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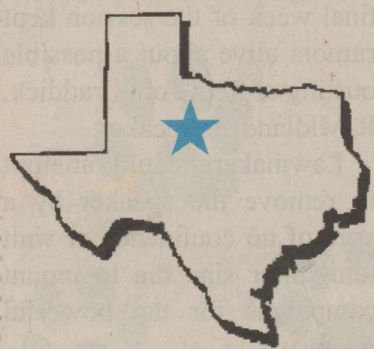
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## Looking Ahead

### ▪ Knox County Relay For Life

The Knox County Relay for life is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the Munday Track. For more information please contact Jamie or Debbie Welborn, 940/422-4290.

### ▪ Munday City-Wide Garage Sale

The Munday City-Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 2. Maps available at the Chamber of Commerce on the square.

### ▪ O'Brien First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

The O'Brien First Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 3rd - June 7th. Ages 3-6th grade completed. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3rd.

## Brazos Valley Care Home Honors Veterans

Brazos Valley Care Home honored its veterans last Friday, May 25 with a program and reception. Twelve men were honored, some being staff relatives in addition to residents. A list of veterans who were residents of the care home before passing away was also on view.

Sandra Baker, activities director at the care home, read the history of Memorial Day and then a brief tribute to the men and women who have fought for our country before reading aloud brief biographies of the veterans being honored.

"I'd like to thank all the veterans," said Baker. "Ya'll made a great sacrifice and I'm so glad that you're all here," she continued after the readings.

Several in attendance then enjoyed refreshments. Knox City Lawrence Brothers IGA, Pepper's Dry Goods and the Knox City Florist donated items for the program.

Honored Purple Heart recipients were Staff Sergeant Harley Vaughn, Staff Sergeant Jessie Dee Boren and Charlie Mack Baker. Charlie Baker is staff member Tina Baker's grandfather. The Purple Heart celebrates its 225th anniversary this year. The award is given to those who

are wounded in action.

Also honored were Gunners Mate 3rd Class Claude Bailey, Gunner Mate 1st Class Arthur Morrison, Private Clay Moore, Private First Class Ansley Hendershot, Staff Sergeant Oather Poe, husband of resident Hope Poe, Private First Class Anthony Dormire, Sergeant Eric W. Valencia, Staff Sergeant Lancer (Lance) O'Neal Dever, and 1st Sergeant Kevin Hoeckendorf.

Below is what was read by Baker at the program.

#### Staff Sergeant Harley Vaughn

439 Air Force Carrier Command Navigator on a C-47. Harley's job was to navigate the coordinates where to take the gliders and to cut them loose when arriving at that destination. (The C-47 was a large plane. The gliders were smaller planes attached to the C-47 by a long cable. The gliders did not have engines and were full of troops. When the cable between the planes was detached, the glider would glide into the destined territory.)

On their way to Bastone with relief troops, Harley's plane was shot down. Harley was injured and hospitalized for several weeks then sent back to his unit over a period of time by being taken unit to unit to unit. Harley's



The Brazos Valley Care Home Veterans — Left to Right, Back - Claude, Bailey, Arthur Morrison, Anthony Dormier and Clay Moore, front - Harley Vaughn, Weldon Skyles, Ansley Hendershot and Jessie Boren

family was notified that he was missing in action before he made it back to his unit because of the length of time to get there and communications were not so good. Harley received a purple heart.

Staff Sergeant Jessie Dee

#### Boren

Sergeant of United States Army African and European Theater of Operations in World War II. 3rd Infantry Tank Division, United States Army under General Patton.

Jessie worked in supplies and

motor pool tank mechanic in the field and sharpshooter.

He was stationed in London, England during the war, witnessing the Nazi air raids in Great Brittan.

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## Twenty Students From Knox City High School Graduate



Twenty Knox City High School seniors gathered at the W.R. Baker Auditorium, Saturday evening in front of a standing room only crowd of faculty, staff, family and friends to receive their high school diplomas. The students filed onto the stage in their red cap and gowns; and anxiously waited for the final moments. Former KCHS coach and world history instructor, Mitch McLemore, was the guest speaker for the event. He encouraged the students to find their place in history and experience new things but reminded them of the freedoms we have and why. Then the students experienced the defining moment of graduation; the diploma and the moving of the tassel. Following the ceremony, family and friends enjoyed visiting with the latest KCHS graduates. Congratulations Seniors!



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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE CAPITAL



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Here's a Friday, May 25, snapshot of what's going on at the state Capitol with sine die, the end of the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature, set for 10 p.m. Monday, May 28.

A conference committee of House and Senate members concurred on SB 792, the transportation bill that lawmakers had to rework to avoid the governor's calling a special session. Gov. Rick

Likely Passage Of Road Bill Lessens Prospect For Special Session

Perry said he would summon the Legislature back to Austin if the bill stripped too much authority from the Texas Department of Transportation in devising a new, comprehensive road plan.

So, the bill satisfies Perry and gives lawmakers and their constituents a two-year study period they can use to get a better picture of how their own local and regional road plans might interface with Perry's statewide plan.

Senate kills voter fraud bill HB 218, the "voter I.D." bill, died in the Senate. Under the bill, Texans would have had to present a valid picture identification card or two other forms of identification other than their voter registration card in order to cast a ballot.

Rep. Betty Brown, R-Terrell, the author of HB 218, said her bill was meant to prevent

voter fraud. Opponents said the bill targeted minorities, the elderly and the disabled. Opponents also disputed allegations of widespread voter fraud enabled by false identification at the polls.

Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, who is recovering from a liver transplant, disobeyed doctor's orders by remaining at the Capitol to help block the bill from further consideration by the full Senate.

Memorial Day observance is held

Because the end of the legislative session coincides with Memorial Day, May 28, the House and Senate met in a joint session on Thursday, May 24, for an early observance.

Lawmakers, the governor, lieutenant governor and other state officials honored present and former members of

the military and especially the loved ones of military men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since March 2003.

Family members and friends were seated in the House chamber and came forward to be recognized as the names of fallen military members were called.

TYC-fixing bill moves forward

Texas Youth Commission reform is in the works with the adoption of the conference committee report on Committee Substitute to SB 103 by

Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson.

At early presstime for this column, the legislation was due for a final vote by the full House, and delivery to the governor's desk.

Investigative reporting initially published by The Dallas Morning News spurred a growing body of detail bringing to light corruption at the agency, including rape, abuse and mistreatment of TYC inmates.

Public outcry prompted management changes at the agency and public hearings drew input from people across Texas. Lawmakers filed more than two dozen bills, including SB 103, to fix problems at the agency.

Final work due on state budget

A Sunday, May 27, vote was expected for the \$150 billion 2008-2009 state budget.

Passage of a budget is the Legislature's primary and only constitutionally mandated duty. The budget bill, HB 1, was in conference committee at press time for this column.

Speaker change rumors continue

On and off huddles of lawmakers and murmurs in the halls and House gallery in the final week of the session kept rumors alive about a possible ousting of Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as speaker.

Lawmakers could attempt to remove the speaker by a vote of no confidence or wait until after sine die to mount campaigns for the powerful post.

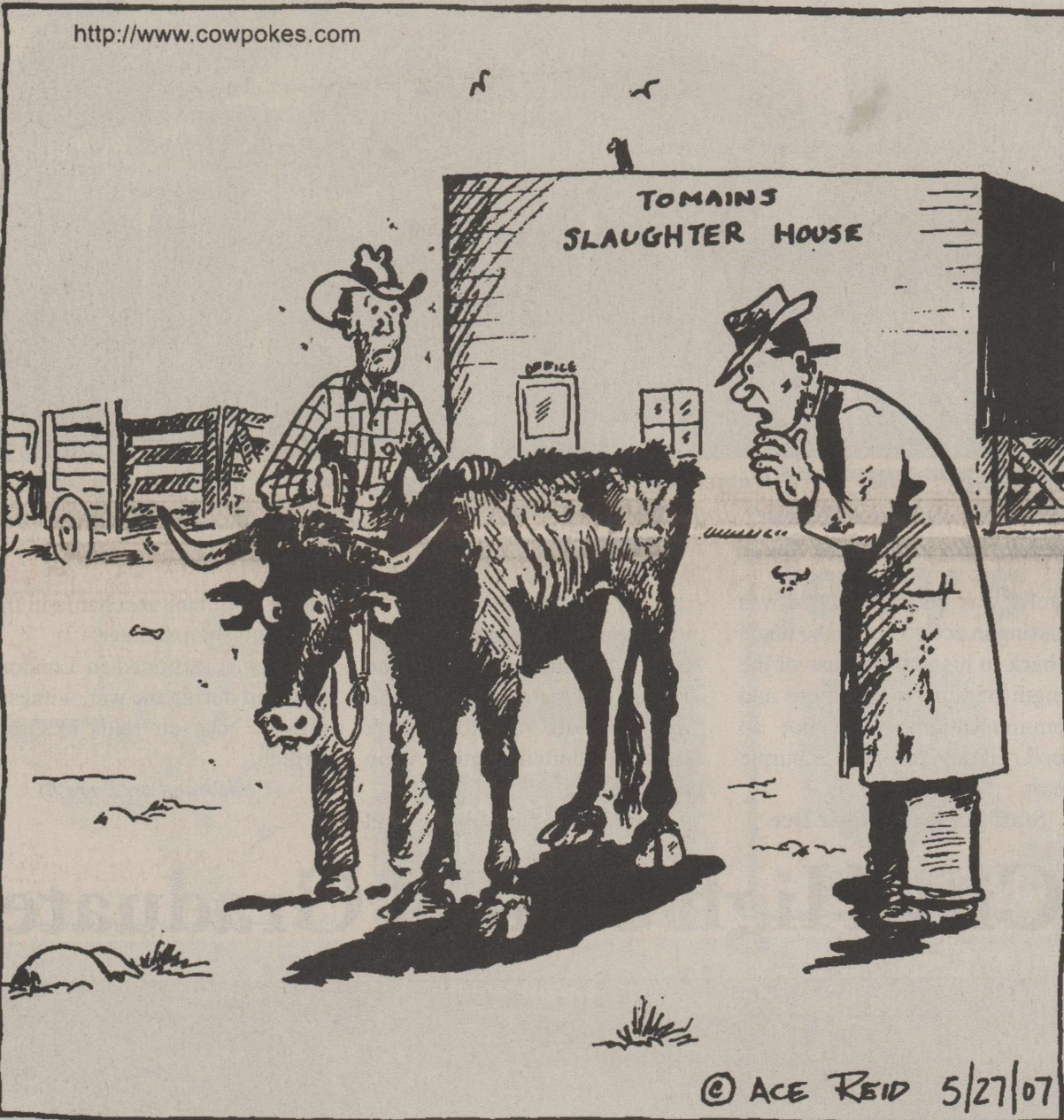
Already mentioned as definite or possible candidates are Reps. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, Brian McCall, R-Plano, and Jim Keffer, R-Eastland. Another name to emerge is Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson.

But Craddick appeared unruffled about the prospect of challengers and stuck to his assertion that he intends to finish his third and current term as speaker and run for a fourth.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid

http://www.cowpokes.com



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"Naw, she ain't choice beef! In fact, I'd have to up grade her to git her to grade poor!"

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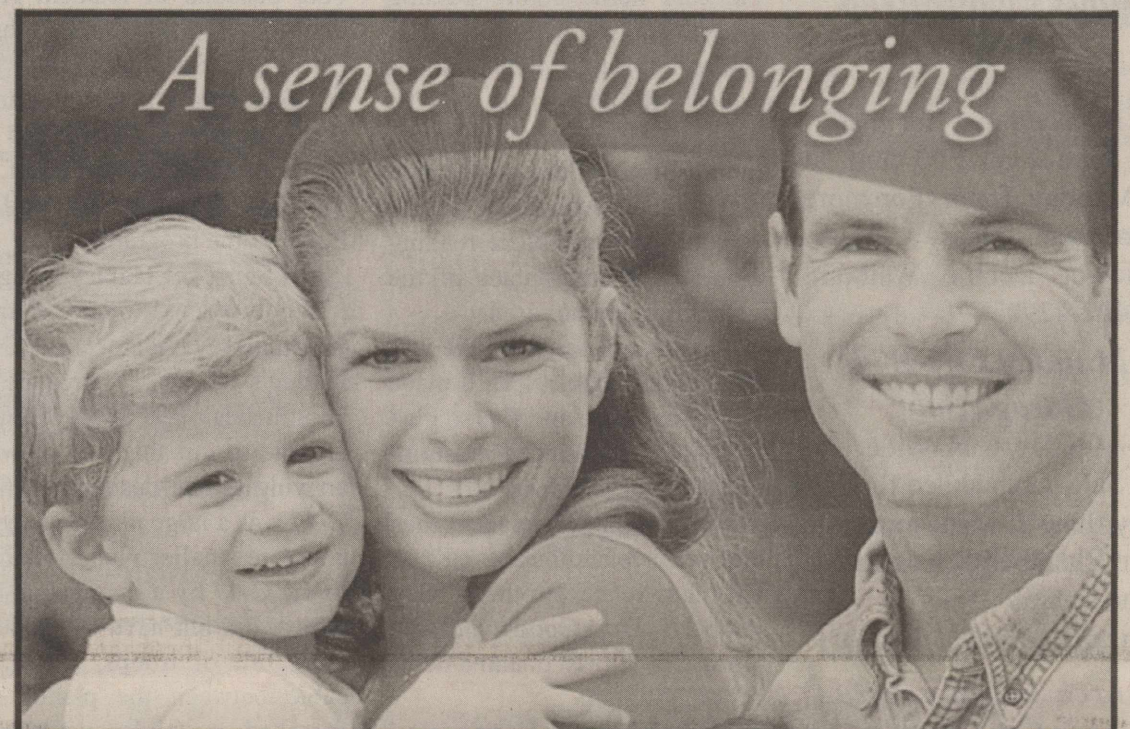
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' sections with various word clues.



# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## DEER ROPING

By Baxter Black, DVM

This is a story where the perpetrator must remain anonymous. Hereinafter he shall be called, "He who learns the hard way" or simply, "He Who."

He Who plotted over the long winter farmer days about how to feed corn to a deer for a few weeks to fatten it up. Grain fed venison, he envisioned. Succulent.

First step was to procure a deer. Many congregated at his cattle feeder.

Positioning himself behind the feeder he waited, rope in hand. He Who stepped out, threw his loop, and caught a doe around the neck! She just stood there and stared at him.

He Who looped the rope around his waist and twisted the end, thinking, "Deer don't weigh much more than a sheep or a small calf, I'll break it to lead in a hurry!" He learned that pound for pound, a deer is a lot stronger than a calf, a colt, a linebacker, a Land Rover or

Brie cheese in a microwave!

At the first tug the deer exploded! It ran, bucked, sun fished, twisted, thrashed, kicked, whirled, moon walked and did the cloven-hoofed two-step! He was jerked off his feet and dragged until the deer got tired. It took him a minute to focus. He was mostly blinded by the blood flowing from the big gash above his hairline, and the large knots where he'd tried to slow the deer by bracing his head against large rocks as he careened across the ground. He could have let go of the rope, but he worried that it might snag in the brush and choke the doe to death.

He Who began easing up the rope with the intent to loosen the noose.

Never in a million years did he think a deer would bite. She clamped her jaws on his hand and shook her head like a pit bull locked on a paint shaker! Once he loosened the rope, He Who turned to run. The deer

struck him from behind with her front feet and knocked him flat! Then she jumped up and down on his back as he covered his head, and in his words, cried like a little girl.'

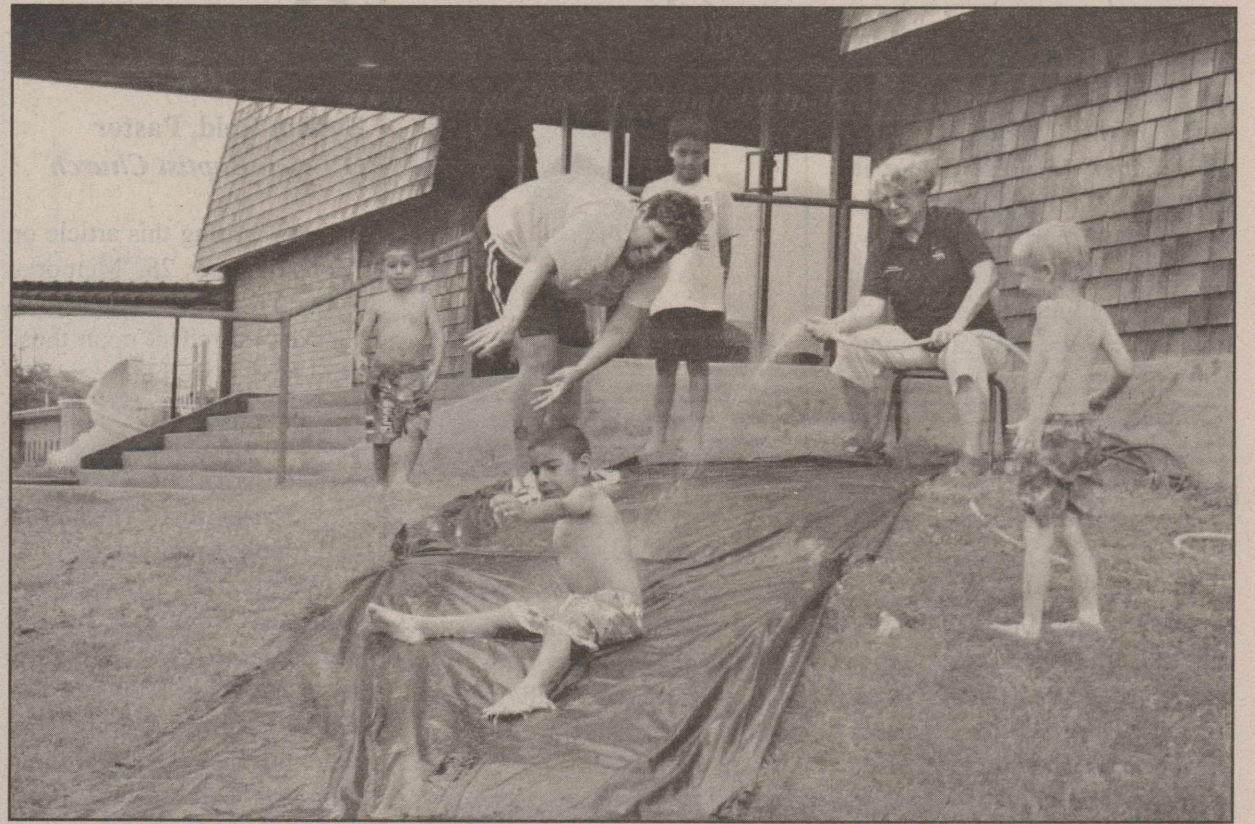
Epilogue: He Who managed to drive as far as the Cop where they called 911. In a small town that means everyone comes! On the way to the hospital he tried to think his story through. Is it illegal to rope a deer? Will it become an animal rights issue? Were deer an endangered species?

So he told the police, paramedic, propane deliveryman, local vet and game warden that he was attacked by a deer when he went out to feed. The evidence was there; his hand was mauled, there were deer tracks on his back and smack in the middle of his forehead from when he peeked over his shoulder. Everybody for miles around heard about the deer attack.

For weeks people dragged their kids indoors when they saw deer and local ranchers carried rifles when they filled their feeders. He Who was looked on with sympathy and admiration. He was a minor hero.

Oh, and did I tell you that as his legend grew, he continued to forget the roping part?

## KC Elementary School Track Meet —



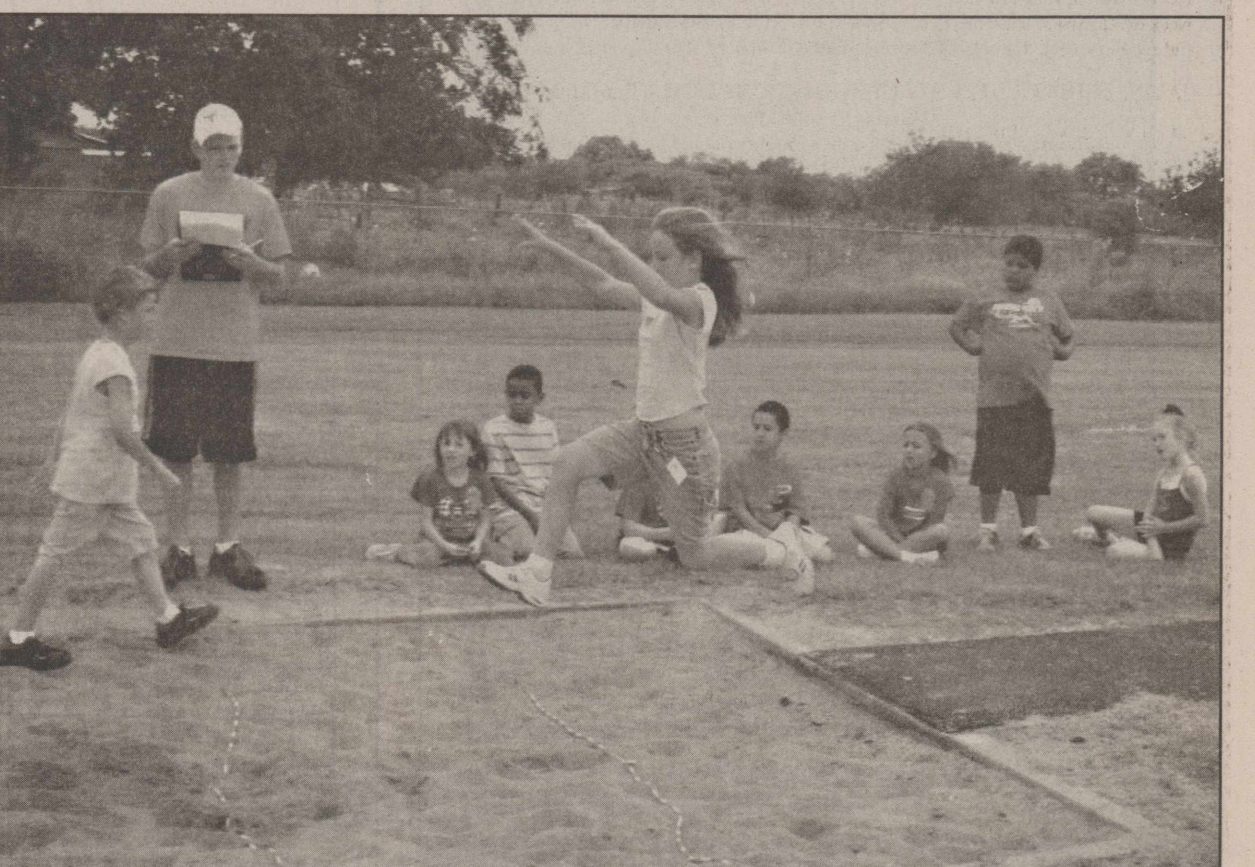
Pre K'ers enjoyed the down hill slide towards the last day of school



Kindergarten gained some big yardage in this relay race





The first graders could not keep a straight face




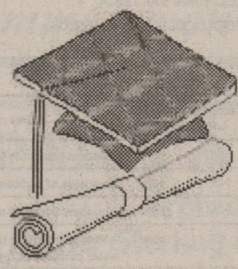
The second graders did some loonngg jumping

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**Congratulations Brittany!**





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Love you,  
Mom, Dad, Meme & Pa



# OBITUARY

## Kay Dean (Hester) Johnson

Kay Dean (Hester) Johnson, 65, of Knox City, passed away Friday, May 25, 2007, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. A funeral service was held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 27, 2007 at Knox City Church of Christ with Joe Hackney and Gene McCarty officiating. Burial followed in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

Kay was born January 22, 1942 in Knox City to Allen and Lillian Hackney Hester.

She married Donald W. Johnson on August 27, 1960. He preceded her in death January 12, 2004. Kay was a homemaker and a member of the Church



of Christ.

She is survived by her son, Dwayne Johnson and wife Lorie and grandsons Brad and Dustin Johnson all of Knox City. Kay was preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald and a granddaughter.

## Aging Center Lunch Menu

June 4 — June 8

- Monday, June 4 - Chicken Casserole, Creole Corn, Fried Okra, Light Bread, Pudding
- Tuesday, June 5 - Meat Loaf, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Cake
- Wednesday, June 6 - Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy, Garden Salad, Squash Casserole, Hot Rolls, Apple Crunch
- Thursday, June 7 - Beef Stew, 7 Minute Cabbage, Cornbread and Dessert
- Friday, June 8 - Hamburgers & Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, Potato Chips, Cookies

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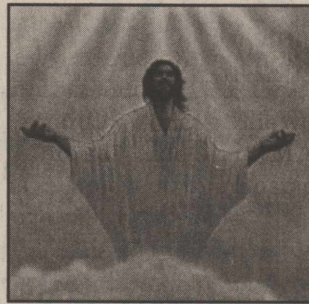
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## God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church



I am writing this article on Monday, May 28, Memorial Day. This is such an important day to reflect upon those who have gone before us and in our stead to protect our nation and our families.

Being a veteran, Memorial Day brings many memories and friends to my mind.

We are watched over and protected from evil by our armed forces. They go before us to make our way safe and without harm. We are very thankful and really without words to express our appreciation.

Let us not forget or not be mindful of the One who

watches over all of us! The Bible teaches us that God is our protector and conqueror, "For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil". (1 Peter 3: 12)

When our enemies come against us, and danger knocks at our door, and evil attacks our family remember this scripture. God loves you and wants to protect you and your family in all areas of life.

Trust His love and prove Him to be God. He will provide all your needs and remove all your fears.

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(Consumer Confidence Report)

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This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

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Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2002	Arsenic	3	3	3	10	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2003	Barium	0.202	0.202	0.202	2	3	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2006	Fluoride	0.71	0.71	0.71	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2006	Nitrate	0.16	0.16	0.16	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Selenium	7.1	7.1	7.1	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
2004	Gross beta emitters	11.3	11.3	11.3	50	0	pCi/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

**Inorganic Contaminants**

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level**

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRL	MRLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Disinfectant
2006	Chlorine Residual, Free	1.7	1	2.5	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

**Disinfection Byproducts**

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2006	Total Haloacetic Acids	40.3	29.7	58.8	50	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2006	Total Haloacetonitriles	27.9	14	39	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

**Unregulated Contaminants**

Bromoform, chloroform, dibromochloromethane, and dibromodichloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2006	Chloroform	11.37	11.37	11.37	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2006	Bromodichloromethane	8.36	8.36	8.36	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2006	Dibromochloromethane	4.16	4.16	4.16	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

**Lead and Copper**

Year	Contaminant	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
1999	Lead	1.9	0	1.5	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
1999	Copper	0.14	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

**Turbidity**

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Contaminant	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Units	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2006	Turbidity	0.30	100.00	0.3	NTU	Soil runoff.

Total Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO COLIFORM BACTERIA.  
Fecal Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.

**Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated**  
(No associated adverse health effects)

Year or Range	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2007	Aluminum	0.054	0.054	0.054	50	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2006	Bicarbonates	138	138	138	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2002	Calcium	50.3	50.3	50.3	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2006	Chloride	26	26	36	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2002	Copper	0.021	0.021	0.021	1	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
2006	Hardness as Ca/Mg	178	178	178	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium and magnesium.
2002	Magnesium	23.3	23.3	23.3	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2006	pH	8.2	8.2	8.2	7	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2002	Sodium	51	51	51	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2006	Sulfate	37	37	37	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2006	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	138	138	138	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2006	Total Dissolved Solids	267	267	267	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2002	Total Hardness as CaCO3	221	221	221	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium.

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Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3rd.  
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# KC Museum News

At the May 8th, Knox County Historical Commission meeting several Museum Fundraisers were planned for the summer.

The first event will be Saturday, June 2nd at 8:00 a.m. at the Perry Patton Center, as part of the annual city wide Munday garage sale.

The June garage sale fundraiser has become one of the major fundraisers for the museum over the last few years. Donated items from all over the county fill the center and including everything from greeting cards to furniture and appliances. Many things are used, and others are new with price tags still attached.

So all Knox County residents are invited to clean out closets, garages, and store rooms. The center will be receiving donations at the Perry Patton Center Friday, June 1 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. If you need help taking donated items to the center, contact a member of Friends of Knox County Historical Commission in your community, or call 459-2229.

The second event is the bake sale at the Museum in Benjamin on June 30, a few days before the July 4th holiday. Cakes, pies, cookies, and any baked goods will be welcomed. Breakfast burritos and coffee will also be served that morning, beginning

at 7:30 a.m.

The third summer Museum event will be the home made ice cream sale at the Knox City Watermelon Festival July 28th. Volunteers can make ice cream, help at the booth, or help out by buying cold cups of ice cream for all the family. This project is always a fast sell out on a hot summer day.

Knox County cook books and historical calendars will be available at all three summer events. If you plan on giving cook books for Christmas, you might want to get them now, the supply is dwindling.

All brick and stone orders will be sent to the engravers the first week of June, anticipating the arrival of the finished product in September.

Inside construction at the museum has made a lot of progress lately. It is looking great. Much of the construction help is coming from volunteers so the pace may be slower than some expert, but because of volunteers, whether in raising money or raising the building, what you see at the museum site is and will be paid for when you see it.

The best thing about our efforts to raise money for the museum, is the co-operation of the Knox County people and friends. We have been blessed.

# Keep Benjamin Beautiful Holds Fundraiser

Keep Benjamin Beautiful held a hamburger supper and movie fundraiser on Saturday evening. This was the group's first fundraiser of the year.

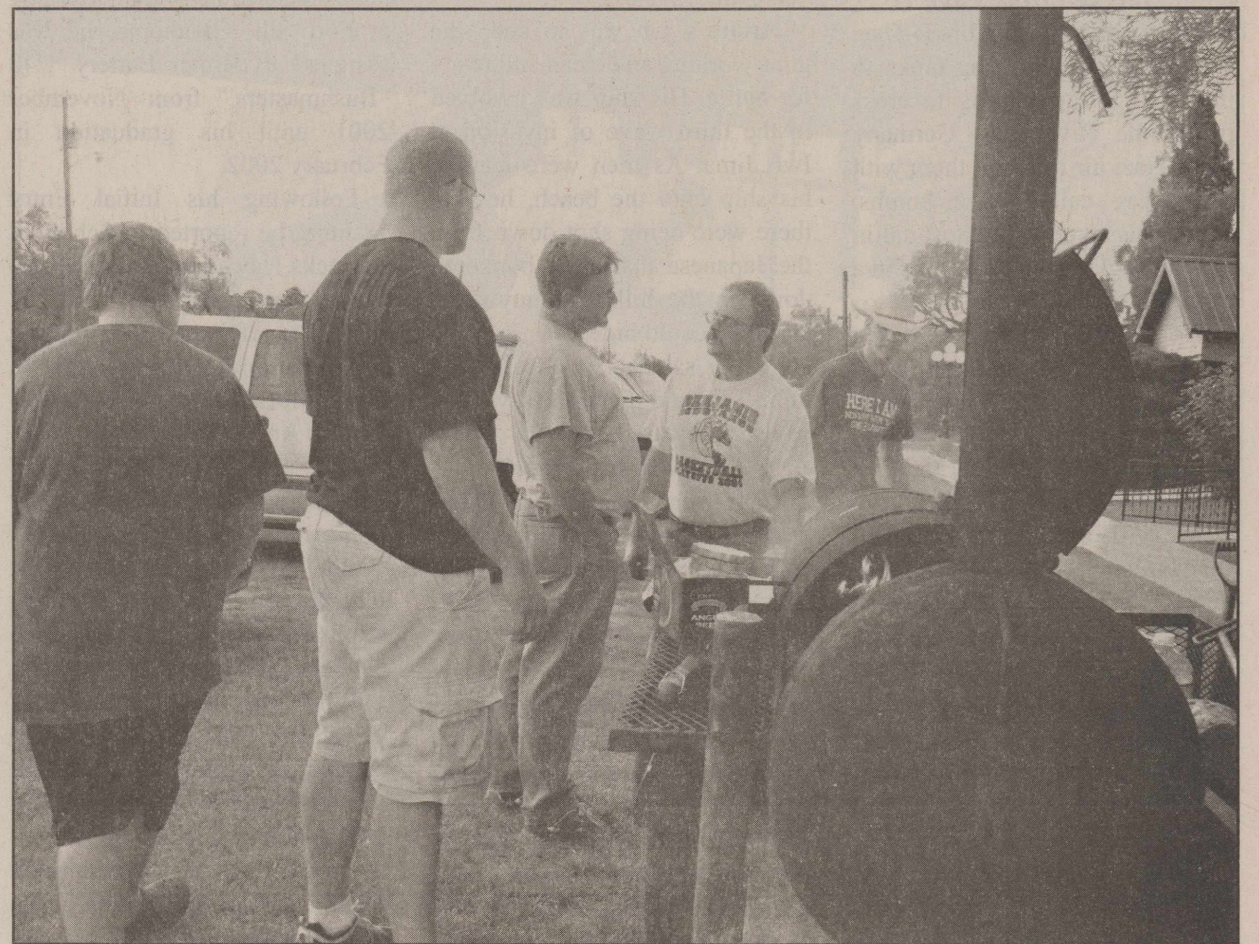
The original plans had the event to be held on Benjamin ISD's Ben Grill Field, but weather uncertainty moved it indoors. The Benjamin Church of Christ graciously donated use of their annex building for the event.

Several in the community attended, and in addition to purchasing a meal, also generously donated to Keep Benjamin Beautiful. Funds raised will go toward beautification of the town, including the purchase of five-globe lanterns, a welcome sign and a mural. Many other plans are in the works.

Keep Benjamin Beautiful plans to hold another fundraiser before the summer is over.

Keep Benjamin Beautiful has been active for about four years. The group has won several awards for their works in the community, including placing second in the Governor's Community Achievement Award grant application in 2006 and Gold Star Status.

The Governor's Community Achievement Award is a one million dollar grant broken down into several smaller grants



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based on population size. Keep Benjamin Beautiful is eligible for a \$60,000 landscaping grant based on a population size of less than 1,000. Keep Benjamin Beautiful will apply for the grant again in 2008 after skipping the application process in 2007 due to reorganization.

Keep Benjamin Beautiful would like to thank The Benjamin Church of Christ for use of their annex building and equipment for our fundraiser, Knox City Lawrence Brothers IGA for donation of produce, Lubbock Audio Visual and Brian Wagon for donation of a movie

screen, Benjamin ISD and Paul Weiser, and Tracy, Susan and Ashley Burson for helping cook and the many other things that they did. Also, thanks especially to those who attended, donated so generously and had so much fun with us!

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 Shumate, James Ray 5/12/07 - Forgery (SJF) (Knox County)  
 McCrary, James Zell 5/16/07 - MTR/Criminal; Trespass (M-A) Arrested in Haskell County (Knox County)  
 Branch, Charles Michael 5/18/07 - Indecency w/child (F-2) Agg. Sexual Assault (F-1) Foard County  
 Delacruz, Eric Scott 5/19/07 - Criminal Trespass (M-B) (Knox County)  
 Perez-Perez, Noel 5/21/07 - Fail to Identify (M-B) (Knox County); DWI 3rd (F-3), FTA DWI 3rd (F-3) (Jack County), MTR/DWI (Haskell County)  
 Walton, Omard R. 5/25/07 - Criminal Mischief (M-A) (Knox County)  
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 Smith, Jerry 5/27/07 - Driving w/License Invalid (M-B) (Knox County)  
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 Granados, Antonia Soria 5/27/07 - Child Neglect (Bexar County warrant)  
 Garcia, Patrick Ralph 5/26/07 - MTR/Credit Card Abuse (SJF) (Knox County)

# Knox County Relay For Life Scheduled!

Plans are being finalized for the third annual Knox County Relay for Life to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The event will kick off at 2 pm at the Munday Track on June 2nd.

Survivors will be honored with a luncheon. They will then make the first lap to kick off the Relay, followed by a lap with their caregivers or support system.

Members of the 11 teams who have signed up to walk for 12 hours to raise money to fight cancer, will then join them.

There will be entertainment during the day and night from Knox County and surrounding counties, to list a few: Ryder Cude, Hailey Hutchinson, Bailey Latham, the Movement Space dancers, the Patterson's, Robby Vaughn, and others.

Dave Harrison, from KVRP, will be on hand to keep things moving and will help announce the hourly (or more than hourly) door prizes.

You must be present to win the door prizes and there will be only one prize awarded per person. We will have food throughout the day such as hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, sandwiches, lemonade, and soft swirl ice cream. Kids are encouraged to participate and join in the fun as well as helping walk.

Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome on the track. We will have raffle drawings for team prizes which are: a Brighton Breast Cancer Bracelet, tickets to a Ranger Game, a stained glass painting, a Mary Kay foot pampers set; an outdoor canopy; and a John Deere riding lawn mower. Tickets will be available

for purchase prior to the Relay as well as at the Relay.

You need not be present to win any of the team raffle prizes. Messages to Heaven will lift off at dusk. You may purchase a Luminary in memory of someone who had cancer or in honor of a Cancer Survivor, prior to the Relay or at the Relay.

The moving Luminary ceremony will occur around 10 pm. The group of walkers will enjoy donuts, coffee, and a chocolate buffet at midnight to keep them alert and moving.

Bring your friends and family to join us as we honor our cancer survivors and as we take special time to remember our loved ones who lost their valiant fight against this disease.

For more information please contact Jamie or Debbie Welborn, 940/422-4290.

# KC Circle Club Presents New Books To Local Headstart



Sherry Hacker and Cathye Williams represented the Knox City Circle Club and presented books to the local Headstart. This is an annual project. Photo — Headstart Class showing their new books.

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## BVCH Honors Veterans — Continued

(Continued from Page 1)

Four or five days before D-Day, his troops were moving tanks to the front line preparing to cross the Rhine River into Germany when Nazi air raids hit them with what they called buzz bombs. Jessie was taken to the hospital in Dover, England where he was in a coma for several months.

Upon returning home to the United States, he remained in the V.A. hospital for over a year. Later, he married and had three children. He worked forty years for the City of Stamford.

In 1991 and 1992, Stamford was building a memorial at the Post Office. The V.A. representative was looking into Jessie's military background to add his name on the memorial. He saw a bypassed promotion and after 50 years, Jessie was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

### Charlie Mack Baker

United States Army, German war. Injured on the front line. Received two purple hearts. Tina Baker's (staff) granddad.

### Gunners Mate 3rd Class

#### Claude Bailey

Gunners Mate 3rd Class for the U.S. Navy. Served three years during which he was in eleven major battles in the Pacific Islands against the Japanese.

Claude was a member of the SS Montpelier, one of the ships in the carrier fleet commanded by Admiral Halte.

These ships were in heavy battle with Japanese air raids and battles from ship to shore assisting troops landing on those islands.

Claude was the fastest gunner on their ship and was responsible for destroying numerous enemy planes.

The men aboard the Montpelier were given the award for Outstanding Heroism against the Japanese.

### Gunners Mate 1st Class

#### Arthur Morrison

Arthur joined the Navy at 18 years old. He departed from Pearl Harbor on a landing ship tank. Landing ship tanks hauled anything from troops to ammo to supplies. These ships could hold up to 1,000 troops. Uncle Sam had 1,000 of these ships out.

Arthur started out as a Gunner Mate 3rd Class and by the time he was out three years, four months and ten days later, he was a gun-

ners mate 1st class.

Arthur's job was to keep the guns working and clean and ready for battle. His ship was involved in the third wave of invasion at Iwo Jima. As men were leaving his ship onto the beach, he said there were being shot down from the Japanese that were bunkered down in the hills and anywhere else they could hide.

Arthur said he was scared out of his wits and if anyone says they weren't they are lying!

### Private Clay Moore

Clay joined the Army at 18 years of age. He spent three years as a cook in Frankfurt, Germany. Clay said he can remember times when there was nothing to cook or nothing to eat, not even bread.

### Private 1st Class Ansley

#### Hendershot

Private 1st Class, United States Army. Ansley served eight years. He traveled to England, France, Germany and Italy. Ansley was a dishwasher in the Army. He was in Germany after the end of the war. He said that the destruction was unbelievable to see. The most memorable thing he saw was there were hundreds of cannons lined up that belonged to the German army. The American troops just started on one end and one by one blew up all the cannons.

### Staff Sergeant Oather Poe

Husband of Hope Poe, resident. Served two years in the U.S. Army as Staff Sergeant, one year in the Philippines.

### Private First Class

#### Anthony Dormire

Private First Class, United States Army. Anthony drove a tank and was part of a recon group. Anthony was in the Army two years.

### 1st Sergeant Kevin

#### Hoeckendorf

ABTry 1-94 FA Unit # 92862. Served 15 months in Iraq. Currently stationed in Strasberg, Germany.

### Sergeant Eric W. Valencia

October 13, 1982 – May 11, 2006. SGT Eric Valencia was born October 13, 1982 in Seymour, Texas, the son of Diane Valencia and Ernest Valencia and the brother of Clarissa Valencia. He graduated from Southland High School, Southland, Texas on May 23, 2001. He then enlisted in the Army as a 13B "Cannon Crew Member". During Basic Training

and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was assigned to Bravo Battery 1/40 "Bushmasters" from November 2001 until his graduation in February 2002.

Following his Initial Entry Training he reported to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in February 2002. SGT Valencia deployed with Fox Battery to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom V as a Mortar Crewmember, April 2004 to April 2005.

On September 9, 2004, SGT Valencia was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with "Valor" device for his fire support actions upon enemy contact which resulted in saving the lives of the Soldiers on ABAD PRT.

While in Afghanistan, SGT Valencia re-enlisted for the Stryker Brigade and upon redeployment was assigned to Bravo Battery, 2-11 Artillery, 1st Section "First to Fight", as an Ammunition Team Chief. In recognition of his achievements, SGT Valencia was named the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, FY06, Soldier of the Year.

SGT Valencia's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with the "V" device, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

SGT Valencia is survived by his wife, the former Eleanor Rodriguez and four children: Melinda, Jacob, Isaiah and Celeste.

### Staff Sergeant Lancer (Lance)

#### O'Neal Dever

September 16, 1977 to August 11, 2004. Born September 16, 1977 in Knox City, Texas. Son of Reverend William and Marilyn Hodge of Haskell, Texas.

He graduated from Knox City High School in 1996. Joined the U.S. Army on July 31, 1996 and was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Completed basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, then went to Fort Lee, Virginia where he became a Petroleum Supply Specialist. He proudly served his country in Kuwait, Kosovo and Operation Iraq Freedom conflicts.

## Brittany Kuehler Receives Scholarship



Brittany Kuehler, senior at Benjamin High school, has received the Roy and Greta Hogan Foundation Scholarship for 2007-2008 from Vernon College. The scholarship recognizes the academic achievement of students. Brittany will receive \$2000 total over two semesters. Brittany is the daughter of Mark and Teresa Kuehler of Benjamin. Brittany is the valedictorian of her graduating class.

# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

## Concerning Our Ill

Hazel Stockton was taken to Lubbock Thursday after an overnight stay in Knox County Hospital. She was released the same day and is home and feeling better. Doctors there changed her medication and she will go back in two weeks to see what needs to be done next.

Jane Gideon had a flare-up with her ongoing problem. She had to cut a few work days short, but was feeling better last I heard.

Our friend, Leroy West, was not feeling well on Sunday. He has a back and hip problem that sure is giving him trouble right now. He's afraid some sort of surgical procedure is going to be what it takes to give him some relief. He dreads it and keeps hoping things will improve without it, but so far it hasn't. As always, I ask you to keep him and all who are not well in your prayers.

Other than those, I have no report on any others in the community having problems. There is a bunch of us who have had our ups and downs, but thankfully nothing too serious.

## School's Out!

School dismissed on Friday for summer vacation. Kids and parents alike have breathed a sigh of relief. The teachers are at

it like any other work day, and will stay busy because the days will pass and, all too soon, another school year will begin.

The Pre-K class graduated Thursday night. Pam Duke was their teacher and each child had a part in the program. Dressed in their little caps and gowns, each one proudly accepted his or her diploma and posed for a few minutes so that family and friends could take their pictures. The graduates were: Jordan Stiehart, McKenzie Gray, Cedar Jones, and Nicholas Brumley.

The 8th grade commencement was Thursday night in the Ex-Students Building.

On Friday night, seven seniors walked across the stage to receive their diplomas.

Following the address by former Superintendent Ben Grill, honor roll, perfect attendance and high grade point average awards were given. Receiving awards for perfect attendance were: freshman Dylan Benson, junior Judit Acevedo, and senior Brittany Kuehler, who had perfect attendance six years in a row. Nafeesa Ebraheim received the high GPA award with an average of 97.71. Making the "A" Honor roll were: first grade, Caleb Barrientez and Brooke Jones; second, Emily Brown, Justin Rainwater, Casey Stiehart, Benjamin Vanderpol, Brenn Weiser; third, Ryan Heard,

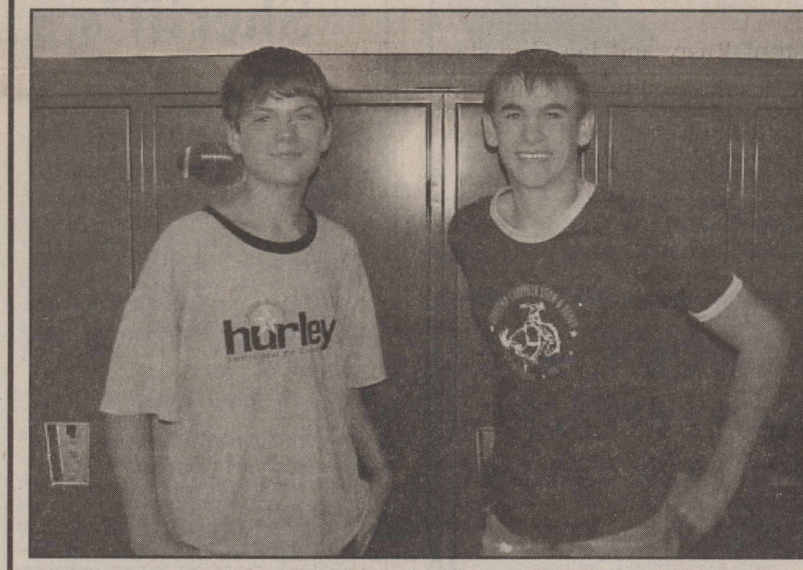
Elias Nevarez, Sean Weiser; fourth, Kelsey Brown; sixth, Matthew Acree and Jonathan Rainwater; eighth, Cody Propps; freshman, Cloe Baty, Dylan Benson, Teri Miller, Jacob Siemens, and Jessica Vanderpol; sophomore, Brittany Coop, Devon Jones, Gilbert Nevarez, and Leah Vanderpol; junior, Judit Acevedo, Julia Acevedo, Karla Benson, Lucas Cartwright, Nafeesa Ebraheim, and Tina Siemens; senior, Sadie Benson, Brittany Kuehler, Kaitlyn Kuehler, Jenna McCanlies, Melissa Northrup, Shaylee Propps, and Sean Wilson. An all-night lock-in followed the graduation program and reception. This was at the school with fun, food and fellowship.

## Here 'N There

It was a busy weekend for many of our families, as several had lots of company because of graduation. Almost every family here in Benjamin either traveled out of town to see a graduation ceremony or had guests from out of town to see relatives graduate here.

The 2007 seniors of Benjamin High School will leave Tuesday morning for their long-awaited senior trip. Only three of the seven-member class will be making the trip, as will their sponsor, Paul Weiser, and his wife, Misty.

## Junior High Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Cody Propps has been named valedictorian of his junior high graduating class. Cody's grade point average was 91.07. He is the son of James and Stacia Propps of Benjamin. Chad Potter has been named salutatorian of his graduating class with a grade point average of 87.40. Chad is the son of Ciccie and Joe Macias and Bo Potter.

## TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

Everyone on the Wichita Divide with wheat is hoping for sunshine to get the wheat harvested and the fields plowed. Most fields of wheat are dead ripe and with a little sunshine combined will be chewing across miles of fields.

One thing about sunshine is that this writer's week long bout with sinus and allergies seems to be better now. Sorry about the missed columns and the news that didn't get in.

One bit of news that didn't get in was the Sunday that Kyle and Melissa Everson dedicated their family at the Gilliland Baptist Church. Everyone said it was a beautiful ceremony with all their children. After church that day their families honored them and the congregation with a brisket dinner.

Geraldine, Edmund, and Michael Tomanek attended the Saturday, May 12, 2007 graduation of Sara Tomanek of Boyd

at North Texas University; then spent Mother's Day at Boyd with Sara's parents, Joe and Kay Tomanek.

June Looney spent Mother's Day in Vernon with her daughter and son-in-law Kay and Mike Hardage. Last week she and Kay went to Lubbock to help Kay's daughter, Emily move into a new apartment.

Scott Walker and family were at the Truscott house for the Memorial Day weekend.

Ruth, Thomas and Grace Mescall of Baytown met Bill, Staci, Brisa and Brandel Brown of Midland at the home of Jack and Clara Brown Saturday. Sunday morning the Brown's returned to Midland and the Mescall's stayed until Monday morning.

J.J. and Jody Williams of Stratford and their harvest crew visited the Jack Brown's Sunday afternoon.

May 19, Anna Tomanek Fojtik and her husband Stan, of Fort

Gibson, Oklahoma visited Edmund and Geraldine Tomanek. While in Truscott, Anna made a donation to the Truscott Cemetery in memory of her parents who are buried there.

Talked to Frances Cook recently. She is getting along fine at her apartment at Covenant Place in Abilene. Her daughter, Sherry Miller, drives her up each month for the quilt guild meeting at Benjamin. Her address is Covenant Place, 3234 Buffalo Gap Road, Apt. 313, Abilene, TX. Phone 325-675-2990.

The friends of the Knox County Historical Commission are gathering items for the annual museum benefit garage sale at Munday this week, Saturday, June 2. If you have something to donate call Geraldine Tomanek, Irma Bell or Clara Brown, if you need to send it to the sale. The sale will be set up Friday and will take place at the Perry Patton Center. As usual, hamburgers will be cooked on the porch.

## Jenna McCanlies Receives Scholarship



Jenna McCanlies, senior at Benjamin High School, has received the Electra Waggoner Biggs Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 from Vernon College. Jenna is the daughter of Richard and Laura McCanlies of Benjamin.

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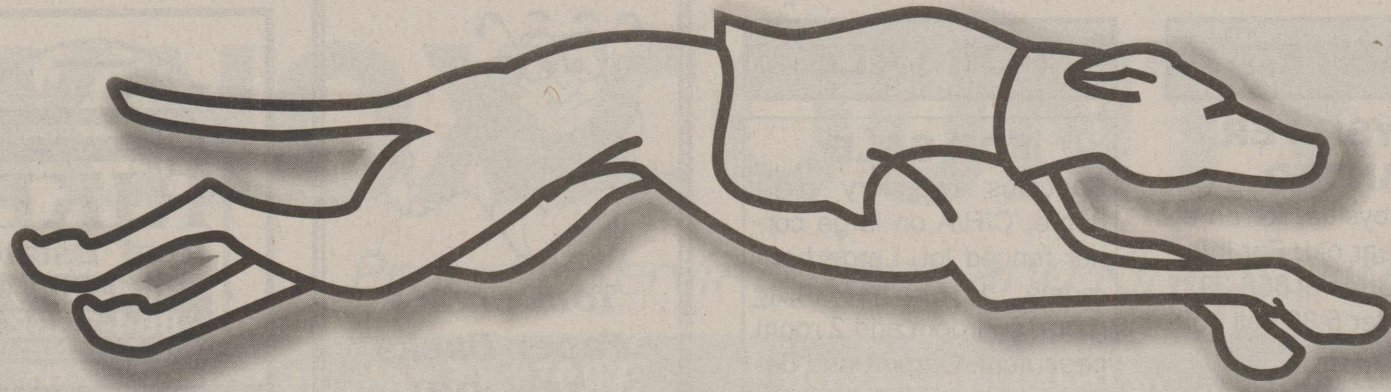
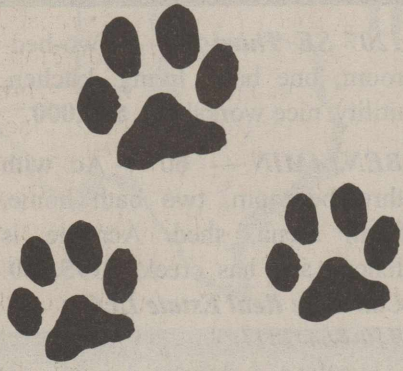
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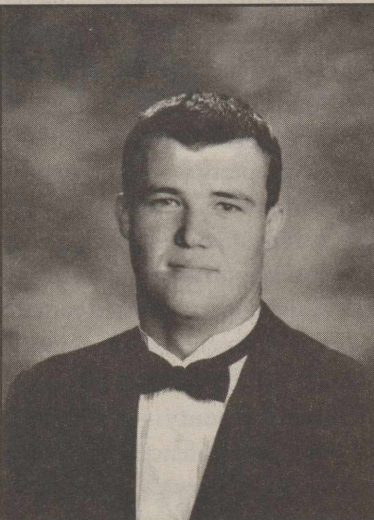
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Brandon Grimsley was accidentally omitted from our graduation section in last week's issue. We at the NEWS would like to apologize for this oversight. Brandon, we would like to wish you, and all the 2007 seniors, good luck in all your endeavors and a bright future.



*Brandon Layne Grimsley*

Brandon Layne Grimsley is the son of Rusty and Jan Grimsley. He has three siblings: Kim, Will, and Wes Grimsley. He was born December 14, 1988 in Haskell, Texas. Brandon has attended Knox City - O'Brien CISD all of his life.

He has participated in many athletic activities: football - 4 years, track - 4 years, basketball - 3 years, baseball - 1 year. He received district honors in football and basketball for two years. Brandon was also an area qualifier for track one year. He was a class favorite one year, and played in the band for two years. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and served as F.F.A. Secretary for one year. Brandon also competed in U.I.L. academics for one year.

He enjoys spending time with family, friends, and Lynndy. Brandon enjoys fishing, skiing, and hunting. Brandon plans to begin taking college courses this summer with Vernon Junior College and then attend there full-time this fall. He is still undecided on a career choice.

Brandon would like to thank his parents and siblings for everything that they have done for him throughout the years that has made him who he is today. He would also like to thank Lynndy for always being there for him and also her parents for all that they do.



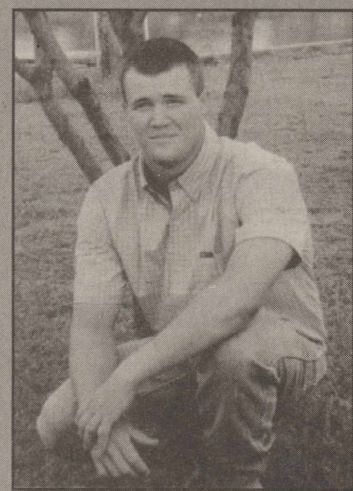
*Third grades work hard at the relay races*



*Fourth grade ran for the finish line in elementary and cant wait to start middle school.*

Brandon,  
Congratulations on your graduation. We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We love you!!!!

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