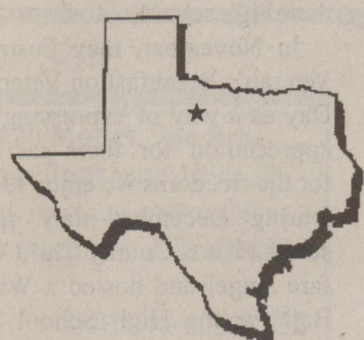


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Austin Weekend Weather		
Friday 13	Saturday 14	Sunday 15
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"On the Edge of Common sense" by Baxter Black (pictured at left), "Rolling Plains ramblings" by Morton Scott, and "Jan's Journal" by Jan Williams, inside on Page 3 of today's issue.



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Knox City Greyhound head baseball coach Mitch McLemore has a word with the team following Friday night's win over Vernon Northside. The Hounds reached the playoffs with the 9-3 victory.

Knox County Commissioners Meet in Regular Session

The Knox County Commissioner's Court met in its regular session Monday, May 9 at the courthouse in Benjamin to act and deliberate on agenda items.

Following Judge Travis Floyd's call to order, the previous regular meeting and a special meeting's minutes were approved and the Court preceded with the agenda's business.

First up, a discussion on County employee personal time. Commissioners made a motion to amend the County Policy Manual to include two personal days annually for each employee.

Next, Judge Floyd introduced the County's new director of Aging Services, Cheryl Daniel to the Court and asked how things were going so far.

"So far, so good," Daniel said. "I have a few new ideas and I want to ask others to come forward with their ideas."

Judge Floyd informed the court that the air conditioning unit at the Aging Center was out of commission and that a replacement heating and air conditioning unit could be put in for \$3,200. The commissioners

agreed to fund the new unit, acknowledging that the WCTCOG office could help pay 75 percent of the cost through grant money.

Dave Jacobs of SecureTech Systems demonstrated a wireless security device for the Court. The device, which will be installed in the courtroom and several offices in the courthouse, acts as a "panic button" for those working in the building in need of assistance from law enforcement officials.

A motion was tabled until Officer Nick Jimenez could be present to discuss a new radar unit for the DPS.

A party for retiring county employee Raul Barrientez was discussed. Barrientez has worked for Knox County for 26 years.

A motion was passed regarding the Double Mountain Reservoir to issue a letter to their board stating the county's support of the project.

A motion was carried to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard procedure for handling incidents like hazardous material spills, terrorism and sheltering.

The technology/software upgrade for the courthouse was discussed and three companies have given demonstrations of their software systems. No decision has been reached yet as to which company will be awarded the bid. The Court agreed that its implementation would come in next year's budget.

A motion carried to waive matching funds payments and instead deliver services in an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation.

The Court approved accounts payable, the financial statements and budget for the year. Throughout the meeting, several references were made to the rising cost of fuel prices and the diminishing effect they have had on the County's budget.

In attendance: Commissioners Johnny Birkenfeld, Jimmy Urbanczyk, Weldon Skiles and Jerry Parker, Judge Travis Floyd, Treasurer Irma Bell, Clerk Ronnie Verhalen, Sheriff Dean Homstad, Aging Director Cheryl Daniel, Munday City Administrator Dwayne Bearden, Robert Copeland and Dave Jacobs.

Knox City - O'Brien Students Gain Awards and Accolades for 2004-05 School Year

by Louis Baty, Superintendent of Schools

This is the first of a three part series about the activities and accomplishments of the students and faculty of Knox City-O'Brien CISD. The students are involved in numerous activities and have achieved many accomplishments in which we as a community should be extremely proud. This week's focus is academics and co-curricular activities.

The academic accomplishments experienced this year are tremendous for the students and collectively as a student body. Each year the Texas Education Agency assigns one of four ratings to each campus and district based mainly upon academic achievements of the students as measured by the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test. The Elementary campus received the Exemplary Rating which is the highest rating possible. The Middle School, High School and the District received the second highest possible rating of Recognized. In addition the Elementary School was one of only 10 schools statewide designated as a Distinguished Progress School. A special recognition luncheon was held on

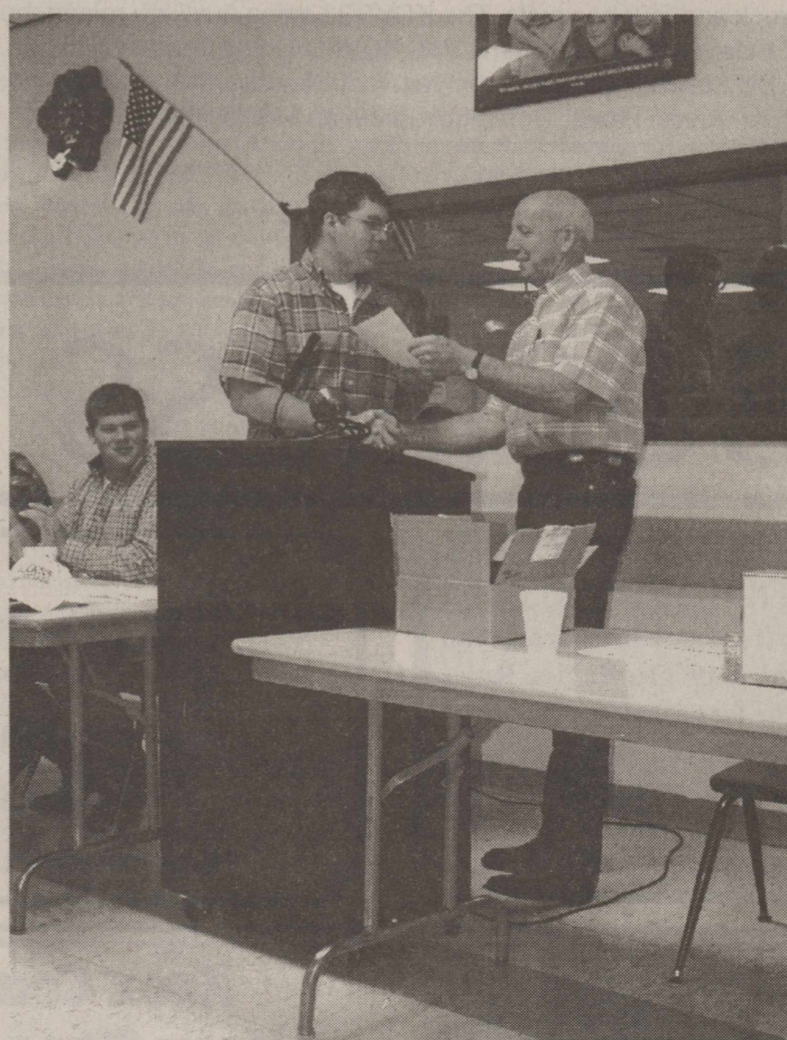
May 2nd at the Region 9 ESC to recognize Knox City Elementary as being named a Distinguished Progress School.

Knox City Elementary, O'Brien Mid School, and Knox City High School students won district in their respective UIL Academic contests this year. At the high school level Bridgette Billington, Laura Harrington, Ben Simmons, Tomas Myers, Pablo Sanchez, Eric Lewis, Kaylie Billington, Grant Lewis, Josh Hunt, Tiffany Wilde, Brittany Hawkins, Jamilla Ward, Kayla Martin, and Emily Lewis advanced to the Regional Academic Contest held at Hardin Simmons University. Also, Jeremy Saxton and Kayla Martin qualified and competed at the State UIL Debate Competition in Austin. To experience this type of success, students at all three campuses spent hours memorizing poems, writing speeches, working math problems, reading literature selections, studying spelling words, organizing debate points, etc. preparing for the different events. In addition the High School students attended practice meets at Hamlin, Haskell,

and Wylie. The One-Act Play performed "Rise and Shine" with Ben Simmons being selected as Best Actor and Veronica Hernandez being named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast at the district zone competition. The students also performed the One-Act Play following the Chamber of Commerce Banquet; and performed the play as a fundraiser for the Relay for Life.

In the co-curricular activities of band, FCCLA, and FFA our students have also accomplished many goals. Our band received a 2, "Excellent Rating" at the UIL Band Marching contest in October. Then in April they received a 1 "Superior Rating" in both the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest. By receiving the two 1 ratings, the band earned a "Sweepstakes B" rating. It should also be noted that at the concert and sight reading contest all three judges in each division gave the band a 1 rating. The Mid School Band and High School Band also performed two public concerts for the enjoyment of the parents, friends, and community members. Also, (See Knox City - O'Brien, Page 2)

Knox City FFA Banquet



Tuesday night at the Knox City FFA Banquet, Jim Dillon presents FFA President Jimmy Albus, Jr. with one of many awards handed out on the evening. Vice-President Ricky Dale Smith looks on and awaits his turn at the podium. Look for a wrap-up on the FFA Banquet and more photos in next week's edition of The Knox County News. (Photo: Sheri Baty)

Benjamin Council Election

The Benjamin City Council elections held Saturday, May 7 had an unusually large turnout for the small town.

68 votes were cast in the town of 264 citizens. There are a total of 135 registered voters eligible to vote in Benjamin. Voter turnout was 50 percent.

Although unopposed in the election, Mayor Linda Cox received 60 votes, Cindy Layton received 59, Chad Rainwater had 60 votes cast for him, and Misty Jones received the highest number of supporters with 64.

Challenging for the two open seats on the council were incumbent Jackie Young, Dennis Duke and Ernie Eaton. Young and Duke each received 58 votes, gaining election to the council and Eaton was unsuccessful in his bid for a seat with 10 votes.

The council members and mayor will be officially sworn in on May 18 at the regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. according to City Secretary Kathy Rainwater.

Election judge Bobby Hudson told City officials that this was the highest turnout he had seen in many years.

Knox City School Board Election Results

Knox City CISD Trustees elections were held Saturday, May 7. Three positions on the school board were up for grabs and all three incumbents were re-elected.

Incumbents Scott Lynn received 80 votes, Bill Stewart garnered 71 votes and Charles Schur collected 69 votes to se-

cure their seats on the board and challenger Michelle Esquivel fell short in her bid with 14 votes.

Voter turnout was down significantly from the previous school board election, however there was a bond election on the ballot last time out.

84 total votes were cast last Saturday compared to the 320 in

the school board/bond election last year.

Bill Stewart, elected to his fourth term on the school board, was thankful to his supporters.

"I really appreciate the people's support," Stewart stated. "I'll try to continue to work for the betterment of the kids, the school and the community."

Knox City Council Meeting Agenda

The Knox City Council will meet May 17, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 200 N. Central.

- Agenda:
- A. Call to order.
 - B. Invocation.
 - C. Public Comments.
 - D. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.
 - E. Deliberate and act on EDC Minutes of March 16, 2005.
 - F. Deliberate and act on Oath of Office 2005.
 - G. Deliberate and act on Presentation on History of Valor Telephone.
 - H. Deliberate and act on Atmos Energy Rate Adjustment Ordinance.
 - I. Deliberate and act on Appointment of Director to North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority Board.
 - J. Deliberate and act on Trust Property Bids.
 - K. Deliberate and act on Tx-DOT/Airport Resolution Grant.
 - L. Deliberate and act on TX Community Development Program Resolution for Planning/Capacity Grant.
 - M. Deliberate and act on Resolution for Citizen Grievance Procedure for TCDP.
 - N. Deliberate and act on Resolution for National Incident Management System.
 - O. Deliberate and act on Police Department Report and Procedures.
 - P. Deliberate and act on Fire Department Report and Procedures.

Q. Deliberate and act on Public Works Report and Procedures.

R. Deliberate and act on Paying of Accounts Payable.

S. Deliberate and act on Approving Financial Reports.

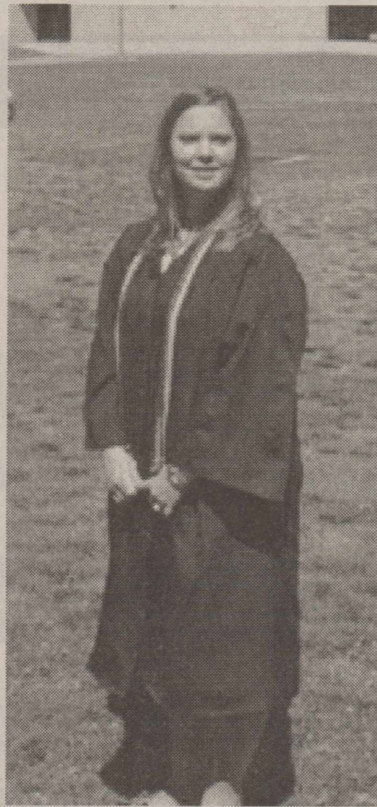
T. Adjourn

The City Council may go into closed meeting on the above posted items pursuant to Subchapter D of the government Code: 551.071, consultation with Attorney; 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property; 551.073, Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift; 551.074, Personnel Matters; 551.075, Conference with Employees; or, 551.0076, Deliberation Regarding Safety Devices.

I, Barbara Rector, City Administrator, of the City of Knox City, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Knox City is a true and correct copy of said Notice of Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Knox City, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the General Public at all times, and said Notice was posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

City Council meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact City Hall located at 200 N. Central or call 658-3313 at least 4 hours in advance of the meeting.

Knox City Native Earns Degree from Wayland Baptist University



PLAINVIEW – A Knox City High School ex-student received a diploma on April 30 during the spring commencement ceremony held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Jennifer Marie Vacek-Castaneda, daughter of Janice Vacek of Knox City, received a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree in elementary education, graduating summa cum laude.

 Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.
 —Abraham Lincoln

Knox City - O'Brien Schools

the Band hosted the Midwestern State University Band for a public performance.

The FCCLA competed in the Leadership Enhancement Opportunities competition in Matador and Abilene. At Matador, Crystal Ramos, Brie Rios, Ebony Thompson, and Gracie Lopez each won a bronze medal. At the Region II FCCLA Conference in Abilene, Dannie Garcia and Tabatha Short received bronze medals, Brie Rios a silver medal and Ebony Thompson a gold medal. The Knox City FCCLA was also very active in the community this year. The members helped with the Halloween Party at the Knox County Aging Center, sponsored an Angel from the Knox County Child Welfare Board and hosted a Valentines party at the Brazos Valley Care Home. Currently the students are making blankets for Dallas Children's Hospital for the comfort of the patients.

The FFA and Junior FFA program had 27 students exhibiting animals at the Knox County Junior Livestock Show. Student's projects included chickens, rabbits, goats, and pigs. Student exhibiting animals at the county livestock show were awarded \$9078.00 in prize money.

In addition students also exhibited animals at stock shows in Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, and Houston. At the Fort Worth Stock Show Joe Albus exhibited a 10th place wether goat and Dustin Johnson placed 12th with his Medium weight Duroc pig. At the San Angelo Livestock Show Martha Perkins placed 7th with her medium weight Yorkshire and Dustin Johnson's heavy weight Spot placed 2nd.

At the San Antonio Livestock Show Ricky Dale Smith and Kayla Stewart each placed 2nd with their hogs. Dustin Johnson placed 10th at the Houston Livestock Show with his hog.

Students in the Agriculture Mechanics program built two trailers this year, and are presently building three bar-b-que pits which will be for sale to the public. The Building Trades class completely remodeled the nurses' station at the Knox County Hospital Clinic. This project included electrical wiring, sheet rocking, building and installing cabinets, and installing new tile.

Students in grades 1-6 participated in the Soil and Water Poster Contest sponsored by the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District. At the local level students were awarded ribbons for 1st through 6th place at each grade level. At the county level Reagan Clark placed 1st and Kinslee Cox placed 3rd with their posters. Also, Reagan Clark's poster placed 3rd at the area competition.

The Knox City Elementary PTO sponsored the annual Baked Potato Supper in February. Approximately 300 people attended this event. The "Top Spuds", elementary selling the most tickets for their grade level were Faith Sliger, Peyton Shipp, Clayton Richardson, Elissa Hacker, Casey Stewart, Zachary Rodriguez, Kelsey Vasquez and Megan Martinez.

The O'Brien Student Council participated in many activities this year. In August they hosted a "back to school night" for all students, parents and teachers. Also they adopted a section of the highway between O'Brien and Knox City for the trash pickup. Other activities included a Haunted House, Canned Food Drive, and Valentines and Easter activities.

The High School Student Council sponsored an "I Take Pride in My School" program awarding each elementary student a free t-shirt for learning the

school song. During the football season at each home football game the Student Council presented the opponents high school with a friendship gift by making a donation to the Hendricks's Home for Children in honor of their high school.

In November, they hosted a Veteran's Breakfast on Veteran's Day as a way of expressing our appreciation for their sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today. During December they sponsored a Knox County Child Welfare Angel and hosted a Winter Ball for the High School Students. Community Service projects included saving Coke tabs for children needing chemotherapy treatments, hosting a blood drive, and picking up trash on the highway west of town.

The Knox City High School Cheerleaders attended the National Cheerleader Association Camp at Hardin Simmons University. Attending the cheerleading camp were Vanessa Solis, Jamilla Ward, Laura Harrington, Katie Railsback, Tiffany Wilde, Emily Lewis, Lindsey Villa, and Brittany Hawkins. The students were given a Superior Rating for every evaluation, selected as a Top Team Nominee, and awarded a Spirit Stick on three of the four days. Individually, Jamilla Ward and Tiffany Wilde were selected as All American Cheerleader Nominees and earned eligibility to try-out for All-American Cheerleader. Jamilla Ward qualified and earned the title of All-American Cheerleader. Our mascot Brittany Hawkins received the Spirit Stick for individual performance and Spirit as a Mascot.

Again, the 2004-05 school year has experienced many successes in both the academics and co-curricular activities. Our students are to be congratulated in all of their accomplishments.



The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department is pictured with several pieces of new equipment including the new brush fire/foam truck and four bee suits. The KCVFD Ladies Auxiliary raised the money for the suits and donated them to the department. The KCVFD Crew: Teddy Espinoza, Jackie Sanders, Alvie Overmyer, Bill Stewart, Sheila Overmyer, Toni Sanders, Tanya Ledesma, Terry Butler, Jeff Acree, Buddy Curd, Aaron Lewis, Domingo Garcia and Mike Plume.

50th Judicial District Court Proceedings

May 4, 2005: Cause Number: 8893 - Cooper v. Cooper - Divorce - Pro Se - Granted.

Cause Number: 3722 - State of Texas v. Jeffery Hernandez - Arraignment - Appear with Attorney on June 7.

Cause Number: 3724, 3725, 3726 - State of Texas v. Michael James Pedroza - Arraignment - Appointed Bill Jones - Continuance June 7.

Cause Number: 3728 - State of Texas v. Omard Rashard

Walton - Arraignment - David Knight Appt. - Possession of a Controlled Substance in Correctional Facility - 10 years TDCJ, \$6,000 Fine, \$1,000 Restitution.

Cause Number: 3730 - State of Texas v. Randall Wayne McMahan - Arraignment - Bill Jones retained.

Cause Number: 3732, 3733 - State of Texas v. Billy Don Jordan - Arraignment - Appear with Attorney June 7.

Cause Number: 3734 - State

of Texas v. Jerry Lynn Jordan - Arraignment - Appear with Attorney June 7.

Cause Number: 3723 - State of Texas v. Carnell Thompson - Arraignment and Pretrial - Assault with Bodily Injury (Family Violence Enhanced) - Bill Jones Appt. - Plea - 5 years probation, \$3,000 Fine, \$340 Court Cost, \$50 Probation Fee.

May 18, 2005: Cause Number: State of Texas v. Christopher Bryer - Writ of Habeas Corpus.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Science VS Liberal Arts

At springtime I often have the honor of speaking to state FFA conventions and at college graduations. The students are bright, above average young people who have chosen to enter agricultural or veterinary endeavors. I say to them, there is a difference between the study of science and the study of liberal arts; in science there is a right answer.

An artist can paint the word 'penicillin' on a carton of milk. It can be done with calligraphic flourish, embellished with gold leaf and win a blue ribbon for style and creativity, but it's still a carton of milk.

An author or screenwriter can write an elaborate story starring Luke Skywalker or Captain Kirk where space travel, zoo-like aliens and fantasy planets abound. Their work can win academy awards or Pulitzer prizes but it's still just Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

But in the sciences you can't write an essay on why you think the atomic weight of uranium is really 6 and because you wrote it well, make it fact. There is a reason that chemistry and physics and math and genetics and physiology are harder than English or theater or journalism. It's because there is more at stake if you are wrong. You can't print a retraction if you choose the wrong chemical, cut the wrong artery, or plot the wrong missile trajectory.

We, particularly in agriculture, have the obligation to our customers (people who eat) to understand what we are doing, to make decisions based on factual knowledge and to act responsibly. The urban consumer is beset everyday by a blizzard of half-cooked, brightly wrapped, well-advertised, slick, disingenuous, sometimes well-meaning cow pucky.

Many of these consumers do not have the background to separate the veterinarian from the pet psychic, the magic mineral peddler from the nutritionist, or the physician from the celebrity who plays one on TV. These consumers, our customers, are as susceptible to the snake oil "health food" salesman as I would be to the con man selling original

Rembrandts for \$20.00. As a scientifically trained person, you have an obligation to act like one. People will turn to you and expect you to know the right answer in

your area of expertise because when the chips are down and life hangs in the balance, someone has to be responsible.

Arm yourself with information. It will be your light saber!

ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS

By Morton Scott

Sunday is the 60th anniversary of VE Day, May 8, 1945.

For those of you too young to remember, VE Day was Victory in Europe Day, the day in World War II when the war against Germany ended.

For most of you, World War II and VE Day were events in history you have read and heard about, but do not remember. For old codgers like me, World War II and VE Day are vivid memories.

We knew the German War was coming to an end. German forces on both the Western and Eastern fronts were collapsing. The Soviet Russian army had entered Berlin. Hitler committed suicide on April 30, less than three weeks earlier. President Franklin Roosevelt had died less than a month earlier, on April 12. Rumors of the German surrender were frequent; at least two false reports had been aired.

On the evening of May 7, the White House announced that President Harry Truman, in office less than a month, would speak to the nation at 8 a.m. the next morning. We knew the new President would announce the surrender of Germany and the end of World War II in Europe.

The next morning, May 8, my Dad drove me up to the front of my high school. We listened to President Harry Truman announce the end of the war in Europe and declare VE Day. I went on in to school. School was dismissed early to celebrate.

Of course, the celebration was tempered by the knowledge that the war in the Pacific against Japan continued.

World War II was very different from our later conflicts: Korea (in which I served), Vietnam, the Gulf War, Kosovo and the current Iraqi conflict. One difference was the total involvement of the nation, both military and civilian, in the war effort.

Even school students were involved. We went door-to-door passing out applications for sugar and food rationing. We gathered scrap metal to be recycled for the war effort. My Boy Scout troop filled railroad box cars with scrap paper we collected. We used our allowances and earned other money to buy stamps to fill up war bond books. When you filled a war bond book with \$18.75 worth of stamps, you could trade it in for a U.S. War Bond, redeemable in 10 years for \$25. These bonds helped finance the war.

Everyone was affected by rationing. We were issued ration stamp books. When you purchased canned goods, or meat, or sugar, you not only paid cash but also stamps from your ration books. Stamps were different colors, with different letters, to indicate which product they were good for. Stamps for meat, for instance, were red.

Gasoline was also rationed. You had a sticker on your window which indicated what your gasoline priority was. Farmers, who needed to bring their produce to town, got more gasoline than urban dwellers. People who had to commute also got more gasoline.

To save gasoline, people took buses or trains for longer trips. You often had to stand in

Jan's Journal

by Jan Williams

Windows of the Soul

1. No one can ruin your day without YOUR permission.
2. Most people will be about as happy as they decide to be.
3. Others can stop you temporarily, but only you can do it permanently.
4. Whatever you are willing to put up with, is exactly what you will have.
5. Success stops when you do.
6. When your ship comes in...make sure you are willing to unload it.
7. You will never "have it all together".
8. Life is a journey...not a destination. Enjoy the trip!
9. The biggest lie on the planet: "When I get what I want I will be happy".
10. The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.
11. I've learned that ultimately 'takers' lose and 'givers' win.
12. Life's precious moments don't have value, unless they are shared.
13. If you don't start, it's certain you won't arrive.
14. We often fear the thing we want the most.
15. Everyone hears what you say. Friends listen to what you have to say. Best friends listen to what you don't say.
16. Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.
17. Look for opportunities...not guarantees.
18. Life is what's coming...not what was.
19. Success is getting up one more time.
20. Now is the most interesting time of all.
21. When things go wrong...don't go with them.
22. Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.
23. God can mend all broken hearts. You just have to give Him all the pieces.
24. A person who asks a question might be a fool for five minutes, but a person who doesn't ask is a fool forever.
25. A best friend is like a four-leaf clover...hard to find, and lucky to have.
26. A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.
27. A coincidence is when God performs a miracle, and decides to remain anonymous.
28. I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.
29. Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace...and your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.
30. Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.
—Abraham Lincoln

the aisle when traveling by bus. Some buses added an extra seat which folded out into the aisle. No new cars were produced for civilians during the war.

My Dad had an OTASCO store located at a corner, which everyone walked past to go to the post office. He donated his front window to hold pictures of local people who were serving in the Armed Forces. He draped the pictures of servicemen who were killed in black. People would walk by the window, look intently at the pictures and sometimes quietly cry.

Many people worked in war industries, sometimes commuting as much as 100 miles. Many women worked in war industries, like the fabled Rosie the Riveter, or others sorting mica sheets for aircraft, or in building Liberty ships.

The whole nation was involved in the war effort. We were a united nation, working together for victory.

In those conflicts since World War II, in Korea, Vietnam, Kosovo and the two Iraqi wars, the nation has fought the conflicts with the nation basically going along unaffected by the war, except for those families with men or women directly involved.

World War II united the nation. The Vietnam and Iraqi wars divided the nation.

The United States celebrated VE Day, but the real celebration came three months later, when we celebrated V-J Day on August 14, with the end of the Pacific War against Japan.

Then World War II was definitely over.

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Texas Voters Want September 1st or Later School Start Date

April 4, 2005 (Austin, Texas) - A recent statewide survey shows an overwhelming majority of Texas registered voters support a school start date of September 1 or later and the majority also support school districts having the option to lengthen the school day and shorten the school year.

The Texas Interested Citizens Statewide Voter Opinion Survey, conducted by The Epstein Group, found that 67 percent of the state's registered voters favor requiring all Texas public schools to begin their school years after Labor Day or during the first week in September.

Fifty-four percent of those polled favored allowing local school districts the option to lengthen the school day by 15 to 30 minutes to give students the option of a longer summer vacation or more flexibility with school breaks.

The survey also shows that Texas voters believe the quality of education in public schools is the single most important issue facing the state.

Tina Bruno, executive director of Texans for a Traditional School Year said she was not surprised to hear Texans support a September 1 or later school start date. "Survey after survey shows Texans support a later school start date and do not support the trend in Texas to begin school early in August."

The majority of the 42,000 respondents to the web based

school calendar survey sponsored by the School Start Date Task Force also supported a September 1 or later school start date, with the greatest number of respondents supporting a post-Labor Day school start.

A 1999 Texas Poll showed the majority of Texans supported a uniform school start date for all Texas public schools and the majority thought the school year should begin around September 1, again with the greatest number of respondents supporting a post-Labor Day school start.

Currently, Texas law prohibits public schools from beginning instruction earlier than the week of August 21. However, the bill also allowed the Texas Education Agency to grant waivers to districts wishing to begin the school year earlier than law recommends.

The statewide telephone survey of 1001 randomly chosen Texas registered voters was conducted February 21 - 24, 2005. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percent.

- 66 percent of the Metroplex area voters supported a September school start date,

- 62 percent of Houston area voters favored a September school start date,

- 73 percent of San Antonio voters supported a September school start date,

- 55 percent of Austin voters supported a September school start date.

Aging Center Lunch Menu

Week of May 2 - May 6

Monday, May 2

Burritos, Spanish Rice, Salad, Cinnamon Rolls

Tuesday, May 3

Chicken Fried Steak, Buttered Potatoes, Green Salad,

Biscuits, Cobbler

Wednesday, May 4

Salmon Croquettes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw,

Light Bread, Cookies

Thursday, May 5

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Temperature		
Date	Low	High
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5-04	46	53
5-05	53	76
5-06	56	82
5-07	62	73
5-08	49	90
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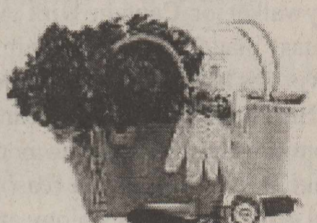
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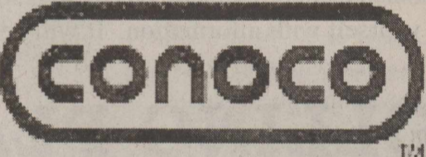
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Obituary

John "J.T." Cypert

Cypert, John "J.T.", age 90, of Garland, TX, passed away May 4, 2005. He was born July 24, 1914, in Knox County, TX, where he farmed and served as County Treasurer from 1966 to 1986. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Knox City.

Mr. Cypert is survived by wife: Frieda Cypert of Garland; son: Lyndol Cypert & wife Jeré of Rockwall, TX; grandsons: Tim Cypert and wife Monica of Rockwall and Lance Cypert and wife Sarah of Poetry, TX; great granddaughters: Katy, Jessy and Katrina; step-son: Jay Kralik and wife Lynn of Mesquite, TX; step-daughter: Darlene Allen and husband Bobby of Mesquite; step-grandchildren: Donna, Vicky, Stephen, Christine, Cody and Bradley; and 5 step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jerene Cypert, 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

Graveside services will be held 2:00pm Sunday, May 8, 2005, at Knox City Cemetery. Rev. Tim Cypert and Rev. Lance Cypert will officiate. The family will receive friends Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rowlett, Texas, and Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in Knox City, Texas.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Those in O'Brien who got to see Alton and Launa Haster today (Wednesday) were really blessed by being here and they got to see a lot of us. They're enjoying living in the Panhandle around their children.

Spending the weekend with Beatrice Ellis were her daughter Sandra of Childress and her son David of Alpine.

Bernice Rowan was blessed by having her son Jerry and wife Margaret of Henrietta spend Saturday night with her and went to church with her on Sunday.

I was blessed by having one of my sons Saturday night and Sunday. Don and Marilyn of Slaton spent Saturday night and we attended church services together Sunday.

David and Marilyn Talbot were in Shallowater Sunday to spend Mother's Day with her daughter Cathy and husband and enjoyed a meal and visit with them.

Visiting our Pator Jim and wife Sherri Reed and son Scott were Mac and Altia Reed of Hamlin. They enjoyed visiting and eating and hearing our pastor Jim preaching.

Spending the weekend with Adele Herring were Pansy Hines and Julie and Stephanie Kelling of Lubbock and Kevin and Tamera Urbanczyk of Goree. They all

enjoyed lunch with Tamera and Kevin in Goree and they had a wonderful time.

Visiting Jean and Claudale Bowman, last Sunday night were Helen and Dick Darling of Hutchinson, KS. Helen, Cludale and Jean all graduated from high school together. On Monday night Lavna and Alton Hester of Panhandle visited. Claudale and Luanne are cousins.

We enjoyed having Davy Wade come work with our young people. He kept them busy with fun songs and exciting games such as water balloon volleyball.

Rachel and Sharri were good helpers. Sherry Reid helped Billie in the kitchen, with discipline and clean up. Thanks to Brother Jim too for his help.

Sunday, we enjoyed a duet of Amazing Grace by Donnie Roberts and Davy with guitar accompaniment by Davy.

Davy arrived Friday from Amarillo where he was a part of a friend's wedding party to visit his grandmother, Billie Walker. They also squeezed in visits with Frances and Ervin King and Cliff Banner in Hawley before Davy started back to Grand Prairie.

Church members were happy to have Crystal Baldwin out of the hospital and back at church.

Thank you for turning out to Vote and I appreciate your support.

Bill Stewart

I would like to Thank You for your Vote in Last Saturday's School Board Election. Your Support is Greatly Appreciated! Scott Lynn

STAY OFF THE PAVEMENT

A cowboy's life's a tangled and blown trail, but he throws his loop around it and cradles it like a baby if it don't wack him in the eye, whip at his face, or frost his ears. He's forever sparrin' with creation and swallerin' dust. His highway signs are tracks and cow splatterin', and he's detoured only by rattlesnakes, dynamite and especially towns. Better he battles a cavortin cayuse to a standstill, hassles mules that won't behave, or prompts a self-destructin' calf in the chute. Life is scorchin' and bitin' cold, or blistering, stingin', hookin, and scratchin', sometimes hittin' the ground on two feet, then spankin' a snakewith a doubled-up rope; or sometimes poundin' the earth with his head under a bull's nose... Rowdy, that's what it is; with lightnin', hail, and twistin' wind, or ample thirst for drinkin' in a waterhole low and green. It's strainin' and gruntin' and grittin' and fussin' but it keeps you off the pavement, and if you want a shake the dangers of the city, best stick to your own risky business.

Tibb Burnett

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Benjamin
John Gillispie, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin
John Wade, Pastor
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie
Matt Harrington, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin
Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
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O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH - O'Brien
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—Samuel Johnson

Letter to the Editor

Differing Opinions

First I would like to take this opportunity to thank the new Knox County News for allowing the public this form of debate. Thank You, it is a welcome change and I hope you sell a lot of papers.

This letter is in response to a letter that appeared in the May 5 issue of the Knox County news from Wyman Meinzer of Benjamin.

I suppose by your letter, that you are in agreement with the idea that it's an acceptable practice to fence and gate public and private property for one individual's monetary gain. Notice I said fence and gate. The fence and gate were put in place with complete disregard of the rights of the general public and that of other private land owners. No one should have to access their property through a locked gate.

Yes, you are very correct about the money, it is a lot of money. It could have bought a lot of gravel to repair our streets. Why didn't you discuss this street issue with the former mayor prior to now, his administration had ample time to get it done.

Yes, I also agree, this lawsuit

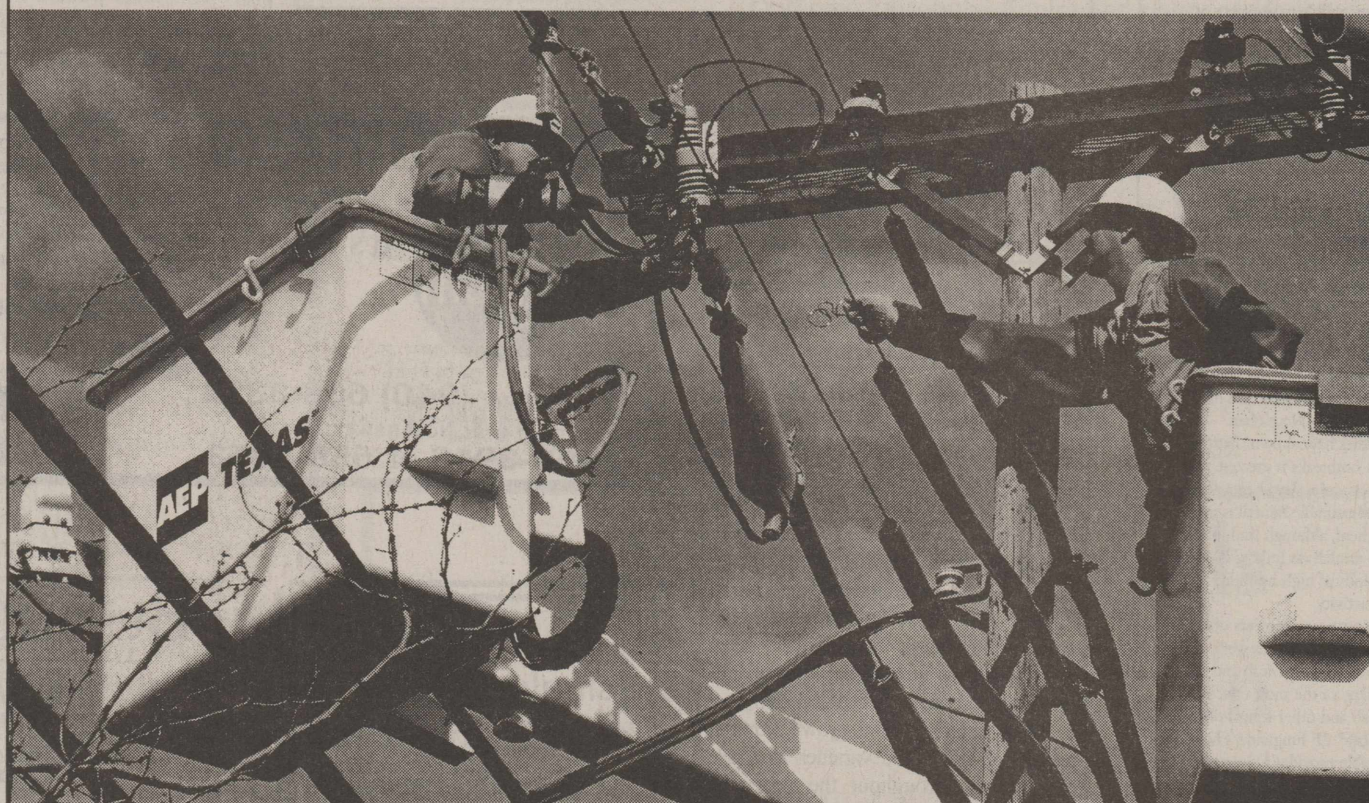
is ludicrous, but we have differing opinions why.

So, where are we? Suppose the next time you go traveling, I decide to fence and gate the alley behind your house. Let's say for the purpose of raising elephants. No, that takes too long. Rabbits, yes, rabbits, that's a lot faster. When you return you ask me to remove them and I say no! After all I'm entitled to make as much money as I can and I don't care about you, other property owners or the citizen's reaction. Good neighbor, huh? So now let's get out the checkbooks and see who can outspend the other on lawyers. I want them to be able to drive nice cars and wear nice suits, smoke good cigars and drink expensive wine. You like that idea!

P.S. How many yards of gravel do you estimate to be on the old railroad right-of-way. The former mayor obviously needed it more than our little town. You know the little town with the boarded up school and Johnson grass growing up all around.

Ernie Eaton,
Benjamin

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Scholastic Awards:

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Associate Degree Nursing- Generic (V)-Melissa Lewis, Knox City, TX.

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Terry's Talk

by Terry Utley, CEA/Ag



Knox County 4-H Grass ID team contestants won several awards at the regional contest in Childress. Pictured are (L-R): Samantha Esquivel, Jaime West, Gus West and Zakery York.

The Knox County Grass ID Team participated in the Regional Contest, April 5th in Childress. There was a total of 55 4-H'ers that participated in the Grass ID contest. The team coach is Rudy Esquivel.

Knox County had two teams, one Junior team and one Intermediate individual.

The Junior team placed 1st. Team members are Zakery York, 1st high point individual, Gus West, 3rd place individual and Jamie West, 4th place individual.

Samantha Esquivel was the only intermediate from Knox County and she was 1st place high point individual.

These kids practice twice a week and work really hard and do a great job. Congratulations to the Knox County Grass ID Team. And a special thanks goes to Terry Butler for all the help and support as a project leader to this group.

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Wichita-Brazos SWCD Area Banquet



Billy Kinibrew, Director of Wichita-Brazos SWCD Board of Directors, Reagan Clark of Knox City, and Charlie Schur, District Conservationist for Wichita-Brazos SWCD, are pictured (L-R) at the Area V SWCD Banquet Tuesday, May 3, at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Mr. Kinibrew accepted the 1st

place plaque for Matt Pierce of Benjamin, winner of the Essay Contest ages 13 and under.

Reagan Clark won 3rd place in Area V which includes 51 counties. This Banquet was for the Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest and this years theme was "Celebrate Conservation."

Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot. —Josh Billings

Keep Pecan Scab Under Control

Pecan growers know that a considerable investment of time and money is needed to make a profitable crop. Pecan production is labor intensive, with many factors requiring constant attention.

That's especially true for disease control, since pecans are susceptible to a variety of diseases that can affect both yield and quality. It means paying constant attention to rainfall, crop stage and humidity. And, it means fungicide treatments as needed throughout the growing season.

Pecan scab can be a grower's worst nightmare, with the potential to affect every bearing area of a pecan tree if left untreated. It is the most potentially destructive – and economically devastating – disease in pecans. The distinctive small, circular, olive green-to-black spots can occur on leaves, elongating twigs and nut shells. It stunts and deforms leaves and can reduce the size of the shell, lower the kernel weight, and possibly cause nut drop.

The first signs of pecan scab can often be seen on leaves any time following bud break and can remain active through November.

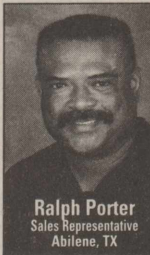
University studies have shown that the potential for scab outbreaks is greatest when the canopy of pecan trees have been wet for 10 to 12 hours. Measurable rainfall is needed for scab development, although multiple amounts of trace rainfall (as little as 1/10 of an inch) during periods of high humidity may also trigger scab activity.

Fortunately, most pecan growers utilize fungicide spray programs that are very effective in controlling pecan scab and the resulting losses. One of the most effective treatments for scab and other fungal diseases in pecans is Enable® 2F fungicide. The active ingredient in Enable provides protectant residual activity against the fungal scab fungus, including some pecan scab strains that have shown resistance to other products, and is not a restricted use pesticide.

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Evelyn Balis

Think Texas

By Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Celebrate your Lone Star pride this season by purchasing fresh bouquets of Texas flowers to commemorate special events like graduations, weddings and Mother's Day. Fragrant Texas flowers with colorful blooms are an excellent way to make special events that much brighter.

The biggest difference between Texas flowers and those grown across the country? Freshness. Texas flowers have fewer miles to travel and don't spend days in boxes en route to their destination.

When ordering Texas-grown flowers, remember that while varieties available might vary throughout the year, the quality of the flowers does not. The variety of Texas flowers available is largely dependent on local growers, the season and the weather. Almost all Texas cut flower growers work year-round to ensure availability of a wide range of Texas flowers, such as anemones and ranunculus.

The Texas cut flower industry has doubled over the past two years, meaning more fresh flowers are available to Texans than ever before, and this growth is a testament to the hard work of our growers.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has information available on everything from locating Texas cut flower growers to starting a cut flower operation. Visit the TDA Web site at www.getoxan.org to locate folks who specialize in cut flowers or check out the Cut Flower Manual, an introductory guide for producers, and Texas Cut Flower Growers, a directory of local Texas cut flower growers.

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King County Open Horse Show May 21

The Annual King County Open Horse Show date has been scheduled for May 21st, 2005 to be held in Guthrie at the L.A. Withers 4-H Arena.

Books will open at 9:00 a.m. with show starting at 10:00 a.m. This years judge is Zach Barrett from Canyon, Texas.

The lineup of classes will include Halter classes for Yearlings, Mares & Geldings, Showmanship, 2 yr. & 3 yr. Old Futurity, Walk Trot, 2 yr. Old Western Pleasure Futurity, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, Reining, (Jr. & Sr. Ages), Working Cow Horse

(Jr. & Sr. Ages) Poles, Barrels, Stake and Flags. Riders must RSVP for Working Cow Horse.

High Point Awards for the Junior and Senior Age Timed & Judged events are Yellowhair Buckles and High Point Pee will receive a Blanket.

Placings will be through Sixth Place and tack / accessories being awarded through 3rd place. Classes will run according to Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules.

For more information contact Gary D. Antilley, CEA-AG in the King County Extension Office at (806) 596-4451.

City Hall in Knox City Battles Bees



This huge swarm of bees infested the ceiling crawlspace in Knox City at City Hall. Fortunately, no one was hurt but a couple of firemen were put to the test, along with their new bee suits. (Photo: Aaron Lewis, KCPD)

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Winning the 13-and-over flight was the team of Tracy and Jordan Carter. Pat and Josh Angerer came in second and Terry

and Ty Bufkin were third.

In the 12-and-under flight, Donnie and Alexis Skiles shot the low score to claim first.

Craig and Jarek Wilde tied for second with Paula and Zach Carter.

Campus Connect Registration

Vernon College Campus connect registration dates for the 2005 Summer, Summer I, and Summer II semesters in Wichita Falls and the Vernon campus are May 19-22.

The Summer Semester, an 11- week semester, runs from May 31- August 11, Summer I, a 5 1/2 week semester, runs May 31- July 6, and Summer II, a 5

1/2 week semester, runs July 7- August 8.

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

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

For students who cannot at-

tend classes on campus, Internet class are available online. For internet classes, students are required to attend an orientation. The schedule for Internet class orientation can be found in the class schedule.

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Knox City Hounds Baseball Make Playoffs with Win Over Northside



C.J. Bruce blocks the plate, applies the tag, Coach Mitch McLemore and Andy Shaver throw in a little English, and the runner was still called safe. The 'Hounds eventually outscored Northside 9-3, made the playoffs and all was forgotten.



Andy Shaver ropes one into right-center to start the five-run third inning rally for the Greyhounds.



Ryan Harrington hammers out a seeing-eye single against Northside last Friday in Seymour.



Knox City Shortstop Ty Chisum slides in safely at home plate for the Greyhounds.



Pitcher Derek Magana fires another strike to the plate. Magana rung up 10 strikeouts against Northside.

Needing a win over Vernon Northside to gain a spot in the playoffs, Knox City hammered out a five-run fifth inning last Friday night in Seymour to secure post-season play with a 9-3 victory.

Starting pitcher Derek Magana recorded 10 strikeouts in seven innings, scattering five hits in the contest. Magana's defense backed him up with a great game, committing just one error.

Northside threatened in the top of the first inning with a man in scoring position. The next Indian batter hit a fly ball to right field that Cody Wainscott caught on the run, then fired home to nail the runner at the plate for the third out. Later in the top of the third, Ryan Harrington made a running, diving catch in left field to end the inning and set up the Knox City offense.

Scoreless after two-and-one-half innings of play, the 'Hounds mounted their rally in the bottom half of the third. Andy Shaver led off with a rip-single to center field and moved to second on a textbook sacrifice bunt from Quentin Spells. Magana doubled to drive in Shaver and the rally was on.

Riley Spells reached base on an error that scored Magana, then stole second base and advanced to third on the next pitch. C. J. Bruce picked up his running buddy with a single, then followed with a steal of second. Bruce advanced to third and was driven in by a fielder's choice from Ty Chisum. Grant Lewis later scored on a grounder by Erik Lewis to run the score to 5-0 after the third inning.

Northside managed to pick up three runs in the fourth, but Knox City answered with two runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth.

"Derek had a great game and our defense was sensational," Head Coach Mitch McLemore said. "Ryan Harrington played an outstanding game in the field and at the plate."

The Hounds moved on to face New Deal Tuesday night in Snyder, falling short in the contest, 13-7. More details and a season wrap-up will follow in next weeks issue.



Second baseman Riley Spells and first baseman Erik Lewis keep the third inning rally going for the Hounds.

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Mary Birkenfeld, member of the Friends of Knox County Historical Commission, receives a contribution of \$600 from Gilbert Colmenero, manager of the Wal-Mart store in Stamford.

The donation will be used in the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center building fund.

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All bids must be submitted by 3:00 P.M. local time, **24, May 2005** at the Superintendent's Office, or sealed bids may be mailed directly to:

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Knox City-O'Brien CISD 606 E. Main St. Knox City, Texas 79529

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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:00 P.M. local time, **17 May 2005**. All interested parties should meet at the Superintendent's Office, Knox City, Texas.

The Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.

Noah Project Meeting

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at noon Friday, May 13, at the Red Rooster Restaurant. All members are urged to attend.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- *The market or special appraised value placed on your property.
- *The unequal appraisal of your property.
- *Inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll.
- *Any exemptions that may apply to you.
- *The qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal.
- *The taxable status of your property.
- *The local governments which should be taxing your property.
- *The ownership of property.
- *The change of use of land receiving special appraisal.
- *Any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review
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Review by the Appraisal Review Board:
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAS will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about our case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at:

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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

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More Information:

You can get more information by contact in your appraisal district at (Knox County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, TX. 79505, 940-459-2411. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX. 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB.

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Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review aboard approves records for the year. Contact our appraisal district for more information.

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If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may fie a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear our case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.



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Sophie Gutierrez, one of the toughest athletes in Texas, rallies down the stretch in the 400 Meter Dash at Regionals.



Jeremy Saxton takes the baton from Dustin Johnson in the 800 Meter Relay. Knox City ran their fastest time yet at the state qualifiers meet last weekend in Abilene (1:29.7).



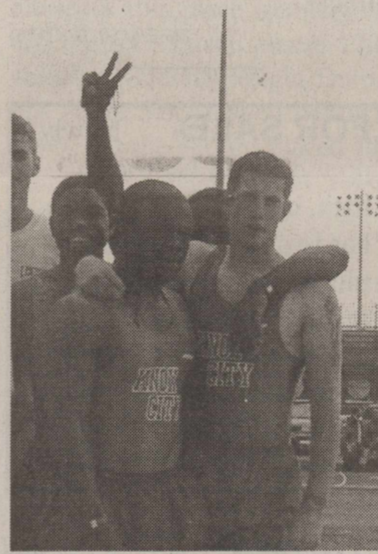
Nikki Moss will head into the state finals with the third fastest time of qualifiers in the 300 meter hurdles.



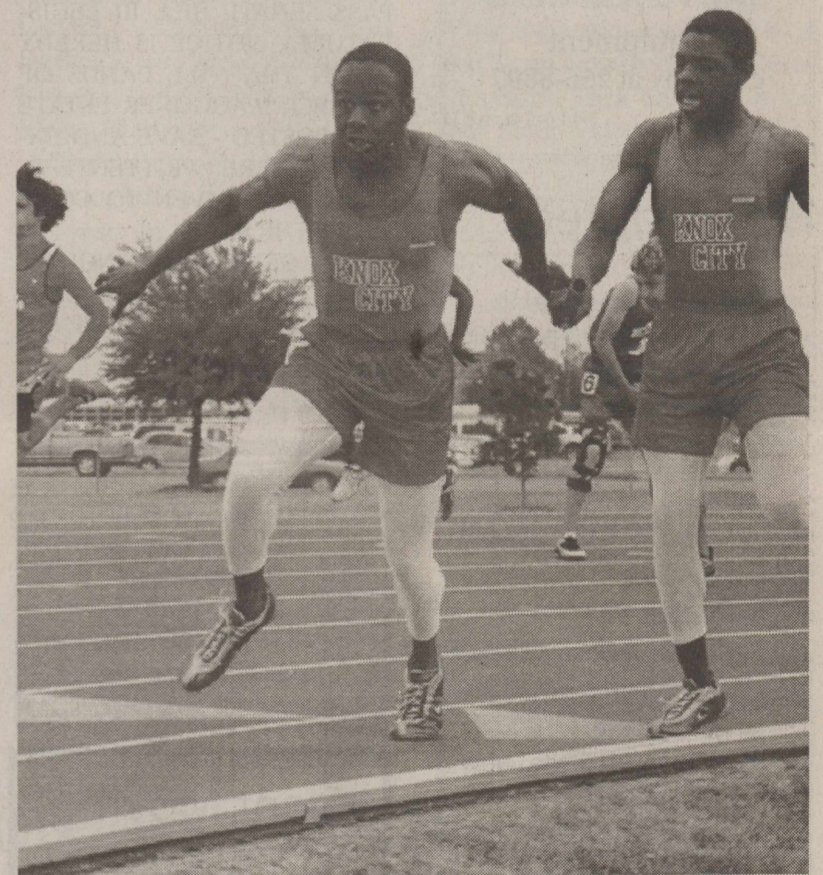
Nikki Moss offers encouragement to relay team member Kayla Martin in Abilene at the Region II meet.



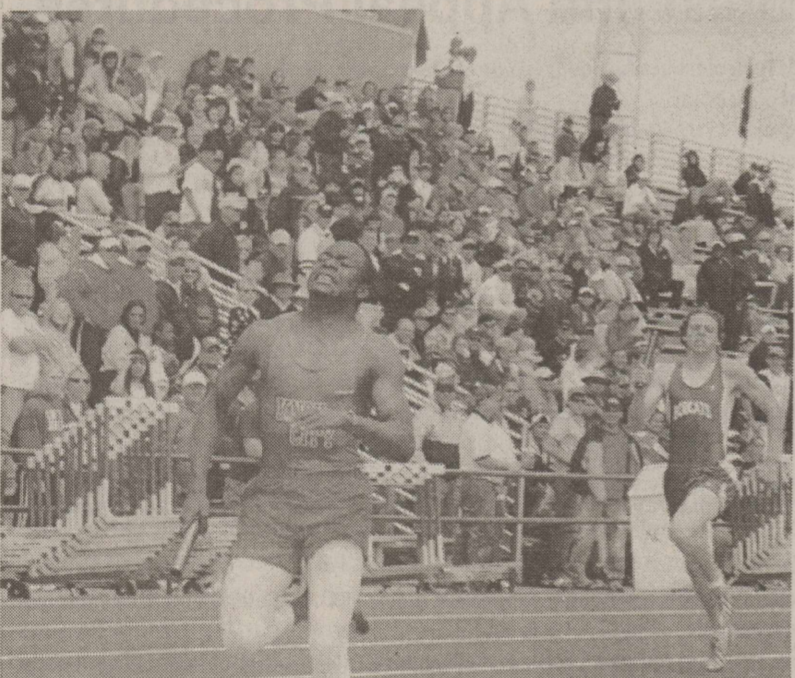
Boys 800 Meter Relay (left to right): Riley Spells, Jeremy Saxton, Dustin Johnson and Quentin Spells.



The Boys Sprint Relay of Riley Spells, Evan Clark, Jeremy Saxton and Quentin Spells take the stand at Regionals.



Quentin Spells takes the baton from Jeremy Saxton in the Sprint Relay race at Regionals.



Quentin Spells brings it home at Abilene in the 800 Meter Relay.



Freshman Sarah Burt runs the first leg on both the Sprint and 800 M Relays.



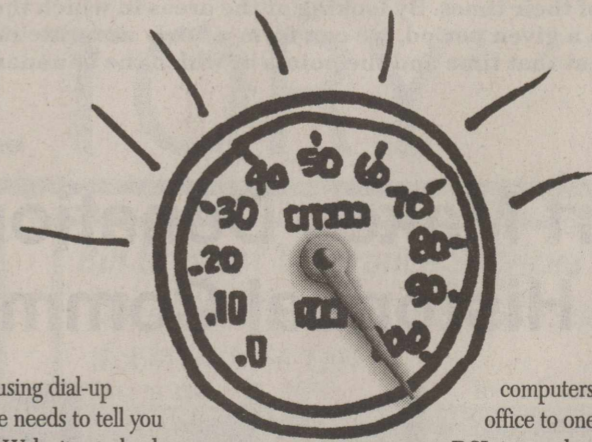
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 - 1:55 p.m. Girls 400-meter dash
 - 2:10 p.m. Boys 400-meter dash
 - 2:25 p.m. Girls 300-meter hurdles
 - 2:35 p.m. Boys 300-meter hurdles
 - 2:45 p.m. Girls 200-meter dash
 - 2:55 p.m. Boys 200-meter dash
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