

# The Knox County News

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## Jim Dillon Retires after Thirty Three Years as AG Teacher



Jim at Knox City Ag Shop.

Knox City Ag teacher, Jim Dillon, is retiring after 33 years of dedicated service. Dillon is originally from Haltom City, Texas where he graduated high school in 1964.

He attended East Texas State University, where he completed his Bachelors Degree in Agricultural Education in 1970 and his Master's Degree in 1971, majoring in Animal Science with a minor in Ag Ed.

After one year in the Wimer-Hutchins school district, he was hired by then Knox City-O'Brien Superintendent, W.R. "Bill" Baker in 1973.

Mr. Baker recalls that Jim was hired "in a rush" when their former ag teacher left right before the new school year. He said that hiring Jim was a misfortune that turned into good fortune. "Jim is an anchor in the school and the community, an active and faithful layman in the Methodist Church," said Mr. Baker. "When you're in administration, you really appreciate an employee like Jim. He'll be a hard act to follow."

Present Superintendent, Louis Baty stated, "Jim is a very dedi-

cated employee who is always willing to help. He's made many improvements to the Agricultural buildings and he will be missed."

Mr. Dillon said one of the best things about teaching in a small town like Knox City for so long is that he taught the parents of many of his more recent students. Friend and neighbor, Dwayne Johnson agrees.

"Jim is the nicest guy you'll ever meet. He taught me and my son, Dustin, all four years of high school. He and Dustin are best friends. He's a good guy, a good friend and a good teacher. Ask him for anything and he'll deliver."

Jim and his wife, Tammie, own Dillon's Greenhouse four miles East on 222. They built the first 3300 sq. ft. section in 1982 followed by a second in 1984, and a third in 1994, with plans for a fourth addition this summer. They grow many kinds of flowers, ornamental plants, and vegetable with poinsettias in time for Christmas. Their motto is: "We grow everything from start to finish."

"We started the greenhouse as



Jim and Tammie Dillon at the Greenhouse.

as a supplemental income to help put the kids through college," Mr. Dillon said. "I've always called it my second full time job."

Apparently, it did help. Three of their four daughter attended college. Two are teachers, and one is in the nursing program at South Plains College in Levelland. The other is a homemaker.

His wife of 11 years, Tammie, is also an educator.

She is a career and technology teacher and a yearbook coordinator. She plays a major role at the greenhouse as well.

"She would always take care of everything while I was gone to livestock shows," said Jim.

"We're all going to miss him at school," Tammie said. "All the kids like him. They call him Mr. D."

Mr. D. plans to remain active in the community and, as always, and to expand the greenhouse.

"I feel I've succeed by watching my students succeed., He stated. "Everybody's just been great in the community, at school and at the greenhouse."

### 11th Annual Ladies Wild Hog Classic Held at Knox City Country Club.

The Knox County Country Club's annual Wild Hog Golf Classic was held on Saturday, June 4th.

Taking 1st place in the 1st Flight was the team of: Cary, Cary, and Cozart with a score of 60.

In 2nd place: Tankersley, Underwood and Maloney with 64.

3rd Place: Herricks, Buskin and Smith with 65.

In the 2nd Flight, the team of Mc Nutt, Meador, and Meador tied for 1st with Case, Boyd and Nava with a score of 68.

3rd place, with a score of 69, was McNutt, Hatfield and Weaver

Third Flight first place honor went to the team of Johnston, Bracey, and Adkins with a score of 74;

In 2nd place were Cook, Cude and Wilson with 75.

In 3rd place position was the team of Fly, Easterling and Reese with a 78.



Pictured left to right-Phillip Bowen, Gilbert Casilas, and Stan Wojcik.



First Flight: 1st Place, Cary, Cary, Cozart score 60



Frist Flight 3:rd Place, McNutt, Hatfield, Weiver score 69

## Judge Collapses During Closing Statements

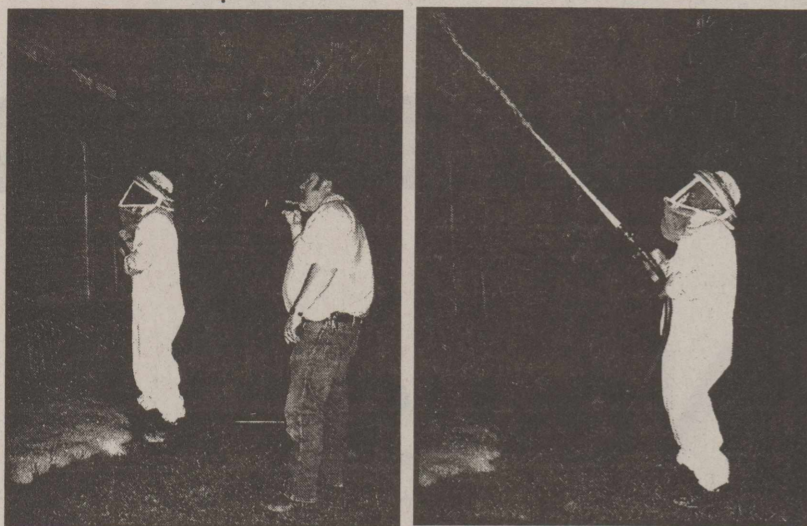
District Judge Bill Heatly collapsed during closing arguments of Meizer vs. Knox County Tax Appraisal District. Trial started at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday morning and was in it's final stages at 10:00 P.M. Tuesday night when it ended abruptly after Paducah resident Judge Heatly collapsed while presiding over the closing statements of the trial.

Judge Heatly was rushed to Knox County Hospital by Knox County EMS. According to on duty R.N. Gayle Hudson, spokesperson for Knox County Hospital, Judge Heatly's condition was stable at this time.

As of press time, it is not known when the trial will continue or if Judge Heatly will be the presiding judge.

**Knox County Historical Commission Meeting will be held June 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the break room of the Knox County Courthouse.**

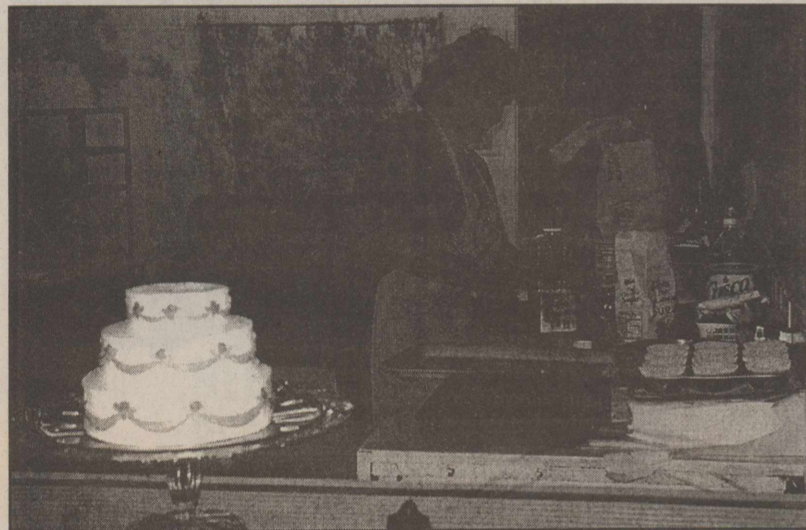
## Benjamin Firemen Respond to Bee Call.



Fire Chief Richard McCanlies and Fireman Dennis Duke

The Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department was called out Friday evening at approximately 9:45 p.m. in response to a swarm of bees at the John Moya resident in Truscott, Tx. When the firemen arrived they found a small swarm outside the bathroom window. They proceeded to spray the insects with soapy water which effectively killed or chased them away. Firefighter Dennis Duke checked inside the home where he killed approximately 100 bees that had entered through a drain pipe. Since the fire department does not have bee suits, they were fortunate that Mr. Duke personally owns one and was available to respond to the call. As of Tuesday, the type of bee had not been identified.

## Julie's Cakes Now Open Downtown Knox City



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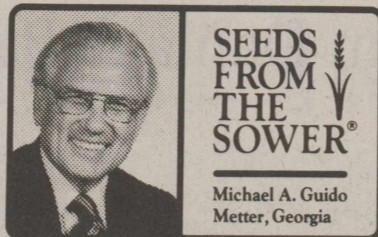
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A mother found a wrinkled, dirty, much-handled note in her boy's pocket. It read, "Puff, draw in, puff!"

Thinking he must be taking up smoking, she demanded angrily, "What's the meaning of this note?"

"Mom," he replied, "I'm learning the Star-Spangled Banner on the mouth organ."

It's just like us to think the worst of others, isn't it? But the world would be a better place in which to live, if we'd think the best, not the worst.

So don't judge by appearance, or without knowledge, and always with love. And remember this—if you're occupied with improving yourself you'll have little time to judge others.

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I'm not a real movie star. I've still got the same wife I started out with twenty-eight years ago.  
—Will Rogers

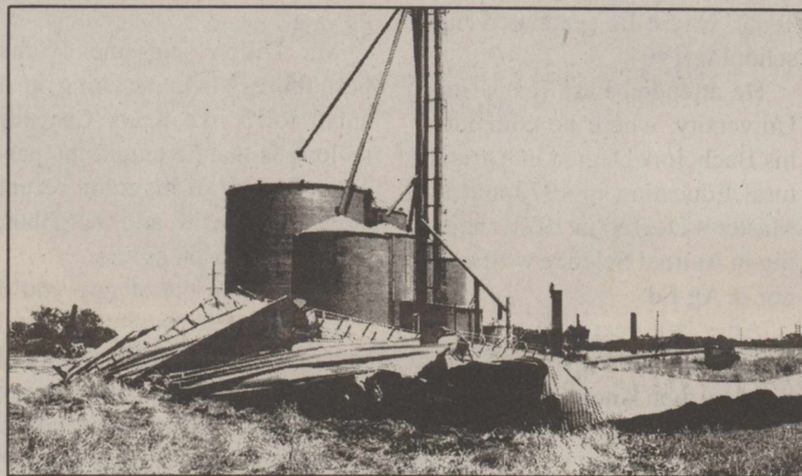
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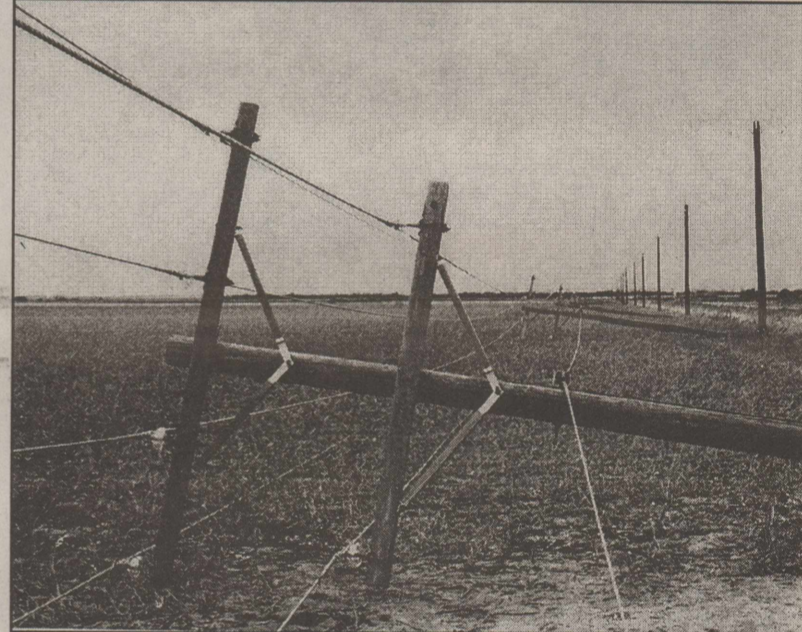


"After figgerin' the price of cereal per pound,.....  
We're havin' steak for breakfast!"

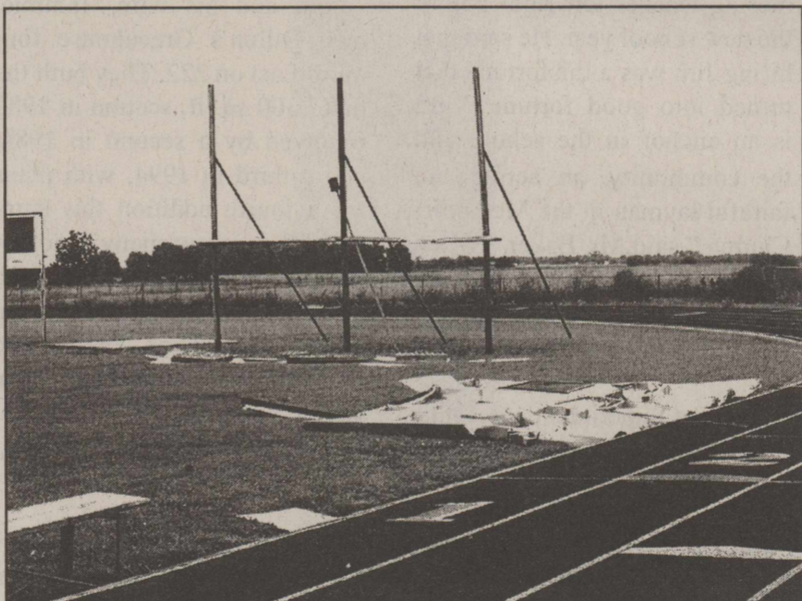
Severe Thunder Storms Rolled Through Knox County on the Evening of Tuesday, May 31st  
Light to Moderate Damage was Reported Throughout Knox County.



Grain Elevator at Benjamin Fertilizer owned by Myers Grain.



Several Telephone poles where blown down west of Knox City.



Knox City High School Score Board destroyed.



Flag pole at the Knox City Cemetery was blown over.

## SCOTT EDMONDS AUCTION COMPANY

Saturday June 11, 10:00 a.m.

**Drs. Mark & Heather Bingham 803 SE 4th ST. Knox**

The Bingham's are moving to Minnesota, they will be offering the following for Sale at Public Auciton:

- |   |                               |                                    |                                       |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Antiques                                  | Trundle bed                   | (nice).                            | Circular saw                          |
| Dresser                                   | Queen bed w/ matching dresser | Upright food freezer               | Dishes                                |
| (2) Hand carved parlor chairs             | Oak dinette w/ 4 chairs       | Whirlpool refrigerator w/ icemaker | Circulon pots & pans                  |
| (Beautiful)                               | Drafting table                | Microwave oven                     | Acoustic guitar                       |
| Mahogany Armoire w/ beveled mirror        | Parlor settee                 | Miscellaneous                      | Area rugs                             |
| Antique vanity                            | Rocker recliner               | 10" Table saw                      | Cannon printer                        |
| Large Dining Table w/ two leafs; Seats 10 | Iron twin bed                 | 14.5 Riding lawn mower             | Quilts                                |
| Dining Chairs                             | Corner computer Desk unit     | Push mower                         | Plants                                |
| Furniture                                 | Full sized bed                | 20 Rolls landscape fabric          | (1) eight piece place setting china   |
| Dinette w/ four chairs                    | Appliances                    | Large gas grille                   | (1) eight piece place setting Corelle |
|   | Kenmore Washer/Dryer          | Wicker furniture                   | Many more items not listed.           |
|   |                               | Bikes                              |                                       |

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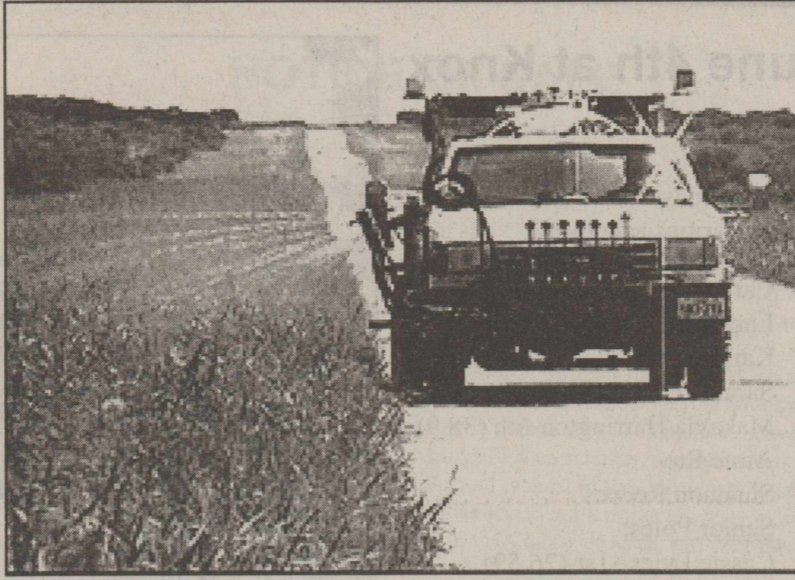
All the items in this sale are exceptionally nice, very clean, quality merchandise. Please don't miss this sale.

Join us in Rochester Tx. on June 25th Selling Byrd Tractor Service.

# Jan's Journal

## HAVE A GOOD DAY!!!

1. The best way to get even is to forget.
  2. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.
  3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
  4. Some folks wear their halos much too tight.
  5. Some marriages are made in Heaven, but they ALL have to be maintained on earth.
  6. Unless you can create the WHOLE universe in 5 days, then perhaps giving "advice" to God isn't such a good idea.
  7. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up.
  8. Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by the traffic from both ways.
  9. Words are windows to the heart.
  10. A skeptic is a person who when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery.
  11. It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill, just add a little dirt.
  12. A successful marriage isn't finding the right person; it's being the right person.
  13. The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
  14. Toomany people offer God prayers with claw marks all over them.
  15. The tongue must be heavy, indeed, because so few people can hold it.
  16. To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.
  17. You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!
  18. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
  19. You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck
  20. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.
  21. It's not the "load" that breaks you down...It's the way you carry it.
- You are richer today if you have laughed, given or forgiven~



### Knox County TxDOT Crew Conducting Preventive Maintenance

At the Texas Department of Transportation, (TxDOT), vegetation growing in our right-of-way (ROW) is an important part of preventive maintenance of our roadways. The vegetation will hold the soil against the edge of the pavement. However, if the vegetation is allowed to grow into the pavement, it can cause the roadway to deteriorate because of water leaking in the base and subgrade.

The Knox County Maintenance section has recently been treating the pavement edges with herbicide to prolong the life of the pavement edge and prevent noxious weeds and mesquite from causing a sight problem for motorist.

"We try to keep the ROW as clean as possible, from the edge all the way back to the ROW line", said Gene Ward, Knox County Maintenance supervisor.

TxDOT maintenance crews conduct these types of operations as preventive maintenance of roadways.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project, call Barbara Seal, Childress District Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145.

# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## WELL, DUH

An Associated Press headline caught my attention, CRIME RATE FALLS BUT PRISONS STILL FULL"

Well, duh...where do you think the criminals are?

"I train my horses with a 2 x 4, but they won't let me touch their head."

"We built our home on the edge of the wilderness but (mountain lions, rattlesnakes, flood, forest fires, take your pick) have made living here unbearable."

"We used to have a lot of birds around here till we went in the cat business."

"I decided to act as my own lawyer in the divorce proceedings and lost everything!"

"Every time I turn my head like this, it hurts my neck!"

"I nominated (right wing/left wing) extremists for the federal judgeships and the loyal opposition if filibustering their approval!"

"I expect to be paid what I'm worth but no one will hire me!"

"How do you expect me to finish my homework when American Idol is on!"

"Every time I pull the cinch real tight my horse goes down!"

"Do you think this hub cap belt buckle, and 12" hat crown makes me look too Hollywood?"

"You don't think Circle K is "Giant" sizing its fountain drinks just for the money, do you?"

On the Mexican border we occasionally have vigilantes or Minute-men come down to help patrol the border to inhibit the uncontrollable illegal immigration. There is always a huge cry raised by "pro-illegal immigration" folks. Indignant headlines come down on these volunteers; the potential for confrontation, injury, and believe it or not... the fact that their presence actually deters the illegals! "What do they think they're doing? Taking the law into their own hands!"

I remembered years ago one snowy winter I took a shortcut out across the sagebrush flats from Grandview, Idaho, to Boise. I got stuck, so I called Harold, the truck dispatcher and told him I needed a pull. He said, "That road's closed!" I said, "I know, I had to move the 'road closed' sign to get on it." Well, duh.

Damon Runyon, writer and Pueblo, Colorado boy said it best, "Life is tough, and really tough when you're stupid."

Ooh, Damon, that hurts.

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## ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS

By Morton Scott

When the Confederate forces at Charleston, S.C. opened fire on the U.S. installation at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, the Civil War began and changed the life of almost every American.

This was certainly true in West Texas. The impact on West Texans was unique to the nation.

West Texas was then the frontier of white settlement. A string of forts from the Red River to the Rio Grande was established along the frontier to protect settlers against Indians who inhabited the area. As Texas joined the Confederate States of America, Federal forces withdraw from this line of forts, including Camp Cooper in Throckmorton county and Fort Belknap in Young county.

The threat to frontier settlers was not Union forces, but rather Comanches and other Southern Plains Indians. Soldiers and many of the young men had gone east to fight the War. Many settlers moved back to mid- or eastern Texas. Some hardy souls, however, chose remained to protect their homes.

For a while only occasional skirmishes with the dominant Comanches threatened the stubborn settlers. "But after the Elm Creek Raid by Comanches in October of 1864, in which several people were killed and three were kidnapped, several families decided to gather in a common location for protection against the Indians."

"On October 20, 1864, a stronghold called Fort Davis was established in Stephens County. It was only one of several such 'forts' along the frontier"

These were not government forts, with soldiers; these were

settlers who organized to protect their families.

"The post was located on the east side of the Clear Fork about fifteen miles downriver from Camp Cooper. It measured about 300 by 325 feet, and a street ran through it from east to west. About twenty picket-style houses with dirt roofs were set so as to form a loose stockade. A picket stockade fence around the entire fort was begun but never completed. A large stone house built earlier at the location served to anchor one corner of the works and provided protection for women and children in case of attack."

"Although an attack never materialized, inhabitants did have several confrontations with the hostiles in the area around the outpost."

Life in Fort Davis was much like that of any frontier settlement, except the men were required to spend one-fourth of their time on guard or related duties. Travel to established communities to buy goods was limited. No cloth was available. All had to be spun into thread, then woven to make clothes. Women had to make soap had been made from lye bleached from wood ash. Life was not easy.

"In 1865 Sam Newcomb opened a school in a structure on the northeast corner. Supplies for the inhabitants had to be freighted in, by wagon from Weatherford, to the east, a dangerous journey of some days over poor roads. Originally, the flag of the Confederacy flew over Fort Davis but was destroyed by lightning and not replaced.

In 1866, one of these confrontations occurred while

settlers were enjoying a square dance. The music was loud and everyone was having a good time. Not until the next morning did the settlers learn some Comanches had enjoyed the dance as well. They discovered numerous moccasin tracks on the muddy banks of the Clear Fork, only about 20 steps from the Fort. They also discovered that some of their horses were missing.

Fort Davis continued to provide protection for those stubborn families for some time following the War.

"Fort Davis was abandoned in 1867 when Union troops returned to the area to establish Fort Griffin on the Clear Fork about ten miles upriver, a site much preferred to the unsatisfactory one further upriver where Camp Cooper was earlier located. Today the site of Fort Davis is owned jointly by H. G. Law and the Jones Company of Albany. The stone structure has been restored by Joe Carlton as a hunting lodge. The tombstone of Sam Newcomb is still visible near the site"

*Much more information is available about "Forting In." Mrs. Sallie Reynolds Mayhem wrote about "forting in" in her autobiography, Interwoven, published in 1936 by the Anson Jones Press, Houston. Don H. Biggers wrote Shackleford County Sketches, published by The Albany Press in 1908.*

*These items are both difficult to get. More readily available to most is an excellent source sponsored by The Texas Historical Association: The Handbook of Texas Online. You can find this on the internet by entering <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online>.*

*This is a fantastic source for learning about Texas history. I strongly recommend it. Should you care to contact me about anything I've written, with suggestions for future columns, or anything else, my e-mail address is [jmortonscott@aol.com](mailto:jmortonscott@aol.com).*



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## 4-H Horse Show Held Saturday, June 4th at Knox City Roping Arena.

The Knox County horse show was held at the Knox City roping arena on Saturday, June 4th. Several 4-H cowboys and cowgirls from towns throughout the area were entered in the various categories.

### PeeWee-Yearling Halter:

Reagan Maxwell-- High point;  
Kathryn Cude--2nd Runner-Up  
Pee Wee Halter-4 years and under;

Kamri Criswell--Jr. High Point  
Bailey Whitman--2nd Runner-Up  
PeeWee Halter--5 years and over;

Reagan Maxwell-1st Place  
Cassie Lyles--Sr. High Point  
Sharria Beck--Sr. 2nd Runner-Up  
Jr.-Yearling Halter:

Laramie Stewart--Grand Champion Halter  
Reserve Champion--Cassie Lyles  
Jr. Halter--4 years and under:

Makayla Harrington--1st  
Jr. Halter-5 years and over:  
Laramie Stewart--1st  
Bailey Whitman--2nd  
Carli Maxwell--3rd  
Kamri Criswell--4th  
Amie Ray--5th

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Showmanship At Halter-Jr.  
Bailey Whitman--1st  
Kamri Criswell--2nd  
Carli Maxwell--3rd  
Makayla Harrington--4th  
Sr. Halter-5 years and over:

Cassie Lyles--1st  
Showmanship At Halter-Sr.  
Cassie Lyles--1st  
PeeWee Walk/Trot Class:  
Kathryn Cude--1st  
Dalynn Beck--2nd  
Reagan Maxwell--3rd  
Kayla Hunter--4th

PeeWee Western Pleasure:  
Reagan Maxwell  
Junior Western Pleasure  
Laramie Stewart--1st

Kamri Criswell--2nd 300  
Shannon Reeves--3rd  
Carli Maxwell--4th  
Amie Ray--5th  
Makayla Harrington--6th  
Sarah Reeves--7th  
Bailey Whitman--8th

Senior Western Pleasure:  
Cassie Lyles--1st  
Sharria Beck--2nd  
Junior Western Horsemanship:

Bailey Whitman--1st  
Luke Jones--2nd  
Caleb Lowrey--3rd  
Kamri Criswell--4th  
Carli Maxwell--5th

Senior Western Horsemanship:  
Cassie Lyles--1st  
Sharrie Beck--2nd  
Junior Western Riding:

Kamri Criswell--1st  
Bailey Whitman--2nd  
Carli Maxwell--3rd  
Caleb Lowrey--4th  
Luke Jones--5th

Senior Western Riding  
Cassie Lyles--1st  
Sharria Beck--2nd  
Senior Trail:

Cassie Lyles--1st  
Sharria Beck--2nd  
Junior Reining:  
Bailey Whitman--1st  
Luke Jones--2nd  
Caleb Lowrey--3rd

Senior Reining:  
Cassie Lyles--1st  
PeeWee Poles:  
Reagan Maxwell--1st (40.15)  
Kathryn Cude--2nd (44.59)  
Kayle Hunter--3rd (126.02)  
Dalynn Beck--4th (127.90)

Junior Poles:  
Ryder Cude--1st (22.84)

Carli Maxwell--2nd (25.5)  
Laramie Stewart--3rd (27.5)  
Kamri Criswell--4th (28.69)  
Sarah Reeves--5th (37.75)  
Makayla Harrington--6th (38.9)

Amie Ray  
Shannon Reeves  
Senior Poles:  
Cassie Lyles--1st(26.59)  
Sharria Beck--2nd (27.94)

PeeWee Stakes:  
Kathryn Cude--1st (16.63)  
Reagan Maxwell--2nd (17.25)  
Dalynn Beck--3rd (30.47)  
Kayle Hunter--4th (45.22)

Junior Stakes:  
Amie Ray--1st (8.81)  
Laramie Stewart--2nd (9.54)  
Kamri Criswell--3rd (10.28)  
Carli Maxwell--4th (10.68)  
Ryder Cude--5th (12.0)

Makayla Harrington--6th (15.13)  
Sarah Reeves--7th (16.25)  
Senior Stakes:  
Sharria Beck--1st (12.78)  
Cassie Lyles--2nd (32.09)

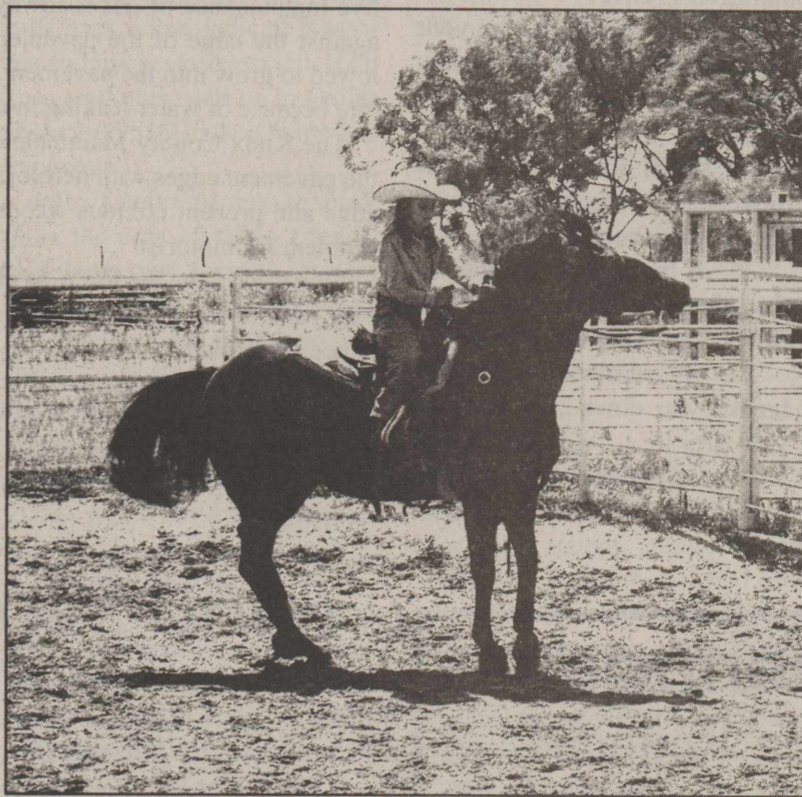
PeeWee Barrels:  
Reagan Maxwell--1st (24.81)  
Kathryn Cude--2nd (27.88)  
Dalynn Beck--3rd (34.68)  
Kayle Hunter--4th (107.91)

Junior Barrels:  
Laramie Stewart--1st (17.34)  
Ryder Cude--2nd (18.22)  
Kamri Criswell--3rd (20.19)  
Amie Ray--4th (20.66)  
Shannon Reeves--5th (23.06)  
Makayla Harrington--6th(29.25)  
Carli Maxwell--7th

Senior Barrels:  
Cassie Lyles--1st (18.53)  
Sharria Beck--2nd (20.16)  
Danielle Eaton--3rd (29.81)

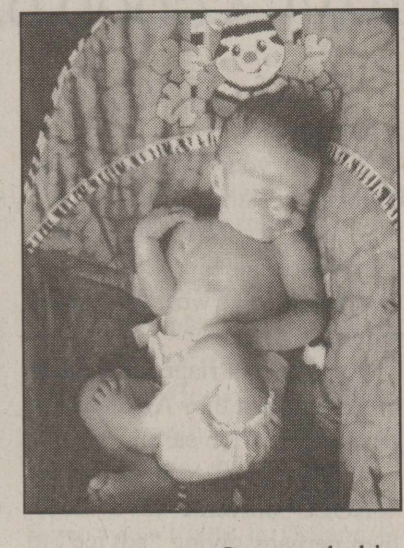


Kathryn Cude



Reagan Maxwell

## IT'S A LITTLE COWBOY!



Ryder Wayne Gass made his appearance on May 5, 2005. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 20.5 inches long. Proud Parents are Quentin and Roni Gass of Knox City. Ryder was welcomed home by his big sister Jaedon.

Very proud grandparents are Poncho and Leisa Morrow of Knox City, Floyd and Patricia Edenfield of Eagle, Colorado, Butch and Shawna Gass of Gail, Texas.

Ready to help spoil Ryder are aunts, uncles and couplings, Logan, Haley and Gage Morrow, Stormy, Steven, Skyler and Sterling Boyd, Jami and Taylor Gass.

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Life's greatest happiness is to be convinced we are loved.  
—Victor Hugo  
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### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Michael Luke McGaughey was welcomed into the world on April 20, 2005 at 9:15 A.M. by his big brother, Mayson.

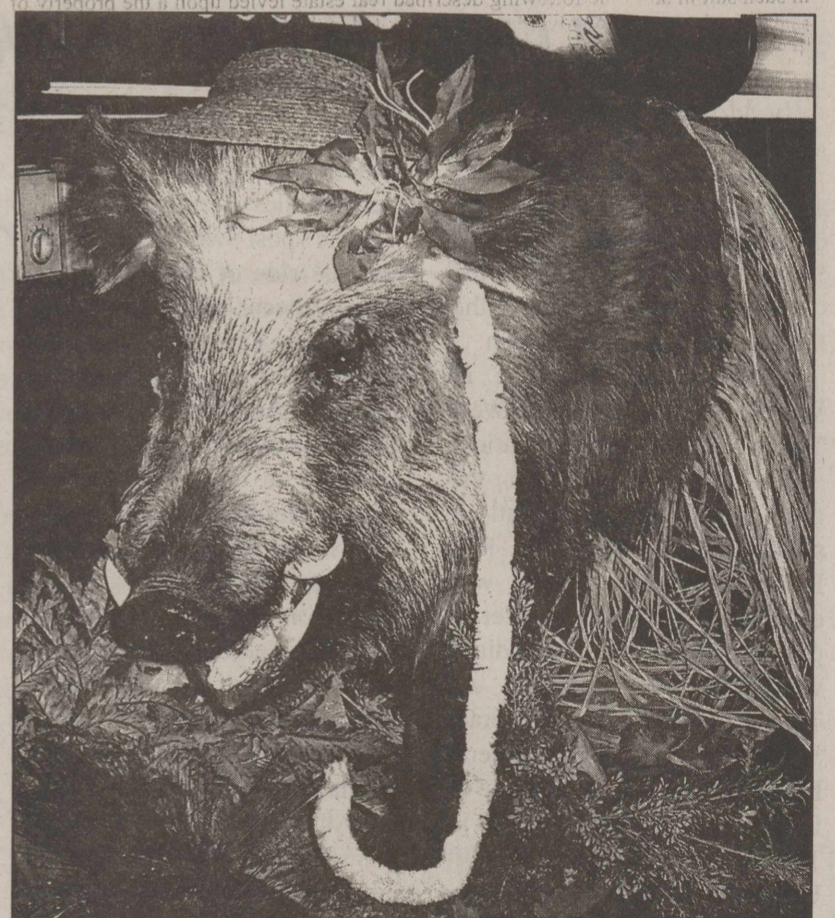
Luke was born at Abilene Regional medical Center to Tandy and Michael McGaughey. He weighed 7.3 pounds and measured 21 inches.

Grandparents are Rick & Tammy Gonzales, and Mark & Marsha McGaughey all of Knox City.

Great Grandparents are J.B. May of lake Stamford; Linda Gonzales of Knox City; Shirley & Byron Gass of Goree; and Peggy & Allen McGaughey of Knox City.

Aunts and uncles are Brittney Gonzales, Rick Gonzales Jr. and Kevin and Tamara Urbanczyk.

### DINNER IS SERVED AT LADIES' WILD HOG CLASSICS



Stuffed Wild Hog Decoration finished by Stanfield Outfitters

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I urge you to report objectively on legislation which would end the filing of reckless lawsuits against America's law-abiding firearm industry (S. 397/ H.R. 800). Your readers deserve to know the truth, or at minimum, to hear both sides of this very important issue.

The legislation simply prohibits the filing of merit less lawsuits against America's firearm industry for the criminal misuse of an otherwise properly operating and lawful product.

S. 397/H.R. 800 would not prohibit lawsuits against the firearm industry for legitimate reasons, such as the manufacture of a truly defective firearms or deliberate criminal actions by a licensed dealer who sells a gun. The only suits that would be precluded under this proposal are those that seek to hold the lawful gun industry liable for the crimi-

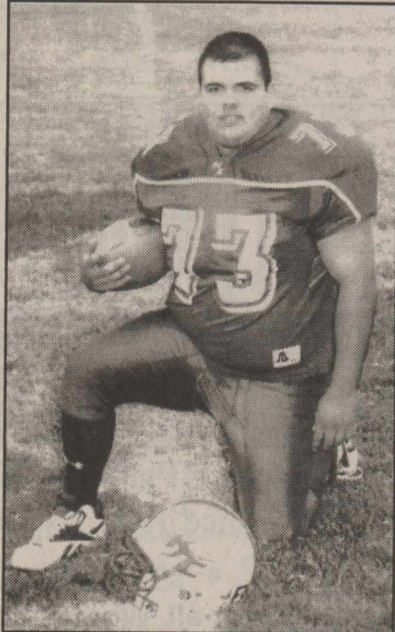
nal acts of third parties; the same industry that provides arms to our fighting men and women in the U.S. military.

On April 9, 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its version of lawsuit preemption by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 285-140. Last year, the Senate version had the support of more than 55 Senators. It also had (and has) the full support of the Bush White House. On top of this, 33 states have enacted their own laws to outlaw these offensive abuse of our judicial system.

It's far past time that common sense prevailed and the U. S. Congress passes this legislation and it is enacted into law.

Thank you,  
Anthony G. Logsdon  
P. O. Box 655  
904 South Central  
Knox City, Texas

## Greenbelt Bowl Football Game



Congratulations Drew!

Saturday June 11, Bobcat Football Stadium

Game Time 7:00 p.m.

### THANK YOU

The 8th Grade Class of 2005

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The Pizza Place  
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Knox County News  
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HERS Steakhouse  
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Penman's of Rochester  
Easterlings Grocery  
B & P Barbecue  
Patsy and Lavern rogers  
O'Brien PTO  
The 8th Grade Parnets, Families, and Friends

Thanks to each of you the graduation party was a BIG success!

Each of the 8th Graders took home a small door prize. These students were lucky enough to win a BIG door prize also: 13 inch color TV-Alicia Thompson, 13 inch color TV-Caitlin Diaz, DVD Player-Samantha Esquivel, DVD Player- Cheyanne Lee, Trac Phone with 40 min. card Shane Strickland, 6 Disc Stereo- Chance Agraz, CD Player- Mea Abila, Cordless Telephone and Steak Diner at HERS Steakhouse- Jordan Carter

### All these subscriptions have expired as of June 1st

- #147 R.G. Averitt
- # 85 Roger Babcock
- #111 Danny Balis
- # 24 Francis Birkenfield
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- #385 Joe M. Clonts
- #226 Jean Coyle
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- #210 Bert Criswell
- #236 Cathy Dickerson
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- #199 Charles Griffith
- # 13 Tammy Gilgore
- #272 Randy Lewis
- #366 John Lippard
- # 92 Marjorie Ann Patterson
- # 15 Maretha Patterson
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- #327 Sheryll Reed
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- # 6 Greg Whitten

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF KNOX

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Lots 7-9, Block 2, Warren Addition to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 240, Page 461 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion there of to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit an sale: subject, however, to the right of redemption, and the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law, Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes an accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and cost of suit and sale and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED June 1, 2005, at Benjamin, Texas.

SHERIFF, Knox County, Texas  
You may contact the Plaintiff's attorney at 325-672-4870.

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Lot 3, Block 12, Original Townsite to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly describe in Volume 195, Page 36 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas;

Lot 4 Block 13, Warren Addition to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 121, Page 155 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas'

Lot 7 and the West 10' of Lot 8, Block 12, Original Townsite to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 175, Page 482 of the Deed Records Knox County, Texas'

Lot 16, Block 55, Original Townsite to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 212, Page 633 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas;

Lot 2, Block 9, Warren Addition to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 122, Page 601 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas,

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**GO WILD....READ**

The City-County Library will begin its summer reading program on Wednesday, July 15, at 10:00 a.m. and will meet each Wednesday through July 20. The library is participating in the Texas Reading Club whose theme for the summer is "Go Wild...Read!"

Each Wednesday, we will read about something "wild"... the wild jungle, the Wild West, wild weather, wild hogs and wild insects. We will make a simple craft to accompany the book's theme. While the "storytime" book read to the children will be geared toward younger ones, books for older children will also be spotlighted. Children will be encouraged to check books out for home reading and all can sign

up for the 2005 Texas Reading Club Log to list their book and time read.

At the end of the summer program, they will receive a Go Wild Certificate signed by Governor Rick Perry. Our first story on June 15 will be *Rumble in the Jungle* by Giles Andreae. We will also share other jungle books such as *The Bird, the Monkey and the Snake in the Jungle*, and *How Loud is a Lion?*

The goals of the Texas Reading Club are to encourage the children of Texas to read for pleasure, to help children maintain and improve their reading skills, to encourage them to be lifelong readers and library users, and to establish reading as a foundation for academic and lifelong

success. Research shows that reading during school vacations allows children to maintain and improve reading skills achieved during the academic year. Children who enjoy regular visits to the library are more likely to continue to be good readers and library supporters as adults. The City-County Library, located at 121 East B Street in Munday, plays an important role by equalizing access to information, technology, creative experiences and recreational materials for all children and their caregivers.

There is no charge for the "Go Wild--Read!" summer program. All Knox County children, including children just visiting for the summer, are invited to attend.

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East 1/2 of Lot 8 All of Lot 9, Block 59, Original Townsite of the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 246, Page 421 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas,

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and cost of suit and sale: subject, however, or to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provision of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes an accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest therein and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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/s/ SHERIFF, Knox County, Texas  
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**Grace is to the body what clear thinking is to the mind.**  
—Francois de la Rochefoucauld  
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the North 60' of Lot 3, Block 4, West-Munday Addition to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 92, Page 283 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas,

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and cost of suit and sale: subject, however, or to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provision of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes an accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest therein and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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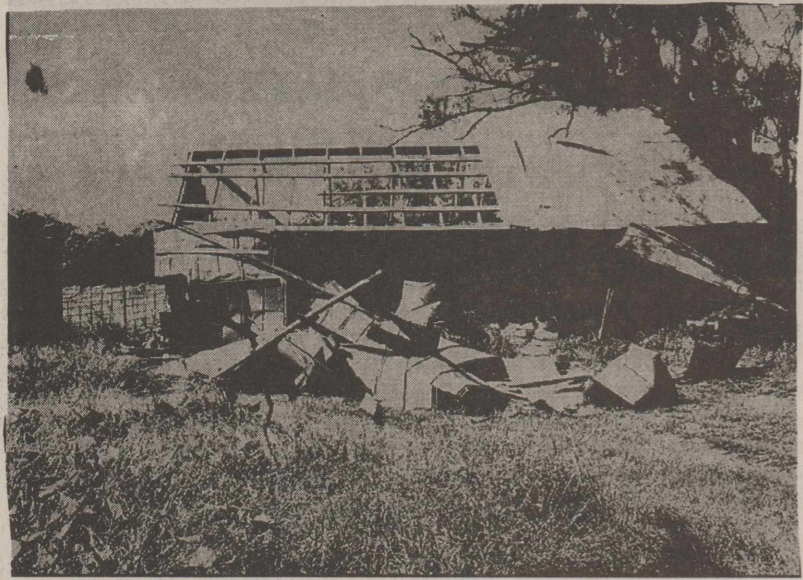
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Mary Boone's barn was damaged in last Tuesday's storm.

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Temperature		
Date	Low	High
5-31	56	89
6-01	59	77
6-02	64	93
6-03	62	87
6-04	70	96
6-05	65	92
6-06	67	92

2005 Rainfall -07.09 inches

**Aging Center Lunch Menu**

**Week of June 13-June 17**

**Monday, June 13th**  
 Fish/Tarter Sauce, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & cheese, Fruit Crunch/Topping

**Tuesday, June 14th**  
 Mexican Casserole, Ranch Style Beans, Lettuce & Tomatoe Salad, Dessert

**Wednesday, June 15th**  
 Beef Stew, Corn On Cob, Cornbread, Canana Pudding

**Thursday, June 16th**  
 Meat Loaf, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, Cake

**Friday, June 17th**  
 Chili Dogs/Cheese, Pork & Beans, Potato Chips, Dessert

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

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## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well, it's been another stormy weekend with rain, hail, wind and lightning filling the air both on Friday and Saturday. The storm sirens sounded on Sunday night and sent folks, once again "cellar bound". Thankfully, again, no real damage was reported.

News is sort of sparse this week. The Senior parents are waiting the arrival back home tomorrow (Tuesday) of their graduate kids. They have been gone nine days and all phone calls back home indicate lots of fun and many stories to tell. If all goes well, they will be in Dallas about 2:00 p.m. and on home late tomorrow.

I don't have any news to speak of in the area of ailing friends. Did hear that former resident (now of Vera), Joe Trepanier has under gone triple by-pass surgery, but have no late report. Am sure he's doing O.K. or we would have heard. With that type surgery, he will likely have to take it easy for a while and we do wish him well.

**Conner Reunion**  
 The "Conner Cousins" reunion was held Saturday at the Community Center. The crowd began to arrive around 10:00 A.M. and the visiting went on long past midnight. Lots of food was consumed and many, many stories told and lots of remembering good times of the past, made for a very enjoyable time. Attending were: Peggy Conner

Haley and Pam Woodard and son of Fort Worth; Glenda Conner Ainsworth of Montgomery, Alamba; Greg and Brenda Conner Kemp of League City; Shirley Mooney and Johnny and Julie McGregor of Weatherford; Rosie Conner Brown of Trenton, Georgia; Judy Conner Redwine of Crosbyton; Glen and Karen Hall and Donald Hall of Lubbock; Chris and Mike Haley of LaPort, Texas; Fred Lewis and Wanda Crenshaw of Abilene; Debbie Windel of Milsap; Kim Conner Moore & Samijo of Spur; and Benjaminites: Leroy and Gloria West, Jane Gideon, Bud Conner, Imagean and Dutch Young, Deann Lamb and Anthony, Gladene Green and Jason and Jenny Redwine, Cole and Claire of Munday. Also, stopping by to visit were Debbie Clower, Nancy and Fred McGregor and Joy Jones.

**Here 'n There**  
 As I said last week, I have more names of "out of towners" here for high school graduation on May 27. Chance Propps had several seated in his section. They were grandparents, Jimmy Kay and Don Liles of Kilgore; Donnie and Barbara Ryder of Parker; Herb and Dickie Propps of Wolforth; Also, Maggie B. Harper of Paducah; Bill and Judy Bland of Throckmorton; Danny Owens of Crowell, and Earl and Rhonda Sinclair of Panhandle.

There were several over in

Seth's (Kuehler) sections, but the only ones I saw from out of town were his grandparents, Dale and Girard Kuehler of Rhineland and great grandmother, Jeanette Phillips of Munday. (By next week, I hope I'll have Michael Clower and Maria Alcevedo's guests.)

Mel, Randy and Chase Reed have moved back into their home here in Benjamin. They have been living in Gilland the past couple of years. Mel said she'd been painting the inside of the house. She said she didn't believe she wanted to take that type work as a second job! Don't know why!

Lana Mendoza and family spent the week at the home of his sister, Sue Terry, and house-sat and baby-sat while Sue and her husband, Dave took a trip. She returned home Monday. Ariel Gideon of near Phoenix, Arizona, flew to DFW and came home with Lana for two weeks' visit with grandparents, Jane & Welton Gideon.

The Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church has been termed very successful. The attendance was not very high, but each one benefited from it and enjoyed it. Loraine Powers accompanied Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie to Sulfur Springs last week for a visit with Jimmy's sister, Edna Birchfield and family. Wilma Smith visited friends in Snyder Friday and Saturday.

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## Truscott and Gilliland News

by, Clara Brown

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After the sale, Clint Norman of Munday bought the leftover merchandise for his Pack Rat Store. No leftovers to worry about from this garage sale.

The museum took in around \$1500.00, so the day was well worth the effort.

Speaking of the museum, Ann Haynie Ohr and June Lewis Navaratil, both of whom once lived on the Wichita Divide, called for information as to the wording for the messages on museum bricks.

Each asked a similar question, so maybe the following information will help someone else trying to work out wording for a memorial brick.

Each letter, space, punctuation mark, and number counts as a character on the bricks. "Space" refers to the space between words. Punctuation includes a dash between a person's birth and death years. For example,

Joe Scott would be written as: Joe Scott 1895-1985. There are spaces after Joe and Scott, but only a dash separates the birth and death years.

The bricks allow 20 characters to a line, while the granite stones have space for 60 to 210 letters, according to the size of the stone. The roof is on the museum and the exterior work on walls is continuing.

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

C. H and Linda Underwood were blessed to have their son, Reed, spend the week with them. Reed will be moving to Austin in the near future.

Visiting Adelle Herring over the weekend were: Claudia Reid and Loretta Hewitt of Rochester; Nicki Reid of California and Vicki Daniels of Abilene.

Orval and Helen Manning enjoyed a visit from their son a few days last week. They celebrated Helen's birthday with a birthday cake.

Donny and Diane Roberts moved their daughter, Angela, from Lubbock to Plano over the weekend. Angela is looking forward to starting a new job there.

Claudale Barnard is in the hospital in Lubbock. Several things are wrong with him and he needs our prayers for a speedy recovery. Jean Barnard came home from an Abilene hospital and also needs our prayers.

Joe Banner and Billie Walker attended Juanita Cochran Power's funeral in Aspermont. Juanita was Billie's lifetime friend. Bill and Dell Groves also attended the funeral.

Vacation Bible School was well attended. Despite the fact that two of our workers left for a family emergency, the closing night seemed to be enjoyed by all who were present.

The church discussed hiring an extra clergy person Sunday night and decided to call Davey Wade to come to work with Bro. Jim Reid. He will be moving as soon as he finds a place to live.

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by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

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The second brochure is called "Texas Herbs — Fragrant, Flavorful and Fresh." It lists the retail locations where consumers can buy fresh Texas herbs. One rule that many consumers and retailers live by is "the fresher, the better." Distance does make a difference in freshness.

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For more information about Texas herbs, or to request a brochure, please contact TDA's State Coordinator for Horticulture and Forestry Marketing Richard De Los Santos at (877) 99GO-TEX or at richard.delossantos@agr.state.tx.us.

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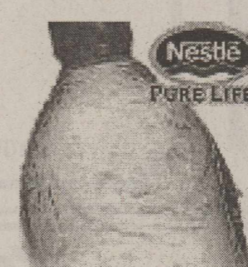
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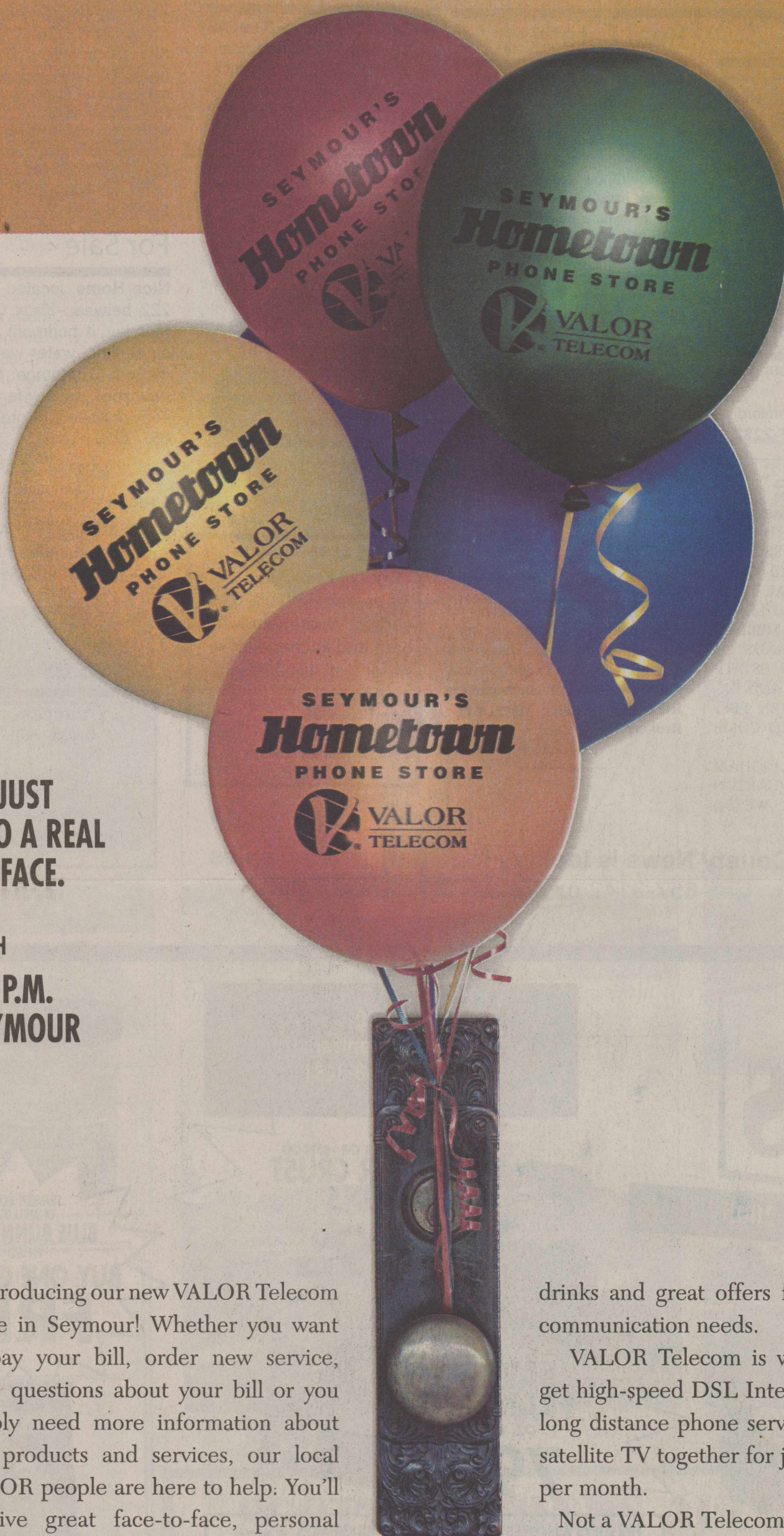
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COMBO NO. 2	SAUSAGE/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 3	BBQ SANDWICH & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 4	HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59
COMBO NO. 5	SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59
COMBO NO. 6	3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 7	2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 8	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.29
COMBO NO. 9	CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.29
COMBO NO. 10	2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.29

HERSHEY'S ASSORTED FLAVORS MILK OR MILKSHAKES	14 OZ. BTL.	\$1.79
REESE'S CANDY ASST. FLAVORS	NOT INCLUDING LIMITED EDITIONS / 89¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.00
GATORADE ASSORTED FLAVORS	32 OZ. / \$1.95 EACH OR	2 FOR \$3.00
CORNDOG POPPERS	CUP	\$1.19
DEL MONTE KETCHUP	24 OZ. / REG. \$1.59	\$1.29
TURKEY CREEK PORK SKINS ASSORTED FLAVORS	99¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.50
SHURFINE COOLERS DRINK MIX ASSORTED FLAVORS	19¢ EACH OR	10 FOR \$1.00
KEEBLER COOKIES ASSORTED FLAVORS	2 OZ. PKG. / 69¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.00
FRITO-LAY STAX POTATO CRISPS ASST. FLAVORS	\$1.69 EACH OR	2 FOR \$3.00
NISSAN CUP OF NOODLES ASST. FLAVORS	59¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.00
FRENCH'S MUSTARD	14 OZ. / REG. \$1.99	\$1.49
BOLO DOG FOOD ASSORTED FLAVORS	13.2 OZ. / 55¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.00
SECRET OR OLD SPICE DEODORANT	REG. \$2.69	\$1.99
SOFT'N GENTLE BATHROOM TISSUE	4 ROLL PKG. / REG. \$1.19	99¢
SO DRI PAPER TOWELS	SINGLE ROLL PKG. / REG. 75¢	59¢
SUN ULTRA LAUNDRY DETERGENT	10 LOAD	\$1.00
SUN CUDDLE FABRIC SOFTENER	50 COUNT	\$1.00
FUJI BATTERIES	MUST BE OF LIKE KIND	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

# COME CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF OUR NEW VALOR TELECOM STORE IN SEYMOUR.



**SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED TO SPEAK TO A REAL PERSON FACE-TO-FACE.**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
11:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.  
400 N. MAIN, SEYMOUR**

**DON'T MISS THE FUN**

- REGISTER TO WIN — DOOR PRIZES & FREE PHONES
- HOT DOGS & COLD DRINKS
- GIFT BAGS
- GIVEAWAYS FROM KSEY RADIO

Introducing our new VALOR Telecom Store in Seymour! Whether you want to pay your bill, order new service, have questions about your bill or you simply need more information about our products and services, our local VALOR people are here to help. You'll receive great face-to-face, personal service from VALOR employees who are knowledgeable, friendly and respectful of your time.

Come visit us during the grand opening of our new store in Seymour at 400 N. Main, Friday, June 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We're celebrating with door prizes, free hot dogs, soft

drinks and great offers for all of your communication needs.

VALOR Telecom is where you can get high-speed DSL Internet, local and long distance phone service and digital satellite TV together for just \$79.95 per month.

Not a VALOR Telecom customer yet? Switch your phone service to VALOR and receive a \$100 sign-up credit in addition to our everyday great savings on the services you want. You can keep your same phone number, there's no fee to switch, plus, you get a \$100 sign-up bonus. Drop by any time—we'll see you at the VALOR Store.

**\$100 CREDIT WHEN YOU SWITCH**

400 N. Main, Seymour  
Ph: 888-1220  
Store Hours: Mon.—Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Price does not include Subscriber Line Charge, taxes, fees and other surcharges. Bundle price is based on the Lock-in Savings Plan™ with one-year service agreement. Sign-up bonus is available for new VALOR Telecom customers only. \$100 sign-up bonus will appear as a \$25 credit on the first four monthly bill statements. Limited time offer. Offer does not guarantee service availability on your individual phone line. DSL Internet service and DSL modem provided by VALORnet Internet services. A \$100 fee will be assessed to VALOR accounts if services are terminated before the 12-month term. Other restrictions and limitations apply. VALOR Telecom is a registered trademark of Valor Telecommunications, LLC.