrs. Rector explained to the Council that Sammy B. White said if the City would help pay the bills for the American Legion Building. The winter months are the most expensive. They pay a \$20.00 fee per member for the year that all goes to the American Legion. Due to small budget, there is not any more money left to pay the bills. The average cost of bills per year is \$564.00. Mr. Lankford asked that the building be cleaned up inside and outside. A motion was made by Mr. Ledesma and seconded by Mr. Emerson to pay \$250.00 per year to help out with the bills for the building. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Bids for Cemetery Curbs was next. Mrs. Rector informed the Council that the City ran an ad in the newspaper for two weeks as required to obtain bids. Three bids were submitted. Jeff Jordan Concrete Construction of Knox City proposed a total bid of \$6,240 or \$4.80 per ft. Robert Van Crowell from Seymour proposed \$8,675 and Roy Lerma from O'Brien proposed \$6,500 or \$5.00 per ft. The total square feet of the project is 1,300 ft. The Council asked Mrs. Rector to find out if all of the bids contained Re-Bar. A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Emerson to table at this time until Mrs. Rector could clarify the bids. Then she could continue as needed. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Cemetery Endowment Deposit was next on the agenda. The council viewed a printout of the Cemetery CD. In 2000, the balance was \$71,000. Since then, a total of \$3,000 has been acquired from Endowment Trusts for Perpetual Care. This amount will be transferred from the Cemetery checking account to the Cemetery CD. A motion was made by Mr. Godsey and seconded by Mr. Clark to transfer \$3000 to the Cemetery CD. All voted Aye.

Deliberate and act on Request for Cemetery Raise was next. Kenneth Burt is responsible for the upkeep of the Cemetery. Mr. Burt has requested a raise of \$100 per month during the summer. His current income for the winter months is \$400 and the summer months is \$800. The year total is \$7,200. The Council discussed Mr. Burt's responsibilities for the Cemetery. A motion was made by Mr. Mangis and seconded by Mr. Godsey to give Mr. Burt a \$100.00 per month raise for the summer six-month period. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Airport Project 2006/2007 was next on the agenda. Linda Howard, Director of Planning and Programming Aviation Division met with Mrs. Rector to discuss the Airport Project. The Knox City Airport is scheduled for a seal coat, stripping and border clean up in 2007.

This project is mandated by the State to keep the Airport in compliance. The total construction project cost is \$142,000.

The City will have to pay their part of \$14,200 either in 2006 or 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Emerson and seconded by Mr. Godsey to proceed with the project in 2006. All voted aye.

Deliberate an act on Resolution and Program Design for HOME Grant was next. Mrs. Rector informed the Council that the Grant had been cancelled due to no qualifiers. The grant was to demolish a house and rebuild. There were certain qualifications and no one fell into the criteria. Kay Howard from Howco will hold the Grant open and try again

next year.

Deliberate and act on 2000 City Pickup was next. Mayor Lankford proposed to the Council that Mrs. Rector take home the 2000 Ford City pickup to drive to work. Mrs. Rector is on call 24 hours a day. The motion was made by Mr. Godsey and seconded by Mr. Emerson. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Police Department Chief Resignation was next on the agenda. The Council officially reviewed Chief Harry Steen's resignation. A motion was made by Mr. Ledesma and seconded by Mr. Clark to accept the resignation. All voted aye. Next, the Council had to appoint a new Fire Marshall. The qualifications of being Fire Marshall is they have to be TCLEOSE certified. A motion was made by Mr. Ledesma and seconded by Mr. Mangis to appoint Buddy Curd as Fire Marshall. All voted aye.

Next was the discussion of the 2000 Police Department car. Officer Lewis has been using the car due to repairs on the 1996 car. The Council discussed the condition of the 1996 car. The power steering pump and brakes need to be replaced. The Council decided that Officer Lewis is to drive the 2000 car when the 1996 car is in the shop, then alternately drive both cars to keep the cars running. Next, the council discussed the request for Officer Lewis' raise. Mr. Lewis has taken responsibility for the entire Police Department. In order to compensate him for his responsibility, the Council discussed giving Officer Lewis a raise and appointing him temporary acting Chief of Police. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Mangis to give Officer Lewis a temporary raise for the period of the unfulfilled seat of the Chief of Police for \$150.00 per month until a Chief of Police is employed. Motion died due to lack of second. A motion was made by Mr. Ledesma and seconded by Mr. Godsey to give Officer Lewis a temporary raise of \$250.00 per month. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Police Department Report and Procedure was next. Officer Lewis gave the report. For the month of March, Knox City Police Department received a total of 120 calls and tasks that required attention. Five charges were filed with four of the offenses involving juveniles as offenders. Calls of the month from Central (911) totaled 79, Sheriff's Office 14 and City Hall 27. Mr. Lewis reported to the Council that the Department would like to remind the citizens to keep weeds and grass cut to City regulations. Also, dog owners need to keep dogs in fences. Citations have been issued regarding dog violations. Mr. Lewis wanted to thank Harry Steen for all of his hard work and devotion that he gave to the Department and Community. A motion was made by Mr. Ledesma and seconded by Mr. Godsey to accept the Police Department Report. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Fire Department Report and Procedure was next. Mr. Ledesma gave the report. For the month of March, the Fire Department received a total of 16 calls. The checking account balance for the Fire Department was \$2,191.85. The Equipment fund balance as of April 12, 2005 was \$6,470.69. He reported to the council that the Fire Department assisted with seven landing zones, a control burn at the Country Club, and a control burn at the Hacker Farm, highline wires into trees at the Hospital, one car fire, a fire at the Cotton Gin in O'Brien, one EMS assist, one bee call at the Hacker Farm, tank battery fire at Journey and a dozer accident with a high line wire on the Feed Lot road.

The Fire Department received \$300.00 in donations this month.

The new fire truck was picked up in Jacksboro and brought back home thanks to the Councilmen, City Administrator and Mayor. Three trucks were given to Billy Lerma to get rid of them from the City yard north of town. The Department will work on getting rid of the rest of the junk. Also, Mr. Ledesma told the Council that in the near future, the Fire Department will be asking them to discuss depositing O'Brien Fire Protection money in a fire truck fund for a new rural pumper to replace Unit #6. Mrs. Rector explained to the Council on behalf of Fire Chief Domingo Garcia that Bill Stewart is wanting to get out of the Emergency Management Coordination position and Mr. Garcia would like to take the position over if approved by the Council. After a short discussion, the Council would like more information on the duties and regulation of the Emergency Management Council. A motion was made by Mr. Godsey and seconded by Mr. Clark to accept the Fire Department report. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Public Works Report and Procedures was next on the agenda. Mr. Rodriguez gave the report. Monthly maintenance completed: monthly water meter readings, hauled junk and limbs from alleys, poisoned gofers at the cemetery, mowed city lots, hauled sand to alleys, flushed fire hydrants, fixed water leaks at North 4th St, and Ave B, worked on lift station, completed monthly cut-offs, took water samples to Abilene for area cities, hauled limbs from Country Club, worked on backhoe and fixed sewer line in alley between South Central and Ave A.

Mark Torres, a city employee, resigned on April 1, 2005. Mrs. Rector attended TML Insurance meeting in Levelland, Commissioners Court in Benjamin and a RC&D meeting in Hakell. Mrs. Rector also attended a West Texas COG Grant meeting at Abilene to give a speech to apply for a grant for the sewer plant. Paul Strickland also went to a water meeting in Anson. Mayor Lankford asked that the City men put the big pump on the tractor to make sure it works. Motion made by Mr. Mangis and seconded by Mr. Godsey to accept the public works report. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Paying of Accounts Payable was next. The bills of the month and the monthly register were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Ledesma and seconded by Mr. Godsey. All voted aye.

Deliberate and act on Approving Financial Reports was next on the agenda. The balance sheet and profit and loss statements were discussed. The monthly water report and past due water bills and collections were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Ledesma and seconded by Mr. Emerson to accept the report. All voted aye.

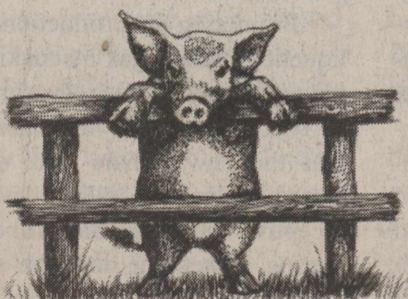
With no further business before the Council, Mr. Godsey made the motion to adjourn. All Council Members seconded the motion. All voted in favor to close the April 14, 2005 regular session at 10:00 p.m.



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presented by Mark Bingham, P.A. on women's health issues. Judge Travis Floyd welcomed the group to Knox County and then he and his wife, Brenda, sang for the group before lunch. Everyone enjoyed a potluck lunch furnished by each club. Pat Smith of Munday provid-

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One Hundred Years After His Birth Bob Wills is Still the King

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This weekend, our good neighbors to the northwest offer up the Turkey, Texas Bob Wills Day Celebration, complete with an old fiddler's contest, a barbecue lunch and two nights of western swing music provided on Friday by former Texas Playboys led by Truitt Cunningham, and on Saturday by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

Wills was born, March 6, 1905 and by his 10th birthday had begun performing in public with his fiddle. An honest talent he picked up from his father John, a champion fiddler in his time.

With little more than a seventh grade education, a load of talent and early determination, Wills left home for Fort Worth where he was first recorded in 1929 on the Brunswick label. The Bob Wills Fiddle Band won a contest on a local radio station the following year, and soon formed the Light Crust Doughboys.

The union between Doughboys' sponsor, W.L. O'Daniel and Wills lasted until 1935 when disagreements led to a lawsuit and the breakup sent Wills to Oklahoma City.

Wills made a deal with General Mills for a radio show and Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys took to the airwaves later that same year. By 1936, records like "Steel Guitar Rag" and "Trouble in Mind" had put Wills and his Playboys atop the Brunswick label in sales. Two years later, Wills recorded the instrumental "San Antonio Rose" for Columbia Records. The Playboys played the Governor's Ball and countless rodeos, setting out on an extensive touring schedule, which later on took it's toll on "The Old Man."

In 1941, Columbia released



"San Antonio Rose" with lyrics by Bob Wills and Bing Crosby, vaulting Wills to the top of the recording company's sales charts.

World War II broke up the band as Wills did a stint in the Army, but he was released on a Medical Discharge in 1942. He then moved west to California, made an eight-picture movie deal with Columbia and had a 23-member band, his largest ever.

Leaving home in Santa Monica in 1945, Wills began his first national tour for MCA Records, outdraws Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman, and reportedly earns a whopping \$340,000.

Wills moved back to Oklahoma City in 1949 and recorded with Tommy Duncan who had since left the band. The next year, "Faded Love" was a chart-topper.

Wills later settled in Dallas where he opened the Bob Wills Ranch House, which was pilfered and ruined by lawyers and accountants. Wills returned to the road in order to pay his debts, splitting his home time in California and Texas. The life on the road was hard on Wills' private life; he was married and divorced five times, and battled other personal demons over the years.

In 1967 after Wills had himself suffered a second heart attack, band member Tommy Duncan died of the same illness.

The next year Wills was voted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Cowboy Hall of Fame, signifying his importance among 20th Century American culture.

Still touring at 64, Wills suffered a stroke on the road, which ultimately led to his final recording in December of 1973. Merle Haggard and most of the remaining Playboys put together "For the Last Time," with Wills in attendance mostly in spirit, but able to throw in a few "Ahhhh's" at just the right moment during the recording session in Dallas' Sunmet-Burnet Studios.

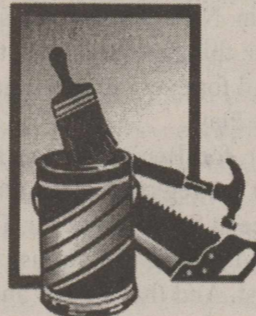
On May 1, 1975, Wills died in a nursing home in Fort Worth after 58 years in show business and 44 years of recording music.

Bob Wills spliced together Country, Jazz and Big Band Music to temper what most call Western Swing and more artists than Haggard have felt its influence over the years. That influence and his legacy endures today proving that one of our own, a kid from Turkey, Texas, indeed grew up to be the king.

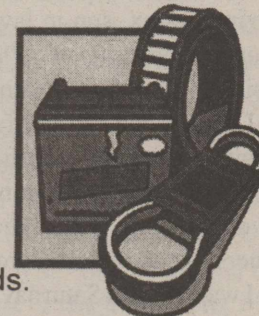
To experience more first hand recollections of and tributes to the King of Western Swing, Bob Wills, visit the Turkey, Texas Bob Wills Day Celebration this weekend.

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10-11 lbs. beets makes 7-8 quarts of pickled beets.

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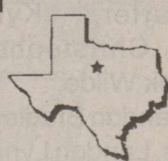
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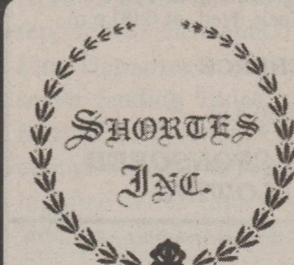


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